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The Isle of Teeth

Tessa Barbosa

We have spent our lives with a boot on our necks. How can we not be angry?

From Tessa Barbosa, author of *The Moonlight Blade*, comes a dark and earnest YA novel inspired by Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* and the history of imperialism in the Philippines.

Perfect for fans of Chloe Gong and Rebecca Ross, THE ISLE OF TEETH is a blend of fantasy and gothic horror that interrogates the difficult choices of a people living under oppression. Told in dual perspectives, the heart-pounding narrative dissects the lives of Matiu and Calyx whose destinies are divided by empire, but bound by fate.

Matiu Frankel joined the imperial military to escape the nightmare of his childhood: his father's human experiments, his witch-mother's obsession with death, and the haunting voices in his own head. But despite his efforts, Matiu's dark features mark him as a half-breed outsider. To prove his loyalty to his Empire, Matiu must infiltrate the native Songi rebellion and capture the monstrous revenant as a weapon.

Calyx is not a monster. A revenant pieced together from animals and dead Songi natives, but not a monster—at least, not yet. When their makers abandoned them, Calyx and her siblings were left to rot on the Isle of Teeth, their minds being slowly poisoned until they are completely stripped of their humanity.

Calyx only has three weeks to find a cure and save her sister. Lost and overwhelmed in the city, Calyx turns to Matiu for help, hoping with both her hearts that not all humans are her enemy.

Tessa Barbosa is a Filipina-Canadian author who writes fantasy novels by night, and software help by day. Reviewers called her debut novel The Moonlight Blade "a breath of fresh air." Tessa lives in Vancouver, Canada and when she's not at the keyboard, you're likely to find her covered in paint, or making things.

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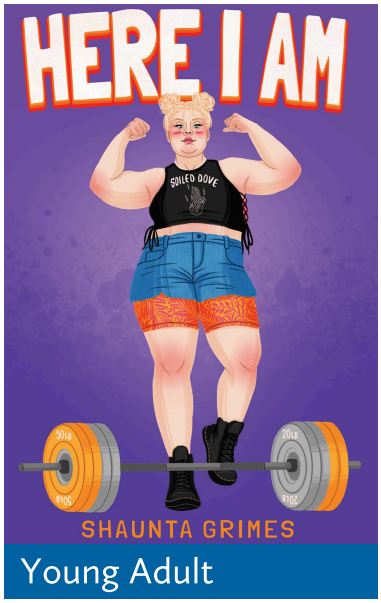

Here I Am

Shaunta Grimes

An honest, uplifting story about learning to live in the body you're born with.

When seventeen-year-old Marcella Boucher asks Lou Duncan to her high school's "reverse prom" she expects a few snickers. After all, no one else knows that outside school the star football player has a thing for the girl everyone calls Moocella. However, she could never have anticipated the splashy aftermath of her very public display of affection. Or how it would send her to the edge of despair. But life has a way of putting exactly what, and who, you need in front of you at the right time...you just need to be brave enough to accept them.

Shaunta Grimes lives in Warren, Pennsylvania. She has a MFA from Sierra Nevada College and runs a writing school and community called Ninja Writers. She's also the author of Viral Nation, Rebel Nation, The Astonishing Maybe, *and* Center of Gravity.

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Carolyn Field Award winner 2025 (Top book of the year Pennsylvania Library Association)

"VIA CELLY'S ACERBIC WIT AND VULNERABILITY, GRIMES PRESENTS A SINCERE PORTRAIT OF ONE FAT TEENAGER'S EXPERIENCE, RUMINATES ON SOCIETY'S DOUBLE STANDARDS SURROUNDING BODY IMAGE, AND PORTRAYS CELLY AND JASON'S BLOSSOMING ROMANCE WITH HEART-ACHING SWEETNESS."
—PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

"CELLY IS FRESH AND FUNNY, AND HER TRANSFORMATION IS NOT WITHOUT HICCUPS, BUT READERS WILL CHEER FOR HER ON HER JOURNEY TO FINDING HERSELF."
—BOOKLIST

Publication:
June 2024
Albert Whitman

Film/TV:
Available

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Books Available

Rights Sold:
English (World): Albert Whitman

Ages: 12+

Pages: 368



Young Adult

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Spring 2027
Yellow Dog/Great Plains Publications

Film/TV:
Available

Materials:
Manuscript Available May 2026

Rights Sold:
English (World): Yellow Dog

Ages: 13+

Pages: 334

The Other Me

Janet Gurtler

Bella falls instantly in love with Preston, only to lose him in a sudden tragedy. Or is he really gone? A YA romance with a *Sliding Doors* structure.

Bella meets gorgeous Preston when she goes to watch her brother sky-dive. Bella and Preston have an immediate connection, and plan to meet up after Preston's jump. He gives her his camera so she can take pictures of his jump, but shortly thereafter dies when his parachute doesn't open. In mourning for a relationship that never happened, Bella is confused and alarmed to see pictures appearing on Preston's camera that are impossible—as if from another life. As she struggles to move on, her best friend introduces her to Keith. He's cute and funny, but Bella feels guilty connecting with him because of the mysterious photos of her and Preston on the camera. She feels as if she's cheating on Preston.

In the second timeline, when Bella meets Preston she is overcome with a feeling of dread and convinces him not to skydive. They begin a whirlwind romance, one that happens so easily that it seems fated. All goes well until an important person from Preston's past returns and tells Bella some life-altering news.

Each storyline ends with Bella in a place in between her worlds, where she has to choose which life to continue.

Janet Gurtler is the author of the YA novels I'm Not Her, If I Tell, Who I Kissed, How I Lost You, 16 Things I Thought Were True*, and* The Truth About Us*, all published by Sourcebooks Fire. She is the editor of the YA anthology* You Too?: 25 Voices Share Their #MeToo Stories *(Inkyard, 2020), and the author of three books in the* Mermaid Kingdom *chapter book series (Capstone). She lives in Calgary, Alberta.*

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Praise for Janet Gurtler

"...powerful... a gripping read, Gurtler allows real life to prevail, avoiding the all-too-easy, "after-school special" ending many writers might have chosen. Major characters are well-developed, and even adults are portrayed in a realistic, although not always positive, light."
—VOYA

"Rich in characterization, Gurtler's novel wrestles with some serious issues and explores different means of coping (or escaping) yet manages not to be overwhelming or bleak. Just right for fans of Sarah Dessen and Jodi Picoult, this is a strong debut that attempts to answer the question, what does it really mean to live?"
—BOOKLIST

"Cute and quirky, with sentimentality reminiscent of Judy Blume, this is a book for the keeper shelf - one that readers will devour again and again!"
—RT BOOK REVIEWS



Young Adult

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October 2026
Tundra Books/Penguin Random House Canada

Film/TV:
Available

Materials:
Manuscript Available

Rights Sold:
English (North America): Tundra/Penguin Random House Canada

Ages: 12+

Pages: 240

It's Not Over Yet

Salma Hussain

With sixteen weeks to go to his life-altering brain surgery, teenaged film buff Wali Khan decides it's time to turn the lens on community, family and friends in this tender yet humorous coming-of-age novel for fans of John Green, Adam Silvera, Ned Vizzini and Adib Khorram.

Fifteen-year-old Wali Khan, affectionately called "Vali the Vomiter" by his older twin sisters, has always chalked up his throwing up to a delicate stomach. And the headaches in ninth grade? Worrying about grades. But waking up in the hospital in the second week of tenth grade, he is shocked to hear the cause: acoustic neuroma, a golf-ball-sized tumor pressing on his ear canal.

The good news: it's most likely benign. The bad news: surgery in four months, with probable hearing loss as a result.

Starting a new year in high school with a looming life-altering surgery date forces Wali, a passionate film buff, to look inward, at his family, friends and even himself. Why is this happening to him?

His Muslim father and Christian mother are supportive, yet sometimes a bit clueless when it comes to their children. His twin sisters are a mix of loving and teasing, and he bounces between spying on them and keeping their secrets. As for the new girl, Ruby Lai-Mirza, he's just not sure he has time for a new friend. Wali may fear the end, but he's still got a lot of living to do. It's not over yet.

Salma Hussain grew up in the U.A.E. and immigrated to Canada when she was thirteen years old. She co-hosts a global podcast with Upasna Kakroo on South Asian children's literature called Zubaani. *Her first novel,* The Secret Diary of Mona Hasan, *was a* Quill & Quire *Book of the Year. Salma writes witty, warm, voice-driven fiction about the surprising ways we grow when life veers off-script. She lives with her family in Toronto.*

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Young Adult

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DCB Young Readers

Film/TV:
Not Available

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English (North America): DCB Young Readers
Film/TV: Skywild Pictures Inc.

Ages: 13+

Pages: 272

Our Little Secret

Edward Kay and Mikhael Klassen-Kay

One of Us is Lying* meets *Dexter.

There's a naked body in the greenhouse at Ridgeview Alternative, and when the victim is revealed as English teacher Clifford Lowell, the rumor mill heats up, but nobody seems very sad about his untimely demise. Not Jordan, an aspiring criminal lawyer with a macabre sense of humor who is on the spectrum and recently made a major life change. Not Nick, Jordan's best friend and a talented musician who is in hot pursuit of a college scholarship so he can both realize his dream of becoming a professional musician and escape his turbulent home life. Not even Chloe, who's moving to LA to become an actress the moment she graduates and recently transferred to Ridgeview for its renowned theatre program. The three of them are up to their necks in death even before the body is found, because they're busy preparing for Ridgeview's production of *Macbeth*.

Though the coroner declares Lowell's death accidental, the police continue to investigate. Because the school administrators may have been clueless or willfully blind, but kids who spent time in Lowell's classroom would have to be comatose not to wonder if the rumours about him being a sexual predator were true. And there are no shortage of students, both present and former, with a motive for wanting Lowell dead.

Edward Kay is the author of eight published books for adults and young readers, including the adult mystery/thriller At Rope's End *(Crooked Lane);* The Gross Science series *(Kids Can Press); and co-author, with Deidre Havrelock, of* Indigenous Ingenuity *(Christy Ottaviano Books, 2023). He is also a screenwriter and show runner, specializing in comedy and children's television.*

Mikhael Klassen-Kay is a graduate of the University of Toronto, where he minored in Creativity in Society and honed his fictive and poetic writing skills. His work explores themes of queerness and neurodiversity through a darkly comedic lens. The character of Jordan reflects Mikhael's lived experience.

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Young Adult

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Tu Books/ Lee & Low

Film/TV:
Available

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Manuscript Available

Rights Sold:
English (World): X Spanish language: Lee & Low

Ages: 12+

Pages: 352

Fall of the Fireflies

Guadalupe Garcia McCall

Twins Velia and Delia take on a divine assignment to be monster-hunting warrior women and save their father's life in this reimagining of Antigone.

Kirkus, starred review: * This story inspired by Sophocles' Antigone seamlessly blends coming-of-age themes with folklore. McCall respectfully integrates well-researched Nahuatl vocabulary and Aztec mythology as she explores sisterhood, cultural identity, and blended family dynamics. The supporting characters enrich the story through their realistic and relatable interactions. Readers will appreciate the nuance and emotional depth of the relationships, especially the one between Delia and Velia.*

A rich, mythic story about selfhood and soul-deep family ties.

A YA novel that uses magical realism to re-envisions the play, "Antigone," and tell the story of two sisters, one messy conflict, and a whole lot of heart! When something utterly evil attacks Papá in the woods behind their home in Fabrica, Texas, just weeks before their first performance as Tejano singers on the Twin Magic Tour, 15 year-olds, Velia, the reluctant singer, and Delia, the soulful lyrists, set out to find out what is haunting him night and day, making him go mad with susto. Can the twins put their differences aside long enough to heed the gods, fight the monsters, specters, & demons that lurk in the darkness, save their father, and preserve their blended families? Or will the terrible Mano Pachona, a band of ghoulish Chaneques, and the mysterious creature, El Chamuco, who commands the lot infiltrate their home and squash the twins like fireflies in the dark, keeping them from their destiny, a destiny they do not know is written in the stars?

Guadalupe García McCall is the author of many critically acclaimed novels including Under the Mesquite *which received the Pura Belpre Author Award, was a William C. Morris Finalist, the Lee Bennett Hopkins/International Literacy Promising Poet Award, the Tomas Rivera Children's Book Award, and was a Kirkus Review Best Teen Book of 2011. Her second novel,* Summer of the Mariposas*, won a Westchester Young Adult Fiction award, was a finalist for the Andre Norton Award for Young Adult Science Fiction and Fantasy, and was a 2012 School Library Journal's Best Books of the Year. Her most recent novel,* Echoes of Grace*, was named a Kirkus Best Book of the Year.*

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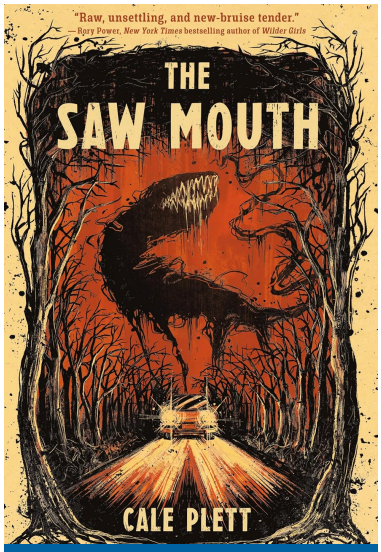

Young Adult

The Saw Mouth

Cale Plett

THE SAW MOUTH is set in an atmospheric small town, in a not-quite-dystopian world one shade off from our own. For fans of Rory Power's *Wilder Girls*, Erica Walters' *The River Has Teeth*, and *Stranger Things*.

There's a long, bent shadow hunting Cedar. It can open doors without touching them, but it can't have the thing it wants most—to possess Cedar's body—unless they let it. The monster is willing to unleash untold cruelty on everyone Cedar loves—including Ada, who has the most beautiful eyes Cedar has ever seen, and carries a secret in their heart—to convince Cedar to surrender.

When Cedar was a child, fragmented, tortured souls woke up in humanity's most complex machines, pushing technology back decades. A fall. The Fall, some said, and they called it Autumn.

Ten years later, Cedar moves to the nowhere town of Sawblade Lake only to find something hunting them. A shadow that reeks like rot and has the mouth of deep crevice. It lurks in the darkness and the edge of town and opens doors with its mere presence. It wants to inhabit Cedar, and it's willing to go to any lengths to break them, including preying on Cedar's new queer family and love. The closer it circles, the more it seems to weave through Cedar's whole life. It might stretch back to their mother's gruesome, inexplicable death, to the murk of their missing family, to the house they grew up in. Back and back and back to the first day of Autumn.

Cale Plett is a nonbinary, genderfluid writer and literacy educator from Winnipeg whose queer YA short fiction and poetry have been published in numerous journals. Growing up on a dead-end road out of sight of the nearest neighbors, one of their favorite childhood activities was deliberately getting lost in the woods and trying to find their way out again before dark. Their first novel, Wavelength*, was published by Groundwood Books in the fall 2025. Their next novel,* Stranglehold*, is forthcoming with Delacorte in 2027. Cale Plett can be found online at https://caleplett.ca/.*

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"A TRULY STELLAR EXAMPLE OF THE BEST THAT HORROR CAN BE"
*—**SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL, STARRED REVIEW***

"RAW, UNSETTLING, AND NEW-BRUISE TENDER, THE SAW MOUTH COMPLETELY CAPTURED ME. PLETT'S HORROR DEBUT IS A GIFT TO READERS LOOKING FOR THE BRIGHT HEART IN THE DARK."
*—**RORY POWER, NEW YORK TIMES** BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF WILDER GIRLS, BURN OUR BODIES DOWN, KILL CREATURES, AND THE WINDUP GARDEN DUOLOGY*

"POWERFUL, POETIC, HAUNTING."
*—**DARCIE LITTLE BADGER**, AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR OF A SNAKE FALLS TO EARTH*

"GRIMY, BRUTAL, AND BRILLIANT, WITH A PAINFULLY VIVID QUEER CAST AND A SETTING SO WELL CONSTRUCTED YOU CAN SMELL THE SMOKE. PLETT HOLDS BACK NOTHING IN THIS STORY OF FIERCE LOVE AND TESTED LOYALTY."
*—**MATTEO L. CERILLI**, AUTHOR OF THE WHITE PINE NOMINATED NOVEL LOCKJAW*

"PLETT'S WRITING IS STUNNING. THE SAW MOUTH BALANCES THRILLING, SINISTER HORROR WITH MOMENTS OF THE SOFTEST TENDERNESS AND LOVE. I COULDN'T STOP READING AND DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE THESE CHARACTERS BEHIND WHEN I WAS FINISHED...MORE THAN A HORROR TALE, THIS IS THE STORY OF DEEPLY FELT CONNECTION FINDING ITS WAY THROUGH LAYERS OF TRAUMA. IT'S A STORY OF FINDING SHELTER IN PEOPLE, WHEN DARKNESS TRIES ITS BEST TO INHABIT YOU."
*—**TANYA BOTEJU**, AUTHOR OF KINGS, QUEENS, AND IN-BETWEENS*



Young Adult

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April 2026
Shadow Mountain

Film/TV:
Available

Materials:
Manuscript Available

Rights Sold:
English (World): Shadow Mountain

Ages: 14-18

Pages: 304

Trim: 6 x 9

We Are Never Getting Together

Janette Rallison

A brand new rom com from the "Queen of Clean Teen," bestselling author Janette Rallison; In this reverse Parent Trap, two feuding teenagers pretend to be in love to keep their parents apart, but love has other plans.

As the Queen of Clean Teen, Janette Rallison's hilarious romantic comedies and action-filled fantasy novels have sold more than one million copies. In her long-awaited return to the YA rom-com, WE ARE NEVER GETTING TOGETHER, Janette is the master of her form, expertly combining universally appealing romance with laugh-out loud humor.

Madeline and Cooper have had bad blood since junior year when she beat out his sister for the lead in the school play. Ever since, it's been one petty escalation after another—rumors, locker sabotage, and even a derogatory viral video. Their latest prank lands them in the principal's office with their single parents in tow.

The last thing either of them expected was for their parents to hit it off and end the meeting with a dinner date.

Horrified by the prospect of their parents falling in love, Madeline and Cooper reach a truce. They'll reverse parent-trap the situation by pretending their feud is over and they're in a relationship. They're positive that by fake-dating, their parents will stop seeing each other.

When a fake kiss meant for only their parents to see is witnessed by Cooper's friends, rumors spread like wildfire that Cooper and Madeline are an item. The longer their fake-relationship continues, the more they discover that there may be things they actually like about each other, although neither is ready to admit it. But how long are Madeline and Cooper willing to keep up the ruse before they have to face the consequences of their actions?

Janette Rallison a USA Today best-selling author of nearly forty YA romance and fantasy books. She is best known for her light romance novels for young adults, including All's Fair In Love, War And High School *and* My Fair Godmother. *She also writes young adult science fiction and fantasy under the pen name C. J. Hill, and adult romantic novels as Sierra St. James. Janette lives in Arizona with her husband and divides her time between her children, grandchildren, writing, and wandering around the house looking for items she has misplaced. (This is how she gets most of her exercise.)*

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Young Adult

Such Lovely Skin

Tatiana Schlote-Bonne

A debut YA novel about a 17-year-old Twitch streamer who confesses her darkest secret to a non-player character in a video game and thereby welcomes a demonic mimic into her life that is set on destroying her life and the lives of everyone she loves, unless she can figure how to defeat the demon at its own game.

When Vivian, a 17-year-old Twitch streamer, confesses to an "NPC" in a videogame that she killed her baby sister, she welcomes a demonic mimic into her life. Now she must find a way to stop the doppelganger before it destroys her life and the lives of everyone she loves. Vivian's slashed her way through plenty of bad guys and boss battles online but killing a demon IRL is a bit harder—especially when the more misery the demon causes her, the stronger it becomes. SUCH LOVELY SKIN is for fans of It *Follows, Stay Alive*, and *These Deadly Games* by Diana Urban.

Tatiana Schlote-Bonne holds an MFA from The Nonfiction Writing Program at the University of Iowa. Excerpts of this book have been finalists in the 2021 Narrative 30 Below Contest and the 2018 Columbia Journal Winter Contest judged by Alexander Chee. Tatiana has essays published in Narrative Magazine, F(r)iction, Los Angeles Review, Cutleaf Journal, The Iowa Review online, and Dogwood. Her fiction won the 2020 Diverse Worlds grant from the Speculative Literature Foundation and 2nd place in the 2019 Tucson Festival of Books Literary Awards.

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Film/TV:
Available

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Young Adult

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Swift Water Books/Tundra

Film/TV:
Available

Materials:
Books Available

Rights Sold:
English (North America): Swift Water Books/Tundra

Ages: 12+

Pages: 256

Here for a Good Time

Kim Spencer

A joyful and revelatory portrait of Indigenous girlhood by the author of the IBBY Honour novel *Weird Rules to Follow.*

It is 1990. Morgan has lived all her life in the small fishing town of Prince Rupert in northern British Columbia. Ever since her mom took off when she was ten, Morgan has kept an eye on her dad, a commercial fisherman who works hard and occasionally parties even harder. After struggling to keep up and find a place at a public high school, Morgan's best friend Skye convinces her to attend an alternate school.

There, she meets Nate. Both cute and intelligent, Nate introduces her to a wider worldview, including music, movies and books, and becomes a lifeline after an unimaginable tragedy strikes. In the aftermath, Morgan learns hard truths about her mother's painful past and the resulting intergenerational effects of that trauma, and as she struggles to come to terms with her new reality, an unexpected development offers a chance of a fresh start, with love and forgiveness at its core.

Kim Spencer is an award-winning, bestselling author. Her debut novel, Weird Rules to Follow, *won multiple awards, including a 2024 Pacific Northwest Book Award, a 2023 TD Canadian Children's Literature Award, and a 2023 Jean Little First-Novel Award. Named to both the USBBY Outstanding International Books list as well as the IBBY Honour List, the book also received a* Kirkus *starred review and was a 2023 Governor General's Literary Award finalist. Kim is from the Gitxaala Nation and lives in northwest BC.*

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A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection

"A COMPELLING BRIDGE ACROSS UNSTEADY WATERS FOR TWEEN AND TEEN READERS, HERE FOR A GOOD TIME DIARIES THE PROCESS OF FIGURING OUT HOW TO GROW UP WITH WHATEVER BAGGAGE YOU'RE CARRYING: A MOM WHO LEFT, A HARD-WORKING DAD WHO LOVES TO PARTY, A SHOPLIFTING HABIT, UNIMAGINABLE GRIEF, AND ALL THAT 'UNREALIZED POTENTIAL.' KIM SPENCER WRITES SHARPLY, CANDIDLY ON HOW RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS, AND THEIR DEVASTATING IMPACT ON INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES, REACH BEYOND TIME, ACROSS GENERATIONS, AND ARE NOT ONLY PRESENT FOR NATIVE PEOPLES, THEY REMAIN A LOUD, FELT, LIVED PART OF CANADA'S PRESENT."
—***JEN FERGUSON**, AUTHOR OF THE SUMMER OF BITTER AND SWEET*

"SPENCER WRITES WITH SINCERITY ABOUT A 'FICTIONALIZED INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY,' EXAMINING HOW INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA FROM RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS AFFECTED FAMILIES. THE SHORT, EASILY DIGESTIBLE CHAPTERS SUSTAIN AN EFFECTIVE PACE, AND MORGAN IS A REALISTICALLY DRAWN TEEN WITH CONFLICTING EMOTIONS, DESIRES, AND NEEDS. A MOVING RENDITION OF GROWING UP IN TUMULTUOUS TIMES AND CIRCUMSTANCES."
—***KIRKUS REVIEWS***

"READERS WILL UNDERSTAND MORGAN'S HIGHS AND LOWS, SYMPATHIZE WHEN LIFE IS HARD, AND CHEER HER ON WHEN SHE MAKES LEMONADE OUT OF LEMONS. . . . A GREAT HISTORICAL FICTION ADDITION FOR LIBRARIES NEEDING MORE BOOKS FOR RELUCTANT READERS."
—***SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL***



Young Adult

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Materials:
Manuscript Available

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Saint Joan Blackheart

Theresa Therrien

For fans of *Shameless*, *The Lesbiana's Guide to Catholic School* and *Leah on the Offbeat*, SAINT JOAN BLACKHEART is an irreverent and painfully funny YA novel featuring the rebellious and witty Joan of Arc (yes that is her real given name), as she struggles with her faith, her family and her own fluctuating grasp on it all.

Seventeen year-old Joan of Arc is dealing with a lot; her dysfunctional mother, her womanizing and abusive father, her bridezilla eldest sister, her crush on Father Mike, (the new young, HOT priest), her quest to lose her V-card before she graduates high school, her inability to focus at school, her activist best friend's pulling away from her, and to top it all off, she's hearing a choir of angels and what might be the voice of God speaking to her. Since it's 1989 and not 1429, though, her claims to be hearing the voice of God are not seen as grounds for sainthood by her church or community, and are dismissed as attention-seeking behavior. Furious at God and the world, she steals the most important piece of sacramental hardware in the church—a sin of unholy proportions— just daring someone to pay attention, because her defiance hides a secret. Joan is going deaf.

Theresa Therrien's debut novel SAINT JOAN BLACKHEART springs from her own experience growing up with undiagnosed hearing loss. She knows first-hand what it's like to hide, compensate for and run away from the one thing that might help - the truth. Her work has been published in The Globe and Mail, Storgy and Scarlet Leaf Review and been longlisted in contests for ROOM Magazine and The Stratford Writer's Festival.

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Middle Grade

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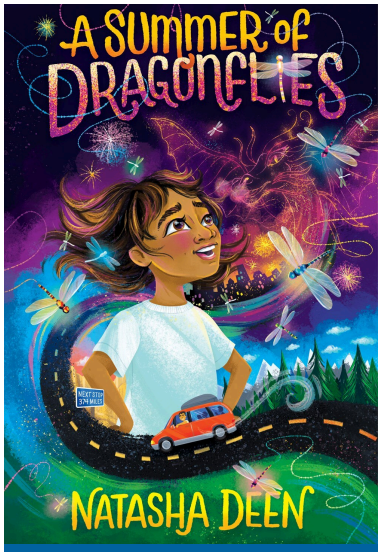

Middle Grade

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Materials:
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Rights Sold:
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Ages: 9-12

Pages: 246

A Summer of Dragonflies

Natasha Deen

A funny and charming middle grade novel with a touch of magical realism. *The Goldbergs* meets *National Lampoon's Summer Vacation*.

Guppie Persaud's family is moving from Calgary, Canada to New York City for a year on a teacher exchange. Everything in New York is going to be new: new streets, new kids, and a new school. New things terrify Guppie. She prefers to read about new things, going on adventures between the safe and reliable pages of a book. Her brothers, on the other hand, are excited about the move—art school! girls!—and her younger brother's main worry is whether or not they'll be able to get maple syrup in New York.

But Guppie's tired of being terminally shy. This summer, she's determined to be braver. She's going to be as fearless as her parents and brothers. Not only that, but she and her brothers hatch a plan to enter a contest where the prize is cell phones for the whole family. They are sure they're going to win, and win over their technophobe parents who won't buy them cell phones, until they encounter a rival family with their eyes on the same prize. A Summer of Dragonflies takes place as the Perauds road trip through America to their temporary home.

Natasha Deen spent the first part of her life in Guyana, then her family moved to Calgary, Alberta, which she found terribly exciting until her first minus-forty-degree winter day, at which point she began to question the sanity of the grown-ups around her. She is the author of the YA novels The Signs and Wonders of Tuna Rashad *(Running Press),* In the Key of Nira Ghani *(Running Press), the* Spooky Sleuths *chapter book series (Random House Children's Books), the* Lark Ba *chapter books series (Orca Book Publishers), and a score of other books for young readers.*

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US Children's Book Council 2026 Kids Favorites list

"DEEN'S ENGAGING TALE EXPLORES FINDING COURAGE AND EMBRACING CHALLENGES ... AN ENTERTAINING TAKE ON THE HERO'S JOURNEY, WITH WELL-DEVELOPED CHARACTERS ON A ROAD TRIP TO REMEMBER."
—KIRKUS REVIEWS

"A SUMMER OF DRAGONFLIES IS A MAGICAL READ THAT ENCOURAGES US TO FACE OUR OWN DRAGONS WITH A COURAGEOUS, CURIOUS HEART — AND REMINDS US THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO DO IT ALONE."
—QUILL & QUIRE, STARRED REVIEW



Middle Grade

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Manuscript Available

Rights Sold:
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Ages: 8-12

Pages: 180

Ms. Featherstone's Home for Wayward Wings

Rachelle Delaney

When Ms. Featherstone's annual migration is interrupted by a crash-landing, she starts a home to help other birds in trouble. The first book in a series. Includes illustrations.

Fia Featherstone is a sooty shearwater, a seabird with first-rate navigation skills (not to mention impressive speed, endurance and basic math skills). But midway through her solo migration journey from South America to the Bering Sea, something happens that she never thought possible: Fia gets caught in a wild storm and flies headlong into a window.

When she comes to, she finds herself on the balcony of an old, abandoned house perched on the edge of the Pacific Ocean. Although she's itching to continue her journey, her woozy head won't allow it, and Fia is forced to practice the one skill she's never mastered (and, in fact, despises): rest. But the house, she soon learns, is also home to some quirky avian characters, from an aphorism-loving rock dove to some tap-dancing chickadees, who make resting even harder than usual.

And the locals aren't the only birds interrupting Fia's attempts to heal: every day, more lost and injured birds show up on the balcony, and soon she finds herself tending to the needs of a motley flock when she should be focused on her own! But when an epic storm descends on them and one of the guests goes missing, Fia is forced to question her beliefs about community, independence and where she really belongs.

Rachelle Delaney is the author of several middle-grade novels, including The Metro Dogs of Moscow, *which was a CLA Book of the Year Honor Book, as well as a finalist for the Silver Birch Award and the Red Cedar Award, among others. Its sequel,* The Circus Dogs of Prague, *was shortlisted for the Pacific Northwest Library Association Young Reader's Choice Award.* The Bonaventure Adventures *won BC's Chocolate Lily Award in 2019, and* Clara Voyant *was a Chocolate Lily Award nominee. Her most recent book,* The Big Sting, *was shortlisted for the Sunshine Coast Writers and Editors Society Book Award. Visit her at www.rachelledelaney.com.*

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Horse Girl

How Velma Bronn Became Wild Horse Annie and Outsmarted the Mustang Killers of the West

Terri Farley

The inspiring story of Velma Bronn Johnston, "Wild Horse Annie," who devoted her life to saving the wild mustangs of the American West, told with never-before-seen details from her family files by Terri Farley, the author of the two million copy bestselling series The Phantom Stallion.

Award-winning author Terri Farley presents the captivating story of Velma Bronn Johnston, famously known as "Wild Horse Annie," in a new light through family photos and journal entries never before published. Farley's storytelling brings Johnston's unwavering courage into the spotlight, revealing a woman determined to protect the wild mustang—no matter the cost.

The American mustang—wild, wind-tossed, and thundering across the open West—might have vanished into myth if not for Velma Bronn Johnston. A shy woman who was left with physical effects from a childhood battle with polio, Johnston was living a quiet life on a struggling ranch near Reno, Nevada, when she discovered wild horses being brutally transported to slaughter. Outraged, she reported it—only to be offered a permit allowing her to do the same horrific deed. But instead of backing down, Johnston took a stand.

Her refusal to profit from cruelty launched her into a firestorm of activism, upending her life. Laughed at, threatened, and dismissed, she pressed on. When a rival mocked her as "Wild Horse Annie," she seized the name as a badge of honor and purpose. Embracing her new identity, she began to raid illegal government-sanctioned holdings pens under the cover of darkness, captivated the media, and became the voice of a movement. Her biggest allies? Schoolchildren across America, whose letter-writing campaign swept the country.

Johnston's commitment to these majestic animals was finally recognized in 1971 when Congress unanimously passed legislation to protect the nation's wild horses—an enduring victory for one determined woman and the animals she refused to abandon.

Terri Farley is the best-selling author of books about the contemporary and historic West. Her Phantom Stallion *series has sold over two million copies worldwide and expanded into* The Phantom Stallion's Family Ready-to-Read *series for beginning readers. Her nonfiction* Wild at Heart: Mustangs And The Young People Fighting To Save Them *is a Junior Library Guild selection; has been honored by the National Science Teachers Association, Western Writers of America, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Sigurd F. Olson Nature Writing Award; and was listed on the Children's Book Council's Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K-12. Terri has always loved books, horses, and wild places. She is an advocate for the West's wildlife and wild places and works with young people learning to make their voices heard. Farley joined Mark Twain, Ellen Hopkins and other authors she admires when she was inducted into the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame.*

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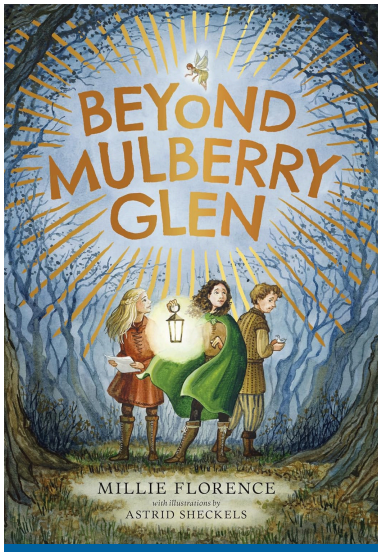

Middle Grade

Beyond Mulberry Glen

Millie Florence with illustrations by Astrid Sheckels

A captivating fairy story filled with heartwarming characters and an undertone of hope for readers of all ages.

Eleven-year-old Lydia Green doesn't want anything to change. She lives happily in Mulberry Glen with her mismatched family of a fairy guardian, a philosopher, and twin troublemakers known as the Zs. But now, rumors swirl about the Darkness, a powerful force that dwells in the forest Tenebrae.

Lydia knows the Darkness is nothing to be trifled with, but when a foolish choice by the Zs puts her family in danger, she must leave home and face the strange magical world of the Valleylands.

Among the shifting library shelves and new friends of her quest, Lydia uncovers more questions than answers. If she wants to save her family, she will have to be braver than ever before.

Millie Florence's earliest memories are of lying under the covers at night, long after her parents had told her to go to sleep, whispering stories to herself. She lives in a picturesque blue house in Illinois and loves adventure, good food, and just about all things yellow.

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Winner of the IPPY Gold Medal in Juvenile Fiction

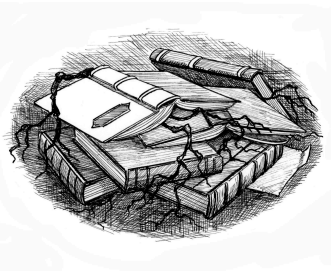
"AN ABSORBING FANTASY CENTERED ON A RESILIENT FEMALE PROTAGONIST FACING GROWTH, CHANGE, AND SELF-EMPOWERMENT."
—KIRKUS REVIEWS

"BEYOND MULBERRY GLEN IS A STORY MIDDLE-GRADE READERS WILL ENJOY LOSING THEMSELVES IN—AND PERHAPS FINDING THEMSELVES IN, TOO."
—THE CHILDREN'S BOOK REVIEW

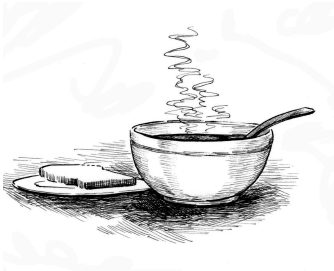
"A MAGICAL ADVENTURE THAT IS SURE TO DELIGHT FAIRY TALE FANS!"
***—JESSICA DAY GEORGE**, AUTHOR OF TUESDAYS AT THE CASTLE*

"THIS GIFTED YOUNG AUTHOR IS ONE TO WATCH."
***—MARYROSE WOOD**, AUTHOR OF THE INCORRIGIBLE CHILDREN OF ASHTON PLACE SERIES*

"WILL ENCHANT YOUNG READERS AND THEIR FAMILIES."
***—KATE ALBUS**, AUTHOR OF A PLACE TO HANG THE MOON*







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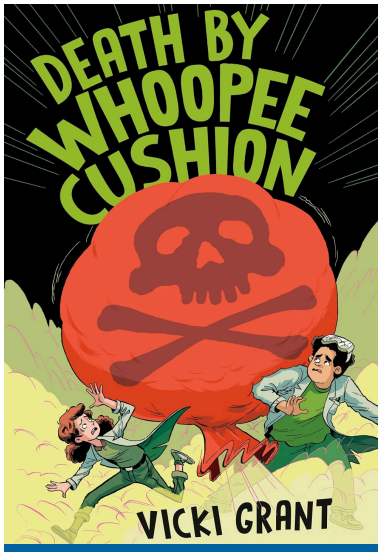

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Death By Whoopee Cushion

Vicki Grant

Most kids would love it if their parents owned a joke shop, but not 12-year old Manya Brown. She's a serious student of science so Pranks-a-Million! is her worst nightmare.

Or WAS... until her parents get arrested for murder!

A funny middle-grade mystery about science, tasteless jokes and murder.

As far as the cops are concerned, it's an open-and-shut case. Despite their rainbow clown wigs and goofy dispositions, Ron and Stephanie Brown are seen as the prime suspects. Their fingerprints are all over the murder weapon – a whoopee cushion custom-made in their shop – plus several of their artisanal gag gifts have recently caused serious accidents. The public is clambering to have 'these monsters' brought to justice.

It's up to Manya to use the science she learned helping her father develop pranks to prove her parents' innocence. With the assistance of her animal-loving best friend Isaac, his baby sister Poppy and a farting parrot named Toots, she'll outsmart the real perpetrator -- and come to appreciate just how clever her otherwise mortifying parents are.

Vicki Grant has been called "a superb storyteller" (The Canadian Children's Book Centre) and "one of the funniest writersworking today" (The Vancouver Sun). She began her career as an advertising copywriter, moved on to writing scripts for children's TV including her own Gemini-winning series before graduating to YA fiction.
Her novels have won The Red Maple, *The Arthur Ellis Award and CBC's Young Canada Reads as well as been shortlisted for The Edgar, CLA Children's Book of the Year and numerous Forest of Reading awards. Her YA romcom* 36 Questions That Changed My Mind About You, *has been translated into 17 languages and was optioned for film. Her latest middle grade novel,* A Green Velvet Secret, *is about love, grief and fabulous vintage clothes. Called a 'winning novel' by Publishers' Weekly, it was recently named a Best Book for Kids by The Canadian Children's Book Centre.*

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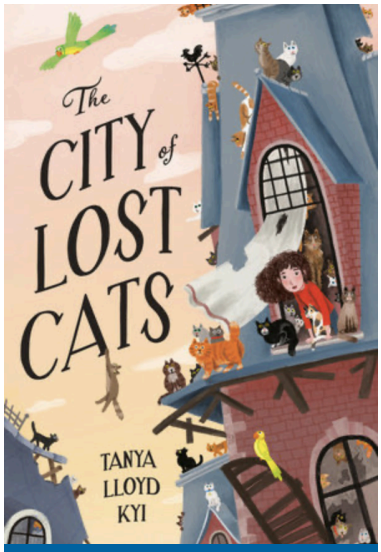

Middle Grade

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Books Available

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Turkish: Timaş
Vietnamese: Dong Tay

Ages: 9-12

Pages: 276

The City of Lost Cats

Tanya Lloyd Kyi

Fiona stumbles upon an abandoned house full of stray cats, just as it is threatened by a demolition team, a leadership crisis, and two potentially malicious parakeets. Can she save the house, and all its inhabitants?

When Fiona stumbles upon an abandoned mansion down by the harbour, she discovers the house is full of stray cats (and two parakeets). Naming it the City of Lost Cats, Fiona feels a great deal of sympathy for the animals; she understands wanting to run away. Ever since her parents died, she's been struggling to adjust to the new, smaller apartment she and her older sister, Tannis, now live in. Tannis has even less time to spare for Fiona, as her job at City Hall has her working more hours than ever.

Cot (short for Cottonball Fluffikins Magnificent III, but he refused to answer to that name when he lived with his family) has lived in the house for two years and is the self-proclaimed leader of the cats. But lately, he's been worried about a challenge to his leadership.

Piper had once lived with humans, but life with them had been a constant stream of injustices (especially when they pushed her to the floor after she had leapt onto the table for some bacon). Here in this house, she wants nothing more than for the other cats to recognize her talents. Maybe they will abandon that pompous Cot and make Piper their queen.

Mickey and Nick have just been hired as the demolition team. They love destroying things, but Mickey is getting frustrated as his brother won't let him operate the excavator.

It's going to take some quick thinking on the part of Fiona, not to mention the cooperation of all the cats, to give The City a future.

Tanya Lloyd Kyi is the author of more than thirty books for children and young adults, including the recent middle grade novels Emily Posts, Me and Banksy, *and* Mya's Strategy to Save the World. *She writes middle grade novels about girls changing the world, and nonfiction books about science, pop culture, and curious combinations of the two. She's also a lecturer with the University of British Columbia School of Creative Writing and a frequent presenter to schools and libraries.*

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A Canadian Children's Book Centre Best Book
One of CBC Books' 20 Canadian children's books to read this summer (2025)

*"A GRATIFYING, BIGHEARTED TALE ABOUT COMMUNITY, BELONGING, AND CATS."—**KIRKUS REVIEWS***

*"KYI PORTRAYS FIONA'S EMOTIONAL STATE AND THE CATS' SIGNATURE QUALITIES (FROM NEEDINESS TO ALOOF INDEPENDENCE) WITH EQUAL SENSITIVITY IN THIS APPEALING STORY, WHICH REVEALS SOME SURPRISES AS THE ACTION UNFOLDS ... A FAST-PACED NARRATIVE WITH PARTICULAR APPEAL FOR ANIMAL LOVERS." —**BOOKLIST***

*"FIONA'S FERVENT AND COMPASSIONATE NARRATION ALTERNATES WITH CHAPTERS TOLD FROM THE POVS OF THE DELIGHTFUL FELINES, VERSE-SPOUTING PARAKEETS, AND A PURE-HEARTED DEMOLITIONIST. THEMES OF AGENCY AND COMMUNITY ACTIVISM INJECT THIS ENDEARING TALE OF MISFITS WITH INFECTIOUS HOPE." —**PUBLISHERS WEEKLY***

*"THIS AMBITIOUS MULTIGENRE NOVEL PROVIDES ENOUGH TWISTS TO KEEP READERS ENGAGED AND WONDERING HOW ALL THE DISTINCT ELEMENTS WILL COME TOGETHER IN RESOLUTION." —**SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL***

*"KYI OFFERS A TIMELY TALE, TOLD FROM A VARIETY OF INTERSECTING PERSPECTIVES, THAT BLENDS HEART AND HUMOR WITH SHARP SOCIAL INSIGHT. . . . THE STORY'S STRUCTURE —PLUS THE INCORPORATION OF NEWS BULLETINS, WHIMSICAL COMMENTARY IN VERSE, AND COMMUNITY CALLS TO ACTION—MAKE IT AN IRRESISTIBLE READ FOR CAT LOVERS. . . . A LAYERED PORTRAIT OF A GIRL DISCOVERING HER VOICE IN A NOISY WORLD; READERS WILL LIKELY FIND HER WISHES FOR INDEPENDENCE AND CONNECTION DEEPLY RELATABLE." —**THE HORN BOOK***

*"THIS MIDDLE GRADE NOVEL BUILDS MOMENTUM AND CREATES A STRONG SENSE OF URGENCY WITH PERSPECTIVES SHIFTING AMONG CATS AND HUMANS, AS WELL AS INSERTS OF LOST PET FLYERS, ONLINE NEWS ARTICLES ADVOCATING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND SUSPICIOUS TOWN HALL MESSAGES. THE STRAY CATS AND PARAKEETS HAVE UNIQUE PERSONALITIES, AND THEY SHARE HEART-WRENCHING BACKSTORIES ABOUT THEIR LIVES BEFORE THE CITY... FANS OF THE COMMUNITY-DRIVEN ACTION IN ESCABASSE'S TAXI GHOST WILL BE CAPTIVATED BY FIONA'S AMBITIOUS NATURE AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY, WHICH INSPIRE HER NEIGHBORS IN BUTCHER SHOPS, LIBRARIES, AND EVEN ON THE DEMOLITION TEAM, TO UNITE FOR THE THINGS THEY BELIEVE IN." —**BULLETIN OF THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS***

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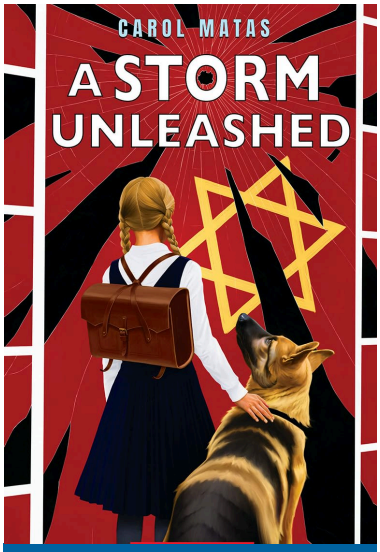

Middle Grade

A Storm Unleashed

Carol Matas

The 50th book published by a middle grade historical fiction master! In 1930s Germany, the rise of the Nazis threatens both Mia and her beloved dog, Max.

After losing her mother as a young girl, twelve-year-old Mia lives in Berlin with her veterinarian father and beloved German shepherd, Max. Mia tries to focus on her birdwatching, her studies, and her trips to her grandparents' farm where she cares for the animals she loves.

But it's 1935 and for the last two years life has changed radically for Mia and her Jewish father. Antisemitism is now official state policy. At school Mia is vilified and treated cruelly by her teachers and fellow students. Outside of school she witnesses violence against her friends and family. And then suddenly a girl from the Nazi youth tries to take Max. From that moment on life becomes more and more dangerous for her and her father - who is being forced to help the Nazis train Hitler's army of dogs.

Mia and her best friend Frieda must come up with a plan to navigate this new reality. But could it cost Mia more than she realizes?

Carol Matas is the internationally acclaimed author of more than 45 books for children and young adults. Her work has been translated into over a dozen languages, including Bulgarian, Catalan, Chinese (Complex), Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Indonesian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, and Turkish. Carol's books have won over 100 awards and honours, including the Sydney Taylor Honor Award, Geoffrey Bilson Award, Silver Birch Award, Canadian Jewish Book Award, National Jewish Book Awards Finalist, and the ALA Notable List, The New York Times Review Notable List, The New York Public Library List for the Teen Age, and the Voya Best Book List. She has also been twice nominated for Canada's prestigious Governor General's Award. She lives in Winnipeg.

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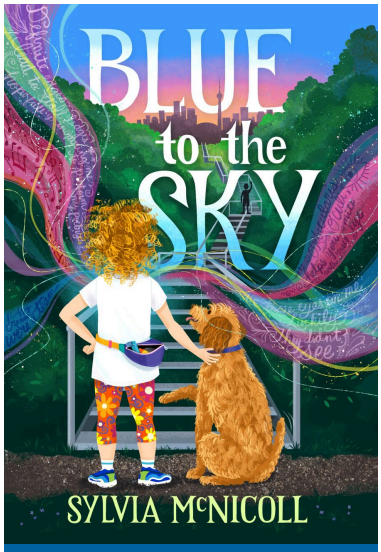
"GRIPPING, REVEALING, HEART-POUNDING AND HOPEFUL, THIS METICULOUSLY RESEARCHED NOVEL BREAKS NEW GROUND AND IS AN OUTSTANDING ADDITION TO HOLOCAUST LITERATURE. THIS MASTERFULLY WRITTEN NOVEL SHOULD BE UTILIZED IN CLASSROOMS EVERYWHERE."
***—LIZA WIEMER**, SYDNEY TAYLOR NOTABLE BOOK AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR OF THE ASSIGNMENT*

"THIS HISTORICAL FICTION OF BRAVERY IN THE TIMES OF NAZI TERROR IS AN IMPORTANT READ."
—CALGARY HERALD

"THE READER WILL BE ON THE EDGE OF THEIR SEAT, CONCERNED ABOUT MIA AND HER FAMILY AND THEIR SAFETY. THIS IS AN ENTHRALLING AND ALL-CONSUMING NOVEL THAT EXPOSES HOW A DICTATOR CAN COME TO POWER."
—THE SYDNEY TAYLOR SMOOZE



Middle Grade

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Korean: Dabom Publishing Co.
Turkish: Timaş

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Pages: 232

Blue to the Sky

Sylvia McNicoll

Twelve-year-old Ella experiences a rich and vivid world through her passion for poetry and music, but the kids at school only know her as Allergic-To-Everything-Girl.

After six years of homeschooling following her last anaphylactic reaction, Ella returns to school in sixth grade with a fear of another allergic reaction, a fear of losing Mom just as she lost Omi, and a fear of public speaking, which stops her from presenting her poems and sharing her passion.

When her best friend, Zenia, convinces Ella to sign up for the CN Tower climb to raise money for charity and to befriend two cute boys, Ella is sure that performing her poem at the top of the tower will cure her of stage fright.

Training to climb 1,776 steps is no small task, but even against impossible odds, Ella must find the courage to face, navigate, and conquer her fears.

Sylvia McNicoll is the author of dozens of middle grade and young adult novels, including What the Dog Knows, Body Swap, *and the* Great Mistake Mystery *series. She has won numerous awards for her books including Forest of Reading's Silver Birch Award, a MYRCA award, Creative Burlington's inaugural Arts Recognition Award, and six Hamilton Literary Arts Awards. Her books have been translated into many languages, including Finnish, German, Hungarian, Korean, Norwegian, Russian, Spanish and Swedish. Sylvia lives in Burlington, Ontario.*

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Winner of the Hamilton Literary Awards Children's Literature Prize, 2025

"BLUE TO THE SKY IS A FABULOUS BOOK THAT FILLS A NICHE OF FAMILIES AND CHILDREN LIVING WITH SEVERE ALLERGIES. ... HIGHLY RECOMMENDED."
*—**CANADIAN REVIEW OF MATERIALS***

"SYLVIA MCNICOLL BRINGS ELLA'S VOICE TO LIFE THROUGH THIS LOVELY STORY OF RESILIENCE. THE SYNOPSIS HARDLY DOES JUSTICE TO THE LAYERS THAT MCNICOLL BRINGS TO BLUE TO THE SKY, A REFERENCE TO THE POEM THAT KIDS ARE TAUGHT ABOUT EPIPENS. ... THIS NOVEL IS A WONDERFUL WAY FOR KIDS LIKE ELLA TO FEEL SEEN AND FOR OTHERS TO BUILD EMPATHY FOR THE LIVED EXPERIENCES OF THOSE AROUND THEM."
*—**CANADIAN CHILDREN'S BOOK NEWS***

"SYLVIA MCNICOLL'S HEART-WARMING NOVEL IS AN EMPATHETIC LOOK INTO THE STRENGTH AND COURAGE IT TAKES FOR CHILDREN WITH MULTIPLE LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIES TO WAKE UP AND FACE THE CHALLENGE OF EVERYDAY LIVING. BLUE TO THE SKY IS AN IMPORTANT AND ENTERTAINING BOOK."
*—**CHRISTINA KILBOURNE**, AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR OF 40 DAYS IN HICKSVILLE*

"A SENSITIVE PORTRAYAL OF LIVING WITH MULTIPLE ALLERGIES AND OF GROWING INTO ONESELF."
*—**KIRKUS REVIEWS***

"I'VE BEEN WAITING SUCH A LONG TIME FOR A BOOK LIKE THIS! AS A MOM OF A CHILD WITH A MILK ALLERGY, I'VE BEEN SO DISAPPOINTED IN THE LACK OF FOOD ALLERGY REPRESENTATION IN MIDDLE-GRADE BOOKS. THIS BOOK DOES AN EXCELLENT JOB OF LOOKING AT THE WIDE RANGE OF EMOTIONS THAT A CHILD WITH ALLERGIES MIGHT FEEL AND EDUCATES READERS WHILE ALSO ENTERTAINING THEM. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND ADDING THIS BOOK TO MIDDLE-GRADE COLLECTIONS."
*—**KATHIE MACISAAC**, CO-AUTHOR OF IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT*



Triceratops Honigpops

Book One

Angelika Niestrath and Simona Ceccarelli

Imaginative, exciting ,illustrated dinosaur adventure for children ages 6 and up. Jasper and Popsi—a triceratops—develop a truly great friendship in this fast-paced, humorous fantasy full of crazy surprises.

Simona Ceccarelli, renowned illustrator of MOMO by Michael Enderle, together with Angelika Niestrath, has created a fabulous fantasy about Jasper and the triceratops he discovers one night while staying with his aunt and uncle. When mean cousin Emma and nosy adults start figuring things out, Jasper has to find a way to get Pepsi back where he belongs--but how did Popsi end up with Jasper in the first place? Solving that mystery has to happen fast, with helicopters circling and adults trying to capture Popsi. This is the first in a two-book series sold at auction.

Jasper accidentally turns his old alarm clock into a time machine, and suddenly a triceratops lands behind the house—seven metres tall, with a weakness for honey pops. Jasper finally has the four-legged friend he always wanted!
But while Popsi, hidden in an old quarry, learns to talk and even ride a tricycle, the mayor sends out a search party to capture the prehistoric animal. When the dino also becomes terribly homesick, Jasper faces the most difficult decision of his life.

Angelika Niestrath is a prominent German children's author, and Simona Ceccarelli has illustrated many bestselling books including the Willow *series and the picture book* MOMO *by Michael Enderle. Angelika is represented by Ulrike Schuldes.*

Middle Grade

Publication:
Fall 2026
Thienemann

Film/TV:
Available

Materials:
Proposal Available

Rights Sold:
German: Thienemann

Pages: 160

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Middle Grade

Publication:
March 2021
Albert Whitman

Film/TV:
Not Available

Materials:
Books Available

Rights Sold:
English (US): Albert Whitman

Ages: 9-12

Pages: 240

Summer of Brave

Amy Noelle Parks

An award-winning coming of age story filled with heart, humor and a bit of romance by a storytelling master.

Twelve-year-old Lilla Baxter-Willoughby doesn't lie. She's just a little bit...selective. To keep her parents happy, Lilla hides how much she hates moving back and forth between their houses, and she stomps down her doubts about that elite high school they're pushing her toward. To keep peace with her best friend Vivi, Lilla doesn't share that she got the junior camp counselor job that Vivi wanted. And even though—no, especially because—he seems into it, Lilla does not tell the boy she grew up with about all the little sparks that flared up inside her the day she noticed his Suddenly Adorable Freckles.

So when Vivi dares Lilla to start telling the truth as part of their Summer of Brave, Lilla hesitates. Because if she says out loud what she really wants, her whole life might crash down around her. And she doesn't need that. Except maybe she does.

Amy Noelle Parks is a former elementary teacher and currently an associate professor in the College of Education at Michigan State University. She is the author of YA novels The Quantum Weirdness of the Almost-Kiss *and* Lia and Beckett's Abracadabra *and two middle grade novels. Amy lives in Michigan with her husband and daughters.*

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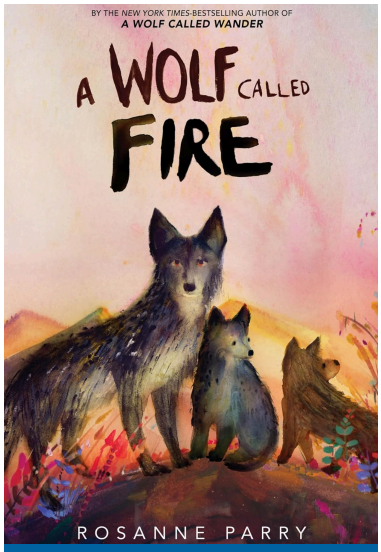
Kirkus Best Middle-Grade Family Stories of 2021
School Library Journal Best Middle Grade Books 2021
The Best Children's Books of the Year 2022, Bank Street College
Junior Library Guild Selection, 2021

"WITH COMPASSION, WRY HUMOR, AND PINPOINT ACCURACY, PARKS WEAVES THE MULTIPLE CHALLENGES FACING ADOLESCENT GIRLS INTO A COMPELLING, SEAMLESS NARRATIVE. TIMELY, INSIGHTFUL, AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED."
—KIRKUS REVIEWS, STARRED REVIEW

"A FIRST PURCHASE FOR MIDDLE GRADE COLLECTIONS AS WELL AS BOOK CLUBS FOR THIS AGE RANGE."
—SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL, STARRED REVIEW!



Middle Grade

Publication:
May 2025
Greenwillow/HarperCollins

Film/TV:
Available

Materials:
Books Available

Rights Sold:
English (World): Greenwillow/ HarperCollins
German: Coppenrath
Portuguese (Brazil): Editora Matrescência
Romanian: Paralela
Slovakian: IKAR
Spanish: Errata Naturae

Ages: 9-12

Pages: 256

Trim: 13.97 x 20.96 cm

A Wolf Called Fire

A Voice of the Wilderness story

Rosanne Parry

A young omega wolf becomes the unexpected caretaker of four orphaned pups. In caring for them he learns to find in himself the courage to be a new kind of alpha—both kinder and more formidable than any wolf he has ever known.

Rosanne Parry is the award-winning author of *A Wolf Called Wander*, which has spent 4 years on the New York Times bestseller list, has sold 1/2 million copies in North America and is published in 15 territories worldwide.

Deep in the Oregon wilderness, a young omega wolf is the smallest and shyest of his brothers and sisters. When an enemy wolf pack attacks he escapes and finds himself the lone caretaker of four orphaned pups. Overwhelmed by the responsibilities of caring for the pups, he runs away to find the one wolf he's always relied on for help, his brother - only to then lose him forever. The pups eventually find him alone and grieving. Together they form a pack with a new style of leadership, kinder and more cooperative than any they have known. But will it be enough when the enemy pack comes to challenge him?

Intensely immersive storytelling from the wolf's POV will combine with gorgeous line and tone illustrations on every page to create an unforgettable middle grade classic, a companion to *A Wolf Called Wander*.

Rosanne Parry's most recent book in the Voice of the Wilderness series, A HORSE CALLED SKY, has spent 18 weeks in the New York Times bestseller list. In this new book she returns to the world she has described so well - the life of an Oregon wolf.

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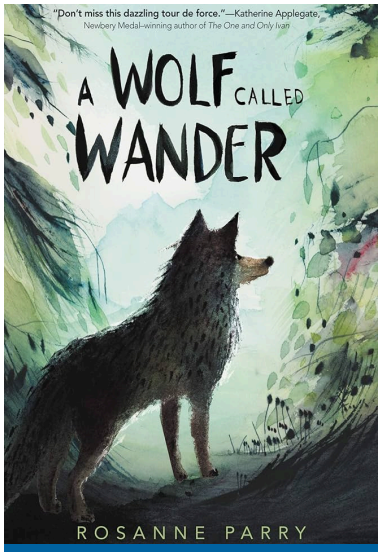
US Independent Booksellers Best Seller lists since publication
Featured in the New York Times "New and Notable" Feb 2025

"DURING THIS TALE OF SELF-DISCOVERY AND GROWTH, READERS WILL ROOT FOR [AN] UNDERDOG WHO PROVES HIS METTLE, LEADING IN HIS OWN UNIQUE WAY. . . . ARMIÑO'S DETAILED BLACK-AND-WHITE ILLUSTRATIONS ARE CHARMING, FULL OF REALISM AND PERSONALITY, MAKING THIS A WINSOME PACKAGE FOR YOUNG READERS WHO LOVE WILDLIFE ADVENTURES. ANOTHER WINNER FROM A PROVEN AUTHOR."
—BOOKLIST

"MIDDLE SCHOOLERS WILL INSTANTLY IDENTIFY WITH WARM. . . . THIS WOLF TALE PRESENTS A DIVERSITY OF IDEOLOGIES AND PERSPECTIVES, ALL OF WHICH ARE SURE TO HELP READERS REFLECT ON WHERE AND HOW THEY FIT INTO THE WORLD. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED."
—SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

"A WOLF CUB CHARTS HIS OWN PATH TO PACK LEADERSHIP. . . . PARRY'S SHORT SENTENCES CREATE A QUICKLY MOVING STORY WITH DEEP EMOTIONAL CURRENTS. . . . ARMIÑO'S NUMEROUS, BEAUTIFULLY DETAILED BLACK-AND-WHITE ILLUSTRATIONS ADD AMPLE EMOTION AND DYNAMIC MOVEMENT. ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS READERS, ANIMAL LOVERS, AND THOSE WITH A TASTE FOR NONFICTION WILL BE THRILLED BY THE EXTENSIVE BACKMATTER. . . . AN EXCITING AND THOUGHTFUL PORTRAIT INSPIRED BY A REAL ANIMAL WHO SUCCEEDED BY BEING DIFFERENT."
—KIRKUS REVIEWS

"A SUSPENSEFUL, DRAMATIC PLOT SPINS ABOVE THE BIG GROUNDING QUESTION OF HOW WE CAN SURVIVE AND LIVE WITH ONE ANOTHER WITH RESPECT AND CONSIDERATION. DYNAMIC ILLUSTRATIONS ALONG WITH EXTENSIVE BACK MATTER (INCLUDING ESSAYS ON WOLF BIOLOGY, ANIMAL TRACKS, FOREST ECOLOGY, AND YOUTH CLIMATE ACTIVISM) MAKE FOR AN APPEALING PRESENTATION."
—HORN BOOK MAGAZINE



Middle Grade

A Wolf Called Wander

Rosanne Parry

Six years as a New York Times bestseller! Half a million copies sold!! "Don't miss this dazzling tour de force."—Katherine Applegate, Newbery Medal winning author of *The One* and *Only Ivan*.

This gripping novel about survival and family is based on the real story of one wolf's incredible journey to find a safe place to call home. Illustrated throughout, this irresistible tale by award-winning author Rosanne Parry is for fans of Sara Pennypacker's *Pax* and Katherine Applegate's *The One* and *Only Ivan*.

Swift, a young wolf cub, lives with his pack in the mountains learning to hunt, competing with his brothers and sisters for hierarchy, and watching over a new litter of cubs. Then a rival pack attacks, and Swift and his family scatter.

Alone and scared, Swift must flee and find a new home. His journey takes him a remarkable one thousand miles across the Pacific Northwest. The trip is full of peril, and Swift encounters forest fires, hunters, highways, and hunger before he finds his new home.

Inspired by the extraordinary true story of a wolf named OR-7 (or Journey), this irresistible tale of survival invites readers to experience and imagine what it would be like to be one of the most misunderstood animals on earth. This gripping and appealing novel about family, courage, loyalty, and the natural world is for fans of Fred Gipson's Old Yeller and Katherine Applegate's Endling.

Includes black-and-white illustrations throughout and a map as well as information about the real wolf who inspired the novel.

Rosanne Parry grew up in Oregon loving its rainy days, wild places, and many libraries. She is the author of eight novels for young readers, including the NY Times best sellers A WOLF CALLED WANDER, A Whale of the Wild *and* A Horse Named Sly *which have been translated into more than 14 languages. A companion novel* A Wolf Called Fire *was released in May 2025. Previously a teacher, Rosanne is a bookseller at legendary independent bookstore, Annie Blooms. She lives with her family in an old farmhouse in Portland, Oregon and writes in a treehouse in her backyard.*

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New York Times Hardcover Best Seller 48 weeks; New York Times Paperback Best Seller 5+ years; Junior Library Guild Best Books of 2019; Oregon Book Award Finalist 2020; Oregon Battle of the Books list 2020-2021; PNBA Holiday Catalog 2019 & 2020; Nominated for children's choice book awards in South Carolina, Utah, Kansas, Texas, Maryland and New Hampshire, and many more.; Indie Next Pick for the Summer of 2019; Indie Bookstore Best Seller; May book of the month for the Indie Booksellers in the UK; Nominated for Our Best Book Leicester Libraries, 2019; Nominated for the Lovely Book Prize in Germany 2020

"INSPIRED BY A TRUE STORY, ROSANNE PARRY EVOKES THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST WITH LILTING, SENSORY-DRIVEN AMBIENT DETAILS. . . . PARRY'S CHOICE TO HAVE SWIFT NARRATE HIS OWN PERILOUS JOURNEY BRINGS AN ON-THE-GROUND INTIMACY TO THE STORY. . . . PARRY HAS WRITTEN ABOUT BEING FAR FROM HOME BEFORE . . . IT'S A TERRAIN SHE CAPTURES EXPERTLY."
—***THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW***

"RIFE WITH DETAILS OF THE MYRIAD SCENTS, SOUNDS, TASTES, TOUCHES, AND SIGHTS IN SWIFT/WANDER'S PRIMAL EXISTENCE, THE IMMEDIACY OF HIS INTIMATE, FIRST-PERSON, PRESENT-TENSE NARRATION PROVES DEEPLY MOVING. . ..A SYMPATHETIC, COMPELLING INTRODUCTION TO WOLVES FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF ONE WOLF AND HIS MEMORABLE JOURNEY."
—***KIRKUS REVIEWS***

"PARRY OFFERS A WOLF'S-EYE VIEW OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST'S FORESTS, MOUNTAINS, AND PRAIRIES IN THIS HARROWING SURVIVAL TALE BASED ON THE STORY OF OR-7, A WOLF ELECTRONICALLY TRACKED BY SCIENTISTS. . . .AN ACTION-PACKED NOVEL PERFECT FOR RELUCTANT READERS AS WELL AS ANIMAL LOVERS."
—***PUBLISHERS WEEKLY***

Publication:
May 2019
Andersen Press, London

Film/TV:
Available

Materials:
Books Available

Rights Sold:
English (UK & Commonwealth): Andersen Press
English (North America): Greenwillow/HarperCollins
English (Audio): Oakhill/ Ulverscroft
Arabic: Dar Ashjar
Brazil: Editora Matrescência
Chinese Simplified: Beijing Arcadia Culture
Czech: Albatros
French: L'Ecole des Loisirs
German: Coppenrath
Hungarian: Pagony
Italian: HarperCollins Italia
Iran (Farsi): Porthegaal Publishing House
Japanese: Akane Shobo
Korean: Book Good Come
Portuguese (Brazil): Editora Matrescência
Romanian: Paralela 45
Russian: Mann Ivannov Ferber
Slovakian: IKAR
Spanish: Errata Naturae Ediciones
Turkish: Yediveren

Ages: 9-12

Pages: 256

Trim: 13.97 x 20.96 cm

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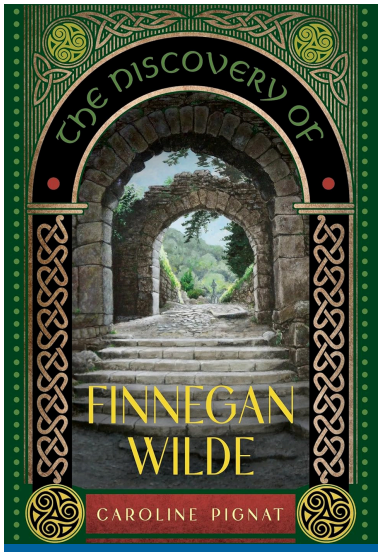

Middle Grade

Publication:
August 2025
Thistledown Press

Film/TV:
Available

Materials:
Books Available

Rights Sold:
English (North America):
Thistledown Press

Ages: 10-14

Pages: 330

The Discovery of Finnegan Wilde

Caroline Pignat

***Indiana Jones* meets Celtic mythology, with a *Blackthorn Key*-style puzzle.**

THE DISCOVERY OF FINNEGAN WILDE is a grounded fantasy historical adventure story with a mystery / treasure hunt at its heart. It's set in Ireland, primarily in 1913, and follows the adventures of Eddie Moore (a young archeology student) and Finnegan Wilde (a girl living on the streets of Dublin) who set out to solve a mystery related to a medieval book found in a peat bog and a symbol that appears both in the book and on Fin's arm. As they discover more about the mysterious 9th century manuscript, the voice of Tomás, the monk who wrote the illuminated manuscript, also enters the tale.

THE DISCOVERY OF FINNEGAN WILDE is part Irish Indiana Jones, part Celtic mythology, part seannachie, and ultimately, a story of self-discovery.

Caroline Pignat has published seven highly acclaimed novels for teens and tweens. She has twice won Canada's Governor General's Award for Children's Literature, first in 2009 for her novel Greener Grass *and again in 2015 for her novel* The Gospel Truth. *Caroline's books have also received the Red Maple Award, the John Spray Mystery Award, and the Moonbeam Award Gold Medal for Children's Poetry.* The Gospel Truth *has recently been adapted into a stage play, and debuted at the Young People's Theatre in Toronto. Caroline teaches and writes in Ottawa.*

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Nominated for the 2026 Red Maple Award

"I FELL IN LOVE INSTANTLY WITH THE SMART, SASSY, LONELY FIN — AND SOON AFTER, EDDIE AND EVERY OTHER CHARACTER IN THIS STORY SO RICHLY STEEPED IN IRISH LORE. (I EVEN LOVED THE CHARACTERS I DIDN'T LIKE!) AS FOR THE MYSTERIES THAT PULLED ME ALONG, AND WHAT FIN EVENTUALLY DISCOVERS... ALL I CAN SAY IS WOW! ANYONE AGED TEN TO ONE HUNDRED WHO PASSES UP THE CHANCE TO READ THIS BOOK IS MISSING A BET!"
*—**KATHY STINSON***

"A GRAND ADVENTURE THROUGH IRISH LEGENDS, FULL OF ANCIENT MAGIC, SECRETS, AND HIDDEN TREASURES."
*—**KEVIN SANDS**, AUTHOR OF THE* BLACKTHORN KEY







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Middle Grade

Publication:
September 2024
Tundra Books/Penguin Random House Canada

Film/TV:
Available

Materials:
Books Available

Rights Sold:
English (North America): Tundra/Penguin Random House Canada
Italian: Nuova Fronteira
Japanese: Sayzansha Publications Ltd.
Korean: Spoonbook Inc.

Ages: 9-12

Pages: 147

Tig

Heather Smith

Winner of the Governor General's Award

After months of living without electricity or parents, Tig and Peter are forced to move in with their Uncle Scott and his partner, Manny. The transition isn't easy from down-and-out to picture-perfect, especially in the pristine Wensleydale with the idyllic couple and their home.

Tig, with Peter's support, decides to make their new life messy starting with daily arguments and her plans to become a competitive cheese racer. She'll run circles around her new guardians, outrun a wheel of cheese, and leave her past buried in her dust. But things don't always go as planned, and Tig must decide what to truly leave behind in order to move forward.

Heather Smith is the author of four published YA novels, the most recent of which, Barry Squires, Full Tilt, *was longlisted for the Dublin Literary Award; the middle grade verse novel* Ebb & Flow, *which won the TD Canadian Children's Literature Award; and seven published picture books* (Angus All Aglow, A Plan for Pops, The Phone Booth in Mr. Hirota's Garden, Slowpoke the Bell Island Mine Horse, Annie's Cat is Sad, Waking Ben Doldrums, *and* Granny Left Me a Rocket Ship). *The books in her body of work have either won or been shortlisted for virtually every Canadian children's literature prize, and been translated into Basque, Complex Chinese, Italian, Korean, Persian, Portuguese (Brazil), Simplified Chinese, and Spanish.*

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Winner of the 2025 Governor General's Award for Young People's Literature, Text
2024 Northern Lights Book Awards Winner, Middle Grade Book of the Year
A 2025 Forest of Reading Red Maple Honour Book (Ontario Library Association)
One of Quill & Quire's Favourite Young Readers Titles of 2024
One of Kirkus's 150 Most Anticipated Books of the Fall
A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection
An Ontario Library Association Best Bet
American Library Association's 2025 Rainbow Book List
Shortlisted for the Maine Student Book Award

"A devastatingly honest novel about foster care, neurodivergence, family, and resilience."
—***School Library Journal, Starred Review***

"In the complex, unforgettable Tig, Heather Smith explores the stunning (and sometimes self-sabotaging) resourcefulness children can muster in the face of adversity."
—***Shelf Awareness, Starred Review***

"A moving, accessible tale of trauma, laced with a compelling sense of optimism."
—***Kirkus Reviews***

"Smith's short, beautifully written, chapterless work contains many section breaks and should appeal to reluctant readers. For middle-grade readers, especially fans of melancholy yet hopeful family tales of overcoming adversity."
—***Booklist***

"Smith sensitively delineates Tig's gradual road to recovery and love ... A major twist adds poignancy and drama."
—***The Horn Book***

"Smith writes here for a younger audience but with only slightly less painful details. Her writing is succinct and often heartbreaking to read, yet beautifully phrased, filled with believable and memorable characters . . . [I]mportant and unforgettable."
—***Canadian Review of Materials***

Graphic Novel

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2026

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Graphic Novel

On Your Way

Emily Chou

A powerful coming-of-age graphic novel about imperfect love, breaking patterns, and the music that carries us through it all, for fans of Trung Le Nguyen's *The Magic Fish*, Victoria Ying's *Hungry Ghost*, and *Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up With Me* by Mariko Tamaki and Rosemary Valero-O'Connell.

Set in Vancouver between and across two time periods, infused with just a touch of magical realism, ON YOUR WAY tells the parallel stories of two Chinese-Canadian teens as they each navigate the gulf between their desires and their families' expectations. Though decades apart, their lives are linked by the neighbourhood they call home, a music-loving young man, and a devastating tragedy.

Wallflower Allison Wong has only three constants in her life: school, studying, and secret guitar lessons from a ghost named Keefer. When her mom sets her up with a peer tutor for chemistry, Allison finds herself thrust into the thriving indie music scene of the late 90s, and finally she starts to feel like she belongs. Soon Allison will have to decide: would she rather give it all up to keep her mom happy? Or is she brave enough to fight for the person she's becoming?

Meanwhile, in 1971, studious Katherine Chen lives in the shadow of her older brother, Keefer. She works tirelessly towards her dream of becoming a doctor, yet no one, least of all her father, will take her or her goals seriously. Then one day, after helping out a mysterious shopkeeper, she is granted a single wish as thanks. Katherine can finally have everything she ever wanted, but at what cost?

Emily Chou is a writer and cartoonist from unceded xʷməθkʷəy̓əm, Sḵwx̱wú7mesh, and səlilwətaɬ territory, who ran away to the UK, Japan, and Italy, and now finds herself right back where she started. She has an MFA in Creative Writing from UBC, where she served as the Poetry Editor for PRISM international *magazine from 2020-2022 and a research assistant for the Initiative for Student Teaching and Research in Chinese Canadian Studies (INSTRCC). Her work has appeared in magazines and anthologies such as* Room, Chinatown Today, *and* Geist. *Her debut graphic novel, ON YOUR WAY, was her MFA thesis and the recipient of a SHRCC grant.*

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Publication:
Fall 2026
Conundrum Press/Emanata

Film/TV:
Available

Materials:
Proposal Available

Rights Sold:
English (North America & UK): Emanata

Ages: 12+

Pages: 340









Graphic Novel

Publication:

June Book One, Born to be Bad: 2021
Book Two, The Cursed Bunny: 2022
HarperCollins

Film/TV:

Not Available

Materials:

Books Available

Rights Sold:

English (North America): HarperCollins
English (ANZ): Scholastic Australia
Spanish (Spain): RBA
Film Rights sold to HarperCollins Productions/ Viva

Ages: 8-12

Pages:

Mischief and Mayhem

Book One: Born to be Bad
Book Two: The Cursed Bunny

Ken Lamug

Coming soon to screens from Viva Kids! Animation! *Dog Man* meets *Despicable Me* in this crackling, hilarious middle grade graphic novel series from author-illustrator Ken Lamug, starring Mischief and Mayhem—a dynamic duo that falls into supervillainy after they're kicked out of superhero camp.

BORN TO BE BAD: Before Mischief and Mayhem were ever supervillains, they were just Missy and Gizmo, fresh recruits at Superhero camp. Only Missy lied on her hero application and has zero powers. Only fellow recruit Melvira stays by Missy's side after she's humiliated. Unbeknownst to others, Melvira has a villainous agenda, and it involves stealing all the power from anyone super.

When Missy is kicked out of superhero school, she and Melvira grow closer and Missy crosses the line into villainy as her new alter ego, Mischief. But something about Melvira doesn't sit right, and Missy must battle her former best friend. The stakes are high and the battles epic, as the line between hero and villain gets flushed down the toilet.

THE CURSED BUNNY: Missy already defeated her former best friend, the supervillain Melvira, in an epic showdown, so how hard can making friends at middle school be?

But when a "reformed" Melvira suddenly enrolls at Missy's school and wants to run for student body president . . . Missy knows in her gut that Melvira and her league of supervillains must be up to evil again.

Then a cursed bunny head begins to turn their town into zombies, and the two may have to team up once more to fight the greater evil. Can the former best friends turned archenemies still be true sisters-in-trouble?

Ken Lamug was born in the Philippines in 1978 and is now an American author, illustrator, photographer and filmmaker. He is best known for his children's picture book A Box Story, *co-creator of the independent film Vegasland, and his work on street photography. For his illustrative work, he is also known under the moniker Rabbleboy. Visit his website www.rabbleboy.com*

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"DIABOLICALLY HYSTERICAL FUN!"
*—**CHRIS GRABENSTEIN**, #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER*

"PACKED WITH THRILLS AND QUIRKY HUMOR, LAMUG HAS CREATED CHARACTERS WHOSE PERSONALITIES BURST WITH ENERGY. [A] FAST-PACED STORY."
*—**THE HORN BOOK***



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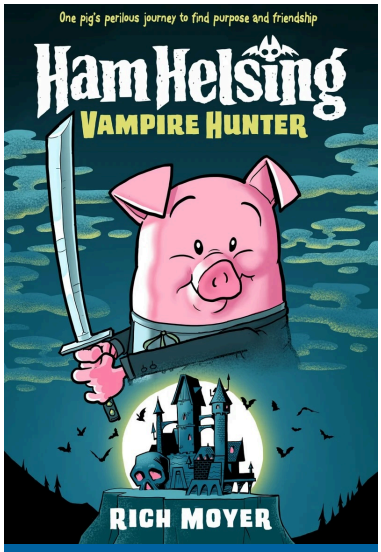

Graphic Novel

Publication:
June 2021, 2022, 2023
Random House Graphic

Film/TV:
Not Available

Materials:
Books Available

Rights Sold:
English (NA): Crown
English (ANZ): Scholastic Australia (books 1 & 2)
Polish: Virtualo (books 1 & 2)
Slovak: Albatros Media (book 1)
Russian: Atticus (books 1-3)
Tabletop game: Fireside Games
Film/TV: Nickelodeon

Ages: 8-12

Pages: 240

Trim: 6 x 9

Ham Helsing: Vampire Hunter series

Rich Moyer

Now in development as a Nickelodeon animated feature!

Rich Moyer's HAM HELSING: VAMPIRE HUNTER series turns classic horror on its snout, as a fearless pig battles vampires, werewolves, and mad scientists in a spooky, slapstick world. Blending Scooby-Doo-style mystery with monster mayhem, it delivers fast-paced adventure, eye-popping art, and smart humor for middle-grade readers and reluctant heroes everywhere.

Rich Moyer's HAM HELSING is a three-volume, full-color middle-grade adventure that introduces readers to the unlikely hero the monster world never saw coming: a brave, big-hearted pig determined to protect humanity from the things that howl in the night. In a gothic landscape of crumbling castles, shadowy forests, and mad-scientist laboratories, Ham Helsing steps out of the shadow of his legendary family's vampire-hunting legacy and into his own destiny—armed with courage, loyal friends, and plenty of attitude.

Join Ham as he confronts a rogues' gallery of classic creatures—vampires, werewolves, stitched-together monstrosities, and ancient curses—while uncovering a larger conspiracy threatening both monsters and mortals. Each volume builds on the last, expanding the world's mythology and deepening Ham's struggle to balance heroism with self-doubt. What begins as episodic monster-of-the-week escapades evolves into a sweeping showdown that tests loyalty, friendship, and what it truly means to be a Helsing. Fast-paced action sequences blend with slapstick comedy and cinematic panel design, creating a reading experience that is both spooky and exuberantly fun.

Perfect for fans of cartoon mysteries and supernatural action, the series combines classic horror tropes with kid-friendly humor. Moyer's debut series, with dynamic storytelling and expressive character design, delivers a visually rich, highly accessible format ideal for reluctant readers. With its universal themes, franchise-ready monster universe, and strong appeal in school and library markets, HAM HELSING offers standout commercial and international potential in the middle-grade graphic novel space.

Rich Moyer is a syndicated cartoonist, award-winning animator, and the artist-author of the Ham Helsing graphic novel series *(Random House) and the Huck N Hairball graphic novel series (Union Square). Specializing in offbeat and irreverent humor, he is a natural when it comes to uproarious storytelling and high-energy art. Rich lives in Denver, CO with his wife and children. http://richmoyer.com/*

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Graphic Novel

Publication:
August 2025, 2026
Papercutz/Mad Cave Studios

Film/TV:
Available

Materials:
Books Available

Rights Sold:
English (World): Papercutz/
Mad Cave Studios
Turkish: Ithaki Cocuk

Ages: 7-10

Pages: 88

Trim: 6 x 9

Paw & Order

Vol. 1: The Grilled Cheese Caper, Vol. 2: The Case of the Sleeping Artist, Vol. 3: The Night of the Comet

Jason Platt

From the creator of top foreign rights seller *Middle School Misadventures*. In Jason Platt's funny and delightfully illustrated beginning graphic series, readers will have the opportunity to put their Paw & Order detective hat on and try to solve the crime alongside Purrlock and Marlowe!

Vol. 1: THE GRILLER CHEESE CAPER

The annual Grilled Cheese Festival is ruined when someone steals all the sandwiches, and it's up to Paw & Order detectives, Purrlock and Marlowe, to figure out who did it! Was it Jinny Giraffe, who was upset that the Grilled Cheese Festival kept her from putting on her Art Festival? Was it Coach Allan Alligator, who was banned from the festival the year before? OR was it Purrlock's arch nemesis, Meowiearty, who was behind the dastardly deed?

Vol. 2: THE CASE OF THE SLEEPING ARTIST

Purrlock and Marlowe have been invited to Paris to see the unveiling of M. Henri Porcupine's highly anticipated first painting in ten years. But, the painting is stolen only moments after its reveal! To make matters worse, Marlowe's Aunt Foo Foo has been arrested for the crime. But if it wasn't her, then who? The only other suspect is Hugh Manatee, M. Henri's artistic rival. And what exactly did M. Canard, the arts reporter, see and hear the night of the theft?

Vol. 3: THE NIGHT OF THE COMET

Marlowe and Purrlock are on the case again after brilliant astronomer Dr. Tortuga takes a tumble during The Night of the Comet—and this accident might not have been an accident at all. When their nemesis, Meowiearty, asks them for help on the case, Purrlock is suspicious. Could the astronomer's overworked assistant have tampered with Dr. Tortuga's bike? The disgruntled neighbor? Or the kid who claimed discovery of the comet in Dr. Tortuga's place?

Jason Platt is the artist-author of the middle grade graphic novel series Middle School Misadventures (Little, Brown, 2019-2022), a growing graphic novel success in the foreign market, with translation rights sold for Portuguese-Portugal (Edições Asa), Norwegian (Gyldendal), Finnish (Otava), Polish (Empik/Virtualo), Turkish (Ithaki Cocuk), and Israeli (Steimatzky–Tchelet). A graduate of the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia; he is a member of the National Cartoonists Society; and creator of the web comic Mister & Me *(about a father and son navigating their way through life, developed in 2008, and adapted as a stage show in 2011 that toured schools and libraries across the midwest).*

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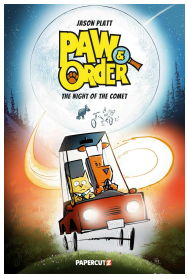

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The Odd 1s Out Art and Comics Collection

James Rallison

A collection of popular and never-before-seen comics, plus the origin story of everyone's favourite bubble boy, *The Odd 1s Out*

James Rallison has been entertaining fans for years on his insanely popular YouTube channel, *The Odd 1s Out*. But not everyone knows that he got his start making webcomics!

In this comprehensive collection, fans will find some of their favorite comics from way back in the day, as well as new additions. And for the uber fans, you will find some behind-the-scenes stories of how the magic is made, including breakdowns of James's creative process, character creation, and more.

A worldwide phenomenon, James Rallison's animated YouTube channel "The Odd 1s Out"—driven by the enthusiasm of his 20 million subscribers—is a juggernaut that has spawned New York Times bestselling books, beginning with The Odd 1s Out: How to Be Cool and Other Things I Definitely Learned from Growing Up and The Odd 1s Out: The First Sequel, with more than a million copies sold (mega-hits in particular in both the United States and Australia); and gave birth to the animated series Oddballs, a global hit for Netflix. Fans simply cannot get enough.

James Rallison has been drawing comics since he was eight years old. At age sixteen, James created the webcomic The Odd 1s Out*, which now comprises hundreds of comics and which expanded into the number one animation channel on YouTube with more than 20 million subscribers around the world. His first animated series,* Oddballs*, based on* The Odd 1s Out*, which James co-created and co-wrote with veteran showrunner Ethan Banville, and in which he stars, debuted on Netflix.*

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Publication:
July 2026
Tarcher, an imprint of Penguin Random House US

Film/TV:
Available

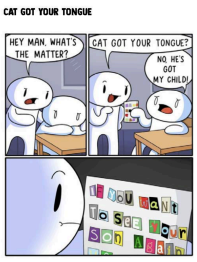
Materials:
Dummy Available

Rights Sold:
English (World): Tarcher, an imprint of Penguin Random House US

Ages: 12+

Pages: 176

Trim: 6 x 8









Graphic Novel

Bryson's (Misguided) Guide to Wizardry

A Haminomicon Adventure

Bryson Rasmusen & Ethan Banville, illustrated by Bryson Rasmusen

With many layers of awesome, kids are sure to love Bryson Rasmussen's exciting, hilarious, well-imagined debut middle-grade graphic novel inspired by his widely popular multilingual YouTube channel "Haminations."

Inspired by Bryson's real-life love of wizardry (he designed custom wands for his entire family), this laugh-out-loud adventure follows a teenage boy (also named Bryson) who runs into a particle collider in hopes of finding another dimension where his peers will accept him–ending up in a world in which wizards and magic are real. As a wannabe wizard desperate to fit in and do whatever it takes to gain acceptance, Bryson fumbles through ridiculous magical attempts to win over the masses.

It's an adventure filled story with eccentric characters, comedic violence at Bryson's expense, and the highest of stakes—in this world, people will literally burn you at the stake when you no longer amuse them. In the end Bryson must face his biggest challenge yet—a monstrous snake beast born from his own inner doubts and insecurities. Can he learn to accept himself before it's too late? Or will he literally be destroyed by his own self-loathing? Filled with Bryson's satirical and ironic style of humor through clever dialogue and situational comedy, The Haminomicon works through all the awkward emotions, attempts, and failures of trying to gain acceptance from one's peers.

With Haminations' massive built-in—and highly responsive—audience, Bryson's engaging, instantly recognizable storytelling, and a unique blend of comedy, action, and heart, The Haminomicon is poised to be a major hit in the graphic novel space.

Bryson Rasmussen is a storyteller and animator who animates stories about his life on his YouTube channel, "Haminations." One of the top "storytime animators," following James Rallison and "The Odd 1s Out," Haminations has three versions: English (8.5 million subscribers), Spanish (5 million), Portuguese (800,000)—with total views of 3.6 billion views. He has 1.2 million TikTok subscribers with over 15 million views.

Ethan Banville is an accomplished writer, producer, creator, television show-runner and author known for his work in the tween and kids' space. Ethan has written for a long list of programs in both the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands including animation, live action, and feature film. He co-created Oddballs on Netflix and is the co-author of Oddballs: The Graphic Novel.

Publication:
August 2027
HarperPop, a division of HarperCollins Books for Young Readers

Film/TV:
Available

Materials:
Dummy Available

Rights Sold:
English (NA): HarperCollins
English (ANZ): Scholastic Australia

Ages: 8-12

Pages: 240

Trim: 7 x 9

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Graphic Novel

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July 2025
Viking/Penguin Random House US

Film/TV:
Available

Materials:
Books Available

Rights Sold:
English (North America): Viking/Penguin Random House US
Turkish: The Kitap Publishing

Ages: 8-12

Pages: 288

Trim: 6 x 8.5

Your Pal Fred: series

Michael Rex

From #1 New York Times bestselling artist-author Michael Rex comes a zany and hilarious graphic novel that shines a light on the humanity inside all of us—even if you're a robot. A comedy adventure with a heart of gold.

Book 1: In a brutal world far in the future where only the savage survive, a lifelike robot suddenly activates. Fred was built to be a best buddy, and his relentless kindness never fades, even when everyone else is rude. He's an indefatigable source of positivity and encouragement. Determined to make the world a better place, he has the bright idea to talk the two most powerful and battle-hungry warlords, Lord Bonkers and Papa Mayhem, into being friends. It's a mission doomed to fail, unless Fred can find a way to inspire everyone to play nice!

Book 2: LOW POWER — In this action-packed sequel, Fred proves that even the biggest conflicts can be solved with kindness—when he has the energy. Famous for his peacemaking, Fred is overwhelmed by constant calls for help just as pollution blocks the sun from recharging his solar battery. With his loyal friend Wormy, he journeys to SunTop, a city above the clouds. But to regain power, Fred must first stop mysterious garbage creatures attacking each night. It's a race against time for Fred to solve the mystery of the Trash before he runs out of power forever!

Book 3: THE GLITCH — Even a peacemaking robot has his limits. Fred roams the wasteland spreading compassion—until a shocking act of selfishness makes him glitch... and turn mean. When he discovers the Tomorrow Sphere, a hidden luxury enclave hoarding supplies after the apocalypse, Fred is thrilled—until its leader refuses to share. The rejection breaks something inside him. If they won't help others, he'll make them. With conflict rising and friends heartbroken, Fred must repair his glitch before he destroys the kindness he's worked so hard to build.

Michael Rex has written and illustrated over 50 books for children, including the New York Times #1 bestseller Goodnight Goon, *New York Times bestseller* The Runaway Mummy, *and* Theodor Seuss *Geisel Honor title* The Tunneler Tunnels in the Tunnel. Goodnight Goon *spent nine weeks on the New York Times bestseller list, finishing in the #1 slot for two weeks, and has sold more than one million copies. Mike is also the creator of* Fangbone: Third Grade Barbarian, *which became the award-winning animated series* Fangbone!

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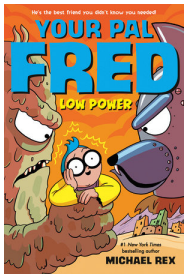
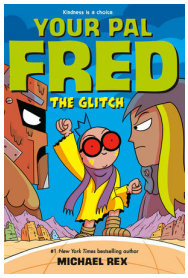
Best Graphic Novel for Kids selection by the American Library Association
Texas Little Maverick Reading List selection
Winner – South Carolina Book Awards
101 Great Books for Kids selection by the Evanston Public Library







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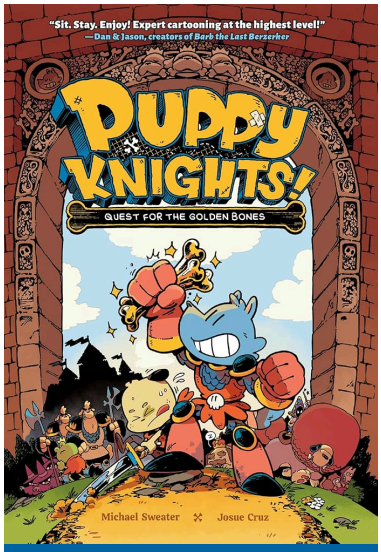

Graphic Novel

Publication:
October 2025
Union Square

Film/TV:
Available

Materials:
Books Available

Rights Sold:
English (World): Union Square
French (World): Éditions Kinaye

Ages: 8-12

Pages: 208

Trim: 6 x 9

Puppy Knights

Quest for the Golden Bones

Michael Sweater & Josue Cruz

An immersive and rollicking graphic novel of two treasure-hunting dog adventurers who are in way over their snouts!

There's no knight braver than Sparky Muttson! (Except maybe his enthusiastic and very cute apprentice, Pugsly.) They're always ready for adventure together, and while their quests might not turn out exactly how they expect, Sparky and Pugsly have the chops to make it through—no bones about it!

Adventurers Sparky and Pugsly have been hired by the prince of the kingdom of New Pawston to find its most precious treasure, the Golden Bones. They aren't the sharpest dogs, but they make up for it with a lot of energy and enthusiasm! Unafraid and unaware, their search sends them from one peril to another—going up against brigands, a secret society of cats, a snobby hotel clerk, and the deepening mystery of the prince's true intentions. All the while, the two remain constant companions, their friendship and their understanding of the world growing as they move through it.

This zany graphic novel, written by Michael Sweater and rendered in bracing panoramic detail by artist Josue Cruz, is a delightful romp for mutts and kids alike!

Michael Sweater is a writer and cartoonist known for a dense illustrative style that moves freely between indie and mainstream audiences. He has worked for Cartoon Network, Vice, Oni Press, Silver Sprocket, and has self-published more than 1,000 pages of comics. He co-created the fantasy adventure graphic novel The Wizerd: And the Potion of Dreams! *(see the "Greatest Hits" section), and did storyboards and background design for Cartoon Network's "Supercamp Island." Visit him online at michaelsweater.com.*

Josue Cruz is a professional designer, cartoonist, and illustrator who has been illustrating and working on comics for a number of years, and PUPPY KNIGHTS: QUEST FOR THE GOLDEN BONE *is their debut graphic novel. Visit them online at josuecruz.com.*

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"PUPPY KNIGHTS TAKES READERS INTO A WORLD WHERE EVEN THE SMALLEST CAN STAND BRAVE AND TALL. READERS WILL LOVE THIS FUN ADVENTURE FULL OF DOGS DOING DARING DEEDS."
—SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

"A FUN, SILLY ADVENTURE."
—KIRKUS REVIEWS

"FUNNY, CUTE, EXCITING AND COOL! TAKE YOUR FIRST STEP ON A QUEST WITH PUPPY KNIGHT AND DON'T TURN BACK!"
*—**MICHAEL REX**, FANGBONE!*

"PUPPY KNIGHT IS SO FUN! IT'S AN IRREVERENT TAKE ON ADVENTURE STORIES WITH BOUNCY CHARACTERS AND ART THAT LOOKS GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT."
*—**LAURA KNETZGER**, BUG BOYS*

*"PUPPY KNIGHT IS TRULY A ONE-OF-A-KIND STORY THAT WOULD BE A JEWEL IN ANYONE'S COMIC COLLECTION. SPARKY MUTTSON AND HIS PRECIOUS PAL PUGSLY ARE THE PERFECT COMPANIONS FOR ANY READER BEGINNING A TREASURE HUNT OF THEIR OWN. BRIGHT, EXPRESSIVE, AND HILARIOUS, I WISH I WAS ADVENTURING WITH SPARKY AND PUGSLY!"—**KATY FARINA**, THE BABY-SITTERS CLUB*







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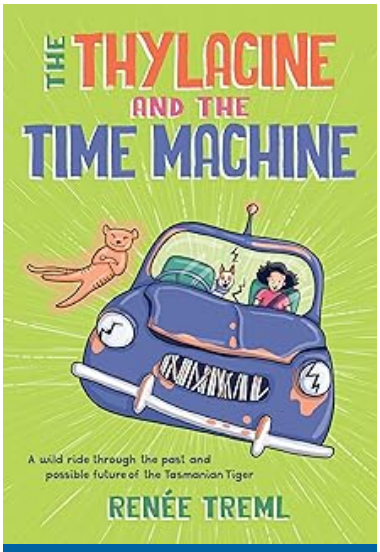

Graphic Novel

Publication:
March 2025
Allen & Unwin

Film/TV:
Available

Materials:
Books Available

Rights Sold:
English (World): Allen & Unwin

Ages: 9-12

Pages: 164

Trim: 15.2 x 21.6 cm

The Thylacine and the Time Machine

Renee Treml

Buckle up! The time-machine awaits! A wild ride through the past, and possible future, of the Tasmanian Tiger.

Violet is researching the Tasmanian Tiger for a school project when she is visited by the ghost of the last Thylacine, who takes her on an amazing trip in a time-machine. A fascinating and funny graphic novel exploring the past and future of the most enigmatic extinct Australian native animal.

Join twelve-year-old Violet, her dog Tassie and her new friend Thyla—the ghost of the last Tasmanian tiger—on a wild ride to learn all about the legendary, elusive and extinct thylacines.

Could there still be hope for one of Australia's most missed (and misunderstood) native animals?

This graphic novel is packed with fascinating non-fiction material and explores scientific concepts like biodiversity, conservation, and genetics in a fun and exciting way.

Renee Treml is the author and illustrator of several successful picture books for very young readers, including Once I Heard a Little Wombat, Sleep Tight, Platypup, *and* Wombat Big, Puggle Small. *She is also the creator of the highly engaging and funny junior fiction graphic novels* Sherlock Bones and the Natural History Mystery, Sherlock Bones and the Sea-Creature Feature *and* Sherlock Bones and the Art and Science Alliance, *as well as the* Super Adventures of Ollie and Bea junior graphic novel series. *Renee has degrees in biology and environmental science, and has a passionate love of natural history.*

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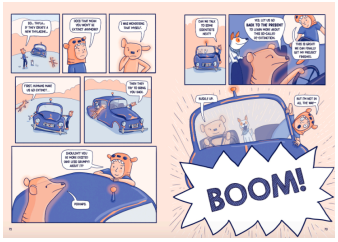
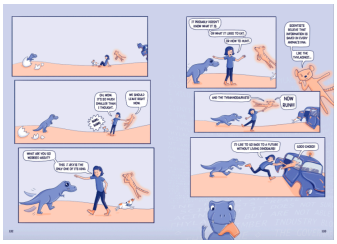
"THIS IS A FABULOUS BOOK THAT I CAN SEE BECOMING A FAVOURITE WITHIN SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND ON HOME LIBRARY SHELVES."
*—**READPLUS***

"THE BOOK DOES AN EXCELLENT JOB OF EXPLORING AND EXPLAINING ALL THE THORNY ETHICAL AND PRACTICAL ISSUES INVOLVED IN BRINGING EXTINCT CREATURES BACK TO LIFE. IT ALSO PROVIDES SUGGESTIONS ON HOW WE MIGHT MOVE FORWARD."
*—**KIM GRUSCHOW**, READINGS*







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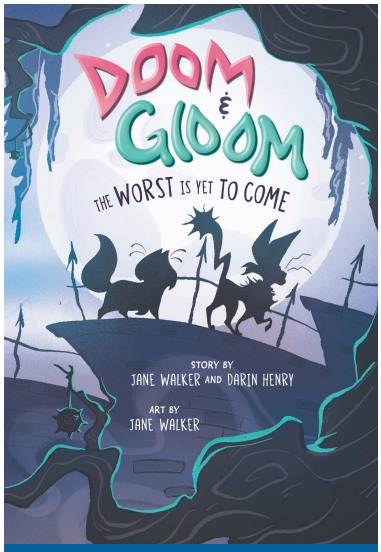

Graphic Novel

Doom & Gloom

The Worst Is Yet to Come

Jane Walker and Darin Henry, illustrated by Jane Walker

Two unapologetically wicked cats, Doom and Gloom, set out to run their own evil empire, but an animal-whispering goody two shoes has other plans! A wild, silly, and laugh-out-loud graphic novel for young comic readers.

Doom and Gloom are purr-fectly despicable partners in crime. At least, they were, until Doom maybe-possibly-definitely caused their boss Ivan Wicked's unfortunate mid-heist demise.

Now the precious cats are in search of a new home. They need someone devoted to evil—like their former master was—and preferably, someone who can open the canned wet food.

But their plans hit a snag when Ivan's overly cheerful niece Petunia, with the supernatural ability to speak with animals, becomes determined to adopt them, no matter how many times they hiss, scratch, or flee. And she won't take "go away and never come back" for an answer.

Jane Walker is a multifaceted creative who has posted her work consistently in online spaces since the age of 13. She has a special interest in storytelling, and has passionately pursued work in creative fields. Her heart lies in telling stories for younger generations that have uplifting themes and messages. She can be found on Instagram and anywhere online as janegumball.

Darin Henry is an Emmy-nominated writer/producer who has written for Jerry Seinfeld, Ellen Degeneres, The Muppets, Billy Crystal, Zendaya and Larry David, as well as for American sitcoms and popular BBC series. More recently, Henry has written for the new Netflix animated comedy Oddballs.

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Publication:
August 2026
Andrews McMeel Publishing

Film/TV:
Available

Materials:
Dummy Available

Rights Sold:
English (World): Andrews McMeel Publishing

Ages: 8-10

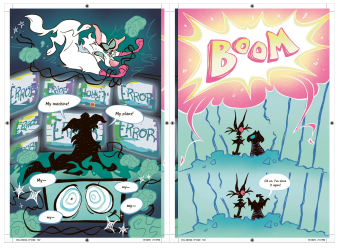
Pages: 144

Trim: 6 x 9

"A WICKEDLY FUNNY GRAPHIC NOVEL, PERFECT FOR FANS OF DESPICABLE ME AND BUNNICULA."
*—**TERRANCE CRAWFORD**, BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE PIGGY SERIES AND AFRO UNICORN GRAPHIC NOVELS*







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Graphic Novel

The Pancake Trap

Stephanie Young and Allison Lassiter

Two sisters and a treasure hunt mystery! Can they save their grandma's pancake resturant before it is too late??

Meet Maple and Margaret Sanford, two sisters who couldn't be more different. Ten-year-old Maple is a pancake-obsessed griddle cook determined to save their grandma's failing restaurant, Dot's Diner. Margaret is a college-bound beauty queen who can't wait for their mom to sell the run-down restaurant.

On the last day before Dot's Diner will be sold to the town's multimillionaire mogul, the girls are thrown into a dangerous food-themed treasure hunt, looking for gold left by runaway outlaw Crispy Cruller. Joined by a trusty friend, a helpful robot drone, and an adorable pup, Maple and Margaret will dive deep into the twisted caves and caverns underneath their town facing one syrup-sticky flapjack trap after another. With nothing more than their grandma's cookbook clues to guide them, will the Sanford Sisters be able to put their differences aside, find the loot, and save Dot's Diner before it's too late?

Stephanie Young and Allison Lassiter are the creators of "Star Beasts". They met working at Hallmark where Stephanie is the director of the Innovation Studio. Allyson is a freelance illustrator and colorist.

Publication:
June 2026
Oni Press

Film/TV:
Available

Materials:
Manuscript Available

Rights Sold:
English (World English): Oni Press

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"A SYRUP-LACED TREASURE HUNT WITH A GOONIES-STYLE VIBE AND LOTS OF BREAKFAST PUNS. FOOD-LOVING ADVENTURERS WILL QUICKLY DEVOUR THIS BOOK. AND THE VARIOUS RECIPES THAT WERE BAKED IN AND SPRINKLED THROUGHOUT THE STORY WERE A TASTY TOUCH."
*—**BRIAN GONSAR**, CO-CREATOR OF DRACULA'S BRUNCH CLUB*

"THE PANCAKE TRAP IS AN ADVENTURE DRIPPING WITH DELIGHT! NOT ONLY ARE THERE RECIPES HERE I AM DYING TO TRY, BUT THE STORY ITSELF IS A WONDERFUL REMINDER THAT, EVEN WITH THE PEOPLE WE LOVE, THERE'S ALWAYS A LITTLE MORE UNDER THE SURFACE OF WHAT WE THINK WE KNOW."
*—**MEREDITH MCCLAREN**, CO-CREATOR OF CRUMBLE*

"DELICIOUS RECIPES, INTRIGUING MYSTERIES, AND LAUGHS FOR DAYS—THE PANCAKE TRAP HAS IT ALL! ONE PAGE I'D BE LAUGHING AND THE NEXT I'D BE ITCHING TO GET IN THE KITCHEN TO TRY SOME OF THE FAMOUS FLAPJACKS MYSELF! THIS HILARIOUS STORY TAKES SO MANY WILD TURNS, I NEVER KNEW WHAT WAS COMING NEXT. THE PANCAKE TRAP IS A DELICIOUS ADVENTURE YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!"
*—**STEPH MIDED**, CREATOR OF CLUB KICK OUT! INTO THE RING*

Picture Book

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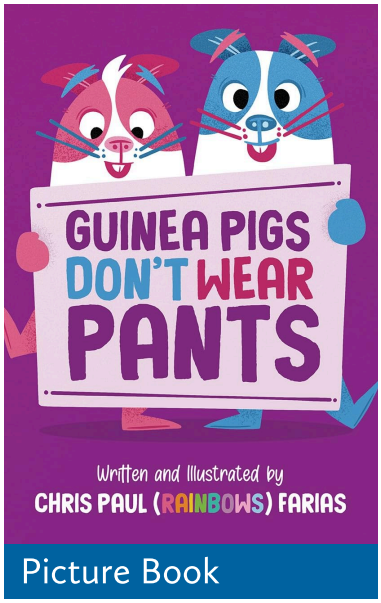

Picture Book

Guinea Pigs Don't Wear Pants

Chris Paul Rainbows Farias

Because who you are is beautiful and worthy of love.

This whimsically joyful picture book is an empowering children's book that celebrates individuality across the rainbow-hued spectrum. With playful rhyme and exuberant illustrations, author-illustrator Chris Paul Rainbows Farias (they/them) celebrates the freedom to express yourself and the beauty of being exactly who you are.

Readers are invited to imagine a world where animals are hilariously limited in what they can do but humans are gloriously free to saunter, flaunt, and wear just what we want. From lipsticked llamas to tumbling giraffes, each page bursts with colorful chaos and loving affirmation.

At its heart, this is the book Chris wished they'd had as a kid growing up in a small town—one that gently opens the door to conversations about self-expression, gender, and being true to yourself.

Chris Paul (Rainbows) Farias is an award-winning creative strategist, storyteller, and online creator with hundreds of thousands of followers. They first went viral after asking a local bakery for "the gayest cake ever" to celebrate their marriage to husband Jared. Chris is the founder of Unicorn Rebellion, a creative branding agency, and speaks with students, educators, and organizations about creativity, identity, and happiness. Based in Ontario, Chris lives with Jared and a joyful menagerie of animals—chickens, parrots, bunnies, dogs, guinea pigs (obviously), and a tortoise named Rock Hudson. Chris was recently awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal for philanthropy and advocacy for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. GUINEA PIGS DON'T WEAR PANTS is their debut picture book.

Publication:
May 2026
Rebel Goose Books

Film/TV:
Available

Materials:
Books Available

Rights Sold:
English (North America):
Rebel Goose Books

Ages: 6-8

Pages: 32

Trim: 25.4 x 25.4 cm

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"BUY THIS BOOK. [CHRIS] IS QUITE BRILLIANT—READ AND ENJOY. THEN WATCH THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA."
*—**ROSIE O'DONNELL***

*"LOVES IT."—**PARIS HILTON***

"GUINEA PIGS SHOULD READ THIS BOOK AS SHOULD ALL CREATURES. IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT LESSONS IN HOW WE ALL NEED TO BE OURSELVES AND THAT IS ACTUALLY SUCH A WONDERFUL THING! POWERFUL WORDS FOR THE PANTLESS AND THE PANTED. I LOVE IT."
*—**MARGARET CHO***

"THIS BOOK IS A JOYFUL, FUNNY WAY TO TEACH KIDS THAT THEIR POTENTIAL KNOWS NO LIMITS! WHAT A GIFT FOR PARENTS WHO WANT TO ENCOURAGE FEARLESS SELF-EXPRESSION."
*—**MAE MARTIN**, COMEDIAN AND ACTOR*

"THIS BOOK IS SO BEAUTIFUL AND SO POWERFUL. I CAN'T STOP WONDERING WHAT MY LIFE MIGHT HAVE BEEN HAD I FOUND THIS IN MY SCHOOL LIBRARY. HOW MUCH MORE POWERFUL AND BEAUTIFUL I MIGHT HAVE FELT."
*—**ALEXANDRA BILLINGS**, ACTRESS & TRANS ACTIVIST*

*"FUN BOOK!"—**RAFFI***

"WE LOVED EVERY WORD! IT IS A DELIGHT!"
*—**SHARON & BRAM**, AWARD-WINNING MUSICIANS AND STARS OF THE ELEPHANT SHOW*

"EVERYONE IS SPECIAL IN THEIR OWN WAY! DIFFERENCES ARE TO BE EMBRACED AND CELEBRATED! THAT WAS ALWAYS MY MOTHER'S (SHARI LEWIS'S) PHILOSOPHY! LOVE THIS BOOK!"
*—**MALLORY LEWIS**, EMMY-WINNING WRITER & CURRENT PERFORMER OF LAMB CHOP*





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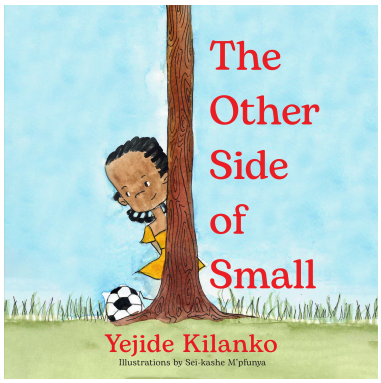
The Other Side of Small



Yejide Kilanko

From the author of *There Is An Elephant In My Wardrobe* and *Juba and the Fireball*, comes a new picture book about a small child with big dreams!

The two things Bintin wants most in the world are to play on a football team and to be adopted by a loving family.

But everywhere Bintin goes, people stare and point at her because she looks different. Bintin was born with dwarfism and some people are unkind to differences.

Encouraged by her foster mother, Bintin longs for a forever home while practising her football shots. Is she too small to dream big?

Yejide Kilanko was born in Ibadan, Nigeria. A writer of fiction and poetry, Kilanko's debut novel, Daughters Who Walk This Path*, a Canadian national bestseller, was longlisted for the inaugural Etisalat Prize and the 2016 Nigeria Literature Prize. Her work includes a novella,* Chasing Butterflies *(2015), two children's picture books,* There Is An Elephant In My Wardrobe *(2019), and* Juba and The Fireball *(2020). Her short fiction is in the anthology,* New Orleans Review 2017: The African Literary Hustle*. Kilanko lives in Ontario, Canada.*

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Picture Book

Publication:
March 2025
Narrative Landscape Press

Film/TV:
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Books Available

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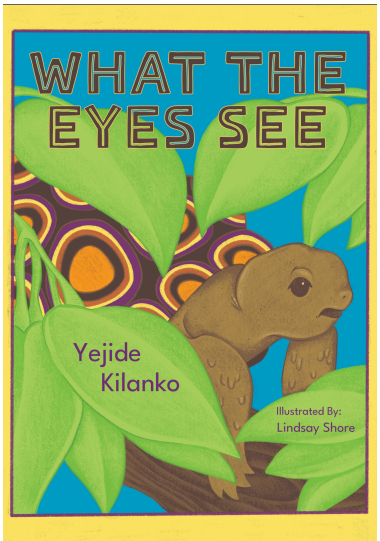
English (Africa): Narrative Landscape Press

Ages: 5-8

Pages: 44



Picture Book

Publication:
August 2025
Griots Lounge Publishing

Film/TV:
Available

Materials:
Books Available

Rights Sold:
English (Europe, US, and Canada): Griots Lounge Publishing

Ages: 5-10

Pages: 40

What The Eyes See

Yejide Kilanko

Inspired by a Yoruba proverb, WHAT THE EYES SEE by Yejide Kilanko is a beautiful folk tale about the need to speak truth to power, even if your voice shakes and stomach aches.

When Yanibo the tortoise sees humans with guns trading animal bones, her mother tells her to keep quiet. It is safer to mind their own business.

But what about the missing animals? Who will keep them safe if Yanibo does not speak up? It will take all of Yanibo's bravery to convince the elders of each Animal Clan to stand together and stop the humans.

With bold illustrations by Lindsay Shore, WHAT THE EYES SEE is an accessible and engaging way to discuss justice, solidarity, and bravery with young people.

Yejide Kilanko was born in Ibadan, Nigeria and currently lives in Ontario, Canada. A critically acclaimed writer of fiction, poetry, and children's books, Kilanko's draws on her career as social worker to help children manage their big feelings. Her vibrant, engaging pciture books include There Is An Elephant In My Wardrobe *(2019),* Juba and The Fireball *(2020),* The Other Side of Small *(2025) and* What the Eyes See *(2025).*

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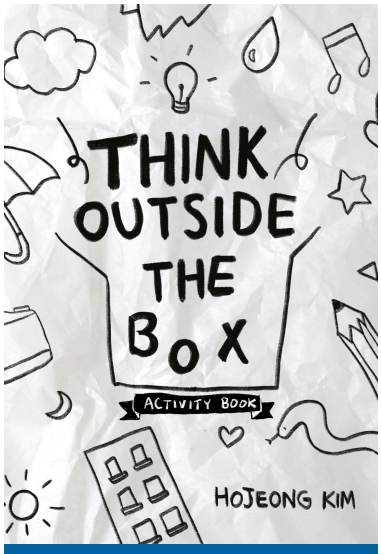

Picture Book

Publication:
Fall 2025
Wilma Publishing, Korea

Film/TV:
Available

Materials:
Books available

Rights Sold:
Korean (World)

Think Outside the Box

Hojeong Kim

A visually rich workbook inspired by *Secret Garden* tailored for children, with original illustrations by Hojeong Kim and artwork samples from children.

Published to great acclaim, this workbook fosters creativity, featuring sample prompts, a QR code linking to a short video explanation, and a gallery of students' artwork.

- Kyobo Bookstore – Top 10 in the Children's category
- Aladin – Top 12 in the Children's category
- YES24 – Top 22 in the Children's category

Hojeong Kim is an elementary school teacher, born in South Korea and raised in Saskatchewan, Canada. She graduated with honours from the University of Regina and moved to British Columbia to pursue her passion for teaching and becoming a children's book author and illustrator. With a diverse multicultural background, Hojeong draws inspiration from her experiences to craft stories that promote empathy, inclusivity, and courage.

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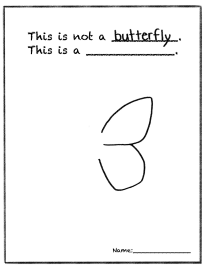

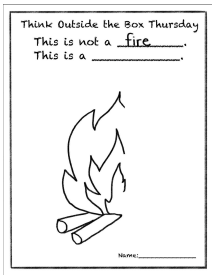

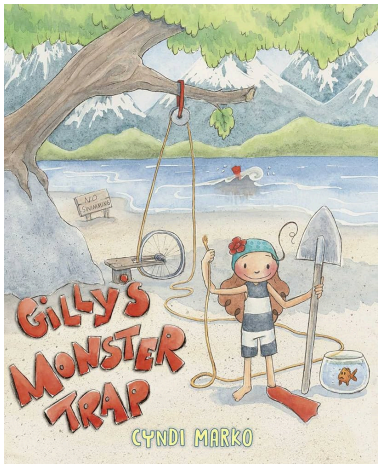

Gilly's Monster Trap

Cyndi Marko

A young girl and her goldfish sidekick set out to trap a monster and instead wind up making a new friend.

Gilly loves to flap her flippers in Lighthouse Bay...until a mysterious monster starts menacing the market! It swipes Gilly's flippers, snatches fish, and nabs nets. So Gilly hatches a plan: she is going to catch the sneaky, rotten monster! With the help of her goldfish, Finnegan, and the townspeople, she builds a trap.

But when things go awry, Gilly discovers she and the monster may have been after the same thing all along—a friend.

Cyndi Marko is the author-illustrator of the award-winning Kung Pow Chicken early chapter book series, the graphic novel chapter books This Little Piggy: An Owner's Manual and Boo! Hiss!, *the middle grade graphic novel series* Sloth Sleuth, *and picture books* Let's Monster Up! *and* GILLY'S MONSTER TRAP. *She currently lives in Edmonton, Canada, with her quiet kids and noisy cats.*

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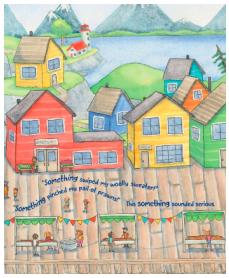
"RENDERED IN SPRIGHTLY WATERCOLOR AND INK CARTOONS, MARKO'S ACTION-PACKED PICTURE BOOK DEBUT FEATURES A PANOPLY OF COMPOSITIONAL STYLES, LIVELY LANGUAGE, AND A PROTAGONIST THAT IS THE VERY DEFINITION OF METTLE."
—PUBLISHERS WEEKLY







Picture Book

Publication:
April 2023
Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books

Film/TV:
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Books Available

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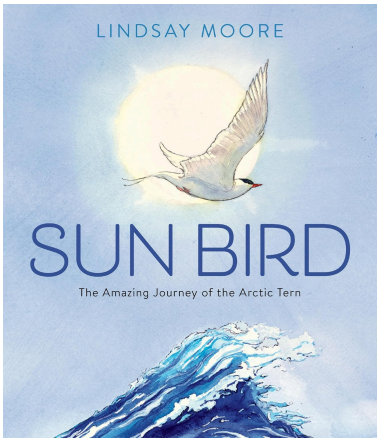
Ages: 4-8

Pages: 40

Trim: 22.86 x 27.94 cm



Sunbird

The Amazing Journey of the Arctic Tern

Lindsay Moore

Thrill to the extraordinary 50,000 km annual journey of a tiny bird from pole to pole, in this exquisitely illustrated picture book from marine biologist and acclaimed artist Lindsay Moore.

Arctic terns have the longest migration of any animal on Earth. These tiny birds, each no heavier than a handful of sand, crisscross the globe from swarming predatory polar bears in the Arctic, all the way past the Equator, to raise their young in the Antarctic, a yearly journey of 36,000 miles (58,000 kilometers)—with some terns covering twice as far. Lindsay Moore's exquisite and informative picture book shows the thrilling journey of the terns from nest to first flight to traveling huge distances until it is time to breed.

The lyrical text and gorgeous illustrations are supported by extensive backmatter. This book will inspire awe and a love of nature—a perfect nonfiction picture book for school, library or home.

Lindsay Moore studied marine biology and fine art at Southampton College on Long Island and figure drawing at the Art Students League of New York, and earned her master of science in medical and scientific illustration from Medical College of Georgia, now Augusta University. HarperCollins published her acclaimed debut Sea Bear *which sold in three languages, and* Yoshi and the Ocean *which gained multiple starred reviews. She also illustrated the New York Times bestseller* A Whale of the Wild *by Rosanne Parry.*

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Picture Book

Publication:
February 2025
Greenwillow/HarperCollins

Film/TV:
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Pages:

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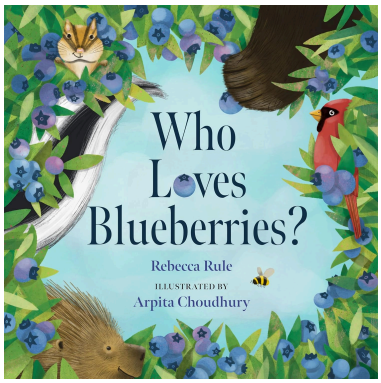
Who Loves Blueberries?



Rebecca Rule & illustrated by Arpita Choudhury

When summer sun ripens wild blueberries, every critter comes out for a taste!

From buzzing bees to slithery snakes, mischievous mice to graceful deer, a wide assortment of woodland creatures gather to enjoy nature's sweet-tart treasure. But who loves blueberries most of all?

With charming illustrations that bring the blueberry barrens to life, this scrumptious picture book follows a parade of animals as they discover there's plenty for everyone. Young readers will delight in spotting each new visitor while learning about the joyful rhythms of the natural world.

Backmatter offers some juicy facts about blueberries and the wildlife they support.

WHO LOVES BLUEBERRIES? celebrates seasonal bounty and the simple pleasure of sharing nature's gifts in this heartwarming tale of community.

The multi-talented Rebecca Rule is an author, humorist, storyteller, and performer as well as a radio and television host. She has been performing and telling stories in New England, especially in her home state of New Hampshire, for more than thirty years. Her books include: N is for New Hampshire, an ABC book with photographs *by Scott Snyder;* The Iciest Diciest Scariest Sled Ride Ever!*, a picture book illustrated by Jennifer Thermes;* Headin' for the Rhubarb, A NH Dictionary (well, kinda)*;* Live Free *and* Eat Pie, *and* That Reminds Me of a Funny Story.

Arpita Choudhury is a self-taught artist and illustrator who lives in Pittsburgh, PA with her husband, daughter, two cats, one dog, and two hermit crabs. She is a lapsed marine biologist who loves nature, vintage picture books, miniatures, history, chocolate, and a good mystery.

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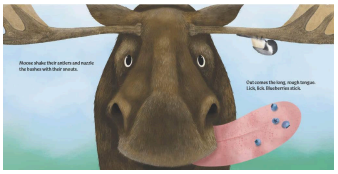


Picture Book

Publication:
June 2026
Islandport Press

Film/TV:
Not Available

Materials:
Dummy Available

Rights Sold:
English (North America):
Islandport Press

Ages: 3-7

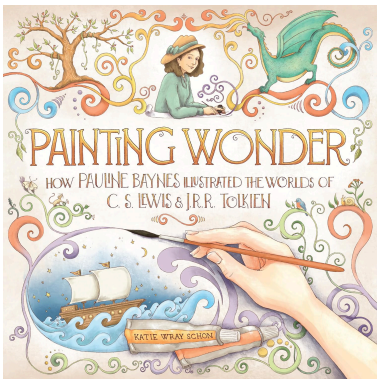
Pages: 32

Trim: 24.13 x 24.13 cm

Painting Wonder

How Pauline Baynes Illustrated the Worlds of C. S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien

Katie Wray Schon



Painting Wonder is an enchanting picture book biography about the artist whose illustrations brought the worlds of C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien to life.

Young Pauline Baynes lives in India, a land of towering mountains, sparkling lakes, and bright flowers. She even has a pet monkey that joins her for tea.

Then her life takes a turn, and Pauline is sent to dreary England. Books bring light and color to her world, so she sets out to paint the stories she loves. Years later, two iconic authors see her paintings and know she's the illustrator for their stories—of fire-breathing dragons, towering giants, a golden lion, and four brave children.

Follow Pauline into some of the most beloved and prominent landscapes in all of children's literature: the magical lands of J.R.R. Tolkien and C. S. Lewis.

Katie Wray Schon is an author/illustrator who loves making beautiful books. She grew up in Rhode Island, but now lives in Texas, where she can usually be found with a paintbrush in hand. She has a wonderful husband and three inspiring children. Together they love art, biking, and reading books about magical lands.

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"IT'S A BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE. AN ACCESSIBLE AND INSPIRING MINI-BIOGRAPHY, DELIGHTFULLY ILLUSTRATED."
—KIRKUS REVIEWS, STARRED REVIEW





Picture Book

Publication:
April 2025
Waxwing Books

Film/TV:
Not Available

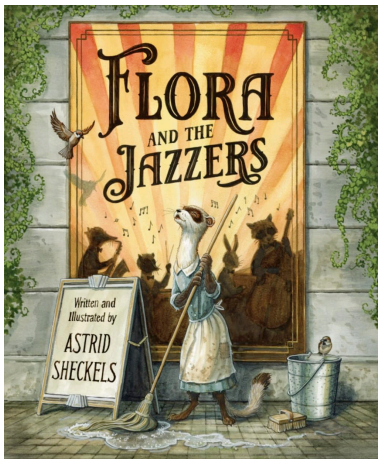
Materials:
Books Available

Rights Sold:
English (North America):
Waxwing Books

Ages: 6-8

Pages: 48

Trim: 25.65 x 25.15 cm



Picture Book

Publication:
October 2025
Waxwing Books

Film/TV:
Not Available

Materials:
Books Available

Rights Sold:
English (North America):
Waxwing Books
Ukrainian: Chitarium LLC

Ages: 4-8

Pages: 40

Trim: 23.5 x 28.24 cm

Flora and the Jazzers

Astrid Sheckels

What will become of the music in Flora's heart?

Flora the ferret longs to attend a concert someday, but she is only a lowly scullery maid. She must save every penny. When she discovers that the Jazzers, her favorite band, are performing at the hotel where she works, Flora is determined to hear them. But her manager forbids her from going. "Music is not for someone like you," he tells her.

It turns out, however, that the Jazzers have a problem, and Flora might be just the one to help.

FLORA AND THE JAZZERS is a lush, Jazz Age Cinderella story about a heart–and a voice–that won't be silenced, written and illustrated by Astrid Sheckels.

Astrid Sheckels spent her childhood playing outside, using her imagination, and drawing, especially pictures of well-dressed animals. She lives in Massachusetts and is the author and illustrator of numerous books, including the award-winning Hector Fox and Friends *picture book series.*

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One of Amazon's Best Children's Books of 2025

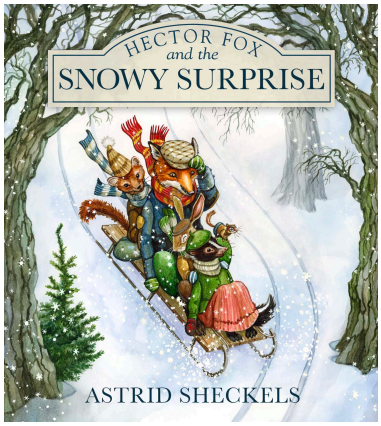
"A SUMPTUOUSLY ILLUSTRATED JAZZ AGE CINDERELLA STORY."
*—**KIRKUS REVIEWS, STARRED REVIEW***

"PERFECT FOR FANS OF UNDERDOG STORIES, JAZZ LOVERS, AND ANYONE WHO'S EVER DARED TO DREAM BEYOND THEIR CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, FLORA AND THE JAZZERS IS A TRIUMPH OF HOPE, HEART, AND HARMONY—A PICTURE BOOK TO TREASURE."
*—**THE CHILDREN'S BOOK REVIEW***

REVIEW







Hector Fox and the Snowy Surprise

Astrid Sheckels

The fifth book in the *Hector Fox* series. Previous books in the series have been sold in eleven territories.

Winter has come to the Green Wood, and Hector Fox and his friends are busy preparing for a festive celebration. But when howling winds and wild snows arrive, the friends get lost in the storm. Will they find their way home? Will all their party plans go to waste? In their newest, snowiest adventure, Hector Fox and his woodland crew must rely on each other and their courage more than ever as they discover that friendship is one of the greatest gifts of all.

HECTOR FOX AND THE SNOWY SURPRISE, created by award-winning author and illustrator Astrid Sheckels, is the fifth in her series of picture books featuring Hector Fox, Lucy Skunk, Mo Marten, Charlie Chipmunk, Jeremiah Rabbit, and other surprise friends.

Astrid Sheckels lives in Western Massachusetts. Her Scandinavian roots are evident in her artwork, which she describes as a "mix of classic realism and whimsy." Astrid is the author/illustrator of the award-winning Hector Fox and Friends *series. Her illustrations can also be found in the permanent collection of The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art.*

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Picture Book

Publication:
October 2026
Islandport Press

Film/TV:
Not Available

Materials:
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Rights Sold:
English (North America): Islandport Press

Rights sold to earlier books in the series:
Arabic (Books 1-3): Jarir Bookstore
Bulgarian (Books 1-2): Infodar Publishing House
Chinese, Complex (Books 1-4): Babel Publishing House
Chinese, Simplified (Books 1-4): Phoenix Fine Arts Publishing Ltd.
Greek (Books 1-4): Dioptra
Hungarian (Books 1 & 2): Centrál
Italian (Books 1-2): Il Castoro
Romanian (Books 1-4): Didactica Publishing House
Russian (Book 1): Career Press
Ukrainian (Books 1-4): LLC Chitarium
Vietnamese (Books 1-4): Kim Dong

Ages: 4-8

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Greatest Hits & Select Backlist

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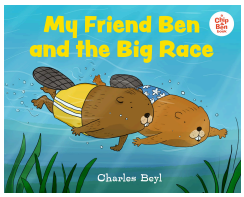
Chip and Ben series



Charles Beyl

Chip and Ben are best friends.

A charming, classic, approachable, five book series about two best friend beavers. Perfect introduction to sharing, sleepovers, first snow, friendly competition, and more!

Picture Book

Right Sold:

English (North America): Albert Whitman

The Last Summer Before Whatever Happens Next



Bee Burke

Does Claire want to live a perfect life, or one that's perfect for her?

It's the summer of 1980-something, and valedictorian Claire Hart has nothing to do. Her summers have always been meticulously planned—a class here, an educational camp there—so her last summer before college she quickly becomes lost in the possibilities.

Young Adult

Right Sold:

English (North America): Islandport Press

Miracle



Karen Chow

A CCBC Best Book of the Year
A Grand Canyon Reader Award Winner

"Bolstered by an undercurrent of hope, Chow's unflinchingly raw debut explores the fraught relationship between a grieving daughter and mother during a father's decline and death from cancer.... Portraying variations on grief experiences amid a community slowly adjusting after a shared loss, Chow honors the tween protagonist's complexities and priorities as explored via Amie's candid voice. Auditory imagery, Harry Potter references, and nods to the Chinese American family's cultural expression ground the narrative..." — *Publishers Weekly*

Middle Grade

Right Sold:

North American: Hachette; Turkish: Christy Ottaviano Books

The Big Sting



Rachelle Delaney

A visit to Leo's grandfather's farm turns upside down when his grandmother's bee hives are stolen. A light-hearted and funny middle-grade novel for fans of Rebecca Stead and Lynda Mullaly Hunt.

Leo is an "armchair adventurer." This means he'd choose adventures in books or video games over real-life experiences. Despite Leo's best efforts to avoid it, adventure finds him when Grandma's beehives go missing in the dead of night. Infuriated, Grandpa vows to track down the sticky-fingered thieves himself ... with risk-averse Leo and his danger-loving sister Lizzie (plus a kitten named Mayhem) in tow.

Middle Grade

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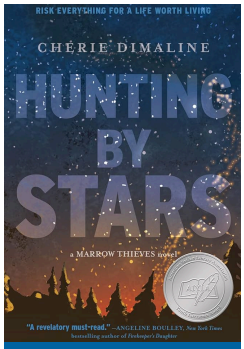

Young Adult

Hunting by Stars

Cherie Dimaline

A Kobo "Top 20 of 2021" book of the year
An Indigo Best Teen Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book (2021)
An NPR Best Book of 2021
A Good Morning America Buzz Pick
A CBC Books Bestseller
The Cityline Book Club Pick for December 2021

HUNTING BY STARS is the thrilling follow-up to the bestselling, award-winning novel *The Marrow Thieves*, about a dystopian world where the Indigenous people of North America are being hunted for their bone marrow and ability to dream.

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English (Canada): Penguin Teen Canada
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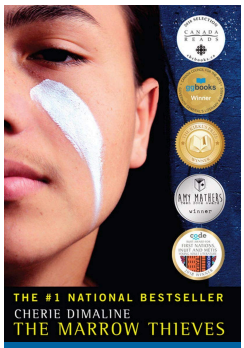
Portuguese (Brazil): UK'A Publishing House
French (World): Boreal



Young Adult

The Marrow Thieves

Cherie Dimaline

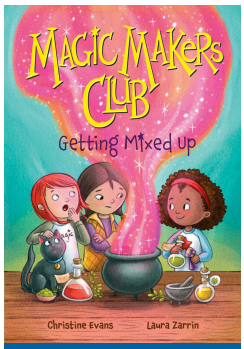
Winner of the 2017 Kirkus Prize, and named as one of Time Magazine's Top 100 YA Books of all time, THE MARROW THIEVES has sold over 250,000 copies in North America since its publication.

Just when you think you have nothing left to lose, they come for your dreams.

Humanity has nearly destroyed its world through global warming, but now an even greater evil lurks. The Indigenous people of North America are being hunted and harvested for their bone marrow, which carries the key to recovering something the rest of the population has lost: the ability to dream. In this dark world, Frenchie and his companions struggle to survive as they make their way up north to the old lands. For now, survival means staying hidden - but what they don't know is that one of them holds the secret to defeating the marrow thieves.

Rights Sold:

English (Canada & US): Dancing Cat Books
English (Commonwealth): Jacaranda
French (World): Boreal
German (World): Heyne
Portuguese (Brazil): UK'A Publishing House



Middle Grade

Magic Makers Club

Christine Evans & Laura Zarrin

Can the three little witches make a success of their business or will it end in magical mayhem?

For fans of The Baby-Sitters Club Little Sister and Princess in Black, this fully illustrated chapter book series (with some graphic novel panels) features three 8-yr-old little witches who start their own spell-casting business.

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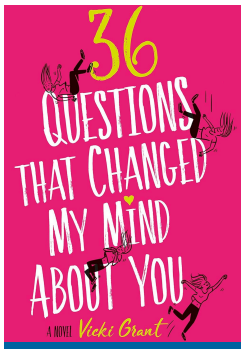

Young Adult

36 Questions That Changed My Mind About You

Vicki Grant

Two random strangers. Two heart-breaking secrets. 36 questions to make them fall in love.

Hildy is intellectual, rule-abiding, brittle. Paul is brooding, disaffected, gorgeous. One struggles with a tragic past while the other fights to keep their family together. Each teen has private reasons for joining the university psychology study that asks a simple question: Can love be engineered? By the time Hildy and Paul have made it to the end of the questions they've laughed and cried and lied and thrown things and run away and come back and driven each other almost crazy. They've also each discovered the painful secret the other was trying so hard to hide. But have they fallen in love Inspired by the famous NYT "Modern Love" column that sparked hundreds of first dates and even some dating apps, this is a thoroughly 21st century romance.

Rights Sold:

World Rights Available Ex: World English, Running Press (U.K. & Commonwealth, Hot Key/Bonnier Zaffre; U.S. Audio, Hachette Audio); Brazilian Portuguese, Record Galera; Bulgarian, Egmont; Dutch, Luitinhg; Film/TV, DHX; French, Michel Lafon; German, Random House; Hebrew, Yedioth; Hungarian, Many Konyvek; Indonesian, Gramedia PT; Italian, Mondadori; Korean, Frombooks; Polish, Publicat; Portuguese, LeYa; Serbian, Vulkan; Spanish, Planeta; Turkish, Penguen



Young Adult

Tell Me When You Feel Something

Vicki Grant

One of us is dying...

It seemed like a cool part-time program—being a simulated patient for med school students to practice on. But now vivacious, charismatic Viv lies in a very real coma. What really happened? Other kids suspect it was not an intentional overdose—but each has a reason why they can't tell the truth. Through intertwining and conflicting narratives, a twisted story unfolds of trust betrayed as we sift through the seemingly innocent events leading up to the tragic night.

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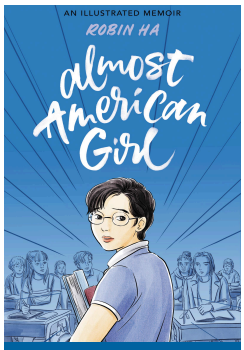
English (North America): Penguin Random House



Young Adult

Almost American Girl

Robin Ha

Introducing the touching true story of NYT bestselling author Robin Ha's childhood experience of moving to Huntsville, Alabama from Seoul, South Korea without knowing a drop of English. With the emotional resonance of "American Born Chinese" by Gene Luen Yang ALMOST AMERICAN GIRL rips your heart out and reminds us all how terrifying childhood relationships can be, especially when you're the new kid who looks different and can't speak American.

A powerful and moving teen graphic novel memoir about immigration, belonging, and how arts can save a life—perfect for fans of American Born Chinese and Hey, Kiddo. When Korean born, non-English speaking, 14-year old, Robin Ha is unexpectedly thrown into an abrupt move to Huntsville, Alabama from Seoul Korea, by her impulsive and driven single mother, she instantly drowns in waves of culture shock. Completely cut off from her friends in Seoul and without access to her beloved comics, everything changes when Robin's mother enrolls her in a local comic drawing class.

Rights Sold:

North America: Balzer & Bray/ HarperCollins



Graphic Novel

The Fox Maidens

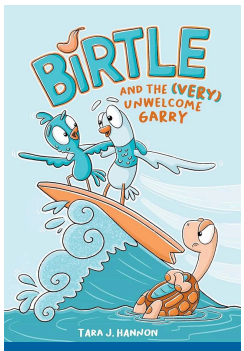
Robin Ha

From the bestselling, award-winning creator of *Almost American Girl* comes an epic new graphic novel fantasy—a queer, feminist reimagining of the Fox Maiden legend from Korean mythology. Perfect for fans of *Nimona*, *Squire*, and *The Prince and the Dressmaker*.

Kai Song dreams of being a warrior, but she is plagued by rumors that she is the granddaughter of Gumiho, the infamous nine-tailed fox demon who was killed by her father years before. Everything comes crashing down the day Kai learns the deadly secret about her mother's past. Set in sixteenth-century Korea and richly infused with Korean folklore, THE FXOX MAIDENS is a timeless and powerful story about fighting for your place in the world, even when it seems impossible.

Rights Sold:

English (North America): Balzer & Bray/HarperCollins
English (UK): Andersen Press/ Penguin Random House UK



Graphic Novel

Birtle Series

Tara J. Hannon

This adorable two book graphic novel series is about being true to yourself, friendship, and most of all, celebrating differences.

Everyone is a turtle in Turtletown. So Teeny thinks she must be a turtle, too. But when Teeny sprouts feathers, she begins to wonder . . . is there a teeny possibility she's a . . . BIRTLE?

Rights Sold:

English (World): Andrews McMeel Publishing



Young Adult

The Space Between You and Me

Julie True Kingsley

That summer, Clem finally grew into herself. The problem? She grew too fast. And fruit that grows too fast often bursts in the sunshine.

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Rights Sold:

English (North America): Islandport Press



Middle Grade

Emily Posts

Tanya Lloyd Kyi

With a light touch and plenty of humor, EMILY POSTS explores issues of social media, influence, corporate sponsorship... and the fraught waters of middle-school friendship.

Emily's the ringleader for her school podcast, Cedarview Speaks — Sponsored by CoastFresh!, but her plans for middle-school fame and social-media influence are derailed when Amelie joins her eighth-grade class. The new arrival has a seemingly endless supply of confidence and a gift for leading people. Or leading them astray, as far as Emily's concerned.

Rights Sold:

English (World): Tundra Books/ Penguin Random House Canada
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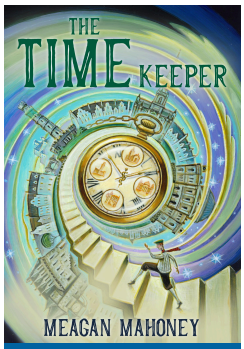


Middle Grade

The Time Keeper

Meagan Mahoney

A clockmaker's apprentice races against time to solve the puzzle of the broken watch — and to save his loved ones.

Rights Sold:

English (North America): DCB Young Readers



Middle Grade

What the Dog Knows

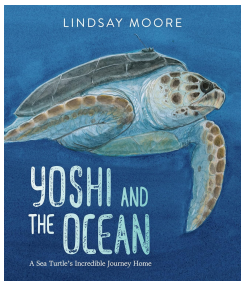
Sylvia McNicoll

Naomi's dog Diesel returns from the afterlife with one mission, and Naomi can hear his thoughts. Can he save her?

It's the hottest, worst month of 13-year-old Naomi's life. Dad's lost his job, Mom kicked him out, and then Diesel, her dog, is run over by a Smart Car. But when Naomi dives off a dock and hits her head on a rock, she wakes up six days earlier to a whole new chance at life, one where Diesel is back offering such sage advice as "with more members in our pack we can bring down a moose," and where her nemesis, Morgan, wants to be her bestie and help them both improve their social lives before high school starts in September. Naomi has six days until she visits her destiny again.

Rights Sold:

English (World [Audio: OrangeSky Audio]): Dundurn Press
Korean: Lime Co.



Picture Book

Yoshi and the Ocean

Lindsay Moore

Inspired by the extraordinary true story of a turtle who was released into the wild after 20 years of captivity and swam for days, weeks, years across the wide ocean to finally find home.

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English (North America) HarperCollins
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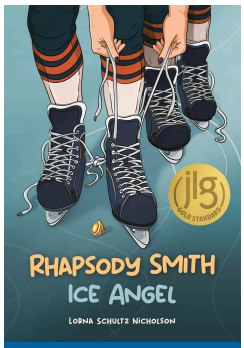

Middle Grade

Rhapsody Smith, Ice Angel

Lorna Schultz Nicholson

Combines girls hockey and a compelling mystery.

Rhapsody "Rap" Queen Smith, lives with her grandparents and plays for the Ice Angels hockey team, a tight group of girls who spend time together outside of hockey and school.

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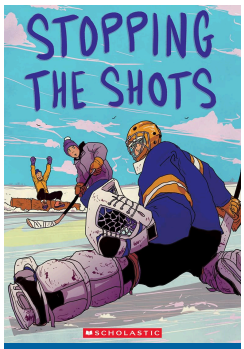
English (World): Yellow Dog/ Great Plains



Middle Grade

Stopping the Shots

Lorna Schultz Nicholson

Family drama and hockey action combine in the exciting follow-up to *Taking the Ice*

Mike Krieger, called Tree, is used to playing hockey in his younger brother Eric's shadow. But hockey is expensive, and their parents' farm is struggling. With the help of his older brother, Liam, can Mike convince his parents that his dreams are important too, or will he be forced to make a tough decision?

Rights Sold:

English (North America): Scholastic Canada
French (North America): Scholastic Canada



Middle Grade

Averil Offline

Amy Noelle Parks

From award winning author Amy Noelle Parks, AVERIL OFFLINE is a contemporary middle grade novel that takes on the current surveillance culture around parenting to give *The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* a modern-day update.

Averil Frye is tired of her parents using a surveillance app to track every detail of her life so she teams up with a new friend to stop the app's creator from making it even more powerful!

Rights Sold:

English (North America): Nancy Paulsen Books/Penguin
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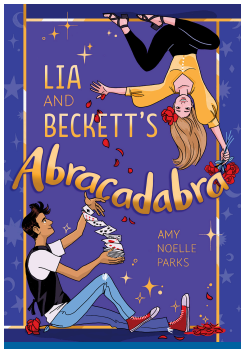


Young Adult

Lia and Beckett's Abracadabra

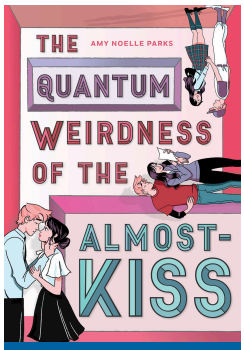
Amy Noelle Parks

This romantic comedy, set in a magic-themed resort town, is a Romeo-and-Juliet love story, with illusions instead of duels and a happy ending instead of death.

To keep the classic Starlight Theater in her family and secure her own future as a magician, Lia needs to unlock the secrets to a series of magic tricks from her grandmother's old act and use what she learns to craft a contest-winning performance. Trouble is, she's going to be judged by a bunch of old-school magicians who think that because she's a girl, her only magical talents lie in wearing sparkly dresses, providing distractions, and getting sawed, crushed, or stretched.

Rights Sold:

English (World): Amulet/ Abrams
Turkish: Alfa Basım Yayım Dağıtım Ltd.



Young Adult

The Quantum Weirdness of the Almost-Kiss

Amy Noelle Parks

Caleb has always assumed that when she was ready for romance, Evie would choose him. Because he is her best friend, and he loves her, and he has almost kissed her 17 times...

Caleb knows the girl never falls for the funny best friend when there's a mysterious stranger around, he decides to use an online forum to capture Evie's interest. Now, he's got Evie wondering if it's possible to fall in love with a boy she's never met.

Told in the alternating voices of Evie and Caleb, THE QUANTUM WEIRDNESS OF THE ALMOST-KISS is a YA romantic comedy, sure to satisfy fans of Jenny Han, Rainbow Rowell and Stephanie Perkins.

Rights Sold:

English (World): Abrams
German: WJB/Rowohlt
Polish: Wydawnictwo Literackie
Russian: Piter
Turkish: Ren Kitap
Film/TV: Shay Rudolph



Graphic Novel

Middle School Misadventures

Jason Platt

Three volumes of Jason Platt's MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVENTURES*: Talent Show, Hat Heist*, and *Dance Disaster* have been a leading seller of translation rights, with success in Finnish, Hebrew, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, and Turkish.

In keeping with the work of Raina Telgemeier, Jeff Kinney, and Victoria Jamieson; a perfect combination of contemporary school setting, friendship stories, and laugh-out-loud humor.

Rights Sold:

English (World): Little, Brown — Books 1, 2, 3
Finnish: Otava — Books 1, 2, 3
Israeli: Steimatzky–Tchelet — Books 1, 2
Norwegian: Gyldendal — Books 1, 2, 3
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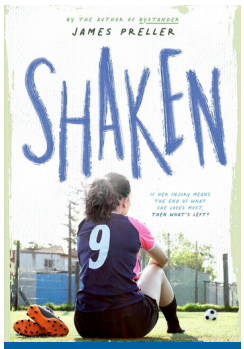

Middle Grade

Shaken

James Preller

A story about identity, therapy, new friendships, making mistakes and, finally, coming true to one's ever-evolving self.

Kristy Barrett is a soccer star. She's been a star since elementary school, and now is so good that she's been told she may someday make the women's Olympic team. Everything changes in an instant, when a blow to her head during a game results in a severe concussion.

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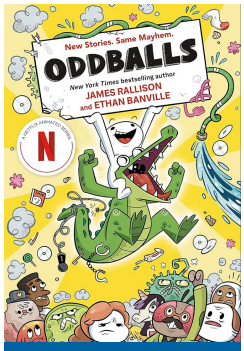
English (World): Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan



Graphic Novel

Oddballs

James Rallison & Ethan Banville

From James Rallison, world-famous creator of the YouTube channel The Odd 1s Out, comes the must-have graphic novel companion to Netflix's global hit series Oddballs!

You've followed James, his best friend Max (an anthropomorphic crocodile), and Echo, a girl who claims to be from the future, through their odd adventures in the animated series "Oddballs" on Netflix, but the fun doesn't stop there! Inspired by James Rallison's incredibly popular YouTube channel The Odd 1s Out, and featuring five original stories, Oddballs: The Graphic Novel continues James' madcap misadventures with Max, Echo, and the whole town of Dirt! See also James Rallison's one-million copy best-selling The Odd 1s Out book series.

Publication:
Spring 2023

English (North America): TarcherPerigee/Penguin
English (ANZ) Scholastic Australia
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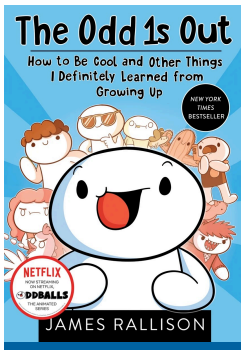

Middle Grade

The Odd 1s Out Series

James Rallison

Over one million The Odd 1s Out books sold! Over 20 million subscribers to The Odd 1s Out channel on YouTube! Animated series "Oddballs" on Netflix in 192 markets worldwide!

In these highly-illustrated full-color collections, James Rallison shares his hard-earned advice and hilarious stories about the ups and downs of growing up as the "odd one out" in the funny, relatable voice his fans love. Each story is filled with the little lessons he picked up along the way, serious and otherwise. Filled with original, never-before-seen material, these tongue-in-cheek stories take on some of the weirdest, funniest parts of life. Perfect for both avid followers and new converts.

Book two, *The Odd 1s Out: The First Sequel* is equally filled with original, hilarious stories, followed by *The Odd 1s Out: The Doodle Book* and *The Odd 1s Out Journal*.

Rights Sold:

English (NA): TarcherPerigee
English (ANZ): Scholastic Australia
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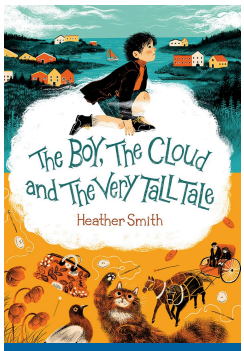


Middle Grade

The Boy, the Cloud and the Very Tall Tale

Heather Smith

Strength isn't found, it's awakened.

Two years after the death of his mother, Ewan's father disappeared. As far as his little sister, Flora, and his grandfather, Grumple, are concerned, his father was swept away by a magical cloud. But Ewan knows it's a cover, though what it is covering up, he can't be sure—he is certain his father wouldn't leave willingly. When he meets Mr. So-and-So, the owner of the mysterious Notion Shop, he is inspired to take destiny into his own hands.

Rights Sold:

English (North America): Orca Book Publishers



Young Adult

Space Cowboy

Justin Stanchfield

It's kill or be killed in this gripping adventure in the wild west of space.

Something deadly has awakened on barren, rocky Aletha III, where cowboys and their cows are terraforming the place into a green lush inhabitable planet. Travis McClure, desperate for adventure, is bored with life on the remote planet herding cattle all day. He gets more than he bargained for when he is attacked by a creature that should only exist in nightmares. Travis is determined to prove what he saw is real, despite the mocking of his fellow cowboys and the denial of government officials. Armed only with his father's rifle, he heads into the wilderness alone to track down the alien beast before it kills again, but will he be the hunter or the hunted? It's a deadly game, and survival is the only prize. Justin Stanchfield's striped down Space Western is a breathtaking ride filled with suspense, adventure, and a killer cryptid that will leave readers on the edge of their seats.

Rights Sold:

World - English: WordFire Press



Middle Grade

Comic Shift

Ted Staunton

An aspiring comic book artist's life gets more interesting when he meets a shapeshifter at a comics convention.

Rights Sold:

English (North America): Scholastic Canada
French (North America): Scholastic Canada



Graphic Novel

The Wizerd!

Michael Sweater & Rachel Dukes

From the creator of *Puppy Knights*, this graphic novel packs humor, heart, and heaps of distractions into a fantasy adventure sure to please any adventurer out there!

"Sweater and Dukes offer up some bright and playful sword-and-sorcery high jinks in this series starter, which features plenty of snappy banter, rollicking fight scenes, and hints of secrets yet to be revealed." —Booklist

"Immersive and fantastical, THE WIZERD! acts as an acerbic yet sweet all-ages fairytale. Far from the dark and often horror-tinged world of the Brothers Grimm, this is a charming Technicolor dreamworld where magic is real, cute creatures reign supreme, and every page is filled with the kind of detail that any comic book fan will want to spend hours poring over." —Rosie Knight, Women Write About Comics

Rights Sold:

English (World): Michael Sweater



Young Adult

Beware That Girl

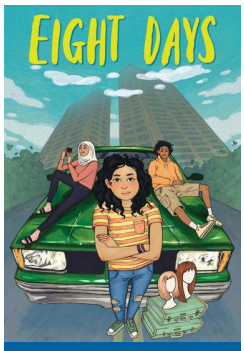
Teresa Toten

This powerful psychological thriller with multiple mysteries is set against the backdrop of the mega-wealthy elite of New York City.

Teresa Toten delves into the mesmerizing yet dysfunctional world of those who manipulate but seem ever so charming. With its gripping pace and Hitchockian twists, BEWARE THAT GIRL will keep readers guessing until the very last line.

Rights Sold:

World Rights Available Ex: U.S., Delacorte, Spring 2016; Canada English, Doubleday Canada, Spring 2016; UK/AUS/NZ: Hot Key; German, Fischer, Spring 2017; Spanish, Penguin Random House, Spring 2015; French, Hachette Jeunesse; Portuguese in Brazil, Record; Dutch, Gottmer; Russian, AST Publishers Turkish, Pegasus Publishers; Audio, Random Audio Korea, Golden Time Film rights, Awesomeness TV



Young Adult

Eight Days

Teresa Toten

For fans of "Wonder" and "After Eli" comes EIGHT DAYS, a story about a funny and smart 14-year-old girl named Samantha who finds out the mother she thought had died years ago, has actually just passed away.

Sami Stanic isn't a crier. She's found it's better to be useful, so people keep you around. But when unexpected news shakes her world, Sami has to face her deepest fears. Is there anywhere she really belongs? If people knew where she came from, could they still love her? From Toronto's Thorncliffe Park to Chicago's south side, and back, Sami and an unusual entourage set off on an eight-day journey that will change her life forever. Along the heart-wrenching, hilarious way, Sami uncovers painful secrets – but also the truths that shine a light on what home and family really mean.

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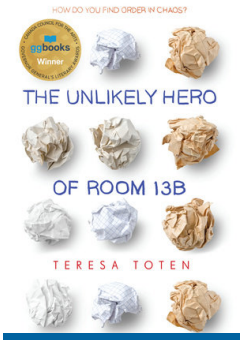
Canada (English): Scholastic



Young Adult

The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B

Teresa Toten

Hope, happiness, healing...and a whodunit too: *Eleanor & Park* fans take note!

When Adam meets Robyn at a support group for kids coping with obsessive-compulsive disorder, he is drawn to her almost before he can take a breath. He's determined to protect and defend her whatever the cost. But when you're fourteen and the everyday problems of dealing with divorced parents and step-siblings are supplemented by the challenges of OCD, it's hard to imagine yourself falling in love. How can you have a "normal" relationship when your life is so fraught with problems?

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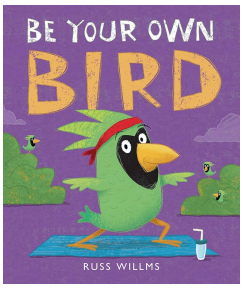

Picture Book

Be Your Own Bird

Russ Willms

BE YOUR OWN BIRD is book about mindfulness, self-acceptance, confidence, and bird yoga (yes, you read that correctly...).

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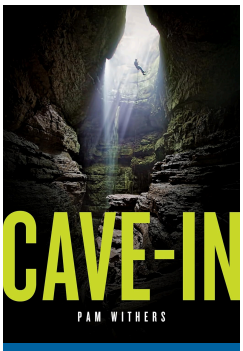
English (North America): Beaming Books



Young Adult

Cave-In

Pam Withers

CAVE-IN combines nail-biting caving adventure with a clash between industry and the environment.

Sixteen-year-old caving sensation Hudson Greer just wants to explore the underground wonders beneath his small town. More specifically, he wants to discover the secret passage he believes links two mapped labyrinths. But the region has a reputation for sink-hole catastrophes, and he and his friends get pulled into investigating what may be nefarious developers operating in a way that causes cave-ins.

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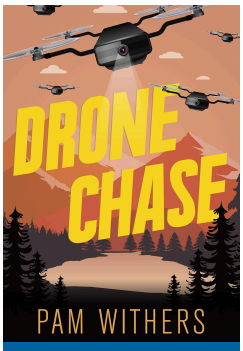

Young Adult

Drone Chase

Pam Withers

Ray will need every ounce of his drone skills and outdoor smarts to recover his missing bear cub before poachers get to it first.

When his orphan bear cub goes missing, sixteen-year-old drone enthusiast Ray McLellan decides to use his airborne spying skills to find it. Little does he know that a bear-poaching gang operating in the surrounding forest has drones too—and a cold welcome for those who would attempt to take them down.

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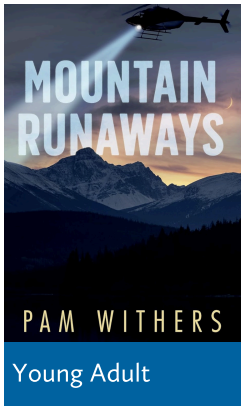

Young Adult

Mountain Runaways

Pam Withers

Will their wilderness skills be enough to survive the dangerous Rocky Mountains?

First an avalanche in the Canadian Rocky Mountains kills their parents. Then Children's Services threatens to separate them. That's when the three Gunnarsson kids decide to run away into the mountains and fend for themselves until the oldest turns eighteen and becomes their legal guardian.

Rights Sold:

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