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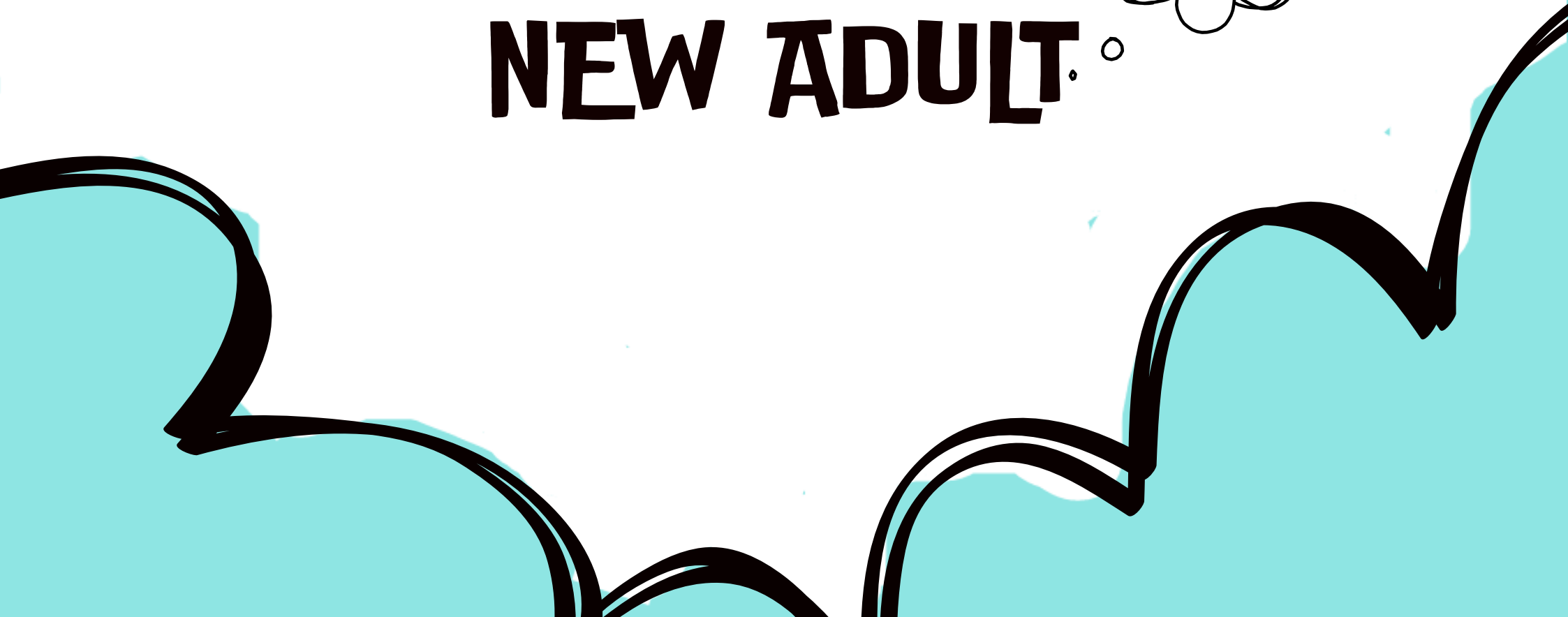
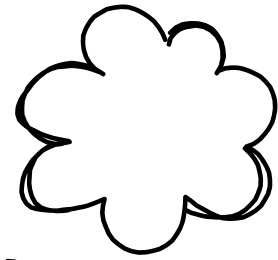
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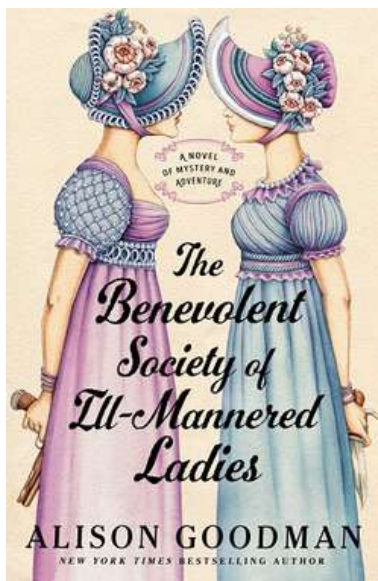
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**NEW ADULT.**





JILL GRINBERG

## LITERARY MANAGEMENT

Regency Historical Novel

464 pages

Berkley Books (Penguin),

May 2023

### Available rights

Portugal, Brazil

### Sold to

Spain (Penguin Random House)

Book 2  
coming soon!

# The Benevolent Society of Ill-Mannered Ladies

— Alison Goodman —

A high society amateur detective at the heart of Regency London uses her wits and invisibility as an 'old maid' to protect other women in a new and fiercely feminist historical mystery series from New York Times bestselling author Alison Goodman.

Lady Augusta Colebrook, "Gus," is determinedly unmarried, bored by society life, and tired of being dismissed at the age of forty-two. She and her twin sister, Julia, who is grieving her dead betrothed, need a distraction. One soon presents itself: to rescue their friend's goddaughter, Caroline, from her violent husband.

The sisters set out to Caroline's country estate with a plan, but their carriage is accosted by a highwayman. In the scuffle, Gus accidentally shoots and injures the ruffian, only to discover he is Lord Evan Belford, an acquaintance from their past who was charged with murder and exiled to Australia twenty years ago. What follows is a high adventure full of danger, clever improvisation, heart-racing near misses, and a little help from a revived and rather charming Lord Evan.

Back in London, Gus can't stop thinking about her unlikely (not to mention handsome) comrade-in-arms. She is convinced Lord Evan was falsely accused of murder, and she is going to prove it. She persuades Julia to join her in a quest to help Lord Evan, and others in need--society be damned! And so begins the beguiling secret life and adventures of the Colebrook twins.

## Key Selling Points

The headstrong main character is reminiscent of the powerful female leads in *Bridgerton*

Themes of women supporting other women!

"Think of the *Bridgerton* novels with the steamy sex replaced by female-forward action sequences." - Kirkus Reviews



## ALLIANCE RIGHTS AGENCY

RomCom

352 pages

Amara (Entangled),

June 2023

### Available rights

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

# You've Been Served

— Kristen Alicia —

Legally Blonde meets Jasmine Guillory's *The Proposal* when a young Black woman leaves her career as a chef and starts law school on the whim of a Magic 8 Ball.

Simone Alexander didn't mean to end up back in school. She's a chef, and a pretty good one at that, but when she finds herself without a job or money, she asks a Magic 8 Ball if she should go to law school. Much to her chagrin, it says yes.

When Simone cruises onto campus, she assumes she won't have to work too hard to do well. She never has before. But law school is not what she expected: the professors are intimidating, the classes grueling, and the other students seem to have their lives all mapped out. After a few weeks, Simone isn't sure leaving her life as a chef was the right decision. She needs help, and fast.

Simone's only option: the insufferable Silas Whitman. When Simone bumps into Silas before school, she expects him to be a temporary nuisance. He's a little brash, a little blunt, and a total gunner, but he's Simone's best hope of surviving. Plus, he's pretty cute when he's not being difficult. As they spend more time together, Silas charms Simone and quite literally sings his way into her heart.

With her life and love up in the air, Simone must decide what she wants and where her heart ultimately lies.

## Key Selling Points

Exciting new voice! Debut author Kristen Alicia writes strong modern heroines perfect for today's most savvy reader.

Diverse Stories: This BIPOC author brings a fresh take on a familiar trope, breathing new life into the genre.



## THE SEYMOUR AGENCY

Romantasy

512 pages

Entangled, September 2023

### Available rights

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

# Bloodguard

— Cecy Robson —

Gladiator **meets a gender reversal on** The Handmaid's Tale **in this searingly hot and dangerously addictive New Adult fantasy romance from award-winning author Cecy Robson, where one man must fight to become the next Bloodguard if he hopes to save his family—and his new love.**

They took everything from me.

My home. Family. My freedom. Even my free will. All they have left me with is this body, honed after six years of gladiator battles, death, and fighting just for the right to breathe another day.

But once I am crowned Bloodguard and granted my freedom, my body will become a weapon of revenge. It's time that the elves- who killed us, enslaved us, and stained our hands red with the blood of our friends- pay for a century of vicious cruelty against this kingdom.

Now I'm almost free. I can almost taste it, savor the crown that tens of thousands have died for.

Which is exactly when I am placed in the care of Maeve, a healer elf with a sharp tongue, and gods help me, I want her. I want her with all the rage and bitterness and pain of the life I've lost.

Having her, loving her... It's a fate far worse than death.

Because when you have nothing left but revenge, love is the only thing that can destroy you.

## Key Selling Points

Both a metaphor for the immigrant experience and a captivatingly romantic read.

Cecy Robson is a multi-published international author, double-nominated RITA® finalist, Maggie Award winner, and an Award of Excellence winner.

# Heavenbreaker

— Sarah Wolf —

**A new and incredible romantasy duology by NYT Bestseller Sara Wolf, first known for the Lovely Vicious and Bring Me Their Hearts series**



## THE SEYMOUR AGENCY

Romantasy

384 pages

Entangled, April 2024

### Available rights

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

In Synali von Hauteclare's world, blood is all that matters.

In a massive space station that houses the last of humanity, the King rules. Nobles dance. Commoners starve. And when they aren't starving, they watch the riding tournaments between the giant robots called 'steeds' - once used in the war against the enemy - now repurposed for honorable lance-to-lance high-speed combat with a gravity generator. Only nobles may have the honor of riding. Only nobles may have the glory. Only nobles have the blood.

In Synali von Hauteclare's world, she's a bastard; her mother a commoner, her father a duke. And she's just killed him.

But he killed first.

Seven people in House Hauteclare helped her father hire an assassin to kill her and her mother. Synali survived. Her mother did not. And now Synali will do anything to make them pay, even ally with Dravik, the enigmatic bastard prince of the King.

Dravik offers Synali a deal - for every win she scores in the upcoming Supernova Cup, he will kill one of the seven. She's never ridden, and the steed Dravik gives her - Heavenbreaker - sings strange lullabies in its hangar—and, increasingly, in her mind.

But blood is all that matters. And she will ensure they see much of it.

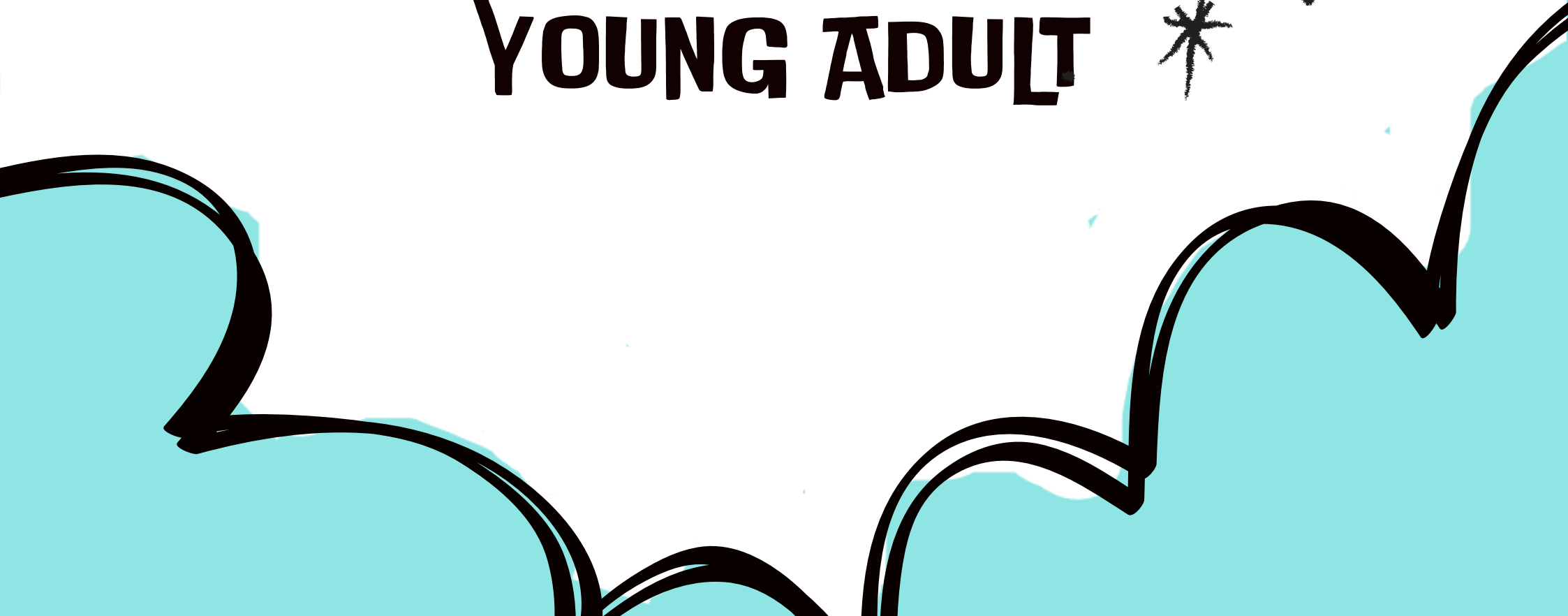
## Key Selling Points

Sara Wolf is a NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author and her titles have been translated into: French, German, Hungarian, Russian and Polish

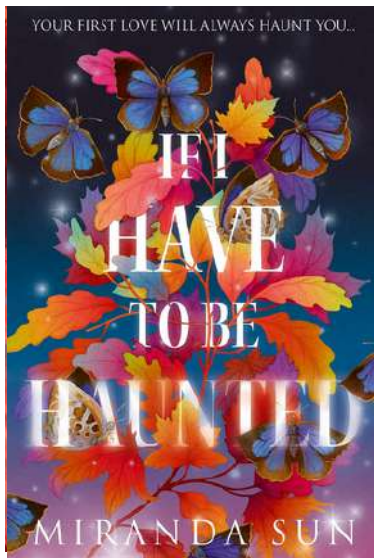
A Goodreads "YA Best Book of the Month"

An Amazon "Best Book of the Month: Science Fiction & Fantasy"

**YOUNG ADULT**







**TARYN FAGERNESS**

**Contemporary,  
Paranormal Fantasy**

384 pages

**Magpie, September 2023**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

**Sold to**

UK (Magpie/Voyager)

## If I Have To Be Haunted

— Miranda Sun —

**Cemetery Boys meets Legendborn in this romantic YA contemporary fantasy debut that follows a teenage Chinese American ghost speaker who (reluctantly) makes a deal to raise her nemesis from the dead.**

Cara Tang doesn't want to be haunted.

Look, the dead have issues, and Cara has enough of her own. Her overbearing mother insists she be the "perfect" Chinese American daughter—which means suppressing her ghost speaking powers—and she keeps getting into fights with Zacharias Coleson, the local golden boy whose smirk makes her want to set things on fire.

Then she stumbles across Zach's dead body in the woods. He's even more infuriating as a ghost, but Cara's the only one who can see him—and save him.

Agreeing to resurrect him puts her at odds with her mother, draws her into a dangerous liminal world of monsters and magic—and worse, leaves her stuck with Zach. Yet as she and Zach grow closer, forced to depend on each other to survive, Cara finds the most terrifying thing is that she might not hate him so much after all.

Maybe this is why her mother warned her about ghosts.

### Key Selling Points

Delightful and compulsively readable, this contemporary fantasy features a snarky voice, a magnetic enemies-to-lovers romance, and a spirited adventure through a magical, unpredictable world hidden within our own.

"A fast-paced, electric gem of a story. Miranda Sun crafts a perfect adventure that mixes beguiling prose with a gorgeous cultural element. Cara is a heroine that I adore and readers today absolutely need." Chloe Gong, New York Times bestselling author of *These Violent Delights*



**TARYN FAGERNESS**

**LGBTQ+ Romantic Retelling**

384 pages

**HarperTeen, March 2024**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

## Icarus

— K. Ancrum —

**A YA take on The Goldfinch mixed with Aristotle and Dante Discover the Universe, it's a story that digs into the weight of family trauma and the power of new love.**

Ever since he was a young boy, Icarus has been helping his father steal works of art from a local wealthy man. Impossible masterpieces, replaced by the intricate, perfect replicas his father makes in their small apartment.

His life revolves around these heists, and he hasn't had time to develop any real friendships. His relationships in high school are surface level at best, and he yearns for something more. Some real kind of connection. And this relationship with his father is anything but normal, where he's treated more like an employee than a child.

But all that changes, when during one heist, he meets Helios, a boy his age who seems to live in the massive house. He wears a security anklet and is unable to leave, living under lock and key thanks to his abusive father.

The same man Icarus and his dad have been stealing from.

The two become fast friends, bonding over their complicated families and lonely existences, and begin planning a life together. But as dark family secrets bubble to the surface, as they dig into the reasons behind Icarus' heists and their fathers' pasts, they'll have to face the storied histories of their families, if they hope to carve out a life of their own.

### Key Selling Points

USA Today bestselling author of the *WICKER KING & MURDER OF CROWS*

Told in short chapters with a fresh, engaging, almost poetic writing style, this modern (and very loose) retelling of the story of Icarus and Daedalus

A Junior Library Guild Selection

"[A] brisk, absorbing mystery....Gruesomely cool." – Kirkus Reviews

"Filled with fun and scary moments, this is the perfect book for those who love engrossing, crime-based tales with a twist." – Booklist



**TARYN FAGERNESS**

**Thriller, Romcom**

320 pages

**Delacorte, September 2023**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

**Previous work sold to**

Brazil (Buzz)

## The Revenge Game

— Jordyn Taylor —

**A wickedly comic feminist mystery about the dark side of a hopeless romantic's seemingly perfect love story—for readers of Jessica Goodman and Kara Thomas.**

Alyson is a romantic, and sometimes it gets her into trouble. Like last summer, she thought her co-worker was into her, when in reality he found her flirting pathetic.

Then she meets Brenton Riggs Jr., and right away she knows that their connection isn't just in her head. When he swoops in to save her one night from a less than savory party encounter, she falls head-over-heels. Finally, someone Alyson likes who likes her back!

But when she finds out about the King's Cup—a competition the guy's at their boarding school started to see who has the most sexual prowess—she's put on edge. Does Brenton really want to be with her, or is he just trying to win? Then Alyson and the other girls at the school start a competition of their own: The Queen's Cup. It's all about reclaiming their power. But as the competition heats up, Alyson's relationship begins to fall apart—and it isn't long before the cracks in her perfect love story start to show through.

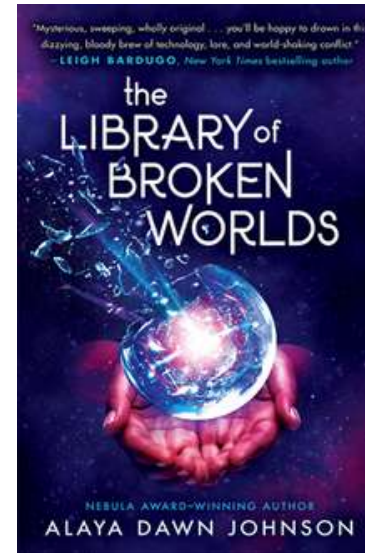
### Key Selling Points

Feminist ideals: young girls proving their worth by challenging the young boys at their school

\* Bank Street's Best Children's Books of the Year 2022

\* Finalist for the Forest of Reading White Pine Award

\* Shortlisted for the Crime Writers of Canada Award of Excellence for Best Juvenile/YA Crime Book



**JILL GRINBERG**

**LITERARY MANAGEMENT**

**Fantasy**

448 pages

**Scholastic Press, June 2023**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

"Mysterious, sweeping, wholly original, and anchored by an extraordinary heroine as wily as she is vulnerable. (...) [I]t will leave you drunk with visions of strange worlds and new gods, so compelling you'll be happy to drown in this dizzying, bloody brew of technology, lore, and world-shaking conflict."

**Leigh Bardugo, bestselling author of the Grishaverse and Ninth House**

### Key Selling Points

A kaleidoscopic, thought-provoking tale of oppression and the cost of peace

"One of the most haunting and lovely tales I've ever read. Modern epic poetry. Wow." – N.K. Jemison, author of *The Fifth Season*

## The Library of Broken Worlds

— Alaya Dawn Johnson —

**A girl and a god, alone in communion...**

In the winding underground tunnels of the Library, the great peacekeeper of the three systems, a heinous secret lies buried—and Freida is the only one who can uncover it. As the daughter of a Library god, Freida has spent her whole life exploring the Library's ever-changing tunnels and communing with the gods. Her unparalleled access makes her unique -- and dangerous.

When Freida meets Joshua, a Tierran boy desperate to save his people, and Nergüi, a Disciple from a persecuted religious minority, Freida is compelled to help them. But in order to do so, she will have to venture deeper into the Library than she has ever known. There she will discover the atrocities of the past, the truth of her origins, and the impossibility of her future.

With the world at the brink of war, Freida embarks on a journey to fulfill her destiny, one that pits her against an ancient war god. Her mission is straightforward: Destroy the god before he can rain hellfire upon thousands of innocent lives—if he doesn't destroy her first.

# Nightmare-Verse series

—L.L. McKinney—



MACMILLAN

Romantasy; Retelling

416 pages

Feiwel & Friends,

#1, September 2018

#2, September 2019

#3, April 2023

Available rights

Spain

Portugal

For fans of Marissa Meyer, L.L. McKinney's *A Blade So Black* delivers an irresistible urban fantasy retelling of *Alice in Wonderland*... but it's not the *Wonderland* you remember.

The first time the Nightmares came, it nearly cost Alice her life. Now she's trained to battle monstrous creatures in the dark dream realm known as *Wonderland* with magic weapons and hardcore fighting skills. Yet even warriors have a curfew.

Life in real-world Atlanta isn't always so simple, as Alice juggles an overprotective mom, a high-maintenance best friend, and a slipping GPA. Keeping the Nightmares at bay is turning into a full-time job. But when Alice's handsome and mysterious mentor is poisoned, she has to find the antidote by venturing deeper into *Wonderland* than she's ever gone before. And she'll need to use everything she's learned in both worlds to keep from losing her head . . . literally.

"A brash, refreshing, vitally diverse retelling of a classic... You need this book." —*Tor.com*

"*A Blade So Black* is a novel that roars mightily in the face of all those *Wonderland* tales that have come before. L.L. McKinney is on her way to someplace special with this debut; get onboard now." —*Locus* magazine

"An epic about Black Girl Magic." —*We Need Diverse Books* blog

"An explosive, kickass debut... *The Alice in Wonderland* retelling the world has always needed." —*Booklist*, starred review



In L.L. McKinney's *A Dream So Dark*, the thrilling sequel to *A Blade So Black*, Alice goes deeper into a dark version of *Wonderland*.

Still reeling from her recent battle (and grounded until she graduates), Alice must abandon her friends to complete her mission: find *The Heart* and prevent the *Red Lady*'s rise. But the deeper she ventures into *Wonderland*, the more topsy-turvy everything becomes. It's not until she's at her wits end that she realizes—*Wonderland* is trying to save her.

There's a new player on the board; a poet capable of using Nightmares to not only influence the living but raise the dead. This *Poet* is looking to claim the *Black Queen*'s power—and Alice's budding abilities—as their own.

Dreams have never been so dark in *Wonderland*, and if there is any hope of defeating this mystery poet's magic, Alice must confront the worst in herself, in the people she loves, and in the very nature of fear itself.



Alice must save *Wonderland* from itself in *A Crown So Cursed*, the long-awaited third book in L.L. McKinney's *Nightmare-Verse* series.

Alice and her crew are doing their best to recover from the last boss battle, but some of them keep having these . . . dreams: visions of a dark past—and an even darker future. Sadly, the evil in *Wonderland* may not be as defeated as they'd hoped.

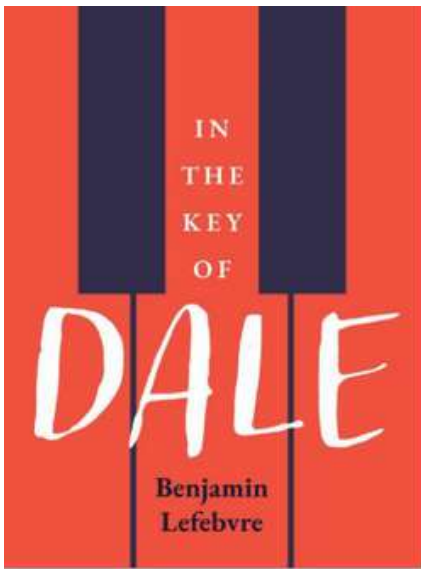
Attacked by Nightmares unlike any they've ever seen, Alice will have to step between the coming darkness and the mortal world once more. But this time is different. This time, the monsters aren't waiting for her on the other side of the *Veil*.

They're in her own back yard.

## Key Selling Points

"A breakout author." —*Entertainment Weekly*

"With memorable characters and page-turning thrills, the *Nightmare-Verse* is the fantasy series I've been waiting for my whole life. Alice is *Black Girl Magic* personified." —*Angie Thomas*, #1 *New York Times*-bestselling author of *The Hate U Give*



## In the Key of Dale

— Benjamin Lefebvre —

**For fans of the Netflix series Heartstopper, a disarming coming-of-age novel about a queer teen music prodigy who discovers pieces of himself in places he never thought to look**

Sixteen-year-old Dale Cardigan is a loner who's managed to make himself completely invisible at his all-boys high school. He doesn't fit with his classmates (he gives them funny nicknames in his head), his stepbrother (nobody at school knows they're related), or even his mother (she never quite sees how gifted a musician Dale might be)—but they don't fit with him either. And he's fine with that. To him, high school and home are stages to endure until his real life can finally begin.

After Dale is unable to locate his father's grave at the cemetery, he starts writing letters addressed to his father, initially to tell him everything he can't bring himself to tell his mother and soon as a way to keep track of some unexpected developments. Somewhat against his will, he befriends his classmate Rusty, who gets a rare look at Dale's complex life outside school. Their friendship gets awkward when it seems Dale's growing attraction to Rusty is doomed to remain one-sided, but it's to Rusty that Dale turns when he stumbles upon a family secret.

**WESTWOOD  
CREATIVE ARTISTS**

**LGBTQ+ Coming of age**  
300 pages  
**Arsenal Pulp Press,  
November 2022**

**Available rights**  
Spain, Portugal

### Key Selling Points

A beguiling book about growing up, fitting in, and finding a way out of grief and loneliness toward the melodic light of adulthood.

"In the Key of Dale is pitch perfect. I fell in love with Dale Cardigan, and I couldn't stop turning the pages." – Bill Konigsberg, award-winning author of The Music of What Happens



## The Meadows

— Stephanie Oakes —

**You may recall The Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly and The Arsonist- Stephanie is back with another powerful YA novel**

**A queer, YA Handmaid's Tale meets Never Let Me Go about a dystopian society bent on relentless conformity, and the struggle of one girl to save herself and those she loves from a life of lies**

Everyone hopes for a letter--to attend the Estuary, the Pines, the Glades, the Meadows. These are the special places where only the best and brightest go to burn even brighter.

When Eleanor gets her letter, she knows she's freed from her hardscrabble life by the sea, in a country ravaged by climate disaster. But despite the Meadows' luminous facilities, endless fields, and pretty things, it keeps dark secrets.

Four years later, Eleanor and her friends seem free of the Meadows, changed but not in the ways they expected. Eleanor is an adjudicator, ensuring her former classmates don't stray from the lives they've been conditioned to live.

But Eleanor can't escape her past, or thoughts of the girl she once loved. Because Rose isn't here anymore. And as secrets emerge that force Eleanor to grapple with her history, she must wage a dangerous battle for her own identity and for the full truth of what happened to the girl she lost, knowing if she's not careful, Rose's fate could be her own.

**PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE**

**LGBTQ+ Speculative Sci-Fi**  
608 pages  
**Dial, September 2023**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal

**Rights sold**

UK (Harper Australia)  
Czech (Host Vydavatelstvi)  
Georgian (Palitra)  
Polish (JK Wydawnictwo)  
Russian (Eksmo)  
Italy (Mondadori)

### Key Selling Points

Morris Award Honor Book | Golden Kite Honor Book | Booklist Editors' Choice | New York Public Library Best Book for Teens | Texas TAYSHAS Top Ten Book

"Beautiful and harrowing." - Booklist, starred review

"Suspense, dread, and hope intermingle in Oakes's charged, page-turning debut." Publishers Weekly, starred review

"A page-turner in the truest form of the phrase." – Bustle



**JILL GRINBERG**  
**LITERARY MANAGEMENT**

**Dark Romantic Fantasy**  
384 pages  
**Henry Holt, October 2023**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

**Unholy Terrors**

— **Lyndall Clipstone** —

**A deeply romantic, captivating tale sure to lure readers into a story full of monsters, dark magic, and the tenuous bond between two people on opposite sides of a war**

Everline Blackthorn has devoted her life to the wardens— necromantic warriors who guard against unholy monsters known as the vespertine. Everline is desperate to prove herself, but unlike other wardens, she is unable to wield magic.

When a series of strange omens occur, Everline disobeys orders sneaks out from the enclave to investigate, desperate for answers about her birth—and her mother's death.

On the dangerous moorland, Everline uncovers a startling truth in the form of Ravel Severin: a rogue vespertine who reveals the monsters have secrets of their own. Everline knows she is sworn to kill Ravel, but when she realises the answers to her past lie at the heart of the Thousandfold—the vespertine enclave protected by powerful magic—she makes the dangerous choice to ask for his help instead.

Ravel promises to get her the answers she needs, but he demands a price. Vespertine magic requires blood, and if Everline wants Ravel to act as her guide, she will have to allow him to feed from her.

It's a sin for a warden to feed a vespertine— let alone love one— and when their mutual dislike turns to attraction, Everline is torn between her vows and her heart. As she and Ravel travel further across the moorland, Everline realizes the question isn't whether she will survive the journey, but if she will return unchanged...

**Key Selling Points**

"A stunning fantasy romance with claws—literally—Clipstone once again proves herself a veritable force of a storyteller. With evocative, lyrical prose and deftly-woven atmosphere, Unholy Terrors coaxes beauty from the monstrous and suggests that, just maybe, the two aren't so different after all. A must-read that begs to be devoured, but is certainly worth savoring."

– M.K. Lobb, author of Seven Faceless Saints

"Unholy Terrors is a deeply romantic, captivating tale sure to lure readers into a story full of monsters, dark magic, and the tenuous bond between two people on opposite sides of a war. Get ready to binge read because I literally could not put this down!"

– Bridey Morris, bookseller at RJ Julia Booksellers

"Dark, brooding, and charged with desire." – Lauren Abesames, bookseller at Wind City Books

**Darker by Four**

— **June C Tan** —



**TARYN FAGERNESS**  
**AGENCY**

**Romantasy**  
384 pages  
**Entangled, April 2024**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

**Sold to**

UK (Hodder)

**The next YA from Jade Fire Gold author June CL Tan is a dark contemporary fantasy that's shadow Hunter meets the Chinese underworld - For fans of Legendborn by Tracy Deonn, VE Schwab's Shades of Magic, and Neil Gaiman's Neverwhere**

Four years ago, Rui was attacked, and her mother killed by a Revenant, dark vampiric creatures formed when the souls of the newly deceased are infected by the Blight, a supernatural virus that feeds on negative emotions. Ever since, Rui's trained to be an Exorcist—one of the elite, magically gifted soldiers who are the only line of defense against Revenants. She's the best cadet at her academy and plans to join the Exorcist Guild when she graduates so that she might one day avenge her mother's death. But the job has only grown more difficult lately, as the Revenants have been mutating and rumors of a dangerous new sort of Revenant—a Hybrid Revenant—grow every day.

The powerful Exorcist Guild that controls the human city's safety with its Exorcists, on the other hand, plainly denies the existence of Hybrid Revenants. Run by the influential Song family, they have painstakingly covered up each and every report, ostensibly to prevent mass panic in the city. But as the rumors build, the Song Family slowly loses its grip on their cover story.

When Rui saves Yiran, the magic-less, black sheep of the Song family, from a Revenant attack, a spell gone wrong splits her magic from her and binds it to him. Even though the excess magic might kill him, Yiran wants to keep it, and he secretly decides to find a way to do so. Rui, though, is desperate to get her magic back—she can't have her revenge without it.

As the threat of Hybrids grows and the city is besieged, Yiran realizes his family isn't who he thought they were. And the unusual circumstances of Rui's own birth are revealed, putting her at the center of a mystery involving Hell, gods, and Hybrids.

**Key Selling Points**

HarperCollins Children's owns a sequel; planned publication is early 2025.  
A Goodreads "YA Best Book of the Month"

"Effective worldbuilding and vivid imagery suck the reader in to Tan's high-fantasy, Chinese folklore-inspired world written from two perspectives. A strong cast of supporting characters—including a closeted emperor, a mysterious priest, and a queer spy couple—rounds out a book rooted in themes of power and imperialism." –

Publishers Weekly, **starred review** of JADE FIRE GOLD



**PENGUIN**

**Dark Romantic Fantasy**

336 pages

**Rocky Pond Books,  
October 2023**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal

### Key Selling Points

This spellbinding novel mixes prose and poetry into an exquisite and evocative portrait of love, grief, depression, and the slow path toward healing.

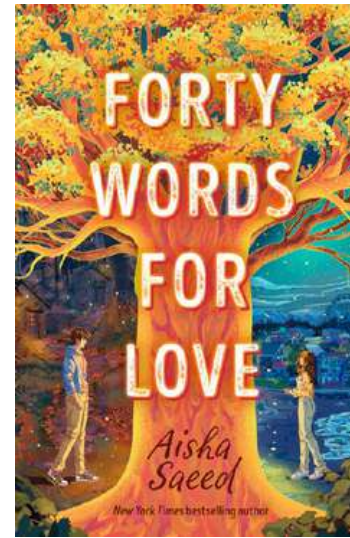
## The Night Fox

—Ashley Wilda—

**This luminous, haunting debut, alternating between now and then, reality and magic, tells the story of a girl confronting heartbreak while at a mysterious recovery program in the wilderness.**

When seventeen-year-old Eli arrives at Raeth, a remote mountain retreat for teens with mental health issues, her mind is made up—she is not interested in participating, and she doesn't need to "heal." Still reeling from a breakup that left both her heart and faith shattered, she is determined to fake being "fine" so that the program's warden will clear her to return home.

But the retreat itself has other ideas. The valley's magical surroundings transform each time she ventures out, playing with her mind and dredging up her grief-laden memories. Despite the warning signs, Eli explores more of the area than she had ever planned, even venturing into the dangerous night realm.



**PENGUIN**

**Magic and Romance**

304 pages

**Kokila, August 2023**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal

**Previous titles sold to**

**Amal Unbound:**

Albanian (Living Publishing)

ANZ (Text Publishing)

Complex Chinese (Global Kids)

Simplified Chinese (Love Reading)

Farsi (Porteghaal)

French, Canada (Groupe Sogides)

French, France (Editions du Seuil)

Japanese (Saela Shobo)

Russian (Clever Media)

Sinhala (Subavi)

Turkish (Beyaz Balina)

**Omar Rising:**

ANZ (Text Publishing)

Turkish (Beyaz Balina)

## Forty Words for Love

—Aisha Seed —

**In this luminous young adult novel by New York Times bestselling author Aisha Saeed, two teen protagonists grow from friends to something more in the aftermath of a tragedy in their magical town.**

Moonlight Bay is a magical place—or it was once. After a tragic death mars the town, the pink and lavender waters in the bay turn gray, and the forest that was a refuge for newcomers becomes a scourge to the townspeople. Almost overnight, the entire town seems devoid of life and energy. The tourists have stopped coming. And the people in the town are struggling.

This includes the two teens at the heart of our story: Yasmine and Rafay. Yasmine is a child of the town, and her parents are trying and failing to make ends meet. Rafay is an immigrant, a child of Willow Forest. The forest of Moonlight Bay was where people from Rafay's community relocated when their home was destroyed. Except Moonlight Bay is no longer a welcoming refuge, and tensions between the townspeople and his people are growing.

Yasmine and Rafay have been friends since Rafay first arrived, nearly ten years ago. As they've gotten older, their friendship has blossomed. Not that they would ever act on these feelings. The forest elders have long warned that falling in love with "outsiders" will lead to devastating consequences for anyone from Willow Forest. But is this actually true? Can Yasmine and Rafay find a way to be together despite it all?

### Key Selling Points

**Aisha Saeed is the author of the New York Times bestseller Amal Unbound, Written in the Stars, Yes No Maybe So (with Becky Albertalli), and Diana and the Island of No Return.**

**Friends-to-lovers trope in a magical environment**



# The Great Misfortune of Stella Sedgwick

— S. Isabelle —

**Perfect for fans of Bridgerton, with shades of The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue, THE GREAT MISFORTUNE OF STELLA SEDGWICK stars a heroine with both Austen-esque wit and a glorious afro**

Eighteen-year-old Stella Sedgwick is a lost cause, at least according to her aunt. After striking a racist boy, she's ousted from the finishing lessons her aunt provided, and is left with two options for her future— become a servant or get married. If only she were more like her refined cousin, who has been raised to be the perfect bride.

Though Stella longs to carve her own path, 1860s England offers little opportunity for a sharp-tongued, dark-skinned girl until, that is, a letter upends Stella's world. Her dead mother's former employer—the wealthy Thomas Fitzroy—summons her to London. On his deathbed, he bequeaths her one of the family's great estates, but such an inheritance will precipitate a legal battle, one that would be much easier if Stella were married. Stella's return to London also reunites her with the Fitzroy heir Nathaniel, her childhood best friend, now something of a stranger to her, despite their former closeness.

Stella has little desire to create a space for herself in lily-white society, but London presents other opportunities, like picking up her mother's old advice column where "Fiona Flippant" anonymously guided readers through upper-class perils. It turns out the dresses and balls aren't so bad, though the stares and insults sometimes feel impossible to navigate. Things only grow more complicated with the attention of handsome suitors and Stella's increasingly tempestuous relationship with Nathaniel. As new opportunities arise and old secrets are uncovered, Stella must decide when to play by the rules, when to break them, and when to let herself follow her heart.

## TARYN FAGERNESS

**Regency Romance**

384 pages

**Inkyard Press, June 2024**

## Available rights

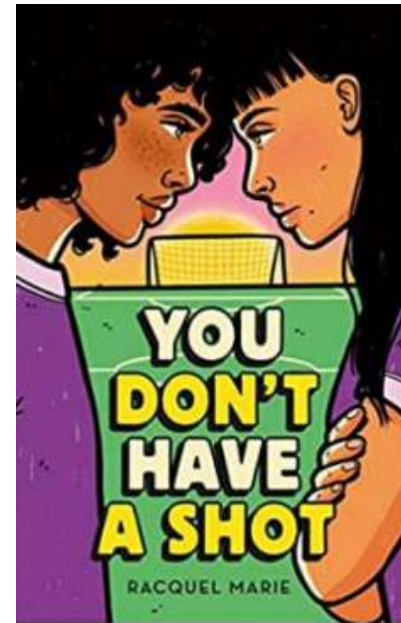
Spain, Portugal, Brazil

### Key Selling Points

"S. Isabelle's debut delivers a wonderfully atmospheric and inclusive magical world, full of danger, drama and forever friendship...The Witchery is a thoroughly modern novel steeped in satisfyingly classic witch lore." — Shelf Awareness on *The Witchery*

Brings representation to a genre that desperately needs it

Sold in a two-book, significant deal!



## SANDRA DIJKSTRA LITERARY AGENCY

**LGBTQ+ Contemporary Romance**

**Feiwei & Friends,**

**May 2023**

## Available rights

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

# You Don't Have a Shot

— Racquel Marie —

**A queer YA romance about rival soccer players from author Racquel Marie, perfect for fans of She Drives Me Crazy**

Valentina "Vale" Castillo-Green's life revolves around soccer. Her friends, her future, and her father's intense expectations are all wrapped up in the beautiful game. But after she incites a fight during playoffs with her long-time rival, Leticia Ortiz, everything she's been working toward seems to disappear.

Embarrassed and desperate to be anywhere but home, Vale escapes to her beloved childhood soccer camp for a summer of relaxation and redemption...only to find out that she and the endlessly aggravating Leticia will be co-captaining a team that could play in front of college scouts. But the competition might be stiffer than expected, so unless they can get their rookie team's act together, this second chance—and any hope of playing college soccer—will slip through Vale's fingers. When the growing pressure, friendship friction, and her overbearing father push Vale to turn to Leticia for help, what starts off as a shaky alliance of necessity begins to blossom into something more through a shared love of soccer...and maybe each other.

Sharp, romantic, and deeply emotional, **You Don't Have a Shot** is a rivals-to-lovers romance about rediscovering your love of the game and yourself, from the author of **Ophelia After All**.

### Key Selling Points

"You Don't Have a Shot has every ingredient that makes rivals-to-lovers such a great trope, but it's also so much more. It's a story of grief and loss, of legacy, of culture, of holding the things and people that bring us joy close. I don't think anyone will be surprised when I say that Racquel Marie has done it again: this is truly young adult contemporary at its best."

—Jonny Garza Villa *Pura Belpré Honor Book* *Fifteen Hundred Miles from the Sun*

"A fearless and fiery winner. A captivating story of growth, redemption, and the unexpectedly beautiful places we find hope with a romance readers will unanimously cheer for."

—Julian Winters, award-winning author of *Running With Lions*



**HARPERCOLLINS**

**LGBTQ+ Historical Fiction**  
 HarperCollins,  
 October 2023

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

**Charming Young Man**

— Eliot Schrefer —

It all started with a boy who loved the piano...

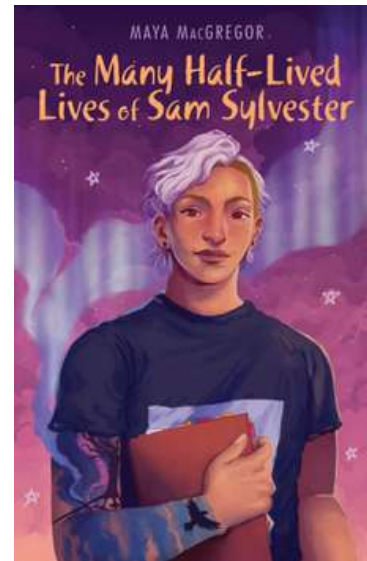
They say Léon Delafosse will be France's next great pianist. As a sixteen-year-old from a small country town, he knows making that happen will keep his family afloat. Even though he's the youngest student ever accepted into the prestigious Paris Conservatory, there's no way for an impoverished musician to make his way in 1890s Paris without an outside patron to pave his way.

**From New York Times bestselling author Eliot Schrefer comes an exuberant YA historical coming-of-age novel about a rising star French pianist, navigating his way into high society as he explores his sexuality. Perfect for fans of Last Night at the Telegraph Club and The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue.**

**Key Selling Points**

Eliot Schrefer is a two-time National Book Award Finalist and a Stonewall Book Award winner.

A distinct, witty, and transformational tale.



**KT LIITERARY**

**LGBTQ+ Mystery**

352 pages

**Boyd's, Mills & Kane /  
 Astra Publishing,  
 May 2022**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal

**Sold to**

Polan (Spoleczny)

**The Many Half-Lived Lives of Sam Sylvester**

— Maya MacGregor —

**In this queer contemporary YA mystery, a nonbinary teen with autism realizes they must not only solve a 30-year-old mystery but also face the demons lurking in their past in order to live a satisfying life.**

Sam Sylvester has long collected stories of half-lived lives —of kids who died before they turned nineteen. Sam was almost one of them.

Yet Sam's life seems to be on the upswing after meeting several new friends and a potential love interest in Shep, their next-door neighbor. Yet the past keeps roaring back —in Sam's memories and in the form of a thirty-year-old suspicious death that took place in Sam's new home. Sam can't resist trying to find out more about the kid who died and who now seems to guide their investigation. When Sam starts receiving threatening notes, they know they're on the path to uncovering a murderer. But are they also approaching their own end?

"This captivating story centers a memorable, relatable protagonist surrounded by a lovable ensemble cast."

**Kirkus Reviews**, starred review

"MacGregor's thought-provoking prose, evocative settings, and vividly characterized cast combine to provide a hopeful look at survival and closure."

**Publishers Weekly**, starred review

"This vibrantly written debut novel masterfully blends a suspenseful and satisfying paranormal mystery with a sweet and tender love story"

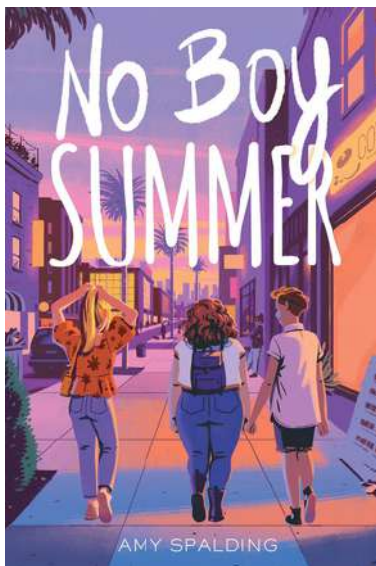
**School Library Journal**, starred review

**Key Selling Points**

Top LGBTQIA+ YA Novels of Summer 2022 at BuzzFeed, Kirkus, Parade and Nerd Daily

Scottish Book Trust Book of the Month, Oct 2022





## No Boy Summer

— Amy Spalding —

**Lydia and her younger sister Penny make a pact to avoid boy drama for the summer—but Lydia can't help looking for a loophole when she falls for a cute girl**

Lydia Jones and her younger sister Penny have had it with boy drama. Last year was marred by relationship disasters for both of them, threatening Lydia's standing with her school's theater tech club and Penny's perfect GPA. Penny has, naturally, diagnosed the problem and prescribed a drastic solution: a summer off from boys.

Lydia and Penny decide to stay with their Aunt Grace and her boyfriend Oscar in Los Angeles while their parents are off on a European cruise. Penny follows her future-business-school dreams with an internship at Oscar's office, and Lydia gets a part-time job at Grace's neighborhood coffeeshop, Grounds Control.

Even when they spent hours, days, weeks dissecting their various boy drama, Lydia's never felt this connected to her sister before, and it makes her wonder what else in her life could be different. She finds herself drawn to a group of friends she meets through her Grounds Control coworker, Margaret, as well as an intriguing customer, Fran, an aspiring filmmaker and—while not the first girl Lydia finds herself attracted to—the first girl who has mutual feelings for her. But she's not breaking her pledge to Penny, right? That was just about boys. Even though in her heart Lydia knows she's bending the rules, she hasn't had a connection with anyone as strong as her connection with Fran, so she thinks it can't be wrong. And Penny won't mind as long as she's happy . . . Right?

"Lydia's relationship validates the bisexual experience through an enjoyable romance. This body- and sex-positive story will hold readers' interest until it eventually reaches its satisfying conclusion. A cute, queer romance plus a sweet exploration of the special bond between sisters."

**Kirkus Reviews**

### KT LITERARY

**LGBTQ+ Contemporary  
Romance**  
304 pages  
**Abrams,  
April 2023**

### Available rights

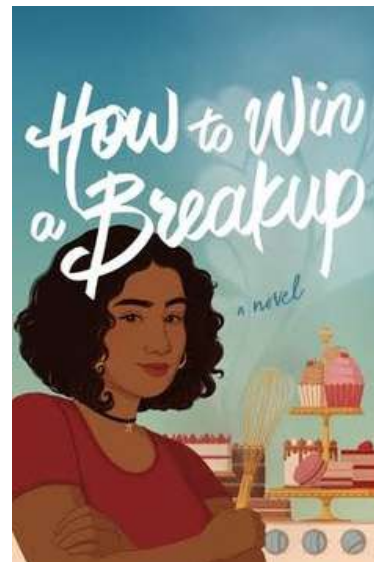
Spain, Portugal

### Key Selling Points

Very high ratings on Goodreads

"Buoyant and genuinely funny. A love letter to summer friends, summer girls, and the city of Los Angeles."

Rainbow Rowell, No. 1 New York Times bestselling author of *Scattered Showers*



## How to Win a Breakup

— Farah Heron —

**An "it" couple's breakup becomes a sporting event in a deliciously charming novel about the games people play in the name of love.**

First, math genius and gamer-nerd Samaya gets dumped by her boyfriend. Then he sabotages her job and hooks up with her frenemy. What could be worse? Clearly, her golden-boy ex is winning the breakup. The only way Samaya can get some rebound cred is to find someone new. Even if she has to fake it.

At a volunteer bake sale, Samaya meets a sweet opportunity. Daniel is a handsome hockey jock and a whiz when it comes to lemon squares and brownies. And he agrees to play along. Quid pro quo. He'll pretend to be the boyfriend of her dreams if Samaya helps him pass calculus.

This may well be the recipe for the best revenge, but Samaya has no idea how complicated it will get. As they whip up an imitation romance, and a bumbleberry pie, resisting each other's very real charms proves impossible. Samaya finds herself on an unexpected journey of secrets, self-discovery, and the true meaning of moving on.

### AMAZON

**Contemporary Romance**  
350 pages  
**Skyscape,  
March, 2023**

### Available rights

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

"A sweet read filled with fashion, flowers, and romance."

—Kirkus Reviews on *Tahira in Bloom*

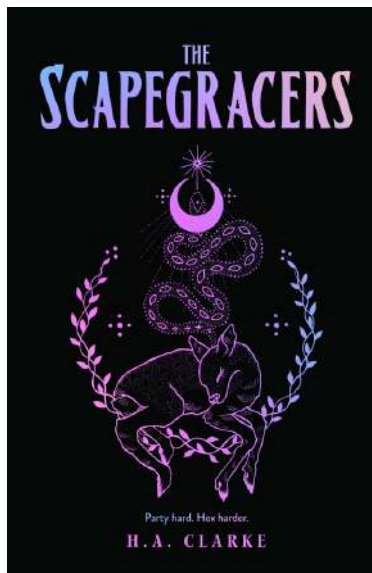
### Key Selling Points

Skyscape acquired the rights to this title and the author's previous novel, *TAHIRA IN BLOOM*, in a six-figure pre-empt

*TAHIRA IN BLOOM* was an Amazon First Reads selection and a #1 Kindle Bestseller in Teen and YA Contemporary Romance.

# Scapegracers series

— H. A. Clarke —



**KENSINGTON**

**LGBTQ+ Romantasy**

400 pages

**Erewhon,**

**September 2020**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

**An outcast teenage lesbian witch finds her coven hidden amongst the popular girls in her school, and performs some seriously badass magic in the process.**

Skulking near the bottom of West High's social pyramid, Sideways Pike lurks under the bleachers doing magic tricks for Coke bottles. As a witch, lesbian, and lifelong outsider, she's had a hard time making friends. But when the three most popular girls pay her \$40 to cast a spell at their Halloween party, Sideways gets swept into a new clique. The unholy trinity are dangerous angels, sugar-coated rattlesnakes, and now-unbelievably-Sideways' best friends.

Together, the four bond to form a ferocious and powerful coven. They plan parties, cast curses on dudebros, try to find Sideways a girlfriend, and elude the fundamentalist witch hunters hellbent on stealing their magic. But for Sideways, the hardest part is the whole 'having friends' thing. Who knew that balancing human interaction with supernatural peril could be so complicated?

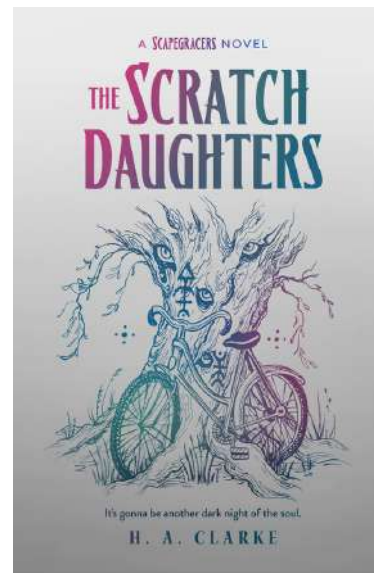
Rich with the urgency of feral youth, *The Scapegracers* explores growing up and complex female friendship with all the rage of a teenage girl. It subverts the trope of competitive mean girls and instead portrays a mercifully supportive clique of diverse and vivid characters. It is an atmospheric, voice-driven novel of the occult, and the first of a three-book series.

**Locus Award Nominee for Best Young Adult Book (2021)**

## Key Selling Points

"Teenage girl magic is palpable, urgent, and simply marvelous in this must-have debut."

**Kirkus Reviews**



**KENSINGTON**

**LGBTQ+ Romantasy**

424 pages

**Erewhon,**

**October 2022**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

It's been a wild year for Sideways Pike. After forming a coven with the three most popular girls in school and developing a huge crush on a mysterious stranger named Madeline, Sideways' Halloween was ruined by finding out that Madeline wasn't trying to make out with her, but to steal Sideways' specter, the force that gives witches the ability to cast magic spells. From Madeline's perspective, it's not her fault: after a doomed relationship with one of the creepy near-identical Chantry Boys turned into a witch hunt, they took her specter, so, really, she's only borrowing Sideways' until she can recover her own and punish the Chantrys.

The specter-less Sideways is in a horrid, distracted mood, unable to do magic and with part of her consciousness tied to Madeline's, on the lam as she uses Sideways' specter to hunt Chantrys. The other Scapegracers are much jollier, heading into the winter holidays, having set up shop as curse crafters for girls in their school who've been done wrong by guys. When Sideways gets a flash of how to track down both her foes at once, she asks the Scapegracers to help entrap them, only to be told her plan is unsafe and unwise. So if she's going to find Madeline, her only ally is Mr. Scratch, the inky book demon currently inhabiting her as life support until she gets her spectre back.

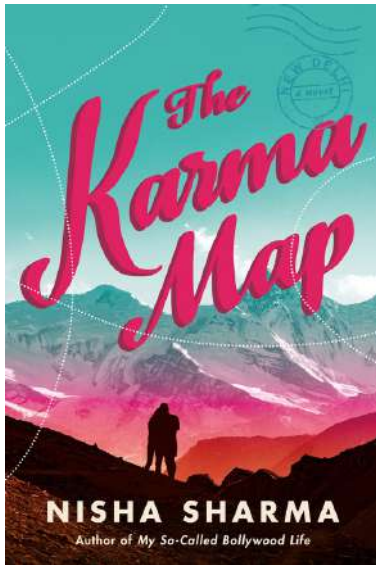
Sideways is used to being an outcast loner, and is desperate to do magic again, so she's not going to let little barriers like facing a betraying crush and a family of six demented witch hunters practically alone stop her. But she and her trusty stolen bike are in for a bumpy ride...

**A Goodreads review from a reader:**



November 23, 2022

It's been over two years since I read the first book, and I was a little worried if I'd be able to jump back in without rereading the first one, but I shouldn't have been worried at all because it was as if I never even left.



**AMAZON**

**Contemporary Romance**

300 pages

**Skyscape**

**March 2023**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

## The Karma Map

— Nisha Sharma —

**A youth group's temple road trip through India is a liberating escape for a former mean girl and sunshine boy to explore their past and their feelings for each other in the much-anticipated novel about self-discovery by the award-winning author of My So-Called Bollywood Life**

Born and raised in the US, Tara Bajaj hides her family secrets. With beautiful clothes, a popular social media presence, and a spot on the Rutgers High Bollywood dance team, she does it well—until her carefully cultivated image shatters. Shut out by friends and with her future in flux, Tara accepts a guide position for a youth group's temple tour through North India. Rediscovering the heart of her ancestry is as good a place as any to start over.

Silas D'Souza-Gupta is an aspiring photojournalist retracing the journey his two mothers took when they fell in love. The last thing he expects on this road trip through his roots is a girl with a history of her own. As Tara and Silas embark on remote pilgrimage sites from Punjab through the Himalayas, They discover what it means to be a child in the Indian diaspora, the significance of karma, and the healing power of love.

"The Karma Map is a perfect book to snuggle up with on a rainy day. A sweet and understated romance filled with the promise of beautiful moments to come and a need to keep those people who truly matter and make you believe close to your heart."

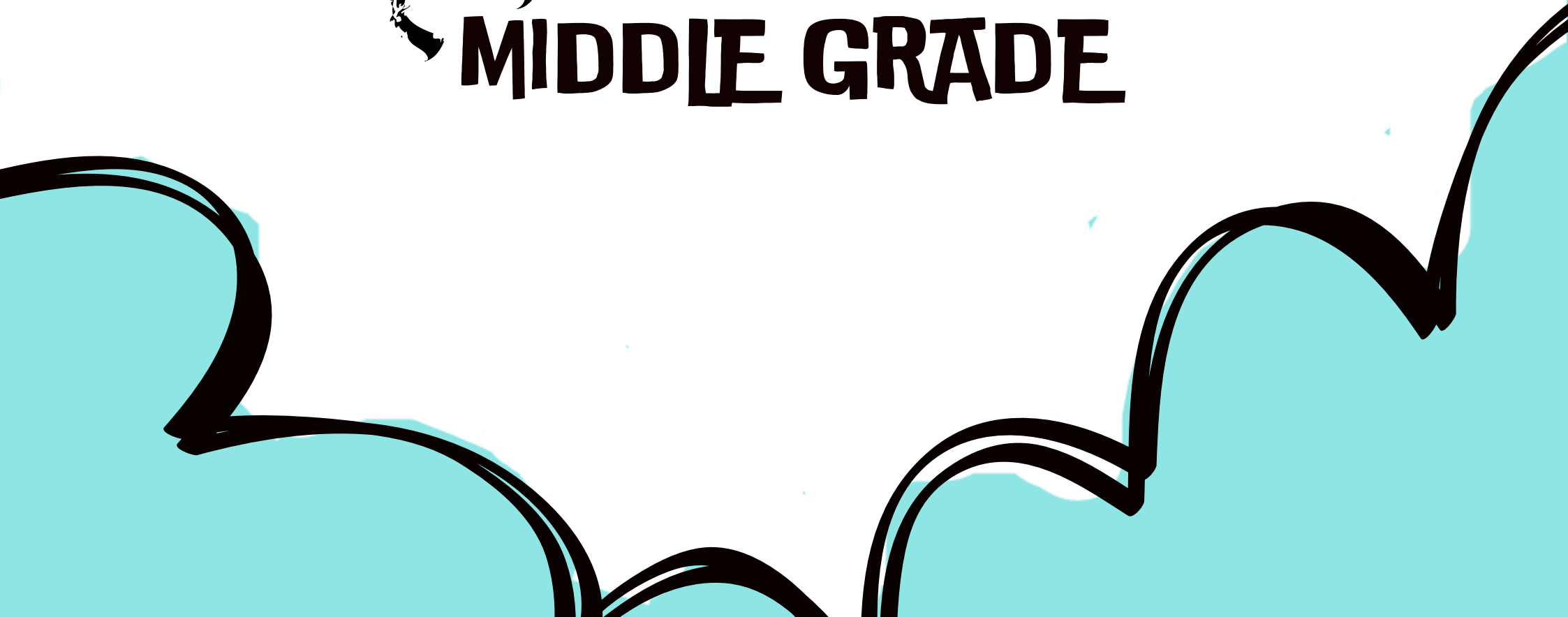
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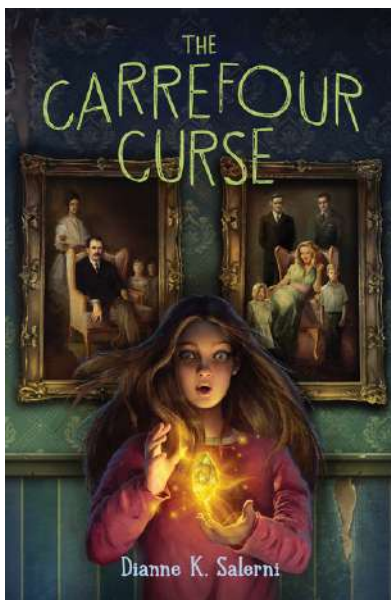
### Key Selling Points

The author's previous book *My So-Called Bollywood Life* was winner of the 2019 RITA award for YA romance of the year and was voted one NPR Best Books of 2018



**MIDDLE GRADE**





## The Carrefour Curse

— Dianne K. Salerni —

The Addams Family **meets** The Westing Game in **this exhilarating mystery about a modern magical dynasty trapped in the ruins of their once-grand, now-crumbling ancestral home.**

Twelve-year-old Garnet regrets that she doesn't know her family. Her mother has done her best to keep it that way, living far from the rest of the magical Carrefour clan and their dark, dangerous mansion known as Crossroad House.

But when Garnet finally gets summoned to the estate, it isn't quite what she hoped for. Her relatives are strange and quarrelsome, each room in Crossroad House is more dilapidated than the last, and she can't keep straight which dusty hallways and cobwebbed corners are forbidden.

Then Garnet learns the family secret: their dying patriarch fights to retain his life by stealing power from others. Every accident that isn't an accident, every unexpected illness and unexplained disappearance grants Jasper Carrefour a little more time. While the Carreffours squabble over who will inherit his role when (if) he dies, Garnet encounters evidence of an even deeper curse. Was she brought to Crossroad House as part of the curse . . . or is she meant to break it?

"Salerni's gothic charmer is deliciously creepy and atmospheric, building an immersive fantasy world that gently explores intergenerational trauma. . .

An enchanting and evocative tale."

**Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review**

### HOLIDAY HOUSE

**Fantasy**

224 pages

**Holiday House,  
January 2023**

### Available rights

Spain

### Key Selling Points

A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection.

"Spooky, dark, and enthralling. I couldn't put it down until every mystery had been solved." —Cassie Beasley, New York Times bestselling author of *Circus Mirandus*

"[A] standout, genre-bending dark fantasy. . . Salerni enlivens classic horror tropes and gothic ambience, complete with a sentient manor house, blending wry humor with atmospheric descriptions to create Garnet's compulsively readable first-person voice."

Publishers Weekly, **Starred Review**



**JILL GRINBERG**

**LITERARY MANAGEMENT**

**Contemporary Novel  
UQP (Australia), July 2023**

### Available rights

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

### Key Selling Points

"A tender, whimsical journey of hope, humming with science and magic."  
— Fiona Wood, award-winning author of *How to Spell Catastrophe*

"Set during a summer of change, this is a powerful, touching story of grief, family, friendship and the healing power of the natural world."

— Jane Godwin, bestselling author of *A Walk In The Dark*

## Meet Me at the Moon Tree

— Shivaun Plozza —

**A beautiful, heartfelt tale of love and loss**

For ten-year-old Carina, there is nothing more special than a moon tree—a tree grown from the seeds taken on the 1971 Apollo mission into space. Her father taught her everything she knows about them. But he passed away before they found one together.

When Mum relocates the family to a small town in the Otway Ranges, Carina becomes determined to find a moon tree on her own. Like a scientist, she methodically searches the forest behind her new house. When a mysterious black cockatoo appears, Carina comes up with a new theory: there's magic in this forest. And if magic really exists, maybe she can find a way to get a message to her dad.

"Magical! This book will make you believe moon trees are everywhere, but it is also deeply grounded and full of real heart. I loved it."

**Shirley Marr, award-winning author  
of A Glasshouse of Stars**



**JILL GRINBERG**  
**LITERARY MANAGEMENT**

**Novel | Environment**  
302 pages  
**Aladdin, September 2022**

### Available rights

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

"A powerful depiction of the impact of climate change on a young activist's mental health."

### Kirkus Reviews

## Haven Jacobs Saves the Planet

— Barbara Dee —

**A young girl channels her anxiety about the climate crisis into rallying her community to save a local river**

Twelve-year-old Haven Jacobs can't stop thinking about the climate crisis. In fact, her anxiety about the state of the planet is starting to interfere with her schoolwork, her friendships, even her sleep. She can't stop wondering why grownups aren't even trying to solve the earth's problem—and if there's anything meaningful that she, as a seventh grader, can contribute.

When Haven's social studies teacher urges her to find a specific, manageable way to make a difference to the planet, Haven focuses on the annual science class project at the local Belmont River, where her class will take samples of the water to analyze. Students have been doing the project for years, and her older brother tells her that his favorite part was studying and catching frogs.

But when Haven and her classmates get to the river, there's no sign of frogs or other wildlife—but there is ample evidence of pollution. It doesn't take much investigation before Haven is convinced Gemba, the new factory where Haven's dad works, is behind the slow pollution of the river.

She's determined to expose Gemba and force them to clean up their act. But when it becomes clear taking action might put her dad's job—and some friendships—in jeopardy, Haven must decide how far she's willing to go.

### Key Selling Points

Addresses the topic of climate anxiety in young readers

Promotes independent thinking and actions

A heartfelt story with a brave young girl at its centre



**HOLIDAY HOUSE**

**Fantasy | Sci-Fi**  
320 pages  
**Pixel+Ink, June 2023**

### Available rights

Spain

## The Sinister Secrets of Singe

— Sean Ferrell —

**The Wild Robot meets Sweet Tooth in the first book in a sweeping adventure series packed with robots, smugglers, battles, and a lonely boy trying to find where he fits in the world**

Eleven-year-old Noah has grown up in a mysterious house that grows larger every night with only his mother and a robot-boy for company. He spends his days building robotic devices for the city of Liberty, a place he's not even allowed to visit—not since his father almost destroyed it when Noah was only a baby.

When Noah discovers a message hidden in one of his father's inventions, he decides to run away to find him. He's sure that at his father's side he'll finally get the recognition he deserves. With the help of a band of smugglers (especially unofficial second in command, young Winona), he sails to Singe to rescue his father, who he's certain is as misunderstood as he is, but the man he finds there is even more of a monster than his mechanical creations. And when Noah returns home, he accidentally leads his father's robot army to Liberty once more.

Now, it's up to Noah to rescue the city—but to do so, he'll have to make a terrible choice.

### Key Selling Points

B&W illustrations throughout

A fast-paced, surprisingly tender middle grade adventure

**Book 2, The Fabulous Nothings, scheduled for Summer 2024!**



## HOLIDAY HOUSE

**Mystery, action & adventure**

272 pages

**Holiday House, June 2023**

### Available rights

Spain

## 102 days of Lying About Lauren

— Maura Jortner —

**After being abandoned by her mother in a most unusual place, a defiant heroine sticks to her plan for staying hidden—even though getting caught could mean saving her life**

Twelve-year-old Mouse calls an amusement park home.

Nobody notices her, and that's the way she likes it. Mouse sweeps the streets and wears a uniform she "borrowed" and sleeps on the top floor of the Haunted House of Horrors. She knows which security guards to avoid, eats the bagel left out each morning for the Ghost of Summer (a popular theme park legend), and even has the taco guy convinced that her lunch is paid for. She has her special hiding methods down to a science.

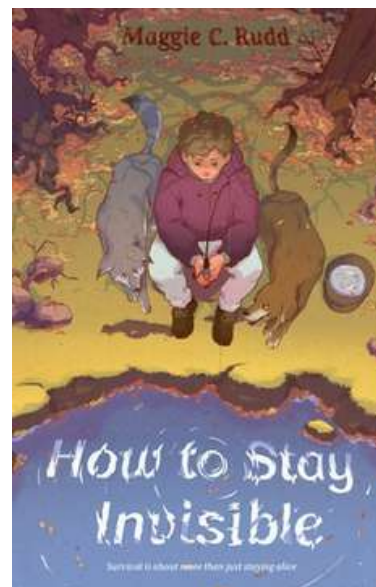
But one morning, a girl named Cat comes looking for Lauren Suszek. Cat notices her, and Mouse doesn't like it. Mouse cannot let this nosy pest find out who she really is! If Mouse gets discovered living in the park, Mama might come back for her, and Mouse doesn't want that. Or—even worse?—Mama might not come back at all.

Mouse knows she can lose this girl without blowing her cover. She just has to follow her rules. A carefully constructed life in the park is all she needs. Right?

### Key Selling Points

Anchored by memorable characters and an extraordinary setting, Maura Jortner's brilliant debut novel is bursting with grit, humor, and heart

"Mouse is a main character to root for—with plenty of spunk, humor, and heart."  
— Ben Guterson, Edgar Award-nominated author of *Winterhouse*



## MACMILLAN

**Contemporary**

240 pages

**Farrar, Straus & Giroux,  
June 2023**

### Available rights

Spain, Portugal

## How to Stay Invisible

— Maggie C. Rudd —

**My Side of the Mountain meets How to Steal a Dog in this high-stakes and heartfelt middle-grade story of a young boy and his dog surviving on their own in the woods**

Being alone is something Raymond is used to.

Twelve-year-old Raymond Hurley has never had a place to call home. His free-wheeling parents move their family from town to town, and he's living in a trailer in a brand-new state when one day, they just up and abandon him. All alone with nothing but a duffle bag full of clothes and his reliable pup, Rosie, he is forced to live in the woods behind his middle school.

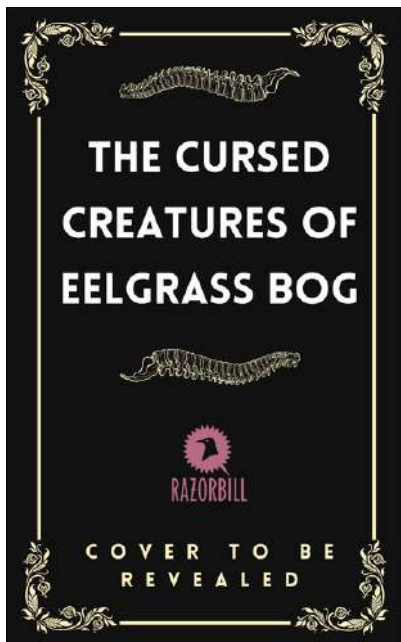
With a fishing pole in hand and survival guide checked out from the library, Raymond scrapes by and doesn't tell anyone his secret. This isn't the first time he's had to rely on himself. However, when winter days get colder and finding food becomes nearly impossible, Raymond makes new friends, including a curious coyote, in unexpected places. Soon, he learns that his fate will depend not just on his wilderness skills, but on the people and animals he chooses to trust.

### Key Selling Points

A beautiful and timeless story about trust and friendship

Explores poverty through a thoughtful and touching lens

Skilful prose that draws in the reader



**TARYN FAGERNESS**

**Romantasy**  
**Razorbill, Spring 2024**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

## The Cursed Creatures of Eelgrass Bog

— Mary Averling —

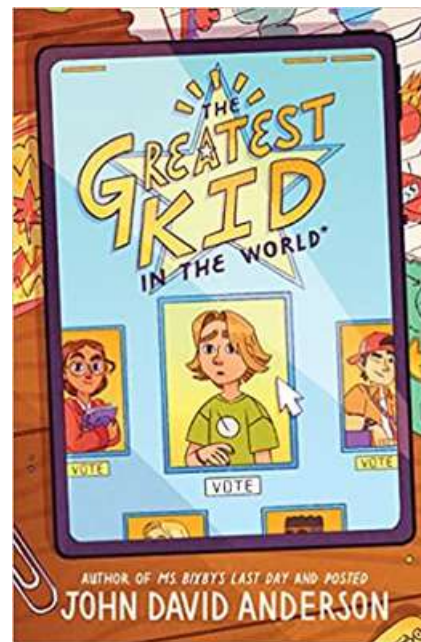
The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler **meets** Labyrinth in this sweet MG lesbian romance

Kess Pedrock has never felt lonelier. Her parents left Wick's End ages ago for an expedition to Antarctica in search of rare artifacts, leaving her in the care of her neglectful older brother, Oliver. Her only friend is Shrunken Jim, a cursed demon head in a jar who tells excellent stories. And since her brother can't be bothered, it's up to her to care for her family's home and livelihood: the Unnatural History Museum, a strange place full of treasures her parents unearthed from Eelgrass Bog, the swamp on the edge of town. She keeps herself busy knocking down cobwebs, dusting the woolly whale skeletons, and polishing the flesh-eating seaweed exhibits—but the museum is falling into disrepair, there are no visitors, and the money in the grocery jar is dwindling.

Kess yearns to follow in her parents' footsteps and explore the bog, despite Shrunken Jim's dire stories about the witches and dangerous mega fauna that live there. So when Lilou, a girl from town, knocks on the door of the museum with both a strange mystery to solve and an opportunity for friendship (and maybe something more), Kess dismisses Shrunken Jim's warnings and crosses the watchfires to venture deep into the bog where the mega fauna may lie. Neither girl expects the dark secrets in wait for them, or the intersecting mysteries that will ultimately help Kess understand why she's never quite felt whole—and why she's so drawn to the cursed creatures of Eelgrass Bog.

### Key Selling Points

**HOT debut author!** Mary Averling is a recent children's literature MPhil graduate from the University of Cambridge, where she won the Florence Staniforth Fiction Prize and the Simms Prize for her work on queer YA fiction.



**ADAMS LITERARY**

**Contemporary**  
368 pages  
**Walden Pond Press,**  
**May 2023**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

## The Greatest Kid in the World

— John David Anderson —

From the beloved author of *Posted* comes the story of Zeke Stahls: a thoroughly-average twelve-year-old who somehow finds himself in a competition to be named the **World's Greatest Kid**

Zeke Stahls is not the best kid in the world. Some days he struggles just to be good. He'd rather be pulling pranks than doing extra credit, and he's too busy performing experiments on his little brother, Nate, or tormenting his older sister, Jackie, to volunteer for charity. Which is why Zeke and his entire family are shocked when they receive word that he has been selected as a contestant in an online competition to find the World's Greatest Kid.

Zeke has no idea how he was chosen for this, and he knows that measuring up to the other nominees--a saintly lineup of selfless, charming and talented do-gooders with photogenic smiles and hearts of gold--is hopeless. Still, with a \$10,000 cash prize on the line, and Zeke's mom struggling to hold the family together on her single-parent salary, he decides to give it his best shot. As Zeke concocts various plots to show the world just how "great" he is, however, he finds himself wondering what that word even means, and who gets to decide. And what kind of kid he wants--and needs--to be.

### Key Selling Points

**The perfect book for school and classroom libraries!**

**For readers who like a mixture of humor and sadness, like Lauren Allbright's Milo Moss is Officially Unamazing, or Donna Gephart's Death By Toilet Paper.**





## THE TOBIAS AGENCY

**Paranormal, horror**

272 pages

**HarperCollins, March 2023**

### Available rights

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

## What Stays Buried

— Suzanne Young —

In her first book for middle grade readers, New York Times bestselling author **Suzanne Young** brings together a thrilling ghost story, a heartfelt coming of age journey, and a poignant reminder that those we've loved and lost are never far away... **perfect for fans of Bone Hollow and The Peculiar Incident on Shady Street**

Twelve-year-old Calista Wynn will lose her ability to speak with the dead on her thirteenth birthday.

And with only a few weeks left, children have started going missing.

When Calista meets The Tall Lady--an angry spirit with a grudge against Calista, her family, and the entire town--she knows she's found the ghost responsible for the disappearances.

It's up to Calista, the only one who can see The Tall Lady, to stop her. If she doesn't, Calista won't just lose her powers... she'll lose everyone she has left.

### Key Selling Points

**Suzanne Young is the New York Times bestselling author of The Program, The Treatment, and several other novels.**

"What Stays Buried is a gripping ghost story full of vivid characters, heartache, wonder, love, and hope. Haunting in all the best ways! - Lisa McMann, NYT bestselling author of The Unwanteds and The Forgotten Five: Map of Flames



## MACMILLAN

**Contemporary**

240 pages

**Henry Holt & Co., May 2023**

### Available rights

Spain, Portugal

## Second Chance Summer

— Sarah Kapit —

**Two former best friends who were excited for a summer far away from their recent breakup find themselves living in the same cabin at camp**

Maddie and Chloe have always been best friends—until last year, when Chloe's popularity and budding fame as an actor left Maddie in the dust one too many times. Their friendship is over, and they're both ready to move on.

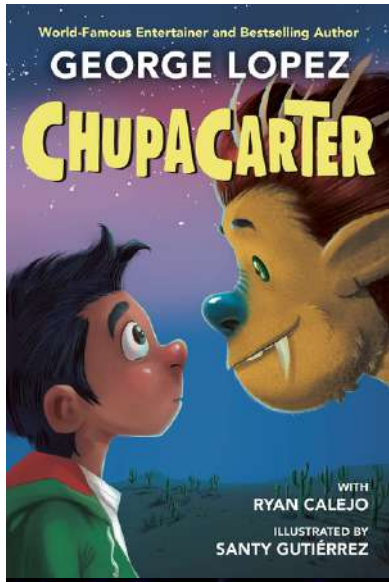
Or so they think. The girls arrive at camp only to discover that the universe isn't ready to let go of this friendship just yet: They're cabinmates, and now they both have to spend the summer with their ex-best friend. Each of the girls has to decide: Is it time to try again, or is this friendship doomed for good?

### Key Selling Points

A dyspraxic main character.

Explores the friendship between two young girls, and the importance of knowing both sides of a story.

Non-stigmatised LGBTQ\* content appropriate for MG readers .



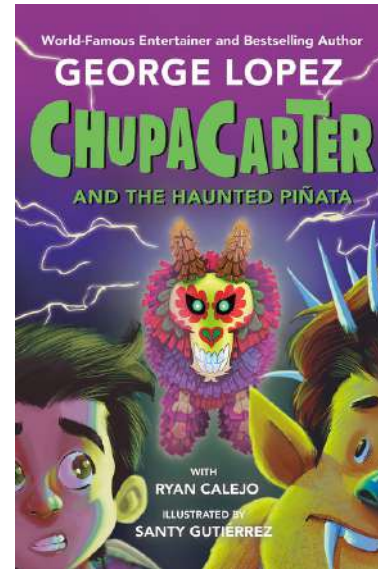
# ChupaCarter

George Lopez

With his signature laugh-out-loud humor, world-famous comedian George Lopez launches a fantastical middle grade series inspired by his own colorful childhood and Latinx folklore.

In this illustrated contemporary fantasy, twelve-year-old Jorge is lonely and resentful after being sent to live with his grandparents. His first day at his new school doesn't go well after catching the attention of his belligerent principal and the school bullies, so Jorge might be a little desperate for a friend.

But the only kid who shares his interest in junk food and games turns out to be a young chupacabra—a legendary monster whose kind is known for being bloodthirsty livestock killers. The truth is, Carter is anything but savage—he's kind, a good listener, and has great taste in sneakers. Being friends with a mythical creature should be amazing, but when local cattle turn up dead and his principal suspects the truth, Jorge is torn. Should he trust that his friend is innocent and protect him from exposure, or reveal his dangerous existence and change the world forever?



# ChupaCarter #2 and the Haunted Piñata

In this hilarious follow-up to ChupaCarter, world-famous entertainer George Lopez delivers a spooky tale of mystery and revenge starring Carter, the fearsome but friendly chupacabra!

Inspired by his own childhood and packed with clever illustrations, George Lopez's sequel to ChupaCarter sees Jorge finally feeling at home in his new town, thanks to his awesome friends Liza and Ernie—and especially Carter, the chupacabra.

New kid Jorge is shocked to learn that his beastly friend Carter isn't the only legendary creature in Boca falls. Every few years, the town is terrorized by a haunted . . . piñata? Rumor has it that the petrifying party decoration floats around setting eerie fires to avenge a long-ago betrayal. Jorge can't help but laugh, until a rash of green fires forces the townspeople to consider moving away, including the parents of his pals Ernie and Liza!

With Carter at their side, the three friends are in a race against time to catch the real culprit before they're separated forever . . . or the whole town is set aflame. Which will come first?



PENGUIN

Latinx Legends & Myths

272 pages

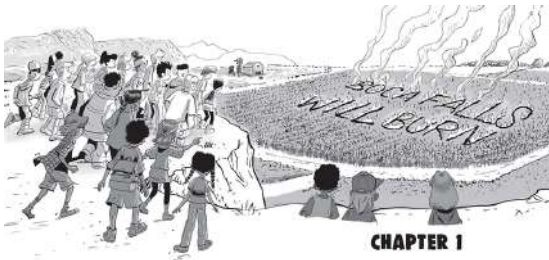
Viking Books for Young Readers,

Book #1 August 2022

Book #2 May 2023

## Available rights

Spain, Portugal



So there we were, about half the kids in town staring down at a freaky fiery message blazing in the middle of a huge cornfield. A message which—oh, by the way—had quite possibly probably been left by, I kid you not, a haunted piñata monster. It definitely wasn't the kind of thing you saw every day. In fact, it was exactly the kind of thing you hope

## Key Selling Points

"ChupaCarter is an uproariously good time, full of humor, heart, and unexpected friendships."

—Zoraida Córdova, award-winning author of *Valentina Salazar Is Not a Monster Hunter*

"Fast-paced and funny, with lively illustrations."

—Washington Post

"A narrative punctuated with wisecracks and flavored with Spanish phrases and slang...Frights and fun in equal measure."

—Kirkus Reviews

"Gutierrez's lively b&w illustrations expertly render Jorge and Carter's occasionally over-the-top, adrenaline-filled adventures. Actor/comedian Lopez and Calejo offer a rollicking tale brimming with Latinx folklore and culture about finding one's home in the unlikelyst of places that never takes itself too seriously."

—Publishers Weekly

"Some good and gross humor...in this fantasy-infused tale."

—School Library Journal

CHUPACARTER AND THE HAUNTED PIÑATA

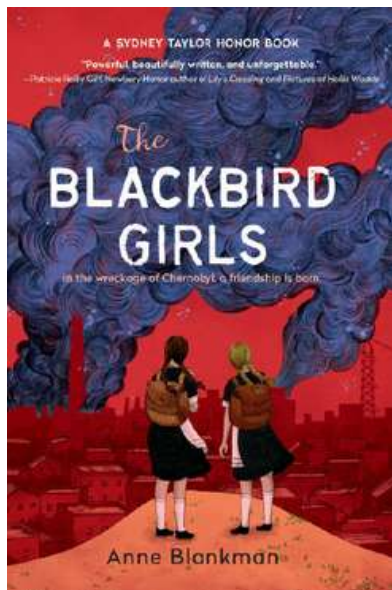
have been happier. He thought he was making new friends. But then, on the big day, the day of Miguel's big birthday bash, they unleashed their master prank.

"Instead of singing 'Happy Birthday' and cheering Miguel on while he blew out his candles and opened presents, the kids began singing 'Nighy Nighy, Little Mikey,' a song they had written just for the occasion. No one really remembers the exact lyrics, but whatever they were, I can promise you they weren't very nice. Then, just like they'd all planned, every single kid—all one hundred plus—walked right out of the party, taking Miguel's presents and leaving him all alone, with tears burning in his eyes and an unspeakable pain in his heart."

"Hold up," Ernie interrupted. "I thought the song they sang was 'Miggy Miggy, Little Piggy!'"

"It doesn't really matter what the song was called," Liza snapped at him, clearly getting annoyed. "They couldn't sing 'Blue Suede Shoes,' for all we know. The point is, they made a huge show of mocking him and then they all walked out. Flash mob-style. One of the kids even went as far as busting up Miguel's birthday piñata, a priceless work of art which was given to him by his maternal grandfather, suppos-





**PENGUIN**

**Historical Fiction**

352 pages

**Viking Books for Young Readers**

**March 2020**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal

**Rights sold**

Czech (Albatros)

Italy (Giunti)

Romania (Art Grup)

Russian (Clever-Media)

## The Blackbird Girls

— Anne Blankman —

**Like Ruta Sepetys for middle grade, Anne Blankman pens a poignant and timeless story of friendship that twines together moments in underexplored history.**

On a spring morning, neighbors Valentina Kaplan and Oksana Savchenko wake up to an angry red sky. A reactor at the nuclear power plant where their fathers work--Chernobyl--has exploded. Before they know it, the two girls, who've always been enemies, find themselves on a train bound for Leningrad to stay with Valentina's estranged grandmother, Rita Grigorievna. In their new lives in Leningrad, they begin to learn what it means to trust another person. Oksana must face the lies her parents told her all her life. Valentina must keep her grandmother's secret, one that could put all their lives in danger. And both of them discover something they've wished for: a best friend. But how far would you go to save your best friend's life? Would you risk your own?

Told in alternating perspectives among three girls--Valentina and Oksana in 1986 and Rifka in 1941--this story shows that hatred, intolerance, and oppression are no match for the power of true friendship.

### Key Selling Points

"A powerful and beautifully written story that explores the losses and growing friendship of two girls whose lives and beliefs are forever changed after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. It's truly an unforgettable work that left me breathless." —Patricia Reilly Giff, Newbery Honor author of *Lily's Crossing* and *Pictures of Hollis Woods*

**NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD WINNER**

**A SYDNEY TAYLOR MIDDLE GRADE HONOR BOOK**



**MACMILLAN**

**Puzzle-solving,  
Contemporary**

192 pages

**Odd Dot, August 2023**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal

## Math Mysteries

— Aaron Starmer —

**Solve the math, solve the crime!**

It's the first day of the fourth grade at Arthimos Elementary and things are already off to a strange start—poisonous cookies, a zipline disaster, a missing iPad, and what are those strange sounds coming from the school custodian's wheelbarrow? Luckily the Prime Detectives—Abby "the Abacus" Feldstein, Cameron "Cam" McGill, and Gabriel "Gabe" Kim—are on the case! Using arithmetic, geometry, and logic, the Prime Detectives are sure to figure out who did what, when, and why! A gripping new middle-grade mystery series, each book contains multiple, interlinked mysteries that readers help solve using math. Includes answers showing step-by-step solutions.

**What do you get when you add MYSTERY + MATH + an AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR DREAM TEAM? A winning commercial middle grade series! This two-book series combines all the lighthearted intrigue of a page-turner mystery with essential middle grade math skills. It's perfect for both mystery and math lovers, as well as kids who love puzzles, riddles, brainteasers, and adventure stories! Each book contains multiple, interlinked mysteries that will have readers on the edge of their seats as they unravel the who-done-it using...you guessed it...math. And Book 2 is scheduled for Fall 2024!**

### Key Selling Points

Two-color illustrations make this an extra special package, but if a publisher does not wish to publish as two-color, this can be down-spec'd to grayscale

## Tree. Table. Book.

— Lois Lowry —



From two-time Newbery Medalist Lois Lowry comes this warm and resonant story of an unlikely friendship, which unfolds as a revelation on how we hold on to—and pass on—what matters most.

Everyone knows the two Sophies are best friends. One is in elementary school, and one is...well...in a little trouble of late. She's elderly, sure, but she's always been on her game, the best friend any girl struggling to fit in could ever have. The Sophies drink tea, have strong opinions about pretty much everything, and love each other dearly. Now it seems the elder Sophie is having memory problems, burning teakettles, and forgetting just about everything. It looks like her son is going to come and get her and steal her away forever. Young Sophie isn't having that. Not one bit. So, she sets out to help elder Sophie's memory, with the aid of her neighborhood friends Ralphie and Oliver. But when she opens the floodgates of elder Sophie's memories, she winds up listening to stories that will illustrate just how much there is to know about her dear friend, stories of war, hunger, cruelty, and ultimately love.

**HARPERCOLLINS**

Contemporary

176 pages

Clarion Books,

April 2024

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal, Brazil



### Key Selling Points

Lois Lowry is the author of more than forty books for children and young adults, including the New York Times bestselling Giver Quartet. She has received countless honors, such as the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award, the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award, the California Young Reader's Medal and more. She received Newbery Medals for two of her novels, *Number the Stars* and *The Giver*.

**INTERNATIONAL STAR:** Lois Lowry has been translated in 46 languages, with current licenses in Armenian, Catalan, Chinese (Simple and Complex), Czech, French, German, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Romanian, Russian, Slovak, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian, Vietnamese.

## Rialto

— Kate Milford —



In this standalone mystery filled with menace and magic from a New York Times best-selling author, sisters Ivy and Dahlia spend the summer in a small town haunted by its abandoned amusement park, where they uncover clues that lead to dark secrets and surprising revelations—and to a new idea of normal and home.

**HARPERCOLLINS**

Mystery

224 pages

Clarion Books, March 2024

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal, Brazil



### Key Selling Points

**EXCITING NEW STANDALONE FROM BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Set in a contemporary world tinged with magic, this is Kate Milford's first book since the conclusion of the Greenglass House series (nearly 400K copies sold across formats).

**MIDDLE GRADE MAGIC AND MYSTERY** is perennially popular, and Kate is an awardwinning master of the genre.

**RIGHTS SOLD FOR GREENGLASS HOUSE SERIES:** Russian (Polyandria), Italian (Adriano Salani), German (Verlag Freies Geistesleben und UR)



**SANDRA DIJKSTRA  
LITERARY AGENCY**

**Fantasy**

320 pages

**Rick Riordan Presents,  
September 2023**

### Available rights

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

### Rights sold for the Aru Shah series:

Spain (Hidra), Portugal (2020 Editora), Brazil (V&R Books), Denmark (Staarup & Co.), Japan (Thousand Books), Taiwan (Yuan-Liou), France (Albin Michel), Netherlands (Van Goor), Romania (Art Grupul), Turkey (Ithaki/Penguin Kitap), Bulgaria (Iztok), German (Ravensburger), Norway (Vigmostad & Bjorke), Russie (AST), UK (Scholastic Books), China (Jeili), Indonesia (Noura), Slovak (Albatros), Ukraine (Ranok Books), Czech (Albatros), Israel (Modan), Poland (Galeria Ksiaski)

## The Spirit Glass

— Roshani Chokshi —

**Best-selling author Rick Riordan presents a standalone quest adventure based on Filipino mythology by Roshani Chokshi, author of the best-selling ARU SHAH series.**

Corazon yearns to finally start training as a babaylan (a mystical healer and spirit guide) under her powerful guardian, Aunt Tina. As soon as her magic awakens, Corazon plans to bring her parents back from the dead and no longer have to rely on a soul key to allow visits with her their ghosts for a few hours every Saturday night.

But when a vengeful ghost steals Corazon's precious key, the fragile balance between the human world and the spirit world is thrown out of whack. Aunt Tina reveals that if Corazon wants her magic to awaken, then she just lay the ghost to rest by fashioning a new soul key.

With her rather bloodthirsty gecko companion, Saso, Corazon embarks on a quest through the spirit realms. But they must move quickly, for if the ghost gets through the spirit glass, all hope will be lost.

### Key Selling Points

Rick Riordan backs this highly-anticipated title by hot young author Chokshi

Representation of Filipino mythology



**KT LITERARY**

**Historical fantasy & adventure**

256 pages

**Sterling**

**March 2023**

### Available rights

Spain, Portugal

## Spineless

**Samantha San Miguel**

**Wild boar, alligators, hammerhead sharks... Can twelve-year-old Algie Emsworth survive the swamps of South Florida? More importantly, can he survive his asthma attacks long enough to make a scientific discovery and fulfill his dream of becoming a real naturalist?**

With the help of Frankie and Lulu, intrepid heiresses to the Hotel Paraiso, Algie embarks on the adventure of a lifetime as he escapes certain death, discovers a brand-new species, and goes head-to-head with diabolical thieves, all while a deadly and mysterious red tide ravages the beaches and a possible curse threatens to close down the Hotel Paraiso for good. Can Algie, Frankie, and Lulu save themselves, solve the mystery of the hotel's curse, and save their never-before-seen species?

"San Miguel concocts a comical and exciting tale that leads to a wild, suspenseful, storm-tossed climax while weaving in thoughtful ruminations on the necessity of giving science, people, and nature their just dues, too."

— Booklist, **Starred Review**

### Key Selling Points

A nod to the era's fascination with creepy hauntings and dastardly secrets as it expertly transports readers into the atmosphere of 19th-century Florida, uniting well-drawn, nuanced characters with imaginative and tension-building plot twists

Secrets, adventure, friendship, nature and mystery mingle in this incredible story.

# The Forgotten Five series

— Lisa McMann —



## X-Men meets Spy Kids in this instant New York Times bestselling series

Fifteen years ago, eight supernatural criminals fled Estero City to make a new life in an isolated tropical hideout. Over time, seven of them disappeared without a trace, presumed captured or killed. And now, the remaining one has died.

Left behind to fend for themselves are the criminals' five children, each with superpowers of their own: Birdie can communicate with animals. Brix has athletic abilities and can heal quickly. Tenner can swim like a fish and can see in the dark and hear from a distance. Seven's skin camouflages to match whatever is around him. Cabot hasn't shown signs of any unusual power—yet.

Then one day Birdie finds a map among her father's things that leads to a secret stash. There is also a note:

Go to Estero, find your mother, and give her the map.

The five have lived their entire lives in isolation. What would it mean to follow the map to a strange world full of things they've only heard about, like cell phones, cars, and electricity? A world where, thanks to their parents, being supernatural is a crime?

## PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE

### Fantasy

Some B&W illustrations

384 pages

G.P. Putnam,

#1 February 2022

#2 November 2022

#3 June 2023

### Available rights

Spain

Portugal

## Key Selling Points

Themes of family, friendship and camaraderie

A New York Times Bestseller

An Indie Bestseller



**"Supernaturally cool."**

Kirkus Reviews

**"An alternating third-person perspective deftly depicts the five friends struggling to remain together as they navigate contemporary technologies, all the while employing their superpowers to survive in a dangerous new environment."**

Publishers Weekly

**"[Addresses] complicated family dynamics, grief, and the ups and downs of friendship . . . Entertaining and meaningful."**

Booklist

# The Vanderbeekers series

— Karina Yan Glaser —



**These realistic and contemporary fiction books are filled with humour and charm. Meet Isa, Jessie, Oliver, Hyacinth, and Laney Vanderbeek, an Asian American family that live in Harlem, New York.**

Their first adventure starts when their reclusive, curmudgeonly landlord decides not to renew the lease of their brownstone on 141st Street. They have always lived in that house, it's practically another member of the family!

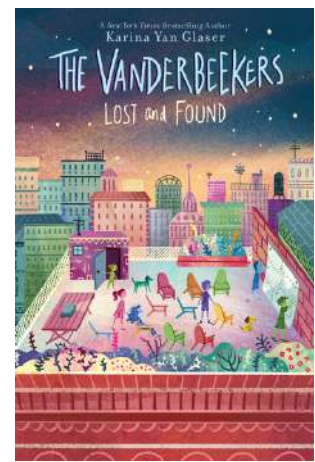
So the five siblings have eleven days to do whatever it takes to stay in their beloved home and convince the dreaded Beiderman just how wonderful they are. And all is fair in love and war when it comes to keeping their home!



#2 VANDERBEEKERS AND THE HIDDEN GARDEN



#3 VANDERBEEKERS TO THE RESCUE



#4 THE VANDERBEEKERS LOST AND FOUND

## HARPER COLLINS

**Contemporary, Family Adventures**

Some B&W illustrations  
304 pages

Clarion Books,

- #1 October 2017
- #2 September 2018
- #3 September 2019
- #4 November 2020
- #5 October 2021
- #6 October 2022
- #7 September 2023

### Available rights

- Spain
- Brazil

## Key Selling Points

NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING SERIES RETURNS

**MOVIE/TV DEAL WITH STAR POWER:** Amy Poehler's production company, Paper Kites, has optioned THE VANDERBEEKERS for TV/Film.

**ONGOING FEEL-GOOD SERIES:** Children love returning to this family, now more than ever.

**DIVERSITY:** The Vanderbeekers are a biracial family and readers of all backgrounds and ethnicities will connect to their story and the diverse Harlem community as its backdrop.

**TIMELY THEMES:** With her signature sensitivity and accessibility, Karina gives readers a blueprint for exploring family conflict, cooperative problem solving, and the changes that inevitably come to all families.

PUBLISHED IN PAPERBACK AND HARDCOVER

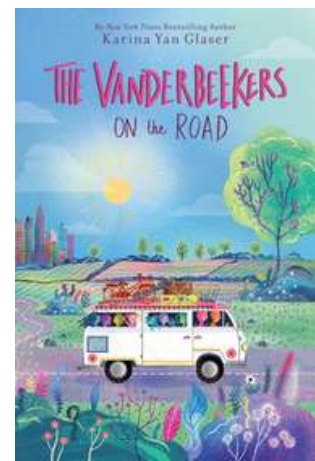
**AUTHENTIC ASIAN-AMERICAN REPRESENTATION FOR MIDDLE GRADE READERS**

**AUTHOR WITH STAR POWER:** Karina Yan Glaser is a NYT best-selling author whose industry connections and can-do mentality make her a dream to work with.

**VANDERBEEKERS HAVE MORE TO COME:** Book 7, the final in the series, coming in Fall 2023



#5 THE VANDERBEEKERS MAKE A WISH

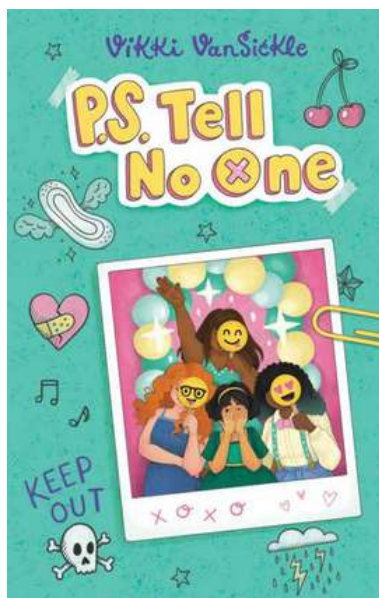


#6 THE VANDERBEEKERS ON THE ROAD



#7 THE VANDERBEEKERS EVER AFTER

**Rights sold** French, Turkish, Norwegian, Chinese - Simplified, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Romanian, Russian, German, Portuguese, and Dutch



SCHOLASTIC CANADA

Contemporary

240 pages

Scholastic, February 2023

### Available rights

Spain, Portugal

## P.S. Tell No One

— Vikki VanSickle —

**A frank, funny and necessary story about navigating the physical and emotional realities of puberty.**

When four friends have their phones confiscated in class, Sunny (not her real name) comes up with the idea of a secret shared journal, where they can share thoughts and pass them on. The pages of the book they jokingly refer to as the P.A.D. (pass-around diary) become filled with sweet, funny, sharp and important insights about navigating middle-grade life — friendships, crushes, consent, bodies, parents, siblings, periods, sports and more.

What began as a lighthearted way of passing notes becomes a place to explore and share big and small feelings and events — a safe way for Sunny, Twix, Hoops and MP to find themselves and support one another through the transitions of a grade seven year.

In the tradition of **Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret**, this novel is a fearless exploration of the lives of tween girls, and how they find answers to questions that continue to feel impossible to ask.

pretty calm and quiet, if you don't count  
my mom interrogating your every single  
move. But she's at work a bit, so it's not  
too bad.

P.S. If it makes you steal my letter, I  
won't see the zombie out from my desk as  
it's probably average, which means no one  
really notices it.

You're just saying that because  
you're my friend which is sweet but  
not helpful. I know what it looks like.  
It's like someone stuck an ugly tomato  
seed at the end of my nose and then

### Key Selling Points

Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret **for the TikTok generation!** A contemporary and long-overdue continuation of the conversation Judy Blume started 50 years ago.

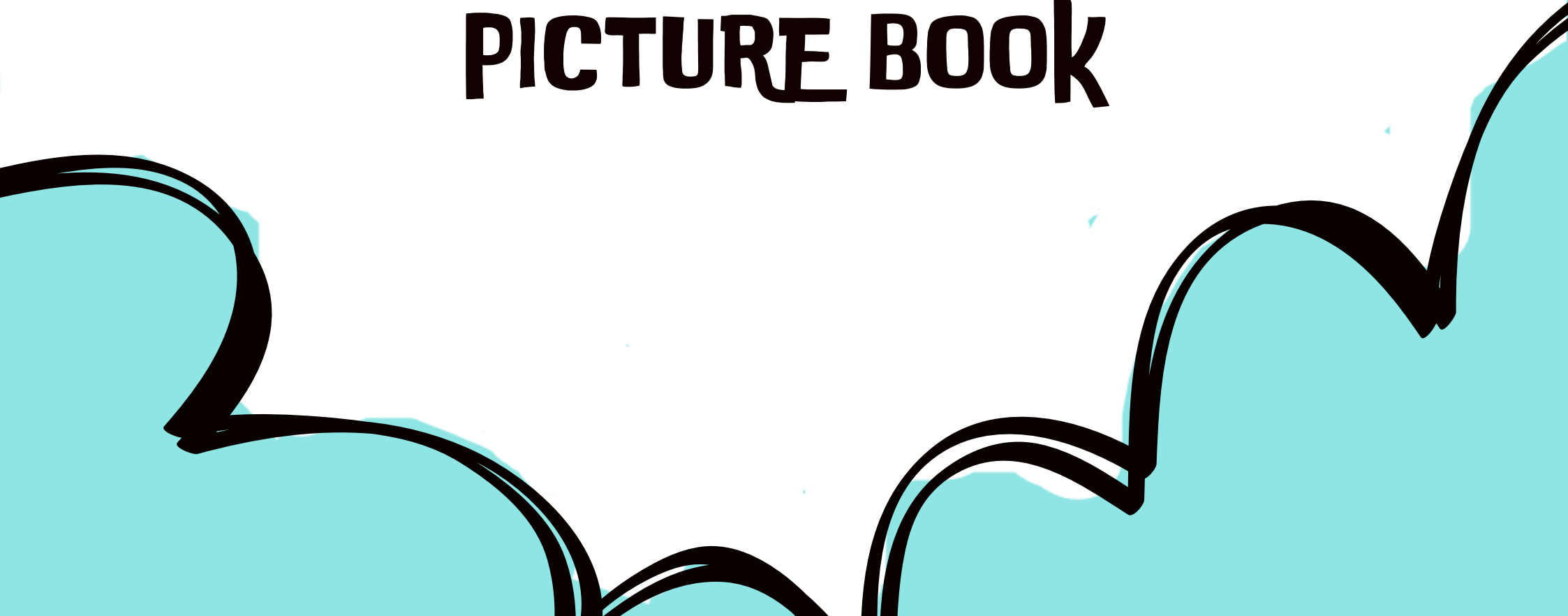
VanSickle has researched extensively with teachers and girls in this age category to make for a targeted and authentic read.

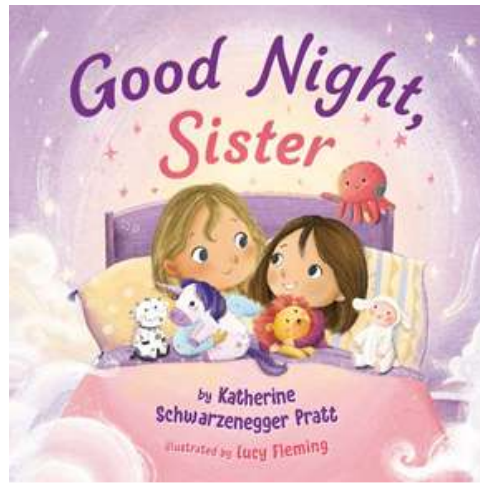
Told in the form of a secret diary shared by four anonymous seventh graders.





# PICTURE BOOK





**PENGUIN**

36 pages

**Penguin Workshop  
February 2023**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal



**Key Selling Points**

An instant New York Times bestseller!

From New York Times best-selling author Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt comes a beautiful bedtime read, celebrating the power and comfort of sisterhood. This sweet title is the perfect gift for sisters or anyone with a special bond!

**Good Night,  
Sister!**

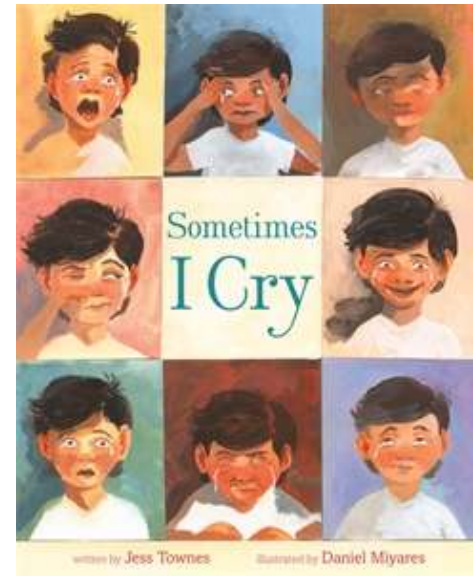
— Katherine —  
**Schwarzenegger Pratt**

From New York Times best-selling author Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt comes a beautiful bedtime read, celebrating the power and comfort of sisterhood.

Kat is excited to sleep in her own room—the big girl room—for the very first time. But her younger sister, Tina, is nervous to sleep in their old room without her. So Kat comes up with a plan: she'll give all of her stuffed animals to her younger sister, and every time Tina gets scared, she should hold them close and be reminded of all the wonderful things each animal represents: bravery, creativity, love, and imagination.

But that night, as a storm thunders outside their windows, it turns out that the big girl room can feel a bit lonely. And Kat might be the one who needs the extra support.

With simple, gentle prose, Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt shares a comforting bedtime story, illuminating the bonds sisters share, and the many ways they are there for one another.



**MACMILLAN**

40 pages

**Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)  
September 2023**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal



**Key Selling Points**

A beautiful and sensitive book about emotions and how different feelings can be expressed through tears

A delightful work of art that explores how crying is just a way of expressing how we feel, and there is nothing wrong with that!

**Sometimes  
I Cry**

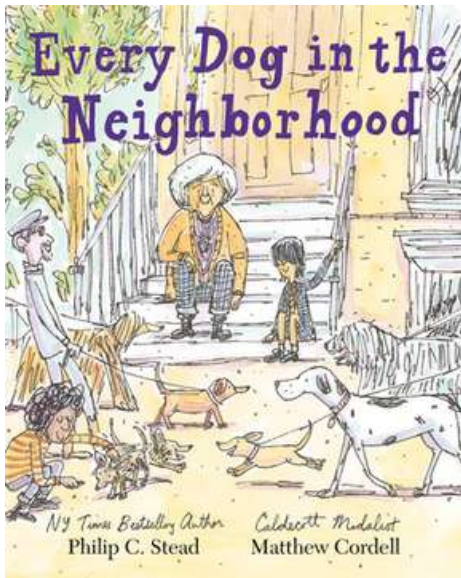
— Jess Townes —

From Jess Townes with illustrations by Daniel Miyares, this poignant picture book deftly tackles the wide array of emotions experienced in childhood, and especially reminding readers that there's nothing wrong with crying.

Sometimes I cry  
... when I'm angry.  
... when I'm scared.  
... when I'm happy.

There are all sorts of feelings that can make us cry—from disappointment to joy, from grief to love. Sometimes I Cry offers a gentle and necessary affirmation of the emotional complexity of growing up. Powerful, poignant, and universally relevant, it is a triumph for readers of any age.

Sometimes I cry.  
And that's okay.



## Every Dog in the Neighbourhood

— Philip C. Stead —

**Louis and his eccentric Grandma set out to count every dog in the neighborhood when they find out about city hall's woefully inadequate record keeping.**

Louis wants a dog, but his Grandma insists, "There are enough dogs in the neighborhood already." But how many dogs are in the neighborhood? Surely a sternly worded letter to City Hall will clear this up. When it turns out that City Hall doesn't keep an official count of this essential demographic, Louis and his Grandma do their civic duty and take matters into their own hands. Together they meet all sorts of dogs with hilarious names and personalities. When they're done, Louis's grandmother is sure he's missed one particularly lovable dog, a mutt named Baklava in need of a new home.

Philip Stead and Caldecott Medalist Matthew Cordell have once again shown their knack for making quirky and endearing stories about grandparent and grandchild duos in the tradition of Follow That Frog and Special Delivery.

### HOLIDAY HOUSE

Neal Porter Books,  
June 2022

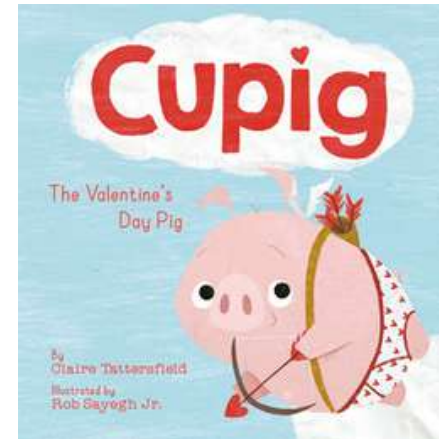
### Available rights

Spain

### Key Selling Points

CLEL Bell Picture Book Awards (2023)

**Philip C. Stead is a multiple-award-winning author: his book A Sick Day for Amos McGee won the Caldecott Medal and was named a New York Times Best Illustrated Book of 2010 and a Publishers Weekly Best Children's Book of 2010. His book Bear Has a Story to Tell was an E.B. White Read-Aloud Award honor book.**



### PENGUIN

32 pages  
Flamingo Books  
December 2023

### Available rights

Spain, Portugal



## Cupig, the Valentine's Day Pig

— Claire Tattersfield —

**A comically mismatched Valentine's Day picture book with a clever and hilarious take on Cupid. Introducing Cupig the Valentine's Day pig!**

Cupig absolutely loves Valentine's Day. Every year she enjoys spreading love and cheer to every creature, far and near. But when a storm blows through and sends her arrows off course, Cupig accidentally puts arrows in hearts that don't need to be mended. Peanut Butter has stopped loving Jelly! Salt and Pepper have broken up! Needle and Thread are falling apart at the seams!

Will Cupig ever fix her mistakes and get these classic pairs back together again?

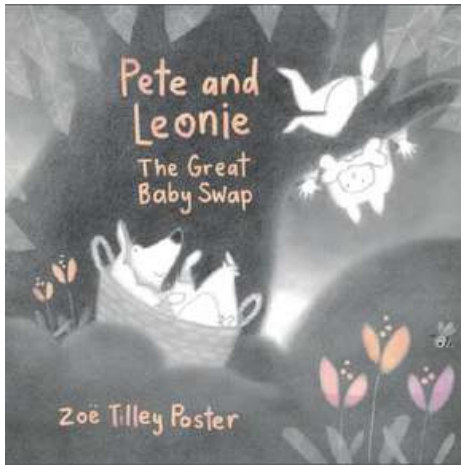
With clever rhyming text and comically expressive art, Cupig is sure to be a Valentine's Day classic for years to come! Perfect for fans of Little Blue Truck's Valentine!

### Key Selling Points

PERFECT FOR VALENTINE'S DAY!

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING ILLUSTRATOR!** You know Rob Sayegh Jr. from Seth Meyers's I'm Not Scared, You're Scared. Now he's bringing his richly textured illustrations to a brand-new character of his own design!

**A UNIQUE NEW CHARACTER!** As soon as we saw Rob's illustration of Cupid imagined as a pig, we said "How has no one thought of this before?!?!". Cupid imagined as a pig with heart undies? Hilarious!



# Pete & Leonie

— Zoe Tilley Poster —

**A wild and whimsical tale of two babies—one human and one coyote—who swap places and find they fit much better in their new wilder and cozier homes... until they start missing their parents.**

Pete, a coyote cub, is good at tidying his nest and likes to take it slow during full pack runs—even if pausing means getting left behind. Leonie, a human baby, climbs to new (and dangerous) heights and goes wild during tea parties.

When the two unexpectedly meet, it feels like the perfect opportunity to swap places—soon Leonie's able to run free and roll around in dirt (no diapers necessary!) while Pete can curl up and snooze inside without getting dirty. But soon the two start missing their families. When bath time reveals the switcheroo, their parents have to figure out how to get these babies back to their proper home!

**PENGUIN**

40 pages

**Dial Books for Young Readers  
July 2023**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal

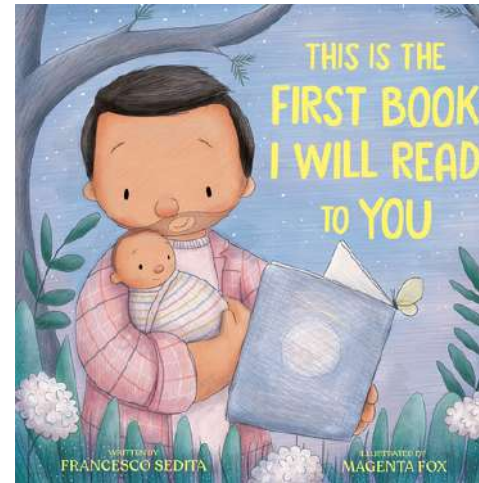


## Key Selling Points

Beautiful and whimsical artwork

A tender story

The art of putting oneself in someone else's shoes, told in a kid-friendly way



# This Is the First Book I Will Read to You

— Francesco Sedita —

**Perfect for Father's Day, a new dad gets ready to share the love of reading with his baby for the first time.**

It's baby's first story time and a new dad is excited to read to his child. He's also a little nervous. Which book should he choose? And what if it doesn't settle the baby to sleep? After bath time, picking out pj's, and the perfect swaddle, it's time to cuddle up to read together. And begins the special journey that only starts when a book is opened. Father and baby are transported to the soothing world of their story, sharing the special love of reading together for the first time. Filled with both tenderness and wonder, This Is the First Book I Will Read to You is the ultimate baby shower gift for book-loving parents and their newest readers.

**PENGUIN**

32 pages

**Viking Books for Young Readers  
May 2023**

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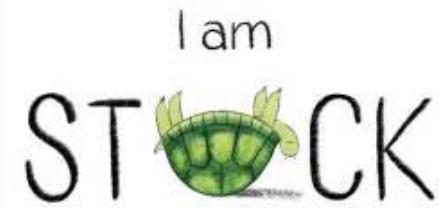
Spain, Portugal



## Key Selling Points

Beautiful and tender artwork

A thoughtful story for dads, to celebrate and embrace their fatherhood and help them transmit their love for books to their newborns



# I Am Stuck

— Julia Mills —

A tender (and humorous!) look at the way tough emotions can make us feel stuck and how the presence of a good friend and a deep belly laugh can make it easier to get through stormy feelings. A perfect pick for fans of Grumpy Monkey and The Rabbit Listened.



**HARPERCOLLINS**

40 pages  
Clarion Books,  
September 2023

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

## Key Selling Points

Mindfulness backmatter: includes a brief guide on mindfulness with tips for children to use their senses and take deep breaths, making this an ideal resource for teachers and parents



# Viking Strong

— Doug Cenko —

How to Train Your Dragon... with Vikings and a lot of heart! The standalone companion to VIKING IN LOVE

**Ingrid the Viking must face fierce competition to be named the strongest viking. But can she win if she doesn't know how to swim?**

Ingrid has everything a Viking could want—a cozy home, a best friend, and very cute kittens. But she's always wanted one more thing, to win the Strongest Viking Contest. Her only problem? She doesn't know how to swim! Her best friend Stig is determined to help her learn . . . but along the way Ingrid learns that that some things are even more important than winning.

**KT LITERARY**

48 pages  
**Vikings Books for Young Readers**  
July 2023

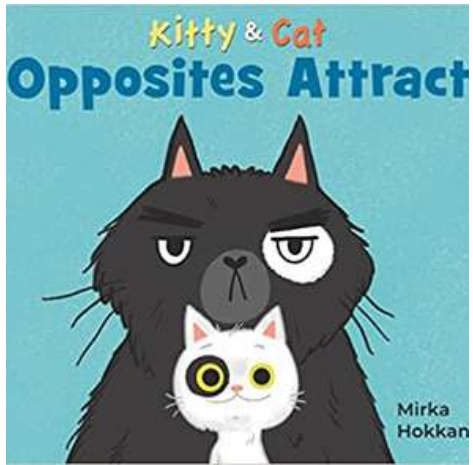
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Spain, Portugal



## Key Selling Points

"As heartwarming as it is funny. Viewers will love this book as much as Stig loves Ingrid." —BCCB, Starred Review



**KT LITERARY**

40 pages  
**Candlewick**  
 April 2023

# Opposites Attract

— Mirka Hokkanen —

**Meet Kitty! Kitty wants to play! Meet Cat. Cat just wants to nap. Bold, whimsical artwork and plenty of humor engage little ones in a sly and stylish introduction to opposites.**

This deceptively simple concept book introduces readers to grumpy, old, exhausted Cat, who just wants to be left alone, and to happy, new, energetic Kitty, who longs to make friends. In a story told entirely through well-chosen pairs of opposites and drolly expressive artwork, author-illustrator Mirka Hokkanen manages to elevate the humble concept book into a true work of art—one that is bound to have readers giggling and crying for more!

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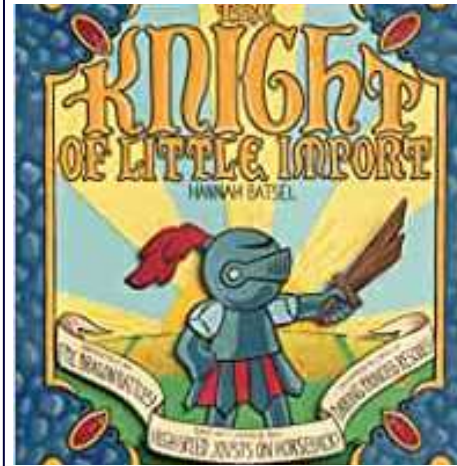
Spain, Portugal



**Key Selling Points**

Hokkanen tells a simple, satisfying story while including examples of opposites in a natural-sounding way.

An amusing, enjoyable picture book for reading aloud.



**LERNER**

40 pages  
**Carolrhoda Books**  
 September 2023

# Knight Of Little Import

— Hannah Batsel —

**Charlie is a young knight who can't find a single beast to slay--until she discovers there are monsters all around! Only she knows what to do to save her little town.**

Poor Charlie is a young knight who can't find a single beast to slay. If only the town of Little Import weren't so quiet. Hark! What is that? It's Mr. Galette, and he has a problem in his bakery. Clever Charlie realizes at once that a monster is the culprit: the triple-tier hungerbeak! So begins an epic quest to capture monsters throughout town and find a safe place for them to live... in the world's very first monster sanctuary!

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal, Brazil



**Key Selling Points**

A fresh and charming tale told with lots of humor

Follow Hannah on TikTok, where she shares fun peeks at her process creating this book



# Sensitive

Sara Liviane

**A unique and thoughtful picture book that builds empathy and compassion.**

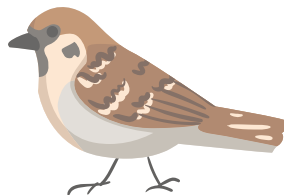
A young girl hears messages that she's too sensitive and needs to change. In a slightly surreal moment, the messages travel inside her body and won't leave her alone. It is only when she gets time to herself that she finds a solution— she transforms the negative comments into a poem affirming that being sensitive is her strength.

## LERNER

32 pages  
 Carolrhoda Books  
 October 2023

### Available rights

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

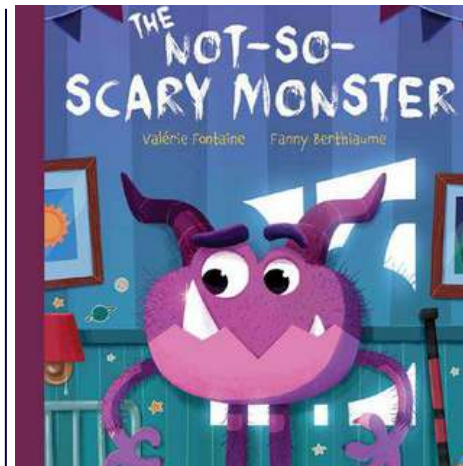


### Key Selling Points

Sara's books have received multiple awards, among them: Utah Beehive Book Award, Bank Street College Best Children's Book of the Year, Cook Prize honor book for best STEM picture book, AAAS/Subaru SB&F Prize for Excellence in Science Books, Monarch Award Master List, Junior Library Guild selection, and Mathical Book Prize.

The text is both a narrative and a word puzzle

Visually striking art from Mehrdokht Amini



# The Not-So-Scary Monster

— Valérie Fontaine —

**A monster meets his match in this frighteningly funny picture book!**

## SCHOLASTIC CANADA

32 pages  
 Scholastic  
 August, 2023

### Available rights

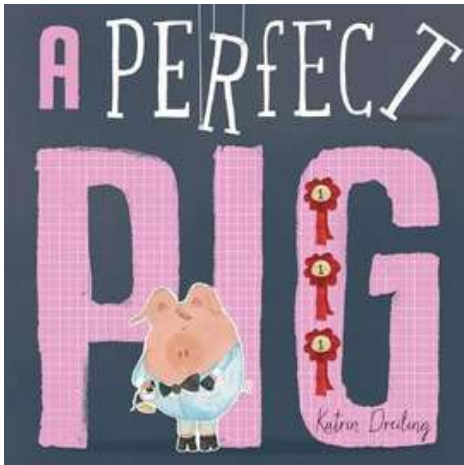
Spain



### Key Selling Points

Turns the trope of bedtime monsters on its head. Kids will cheer as the big, bad monster is defeated by the brave kids time and again.

Perfect as a conversation starter around fears. Funny story accompanied by hilarious and bright illustrations.



## SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA

32 pages  
**Scholastic**  
**July 2021**  
**Ages 3+**

### Available rights

Spain, Portugal

### Rights sold

ANZ, China, Korea & Taiwan

# A Perfect Pig

— Katrin Dreiling —

**Anton Pig likes his life to be in perfect order, just like his perfect side-part. But what happens when his PERFECT party plans twist and tumble into a terrible tangle?!**

Meet Anton Pig. He likes everything to be in perfect order. From his perfect side-partto to his perfectly arranged breakfast, everything in Anton's world is controlled and organised. His best friend, Lola, has a birthday coming up and Anton tackles her birthday party planning the only way he knows how, with precision and lists in his neatest handwriting with his sharpest pencil.

But Anton's perfect party planning quickly comes undone by unforeseeable and comical events such as a rainstorm that crumples his neatly-ironed shirt and a bakery with only a wedding cake left. The unfolding events are muddy, messy and result in the most perfectly imperfect birthday party for Lola!

## Key Selling Points

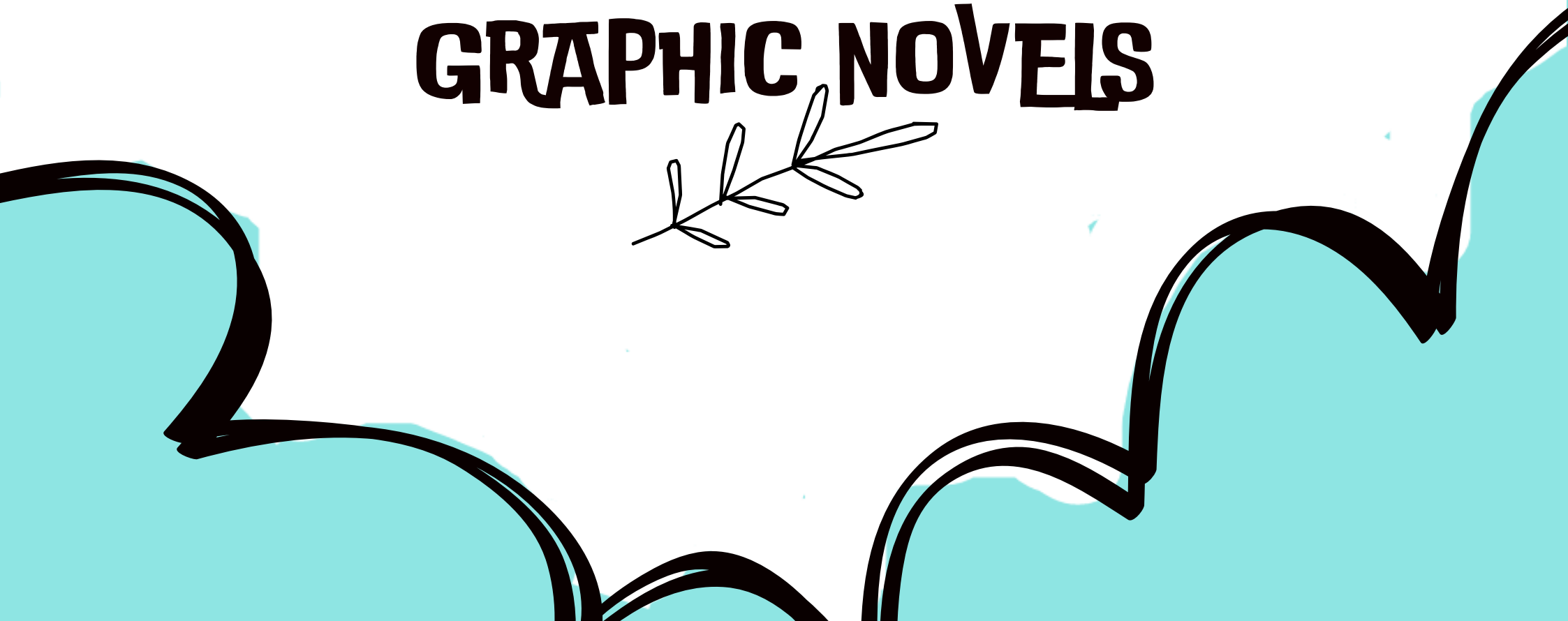
With themes of embracing change, adapting to uncertainty, and learning to let go and live in the moment

Dreiling's author illustrator debut is just as perfect as her protagonist

Using a selection of mixed materials and media, her artwork is playful and vibrant



# GRAPHIC NOVELS





**GALLT & ZACKER**

**Fantasy, Middle Grade**  
**Full-colour illustrations**  
 225 pages  
**Random House Graphic**  
**Spring 2024**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

**Kira and the (maybe) Space Princess**

—Megan Brennan—

**Book one of the Magic Girls series!**

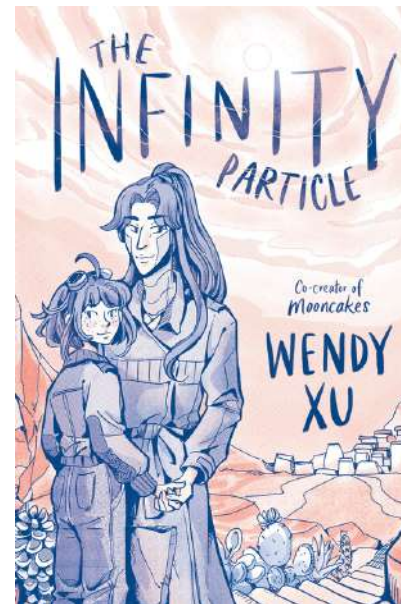
Welcome to Neo-Earth Junior High school, where there's nothing cooler than being a Magical Girl – a pretty superhero who fights villains with the power of friendship and glitter! This year, instead of being totally and completely average, Kira is going to be cool and popular and have SO many friends because she's going to be a MAGICAL GIRL!

...Or not.  
 Frustrated beyond belief, Kira makes a wish on a shooting star that her life will change – and when Caticorn, a cat-unicorn-space-princess, crashes into Kira's backyard and tells her they have to work together to fight an intergalactic foe, it seems her wish has come true..kinda..maybe.. Kira's budding friendship with Caticorn is quickly tested by rivals, cute transfer students, fashion emergencies – and Caticorn's own secret past. Is Kira's dream of being a Magical Girl really possible...or is Caticorn not really what she promises to be?

**Key Selling Points**

By the creator of THE AMAZING WORLD OF GUMBALL

A sweet, hilarious and full colour story!



**GALLT & ZACKER**

**Sci-Fi, AI Contemporary Romance**  
**Ages 13+**  
 2 colours  
 272 pages  
**Quill Tree (HarperCollins),**  
**August 2023**

**Available rights**

Portugal

**Previous work sold to**

Spain (Urano)  
 Brazil (DarkSide)

**The Infinity Particle**

—Wendy Xu—

**A speculative YA with shades of Ghost in the Shell about a young woman whose best friend and first love suddenly reappears in her life after being presumed dead for three years.**

Clementine Chang moves from Earth to Mars to start over. On the first day of her dream job working for Dr. Marcella Lin, an Artificial Intelligence pioneer, Clem meets Dr. Lin's assistant, a gorgeous, yet cold humanoid AI named Kye. Sure, Clem has built her own robot—a cute moth-shaped companion named SENA—but Kye feels almost..human.  
 When Clem and Kye begin to work together, their chemistry sets off sparks. The only downside? Dr. Lin won't allow Kye to become more independent. And their relationship is causing Clem to question everything she knows about her work. After all, if Kye is sentient enough to have feelings, shouldn't he be able to have his own thoughts? Where is the line between AI and human? As her future and her past weigh on her, Clem becomes determined to help Kye break free— even if it means risking everything she came to Mars for.



**Key Selling Points**

This thought-provoking limited palette graphic novel by the co-creator of Mooncakes explores big questions through the eyes of an aspiring inventor and the lifelike AI she finds herself falling for



**PENGUIN**

**Romance**

336 pages

Full-colour illustrations

**Viking Books for Young Readers**

**October 2023**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal

### Key Selling Points

"Incredibly charming . . . There's joy, delight, and absolutely unrestrained romantic sweetness on every page. I love it to bits!" —TRUNG LE NGUYEN, author of the Eisner Award nominee *The Magic Fish*

## If You'll Have Me

— Eunnie —

**"Super sweet and totally heartwarming!"**

—Alice Oseman, bestselling author of *Heartstopper* and *Loveless*

Momo Gardner is the kind of friend who's always ready to lend a helping hand. She's introverted, sensitive, and maybe a little too trusting, but she likes to believe the best in people. PG, on the other hand, is a bit of a lone wolf, despite her reputation for being a flirt and a player. Underneath all that cool mystery, she's actually quick to smile, and when she falls for someone, she falls hard. An unexpected meet-cute brings the two together, kicking off the beginning of an awkward yet endearing courtship—but with their drastically different personalities, Momo's overprotective friend, and PG's past coming back to haunt her, Momo and PG's romance is put to the test.



**PENGUIN**

**Memoir**

202 pages

Full-colour illustrations

**Dial Books, April 2020**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal

**Rights sold**

Complex Chinese (Sun Color Culture), Simplified

Chinese (Beijing Zito), Korean (Munhakdongne)

## Dancing at the Pity Party

— Tyler Feder —

**This acclaimed graphic memoir that Kirkus calls "cathartic and uplifting" is the tale of losing a parent and what it feels like to grieve and to move forward.**

Tyler Feder had just white-knuckled her way through her first year of college when her super cool mom was diagnosed with late-stage cancer. Now, with a decade of grief and nervous laughter under her belt, Tyler shares the story of that gut-wrenching, heart-pounding, extremely awkward time in her life—from her mom's first oncology appointment to her funeral through the beginning of facing reality as a motherless daughter. She shares the sting of loss that never goes away, the uncomfortable post-death firsts, and the deep-down, hard-to-talk-about feelings of the grieving process.

*Dancing at the Pity Party* is a frank and refreshingly funny look at what it's like to grieve—for anyone struggling with loss who just wants someone to get it.

### Key Selling Points

"I can't recommend this kind, funny, and poignant memoir enough. It's an intimate, life-affirming story of resilience that feels like a good friend."

—Mari Andrew, author of *Am I There Yet?*

**"Cathartic and uplifting"**

—Kirkus Reviews

Equal parts celebration, reflection, and mourning, this graphic memoir touches on the unpredictable path of grief . . . Grieving teens will find incredible solace in Feder's story; all readers will be stirred by this wrenching yet uplifting musing."

—School Library Journal, starred review

**Goodreads Choice Award** Nominee for Best Graphic Novels & Comics (2020)



## Night & Dana

— Anya Davidson —

**A creative coming-of-age story for the climate-change era, as a horror fanatic and aspiring special-effects maker finds inspiration as an activist**

When special-effects obsessives Dana and Lily begin work on an eco-horror movie, tempers flare. But as everything starts going up in flames, Dana begins to forge her voice as a climate activist.

Anya Davidson is freelance comic journalist and comic book author based in Chicago. She has worked with the Chicago Reader and the Newberry Library. Her graphic novels include School Spirits (2013), Band for Life (2016), and Lovers in the Garden (2016).



**LERNER**

**YA, Contemporary**

240 pages

Full-colour illustrations

**Graphic Universe**

**September 2023**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

### Key Selling Points

- An acclaimed cartoonist makes her YA debut
- A story plugged in to make culture and social media with hints of the supernatural
- A fresh, funny voice with environmental awareness



## Stories of the Islands

**Clar Angkasa**

**Journey into a land of magic and powerful women based on Indonesian folk tale, lushly reimagined by a debut graphic novelist**

Once upon a time. . .

A princess was cursed to live as a snail,  
Two sisters were trapped by their father's wrath,  
And a mother and daughter faced a hungry  
giant.

No one is coming to save them.  
Will they get their happily ever after?

In *Stories of the Islands*, debut graphic novelist Clar Angkasa takes three folk tales from her childhood in Indonesia and gives them back to the girl characters, following their hopes, dreams, and journeys for freedom from natural and unnatural forces. Why should women in folk tales be sidelined or reduced to tropes? What if we tell their stories, instead?

**HOLIDAY HOUSE**

**MG, Folklore**

176 pages

Full-colour illustrations

**Holiday House**

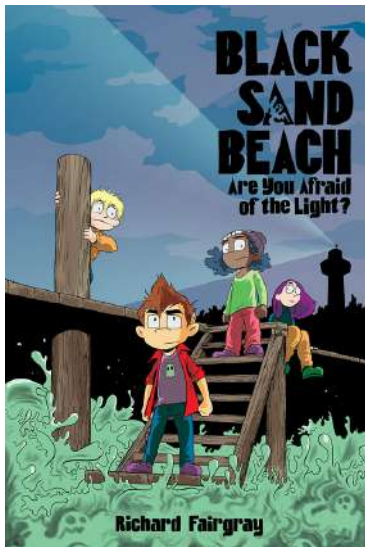
**October 2023**

**Available rights**

Spain

### Key Selling Points

Gorgeously illustrated with a dedicated color palette for each tale, this collected retelling of "Keong Mas," "Bawang Merah Bawang Putih," and "Timun Mas" combines fresh fantasy with a meditation on the power of solidarity and care. Filled with deep emotion, spectacular settings, and a mix of panel art and full dramatic spreads, *Stories of the Islands* is a bright reimagining of familiar stories for a new generation.



## Black Sand Beach series

— Richard Fairgray —

Join Dash and Lily as they uncover the mysteries of Black Sand Beach on their hilariously haunted summer vacation in this middle grade graphic novel series.

Twelve-year-old Dash and his best friend Lily are spending the summer at Black Sand Beach, where Dash's family has a house. Lily can't understand why Dash isn't more excited. Three months of surf, sand, and sun. It should be a dream!

But Black Sand Beach is not that kind of vacation spot.

The house is a shack, and all of Dash's weird relatives are there. More alarming is the zombie ram that crashes through the front yard and the eerie voices calling out to Dash from the lighthouse--a lighthouse that hasn't been operational in a hundred years...

So Dash has a new plan for his summer vacation... Survive.



### HOLIDAY HOUSE

192 pages

Full-colour illustrations

Pixel + Ink

April 2020

May 2021

June 2022

October 2023

### Available rights

Spain

**Rights sold** Books 1 + 2: Hebrew (Kinneret)

### Key Selling Points

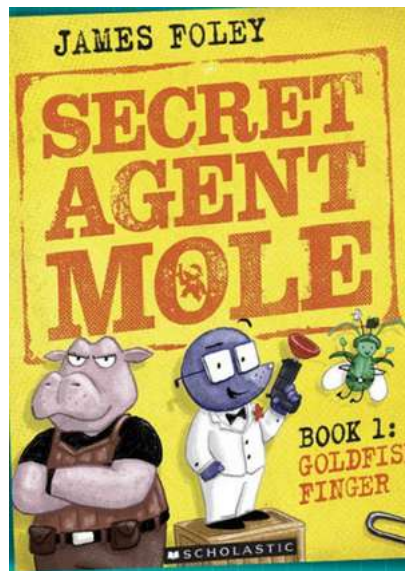
"The richly textured hues are dazzling." —New York Times

"Creepy, bizarre, and compelling." —Kirkus Reviews

"Fairgray keeps the humor high to soften some genuine spookiness and crafts a cast that readers will want to follow into future volumes." —Booklist

"Creepy fun tempered by plenty of silliness." —School Library Journal

"This first title in a new graphic novel series features just the right mix of Gravity Falls and Goosebumps that kids will love" —School Library Connection



## Secret Agent Mole

— James Foley —

James Bond meets Captain Underpants in this hilarious Graphic Novel for young readers

Max Mole is a mole on a mission. With Helena Hippo and June Bug by his side, Max must stop the evil Goldfishfinger from stealing a priceless, solid gold piece of art.

This dangerous, top-secret mission will involve explosions, a naked mole rat, and being flushed down a giant toilet. Will Max and the team defeat the fiendish fish?

Time to rock and mole!

### SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA

Early readers

B&W

192 pages

Scholastic,  
March, 2023

### Available rights

Spain, Portugal

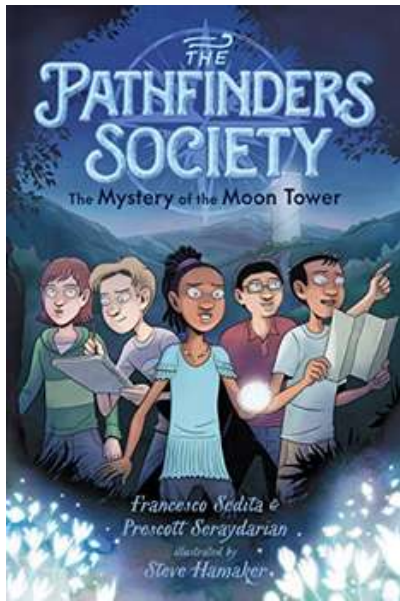


### Key Selling Points

For fans of THE BAD GUYS, DOG MAN and CAT KID

James Foley is a renowned kid's author and illustrator of books such as STELLARPHANT, TOFFLE TOWERS, CHICKENSAURUS and MY DEAD BUNNY.

This is his first Graphic Novel



PENGUIN

MG, 3 book series

Full-colour Illustrations

176 pages

Viking Books for Young Readers

April 2020, July 2021, April 2022

Available rights

Portugal

Previous work sold to

Catalan (Barcanova)

Spanish (Anaya)

# The Pathfinders Society #1: Mystery of the Moon Tower

Francesco Sedita & Prescott Seraydarian

Summer camp just became a whole lot more interesting when five curious kids accept a mysterious project: work together as a team to uncover a series of strange clues, reveal a secret path--and follow its twists and turns to a legendary treasure!

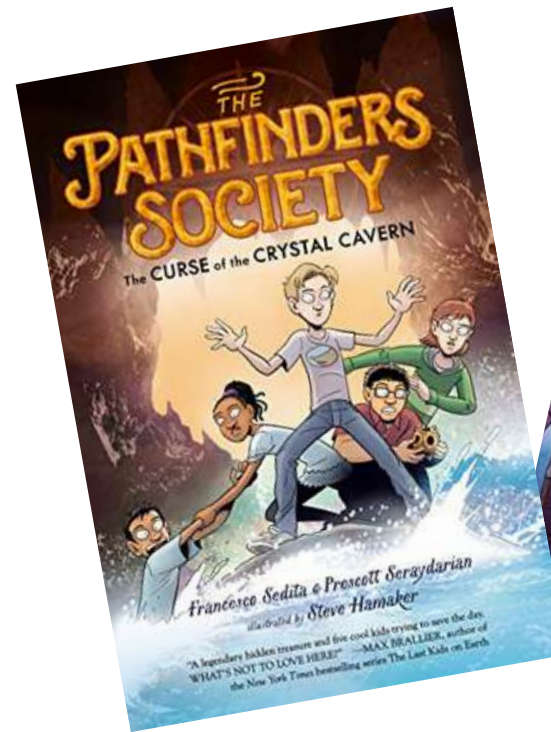
Join in the fun in this lively, clever debut graphic novel sure to appeal to fans of the Last Kids on Earth and Lumberjanes series.

## Key Selling Points

"Indiana Jones-style clever, and the thematic joy of searching is hard to resist. Characters' personalities are easily accessible and each is visualized in clean, elegant strokes, while the backgrounds are lavishly detailed, most appropriate for a story about discovering secrets in strange places."

—Booklist

"A legendary hidden treasure, an eccentric guy who collects stuff in a mysterious castle, and five cool kids trying to connect the dots and save the day, all of it brilliantly illustrated. WHAT'S NOT TO LOVE HERE?"  
--MAX BRALLIER, author of the NYT bestselling series The Last Kids on Earth



Kyle is a new kid in town who likes to draw. Vic is a cool cheerleader who's secretly a math whiz. Quiet Beth is a history buff, while goofball Harry likes performing magic tricks, with the help of his patient wingman, Nate. Five kids unlikely to form a team, for sure.

But then they're thrown together at summer camp, where they watch a grainy old movie about the history of their town, Windrose, and one of its illustrious citizens of a bygone era: the intrepid explorer-inventor Henry Merriweather. He's the one who established their camp. Merriweather's Camp Pathfinders' motto? Plus Ultra: more beyond!

The five kids soon find there is indeed "more beyond" in their pokey town with its weird weather and sudden geysers of smelly air. Deciphering a route of historical markers leads them to Merriweather's old castle, which is lined with ornate, beautiful tiles in hallways that lead to secret rooms full of odd objects--and where time itself is warped!

Kyle, Vic, Beth, Harry, and Nate witness scenes from Merriweather's past and realize his experiments and eccentricities are pointing toward a path--that could lead to the rumored lost treasure of Windrose.

This is the path our heroes are meant to follow, on a journey that will take them back and forth through time, through woods, and across waterways revealed by moonlight, right up to the looming Moon Tower itself--which holds Merriweather's secret . . . and the treasure!



# Hy-larious Hyena!

—Nazeem Hussain—

**Harry is one Hy-larious hyena, with unstoppable, legendary LOL-powers ... until one prank goes way too far and everyone nearly becomes lion lunch. Is it time for Harry to finally get serious? Hye-No!**

This is the story of Harry the Hyena, who lives at The Pits. Harry just loves to prank everyone, and laugh at the misfortune of others resulting from his pranks. He really thinks he should move up in the world, and would love to live on the Mane lands. But that is the home of the Lions, including Larry, who he has known since they were cubs. And everyone knows that Lions and Hyenas are not a good mix!

But when one of Harry's pranks on his aunty goes too far, Harry decides to go out on his own—freedom is what awaits him. But is being away from his family as good as he thinks? And why is Larry out away from his family too?

SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA

Children  
B&W  
200 pages  
Scholastic,  
October 2022

Available rights

Spain, Portugal



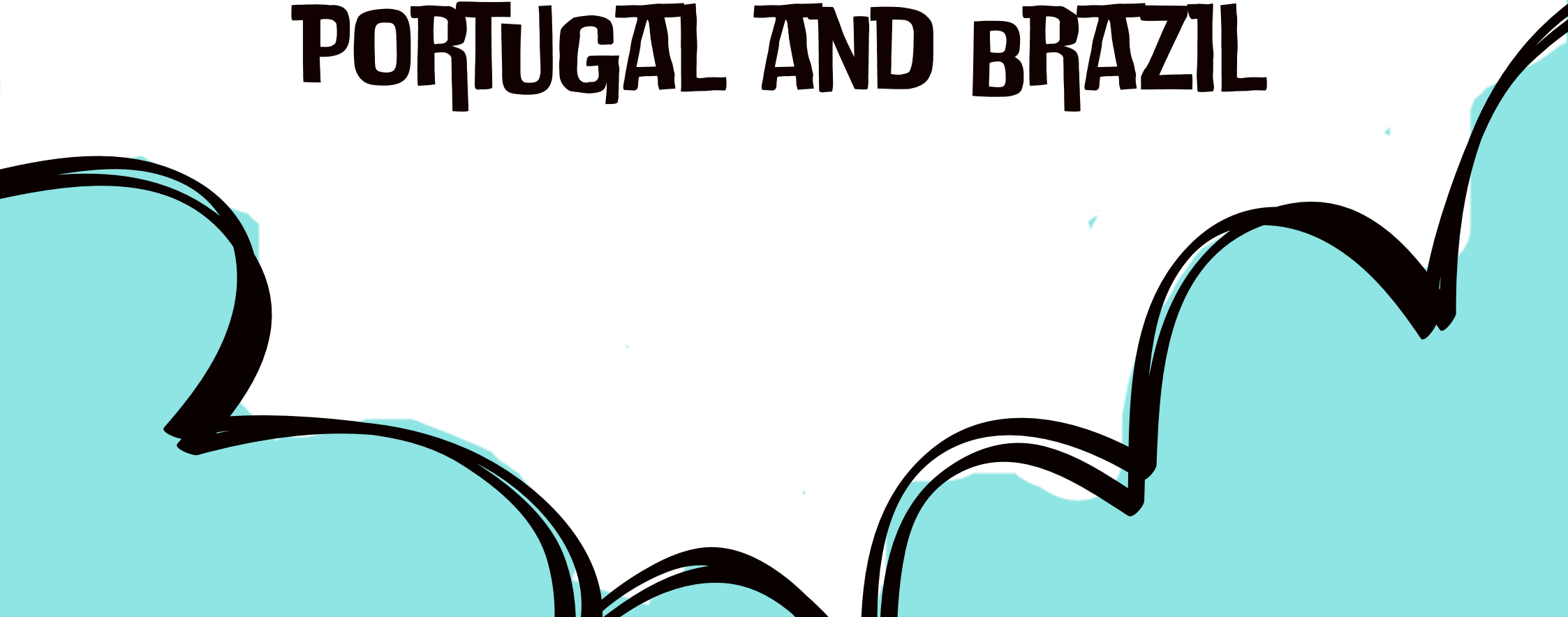
## Key Selling Points

Comedian Nazeem Hussain brings us his first children's book, and it certainly doesn't disappoint—and he has teamed up with the super-creative Heath McKenzie, whose illustrations will delight!

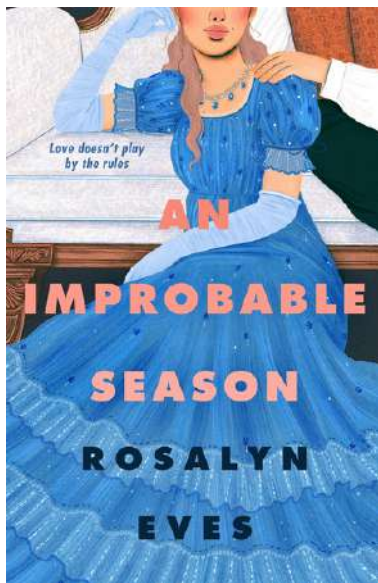
This is a very funny illustrated story, with many puns and plays on words, that all primary aged students will thoroughly enjoy.

With other titles expected to follow in this series, it is sure to be a big hit!

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT  
PORTUGAL AND BRAZIL**







## ADAMS LITERARY

Regency romance

352 pages

Farrar, Straus & Giroux,  
April 2023

## Available rights

Portugal  
Brazil

**Sold to**

Spain (Urano)

# An Improbable Season

— Rosalyn Eves —

"A delightful romp."

Kirkus Reviews

**For fans of Bridgerton, a Regency romance by Rosalyn Eves about three young women, their big dreams, and a London Season gone awry.**

When Thalia, Kalliope, and Charis set off to Regency London for their first Season, they know exactly what they want. Thalia means to make her mark among the intelligentsia and publish her poetry. Her sister, Kalli, aims to take high society by storm, with parties and gowns galore and a proper husband at the end of it all. Their cousin Charis hopes to earn her place among the (nearly exclusively male) scientific elite. But it doesn't take long for things to fall apart. Kalli finds herself embroiled in scandal and reliant upon an arranged marriage to redeem her reputation, Thalia's dreams of becoming a great poet are threatened by her attraction to a charming rake, and Charis finds herself an unexpected social hit—and the source of a scientific dilemma that her heart might not survive. Can these young women find their happily ever afters in this turbulent London Season?

## Key Selling Points

"[T]ight, punchy prose teems with idiosyncratic characters, a profusion of well-trod romance novel conventions, and a brisk pace that will appeal to fans of Regency media."

Publisher's Weekly



## ADAMS LITERARY

LGBTQ+ Romantasy

480 pages

Nancy Paulsen Books,  
February 2023

## Available rights

Portugal, Brazil

**Sold to**

Spain (Urano)

**Book 2  
coming soon!**

# Nightbirds

— Kate J. Armstrong —

"An electrifying, high-stakes series opener grounded in feminist themes."

Kirkus Reviews, starred review

**Carnival Row meets The Great Gatsby in the world of the Nightbirds, a 1920s-tinted series that welcomes you into fine parlors flowing with illicit magic and secret clubs where almost anything can be had... for a price**

The Nightbirds are Simta's best kept secret. Teenage girls from the Great Houses with magic coursing through their veins, the Nightbirds have the unique ability to gift their magic to others with a kiss. Magic—especially the magic of women—is outlawed and the city's religious sects would see them burned if discovered. But protected by the Great Houses, the Nightbirds are safe well-guarded treasures.

As this Season's Nightbirds, Matilde, Aesa, and Sayer spend their nights bestowing their unique brands of magic to well-paying clients. Once their Season is through, they're each meant to marry a Great House lord and become mothers to the next generation of Nightbirds before their powers fade away. But Matilde, Aesa, and Sayer have other plans. They know their lives as Nightbirds aren't just temporary, but a complete lie and yearn for something more.

When they discover that there are other girls like them and that their magic is more than they were ever told, they see the carefully crafted Nightbird system for what it is: a way to keep them in their place, first as daughters and then as wives. Now they must make a choice—to stay in their gilded cage or to remake the city that put them there in the first place.

## Key Selling Points

A high-concept, feminist fantasy with all the good stuff: magic, secrets, romance... you name it!

With a pace that never flags and a harrowing, high-stakes plot, this distinguished read boasts texture, heft, and heart.

Publisher's Weekly

# The Darkening series

Sunya Mara



**ADAMS LITERARY**

**Romantasy**

400 pages

**Clarion Books, July 2022**

**Available rights**

Portugal, Brazil

**Sold to**

Spain (La Galera)

"A dark and emotionally charged fantasy."

**Kirkus Reviews**

**In this thrilling and epic YA fantasy debut the only hope for a city trapped in the eye of a cursed storm lies with the daughter of failed revolutionaries and a prince terrified of his throne.**

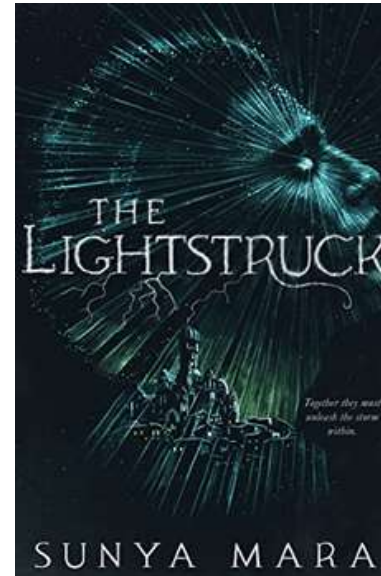
Vesper Vale is the daughter of revolutionaries. Failed revolutionaries. When her mother was caught by the queen's soldiers, they gave her a choice: death by the hangman's axe, or death by the Storm that surrounds the city and curses anyone it touches. She chose the Storm. And when the queen's soldiers—led by a paranoid prince—catch up to Vesper's father after twelve years on the run, Vesper will do whatever it takes to save him from sharing that fate.

Even arm herself with her father's book of dangerous experimental magic.

Even infiltrate the prince's elite squad of soldier-sorcerers.

Even cheat her way into his cold heart.

But when Vesper learns that there's more to the story of her mother's death, she'll have to make a choice if she wants to save her city: trust the devious prince with her family's secrets, or follow her mother's footsteps into the Storm.



**ADAMS LITERARY**

**Romantasy**

400 pages

**Clarion Books, July 2023**

**Available rights**

Portugal, Brazil

**In this epic sequel and conclusion to the Darkening duology, which has been called "enchanted and wildly clever" (Ayana Gray, New York Times bestselling author of Beasts of Prey), Vesper Vale, once savior to a city plagued by cursed storms, finds herself facing an even more sinister threat when an ominous light summoned by the Great King seizes control of the city.**

Vesper Vale sacrificed everything to save her city from the cursed storm. After becoming a vessel of The Great Queen, Vesper awakes from a slumber three years after her life altering choice.

What she finds isn't a home freed from the terror of the storm, but one where its citizens are besieged by the even more sinister force of The Great King and his growing army of the lightstruck—once regular citizens who are now controlled by the ominous light encroaching on the city. And the people are all looking to Vesper, now revered as a goddess after her sacrifice, as their city's only hope.

To save the rings from the Great King, Vesper must contend with the obligations of being a deity to her people and the growing chasm between her and Dalca, the prince she swore never to love. Haunted by the guilt of their past choices and faced with the pressures of a city near ruin, Vesper and Dalca find themselves torn between the growing factions within the city and the royal court.

But in order to save her city from the light, Vesper must face the power most outside of her control—the goddess within.

## Key Selling Points

**"High-stakes action and a delicate enemies-to-lovers romance propels Mara's duology-opening debut to its climactic end."**

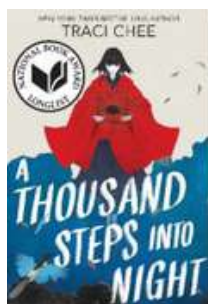
Publisher's Weekly

# Kindling

— Tracy Chee —



A rich and evocative YA reimagining of the classic film, *Seven Samurai*, from bestselling and award-winning author, Traci Chee. Set against a war-ravaged fantasy world where kindling warfare—the use of elite, magic-wielding teenage soldiers—has been outlawed, seven kindlings search for purpose and identity as they prepare for one final battle.



**HARPERCOLLINS**

**Epic fantasy**

416 pages

**Clarion Books, March 2024**



## Available rights

Portugal, Brazil

## Rights sold for *A Thousand Steps Into Night*

Spain (Oceano), Romania (Grupul Editorial Art), Russian (Eksmo)



## Key Selling Points

Traci Chee is an award-winning author: her book *A Thousand Steps Into Night* was a National Book Award Finalist and her previous novel, *We Are Not Free*, was met with a Printz Honor, Walter Honor and received four starred reviews.

Reimagining a classic film: *Seven Samurai* is a classic film, and Chee gives it a strong, feminist bend.

# See you on Venus

— Victoria Vinuesa —



Two teens embark on a journey to Spain to discover the meaning of love, death and everything in between in this star-crossed tale perfect for fans of *Five Feet Apart*!

**Mia** has had a heart condition her whole life. She's not afraid of dying but something has always stopped her from her biggest fear: tracking down her biological mother in Spain...until now. Before her next surgery, Mia wants to meet the woman who gave her away once and for all.

**Kyle** has always been the life of the party...that was until the car accident that killed his best friend. Since then he's been reeling with guilt and willing to do just about anything to escape his reality.

After a twist of fate, Mia and Kyle meet and make the decision to travel to Spain together in search of answers they both desperately need to mend their broken hearts...but did the universe bind them together to change how they feel about death and love forever?

**TARYN FAGERNESS**

**Contemporary romance**

352 pages

**Delacorte Press,**

**September 2023**

## Available rights

Portugal, Brazil

## Sold to

Spain (Penguin Random House)

## Key Selling Points

Soon to be a Netflix film starring Virginia Gardner and Mason Gooding!

A heartfelt, tender tale that turns the enemies-to-lovers trope into an unexpected take on trauma and death

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT  
PORTUGAL**





**AMAZON**

**NA Contemporary  
Romance**

304 pages

**Skyscape, November 2022**

**Available rights**

Portugal

**Previous works sold to**

Brazil (Faro)

Spain (Libros de la Seda)

## June, Reimagined

— Rebekah Crane —

**From the writer who brought you the Irish romance** *The Upside of Falling Down* **comes a new novel about secrets, friendship, reinvention, and unexpected love in the Scottish Highlands**

June Merriweather is on the run—from her own life. Her brother is dead, her parents are liars, and her college major is a joke. Apart from her best friend, Matt, June is desperate for reinvention. And a one-way ticket out of Cincinnati to the Scottish Highlands is a good place to start.

With a backpack, an urn, and a secret, June begins again. She snags a job at a café and finds lodging at a quaint inn with a quirky cast of housemates. The only problem: the inn's infuriatingly perceptive (and sexy) owner, Lennox. He's suspicious of June. After all, no one comes to Scotland in the winter unless they're running from something. From rocky start to sizzling temptation, June's new world is exhilarating...and one detour away from disaster.

With her past and her future both vying for attention, June can't begin to picture where her reimagined life is headed next. And falling in love with the last person she expected is only the beginning.

"[T]he real love story here is between the protagonist and her authentic life...A sincere story about navigating life and love."

—Kirkus Reviews

### Key Selling Points

A coming of age and found family story

Enemies-to-lovers trope

Quirky side characters

For fans of *The Highland Fling* by Meghan Quinn

Cover sneak-peek



**MACMILLAN**

**LGBTQ+ Romantasy**

384 pages

**Roaring Book Press,  
January 2024**

**Available rights**

Portugal

**Sold to**

Spain (in auction)

## The Last Bloodcarver

— Vanessa Le —

**The tantalizing romance of** *These Violent Delights* **meets the mechanical wonders of Cinder in** *The Last Bloodcarver*, **the first in a two-book debut - with a riveting medical magic system and lush Vietnam-inspired fantasy world**

Nhika is a bloodcarver. A cold-hearted, ruthless being who can alter human biology with just a touch. In the industrial city of Theumas, she is seen not as a healer, but a monster that kills for pleasure.

When Nhika is caught using her bloodcarving abilities during a sham medical appointment, she's captured by underground thugs and sold to an aristocratic family to heal the last witness of their father's murder.

But as Nhika delves deeper into their investigation amidst the glitz of Theumas' wealthiest district, she begins to notice parallels between this job and her own dark past. And when she meets an alluring yet entitled physician's aide, Ven Kochin, she's forced to question the true intent behind this murder. In a society that outcasts her, Kochin seems drawn to her...though he takes every chance he gets to push her out of his opulent world.

When Nhika discovers that Kochin is not who he claims to be, and that there is an evil dwelling in Theumas that runs much deeper than the murder of one man, she must decide where her heart, and her allegiance, truly lie. And - if she's willing to become the dreaded bloodcarver Theumas fears to save herself and the ones she's vowed to protect.

### Key Selling Points

Vanessa Le is a fantastic world builder, creating an intriguing and unique magic system while also weaving through real-world themes such as colonialism, class, and family traditions.

A page-turner with a cliffhanger at the end that will make you clamor for Book 2!



**ADAMS LITERARY**

**LGBTQ+ romance**

336 pages

**Wednesday Books,  
June 2023**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal

**Sold to**

Brazil (Globo Livros)

**Darkhearts**

— James L. Sutter —

**Perfect for fans of Red, White, & Royal Blue and Perks of Being a Wallflower, Darkhearts is a hilarious, heartfelt novel about fame, romance, and what happens when the two collide.**

"A messy, joyful story about what happens when rockstars meet reality, and about finding the part of yourself that makes you whole. These boys and their love story filled up my heart—I couldn't stop reading, and I didn't want to."

New York Times **bestselling**  
author **Amie Kaufman**

When David quit his band, he missed his shot at fame. For the past two years, he's been trapped in an ordinary Seattle high school life, working summers for his dad's construction business while his former best friends Chance and Eli became the hottest teen pop act in America.

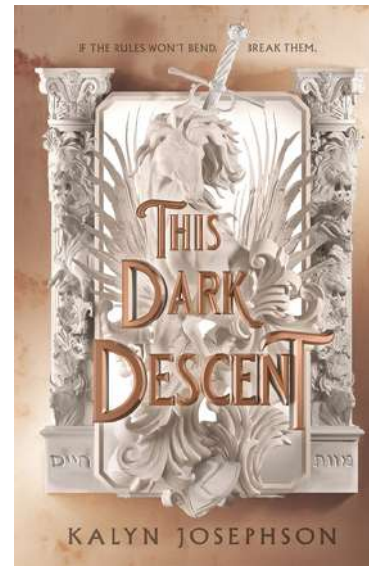
Then Eli dies. Suddenly David and Chance are thrown back into contact, forcing David to rediscover all the little things that once made the two of them so close, even as he continues to despise the singer's posturing and attention-hogging. As old wounds break open, an unexpected kiss leads the boys to trade frenemy status for a confusing, tentative romance—one Chance is desperate to keep out of the spotlight. Though hurt by Chance's refusal to acknowledge him publicly, David decides their new relationship presents a perfect opportunity for him to rejoin the band and claim the celebrity he's been denied. But Chance is all too familiar with people trying to use him.

As the mixture of business and pleasure becomes a powder keg, David will have to choose: Is this his second chance at glory? Or his second chance at Chance?

**Key Selling Points**

LGBTQReads, "Most Anticipated LGBTQ+ Romance of 2023"

"Sutter's breezy, warm-hearted prose feels almost like a trick: blink and you'll catch yourself surprised by the more emotional moments in the book. A fantastic, slow-burn romance both sweet and poignant, hilarious and brilliant." —Cassandra Khaw, USA Today bestselling author of Nothing But Blackened Teeth



**MACMILLAN**

**LGBTQ+ Fantasy**

400 pages

**Roaring Brook Press,  
September 2023**

**Available rights**

Portugal

**Sold to**

Spain (Hidra)

**This Dark Descent**

— Kalyn Josephson —

**The Scorpio Races meets Peaky Blinders in this dual-POV fantasy steeped in Jewish folklore where the daughter of a famous horse breeder, a black-market enchanter, and an ambitious heir must work together to win a cutthroat enchanted horserace.**

The Rusel family is famous throughout Enderlain as breeders of enchanted horses, but their prestige is no match for their rising debts. To save her family's ranch, Mikira Rusel is left with only one option: enter the Illinir, a cutthroat, cross-country horserace known for its high death rate as much as its flashy prize money.

To have any chance of success, she'll have to recruit Arielle Kadar, an unlicensed enchanter who creates golems in place of enchanted animals, and Damien Adair, a lord in the midst of a succession battle. Both her accomplices have reasons of their own to help Mikira - and their own blood feuds to avenge.

In a world as dangerous as this, will hidden agendas and conflicting desires butcher their chances of winning the Illinir... or will another rider's dagger?

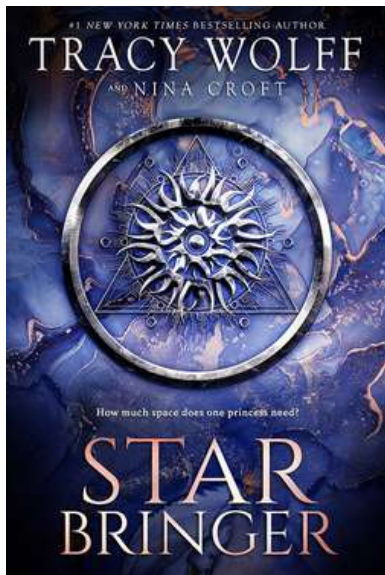
**A duology! Book 2 coming  
January 2024**

**Key Selling Points**

Representation of Jewish folklore

Pairs the sweeping excitement and beauty of horseracing with an intricate magic system

Full of political scheming, romance, and characters that you immediately become invested in



**THE SEYMOUR AGENCY**

**LGBTQ+ Romantasy**  
608 pages  
Entangled, July 2023

**Available rights**  
Portugal

**Sold to**  
Spain (Planeta)

**Key Selling Points**

Two powerhouse authors: NYT bestseller Tracy Wolff and award-winning Nina Croft

High-stakes and high-concept world-building

**Star Bringer**

Tracy Wolff  
& Nina Croft

Seven strangers. One escape ship. And an entire galaxy hunting them.

Firefly meets *The Breakfast Club* in this high-concept, LGBTQ+ romance from #1 New York Times bestselling author Tracy Wolff and award winning author Nina Croft

**The Atlas of Us**

Kristin Dwyer



Perfect for fans of Kathleen Glasgow and Nina LaCour, Kristin Dwyer's sophomore novel is a heartbreaking YA romance about finding love when everything else seems lost

Atlas Jones has lost her way. In the wake of her father's death and a terrible accident, she enrolls in a nature work camp for troubled teens, hoping to get her life back on track. She can get a fresh start there, she thinks, since the program requires the participants to use fake names to avoid bringing their outside lives into the forest. But Maps, as she's christened upon arrival, wasn't expecting the work or the hiking to be quite so difficult— and she definitely wasn't expecting her team leader "King", a graduate of last year's program, to be so compelling. Romance is forbidden on the trail, so Maps resolves to focus on herself. But as she and King develop an undeniable connection, she's forced to decide whether being with him is worth throwing away the work she's trying to do on herself.

**HARPERCOLLINS**

Contemporary Romance  
400 pages  
HarperCollins,  
January 2024



**Available rights**

Portugal

**Rights for Some Mistakes Were Made sold to**

Spanish (Urano), Portuguese (Globo), Russian (Exem), German (HarperCollins), Polish (S.I.W. Znak), Slovak (Slovart), Czech (Slovart)

**Key Selling Points**

**BREAKOUT AUTHOR:** Kristin's debut novel received glowing blurbs from a wide variety of bestselling authors as well as multiple starred reviews. In addition, her sales numbers have been spectacular so far.

Atlas's impulses and choices are what drive the story, keeping the reader on the edge of their seat as she deals with the fallout.



**HARPERCOLLINS**

**Romantasy**  
320 pages  
**HarperCollins,**  
**November 2023**

### Available rights

Portugal

### Previous works sold to

Spain (La Galera), Brazil (Companhia das Letras), Czech (Albatros), Turkish (Alfa Basim Yayim Dagitim), Lithuanian (Alma Littera), Italian (Arnoldo Mondadoria), Portuguese (Companhia Editora Nacional), German (Crosscult), Romanian (Epica Junior), French (K-world), Hungarian (Kolibri), Indonesian (Gramedia Pustaka), Russian (ST License)

## Key Selling Points

K-Pop is a HOT TOPIC: teens will love this story about an aspiring idol!  
XOXO, the first K-Pop inspired novel by Oh, was a big hit with readers.

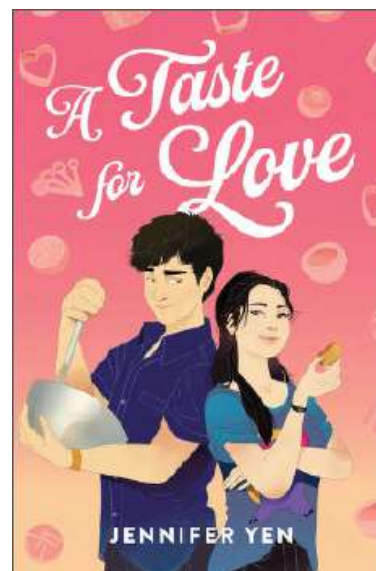
## ASAP

— Axie Oh —

Somewhere Only We Know **meets** Crazy Rich Asians **in this XOXO companion novel and young adult rom-com** from New York Times bestselling author **Axie Oh, which follows aspiring K-pop idol Sori and worldwide famous idol Nathaniel as they fight for their second chance at love.**

Sori has worked her whole life to become a K-Pop idol. She's taken the right classes, gone to the best school, made the necessary sacrifices, but if anything, her dreams seem to be drifting farther out of her reach, not closer. And with her management agency not only being strict, but also owned by her exacting mother and her father up for reelection – everything is starting to spin out of her control.

As the pressure to keep her flawless public image grows, the last thing in the world she do is think about Nathaniel. A member of one of the biggest K-pop bands in the world and strictly forbidden from dating anyone, Nathaniel isn't more of an option now than he was two years ago. But when Nathaniel finds himself rocked by scandal and hiding from paparazzi at every turn, Sori offers her home to him as a hideaway. Close quarters bring back old feelings, and when the opportunity to finally breakout her career lands in her lap, Sori has to decide if her dreams are worth sacrificing a chance at love.



**PENGUIN**

**YA Contemporary**  
**Romance**  
322 pages  
**Razorbill, February 2021**

### Available rights

Portugal

### Sold to

Spain (Urano)

## A Taste for Love

— Jennifer Yen —

**For fans of Jenny Han, Jane Austen, and The Great British Baking Show, A Taste for Love is a delicious rom com about first love, familial expectations, and making the perfect bao**

To her friends, high school senior Liza Yang is nearly perfect. Smart, kind, and pretty, she dreams big and never shies away from a challenge. But to her mom, Liza is anything but. Compared to her older sister Jeannie, Liza is stubborn, rebellious, and worst of all, determined to push back against all of Mrs. Yang's traditional values, especially when it comes to dating.

The one thing mother and daughter do agree on is their love of baking. Mrs. Yang is the owner of Houston's popular Yin & Yang Bakery. With college just around the corner, Liza agrees to help out at the bakery's annual junior competition to prove to her mom that she's more than her rebellious tendencies once and for all. But when Liza arrives on the first day of the bake-off, she realizes there's a catch: all of the contestants are young Asian American men her mother has handpicked for Liza to date.

The bachelorette situation Liza has found herself in is made even worse when she happens to be grudgingly attracted to one of the contestants; the stoic, impenetrable, annoyingly hot James Wong. As she battles against her feelings for James, and for her mother's approval, Liza begins to realize there's no tried and true recipe for love.

## Key Selling Points

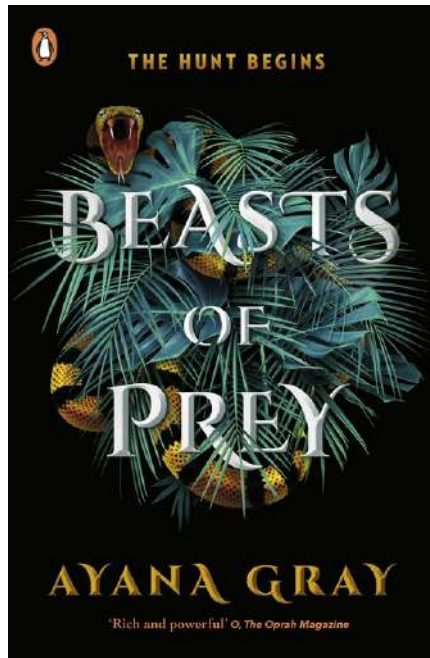
"Scrumptious." —Kirkus Reviews

"A plot-driven romance with a happy ending, Yen's debut is filled with mouth-watering descriptions of jelly cakes, egg waffles, matcha cookies, boba tea, and char siu bao... A fun story about family and friendship." —School Library Journal

"Pride and Prejudice gets a taste of The Great British Bake Off in this debut, which hits all the right notes." —Booklist

"This enjoyable rom-com has plenty to offer readers, including valuable friendships, the importance of family, a well-developed main character, and plenty of laugh-out-loud moments...Readers will be engrossed in this relaxed re-telling of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice from beginning to end." —School Library Connection





Magic doesn't exist in the broken city of Lkossa anymore, especially for girls like sixteen-year-old Koffi. Indentured to the notorious Night Zoo, she cares for its fearsome mythical creatures to pay off her family's debts. But when they are threatened by the Zoo's cruel master, Koffi unleashes a power she doesn't fully understand.

As the son of a decorated hero, Ekon destined to become an elite warrior. Until a fire at the Night Zoo upends his future and, on the brink of his final rite of passage, Ekon is cast out - his reputation left in tatters.

For Koffi and Ekon, the outlook is bleak - unless they can capture the Shetani, the vicious monster that plagues their city. As Koffi and Ekon enter the Greater Jungle, a world steeped in wild magic and danger, the tentative alliance between them is tested to the extreme.

The hunt begins - but are they the hunters or the hunted?

# Beasts Of Prey trilogy

— Ayana Gray —

An unforgettable, New York Times bestselling fantasy adventure for fans of AN EMBER IN THE ASHES, SHADOW AND BONE and THE GILDED ONES.  
Soon to be a major Netflix movie.



## PENGUIN USA

Fantasy, Action, Folklore

496 pages

Penguin Books,  
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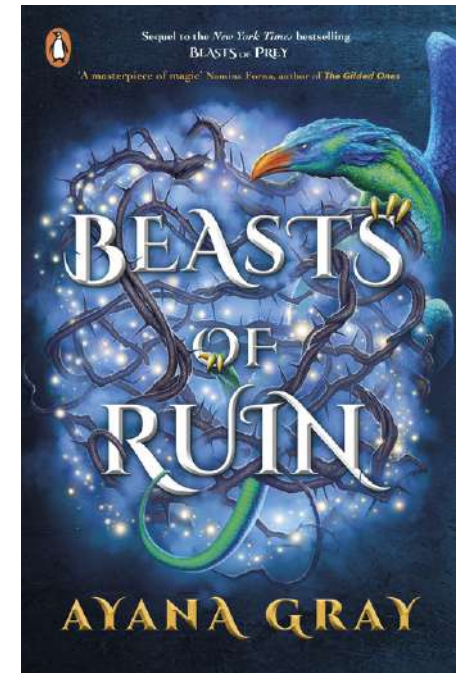
Russian (Eksmo)

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Brazilian Portuguese (Record)

Polish (Muza)

Hungarian (Cartaphilus)



Koffi, gifted with powerful magic, has saved the boy she loves - at a terrible price. Now Koffi is a servant to the god of death, and must choose between the life she once had, or the life she could have if she truly embraced her power.

Ekon is on the run from the ancient brotherhood he betrayed, and desperate to find Koffi: the girl who saved his life. But as he treks into the greater wilds of Eshoza in search of her, he must also contend with secrets his ancestors never wanted him to know.

Separated by land, sea, and gods, Koffi and Ekon will have to risk everything. But the longer they're kept apart, the harder their loyalties are tested.

## Key Selling Points

An Instant New York Times Bestseller  
An Indie Bestseller

A 2022 Bank Street Best Children's Book of the Year

A 2022 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults Pick

A 2021 Kirkus Best Book

A 2021 New York Public Library Best Book Pick

A 2021 Chicago Public Library Best Book Pick

A 2021 Tor.com Young Adult Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror Best Book Pick

A 2021 Parade Best YA Book Pick

A 2021 Black Caucus American Library Association Best of the Best Booklist Pick

An Apple Best Book of the Month Pick - October 2021

An Amazon Best Book of the Month - October 2021

An Indie Next Pick



# Beasts Of Prey trilogy

— Ayana Gray —

"Rich and powerful." —**O, The Oprah Magazine**

"The hunt for your next YA fantasy book trilogy obsession has ended." —**Entertainment Weekly**

"A propulsive mystery mixed with a moving coming-of-age tale and a touch of romance, *Beasts of Prey* asks: When we go into the jungle, who will we be when we come out?"

—**The New York Times Book Review**

"A new epic fantasy series." —**POPSUGAR**

"Step into the lush, magical jungles of your new young-adult fantasy obsession. . . Much more than just your standard hero's journey, *Beasts of Prey* is a story of courage, friendship, and community that's as inspiring as it is exciting." —**Apple Books Review**

★ "This pan-African story, rife with betrayal and narrated through poetic language that evokes vivid imagery, will ensnare readers, keeping them engaged with its energetic pace. The beautiful blend of mythology, romance, and action ends with a hint at more to come... A dazzling debut." —**Kirkus Reviews, starred review**

★ "Gray's debut is a thrilling series opener with twists and turns that will delight. Hints about more expansive world building to come will entice readers to pick up future volumes in this must-buy for fantasy enthusiasts." —**Booklist, starred review**

★ "With its memorable characters, and a lush, expansive world, Gray's debut is an action-packed adventure that will tug at hearts and keep teens glued to the page, yearning for more. Essential for all collections." —**School Library Journal, starred review**

"Rich in magic and mythos, *Beasts of Prey* is a feast for all the senses. Prepare to be transported to Koffi's world from the first page and find yourself lost not only in the dark thrill of the hunt but the poignant beats of emotion at the heart of this story. Gray's writing is lyrical, her imagery vivid. I eagerly await whatever she pens next."

—**Renée Ahdieh, New York Times bestselling author of The Beautiful**

"A fast-paced, rip-roaring ride that grabs you by the throat and never lets you go. A masterpiece of magic." —**Namina Forna, New York Times bestselling author of The Gilded Ones**

"Epic doesn't begin to encompass the jolting twists, sparkling mythos, and magical quests that fill the pages of *Beasts of Prey*. This is the sort of read that's beyond transportive; it's downright transcending—a tale full of heart and magic, and sure to ensorcell readers' body, bone, and soul." —**Roshani Chokshi, New York Times bestselling author of The Gilded Wolves**

"In this wildly original debut, Gray marries the lush imaginative wonder of African mythology with an action-packed tale of two teens on the opposite ends of fate, figuring out what's truly worth fighting for. Swoony, twisty, action-packed, *Beasts of Prey* is as epic as it is unforgettable." —**J. Elle, New York Times bestselling author of Wings of Ebony**

"A delight. I rarely fall in love with characters as quickly as I did with Koffi and Ekon. Gray masterfully balances the wonder and uncertainty of youth with a deftly, fully imagined world that I was dying to learn more about." —**S. A. Chakraborty, author of the critically acclaimed and internationally bestselling The Daevabad Trilogy**

"Ayana Gray's wonder-filled world of mythos and monsters and magic comes to life in the ensnaring, enchanting Greater Jungle. An unputdownable tale that unfolds in a maze of twists and turns, driven by the crackling wit of two protagonists on a quest to vanquish the beasts of their present and past." —**Amélie Wen Zhao, author of the Blood Heir trilogy**

"A magical, bingeable debut by a phenomenal new voice in YA. *Beasts of Prey* is an immersive and heartfelt book with characters whose personalities seep from the pages. From its beautiful prose to its rich and vibrant world, this book is your next favorite read." —**Adalyn Grace, New York Times bestselling author of All the Stars and Teeth**

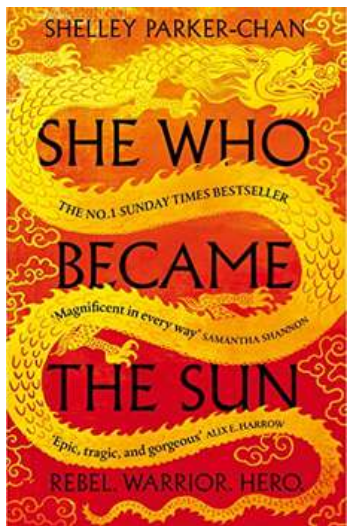
"Steeped in rich worldbuilding and resonating with keenly drawn emotional depth, *Beasts of Prey* features masterful twists, heart-pounding action, and unforgettable characters you will want to follow to the end of the world and back. I grew lost in this book from the very first page." —**Margaret Rogerson, bestselling author of Sorcery of Thorns**

"Gray's pan-African fantasy is filled with monsters, mythos, and Black girl magic. Her characters are well developed, and the plot is filled with African lore, expanded upon in an extensive author's note. Fans of Forna's *The Gilded Ones* and Ifueko's *Raybearer* will enjoy this engrossing debut novel." —**The Horn Book**

"The protagonists achieve a rich emotional depth complemented by the fast-paced action, and a light romantic element lends the plot additional support. . . imaginative debut." —**Publishers Weekly**

"One of the hottest young-adult books . . . It's a thrill-packed premise that Gray elevates with crisp prose, surefooted pacing, and detail-rich worldbuilding. She weaves the markers of daily life, history and culture into scenes that crackle, painting her characters' existence for her readers as clearly as she depicts physical action and emotional depth. It's undeniably powerful storytelling." —**Book & Film Globe**

"A great quest full of blood and betrayal." —**Tor.com**



# The Radiant Emperor duology

— Shelley Parker-Chan —

The Number One Sunday Times Bestseller

An immersive historical fantasy, *She Who Became the Sun* by Shelley Parker-Chan is a queer retelling of one legendary Chinese ruler's rise to power

In a famine-stricken village on a dusty plain, a seer shows two children their fates. For a family's eighth-born son, there's greatness. For the second daughter, nothing.

In 1345, China lies restless under harsh Mongol rule. And when a bandit raid wipes out their home, the two children must somehow survive. Zhu Chongba despairs and gives in. But the girl resolves to overcome her destiny. So she takes her dead brother's identity and begins her journey. Can Zhu escape what's written in the stars, as rebellion sweeps the land? Or can she claim her brother's greatness – and rise, ruthlessly, to take the dragon throne?

This is a glorious tale of love, loss, betrayal and triumph by a powerful new voice.

**She Who Became the Sun is a reimagining of the rise to power of Zhu Yuanzhang. Zhu was the peasant rebel who expelled the Mongols, unified China under native rule, and became the founding Emperor of the Ming Dynasty.**

TARYN FAGERNESS

LGBTQ+ Historical Fantasy

320 pages

Tor Books

July 2021

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Available rights

Portugal

**Sold to** Spain (Urano), Brazil (Alta Books), UK (Pan Macmillan), France (Bragelonne), Russia (Eksmo), and 8 more foreign publishers!

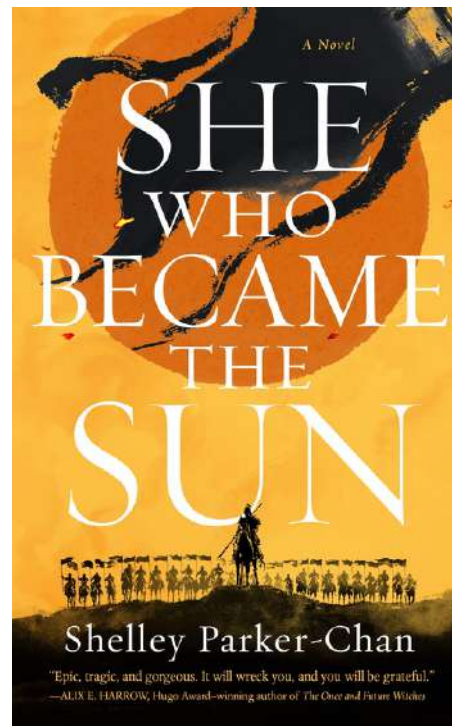
## Key Selling Points

Two-time British Fantasy Award Winner  
 Astounding Award Winner  
 Lambda Literary Award Finalist  
 Hugo Award Finalist  
 Locus Award Finalist

"A dazzling new world of fate, war, love and betrayal."  
 —Zen Cho, author of *Black Water Sister*

"Epic, tragic and gorgeous"  
 —Alix E. Harrow, author of *The Ten Thousand Doors of January*

"Magnificent in every way. War, desire, vengeance, politics – Shelley Parker-Chan has perfectly measured each ingredient" – Samantha Shannon, author of *The Priory of the Orange Tree*



To possess the Mandate of Heaven, the female monk Zhu will do anything

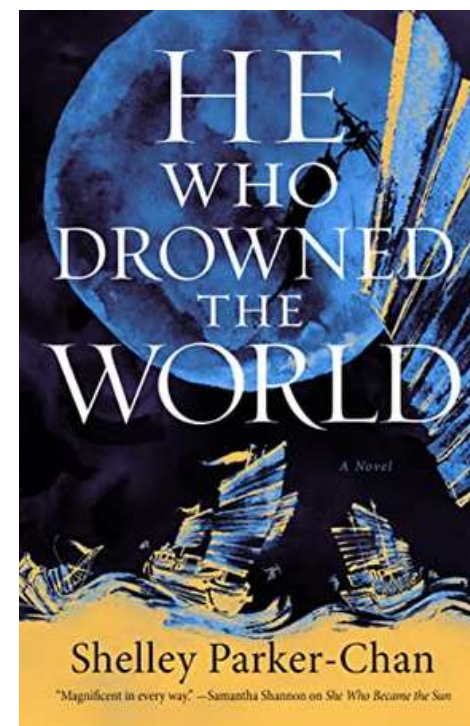
"I refuse to be nothing..."

In a famine-stricken village on a dusty yellow plain, two children are given two fates. A boy, greatness. A girl, nothingness...

In 1345, China lies under harsh Mongol rule. For the starving peasants of the Central Plains, greatness is something found only in stories. When the Zhu family's eighth-born son, Zhu Chongba, is given a fate of greatness, everyone is mystified as to how it will come to pass. The fate of nothingness received by the family's clever and capable second daughter, on the other hand, is only as expected.

When a bandit attack orphans the two children, though, it is Zhu Chongba who succumbs to despair and dies. Desperate to escape her own fated death, the girl uses her brother's identity to enter a monastery as a young male novice. There, propelled by her burning desire to survive, Zhu learns she is capable of doing whatever it takes, no matter how callous, to stay hidden from her fate.

After her sanctuary is destroyed for supporting the rebellion against Mongol rule, Zhu takes the chance to claim another future altogether: her brother's abandoned greatness.

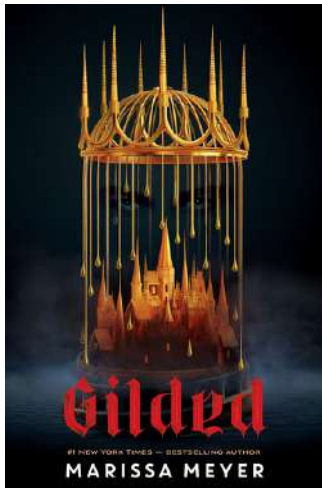


Zhu Yuanzhang, the Radiant King, is riding high after her victory that tore southern China from its Mongol masters. Now she burns with a new desire: to seize the throne and crown herself emperor.

But Zhu isn't the only one with imperial ambitions. Her neighbor in the south, the courtesan Madam Zhang, wants the throne for her husband—and she's strong enough to wipe Zhu off the map. To stay in the game, Zhu will have to gamble everything on a risky alliance with an old enemy: the talented but unstable eunuch general Ouyang, who has already sacrificed everything for a chance at revenge on his father's killer, the Great Khan.

Unbeknownst to the southerners, a new contender is even closer to the throne. The scorned scholar Wang Baoxiang has maneuvered his way into the capital, and his lethal court games threaten to bring the empire to its knees. For Baoxiang also desires revenge: to become the most degenerate Great Khan in history—and in so doing, make a mockery of every value his Mongol warrior family loved more than him.

All the contenders are determined to do whatever it takes to win. But when desire is the size of the world, the price could be too much for even the most ruthless heart to bear...



# Gilded duology

— Marissa Meyer —

**In Gilded, #1 New York Times–bestselling author Marissa Meyer returns to the fairytale world with this haunting retelling of Rumpelstiltskin..**

Long ago cursed by the god of lies, a poor miller's daughter has developed a talent for spinning stories that are fantastical and spellbinding and entirely untrue.

Or so everyone believes.

When one of Serilda's outlandish tales draws the attention of the sinister Erlking and his undead hunters, she finds herself swept away into a grim world where ghouls and phantoms prowl the earth and hollow-eyed ravens track her every move. The king orders Serilda to complete the impossible task of spinning straw into gold, or be killed for telling falsehoods. In her desperation, Serilda unwittingly summons a mysterious boy to her aid. He agrees to help her... for a price. Love isn't meant to be the bargain.

Soon Serilda realizes that there is more than one secret hidden in the castle walls, including an ancient curse that must be broken if she hopes to end the tyranny of the king and his wild hunt forever.

"Meyer explores the power of fiction in this inventive "Rumpelstiltskin" reimagining.

Intricate worldbuilding and star-crossed romance help temper the Erlking's brutality, and ...well-drawn characters will leave readers craving a sequel."

**Publishers Weekly**

## Key Selling Points

"Meyer weaves an enchanting tale filled with whimsically magical moments and some serious suspense. Meyer knows how to capture fantastical worlds, and this one is pure perfection for her fans and new readers alike."

—Booklist

"Dynamic relationships raise the stakes—friendship and familial add depth and thematic elements to the tale, while romance sprinkles more angst on top and promises a truly delicious conflict in the books to come... The queen of fairy tale retellings has spun what is sure to be another best seller. Recommended for all libraries."

—School Library Journal

"When it comes to reimagined fairy tales, the reigning queen of the genre is Marissa Meyer... This dark, enchanting book is Meyer at the height of her powers — crafting a new tale with an old-school feel where nobody is guaranteed a happily-ever-after. It is fresh and utterly engrossing while also familiar — just what Meyer does best. One hopes we won't have to wait too long for her to return to Serilda and Gild and spin their next chapter."

—The New York Times

**JILL GRINBERG**

**Fantasy, Folklore**

502 pages

**Feiwei and Friends**

**November 2021**

**November 2022**

### Available rights

Portugal

### Film rights optioned by Locksmith Animation

Retaining all the magic woven into Gilded (2021), this duology ends picks up Meyer's labyrinthine take on "Rumpelstiltskin" right where the first volume left off. At Adalheid Castle, Serilda currently resides with five ghosts, whom she cares for deeply and wants to protect. She is also grappling with anxiety over her upcoming (and unwanted) wedding to the Erlking (the Alder King). It's clear that he wants to use her for his own gain, but the sinister depth of his plan isn't revealed until after the ceremony. As the story progresses, readers see how desperately Serilda wants to break the curse tying her to the Erlking so that she can finally save Gild, the forgotten prince who will play a pivotal role in the proceedings. During Serilda's race to keep the Erlking from achieving his world-altering goal, the immersive tale takes on well-orchestrated depth through its romantic, adventurous, and intense turns. Meyer's narrative twists and spins in the same ways as Serilda's own adept storytelling, which may prove the thing that saves the day. Magic spells, ghosts, and poltergeists lend to the dark, eerie atmosphere that swaddles the complex characters on their unforgettable journey. Get ready readers, this expertly crafted finale showcases once more that Meyer is a force that cannot be denied. HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY: Meyer isn't known as the queen of fairy-tale retellings for nothing, and her loyal subjects will be eager to know how Serilda's story ends. — Aurora Dominguez

**Sold to**

Czech (Albatros),  
Dutch (Blossom Books),  
French (to be announced),  
Hebrew (Keter),  
Hungarian (Konyvmolykepzo),  
Italian (Mondadori),  
Portuguese - Brazil (Rocco),  
Romanian (Storia), Russian (AST),  
Spanish - Latin America (V&R),  
Spanish - Spain (Hidra),  
Turkish (Artemis).

UK rights are with Faber and ANZ rights are with Text.

"We are huge Marissa Meyer fans and cannot wait to bring Cinder, Scarlet, Cress and Winter to a worldwide audience through the talents of our extraordinary team," said Locksmith Animation CEO Natalie Fischer. "This unforgettable series has garnered huge praise and popularity and we are determined to give this material the treatment it deserves."

"At Locksmith, we are always looking for material that will give viewers a contemporary and authentic perspective," said Co-Founder and President of Production Julie Lockhart, who was also a producer on the Locksmith pic Ron's Gone Wrong. "Marissa's books successfully turn well known fairy tales into an epic, modern saga that will be engaging and relevant to today's audiences. We could not be more thrilled about collaborating with her on bringing her vision to life through animation."

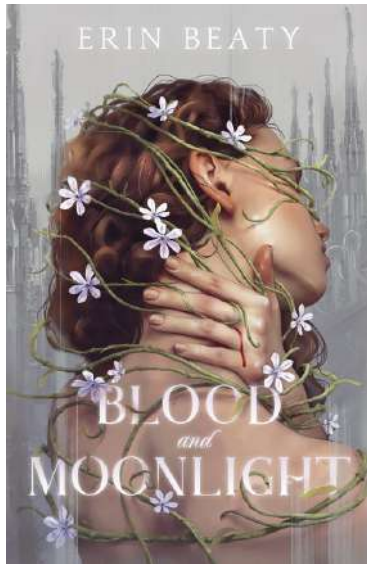
"Cornered by the wicked Erlking on the night of the wild hunt, Serilda claims that she can spin straw into gold, a lie that saves her life but lands her in the Erlking's castle on the next full moon with a room full of straw and an impossible task.

Fortunately, Gild, an impish (and attractive) poltergeist shows up, offering help in exchange for Serilda's golden necklace. Gild easily fulfills his end of the bargain and does so a second time for Serilda's ring; when the Erlking makes the third demand, however, Serilda has nothing left to give Gild, and the romance that has sparked between them only complicates things further."

**--Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books, recommended**

# Blood and Moonlight series

— Erin Beaty —



**MACMILLAN**

**Romantasy**

448 pages

**Farrar, Straus & Giroux,  
June 2022**

**Available rights**

Portugal

**Rights sold**

Spain (Monogatari)

**In this medieval YA fantasy thriller, an orphan with a secret, magical sight gets caught between a mysterious genius and the serial killer he's hunting**

Rising above the city of Collis is the holy Sanctum. And watching over its spires is Catrin, an orphan girl with unique skills—for she alone can spot the building's flaws in construction before they turn deadly.

But when Catrin witnesses a murderer escaping the scene of his crime, she's pulled into the web of a dangerous man who will definitely strike again. Assigned to capture the culprit is the mysterious, brilliant, and enigmatic Simon, whose insights into the mind of a killer are frighteningly accurate.

As the grisly crimes continue, Catrin finds herself caught between murderer and detective while hiding her own secret—a supernatural sight granted by the moon, destined to make her an outcast, and the only thing that might save her and those she loves from becoming the next victims...



**MACMILLAN**

**Romantasy**

400 pages

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October 2023**

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Portugal

**The sequel to Erin Beaty's buzzworthy YA medieval fantasy-thriller Blood and Moonlight, Silence and Shadow is full of swoony romance, dangerous magick, and murder—perfect for fans of Kerri Maniscalco and Mary E. Pearson.**

After confronting a killer and fleeing her home to be with each other, Cat and Simon arrive in the sprawling city of Londunium pretending to be a newly married couple, but don't expect to keep up the ruse for long. Cat looks forward to honing her healing magick at the local Selanae university, but instead finds a council of ruthless leaders threatening to erase her non-Selanae "husband's" memories to protect their secrets.

Terrified to lose him, Cat takes desperate steps to keep him safe. But when a string of mutilated bodies turns up in the woods outside the city, and Simon is recruited to profile the killer, Cat is pulled back into a world of murder, mayhem, and magick—one that threatens to swallow her, and everything she loves, whole.

## Key Selling Points

"Dark thrills for fans of psychology, magick, and murder." - Kirkus Reviews

One of the main plot points is a thoughtful and respectful exploration of mental illness

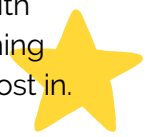
Much romantic tension between Cat and Simon

# Sorcery of Thorns series

— Margaret Rogerson —



An enthralling adventure replete with spellbinding characters, a slow-burning love story, and a world worth staying lost in.



**Kirkus Reviews, starred review**

All sorcerers are evil. Elisabeth has known that as long as she has known anything. Raised as a foundling in one of Austermeer's Great Libraries, Elisabeth has grown up among the tools of sorcery—magical grimoires that whisper on shelves and rattle beneath iron chains. If provoked, they transform into grotesque monsters of ink and leather. She hopes to become a warden, charged with protecting the kingdom from their power.

Then an act of sabotage releases the library's most dangerous grimoire. Elisabeth's desperate intervention implicates her in the crime, and she is torn from her home to face justice in the capital. With no one to turn to but her sworn enemy, the sorcerer Nathaniel Thorn, and his mysterious demonic servant, she finds herself entangled in a centuries-old conspiracy. Not only could the Great Libraries go up in flames, but the world along with them.

As her alliance with Nathaniel grows stronger, Elisabeth starts to question everything she's been taught—about sorcerers, about the libraries she loves, even about herself. For Elisabeth has a power she has never guessed, and a future she could never have imagined.

**Goodreads Choice Award**

**KT LITERARY**

**Romantasy**

456 pages

**Margaret K. McElderry Books,**

**June 2019**

**Available rights**

Portugal

**Sold to**

Spain (Nocturna)



**In this sequel novella to Sorcery of Thorns, Elisabeth, Nathaniel, and Silas must unravel the magical trap keeping them inside Thorn Manor in time for their Midwinter Ball!**

Elisabeth Scrivener is finally settling into her new life with sorcerer Nathaniel Thorn. Now that their demon companion Silas has returned, so has scrutiny from nosy reporters hungry for gossip about the city's most powerful sorcerer and the librarian who stole his heart. But something strange is afoot at Thorn Manor: the estate's wards, which are meant to keep their home safe, are acting up and forcibly trapping the Manor's occupants inside. Surely it must be a coincidence that this happened just as Nathaniel and Elisabeth started getting closer to one another...

With no access to the outside world, Elisabeth, Nathaniel, and Silas - along with their new maid Mercy - will have to work together to discover the source of the magic behind the malfunctioning wards before they're due to host the city's Midwinter Ball. Not an easy task when the house is filled with unexpected secrets, and all Elisabeth can think about is kissing Nathaniel in peace. But when it becomes clear that the house, influenced by the magic of Nathaniel's ancestors, requires a price for its obedience, Elisabeth and Nathaniel will have to lean on their connection like never before to set things right.

**KT LITERARY**

**Romantasy**

192 pages

**Margaret K. McElderry Books,**

**January 2023**

**Available rights**

Portugal

**Sold to**

Spain (Nocturna)

## Key Selling Points

Tähtifantasia Award (2021)

Lincoln Award Nominee (2022)

Goodreads Choice Award Nominee for Young Adult Fantasy & Science Fiction (2019)

“The most important thing is not to be the biggest, but to be the one who works the hardest, with honesty, enthusiasm, and a clear strategy. And we'll keep working this way.”

**Sandra Bruna**

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