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In an incredibly humorous voice Kira Gembri tells a story that takes her protagonist's problems very seriously without creating a "book about issues"

WENN DU DICH TRAUST

by Kira Gembri

May 2015



Lea's life consists of numbers, rituals and strict rules. Jay's life consists of girls and partying. As soon as Lea moves into the apartment Jay shares with two other boys, she starts to arrange everything she can lay her hands on in a tidy manner – so that her three co-residents find their possessions in 23 neatly labelled cartons. Jay's mates agree that the girl with the big eyes and those strange counting rituals has to leave. But how to tell her that she has to move out? And does Jay really want that, too ...?

An unusual and very gripping love story full of flippant, quick-witted dialogues and funny wordplay.

Kira Gembri was born in Vienna in 1990 and WENN DU DICH TRAUST is her first novel.

The conclusion of the dramatic mystery HERZ trilogy

HERZ ZU ASCHE (#3)

Herz Trilogy

by Kathrin Lange

August 2015

The mystery seemed to have been solved – but that was a mistake. The alleged spell of Martha's Vyneyard still has Juli and David in its sinister grip and the horror hasn't ended yet. Charlie is alive! Davi and Juli can hardly believe it. Yet the horror still doesn't seem to end. Madeleine Bower's ghost keeps driving Juli to despair so that David sees only one way to protect his girlfriend: he must leave her. Juli understands that she has been chosen to break the evil spell. But to do so, she, too, has to sacrifice what she loves most!

In her unique writing style, which is dense with mood and atmosphere, **Kathrin Lange** narrates the continued story of HERZ AUS GLAS, a love story filled with mystery and uncanny suspense.

Previously in this series: HERZ AUS GLAS (#1) and HERZ IN SCHERBEN (#2)



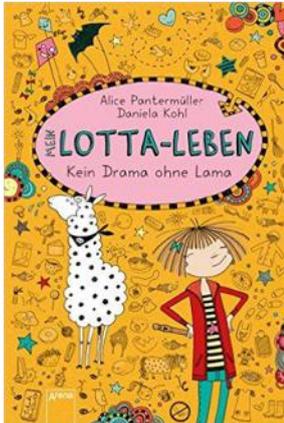
Alice Pantermüller and Daniela Kohl

The continuing success story of the Lotta brand: 550,000 copies of the Lotta series sold

MEIN LOTTA-LEBEN SERIES

Kein Drama Ohne Lama (#8)

June 2015



Off to new adventures! Lotta and the rest of 6b take a school trip to the Baltic Sea. Besides a bunch of horses (plus one llama), a pack of eight-graders expect them at the hostel. In order to rout them, the Wild Rabbits have to band together with their worst enemies – the Rockers and the Lamb Girls. Fortunately Lotta didn't forget to pack her anti-Berenike spray. And her flute

Lotta keeps making more friends. While Volume 7 is conquering the List of Bestselling Novels, Lotta even befriends the much hated Lamb Girls in her latest adventure. That this friendship can't last is as certain as the incomparable sense of humour **Alice Pantermüller** and **Daniela Kohl** use to tell the tale of Lotta, Berenike and a very special llama. The MY LIFE AS LOTTA series sold a total of 550,000 copies in the German market in no time and it has been translated into 16 languages so far.

The latest VIP created by the successful duo Alice Pantermüller/ Daniela Kohl is on the road to stardom!

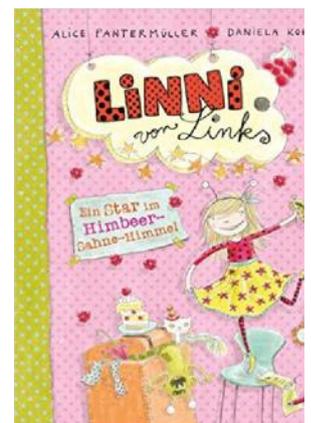
LINNI VON LINKS SERIES

Ein Star im Himbeer-Sahne-Himmel (#2)

July 2015

Play Snow White? Linni can do that left-handedly. When her school class rehearses a modern version of the famous fairy tale, Linni is sure that she'll become a famous actress. But then it's Jana, the boring class nerd, who ends up getting the main part. The fact that Linni only gets to play the seventh alien doesn't keep her from rehearsing like crazy. And when Jana falls ill right before opening night, Linni gets her big chance. Will she be able to play the raspberry-creamiest Snow White the dwarves – oops, aliens – have ever seen?

Linni has everything a popular young female protagonist needs: She is likeable, authentic, she doesn't take herself seriously, she has a sense of humour and a strong personality and she is always absolutely charming – and therefore the perfect character all girls Age 8+ can identify with.



Summer, Sun, Beach... and Love

**EIN SOMMER UND VIER TAGE
(A Summer and Four Days)**

by Adriana Popescu

cbj, July 2015



Ho, to be madly in love, thinks 16-year-old Paula, who is sometimes fed up to the teeth with the protected life she leads. School, homework, and then a career – there must be more to life than that. Paula would much rather travel to distant countries, have a real adventure and fall really and truly deeply in love. While traveling by coach to summer camp in Amalfi she is accidentally left behind at a motorway service station in northern Italy together with the cutest guy in the group. She seizes the opportunity, allowing herself to spend four days drifting through Italy, away from everything and just with him ... including dancing on the beach by moonlight.

Adriana Popescu, born in 1980, wrote screenplays for television before contributing to various newspapers, magazine and city blogs.



Young Readers

Shiloh meets Counting by 7s in this deeply moving middle grade breakout novel about life, loss, and the magic of friendship

WHEN FRIENDSHIP FOLLOWED ME HOME

by Paul Griffin

Dial, June 2016

Ben Coffin has never felt like he fits in. A former foster kid, he keeps his head down at school to avoid bullies and spends his afternoons reading sci-fi books at the library. But that all changes when he finds a scruffy abandoned dog named Woody and befriends the librarian's daughter, Halley. For the first time, Ben starts to feel like he belongs in his own life. Then, Ben's adoptive mother dies, and as his home life disintegrates, Halley's cancer returns. Suddenly Ben is more alone than ever. But with a little help from Halley's magician father, Ben discovers his place in the world and learns to see his own magic through others' eyes. Despite tackling serious issues and weighty themes (bullying, death/loss, terminal illness) this book is filled with moments of levity and wry observations that will ring true to middle schoolers and adult readers alike. Like Leslie Burke from *Bridge to Terabithia* or August Pullman from *Wonder*, Halley and Ben are the kind of unforgettable characters who will stick with readers long after the final page. Ben's relationship with Woody is truly life-changing. When Ben's life begins falls apart, Woody acts as an anchor, helping Ben through tough times. This book is a must-read for dog-lovers and fans of books like "Hotel for Dogs". A heartwarming middle grade novel that's also perfect for readers of "Okay For Now" and "Almost Home".

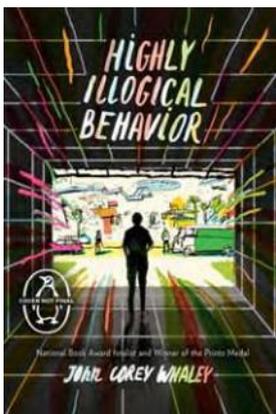
Paul Griffin is the award-winning author of "Ten Mile River", "The Orange Houses", and "Burning Blue". He lives, trains dogs, and writes in New York City.

Teen and adult fans of Matthew Quick, David Levithan, and Rainbow Rowell will adore this quirky story of coming-of-age, coming out, friendship, love...and agoraphobia

HIGHLY ILLOGICAL BEHAVIOR

by John Corey Whaley

Dial Books for Young Readers, May 2016



Sixteen year old Solomon has agoraphobia. He hasn't left his house in three years, which is fine by him. At home, he is the master of his own kingdom--even if his kingdom doesn't extend outside of the house. Ambitious Lisa desperately wants to go to a top tier psychiatry program. She'll do anything to get in. When Lisa finds out about Solomon's solitary existence, she comes up with a plan sure to net her a scholarship: Befriend Solomon. Treat his condition. And write a paper on her findings. To earn Solomon's trust, Lisa begins letting him into her life, introducing him to her boyfriend Clark, and telling him her secrets. Soon, Solomon begins to open up and expand his universe. But all three teens have grown uncomfortably close, and when their facades fall down, their friendships threaten to collapse, as well. At turns hilarious and heartwarming, *HIGHLY ILLOGICAL BEHAVIOR* showcases the different ways in which we hide ourselves from the world--and the ways in which love, tragedy, and the need for connection may be the only things to bring us back into the light.

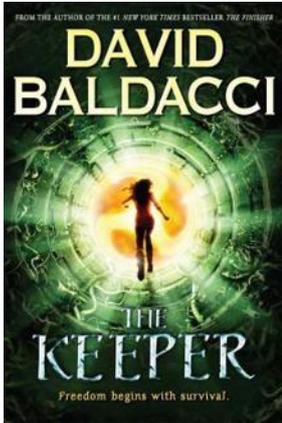
John Corey Whaley is the author of two award-winning YA novels: *WHERE THINGS COME BACK* (the Printz Medal), and *NOGGIN* (National Book Award Finalist).

Welcome to Wormwood: a place where curiosity is discouraged and no one has ever left

THE FINISHER TRILOGY by David Baldacci

THE KEEPER (#2)

Scholastic Press, September 2015



Vega Jane was always told no one could leave the town of Wormwood. She was told there was nothing outside but the Quag, a wilderness filled with danger and death. And she believed it — until the night she stumbled across a secret that proved that everything she knew was a lie. Now just one thing stands between Vega Jane and freedom — the Quag. In order to leave Wormwood and discover the truth about her world, Vega and her best friend Delph must find a way to make it across a terrifying land of bloodthirsty creatures and sinister magic. But the Quag is worse than Vega Jane’s darkest imagining. It’s a living, breathing prison designed to keep enemies out and the villagers of Wormwood in. The Quag will throw everything at Vega Jane. It will try to break her. It will try to kill her. And survival might come at a price not even Vega Jane is willing to pay.

David Baldacci’s novels have been translated into more than 45 languages and sold in more than 80 countries; over 110 million copies are in print worldwide. David has also published four novels for children.

Previously in this series: THE FINISHER (#1), March 2014. Rights sold for THE FINISHER: Holland (Bruna), China (Harbin), Brazil (Autentica), Indonesia (Mizan), Thailand (Nokhook), Israel (Modan), Bulgaria (Ciela), Turkey (Marti Yayin Grubo), UK Pan (Macmillan), Columbia Pictures (Sony Pictures Entertainment) has optioned film rights this title.

The first Young Adult novel by Gregg Hurwitz, and the first in a two-book series, is an edge-of-the-seat adventure that rings with emotional truth

THE RAINS

by Gregg Hurwitz

Tor Teen, October 2016

Shortly after a seemingly harmless shower of meteorites lands in the small, isolated town of Creek’s Cause, 15-year-old Chance Rain and his 17-year-old brother, Patrick, are violently attacked by a woman who lives on the neighboring farm—only she is not the woman they know. She has been infected with a parasite and become a terrifying other kind of being—as has everyone over the age of 17—whose mission is to capture children and haul them off for purposes unknown. Chance, Patrick and Patrick’s girlfriend, Alex, survive the initial onslaught and make their way to the high school, where other young survivors are hiding. They soon discover that the parasite transforms people when they turn 18, and Patrick has only a few days left. Determined to save Patrick’s life and the lives of those around them, the three embark on a mission to uncover the truth about the parasites and the captured children, and what they find is horrifying. Battling an enemy not of this earth, Chance and Patrick ultimately become humanity’s only hope for salvation.

Bestselling author **Gregg Hurwitz** brilliantly portrays the relationship between the brothers—Chance would do anything for Patrick, who he deeply loves and admires, but he can’t help but have feelings for Patrick’s girlfriend, who has unknowingly created a romantic awakening in him.

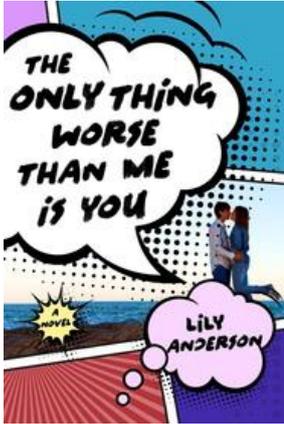
The sequel of THE RAINS will be published in October, 2017

For fans of Stephanie Perkins, a fresh, romantic debut loosely based on Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing"

THE ONLY THING WORSE THAN ME IS YOU

by Lily Anderson

St. Martin's Griffin, May 2016



Trixie Watson has two very important goals for senior year: to finally save enough to buy the set of Dr. Who figurines at the local comic books store, and to place third in her class and knock Ben West--and his horrendous new mustache that he spent all summer growing--down to number four. Trixie will do anything to get her name ranked over Ben's, including give up sleep and comic books--well, maybe not comic books--but definitely sleep. After all, the war of Watson v. West is as vicious as the Doctor v. Daleks and Browncoats v. Alliance combined, and it goes all the way back to the infamous monkey bars incident in the first grade. Over a decade later, it's time to declare a champion once and for all. The war is Trixie's for the winning, until her best friend starts dating Ben's best friend and the two are unceremoniously dumped together and told to play nice. Finding common ground is odious and tooth-pulling-painful, but Trixie and Ben's cautious truce slowly transforms into a fandom-based tentative friendship. When Trixie's best friend gets expelled for cheating and Trixie cries foul play, however, they have to choose who to believe and which side they're on--and they might not pick the same side.

THE ONLY THING WORSE THAN ME IS YOU is **Lily Anderson's** debut novel.

In her usual elegant voice-driven style, Reinhardt introduces us to a new cast of characters that will both make us laugh and break our hearts

TELL US SOMETHING TRUE

by Dana Reinhardt

Wendy Lamb Books, June 2016

Editor: Wendy Lamb

River Dean is shocked when his long-time girlfriend Penny Brockaway dumps him. His whole high school identity is linked to Penny's, so who is he without her? While walking in Los Angeles, a city where no one walks, River sees a sign above a doorway advertising "A Second Chance." Upon entering, River finds a group of troubled teens talking about their various addictions. Wanting acceptance and needing an outlet for his grief over the break-up, River makes up a story about his own drug addiction. As River falls for a girl in the group, his lies compound and he gets himself into a huge mess. If he comes clean, will he lose the new love of his life? But how can he build a new relationship that started based on a lie?

Dana Reinhardt is the author of "A Brief Chapter in My Impossible Life", "Harmless", "How to Build a House", "The Things a Brother Knows", "The Summer I Learned to Fly", "Odessa Again", and "We Are the Golden's".

A 2014 INDIEFAB Book of the Year finalist and one of Foreword Reviews' 10 best indie YA novels of 2014 from the creator of "Flutter"

A BOY LIKE ME

by Jennie Wood

215 Ink, September 2014



Born a girl, Peyton Honeycutt meets Tara Parks in the eighth grade bathroom shortly after he gets his first period. It is the best and worst day of his life. Determined to impress Tara, Peyton sets out to win her love by mastering the drums and basketball. He takes on Tara's small-minded mother, the bully at school, and the prejudices within his conservative hometown. In the end, Peyton must accept and stand up for who he is or lose the woman he loves.

Jennie Wood is the creator and writer of "Flutter", a graphic novel series published by 215 Ink. *The Advocate* calls Flutter one of the best LGBT graphic novels of 2013 and *Bleeding Cool* lists "Flutter" as one of the 15 best indie comics of 2014. In September 2015, "Flutter" will be featured on an episode of "Law & Order: SVU" and Jennie is currently working with Dark Horse Entertainment on developing "Flutter" into a film. Jennie is also an ongoing contributor to the award-winning, *New York Times* best-selling FUBAR comic anthologies.

An extraordinary story of survival, and of finding out what matters most when there are no rules any more. An exciting new writing talent

THE ROAD TO WINTER

by Mark Smith

July 2016

Finn is a shy sixteen-year-old orphan living alone on the edge of town. He has survived the pandemic that killed his mother and saw his father die in the ensuing chaos by hunting and fishing and trading food. He has also learnt to stay out of the way of the Wilders, a roving gang who control the North Country.

Then Finn meets Warda. She's eighteen, and on the run. She's a siley, as they're called, an asylum seeker who with her sister Kas has been enslaved by a brutal man named Ramage. Warda is pregnant and she's desperate. Her life, and the life of her unborn child, depends on Finn. And now Ramage wants them back—at any cost.

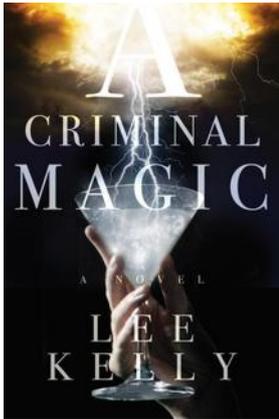
Mark Smith works with teenage boys in his job running an outdoor education residential campus on the west coast of Melbourne. His short stories have been published in various literary journals and in 2012 he won both the EJ Brady and the Alan Marshall short story awards.

THE NIGHT CIRCUS meets THE PEAKY BLINDERS in Lee Kelly's new magical realism, crossover novel

A CRIMINAL MAGIC

by Lee Kelly

Saga Press, February 2016



It's 1926 in Washington, DC, and while Anti-Sorcery activists have achieved the Prohibition of sorcery, the city's magic underworld is booming. Sorcerers cast illusions to aid mobsters' crime sprees. Smugglers funnel magic contraband in from overseas. Gangs have established secret performance venues where patrons can lose themselves in magic, and take a mind-bending, intoxicating elixir known as the sorcerer's shine. Joan Kendrick, a young sorcerer, accepts an offer to work for DC's most notorious crime syndicate, the Shaw Gang, when her family's home is repossessed. Alex Danfrey, a first-year Federal Prohibition Unit trainee with a complicated past and talents of his own, becomes tapped to go undercover and infiltrate the Shaws. Through different paths, Joan and Alex tread deep into the violent, dangerous world of criminal magic - and when their paths cross at the Shaws' performance venue, despite their orders, and despite themselves, Joan and Alex become enchanted with one another. But soon, they find themselves pitted against each other in a treacherous, heady game of cat-and-mouse.

Lee Kelly is the author of *CITY OF SAVAGES*.

The first book in a sweeping fantasy series set on an island surrounded by an angry sea

GIVEN TO THE SEA

by Mindy McGinnis

Putnam Children's, Spring 2017

Stille, a powerful kingdom in the south, is a place of strength and plenty. Prince Vincent has resigned himself to a long wait to rule as his father and grandfather continue to serve long reigns ahead of him, but he's grateful to live in a city of peace. His friends at court are Donil and Dara, twins who are the last remaining Indiri, a people born with all of their kind's memories imparted to them at birth. Adopted by Vincent's mother, they're nothing more than court pets and Dara particularly chafes at her life as a curiosity. It's only her secret affection for Vincent that keeps her in Stille. Their lives, and the comfortable happiness of the people in Stille, are upended by the encroaching armies of the Pietras, a calculating, warlike tribe no longer content with their inhospitable cities in the north. A skirmish in an outlying village drives a stranger to Stille: Khosa, a girl meant to be "given to the sea," a lineage of women sacrificed to the ocean to keep it calm. As the Pietras approach and war becomes inevitable, these court friendships are divided and unexpected alliances are forged, some driven by love and loyalty, others by hurt and greed. Prejudices are finally tested as the tribes of the island clash, and the remaining citizens must overcome their fear of the ocean—and each other—to survive the rising tides.

Mindy McGinnis has been a young-adult librarian in the public school system for seven years. *GIVEN TO THE SEA* is her first novel.

In the spirit of HAYAO MIYAZAKI and PERCY JACKSON, a new middle-grade adventure series with high stakes and wonderful heart

MOMOTARO: XANDER MIYAMOTO AND THE LOST ISLAND OF MONSTERS

by Margaret Dilloway ; illus. by Choog Yoon

Disney Hyperion, April 2016



Xander Miyamoto would rather do almost anything than listen to his sixth grade teacher, Mr. Stedman, drone on about weather disasters happening around the globe. If Xander could do stuff he's good at instead, like draw comics and create computer programs, and if Lovey would stop harassing him for being half Asian, he might not be counting the minutes until the dismissal bell. When spring break begins at last, Xander plans to spend it playing computer games with his best friend, Peyton. Xander's father briefly distracts him with a comic book about some samurai warrior that pops out of a peach pit. Xander tosses it aside, but Peyton finds it more interesting. Little does either boy know that the comic is a warning. They are about to be thrust into the biggest adventure of their lives—a journey wilder than any Xander has ever imagined, full of weird monsters even worse than Lovey. To win at this deadly serious game they will have to rely on their wits, courage, faith, and especially, each other. Maybe Xander should have listened to Mr Stedman about the weather after all. . . .

Margaret Dilloway is the author of three adult novels. Her novels often explore (among other things) what it means to be Japanese-American.

Inspired by early climbers of Mount Everest, this fantastic new series tells the story of a ragtag group of teens with various magical abilities who climb an unclimbable mountain

EVEN THE DARKEST STARS

by Heather Fawcett

Balzer and Bray, 2017; 2018

Kamzin is the greatest mountain climber in the Aryas – unfortunately, she's the only one who knows it. All the wealthy explorers from the Three Cities want to hire her older sister, Liusha, as their guide. Tall and beautiful, with a flock of raven familiars, Liusha looks impressive, but would rather be pouring over her astronomy books than summiting treacherous mountains.

Everything changes when River Shara, the greatest explorer ever known, arrives in Kamzin's village. The River demands to hire Kamzin, not Liusha, and Kamzin jumps at the chance to prove herself. Even though River's reputation is dark and he wants to climb Raksha, the tallest and deadliest mountain in the Aryas. Even though he's made a contract with a jinn, a shadow-creature that grants wishes in return for scraps of your soul. River's recklessness soon causes problems, and Kamzin finds herself facing countless dangers. When she discovers that River's true mission may threaten her family, her village, her whole world, she must figure out a way to stop him.

EVEN THE DARKEST STARS is **Heather Fawcett's** debut title.

Bestselling author Tahereh Mafi's prose crackles with life an energy in this engrossing new adventure that takes readers beyond the limits of their imagination

FURTHERMORE

by Tahereh Mafi

Dutton, August 2016

Born as blank as canvas in a world brimming with color and magic, Alice's pale skin and milk-white hair have long branded her an outcast among the bright and magical inhabitants of Ferenwood. Because, for the people of Ferenwood, color and magic are synonymous. And since the disappearance of her beloved father, Alice is more determined than ever to prove herself and her own magical abilities. To do so she'll have to travel into the mythical, dangerous land of Furthermore with the help of a boy named Oliver whose own magical ability is deception. Nothing in Furthermore is as it seems, and it will take all of Alice's wits to find her father and return home to Ferenwood.

Tahereh Mafi is the author of the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling "Shatter Me" series.

Based on the true story of Richard Ricky Anywar, one of the first children abducted into Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army in Uganda

FINDING OBENO

by Keely Hutton

FSG, TBA

Told in alternating chapters between the shocking events of Richard Ricky Anywar's real life and those of the fictional Samuel, FINDING OBENO is a devastating and eye-opening look at how Ricky's unbreakable spirit and inspiring courage led him to survive the events of the war and go on to create a haven for others. Separated by two decades of war, Ricky and Samuel must discover if trust can survive years of captivity... if hope can exist in the darkest corners of hell, and if one boy's story can guide thousands home. By turns nail-bitingly suspenseful and deeply moving, Hutton's radiant prose and thoughtful research brings the boys' bravery, perseverance, and resourcefulness alive. Raw and powerful in its telling of the experiences of the children forced to act as soldiers in the bush, the true heart of the novel lies in the power of storytelling, redemption, and hope. FINDING OBENO tells the story of a true hero.

Keely Hutton is a novelist, educational journalist, and former teacher. FINDING OBENO is her first novel. Since 2012, she has been working closely with Richard Ricky Anywar to tell his story. Ricky is the founder and executive director of Friends of Orphans, an organization in Uganda dedicated to the recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration of former child soldiers.

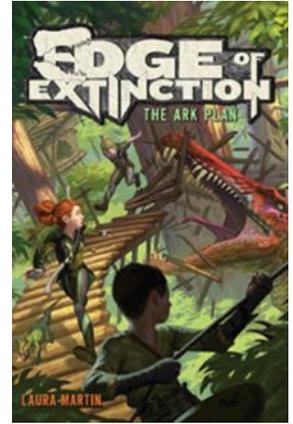
EDGE OF EXTINCTION

THE ARK PLAN (#1)

by **Laura Martin**

Harper Children, May 2016

Imagine a world where dinosaurs rule once more... Two hundred years ago, the first dinosaur was successfully cloned. One hundred and ninety years ago, the human race realized they'd made a colossal mistake and relinquished their place at the top of the food chain. Five years ago, Sky Mundy's father disappeared from the underground compound where he had been hiding out with the surviving dregs of the human race. Today, Sky will leave the compound forever with a map and her best friend Shawn in an attempt to solve the mystery of her father's disappearance. By tomorrow, she'll either know or be dead. Like JURRASIC PARK for a middle-grade audience, readers will love following Sky and Shawn through the treacherous terrain outside of her compound as they learn to adapt (quickly!) to the outside world and the dinosaurs that rule there.



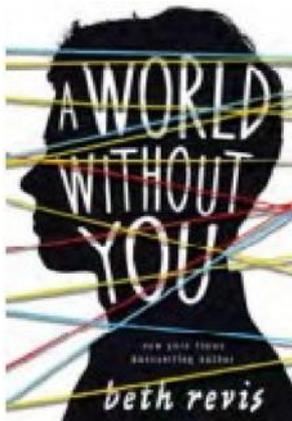
Laura Martin is a firm believer in having dreams and chasing them relentlessly. THE ARK PLAN is her first novel.

In her first contemporary novel, New York Times bestselling author Beth Revis guides us through the mind of a young man experiencing mental illness and grief

A WORLD WITHOUT YOU

by **Beth Revis**

Razorbill, July 2016



When sixteen-year-old Bo is sent to a school for troubled youth, he believes he's actually at The Academy, a home for kids who, like Bo, have "superpowers." There, he falls in love with Sofia, a quiet girl with a tragic past and the "power" of invisibility. But after she commits suicide, Bo is convinced that she's not really dead, but stuck somewhere in the past, and that it's his job to save her.

Beth Revis is the bestselling author of ACROSS THE UNIVERSE.