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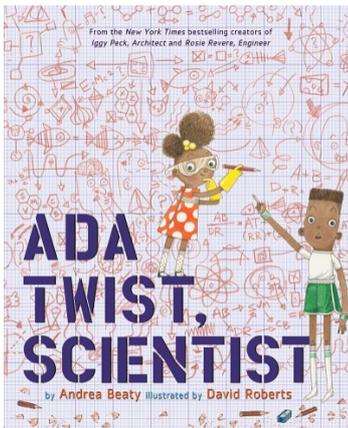
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The creators of the New York Times bestselling picture books “Rosie Revere, Engineer” and “Iggy Peck, Architect” are back with a story about the power of curiosity in the hands of a child who is on a mission to use science to understand her world

ADA TWIST, SCIENTIST

by **Andrea Beaty**, illustrated by **David Roberts**

Abrams Books for Young Readers, September 2016



Like her classmates, builder Iggy and inventor Rosie, scientist Ada, a character of color, has a boundless imagination and has always been hopelessly curious. Inspired by real-life makers such as Ada Lovelace and Marie Curie, Ada Twist, Scientist champions girl power and women scientists, and brings welcome diversity to picture books about girls in science. Touching on themes of never giving up and problem solving, Ada comes to learn that her questions might not always lead to answers, but rather to more questions. She may never find the source of the stink, but with a supportive family and the space to figure it out, she'll be able to feed her curiosity in the ways a young scientist should.

Andrea Beaty and **David Roberts** are the creators of “Iggy Peck, Architect”, “Rosie Revere, Engineer”, and “Happy Birthday, Madame Chapeau”, among other award-winning children’s books.

6 new titles to publish in the same universe

Based on the bestselling, cult-favorite graphic novels, this series of middle-grade novels follows the five campers on totally new, action-packed adventures

UNICORN POWER!

(Lumberjanes #1)

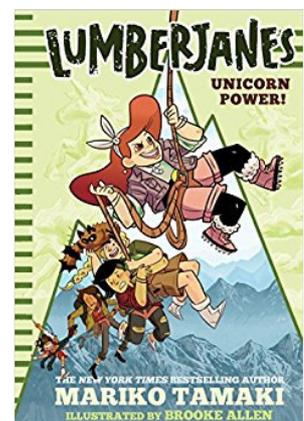
by **Mariko Tamaki**

Amulet Books, October 2017

Welcome to Miss Qiunzella Thiskwin Penniquiquil Thistle Crumpet’s Camp for Hardcore Lady Types. The five scouts of Roanoke cabin—Jo, April, Molly, Mal, and Ripley—love their summers at camp. They get to hang out with their best friends, earn Lumberjane scout badges, annoy their no-nonsense counselor Jen . . . and go on supernatural adventures. That last one? A pretty normal occurrence at Miss Qiunzella’s, where the woods contain endless mysteries. Today is no exception. When challenge-loving April leads the girls on a hike up the TALLEST mountain they’ve ever seen, things don’t go quite as planned. For one, they didn’t expect to trespass into the lands of the ancient Cloud People, and did anyone happen to read those ominous signs some unknown person posted at the bottom of the mountain? Also, unicorns.

4 titles under contract

Mariko Tamaki is an artist and writer known for her graphic novel “This One Summer”, a Caldecott Honor Book and Printz Award winner, illustrated by her cousin Jillian Tamaki, among other notable novels.



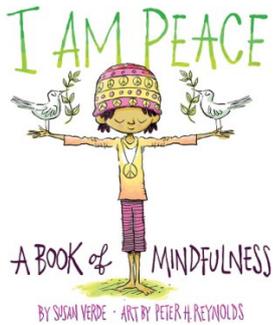
Perfect for the classroom or for bedtime, Susan Verde's gentle, concrete narration and Peter H. Reynolds's expressive watercolor illustrations bring the tenets of mindfulness to a kid-friendly level

I AM PEACE

A Book of Mindfulness

by Susan Verde, Art by Peter H. Reynolds

Abrams Books for Young Readers, September 2017



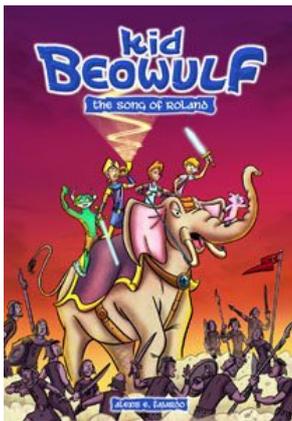
When the world feels chaotic, find peace within through an accessible mindfulness practice from the bestselling picture-book dream team that brought us *I Am Yoga*. Express emotions through direct speech. Find empathy through imagination. Connect with the earth. Wonder at the beauty of the natural world. Breathe, taste, smell, touch, and be present.

Susan Verde is the author of *The Museum*, *You and Me*, *I Am Yoga*, and *My Kicks*. She is a licensed Yoga instructor and lives in East Hampton, New York.

Peter H. Reynolds is the renowned illustrator behind the bestselling “*Judy Moody*” and “*Stink series*”, as well as many other bestselling and award-winning picture books, including *The Dot* and *Ish*.

Inspired by the epic poem BEOWULF, the Kid Beowulf series follows the adventures of 12-year-old twin brothers Beowulf and Grendel, as they travel to distant lands and meet fellow epic heroes therein!

KID BEOWULF
by Alexis E. Fajardo



THE SONG OF ROLAND #2

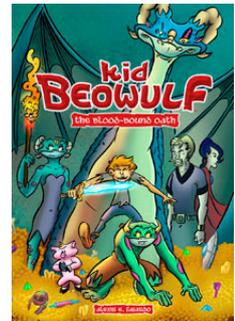
February 2017

Beowulf and Grendel are banished from their homeland and seek refuge with their Uncle Holger in far off France but the kingdom is in shambles: King Charlemagne is ailing, his knights are exiled, and France's hero, Roland, needs a kick in the pants! It's up to Beowulf and Grendel to unite the country before it's taken over by an invading Saracen horde!

THE BLOOD-BOUND OATH #1

August 2016

This is the origin story of twin brothers Beowulf and Grendel, separated at birth and reunited by an extraordinary family: their grandfather, the imperious King Hrothgar; their monstrous (but loving) mother, Gertrude; their fire-ghost of a father, and their other grandfather – the towering, one-eyed Dragon whose bloodline links them all in their ancient home of Daneland. Oh yeah, there's also a pig and a talking sword! The series begins here as Beowulf and Grendel discover their past and their destiny.



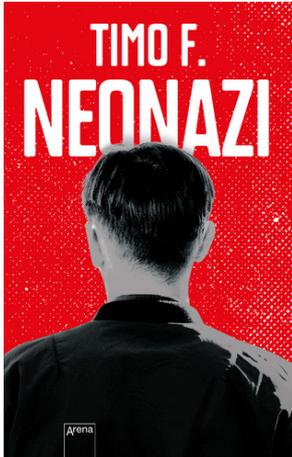
Alexis E. Fajardo is a student of the classics – whether Daffy Duck or Damocles – and has created a unique blend of the two in Kid Beowulf. When he's not drawing comics, Lex is working for them as Senior Editor at Charles M. Schulz Studio in Santa Rosa, California.

The first book of an ex Neonazi for teenagers

NEONAZI

by **Timo F.**

January 2017



Timo was neo-Nazi. Although he was never one for ideology, he landed as a fourteen-year-old in the right-wing scene: he listens to neo-Nazi music and goes to demonstrations. He loves the public rebellion and the recognition he receives among the like-minded. Soon he wins over comrades for military camps, rises to the top of a right-wing village group and enthusiastically encourages his peers to join them. But when State Protection starts to focus on him, Timo begins to have doubts: Is this really the path in life that he wants to take?

Timo F. is a pseudonym of a German boy born in 1994, belonged to the neo-Nazi scene in a West German state between the ages of 14 to 17. He entered through right-wing music and demonstrations and mediated between the various political subgroups of the scene. Until he finally questioned the ideology and his “friendships”. With the help of an exit organization he started a normal life in 2011.

“Da Vinci Code” for readers aged 10+!

SPIONE DER UNTERWELT

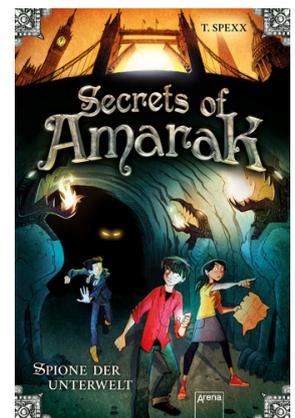
(Secrets of Amarak #1)

by **T. Spexx**

March 2017

Treasure hunt and search for mysterious, partly magical objects and artifacts, all of which are part of a riddle hiding a secret message... After more than a year, Alexander Mercurius finally receives a message from his lost parents. But when he opens the strange envelope expectantly, it only contains a blank piece of paper! Alex's friends Rebecca and Joe are sure that there must be more to it. Maybe the letter is a warning? The search for clues leads the three friends into a dark system of alleyways underneath the city. They realize too late that someone has been following them.

T. Spexx sends his readers through a story full of suspense and unexpected twists. London's hidden underground world offers a mysterious and sinister place of action, perfectly staged with graphic novel pages by comic illustrator Moritz von Wolzogen. A varied and entertaining new series for boys about a centuries-old hidden mystery.



EVOLUTION TRILOGY

by Thomas Thiemeyer

DER TURM DER GEFANGENEN #2

(The Tower of Prisoners)

January 2017



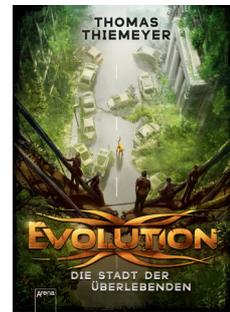
At last, Jem, Lucie and their friends have reached the City of Survivors. But instead of the expected like-minded people, they are confronted with strangers full of hatred. Between the towers, the Middle Ages seem to have been revived: technology is considered black magic, there is a war against animals and asking questions is forbidden. The full anger of the lords is released when the youngsters read in some old books about other time-jumpers. There is only one place that they can flee to for hope: the oasis of the time-jumpers. But the path there leads through marshes right into the land of the Squids.

STADT DER ÜBERLEBENDEN #1

(The City of Survivors)

July 2016

Clueless, Lucie and Jem travel to the U.S. with a group of exchange students. But when their plane has to make an emergency landing at Denver Airport, they soon realize that the world they know no longer exists...



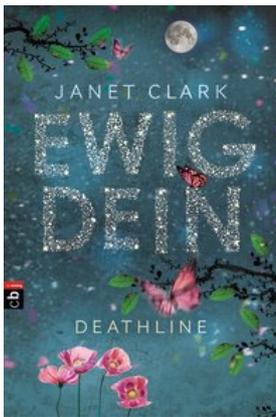
The bestselling author **Thomas Thiemeyer** has created a new genre: what if ... mankind were no longer the most powerful living being of creation? His scientific thrillers and teen book cycles that have won numerous awards, sold half a million copies and were translated into thirteen foreign languages, have established him as a renowned author of German entertainment literature.

A decision on life and death

**EWIG DEIN (Deadline #1)
(Forever Yours)**

by Janet Clark

CBJ, March 2017



When 16-year-old Josie plunges into the summer holidays, she has no idea that this is the summer that will change absolutely everything.

According to the myths of the native population, the region she comes from used to be the scene of many mysterious goings-on, but nowadays there is little sign of this in the small town she now lives in. Josie gradually realises to what extent these two worlds are even today still interconnected when she gets to know the fascinating Ray and falls in love with him. But this is a love that must not be, for Ray has only ONE goal – to find his protective amulet again and cross over into the realm of the dead. For that is where he belongs ...

Janet Clark worked as a research associate, university lecturer and head of marketing in Belgium, England and Germany. After a successful career in industry, she started again from scratch in 2010 – as an author. 2011 saw the publication of her first novel, and this has since been followed by four others and a four-part series.

Unique hide & seek detective series

**DER DIEB IM SAURIERPARK (Finde den Täter #9)
(The Thief in the Dino Park)**

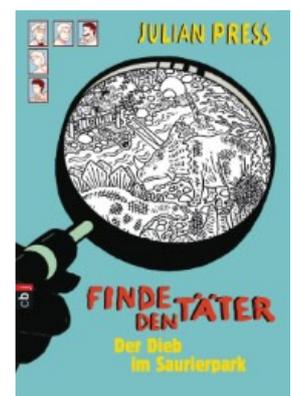
by Julian Press

CBJ, July 2017

The young detectives delve into the world of crime puzzles. Each page requires thoroughly studying and readers then have to look and compare very carefully to find decisive clues in the short texts and the busy hide-and-seek pictures in order to solve the case.

It could be the spectacles the culprit left behind at the scene of the crime or a wet umbrella that give the game away and prove that the suspect was not at home, and then it's "find the culprit"! DER DIEB IM SAURIERPARK is the ninth volume of the "Finde den Täter" series. Over 300,000 copies of the series have been sold so far and it has been sold in 15 languages.

Julian Press is the son of the famous "Black Hand" author, Hans Jürgen Press. He studied graphics and illustration, trained in a publishing house specializing in literature for young readers and later worked for children's magazines. His readings are very popular in Germany and France.



A delightful story about the friendship between two very different creatures

OTTO UND DER KLEINE HERR KNORFF #1

by **Andrea Schomburg**

CBJ, March 2017



This heart-warming story for boys and girls about friendship, featuring fussy Mr Knorff and chaotic and cheeky Otto, focusses on something fundamental in the world of children: tidying up! And it is not Mr Knorff who can do nothing but get up to mischief but Otto, while little Mr Knorff has to rescue him from all sorts of predicaments. A dream has come true for Knobelius Knorff: he has left the wilds of Knorffia to try his luck in the human world. There, so he hopes, every place will be clean, tidied up and scented with his favourite flowery soap. There won't be any Knorffs spending the whole day snoring and only interested in disorder. But when Mr Knorff arrives in the human world he cannot believe his eyes. This is to be his new home? At Otto's it is even worse than in Knorffia!

Book #2: August 2017

Andreas Schomburg was born in Cairo and grew up in Germany. Even as a child she wanted to become a writer, but then she had so much fun being a grammar school teacher, writing poems and working as a cabaret artist before writing for children.

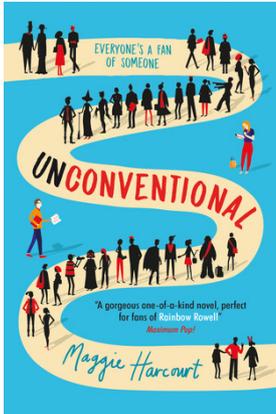
CaskieMushens

A story of girl meets boy, with fandom, fallouts and first love

UNCONVENTIONAL

by Maggie Harcourt

Usborne, February 2017



Lexi Angelo has grown up helping her dad with his events business. She likes to stay behind the scenes, planning and organizing...until author Aidan Green - messy haired and annoyingly arrogant - arrives unannounced at the first event of the year. Then Lexi's life is thrown into disarray. In a flurry of late-night conversations, mixed messages and butterflies, Lexi discovers that some things can't be planned. Things like falling in love... Seven conventions, a girl with a clipboard, a boy with two names – and one night that changes everything. Perfect for fans of Rainbow Rowell and Stephanie Perkins... and anyone who has ever fallen in love.

Maggie Harcourt was born and raised in Wales. Her last YA novel, “The Last Summer of Us”, was published by Usborne in May 2015.

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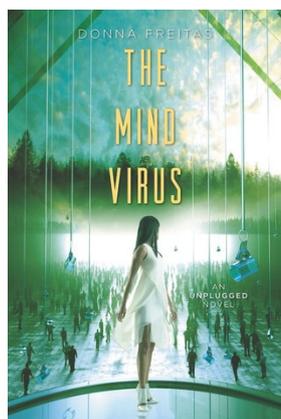
In the tradition of M. T. Anderson's "Feed" and Scott Westerfeld's "Uglies", THE MIND VIRUS is the final installment in this gripping sci-fi series for teens

THE MIND VIRUS

(The Wired #3)

by Donna Freitas

HarperTeen, November 2017



Skylar Cruz's heart is shattered. But even though everyone has betrayed her, Skylar was able to negotiate a way to open the door between the Real World and the App World. Now Skylar must help the people who left the virtual world behind as they become refugees in the Real World. And for everyone who remained plugged in, a new danger has become evident. Their bodies are mysteriously dying, and it's because of events Skylar's sister, Jude, set in motion. A virus has been unleashed that could mean total extinction of the App World—and everyone in it. Skylar and Jude must set aside their differences and work together if they are to defeat the mind virus before the App World fades away into oblivion.

Donna Freitas is the author of several young adult and middle grade novels. She is also the author of adult nonfiction. She has written for national newspapers and magazines about religion, sex, hookup culture, and life on a college campus today, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, and *The Washington Post*.

Previous title in this trilogy: UNPLUGGED #1 (June 2016) and THE BODY MARKET #2 (March 2017)

The first novel in a riveting science fiction series for teens by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Julia Keller that challenges the voluntary surrender of liberties for the perception of safety

THE DARK INTERCEPT #1

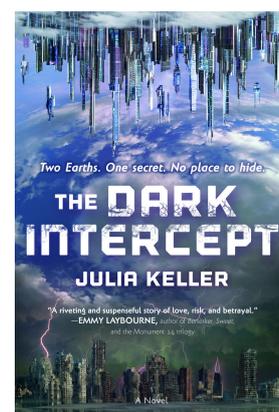
by Julia Keller

Tor Teen, November 2017

The earth is in ruins. Years of warfare, plague, and disaster have ravaged the planet and driven its people into despair. The powerful and wealthy have abandoned Earth and created New Earth, a utopia in the sky where the last of the elite can start fresh. On New Earth, citizens are free from danger thanks to a surveillance device that lives beneath their skin. A device that keeps their new home crime-free through meticulous emotional surveillance. A device called the Intercept. Violet Crowley has never gone hungry. She's endured neither violence nor fear. As the only daughter of New Earth's Founding Father, Violet has spent her entire life in comfort and safety. That is, until her friend, colleague, and long-time crush, Danny Mayhew, gets into a deadly altercation on the streets of Old Earth. In an instant, Violet risks her father's fury and intercedes to rescue Danny. When Danny can't explain his actions, Violet launches a secret investigation to find out what he's hiding. An investigation that will lead her to question everything she's ever known about Danny, her father, and the power of the Intercept.

Julia Keller, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and former cultural critic at *The Chicago Tribune*, is the author of many books for adults and young readers including "A Killing in the Hills", the first book in the "Bell Elkins" series.

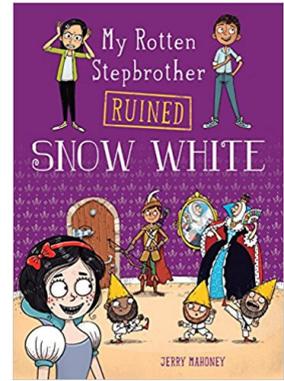
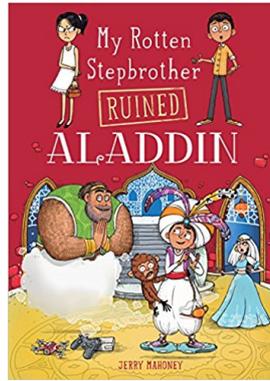
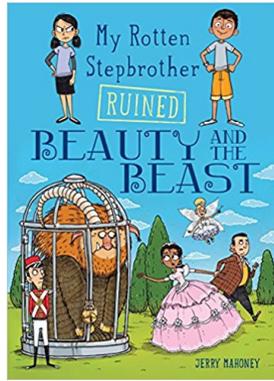
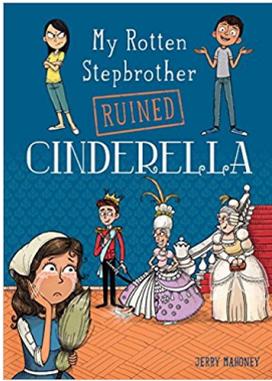
THE DARK INTERCEPT is part of a new trilogy.



Holden, what have you done?

The MY ROTTEN STEPBROTHER RUINED Series

Capstone, August 2017



Maddie McMatthews has the worst stepbrother ever. Not only does he make fun of her favorite fairytales, but he somehow breaks the actual stories. Now none of the characters live happily ever after— and that’s the best bit! Maddie and Holden find themselves sucked into the fairy tale world to fix the problems he’s caused. And if they can’t, they can kiss their chance to return to the real world goodbye.

Jerry Mahoney loves books — reading them, writing them, and especially ruining them. He has written for and ruined television shows, newspapers, magazines, and the Internet.

In the third book of Ted Sanders’s “The Keepers” series, Chloe, Horace, April and the other Keepers return only to discover their talismans of power may be dying out. Now, the race is on to save their way of life – and the world as we know it

THE PORTAL AND THE VEIL

(The Keepers #3)

by Ted Sanders

HarperCollins Children’s Books, October 2017

Horace F. Andrews and his friend Chloe have worked hard to master their talismans of power, and keep the world safe from the forces of evil. After rescuing April from the dangerous Dr. Jericho and the sinister Riven they discover that it may have all been a set up – by one of their own. When they return to confront their mentors, Horace and Chloe discover that Brian and his powerful artifact have been taken by someone they thought was their friend. The Keepers must free Brian and recover the important relic before its power can fall into the wrong hands. Reunited with the oldest Wardens for help, Horace and Chloe discover the true conflict at the heart of the long war between the Keepers and the Riven. The answer may destroy the way of life they’d work so hard to build, and the Keepers themselves.

Ted Sanders is the author of the short-story collection “No Animals We Could Name”, winner of the 2011 Bakeless Prize for fiction. His stories and essays have appeared in publications such as the Georgia Review, the Gettysburg Review, and “The PEN/O. Henry Prize Stories” anthology.

Other titles in this series: THE BOX AND THE DRAGONFLY #1 (March 2015), THE HARP AND THE RAVENVINE #2 (March 2016), THE STARLIT LOOM #4 (Fall 2018)

Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers has announced their acquisition of North American rights to three new books by Rick Yancey, whose 5th Wave series was one of the runaway UA successes of the last few years with editions in 34 languages around the World

UNTITLED BOOKS

by Rick Yancey

Putnam, May 2018

The first of the three books will be set in the world of The 5th Wave, but not be a strict sequel. A #1 bestselling series, dominating the top spots on the list for over 160 weeks, "The 5th Wave" series has sold close to 4 million copies in North American alone. Hailed by *USA Today* as "a modern sci-fi masterpiece", Yancey's electric storytelling has attracted legions of fans. Sony Pictures released the movie adaptation in January 2016.

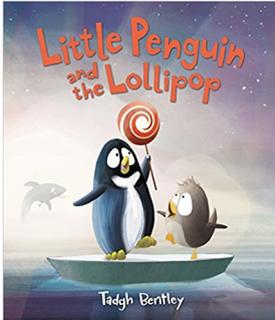
Rick Yancey was a field officer for the Internal Revenue Service. Inspired and encouraged by his wife, he decided his degree might also be useful in writing books and in 2004 he began writing full-time. His other books for young readers include the award-winning series that began with "The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp" and "The Monstrumologist".

Perfect for fans of Dragons Love Tacos and The Monster at the End of This Book

LITTLE PENGUIN AND THE LOLLIPOP

by Tadgh Bentley

Balzer & Bray, October 2017



Full of funny faces, underwater friends, and razzle dazzle seaweed lollipops, here comes the hilarious and charming sequel to Little Penguin Gets the Hiccups! Little Penguin has a problem...his friend Kenneth is upset! And it's all because Little Penguin ate Kenneth's deliciously yummy razzle dazzle seaweed lollipop! Little Penguin's tried everything he can think of to make it up to Kenneth but nothing seems to help—not even a hug! Can YOU help him save the day?

Tadgh Bentley is a picture book author and illustrator originally from the UK. He is also the author-illustrator of "Little Penguin Gets the Hiccups" and "Samson: The Piranha Who Went to Dinner".

As moving as it is funny, THE CHAOS OF STANDING STILL is a heartwarming story about the earth-shattering challenges life throws at us—and the unexpected strangers who help us along the way

THE CHAOS OF STANDING STILL

by Jessica Brody

Simon Pulse, November 2017

Over the course of one chaotic night stranded at the Denver airport, Ryn confronts her shattered past thanks to the charm of romance, the uniqueness of strangers, and the magic of ordinary places in this stunning novel from the author of Boys of Summer. Ryn has one unread text message on her phone. And it's been there almost a year. She hasn't tried to read it. She can't. She won't. Because that one message is the last thing her best friend ever said to her before she died. But as Ryn finds herself trapped in the Denver International Airport on New Year's Eve thanks to a never-ending blizzard on the one-year anniversary of her best friend's death, fate literally runs into her. And his name is Xander. When the two accidentally swap phones, Ryn and Xander are thrust into the chaos of an unforgettable all-night adventure, filled with charming and mysterious strangers, a secret New Year's Eve bash, and a possible Illuminati conspiracy hidden within the Denver airport. But as the bizarre night continues, all Ryn can think about is that one unread text message. It follows her wherever she goes, because Ryn can't get her brilliantly wild and free-spirited best friend out of her head. Ryn can't move on. But tonight, for the first time ever, she's trying. And maybe that's a start.

Jessica Brody is the author of several popular books for teens, including the "Unforgotten" trilogy, "52 Reasons to Hate My Father", and "In Some Other Life", the middle grade novel "Addie Bell's Shortcut to Growing Up", and two adult novels.

A gripping story of survival and the razor's-edge difference between perfect cruelty and perfect love

WHEN I AM THROUGH WITH YOU

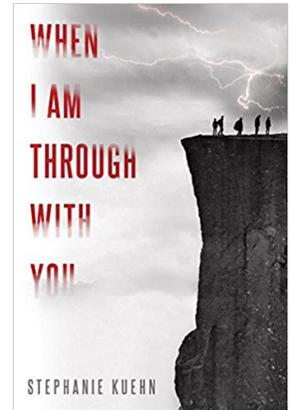
by **Stephanie Kuehn**

Dutton Children's, August 2017

Ben Gibson is many things, but he's not sorry and he's not a liar. He will tell you exactly about what happened on what started as a simple school camping trip in the mountains. About who lived and who died. About who killed and who had the best of intentions. But he's going to tell you in his own time. Because after what happened on that mountain, time is the one thing he has plenty of.

Smart, dark, and twisty, *WHEN I AM THROUGH WITH YOU* will leave readers wondering what it really means to do the right thing.

Stephanie Kuehn is the author of five novels for young adults. In 2014, her "Charm & Strange" won the American Library Association's William C. Morris Award for best debut novel, and her three subsequent books, "Complicit", "Delicate Monsters", and "The Smaller Evil" have cemented her reputation as one of YA literature's most unique and daring voices.



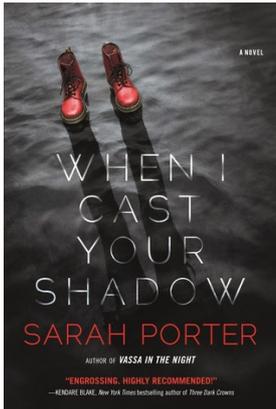
THE FRIEDRICH AGENCY LLC

A unique and heart-wrenching exploration of haunting, grief, and loss that will appeal to teenage fans of Kendare Blake, Madeline Roux, and Ransom Riggs

WHEN I CAST YOUR SHADOW

by Sarah Porter

Tor Teen, September 2017



After her troubled older brother, Dashiell, dies of an overdose, sixteen-year-old Ruby is overcome by grief and longing. What she doesn't know is that Dashiell's ghost is using her nightly dreams of him as a way to possess her body and to persuade her twin brother, Everett, to submit to possession as well. Dashiell tells Everett that he's returned from the Land of the Dead to tie up loose ends, but he's actually on the run from forces crueler and more powerful than anything the Bohnacker twins have ever imagined....

Sarah Porter is the author of “The Lost Voices Trilogy” and “Vassa in the Night”. She is also an artist and a freelance public school teacher.

The first book in a brand-new horse trilogy from a Pulitzer-winning author

RIDING LESSONS

by Jane Smiley

Knopf Books for Young Readers, October 2017

Meet Ellen: a spunky—and occasionally misbehaving—young horseback-riding student. In the spring of fourth grade, Ellen’s life feels like a balancing act: she is only allowed to go to riding lessons when she behaves at school and at home. But it’s much harder than it sounds! Ellen has a knack for speaking out of turn in class, and with a new sibling on the way, she can’t resist taking advantage of her parents’ distraction.

Then, on one perfect day—when Ellen has minded her manners— she sees Ned for the first time. Ned is a beautiful colt who used to be a racehorse, until he hurt his leg. They seem to understand each other immediately, and all Ellen wants to do is spend more time with her new friend.

But will she be able to keep up her best behavior at school? And will her parents ever let her have a horse of her own?

Jane Smiley is the author of many books for adults, including “Some Luck”, “Horse Heaven”, and the Pulitzer Prize–winning “A Thousand Acres”. She is the author of five “Horses of Oak Valley Ranch” books, “The Georges and the Jewels”, “A Good Horse”, “True Blue”, “Pie in the Sky”, and “Gee Whiz”.

A time-traveling love story by the acclaimed author of “In the Skin of a Monster”

WAKING ROMEO

by Kathryn Barker

Allen & Unwin, TBA

Heathcliff Ellis is a Deadender – part of a secret group of time-travellers who are trying to save humanity, one small “adjustment” to history at a time. Jules Capulet lives in the distant future, where an epic romance with her classmate Romeo left him in a coma and her a complete social outcast. Now, Jules spends her days writing *Romeo & Juliet*, a romanticized version of what really happened. She’s set her story in the past – the 1500s – complete with old-fashioned language, because the truth is just too painful. When Ellis is sent on a mission to “Wake Romeo,” Ellis and Jules are thrown together in the futuristic ruins of London, met with cryptic puzzles and deceptions... and secrets that go back hundreds of years. Because Emily Bronte, Shakespeare, and the Deadenders? Somehow they’re all connected...and Ellis and Jules are at the heart of everything.

As wildly inventive as it is sweepingly romantic, *WAKING ROMEO* combines two of literature’s most iconic love stories into a riveting and deeply moving narrative: the greatest love story of all times.

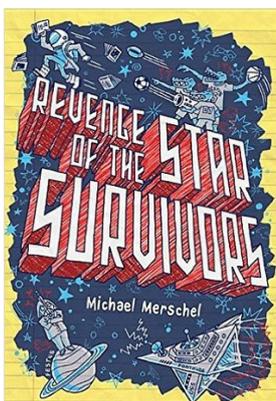
Kathryn Barker is a former attorney, trained film producer, and was the inaugural winner of Australia’s most lucrative TV award for Exceptional New Talent. Her debut novel *In the Skin of a Monster* received numerous accolades, including a national award for Best Young Adult Novel. *Waking Romeo* is her second novel.

Mayday...Mayday...This is a Priority One distress call. Can anyone hear me? Anyone?

REVENGE OF THE STAR SURVIVORS

by Michael Merschel

Holiday House, March 2017



Gamers, nerds, Trekkies, Star Wars buffs, and anyone who’s ever felt alone in the world will fall in love with this unforgettable and painfully hilarious debut novel starring social misfit and sci-fi fanboy Clark Sherman. When Clark enrolls at Festus Middle School to finish out eighth grade, he quickly learns that Planet Festus natives aren’t keen on newcomers who practice Jedi mind tricks and obsess over nerdy TV shows like *Star Survivors*. But in the face of vicious bullies, browbeaten teachers, and the venal Principal Denton, the inspirational adages of the *Star Survivors* heroes are the only solace Clark has. Then, just when Clark has all but given up on finding kindred life-forms on Festus, enigmatic Les, taciturn Ricki, and the insightful librarian Ms. Beacon enter his orbit. As Clark uncovers a dark truth connecting his tormentors and Principal Denton, he and his imperiled allies look to exact revenge in a way that will have ripple effects throughout the galaxy for years to come.

Michael Merschel is an editor at *The Dallas Morning News*. He’s also written plays, contributed to *A Prairie Home Companion* and composed an out-of-office reply that appeared in *The New York Times* and on *NPR*.

A darkly funny, heartrending story of body image, addiction, friendship and love

THE ART OF STARVING

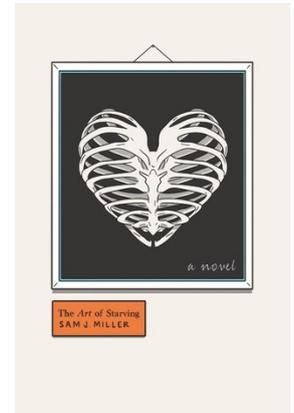
by **Sam J. Miller**

HarperTeen, July 2017

Matt hasn't eaten in days. His stomach stabs and twists inside, pleading for a meal. But Matt won't give in. The hunger clears his mind, keeps him sharp—and he needs to be as sharp as possible if he's going to find out just how Tariq and his band of high school bullies drove his sister, Maya, away—what they did to make her steal off in the middle of the night without a word, a clue to where she was going, or even a good-bye.

Matt's hardworking mom keeps the kitchen crammed with food, but Matt can resist the siren call of casseroles and cookies because he has discovered something: the less he eats the more he seems to have . . . powers. The ability to see things he shouldn't be able to see. The skill of tuning in to thoughts right out of people's heads. Maybe even the authority to bend time and space. So what is lunch, really, compared to finding out the secrets of the universe?

Sam J. Miller's fiction has been nominated for the Nebula Award and the Theodore Sturgeon Award, was long-listed for the Hugo Award, and has won the Shirley Jackson Award. He's a graduate of the Clarion Writers Workshop.



The start of an enchanting, epic, debut fantasy series from the founder of Dragonmount, perfect for fans of Tamora Pierce or Mistborn

MYSTIC
(The Mystic Trilogy #1)

by Jason Denzel

Tor Books, November 2015



Restless teenager Pomella breaks both law and tradition by leaving her village to try and become the apprentice to a reclusive Mystic. When she arrives at the Mystic's forest dwelling, she lies about her caste for self-preservation and undergoes several trials against noble candidates to prove her worthiness. During these trials, Pomella becomes aware of a conspiracy to kill both her and her would-be master. Over the course of the story, she has to navigate a deadly world of intolerance and betrayal, learning to grapple both with her magic and with issues of class.

Next book in the series: MYSTIC DRAGON (#2) and MYSTIC SKIES (#3).

Jason Denzel is an award-winning filmmaker, and the founder of Dragonmount.com, the leading online community for Robert Jordan and Brandon Sanderson's Wheel of Time saga.

A Newbery Honor Book

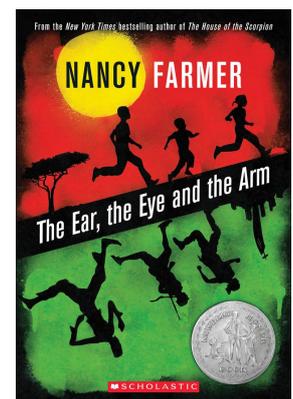
THE EAR, THE EYE AND THE ARM

by Nancy Farmer

Originally published in 1995

The year is 2174. The place is Zimbabwe, Africa. Three adventurous children escape their parents' heavily guarded mansion to explore the dangerous world outside. They soon learn how dangerous it really is. Tendai, the oldest boy, is their leader, although he worries about being brave enough. Rita, his sister, is an expert at starting fights. Kuda, his little brother, is willing to try anything. They are quickly enslaved in a plastic mine ruled by the terrifying She Elephant and her army of vlei people. Vlei people have been living in the dump so long they look like piles of trash. The children flee them to find new perils. They are pursued by the Ear, the Eye and the Arm, detectives hired by the children's parents, who always seem to arrive too late. The worst danger of all lies at the top of the Mile High Macllwaine, a hotel so tall that it sways like a tree in the wind. For up there are not merely humans, but spirits whose aim is to devour the souls of Zimbabwe.

Nancy Farmer has written three Newbery Honor Books: "The Ear the Eye and the Arm"; "A Girl Named Disaster"; and "The House of the Scorpion", which, in 2002, also won the National Book Award. Other books include "Do You Know Me", "The Warm Place", the "Trolls" trilogy, three picture books for young children and an adult novel, "A New Year's Tale".

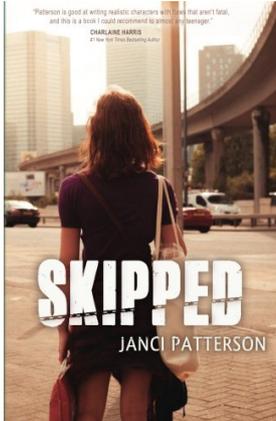


Fast, smart, and engrossing, this contemporary YA novel is a joyride readers won't want to miss

SKIPPED

by Janci Patterson

Garden Ninja Books, January 2016



For fifteen-year-old Ricki, there's only one thing to know about her bounty-hunter dad: he's never been there for her. But when her mother leaves, Dad suddenly appears and pulls her along on the road, hunting for criminals who've skipped bail. Ricki is sure she wants nothing to do with her father. She's much more interested in Ian Burnham, the seventeen-year-old skip Dad's chasing. Ian is confident and powerful and into her, everything that Ricki's family isn't. But Dad seems to think he can tell her what to do after all these years—and he says stay away from Ian. On the road with only the skip and her dead-beat dad, will Ricki ever figure out who she can trust?

SKIPPED has been sold in pre-empts in the United States and Germany.

Janci Patterson received her Master of Arts in creative writing from Brigham Young University. SKIPPED is her first novel.

A new YA trilogy, set in a world parallel to the Reckoners!

THE APOCALYPSE GUARD Series

by Brandon Sanderson

Delacorte, December 2018

The Apocalypse Guard is an organization of thousands of scientists, engineers, and extraordinary individuals who save planets. Emma is the Guard's coffee girl. During the rescue of a planet, a shadowy group attacks the Guard and throws it into chaos. Emma finds herself cast through dimensions to be stranded on a doomed planet. Cut off from mission control and inexperienced, Emma must find a way off the planet before cataclysm befalls it.

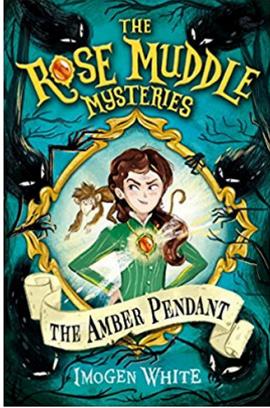
Brandon Sanderson teaches creative writing at Brigham Young University. In addition to completing Robert Jordan's "The Wheel of Time®", he is the author of such bestsellers as the "Mistborn" trilogy, "Warbreaker", "The Alloy of Law", "The Way of Kings", "Rithmatist", and "Steelheart" He won the 2013 Hugo Award for "The Emperor's Soul," a novella set in the world of his acclaimed first novel, "Elantris".

The first in a series of middle-grade historical novels about the magical, dark forces contained within an amber cup

THE AMBER PENDANT
(The Rose Muddle Mysteries #1)

by **Imogen White**

Usborne, June 2017



The Amber Pendant is set in Edwardian Hove and follows twelve-year old Rose Muddle as she's given a life-changing opportunity to escape the workhouse, and work as a maid in a grand house. But it soon becomes apparent that her mistress, the sickly Miss Templeforth has much bigger plans for her. She intends to pass ownership of her amber pendant to Rose. And with that come huge responsibilities and danger... With the help Rui, her new friend from India, and Bahula the monkey, Rose is flung into an action-packed adventure, pitting herself against the sinister forces that connect her pendant with the famous Bronze Age Amber Cup.

Imogen White won her place in the Undiscovered Voices 2014 Anthology with the opening to this novel. Imogen loves local history, and children's stories that aren't limited to beautiful countryside locations or secluded seaside coves. She spent most of her childhood gallivanting around her 1970s Croydon housing estate in search of buried Roman treasure, mystery and trouble.

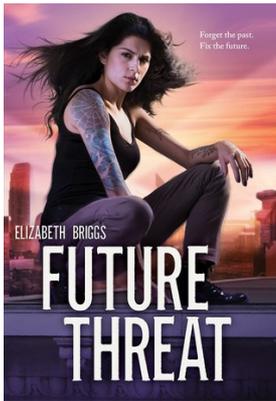


The second book in an unforgettable series about rewriting your destiny in the city of dreams

FUTURE THREAT #2

by Elizabeth Briggs

Albert Whitman, March 2017



Six months ago, tech giant Aether Corporation sent Elena Martinez and a group of skilled teens thirty years into the future on a secret mission. Now the surviving time-travelers including Elena and her boyfriend, Adam are trying to get on with their lives back in the present. But Aether Corporation isn't done with Elena or her friends, and they've been drafted into another trip thirty years ahead to find other time travelers who have gone missing. They discover a future that's far more advanced than the one they visited six months ago, since the technology that Aether retrieved and reverse engineered has resulted in great leaps forward in invention. The mission is successful for Elena and her team, yet when they make the trip again a third time, they find the future has been devastatingly altered. And every subsequent trip through time brings new complications. It's up to Elena and Adam to find the timeline that will save their friends and themselves. And then they must fix the future.

Book Three in the series will follow in 2018.

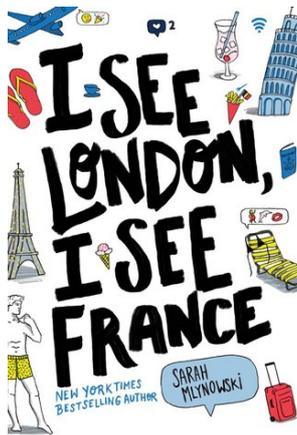
Elizabeth Briggs is the author of the adult "Chasing The Dream" series.

In this hilarious and unforgettable adventure, New York Times bestselling author Sarah Mlynowski tells the story of a girl learning to navigate secret romances, thorny relationships, and the London Tube

I SEE LONDON, I SEE FRANCE

by Sarah Mlynowski

January 2017



Nineteen-year-old Sydney has the perfect summer mapped out. She's spending the next four and half weeks travelling through Europe with her childhood best friend Leela. Their plans include Eiffel-Tower-Selfies, eating cocco gelato, and making out with très hot strangers. Her plans do not include Leela's cheating ex-boyfriend showing up on the flight to London, falling for the cheating ex-boyfriend's très-hot friend, monitoring her mother's spiraling mental health via texts, or feeling like the rope in a friendship tug of war. As Sydney zigzags through Amsterdam, Switzerland, Italy and France, she must learn when to hold on, when to keep moving, and when to jump into the Riviera...wearing only her polka dot underpants.

Sarah Mlynowski is the New York Times bestselling author of "Ten Things We Did (and Probably Shouldn't Have)", "Don't Even Think About It", "hink Twice" "Milkrun", "Fishbowl", "Bras & Broomsticks", the "Whatever After" series, and more. Her books have been translated into 25 languages and optioned to Hollywood.

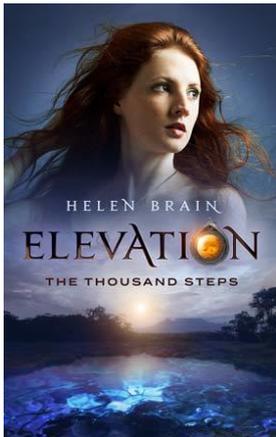
A smart and pacy dystopian thriller, in the vein of Divergent, with an original mythology that draws on the power of African legends

THE THOUSAND STEPS

(Elevation #1)

by Helen Brain

Human & Rousseau, September 2016



Sixteen year old Ebba has never been outside the bunker deep inside Table Mountain where she and 2000 other young adults are working as slaves. In a sudden twist of fate she is elevated to join the elite living on the surface in a post apocalyptic world. She's inherited Greenhaven, the last arable farm in the world. Food is the most prized commodity, and she's now the wealthiest person alive. Was she elevated because of the mysterious birthmark on her hand or because of the amulet necklace she was wearing as a newborn when she was hidden in the bunker? The High Priest and his good looking son Hal are especially keen to keep her close to them, but can she trust them? And how can she rescue her three closest friends from the bunker and bring them to the safety of Greenhaven?

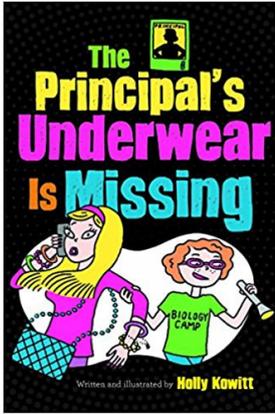
Helen Brain has written over 40 books for children. Also a creative writing teacher, she lives in Cape Town. THE THOUSAND STEPS is the first of a trilogy.

Oh no. Not her. Anyone but her

THE PRINCIPAL'S UNDERWEAR IS MISSING

by Holly Kowitt

Feivel and Friends, May 2017



When you're a sixth-grade nobody, the last person you wan to accidentally zonk with a volleyball is Sloan "Selfie" St. Clair--the eighth-grade glamour queen of the school. But that's what happens to Becca Birnbaum, and it only gets worse when she tries to do Selfie a favor. She grabs the wrong shopping bag from the principal's office -- one containing a very personal item. and even that might not be so bad, if only Selfie didn't immediately lose it. If they don't get it back ASAP, they're toast. They try not to panic--until they hear that the Biggest Prank Ever is about to happen. Can the school's oddest couple stop the disaster of a lifetime?

Holly Kowitt has written more than fifty books for younger readers, including the "Loser List" series.

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The new title from a bestselling author!

THE TOMB

by S.A. Bodeen

Feiwel & Friends, Spring 2018

Raised by her single mother in First Dynasty Egypt, fifteen-year-old Kamilah is full of dreams for the future. But when the Pharaoh's teenage son Seth dies, Kamilah is chosen as the sole retainer sacrifice to accompany the dead prince to the afterlife. Her escape attempts thwarted, Kamilah is forced to drink poison. She blacks out...only to awaken hours later alongside Seth. The year is 2058 and their Egyptian society was a virtual reality ruse on a massive high-tech spacecraft. The US government secretly built a fleet of them to ferry select citizens to safety during an impending super-volcano explosion. But when a comet suddenly struck earth, and the resultant impact winter touched off a mass extinction, elite officials rushed to escape...

Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen (writing as **S.A. Bodeen**) teaches fiction writing at the Gotham Writers Workshop and is a guest faculty member of the Whidbey Writer's Workshop MFA program. Her first YA thriller, *The Compound*, has won many awards and was published in several translations. Her books have been awarded a number of major prizes, including the Ezra Jack Keats Book Award, Africana Book Award, Parents' Choice Foundation Award, and American Library Association Award

A touching exploration of love and how it shapes us, both during a relationship and after it has ended

BRIEF CHRONICLE OF ANOTHER STUPID HEARTBREAK

by **Adi Alsaid**

Harlequin Teen, Summer 2018

The summer after senior year is not going as eighteen-year-old Lu Charles expected: after her long-time boyfriend unexpectedly breaks up with her, she finds herself unable to write her relationships column for Misnomer, the popular e-zine that feels so central to her identity. Then, she meets Cal, a handsome, charming and decidedly un-single stranger. Or is he? Cal's ever-practical girlfriend Iris is looking ahead to her first year of college, and her plans do not include a long-distance boyfriend. When Lu learns that Cal and Iris have planned to end their relationship at the end of the summer, she becomes fascinated and decides to chronicle the last months the couple will spend together. But the closer she gets to both of them, the harder it becomes to untangle her own feelings toward Cal from the story she's writing. When Lu's ex-boyfriend Leo unexpectedly comes back into the picture, Lu will have to decide what she wants—and from whom—or risk losing it all.

Adi Alsaid was born and raised in Mexico City. He attended college at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. After graduating, he packed up his car and escaped to the California coastline to become a writer. He's now back in his hometown, where he writes, coaches basketball, and makes every dish he eats as spicy as possible. In addition to Mexico, he's lived in Tel Aviv, Las Vegas and Monterey, California. Adi is the author of "Let's Get Lost" and "Never Always Sometimes".

What if the ordinary things in life suddenly...disappeared?

THE DISAPPEARANCES

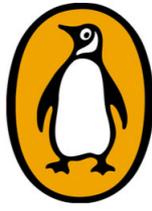
by **Emily Bain Murphy**

HMH Books for Young Readers, July 2017



Aila Quinn's mother, Juliet, has always been a mystery: vibrant yet guarded, she keeps her secrets beyond Aila's reach. When Juliet dies, Aila and her younger brother Miles are sent to live in Sterling, a rural town far from home--and the place where Juliet grew up. Sterling is a place with mysteries of its own. A place where the experiences that weave life together--scents of flowers and food, reflections from mirrors and lakes, even the ability to dream--vanish every seven years. No one knows what caused these "Disappearances," or what will slip away next. But Sterling always suspected that Juliet Quinn was somehow responsible--and Aila must bear the brunt of their blame while she follows the chain of literary clues her mother left behind...

Emily Bain Murphy grew up in Tokyo and Hong Kong, graduated from Tufts with a major in creative writing, and now lives in San Francisco with her family. *THE DISAPPEARANCES* is her debut novel.



Young Readers

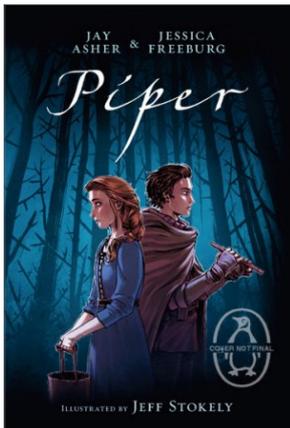
Bestselling author Jay Asher and co-author Jessica Freeburg brilliantly reimagine the classic Pied Piper legend as a powerful graphic novel about loneliness, love, and vengeance

PIPER

by Jay Asher and Jessica Freeburg

Illustrated by Jeff Stokeley

Razorbill, October 2017



Long ago, in a small village in the middle of a deep, dark forest, there lived a lonely, deaf girl named Maggie. Shunned by her village because of her disability, her only comfort comes from her vivid imagination. Maggie has a gift for inventing stories and dreams of one day finding her fairy-tale love. When Maggie meets the mysterious Piper, it seems that all her wishes are coming true. Spellbound, Maggie falls hard for him and plunges headfirst into his magical world. But as she grows closer to the Piper, Maggie discovers that he has a dark side. The boy of Maggie’s dreams might just turn out to be her worst nightmare...

Jay Asher 's debut novel, “Thirteen Reasons Why”, has regularly appeared on the New York Times bestsellers list during its first decade in print, selling over 2.5 million copies in the United States alone and has been adapted into a Netflix original series. Jessica Freeburg is the author of paranormal fiction and narrative nonfiction works focused on creepy legends and dark moments in history. Jeff Stokeley is the co-creator and artist of Eisner-nominated comic series “The Spire”.

A tender meditation on loss and a universal, deeply moving exploration of grief and empathy

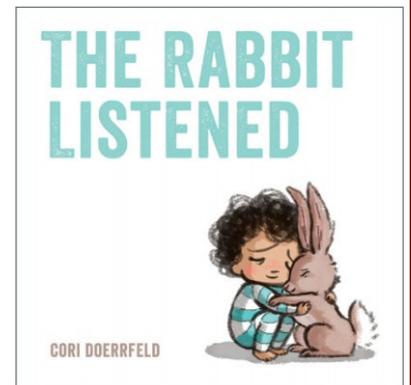
THE RABBIT LISTENED

by Cori Doerrfeld

Dial Books for Young Readers, February 2018

When disaster strikes, Taylor doesn’t know where to turn. One by one, the animals try to tell Taylor how to process this loss, and one by one they fail. Then the rabbit arrives. All the rabbit does is listen, which is just what Taylor needs. Whether read in the wake of tragedy or as a primer for comforting others, this is an unforgettable story to soothe heartache of all sizes. The destruction of Taylor's block castle is a wonderfully general metaphor, making THE RABBIT LISTENED a fitting choice for a variety of circumstances be it the death of a pet, the loss of a beloved family member, a pending divorce or move, or even just a bad day at school. Furthermore, it’s a sort of mirror for every child: Taylor's gender and race are intentionally ambiguous so every child can see his or her self in this book.

Cori Doerrfeld is the author-illustrator of “Penny Loves Pink”, “Little Bunny Foo Foo”, “Matilda in the Middle” and “Maggie and Wendel: Imagine Everything!”

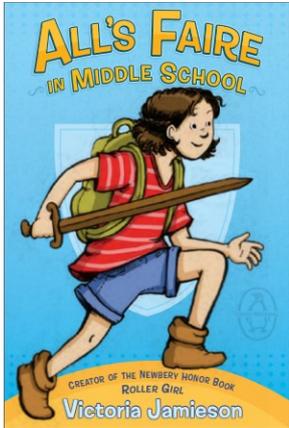


The Newbery Honor-winning author of Roller Girl is back with a heartwarming graphic novel about starting middle school, surviving your embarrassing family, and the Renaissance Faire

ALL'S FAIRE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

by Victoria Jamieson

Dial Books for Young Readers, September 2017



Eleven-year-old Imogene (Impy) has grown up with two parents working at the Renaissance Faire, and she's eager to begin her own training as a squire. First, though, she'll need to prove her bravery. Luckily Impy has just the quest in mind—she'll go to public school after a life of being homeschooled! But it's not easy to act like a noble knight-in-training in middle school. Impy falls in with a group of girls who seem really nice (until they don't) and starts to be embarrassed of her thrift shop apparel, her family's unusual lifestyle, and their small, messy apartment. Impy has always thought of herself as a heroic knight, but when she does something really mean in order to fit in, she begins to wonder whether she might be more of a dragon after all.

Victoria Jamieson is the creator of the Newbery Honor winner “Roller Girl”. She received her BFA in Illustration from the Rhode Island School of Design and worked as a children's book designer before becoming a freelance illustrator.

The first in a middle-grade series from an acclaimed adult author, published around the World

GERTIE MILK AND THE KEEPER OF LOST THINGS

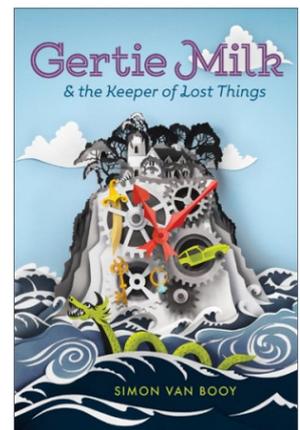
(Gertie Milk #1)

by Simon Van Booy

Razorbill, October 2017

After washing up on the mysterious island of Skuldark with no memory, twelve-year-old Gertie Milk discovers she's been chosen as the next Keeper of Lost Things. She's tasked with the mission of returning lost objects to famous historical figures right when they need it most - whether it's Charles Darwin's beetle specimens, Eratosthenes' special measuring stick, or the lost Swords of Mount Mogan. With the help of a time machine disguised as a vintage sports car and the guidance of her mentor and fellow Keeper, Kolt, Gertie races through time from a 1920s flapper party to a secret mountain village in 770 B.C. China to complete her missions. Soon, however, Gertie must face an enemy that threatens everything the Keepers stand for, villains who don't want to keep order, but to destroy it: the Losers. It's up to Gertie to stop the Losers and set history back in place - all while unraveling the mystery of her identity.

Simon Van Booy is an award-winning adult author. His books are beloved by critics, readers, and booksellers alike, and his many adult fans will be lining up to buy his middle-grade series for the young readers in their lives.



“Cast’s spectacular new series kicks off with a unique tale suitable for fans of fantasy both young and old” – RT Books Reviews

**SUN WARRIOR:
Tales of a New World
by P.C. Cast**

Wednesday Books, October 2017

From #1 New York Times bestselling author P.C. Cast comes the second book in the bestselling Tales of the New World series. The battle lines have been drawn and Mari, an Earth Walker, and Nik, a Companion, who were once from rival clans, now find themselves fighting to save each other and their people from destruction. Thaddeus betrayed his own people, killing Nik’s father and destroying their entire clan. But he wants more. He wants the power he believes Mari has stolen from him and his people, and he will do anything he can to get it back, even if it means destroying everything in his path. There is only one way to stop Thaddeus, but it means a harrowing journey for Mari and Nik into the heart of darkness. But if they hope to survive the coming fight, they have no choice but to believe in each other.

#1 NY Times and #1 USA Today author **PC Cast** is a member of the Oklahoma Writers Hall of Fame. Her novels have been awarded the prestigious: Oklahoma Book Award, YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers, Romantic Times Reviewers’ Choice Award, the Prism, Holt Medallion, Daphne du Maurier, Booksellers’ Best, and the Laurel Wreath.



A new stand-alone from the bestselling author of "The Cabin"

YOU WILL BE MINE

by Natasha Preston

Sourcebooks Fire, February 2018

Layla is in love with her best friend, Chase, but the last thing she wants is to jeopardize their friendship by sharing her true feelings. So when Layla's friends decide to boycott Valentine's Day and pull a few funny pranks instead, she agrees. It might not be a romantic date, but at least she'll get to spend time with Chase. Except the sweet turns sinister when the friends all start receiving notes from a secret admirer whose words of adoration quickly become deadly...

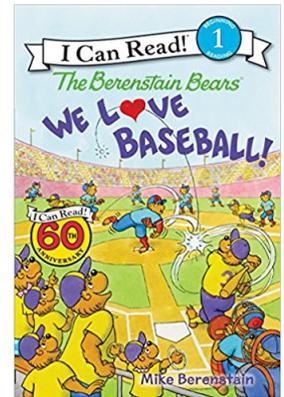
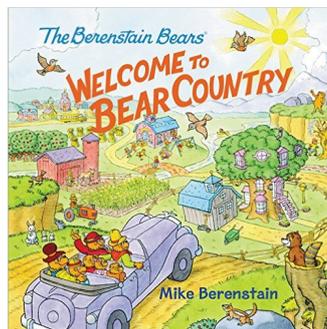
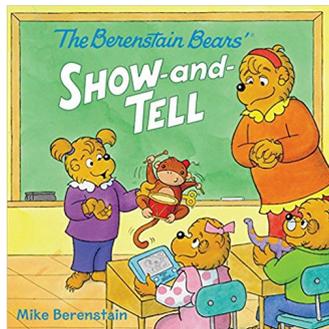
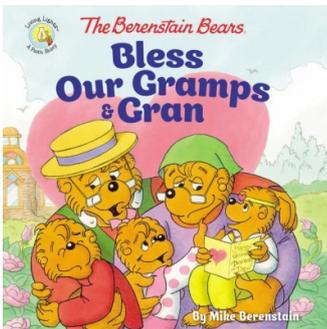
UK native **Natasha Preston** enjoys writing romance, thrillers, gritty YA, and the occasional serial killer. Her novels "The Cellar" and "The Cabin" are bestsellers.

Their bears books have sold over 300 million copies worldwide:

The Berenstains

Harpercollins

The Berenstains have written over two-hundred Berenstain Bears books over the last 50 years. Total sales of the series have topped more than 265 million copies. Until the late 1980s, Stan and Jan continued their work as magazine cartoonists along with their children’s books. Their son Mike became a children’s book illustrator and author in the ’70s and joined with his parents on magazine work in the ’80s, moving to illustrating and was co-writing Berenstain Bearsbooks by 1992. The Berenstain Bears became popular beyond the world of children’s books. The first animated TV show, an NBC Christmas special, was produced in 1979. During the ’80s and ’90s, there were Berenstain Bear Country attractions in a number of amusement parks. There have been four Berenstain Bears plays and stage musicals including the highly successful musical, The Berenstain Bears Live in Family Matters. Twenty-six Berenstain bears titles have been planned through 2017!



BLESS OUR GRAMPS AND GRAN

July 2017

Mama, Papa, and the cubs decide it’s high time they honor Grizzly Gramps and Gran. It’s almost Grandparents Day and the Bear family has never celebrated this special day before. So working as a team, the cubs, with a little help from Mama and Papa, come up with a fun and creative way to show Gramps and Gran just how much they are loved and appreciated.

And also...

SHOW-AND-TELL

May 2017

It’s that time of year again: show-and-tell day! Sister has to find something extra-cool and fun to take to school for show-and-tell. But Sister is not sure what to bring, especially since show-and-tell is becoming more like show-off time. With Brother’s help, will Sister finds something truly special to bring to class?

WELCOME TO BEAR COUNTRY

April 2017

Take a tour of Bear Country with the Berenstain Bears as they show Cousin Tex around all the wonderful sights! The bears visit everything from Bear Town, museums, caves, and even Bear Country’s most prized highlight—the Old Honey Tree!

WE LOVE BASEBALL!

February 2017

The Berenstain Bears are ready to cheer on their favorite baseball team in this new action-packed addition to the classic New York Times bestselling series! The family enjoys everything the ball game has to offer, from the seventh-inning stretch to catching a fly ball. Papa even takes a shot as the team’s mascot!

THE BERENSTAIN BEARS HUGS AND KISSES STICKER AND ACTIVITY BOOK (December 2016): Celebrate Valentine’s Day with the Berenstain Bears with puzzles, activity pages, and more than 50 reusable stickers.

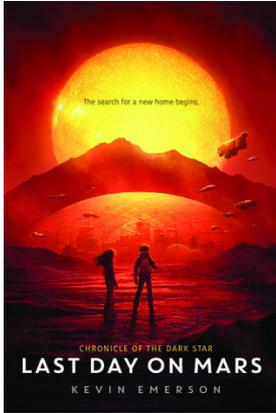
*TRANSLATED INTO 25 LANGUAGES!

The search of a new home begins...

LAST DAY ON MARS
(Chronicle of the Dark Star #1)

by Kevin Emerson

HarperCollins, February 2017



It is Earth year 2213—but, of course, there is no Earth anymore. Not since it was burned to a cinder by the sun, which has mysteriously begun the process of going supernova far sooner than anyone expected. The human race has fled to Mars, but this was only a temporary solution while we have prepared for a second trip: a one-hundred-fifty-year journey to a distant star, our best guess at where we might find a new home. Liam Saunders-Chang is one of the last humans left on Mars. The son of two scientists who have been racing against time to create technology vital to humanity's survival, Liam, along with his friend Phoebe, will be on the very last starliner to depart before Mars, like Earth before it, is destroyed. Or so he thinks. Because before this day is over, Liam and Phoebe will make a series of profound discoveries about the nature of time and space, and find out that the human race is just one of many in our universe locked in a desperate struggle for survival.

Kevin Emerson is the author of the *Atlanteans* series, the *Oliver Nocturne* series (film rights optioned by Overbrook Entertainment) and *Carlos is Gonna Get It*.

Next title in this series: THE OCEANS BETWEEN STARS (Winter 2018)

Winner of the 2016 Text Prize for Young Adult and Children's writing

BEAUTIFUL MESS

by Claire Christian

September 2017

Since Ava lost Kelly, things haven't been going so well. Even before she loses her and gets thrown out of school for shouting at the principal, there's the simmering rage and the getting drunk and the strange angry sex with Kelly's brother. The only thing going right for Ava is her weekend job at Magic Kebab. That's where she meets Gideon. Skinny, shy Gideon. Who turns out to be not just a poet and a collector of vinyl records and weirdly opposed to social media. He's also the only person who can help Ava move forward with her life. The 2016 winner of the Text Prize for Children's and YA Writing is a raw, funny, painfully truthful take on grief, loss and first love. Claire Christian is a new YA writer to watch.

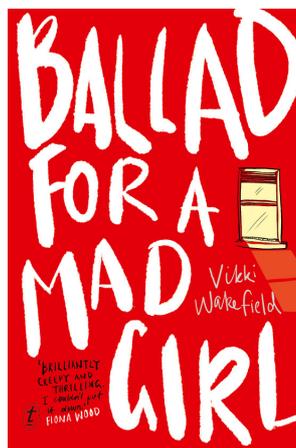
Claire Christian is a writer, podcaster and theatre maker. In 2013 she was named one of Queensland's 125 Leading Women by YWCA Queensland. She has several plays available through Playlab Press, including her solo work "Talking to Brick Walls", as well as "Hedonism's Second Album" and "The Landmine is Me", both co-written with the winner of the 2014 Text Prize, David Burton.

Grace is losing herself, and her friends don't understand. Is she moving closer to the truth? Or is she heading for madness?

BALLAD FOR A MAD GIRL

by Vikki Wakefield

June 2017



Everyone knows seventeen-year-old Grace Foley is a bit mad. She's a prankster and a risk-taker, and she's not afraid of anything—except losing. As part of the long-running feud between two local schools in Swanston, Grace accepts a challenge to walk the pipe. That night she experiences something she can't explain. The funny girl isn't laughing anymore. She's haunted by voices and visions—but nobody believes a girl who cries wolf. As she's drawn deeper into a twenty-year-old mystery surrounding missing girl Hannah Holt, the thin veil between this world and the next begins to slip. She can no longer tell what's real or imagined—all she knows is the ghosts of Swanston, including that of her own mother, are restless. It seems one of them has granted her an extraordinary gift at a terrible price. Everything about her is changing—her body, her thoughts, even her actions seem to belong to a stranger.

Vikki Wakefield is the author of three award-winning YA novels: "All I Ever Wanted", "Friday Brown", and "In between Days".

Paula Weston, author of the much-admired Rephaim series, returns with a standalone work: a futuristic thriller that is only slightly futuristic—but utterly and undeniably thrilling. Great writing, heart-burning characters, probing questions about where technology is taking us—and a plot that zips and zings like an electrical current itself. This is a great young-adult writer at the peak of her powers

THE UNDERCURRENT

by Paula Weston

September 2017

The near future. Eighteen-year-old Jules De Marchi is different. As in: she has an electrical undercurrent beneath her skin that stings and surges like a live wire. She can use it—to spark a fire, maybe even end a life—but she doesn't understand what it is. And she can barely control it, especially when she's anxious. Ryan Walsh was on track for a stellar football career when his knee blew out. Now he's a soldier—part of an experimental privatised military unit that has identified Jules De Marchi as a threat. Is it because of the weird undercurrent she's tried so hard to hide? Or because of her mother Angie's history as an activist against bio-engineering and big business?

It's no coincidence that Ryan and Jules are in the same place at the same time—he's under orders to follow her, after all. But then an explosive attack on a city building by an unknown enemy throws them together in the most violent and unexpected way.

Paula Weston is a Brisbane-based author. She has more than twenty years' experience as a professional writer—first as a print journalist and then as a government communication and media specialist. She co-owns a writing/design consultancy.



UNITED TALENT
AGENCY

In the vein of Scott Westerfeld's UGLIES series and NEVER LET ME GO, THE SIMILARS is a young adult novel set in the near dystopic future, where clones are feared, treated as a threat and persecuted

THE SIMILARS

By Rebecca Kurzweil

On Submission

In what's being called the greatest social experiment of the twenty-first century, clones of six students at prestigious and cutthroat Darkwood Academy are joining the junior class, right alongside their originals. The Similarars are all anyone can talk about: Who is the madman who broke the law against cloning and created them? After more than a decade in hiding, why have they—perfect and preterhuman in every way—been brought out of the shadows all of a sudden? And what are the odds that all six clones should be of Darkwood students? Everyone else may be all-consumed by the Similarars and the controversy surrounding them, but 16-year-old Darkwood junior Emmaline Chance couldn't care less. Her best friend, Oliver, died suddenly last summer and all she wants is to see him one more time. Then, she comes face-to-heartbreaking-face with Levi—Oliver's exact DNA copy and one of the Similarars. Emma is pained by how little the aloof and infuriating Levi is like her incredible Oliver. She vows to stay far away from him and his siblings. But despite the warning signs, she is pulled further and further into the Similarars' orbit. As Emma uncovers the dark and unsettling truths about them, as well as Darkwood itself, it seems like no one and nothing can be trusted. And yet, there's one thing Emma knows for sure: for better or worse, she's falling for the boy with Oliver's face.

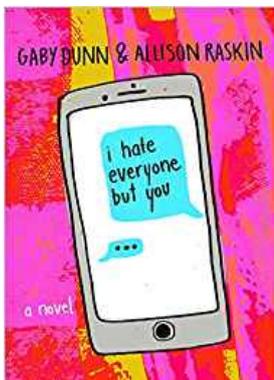
Rebecca Kurzweil received a BA from Stanford University in English and drama and was awarded an Emmy for Best Writing in 2008 as a staff writer on the CBS daytime drama GUIDING LIGHT. She is a member of the Writers Guild of America.

A story of growing up, growing apart, and ultimately coming back to the best friend you always text first

I HATE EVERYONE HERE BUT YOU

by Allison Raskin and Gabby Dunn

Saint Martin's Press, September 2017



Gen Goldman and Ava Helmer have been best friends since the first day of middle school.. Now, four years and countless sleepovers later, the two are being thrust apart for freshman year 2.0: college. From first loves to weird roommates, heartbreak, self-discovery, to coming out, the two best friends will document every moment to each other. I HATE EVERYONE HERE BUT YOU is a novel written entirely in emails and text messages, covers Gen and Ava's first endlessly long and potentially disastrous separation during fall semester on opposite sides of the country. What does friendship look like when you have to keep up electronic communication with the one person you used to spend all your time with IRL?

Allison Raskin and **Gaby Dunn** are two best friends who live in Los Angeles. They started the comedy YouTube channel Just Between Us in 2014 and have since then spent far too much time together. They have worked together and separately for BuzzFeed, Sourcefed and Fullscreen.



The battle for the crown has begun, but which of the three sisters will prevail?

ONE DARK THRONE
(Three Dark Crowns #2)
by Kendare Blake
Harper Teen, September 2017



With the unforgettable events of the Quickening behind them and the Ascension Year underway, all bets are off. Katharine, once the weak and feeble sister, is stronger than ever before. Arsinoe, after discovering the truth about her powers, must figure out how to make her secret talent work in her favor without anyone finding out. And Mirabella, once thought to be the strongest sister of all and the certain Queen Crowned, faces attacks like never before—ones that put those around her in danger she can't seem to prevent. In this enthralling sequel to Kendare Blake's New York Times bestselling "Three Dark Crowns", Fennbirn's deadliest queens must face the one thing standing in their way of the crown: each other.

Kendare Blake holds an M.A. in creative writing and is an acclaimed author of YA books.

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*Fans of Laurie Halse Anderson's **Speak** and Judy Gregerson's **Bad Girls Club** will relate to this story about a girl traumatized by her brilliant mother's serious mental illness*

WELCOME TO THE SLIPSTREAM
by Nataalka Burian
Merit Press, June 2017

Like a grown-up Eloise from the picture book, the main character, Van, lives in an upscale casino in glitzy Las Vegas, giving readers entree into a crazy world that few ever get to see. Based on real life events witnessed by the author, a harrowing look at the dangers of self-help cults that promise insight and instead deliver destruction. With her mother, a brilliant businesswoman with fragile mental health, Van arrives in Las Vegas at the Silver Saddle casino, where Alex, a college student, is assigned to "babysit" her. Van is used to having to land on her feet, because her mother and her surrogate grandmother move from city to city all the time like corporate gypsies, but Alex introduces Van, a talented musician, to a group where her guitar skills may shine. But just as she's about to play her first gig, her mother is lured in by a con man promising a "vision quest" in Arizona, and Van must go on the road to find and save her mom.

Nataalka Burian received an MA from Columbia University where she studied Eastern European literature.

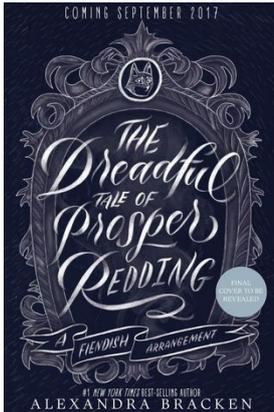


From #1 New York Times best-selling author Alexandra Bracken comes a tale of betrayal and revenge, of old hurts passed down from generation to generation

**A FIENDISH ARRANGEMENT
(The Dreadful Tale of Prosper Redding Series #1)**

by Alexandra Bracken

Disney-Hyperion, September 2017



Prosper is the only unexceptional Redding in his old and storied family history — that is, until he discovers the demon living inside him. Turns out Prosper's great-great-great-great-great-something grandfather made — and then broke — a contract with a malefactor, a demon who exchanges fortune for eternal servitude. And, weirdly enough, four-thousand-year-old Alastor isn't exactly the forgiving type. The fiend has reawakened with one purpose — to destroy the family whose success he ensured and who then betrayed him. With only days to break the curse and banish Alastor back to the demon realm, Prosper is playing unwilling host to the fiend... Can you ever fully right a wrong, ever truly escape your history? Or will Prosper and Alastor be doomed to repeat it?

Book #2 to follow in Fall 2018

Alexandra Bracken is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of “The Darkest Minds” series. Born and raised in Arizona, she moved East to study history and English at the College of William & Mary in Virginia. After working in publishing for several years, Alex now writes full-time.

This forthcoming illustrated middle grade series, which was sold on proposal to Roaring Brook, is the perfect mix of Harry Potter meets X-Men!

THE SUPER LIFE OF BEN BRAVER (#1-#3)

by Marcus Emerson

Roaring Books, April 2018; 2019; 2020

All Ben Braver wanted was to wrap up his summer with awesome TV shows and his favorite candy. But then some kid screamed for help, and, like his favorite comic book heroes, Ben had to go save the day, or try to, which leads him to a secret school where kids with super abilities learn to control their powers. Ben's never had any powers, but he's always wanted to be something special. And when he's offered a spot at the school, he realizes he has a chance to make his dreams come true. BEN BRAVER is the first book in a hilarious adventure series about super powers, unbelievable inventions, and the greatness that lies within any middle schooler who dreams big.

Marcus Emerson is the author of “The Diary of a 6th Grade Ninja” Series, a phenomenal self-published success, published in 10 countries. THE SUPER LIFE OF BEN BRAVER will be his first chapter book series launched by a traditional publisher in the US.

With southern charm, underground fights, and heart-stopping chemistry, #1 New York Times bestselling Kami Garcia's second contemporary romance—following THE LOVELY RECKLESS—will steal your breath away

BROKEN BATTERED HEARTS

by Kami Garcia

Macmillan, February 2018

Peyton's life is divided in two: before her ex-boyfriend pushed her down the stairs and after. Before, she was a star-soccer player in love with her golden MMA fighter boyfriend, Reed. Now, Peyton faces a new reality with a torn knee ligament, a scholarship on the line, and a struggling sense of self. No one believes Reed pushed her and Peyton just wants to leave the trauma behind. Living with her uncle and her twin cousins in her mom's small, football-obsessed hometown in Tennessee seems like a great escape plan. There, Peyton meets Owen Law—high school classmate, local fighter, and her physical therapist's assistant. Owen is charming and gentle, but Peyton is determined to repress her growing attraction. Her ex-boyfriend taught her not to trust her heart, or her instincts. When her old life threatens to collide with the new, Peyton must fight to reclaim the truth of her past in order to save her future.

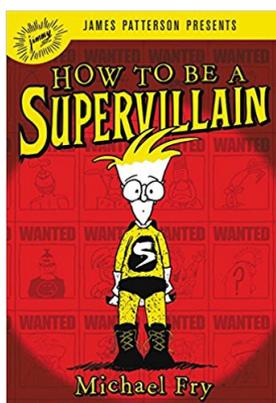
Kami Garcia is the #1 New York Times, USA Today, and international bestselling coauthor of the "Beautiful Creatures" and "Dangerous Creatures" novels. Kami's solo series, "The Legion", includes the instant *New York Times* bestseller "Unbreakable", and the Bram Stoker Award nominated sequel "Unmarked", both of which were nominated for Bram Stoker Awards.

In this rollicking middle-grade adventure, Michael Fry's witty text and hysterical artwork combines superhero action with classic fish-out-of-water humor

HOW TO BE A SUPERVILLAIN (#1-2)

by Michael Fry

Jimmy Patterson (Hachette), May 2017; 2018



Victor Spoil comes from a long line of famous supervillains and he's fully expected to join their ranks one day. But to his family's utter disappointment, Victor doesn't have a single bad-guy bone in his body. He won't run with scissors, he always finishes his peas, and he can't stand to be messy. Hopeless! As a last-ditch effort before they give up and let him be a--gasp!--civilian, Victor's exasperated parents send him to apprentice under a disgraced supervillain called The Smear. This matchup starts off as a complete disaster, but Victor and The Smear eventually find that they have a lot to learn from each other. When the stakes get high as Victor is forced to choose between his mentor and his family morals (or lack thereof)...what will the world's nicest bad guy do?

Michael Fry is the author of "The Odd Squad" series as well as "The Naughty List" and its sequel, in addition to his comic strip, "Over the Edge", which has been syndicated worldwide.

THE UNIVERSE IS EXPANDING AND SO AM I offers a compelling story of forgiveness and empowerment and accepting that the beauty of life is in its imperfections

THE UNIVERSE IS EXPANDING AND SO AM I

by Carolyn Mackler

Bloomsbury, May 2018

In the much-anticipated sequel to the Printz Honor book “The Earth, My Butt, and other Big Round Things”, Carolyn Mackler returns to the world of Virginia Shreves, picking up five months after the end of the first book. Just when sixteen-year-old Virginia thought she had found peace, her universe is thrown into chaos: her relationship with Froggy Welsh the Fourth has lost its spark, her mom betrays her, and her already complicated feelings for her brother Byron get even more confusing when he becomes front page news again for his previous date-rape charge. Then Virginia meets Sebastian, a beautiful, long-haired, seventeen-year-old boy with seaglass-green eyes and chaos of his own. Sebastian is visiting New York City for the summer and, to put it bluntly, he is the last person in the world she should be talking to. Virginia and Sebastian are drawn to each other despite the fact that their whirlwind relationship could lead to disastrous consequences. But sometimes it’s more important to follow your heart than succumb to everyone’s impossible expectations.

Carolyn Mackler is a bestselling author known for her YA and Middle-Grade novels, such as “Infinite in Between” “The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big Round Things” (A Michael L. Printz Honor Book), “Tangled” etc. Carolyn’s novel, “The Future of Us”, co-written with bestselling author Jay Asher, received starred reviews and appeared on bestseller lists.

From the author and illustrator of the New York Times bestselling “Wildwood Chronicles” comes a fast-paced middle grade heist bound to keep you on the edge of your seat!

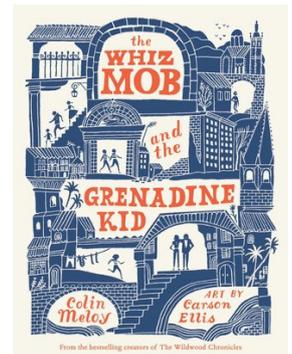
THE WHIZ MOB AND THE GRENADINE KID

by Colin Meloy, illustrated by Carson Ellis

Balzer + Bray, October 2017

Set in 1960s Marseille, we meet Charlie Fisher, the impressionable, restless son of an American diplomat. He witnesses a ragtag band of young pickpockets pull off an almost flawless swoop in a city plaza and, instead of reporting the thieves, Charlie defends the ringleader, Amir, with the stipulation that the “whiz mob” teach him the tricks of the trade. While Amir and Charlie strike up an unlikely friendship, the other young thieves take more time to warm up. But just as Charlie finally nabs his first lift, it is Amir who grows distant. When the group zeroes in on an event Charlie’s father will be attending, what at first felt like a fun and harmless new pastime hits closer to home and Charlie realizes he has misjudged the true mark of the group’s elaborate scheme. Charlie embarks on a journey to set things right that will lead him far and wide.

Colin Meloy is the singer and songwriter for the band the Decemberists, where he channels all of his weird ideas into weird songs. With the “Wildwood Chronicles”, he’s started channeling those ideas into novels. **Carson Ellis** is the acclaimed illustrator of several books for children.

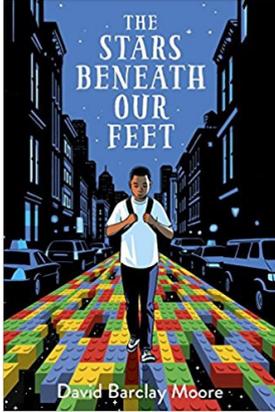


Bought in a three-bidder auction, THE STARS BENEATH OUR FEET is an important and beautifully written debut middle grade novel in the tradition of Jacqueline Woodson

THE STARS BENEATH OUR FEET

by David Barclay Moore

Knopf, September 2017



It's Christmas Eve in Harlem, but twelve-year-old Lolly Rachpaul and his mom aren't celebrating. They're still reeling from his older brother's death in a gang-related shooting just a few months earlier. Then Lolly's mother's girlfriend brings him a gift that will change everything: two enormous bags filled with Legos. Lolly's always loved Legos, and he prides himself on following the kit instructions exactly. Now, faced with a pile of building blocks and no instructions, Lolly must find his own way forward. David Barclay Moore paints a powerful portrait of a boy teetering on the edge—of adolescence, of grief, of violence—and shows how Lolly's inventive spirit helps him build a life with firm foundations and open doors.

David Barclay Moore has served as communications coordinator for Geoffrey Canada's Harlem Children's Zone and communications manager for Quality Services for the Autism Community. He has received grants from the Ford Foundation, the Jerome Foundation, Yaddo, and the Wellspring Foundation.
