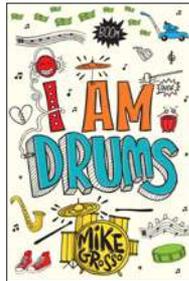
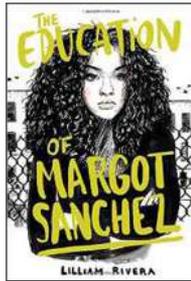
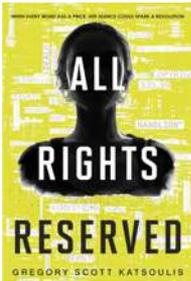


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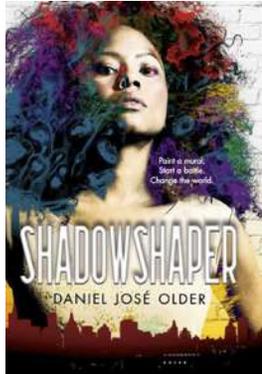
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**SHADOWSHAPER (#1)**

Five starred reviews!



Cassandra Clare meets Caribbean legend

- **A #5 *New York Times* bestseller!**
- **Winner of the 2016 International Latino Book Award!**

With the help of a mysterious fellow artist named Robbie, Sierra discovers shadowshaping, a thrilling magic that infuses ancestral spirits into paintings, music, and stories. But someone is killing the shadowshapers one by one—and the killer believes Sierra is hiding their greatest secret. Now she must unravel her family's past, take down the killer in the present, and save the future of shadowshaping for herself and generations to come.

**Praise for SHADOWSHAPER:**

“This story about ancestors, ghosts, power, and community has art and music at its core... Warm, strong, vernacular, dynamic—a must.”

—*Kirkus*, Starred review!

“Excellent diverse genre fiction in an appealing package.”

—*School Library Journal*, Starred review!

“For adventure seekers in search of a culturally robust fright fest.”

—*School Library Journal*, audio book, Starred review!

“What makes Older’s story exceptional is the way Sierra belongs in her world, grounded in family, friends, and an awareness of both history and change... with an effortlessness that simultaneously demonstrates Older’s mastery of his medium.”

—*Publishers Weekly*, Starred review!

“Smart writing with a powerful message that never overwhelms the terrific storytelling.”

—*Booklist*, Starred review!

## SHADOWHOUSE FALL (#2)

FORTHCOMING IN SEPTEMBER 2017  
FROM SCHOLASTIC

“SHADOWHOUSE FALL is about more than mystical fantasy, as it will touch on real political themes that teens face every day. And make no mistake, Older knows that today’s young people are just as magical as his characters.”

—*Teen Vogue*

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SHADOWSHAPER FEATURED ON  
20+ BEST LISTS, INCLUDING:

*New York Times*’ “Notable Children’s Books of 2015”

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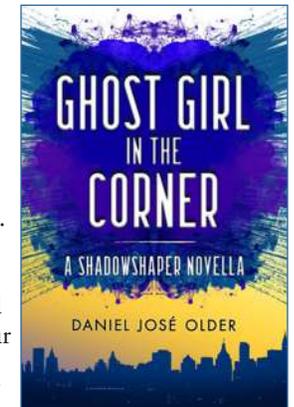
Mythopoeic Award, Kirkus Prize, Andre Norton Nebula Award,  
Locus Prize, Cybils Award, CBCC Choices Award, Lincoln Award

**GHOST GIRL IN THE CORNER**

Set between the *New York Times*-bestselling *Shadowshaper* and its upcoming sequel *Shadowhouse Fall*, this beautiful novella of mystery, love, and loss will draw you deep into Daniel José Older’s magical Brooklyn.

“GHOST GIRL IN THE CORNER is short and sweet. It’s funny...and widens Daniel’s fantastical Brooklyn into an even larger cast of fully developed characters... It’s a novella that shows the way community evolves and how we can take what others teach us and adapt it to our own strengths. And with that strength, whatever it may be, we can help people. We learn to be our own heroes.”

—*Black Girl Nerds*



Rights available

## SKYFIRE (#1)

### Flood City

The first in a middle grade science fiction series, which feels like someone put Nancy Farmer in charge of writing the next *Star Wars*.

As far as anyone knows, Flood City is the last city on Earth. Above it floats the Star Guard, which “protects” the people of Flood City from the Chemical Barons. The Star Guard controls the food supply, cutting off rations from time to time to keep people in line, and it represents the only way out for kids who want to do something with their lives. Max dreams of more. He wants to play music that isn’t just the same score for the same pageant praising the Star Guard that plays every year. And this may be the year that he’s finally had enough.

Rights available

## THE MEMORY THIEF

Like *Something Wicked This Way Comes* for the modern middle-grade reader

- Finalist for the 2016 CYBILS Award

A live-action/animated feature is being planned at Fox Animation!



While wandering at the county fair, Benji ducks into a tent for The Memory Emporium. He meets an old man named Louis, who shows him a magically vivid memory of a fighter pilot, in the hopes of getting Benji to pay to see others. But Louis isn't the only person with this special ability. There's also the mysterious Genevieve, the Memory Thief. And following a confrontation between Louis and Genevieve, Benji gets the power, too. Genevieve gets out of control, and people begin acting like their minds have been stolen, including his twin sister Kelly. Benji must fight his own impulses to cheat his way through life with his newfound power, and work to stop Genevieve before it's too late.

### Praise for THE MEMORY THIEF:

"Moore crafts a compelling premise and a plot that delivers more than might be expected...With interesting twists, captivating action, and a down-to-earth lead, this adventure is sure to become a new favorite."

—*Kirkus*

"With a fast pace, a clever premise, a likable main character and just enough danger to keep readers reading, THE MEMORY THIEF is a must read."

—*Middle Grade Mafia*

"A fun adventure that readers of all ages will enjoy, THE MEMORY THIEF was an action-packed story...Don't miss out on this one!"

—*Confessions of a Readaholic*

"There's so much wrapped up in here. The importance of family, the concept of honor, dealing with deception, and even a healthy dose of conflict resolution...all tied up in a perfectly action-packed story line."

—*Hopelessly Devoted Bibliophile*

"Middle grade readers will love this fast-paced tale and, as I did, enjoy thinking about the complications of erasing knowledge and experience from the minds of others."

—*Middle Grade and Young Adult Book Review*

"This is the best middle grade book I've read in years. Buy it for all your friends!"

—*Dan Wells, New York Times bestselling author of Partialis*

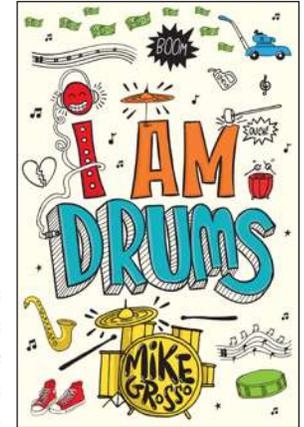
**BOOK #2 UNDER CONTRACT TO ADAPTIVE BOOKS**

Rights sold: Film – Fox

## I AM DRUMS

A contemporary middle grade novel in the tradition of Rebecca Stead and Jerry Spinelli

- Sold to Clarion Books at auction after originally selling to the former Egmont USA
- Selected for the ILLINOIS READS 2017 Reading List



All Samantha Morris wants is to play the drums. But it's hard to make her dreams come true when her parents are against it. She bangs on dictionaries because she can't afford a real drumset, and her middle school is planning to cut its music program. Sam's only hope to accomplish her dream is to find a private music teacher and pay for lessons herself. But when one of her friends tells her she's the worst percussionist in the band, she starts to wonder if she's got what it takes.

### Praise for I AM DRUMS:

"Readers will feel Sam's desire to play and sympathize with her decision to sneak around in order to pursue her dream. VERDICT: A great read for middle graders with their own obsessions and dreams. Recommended."

—*School Library Journal*

"Readers will quickly develop a rapport with Sam; it's impossible not to empathize with both her eagerness and her desperation, nor to recognize that her efforts aren't sustainable...This is a worthy and entertaining read about how talent develops and what the potential consequences of pursuing it are."

—*Kirkus*

"...pitch-perfect depiction of a preteen with the fierce determination to follow her passion. An appealing, goodhearted story for all young people yearning to march to the beat of their own drums."

—*Horn Book*

"Sam's deeply felt desire to be a drummer, her struggles to articulate her need to her parents, and her father's inability to look beyond his own pain combine to create a situation that is difficult for the whole family, but that feels very real. Middle school readers...will appreciate Sam's struggles and root for her as she does whatever it takes to make her dreams come true."

—*VOYA*

"Sam's fresh voice and realistic, unfortunate family dynamics make a gripping, emotional story. Readers will cheer for spunky Sam."

—*Booklist*

Rights available

## FORTHCOMING

## I AM STILL ALIVE

When her father dies and their cabin burns to the ground, injured 17-year-old Jess Cooper is left for dead in the Canadian wilderness. Now she has to survive the winter with only her wits and her dog.

For fans of *Hatchet* and *Julie of the Wolves*, this is an evocative YA novel that'll stick with you long after you've turned the last page.

The wilderness is the last place seventeen-year-old Jess Cooper wants to be—or should be. But after a horrific car accident kills her mom and cripples Jess, she's forced to live with her estranged father in off-the-grid, middle-of-nowhere Canada.

Then the unthinkable happens: a week after Jess arrives, her dad dies and their cabin burns down. Jess has barely processed her grief over her mother's death and has just re-learned how to walk, and now she has to build shelter and scavenge for food in the unforgiving wilderness. Even though her body isn't physically capable of either, she's a quick thinker with a loyal hunting dog and too much stubbornness to give up.

But her dad's death was no accident, and if Jess isn't smart, she'll wind up the next victim. Assuming, of course, that winter doesn't kill her first.

A gripping tale of survival in the Canadian wilderness from an author who has already proven herself in multiple genres.

## About the Author:

Kate Marshall lives in the Pacific Northwest with her family, which has recently grown by one! She works in the gaming industry as a writer and designer, most recently focusing on educational games for kids of all ages. She spends her winters cheerfully avoiding the rain, and during the summer ventures out to kayak and camp along Puget Sound. As Kate Marshall, her short fiction has appeared in venues such as *Beneath Ceaseless Skies* and *Crossed Genres*; as Kathleen Kimmel, she writes the *Birch Hall* romance series from Berkley.



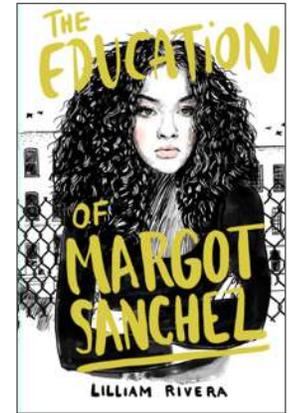
Rights sold: World English – Viking

## THE EDUCATION OF MARGOT SANCHEZ

*Pretty in Pink* comes to the South Bronx in this bold and romantic coming-of-age novel about dysfunctional families, good and bad choices, and finding the courage to question everything you ever thought you wanted.

Lilliam Rivera is:

- One of the *Los Angeles Times* "Faces to Watch"
- A 2015 Pushcart Prize winner
- A 2013 PEN Center USA Emerging Voices Fellow
- Graduate of the Clarion Writers' Workshop



After "borrowing" her father's credit card to finance a more stylish wardrobe, Margot Sanchez suddenly finds herself grounded. And by grounded, she means working as an indentured servant in her family's struggling grocery store to pay off her debts. With each order of deli meat she slices, Margot can feel her carefully cultivated prep school reputation slipping through her fingers, and she's willing to do anything to get out of this punishment. Lie, cheat, and maybe even steal...

Margot's invitation to the ultimate beach party is within reach and she has no intention of letting her family's drama or Moises—the admittedly good looking but outspoken boy from the neighborhood—keep her from her goal.

## Praise for THE EDUCATION OF MARGOT SANCHEZ:

"Debut novelist Rivera doesn't sugarcoat Margot's conflicted life...Margot makes mistakes, misplaces her trust, and gradually reestablishes who she is in an emotional story about class, race, hard work, and finding one's place."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"The vibrant storytelling is filled with amusing, lyrical language and authentic dialogue representing the South Bronx. The supporting cast is also distinctive, genuine and well-defined. Margot's lofty attitude and personal angst are expertly done and will hook readers from the first page. A delightful read."

—*RT Book Reviews*

"A debut of great candor, depth, and empathy."

—*Booklist*

"The vivid setting and many issues make this a fast read about family, identity, and culture that will appeal to many, including reluctant readers."

—*Teen Librarian Toolbox*

Rights available

**FAIR COIN (#1)**

A “be careful what you wish for” tale for fans of *The Twilight Zone*

- Winner of the Nebula/Andre Norton Award!
- Finalist for the British Fantasy Award, despite not having a UK publisher
- Finalist for the Compton Crook Award
- Featured YA Novel at 2013 Dragon\*Con!
- Indigo (Canada) “CEO 100” pick
- io9.com Summer Reading List pick

“For unpredictable, intelligent, challenging YA science fiction, this series is a sure fire bet. I can’t wait to see what Myers has up his sleeve for the future.”

–*Tor.com*



**QUANTUM COIN (#2)**

- A Best Teen Sci-Fi Pick by YA Books Central

“Myers’ sequel to FAIR COIN ups the ante for fantasy fans everywhere, without letting other elements of the story wither. The romantic tension throughout highlights the maturation of the characters. Unlike many sequels, this one wraps up loose ends in a satisfactory fashion.”

–*RT Books*, 4 Star Review!



**FAIR COIN:**  
2013 Nebula/Andre Norton Award Winner  
Finalist for the British Fantasy Award

Following in the footsteps of J.K. Rowling and Terry Pratchett, E.C. Myers was named the winner of the Andre Norton Award for FAIR COIN, which was his debut novel. It was the most crowded field in the history of the award, yet this debut from an independent publisher (Pyr Books), written by the first client Eddie Schneider signed, prevailed over the giants of the field to win the biggest award in children’s fantasy and science fiction.

<b>Rights sold:</b>	
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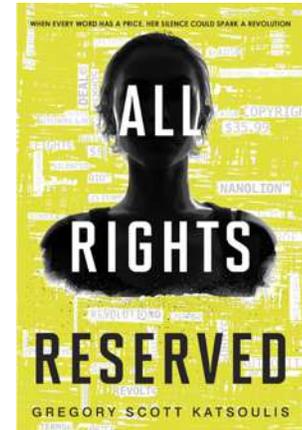
**FORTHCOMING**

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In a world where every word and gesture is copyrighted, patented or trademarked, one girl elects to remain silent rather than pay to speak, and her defiant and unexpected silence threatens to unravel the very fabric of society.

- Sold in a two-book deal
- Originally sold to Egmont at auction

A thrilling near-future SF debut for fans of Neal Shusterman and Scott Westerfeld



Speth Jime is anxious to deliver her Last Day speech and celebrate her transition into adulthood. The moment she turns fifteen, Speth must pay for every word she speaks (“Sorry” is a flat ten dollars and a legal admission of guilt), for every nod (\$0.99/sec), for every scream (\$0.99/sec) and even every gesture of affection. She’s been raised knowing the consequences of falling into debt, and can’t begin to imagine the pain of having her eyes shocked for speaking words that she’s unable to afford.

But when Speth’s friend Beecher commits suicide rather than work off his family’s crippling debt, she can’t express her shock and dismay without breaking her Last Day contract and sending her family into Collection. Backed into a corner, Speth finds a loophole: rather than read her speech, rather than say anything at all, she closes her mouth and vows never to speak again. Speth’s unexpected defiance of tradition sparks a media frenzy, inspiring others to follow in her footsteps, and threatens to destroy her, her family and the entire city around them.

**About the Author:**

Gregory Scott Katsoulis has worked extensively with children of all ages in a broad range of subjects, from art to game-design. He’s taught at enrichment programs like the Exploration Summer Program hosted by Wellesley College, and The Saturday Course. He lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts, working as a photographer who specializes in families, babies, and moms-to-be.



**FORTHCOMING FROM HARLEQUIN TEEN IN AUGUST 2017  
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<b>Rights sold:</b> UK – Harlequin TEEN	Turkey – Pegasus
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Janci Patterson

YA Contemporary

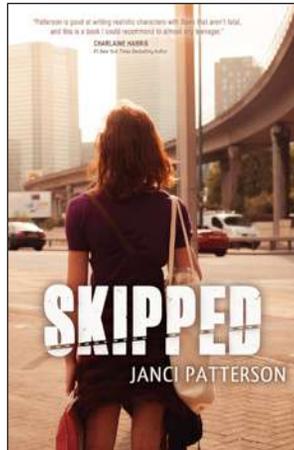
# SKIPPED

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

- Sold in pre-empts in the United States and Germany

“A YA book with excellent writing and compelling characters.”

– Brandon Sanderson,  
#1 *New York Times* bestselling author



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?

## Praise for SKIPPED:

“A solid cast and heartfelt emotions lift this above.”

–*Kirkus*

“This debut offers a genuinely felt father-daughter story filled with realistic, flawed, and dimensional characters.”

–*Booklist*

“Many teens will relate to Ricki's challenge as she tries to figure out where she belongs on the road of life.”

–*School Library Journal*

“Debut writer Patterson offers a laudably balanced plot, at once an action-packed adventure story and a rocky but tender tale of father-daughter reconciliation.”

–*Bulletin for the Center of Children's Books*

“This is a book I could recommend to almost any teenager.”

–Charlaine Harris, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

Rights sold: Germany – Heyne\*\*\*

MG Contemporary

Chad Morris & Shelly Brown

## FORTHCOMING

# MUSTACHES FOR MADDIE

Novel based on a true story!

Written by a husband and wife team, **MUSTACHES FOR MADDIE** tells the story of their nine-year-old daughter, Maddie, and the year she was diagnosed with a brain tumor.

Maddie had always loved mustaches and found images of them funny, so when she was struggling through the pain of recovery from brain surgery, her parents family tried to cheer her up. The movement spread from there, and “Mustaches for Maddie” led hundreds of people to post photos of themselves with mustaches, real and fake, on social media.

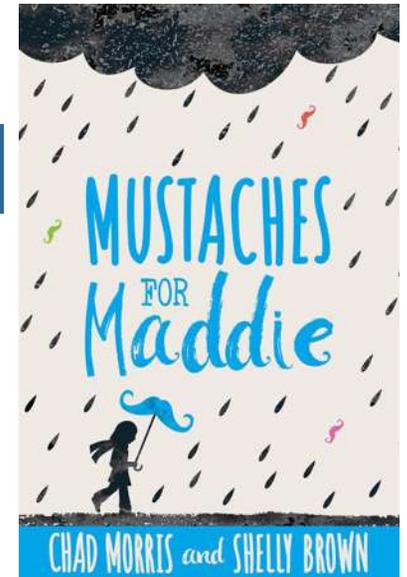
Maddie collects mustaches for one main reason: they're hilarious. Everything is better with a mustache. She wants to be a comedian. Or an actress. Or maybe both. But right now, she's focused on kicking off her career by earning the star role of Juliet in the school play.

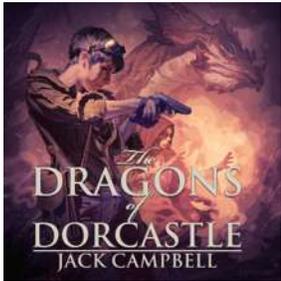
Earning the role won't be easy. She's got to compete against the school diva. She's dealing with weird pains that make her arm stiff and her toes curl up. But she chalks the pain up to a growth spurt and does her best not to embarrass herself on stage.

All of her plans come to a halt when she hears her doctor say two words: brain tumor. Her friends put together the #mustachesformaddie campaign to cheer her up, but will it be enough to keep her on her feet, to push through the pain and chase her dreams?

**FORTHCOMING IN OCTOBER 2017  
FROM SHADOW MOUNTAIN PRESS**

Rights sold: World English – Shadow Mountain Press





The Pillars of Reality series  
**THE DRAGONS OF DORCASTLE (#1)**

- A #10 Audible bestseller!
- 10,000+ copies sold in audio in first two months on sale
- A Science Fiction Book Club pick

**THE DRAGONS OF DORCASTLE** rocketed to 3,500+ copies sold in its first 5 days, becoming one of Audible Studios' greatest successes in the process!

For centuries, two Great Guilds have controlled the world of Dematr. The Mechanics and the Mages have been bitter rivals, agreeing only on the need to keep the world they rule from changing. Mari is a brilliant young Mechanic, just out of the Guild Halls, where she has spent most of her life learning how to run the steam locomotives and other devices of her Guild. Alain is the youngest Mage ever to learn how to change the world he sees with the power of his mind. Each has been taught that the works of the other's Guild are fraudulent. But when their caravan is destroyed, they begin to discover how much has been kept from them. As they survive danger after danger, Mari reawakens emotions he had been taught to deny, and Alain realizes he must sacrifice everything to save her. Mari, fighting her own feelings, discovers that only together can she and Alain hope to stay alive and overcome the dragons of Dorcastle.

**Praise for THE PILLARS OF REALITY series:**

"DRAGONS OF DORCASTLE was a fantastic read. From the very first page I was drawn into a world filled with an almost steampunk feel...It was an action packed and exciting book and one I can't recommend highly enough."

–*Book Lover's Life*, 5 stars!

**THE HIDDEN MASTERS OF MARANDUR (#2)**

- 1,622 copies sold in its first day on sale!

"The intense battle and action scenes are one of the places where Campbell's writing really shines. There are a lot of urban and epic fantasy novels that make me cringe when I read their battles, but Campbell's years of military experience help him write realistic battles."

–*All Things Urban Fantasy*, 5/5 stars!

"Quite a bit of fun...An excellent sequel and well worth the read!"

–*Game Industry*



**THE ASSASSINS OF ALTIS (#3)**

"THE ASSASSINS OF ALTIS is a great addition to a great series and one I recommend to fantasy fans, especially if you like your fantasy with a touch of sci-fi."

–*Bookaholic Cat*

**THE PIRATES OF PACTA SERVANDA (#4)**

"THE PIRATES OF PACTA SERVANDA...is by far the best book in the series so far, and it had me so hooked I almost listened to the entire thing in a single sitting."

–*The Arched Doorway*

**THE SERVANTS OF THE STORM (#5)**

"I can say with complete honesty that THE SERVANTS OF THE STORM by Jack Campbell is one of the best books I've ever had the pleasure to listen to."

–*The Arched Doorway*

**THE WRATH OF THE GREAT GUILDS (#6)**

"An epic and very satisfying conclusion."

–*Game Industry*

**Rights sold:** France (#1-2) – L'Atalante US & German Audio (#1-6) – Audible

**DAUGHTER OF DRAGONS (#1)** *The Legacy of Dragons*

**The legacy of Mari and Alain blazes ahead in this brand-new sequel series**

Kira of Pacta Servanda, the daughter of the two greatest heroes of her world, was six years old the day she stood on a battlement in Dorcastle, staring up at a statue of her mother while surrounded by bodyguards who fenced Kira off from the nearby crowds. As the morning sun cast the shadow of Mari's statue over Kira, she realized that she would spend the rest of her life in that shade. Then the world of Dematr learned that a new kind of ship had left the far-distant world of Urth. The ship would take only 10 years to cover the immense distances between stars. Of all the colony worlds, the ship was coming to Dematr. But for what purpose? Kira is 16 when the ship from Urth arrives, and she will discover that her world still needs heroes.



**BOOKS #2-3 UNDER CONTRACT**

**Rights sold:** US Audio (#1-3) – Audible

**The Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians series** **ALCATRAZ VS. THE EVIL LIBRARIANS (#1)**

“Sanderson unexpectedly draws everything together in an extravagantly silly climax. Readers whose sense of humor runs toward the subversive will be instantly captivated. Like Lemony Snicket and superhero comics rolled into one (and then revved up on steroids)...sure to win passionate fans.”

–*Publishers Weekly*, Starred review!

“This is an excellent choice to read aloud to the whole family. It’s funny, exciting, and briskly paced.”

–*Nancy Pearl for NPR*

“In this original, hysterical homage to fantasy literature, Sanderson’s first novel for youth recalls the best in Artemis Fowl and A Series of Unfortunate Events.”

–*VOYA*



From a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author comes a hit series with state reading groups. Book #1 was an award finalist in Nebraska (Children’s Choice Book Award), Hawaii (Nene Award), North Carolina (Battle of the Books), and Florida (Sunshine State Young Reader’s Award).

**ALCATRAZ VS. THE SCRIVENER’S BONES (#2)**



“Those who enjoy their fantasy with a healthy dose of slapstick humor will be delighted...They will appreciate Sanderson’s cheerful sarcastic wit and none-too-subtle digs at librarians.”

–*School Library Journal*

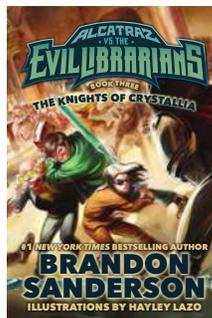
“Every bit as clever, fast-paced and original as [the first book]...Howlingly funny for adults, older teens who can be persuaded to read a ‘juvenile’ novel, and exceptionally bright middle schoolers.”

–*VOYA*

**ALCATRAZ VS. THE KNIGHTS OF CRYSTALLIA (#3)**

“With comical insight into human nature and just enough substance to make it all matter, the plot offers up plenty of action, gadgetry, meta-fictional humor, grudgingly dispensed hints of the librarians’ endgame, and counterintuitive Smedry Talents to keep the old fans and new readers alike turning pages.”

–*Horn Book*



Re-licensed to Starscape (Macmillan) in a six figure deal!

**ALCATRAZ VS. THE SHATTERED LENS (#4)**

“As goofy randomness streamlines into compelling narration, even readers who don’t find giant robots reason alone to pick up a book will be drawn into Alcatraz’s cohesive world.”

–*Horn Book*

“Sanderson’s one of the few writers of adult fiction I’ve read who can also write effortlessly and dead-on true for kids as well...Highly recommended!”

–*Young Adult Books Central*



**ALCATRAZ VS. THE DARK TALENT (#5)**



“Sanderson’s ever-present humor is better than ever, with a footnotes addition that will keep readers on their toes. Alcatraz’s snarky voice leads readers through the amazing world that Sanderson expertly built for a truly immersive read.”

–*The Deseret News Family*

“THE DARK TALENT does not disappoint—fans will continue to enjoy the zany humor and the metafictional aspect of the series.”

–*Fantasy Literature*

“Like every other book in the series I was unable to put THE DARK TALENT down until it was over and I probably laughed through 90 percent of the book.

Brandon Sanderson has proven yet again why he is my favorite author. I don’t think many authors can release the 5th book in a series and have it feeling as new and exciting as the first.”

–*The Arched Doorway*

<b>Rights sold:</b>	<b>***Now out of print or reverted</b>
Brazil (#1-2) – Saraiva***	Romania (#1) – Corint Junior***
Chinese, simplified (#1-4) – Chongqing Green	Russia (#1) – EKSMO***
Chinese, complex (#1-4) – Crown	Spain (#1-5) – Ediciones B
France (#1-3) – Mango;	Thailand (#1-4) – Rueanpanya***
(#4) – Livre de Poche	Turkey (#1-5) – Arkadas
Germany (#1-4) – Heyne***	UK (#1-4) – Orion
Indonesia (#1-5) – Mizan	UK Audio (#1-5) – WF Howes
Israel (#1) – Modan	Audio (#1-5) – Recorded Books
Poland (#1-5) – UVI	Film – Dreamworks***

# The Reckoners

## STEELHEART (#1)

Brandon Sanderson's #1 *New York Times* bestselling series!

1.3 million copies sold in the series!

### By the Numbers:

- Total English-language advances of more than \$1.3 million
- Spent 16 weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list
- Sold to Delacorte (US) in a 6-house auction and Gollancz (UK) in a 6-figure deal
- Rights sold in 25 markets
- German rights to Heyne in 6-figure deal

### By the Accolades:

- 2014 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adult pick
- Audible's Best Audiobook of 2013
- State awards in Missouri and Kentucky
- 2013 Goodreads Choice Award semifinalist

"Snappy dialogue, bizarre plot twists, high intensity action, and a touch of mystery and romance; it's a formula that sucks readers into the prologue, slings them through one tension-filled encounter after the other, and then, at the strange and marginally hopeful conclusion, leaves them panting for the sequel, *Firefight*."

—*Booklist*, Starred review!

"The veteran fantasy author's world-building expertise is on full display here, making his horrifying vision of Chicago all the more chilling and exciting for readers of all ages."

—*The A. V. Club*



MITOSIS, a Reckoners novella, is also available

## FIREFIGHT (#2)

### By the Numbers:

- 8+ weeks on the *New York Times* list!
- A #9 *USA Today* bestseller

### By the Accolades:

- A *Kirkus* Best SFF/Horror Read! (January 2015)
- Winner of the Whitney Award

"This sequel to *Steelheart* keeps its foot on the gas pedal and is the prose equivalent of an action packed comic."

—*Kirkus*

"For fans of *Steelheart*, FIREFIGHT is an epic sequel."

—*Deseret News*



Film rights to 20th Century Fox; Shawn Levy to produce

## CALAMITY (#3)

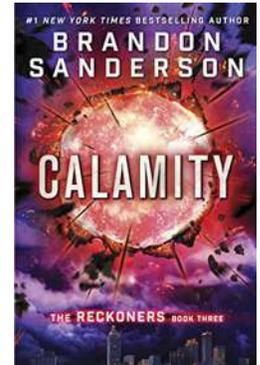
- Brought the series to #1 on the *NYT* bestseller list
- 3 weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list!
- A #2 *USA Today* bestseller
- A #1 Audible bestseller
- Finalist for the Dragon Awards and the Goodreads Choice Awards
- A #10 UK Hardcover bestseller

"A whirl of raids, chases, rescues, and spectacularly destructive displays of both magic and high-tech gadgetry ensues...Adeptly done."

—*Kirkus*

"Sanderson has always been a fantastic craftsman of plot and pacing. He has an almost superhuman ability to keep the reader reading."

—*Fantasy Literature*



### Rights sold:

Brazil (#1-3) – Editora Aleph  
 Bulgaria (#1-3) – Studio Art Line  
 Chinese, complex (#1-3) – Fantasy Foundation  
 Chinese, simplified (#1-3) – Chongqing Tianjian  
 Croatia (#1-3) – Algoritam  
 Czech (#1-3) – Talpress  
 Czech audio (#1) – One Hot Book  
 Denmark (#1-3) – DreamLitt  
 Estonia (#1-2) – Pikoprint  
 France (#1-3) – Calmann-Levy  
 Germany (#1-3) – Heyne  
 Greece (#1-3) – Metaichmio  
 Hungary (#1-3) – Delta Vision

Indonesia (#1-3) – Mizan  
 Israel (#1-3) – Opus  
 Italy (#1-3) – Fanucci  
 Korea (#1-2) – Eunhaengnamu  
 Netherlands (#1-3) – Uitgeverij Q  
 Poland (#1-3) – Zysk  
 Romania (#1) – Editura Art  
 Russia (#1-2) – Azbooka  
 Slovakia (#1) – Slovart  
 Spain (#1-3) – Ediciones B  
 Thailand (#1-3) – Words Wonder  
 Turkey (#1-3) – Dogan Egmont  
 UK (#1-3) – Gollancz  
 Audio (#1-3) – Audible  
 Film/TV – Fox  
 Board game – Nauvoo Games

## The Apocalypse Guard

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

7 figure deal!

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.

**FORTHCOMING FROM DELACORTE IN DECEMBER 2018**

### Rights sold:

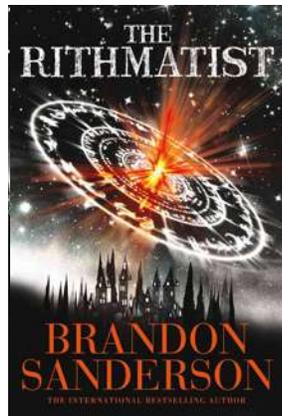
Spain (#1-3) – Ediciones B  
 UK (#1-3) – Gollancz

Audio (#1-3) – Audible

**THE RITHMATIST**

A #6 *New York Times* bestseller

Brandon Sanderson brings his unique brand of epic storytelling to YA with an engrossing tale of danger and suspense. With his renowned skills in world-building, Sanderson has created a magic system so inventive and detailed that readers will want to bring Rithmatics to life!



- 150,000+ copies sold in the US
- An *NYT* Notable Children's Book of 2013
- Apple's Best Teen Book of 2013
- #3 on *YALSA's* 2014 Teens' Top Ten list
- A *Kirkus* Best of 2013 pick
- Summer 2013 Indie Next List Top 10
- Texas Lonestar Reading List pick
- A Goodreads Choice Award semifinalist
- Audie Award finalist for Best Fantasy Audiobook
- One of Audible's Best Teen Audiobooks of 2013

More than anything, Joel wants to be a Rithmatist. Chosen by the Master in a mysterious inception ceremony, Rithmatists are humanity's only defense against the Wild Chalklings—merciless creatures that leave mangled bodies in their wake. But as the son of a lowly chalkmaker at Armedius Academy, Joel can only watch as Rithmatist students learn the magical art that he would do anything to practice. Then students start disappearing—kidnapped from their rooms at night, leaving trails of blood. Assigned to help the professor who is investigating the crimes, Joel and his friend Melody find themselves on the trail of an unexpected discovery, one that will change Rithmatics—and their world—forever.

**Praise for THE RITHMATIST:**

"There are indeed secrets to be uncovered and the world to be saved, and THE RITHMATIST contains some good surprises on the way to a pleasingly nifty conclusion."

—*New York Times*

"Fantasy readers should devour this well-crafted mix of action and setup, enriched by thoroughly detailed cultural and historical background and capped by a distinctly unsettling twist."

—*Kirkus*, Starred Review!

**Rights sold:**

Bulgaria – Studio Art Line  
 Chinese, complex – Fantasy Foundation  
 Chinese, simplified (#1-2) – Chongqing  
 Czech – Talpress  
 Denmark – DreamLitt  
 France – Univers Poche

Germany (#1-2) – Heyne  
 Italy – Fanucci  
 Poland – MAG  
 Slovakia – Slovart  
 Spain – Ediciones B  
 Thailand – Words Wonder  
 Turkey – Dogan Egmont  
 UK (#1-2) – Tor  
 UK Audio – Audible

**MYSTIC** The Mystic trilogy

A debut fantasy trilogy for lovers of Tamora Pierce or *Mistborn*

- A #7 *Locus* bestseller
- Written by the creator of *Dragonmount.com*, the premier fan site dedicated to Robert Jordan and Brandon Sanderson's *Wheel of Time* saga.
- The author is on the board for *JordanCon* and has consulted for various *Wheel of Time* adaptations.



Powerful, revered, and often reclusive, Mystics have the unique ability to summon and manipulate the Myst: the underlying energy that lives at the heart of the universe. Once in a very great while, they take an apprentice, always from the most privileged sects of society. Then a new High Mystic takes her seat and chooses Pomella AnDone, a restless, low-born teenager, as a candidate. Commoners have never been welcomed among the select few given the opportunity to rise beyond even the highest nobility. Breaking both law and tradition, Pomella undergoes three trials against the other candidates to prove her worthiness. As the trials unfold, Pomella navigates a deadly world of intolerance and betrayal, unaware that ruthless conspirators intend to make her suffer for having the audacity to seek to unravel the secrets of the Myst.

**Praise for MYSTIC:**

"Strong worldbuilding and descriptions... This fantasy adventure is clearly inspired by the classics but still finds something new to say."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"I enjoyed sharing the adventures with Pomella, and the twists and turns in the plot kept this reader on her toes... Pomella has spunk and courage, and sweet Sim is loyal to a fault. It's hard not to fall into this story."

—*RT Book Reviews*, 4/4.5 Stars!

"It's the sort of fantasy that should appeal to new readers, with just enough interesting twists, particularly at the very end, that make this promising first novel well worth checking out for regular fantasy readers as well."

—*Locus*

"MYSTIC by Jason Denzel is sure to be a hit with a wide variety of readers, young and old, for its imaginative scope and loving attention to its characters. Denzel weaves a quick and beautiful story that holds you tight until you turn the last page—with a fantastic final revelation that really makes you smile."

—*Fantasy Book Review*

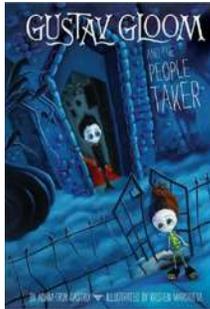
**MYSTIC DRAGON (#2) FORTHCOMING SPRING 2018**  
**MYSTIC SKIES (#3) UNDER CONTRACT TO TOR**

Rights available

## GUSTAV GLOOM AND THE PEOPLE TAKER (#1) The Gustav Gloom Series

Award-winning author Adam-Troy Castro evokes Roald Dahl in his lively middle grade series.

- A Scholastic Book Fair selection, complete with animated promo video!
- Selected following a 25,000 copy initial special market sale to Scholastic
- An Amazon Best Book of the Month
- In fourth hardcover printing



Gustav Gloom is a ten-year-old boy who has been raised by shadows—not ghosts, but shadows—in an ominous haunted house. The neighbors are terrified of the house, all except Fernie What, a cheerful little girl who moves in and befriends Gustav. When she goes missing, it's up to Gustav to find her.

### Praise for THE GUSTAV GLOOM series:

“Here’s a great read for fans of dark tales with happy endings...the eternal theme of friendship is beautifully explored in the relationship that develops between Fernie and Gustav.”

—*School Library Journal*

“*Gustav Gloom* is a very exciting story...filled to the brim with ideas.”

—*Deseret News*

“One of those books that grown children keep and pass on to their own kids.”

—*More Miami Guide*

“Fernie and Gustav’s adventure is bizarre, wonderful, and totally engrossing. The word play, puns and the clever, sometimes tongue-in-cheek descriptions will entertain young readers and adults who are young at heart.”

—*SF Revu*

## GUSTAV GLOOM AND THE NIGHTMARE VAULT (#2)

- A Scholastic Book Fair selection

“Castro sheds light on the past and nature of the aptly named Gloom mansion...spooky!”

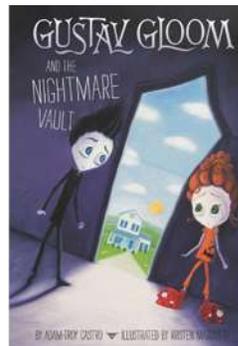
—*Kirkus*

“If you like dark stories with a touch of sweetness, this is a series you’ll adore.”

—*Kid Lit Network*

“This is an amazing book. And if you still haven’t read the first one, you need to do so right away. Because Gustav Gloom is such an amazing person, and you will all fall in love with him.”

—*Carina’s Book Review*



## GUSTAV GLOOM AND THE FOUR TERRORS (#3)

“Adam-Troy Castro continues to give his readers a scary story within the Gloom estate, full of shadows, dangers, mystery, and appeal.”

—*Tulsa Book Review*

## GUSTAV GLOOM AND THE CRYPTIC CAROUSEL (#4)

With pressing business in the Dark Country, Gustav and Fernie must leave the familiar dangers of the Gloom house for even more dangerous places. Fortunately, they have the Cryptic Carousel, an amazing vehicle invented by Gustav’s grandfather that can carry them to outer space, to other dimensions, and beyond. But will they survive to reach the land that all shadows come from?

Books #3-4 picked as Best Books of the Year by Bank Street Center for Children’s Literature!

## GUSTAV GLOOM AND THE INN OF SHADOWS (#5)

Gustav and Fernie’s adventures in the Dark Country continue as they search for their families. But as they get closer to discovering their families’ fates, their mission is once again threatened by old foes—as well as some new, even more treacherous ones. Will Gustav and Fernie be able to battle their way through and rescue their families before it’s too late?

## GUSTAV GLOOM AND THE CASTLE OF FEAR (#6)

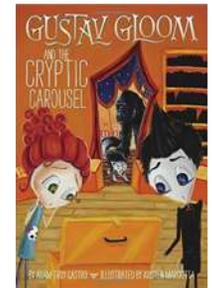
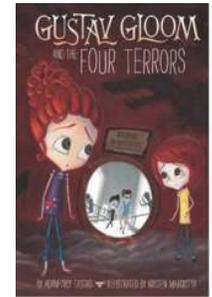
In the final installment of Adam-Troy Castro’s creepy Gustav Gloom series, the fate of the Dark Country rests on Gustav and Fernie’s shoulders. After weeks of traveling on a quest to find their fathers, Fernie and Gustav finally come face-to-face with their nemesis—the evil Lord Obsidian. Filled with heroic action sequences, terrifying chills, and plenty of humor, this final book will keep fans on the edge of their seats.

### Rights sold:

Czech (#1-2) – Alpress  
Poland (#1-6) – MAC Edukacja  
Romania (#1-2) – Univers Enciclopedic  
Turkey (#1-2) – Epsilon

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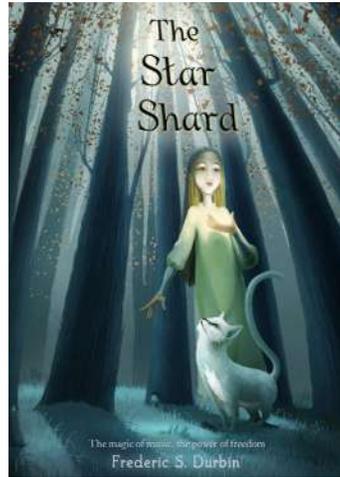
Vietnam (#1-6) – Huy Hoang\*\*\*  
**Art rights:** Illustration – Kristen Margiotta;  
Typesetting – G&D



## THE STAR SHARD

This beautifully written fantasy tackles the issues of slavery and freedom.

- Ran as a ten-part serial in *Cricket*, and was the most popular story in the magazine's award-drenched, 35+ year history
- Enthusiastic *Cricket* readers formed a fan club, dressed up like the lead character does in the magazine's illustrations, and deluged *Cricket* with mail and fan art
- Culminated in a deal with Houghton Mifflin



Twelve-year-old Cymbriel is a slave on Thunder Rake, a gigantic wagon city that rolls from town to town carrying goods to be sold by its resident merchants. The Rake's master purchases a new slave, a mysterious boy named Loric who is one of the magical Fey. Because he can see in the dark, Loric's duty is to guide the Rake through the treacherous wilderness at night. Cymbriel and Loric secretly join forces to plan their escape—soon the two friends thread their way through a series of increasing dangers, encountering an enchanted market and deadly monsters as their one chance for freedom draws nearer.

### Praise for THE STAR SHARD:

“Evocative imagery, an enthralling world, and a fully realized storyline that does not depend on future installments make this a standout among recent pre-YA fantasies.”  
 —*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books* (University of Illinois)

“Durbin held us spellbound...[his] fantasy world is woven in tantalizing detail. His characters are multi-dimensional and original. He leads us through his world with equal measures of heart-stopping adventure and awakened awareness...THE STAR SHARD is a must read for fantasy fans of any age.”  
 —*The News-Gazette*

“Durbin has created a world that, though confined to a single mobile city, comes alive with fantastic creatures and a varied cast of supporting characters. Cymbriel herself is a strong heroine—loyal, resourceful, and brave.”  
 —*Booklist*

“THE STAR SHARD made me feel the magic and excitement I felt when I first discovered this genre as a young adult. Fantasy fans and those looking to try out the genre for the first time—should put this on their to-read list for 2012.”  
 —*30 Second Book Review*

Rights available

## Nancy Farmer:

## A GIRL NAMED DISASTER

- A National Book Award winner
- A Printz Honor recipient
- The recipient of three Newbery Honors

National Book Award Winner



“This wonderfully resourceful young woman is surrounded by an equally lively, colorful cast, and by removing many of the borders between human and animal, living and dead, Farmer creates a milieu as vivid and credible as the readers' own.”  
 —*Kirkus*

### Rights sold:

Chinese, complex – Muses\*\*\*  
 Denmark – Klim\*\*\*  
 France – L'Ecole des Loisirs\*\*\*  
 Germany – Beltz & Gelberg\*\*\*

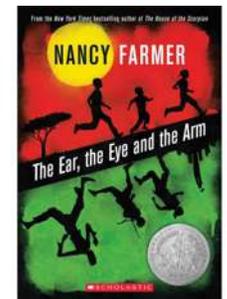
### \*\*\*Now out of print or reverted

Italy – Mondadori\*\*\*  
 Korea – Tsai Fong\*\*\*  
 Netherlands – Lemniscaat\*\*\*

## THE EAR, THE EYE, AND THE ARM

Newbery Honor book

“The madcap game of chase and escape clips along as the author plies her playful, sly sense of humor on a wonderfully silly cast of secondary characters, spirits and Jetsonian gadgets. This tale overflows with wise insights, lessons and observations about the ties between heritage and family.”  
 —*Publishers Weekly*



### Rights sold:

Chinese, complex – Muses\*\*\*  
 Chinese, simplified – Shanghai 99\*\*\*  
 Denmark – Modtryk\*\*\*

### \*Now out of print or reverted

France – L'Ecole des Loisirs\*\*\*  
 Korea – Salim\*\*\*  
 UK – Orion/Dolphin Books\*\*\*

## THE WARM PLACE

“Farmer keeps readers turning the pages to find out what could possibly happen next. Humor and high adventure for middle grade readers.”  
 —*Children's Literature*

Rights available

## DO YOU KNOW ME?

“First-time novelist Farmer serves up a genial family tale with an out-of-the-ordinary setting: Zimbabwe...in this impressive first book she displays an astute ear for dialogue, a deft hand with plot twists and a keen, dry wit.”  
 —*Publishers Weekly*

Rights available

## Edo van Belkom

MG Horror/Suspense

### The Wolf Pack Series



#### WOLF PACK (#1)

“A page-turner for kids 8 to 12.”

–*The Toronto Star*

“A thrilling ride from start to finish.”

–*Canadian Children’s Book News*



#### LONE WOLF (#2)

“An action packed sequel to WOLF PACK.”

–*The Toronto Star*

“A recommended series for novice fantasy fans.”

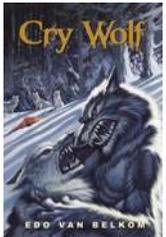
–*VOYA*

*Wolf Pack*: Silver Birch Award winner!  
Aurora Award winner!

#### CRYWOLF (#3)

“It will make you want to read them all. The author has perfectly captured the essence of growing up different in a small town. Fans of the character Jacob Black from Stephenie Meyer’s series will love this wonderful series.”

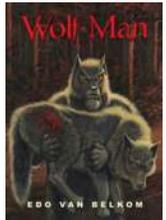
–*YA Book Central*



#### WOLF MAN (#4)

“[Edo’s] work reminds one of Ray Bradbury, of Dennis Etchison, of Stephen King, of Rod Serling...He tries his hand at everything, fails at nothing, and is always looking for new avenues to explore, and new challenges for [himself] and his readers.”

–**Robert J. Sawyer, Hugo and Nebula Award-winning author**



## Edo van Belkom

MG Historical Fantasy



#### BATTLE DRAGON

“Believe it or not, it is possible to do something new and interesting with dragons...fun, and certainly original.”

–*Critical Mass*

“Give this one a shot. I’m all for books that get kids reading.”

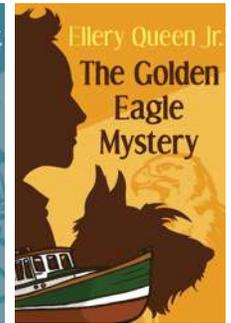
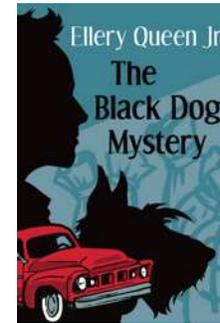
–*Fantasy Book Spot*

**Rights sold:** *Wolf Pack*: Italy – Mondadori    *Battle Dragon*: Available

## Juvenile Detective

## Ellery Queen Jr.

**The Black Dog Mystery**  
**The Golden Eagle Mystery**  
**The Green Turtle Mystery**  
**The Red Chipmunk Mystery**  
**The Brown Fox Mystery**  
**The White Elephant Mystery**  
**The Yellow Cat Mystery**  
**The Blue Herring Mystery**  
**The Mystery of the Merry Magician**  
**The Mystery of the Vanished Victim**  
**The Purple Bird Mystery**



### About Ellery Queen:

Mystery writer and American detective extraordinaire, Ellery Queen is the creation and nom de plume of mystery writers Frederic Dannay and Manfred B. Lee.

Writing for over 40 years, the character of Ellery Queen became one of the most famous of America’s fictional detectives. Adapted to television, radio, and film, the Ellery Queen stories reached incredible heights of popularity worldwide and spawned the Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine, which continues to be published every month.

**Returned to press in the U.S. with Open Road**

### Selling Points:

**NAME RECOGNITION** – The Ellery Queen name is known far and wide in the mystery world. It’s as widely recognized among fans of the genre as Sherlock Holmes, Hercule Poirot, or Nero Wolfe.

**BACKLIST** – The Dannay and Lee Estates have reclaimed the domestic publishing rights to almost 80 novels and six short story collections.

**WORLDWIDE APPEAL** – The Queen novels continue to be popular overseas. Ellery Queen has over two dozen titles in print in Italy, China, Japan, and Denmark, with other titles in countries around the world.

**BUILT IN PROMOTION** – Every month Ellery Queen’s name is front and center before the eyes of thousands of mystery fans via *Ellery Queen’s Mystery Magazine*, the world’s preeminent mystery anthology magazine.

#### Rights sold:

Chinese, simplified (ALL)  
– Beijing Jieli Culture

Japanese – Kadokowa (#1, #3)  
Audio – Blackstone

## RECENT SUBMISSIONS

A sneak peek at what's to come:  
These four titles are currently out on U.S. submission!

**Lauren Beglin**

**MG Fantasy**

### PROPERLY SUPER

An absolutely charming coming-of-age story about a princess who wants to be a superhero, certain to appeal to those who loved *Frozen's* Elsa and *The Force Awakens's* Rey

Being a princess isn't just pretty dresses and fairy godmothers. There are so many rules about proper behavior to remember, but that hasn't been a problem until this summer, when Princess Edwina's older brother and former best friend James started ignoring her. And to make her summer even more dreadful, her awful cousins have come to visit. But if Edwina were a superhero, James wouldn't ignore her, the cousins wouldn't think girls can only be damsels-in-distress, and her summer wouldn't be ruined by the cousins' bad behavior. Fortunately, her fairy godmother Peggy says if Edwina has a selfless reason to have super powers, she can grant that wish. When her odious cousins put themselves in a life-threatening situation, Edwina finally has the perfect selfless reason for her wish to be granted. With her (temporary) super powers, she can save the cousins! But super powers can't solve everything. Edwina will have to reconnect with her brother and rescue her summer as a perfectly ordinary princess.

Manuscript available

**Lauren Beglin**

**MG Fantasy**

### THE BALLGOWN CURSE

A sweet contemporary story with a dash of magic grounded in reality, in the vein of Jennifer L. Holm's *The Fourteenth Goldfish* and Natalie Lloyd's *A Snicker of Magic*

Ten-year-old Eleanor Brandt loves all things princess. From the decorations in her room to her Halloween costume for the last several years running, she never tires of pink ball gowns and tiaras. When she spies a princess snow globe at a garage sale, she convinces her mom to buy it for her. Little does Eleanor know that this isn't just any snow globe. It's magical, clothing its owner in the perfect princess gown, complete with tiara, gloves, and dancing slippers! But there's a downside to every wish, and outside of her bedroom, Eleanor is literally unable to wear anything else. After a number of embarrassing encounters at school, the prettiest princess gown is looking a lot less glamorous, and Eleanor is determined to try everything she can think of to break the curse!

Manuscript available

**MG Science Fiction**

**Cory L. Lee & K.G. Jewell**

### JOCASTA AND THE PURPLE GEMFIRE

Middle grade science fiction debut that blends technology and aliens together to create a fun-loving, non-stop adventure that's Hermione Granger meets Percy Jackson in space

All Jocasta's hours hanging around her mom's desk in the Smithsonian basement have finally paid off. She's certain she's found the Orb of Thralenon, a mystical alien artifact prophesied to end centuries of civil war on the distant planet Melova Prime. Except everyone thinks the orb is just a dusty trinket. To prove her skeptics wrong, Jocasta secretly follows her parents and brother on their research trip to the Nexus, a deep-space transit hub connecting thousands of planets with wormholes. Her Earth-bound research turned up clues to the orb's power supply, and she plans to travel to an alien world, find the power supply, then save Melova. Her mom will be so impressed with her scientific prowess! Jocasta's plan, however, goes quickly awry: Earth dollars are useless, the Nexus' corridors change constantly, and if her parents spot her, they'll ground her for life. Fortunately, she makes new friends—including a respected Melovan exile not much older than Jocasta. But when her hunt for the orb's power supply gets her family kidnapped, Jocasta and her new friends must mount a dangerous rescue—or lose both her family and all hope for Melova's future.

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**MG Fantasy**

**Heidi Stallman**

### THE ART OF REAL MAGIC

A MG contemporary novel that combines the heart of Katherine Paterson's *Bridge to Terabithia* and the exploration of changing childhood friendships similar to Ali Benjamin's *The Thing About Jellyfish*

Eleven-year-old Dakota Bryce is sure magic is real and that she can use it to win back the affection of her dad, who's more focused on his new wife and newborn son. Like her favorite book says, magic takes two, so she'll need her BFF Shannyn's help to make the magic work. But Shannyn has made new friends, and she's drifting further away from Dakota every day. Fortunately, Dakota has a plan: she'll create a fake spell book, one so cool Shannyn won't be able to resist. Then, reunited by their love of magic, they'll use the power of two to fix Dakota's relationship with her dad. But before she can do anything more than create the spell book, a lonely classmate named Jessie steals it, convinced it will fix her problems at home. Dakota agrees to help Jessie "cast" a spell or two in exchange for the book so she can get her plan back on track. While Shannyn and Dakota continue to drift apart, so far that it seems not even magic can save them, Jessie and Dakota discover how much they have in common. When Dakota discovers the truth about Jessie's home life, the truth is so dangerous that Dakota must stop pretending and marshal every drop of real magic within herself to save Jessie.

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