

# CONTEXT

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### FRANKFURT RIGHTS LIST 2020

Adult Fiction

## RUBÉN DEGOLLADO

### *THE FAMILY IZQUIERDO*

W.W. Norton  
Winter 2022

- Extraordinary debut literary fiction from a new Latino voice that explores the intersection of cultural expectations and family dynamics.



Through the lens of its patriarch, *THE FAMILY IZQUIERDO* deftly weaves together the lives of different members of the Izquierdo clan to paint the picture of a Mexican-American family bound together by love, and a curse.

From young love to a failing marriage, from a mother afraid to leave her house to a young woman moving far from her family to try to find her way, Papa Tavo watches as his children and grandchildren try to navigate their way through a confusing and painful world. But it's hard when a neighbor's black magic hechizos affect their ability to live their lives.

Rubén Degollado's stories have appeared in *Beloit Fiction Journal*, *Gulf Coast*, *Hayden's Ferry Review*, and *Image*. He has been a contest finalist in *American Short Fiction*, *Bellingham Review*, and *Glimmer Train*.

Adult Non-Fiction

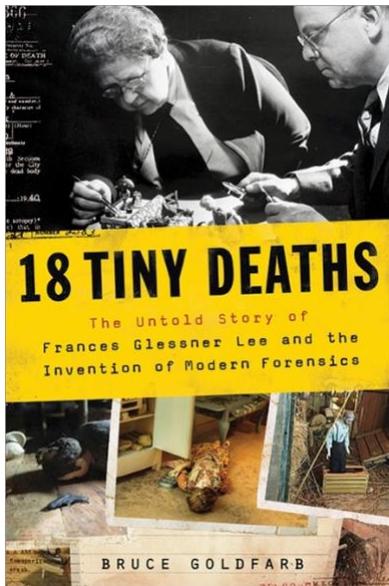
## BRUCE GOLDFARB

### *18 TINY DEATHS: The Untold Story of Frances Glessner Lee and the Invention of Modern Forensics*

Sourcebooks

February, 2020

- **A captivating blend of history, women in science, and true crime, *18 Tiny Deaths* tells the story of how one woman changed the face of forensics forever.**



18 TINY DEATHS is the compelling tale of Frances Glessner Lee and her revolutionary work in forensic science. Glessner Lee created the Nutshell Studies of Unexplained Death, a collection of crime scene dioramas used to teach generations of homicide investigators.

For most of human history, sudden and unexpected deaths of a suspicious nature, when they were investigated at all, were examined by lay persons without any formal training. Meaning... people often got away with murder. Modern forensic investigation originates with Frances Glessner Lee – a pivotal figure in police science.

18 TINY DEATHS is Glessner Lee's biography as well as an explanation of the advancements in forensic science throughout her lifetime in the late nineteenth century and early to mid twentieth century.

**Bruce Goldfarb** is a reformed journalist, a trained forensic investigator, and assistant to the medical examiner at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Maryland, which happens to be where the nutshells are housed. He has been working with the descendants of Frances Glessner Lee on this book.

**Russia:** Mann-Ivanov-Ferber

**Taiwan:** Ecus

**UK:** Octopus

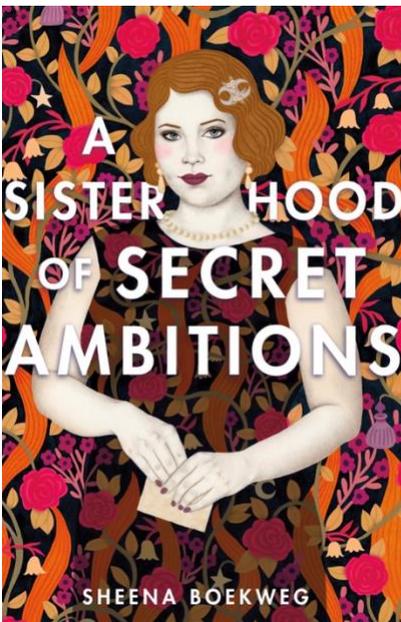
Children's and YA

## SHEENA BOEKWEG

### *A SISTERHOOD OF SECRET AMBITIONS*

Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan  
Summer, 2021

- **A teen girl, backed by a secret society of powerful women, competes to make an 18-year-old future President fall in love with her in Sheena Boekweg's compelling new YA novel, *A Sisterhood of Secret Ambitions*.**



Behind every powerful man is a trained woman, and behind every trained woman is the Society. It started with tea parties and matchmaking, but is now a countrywide secret. Gossips pass messages in recipes, Spinsters train to fight, and women work together to grant safety to abused women and children. The Society is more than oaths—it is sisterhood and purpose.

In 1926, seventeen-year-old Elsie is dropped off in a new city with four other teenage girls. All of them have trained together since childhood to become the Wife of a powerful man. But when they learn that their next target is earmarked to become President, their mission becomes more than just an assignment; this is a chance at the most powerful position in the Society. All they have to do is make one man fall in love with them first.

Sheena Boekweg, author of *Glitch Kingdom*, grew up reading books with tree branches peeking over her shoulder. She studied theatre at Weber State University, married a handsome nerd who taught her about video games, and then had three kids who stole her heart and her controllers. She lives in Utah with her family and the world's most spoiled puppy.

# JULIE C. DAO

## ***TEAM CHU AND THE LASER TAG ADVENTURE***

FSG/Macmillan  
Spring 2022

- **TEAM CHU AND THE LASER TAG ADVENTURE** is the first book in a new middle grade series by Julie C. Dao. Each book will bring a fun new adventure for the Chu siblings and their gang of friends.



Clip is only one year older than Sadie, twelve to her eleven, and thinks he is better than her at all things athletic. And he's mostly right, but they are both really good at laser tag.

So when a new laser tag arena opens in town, with virtual reality headsets and amazing prizes for the best player, Sadie knows she has to show Clip just how good she is. But Clip knows what she's up to, and wants to stop her. The only problem is that when he tries, he gets stuck in the virtual reality laser tag game!

Sadie gathers Clip's friends and her best friend, Jeremy, and together they go to rescue Clip. In order to do so, they need to trap themselves in the game as well. Sadie and Clip will need to figure out a way to work together instead of arguing. Otherwise they just might stay trapped in the game forever.

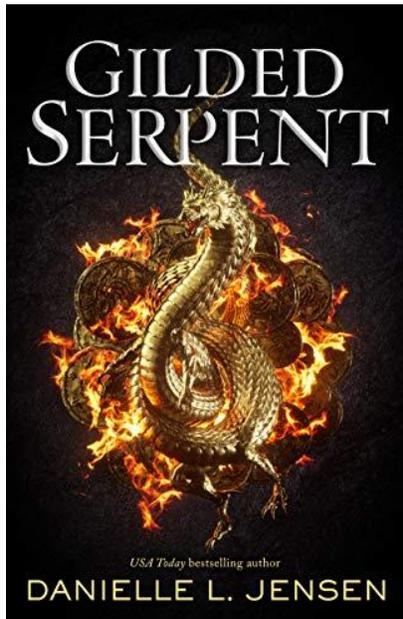
Julie C. Dao is the acclaimed author of *Forest of a Thousand Lanterns*, *Kingdom of the Blazing Phoenix*, and *Song of the Crimson Flower* (Penguin Random House/ Philomel) as well as the upcoming *Broken Wish* (Disney/Hyperion). She leads many workshops, for places like the Highlights Foundation, and is a master of school visits. She lives in New England.

# DANIELLE L. JENSEN

## GILDED SERPENT

Tor Teen/Macmillan  
April, 2021

- **From bestselling author Danielle L. Jensen comes a thrilling new novel in the Dark Shores world where past battles may have ended in victory, but the war has only just begun**



Lydia returns to Mudaire to enter training at the healing temple. Convinced she is doing more harm than good, she delves into the history of the gods only to discover a truth that will change her life forever.

His birthright as commander of the Royal Army is finally in his grasp, but Killian feels anything but victorious. Burdened by his past, he embraces the darker side of his mark—and in doing so, risks starting a war.

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Having defeated the tyrant Urcon, Marcus struggles to form a lasting alliance with the Arinoquians while dealing with the knowledge that there is a traitor among his friends, and it could cost him everything that he's fought for.

Torn between her growing allegiance to the Thirty-Seventh legion and her need to liberate her people, Teriana finds herself mired in a web of secrets. She embarks upon a path that will either save everyone she loves—or put them all in their graves.

**Danielle L. Jensen** is the *USA Today* bestselling author of the *Malediction Series*. She is also the author of *The Bridge Kingdom Series* from Audible Originals.

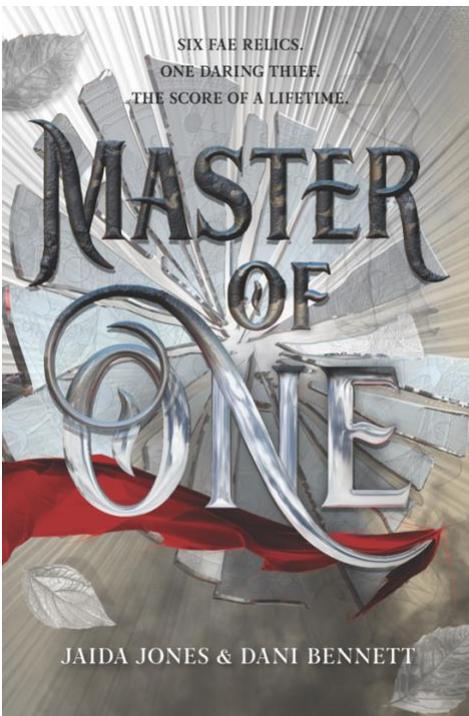
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# JAIDA JONES & DANI BENNETT

## *MASTER OF ONE*

HarperTeen  
November, 2020

- **Sinister sorcery. Gallows humor. A queer YA romance so glorious it could be right out of fae legend itself.**



Rags is a thief—an excellent one. He’s stolen into nobles' coffers, picked soldiers' pockets, and even liberated a ring or two off the fingers of passersby. Until he’s caught by the Queensguard and forced to find an ancient fae relic for a sadistic royal sorcerer.

But Rags could never have guessed this “relic” would actually be a fae himself—a distractingly handsome, annoyingly perfect, ancient fae prince called Shining Talon. Good thing Rags can think on his toes, because things just get stranger from there...

With the heist and intrigue of *Six of Crows* and the dark fairy tale feel of *The Cruel Prince*, this young adult fantasy will have readers rooting for a pair of reluctant heroes as they take on a world-ending fae prophecy, a malicious royal plot, and, most dangerously of all, their feelings for each other.

“By the end, readers will be itching for more... A captivating and satisfying queer fantasy.” (*Kirkus Reviews*)

“Masters of character-driven stories, Jones and Bennett yet again deliver with a foul-mouthed thief, an enchanting fae prince, a headstrong woman, and an ex-Queensguard, to name only a few...” (*Booklist*)

**Danielle Bennett & Jaida Jones** are the authors of the *Volstovic Cycle* (beginning with *Havemercy*). Jaida (as Hannah Jones) is an alumnus of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards and currently works for the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. Dani and Jaida are married and live in Brooklyn with many cats.