



Children's Rights List

Bologna 2022

SKIP!

By Sarah Burgess



Raina Telgemeier meets slice-of-life anime in this debut graphic novel about an anxious poet who joins a Double Dutch team and uses their rhymes to navigate complicated feeling surrounding their first best friendship.

Anxious and quiet about their passion for poetry, Jay feels like they don't have a voice or identity. Beah, on the other hand, is fierce, charming, athletic, and **OBSSESSED** with double dutch.

When the two meet, sparks fly and Jay is welcomed into the world of skipping. Jay uses their unique rhymes to have a voice and Beah uses her skipping skills to achieve her goals. Team Skip comes together and Jay and Beah develop a bond like neither have felt before.

But relationships are intense, both in and out of the game. With beautiful platonic intimacy also comes jealousy and codependency; Beah and Jay's growth may come at the cost of their friendship.

SKIP! is based on the creator's relationship with their childhood best friend, whom they describe as their first love to this day.

Author Bio

Sarah Burgess has been animating and illustrating professionally for eight years and creating comics for as long as they can remember. They specialize in narrative storytelling and their passion lies in expressions, body language, and character work.



Andrews McMeel, Fall 2023

MG Contemporary Graphic Novel

World Rights Sold

Audio Rights: Andrews McMeel

Dramatic Rights: Jas Perry / KT Literary

The SOPHIE WASHINGTON series

By Tonya Duncan Ellis



Page Turner Publishing

Release Date: November 2018

Contemporary Middle Grade

Audio Rights: Vibrance Audio

North American English rights sold

Translation Rights: Sara Megibow/ KT Literary

Dramatic Rights: Sara Megibow/ KT Literary

"An uplifting story that touches on kids' real concerns." - Kirkus

This entertaining middle grade chapter book is the series opener. Sign up for the spelling bee? No way! If there's one thing 10-year-old Texan Sophie Washington is good at, it's spelling. She's earned straight 100s on all her spelling tests to prove it. Her parents want her to compete in the Xavier Academy spelling bee, but Sophie wishes they would buzz off. That's until her irritating classmate, Nathan Jones, challenges her. There's no way she can let Mr. Know-It-All win. Studying is hard when you have a pesky younger brother and a busy social calendar. Can Sophie ignore the distractions and become Queen of the Bee?

Press and Reviews

- The Sophie Washington series recounts the adventures of a precocious African American preteen from Houston, TX and her diverse group of friends. Each funny and heartwarming story teaches lessons about friendship, responsibility, truthfulness and perseverance. There are 12 books in the series, so far, with potential for more to come.
- Pre-COVID, Tonya spent months out of each year speaking to middle school students around Texas
- Over 50,000 copies sold to date!

Author Bio

Tonya is author of the bestselling Sophie Washington children's book series, a former journalist, and a member of SCBWI, the Authors Guild, and the Brown Bookshelf's Amplify Black Stories storyteller cohort.

In 2021, she won the Cynthia Leitich Smith Writing Mentor Award. Fluent in French, Tonya loves learning about other cultures and has traveled to 49 states and 20 countries. She lives in Houston, Texas with her husband and three children.



Also Available

By Tonya Duncan Ellis



Horace and Bunwinkle: The Case of the Fishy Faire

Written by PJ Gardner



HarperCollins Children's: Balzer & Bray, November 2022

Middle Grade

World English Rights Sold

Translation Rights: Kari Sutherland, kt Literary

Audio Rights sold to HarperCollins Children's

Dramatic Rights: Debbie Deuble Hill at APA

"Horace and Bunwinkle are a delightful pair. Sweet and funny, their antics will keep young readers eagerly turning the page."
– Suzanne Selfors, bestselling author of *Wedgie & Gizmo* on book one: *Horace and Bunwinkle*

The third adventure in a middle grade animal series in which an anxious Boston Terrier and an exuberant potbellied pig team up to solve crimes in their barnyard and beyond.

When a Renaissance Faire comes to a field nearby, Horace and Bunwinkle find themselves among jesters, jousting knights, and a suspicious falcon. Horace has never met a bird he can trust, but as mysterious holes and shifting tents throw the faire into disarray, Bunwinkle convinces him they'll need eyes in the sky to figure out what's really happening and whether it's tied to a long-lost stolen treasure.

"Kids will be delighted by the curiosity and caring natures of these adorable, adoptive, crime-solving siblings!" – John Patrick Green, *New York Times*-bestselling author of the *InvestiGators* series (on book one)

Press and Reviews for Book One

- "Gardner's debut tale of mystery...brings to mind Joan Carris and Noah Z. Jones' *Bed & Biscuit* series. Graduates of the *Mercy Watson* books will also feel right at home." – *Kirkus Reviews*
- "This funny, charming duo will leave readers eager for more." – Bobbie Pyron, author of the award-winning *A Dog's Way Home*

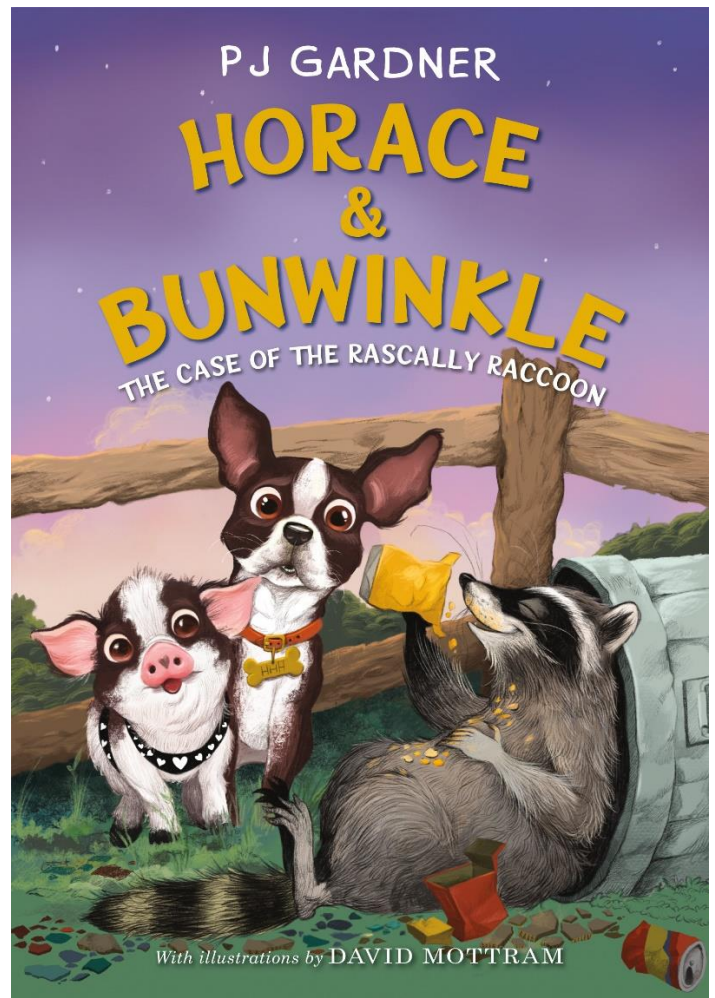
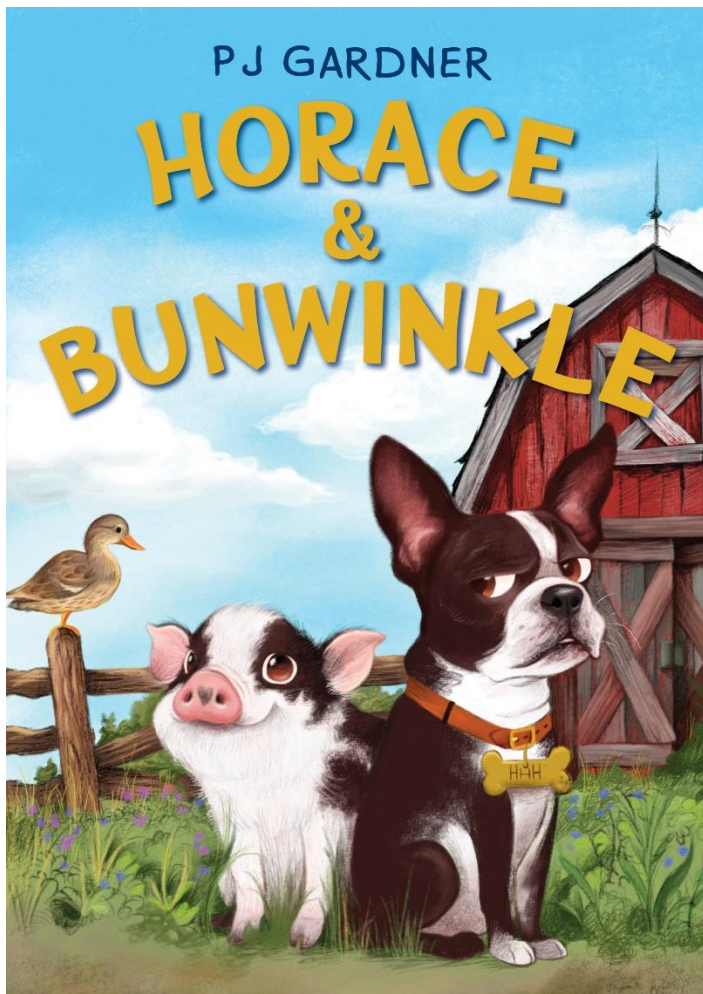
Author Bio

PJ Gardner earned an MA in art history from Rutgers University. Currently, she lives in Orange County, CA, with her husband and sons as well as Rosie and Rocky the Boston Terriers. For research purposes, PJ spent hours playing with potbellied pigs at a pig rescue. Visit her at www.pjgardnerswitzer.com.



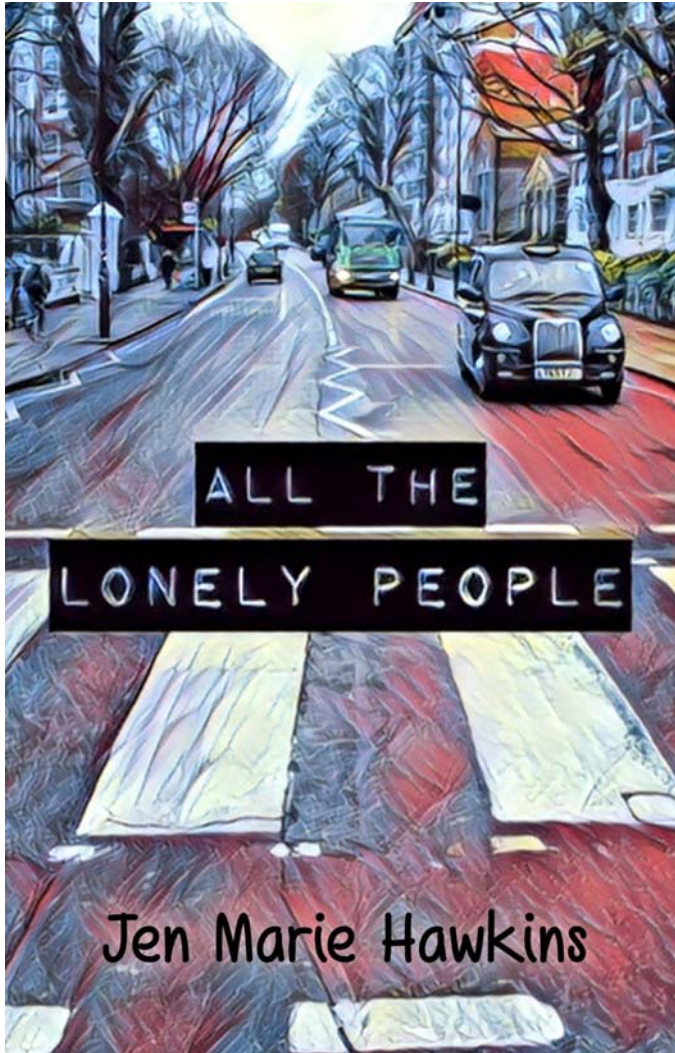
Also Available

By PJ Gardner



ALL THE LONELY PEOPLE

By Jen Marie Hawkins



"...touching, poignant, beautifully-written, fast-paced, irresistibly romantic and funny. Oh my gosh, funny. You can read this in any mood and it will lift you up. Don't miss this one! Jen Marie Hawkins is a fresh, beguiling new voice in must-read YA." —Elly Blake, NYT Bestselling author of the Frostblood series

A love letter to the Beatles, for fans of *Love and Gelato* and *Everybody Sees the Ants*.

When Jo lost her father three years earlier under mysterious circumstances, he began appearing in her dreams, beckoning her to London where he'd been the lead singer of an internationally acclaimed Beatles cover band.

She has long been almost certain he isn't really dead, but she can't shake the feeling that something's being kept from her. So when she has the opportunity to go to London, she jumps at the chance to follow his trail.

Once in London, Jo meets Henry, a broody, Beatles-hating photographer who's an intriguing mix of quantum physics and pseudoscience...and just might have the key to finding her father.

Armed with an atlas of Britain's supernatural ley lines and a tenuous friendship, they set out to uncover the truth and discover what they've grown to mean to each other.

"...a tender and heartfelt journey through grief. With The Beatles' music woven into the fabric of the story, and an unforgettable romance, this is one book you won't want to put down until the end." —Sonia Hartl (Have a Little Faith in Me, Page Street and Heartbreak for Hire, Gallery Books)

Author Bio

Jen Marie Hawkins is a South Carolinian masquerading as a Texan. She writes books for young adults (and the young at heart), and she is a Book Coach for Author Accelerator. She has been a Pitch Wars mentor since 2015.



Owl Hollow Press, August 2021

Young Adult/Contemporary

World English Rights Sold

Translation Rights: contact Hilary Harwell, KT Literary

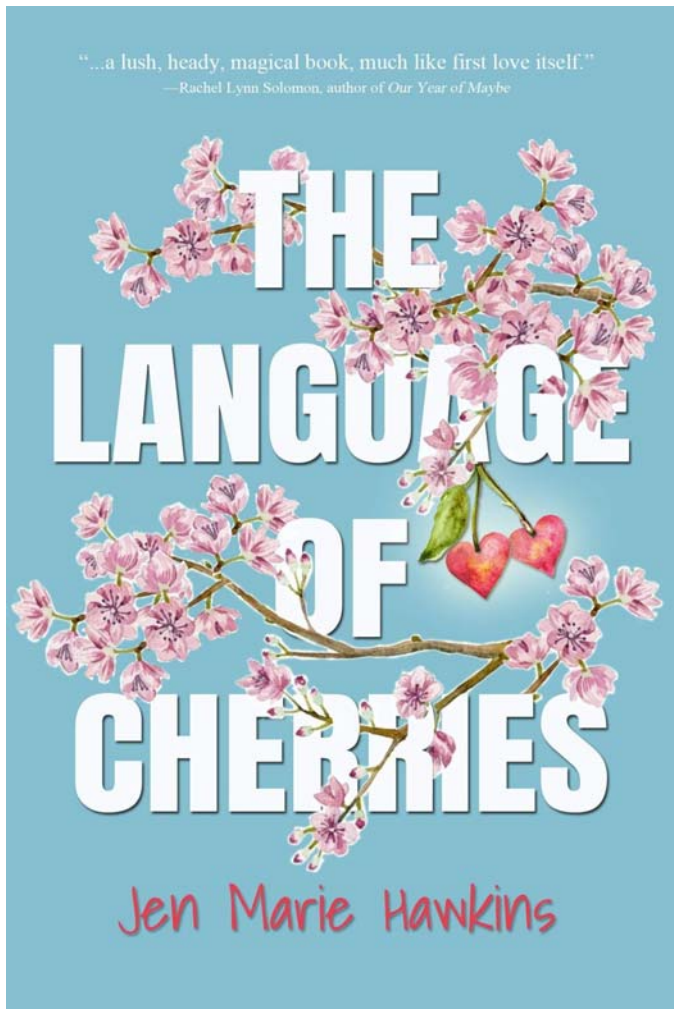
Audio Rights: contact Hilary Harwell, KT Literary

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Foreign Sales or Option Publishers: N/A

THE LANGUAGE OF CHERRIES

By Jen Marie Hawkins

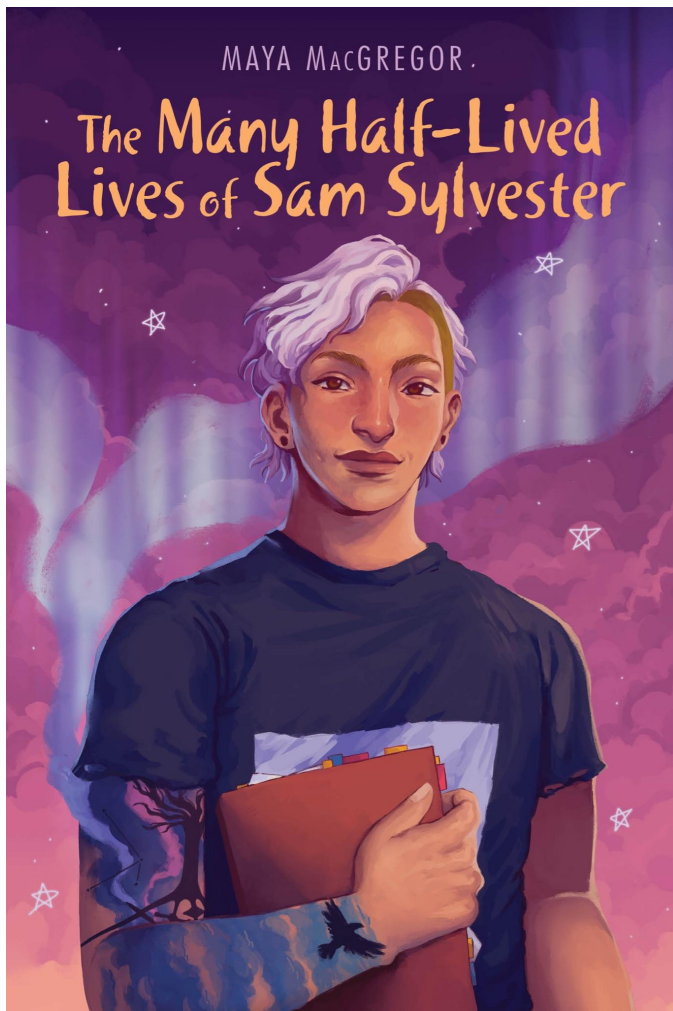


Press and Reviews

- Winner, Kirkus Best of 2020, Indie YA romance category
- "A luminous YA love story with magnetic characters and literary flair." ~Starred [Kirkus Review](#) on THE LANGUAGE OF CHERRIES

THE MANY HALF-LIVED LIVES OF SAM SYLVESTER

By Maya MacGregor



Boyd's, Mills & Kane / Astra Books

Release Date: May 3, 2022

Young Adult

Audio Rights: Audible

World English Rights Sold

Translation Rights: Sara Megibow/ KT Literary

Dramatic Rights: Sara Megibow/ KT Literary

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

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

Sam Sylvester has long collected stories of half-lived lives—of kids who died before they turned nineteen. Sam was almost one of those kids. Now, as Sam's own nineteenth birthday approaches, their recent near-death experience haunts them. They're certain they don't have much time left. . . .

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

Most Anticipated LGBTQ+ YA Novel of 2022 at LGBTQ Reads!

Press and Reviews

- Maya is a multilingual author living in Scotland. They are fluent in Gaelic, English, German and Polish
- Featured at the inaugural 2021 US Book Fair

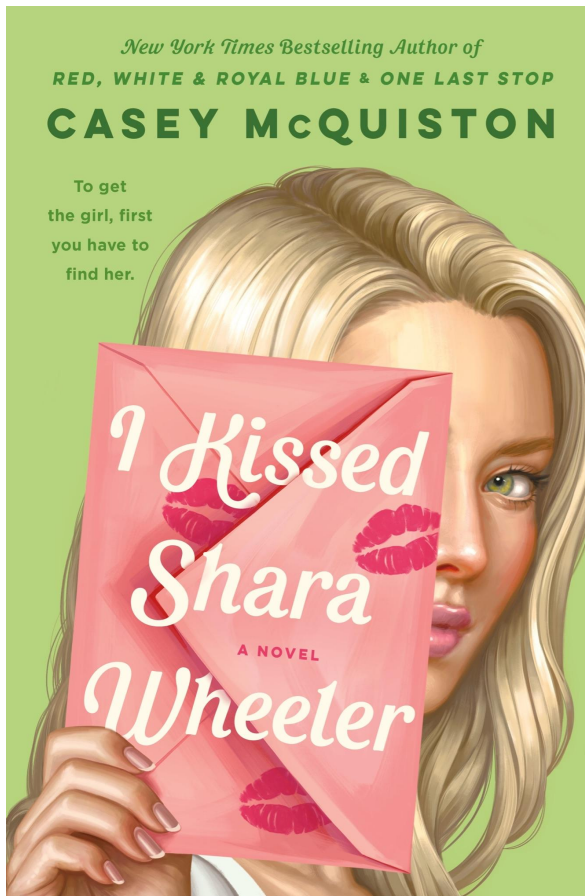
Author Bio

Maya MacGregor writes the books they always needed to read about characters they wish they could be. Maya is multilingual, autistic, agender and a bad pescetarian.



I KISSED SHARA WHEELER

By Casey McQuiston



From the New York Times bestselling author of *One Last Stop* and *Red, White & Royal Blue* comes a debut YA romantic comedy about chasing down what you want, only to find what you need...

Chloe Green is so close to winning. After her moms moved her from SoCal to Alabama for high school, she's spent the past four years dodging gossipy classmates and the puritanical administration of Willowgrove Christian Academy. The thing that's kept her going: winning valedictorian. Her only rival: prom queen Shara Wheeler, the principal's perfect progeny.

But a month before graduation, Shara kisses Chloe and vanishes.

On a furious hunt for answers, Chloe discovers she's not the only one Shara kissed. There's also Smith, Shara's longtime quarterback sweetheart, and Rory, Shara's bad boy neighbor with a crush. The three have nothing in common except Shara and the annoyingly cryptic notes she left behind. It'll be worth it, if Chloe can drag Shara back before graduation to beat her fair and square.

Thrown into an unlikely alliance, chasing a ghost through parties, break-ins, puzzles, and secrets revealed on monogrammed stationery, Chloe starts to suspect there might be more to this small town than she thought. And maybe—probably not, but maybe—more to Shara, too.

"funny, weird, razor-sharp, intensely compassionate, subversive, sweet" – New York Times bestselling author Becky Albertalli

Most anticipated YA at TIME Magazine, BUST, Washington Post, BuzzFeed, Seventeen, VOX

Press and Reviews

- Live book tour and tie-in special edition from B&N

Author Bio

Casey McQuiston is a bestselling author of romantic comedies. Originally from southern Louisiana, Casey now lives and works in New York City. Their debut novel – *Red White and Royal Blue* – became worldwide bestseller and appeared on both the New York Times and USA Today bestsellers lists.



St. Martin's Griffin/ Macmillan

Release Date: May 3, 2022

Young Adult

World English Rights Sold

Dramatic Rights: Mary Pender-Coplan/ UTA

Translation Rights: Sara Megibow/ KT Literary

Portuguese Rights in Brazil to Editora Schwarcz

German Rights to Droemer Knaur

Polish Rights to Proszynski Media

Italian Rights to Mondadori

Russian Rights to AST

World Spanish to Penguin Spain/ Molino

Also Available

By Casey McQuiston



THE WOODS ARE ALWAYS WATCHING

By Stephanie Perkins



Dutton, August 2021

YA contemporary thriller

World English Rights Sold

Translation Rights: Kate Testerman at KT Literary

Audio Rights: Dutton

Dramatic Rights: Dana Spector at CAA

Previous Foreign Publishers Include: Macmillan (UK)*, La Galera (Spanish and Catalan)*, Mondadori (Italy)*, Arena (Germany), Yabanci Yayinlari (Turkish), Carlsen Forlag (Danish), Gallimard Jeunesse (French), AST (Russian), Zysk I S-ka (Polish), Corint Books (Romanian), and Maxim Konyvkiado (Hungarian). *Already acquired WOODS. Full list available upon request.

Bears aren't the only predators in these woods.

Best friends Neena and Josie spent high school as outsiders, but at least they had each other. Now, with college and a two-thousand-mile separation looming on the horizon, they have one last chance to be together—a three-day hike deep into the woods of the Pisgah National Forest.

Simmering tensions lead to a detour off the trail and straight into a waking nightmare ... and then into something far worse. Something that will test them in horrifying ways.

Stephanie Perkins, the bestselling author of *There's Someone Inside Your House*, returns with a heart-stopping, gut-wrenching novel about friendship, survival, and navigating unmarked paths even as evil watches from the shadows.

"Perkins delivers a thrilling survival story about two teens just trying to make it to daybreak with their friendship—and their lives, too, as a horror beyond their wildest dreams lurks in the forest." — [Booklist](#)

Press and Reviews

- "A chilling, fast-paced, horror-inducing story that will have you quickly flipping through the pages to find out what happens." — *Buzzfeed*, on *THERE'S SOMEONE INSIDE YOUR HOUSE*
- "Perkins lulls readers into a false sense of security before twisting the knife . . . the body count keeps rising, leaving readers with questions of motive and where it will all end." — *Publishers Weekly*, on *TSIYH*

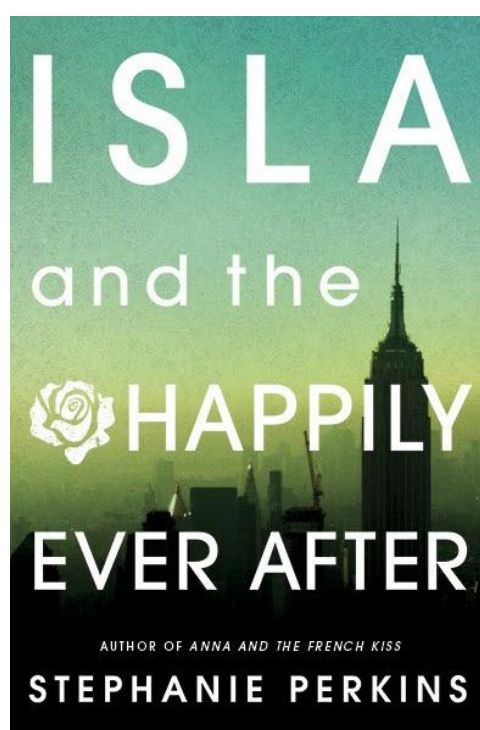
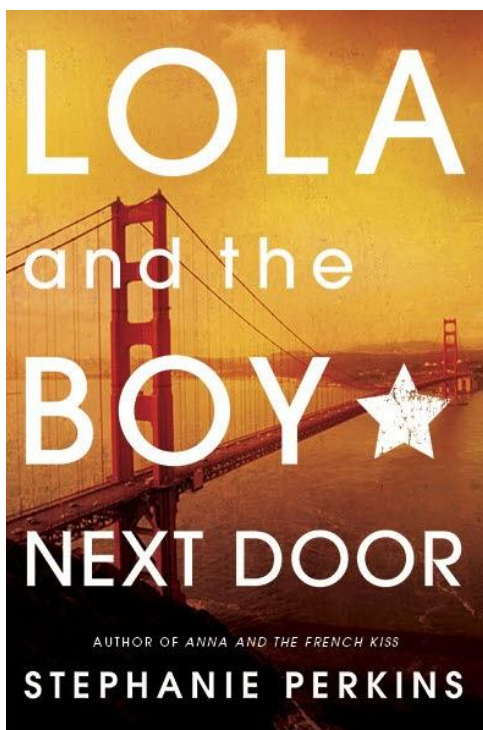
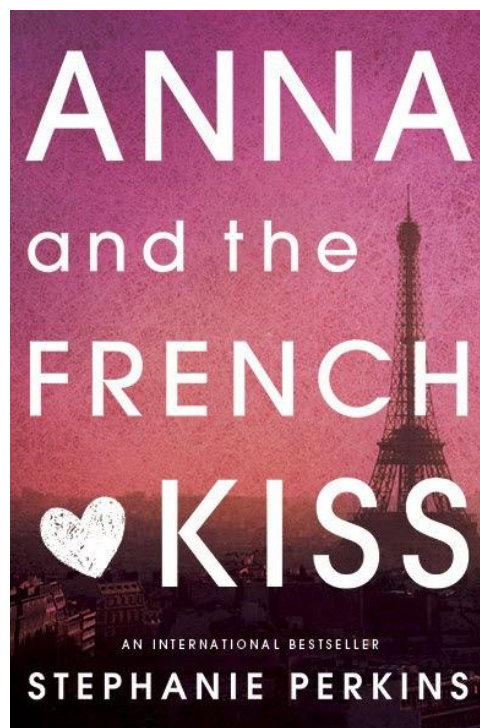
Author Bio

Stephanie Perkins is the *New York Times* bestselling author and anthology editor of multiple books for young adults, including *THERE'S SOMEONE INSIDE YOUR HOUSE*, *ANNA AND THE FRENCH KISS*, *LOLA AND THE BOY NEXT DOOR*, and *ISLA AND THE HAPPILY EVER AFTER*. She has always worked with books—first as a bookseller, then as a librarian, and now as a novelist. Stephanie lives in the mountains of North Carolina with her husband. Every room of their house is painted a different color of the rainbow.



Also Available

By Stephanie Perkins



VESPERTINE

By Margaret Rogerson



Margaret K. McElderry Books/ S&S, October 2021

Young Adult Fantasy

Dramatic Rights: Debbie Deuble-Hill of APA Talent & Literary

World English Rights Sold

Translation Rights: Sara Megibow/ KT Literary

Spanish Rights to Nocturna

Italian Rights to Oscar Fantastica

French Rights to Bragelonne

Russian Rights to AST Publishing

Czech language to Albatros Media

Portuguese in Brazil to Literalize

Debuted at #8 on the *New York Times* bestseller list!

And at #6 on the ABA Indies Bestseller list!

And at #2 in the UK!

Winner of the 2021 Cybils Award for Best Speculative YA!

"Far and away Rogerson's best work yet, a dark coming-of-age adventure about faith, belief, and morality in many forms" - *Culturess*

The dead of Loraille do not rest.

Artemisia is training to be a Gray Sister, a nun who cleanses the bodies of the deceased so that their souls can pass on; otherwise, they will rise as spirits with a ravenous hunger for the living. She would rather deal with the dead than the living, who trade whispers about her scarred hands and troubled past.

When her convent is attacked by possessed soldiers, Artemisia defends it by awakening an ancient spirit bound to a saint's relic. It is a revenant, a malevolent being that threatens to possess her the moment she drops her guard. Wielding its extraordinary power almost consumes her—but death has come to Loraille, and only a vespertine, a priestess trained to wield a high relic, has any chance of stopping it. With all knowledge of vespertines lost to time, Artemisia turns to the last remaining expert for help: the revenant itself.

"Rogerson deftly blends a coming-of-age tale and mythic quest in this dark fantasy" - *Publishers Weekly*

Press and Reviews

- Most Anticipated Fall Release at PW, io9, Culturess, Powells, BookRiot, Locus and The Bookseller
- #1 ABA Indie Next Best Pick

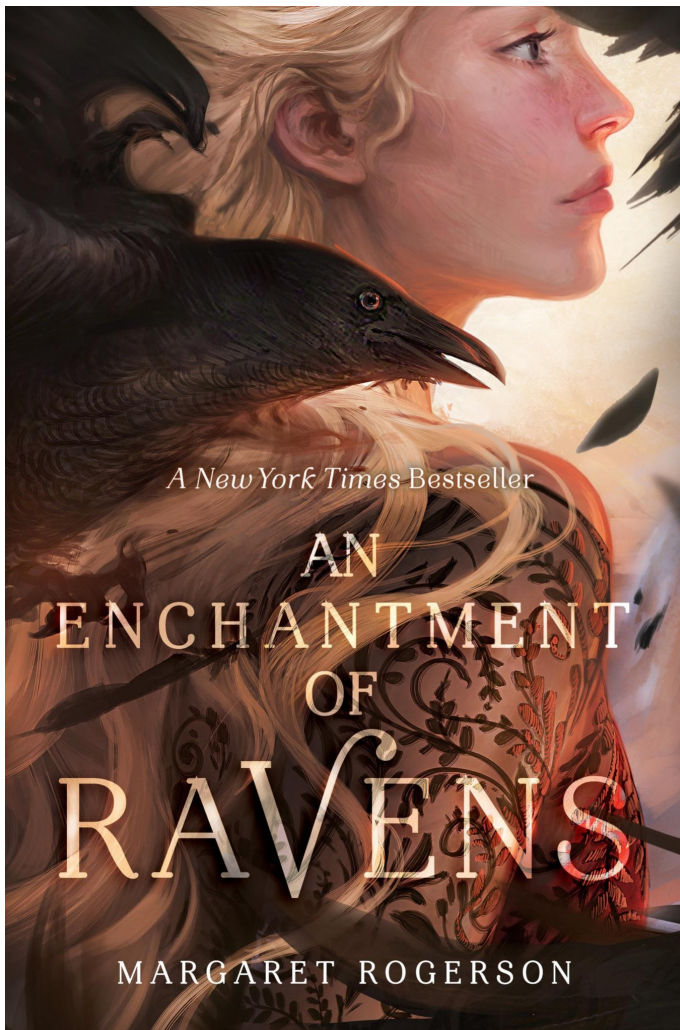
Author Bio

Margaret Rogerson has a bachelor's degree in anthropology, and when not busy reading or writing, she enjoys watching more documentaries than most people consider socially acceptable.



Also Available

By Margaret Rogerson



Foreign Sales:

German Rights to CBT

Spanish Rights to Nocturna

Complex Chinese Rights to FACES

Russian Rights to ST Licence Agency

Turkish Rights to Ephesus

Romanian Rights to Storia Books

Portuguese Language Rights in Brazil to Literalize

French Rights to Bragelonne

Polish Rights to Wydawnictwo NapoleonV

Bulgarian Rights to Artemis Books

Finnish Rights to Karisto

Italian Rights to Mondadori

Taiwanese Rights to Sun Color Culture

Czech Rights to Albatros Media

SPINELESS

By Samantha San Miguel



Union Square & Co, June 2022

Middle Grade

World English Rights sold

Translation Rights: KT Literary

Audio Rights: Union Square & Co

Dramatic Rights: KT Literary

This exciting middle-grade adventure is Hoot for the Gilded Age—with scientific discoveries, secret plots, and surprisingly enormous fauna!

When his asthma lands him at a health resort in the wilds of Gilded Age South Florida, twelve-year-old Algie Emsworth is over the moon. The scientific treasure trove of unexplored swamps may launch his dream career as a naturalist.

But even Algie is startled when he happens upon a brand-new species and her brood in the karst springs surrounding the resort. Algie quickly realizes he must keep his discovery a secret: a famous collector of exotic animals is also staying at the hotel, and the new species is threatened by his very presence. An apparent curse has also descended upon the hotel, bringing with it a deadly red tide.

But when the pool starts filling with ink and guests start getting mysterious, sucker-shaped wounds, Algie must pluck up his courage to find the truth about the goings-on at the Grand Hotel—and save the new species from destruction.

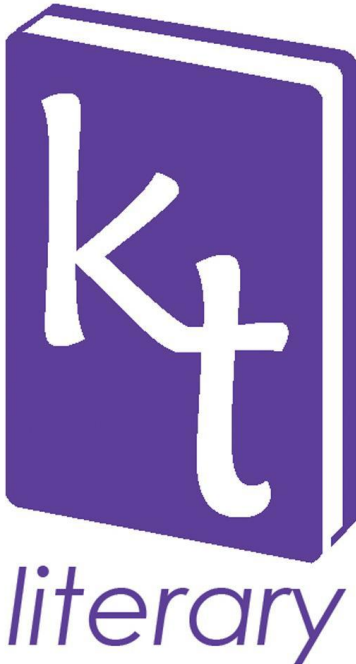
Author Bio

Samantha San Miguel grew up on the Treasure Coast of Florida. Living sandwiched between ocean and estuary gave her a wholehearted respect for wildlife, especially the kind that can eat you. She's spent countless hours scanning for sea monsters, but the only ones she's spotted so far have been in her imagination.



Give Me a Sign

By Anna Sortino



Penguin Random House: Putnam Children's, Summer 2023

YA/contemporary fiction

World English Sold

Translation Rights: Kari Sutherland

Audio Rights: Penguin Random House

Dramatic Rights: Kari Sutherland

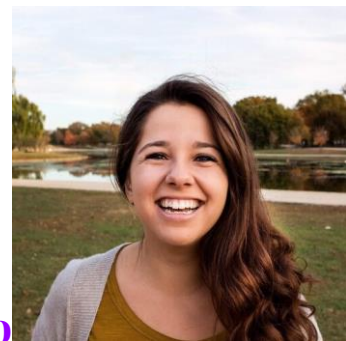
An uplifting YA contemporary debut from Deaf author Anna Sortino perfect for fans of Jenny Han.

Summer is a time for firsts—first jobs, first romances, and first feelings that you truly belong.

Lilah isn't deaf, but she isn't hearing either, so she never feels like she fits in anywhere. When she gets a job as a counselor-in-training at a summer camp for the deaf and blind, she's eager to roll up her sleeves and really learn ASL...especially since it's the best way to communicate with Isaac, a cute Deaf counselor.

Loosely based on the author's own experiences as a camper and counselor, *Give Me a Sign* is a delightful summer romance that centers Deaf characters and will appeal to readers of Julie Murphy and Erin Hahn.

Press and Reviews - TK



Author Bio

Anna Sortino grew up an avid reader, hiding away with a book whenever communication felt overwhelming. She's Deaf (HoH) and has spent her whole life answering every possible question about this aspect of her identity. She has a Master's in Writing & Publishing from DePaul University and was a Pitch Wars 2019 mentee. After a childhood spent in Chicagoland, she currently lives in Southern California.



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