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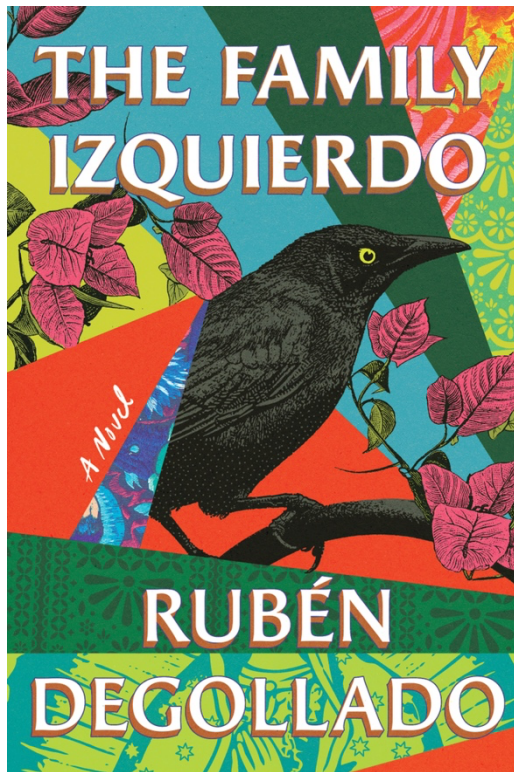
FICTION

Rubén Degollado

The Family Izquierdo

W.W. Norton

September 2022



- “A satisfying read... a musicality that only strengthens as it grows.”
~*The New York Times* Book Review
- “This is a gem.”
~*Publishers Weekly* starred review
- “[A] gloriously rich epic.”
~*Kirkus Reviews* starred review

Three generations of Izquierdos tell the story of their family and the misfortunes believed to be caused by a curse. Told in a series of soulful voices brimming with warmth and humor, *The Family Izquierdo* is a tender narrative of a family at a turning point.

Rubén Degollado is an educator from Texas and the author of *The Family Izquierdo: A Novel* and the young adult novel *Throw*. His fiction has appeared in *Beloit Fiction Journal*, *Gulf Coast*, *Hayden’s Ferry Review*, and *Image*.

RACHEL HIGGINSON

DECISIONS IN DURHAM series

Reckless Siren Publishing

Decisions We Make After Midnight – 2021; Secrets We Whisper in the Moonlight – 2022; Promises We Make After Dark – 2023



Each book in this fantastic new romance series focuses on one of the three English siblings who own Durham's hottest bar. The only thing hotter than their bar, actually, is their love lives!

Rachel Higginson is the *USA Today* bestselling author of numerous romance series, along with a paranormal series for young adults and standalone women's fiction novels.

DANIELLE L. JENSEN

A FATE INKED IN BLOOD

Del Rey/Penguin Random House
February 2024

- Bought in an overnight preempt, the first book in this new series has Danielle's trademark sexy romance and immersive world building



Bound in an unwanted marriage, Freya's days are spent gutting fish, but she dreams of becoming a warrior. And of putting a knife in her husband's back.

Her dreams abruptly become reality when a chance encounter with a handsome stranger sets in motion events that reveal her deepest secret – that she is a shield maiden, possessed of a drop of the goddess Hlin's blood, which gives her magic capable of repelling any force. A power the king wants to help him achieve ultimate power. But Freya wants other things. Like power over her life. And the king's son.

A FATE INKED IN BLOOD is a sexy, sweeping, Norse-inspired fantasy that Danielle's existing fans (The Bridge Kingdom hashtag has over 11 million views on TikTok) will devour.

Danielle L. Jensen is the *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Malediction Novels: Stolen Songbird, Hidden Huntress, Warrior Witch, and The Broken Ones*, as well as the *Dark Shores* series.

Italy: Mondadori; **Poland:** Galeria Ksiazki; **UK:** Del Rey

THE BRIDGE KINGDOM series

Audible Originals/Amazon

- This TikTok sensation has over 11 million #booktok views



The Bridge Kingdom series is a set of three duologies. The first (*The Bridge Kingdom* and *The Traitor Queen*) follow Lara and Aren as they fall in love and battle Lara's evil father to save Aren's kingdom. *The Inadequate Heir* and book 4, coming in 2023, follow Lara's brother Keris, has to win the trust of Zarrah in order to save her kingdom. And to earn her love.

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Brazil: Companhia das Letras; **Bulgaria:** Egmont; **Czech Republic:** Euromedia; **France:** Bragelonne; **Germany:** Piper; **Hungary:** Könyvmolyképző; **Italy:** Queen Edizioni; **Netherlands:** Meulenhoff; **Poland:** Galeria Ksiazki; **Russia:** Eksmo; **Spain:** Planeta; **Turkey:** Marti; **UK:** Michael Joseph

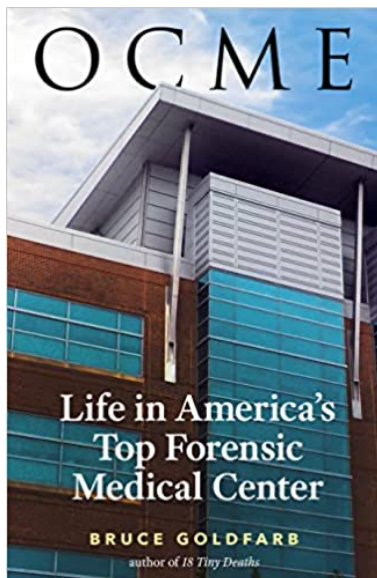
NON-FICTION

BRUCE GOLDFARB

OCME: Life in America's Top Forensic Medical Center

Steerforth Press
February, 2023

- **Go behind the scenes inside the United States's preeminent Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, where good people fight the good fight amid the tragedies and absurdities of our age**



Real life is different from what gets depicted on procedural crime dramas. Former journalist Bruce Goldfarb, who spent ten years embedded in the Maryland OCME, pulls back the curtain to explore the year-by-year story of a pioneer in the field of forensic medicine that is now chronically in crisis.

Touching on numerous national scandals, Goldfarb tells a story dedicated staff undertaking their tasks with professionalism and compassion under increasingly daunting conditions. They are good people fighting the good fight, and losing.

Bruce Goldfarb has written for national and local newspapers, magazines, and web publications. He also wrote and edited several medical texts and reference books. He is the author of *18 Tiny Deaths: The Untold Story of the Woman Who Invented Modern Forensics* and served from 2012 to 2022 as the executive assistant to the chief of OCME Maryland.

CHILDREN'S FICTION

SORBONI BANERJEE and DOMINIQUE RICHARDSON

Red as Blood

Wise Wolf Press, Spring 2023

- The first in a new young adult series that is fairytales meet thrillers set in the world of the ultra-rich

Penny Zale is missing. Disappeared from the psychiatric hospital to which her parents had her committed.

Raven Snow, Aarya Samudra, and Dawn Thorne were Penny's best friends. Or so they thought. Until Elle Glass shows up with letters that Penny wrote before she disappeared. Letters that point to a mystery Penny was involved in and had never told them about, and a secret so dark it threatens to rip their enchanted lives apart.

Raven, Aarya, and Dawn have always lived in a world of privilege. But as they, along with Elle, try to unravel the mystery of what happened to their friend, they are drawn into a world where life is expendable and where power and money mean everything.

Sorboni Banerjee is a Bengali-American author and Emmy Award winning television news reporter and anchor. Sorboni is also the host of *The Lead*, an online talk show featuring authors, aimed at inspiring positive change and achieving big dreams.

Dominique Richardson is a Lebanese-Jamaican former who spends her free time writing and passing on her love of unicorns to her twin boys. Dominique presents #DomsDownload on *The Lead*, breaking down books that help people live their best lives.

KATE CHENLI

A Bright Heart
Union Square Press, Fall 2023

- A debut young adult fantasy inspired by classic Chinese tropes

Mingshin is murdered by the prince she loved, the man she helped become king.

But as she is dying, she prays for time to turn back so she can have a chance to make things right. Her prayer is granted.

When Mingshin wakes up two years earlier, she swears two things: She will do whatever it takes to prevent Ren from becoming king and she will never fall in love.

But it isn't easy to stop a man who is willing to lie, steal, kill, and even give his soul to the most evil form of magic.

And it isn't easy to prevent falling in love with a good man. Even if that man is Ren's brother, who is also in competition for the throne.

Kate Chenli has a Master's degree in Computer Engineering, but has always enjoyed creating elaborate worlds and characters more than designing complex software. Besides reading and writing, her passion is world travel (four continents down and counting.)

ROBIN CONSTANTINE

Someone You Loved

Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, June 2023

- A look at grief and guilt with Robin Constantine's trademark humor, heart, and romance

Sarah's boyfriend died in a stupid accident. Her boyfriend who was her best-friend's brother. And now she can't stop living her life as if something is missing from every scene. Sarah was always quiet, but now, she's almost disappearing.

Jake killed his best friend. At least, that's how he saw it. He knew that, technically, it was an accident. But he just couldn't knock the idea that he could have stopped it. And the fact that he can't stop talking to Alex in his head, well, it's not helping him get over it.

Sarah and Jake were never friends, but they can't help but bond over their grief. And slowly, they realize that their lives didn't end with Alex's.

Robin Constantine spends her days dreaming up stories where love conquers all, eventually, but not without a lot of peril, angst, and the occasional kissing scene. Her titles include **THE PROMISE OF AMAZING**, **THE SECRETS OF ATTRACTION**, and **THE SEASON OF YOU AND ME**.

JULIE C. DAO

Team Chu and the Battle of Blackwood Arena

FSG/Macmillan, July 2022

- The first in a new middle grade series that *Booklist* calls “irresistible” in its starred review



Clip and Sadie Chu couldn't be more different. Popular, athletic Clip wants to become his school's first seventh-grade soccer captain, while brainy star student Sadie is determined to prove that she can do anything her brother can.

They have just one thing in common: they love laser tag. Like, *really* love it.

When the Blackwood Gaming Arena comes to town, bringing virtual reality headsets and state-of-the-art courses, they couldn't be more excited—or competitive. But then a mysterious figure appears and claims to be a part of the game, forcing the Chus and their friends to save themselves from a sinister force. Together, they must fight their way through epic battlegrounds that will test their speed, skills, and smarts . . . but will Clip and Sadie learn that they're far better off working together than competing for the ultimate victory?

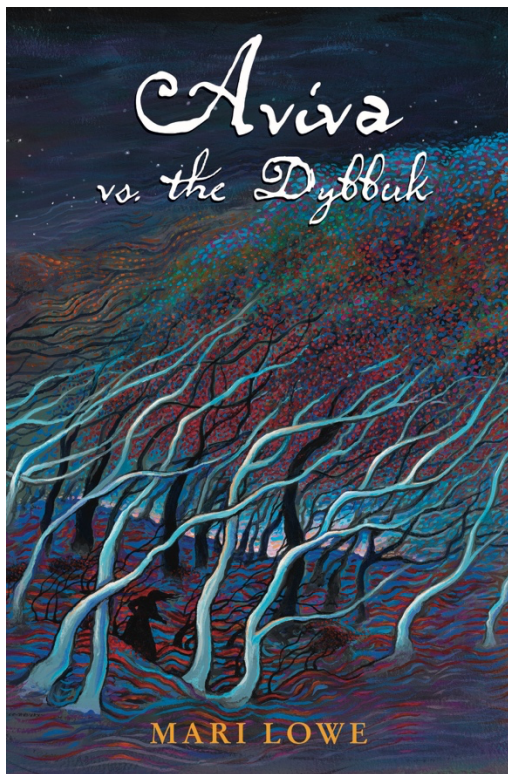
Julie C. Dao is the critically acclaimed author of many books for teens and children including *Forest of a Thousand Lanterns* and *Broken Wish*. Her novels have earned starred reviews from *Booklist*, *School Library Journal*, and *Publishers Weekly*, won recognition as Junior Library Guild Selections and Kids' Indie Next List picks, and landed on multiple best-of-year lists including YALSA and the American Library Association.

MARI LOWE

Aviva Vs. The Dybbuk

Levine Querido, February 2022

- A compelling middle grade debut that explores grief and community against a background of anti-semitism



- “Unreliable narrator though Aviva ends up being, she’s a heart-rendingly sympathetic one.” ~*The Horn Book* starred review
- “A rare find.” ~*Kirkus Reviews* starred review
- “A mystery. An unreliable narrator. A supernatural creature. Such elements are woven skillfully together in this story of a Jewish girl growing up in a home above a mikvah (a religious pool) that is haunted by a dybbuk, or mischievous spirit. As we learn more about Aviva’s story, and why she and her mother feel ostracized from their community, it becomes clear that though this tale is regularly punctuated with action and fun, at its core is a serious consideration of the ways that familial grief can gnaw on a person’s psyche. Daring in its creativity.” ~ Betsy Bird, NPR Best Books of the Year so Far

Mari Lowe, the daughter of a rabbi and a middle school teacher at an Orthodox Jewish school, looks forward to sharing little glimpses into her community with her books.