

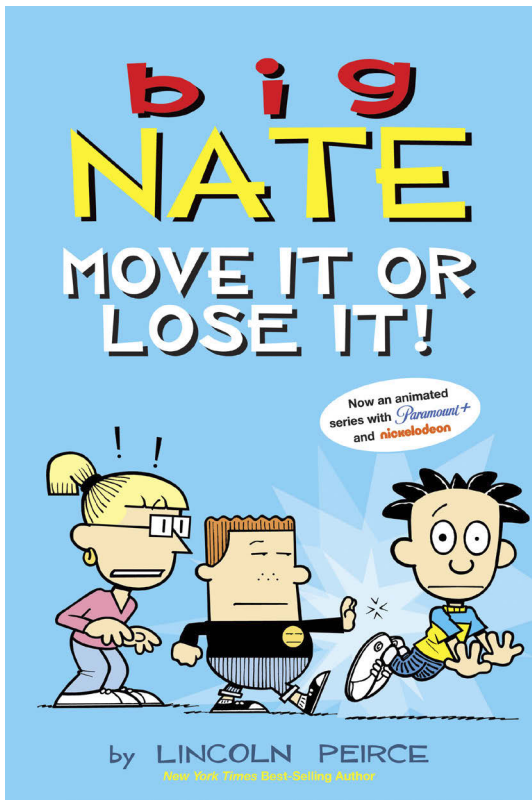


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Big Nate: Move It or Lose It
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BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

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"...these are laugh out loud funny and a kid favorite!"

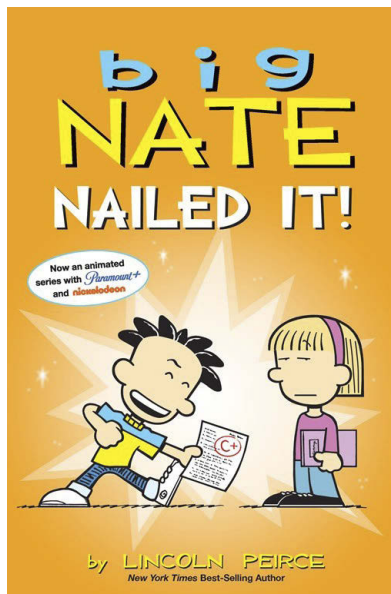
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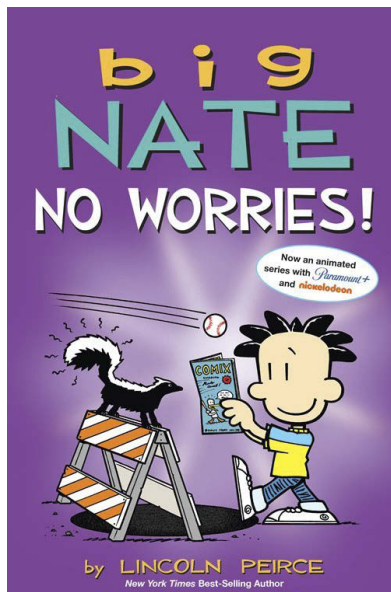
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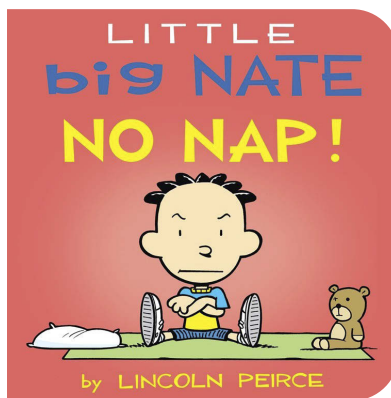


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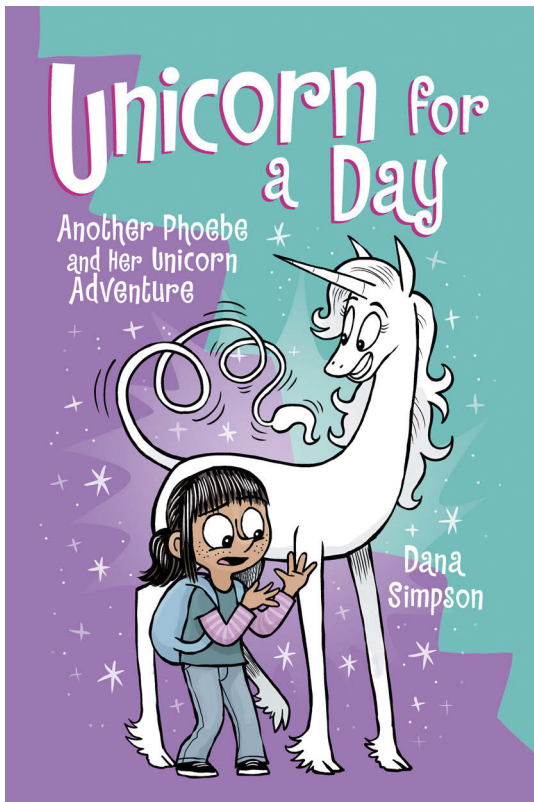


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PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

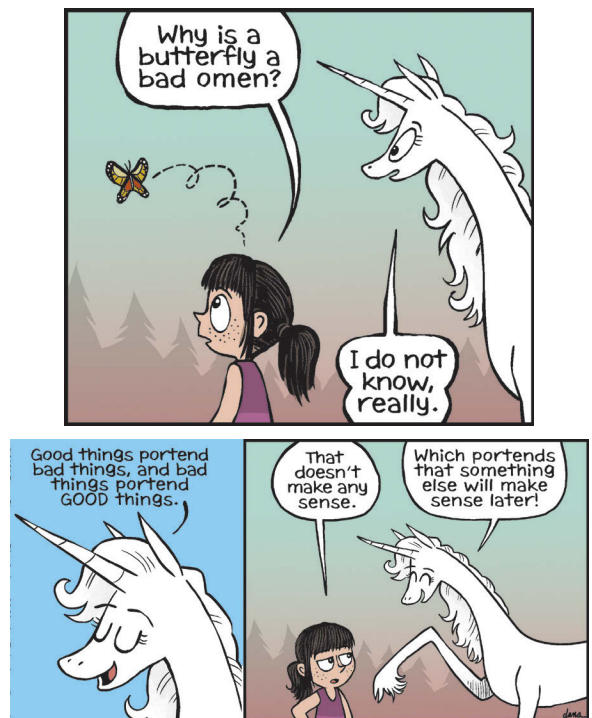
BY DANA SIMPSON

Being best friends with a unicorn is truly incredible, as 10-year-old Phoebe Howell knows from experience. But what would it be like to actually trade places with a magical unicorn for a day? As it turns out, it's much harder than it looks! Phoebe's botched muffin spell turns the sky plaid. And things aren't any easier for Marigold Heavenly Nostrils, who has no idea how to hold a pencil. In this new collection of *Phoebe and Her Unicorn* comics, the friends also meet a three-eyed flying creature named Glorpie and encounter an enigmatic ghost. With magic, discoveries, and even a bit of drama, there's never a dull moment in *Unicorn for a Day*.

"There can never be too much of the delightful Phoebe and her best friend Marigold Heavenly Nostrils."

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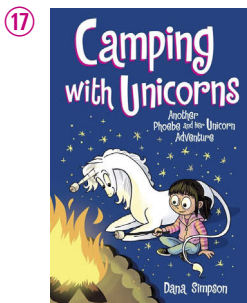


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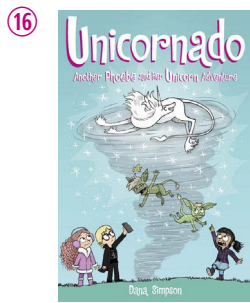
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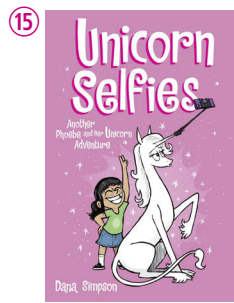
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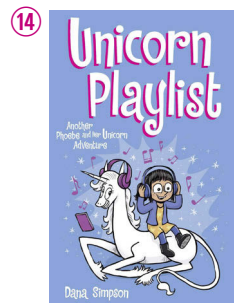
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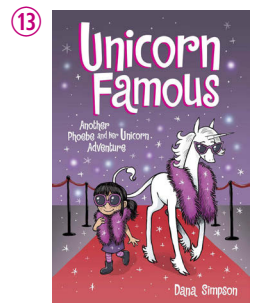
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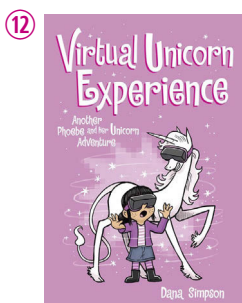
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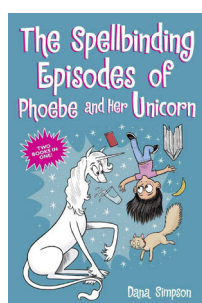
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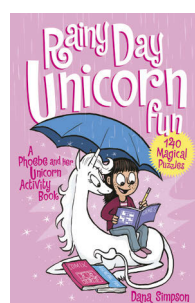
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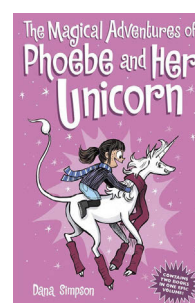
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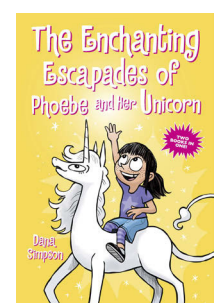
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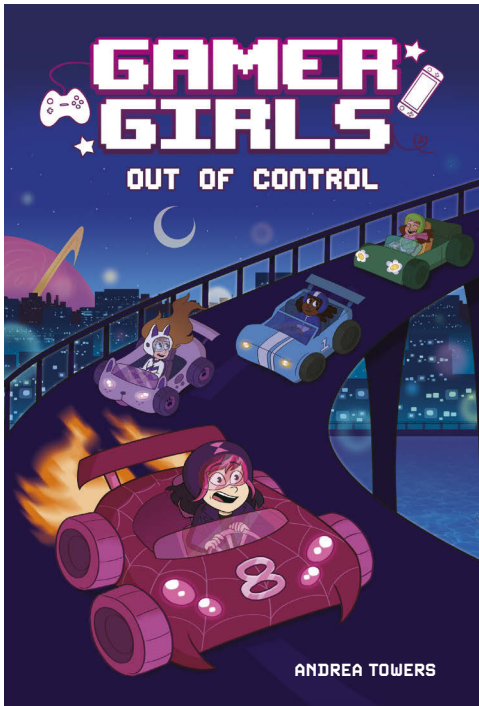


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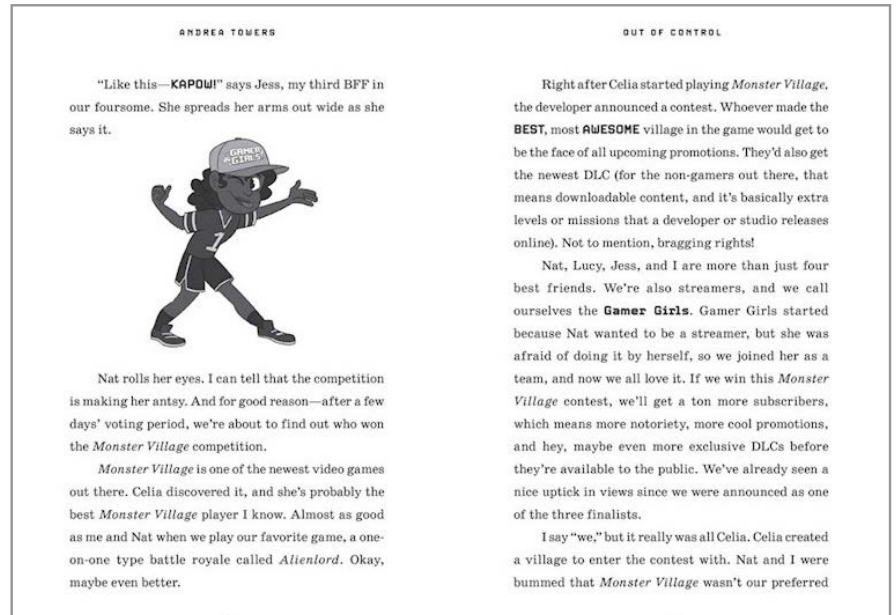
GAMER GIRLS

BY ANDREA TOWERS AND ALEXIS JAUREGUI

Lucy is the newest member of the Gamer Girls. She loves her new school, her family, and her friends, but she misses her old life in California, too. After unsuccessfully trying to convince her parents to let her visit California, they decide to bring her aunt and cousin Jordan to HER! +10 XP for awesome parents.

Unfortunately, Jordan's presence causes a stir with the Gamer Girls . . . suddenly, like Lucy's race car in her newest video game obsession *Fast Pursuit Horizon*, she feels totally OUT OF CONTROL!

In this third book of the series *Gamer Girls*, four friends navigate the video game world and the middle school world . . . if only they could solve drama as easily as they defeat monsters! This series is perfect for readers who love video games. *Out of Control* includes 25 black-and-white illustrations throughout.



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CAT NINJA

BY MATTHEW CODY AND YEHUDI MERCADO

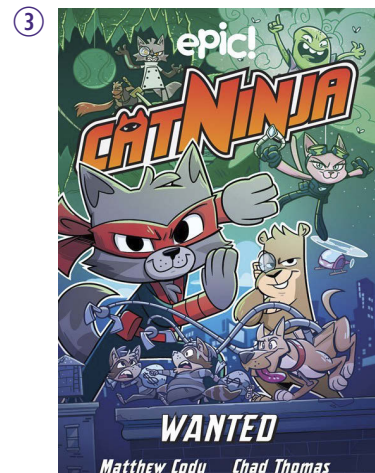
Beware, villains! Cat Ninja may appear to be nothing more than a silly internet meme. But he is evil's greatest enemy, and the silent master of Kat Fu and carpet scratching! From Epic! Originals, *Cat Ninja* is a hilarious graphic novel series about a lovable cat with a heroic alter-ego.



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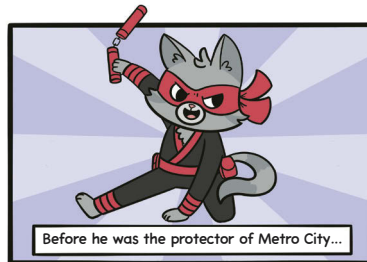
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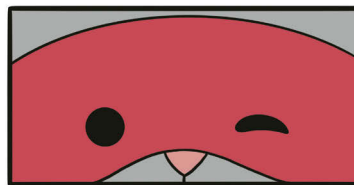
BY COLLEEN AF VENABLE, MARCIE COLLEEN
 AND ILLUSTRATED BY ELLEN STUBBING

Before Cat Ninja grew up and became Metro City's greatest defender, he was tiny, adorable Kitten Ninja and he battled...much tinier foes. (Hey, everybody has to start somewhere, right?)

In this spin-off prequel to the enormously popular Epic Original Cat Ninja series, our favorite feline hero takes on everything a kitten-size ninja has to battle on the way to his heroic destiny: a sun spot that won't stay put, an irresistible ball of yarn, and—every cat's archenemy—snow!



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Some say it is even more important than training. You must stay limber to take on all those villains!

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THE WHEEL OF THE YEAR

BY FIONA COOK, ILLUSTRATED BY JESSICA ROUX

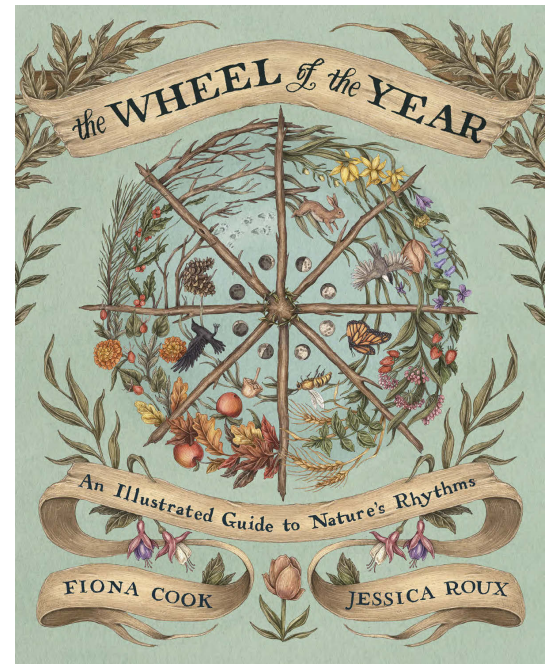
Each “spoke” in *The Wheel of the Year* marks an important turning point: the winter and summer solstices, the spring and fall equinoxes, and the festivals of seeding, growing, and harvesting that arrive in between. Within each section, enjoy:

- An overview of the holiday and its significance in cultures around the world
- A sensory scavenger hunt for sights, sounds, and smells the season
- Ideas for a seasonal altar using objects from nature
- Themed crafts, rituals, games, and recipes

Blending nature connection with art, poetry, and myth, *The Wheel of the Year* conveys the magic and beauty of ancient traditions and encourages young readers to notice, care for, and celebrate the natural world around them.

Fiona Cook is a writer and visual artist living in Chicago. She is a mother, friend, gardener, and union home health care worker. In 2018, she designed a deck of Lenormand cards for divination, and her book of poetry, *Conspire is a word that means to breathe together*, was published by the EGG Gallery and Press. In 2020, she released *Turn It on Its Head*, a collection of illustrated riddles. Fiona is inspired by the magic, mystery, and mischief of our planet Earth and draws from that relationship in her work.

Jessica Roux is a Nashville-based freelance illustrator and plant and animal enthusiast. She loves exploring in her own backyard and being surrounded by an abundance of nature. Using subdued colors and rhythmic shapes, she renders flora and fauna with intricate detail reminiscent of old-world beauty. She is the author and illustrator behind *Floriography: An Illustrated Guide to the Victorian Language of Flowers and Woodland Wardens Oracle Deck & Guidebook*.

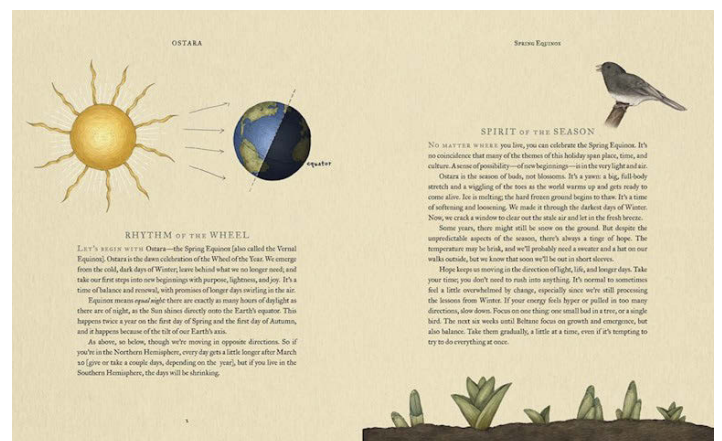


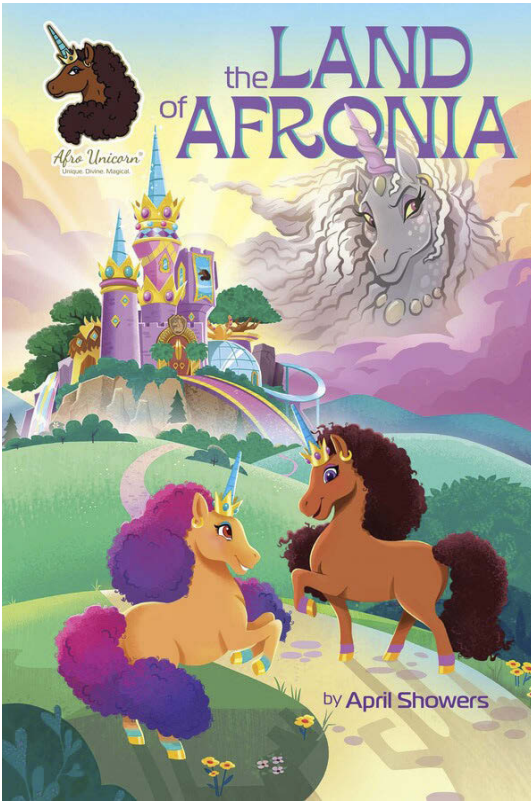
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AFRO UNICORN

BY APRIL SHOWERS, TERRANCE CRAWFORD,
ANTHONY CONLEY

ILLUSTRATED BY VINCENT BATIGNOLE

Welcome to the mystical land of Afronia, where life is good and full of color. Unique and Divine are two unicorns who can't wait to celebrate the annual Festival of Crowns. But on the way to the festival, they come across Castle Monotonic, which is home to the mysterious Madame Imperious who wants to drain all the color from Afronia. It's up to Unique and Divine to save Afronia, or else their magical land might be doomed.

April Showers is the founder and CEO of Afro Unicorn, a brand designed to remind women and children of color how unique, divine and magical they truly are. Multiple business owner and single mother of two, April started a movement of like-minded Black Unicorns through apparel and accessories in May 2019. In May 2022, she launched in Walmart as the first Black woman & first Black licensed brand in Party Supplies for a major retailer. The Afro Unicorn brand is now featured in stores nationwide with children's apparel, drink-ware, toys, and holiday merch. April's passion is to teach others how to develop their brands—with a goal to help everyone win.

Terrance Crawford is a humor and pop culture writer from Detroit, Michigan, who lives in New York, New York. Terrance has written books for a variety of top brands, including Harry Potter, The Bad Guys, That Girl Lay Lay, Dino Ranch, Puss in Boots: The Last Wish, Super Selma, The Little Engine That Could, Strawberry Shortcake, and Fast and Furious. He is also the bestselling author of the Piggy middle grade series with Scholastic.

Anthony Conley is an artist and illustrator from Los Angeles, California. Anthony currently illustrates children's books and creates licensed art for top tier brands like Disney, Coca-Cola, Marvel, Neopets, DC, and Afro Unicorn, to name a few. You can find out more about the artist at www.anthonyconleyart.com

HARU

BY JOE LATHAM

In *The Valley*, best friends Haru and Yama both dream of leaving as they're bullied at school, frustrated at home, and struggling to figure out who they are. One day, a powerful artifact connects itself to Yama, and they discover that they'll have to journey to The Beacon in search of answers.

Created by artist Joe Latham, this beautifully illustrated graphic novel series is a coming-of-age tale that spans the changing of seasons. Beginning in spring and ending in spring—the cycle complete. A story of heart, growing up, and the sacrifices we make for those we love, *Haru* is perfect for middle-grade readers.

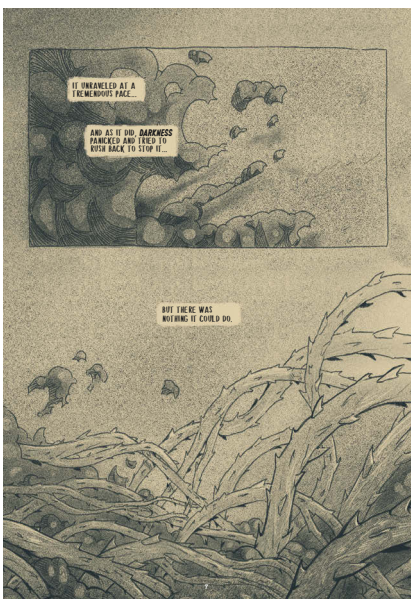


Haru: Spring

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MATT SPROUTS AND THE CURSE OF THE TEN BROKEN TOES

BY MATT EICHELDINGER

Twelve-year-old Matt Sprouts is in big trouble. He didn't mean to hurt his neighbor Jenna with that awesome martial arts move—it just happened! Blame it on morning cartoons or Jenna's lack of coordination. Anyways, getting grounded is the worst thing that could happen, right? Wrong.

After the incident spirals into a series of downright unfortunate events, it's decided that Matt has contracted "the Curse," a hometown myth that has ruined the lives of middle schoolers before him. And as if the Curse weren't enough, entering sixth grade proves to be just as mysterious—there's a strange girlfriend, wacky teachers, and . . . c'mon, can Matt's toes stop breaking PLEASE?!

Matt decides to take matters into his own hands. Now he just has to break the Curse . . . before all his bones break.


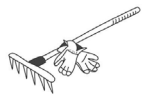
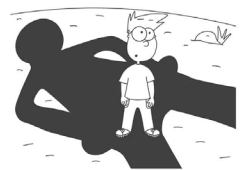
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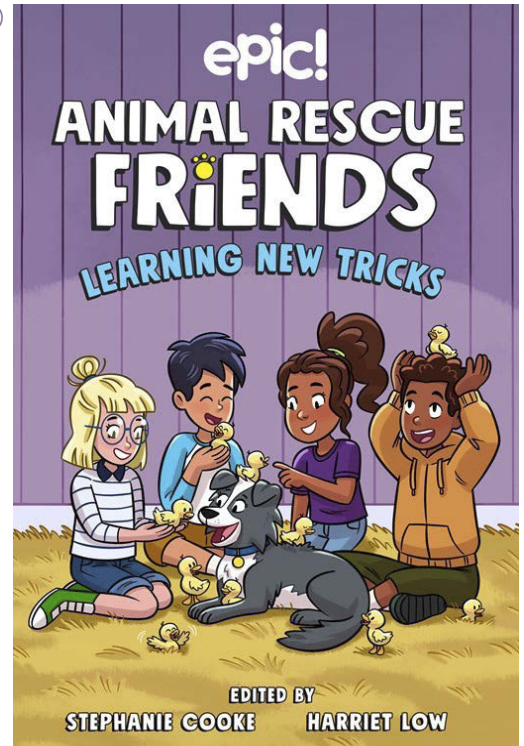
<p>42 ✨ MATT SPROUTS AND THE CURSE OF TEN BROKEN TOES</p> <p>I really hope I don't start talking to my lawn mower when I'm that age.</p> <p>It was his precious toy, and he loved it, but he couldn't push it anymore because of his lower-back problems. So he taught me how to do it. The first few times I mowed his lawn, he walked right behind me the whole time, barking orders like a drill sergeant, making sure I didn't screw up.</p> <p>"Turn now, Matt!" he'd order. "Pivot 45 degrees. Turn now! Pay attention!"</p> 	<p>MOVING STONES ✨ 43</p> <p>After a while, he trusted me to do it on my own. But he'd later regret that decision.</p> <p>The lawn mower was fancy, all right, but best of all it was superfast. Sometimes I would have to lean sideways as I curved and cut my way through the lawn to make sure I didn't tip over. It was awesome having that much power. I was a professional Indy lawn mower racer.</p> <p>The day after Elliott killed the garden, I went too fast. I lost control quickly and hit the sidewalk. The crash bent the lawnmower blade and took a chunk out of the sidewalk. Thankfully, I wasn't hurt, but Mr. Percy fired me the next day—without pay. Now he would have to find someone else to do his stupid yard work.</p> <p>This summer, Dad found us this part-time job with Mr. and Mrs. Klinkle, an old couple who had just moved in on the other side of the block, so at least we didn't have to search for a new job by hanging up embarrassing flyers. The Klinkles had told Dad they needed some help in the backyard, and he quickly volunteered us.</p> <p>"Hurry up, boys, or you're going to be late. Don't make me look bad!" Dad yelled from his office.</p> <p>"I know, I know, Dad! Back off already," I moaned. I was already bummed about working, and it hadn't even started yet.</p> <p>"Matt, be nice." Mom interjected. "They are very special people who need kind people like you to help around the house."</p>	<p>44 ✨ MATT SPROUTS AND THE CURSE OF TEN BROKEN TOES</p> <p>Mom saying "special" about older people usually meant they were picky and rude. I was not looking forward to meeting the Klinkle family.</p> <p>The first day of the job, Elliott and I packed up all we would need into our beat-up wheelbarrow. Shovels, gloves, rakes—we didn't really know what type of work we would be doing, so we grabbed everything we could think of from the garage.</p>  <p>Elliott hopped in the wheelbarrow, too, and since he didn't weigh much, I pushed him and the rest of the stuff toward the Klinkles' house.</p> <p>We passed the Munklings' house on our way there, and it made me think about Jenna.</p> <p>I hadn't spoken to Jenna since the karate move, but that didn't mean I wasn't <i>thinking</i> about her. I had no idea what to say! Plus, would <i>you</i> want to see the person who ruined your entire summer?!</p> <p>I tossed off the feeling of guilt and continued to push the rusty, filled-to-the-top wheelbarrow into the Klinkles' driveway. Elliott enjoyed the ride and begged me to go</p>	<p>MOVING STONES ✨ 45</p> <p>around the block again. After thinking about Jenna, I was in a bad mood, so I just tipped the wheelbarrow on its side and dumped Elliott out with the rest of the stuff on the driveway. He'd be fine.</p> <p>While he sat in the pile of shovels and cried, I walked up the red stairs and across the porch and knocked on the door.</p> <p>"Be right there!" said a low, booming voice. I could feel the voice echoing deep in my stomach, a low rumbling. As the footsteps came closer to the door, the porch shook a little and made my bony knees buckle beneath my shorts.</p> <p>The door flung open, and my eyes widened. Standing in the doorway was Mr. Klinkle. His body took up the entire door, and I couldn't even see inside the house! I stood there, basking in his shadow. He was the biggest man I had ever seen.</p> 
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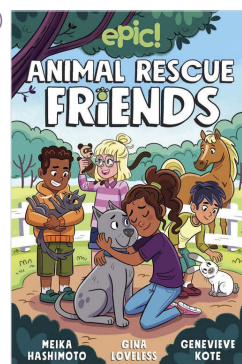


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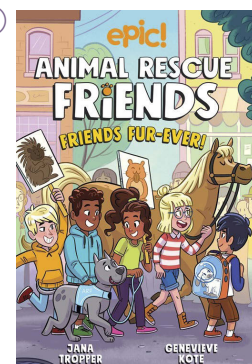
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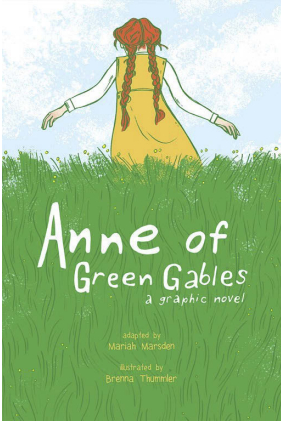
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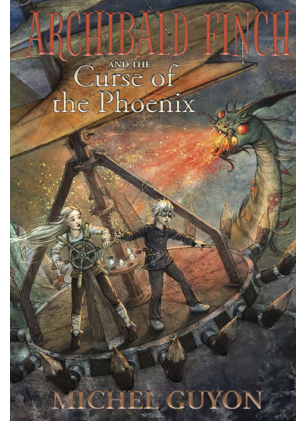
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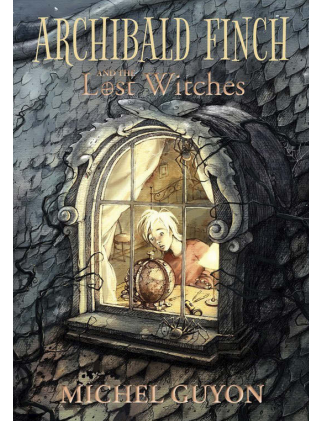
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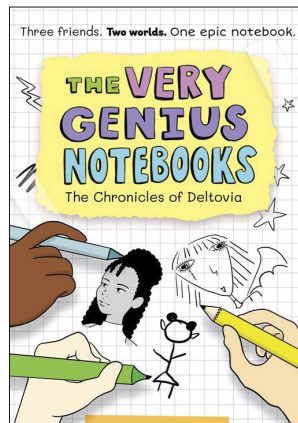
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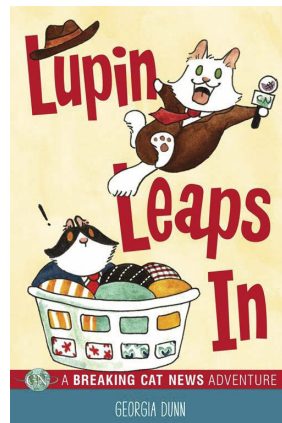
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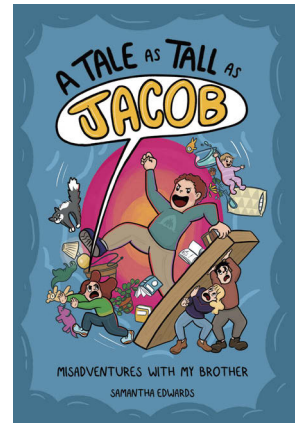
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Gabe Soria is the creator of the Midnight Arcade series and the co-creator of the comic book *MegaGhost*. His other works include DC Comics' *Batman '66*, *Fakespeare in the Park*, a tie-in novel for Cartoon Network's *Regular Show*, and the best-selling Audible Original *Foreverwhere*, created with Steve Burns of *Blue's Clues* and Steven Drozd of the band the Flaming Lips. He lives in New Orleans, where he's currently writing an original fantasy adventure trilogy for Penguin Workshop.

Rafa Ribs is a Brazilian artist currently living in São Paulo. He has worked as a character designer and visual development artist for animation and games for the last six years. He loves drawing imaginary universes and filling them with otherworldly characters and stories.

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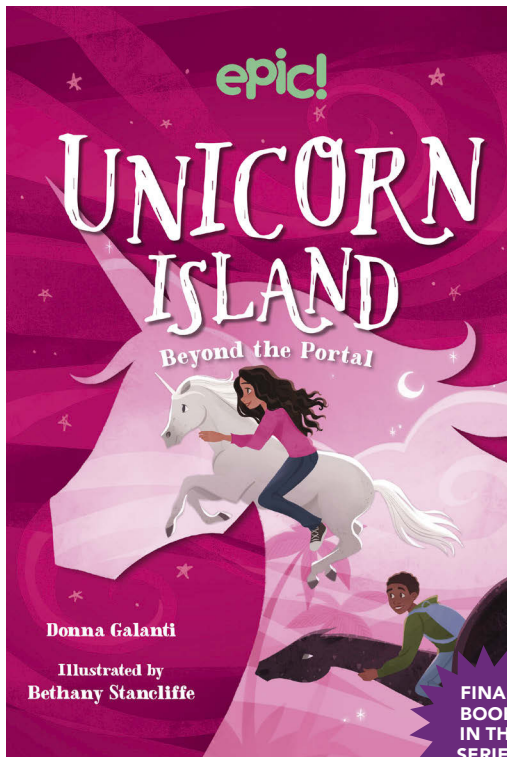
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UNICORN ISLAND

BY DONNA GALANTI AND BETHANY STANCLIFFE

For Sam, knowing a little about her mother's disappearance through the portal is almost worse than knowing nothing at all. Determined to distract herself, she tries to learn everything possible about caring for the herd on Unicorn Island. But when she and her friend Tuck stumble on a coded verse in The Unicorn Protector Creed, they are faced with an even greater task.

With no way of knowing what's beyond it, Sam, Tuck, and Barloc the unicorn step through the portal and find that not only is Sam's mother no longer a unicorn protector, she also lives in a world plagued by its own problems—and convinced that the only solution to them rests in the horn on Barloc's head.

With the portal closing at sundown on the third day, Sam and Tuck are in a race to rescue their friend, reunite their families, and save another world from a terrible fate of its own making!

Donna Galanti wrote her first fantasy about Dodo birds, wizards, and a flying ship—and has been writing fantasy ever since. Donna is the author of the middle-grade fantasy adventure, *Joshua and The Lightning Road*.

Bethany Jayde Stancliffe is a Central Washington-based artist who grew up in the Rockies, where she spent her time building tree forts, reading fairy tales, and filling up sketchbooks. Having had a spectrum of creative interests since childhood ranging from architecture to animation, she has found a home in illustration, where design and storytelling meet.

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Seek a deep ledge upon the farthest nook, a match it bears on the other side.

Slide thy hand into its dark belly and twist the handle thrice around.

Ye must wear a magic talisman to fling open the gate.

But heed, urgent traveler, for by the third sunset, this doorway shall close until the next full moon, and ye will be lost beyond the portal to face thy fate.

Know this, too: All who go through must be willing—or fail.

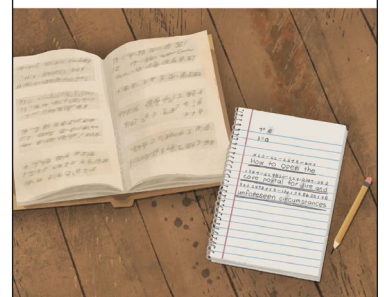
So be strong of heart and hearken back.

"It even has a fail-safe mechanism," Tuck said quietly, awestruck. "Closing by the third sunset means the portal has an automatic shutoff of sorts, so it doesn't

stay open for anyone to come through anytime."

"I wonder why Dad never deciphered this poem," Sam said.

"He might not have realized what it was," Tuck suggested. "And even if he had—he sealed the portal because he thought Sylvie had died, remember? No way was he going to try to reopen it."



ADVENTURE KINGDOM

BY STEVE FOXE AND PEDRO RODRIGUEZ

Adventure Kingdom is back in business! In the second volume of this magical graphic novel series from Epic Originals, Clark and Karoline's plans to run a seemingly normal park are disrupted when a messenger from the *real* Adventure Kingdom comes through the portal to summon the land's one true hero on a knightly quest . . .

With the Iron King safely in exile, the Grand Jerome, Eddie, and the kids reopen Adventure Kingdom with all the magic and none of the mischief. But they soon find themselves back in a world where magic is real and an old foe with a new name has developed a mesmerizing ability to control people's actions.

To save Adventure Kingdom from this con artist's clutches, the kids will have face some hard choices about trust, friendship, and what it means to be a hero.

Steve Foxe is the author of Scholastic's Spider-Ham series, *Rainbow Bridge*, *Dumb & Dumber: Irrational Treasure*, and more than 70 other children's books and comics for properties including X-Men, Pokémon, Batman, Transformers, Justice League, and LEGO City. He lives with his partner and their dog, who is named after a cartoon character. His favorite things in life are theme parks, creepy movies, comic books, and Chihuahuas.

Pedro Rodríguez studied illustration at the Fine Arts School La Llotja in Barcelona, Spain. He has worked on a variety of projects in design, marketing, advertising, publishing, animated films, and music videos. He now has more than 40 published books and comic books. Pedro lives by the beach near Barcelona with his wife Gemma and their daughter Maya.

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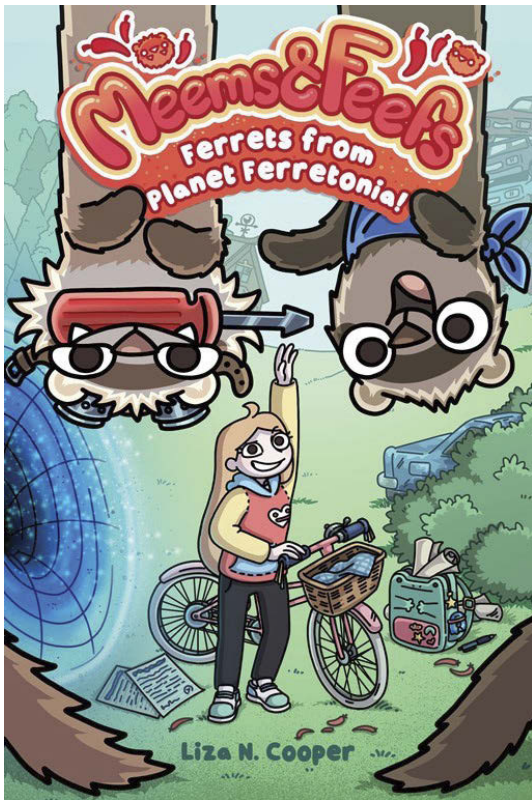
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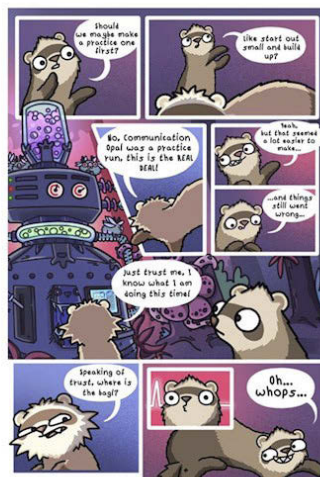
MEEMS AND FEEFS

BY LIZA N. COOPER

Meems is a smart, cheeky, and tech-savvy ferret from the planet Ferretonia. Feefs is his goofy, happy-go-lucky brother. Unsatisfied and bored with their quiet life on Ferretonia, the brothers build a forbidden Travel Opal to go on adventure but accidentally bite off more than they can chew and get stuck on planet Earth with no way to get home. The ferrets journey to an animal shelter where they meet a shy teen named Liza. After using a Communication Opal on Liza to transcend language barriers, Meems and Feefs put their trust in her and embark on a race-against-time adventure, or else they're doomed to stay on Earth forever! This laugh-out-loud and heartwarming graphic novel is perfect for readers 8+ and ferret fans of all ages.

Liza N. Cooper is an artist and digital content creator who goes by the pen name Siberian Lizard online. Originally born in the wild and frosty Siberia, she has since settled down in a much warmer (and wetter) London, where she lives with her two naughty ferrets and a Pomeranian puppy.

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SKIP!

BY SARAH BURGESS

Jay is always scribbling poetry in their notebook. When they come across Skip, a Double Dutch team, they befriend the members—and decide to join, too. For the first time ever, Jay has a place to belong—and friends to confide in.

But Jay's friendship with their new bestie Beah is intense, both in and out of Double Dutch. As Beah and Jay help each other grow into the people they will become, it challenges their friendship and their own identities.

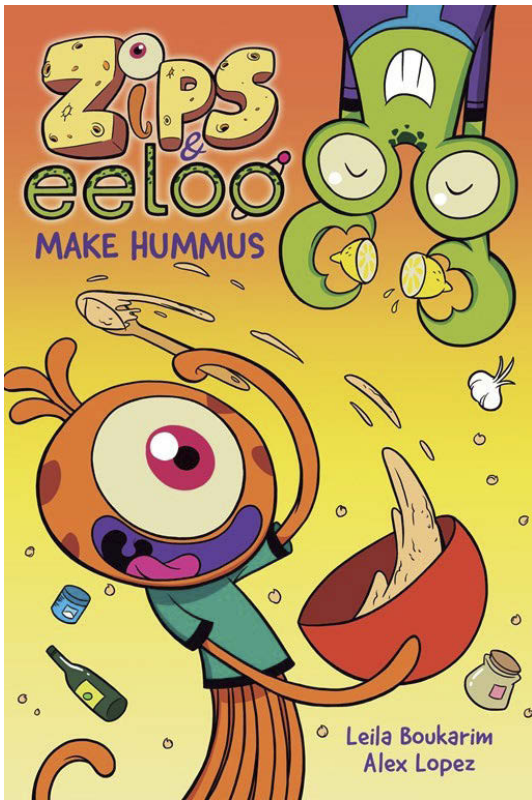
This charming "slice of life" graphic novel is about accepting yourself, navigating "first love" friendship, and finding your own voice. It's rendered in debut author-illustrator Sarah Burgess's gorgeous art style ribboned with playful humor and sports drama.

Sarah Burgess has been working in animation for seven years and drawing comics since forever. Their passion lies in drawing character-driven stories that focus on the complexities and exploration of relationships and people. They are most known for their comics on mental health; they also draw a webcomic, *The Princess Beast*, inspired by shojo manga and all about social anxiety. *Skip!* is based on their relationship with their own childhood best friend, who they describe as their first love to this day.



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ZIPS AND EELOO

BY LEILA BOUKARIM AND ALEX LOPEZ

In this hilarious and colorful graphic novel, readers will learn how to make hummus alongside the two alien friends. They'll clap and cheer as Zips and Eeloo look for a bowl (but get it confused with a bowling ball!), need to go to the grocery store for lemons, and eventually, make some super yummy hummus. This full-color graphic novel also includes a recipe for hummus in the back!

Leila Boukarim writes books for kids because they are the best kinds of books, and kids are the best kinds of people. She enjoys reading multiple books at once, daydreaming, spending time with friends, and sharing stories and food, preferably at the same time. When she's invited to a party, she always brings hummus and is now known as "the hummus lady," a title she wears with pride. Leila lives in Berlin, Germany with her husband, two kids, and cat/office mate, Dill. You can visit her at www.leilaboukarim.com

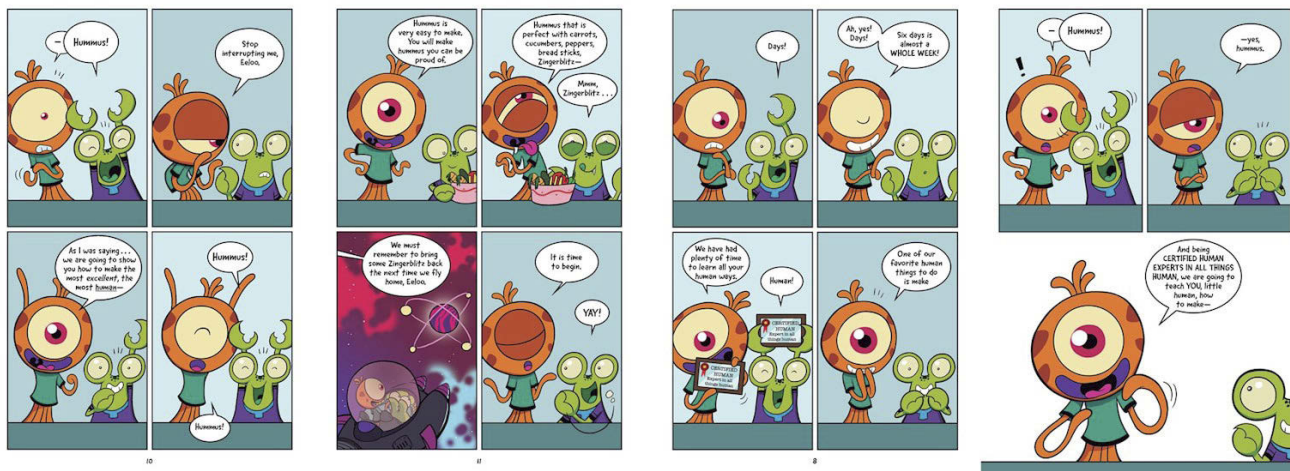
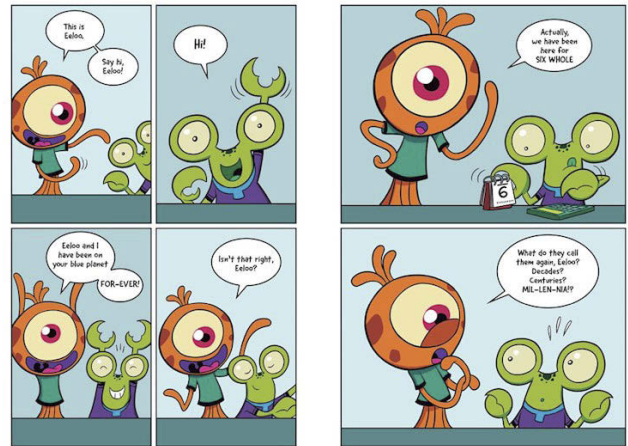
Alex Lopez was born in Sabadell, Spain. He started drawing when he was a kid, which inspired a love of creating comics and cartoons. With over fifteen years of working as an illustrator, he is often asked, "What is your secret?" His answer is simple—listening to music and eating chocolate!

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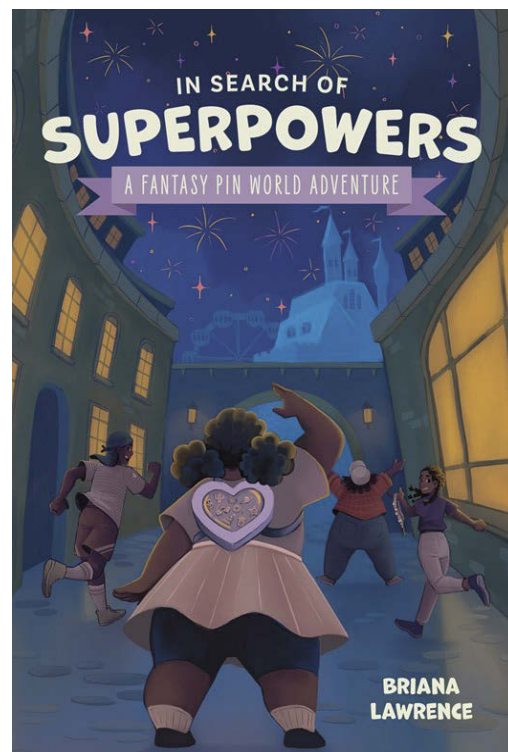
BY SARAH BURGESS

Four kids. Four pins. Four superpowers. One dark secret.

Angela, Sophie, Travis, and Skylar are four normal middle schoolers. Angela and her dad just moved in with her future stepmom, but the wealthy neighborhood is not what's she used to, and relations with the future stepmom are tough. Sophie lives in the shadow of her twin sister, Becca, and wants to find her own identity. Travis is his track team's star, but he's starting to think that video game coding (and his best friend) might be a LOT more interesting. Skylar is trying to help their family make ends meet . . . but sometimes, they're stretched too thin.

After a mysterious explosion in the night, each of the four kids receives a limited-edition fantasy enamel pin. What's more, it gives them superpowers! As the new friends work together to figure out where the pins came from and untangle their own lives, they discover a secret at the nearby theme park that might not be so fun after all.

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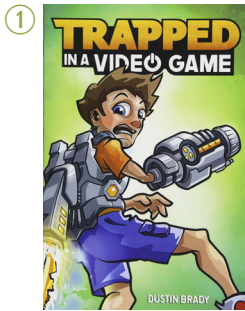
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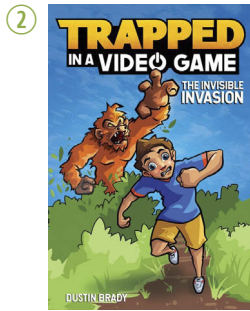
<p>BRIANA LAWRENCE</p> <p>A charm of a dark-skinned princess hangs from Angela's phone. The princess has a flower crown nestled in her thick, purple hair and a matching ruffled dress that hugs her round body. She's high-fiving a wild swan who's in the middle of squawking out a battle cry, the two screaming together to prepare for an epic fairy-tale war. Along with the charm, Angela's wearing a shirt with the princess and the swan on it. The shirt is well loved, as they say; Angela loves her princesses.</p> <p>What she does <i>not</i> love is her not-yet-but-soon-will-be-stepmother, Latrice.</p> <p>"ANGELA! You better not be sitting around in my house on such a beautiful day!"</p> <p>Angela winces. Latrice may be in the kitchen making coffee, but the cry is loud enough to echo into the living room.</p> <p>"I'm waiting for a package!"</p> <p>"Another one?!"</p> <p>Angela rolls her eyes. "Another one," she says under her breath. What she wants to say is it's ironic that she's being reprimanded for being indoors when Latrice is indoors, too, but she keeps that to herself. Instead, she looks out the window, eyes shimmering like a treasure chest of hidden gems.</p> <p><i>There.</i> Outside of her house. At the front of the perfectly manicured lawn. Is the mail truck she's been waiting for.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">★</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">IN SEARCH OF SUPERPOWERS</p> <p>"It's here, it's here, it's heeeere!!!" Angela squishes her face and hands against the window. Her glasses bump against the surface; her breaths, heavy with excitement, create a wet fog she could draw on with her finger if she wanted to.</p> <p>"You better not be smudging up my windows!"</p> <p>"I'M NOT!"</p> <p>"Are you YELLING AT ME?!"</p> <p>"I'M NOT YELLING — I'M PASSIONATELY RESPONDING!"</p> <p>The mail truck drives off in the middle of the <i>not yelling</i> match. Once the coast is clear, Angela is up and out the front door so fast that her afro puffs bounce like two flapping wings.</p> <p>As she opens the mailbox, Angela imagines a harmonized gospel choir humming a spiritual tune to highlight the momentous occasion. <i>Hum um ummmmmmm!</i></p> <p>Inside the mailbox is a bubble mailer, a phone bill that Latrice will complain about, and a flyer full of coupons to various restaurants in the city. Those last two things don't matter. What does matter is the bubble mailer that has Angela's name on it.</p> <p>"It's here," Angela whispers, carefully thumbing the mailer open and pulling a small enamel pin out of it. "The limited-edition Princess P and Swanson T Swan fantasy pin is now in my hands."</p> <p>BRIANA LAWRENCE</p> <p>In that moment the sunlight shines down upon the pin, the gold edge shimmering so brightly that it brings tears to Angela's eyes. The pin illustrates the princess hugging the swan in a way that's not as over-the-top as their other poses, like on her phone case or her shirt. She looks relieved, the pin capturing a moment from Angela's beloved fantasy series where the swan almost died, having risked her life to protect the princess.</p> <p>"Oh, fantastical goddess who hath bestowed the cosmic powers onto the chosen princess and her companion swan, I shall cherish this limited-edition enamel pin for the rest of my days," Angela says to it.</p> <p>"Angela! I know you did NOT leave my front door open!"</p> <p>Oh no.</p> <p>Latrice.</p> <p>Angela stuffs the pin back into its mailer and walks back toward the house to accept her fate. Latrice is standing in the doorway, arms crossed and lips curled in a disappointed scowl. She's wearing a bathrobe, a flower-patterned bonnet, and comfortable house shoes, her officially unofficial "I don't have to work today" look.</p> <p>"Sorry," Angela tells her as she steps back inside the house. "Is that another one of them pins?"</p> <p>"My dad said I could get it with my allowance," Angela replies.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">★</p>
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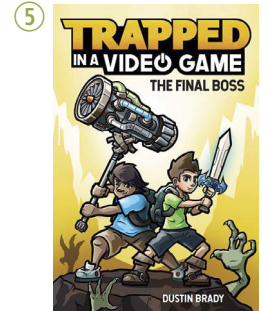
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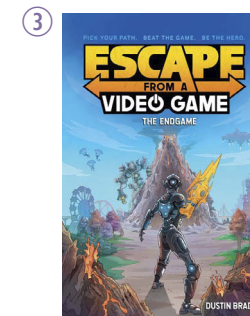
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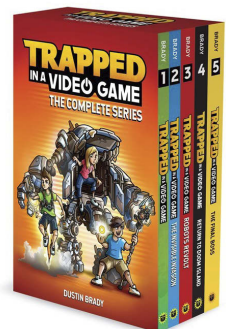


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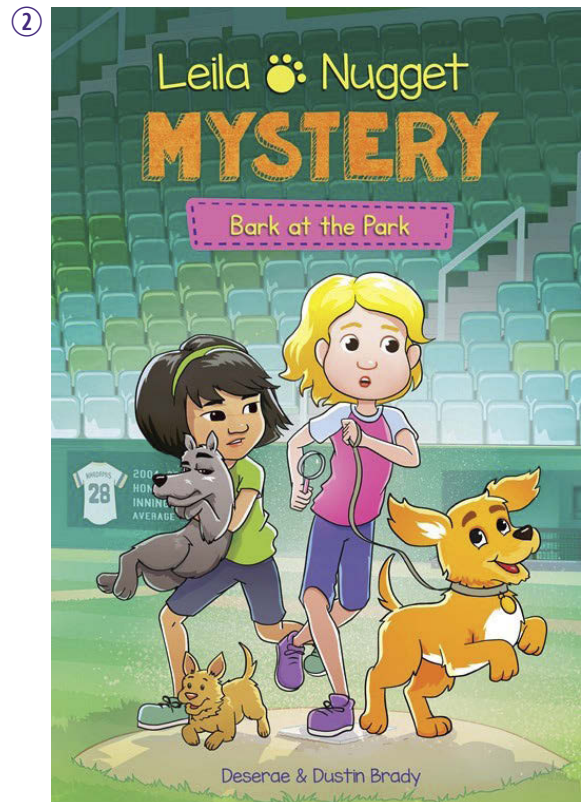
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This year's Bark at the Park event at the Middleburg Red Dogs baseball stadium could not have gotten off to a worse start. The first pitch hasn't even been thrown yet, and there's already been a furry intruder, a dog stampede, and a kidnapped mascot. Now it's up to Leila and Kait, along with their dogs Nugget and Baxter, to rescue Red Dogs' mascot and save Bark at the Park. It's a race to solve the mystery before the final out!

Deserae and Dustin Brady are the parents of Leila Brady (a girl) and Nugget Brady (a dog). They live in Cleveland, Ohio. Dustin wants to buy a turtle. Deserae does not. If you live with a cute dog, Deserae and Dustin would love to see it! You can email your picture to dustin@dustinbradybooks.com.



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and Nugget had joined over two hundred people and their dogs, all decked out in Middleburg Red Dogs gear, inside their town's minor league baseball stadium. Today was the Red Dogs' eighth annual "Bark at the Park" game, where fans could bring their dogs to the ballpark. Although the special day had started as a fun little promotion, it'd grown to become one of the town's biggest traditions.

This was Leila's first-ever Bark at the Park, and she couldn't have been more excited about it. To celebrate, she'd even made Nugget his own Red Dogs hat with a little strap. Of course, he wasn't wearing it now because he'd freaked out once she'd put it on his head, but Leila still brought it to the game just in case.

Bark at the Park always started with the Pup Parade around the bases before the game. Then there would be special treats and activities for the dogs throughout the afternoon. Finally, after the baseball game was over, the Middleburg Dog of the Year would be crowned.



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"No. It's just 'Big Dog.' Also, they don't like people calling him 'Clifford.'" Kait still looked confused.

"They don't want to get sued," Mr. Beal explained.

"Haven't you ever been to a Red Dogs game before?" Leila asked. "Big Dog is a cartoon mascot who gives high fives and throws T-shirts. Also, he judges the hot dog race."


"OK, there's no such thing."

"No, it's this thing they do at Red Dogs games where three hot dog mascots race around the bases. It's the best part of the game. The last time I was here, Big Dog took the onion hot dog's hand and got down on one knee like he was asking her to marry him."

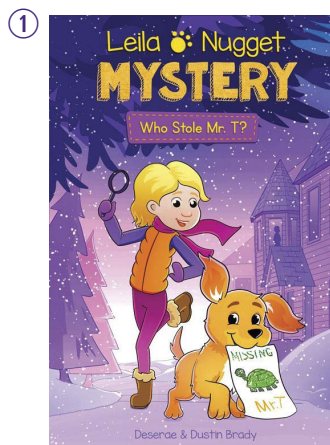
"You'll like him," Mr. Beal said. "He's funny."

"Well, he'd better get here quick because Baxter is about to lose it," Kait said.

Leila nodded. Now that she thought about it, it was kind of amazing that all these dogs were behaving so well despite



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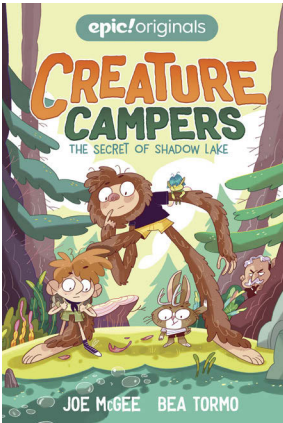
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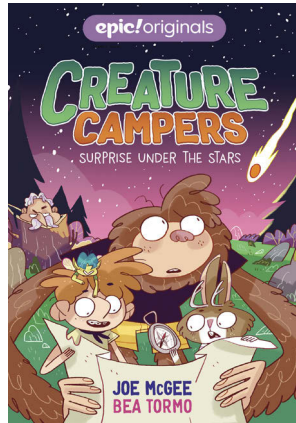
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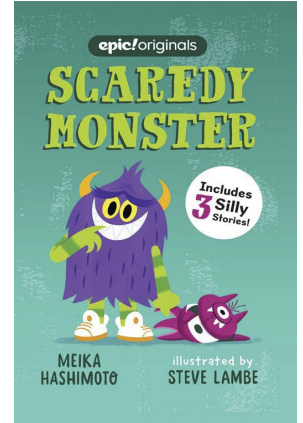
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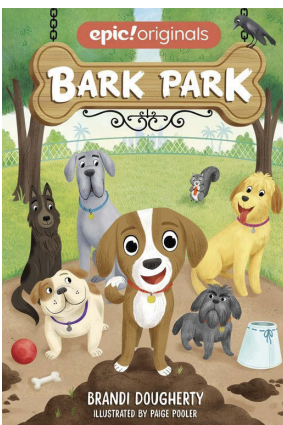
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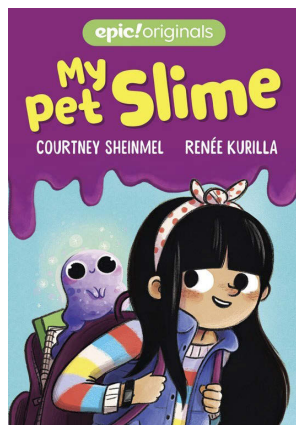
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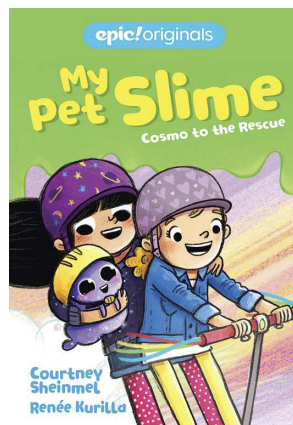
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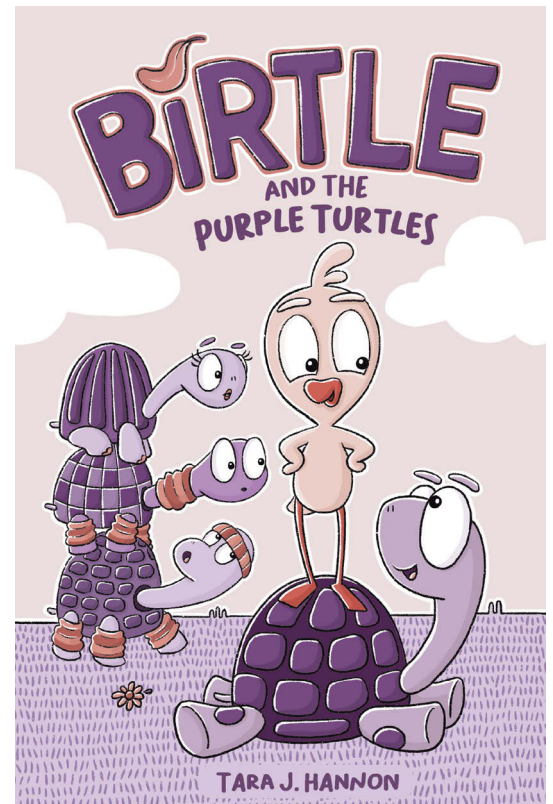
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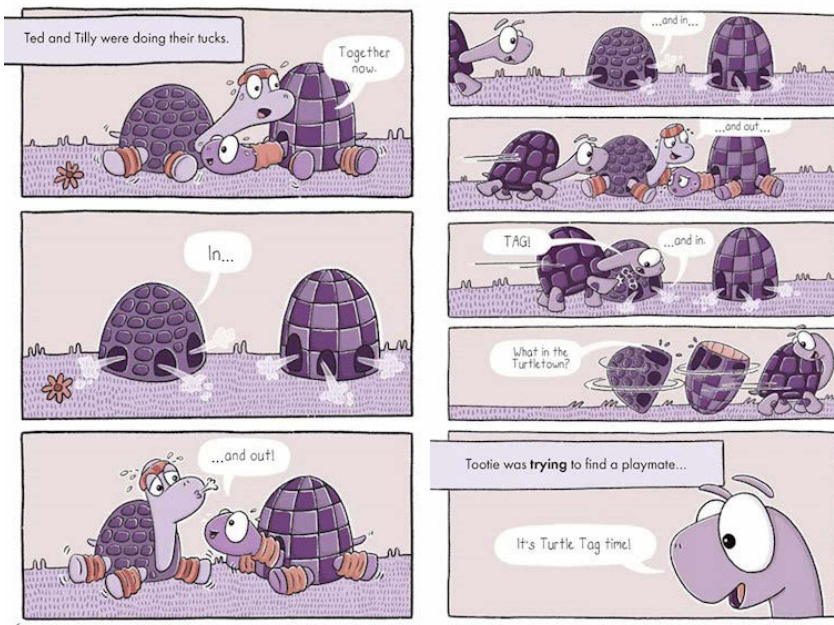
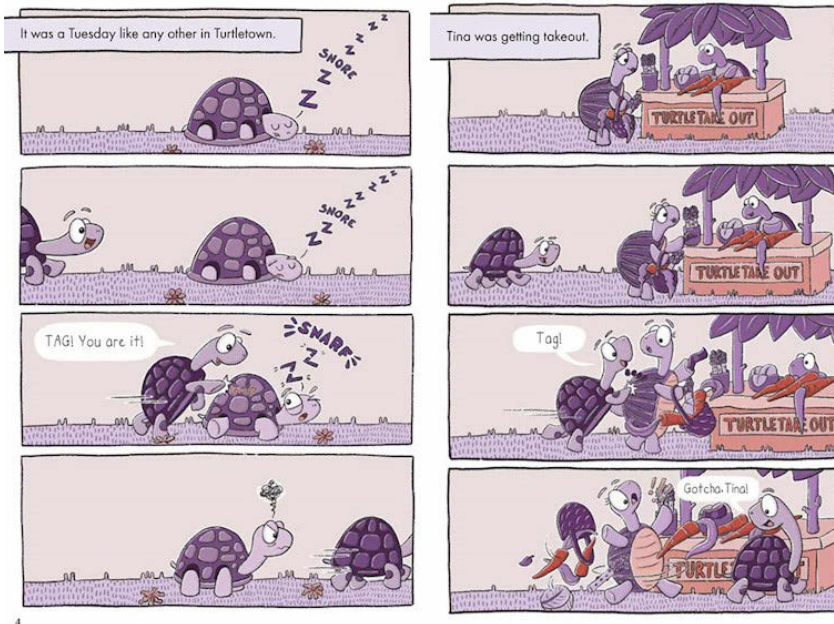


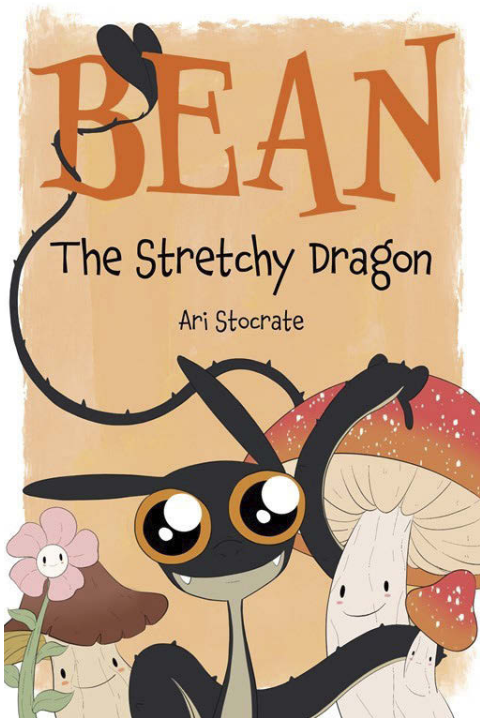
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Ari Stocrate is a French comic artist living in Paris with her sphynx cat and two lizards—her main source of inspiration for Bean the dragon, from the webcomic *Sally & Bean*, viewed by 150K people every week. This is her third comic series after Ari’s *Thread* and the *Johnny Vampire* trilogy. *Bean The Stretchy Dragon* will be Ari’s debut book.

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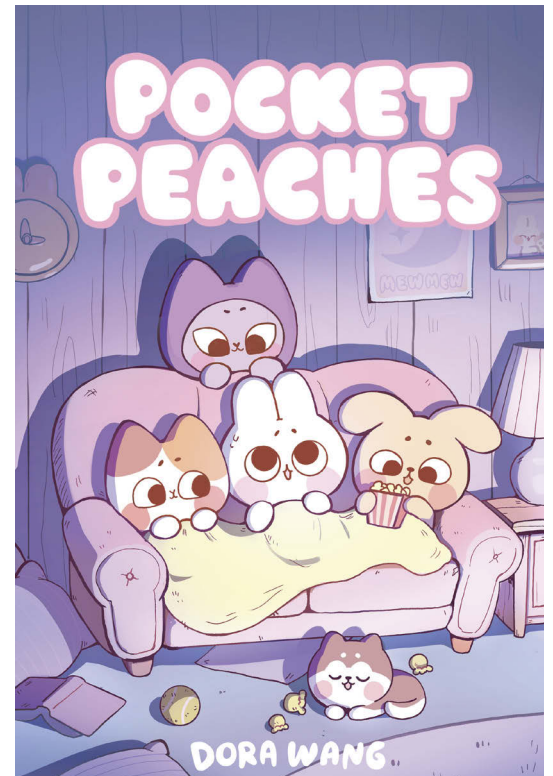


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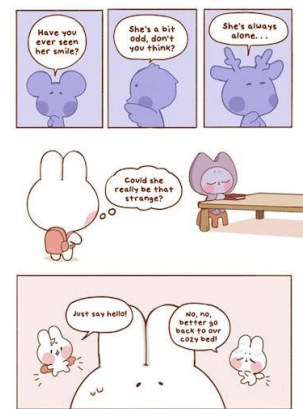


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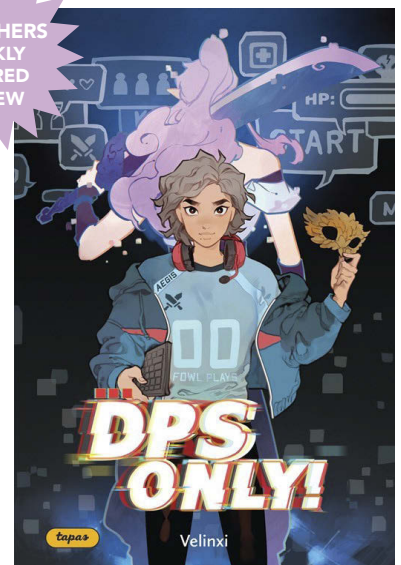
Unfamiliar is bursting with offbeat charm, a vibrant cast of teen witches, and hilarious familiar sidekicks. Set in an intriguing magical world, this series is a hit with fantasy readers of all ages.

Haley Newsome is a comic creator, illustrator, and internet artist with millions of followers across YouTube, Instagram, and Twitch. She loves horror movies, animation, and ghosts. Haley has lived in Idaho, Oregon, Calgary, and Tokyo, and currently resides in Los Angeles. You can get to know her online via her handle @lavendertowne.

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Cedric Caballes is a die-hard RPG fan and the creator of the hit Tapas webcomic *The Witch's Throne*. He cites his fascination with fantasy role-playing games and shonen manga as what inspires most of his artwork, which range from character designs to multiple webcomic concepts under his pen name WhatAHero. Cedric was born in the Philippines, raised in the United States, and currently lives in Maryland, daydreaming of magic, dragons, and level-up notifications whenever he's not busy drawing or writing. You can find him doodling something on Twitter or Instagram @whatatruehero.



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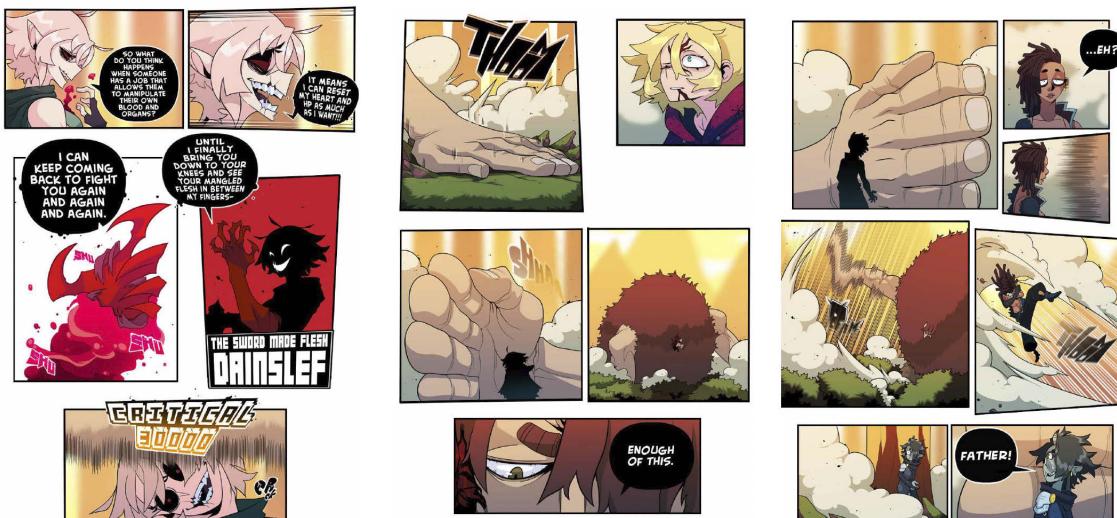
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