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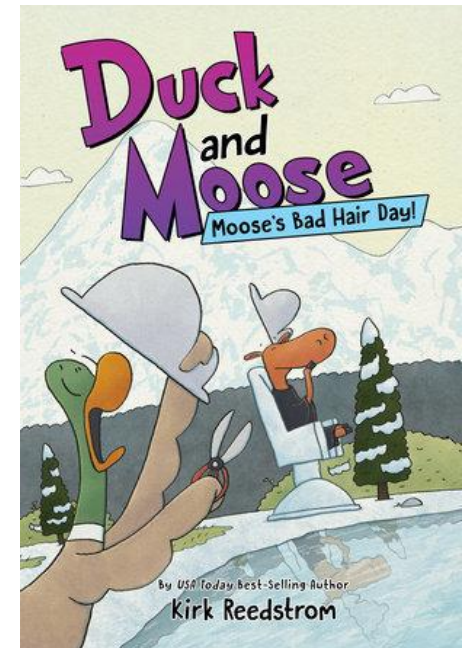
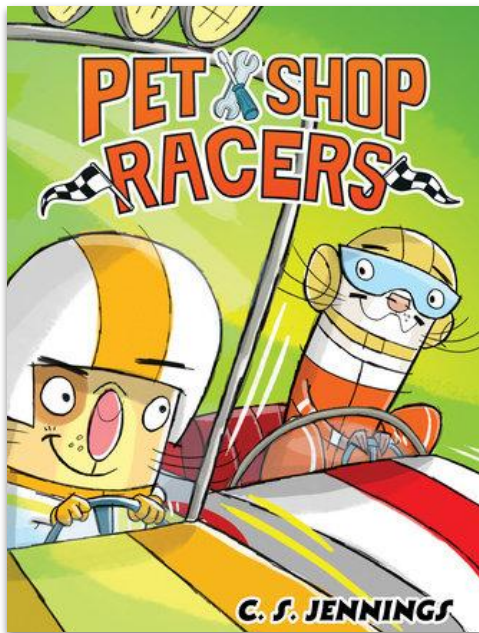
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## PICTURE BOOKS/EARLY READERS



# LILIBET MAKES A FRIEND

**NEW!**

**Kersten Hamilton**  
Disney Hyperion, April 2026

**Lilibet has lots of friends—it's just that they are all imaginary! Can she build the perfect real-life friend?**

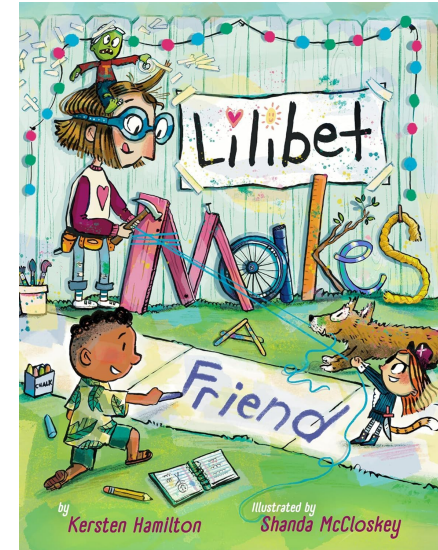
**With a relatable neurodivergent main character and a message of friendship and acceptance, this funny and heartfelt picture book is perfect for 3-5 year olds.**

Lilibet has tools, a lab, and a notebook. She also has lots of friends, like Calico Cate, Tom Zombie, and Dire Pup. It's just that they're all imaginary. So she plans a new project, REAL FRIEND 1.0, and makes a list of requirements:

- Knows the difference between a bug and an insect (extremely important!)
- Never calls her robot face
- Or computer brain
- Does not ask if Lilibet is a boy or a girl

As she sets out to build a friend, she is joined by Paul “Peanut” Shelley, who is keen to help, whether Lilibet likes it or not. It turns out, sometimes the best of friends come from unexpected places.

Celebrated author Kersten Hamilton writes from her own experience on the autism spectrum, creating a one-of-a-kind neurodivergent protagonist in a story brimming charm and humor.



*Ages* 3-5  
*Material:* PDF, 40 pages

Kersten Hamilton is the critically acclaimed author of books for toddlers, teens, and all people in between. Her fast-paced stories are loved by readers around the world. RED TRUCK (illustrated by Valeria Petrone), which was called “well-crafted” and “appealing” in a starred review from Booklist, has sold almost a quarter of a million copies and given rise to a series nitty-gritty machine books for itty-bitty readers that now includes YELLOW COPTER and BLUE BOAT, Her picture book FIRST FRIEND (illustrated by Jaime Kim), was called “lyrical” and “delightful” by Kirkus and received a starred review from SLJ. She is eagerly awaiting her invitation to wizarding school. Kersten has worked as a ranch hand, a wood cutter, a lumberjack, a census taker, a wrangler for wilderness guides, and an archeological surveyor. She currently lives in New Mexico, where, when not writing, she hunts dinosaurs in the Ojito Wilderness.

# HONEYBEE HIGHWAY

**Shanna Upchurch**  
Disney Hyperion, April 2026

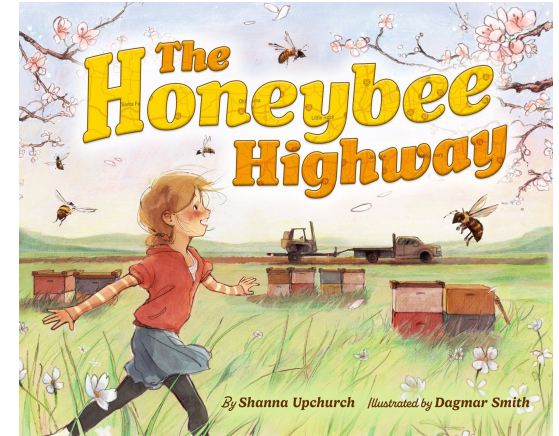
**NEW!**

**HONEYBEE HIGHWAY gets an ecological twist in this celebration of honeybees, agriculture, family, and—above all—kid power in the latest addition to Disney Planet Possible Books.**

An big truck barrels across the country, loaded with over 400 beehives. It's bound for the almond groves of California, and seven-year-old JJ is along for the ride!

Once there, the honeybees will pollinate the almond flowers, bouncing from tree to tree to help the almonds grow. These beehives are part of the honeybee highway, an expansive network of commercial beehives that play an essential role in growing the food that feeds the people of our world—just ask Joey J. She's a honeybee expert and an essential member of her uncle's team. Uncle Mike, Jose, and Joey load up the bee crates and make the long journey across the country—stopping only at night so as not to disturb the bees. After that, there is a lot to worry about, like how to keep the bees cool, passing inspection, and wondering if native pollinators will ever be able to help grow enough food to feed the planet.

With the lyricism and family relationships of favorites like HONEYBEE HIGHWAY, this stunning debut sheds light on a little-known piece of our world's food supply and celebrates the magnificent honeybee.



*Ages: 3-7*  
*Material: PDF*

**Shanna Upchurch** and is an active member of SCBWI. She grew up in rural, Midwestern America, the daughter of a geneticist who encouraged her scientific explorations. Her memories of childhood include barefoot romps through the woods, observing crawfish and tadpoles in the creeks, and spying on families of cottontail rabbits nesting in the backyard. All of which gave Shanna a deep appreciation for the natural world. She lives outside in Texas with a bunch of chickens and children where, in addition to her day job, she manages a small homestead. Her favorite part is tending to the bees, of course! She is well-known in her community as the person who will throw on a bee suit at any time of day to lovingly relocate a swarm or inspect a hive. Her own honeybees are quite spoiled and produce rich, clover honey because Shanna won't let anyone mow the back pasture.

# GOODNIGHT, BRUCE

Ryan Higgins

Disney Hyperion, March 2026

NEW!

**Mother Bruce's family of mice and geese will do ANYTHING to get out of going to sleep in this hilarious and all-too-relatable bedtime story.**

It's bedtime in Soggy Hollow.

But Bruce's family of mice and geese would rather watch late-night monster movies than go to sleep.

There are so many more fun things to do like . . .

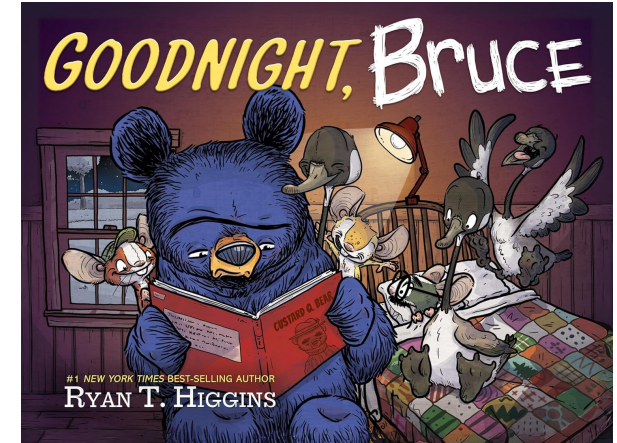
build model airplanes

and eat ice cream.

and keep up their correspondence.

Will Bruce *ever* get them to sleep? What's a tired old bear to do?

Kids and caretakers alike will relate wholeheartedly to this laugh-out-loud story of pre-bedtime hijinx.



*Ages:*

3-5

*Material:*

PDF, 48 pages

**Ryan T. Higgins** is the author and illustrator of the #1 *New York Times* best-selling *Mother Bruce*, which received the E. B. White Read-Aloud Award and the Ezra Jack Keats New Illustrator Honor. In addition to the *Mother Bruce* series, Ryan is also the author and illustrator of *Norman Didn't Do It!*, *We Don't Eat Our Classmates*, *We Will Rock Our Classmates*, *BE QUIET!*, and *What About Worms!?*, an Elephant & Piggie Like Reading! book. He lives in Maine with his wife, children, and a menagerie of pets.

# BUNDLE UP, PENELOPE REX!

Ryan T. Higgins

Disney Hyperion, September 2025

NEW!

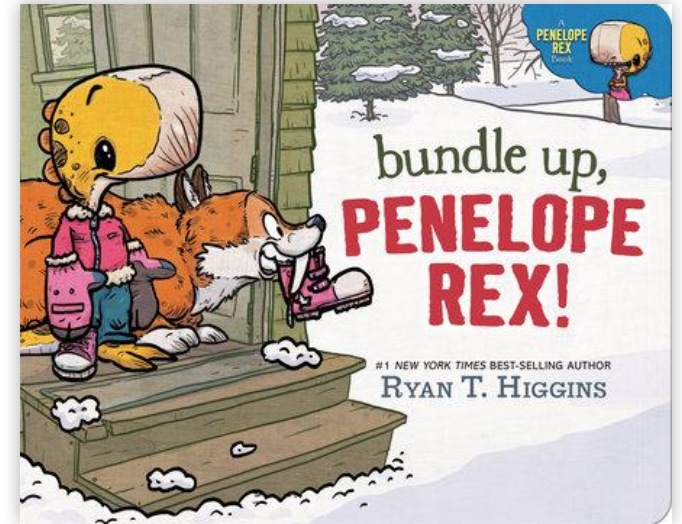
**#1 *New York Times* best-selling author-illustrator Ryan T. Higgins presents everyone's favorite dinosaur Penelope Rex in her board book debut, perfect for winter time.**

Penelope Rex wants to play in the snow. Her pet saber tooth cat wants to help her get ready.

Join Penelope and Mittens the saber tooth cat as they prepare to play in the snow in this cozy and funny wintertime entry in the Penelope Rex canon.

**Read all of the Penelope Rex books!**

- *We Don't Eat Our Classmates*
- *We Will Rock Our Classmates*
- *We Don't Lose Our Class Goldfish*
- *Penelope Rex and the Problem with Pets*



Ages 3-5  
Material: PDF, 48 pages

Format: Board book

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# I AM BECAUSE WE ARE

Allison Matulli

Disney Hyperion, April 2026

NEW!

"A concept that might seem complex at first glance is rendered accessible for readers young and old, and this title featuring a diverse cast of characters will be a welcome addition to classrooms and libraries alike." - *School Library Journal*

**Grounded in African Ubuntu philosophy, this lyrical picture book celebrates community and invites readers to lift up our neighbors.**

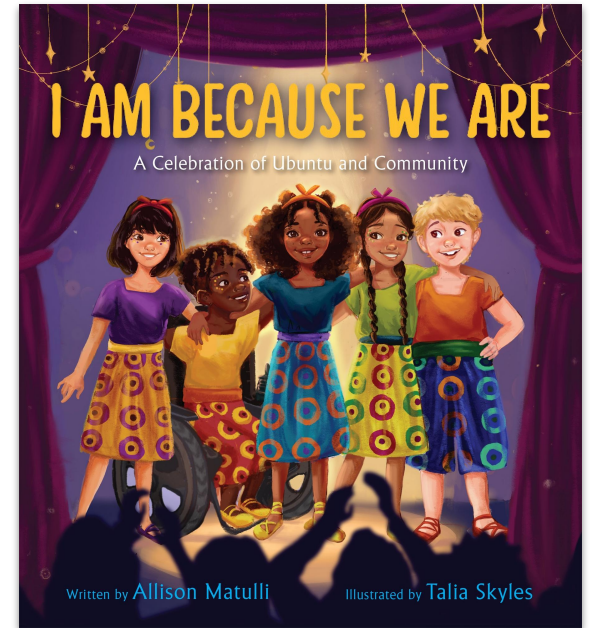
For fans for ALL THE WORLD and ALL ARE WELCOME comes a new classic that celebrates community.

Your joy is my joy.  
My freedom is your freedom.

Me.  
You.  
We.  
All of us!

That is community.  
*This is ubuntu.*

**This rhythmic story follows one child as they dream, perform, and celebrate at the heart of their community.**



Ages 3-7  
Material: PDF, 40 pages

**Allison Matulli** is an author, educator, lawyer, and Global Fulbright Scholar as well as the founder of The Little Lawyers—an organization that empowers children to understand their rights and responsibilities in their community. She is the author of *Your Freedom, Your Power: A Kid's Guide to the First Amendment*, and she speaks and consults worldwide on issues of kids' rights, global citizenship, and inclusion to educators and students alike. She lives in Florida with her family. Learn more at [www.AllisonMatulli.com](http://www.AllisonMatulli.com).

**Talia Skyles** is a Baltimore-based illustrator and painter. She is currently working towards her BFA in general fine arts and illustration at the Maryland Institute College of Art. When not at her drawing table, Talia enjoys reading fantasy novels, hiking with friends, and making her own candles.

# IMPOSSIBLE POSSUM FOR MAYOR

Justin Colón, illustrated by James Rey Sanchez

Disney Hyperion, November 2025

NEW!

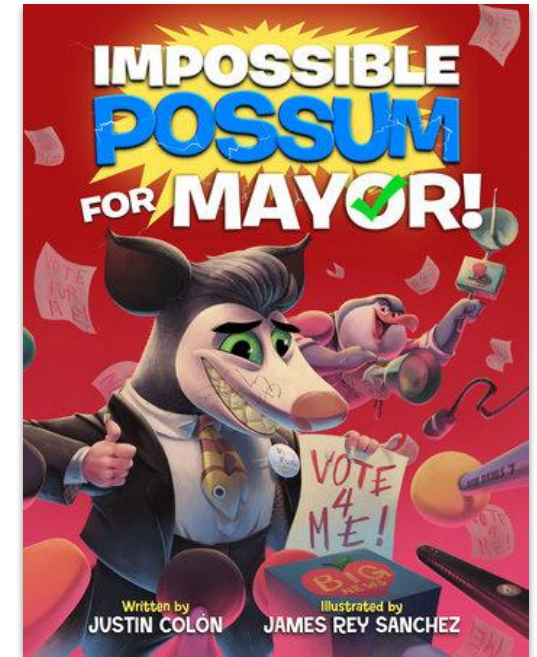
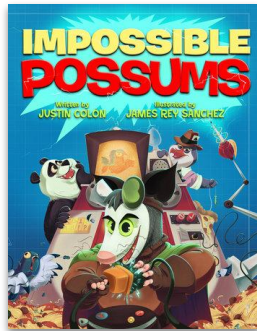
**What's badder than using a Possum Populator to create your very own evil penguin sidekick? Running for mayor. Then taking over the world. Lucky for us, Carl the possum isn't quite sure what it takes to win a human election.**

Carl the possum is bad. Bad to the bone. And he wants to take over the world. So he decides to run for mayor. The only problem is he has to get people to vote for him first. Hijinx and laughs abound as Carl and his penguin sidekick Philbert try to entice potential voters with guppies, mice cream, and other completely misguided gestures.

Will Carl be elected mayor? Or will chaos rule?

**Perfect for fans of *Despicable Me* and *Lilo & Stitch*, this exceptionally goofy picture book stars aspiring villain Carl the possum, who is on a mission to create a like-minded conspirator.**

Also available:



Ages

3-7

Material:

PDF, 40 pages

**Justin Colón** is a professional actor and children's book author. Like Carl, the star of *Impossible Possums*, Justin lives in New York. Unlike Carl, Justin does not live in a sewer or have an evil lair. He invites you to visit him at [justincolonbooks.com](http://justincolonbooks.com).

**James Rey Sanchez's** love for art came from many hours of reading comics, playing video games, and watching '90s Saturday morning cartoons. He has illustrated books on subjects ranging from Irving Berlin to trucks, but this is his first about a villainous possum. He lives in Detroit, Michigan. Learn more at [JamesReyArt.com](http://JamesReyArt.com).

# KITTY VS. KINDERGARTEN

Martha Freeman, illustrated by Eda Kaban

Disney Hyperion, June 2025

NEW!

**Kitty knows three things. He is the center of the universe. He likes it that way. Nothing should ever change. But to Kitty's everlasting surprise and annoyance, things continue to change around him!**

Kitty has everything he could ever want—breakfast at 7:00, supper at 4:00, and his favorite raggedy mouse toy. When Kitty goes to sleep, he dreams of a so-cozy life exactly the same as his own because *same* is what Kitty likes. But Kitty's world is rocked when his good, nice boy announces that Kitty will be going to kindergarten.

At kindergarten, Kitty is not able to do the things he usually does. He can't watch his nature shows, sharpen his claws, or hunt for snacks. But with the help of his good, nice boy and the teacher, Kitty learns that he can enjoy trying new things...and still get home in time for supper.



Ages 3-7  
Material: PDF, 48 pages

**Martha Freeman** worked as a reporter and teacher before becoming a full-time writer of books for young readers, including the Edgar Award–nominated *Zap!*, *Born Curious*, *The Secret Cookie Club* series, *Who Stole Halloween?*, and *Effie Starr Zook Has One More Question*, which *School Library Journal* called “accessible and exciting” in a starred review. She also collaborated with NASA astronaut Mark Kelly on the *Astrotwins* books. Martha lives in Oregon. Learn more at [MarthaFreeman.com](http://MarthaFreeman.com).

**Eda Kaban** has illustrated many popular books for children, including *Pirates Don't Go to Kindergarten*, *Even Superheroes Have Bad Days*, and Robb Pearlman's *Pink Is For Boys*. Born and raised in Turkey, Eda now lives in Oakland, California, with her husband, small son, and two Siamese cats.

# The Amazing Augustus

**Tammi Sauer**  
Disney Hyperion, May 2026

**NEW!**

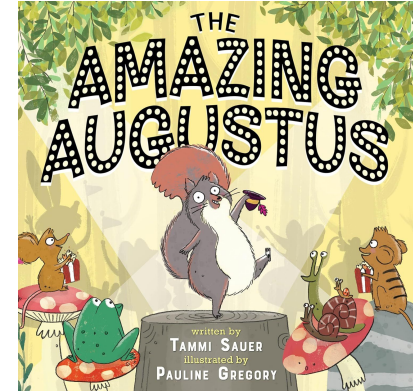
**A picture book about Augustus, a hubristic squirrel who is so busy celebrating himself that he winds up in the belly of a lion**

*Behold, my lovely audience!*

*I am the amazing Augustus.*

*There is no one quite like me.*

Augustus the squirrel is so busy praising himself that he winds up in the belly of a lion! This quirky, voicy picture book by beloved author Tammi Sauer is certain to have kids laughing as they realize well before Augustus that he is walking across a lion's back. Kids love being smarter than the book, and this one takes the joke as far as possible—that is, literally *inside* a lion. Stay tuned for Augustus's next adventure: AUGUSTUS IS BACK! (YOU'RE WELCOME!).



*Ages:* 3-5  
*Material:* PDF, 40 pages

**Tammi Sauer**, a former teacher and library media specialist, is a full-time children's book author. She has 30 picture books with more on the way. In addition to winning awards and earning starred reviews, Tammi's books have gone on to do great things. *Chicken Dance*, *Your Alien*, and *Nugget & Fang* were made into musicals that toured the nation. *Wordy Birdy* was named a Kids' Indie Next List book, the 2021 Book Choice for Read Across Oklahoma, and a Bank Street College Best Book of the Year. And *Your Alien*, an NPR Best Book of the Year, was released in Italian, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, and French which makes her feel extra fancy.

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## Rights sold by Clarion

### **YOUR ALIEN**

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### **CHICKEN DANCE**

Beijing Baby Cube (**Chinese Simplified**), Milan Jeunesse (**French**), Mirae (**Korean**)

### **BAWK AND ROLL,**

Beijing Baby Cube (**Chinese Simplified**)

### **BUT THE BEAR**

Sassi Editore (**Italian**), BBNC (**Dutch**), Abula Press (**Chinese Complex**)

### **NO BUNNIES HERE**

Midnight Bookstore (**Korean**), Lata de Sal (**Spanish**)

# NORMAN AND THE SMELL OF ADVENTURE

Ryan T. Higgins

Disney Hyperion, July 2025

NEW!

***New York Times* best-selling creator Ryan T. Higgins follows up the much-lauded NORMAN DIDN'T DO IT! with this hilarious sequel about answering the call (and smell) of adventure.**

Norman is a porcupine.

Norman's best friend is Mildred.

Mildred is a tree.

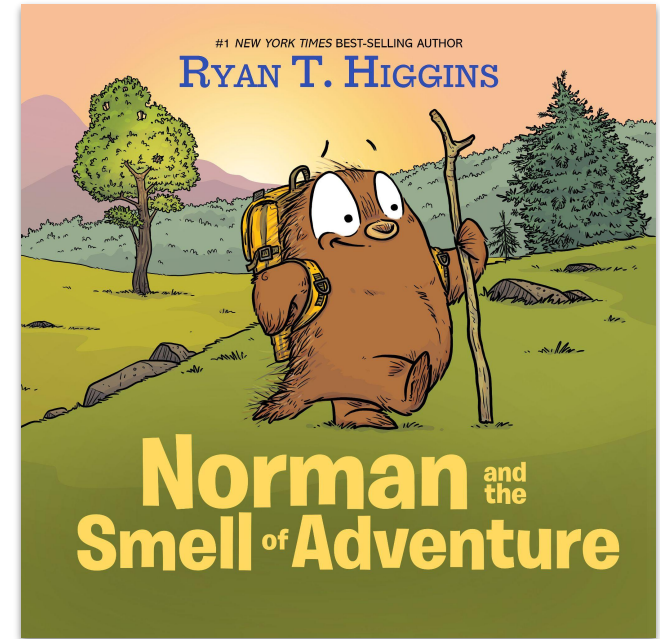
They have favorite things they do together, day after day.

When Norman wakes one morning and wants to try something new, he's frustrated to learn that Mildred has *other plans*.

So Norman storms off. On his own. Without Mildred.

Can their friendship survive?

With his signature humor and heart, Ryan T. Higgins explores the joy of independence and the power of best friendship.



**Ages** 3-5      **Sold to:** Albin Michel Jeunesse (**French**), Bach & Co. (**Danish**)  
**Material:** PDF, 48 pages

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# BRUCE SAVES THE PLANET

Ryan T. Higgins

Disney Hyperion, February 2025

“Higgins’ expressive, crisp, and clean illustrations will keep youngsters chuckling. A satisfying story with an important message.” — *Kirkus Reviews*

**From unwitting mother to unwitting . . . environmental activist?**

**Save the planet with #1 *New York Times* best-selling author-illustrator Ryan T. Higgins's beloved Mother Bruce.**

Bruce was a bear who liked to be by himself. But that wasn't easy for him, as mother to four geese and three mice. Luckily, he could enjoy a day of peace and quiet while fishing.

But his quiet haven is full of beetles stealing his lunch. And protestors loudly trying to save the forest from the construction of a factory. Will Bruce and the residents of Soggy Hollow manage to save the planet?

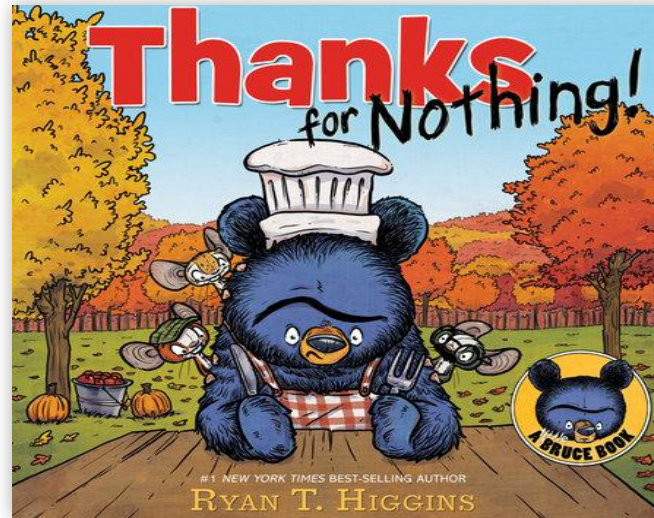
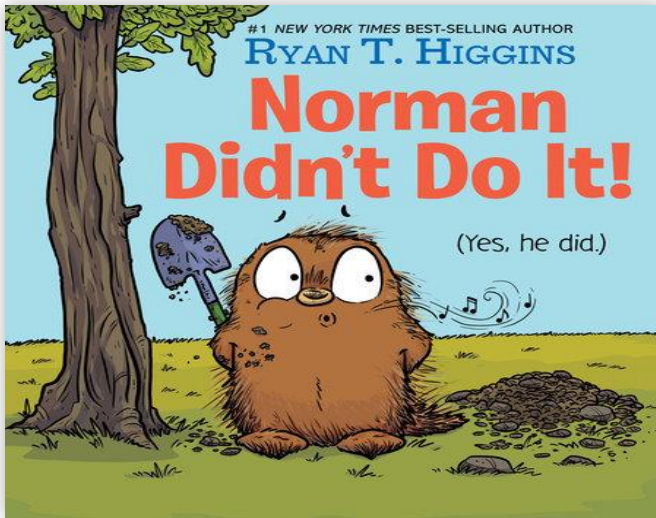
**This book is part of the Disney Planet Possible Books program, aiming to inspire and empower young readers to take care of planet Earth through amazing stories and kid-friendly environmental activities.**



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# NORMAN DIDN'T DO IT THANKS FOR NOTHING



**A delightful story that delivers a contemporary tale of friendship.**

Norman is a porcupine. Mildred is a tree. Norman and Mildred are best friends. Just the two of them. And only the two of them. But when a surprise pops up, life will never be the same again.

**Ryan T. Higgins' signature wit, whimsy, and humor brilliantly explore the depths and complexities of friendship.**

*Ages* 3-5  
*Material:* PDF, 48 pages  
*Sold to:* Bach & Co (**Danish**), PS-Kustannus (**Finnish**), Albin Michel Jeunesse (**French**), Gribaudo (**Italian**), Bayaz Balina (**Turkish**)

It's autumn in Soggy Hollow, and the mice have a lot to be thankful for. But Bruce the bear is not so thankful for all the thanking.

**This bite-sized Little Bruce Book is perfect for fans of the Mother Bruce board books.**

*Ages* 3-5  
*Material:* PDF, 32 pages

# BEACH BUMMER

## A LITTLE BRUCE BOOK

Ryan T. Higgins

Disney Hyperion, March 2024

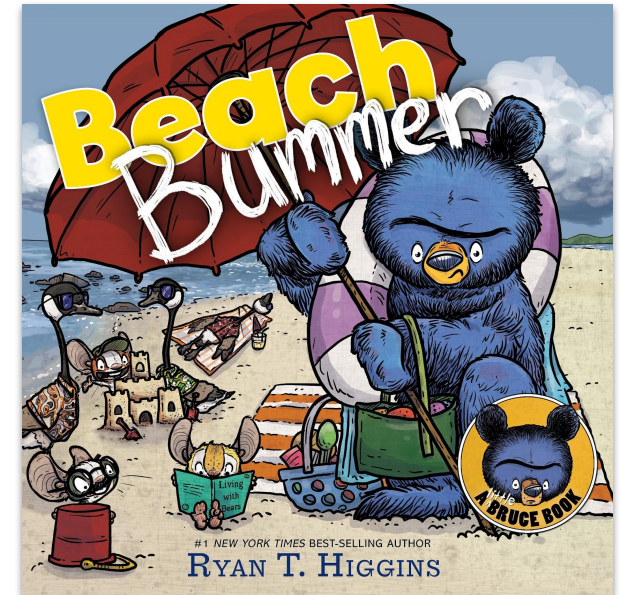
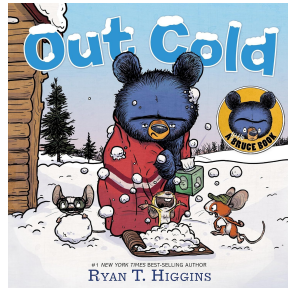
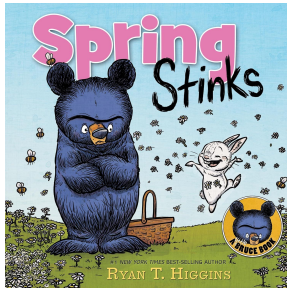
Delightful illustrations capture emotion with great humor... Fans of the “Mother Bruce” series will not be disappointed, and newcomers will want to read more of the adventures of this grouchy bear and his friends. —**John Scott**, *School Library Journal*

“Young readers will enjoy the antics of the expressive mice and geese, and adults will recognize (and sympathize with) Bruce’s tireless schlepping and entertaining. Hilarious proof that a caregiver’s work is never done.” — *Kirkus*

**#1 New York Times best-selling author Ryan T. Higgins celebrates the delights of summer in this bite-sized Little Bruce Book perfect for fans of Mother Bruce.**

It’s beach day in Soggy Hollow! Everyone is enjoying fun in the sun – everyone, that is, except for Bruce. It’s too hot, too sandy, and too windy! Bruce’s favorite thing about summer? Doing nothing. In the shade. Where it’s cool. Bruce’s second favorite thing about summer? When it turns to fall.

**ALSO AVAILABLE:**



*Spring Stink* and *Out Cold* sold to: Albin Michel (**French**)

Ages

3-5

Material:

PDF, 48 pages

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# WE DON'T LOSE OUR CLASS GOLDFISH

Ryan T. Higgins

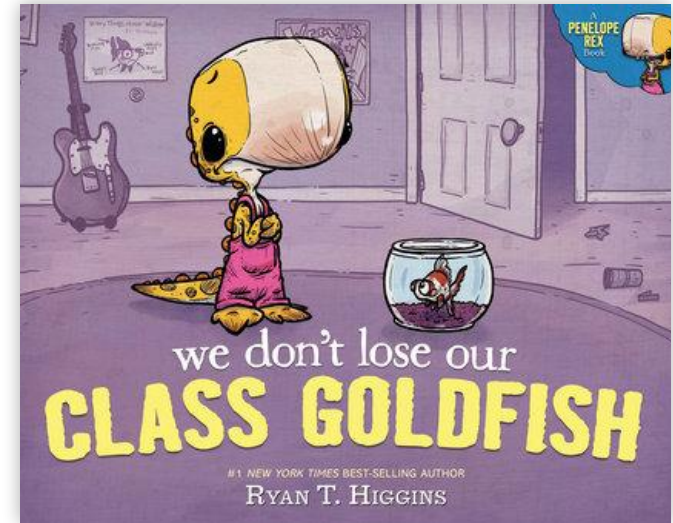
Disney Hyperion, March 2023

"Another hugely successful outing with Penelope and highly recommended for purchase." —*School Library Journal*

"Higgins . . . knows how to make big, scary animals seem vulnerable, lovable and funny." —*The New York Times Book Review*

**Penelope Rex faces her biggest (and fishiest) fear in this companion to the #1 *New York Times* best-selling *We Don't Eat Our Classmates* by Ryan T. Higgins.**

Penelope Rex has one fear: Walter, the class goldfish. So when Mrs. Noodleman tells the kids that they'll be taking turns bringing Walter home, Penelope gets carried away by her anxious imagination. The weekend has a rocky start—from Walter ominously licking his lips to a sleepless night where the fish's bowl appears to move closer and closer to Penelope's bed. But then Walter goes missing! Penelope must face her fear to find him and realizes along the way that there's more to Walter than his chomping jaws.



Ages	3-5
Material:	PDF, 48 pages
Sold to:	Albin Michel ( <b>North American French</b> ), Windy Verlag ( <b>German</b> )

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# PENELOPE REX AND THE PROBLEM WITH PETS

Ryan T. Higgins

Disney Hyperion, March 2024

Clad in her trademark pink overalls, Penelope experiences a range of emotions (disgust when Mittens uses the bathtub as a litter box, anger over a torn backpack, remorse at losing her temper) in exaggerated, snout-quivering style. A first-pet tale bursting with personality. — *Kirkus Reviews*

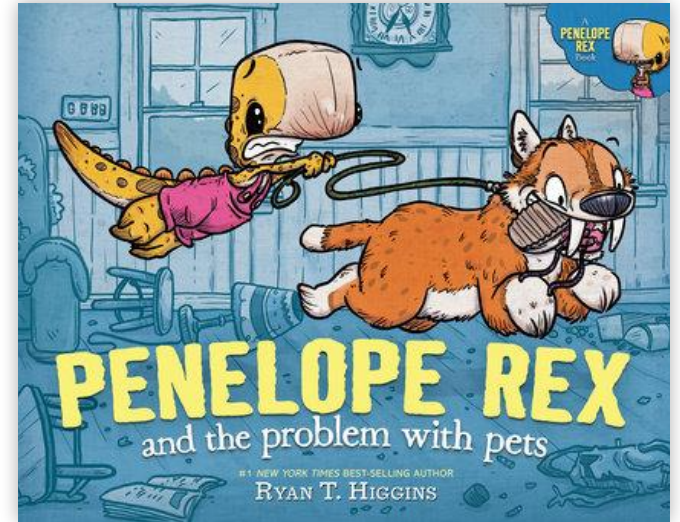
**Penelope Rex might finally have bitten off more than she can chew—a pet saber tooth tiger!—in this companion to the #1 *New York Times* bestselling *We Don't Eat Our Classmates* by Ryan T. Higgins.**

Most kids have dogs and cats and fish and guinea pigs. Penelope Rex has Mittens.

Penelope wasn't sure she even wanted a pet when Mittens came into her life. But now that he's here, she is determined to make the best of it.

Pets, however—especially ones that are six hundred pounds with six-inch-long teeth—can cause very big, very messy problems.

In this companion to *We Don't Eat Our Classmates*, Penelope Rex discovers the challenges and rewards (but mostly challenges) of pet ownership.



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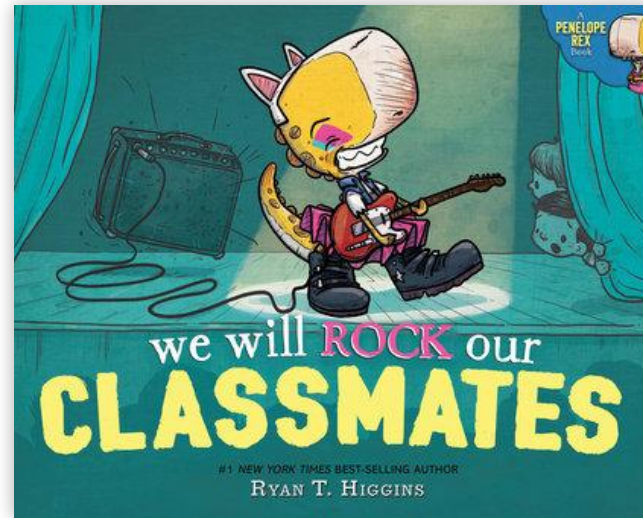
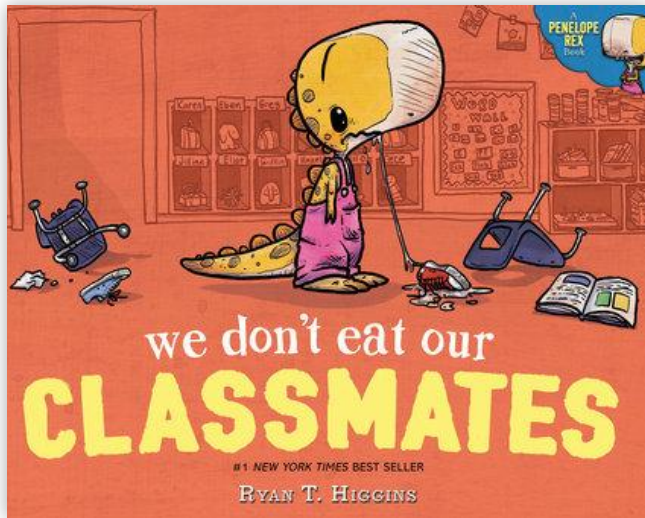
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# WE DON'T EAT OUR CLASSMATES WE WILL ROCK OUR CLASSMATES



## Rights sold:

WE DON'T EAT OUR CLASSMATES: Beijing Yuanliu Classic Culture Ltd (**Chinese Simplified**), Forlaget Carlsen (**Danish**), Gottmer Uigeverers Groep (**Dutch**), Into Publishing (**Finnish**), Albin Michel Jeunesse (**French**), Windy Verlag (**German**), Sefer Lakol (**Hebrew**), Salani (**Italian**), Prooni Books (**Korean**), Gradiva (**Portugual**), RBA Libros (**Spanish**), Marti Yayin (**Turkish**)

WE WILL ROCK OUR CLASSMATES: Albin Michel Jeunesse (**French**), Windy Verlag (**German**), Sefer Lakol (**Hebrew**), RBA Libros (**Spanish**)

## WE DON'T EAT OUR CLASSMATES

It's the first day of school for Penelope Rex, and she can't wait to meet her classmates. But it's hard to make human friends when they're so darn delicious! That is, until Penelope gets a taste of her own medicine and finds she may not be at the top of the food chain after all.

## WE WILL ROCK OUR CLASSMATES

Penelope is a T. rex, and she's very good at it. She also likes to rock out on guitar! With the school talent show coming up, Penelope can't wait to perform for her classmates. But sharing who you are can be show-stoppingly scary, especially when it's in front of the whole school.

Praise for WE WILL ROCK OUR CLASSMATES:

Higgins perfectly captures Penelope's seesawing emotions, the highest highs and the lowest lows.—*Kirkus (starred review)*

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## THE BRUCE SWAP

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## WE DON'T LOSE OUR CLASS GOLDFISH

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## BRUCE'S BIG STORM

Beijing Green Beans Book Co., Ltd (**Chinese**); Forlaget Carlsen (**Danish**); PS-Kustannus (**Finnish**); Albin Michel Jeunesse (**French**)

## GRUMPY BRUCE

Forlaget Carlsen (**Danish**)

# THE DAY THE BOOKS DISAPPEARED

Joanna Ho and Caroline Kusin Pritchard, illustrated by Dan Santat

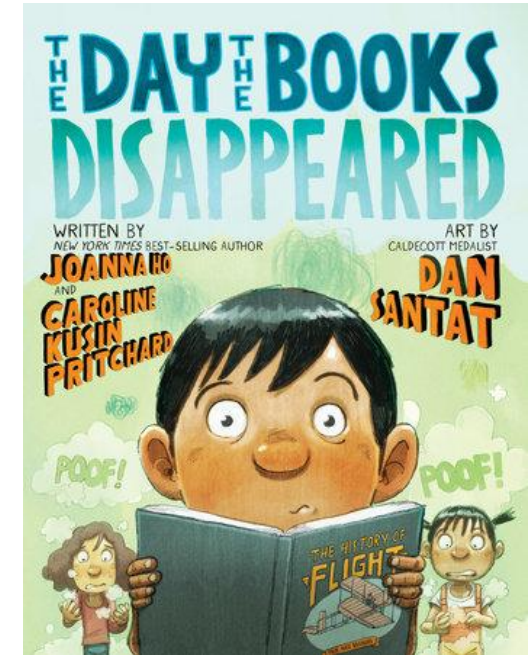
Disney Hyperion, July 2025

NEW!

**Caldecott Medalist and National Book Award winner Dan Santat partners with Joanna Ho, author of *Eyes That Kiss in the Corners*, and Caroline Kusin Pritchard to explore themes of acceptance and understanding in this cozy story that celebrates the mind-broadening power of books.**

Arnold didn't mean for the books to disappear—not exactly. It all started because he liked *his* book about airplanes best and wanted everyone else to read it, too. He couldn't understand why anybody would want to read about *tomatoes* or *ostriches* or *submarines*. And suddenly. . . **POOF!** The books are gone. It's up to Arnold to figure out how it all happened—and what it will take to bring them back.

**Themes of empathy and inclusivity shine in this celebration of a book about books by a standout creative team.**



Ages 3-7  
Material: PDF, 40 pages

**Joanna Ho** is the award-winning and *New York Times* bestselling author of many children's books, including *Eyes that Kiss in the Corners*, *We Who Produce Pearls*, and *The Silence that Binds Us*, her debut young adult novel, which received the Young Adult Honor for the Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature. Her passion for equity in books and education is matched only by her love of homemade chocolate chip cookies, outdoor adventures, and dance parties with her kids. Visit her at [joannahowrites.com](http://joannahowrites.com).

**Caroline Kusin Pritchard** is the author of *Gitty and Kvetch* and *Where is Poppy*, which *School Library Journal* called “a perfect story for all ages.” She has an MFA in writing for children and young adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts and lives in Virginia with her family. Learn more at [CarolineKusinPritchard.com](http://CarolineKusinPritchard.com).

**Dan Santat** is the National Book Award-winning, Caldecott Medal-winning, and *New York Times*-bestselling author and illustrator of *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend* and the road trip/time travel adventure *Are We There Yet?* His artwork is also featured in numerous picture books, chapter books, and middle-grade novels, including Dav Pilkey's Ricky Ricotta series. Dan lives in Southern California with his wife, two kids, and many, many pets.

# NO CAT LIKE TAC

Alliah L. Agostini, illustrated by Charles Santoso

Disney Hyperion, March 2025

Meet Tac, an unusual cat! Her pounce shakes the house, her zoomies are a doozy, and her hairballs are . . . well, *fireballs*. But she'll always be family. Right?

Perfect for fans of dragons and in the tradition of *Not Quite Narwhal*, this laugh-out-loud picture book shows that love can overcome even the biggest, most unlikely differences!

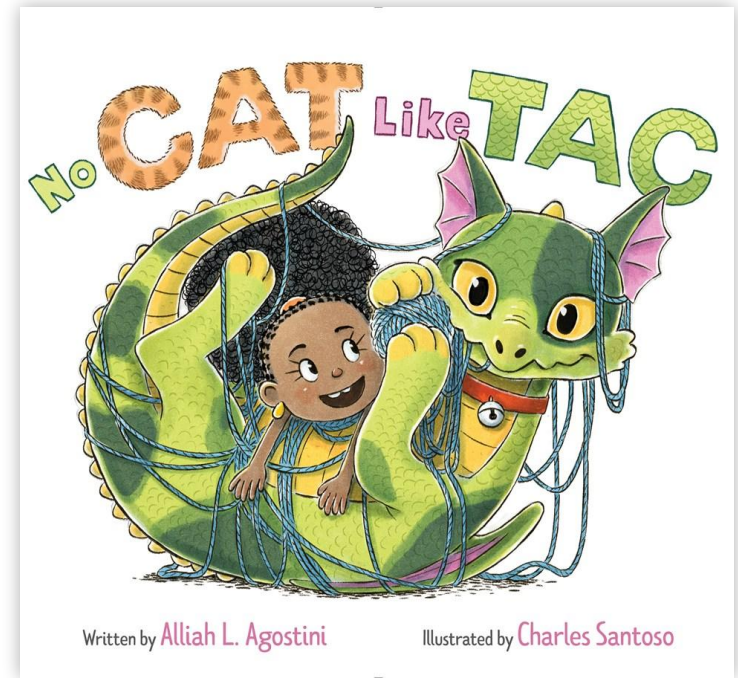
When Tyra finds a box labeled “free kittens,” Dad says she can pick just one to adopt. So Tyra chooses Tac: a BIG kitten who’s a *little* different from other cats.

Tyra makes sure Tac has tons of toys to play with, lots of cozy places to cuddle, and plenty of love and affection. But everything about Tac, from her zoomies to her hairballs, is bigger, louder, and *fierier* than other cats.

Then one day, Tac’s mischief gets out of control, and Dad says “ENOUGH!” Can Tyra find a way to prove Tac is part of the family, differences and all?

With spare, sweet text and humorous illustrations that tell another, more dragon-y side of the story, *No Cat Like Tac* sends the funny but heartfelt message that family is about being yourselves, but choosing each other.

Ages 3-7  
Material: PDF, 40 pages



**Alliah L. Agostini** has marketed everything from beauty to tech, but motherhood helped her return to her first love: children’s literature. She is the author of Junior Library Guild Selection *Big Tune: Rise of the Dancehall Prince*, *Oprah Winfrey: A Little Golden Book Biography*, *Great Idea Malia*, *The Juneteenth Story*, *The Juneteenth Cookbook*, and more joyful books for children and families. A Buffalo, NY, native, Alliah now lives in New Jersey with her husband and children but, sadly, no cuddly, fire-breathing pets. Join Alliah online at [www.AlliahAgostini.com](http://www.AlliahAgostini.com) and @alliago on Instagram and X.

**Charles Santoso** is the creator of *Happy Hippo* and has illustrated many books, including *Dandy* by Ame Dyckman, *Dear Unicorn* by Josh Funk, the *New York Times* bestseller *Odder* and *Wishtree* books by Katherine Applegate, and *Ida, Always* by Caron Levis, which was mentioned in the *New York Times* as “an example of children’s books at their best.” He moves around between different countries to live and work. He is currently working in sunny Singapore. You can visit him at [www.CharlesSantoso.com](http://www.CharlesSantoso.com).

# PARTY ANIMALS

Tara Lazar, illustrated by Anna Raff

Disney Hyperion, March 2025

**Any time is party time with the Party Animals!**

**A delightful picture book that is equal parts silly and thoughtful, perfect for read-aloud parties and library-going parties and learning-to-be-friends parties.**

Meet Beatrix, Theodore, and Phoebe: the Party Animals!

They can make a party out of *anything*.

Sour milk? PARTY!

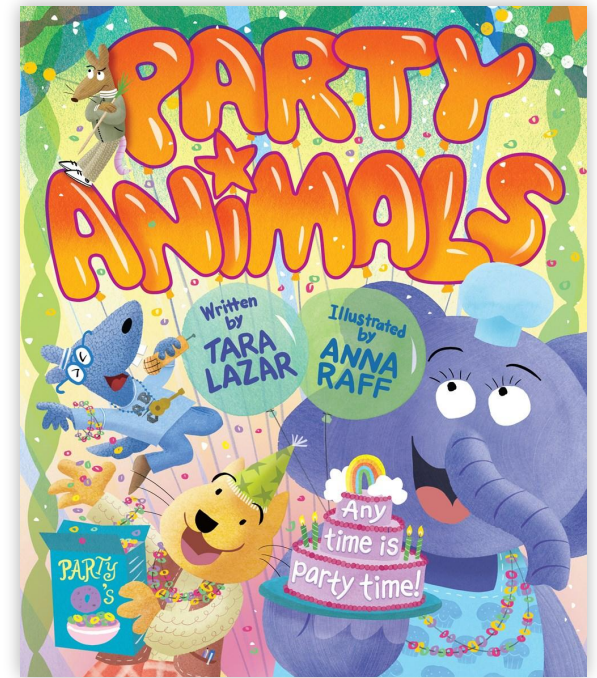
Hole in your pants? PARTY!

Now meet Horace. He's a party pooper. "You can't have so many parties!" he says.

SCREEEECH.

Could Horace be right?

**Join the Party Animals in this whimsical celebration of friendship and empathy.**



Ages 3-5  
Material: PDF, 48 pages

**Tara Lazar** is the author of many celebrated picture books, including *Flat Cat*, *7 Ate 9*, *The Monstore*, and *Little Red Gliding Hood*. Tara is also the creator of Storystorm, a writing event for picture book authors. Tara loves throwing parties to celebrate the arrival of the mail. She lives in New Jersey with her family. Learn more at [www.TaraLazar.com](http://www.TaraLazar.com).

**Anna Raff** is an award-winning illustrator of many picture books, including *World Rat Day*, *If I Were a Kangaroo*, *You Make Me Sneeze!*, and *The Day the Universe Exploded My Head*—a *Kirkus* Best Book of the Year and New York Public Library Best Book—as well as a series of science picture books with author David A. Adler. A descendant and longtime friend of party animals, Anna lives, works, and parties in New York City. Learn more at [www.AnnaRaff.com](http://www.AnnaRaff.com).

# HARD HAT HANK AND THE SKY-HIGH SOLUTION

Charlotte Gunnufson, illustrated by Brian Biggs

Disney Hyperion, February 2025

“A cheerful reminder that even meticulous planners can benefit from flexibility and creativity” – Publishers Weekly

“Construction fans and environmentalists alike will be hankering for Hank! Readers will eagerly follow along as this kindly, adroit, and eco-friendly builder leads the way.” - *Kirkus Reviews*

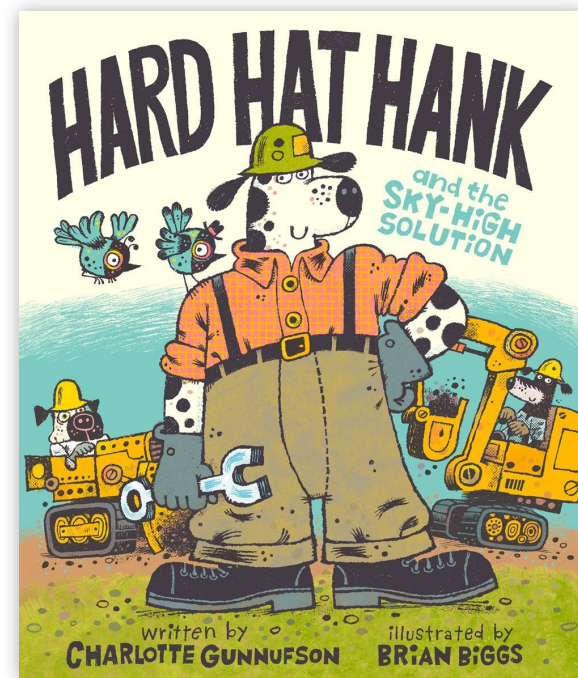
***Mighty Mighty Construction Site* meets *The Best Nest* in this rollicking, rhyming celebration of teamwork, and the ways we can live in harmony with the natural world.**

Hard Hat Hank and his hardworking crew are ready to build!

With blueprints in hand, Hank knows just what to do, but it isn't long before the plans go awry. Fortunately, Hank has solutions for just about everything—until two birds decide to make their home on the construction site. There's no nest in the plan! The birds need to go!

But after several humorous attempts to get the birds to leave, Hank realizes that it's time for a new plan—one in which builders and birds can *both* enjoy their new home.

**This book is part of the Disney Planet Possible Books program, aiming to inspire and empower young readers to take care of planet Earth through amazing stories that celebrate advocacy, conservation, and stewardship, kid-friendly environmental activities, and books manufactured with care in the United States.**



*Ages*

3-5

*Material:*

PDF, 40 pages

**Charlotte Gunnufson** is the author of *Halloween Hustle* (Two Lions, 2013) and *Prince and Pirate* (Putnam, 2017), which *Kirkus* called “a godsend to pirate-themed storytimes” in its starred review. Her lyrical ocean-themed bedtime book, *DREAM SUBMARINE*, is forthcoming from Candlewick in Spring 2024.

**Brian Biggs** is an author, illustrator, and designer in Philadelphia. He's currently writing and illustrating books, constantly drawing pictures, and teaching illustration at Tyler School of Art/Temple University. He has written or illustrated more than seventy books, some of them *New York Times* bestsellers. The books he has written and illustrated have been read by many imaginative adults and clever children all around the world. Find him online at [www.BrianBiggs.com](http://www.BrianBiggs.com).

# GREEN JOLENE AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD SWAP

Wendy Mass, illustrated by Billy Young

Disney Hyperion, February 2025

“...artwork appears as full-page and spot illustrations, and it complements Mass’ buoyant voice in Jolene. Quirky characters add to the charm, keeping the importance of environmentally conscious decision-making light and digestible for young readers.”— *Booklist*

**Meet Green Jolene: a green, clean, climate-conscious heroine.**

**This illustrated chapter book series by *New York Times* best-selling author Wendy Mass is perfect for kids who are inspired by Greta Thunberg and other classics like *Ivy & Bean* and *Clementine*.**

It all began (as the best stories do) with a very stinky backpack!

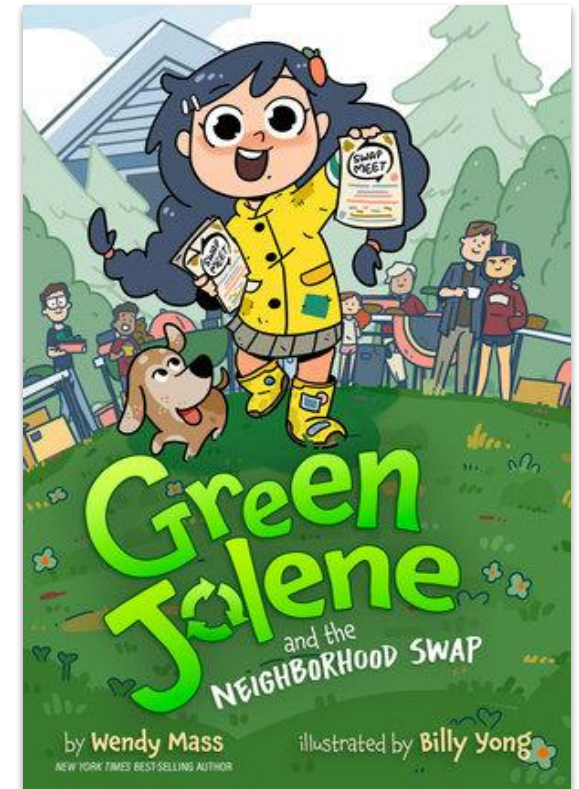
Jolene wouldn’t have guessed that the first day of summer vacation would start with her trying to figure out if the squishy object smelling up her backpack was a half-eaten tuna sandwich or a six-month-old plum! (It was both!) While dumping old food in the trash and bringing out the recycling, Jolene sees the huge boxes of stuff her new neighbors got delivered. She realizes how many of her own belongings she doesn’t use anymore.

Clad in her favorite rain boots, Jolene is ready to save the world. Or, at least, to tackle her own neighborhood’s stuff and find some surprising new allies along the way. For fans of *Ivy & Bean* and *Clementine* comes Jolene, a can-do new hero who is discovering how to take an Earth-first approach to every problem she encounters.

*Ages* 6-8  
*Material:* PDF, 112 pages

**Wendy Mass** is the *New York Times* bestselling author of thirty novels for young people, including EVERY SOUL A STAR, PIE IN THE SKY, and A MANGO-SHAPED SPACE. Her books have been translated into 26 languages and nominated for 91 state book awards. She lives with her family in northwest New Jersey. Visit her at [WendyMass.com](http://WendyMass.com).

**Billy Yong** lives in Singapore, where he loves drawing the sweet, the brazen, and the nonsensical. When he’s not doodling around, he’s busy surviving parenthood or fighting against his addiction for bubble tea. Find him online at [www.billyyongdraws.com](http://www.billyyongdraws.com) or on Instagram @billyyongdraws.



# IF YOU FIND A FAWN

Kellie DuBay Gillis, illustrated by Wazza Pink

Disney Hyperion, February 2025

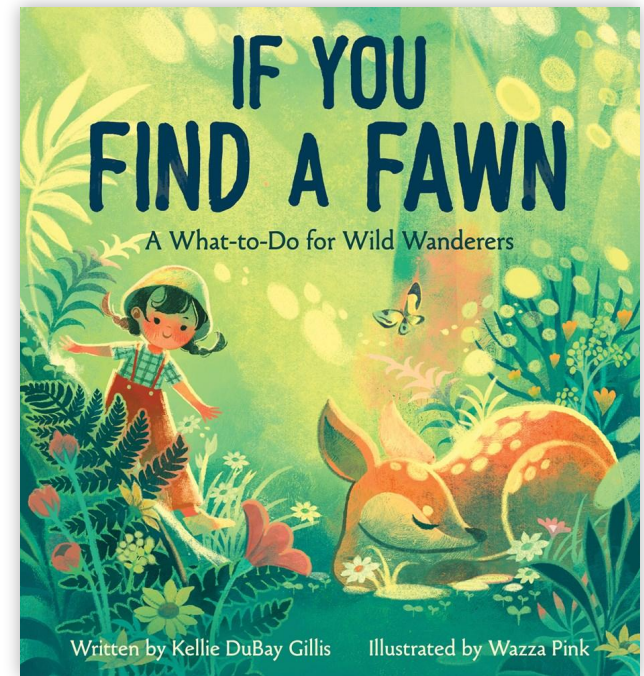
“Thoughtful guidance for burgeoning naturalists.” –*Kirkus Reviews*

**When you wander in the wild, you might find . . . a baby animal. Would you know what to do?**

**Perfect for nature lovers and curious kids, *If You Find a Fawn* pairs instructive text with lush illustrations for a beautiful picture book adventure.**

When we find someone we think is in trouble, our instinct is to help. But the baby animal you find might not be in trouble at all. Come along, wild wanderer, and learn through this lyrical journey and informative backmatter.

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*Ages* 3-5  
*Material:* PDF, 40 pages

**Kellie DuBay Gillis** grew up in Bay City, Michigan, with kids who loved to make things and to share neighborhood adventures on an old purple tandem bike. She writes stories about things you find in nature, things you might not find in nature unless you know the magical places to look, things that happen to most kids, and things most kids wish would happen. Kellie is an environmental scientist and communications specialist with over 25 years of experience blending her passion for protecting the planet with storytelling. She lives just outside of Cleveland, Ohio, with her family.

**Wazza Pink** lives in Ha Noi, Vietnam. She’s loved to read comics and picture books ever since she was a kid, and learned to draw by mimicking the styles of her favorite comic book artists. She kept practicing and learning through books, the internet, and her artist friends. Wazza likes to listen to music while working. It helps her focus, and some tunes really inspire great ideas for her art pieces. She love cats and has two kitties at home. She believes that having a pet is truly a way to perfect your life.

# IGGY WHO BREATHES FIRE

Carrie Kruck, illustrated by Erika Meza

Disney Hyperion, October 2024

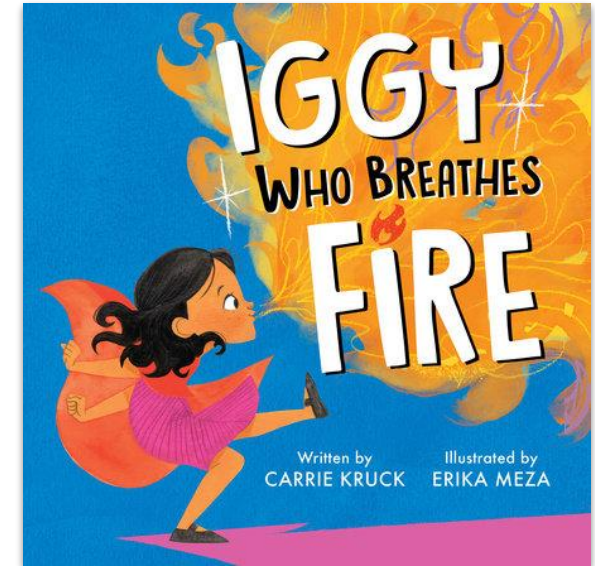
“Featuring characters clad in a Day-Glo rainbow of colors, Meza’s warm illustrations pit Iggy’s fiery exhalations against flat backgrounds. The layouts are dynamic, while the language is clear and direct; children will easily grasp the metaphor and embrace the message of self-acceptance. IA blazing paeon to self-love.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

**Meet Iggy, a fiery new hero who knows exactly what she’s about—no matter what others think.**

**This hilarious picture book celebrates self-awareness and is perfect for fans of *Imogene’s Antlers* and *The Paper Bag Princess*.**

Iggy was born to set the world on fire—literally. Her parents aren’t so sure. They bring in the experts—a professor, fire chief, librarian, and doctor—who suggest everything from eating ice cream to sitting in a cold room, but none can help her tame her fire.

Hilarious and *heartwarming* (get it?) in equal measure, *IGGY WHO BREATHES FIRE* celebrates that kids are the true experts when it comes to their own identity, and it’s up to them to decide when and how to share themselves with the world.



*Ages* 3-5  
*Material:* PDF, 40 pages

**Carrie Kruck** was born and raised in Canada, studied and worked as a psychologist in Australia, and now lives in a cozy house at the edge of the woods in New England. Her home is filled with laughter and love and a lot of Lego, and has a room with built-in bookshelves that she calls “the library,” so she has pretty much everything she needs! Learn more at [CLKruck.com](http://CLKruck.com).

**Erika Meza** is the author-illustrator of *To the Other Side*, which was called “gorgeously rendered” by *Kirkus* in a starred review. She has illustrated many other books for young readers, including *My Two Border Towns* (written by David Bowles) and *Balloons for Papa* (written by Elizabeth Gilbert Bedia). She grew up in Mexico, studied illustration in France, and now resides in the United Kingdom, with her blue cat. Learn more at [ErikaMeza.com](http://ErikaMeza.com)

# IMPOSSIBLE POSSUMS

Justin Colón

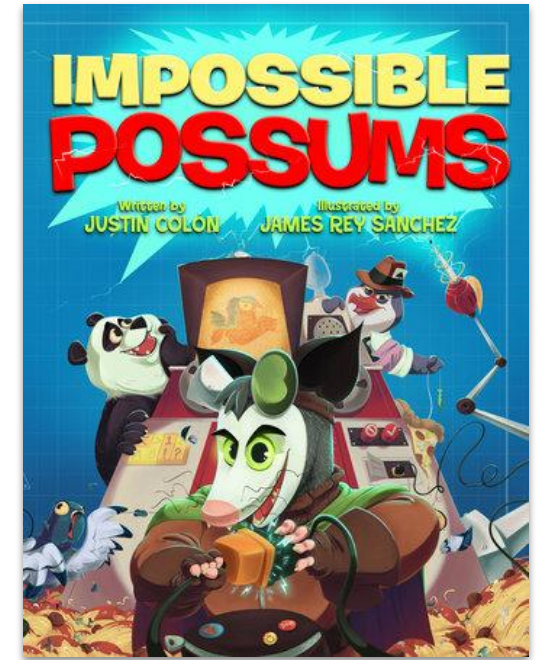
Disney Hyperion, October 2024

**Carl is bad. Bad to the bone. The only thing that would make being this *bad* even better would be someone to share it with. Cue the Possum Populator and a whole bunch of bad guys.**

**Perfect for fans of *Despicable Me* and *Lilo & Stitch*, this exceptionally goofy picture book stars aspiring villain Carl the possum, who is on a mission to create a like-minded conspirator.**

Life as an aspiring villain is lonely for Carl the possum, so he's on a mission to create a like-minded conspirator. But when his Possum Populator arrives, it requires assembly (and villains don't have time for that). So, Carl tosses the instructions, leading to a series of outlandish mishaps and mounting frustration as the contraption pops out all the wrong creations.

Hilarious and imaginative, this picture book will have readers laughing and eager for more diabolical misadventures with Carl at the helm.



*Ages* 3-7  
*Material:* PDF, 40 pages

**Justin Colón** is a professional actor and children's book author. This is his second picture book, joining his debut, *The Quacken*. Like Carl, the star of *Impossible Possums*, Justin lives in New York. Unlike Carl, Justin does not live in a sewer or have an evil lair. He invites you to visit him at [justincolonbooks.com](http://justincolonbooks.com).

**James Rey Sanchez's** love for art came from many hours of reading comics, playing video games, and watching '90s Saturday morning cartoons. He has illustrated books on subjects ranging from Irving Berlin to trucks, but this is his first about a villainous possum. He lives in Detroit, Michigan. Learn more at [JamesReyArt.com](http://JamesReyArt.com).

# THE TOP SPOT

Frank Weber

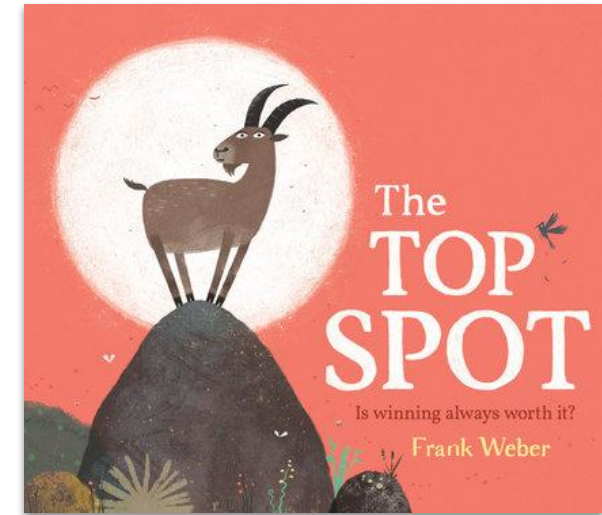
Disney Hyperion, September 2024

“A quirky, inspired parable.” –*Kirkus Reviews*

For fans of *MR. TIGER GOES WILD* and *I WANT MY HAT BACK*, author-illustrator Frank Weber presents style, stunning illustrations, and sly humor in *THE TOP SPOT*, which explores themes of happiness and the why of competing in the rat race called life.

A little ibex is challenged to compete against the bigger ibexes for the top spot in the herd, a contest the little ibex stands no chance of winning. With the help of a wise mountain goat, the little ibex returns home, outsmarts his rivals, and claims the top spot. But is it everything he thought it would be?

Frank Weber’s debut, *More Dung!* combined scatological humor with existential angst. *The Top Spot* continues the existential tradition, inviting young readers to continue asking their favorite question: why?



<i>Ages</i>	3-5	<i>Sold to:</i>	Global Kids ( <b>complex Chinese</b> ), Citic Press ( <b>simplified Chinese</b> ), Gottmer ( <b>Dutch</b> )
<i>Material:</i>	PDF, 48 pages		

**Frank Weber** is an animator and director who specializes in design and animation. He's based in London but originally hails from South Africa, which inspires his work. More examples of his art can be found on [newmonday.tv](http://newmonday.tv).

# MORE DUNG! A BEETLE TALE

Frank Weber

Disney Hyperion, May 2024

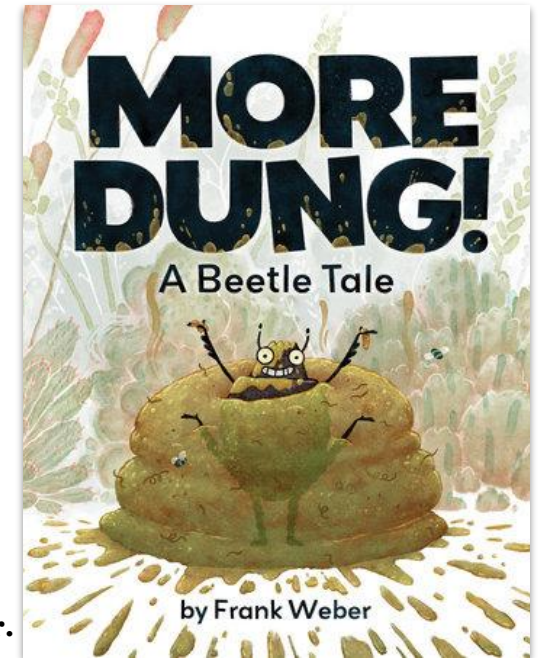
★“A sure storytime hit.” —*Kirkus* (starred review)

“The combination of absurd humor and clever social commentary gives the book broad appeal, making it an easy choice for a giggly storytime or a discussion on what and how we decide to commodify things.” —*The Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books*

“South Africa–born animator and director Weber makes a visually comic picture book debut with this fable about the power of appreciation ...The moral—knowing when enough truly is enough—underscores the folly of greed while playfully reassuring that one mistake doesn’t have to last a lifetime.” —*Publishers Weekly*

“The efficient text and strong page design result in a briskly paced story, yet subtle narrative flourishes throughout the illustrations will surely be discovered and appreciated through unhurried viewing.” —*Horn Book Magazine*

**For fans of Jon Klassen and Peter Brown comes MORE DUNG!, a slyly funny and stunningly illustrated picture book about a greedy dung beetle by debut author-illustrator Frank Weber.**



The dung beetle thinks he has everything he needs: the warmth of the sun, a gurgling river, and as much dung as he could ever want. But when a leopard tells him of a farm with even MORE dung, the beetle’s world suddenly looks small. And so he sets off to the farm, accruing more and more dung, building a veritable DUNG EMPIRE! But a tower of dung comes with a tower of risk, and soon our insect hero finds himself buried in his greed. (Yes, he’s buried in poop.)

Frank Weber seamlessly blends philosophical questions about greed with scatological humor and truly gorgeous artwork to create this special debut.

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# PET SHOP RACERS

C.S. Jennings

Disney Hyperion, October 2025

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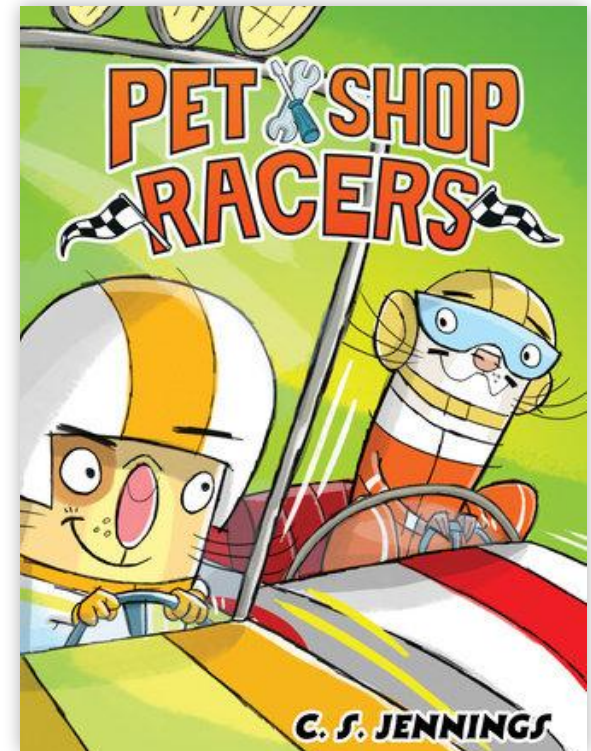
*Narwhal and Jelly* meets *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* in this action-packed, hilarious graphic novel series starter perfect for early and reluctant readers ages 5-9.

Can Ham the hamster and Shelby the ferret become the greatest racecar drivers—and the greatest friends—of all time?

Ham and Shelby meet in the pet shop and become fast friends. But who is the fastest? Who will become the greatest racer in the world?

Only one can be the best. So as they race again and again, with better and better cars, Ham is determined to cross the finish line first every time.

But when disaster strikes, Ham will have to learn that some things—like friendship—are even more important than winning.



Ages

5-9

Format:

Graphic Novel

Material:

PDF, 96 pages

**C.S. Jennings** is the illustrator of over two dozen books for kids; working with publishers such as Penguin Books for Young Readers, Scholastic, Clarion, and Union Square Kids. His specialties are character design, middle grade, and humor in storytelling. He's the author of *Animal Band*; *Hello, Texas!*; and *Too Close Panda*, and he illustrated the Texas Library Association's Bluebonnet 2020-2021 Master List book, *From an Idea to Disney: How Imagination Built a World of Magic* (Clarion). A Texas native, he makes his home in Austin where he bikes and hikes, exploring the hill country for inspiration. See more of his work at <https://csjennings.com/>.

# PET SHOP RACERS: THE FAST AND THE FURRIEST

C.S. Jennings

Disney Hyperion, October 2025

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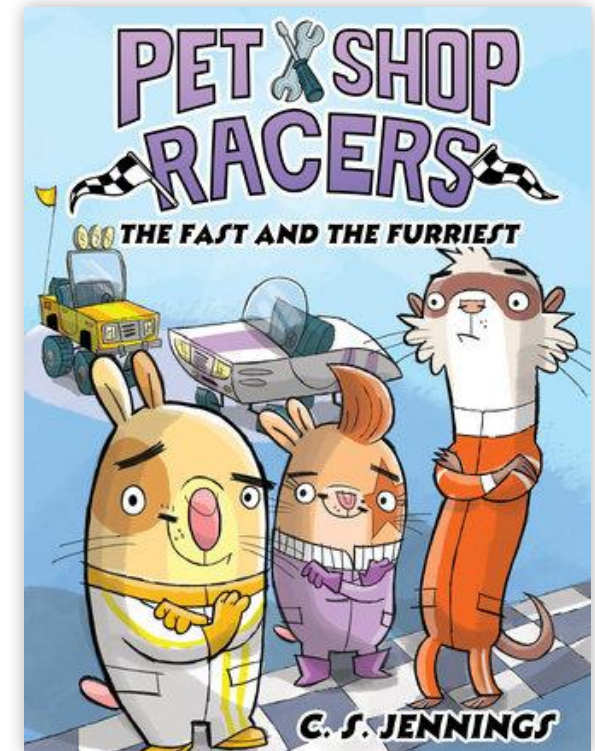
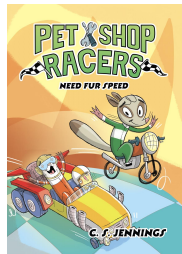
Book two in the action-packed, hilarious graphic novel series that's *Narwhal and Jelly* meets *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*, perfect for early and reluctant readers ages 5-9.

Shelby and Ham are the world's best racing team—until Ham teams up with somebody *else*. Can Shelby go back to driving solo?

Shelby and Ham are the greatest team in pet shop racing history, well on their way to becoming the greatest racers in the world!

But when Ham's long-lost sister returns to the pet shop and Ham wants to race with her instead, Shelby is suddenly a third—er, *fifth*—wheel. Will the pet shop pals' friendship survive?

Coming October 2026:



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# DUCK AND MOOSE: MOOSE'S BAD HAIR DAY!

Kirk Reedstrom

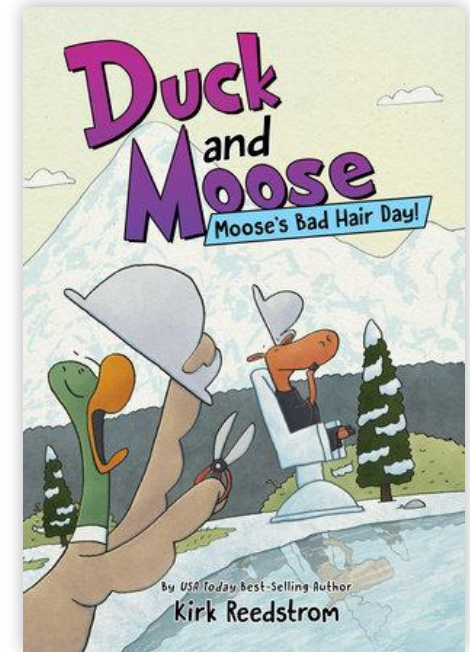
Disney Hyperion, September 2025

NEW!

The fourth book in a laugh-out-loud early graphic novel series perfect for fans of *Narwhal and Jelly*! Quiet-loving Moose's life is turned upside down by free-wheeling Duck. The two will need to put their differences aside if they're ever going to be neighbors...or friends!

Moose is having a bad hair day, so Duck offers to give his pal a haircut. Everything is going smoothly until—POP!—one of Moose's antlers comes off mid-trim! Duck desperately tries to reattach it without Moose noticing, but nothing works, not even disguising the antler as Duck's long-lost cousin! Can Duck find a way to fix his mistake without upsetting Moose?

Filled with zany hijinks and slapstick humor, Kirk Reedstrom's *Duck and Moose* series showcases unlikely friendships and the power of compromise.



*Ages*

6-8

*Material:*

PDF, 64 pages

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# DUCK AND MOOSE: DUCK IN THE DARK

Kirk Reedstrom

Disney Hyperion, December 2024

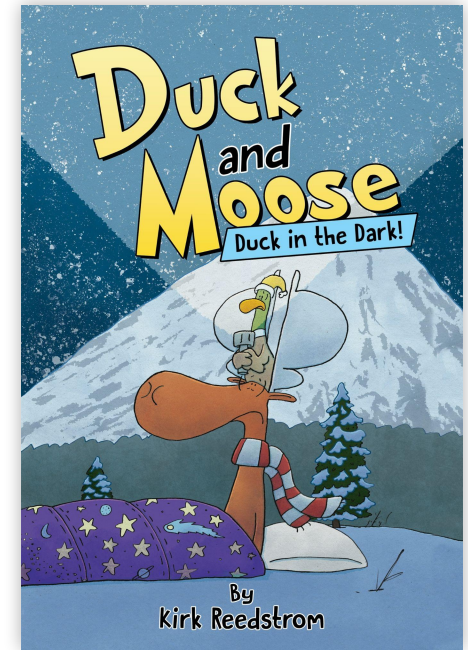
“This cute, funny, and relateable early reader comic, the third in Reedstrom’s Duck and Moose series, is a strong choice for Narwhal and Jelly fans.” — *Booklist*

These beloved animal friends continue to guide young children through essential life skills by playing on the bonds of friendship and humor. —*School Library Journal*

**The third book in a laugh-out-loud early graphic novel series perfect for fans of Narwhal and Jelly! Quiet-loving Moose's life is turned upside down by free-wheeling Duck. The two will need to put their differences aside if they're ever going to be neighbors...or friends!**

It’s time for a best-friends-slash-roommates sleepover! Duck is prepared for everything: he’s got snacks, his karaoke machine, and a stack of movies for Moose and him to watch. But is Duck ready for how early it gets dark now that it’s winter in Denali? Moose sheds some light on the situation and shows Duck that sometimes things aren’t as scary as you imagined.

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# DUCK AND MOOSE: MOOSE BLASTS OFF

Kirk Reedstrom

Disney Hyperion, March 2024

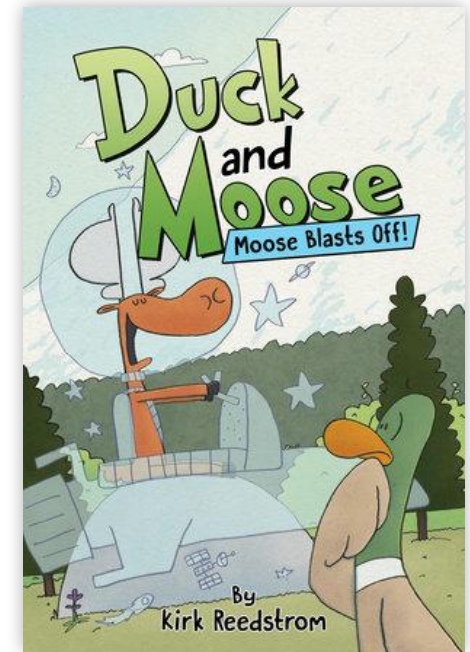
★“Not only will this be a book series kids gravitate towards, but it has extensive opportunities for social-emotional lessons on communication, friendship, flexibility, and emotions. VERDICT A must-have series that is among the best that graphic novels have to offer.” —*School Library Journal*, starred review

"A worthy proposition that effortlessly achieves lift off." —*Kirkus*

**The second book in a laugh-out-loud early graphic novel series perfect for fans of Narwhal and Jelly! Quiet-loving Moose's life is turned upside down by free-wheeling Duck. The two will need to put their differences aside if they're ever going to be neighbors...or friends!**

Moose loves playing astronaut. Imagining his helmet, his seatbelt, and rocketing off into space are his favorite things to do! One day, Moose invites Duck to play with him. But there's just one problem—Duck doesn't know how to use his imagination! Moose teaches him but soon becomes frustrated because Duck doesn't play astronaut the “right” way. How will these friends learn how to work—and imagine—together?

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*Sold to:*

Yedioth Books (**Hebrew**)

*Material:*

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# WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE-NOSAUR!: ESCAPE OF THE APES

Kon Tan

Disney Hyperion, October 2025

**NEW!**

“...big graphic panels [are] designed for younger fans of the format... [and] play well with all the physical comedy in this speedy series opener ... Frenetic fun.” - *Kirkus Reviews*

**Pttery the pterodactyl has lots of nightmares—and they always come true! Can Pttery face his fear of monkeys? If not . . . we’re all gonna DIE-nosaur!!!**

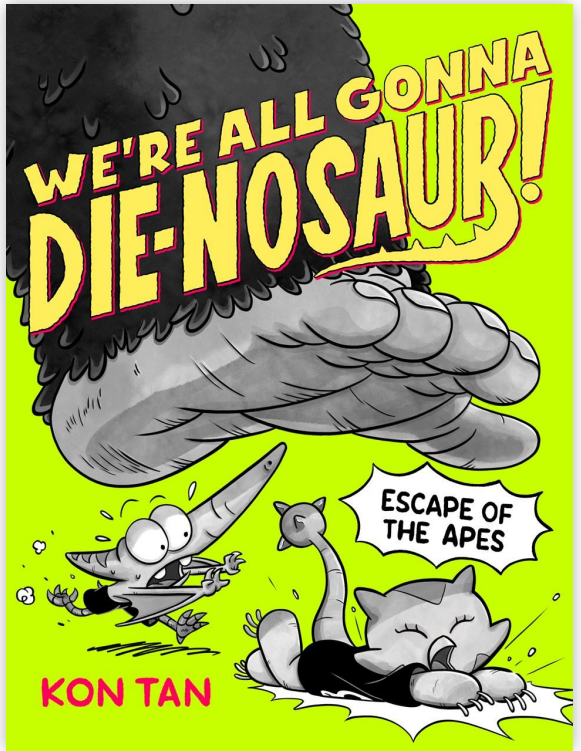
**With exciting black-and-white illustrations on every page, this subversively hilarious chapter book series is perfect for young fans of *The Bad Guys*, *Dog Man*, and *Captain Underpants*.**

Pttery the pterodactyl has the sc-sc-scariest dreams—the kind that come true!

Last night, Pttery dreamed about terrifying creatures with big eyes, lots of hair, and long creepy fingers.

Then, on his first-day-of-school field trip, Pttery comes face to face with the horrible beasts: *monkeys*. And they escape! Can Pttery find the courage to save himself and his new classmates? Or will his banana-shaped head be his downfall?

Kon Tan’s hilarious, heart-filled early graphic novel series shows kids it’s okay to be scared—and that fears can be overcome.



<i>Ages</i>	5-8	<i>Format:</i>	Graphic Novel
<i>Material:</i>	PDF, 160 pages		

**Kon Tan** was raised in the Bronx and from an early age he was obsessed with dinosaurs, monster movies, and superheroes. Unfortunately, one day he grew up, but he was lucky to find work as a teacher, bookseller, and animator. He is afraid of the ocean but proud to have conquered his fear of heights and riding a bike. He lives and dreams in Los Angeles with his wife and chihuahua mix. You can see more of his art on his website [www.KonsComics.com](http://www.KonsComics.com) or follow him on Instagram @KonsComics.

# WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE-NOSAUR!

Kon Tan

Disney Hyperion, April 2025

“A delightful tale of impending doom!” —**John Patrick Green**, *New York Times* best-selling author of *InvestiGators*

Pterry the pterodactyl has lots of nightmares—and they always come true! Can Pterry face his fear of flying? If not . . . we're all gonna DIE-nosaur!!!

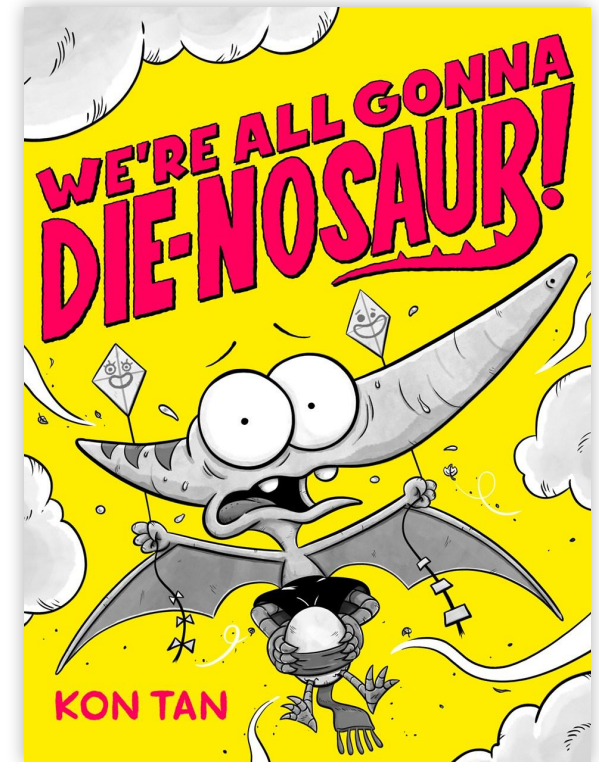
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Pterry the pterodactyl has the sc-sc-scariest dreams—the kind that come true!

Last night, Pterry dreamed that dinosaurs will go *extinct*.

Pterry's parents tell him that there's no danger a pterodactyl can't fly away from. But Pterry doesn't know *how* to fly! Will Pterry learn in time to protect himself and his family? Or will the smell of his nervous farts be all he leaves behind?

Kon Tan's children's book debut kicks off a hilarious, heart-filled early graphic novel series that shows kids it's okay to be scared—and that fears can be overcome.



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# DUCK AND MOOSE: DUCK MOVES IN

Kirk Reedstrom

Disney Hyperion, March 2024

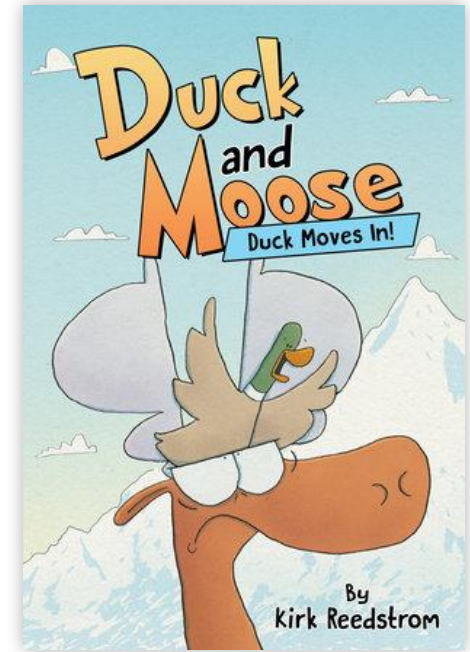
★"The chapter structure mixed with occasional full-page art will be an instant hit with students who are just beginning their reading journey, as well as with kids who are just getting to know and love graphic novels. VERDICT: A perfect addition to any library, and the start of a beautiful friendship." —*School Library Journal*, starred review

"...[T]his title is a strong choice for those new to comics. Odd couple animal bros, firmly set in the grand tradition of Frog and Toad." —*Kirkus*

**The first book in a laugh-out-loud early graphic novel series perfect for fans of Narwhal and Jelly! Quiet-loving Moose's life is turned upside down by free-wheeling Duck. The two will need to put their differences aside if they're ever going to be neighbors...or friends!**

Moose loves peace and quiet, relaxing, living alone, and spring! He can't wait for the arrival of sun, flowers, and...a new neighbor?! Duck just landed himself a new home. He loves parties, karaoke, and living with—and on—Moose's head. Moose tries everything he can to send Duck away, but he soon finds that this persistent neighbor might just be the best thing spring could bring.

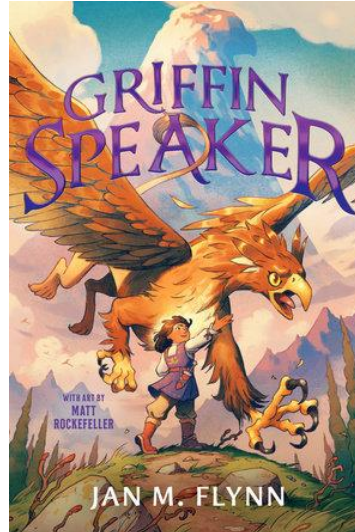
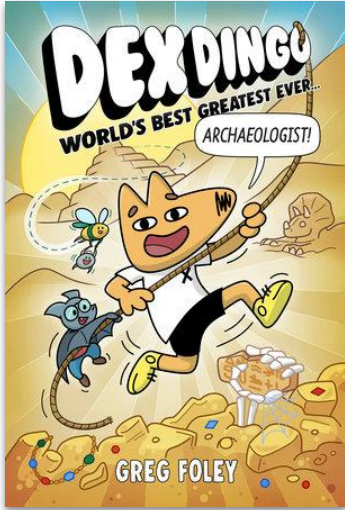
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## MIDDLE GRADE



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# GRIFFIN SPEAKER

Jan Flynn

Disney Hyperion, May 2026

NEW!

***Impossible Creatures* meets *The Giver* in this unforgettable fantasy series starter perfect for kids 8-12!**

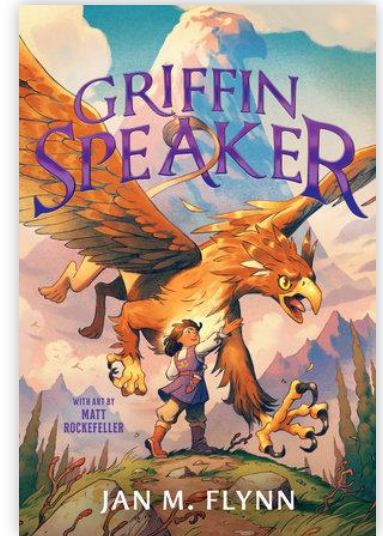
**When twelve-year-old Rain bonds with the last wild griffin, she has the chance to change her fortune—and possibly her world—if she can survive a dangerous quest.**

As an orphan on the lowest rung of society, twelve-year-old Rain is destined for a future of hard labor—until she meets a wild griffin and bonds with him.

An old law says that bond entitles Rain to an education at the elite Griffin Riders Academy instead of a life in the mines. But Rain's Rise threatens to topple Griffin Land's fragile hierarchy, and those at the top are determined to see her fail. So they task Rain with proving herself: Armed with just her wit and accompanied by her best friend and an unlikely ally, Rain must scale the highest peak in Griffin Land and defeat the monster at its summit.

Rain's success could change the world. But with an impossible quest ahead, will she and her griffin even survive?

**Filled with awe-inspiring black-and-white illustrations, *Griffin Speaker* is both a delightful friendship-adventure story and a hopeful tale of resistance in an unequal world.**



Category:  
Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:

Middle Grade  
Translation

Format  
Material:

Hardcover  
PDF, 384 pages

**Jan M. Flynn** has worked as a stage and television actor, a middle school English and drama teacher, a specialty hardwoods store owner, and a state director of a national non-profit health organization. At one point she performed in a theme park where she rode a camel, a water buffalo, a Brahma bull, and a temperamental llama. So it makes complete sense that she is now a writer! Her award-winning short fiction has appeared in anthologies, literary magazines, and journals. She lives in Boise, Idaho, with her husband and their needy cat. Find her on Facebook @JanMFlynnAuthor, on Instagram @Jan\_M\_Flynn, on BlueSky @JanMFlynn, and on her website at JanMFlynn.net.

# Kingdom Keepers: Inheritance: The Shimmer

NEW!

Ridley Pearson  
Disney Hyperion, Jan 2026

## The first book in a Kingdom Keepers series.

In the near future, in the Epcot of Walt Disney’s imagination, sixty thousand people live in a CommuniTree surrounding the forward-looking Walt Disney World theme park. Five unique families are among the residents—and some of the parents were once known as the Kingdom Keepers. Their identities are carefully guarded in order to raise their children without special treatment, most of the Kingdom Keepers work for the Walt Disney Company, and have settled into “ordinary” and rewarding lives.

When a messenger carrying a secret communication coincides with both a solar eclipse and Eli Whitman’s thirteenth birthday—a few “ordinary” kids are thrust into a battle to save Epcot and find their friend who has mysteriously disappeared. With their friend missing and their parents acting strangely, the Kingdom Kids discover they are in possession of unusual powers as they forge a bond to rescue their friend and uncover the truth about how real magic has entered their lives.



*Category:*

*Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:*

*Rights Sold on Behalf Of:*

Translation

Broadleaf Books

*Format*

*Material:*

Hardcover

PDF, 320 pages

**Ridley Pearson** is the award-winning author of the best-selling Kingdom Keepers series along with forty other novels for adults (suspense) and young readers (adventure) including cowriting Peter and the Starcatchers. Ridley spends a good deal of his time sneaking around the Disney parks and aboard the Disney Cruise Line ships all in the name of research.

# Kingdom Keepers: Inheritance: Villains' Realm

**NEW!**

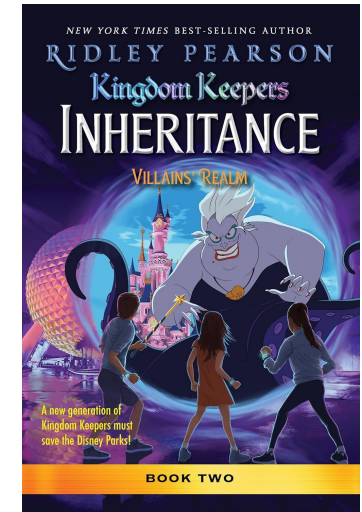
**Ridley Pearson**  
Disney Hyperion, Jan 2026

**The second book in this KINGDOM KEEPERS INHERITANCE trilogy follows our young heroes to parks around the world as they work to stop the most villainous villain of all—Ursula—from taking over for good!**

In this latest book in the series that has sold over a million copies worldwide, Ridley Pearson expands the Kingdom Keepers world in ways no reader—or Disney Parks fan—could have imagined.

Home from their adventures abroad in book one, Eli and his friends are safe and sound at Epcot with their families—or are they? When Eli learns that the CEO of the Walt Disney Company has mysteriously done a 180 and ordered Villains Realms to be built in every park across the globe, he and his friends know something is amiss. It turns out that Ursula, the baddest of the big bads, has recruited an evil chemist to recreate Walt's magical ink, which would allow the Villains to travel between parks and end Disney magic as we know it.

With the help of Cinderella's very own Fairy Godmother—the notorious FGM as she's known in this world—they set out to stop Ursula—jumping from Epcot to Disneyland to Disneyland Paris, where the ultimate battle between good and evil plays out. Will Eli and his friends prevail, or will the Villains finally have their way?



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*Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:*

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Broadleaf Books

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*Material:*

Hardcover

PDF, 288 pages

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# Kingdom Keepers: Inheritance: The Final Draw

**NEW!**

**Ridley Pearson**

Disney Hyperion, January 2026

**This epic conclusion to the KINGDOM KEEPERS INHERITANCE trilogy will keep you on the edge of your seat until the very last page!**

In this final installment in the series that has sold over a million copies worldwide, Ridley Pearson concludes the Kingdom Keepers saga with spectacular magical flair.

The Villains are about to make their ultimate stand in an effort to take over the Disney parks. Ursula, the baddest of the bad, has figured out how to animate every villain in every attraction, and has beckoned them to her side to form the most evil army of all time, leaving the parks without their stories. The result? The parks begin to fade and warp as the stories their attractions are based on cease to exist. Can Eli and his band of talented friends find a way to take down Ursula before her dastardly deeds ruin the Disney Parks for good?



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# THE GIRL AND THE ROBOT

Oz Rodriguez, Claribel A. Ortega

Disney Hyperion, March 2025

“In the vein of other classic tales of extraterrestrial encounters, this fresh novel puts a contemporary spin on the story of a child who befriends and rescues an alien, highlighting the plight of refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers from both nearby and galaxies far away.” –*Kirkus*

★“The well-developed characters, human and robot alike, will draw in tween readers and keep them invested in this heartwarming, STEM-infused story...A timely coming-of-age tale that crafts important connections to current social and political issues while engaging readers.” – *School Library Journal*, starred review

“Using endearing third-person prose, Ortega (the *Witchlings* series) and debut author Rodriguez grapple with grief, belonging, and contemporary attitudes and policies surrounding immigration through a compassionate sci-fi lens.” – *Publishers Weekly*

## An out-of-this-world about friendship, empowerment, and...running from federal agents?

E.T. meets cult classic *The Iron Giant* in this middle grade light sci-fi from Emmy Award-winner Oz Rodriguez and *New York Times* best-selling author Claribel A. Ortega.

Mimi Perez fixes things. Phones, tablets, speakers, printers. She gets it from her dad—helping him at the family e-repair shop was always one of Mimi’s favorite things to do. But ever since Papi was deported, there’s a lot more than electronics that need fixing in Mimi’s world. Things too big for any twelve-year-old to handle on her own.

Then her ex-friends approach her with a proposition: enter a robotics competition with them. Not part of the plan? A mysterious robot crashing to earth. From space.

Join a girl and a robot on their life-changing sci-fi adventure in this coming-of-age story that celebrates kids in STEM, first-gen communities, and the power of friendship.



Ages 8-12

*Sold to:* Duomo (**Spanish**)

*Material:* PDF, 320 pages

As a creative force in the sketch comedy world, Emmy-winning director **Oz Rodriguez** worked his way up to segment director and producer at *Saturday Night Live* and has been with the show for nearly a decade. He also wrote and directed the Netflix original film *Vampires vs. the Bronx*. This is his debut novel.

*New York Times* best-selling and award-winning author **Claribel A. Ortega** is a former reporter who writes middle-grade and young adult fantasy inspired by her Dominican heritage. When she's not busy turning her obsession with eighties pop culture, magic, and video games into books, she's co-hosting her podcast *Bad Author Book Club*.

# JAX FREEMAN AND THE TOURNAMENT OF SPIRITS

*Freedom Fire*

**Kwame Mbalia**

Disney Hyperion, October 2025

**NEW!**

**All Aboard! The sequel to *Jax Freeman and the Phantom Shriek* has pulled into the station!**

**From the award-winning author of the best-selling *Tristan Strong* trilogy comes a magical series about a special boy who is granted summoning powers from his ancestors.**

Seventh grader Jackson “Jax” Freeman recently learned two important facts: one, he’s a summoner—someone who can call on the magical powers of his ancestors to help him do amazing things—and two, he isn’t the only person with this ability.

After much training, Jax and four of his summoner classmates from DuSable Middle school in Chicago are thrust into a competition called the Tournament of Spirits where they’ll face the most skilled summoners from around the world.

But while everyone is focused on winning, Jax is given a special side quest by the elders of the four magical families: he has to spy on each of the competitors—including his own teammates—in order to uncover who is releasing endangered, and very dangerous, cryptids into the arena.

Can Jax take the top spot in the tournament and save himself and his friends from a mysterious foe?

Kwame Mbalia’s incredible imagination and world-building talents are on full display in this thrilling adventure that’s packed with magic, friendship, non-stop action, and a lot of heart.



<i>Ages</i>	8-12	<i>Tristan Strong series</i>	Art Editura ( <b>Romanian</b> ), Ravensburger ( <b>German</b> ), Beta
<i>Material:</i>	PDF, 368 pages	<i>sold to:</i>	( <b>Turkish</b> ), Galeria Ksiazki ( <b>Polish</b> )

**Kwame Mbalia** is a #1 *New York Times* best-selling author and the publisher of Freedom Fire, an imprint of Disney Hyperion devoted to stories about the Black diaspora by Black creators. His debut middle-grade novel, *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky*, was awarded a Coretta Scott King Author Honor, and it was followed by *Tristan Strong Destroys the World* and *Tristan Strong Keeps Punching*. Kwame lives with his wife and children outside Raleigh, North Carolina, where he is currently working on the next Jax Freeman adventure. For more information, go to [www.KwameMbalia.com](http://www.KwameMbalia.com).

# JAX FREEMAN AND THE PHANTOM SHRIEK

*Freedom Fire*

**Kwame Mbalia**

Disney Hyperion, October 2024

“Jax Freeman is my new best friend. I loved everything about this book—the characters, the humor, the page-turning adventure. I’m glad Kwame Mbalia is such a prolific writer because I will be bugging him for the sequel immediately.”—**Rick Riordan**, *New York Times* #1 best-selling author of the *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series

“Funny, fast-paced, and full of heart and adventure. You’ll be laughing and cheering and racing through the pages—and guessing right up to the end.”—**Shannon Messenger**, *New York Times* best-selling author of the *Keeper of Lost Cities* series and *Sky Fall* series

**The award-winning author of the best-selling Tristan Strong trilogy has created a secret world where kids can wield magic by summoning the power of their ancestors.**

What do you get when you combine Kwame Mbalia's incredible imagination and world-building talent with trains, history, and ghosts? Nothing less than middle grade magic.

On his twelfth birthday, Jackson "Jax" Freeman arrives at Chicago's Union Station alone, carrying nothing but the baggage of a scandal back in Raleigh. He's been sent away from home to live with relatives he barely knows. But even worse are the strangers who accost him at the train station, including a food vendor who throws dust in his face and a conductor who tries to steal his skin.

At his new school, Jax is assigned to a special class for "summoners," even though he has no idea what those are . . . until he accidentally unleashes an angry spirit on school grounds. Soon Jax is embroiled in all kinds of trouble, from the disappearance of a new friend to full-out war between summoning families.

When Jax learns that he isn't the first Freeman to be blamed for a tragedy he didn't create, he resolves to clear his own name and that of his great-grandfather, who was a porter back in the 1920's. By following clues, Jax and his schoolmates unlock the secrets of a powerful Praise House, evade vengeful ghosts, and discover that Jax may just be the most talented summoner of all.

A unique magic-school fantasy from the best-selling and award-winning author of the Tristan Strong trilogy has just pulled into the station.

<i>Ages</i>	8-12	<i>Tristan Strong series</i>	Art Editura ( <b>Romanian</b> ), Ravensburger ( <b>German</b> ), Beta
<i>Material:</i>	PDF, 480 pages	<i>sold to:</i>	( <b>Turkish</b> ), Galeria Ksiazki ( <b>Polish</b> )



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# DEX DINGO: WORLD'S BEST GREATEST EVER ARCHAEOLOGIST

Greg Foley

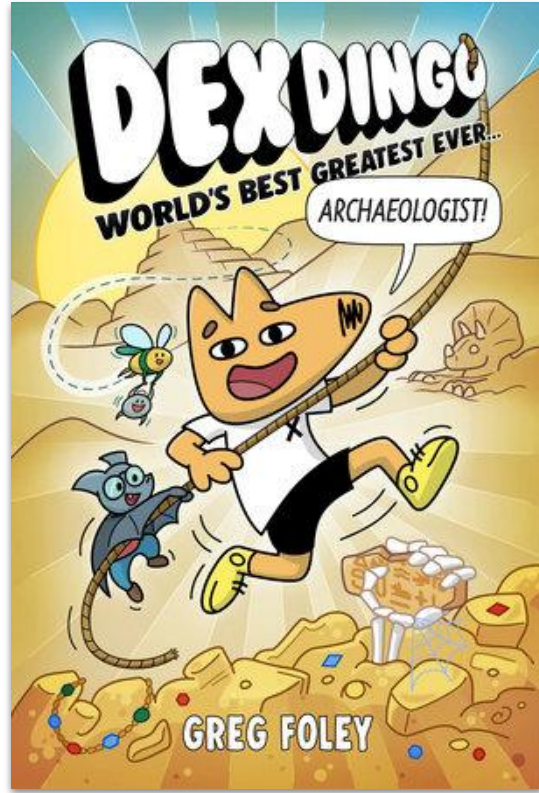
Disney Hyperion, September 2025

**NEW!**

After a school assignment challenges Dex to be whatever he wants, Dex decides he wants to be the **WORLD'S BEST GREATEST EVER...at something**. Filled with clever humor and touching insight, this chapter book graphic novel series follows Dex's misadventures as his attempts at the "coolest jobs" go awry.

With the whole "inventor" debacle behind him, Dex decides to try being the next best thing: an archaeologist! Dex knows that archaeologists make discoveries that help solve mysteries about ancient people. So if he's going to be the **GREATEST** archaeologist, he'll need to solve the **BIGGEST** mystery by making the **COOLEST** discovery **EVER**.

Dex, his best friend, Buckley, and Nono the rogue nanobot head back to the Infinity Room and venture through a doorway to the desert to find the lost treasure of the Forgotten Dino-sty. Together, the trio decodes riddles, navigates mazes, and finds a reward beyond their wildest dreams. But they soon learn that all that glitters isn't gold when they face the wrath of an angry mummy. It'll take teamwork and the help of a new friend if Dex is going to make it out of the desert and become the **WORLD'S BEST GREATEST EVER ARCHAEOLOGIST**.



<i>Category:</i>	Middle Grade Graphic Novel	<i>Sold to:</i>	Susaeta Hellas ( <b>Greek</b> )
<i>Ages</i>	8-12		
<i>Material:</i>	PDF, 160 pages		

**Greg Foley** is the designer and creative director of Visionaire, V, and VMAN. Born in the Philippines, raised in Texas, and now living in New York City, Foley's intention is to make books for children worldwide. And clearly it's working; *Thank You Bear* won the prestigious Charlotte Zolotow Award.

# DEX DINGO: WORLD'S BEST GREATEST EVER INVENTOR

Greg Foley

Disney Hyperion, September 2024

## **Praise for *Dex Dingo: World's Best Greatest Ever Inventor*:**

"Full of imagination and inventiveness, Dex Dingo is a blast!" —**John Patrick Green**, author of the *New York Times*-bestselling *InvestiGators* series

"An inspired graphic novel series bursting at the seams with fun ideas and creativity...just like its relatable hero, Dex Dingo himself!" —**Dave Roman**, creator of *Unicorn Boy*

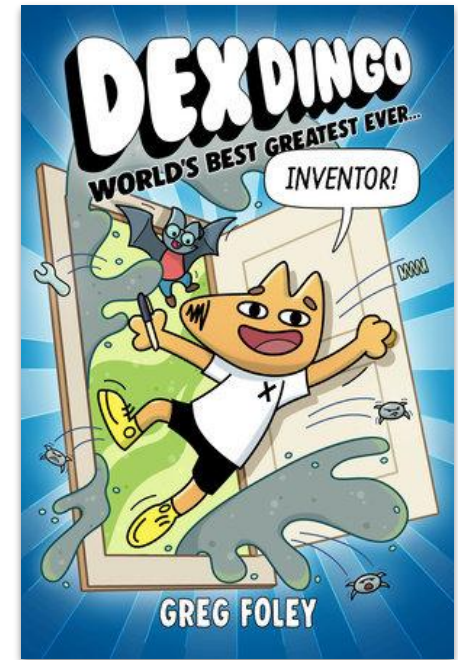
"*Strega Nona* meets the singularity in this zany comic....[E]nergetic illustrations and off-the-wall story brim with action and humor; kids will be eager for more of Dex. Frenetic, funny, fantastic, relatable—this dingo is a wild dog!"—*Kirkus*

"An all's-well-that-ends-well resolution sows anticipation for the next installment of this brightly hued graphic novel series opener." —*Publishers Weekly*

Dex Dingo isn't the BEST at anything. He's not the SMARTEST, the FUNNIEST, the STRONGEST, or the NICEST. But he wants to be the WORLD'S BEST GREATEST EVER...at something. So when Dex's teacher asks, "If you could be anything when you grow up, what would you be," Dex decides that he's going to be the best at one of the "best jobs ever."

First on his list: an inventor! Dex is able to create an awesome lab and an amazing team of nanobots, but things immediately go wrong when the nanobots start to multiply and form a gray goo that threatens to take over his neighborhood. It'll take some quick thinking and a rogue nanobot named Nono for Dex to stop the nanobots, save his best friend, and become the WORLD'S BEST GREATEST INVENTOR.

Filled with clever humor and touching insight, this chapter book graphic novel series follows Dex's misadventures as his attempts at the "coolest jobs" go awry.



**Book 2 coming Fall 2025**

*Category:*

Middle Grade Graphic Novel

*Sold to:*

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*Material:*

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# SIMON SORT OF SAYS

Erin Bow

Disney Hyperion, January 2023, paperback September 2024

A Newbery Honor Book  
Longlisted for the National Book Award for Young People's Literature

**Simon O’Keeffe’s biggest claim to fame should be the time his dad accidentally gave a squirrel a holy sacrament. Or maybe the alpaca disaster that went viral on YouTube. But the story the whole world wants to tell about Simon is the one he’d do anything to forget: the one starring Simon as a famous survivor of gun violence at school.**

Two years after the infamous event, twelve-year-old Simon and his family move to the National Quiet Zone—the only place in America where the internet is banned. Instead of talking about Simon, the astronomers who flock to the area are busy listening for signs of life in space. And when Simon makes a friend who’s determined to give the scientists what they’re looking for, he’ll finally have the chance to spin a new story for the world to tell.

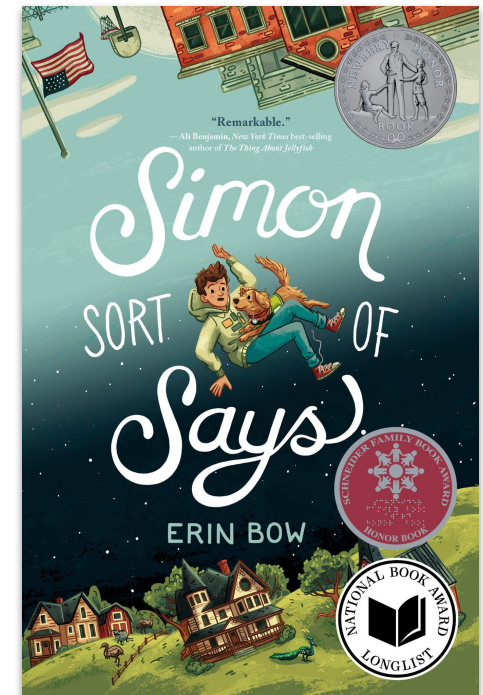
Simon Sort of Says, the Newbery Honor-winning novel by Erin Bow, is a breathtaking testament to the lasting echoes of trauma, the redemptive power of humor, and the courage it takes to move forward without forgetting the past.

This paperback includes discussion questions and an interview with the author.

Erin Bow’s previous books have been licensed to (not complete list): Rocco (**Brazil**), Shanghai Education Technology and Yilin Press (**Simplified Chinese**), Yuan-Liou (**Complex Chinese**) Mondadori (**Italian**), Editions Lumen and Les Editions Malins (**French**), Planeta (**Spanish and Catalan**), Pegasus (**Turkish**)

<i>Ages</i>	8-12	<i>Sold to:</i>	Reihe Hanser bei DTV ( <b>German</b> ), Balgeunmirae ( <b>Korean</b> ),
<i>Material:</i>	PDF, 320 pages		Grupul Editorial Art ( <b>Romanian</b> ), Thinkingdom Media ( <b>simplified Chinese</b> )

**Erin Bow** was trained as a physicist, so naturally now spends her days writing children’s fiction in a tiny (heated) garden shed in Ontario, Canada. Her books—which include the Governor General’s Award–winning *Stand on the Sky*, *Plain Kate*, *Sorrow’s Knot*, and the science fiction duology *The Scorpion Rules* and *The Swan Riders*—have won a fistful of awards. Erin lives with her husband (also a novelist), two teenage kids, a dangerously smart small tabby, and an agreeably stupid labradoodle. Visit her online at [ErinBow.com](http://ErinBow.com) and [@ErinBowBooks](https://www.instagram.com/ErinBowBooks).



# PRAISE FOR SIMON SORT OF SAYS

***A Junior Library Guild Selection***  
***An Amazon Editors' Best Book of 2023***  
***An Indie Next Selection***  
***A National Education Association's Read Across America Recommendation***  
***A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of 2023***  
***A Publishers Weekly Best Book of 2023***  
***A School Library Journal Best Book of 2023***  
***A Shelf Awareness Best Book of 2023***  
***A Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books Blue Ribbon Book***  
***An Amazon Editors' Pick January 2023***

"A perfectly paced, layered novel that never speaks down to its readers and handles difficult situations with remarkable sensitivity. Bow hits all the right chords and delivers a story that is funny, poignant and—most important—hopeful." —*The New York Times*

★"Adroit, sensitive, horrifying, yet hilarious." —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"Funny and heartfelt in equal measure, this book tackles some tough topics, but the humor keeps readers engaged." —*School Library Journal (SLJ)*

★"A compassionate and refreshingly hopeful novel." —*Publishers Weekly*, Starred Review

★"Bow's storytelling brims with vitality." —*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books (BCCB)*, starred review

"A tribute to the power of friendship and the courage it takes to pursue joy in a world of violence." —National Book Foundation, National Book Award for Young People's Literature Longlist

"A perfect balance of fun and meaning. A remarkable achievement." —**Ali Benjamin**, *New York Times* best-selling author of *The Thing About Jellyfish*

"A near-perfect novel that features quirky friendships, wild astronomy exploits (that almost work!), zany animal capers and plenty of humor amidst the darkness." —*Shelf Awareness*

"Blunt as trauma, delicate as healing, and hilarious and tragic as middle school can be—each piece of *Simon Sort of Says* snaps together like the most satisfying jigsaw puzzle. This book is as close to everything as one book can be." —**Kyle Lukoff**, Newbery Honor-winning author of *Too Bright to See*

"Fast-paced and full of quirky characters, *Simon Sort of Says* presents a tragedy stitched up with humor, sensitivity, and rare humanity." —**Jack Gantos**, Newbery Award-winning author of *Dead End in Norvelt*

# Rick Riordan Presents

## SERWA BOATENG'S GUIDE TO SAVING THE WORLD

*Serwa Boateng Book 3*

**Roseanne A. Brown**

Disney Hyperion, April 2025

“Rosie writes her characters with such lyrical power, wit, and empathy that you can’t help falling in love with Serwa Boateng, her family, and her friends.” —**Rick Riordan**, *New York Times* best-selling author of the *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series

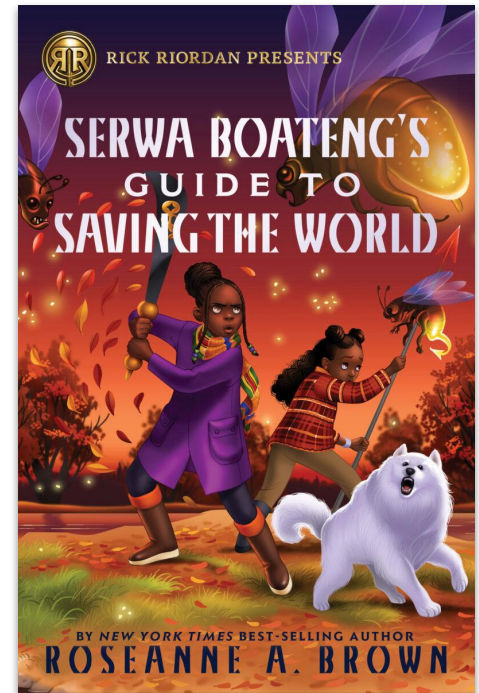
**Serwa Boateng has gone head-to-head with vampires, witches, and even a death god. But now, with the fate of the magical world at stake, she'll have to face her toughest foe yet: her own grandmother.**

Finally free after decades of being trapped inside the Midnight Drum, the dreaded obayifo Nana Bekoe seeks the destruction of the Abomofuo. Even worse, she has Serwa’s father under her thrall. Now, the hunters have become the hunted, as the Slayers’ defenses are powerless in the face of an enemy who has access to all their secrets.

Serwa’s only chance of saving her father might just lie with the Keepers, an organization whose powers exist outside the normal rules of magic. But the Keepers are even more secretive than the Abomofuo, and finding them will require Serwa to trek across the United States. At least she has her friends by her side for the journey . . . friends who currently hate her guts. The survival of everything and everyone Serwa has ever loved hinges on her completing this final hunt without losing herself in the process. Serwa Boateng has been a Slayer. She’s been a vampire. But now, it’s time for her to become something else entirely: a hero.

SERWA BOATENG'S GUIDE TO VAMPIRE HUNTING and SERWA BOATENG'S GUIDE TO WITCHCRAFT AND MAYHEM sold to: Mondadori (**Italian**)

*Ages* 10-14  
*Material:* PDF, 400 pages



**Roseanne "Rosie" A. Brown** was born in Ghana and immigrated to the wild jungles of central Maryland as a child. Writing was her first love, and she knew from a young age that she wanted to use the power of writing to connect the different cultures she called home. She worked as an assistant teacher, journalist, and editorial intern before writing her first two young adult novels, *A Song of Wraiths and Ruin*, an instant *New York Times* best-seller, and *A Psalm of Storms and Silence*. Rosie currently lives outside Washington, D.C., where she can usually be found explaining memes to her elderly relatives or thinking about Star Wars. She can neither confirm nor deny if she has ever been possessed by a vampire. Follow her on Twitter @rosiesrambles.

# SERWA BOATENG'S GUIDE TO WITCHCRAFT AND MAYHEM

*Serwa Boateng Book 2*

**Roseanne A. Brown**

Disney Hyperion, September 2023, paperback March 2025

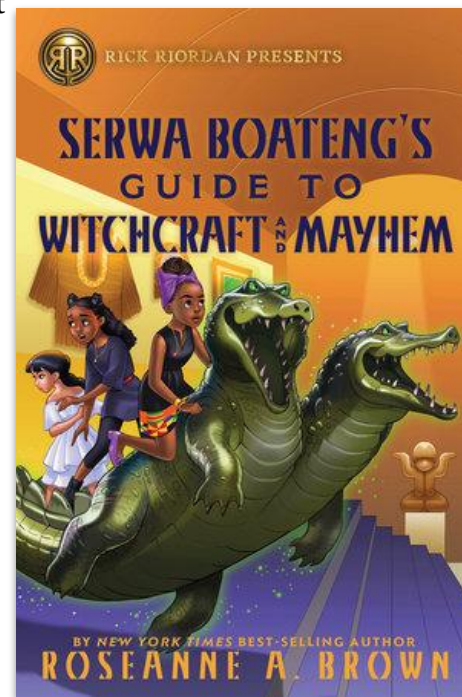
“This sequel to Brown's explosive Ghanaian contemporary fantasy brings all the action and heart of the first book and turns it up to an eleven.”—*Booklist*

“Serwa continues to be a humorous narrator and an accessible guide to life, reluctant middle school crushes, the joys of tasting mumbo sauce for the first time, and return trips to the underworld of Asamando. Joyful, unexpected reunions give Serwa firmer footing for a high-stakes deal with Owuo, the god of death ... Family means everything in this thrilling, heart-wrenching sequel.” —*Kirkus*

**Best-selling author Rick Riordan presents the highly anticipated sequel to Rosanne A. Brown's explosive novel about a preteen vampire slayer, inspired by Ghanaian folklore**

After accidentally unleashing a storm of black magic on her town, Serwa's only ally is her aunt Boahinmaa, an obayifo who urges Serwa to embrace her vampire side. Boahinmaa is on the hunt for the Midnight Drum, from which she hopes to free Serwa's powerful grandmother. When the forces of black magic learn that the Abomofuo have hidden the Drum deep within the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC, what do they do? Stage a heist to steal it, of course. Joining in might just force Serwa to confront truths about herself she's tried hard to deny.

Endorsed by Rick Riordan, author of Percy Jackson and the Olympians, now a hit series on Disney+.



*Ages*

10-14

*Sold to:*

Mondadori (**Italian**)

*Material:*

PDF, 304 pages

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# PRAISE FOR SERWA BOATENG'S GUIDE TO VAMPIRE HUNTING

**Also available: *SERWA BOATENG'S GUIDE TO VAMPIRE HUNTING (Book 1)***  
**Rights sold: Mondadori (Italian)**

★“This textured, richly mythological story will keep the pages turning as readers are drawn into Serwa’s world. A superb, action-packed series starter”—*Kirkus, starred review*

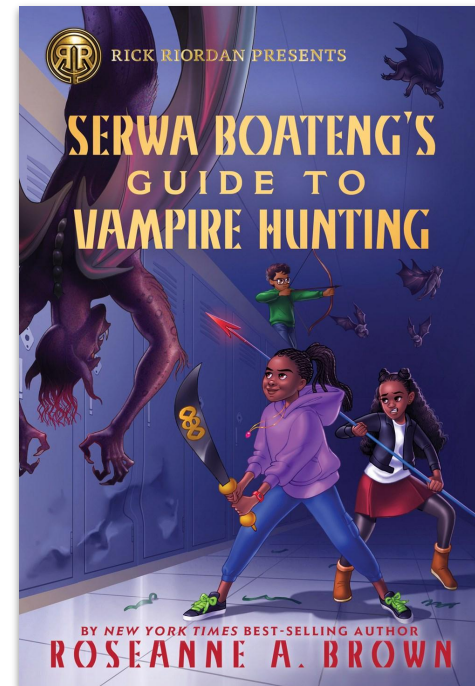
★“Via Serwa’s savvy narration, *Brown (A Song of Wraiths and Ruin)* melds Ghanaian folklore, smart action, thoughtful commentary about liminal spaces, and a healthy dose of tween hijinks, making for an exhilarating introduction to Serwa Boateng’s magic-filled world.—*Publishers Weekly, starred review*

“Despite her unconventional life, Serwa’s struggles with feelings of powerlessness, abandonment, and an overwhelming emotion that she refers to as the “Big Feeling” will resonate with many young readers, as will her attempts to understand who she is and where she came from. Her diverse, ragtag group of friends simultaneously provide depth and levity to the story.”--*Booklist*

"*Serwa Boateng's Guide to Vampire Hunting* is a thrilling middle grade adventure with a fresh take on vampires and characters that you will not only root for but love with all your heart. This novel had a hold on me from page one. Roseanne really knocked it out of the park!"—**Claribel A. Ortega**, *New York Times* best-selling author of *Witchlings*

"Move over, Buffy! Slide aside, Van Helsing! There's a new slayer in town. Sharp wit and sharp swords will have readers rooting for Serwa!"—**Kwame Mbalia**, *New York Times* best-selling author of *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky*

"Rosie writes her characters with such lyrical power, wit, and empathy that you can't help falling in love with Serwa Boateng, her family, and her friends."—**Rick Riordan**, *New York Times* best-selling author of the *Percy Jackson* series



# Rick Riordan Presents

## THE LAST FALLEN REALM

*The Gifted Clans Book 3*

**Graci Kim**

Disney Hyperion, June 2023, paperback April 2025

**Best-selling author Rick Riordan presents the thrilling conclusion to Graci Kim's best-selling Gifted Clans trilogy.**

Riley Oh wasn't born into her family. Instead, as she recently discovered, she tumbled down to the earth many years ago as the last fallen star. Riley Oh also wasn't born to be a witch. Like, at all—even her status as a divine celestial being comes with *zilch* in the magical powers department. And Riley Oh *definitely* wasn't born to be a leader. But now the entire magical community thinks she and her soul-twin, Dahl, are meant to lead the world into the Age of the Final Eclipse (or whatever it is that the Haetae keeps saying they're “destined” to do). Greeeat.

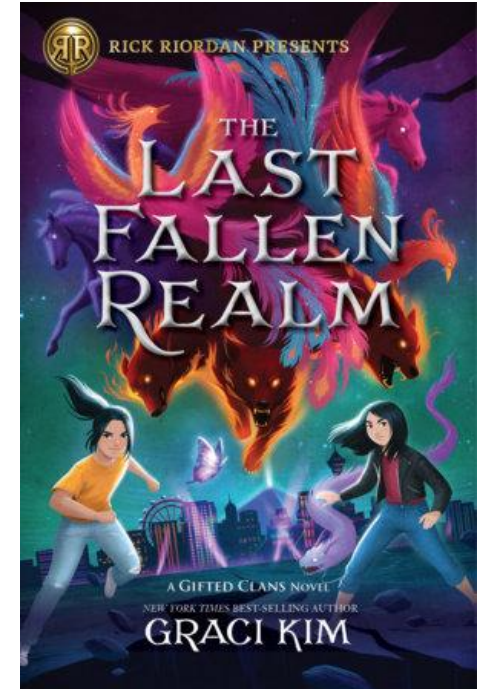
But ever since Riley killed the Cave Bear Goddess, she's been a bit preoccupied with one thing: waiting for the goddess's sisters to get their revenge. And it looks like her wait is finally over—because as witches from around the world prepare for war, it seems as though the goddesses are preparing for something much worse. Something that will lure Riley and her friends deep into the realm of the gods. Into a world of humongous, talking moon bunnies; life-or-death mini-golf competitions; and...magical gummy candies?

And in order to save the world, Riley must do the one thing she was born to do: believe in herself.

**Also Available:**

***THE LAST FALLEN MOON (Book 2)***

***THE LAST FALLEN STAR (Book 3)***



<i>Ages</i>	10-14	<i>Sold to:</i>	Edel Kids ( <b>German</b> ) - Books 1 & 2 , Beta Publishing ( <b>Turkish</b> ) - Books 1 & 2, Galeria Ksiazki ( <b>Polish</b> ), Gallucci ( <b>Italian</b> ) - Books 2 & 3, Dasan Books ( <b>Korean</b> ) Book 3
<i>Material:</i>	PDF, 320 pages		

**Graci Kim** is the national best-selling author of *The Last Fallen Star*, the first book in the Gifted Clans trilogy. A Korean-Kiwi diplomat turned author, Graci writes about the magic she wants to see in the world. In a previous life she used to be a cooking show host, and she once ran a business that turned children's drawings into cuddly toys. When she's not lost in her imagination, you'll find Graci drinking flat whites, eating ramyeon, and most likely hugging a dog (or ideally, many). She lives in New Zealand with her husband and daughter. Find her at [www.gracikim.com](http://www.gracikim.com) and follow her on Twitter @gracikim and Instagram @gracikimwrites

# PRAISE FOR THE GIFTED CLANS SERIES

## PRAISE FOR THE LAST FALLEN STAR

"[In this] fast-paced adventure, unique clan identities are cleverly imagined, and Riley's emotional arc and journey to self-acceptance shine through."—*Publishers Weekly*

"Exploring familial bonds, belonging, and community, this is a fast-paced urban fantasy drawing on Korean mythology. Complications and twists keep the plot engaging and snappy. A fun, new magical world that promises more adventures to come."—*Kirkus Reviews*

"Full of humor and thrills, this bewitching fantasy blends Korean mythology into an empowering adventure."—*School Library Journal*

★"From a compelling and endearing supporting cast to the rich and tantalizing Korean cuisine explored in its pages, this pays homage to traditional Korean magic and mythos while infusing it with a contemporary story line and characters readers will fall in love with in an instant. Riley's unmistakable voice and her relatable search for and exploration of her identity will connect with readers at their cores, offering a truly promising start to a fantastical series."—*Booklist (starred review)*

"Reading *The Last Fallen Star* is like taking a course in Korean mythology taught by your favorite teacher ever--while riding a gigantic roller coaster beneath a sky filled with shooting stars! I loved following Riley's thrilling adventure, and pass the bulgogi tacos, please."—**Linda Sue Park**, Newbery Medalist for *A Single Shard*

"*The Last Fallen Star* folds Korean culture as well as diaspora feelings into a magical adventure. The way Graci Kim takes traditions and lore and incorporates them into an exciting contemporary fantasy setting makes my heart soar as a Korean reader. This fantastical story is filled with heart and humor. Readers who love magical adventures, complex family relationships, and sisterhood--not to mention food!--should pick up *The Last Fallen Star* immediately!"—**Kat Cho**, internationally best-selling author of *Vicious Spirits*

**New York Times Bestsellers**  
**Optioned by The Disney Channel for a series!**

## PRAISE FOR THE LAST FALLEN MOON

★"Folklore enthusiasts will rejoice at the return to monster-filled lands and new whimsical worlds where anything can happen, and Riley's signature fun attitude and relatable voice will captivate readers who are just meeting her here, as she continues to search for a sense of belonging in a world that constantly challenges her identity." —*Booklist (starred review)*

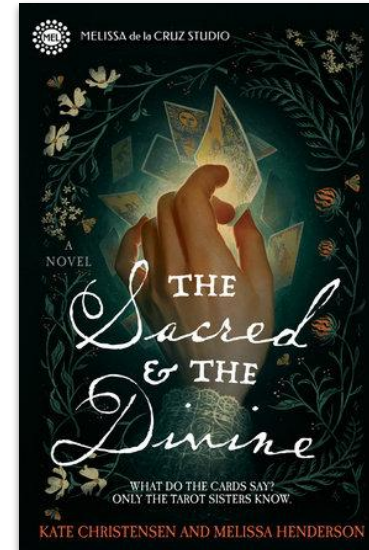
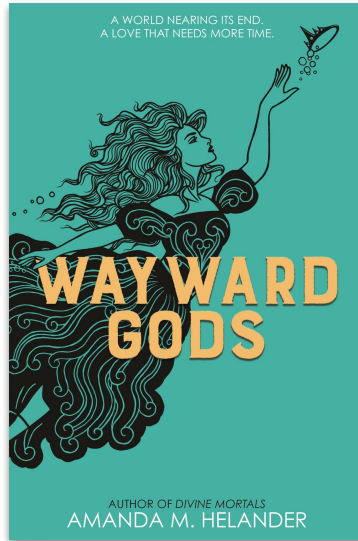
"With dry humor and rough-and-tumble theatrics, Riley's story continues as she grapples with guilt, belonging, and her own identity and self-confidence. The novel deftly balances the fun and the serious. The stakes are high, though Riley simply wants to do the right thing for her family and her community. A nonstop, Korean-inspired fantasy adventure that also tackles darker emotions." —*Kirkus Review*

## PRAISE FOR THE LAST FALLEN REALM

★"The worlds-shattering conclusion to the Gifted Clans trilogy...With higher stakes, even more creatures from Korean mythology, and plot points from earlier installments finally addressed, this is an intense, satisfying series finale. Funny and heartfelt; a compelling tale featuring a sympathetic cast of characters." —*Kirkus Reviews (Starred)*



## YOUNG ADULT



## Melissa de la Cruz Studio

With the MDLC Studio, *New York Times* bestselling author Melissa de la Cruz acts as an incubator to develop original content, working together with diverse new and established authors to create high concept books and create big platforms for writers of color and up-and-coming talent. The MDLC Studio core audience ranges from picture book to middle grade to YA and Adult/Crossover titles (18+).

# Melissa de la Cruz Studio

## THE SACRED AND THE DIVINE

Kate Christensen and Melissa Henderson

Disney Hyperion, October 2025

NEW!

"An enchanting read that will keep you spellbound!"—**Adriana Mather**, #1 *New York Times* best-selling author of *How to Hang a Witch*

"The thoroughly described spiritualist practices will appeal to readers interested in the occult."—*Kirkus*

"Recommended for those who enjoy romances, a historical setting, and supernatural narratives."—*School Library Journal*

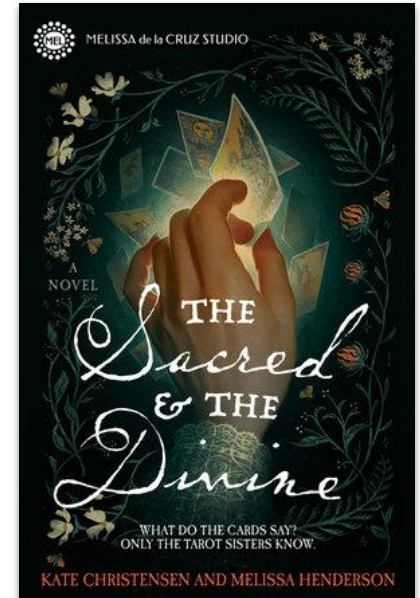
"Sweeping fantasy [...] steeped in immersive period details."—*Publishers Weekly*

"This is a compelling story for lovers of historical fiction, witches, and early medical history."—*Booklist*

**History, romance, and the occult come together in a mesmerizing tale of sisterhood, fate, and the darkness lurking in our world. Past, Present, Future. What do the cards say? Only the Wolfson sisters know.**

The year is 1848, and Daisy, Morrigan, and Avery Wolfson are skilled in the supernatural, particularly tarot readings. Daisy has insights about the future, Morrigan has ties to the past, and Avery has a special connection to the present. Although Massachusetts is known for its hostility to such talents, the village of Redcliffe is eager to use the sisters' abilities for its own gain.

Caught up in the throes of first love, Daisy grows distracted, which is only further muddled by a mysterious feud between the girls' mother and their spiritual tutor. But when the sisters accidentally unleash a bloodthirsty demon on their sleepy town, the lines between friend and enemy get blurred.



**Ages** 12-18  
**Material:** PDF, 366 pages

**Kate Christensen** has published nine novels, including *The Great Man*, which won the PEN/Faulkner Award for fiction, and most recently *Welcome Home*, *Stranger* and *The Arizona Triangle*, as well as two food-centric memoirs, *Blue Plate Special* and *How to Cook a Moose*, which won the Maine Literary Award for Memoir. She lives in Taos, New Mexico, with her husband and their two dogs.

**Melissa Henderson** was born in Boston and spent summers digging for clams in Gloucester and Cape Cod. Her work has appeared in *The Los Angeles Times*, *Sports Illustrated's The Cauldron*, and *Brand X*. She lives in the Scottish hills with her husband and their two catbeasts.

# WAYWARD GODS

Amanda M. Helander

Disney Hyperion, October 2025

NEW!

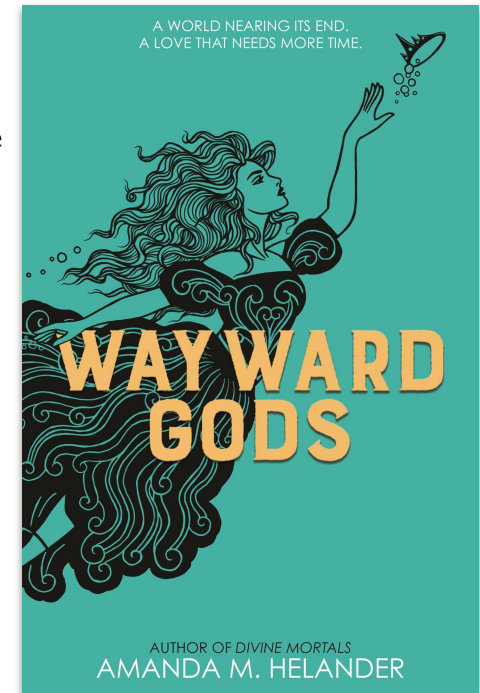
**This sequel to *Divine Mortals*, which Kirkus Reviews recommended for fans of Sarah J. Maas and Rebecca Yarros, delivers sizzling romance and epic stakes.**

Mona is tasked with saving the world and everyone she loves—but what can she do when even the *gods* have failed?

Soothsayer Mona Arnett never even wanted a soulmate, and now she's been forced to marry the king, parting from the man she truly loves.

Worse, though Mona has delayed the prophesied end of the world, she hasn't stopped it. The gods have turned their backs, the castle is besieged by demons, and Mona is the only one who can seek help.

But who do you turn to when the world is ending and even the gods are powerless to stop it? To save all those she's come to love, Mona may have to become even more powerful than the gods . . .



*Ages* 12-18  
*Material:* PDF, 352 pages

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# DIVINE MORTALS

Amanda M. Helander

Disney Hyperion, October 2024, paperback September 2025

★“Fans of Rebecca Yarros and Sarah J. Maas need look no further for their next big read.” —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

A promising debut with many moving parts, Helander’s first of a planned series offers entry into an exciting magical world, with more interesting tales to come” —*Booklist*

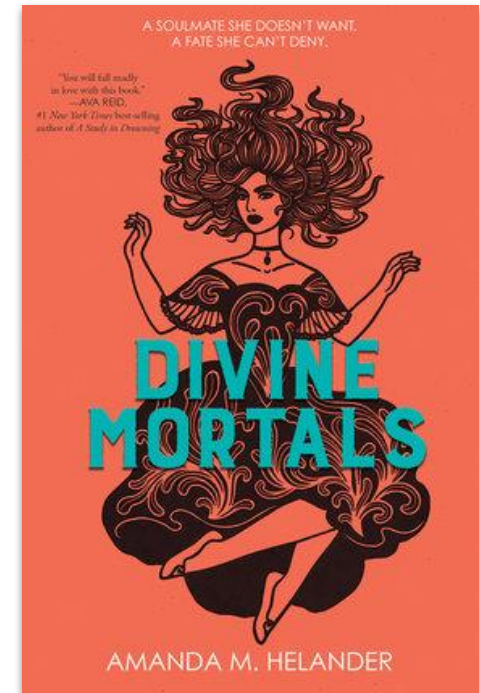
**Mona can name anyone’s soulmate—but she’ll do anything to avoid being matched with her own. Especially when she learns he’s the king.**

This debut romantasy perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas and Rebecca Yarros delivers sizzling romance, cutthroat competition, a lush fantasy world, and an unforgettable heroine.

Blessed by the gods, Mona Arnett has the unique ability to divine soulmates, but she refuses to seek out her own—until she learns the king is dying without an heir, threatening the royal line and the world’s access to magic. Tasked with naming his future queen, Mona discovers the king’s soulmate is . . . her.

A royal match is the last thing Mona wants—especially when she starts falling for the king’s closest advisor—so she lies, cheats, and contends with scheming gods to hide the truth. But when this high-stakes game of thrones leads to murder, survival and the fate of the kingdom will depend on her finding the courage to face her destiny.

Delightful wit, spellbinding prose, and a flawed, funny protagonist you’ll love from page one make this debut fantasy a must-read.



<i>Ages</i>	12-18	<i>Sold to:</i>	Muza Publishing House ( <b>Polish</b> )
<i>Material:</i>	PDF, 352 pages		

**Amanda M. Helander** is a fantasy author and paralegal from Seattle, Washington. When she’s not writing, Amanda can be found watching horror movies, learning to crochet, or eating entire blocks of parmesan in one sitting. Visit her online at [www.amandahelander.com](http://www.amandahelander.com) or @helander\_amanda on Instagram.

# MAYA IN MULTICOLOR

Swati Teerdhala

Disney Hyperion, March 2025

“A story of self-discovery and falling in love, with a dash of color and a sprinkle of breeziness”. —*Kirkus*

“This book skillfully balances themes of personal growth, cultural identity, and the complexities of modern romance, making it a thoroughly enjoyable read.” —*School Library Journal*

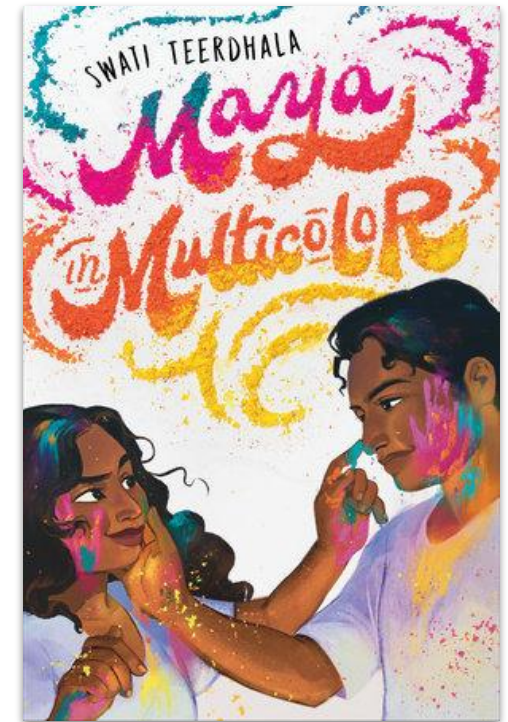
“A satisfying and upbeat rom-com bursting with charm.” - *Publishers Weekly*

**Fans of *When Dimple Met Rishi* will love this charming, slow-burn YA romance about all the ways you can honor tradition while still giving it a modern flair.**

When it comes to romance, Maya still believes in meet-cutes, but she’s done with boys wasting her time. After her freshman romance refuses to put a label on their relationship, Maya decides to reclaim her life and completely turnaround her college experience. She’s got big plans to throw the most spectacular Holi—a colorful Hindu festival symbolizing rebirth, which Maya feels she desperately needs.

Enter college heartthrob Nishant Rai, an upperclassman, notorious playboy, and well-connected DJ. After the student council makes him Maya’s co-planner, she finds herself working closely with the one guy on campus she can’t have and definitely doesn’t want. He plans to turn the event into #HoliFest, a flashy EDM festival blending old traditions with the fresh new twist of a music festival. As the two grow closer, Maya realizes Nishant is so much more than a pretty face. Is he just wasting her time, or has she finally found her meet-cute?

*Ages* 12 and up  
*Material:* PDF, 304 pages



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# RICK RIORDAN PRESENTS

## THE DARK BECOMES HER

Judy I. Lin

Disney Hyperion, October 2024

★“This is sophisticated horror for both fans and non-fans of the genre alike. A superb addition to horror collections that will also satisfy fans of mythology, too. –*School Library Journal* starred review

In an adventure that explores both inner and outer demons, Lin’s spine-tingling Chinese-folklore-inspired novel will appeal to readers looking for scares grounded in realistic emotions. Well-known for her stirring fantasies, Lin proves with this novel that she has true promise as a horror author –*Booklist*

**Perfect for fans of Ryan LaSala and Trang Thanh Tran: a sinister tale of the supernatural, sisterhood, and the shadows that rule our darkest desires, *New York Times* best-selling author Judy I. Lin takes her first foray into horror.**

Ruby has always played the part of the dutiful eldest daughter: excelling in school; excelling in piano lessons; excelling at keeping her younger sister, Tina, focused on extracurriculars meant to impress college admissions officers.

But when a ghost from the spirit world attacks Ruby in the middle of Vancouver’s Chinatown neighborhood, her life is plunged into a darkness that no amount of duty can free her from. Overnight, Ruby’s sister seems to change. There are strange noises coming from her bedroom at all hours; and the once sweet, funny Tina has been replaced by something dark and unnatural.

As Ruby races to save her sister from demonic possession, she is thrown into an ancient battle over the gateway to the underworld. On one side, an evil traveling temple known for making dark wishes come true has returned to Chinatown after many years—intent on breaking down the gateway and unleashing the evil within. On the other side, the guardians who must stop them.



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**Judy I. Lin**, #1 *New York Times*-bestselling author of the Book of Tea duology (*A Magic Steeped in Poison* and *A Venom Dark and Sweet*), was born in Taiwan and immigrated to Canada with her family at a young age. She grew up with her nose in a book and loved to escape to imaginary worlds. She now works as an occupational therapist and still spends her nights dreaming up imaginary worlds of her own. She lives on the Canadian prairies with her husband and daughters. You can find her online at [www.JudyILin.com](http://www.JudyILin.com).

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## RISE

Freya Finch

Disney Hyperion, July 2024

“The contemporary setting combined with Norse mythological elements is fresh without being overwhelmed by too much godly interference, leaving room for Bryn to contend with all sorts of magical creatures and make plenty of mistakes along the way...A well-balanced story of both teenage and godly dramas.” –*Kirkus Reviews*

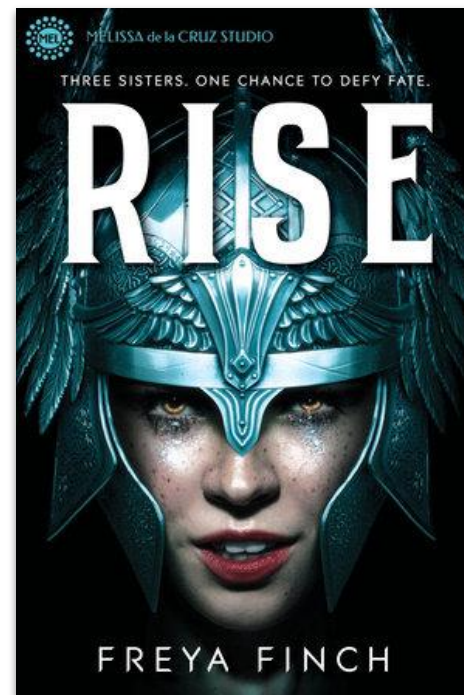
★“The boldly drawn, white-cued cast is feisty and funny. Coupled with Bryn’s snarky first-person-present narrative, Finch unveils a rollicking, twist-filled plot, which puts a modern spin on ancient folklore while sensitively exploring issues of identity and fate.” – *Publishers Weekly*, starred review

**The action and adventure of *Percy Jackson* meets the complex heroines of *The Cruel Prince* as a family of valkyries fight to stop Ragnarök.**

For seventeen-year-old Bryn, being the youngest, messiest, most rebellious sister in a family of valkyries isn’t easy. Especially considering home is a Renaissance faire in Chicago full of costumed workers who see her as nothing more than a nuisance. When her mother disappears on a mission for Odin, Bryn begins having strange visions about the impending Ragnarök. Bryn senses their mother is in great danger, but her annoyingly perfect older sisters refuse to take her seriously. Their mother is, after all, captain of the valkyries.

Things only take a turn for the worse when a half human, half giant named Juniper crashes the party with a violent zombie in tow, confirming Bryn’s worst fears—her visions of Ragnarök are real. If that wasn’t enough, the faire’s mysterious new addition, Wyatt the Black Knight, just so happens to have a ferocious secret that threatens everyone around him. Determined to survive Ragnarök, Bryn, Juniper, and Wyatt team up to combat the horde of monsters that keeps appearing throughout the faire. But after Bryn ignores the call to deliver Wyatt to Odin’s eternal warriors in Valhalla, choosing to save his life instead, she starts to wonder if she’ll ever get this valkyrie thing right.

Whispers of divine interference—including sightings of the mischievous Loki—reach Bryn’s ears. Soon everyone at the faire becomes a suspect, leaving Bryn, her sisters, and their newfound friends the only ones who can stop the war to end all realms. Whether she’s ready or not, Bryn is about to learn how the ties between fate and choice are as interwoven and unbreakable as the bonds between sisters.



**Ages** 12-18  
**Material:** PDF, 384 pages

**Freya Finch** writes about myths, magic, and mischief-makers. Born and raised in Michigan, she earned her MA in writing and publishing from DePaul University in Chicago. Now she lives in the mountains of Poland, where you can find her hiking with her German shepherd or lounging at home with her husband watching their favorite movies. Rise is her first novel. Find her on Instagram @FreyaFinchAuthor or at her website FreyaFinchBooks.com.

# Praise for RISE

“A natural pick for fans growing out of Rick Riordan's Magnus Chase books.” —**Booklist**

“A fierce, action-packed debut that keeps you hook until the very last page.” —**Alex Aster**, #1 *New York Times* best-selling author of *Lightlark*

“Thrilling, magical, and full of heart, this breathtaking Norse fantasy is impossible to put down, with a cast you can't help but adore.” —**Marie Lu**, #1 *New York Times* best-selling author of *Stars and Smoke*

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