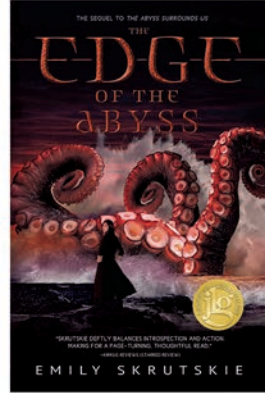
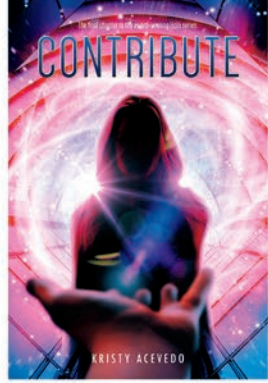
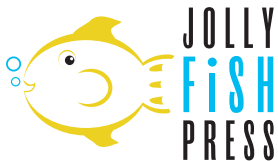




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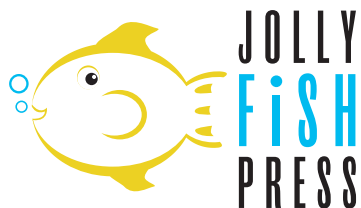




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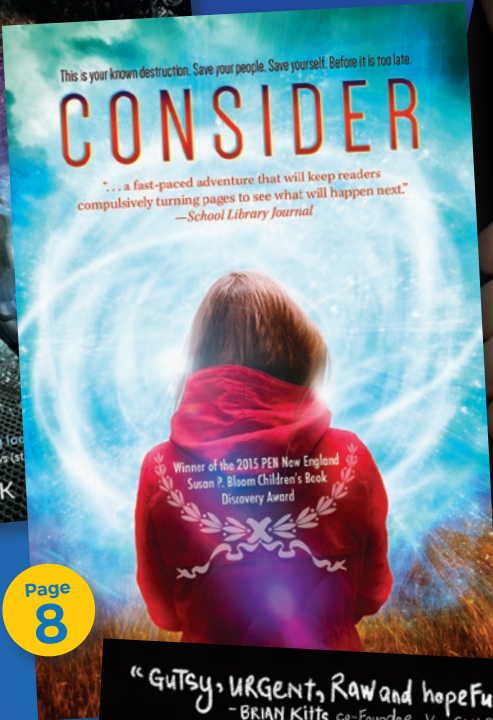
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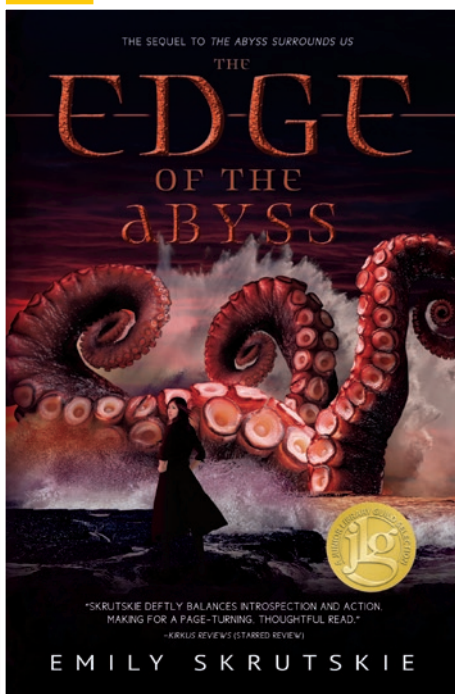
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NEW!



A 2017 Junior Library Guild selection

A BNTeen Blog Most Anticipated Sequel of 2017 pick

★ "Skrutskie deftly balances introspection and action, making for a page-turning, thoughtful read."

—Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

No one said the pirate life would be easy. But Cas never expected to hunt the creatures she used to tame.

Three weeks have passed since Cassandra Leung pledged her allegiance to ruthless pirate-queen Santa Elena and set free Bao, the sea monster Reckoner she'd been forced to train. The days as a pirate trainee are long and grueling, but it's not the physical pain that Cas dreads most. It's being forced to work with Swift, the pirate girl who broke her heart.

But Cas has even bigger problems when she discovers Bao is not the only monster swimming free. Other Reckoners illegally sold to pirates have escaped their captors and are taking the NeoPacific by storm, attacking ships at random and threatening the ocean's ecosystem. As a Reckoner trainer, Cas might be the only one who can stop them. But how can she take up arms against creatures she used to care for and protect?

Will Cas embrace the murky morals that life as a pirate brings or perish in the dark waters of the NeoPacific?

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296 pages

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Imprint: Flux

Age: 14 & up

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Price: \$11.99 US

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Young Adult Fiction/ Science Fiction/General

Rights: World English. Excludes

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Selling Territory: World English

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**Praise for  
The Abyss  
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★ "[A] fresh and fascinating look at a lawless future."  
—Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

"[A] fantastical world of ruthless pirates; lovable, deadly creatures; and dynamic characters."

—School Library Journal

**Emily Skrutskie** is six feet tall. She was born in Massachusetts, raised in Virginia, and forged in the mountains above Boulder, Colorado. She holds a BA in Performing and Media Arts from Cornell University, where she studied an outrageous and demanding combination of film, computer science, and game design. She lives and writes in Los Angeles. She can be found at @skrutskie on Twitter, or on her website, skrutskie.com.

by Kate Watson

NEW!



**Sixteen-year-old Finley Price has perfected two things: how to direct a world-class production, and how to fly way, way under the radar.** The only person who ever seems to notice Finley is her best friend and godparents' son, Oliver Bertram. Since Finley moved in with her godparents after the death of her father, she and Oliver have grown close. If Finley could just take Oliver's constant encouragement to heart and step out of the shadows, she'd finally chase her dream of joining the prestigious Mansfield Theater.

But when teen movie stars Emma and Harlan Crawford move across the street from the Bertram's, they shake up Finley and Oliver's stable friendship. As Emma and Oliver grow closer, Finley realizes that Harlan's attention is shifting to her. She discovers she might have feelings for him too. Or, is she only interested in Harlan because Oliver is taken?

Finley doesn't want to be won, and she doesn't want to see Oliver with anyone else. To claim Oliver's heart—and keep her own—she'll have to find the courage to do what she fears most: step into the spotlight.

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BISAC Code: YAF052000

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Contemporary

Rights: Worldwide, all languages

Selling Territory: World

**Kate Watson** is a young adult writer, wife, mother of two and the tenth of thirteen children. Originally from Canada, she attended college in the States and holds a BA in Philosophy from Brigham Young University. *Seeking Mansfield* is her first novel, with a companion novel to follow. She is also a contributor to Eric Smith's *Welcome Home* adoption anthology coming fall 2017 from Flux. She lives and writes in Arizona.

# FALL OF THE DRAGON PRINCE

BOOK ONE OF THE FORGOTTEN HEIRS TRILOGY

by Dan Allen

NEW!



**Toran joined the five realms and tied their destinies to the survival of his secret heirs.** But the king is now dead and his enemies are gathering. Reann, a serving girl and self-appointed librarian of Toran's estate, has a chance to unravel the greatest mystery in the realm.

On the other side of the kingdom, Terith and the other dragon riders fight to stop the invasion that would mean the fall of the empire. But first, Terith must ride the challenge. In this cross-country dragon race, Terith faces a black-hearted traitor with even darker purposes, to win the kingdom and the heart of the woman he loves.

One rider will fall; one fate will rise.

**"Allen has crafted a series which will ensnare readers and keep them coming back for more."**

—Kevin L. Nielsen,  
author of the Sharani series

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Ebook: 978-1-63163-088-0

Price: \$8.99

BISAC Code: YAF019000

Young Adult Fiction/Fantasy/General

Rights: Worldwide, all languages

Selling Territory: World

**Dan Allen** is a newly discovered fantasy and sci-fi author. He is chief technology officer at a tech startup, a father, and husband to his drummer-artist wife. *Fall of the Dragon Prince* is the first novel in Dan's epic fantasy trilogy *The Forgotten Heirs*. He has designed lasers for the government and sensors for cell phones, lit a three-story electron accelerator on fire, chased a flying stool across a high magnetic field zone, and created nanoparticles in a radioactive lab. He lives in the mountain west, where the desert touches the mountains and the sky.

# THE BLACK TEMPEST

BOOK TWO IN THE TIME SHIFT TRILOGY

by Ryan Dalton

NEW!



"[The book]...will have readers rooting for the allies to prevail."

—Kirkus Reviews

**It's summer in Emmett's Bluff, and the ice is spreading.** Six months after confronting an enemy from the future, Malcolm and Valentine Gilbert have returned to their normal teenage lives. Or, they've tried to. During the battle to save their town, a mysterious force awoke inside the twins. Time calls to them, and it's growing too strong to be ignored.

When warriors from a mysterious ancient kingdom appear, they bring warnings of an unstoppable foe—one whose control of the ice is powered by Time itself. But ice is far more than the Black Tempest's signature. As the twins uncover the truth behind it, they realize their town is only the beginning. If the Black Tempest is not stopped here, his corruption will threaten the very course of history.

As cold advances and doom draws near, the twins' only hope lies in learning to wield Time itself, and in trusting their strange new friends—even if those friends have secrets of their own.

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"Exciting plot, smart characters, and engaging prose: a fantastic debut!"

—Ellie Ann, New York Times bestselling author

"Sci-fi fans will gobble this one up."

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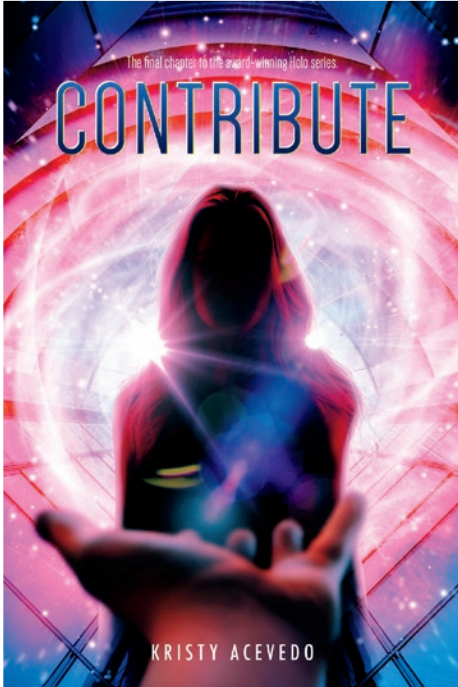
**Ryan Dalton** is a freelance writer and a writer for the board game Exile Sun. He is the author of *The Year of Lightning*, book one in the Time Shift Trilogy. He lives in Phoenix, Arizona.

# CONTRIBUTE

BOOK TWO IN THE HOLO SERIES, SEQUEL TO *CONSIDER*

by **Kristy Acevedo**

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The holograms lied to everyone on Earth and only Alexandra Lucas knows the truth. Now she's trapped in the year 2359 without family or friends—worse, without her anxiety medication. Alex attempts to reconcile the marvelous scenery, technological advances, and luxurious living with the knowledge that the holograms weren't being completely honest—what else are they lying about?

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300 pages

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Imprint: Jolly Fish Press

Age: 12 & Up

Trim: 5.5 x 8.25

Ebook: 978-1-63163-100-9

Price: \$8.99 US

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Rights: Worldwide, all languages

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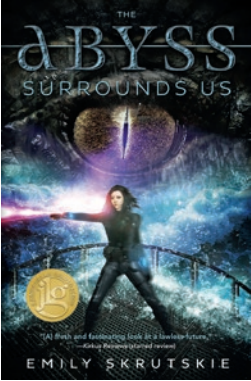
★ “[A] fast-paced adventure that will keep readers compulsively turning pages to see what will happen next.”  
—*School Library Journal* (starred review)

**Kristy Acevedo** is a high school teacher and a huge fan of Star Trek and Harry Potter. She is the author of *Consider*, which won the PEN New England Susan P. Bloom Children's Book Discovery award. She lives in Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

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★ "[A] fresh and fascinating look at a lawless future."

—Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

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Gabe has always identified as a boy, but he was born with a girl's body. With his new public access radio show gaining popularity, Gabe struggles with romance, friendships, and parents. His entire future is threatened when several violent guys find out that Gabe the DJ is also Elizabeth from school.

Winner of the 2014 Stonewall Book Award for Children's and Young Adult Literature

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At the beginning of senior year, Ann was a smiling, straight-A student with friends and a future. Then she met a haunted young man named Connor. Only she can heal his emotional scars; only he could make her feel so loved—and needed. By graduation, her life has become a dangerous high wire act. Just one mistake could trigger Connor's rage, a violent storm damaging everything—and everyone—in its path.

"A disturbing reverse chronology of a love gone horribly wrong ... powerful and compulsively readable." —Kirkus Reviews

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A 2016 Philip K. Dick Award Nominee

Winner of the 2015 PEN New England Susan P. Bloom Children's Book Discovery Award

"A fast-paced adventure that will keep readers compulsively turning pages to see what will happen next." —*School Library Journal*



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David Oppegaard

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While his family is haunted by his mother's recent death, Mack Druneswald looks for something to burn. When he encounters Katrina, Mack sets out on a path of pyromania the likes of which sleepy Balrog County has never seen.

"Take one angry 18-year-old, sprinkle with zingy narrative, and add a match." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"Beautifully written and full of honest characters...This book is a winner." —VOYA



## From the Grave

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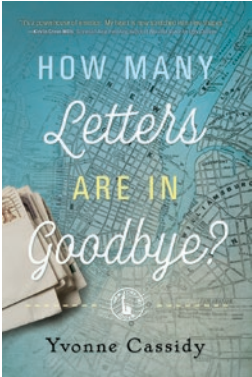
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Trade paperback original • 5.25 x 8 • 216 pages

Monster is as monster does, but Frankenstein Frightface Gordon is more concerned with keeping tidy than scaring victims. A new law puts Frank and other misfit monsters on notice forcing Frank to prove if he is truly monster enough.

"Young readers will laugh out loud, root for Frank, boo Malcolm, and wait with bated breath for these characters' next adventure." —Victoria Coe, author, *Fenway and Hattie*

"There is no doubt that kids would love this book especially if they are into monsters." —Linda Tonis, Paranormal Romance Guild



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Rhea Farrell carries the scars of a childhood accident in which she lost her arm. But she also carries scars from the loss of her mother, her father's drinking, and her confusion around her sexuality. Running away to New York, she turns to her mother through letters.

**A 2017 Rainbow Book List Top 10 Pick**

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Amy is a spoiled American teenager with an attitude to match her Jimmy Choo slides. When her estranged father drags her to Israel to meet a family she's never known, one hilarious humiliation after another tests Amy's fierce spirit.

**YALSA 2007 Teens' Top Ten**

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"With just a touch of spice to the romance, this fast read is good for public and school libraries." —VOYA



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Amy has a new step-dad, a new step-sib on the way, and a new living situation with her dad in Chicago. Is everyone conspiring to ruin her life?

"The choice for teens who seek realistic YA fiction free from heavy issues but with appealingly ordinary drama and humor." —*School Library Journal*

Amy's thoughtfulness and depth raise this book above most of the chick-lit genre." —VOYA



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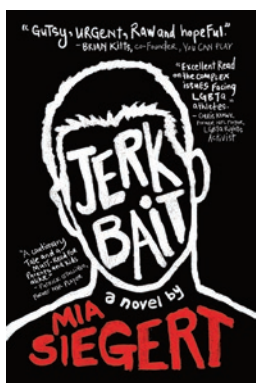
Trade paperback original • 5.19 x 8 • 240 pages

All I wanted to do that night was make a play for Carter Davis. His heartless rejection was mortifying, but people got the wrong idea when they saw me leaving his bedroom, crying. That's how rumors of rape started. Now people are taking sides and the school has become a war zone—forcing me to make a terrible choice.

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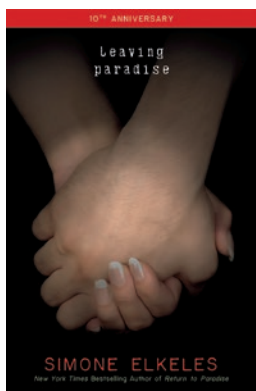
Trade paperback original • 5.5 x 8.25 • 350 pages

Identical twins Robbie and Tristan are high school hockey players—but that's where their similarities end. Secrets, hidden desires, and the high stakes pressure of the professional sports world combine forcing each twin to decide just how far he will go.

"Jerkbait is heartbreakingly poignant with timeless characters and an important message, and will have appeal to teen fans of coming-of-age and indie fiction." —*VOYA*

"Siegert pulls no punches in her debut." —*Publishers Weekly*

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## Leaving Paradise

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New York Times Best-Selling Author

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Trade paperback original • 5.19 x 8 • 312 pages

One fateful night, Caleb Becker left a party drunk and crashed into Maggie Armstrong. The past year has been hospitals and physical therapy for Maggie, juvenile detention for Caleb. Now they must return to their lives and face the town—and each other.

"Elkeles writes convincingly about family tensions, retreating from painful reality, and teens outgrowing their old skins." —*School Library Journal*

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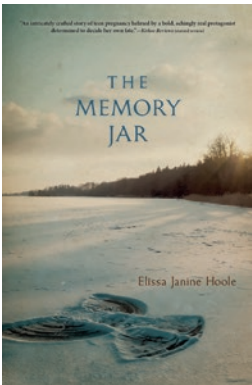
Trade paperback original • 5.25 x 8 • 384 pages

When Sovren Briggs survives a car crash, she stops talking to seal in the memory of her mother's life. As conflict with her father builds, Sovren seeks relief in a dangerous boyfriend and in speed's adrenaline edge. Dyslexia, math, cutting-edge science, genius, and love weave together in a reluctant journey toward acceptance.

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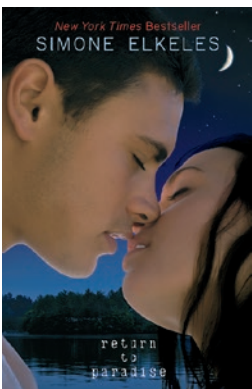
Trade paperback original • 5.25 x 8 • 336 pages

Since the accident, Taylor's memory has been fuzzy. Who knows what her boyfriend, Scott, will remember when he comes out of the coma. Will he remember that Taylor was driving the snowmobile? Will he remember the engagement ring? Her pregnancy? Will he remember that she tried to break up with him?

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★ "An intricately crafted story of teen pregnancy helmed by a bold, achingly real protagonist determined to decide her own fate." —*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

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Maggie and Caleb just went through the worst year of their lives. Hit by a car and starting life over with a limp, Maggie never thought she would forgive Caleb. But she did—and fell in love. What they shared was real. But Caleb wanted to be free from the past—and a terrible secret: he wasn't the one who hit Maggie. So he left Paradise—and Maggie—forever.

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Anne and Blake are perfect together. They both bring sob stories to the table: her parents died in a car wreck; his girlfriend drowned. But even as Anne starts to feel she's finally found something good in all the tragedy, she can't ignore signs that something's not right with Blake.

"A deftly plotted psychological mystery." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"[For] teens who enjoy a little romance with their suspense." —*School Library Journal*

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### The Year of Lightning

The Time Shift Trilogy

Ryan Dalton

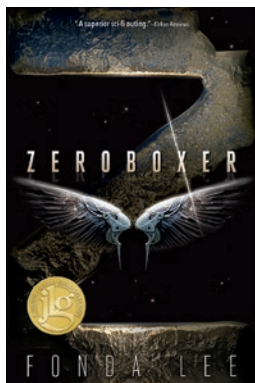
978-1-63163-050-7 • \$17.99

Trade paperback original • 5.5 x 8.25 • 344 pages

Twin siblings face off against an ancient evil in order to save the world.

"Sci-fi fans will gobble this one up and be waiting impatiently for the next." —*School Library Journal*

"Exciting plot, smart characters, and engaging prose: Dalton's writing jolts straight to your heart." —*Ellie Ann, New York Times* bestseller



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Carr Luka is a rising star in the weightless combat sport called zeroboxing. But Carr gets involved with a far-reaching criminal scheme, threatening his budding relationship with his marketing strategist.

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