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### Middle Grade

### CHILDREN OF THE WIND by Nedda Lewers (book #2 in the BIAS series)



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#### About the Author:

Debut author Nedda Lewers writes books that take children on fun adventures and feature characters who are trying to make sense of the big, complicated world and their place in it. Even though it wasn't easy growing up with one foot in America and the other in Egypt, Nedda cherishes how that experience has given her a rich and expansive perspective from which she draws to write her stories. She is a member of SCBWI and a 2020 Author-Mentor Matchmentee. DAUGHTERS OF THE LAMP was longlisted for the 2021 WriteMentor Children's NovelAward.You can learn more about Nedda at https://neddalewers.com/books/.

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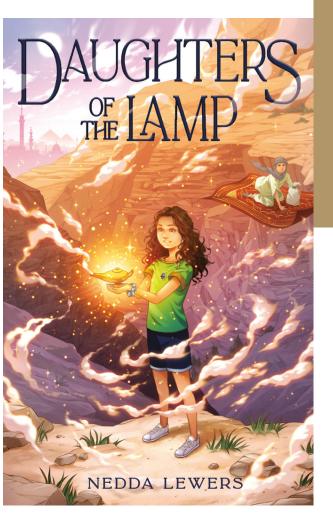
If last summer had taught Sahara anything, it was that when things didn't go as planned, they usually ended up working out better than she'd imagined. That didn't mean she'd given up on planning—that would be absurd—she just left room for the unexpected. And there would be plenty of it this year.

Sahara's newfound philosophy is tested when she returns to Cairo. Right before, actually, when best friend Vicky asks to tag along. No problem, a Ten Things to Do with Your BFF in Cairo list can be whipped up on the plane ride. Too bad it doesn't include what to do when Vicky strikes up a fast friendship with Umm Zalabya's—the quirky seer from last summer's—granddaughter, who seems keen on stealing Sahara's BFF.

And friendship is not the only thing on the line. From the moment Sahara sets foot in Egypt, her hamsa amulet begins acting berserk again, dragging her back to her family's secret chamber and unlocking the enchanted jinni lamp they've been protecting for centuries. That wouldn't be so horrible, if the awakened lamp hadn't also called to a certain witch hell-bent on reclaiming it. After remaining in hiding all year, El Ghoula re-emerges, striking back with a vengeance. She attacks Umm Zalabya, compromising the seer's magic, and kidnaps Vicky. If Sahara is to protect her family's legacy and recover her best friend, she's going to need to put her "trust the unexpected" motto to work, uncovering the real magic behind the lamp and allowing Umm Zalabya to train her

in her wacky wind sorcery. Crap!

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# Also by Nedda Lewers (book #1) OBIAS

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#### Blurbs:/Publicity:

"Daughters of the Lamp triumphs as an action-packed journey across oceans and centuries. While filled to the brim with culture, the themes of family resonate universally, ensuring Sahara's story is one readers will not soon forget. I couldn't put down Lewers's electrifying debut!" George Jreije, author of Shad Hadid and the Alchemists of Alexandria (Harper Collins Children's, 2022).

"Gorgeously vivid and endlessly exciting, *Daughters of the Lamp* brims with magic, emotion and the importance of family. I absolutely adored it and can't wait for the rest of the series."

Aisling Fowler, author of the FIREBORN SERIES

"Lewers' debut will transport you to a magic-infused Cairo, where sweeping family dynamics and ancient tales intertwine. It's witty, wondrous, and a mesmerizing glimpse into the magic that's always hidden in the mundane."

-M.T. Khan, award-winning author of NURA AND THE IMMORTAL PALACE

Selected as ABA's Indie's Top Ten title for Winter/Spring debuts: https://www.bookweb.org/indies-introduce-winter-spring-2024

#### Young Adult

## TIME AND TIME AGAIN by Chatham Greenfield



#### About the Author:

Chatham is a fellow in the inaugural class of Lit Up by Reese's Book Club, a program marketing provides that support and mentorship for debut marginalized women authors. Additionally, they are a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College's creative writing previously and program worked as the social media marketing and manager director for disability а advocacy nonprofit. Chatham is an enthusiast of Nora Ephron and stories that explore the hardships of being a marginalized teen wrapped up in swoon worthy romances.

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**Rights:** Translation

TIME AND TIME AGAIN is a young adult contemporary romance that takes a disabled LGBT teen spin on Groundhog Day and would be perfect for fans of Casey McQuiston's One Last Stop and Adam Silvera's They Both Die at the End.

Seventeen-year-old Phoebe falls asleep with a stomach ache and wakes up to find the space-time continuum broken. She's stuck living the same sweltering summer day over and over again, confined to Florida suburbia and a constant stream of anxious thoughts. The day she's (for some godforsaken reason) forced to repeat is relatively boring. She mostly plays Scrabble with her dad and researches how to escape the time loop-desperate to reach her appointment upcoming doctor's with a gastroenterologist who takes her irritable bowel syndrome seriously.

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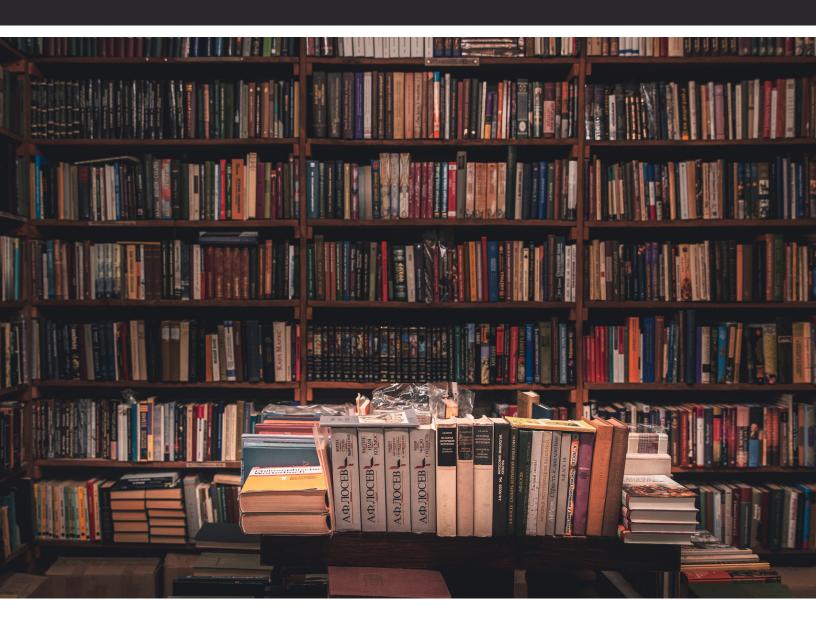
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Boring that is until Phoebe's childhood crush Jess crashes into her with their car—and comes crashing into Phoebe's time loop. Jess convinces Phoebe to take a break from attempting to escape the loop and instead seize this day that has virtually no consequences. Whether they're draining their bank accounts to snag concert tickets or enacting revenge against a fatphobic bully, Jess tugs Phoebe headfirst out of her comfort zone. In turn, Phoebe finds herself falling for Jess all over again—forcing her to grapple with dreams of a future that may be impossible to reach.

TIME AND TIME AGAIN is a YA debut from the inaugural class of Lit Up by Reese's Book Club, a program that provides marketing support and mentorship for debut marginalized women authors.







#### Backlist YA

## THE SUMMER UNPLUGGED SERIES by Amy Sparling

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Pub Date: 03/01/2021

**Rights:** Translation

Bayleigh is addicted to her cell phone and her mom has had enough. After catching her sending a less than lady-like photo to a boy who barely knows her, Bayleigh's mom sends her away to her grandparent's house for the summer - sans cell phone, laptop and iPod.

Bayleigh thinks the summer will be torture without social media...that is until she meets the boy next door.

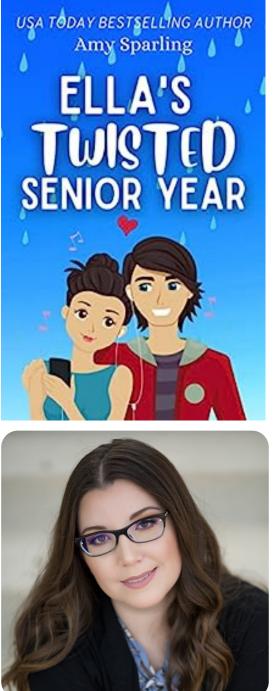
About the author:

Amy Sparling is the author of books with swoony first loves and heartwarming endings. She lives on the coast of Texas with her family, her spoiled rotten pets, and a huge pile of books.

By day, she works as a librarian, and by night you can find her curled up with a book–either one she's reading or one she's writing.

### Backlist YA

## ELLA'S TWISTED SENIOR YEAR by Amy Sparling



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**Rights: Translation** 

Having spent most of her senior year flying under the radar, the last thing Ella Lockhart expected was to have a tornado rip straight through her house, leaving her homeless. It's bad enough that the whole school now pities her, but did her parents have to let the neighbors take them in?

Now she's sharing a house with Ethan Poe, her former best friend-turned-enemy. All those feelings she used to have for him are starting to rain down on her again. Too bad he's a jerk and his new girlfriend has territorial issues. Thanks to Mother Nature, Ella's house and her entire life have been turned upside down.

Ethan isn't quite sure why Ella hates him so much, but he does know she wants nothing to do with him. He's never quite gotten over the crush he had on her as a kid, and now that she's living across the hall, it's hard to stay away. His girlfriend isn't helping the situation and when she shows her true colors, he doesn't want to date her anymore. He wants to date someone like Ella. Too bad she hates him.

#### Backlist YA

## SWIMMING IN A SEA OF STARS by Julie Wright



Photo credit: Scott Wright

About the author:

Julie Wright has written 26 novels and is a two-time Whitney Award winner. Her books have received several starred reviews and have been listed in the American Library Association's top ten romances of the year.

She is a mental health advocate and loves spending time with the youth of our world.

She's a sucker for almost all things nerdy: Doctor Who, Disneyland, the Marvel Universe, Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, fairytales, and Jane Austen. She believes in second chances, getting up and trying again, and in the power and magic of love, forgiveness, generosity, and compassion.

She loves writing, reading, traveling, snorkeling, hiking, playing with her family, and watching her husband make dinner. Publisher: Shadow Mountain

Pub date: 08/01/2023

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Journal entry: Heading to school. I know what everyone will say. There goes the girl who tried to kill herself.

Addison is no stranger to feeling stressed, insecure, and sad. Her therapist recommended she keep a journal to help her understand those feelings better, which she really needs today. It's her first day back to school, several weeks after she survived her suicide attempt. She knows there are rumors about why she did it: A lousy home life? Bullying? Heartbreak? None of them are true, but it doesn't matter because Addison still feels like she's drowning. She still holds secrets she's not ready to share.

During the school day, Addison encounters four other students struggling with their own secrets:

Booker is anxious about seeing Addison. They were sort of a couple until he tried to kiss her. She fled and then tried to end her life. Those two things couldn't be related, could they?

Celia feels trapped by her mother's abusive boyfriend. She can guess why Addison did what she did.

Damion is TikTok-famous and thinks befriending Addison could boost his followers. But what no one knows is he needs the world to remember him since his sick mom doesn't anymore.

Avery is considered a loner and doesn't know Addison, but they have neighboring lockers. With Avery's older brother in jail for dealing drugs, Avery is desperate for meaningful human connection.

Swimming in a Sea of Stars is a poignant and gripping novel about how we're all interconnected, like the stars in the night sky that form constellations and map out the universe, and if even one star goes missing, the effect is profound.

#### Backlist MG

## DARK ISLAND by Trisha Hoover



#### About the author:

P. J. (Tricia) Hoover wanted to be a Jedi, but when that didn't work out, she became an electrical engineer instead. After a fifteen year bout designing computer chips for a living, P. J. started creating worlds of her own. She's the awardwinning author of The Hidden Code and Tut: The Story of My Immortal Life, featuring a fourteen-year-old King Tut who's stuck in middle school.

the Connor Under Hoover pseudonym, she is also the author of the popular Pick Your Own Quest series, which are Choose Adventure Your Own style interactive adventures perfect for everyone. When not working on her own writing, P.J. writes science curriculum articles and edits amazing manuscripts for other authors. P. J. loves spending time practicing kung fu, fixing things around the house, and solving Rubik's cubes. For more information about P. J. (Tricia) Hoover, please visit her website www.pjhoover.com.

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Pub Date: 05/15/2023

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Can Liam escape the island before time runs out?

Liam and his mother are the only human inhabitants on a remote island, supported by a complex system of androids and artificial intelligence, which makes it all the more terrifying when Liam starts to experience visions that no one else can see. Not even the robots perceive the rift in the sky or the strange thunder that rocks the island to its core. When Liam discovers a warning left by the previous island dwellers that the androids are dangerous, he realizes he will have to get himself and his mom back to the mainland. He enlists the aid of mysterious newcomer, Izzy, but soon learns that her sudden appearance isn't the strangest thing about her. She knows more about the island than she lets on. She says Liam should trust her, but is she more dangerous than the malfunctioning androids?

Black Mirror meets Westworld in this action-packed adventure by P.J. Hoover!

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