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Updates and Highlights

- Two new picture books! SET SAIL FOR PANCAKES by author/illustrator Tim Kleyne and GRANNY'S KITCHEN by Sade Smith and illustrated by Ken Daley.
- New YA title! Robbie Couch's BLAINE FOR THE WIN. His previous title, THE SKY BLUES, sold to France and Brazil.
- We have a young adult horror book, THE PLEDGE by Cale Dietrich.
- German rights licensed to ACCOMPLISHED by Amanda Quain.
- Another new YA title! YOU, ME, AND OUR HEARTSTRINGS by Melissa See publishes in July with Scholastic.
- THE COMPLETE BOOK OF ASPEN by Danna Smith is a YA novel in verse.
- We also have WITCH'S DICE by Kaylie Smith, a YA fantasy title being published with Disney Hyperion in January '23.

PICTURE BOOKS

WARRIOR PRINCESS

By Author/Illustrator Sally Deng

An empowering and informative picture book biography about Khutulun, the great-great granddaughter of Genghis Khan, and how she defied the expectations of her time to become commander of the Khan's army.

Just like the fourteen brothers that came before her, Khutulun, princess of her tribe, learned from an early age how to ride horseback, shoot arrows at full gallop and, most importantly, to wrestle. But as she grew older, her people wondered why their beloved princess had not yet married. So Khutulun vowed to marry any man that could defeat her at wrestling. Though she remained undefeated, Khutulun felt duty bound to throw a match to end the rumors and restore honor to her family. But when the day arrives, Khutulun's heart is torn. In the heat of battle, would she—could she—make the decision to become a wife and not a warrior?

A story based on the life and legend of Khutulun, *Warrior Princess* is an inspiring tale of a princess who realizes that sometimes the best way to serve one's community is to stay true to oneself and defy their expectations, brought to life by Sally Deng's lush, sweeping paintings and additional backmatter about Khutulun's life.

Praise:

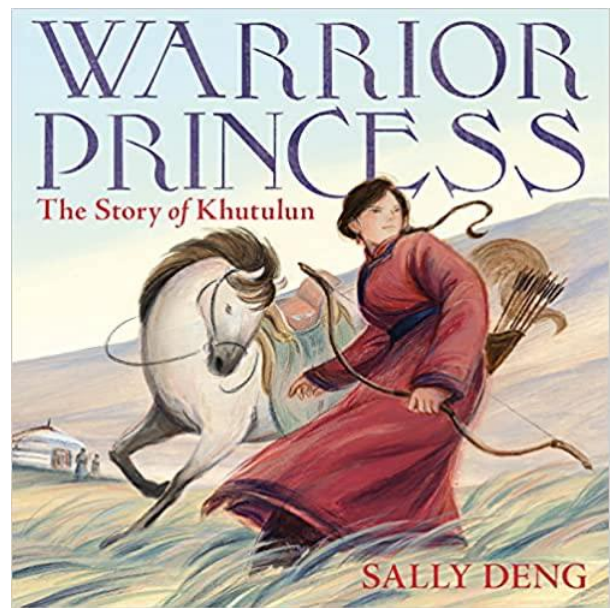
Coming soon!

About the Author:

Sally Deng is the author-illustrator of *Skyward: Women Pilots in WWII* (Flying Eye Books, 2018) and illustrator of the forthcoming *How to Spot a Mermaid* (Chronicle, written by Jane Yolen), a spread in Kelly Yang's forthcoming picture book anthology *Yes We Will: Asian Americans Who Shaped This Country* (Dial, 2022), and *Yusra Swims* (Creative Editions, 2020). She was chosen as a [2020 Forbes 30 under 30](#) and her illustrations have appeared in various publications including the *New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, NPR, *Vice*, *The New Yorker*, and *Condé Nast Traveler*. In addition to her print work, she is currently working on a series of illustrations for the Threshold Podcast.

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MISS RITA, MYSTERY READER

By Sam Donovan & Kristen Wixted, illustrator Violet Tobacco*

In this heartwarming picture book, Tori can't wait to show off Daddy's drag queen alter ego, Miss Rita, at school story time. But will the other kids love Miss Rita like Tori does?

Daddy is the Mystery Reader at Tori's school today, and he's coming dressed as Miss Rita! Tori helps Daddy gloss, glitter, glamour, and glimmer to get ready. It takes time—because sparkle is serious business!

Tori loves helping Daddy become Miss Rita. But will the other kids at school love Miss Rita like Tori does? Luckily, a last-minute idea helps Daddy and Tori find a way to make story time sparkle for everyone.

This heartwarming and relatable family story celebrates drag queens, reading, and self-acceptance, teaching every kid to let their sparkle shine! And it includes back matter providing an overview of drag performance.

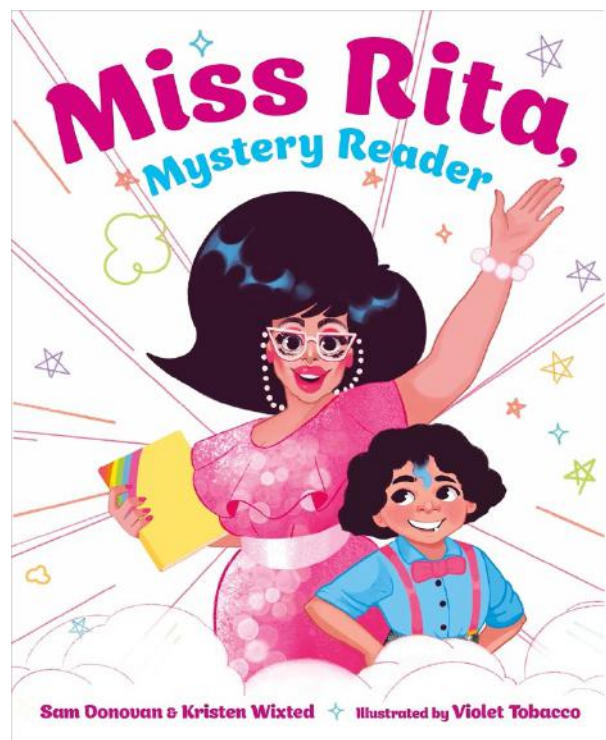
Praise:

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About the Author:

Sam Donovan is a fashion designer who loves color, print, and texture. If you're a fan of *Project Runway*, Sam's name might be familiar to you—he was the runner-up on *Project Runway: Under the Gunn*, and took 4th place on Season 5 of *Project Runway: All Stars*. He regularly designs clothes for drag performers, and hopes something he's designed inspires you to smile. He lives in Massachusetts.

Kristen Wixted writes picture books and middle grade novels. She's the co-editor and general force behind the illustrated children's poetry anthologies published by The Writers' Loft Press, *An Assortment of Animals* and *Friends and Anemones: Ocean Poems for Children*. She is also an experienced Mystery Reader who lives in Massachusetts with her husband, three children, a dog, and a cat. In her spare time she can be found in her flower garden, which she is pretty sure is inhabited by magical creatures.



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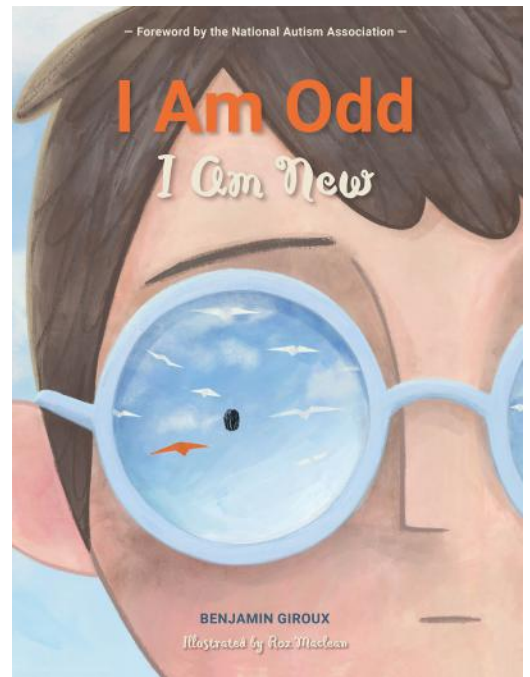
Complete manuscript available

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Macmillan

I AM ODD, I AM NEW

By Benjamin Giroux, illustrated by Roz Maclean

Through the eyes of 10-year-old Benjamin Giroux, being odd is different, and different is a good thing. This is what the then fifth-grader hoped to convey in his poem, beginning every few sentences with "I am," about what it is like to live with autism. Inspired by a school assignment, Benjamin's raw and emotional words poured out onto the page, but when he feared they were not any good, his parents shared the poem with friends and family. Little did they know that it would go viral and end up inspiring thousands of strangers who identified with him to share their support. Now for the first time, Benjamin's iconic poem "I Am Odd, I Am New," comes to life in this lovingly illustrated picture book with a foreword written by the National Autism Association. So whether you know the poem, or it is new to you, discover how Benjamin's honesty will reassure children of all ages that it's okay to be different.



Schiffer
October 2021

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Praise:

“Written when the autistic author was 10, Giroux’s poetic exploration of being/feeling different from the perspective of living on the spectrum brings to light that being neurodivergent is not the same as being broken or ‘less’. Being different is not an insurmountable obstacle to experiencing life but rather a gift to experience more.” —*Kirkus*, starred review

About the Author and Illustrator:

Benjamin Giroux's viral poem *I AM ODD* caught the attention of the whole world when he wrote it for a school project. Calling attention to the social challenges neurodiverse children face, Benjamin's poem has been praised by millions. Benjamin has been interviewed for television news programs, as well as featured by *Huffington Post*, the Today Show and Good Morning America. He has also been the face of the National Autism Association’s antibullying campaign. Illustrator **Roz Maclean** is the author of *The Body Book* (2016, Promontory Press, winner of IBPA children’s picture book award) and *Violet’s Cloudy Day* (2014, Promontory Press, Eric Hoffer Award honorable mention). Roz has many short publications and frequently makes author visits to schools. She has experience working with the deaf/mute community as well.

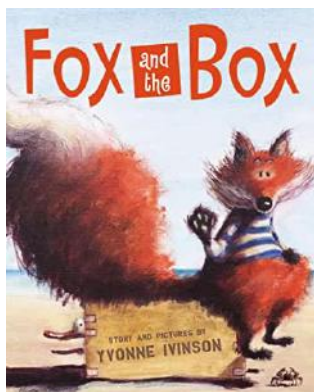
THE MISSING PAIRS

By Author/Illustrator Yvonne Ivinson

Fox is missing a sock, Hare is missing a mitten, and Badger is missing a boot. Luckily, friendly Bear is there to solve the mystery. A silly and suspenseful picture book from Yvonne Ivinson, creator of *Fox and the Box*, that is full of rhythm, repetition, wordplay, homophones, and a surprise ending. An ideal choice for story times and emergent readers.

Two socks are a pair of socks. Two mittens are a pair of mittens. Two boots are a pair of boots. Fox, Hare, and Badger are each missing one of their pair. Luckily, Bear knows where they are. Or does he?

Also available: **FOX AND THE BOX**



Praise:

“In a community of animal friends, personal items are going missing. . . Realistic acrylic paintings in deep hues with textured brushstrokes to elicit the furry/fluffy coats and whiskers of the animals provide clues throughout. . . The easily read text, conveyed mostly in dialogue and

playfully incorporating the occasional rhyme, brings the mystery to a close . . . An intriguing whodunit couched in a simple story of friendship and indulgence.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

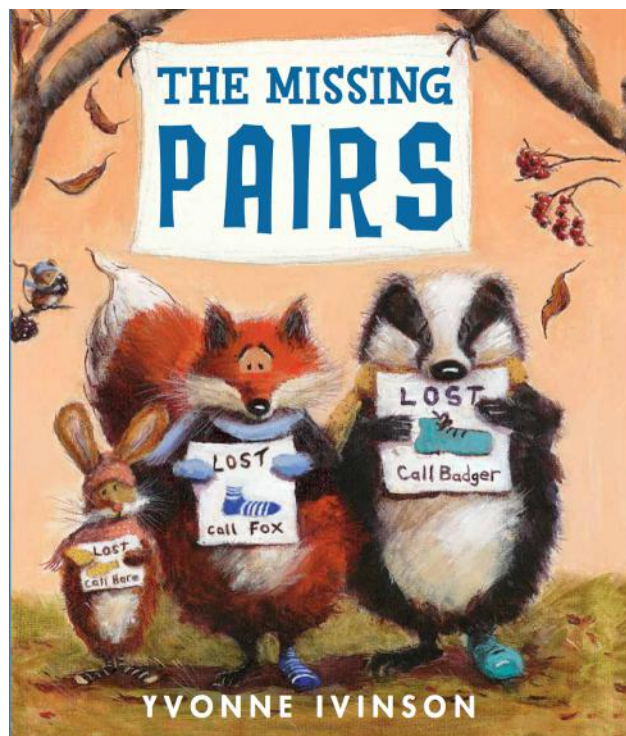
“The art’s autumnal cast is winning: the leaves float slowly off the trees, the cast wears bright woolly scarves, and from the looks of the icy blue sky and waving grasses, the forecast is windy with a nip in the air. It practically demands a reading with a side of hot chocolate.” —*Publishers Weekly*

“The accessible text interspersing rhyme and playful formatting makes for a lively read-aloud and, together with the artwork, offers a cheery picture-book mystery that will delight many kids.” —*Booklist*

About the Author:

Yvonne Ivinson is also the author of *Fox and the Box*, a picture book starring the fox in this book. She lives in the countryside near London, England, and tries very hard not to misplace her socks, mittens, or boots.

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SET SAIL FOR PANCAKES

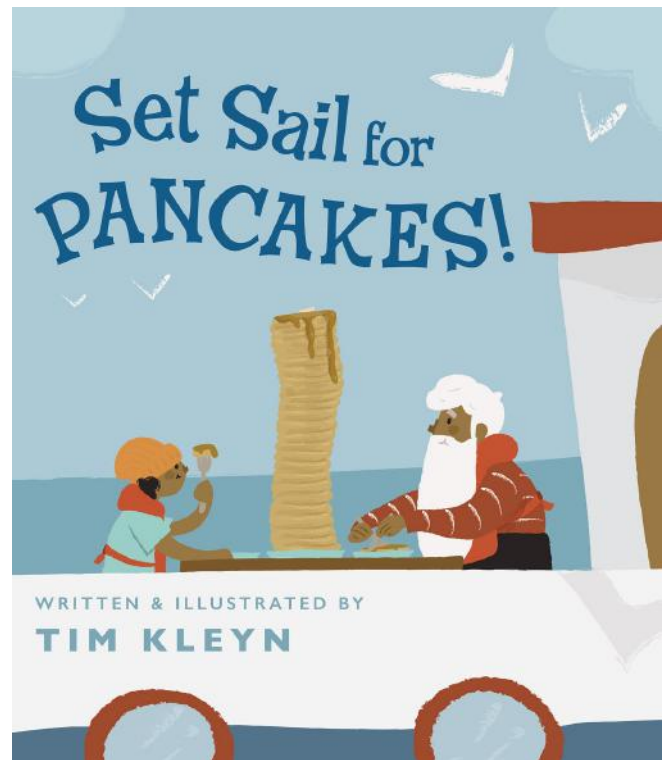
By Author/Illustrator Tim Kleyn

Hungry for adventure . . . and breakfast? Set sail with a grandpa and his intrepid granddaughter as they look far and wide for the perfect pancake ingredients!

Margot and her grandpa have tummies grumbly for pancakes. Only there's a problem . . . there's no flour, milk, or eggs! But Grandpa has the perfect solution; they'll get on his boat the Beluga Blue and go to Chicken Island, Cow Island, and Flour Mill Island to get the ingredients. Set sail for pancakes!

Praise:

Coming soon!



**PRH/Viking Books for Young Readers
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About the Author:

Tim Kleyn is a maker of pictures, writer of words, and eater of pancakes. He lives in Grand Rapids, Michigan, with his lovely wife, daughter, and cat. Tim grew up in Jenison, Michigan, graduated from Kendall College of Art and Design, and now works as a graphic designer. His hands are often full with the happy things of life, but there is always room in his stomach for a bite of fluffy, syrupy, wonderful pancakes.

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GRANNY'S KITCHEN

By Sade Smith,
illustrated by Ken Daley*

Accompanied by Ken Daley's vibrant, sun-soaked artwork, Sadé Smith's debut picture book *Granny's Kitchen* is the perfect readaloud for budding chefs everywhere.

Shelly-Ann lives with her Granny on the beautiful island of Jamaica. When Shelly-Ann becomes hungry, she asks her Granny for something to eat. Granny tells her “Gyal, you betta can cook!” and teaches Shelly-Ann how to get in touch with her Jamaican roots through the process of cooking.

As Shelly-Ann tries each recipe, everything goes wrong. But when Granny is too tired to cook one morning, Shelly-Ann will have to find the courage to try one more time and prepare the perfect Jamaican breakfast.

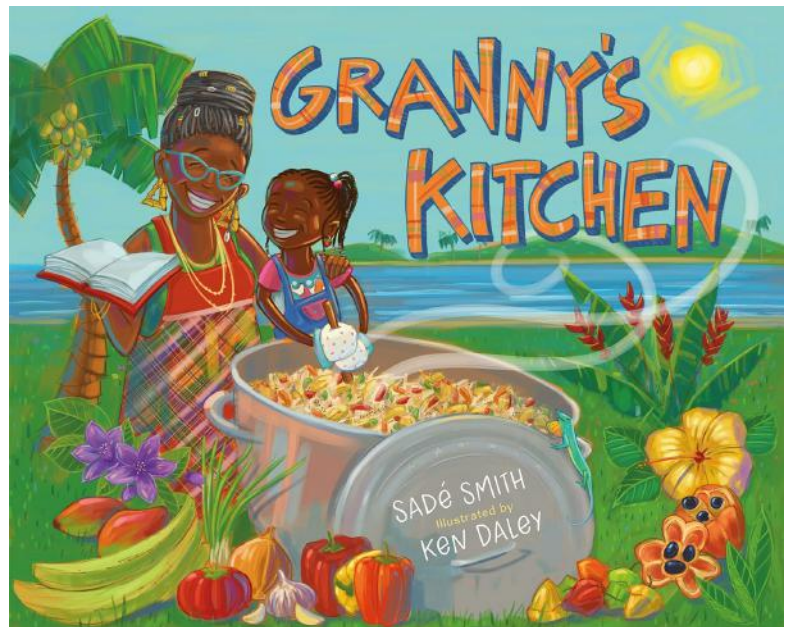
Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author and Illustrator:

Born in Toronto, Ontario, **Sadé Smith** is a Canadian children's book author of Jamaican descent. She loves to write stories that will allow your imagination to take you away. Her books often involve food and recipes for readers to enjoy along with vibrant illustrations to capture the colors of the Caribbean islands. In addition to writing, she is also a designer/technologist who practices the skilled trades and home renovations. She can swing a hammer as well as she can swing a pen. She is the author of *Granny's Kitchen* and *Julie and the Mango Tree*.

Ken Daley is the prize-winning illustrator of *Granny's Kitchen* by Sadé Smith, *Joseph's Big Ride* by Terry Farish—an Ontario Library Association Best Bet—and *Auntie Luce's Talking Paintings* by Francie Latour. Ken was born in Canada to parents who emigrated from Dominica. His art and illustrations are inspired by his African-Caribbean roots and has exhibited his work in Canada, the U.S. and the Caribbean. His artwork can be found in numerous private and public collections.



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*Illustrator is repped by Christy Ewers at the CAT Agency, all offers for illustration should go there

MIDDLE GRADE

THE GRAVE THIEF

By Dee Hahn

A twelve-year-old grave thief gets caught up in a royal heist in this compelling middle-grade fantasy in the vein of Kelley Armstrong's *A Royal Guide to Monster Slaying*.

Twelve-year-old Spade is a grave thief. With his father and brother, he digs up the recently deceased to steal jewels, the main form of trade in Wyndhail.

Digging graves works for Spade -- alone in the graveyard at night, no one notices his limp or calls him names. He's headed for a lifetime of theft when his father comes up with the audacious plan to rob a grave in the Wyndhail castle cemetery. Spade and his brother get caught in a royal trap, and Spade must find the master of the Woegon: a deadly creature that is stalking the castle by night.

Along the way, he meets Ember, the queen's niece, and together they race to solve the mystery of the legendary Deepstones and their connection to the Woegon, the queen, a missing king and the mysterious pebble Spade finds in the Wyndhail cemetery.

This is a fantastic story of friendship, bravery, grief and acceptance.

Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

Dee Hahn began writing when her three children begged for bedtime stories. As a Junior High teacher, she is well-positioned to market her book to young readers through speaking events, library, and school visits. She has been longlisted for CANSCAIP's Writing for Children Competition in both 2017 and 2018, becoming a finalist with this novel in 2018. This book will appeal to readers of Jonathan Auxier's *The Night Gardener*, or Robert Beatty's *Serafina and the Black Cloak*.

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**Puffin Canada
March 2022**

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Audio to Blackstone

**Edited manuscript
available**

VALLEY OF THE RATS

By Mahtab Narsimhan

Krish hates the outdoors, camping and, especially, germs. When Krish and his father take a camping trip to Ladakh, he convinces himself they'll bond, despite their differences. When they're lost in a bamboo forest teeming with black rats and germs, Krish is at an all-time low. His gut feeling and a couple of rats lead them to Imdura, a hidden village. Krish and his father are allowed to stay, if they follow the rules. But when Krish and Kabir break the most sacred rule, the Imdura threaten to keep them there forever. Can Krish overcome his fears to save his father and himself?

Praise for previous work:

"I couldn't put it down as it felt like I was living the story and needed to know how it would end!" —Eric Walters, author of *The King of Jam Sandwiches* and *The Rule of Three*

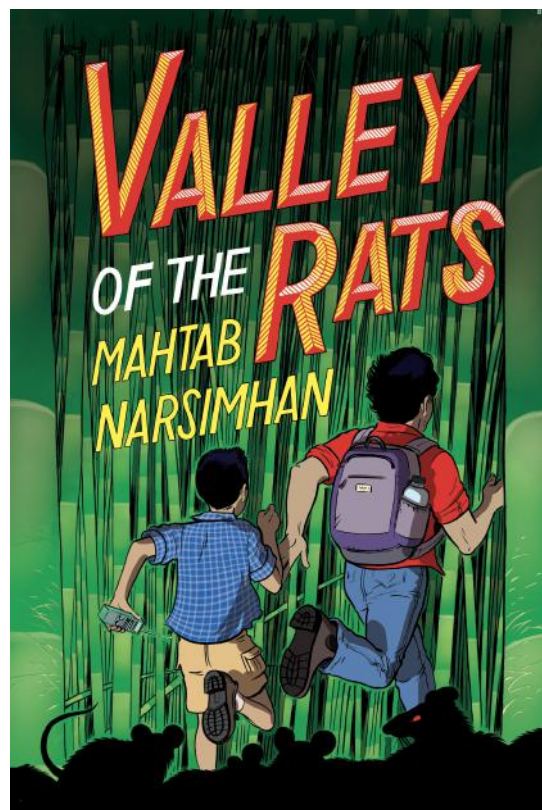
"Brimming with tension from the first page to the last, *Valley of the Rats* is filled with mystery, heart, and horror. If you're looking for a book to make your skin crawl, look no further!" —Joel A. Sutherland, bestselling author of *Summer's End*, *Screamers*, and numerous volumes of *Haunted Canada*

"I have so many 'F' words to describe *Valley of the Rats*: funny, fantastic, fabulous, and flawless. But the one you should use is first book on your to-read list." —Marty Chan, author of *Fire and Glass* and *Haunted Hospital*

About the Author:

Mahtab Narsimhan is the award-winning author of several books for young readers, including *Embrace the Chicken*, *Mission Mumbai*, *The Tiffin* and *The Third Eye*, which won the Silver Birch Award. She was a Writer in Residence at the Toronto District School Board from 2015 to 2016. Born in Mumbai, India, Mahtab immigrated to Canada in 1997. She now lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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Cormorant Books
(North American English and
French)
February 2022

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translation rights except French
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Book available

THE PAPER MUSEUM

By Kate Simpson

In a world where paper is obsolete and magic is all but forgotten, Lydia has moved into The Paper Museum with her Uncle Lem following the disappearance of her parents. Convinced the key to finding them lies in the museum's book collection, Lydia spends her days digitally scanning her way through the museum's library.

But when Uncle Lem is called away and her mysterious Uncle Renald is put in charge of the museum, Lydia's scanning project comes to an abrupt halt. Uncle Renald takes her aer reader – the personal device that everybody uses for reading, shopping, messaging and more – but not before Lydia makes a desperate attempt at filing a missing persons report for her parents.

The report activates a countdown, and now with nothing but a secret typewriter in her dogwood fort and a cryptic message – *“When time is of the Essence, type what you've always wanted to type”* – Lydia has thirty days to find her parents and stop the Mayor from commandeering the museum. Otherwise, both her family home and the Paper Museum itself will be reassigned to someone else. With aer readers on the fritz and the town descending into chaos, Lydia needs to find her parents before the Paper Museum – and thus, her parents - are lost for good.

Set in a place that is technologically advanced in some ways and behind in others, THE PAPER MUSEUM is a story of family and friendship with a hint of magic – and just a touch of a middle grade *Black Mirror*.

Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

Kate Simpson works at a library in Massachusetts, and her debut, THE PAPER MUSEUM, will publish in the fall of 2022 from Union Square Kids.



**Union Square Kids
September 2022**

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available**

**Unedited manuscript
available**

YOUNG ADULT

THAT SUMMER NIGHT ON FRENCHMEN STREET

By Chris Clarkson

In this modern-day young adult take on *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, two teens from vastly different worlds discover that sharing their strengths, including the love of their friends and family, may just be the path to finding wholeness within themselves.

Being there for her family is the most important thing to Jessamine Monet. And her family is complicated. Her twin brother Joel has a secret boyfriend, and her transgender cousin Solange is flourishing, despite the disapproval of Solange's dying mother. Yet Jessamine doesn't mind being caught up in family drama. Being busy keeps the water at bay — the water of memories, of Katrina, of past trauma. So when Tennessee Williams — a rich white boy named after the writer — asks her out, she hesitantly says yes. He'll be like a library book, she figures, something to read and return. Falling for him is another burden she can't afford to carry.

Tennessee has always lived his life at the mercy of his mom's destructive creativity and his dad's hypermasculine expectations. Jessamine's caring and aloof nature is a surprisingly welcome distraction. While she fights her attraction to him, Tennessee is pulled into her inner family circle and develops a friendship with Joel's boyfriend, Saint Baptiste. Together Saint and Tennessee bond over the difficulty of loving the emotionally unavailable Monet twins.

As senior year progresses, old traumas and familial pressures rise higher than hurricane waves. Can this group of friends make peace with each other, their families, and most importantly, with themselves?

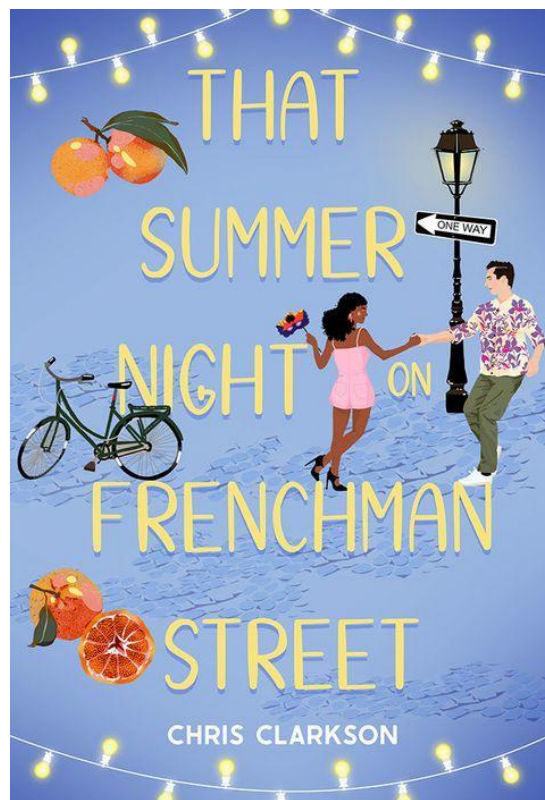
Praise:

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About the Author:

Debut author **Chris Clarkson** studied English literature at the University of Maryland, where he earned his Bachelor's degree. He works during the day as an outreach coordinator, where along with many other responsibilities in this role, he regularly assists with the implementation of diversity initiatives. When he is not writing, Chris spends his time as a wandering local, discovering his muse in coffee shops, street art, and old bookstores. He lives in New Orleans with his dog Avery and a collection of notebooks filled with words for stories waiting to be brought to life.

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Lee & Low
June 2022

All translation and UK/
Commonwealth rights available

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THE SKY BLUES

By Robbie Couch

A New York Times Anticipated Spring 2021 YA Release!
One USA Today's Best Rom-Coms of 2021!
A Junior Library Guild Selection!

Sky's small town turns absolutely claustrophobic when his secret promposal plans get leaked to the entire school in this witty, heartfelt, and ultimately hopeful debut novel for fans of *What if it's Us?* and *I Wish You All the Best*.

Sky Baker may be openly gay, but in his small, insular town, making sure he was invisible has always been easier than being himself. Determined not to let anything ruin his senior year, Sky decides to make a splash at his high school's annual beach bum party by asking his crush, Ali, to prom—and he has thirty days to do it.

What better way to start living loud and proud than by pulling off the gayest promposal Rock Ledge, Michigan, has ever seen?

Then, Sky's plans are leaked by an anonymous hacker in a deeply homophobic e-blast that quickly goes viral. He's fully prepared to drop out and skip town altogether—until his classmates give him a reason to fight back by turning his thirty-day promposal countdown into a school-wide hunt to expose the e-blast perpetrator.

But what happens at the end of the thirty days? Will Sky get to keep his hard-won visibility? Or will his small-town blues stop him from being his true self?

Praise:

"Packed with twists, turns, and a whole lotta love, *The Sky Blues* tugged at my gay-from-the-Midwest heartstrings. Ready for more from Robbie!" —Tyler Oakley, author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Binge*

"The author creates memorable, believable characters who inhabit vivid settings. Couch excels at crafting believable plot twists... Recommended for fans of David Levithan." —*School Library Journal*

"Couch's richly plotted first novel is a delight and an excellent contribution to the mainstreaming of LGBTQIA+ content." —*Booklist*

About the Author:

Robbie Couch has been published in *HuffPost*, *Upworthy*, and *O, The Oprah Magazine*, among other outlets. *THE SKY BLUES* is his debut novel.

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April 2021

DeSaxus, France
Melhoramentos, Brazil

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THE SKY BLUES have been
optioned for film with Walden
Media, trade announcement
forthcoming.

Book available

BLAINE FOR THE WIN

By Robbie Couch

One of Goodreads's Most Anticipated YA Books of 2022!

After being dumped so his boyfriend can pursue more “serious” guys, a teen boy decides to prove he can be serious, too, by running for senior class president in this joyful romp from the author of *The Sky Blues*.

High school junior Blaine Bowers has it all—the perfect boyfriend, a pretty sweet gig as a muralist for local Windy City businesses, a loving family, and awesome, talented friends. And he is absolutely, 100% positive that aforementioned perfect boyfriend—senior student council president and Mr. Popular of Wicker West High School, Joey—is going to invite Blaine to spend spring break with his family in beautiful, sunny Cabo San Lucas.

Except Joey breaks up with him instead. In *public*. On their one-year anniversary.

Because, according to Joey, Blaine is too goofy, too flighty, too... unserious. And if Joey wants to go far in life, he needs to start dating more serious guys. Guys like Zach Chesterton.

Determined to prove that Blaine can be what Joey wants, Blaine decides to enter the running to become his successor (and beat out Joey's new boyfriend, Zach) as senior student council president.

But is he willing to sacrifice everything he loves about himself to do it?

Praise:

"Packed with empowering and relatable moments, with the perfect balance of humor and heart, *Blaine for the Win* has my vote." -- Rachael Lippincott, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Five Feet Apart*

"*Blaine for the Win* celebrates flighty, unserious gay boys everywhere! As one myself, I've never felt more seen. Robbie Couch has gifted us with an irresistible, lion-hearted rom-com about love, inspiration, and toxic queer optics. Don't miss this confection!" -- Adam Sass, award-winning author of *Surrender Your Sons*

"A wonderful novel about the importance of being yourself and having friends who will follow you no matter where you go. Blaine and his fun-loving, absolute powerhouse circle of friends had me cheering for them the whole time. I'd vote for Blaine!" -- Loan Le, author of *A Pho Love Story*

About the Author:

Robbie Couch has been published in *HuffPost*, *Upworthy*, and *O, The Oprah Magazine*, among other outlets.

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THE PLEDGE

By Cale Dietrich

***Scream* meets *The Taking of Jake Livingston* in this young adult horror novel by Cale Dietrich featuring a masked killer who targets frat boys.**

Freshman Sam believes that joining a fraternity is the best way to form a friend group as he begins his college journey. The frat he's pledging seems welcoming and fun, and accepting of his identity as queer. It would feel better if Gray, the other queer frat boy was friendlier, but Sam can deal with that if it means being part of this popular group.

And then... one of the frat boys is killed by a masked, knife-wielding murderer. The police and the university believe it's random – a case of a drunk kid being in the wrong place at the wrong time. But when another frat boy is murdered, Sam and Gray start to wonder if they might be the next targets, and if the pledge/hazing rituals have gone too far.

Elements of horror, mystery, and a gay hate-to-love romance make this a story readers won't want to miss.

Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

Cale Dietrich is a YA devotee, lifelong gamer, and tragic pop punk enthusiast. He was born in Perth, grew up on the Gold Coast, and now lives in Brisbane, Australia. His debut novel, *The Love Interest*, was named a 2018 Rainbow List Selection.



**Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends
September 2022**

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DOWN WITH THIS SHIP

By Katie Kingman

Kole Miller is the best writer at the prestigious Crystal Lake High. But no one knows it—not her creative writing classmates, or even her academic arch nemesis Colin (aka Mr. Valedictorian). That’s because Kole’s best work is a secret fanfic based on *The Space Game*, her favorite show.

When Kole’s fanfic wins a major contest, her readership skyrockets. Suddenly, Kole finds herself stuck in the heated ship wars, as her new readers pair characters from the show together as romantic couples. Worse yet, Kole’s classmates discover that she’s the fanfic’s author. Now it isn’t just *The Space Game* everyone is arguing about: they start shipping Kole with her classmates.

With her romantic life in shambles and her anxiety through the roof, Kole must face both her inner demons and the ones at her school. She has one chance to reclaim her fanfic—and the guy that Kole now realizes she’s shipped herself with since episode one of the school year.

Praise:

“*Down With This Ship* is an addicting and fast-paced ode to fandoms, shipping and glorious geekery. The romance was soft and sweet, the nerd-validation was top-notch and the writing made me swoon. I’m an absolute fangirl of anything Kingman writes!” —Erin Hahn, author of *You’d Be Mine* and *More Than Maybe*

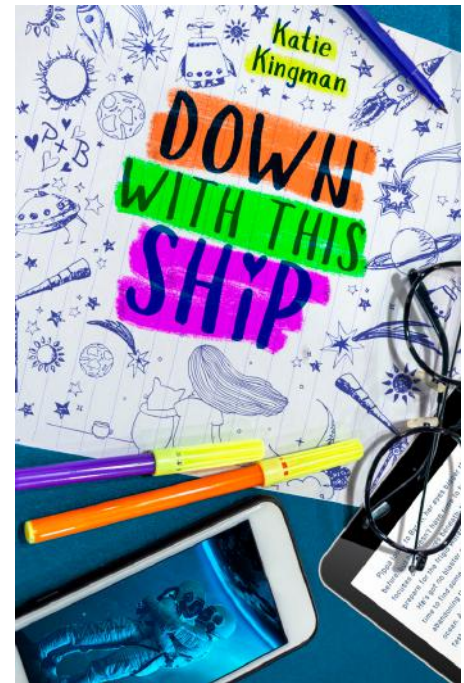
"A delightful novel that is wholehearted in embracing geek culture." —*Foreword Reviews*

“A fun, escapist read. Give this one to fans of Francesca Zappia's *Eliza and Her Monsters* or Marisa Kanter's *What I Like About You*. —*School Library Journal*

About the Author:

Katie Kingman has wanted to be a writer since freshman year when her English teacher read her story out loud. The experience was mortifying, but it led to a lifelong love of writing fiction and classic literature. She now lives, teaches, and geeks in Phoenix, Arizona, with her husband, two kids, and five cats.

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Flux
June 2021

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Audio to Dreamscape

Book available

ACCOMPLISHED

By Amanda Quain

It is a truth universally acknowledged that Georgiana Darcy *should* have been expelled after The Incident with Wickham Foster last year – at least if you ask any of her Pemberley Academy classmates. But now she’s back for her junior year, and she needs to prove to everyone that she’s more than just an embarrassment to the family name. How hard can it be? All she has to do is:

- Rebuild her reputation with the marching band (even if it kills her)
- Forget about Wickham and his lies (no matter how tempting they still are), and
- Distract her big brother Fitz Darcy – helicopter-sibling extraordinaire – by getting him to fall in love with his classmate, Lizzie Bennet (this one might be difficult...)

With the help of her fellow bandmate, Avery, matchmaking ideas lifted straight from her favorite fanfics, and a whole lot of pancakes, Georgie is going to see every one of her plans through. But when the weight of being the Perfect Darcy comes crashing down, Georgie will have to find her own way before she loses everything permanently—including the one guy who sees her for who she really is.

Also available: *The Ghosts Are a Metaphor* (publishing Summer '23)

Praise:

“An incredible debut and hilariously heartwarming addition to the *Pride & Prejudice* canon.” —Jennifer Dugan, author of *Hot Dog Girl*

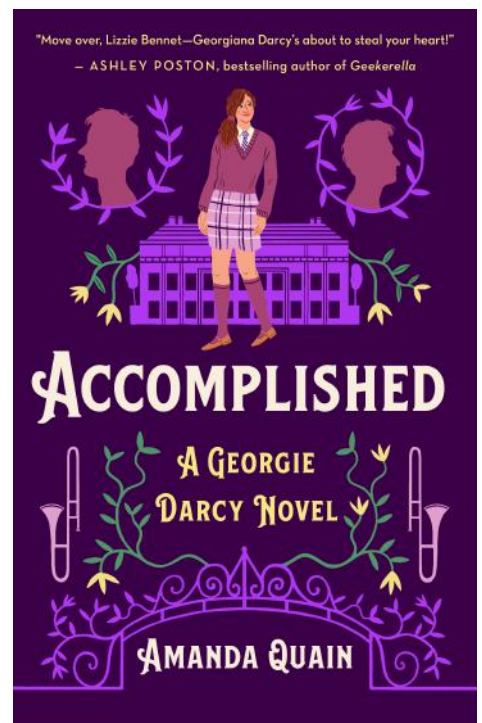
“A masterpiece of a debut. I was hooked from the first line and laughed all the way to the happily-ever-after. You’ve never read Austen like this!” —Tiffany Schmidt, author of the *Bookish Boyfriends* series and *I’m Dreaming of a Wyatt Christmas*

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About the Author:

Amanda Quain is a writer, indie bookseller, and general life enthusiast. If forced to choose, Amanda’s favorite Austen hero is Edward Ferrars, though she’ll always have a soft spot for Mr. Bingley. She lives in Arlington, Virginia with her husband and her cat.



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FORWARD MARCH

By Skye Quinlan

What's worse? Someone using your face for catfishing or realizing you actually do have a crush on the catfished girl?

Harper “Band Geek” McKinley just wants to make it through her senior year of marching band—and her Republican father’s presidential campaign. That was a tall order to start, but everything was going well enough until someone made a fake gay dating profile posing as Harper. The real Harper can’t afford for anyone to find out about the Tinder profile for three very important reasons:

1. Her mom is the school dean and dating profiles for students are strictly forbidden.
2. Harper doesn't even know if she likes anyone like that—let alone if she likes other girls.
3. If this secret gets out, her father could lose the election, one she's not sure she even wants him to win.

But upon meeting Margot Blanchard, the drumline leader who swiped right, Harper thinks it might be worth the trouble to let Margot get to know the real her.

With her dad’s campaign on the line, Harper’s relationship with her family at stake, and no idea who made that fake dating profile, Harper has to decide what’s more important to her: living her truth or becoming the First Daughter of America.

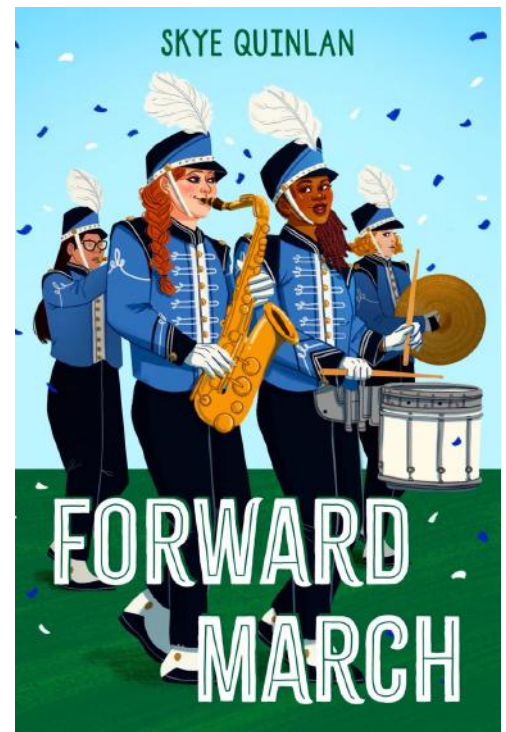
Praise:

“I ate up Skye Quinlan’s prose like candy. *Forward March* is a fun, inclusive, gloriously band geeky romance that tugged hard at my heartstrings.” —Robbie Couch, author of *The Sky Blues*

“Fresh, full of heart, and gloriously queer. Skye Quinlan hits all the right notes.” —Tobias Madden, author of *Anything But Fine*

About the Author:

Skye Quinlan was born in California during an earthquake and raised in the Midwest, where cornstalks outnumber people. *Forward March* is her debut novel. When she’s not writing, you can find her at the nearest metaphysics or craft store, dressed up in cosplay at the nearest convention, or ruining the furniture in her basement with epoxy resin and paint. She still lives in the Midwest, with her wife, their dogs, and the occasional little human who comes to visit them often (their niece).



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YOU, ME, AND OUR HEARTSTRINGS

By Melissa See

What if you were finding yourself and falling in love . . . and the whole world was watching?

Daisy and Noah have the same plan: use the holiday concert to land a Julliard audition. But when they're chosen to play a duet for the concert, they worry that their differences will sink their chances.

Noah, a cello prodigy from a long line of musicians, wants to stick to tradition. Daisy, a fiercely independent disabled violinist, is used to fighting for what she wants and likes to take risks. But the two surprise each other when they play. They fall perfectly in tune.

After their performance goes viral, the rest of the country falls for them just as surely as they're falling for each other. But viral fame isn't all it's cracked up to be. No one seems to care about their talent or their music at all. People have rewritten their love story into one where Daisy is an inspiration for overcoming her cerebral palsy and Noah is a saint for seeing past it.

Daisy is tired of her disability being the only thing people see about her, and all of the attention sends Noah's anxiety disorder into high speed. They can see their dream coming closer than it's ever been before. But is the cost suddenly too high?

Praise:

"You, Me, and Our Heartstrings is a heartwarming debut that combines romance, disability, music, mental health, and family into a symphony of pitch-perfect emotions." —Ashley Schumacher, author of FULL FLIGHT

"With a charming, unforgettable voice, YOU, ME, AND OUR HEARTSTRINGS is an ode to big dreams, first love, and the people who believe in us even when we don't believe in ourselves." —Rachel Lynn Solomon, author of TODAY TONIGHT TOMORROW

About the Author:

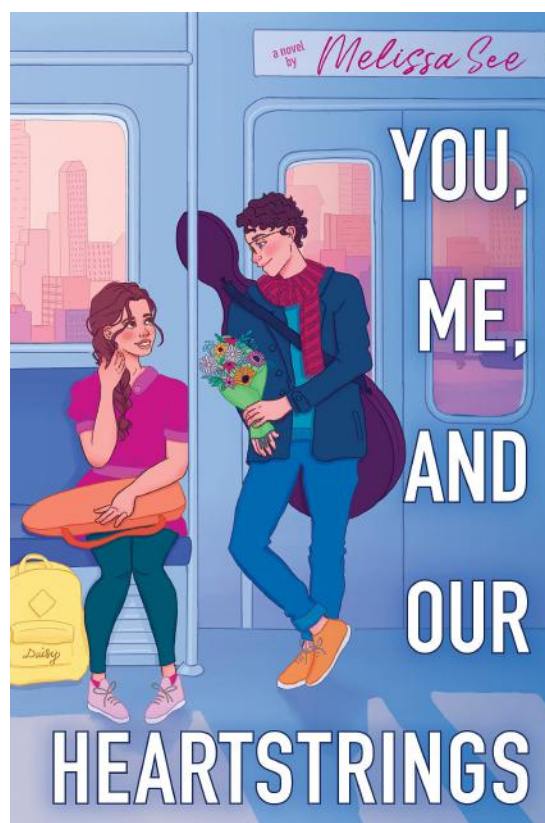
Melissa See writes young adult contemporary romance novels starring disabled leads. She currently lives in the New York countryside where she's pursuing her BA to work in children's publishing. Her work has previously appeared in Anime Impact: The Movies & Shows that Changed the World of Japanese Animation.

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THE COMPLETE BOOK OF ASPEN

By Danna Smith

When Aspen's best friend gives her a DNA test kit, a half teaspoon of spit is all it takes to discover her entire life has been a lie.

Learning that her beloved late father was not her biological father—and that her mother had deceived her—ignites a wild storm of emotions. Aspen struggles with her identity and the burden of being the gatekeeper of this closely guarded family secret. When her mother refuses to reveal her biological father's name, Aspen sets out on a courageous journey to find him.

Told in narrative verse and based on the author's true experience, *The Complete Book of Aspen* is a powerful tale of betrayal, forgiveness, and healing.

Praise:

"The Complete Book of Aspen is one of the more astounding, thoughtful, and moving books I've read in a long time... Told in unique poetry form, you will agonize along with Aspen as she learns to cope with the reality many of us face today with DNA testing. You won't be disappointed by this beautiful book by a talented author."—Melody DeLeon

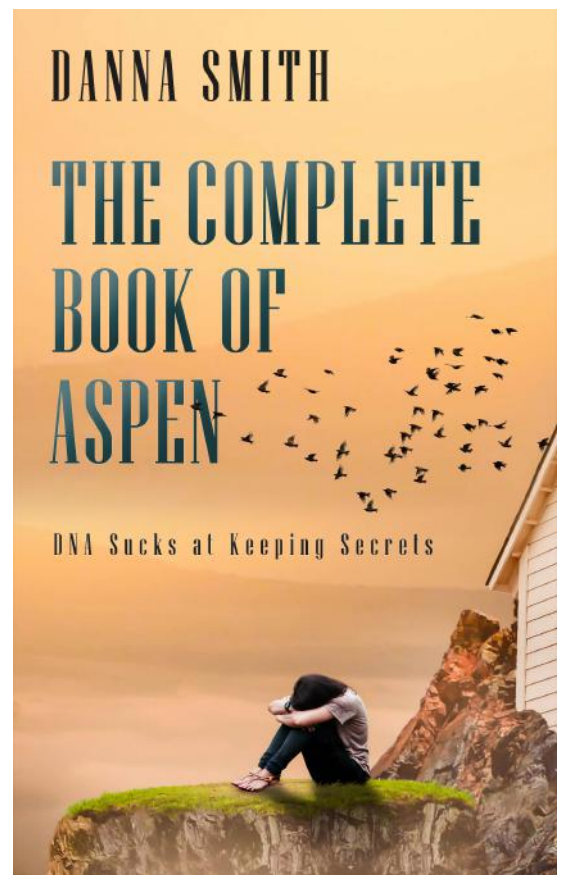
"*The Complete Book of Aspen* was written with a strong poetic voice and so much heart— I couldn't put it down!" —Linda Whalen Author/Artist

"Danna Smith's book is a fascinating page-turner that draws you in right away. Her verse is not only lyrical and compelling, but it also shows a mastery of technique." —Linda Joy Singleton, author of *The Seer*, *Dead Girl*, and *Curious Cat Spy Club* series.

"Smith's novel-in-verse is tender and satisfying. It is a gift, not just to a teen in this particular situation, but to anyone trying to understand who they are." —Kate Coombs Author/Poet

About the Author:

Danna Smith is the award-winning author of over a dozen books for children, including *The Hawk of the Castle* (Candlewick), a 2018 Bank Street College of Education Best Children's Books of the Year, *Swallow the Leader* (Clarion), a number of Little Golden Books, the forthcoming *Wake Up, Freight Train!* (Little Simon, March 2022), *One Blue Gnu* (Amicus Ink, March 2022), *Rooftop Garden* (Barefoot Books sing-along, May 2022), *The Thank You Book* (Little Simon, Fall 2022) and *Peek-a-boo Haiku* (Little Simon, 2023).



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WITCH'S DICE

By Kaylie Smith

Calla Rosewood is a witch with a long streak of bad luck. Like all witches, Calla is controlled by magical artifacts called Witch's Dice—dice that can grant a witch enormous power or a terrible curse. For Calla, the dice have given her both. Four years ago, Calla deserted her coven to escape a bleak future and she thought abandoning her home meant she would never see the Witch Realms or another witch again—until she meets Ezra Black and his brother, Gideon.

Ezra and Gideon are rogue witches with each their own secret reasons for running away, and as Ezra and Calla get closer, she realizes leaving her problems in the Witch Realms won't be as easy as she thought. Suddenly, Calla and her newfound coven find themselves thrust into a demonic, enchanted forest on a quest to find a solution to Calla's curse and they all must decide if controlling their own fates is worth the risk of losing their hearts... literally.

Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

Kaylie Smith is a writer and lover of all things magical and YA fantasy. She grew up in Louisiana where she frequently haunted bookstores and practiced her craft, and after getting her degree in graphic design, she decided to fully pursue her dream of being an author. When she isn't writing or re-reading, she can be found at home with her menagerie of animals, practicing witchcraft, or annoying people about astrology.

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