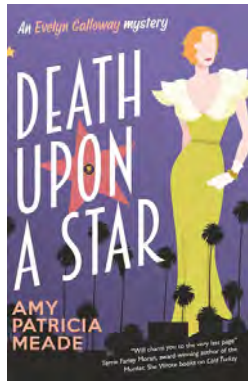
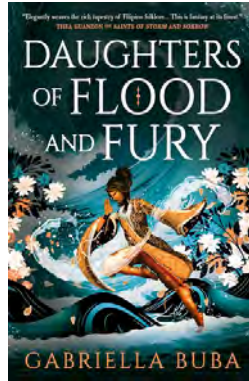
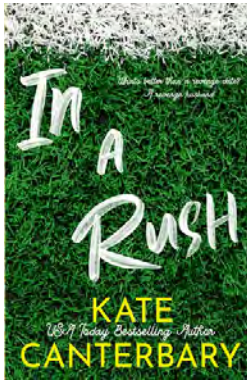




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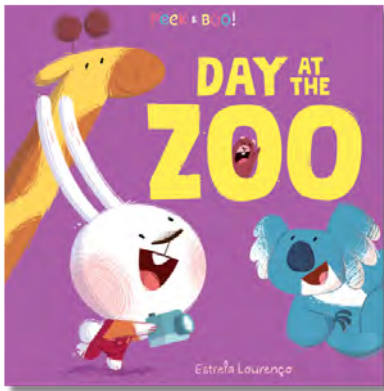
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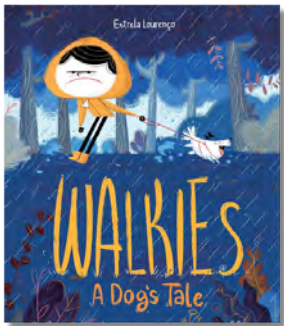


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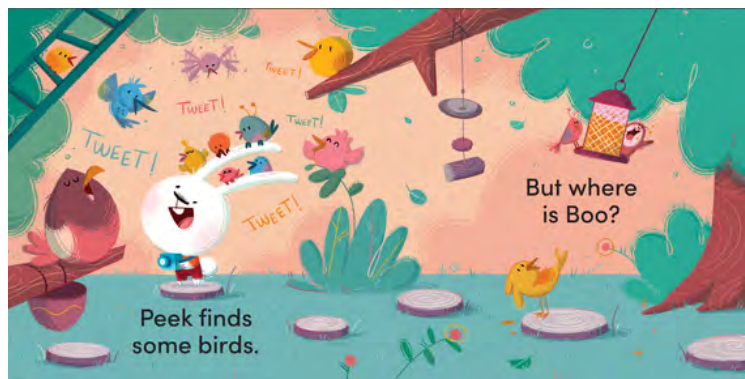
Peek and Boo: Day at the Zoo (Peek and Boo 2) Estrela Lourenço

Help Peek find her best friend Boo as she explores the zoo in this adorable peek-a-boo adventure!

Peek is ready for a fun day at the zoo, but she can't find her best friend Boo anywhere! Where is he hiding? Maybe the elephants have seen him? Maybe he's watching the turtles play? Help Peek search for the small guinea pig as he has silly fun around the zoo. Can you find him before the day is over?

Why Readers Will Love Peek & Boo:

- Features two adorable best friends baby animals
- Fun settings to explore and exciting adventures to go on
- Bright, colorful art and fun simple text keep little ones engaged again and again!
- Introduces new routines and early-language vocabulary
- Makes a wonderful baby shower, birthday or Valentine's Day gift; holiday stocking stuffer or Easter basket stuffer



About the Author

Estrela Lourenço is a Portuguese professional children's book author and illustrator, and also a storyboard artist for animation. She has been living in Ireland since 2009 where she loves creating new stories and enjoying family time with her daughter, partner and silly dog.

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Estrela Lourenço



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Sunny Parker is Here to Stay Margaret Finnegan

Sunny Parker loves the Del Mar Garden Apartments, the affordable housing complex where she lives. And she especially loves her neighbors. From her best friend, Haley Michaels, to Mrs. Garcia and her two kids—developmentally disabled son AJ and bitter but big-hearted daughter Izzy—every resident has a story and a special place in Sunny’s heart.

Sunny never thought living at the Del Mar Garden Apartments made her different—until the city proposes turning an old, abandoned school into a new affordable housing complex and the backlash of her affluent neighborhood teaches Sunny the hard way that not everyone appreciates the community she calls home. Her dad, the Del Mar’s manager-slash-handyman, wants Sunny to lay low. But as hurtful rhetoric spreads and the city’s public hearing approaches, Sunny realizes that sometimes there’s too much at stake to stay silent.

With her friends behind her, Sunny Parker is determined to change the narrative—because she and her community are here to stay!

Praise

A Kansas NEA Reading Circle List Junior Title
A Junior Library Guild Selection

“Though the story thoughtfully tackles serious topics such as domestic violence and structural racism, Sunny’s hopeful perspective and commitment to community care enhance the swiftly paced narrative . . . Sunny’s journey is a celebration of the power of empathy, intergenerational friendships, and collective action.” —*Horn Book Magazine*

“The book uses its diverse cast to sensitively address poverty, community, racism, and autism. Sunny is a spunky young girl who finds the courage to stand up for what she believes in.” —*Booklist*

About the Author

Margaret Finnegan is the author of the Junior Library Guild Selections *Sunny Parker Is Here to Stay*, *New Kids and Underdogs*, *Susie B. Won’t Back Down*, and *We Could Be Heroes*, which was a *USA Today* bestseller. Her other work has appeared in *FamilyFun*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Salon*, and other publications.

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A Method for Magic and Misfortune Craig Kofi Farmer

12-year-old Marcus Pennrider feels far from magical. He's trying his best to balance school, a part-time job, and familial responsibilities that include looking after his little sister. On top of that, he's settling into living with his aunt in the vibrant city of Grand Park, after healing from his experience with his abusive father.

When Marcus discovers a secret magic flows through the streets of Grand Park, everything seems to start changing for the better. Even Mr. O, the local corner shop owner and beloved leader in the community, takes Marcus under his wing to teach him how to use magic. Maybe if Marcus becomes a Divinator, he can prove to the world that he's not just a burden—that he's nothing like his father.

But as Marcus strays farther from his family and into the strange world of Divination magic, he becomes entrenched in a rigorous magical training program and increasingly dangerous relationship with Mr. O. It'll be up to Marcus to discover who his true family is, and that perhaps the real magic of Grand Park might lie in something much closer to home.

Praise

"Farmer's strong character development and worldbuilding bolster this fantasy story that centers on a majority Black cast and feels firmly anchored in realistic concerns." — *Kirkus Reviews*

"In a heartfelt novel that examines themes of family and motivation, Farmer empathetically addresses abuse and loss." — *Publishers Weekly*

"This thrilling, thoughtful story is far more than a magical mystery; it's also a careful contemplation of the forms that tyranny and abuse can take...It's an extraordinary exploration of the aftermath of abuse and the power in discovering one's own special brand of magic." — *Booklist*

About the Author

Craig Kofi Farmer is a Prince George's County native, with two Bachelor of Science degrees from Towson University and one Master of Education degree from the University of Maryland, College Park. He works in higher education administration, helping students achieve work-life balance and self-actualization.

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Alexandra Johnson



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The Last Rhee Witch and the Nine Tailed Fox (The Last Rhee Witch 2) Jenna Lee-Yun

A true friendship survives the test of time. But what about surviving a nine-tailed fox?

Last summer, Ronnie Miller's world turned upside down. She'd never believed in ghosts, or witches, or magic—until her time at Camp Foster, where she learned she was a witch. Magic was real. And some of it wanted to kill her.

Now back at Camp Foster for winter break, Ronnie and her friends Jack, Olivia, and Sam can't wait to enjoy all that winter camp has to offer. They're excited to be back together, enjoying camp without worrying about mysterious forces that want to kill them. But when campers begin inexplicably falling ill, Ronnie and friends suspect the supernatural is at play.

A gumiho—a nine-tailed fox spirit who feeds on people's life energy—is stalking the grounds at Camp Foster. And she's hungry.

Praise

"[A] deftly crafted, page-turning narrative . . . Rich in Korean mythology and suspense; will keep readers guessing." —**Kirkus Reviews**

"A tale of friendship, family, and finding faith in the one percent. I couldn't put the book down, and was rhyming spells long after the last page was turned." —**Graci Kim, New York Times best-selling author of the *Gifted Clans***

"[A] perfect mix of the thrill of a ghost story told around a crackling fire and sweet s'mores full of heart. I instantly devoured this perfect eerie tale!" —**Julie Abe, author of the *Eva Evergreen* series**



About the Author

Jenna Yun is a Clinical Psychologist, an active member of SCBWI, and a Round 8 Author Mentor Match mentee. She resides in the beautiful Pacific Northwest with her husband, son, daughter, and dog.

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Shay Yun



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Quill Tree Books
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An Encantadora's Guide to Monstros and Magic (Encantadora 1 of 2) Sarah J. Mendonca

Rosa Coelho has spent her whole life hunting monstros, wandering the city streets with her best friend Tiago, and dreaming of a better life for herself and her grandmother. In her society, every piece of knowledge comes with a hefty price, even the most basic books Rosa's family needs to trap monstros.

So when the powerful Ministério dos Monstros threatens her family's struggling Encantadora shop, Rosa only has two weeks to scrape together the money for their debts. It seems like an impossible task... until Rosa tricks her way onto an infamous thief crew as their magical safecracker.

Thrust into the world of high class luxury and betrayal, Rosa is pulled into a scheme with the highest possible stakes: stealing from the Ministry itself. She must learn to trust her magical abilities and her crew—for if the heist goes wrong, everything she loves is forfeit.

Praise

"A phenomenal debut with smooth execution, exciting capers, and heaps of originality." **-Kirkus, starred review**

"Debut author Mendonca's characters are a standout feature of the novel; Rosa's difficulty balancing personal desires and familial loyalties alongside unflinching depictions of harsh financial realities resonates throughout this unique, complex fantasy adventure whose world-building draws inspiration from Portuguese origins." **-Publisher's Weekly, starred review**

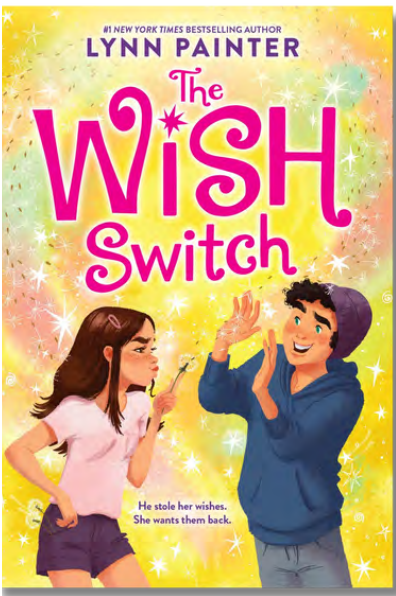
"An endlessly imaginative and enchanting debut [...] is sure to snare readers with its fierce friendships, daring, and edge-of-your-seat secrets." **—Tracy Badua, author of *Freddie Versus the Family Curse***

About the Author

Sarah J. Mendonca is a Portuguese-American author of magical books about misfits finding their own way in the world. Raised on her father's bedtime stories, Sarah started writing about monsters at age eight and hasn't stopped since. *An Encantadora's Guide to Monstros and Magic* is her debut novel.

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The Wish Switch Lynn Painter

Magic and mayhem collide in beloved #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Lynn Painter's hilarious children's book debut, perfect for fans of Sarah Mlynowski and Wendy Mass.

Emma Rockford knows it will take bonafide magic to make middle school everything she wants it to be. Luckily, before Emma's beloved Nana died, she left detailed instructions on how to access an ancient, secret, magical wishing well. Emma follows each step and plans out every moment...except for the one where the obnoxious new kid, Jackson, tosses in wishes of his own that literally knock her wishes off course. When seventh grade starts, Emma discovers that her wishes are starting to come true, alright. But not for her...for Jackson.

Which, the two quickly discover, could have disastrous consequences for both of their families, and cost Emma her best friends. Can they set everything straight in time to prevent full-blown catastrophe?

With the trademark wit and heart that have earned her legions of fans, Lynn Painter delivers a laugh-out-loud story of friendship, family, and wishing—with a delightful dash of magic.

Praise

"In a playful middle grade debut, Painter ... capture[s] the joys and heartaches of adolescent physical, mental, and social shifts. Steadfast narration and organically rendered relationships deftly ferry messages of perseverance, faith, and acceptance in this sweet take on growing up."—*Publishers Weekly*

"A light fantasy that offers worthy lessons in friendship."—*Kirkus Reviews*

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About the Author

Lynn Painter writes romantic comedies for both teens and adults. She is the author of *Better Than the Movies*, *Mr. Wrong Number*, *The Do-Over*, *Betting on You*, and *Nothing Like the Movies*, as well as a number of novels for adult readers. She is also a regular contributor to the *Omaha World-Herald*.

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The Duke Steals Hearts and Other Body Parts Elias Cold

Wielding a magic that allows him to pop off limbs, con artist Phyllis steals body parts and his partner Lucent ransoms them. But when a mark can't afford ransom for his missing nose, Phyllis loses his resolve. The man claims his sister, Adeline, was taken, and without her money he can't pay until she's found.

Intrigued, Phyllis investigates Adeline's disappearance, but she is not the only missing girl in their seedy city. To gain answers from the nobility, Phyllis masquerades as a duke—Lord Phillip of Rabbiton—and begins to fall in love with both stories of Adeline and the man he's becoming to try and find her.

When he finally finds Adeline with another missing girl, it turns out they're not dead—but undead. To win Adeline's heart and break from his toxic past, Phillip will have to scheme to keep his title and master his evolving magic.

Praise

"[A] quirky, macabre trans romcom about embracing your power (and getting the gradually decaying dead girl)." —**BCCB**

"I found myself tearing through the book to uncover every twist Cold delivers in their distinctive, delightful voice. The Duke stole my heart right out of my chest, and he'll steal yours too." —**S. Hati, author of *And the Sky Bled***

"Delightfully gruesome. Part murder mystery, part Regency romp, Elias Cold's queer horror-tinged tale kept me hooked to the very last page. I loved it." —**Alicia Jainska, author of *The Midnight Girls* and *This Fatal Kiss***

About the Author

Elias Cold is a speculative fiction writer, editor, and former medical geneticist, based in rural Australia with their two cats. Their work aims to centre queer and neurodivergent characters

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Simon & Schuster/BFYR
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We Were Never Here Sophia Hannan

In July, Georgia Perry and Jules Park—secret girlfriends, covert art thieves, and cohosts of a popular YouTube ghost hunting show—step into a haunted house to steal a priceless painting. A few short hours later, there's a knife in Jules's chest and Georgia is waking up in a pool of blood with no memory of how she got there.

Now it's October, and Georgia is underwater. She hasn't been to class in weeks, she's avoiding her old crew and only friends like the plague. But when the three remaining thieves get a call from the man who paid a hefty sum to keep them out of jail, demanding that they return to finish the job, Georgia has no choice but to return to her old life.

As the estranged friends scramble to steal the painting with no cover story and no leader, they quickly realize that something is very, very wrong, and it's not just the suffocating memory of Jules or the prying eyes of their viewers. Between the strange shadows that begin to trail them and the nightmares plaguing Georgia's sleep, only one thing is certain: Something followed them home from De Lys manor, and it will do anything to keep them from going back.

Praise

"WE WERE NEVER HERE resurrects the best parts of the horror genre. Equal parts devastating and hopeful, Sophia Hannan paints a hauntingly beautiful portrait of grief and learning how to heal amongst the ghosts of the past. This is a ghost story that bravely weaves together bittersweet coming of age elements with unsettling horror and profound insight into the love that survives death." —**Hayley Dennings, *New York Times* Bestselling author of *This Ravenous Fate***

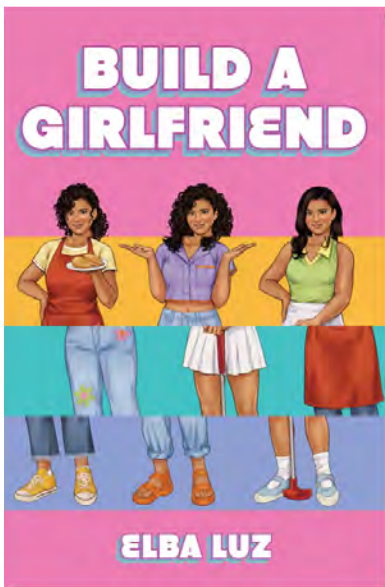
About the Author

Sophia Hannan is a Canadian author of YA fiction. When she's not writing about ghosts and the girls they haunt, she can be found studying English literature and forcing her friends to watch horror movies with her. *We Were Never Here* is her debut novel.

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Simon & Schuster
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Build a Girlfriend Elba Luz

To the surprise of no one, Amelia Hernandez is once again single. It's her family curse at work; whether it's by heartbreak, scandal, or even accidental death, every romantic relationship that a Hernandez woman has will meet its demise eventually. And that may be fine with Amelia's sisters, mom, and aunts, but definitely not with Amelia.

So, convinced that she is the problem, Amelia decides to embark on an "Ex Retrospective": tracking down her exes, finding out where she went wrong, and using that information to finally become un-break-up-able for whenever her next relationship comes along. Because Amelia is determined to be free of the family curse...and her family.

However, when Amelia is unwillingly reunited with Leon, the ex to end all exes, she can't resist having a little revenge on the side, too. After all, what better way to test out her new persona of perfect girlfriend traits than on the boy who broke her heart?

But old loves die hard, and as Amelia's feelings grow more complicated, she suspects that she may be in for more than she bargained for.

Praise

"Using friendly prose and witty banter, debut author Luz emphasizes one teen's struggle managing her mental health and personal desires while also crafting an organic portrayal of what it means to grow up in a household where 'women are the pillar'." —*Publishers Weekly*

"Luz debuts her first YA romantic comedy, filled with plenty of hilarious moments and family drama. Readers will also get a kick out of the uplifting relationship advice from the aunts and sisters in the Romance Boot Camp journal. A powerful mantra for graduates that having a "family should be a gift, not an obligation." —*Booklist*

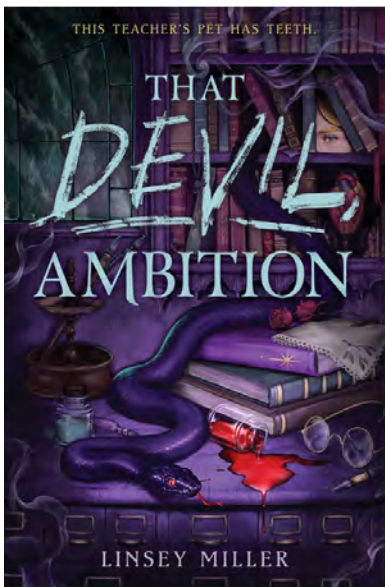
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Elba Luz is a lover of stories, whether in the form of anime, manga, video games, or, of course, books. A failed astrophysicist turned publishing professional in New York City, she can be found annoying people with facts about space or lounging about with her adorable pitbull Stormy. She writes romance for adults and teens.

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That Devil, Ambition Linsey Miller

There is only one school worth graduating from, and it creates as many magicians as it does graves...First in his class and last in his noble line, Fabian Galloway's only hope of a good future is passing his elite school's honors class. It's only offered to the best thirteen students, and those students have a single assignment: kill their professor.

If they succeed, all of their student debt is forgiven. However, if an assassination attempt fails or the professor is alive at the end of the year, the students' lives are forfeit. And dealing with the professor, a devil summoned solely to kill or be killed, is no easy task.

Fabian isn't worried, though. He trusts his best friends—soft-hearted math genius Credence and absentminded but insightful Euphemia—to help. After all, that's why he befriended them. As the months pass and their professor remains impossibly alive, the trio must use every asset they have to survive. Or else failure will be on their academic records, and their tombstones, forever.

Praise

"Miller's text is richly written without weighing down the narrative, and the characters shine against the dark academia backdrop. The suspense rises subtly as the year progresses, and the storytelling is engrossing in this stunning novel."
—Booklist, starred review

"[Miller] devises a fresh, physics- and chemistry-driven magical system and utilizes cerebral close-third-person storytelling and biting narration to confront the twisted politics of dark academia." **—Publishers Weekly**

"Premise is fun, and the pacing makes for a delightful binge read. VERDICT Small doses of gore and horror heighten the stakes of this magical survival story." **—School Library Journal**

"The premise has all the elements dark academia readers wish for: magic, politics, a gothic-tinged setting, and swoonworthy romance." **—Kirkus Reviews**

About the Author

Linsey Miller holds an MFA in fiction and is the author of Lambda-nominated dark fantasy *What We Devour*. Her other works include the *Mask of Shadows* duology, *Belle Révolte*, *The Game*, and the first three books in the *Disney Princes* series. She can be found in Texas writing about science and magic.

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Simon & Schuster/
McElderry Books
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Bound by Fury (Book 1 of 3) Noelle Monét

Sixteen-year-old Harper loved summers at her grandmother's house, listening to her stories about pretty brown girls with magic in their blood. When she suddenly dies, Harper expects the different stages of grief. But she doesn't expect the static of power building beneath her skin, or a dream on the night of her grandmother's funeral revealing an ominous message and a mysterious symbol.

When Harper learns that her grandmother secretly enrolled her into an elite boarding school in the Blue Ridge Mountains, she decides to follow the clues laid out for her. There Harper runs into her former best friend turned mortal enemy, who seems hell-bent on getting her to quit school and go back home. But as Harper becomes desperate for answers about her new powers, she discovers that her late grandmother's tales weren't just stories, and she uncovers the truth of a local legend.

One hundred years ago, twelve Black witches were hung from a cliff, and the same symbol from Harper's dreams was painted on the sacks covering their faces. When Harper starts receiving threatening messages, it's clear someone doesn't want her digging for answers, but as more school secrets resurface from the grave and awaken a century-old prophecy, Harper will have to decide how far she's willing to go to connect the dots of her own identity.

Praise

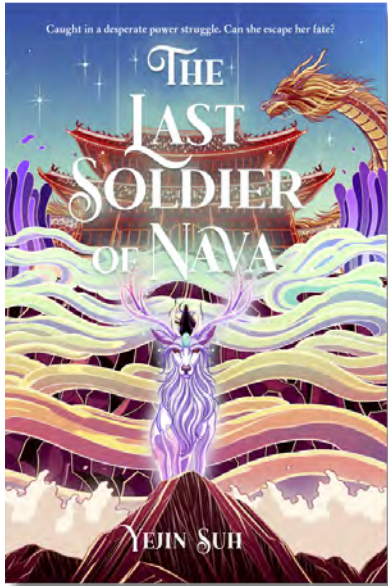
"Bound by Fury is a masterpiece of a debut that weaponizes grief, rage, and emotion and makes it the very heart of the power wielded by the unforgettable main character. With stunning prose, fascinating lore, and incredible twists, this book will leave you starry-eyed in more ways than one." —**Kamilah Cole, Lodestar & Lambda Award finalist and bestselling author of the *Divine Traitors* duology**

About the Author

Noelle Monét is a Queer, Jewish, Black-biracial registered nurse and author living in the South of the US. In the summers she co-owns a beachside ice cream store with her partner. In the off-season, she spends her time with her three children playing in the dirt and hunting down the perfect grilled cheese.

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The Last Soldier of Nava Yejin Suh

According to legend, the Soldier drowned entire kingdoms in darkness.

Yet, the Soldier was only a girl, robbed of her will and raised as a weapon for her power-hungry father. When she awakens years later, freedom takes the form of a hidden life and a new name: Shadow.

As war brews and magical dead zones devour the natural world, Shadow is captured and pulled back into court life by her immortal father's new prodigy, Scarlet, a diabolical woman obsessed with her sister's murder. A murder Shadow herself committed in a past life.

Shadow's control over darkness holds the key to restoring the balance of their world, but a serpentine court hides greed, corruption, and her father's new plot to resurrect his fading magic.

If she's to survive and save her nation, Shadow will have to hide her past and rely on the woman who captured her—even as they unwind the legends that brought them together and face their growing attraction.

Praise

"Yejin Suh weaves together Korean mythology and sweeping fantasy with vibrant creativity, and pens the riveting island nation of Ik-Song—along with its inhabitants—with beautiful Mastery." — **Sophie Kim, author of *The God and the Gumiho***

About the Author

Yejin Suh is a Korean-American author based in New Jersey who recently graduated from Princeton University with a degree in English literature. She has spent time studying and living abroad in the UK, South Korea, France, and Nepal

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BOOKENDS HIGHLIGHTS



PHANTASMA by Kaylie Smith, the first in the four volumes of the Wicked Games series was an instant Booktok sensation. The book went on to be a **USA Today** bestseller right at publication (to date, it's been on the list for over 30 weeks) and made the **#5 on the *Der Spiegel* bestseller list** in Germany when it was published this past summer.

FIREBIRD by Juliette Cross, the first in the Fire That Binds Trilogy, became an instant bestseller across the English-speaking world, hitting bestselling lists all over: ***New York Times*** (#3 Hardcover & #5 Combined Print & Ebook) and ***USA Today*** in the US; ***Sunday Times*** in the UK (#2 Hardcover), and ***Globe & Mail*** (#1 Hardcover) and ***Toronto Star*** (#4 Original Hardcover) in Canada



It all happened fast for Briar Boleyn and her Bloodwing Academy series! After the independent edition went viral on BookTok, the series was sold in a 7-figure deal to Harlequin. **ON WINGS ON BLOOD** hit bookshelves last August and went straight to bestselling lists all over: ***New York Times*** (#2 Hardcover & #5 Combined Print & Ebook), ***USA Today*** (#4), ***Sunday Times*** (#3 Hardcover) ***Globe & Mail*** (#2 Canadian Fiction & #3 Hardcover).

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