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PICTURE BOOKS
MIDDLE GRADE
YOUNG ADULT



Peek and Boo: Christmas to You (Peek and Boo 3) Estrela Lourenço

Playing with the popular game “Peekaboo,” readers help Peek search for Boo as the small guinea pig gets up to all sorts of hi-jinx around the house before Santa arrives!

It’s the night before Christmas, but Peek can’t find her friend Boo! Is he hiding in the stockings? Or lost in the tinsel? And what if Santa sees him?

Help Peek search for the small guinea pig as he has silly holiday fun on Christmas eve. Can you find him before Santa arrives?

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

See more from Estrela:



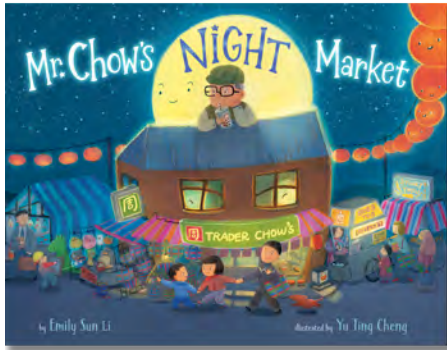
About the Author

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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Mr. Chow's Night Market

Emily Sun Li

Illustrated by Yu Ting Cheng

Perfect for fans of *Spirited Away* and Domee Shi's Pixar short *Bao*, this humorous picture book tells the fantastical tale of one grumpy old man and the creation of Taiwan's first night market.

Mr. Chow lives for the night, when the moon is a wok full of simmering oil.

Too bad he owns a supermarket and has to wake up very, very early. Mr. Chow hates mornings and so does his store: The shopping carts are sluggish, the front door yawns, and the pomelos roll down the aisle in a sleepy daze.

When disaster strikes, Mr. Chow seeks advice from other workers and the similarly buoyant, anthropomorphic buildings they work in. And soon, he discovers that his store doesn't have to be a morning market...it can be a night market!

Accompanied by spellbinding art from Yu Ting Cheng, debut author Emily Sun Li crafts a whimsical myth about how the very first Taiwanese night market was created.

About the Author

Emily Sun Li (she/her) is a Chinese-American author who spent two years studying Mandarin Chinese in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, as a Fulbright scholar. Afterward, she received an MA in children's literature and an MFA in writing for children at Simmons University. Her experiences have inspired her to write her debut picture book, *Mr. Chow's Night Market*. When she's not writing, she's probably procrastinating, drinking milk tea, or traveling

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See the first Back to School book:



Beetle V. Valorous Is Not a Villain (Better School Book 2 of 2) Noah Corey

After making a deal with Aunty for limitless magical power and trapping her inside his body, Clementine is learning how to be a twelve-year-old boy (maybe?) and also a monster queen. Sure, it's complicated, but so is growing up.

Clementine and his best friend Cricket are determined to create Better School, a place for outcast kids to fit in. But Aunty's voice is in Clementine's head, whispering plans to destroy, eat, and rule the world. And he is definitely NOT thinking about his former-best-friend-slash-crush Bug, aka Beetle. Now that Clementine is evil, and Bug is a hero, they are sworn enemies. And sworn enemies don't daydream about holding hands!

But below Better School's floating cloud, Anise's father has convinced everyone that kids like Clementine—kids with magic—are dangerous. Now Clementine has to infiltrate a cult, solve a missing-kids mystery, rescue Beetle from being brainwashed, and keep Better School running . . . or else Aunty will end the world for real. In the meantime, he will decide who he is and where he belongs, once and for all.

Praise for *Clementine H. Hopeful Is Not a Hero*

"A standout, genre-blurring work; give to fans of Lemony Snicket and Coraline, and to all readers who have ever rooted for the villains instead of the heroes." —*School Library Journal*, starred review

"Clementine's story is part Peter Pan, part Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, part Coraline, and at the same time wholly unique....A dark and inviting tale for all the nonheroes out there." —*Kirkus Reviews*

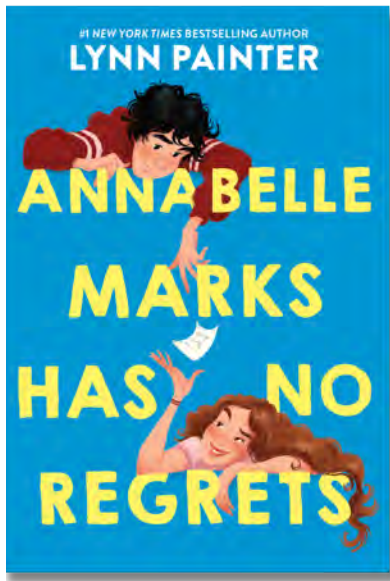
"For villains, heroes, and those occupying the space in between, Corey's debut showcases that bravery comes in different forms and the greatest thing one can wield is the courage to be unapologetically, unequivocally oneself." —*Booklist*

About the Author

Noah Corey lives in Washington state with his husband (Markus), his dog (Potatoes), and his three cats (Wirt, Greg, and Beatrice). He feels passionately about outer space, insects, and fictional vampires.

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Annabelle Marks Has No Regrets

Lynn Painter

#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Lynn Painter delivers a hilarious, page-turning romp about friendship, first kisses, and (accidentally) becoming your best self.

Annabelle's family is moving out of state, and she's determined to go out on a high note. So she and her friends make her a wildly out-of-character bucket list: sing (badly) at the middle school talent show, befriend longtime crush Brody (maybe even kiss him?!), and finally stop fading into the background.

Annabelle's bold moves change everything. Suddenly, people know her name... and seem to actually really like her? Including Brody, who is all in on their newfound friendship and even adds some memorable pranks to her list. For the first time, Annabelle's life feels anything but forgettable.

But with the move looming and the list spiraling into bigger risks and messy secrets, Annabelle begins to wonder: If it all has an expiration date, is any of it real? And what will her life look like once the dust settles?

Praise for *The Wish Switch*

"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*

"Cleverly written with a nice mix of fantasy, mystery, humor, and young love. Painter has a knack for weaving a tale that is sure to delight all readers... A fun read and an escape from the ordinary."—*School Library Journal*

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

About the Author

Lynn Painter is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Wish Switch*; the young adult books *Better Than the Movies*, *The Do-Over*, *Betting on You*, *Nothing Like the Movies*, and *Fake Skating*; as well as a number of novels for adult readers. She lives in Nebraska with her husband and pack of wild children, and when she isn't reading or writing, odds are good she's guzzling energy drinks and watching rom-coms.

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Selkies and Skeptics Elias Cold

Her father is the lighthouse keeper, but for every 25th ship, he puts out the light. Sixteen-year-old Luella dives for treasure in the wrecks of these ships, keeping her father's secret as he isolates her on their desolate little island. She's long since given up hoping for rescue, so when she spots an ad in the paper for The Society for the Protection of Faeries and writes back claiming selkies live on the island to lure the group in, it's nothing more than a flight of fancy.

But the society answers the call; a group of teenagers led by the dreamy trans boy Luella can't help but like, and she finds friends for the first time in her life. Desperate to keep them, she fakes faerie magic to provide proof of her selkie claims, and they invite her to join them in gathering evidence for a faerie compendium they'll one day publish.

As they traipse across the country with Luella fiercely protecting them from fraudulent claims of magic, she realizes one of the society isn't quite what they seem. There's an imposter among them, someone who possesses real magic, and only Luella can figure out who they are, and what they want from her friends.

See more from Elias:



Praise

"Elias Cold's sophomore YA novel whisks you into a world brimming with selkies, kelpies, and other devious fae, but the true magic is in the tender, transformative friendships. Whimsical and healing, *Selkies & Skeptics* is an inextinguishable lighthouse on an overcast, stormy night." — **S. Hati, author of *Morbid Curiosities***

"Whimsical and full of heart, Cold has masterfully crafted a rich world full of magical creatures and mystery. I always love stories about found family and self-acceptance, and *Selkies & Skeptics* is no exception. A must-read fantasy." — **Tatiana Schlote-Bonne, author of *Such Lovely Skin and What Feeds Below***

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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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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The Tales of Arcana Fortune (Tales of Arcana Fortune 1) Hafsa A. Jawad

Once upon a time, there were no Happily Ever Afters...

Young healer Serena Rose has always dreamed of the kind of romance fairytales are made of, but the chances of finding true love living alone in a cottage by the wood are... slim. Instead, she spends her days chasing down mischievous woodland critters, brewing tonics, and taking care of her family's ancient records of fairytales, many of which have been outlawed in the kingdom of Lumina.

Her quiet life is upended when she is approached by a dark-haired stranger searching for a book in her family's collection, The Tales of Arcana Fortune. In between searching for more information on the book, and fighting their budding attraction, they accidentally free a malicious immortal sealed with an ancient spell.

Cursed to be trapped in a different fairytale each night, Serena must find a way through her trials all the while trying not to lose her life, her freedom, and her heart.

*With 23 full-page
internal illustrations
done by the author-
illustrator herself!*



About the Author

Hafsa A. Jawad is a debut romance author, and *The Tales of Arcana Fortune* is her first book. She has been working in the publishing sphere as an illustrator under the name Hachandraws, where she boasts over 65K followers on Instagram, and loves all things bookish.

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Legally Yours, Violet Lopez Elba Luz

A serious and studious teen reluctantly agrees to defend her elite private school's lazy golden boy in this young adult rom-com with courtroom intrigue, an opposites attract romance, and witty banter.

Violet Lopez has planned exactly how her life will go: She'll graduate valedictorian, attend Harvard, and become a big shot lawyer, all so that her injury-prone single dad can finally take a break.

As a member of her elite private school's law society, Violet is proud to hold a near-perfect record of defending students against the disciplinary board. But when the popular and infuriatingly charming Theo Hudson is accused of a prank he swears he didn't commit, Violet recuses herself from his case on the grounds of despising the school's privileged golden boy, and not even a couple classmates' offer of a four-figure payout to purposely tank his trial can change her mind.

Then Theo uncovers a secret Violet wants to keep under wraps and blackmails her into representing him. Sick of being pushed around by rich kids, Violet decides she can get sweet revenge on the arrogant jock and some much-needed cash at the same time. She'll twist his alibi, lose key evidence, mislead witnesses—all while playing the perfect lawyer on the surface. Theo goes down, and Violet gets paid.

But the closer Violet gets to Theo, the more she sees beneath his devil-may-care attitude to someone caring and surprisingly sensitive...who she's been planning to sabotage. Is it too late to change her mind? And even if she does, would Theo ever forgive her?

Violet can object to falling in love all she wants, but her heart overrules every time.

About the Author

Elba Luz is a Puerto Rican author and a lover of stories, whether in the form of anime, manga, video games, or, of course, books. Speaking of books, she should be writing her own. Instead, you'll probably find her replaying Final Fantasy, listening to classical music, or cuddling up with her adorable pit bull, Stormy.

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We Were Supposed to Find This Emily Snyder

Every thirty years, the small farm town of Aurora is washed in light from Harmony's Comet. Local legends claim strange things happen when it appears in the sky: People disappear. Some say they slip through time.

The comet is due back this summer, but grieving Everly wants nothing to do with this reminder of her late mother. Then she meets the perfect distraction: fiery-haired and playful Sam, who's obsessed with nineties music and actual cameras. She puts Everly instantly at ease, but vanishes just as suddenly as she appeared.

When Everly accidentally slips thirty years into the past, she finds herself in 1998, where the Backstreet Boys and dial-up internet reign and no one's ever heard of a smartphone. There, she finds Sam again—and comes face-to-face with the unimaginable: her teenage mom.

Determined to understand this rip in time, Everly begins digging into the comet's link to local disappearances with the help of her mom and Sam. Because she has to find a way home...right?

But soon, Everly exposes dark secrets. Time may be malleable, but not every change is for the better. If Everly isn't careful, she'll risk an altered future—one without her mother or the girl she's falling for.

Praise

"We Were Supposed to Find This will stay with the reader long after the last page. Breathtakingly written, Snyder is a must-read talent." —**Mary E. Roach, author of MN Book Award Finalist *Seven for a Secret***

About the Author

Emily Snyder grew up in New England, where she spent all her free time dreaming up stories about quiet girls with mysteries to solve, family drama to avoid, and cute people to reluctantly fall in love with. She enjoys tea, swimming, and board games that take entire evenings to play. When she's not writing, she can usually be found spending time with her family at their (probably not haunted) home in Salem, MA.

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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***

"Yejin Suh's spectacular debut is reminiscent of Ursula K. Le Guin...with cultural and political tensions that enhance the stakes. Fantasy readers seeking a new sapphic adventure will be delighted by the world of Nava." — **Booklist, starred review**

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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