



CHILDREN'S -YOUNG ADULT

THUNDER AND MERCY

By Jennifer Robin Barr

In this middle grade novel of unfinished business, secret identities, and found families, the protagonist is thrown into a historical mystery that uncovers the secrets of her new home, Mount Pleasant (a wedding gift from Benedict Arnold to his bride, Peggy Shippen), and the infamous Agent 355—a female member of the Culper Spy Ring who helped to expose Arnold, and whose real life identity remains a mystery.

Also available: *Goodbye, Mr. Spalding*

Praise for previous work:

“(I)nformative, entertaining, nostalgic, and...humorous. Background information and primary source photos about Athletics personnel, Shibe Park, the bleacher community, and the Spalding Baseball Company help readers to better understand the story. This novel works well as a read-aloud and would be a great addition to the history curriculum.” *School Library Connection*, starred review

“This appealing historical middle-grade novel is perfect for fans of beloved baseball-centered novels like Linda Sue Park’s *Keeping Score*. Barr knows her baseball history and brings rich detail to mid-1930s Philadelphia...sports fanatics will eat up the appended material. A sweet debut about friendship and the love of the game.” *Booklist*

“Barr carefully constructs a well-paced adventure...completely accessible to modern readers. All the characters...are well-developed... (and) (q)uotes from the 1934 Sporting News...further illuminate the actual events. Life lessons, baseball, and good friends; it's all here.” *Kirkus Reviews*

About the Author:

Jennifer Robin Barr is a writer from the Philadelphia area, spending her days on a college campus working with students, and her free time writing for children and middle grade readers.

At the start of her writing journey, Jennifer spent a short career writing how-to style guide books, publishing *The Complete Idiot’s Guide To Bridal Showers* in 1999 and *The Everything Scrapbooking Book* in 2002. She then joined SCBWI, found a great writing group, and has been writing stories for children ever since.

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**Boyd's Mills & Kane
Spring 2022**

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Manuscript available

WILD JASMINE

By Chris Clarkson

WILD JASMINE is a literary leaning debut told in dual POV (and #ownvoices on the black and gay representation within). In this loose retelling of *Breakfast at Tiffany's* set in modern day New Orleans, Chris explores the economic disparity between black and white people through a romance and flawed, yet lovable diverse ensemble cast in this complicated, yet magical city.

White teen Tennessee Williams, named by his mother who had one successful novel in her heyday and a string of flops afterwards, lives in the Garden District and has his choice of the top private schools. Even with his mom's literary failures, he is still wealthy and privileged. Tennessee finds he doesn't have to "try" to be someone he's not like at home, when he meets a black teen waitress from the Quarter named Jessamine.

While Jessamine comes off as bubbly and optimistic, what few people know is that Jessamine comes from an area of New Orleans that the tourists don't frequent, where poverty and violence are a daily part of life. Nobody like Tennessee could ever understand that, even if he has stars in his eyes and caters to her whims like a fool.

The more they try and stay apart, the more their friends and hearts intertwine. But neither knows how this works. Tennessee needs to figure out how to love someone who wants to be loved on her own terms. Jessamine needs to figure out how to let someone love all sides of you. Or maybe, they can figure it out together.

Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

Debut author Chris Clarkson lives in New Orleans with his boyfriend and uses the complicated, yet magical city to fuel his Southern Gothic writing. This is his favorite genre, because it requires you to strip preconceived notions, look at the world and dig deeper, including the ugly and the good while blurring the lines.

Chris studied English literature at the University of Maryland, where he earned his Bachelor's degree. Chris now works as an outreach coordinator for the Louisiana Bar Association. Along with many other responsibilities in this role, he regularly assists with the implementation of diversity initiatives.

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**Lee & Low
Spring 2022**

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**Unedited manuscript
available**

THE SKY BLUES

By Robbie Couch

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?

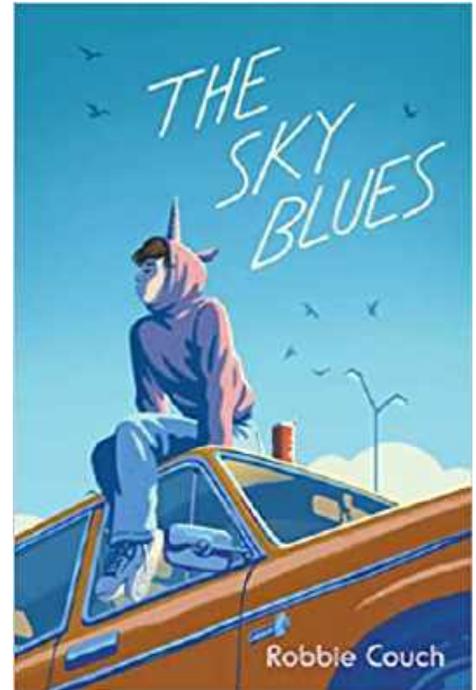
Praise:

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About the Author:

Robbie Couch grew up in small-town Michigan—where the blues really are bluer—and has been published in *HuffPost*, *Upworthy*, and *O, The Oprah Magazine*, among other outlets. Robbie holds a degree in journalism from Michigan State University and lives in Los Angeles, where he remains in constant fear of aggressive birds and on the prowl for his next bowl of noodles. *The Sky Blues* is his debut novel.

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Simon & Schuster
April 2021

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Manuscript available

Warrior Princess

By Author/Illustrator Sally Deng

Khutulun, great-great granddaughter of Genghis Khan, was living proof that princesses could rule on the battlefield as well as – or better than - any soldier. Treated like the brothers that came before her, she learned how to ride horseback, shoot arrows at full gallop and, most important, to wrestle. Eventually, Khutulun was wrestling boys twice her size and was ready to join her father and brothers in battle.

Despite her brilliant military victories, she was still plagued by rumors. *Why hadn't the princess married yet? What was wrong with the Khan's daughter?* She vowed to marry any man that could defeat her at wrestling – but if they lost, they had to give her 10 horses.

Undefeated, her herd grew to 10,000 horses.

When a well-respected prince wagered 1,000 horses to wrestle her, she agreed to throw the match to end the rumors and restore honor to her family. But in the heat of battle, would she – *could* she – lose the match and become a wife instead of a warrior?

Sally Deng's 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.

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 *Yusra Swims* (Creative Editions, 2020) and a book with Chronicle. 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*.

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**Macmillan/Farrar, Straus
and Giroux
Winter 2022**

**Spanish rights to Oceano
Mexico**

**All other translation
rights available**

Dummy available

THE OCTOBER GIRL

by Matthew Dow Smith

Life hasn't turned out the way Autumn Ackerman expected. She grew up believing in fairies and magic and princesses that battled dragons. Now, at eighteen, she's stuck behind the counter of her local coffee shop and realizing the world is a lot less magical she dreamed of as a little girl.

Until Barnaby, her imaginary friend from childhood, walks into her life as a living, breathing thing. Drawn into the world of the Night Folk, Autumn soon befriends fantastic characters that should only exist in the pages of myths and legends. But these creatures are real. However, not everyone welcomes Autumn with open arms. As she navigates this strange world, the mysterious Mr. Balloon dogs her every move and is hell-bent on destroying her. Apparently, everyone else knows more about her connection to the Night Folk than she does. Autumn's world has become a lot more interesting—and dangerous—than she ever could have imagined.

Also available: 2 more in the series

Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

MATTHEW DOW SMITH is an Eisner-nominated, Harvey-nominated, and Bram Stoker Award-winning writer and artist who has worked for nearly every major American comic book publisher. He is the writer/artist of THE OCTOBER GIRL graphic novel series forthcoming from Insight Comics and is currently in development in Hollywood.

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Insight Comics
Fall 2020

Translation Rights Available
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France, Italy & Israel

Proposal available

I AM ODD

By Benjamin Giroux, illustrated by Roz Maclean

Poet Laureate and Ambassador for the National Autism Association Benjamin Giroux's *I Am Odd*, based on his viral poem that has received vast media attention. This picture book, illustrated by Roz Maclean, ponders the questions that arise while growing up with autism.

Praise:

Coming soon!



Schiffer
Winter 2021

All translation rights
available

Dummy available

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 was named Poet Laureate of the town of Plattsburgh, NY, and 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 GRAVE THIEF

By Dee Hahn

Twelve-year-old Spade loves it when the graveyard is quiet at night, not a soul around. That's when he does his best work, digging up dead bodies and stashing their hidden jewels while his raven watches for cemetery guards and creatures of the night. All alone in the dark, no one calls him the slur *Joolie*, and no one makes fun of his limp.

Until his notorious dad sends him to rob a graveyard that's never been robbed before: the royal cemetery of Wyndhail Castle.

Spade and his little brother get caught in a royal trap. Brought before the court for punishment, the queen offers a deal. Spade can earn his brother's freedom, if he can save her kingdom from a nightmarish creature—the terrible, legendary Woegan.

Known as a hunter of children, the Woegan is the last thing Spade wants to face. If that wasn't bad enough, the queen's niece Ember, a girl who can sniff out a lie a mile away, has plans of her own to capture the Woegan and prove her worth to the queen— even if it means tricking Spade into bringing her with him.

Now, Spade must hunt the deadly creature alongside his stubborn, royal accomplice and somehow keep them both from the Woegan's claws.

In a world where magic is more than it seems and secrets are buried deep, Spade is about to unearth truths about himself and his kingdom that might just save a nation.

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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**Tundra Books
Spring 2022**

**All translation rights
available**

Audio to Blackstone

**Unedited manuscript
available**

YOUNG CAPTAIN NEMO

By Jason Henderson

Armed with his wits, his friends, and his Nemotech submarine, a twelve-year-old descendant of Jules Verne's famous antihero is determined to help make the ocean a safer place one adventure at a time in Jason Henderson's *Young Captain Nemo*, first in a new middle-grade series.

Gabriel Nemo is not your typical 12-year-old. A descendant of the famous Captain Nemo, he spent the first years of his life living in obscurity, isolated in his parents' peaceful underwater research lab. But with his older sister off following in their ancestor's footsteps, sinking whalers and running away from vengeful navies, Gabriel decides it's time to forge his own path, and use his Nemotech legacy for good.

Armed only with his wits, his friends, and his Nemotech submarine, Gabriel embarks on a series of daring rescues and exciting undersea battles. But when Gabriel's sister suddenly appears with proof of previously undiscovered sea creatures—giant beasts inhabiting wrecked war planes and ships—Gabriel and his new friends must face their biggest and most dangerous mission ever!

Also available: 2 more in the series

Praise:

"There's both futuristic and classic steampunk appeal here, admirably mixing Jules Verne lore with 007-level gadgetry. Stakes are high, the pace is fast, and there are excellent (and surprisingly subtle) messages of coping with childhood loneliness and the importance of taking care of our planet's oceans." *Booklist*

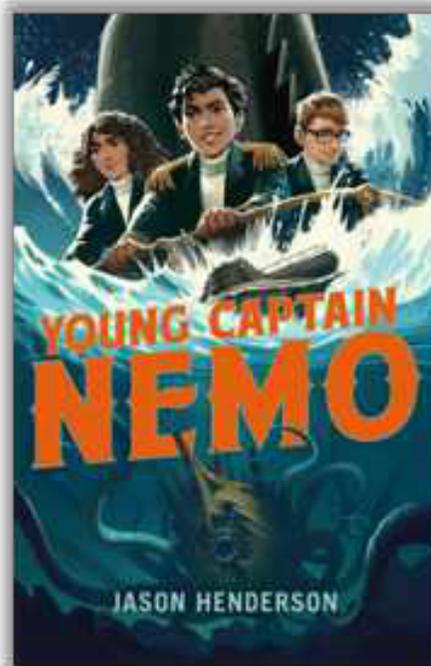
"Fractured retelling of 20,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA...that will have Jules Verne fans geeking out.... However, a reader who's never even heard of *The Nautilus* will devour this timely STEM / sci-fi adventure story." *KidLit Underground*

About the Author:

Jason Henderson is the author of the Alex Van Helsing series from HarperCollins/HarperTeen, which was named by the Texas Library Association to the Lone Star Reading List, a list of the top 20 books published in the previous year for young readers. He lives in Colorado with his wife and two daughters. An active writer of comics and games, his most recent comic series is IDW and Cartoon Network's *Ben 10*. His most recent game screenplay was for *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* for 3DS, and he was nominated for a WGA Screenwriting Award for his script for Activision's *Singularity*.

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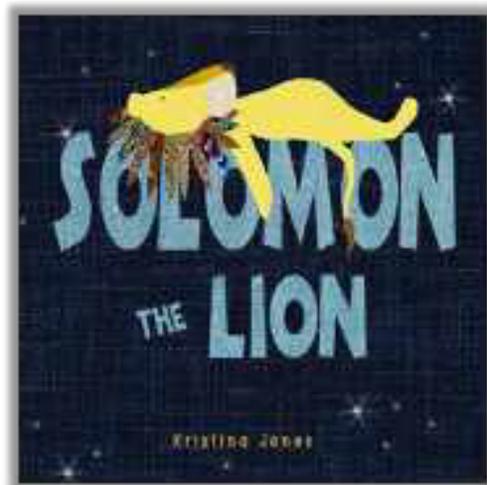
SOLOMON THE LION

By Author/Illustrator, Kristina Jones

Solomon is a young lion who can't fall asleep. He tries sleeping in a tree like the bats, but that's not quite right. He tries a snooze in the pond with the hippos, but that doesn't quite fit either. Will Solomon realize that it's not where you sleep, but who tucks you in at night?

A charming story about feeling safe and peaceful with those you love, SOLOMON THE LION is sure to be a new bedtime favorite.

Illustrated using shweshwe fabric, this book has more of the charming animals found in Kristina's debut!



**Penguin Random House
South Africa
Fall 2020**

**All translation rights
available**

Praise:

“There’s an exciting world of words waiting to be discovered through this educational alphabet book, which will help to expand your child’s vocabulary and encourage him to read. Each illustration is accompanied by a sentence, introducing the different animals. The sentence structure is the same for each animal, because the best way for kids to learn is through repetition.” Living and Loving on THE AMAZING AFRICAN ANIMAL ALPHABET

About the Author:

KRISTINA JONES is a Canadian illustrator currently living and working in Swaziland. She holds a BA (Hons) in Illustration and has worked for many years as a fine artist.

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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.

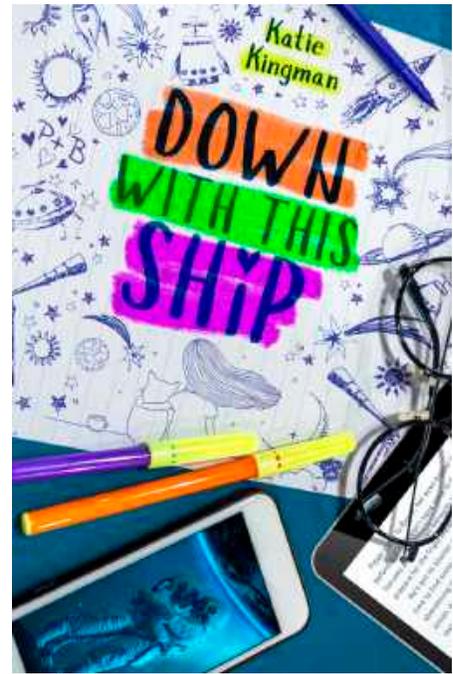
Praise:

Coming soon!

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. When not writing, she can be found gardening and scrolling Netflix for a new OTP.

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Flux
June 2021

All translation rights
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Audio to Dreamscape

Edited manuscript
available

A CUBAN GIRL'S GUIDE TO TEA AND TOMORROW

By Laura Taylor Namey

Love & Gelato meets Don't Date Rosa Santos in this charming, heartfelt story following a Miami girl who unexpectedly finds love—and herself—in a small English town.

For Lila Reyes, a summer in England was never part of the plan. The plan was 1) take over her abuela's role as head baker at their panadería, 2) move in with her best friend after graduation, and 3) live happily ever after with her boyfriend. But then the Trifecta happened, and everything—including Lila herself—fell apart.

Worried about Lila's mental health, her parents make a new plan for her: Spend three months with family friends in Winchester, England, to relax and reset. But with the lack of sun, a grumpy inn cook, and a small town lacking Miami flavor (both in food and otherwise), what would be a dream trip for some feels more like a nightmare to Lila...until she meets Orion Maxwell.

A teashop clerk with troubles of his own, Orion is determined to help Lila out of her funk, and appoints himself as her personal tour guide. From Winchester's drama-filled music scene to the sweeping English countryside, it isn't long before Lila is not only charmed by Orion, but England itself. Soon a new future is beginning to form in Lila's mind—one that would mean leaving everything she ever planned behind.

Praise:

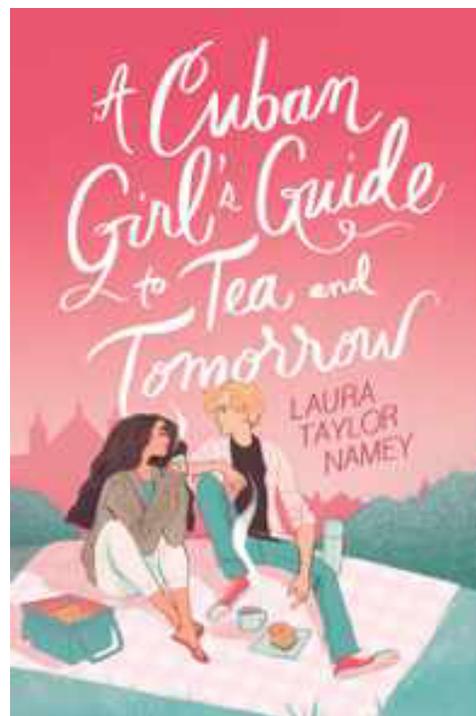
"Part romance, part foodie heaven, the warm atmosphere will make readers want to cook and dance and love." *Kirkus Reviews*

About the Author:

Laura Taylor Namey is a Cuban-American Californian who can usually be found haunting her favorite coffee shops, drooling over leather jackets and wishing she was in London or Paris. She lives in San Diego with her husband, two superstar children and her beloved miniature schnauzer/muse. Her debut novel, *The Library of Lost Things*, was released in 2019 with Inkyard Press.

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**Simon & Schuster/Atheneum
October 2020**

All translation rights available

THESE FEATHERED FLAMES

By Alexandra Overy

Three Dark Crowns meets *Wicked Saints* in this queer #ownvoices retelling of “The Firebird,” a Russian folktale, by debut author Alexandra Overy.

When twin heirs are born in Tourin, their fates are decided at a young age. While Izaveta remained at court to learn the skills she’d need as the future queen, Asya was taken away to train with her aunt, the mysterious Firebird, who ensured magic remained balanced in the realm.

But before Asya’s training is completed, the ancient power blooms inside her, which can mean only one thing: the queen is dead, and a new ruler must be crowned.

As the princesses come to understand everything their roles entail, they’ll discover who they can trust, who they can love—and who killed their mother.

Also available: Book 2 in the series

Praise:

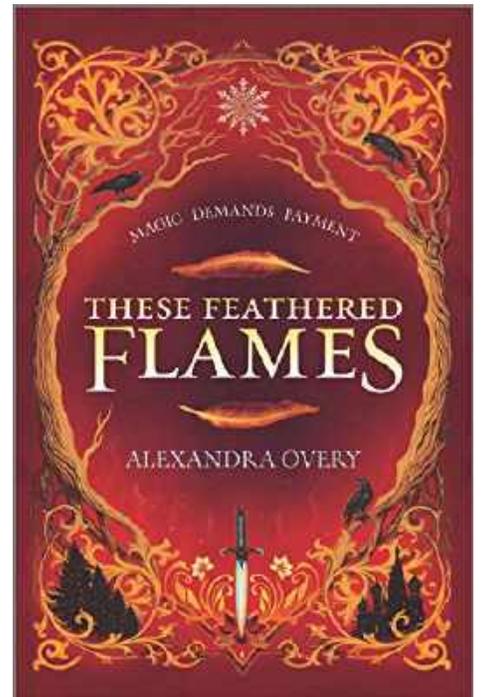
Coming soon!

About the Author:

Alexandra was born in London, England. Ever since she was little she has loved being able to escape into another world through books. She currently lives in Los Angeles and is completing her MFA in Screenwriting at UCLA. When she’s not working on a new manuscript or procrastinating on doing homework, she can be found obsessing over Netflix shows or eating all the ice cream she can.

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