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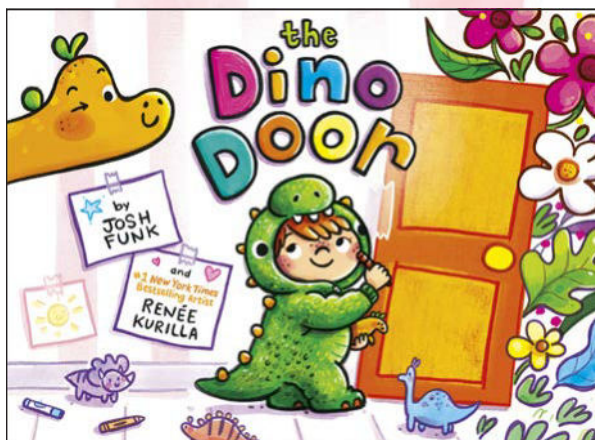
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PICTURE BOOKS

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THE DINO DOOR

By Josh Funk

Illustrated by Renée Kurilla

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Unlock a world of playful dinosaurs in this smart, imaginative story with the whimsy of *Journey* and the humor of *You Loves Ewe!*

Dinosaur.

Dino . . . door?

Dino more!

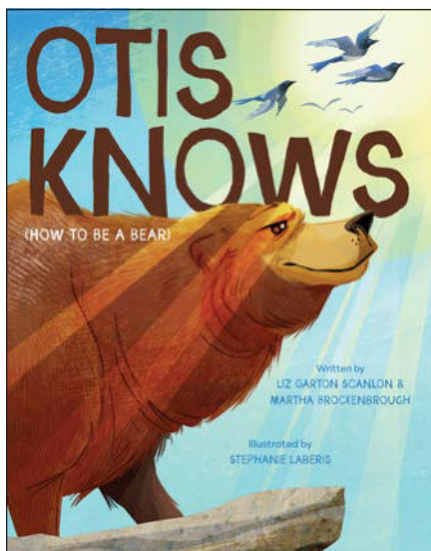
When a secret door appears in a small child's messy, toy-strewn room just when they need it most, they discover a world full of real-life dinosaur friends! But what happens when it's time to go back home?

With clever wordplay and engaging, child-friendly art, beloved author Josh Funk and *New York Times* bestselling artist Renée Kurilla invite readers to a world full of wonder, humor, friendship, and of course, dinosaurs!

Publication Date: May 2026

Page Extent: 40 pp





OTIS KNOWS (HOW TO BE A BEAR)

By Liz Garton Scanlon and Martha Brockenbrough

Illustrated by Stephanie Laberis

Imprint: Beach Lane Books

Inspired by the life of a real Alaskan brown bear named Otis, who rose to internet stardom, this encouraging picture book invites young readers to celebrate their differences and embrace their individuality.

Otis sleeps his deep and heavy sleep.

He dreams his Otis dreams.

And he'll wake when he's ready, in his own way, in his own time.

Why?

Because Otis knows.

While other bears emerge from their dens on the first spring morning, Otis is still sleeping. While other bears chase slippery salmon through the water, Otis catches them from his own special spot by the river. While other bears play and tussle, Otis takes a nap. Why? Because Otis knows something we can all get behind: the best way to be is to be *yourself*, in your own time and in your own unique way.

Publication Date: May 2026

Page Extent: 40 pp

THE FAMILY TREE

By Liz Garton Scanlon and Audrey Vernick

Illustrated by Fiona Lee

Imprint: Beach Lane Books

A whimsical meditation on what makes a home, what makes a family, and how a magical tree can hold everything together, by the coauthors of the celebrated *Bob, Not Bob*

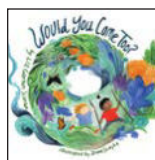
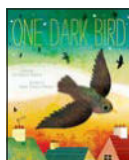
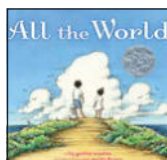
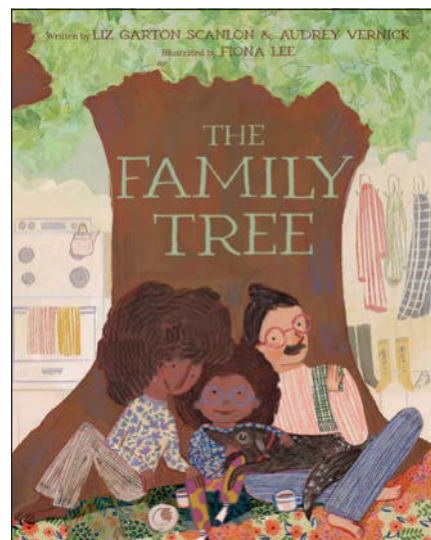
Nothing ever really happens at Penny's house. It's all hurry in and hurry out again. But then something happens, something that gets everyone's attention. It starts out small. A seed! Then it grows until it's simply too big to ignore. A tree!

Every day the tree gets a little taller, a little leafier, and a lot more special. And as they care for the tree, Penny's family starts to hurry out less and stay in more. Could something else be shifting in Penny's house, something much more than a tree?

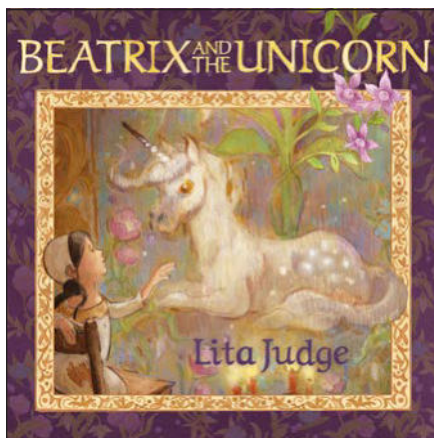
Publication Date: September 2025

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RIGHTS SOLD FOR *WOULD YOU COME TOO?*: Indonesian



PICTURE BOOKS



BEATRIX AND THE UNICORN

By Lita Judge

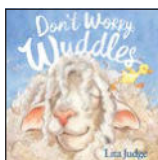
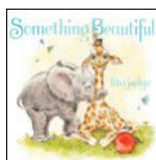
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Inspired by the famous Unicorn Tapestries, acclaimed author-illustrator Lita Judge weaves together a beautiful picture book about a servant girl searching for a real unicorn—and with it, the promise of friendship.

Long ago and far away, a girl named Beatrix woke each day to do her chores in the castle. She served the meals and scrubbed the floors. And when no one was looking, she gazed at the tapestry of the unicorn in a garden. The unicorn was the most beautiful thing she'd ever seen, but it was only made from thread. So Beatrix set off to find a real unicorn.

Publication Date: February 2026

Page Extent: 40 pp



VALENTINES ARE THE WORST!

By Alex Willan

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

An unsuspecting Gilbert the Goblin finds himself in the crosshairs of cupids and their heart-tipped arrows in the hilarious latest installment in The Worst! picture book series, where even the strangest of creatures can become the best of friends.

Who needs valentines? Not Gilbert the goblin! There's no time for cards and hugs and all that mushy malarky with far more important matters at hand like, uh . . . eating tacos. When Gilbert bumps into a squad of cupids bent on showering him with love arrows, he runs for his life!

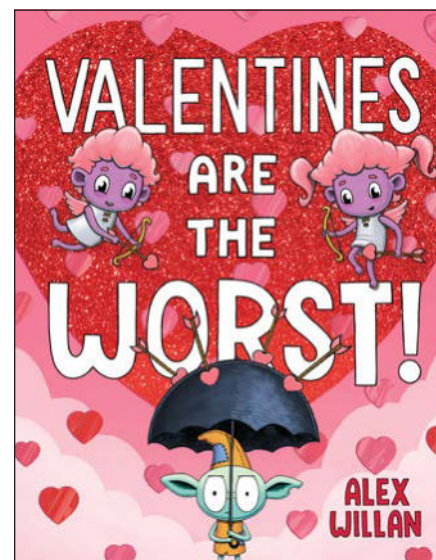
This is clearly proof that *valentines are the worst!* Can Gilbert avoid the trappings of the holiday, or will love find a way?

Publication Date: December 2025

Page Extent: 40 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *UNICORNS ARE THE WORST!*:

French, Italian, Spanish





IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR . . . EASTER!

By Maisha Oso
Illustrated by Tom Knight
Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

How to Catch the Easter Bunny meets **The Night Before** series in this bunny-hopping picture book in the laugh-out-loud, rhyming *It's Almost Time for . . .* series.

It's almost time for Easter, and excitement is running high! It might not be here yet, but there's so much to do before the joyful day arrives. . . .

From decorating and dyeing eggs in pastel hues, flaunting the most fabulous and fancy outfit, and diving into a basket filled with bunny-delivered goodies, there are endless ways to celebrate! But not everyone can read the signs of the highly anticipated holiday on the way. . . .

It's Almost Time for . . . Easter! is a perfect blend of festive fun and read-aloud magic that will have young readers laughing and identifying the misunderstanding at play before the characters catch on. This picture book makes a delightful gift for kids aged four to eight!

Publication Date: January 2026

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LITTLE GHOST'S SUMMERWEEN

By Maggie Edkins Willis
Imprint: Beach Lane Books

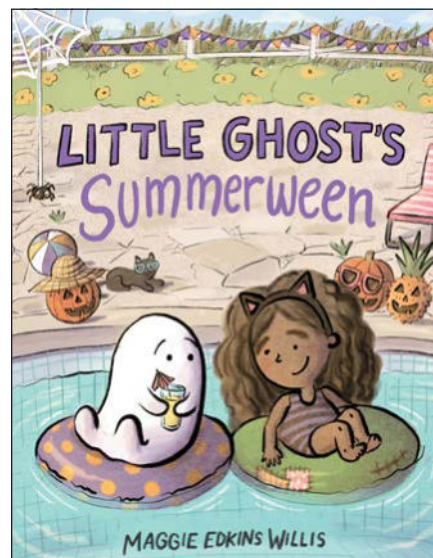
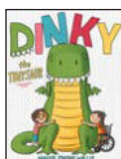
Little Ghost tries to pick the perfect party theme for his summer birthday in this charming picture book companion to *Little Ghost Makes a Friend* by bestselling author-illustrator Maggie Edkins Willis.

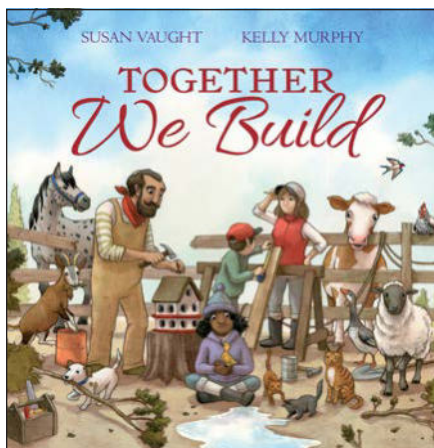
Little Ghost loves parties, but he's only ever had the Halloween kind! After attending his first ever birthday party, Little Ghost decides to throw one of his own. His good friend Anya says his party should celebrate Little Ghost and what he likes most. That's easy—Little Ghost loves Halloween with all its bats, black cats, candy corn, and pumpkins. There's just one problem: it's summertime. And Halloween and summer just don't mix . . . or do they?

Publication Date: April 2026

Page Extent: 40 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *LITTLE GHOST MAKES A FRIEND*: Catalan, Portuguese (Portugal), Spanish





TOGETHER WE BUILD

By Susan Vaught
Illustrated by Kelly Murphy
Imprint: Beach Lane Books

A community of animals and humans work together to rebuild their farm after a storm causes damage in this companion picture book to *Together We Grow* by award-winning author Susan Vaught and acclaimed illustrator Kelly Murphy.

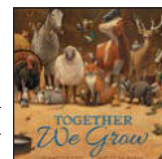
*Flee and gather,
holding tight,
helping friends
survive the night.*

After a flood sweeps through, a family and their animals emerge from their shelters to find their farm and woods in disarray. As they start to tidy up and make repairs, tensions run high. Can the animals and humans work together to rebuild their homes?

Publication Date: January 2026

Page Extent: 40 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *TOGETHER WE GROW*: French, German



THE DARK IS FOR

By Jane Kohuth
Illustrated by Cindy Derby
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Magic comes to life when night arrives in this lyrical picture book with gorgeous illustrations by Caldecott Honoree Cindy Derby about embracing the beauty of darkness.

*The dark is for flying.
The dark is for shining.
The dark is for dreaming. . . .*

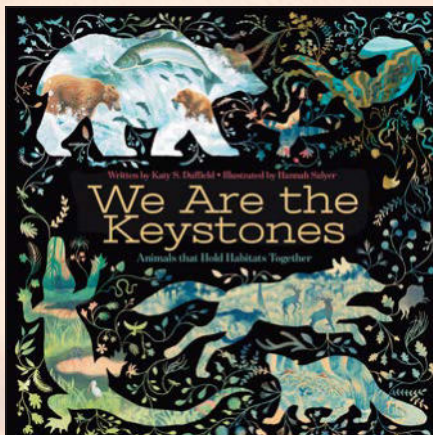
Though darkness can be scary, beauty can be found in the stillness of the shadows. This stunning tale filled with poetic words and gorgeous art celebrates the darkness. From the creatures dancing in the blackness of the deep sea to those that wake when night falls in the forest, there's so much magic to discover!

Jane Kohuth's musical text and Cindy Derby's stunning illustrations take us on an unforgettable journey to all the spectacular wonders that can only be found in the darkest of places.

Publication Date: March 2026

Page Extent: 40 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Dutch



WE ARE THE KEYSTONES

By Katy S. Duffield
Illustrated by Hannah Salyer
Imprint: Beach Lane Books

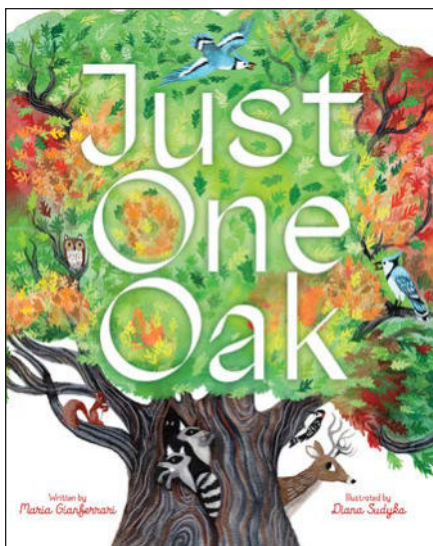
In this marvelous nonfiction picture book, learn about the hidden heroes of the natural world—keystone species!

Keystone species are plants, animals, or other organisms that have an especially huge impact on the environments around them. From beavers to elephants, alligators to hummingbirds, keystones help themselves and other species survive. Whether creating habitats for themselves and other animals, leaving behind leftovers that fertilize the soil, or clearing out harmful algae, keystones live up to their name in their essential contribution to the harmony of our natural world. Come discover the keystones!

Publication Date: July 2026

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JUST ONE OAK

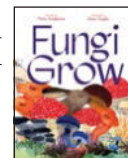
By Maria Gianferrari
Illustrated by Diana Sudyka
Imprint: Beach Lane Books

Explore an oak tree from its leafy crown to its roots, and learn about the amazing ways it supports the animals and plants in its habitat in this enlightening nonfiction picture book companion to the award-winning *Fungi Grow*, a Boston Globe–Horn Book Award Honor Book and a School Library Journal Best Book of the Year.

An oak tree is so much more than meets the eye. From tiny fungi to mighty mammals, this amazing tree contains a whole world. For insects and birds, the oak's leaves, branches, and bark are a home. For bears and squirrels, the thousands of acorns the oak produces are a nutritious superfood. Owls, deer, foxes, and many more creatures are drawn to the rich and healthy environment an oak creates. Because of a single oak tree, its many neighbors flourish.

Publication Date: April 2026

Page Extent: 48 pp



WHO NESTS HERE?

By Karen Jameson
Illustrated by Ramona Kaulitzki
Imprint: Beach Lane Books

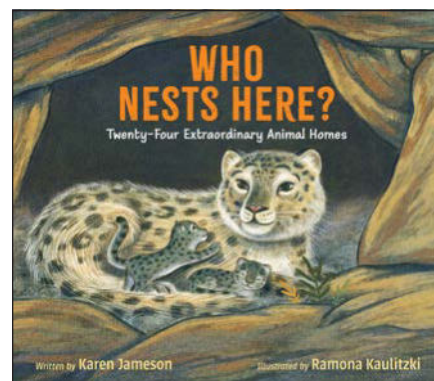
Meet twenty-four extraordinary animals and the different nests they call home in this lyrical nonfiction environmental picture book perfect for fans of Kate Messner's *Over and Under* series and Jennifer Ward's *Mama Dug a Little Den*.

*Who nests here?
Whose baby bed?
Whose family home?
Whose winter shed?
Clues are waiting up ahead!*

Calling all nature detectives! Use clues to guess the animal each shelter belongs to and discover twenty-four extraordinary creatures—not a bird among them!—and the tree, mud, sand, water, plant, dirt, rock, and snow nests they call home.

Publication Date: March 2026

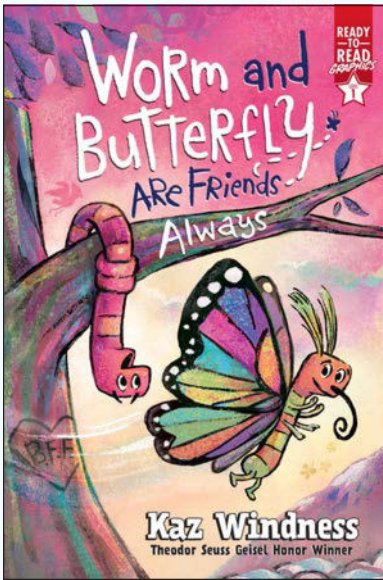
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FICTION

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WORM AND BUTTERFLY ARE FRIENDS ALWAYS

By Kaz Windness

Imprint: Simon Spotlight

Best friends Worm and Butterfly must spend time apart in this Level 1 Ready-to-Read Graphics book—the sequel to Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Book *Worm and Caterpillar Are Friends*.

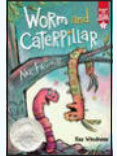
Worm and Butterfly are best friends. Worm says best friends stick together, but Butterfly has to fly somewhere warm for winter. Can they still be friends when they are far apart?

Publication Date: January 2026

Ages: 4–6

Page Extent: 64 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *WORM AND CATERPILLAR ARE FRIENDS*: Chinese (complex)



DON'T WASTE THE POOP!

By Marilyn Singer

Illustrated by Heather Fox

Imprint: Simon Spotlight

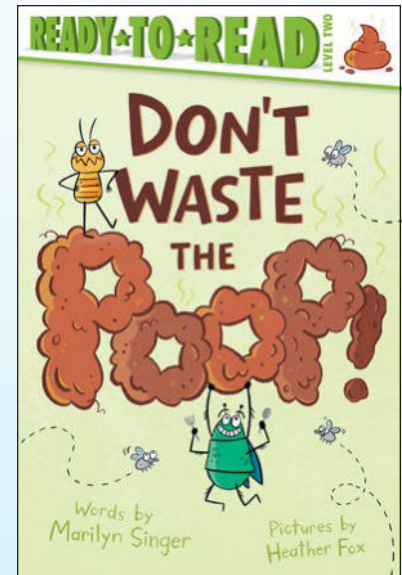
Perfect for kids who are curious about everything adults say “ew” to, this nonfiction Level 2 Ready-to-Read will teach readers about how animals use poop for defense, shelter, and even food!

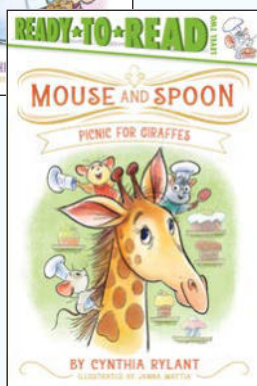
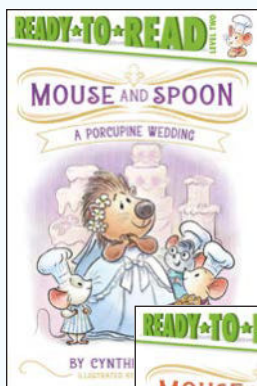
Ew . . . poop. Poop is gross. Poop is funny. But did you know that poop is really important to lots of animals? Some animals use it to build homes, some use it for protection, and some even eat it! Read this book to find out all about the many uses for poop!

Publication Date: October 2025

Ages: 5–7

Page Extent: 32 pp





MOUSE AND SPOON: A PORCUPINE WEDDING PICNIC FOR GIRAFFES

By Cynthia Rylant
Illustrated by Janna Mattia
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

Newbery Medalist and prolific author of the Henry and Mudge series Cynthia Rylant returns with a new Level 2 Ready-to-Read series starring three determined mice who run a small bakery and work hard fulfilling orders big and small!

Catering a porcupine wedding and a giraffe's picnic are the newest adventures for baker mice Ginger, Piper, and Tom!

Publication Date: *A Porcupine Wedding*: January 2026; *Picnic for Giraffes*: May 2026

Ages: 5–7

Page Extent: 32 pp



NIGHT FRIGHTS: IT'S ALIVE! THE HAUNTED GOLDFISH

By Joe McGee
Illustrated by Teo Skaffa
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

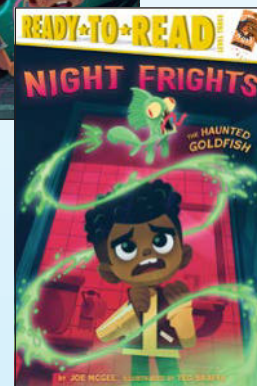
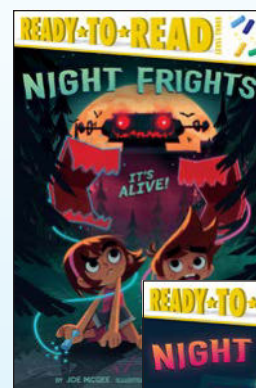
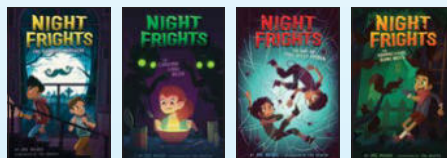
Based on the Night Frights chapter books series, this Level 3 Ready-to-Read series continues the silly and scary adventures in Wolver Hollow, where things go bump not only in the night—but all day long!

Welcome to Wolver Hollow: home to the strange . . . to the spooky . . . to Max and Raven, whose chalk drawings mysteriously come to life and cause trouble . . . and to Victor and his goldfish ghost with one last request . . .

Publication Date: May 2026

Ages: 6–8

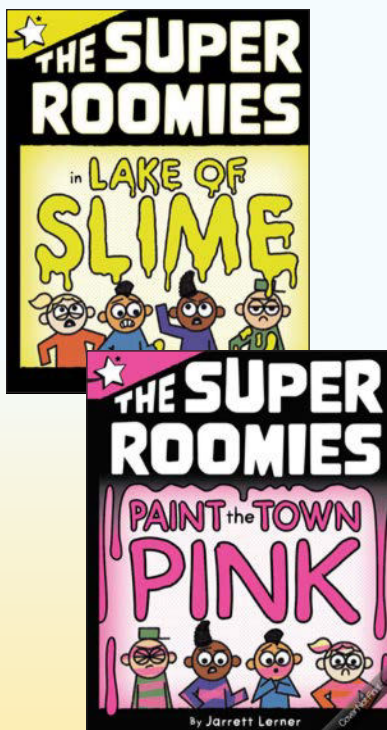
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Simon Spotlight Introduces Our New Star Chapter Books!

This innovative line of books from Simon Spotlight bridges the gap between early readers and longer chapter books. Featuring pages filled with eye-catching two-color art and only a line or two of text with each illustration, these fast-paced, fun-to-read stories are designed to help kids feel like stars as they take pride in their abilities and grow their love of reading.

We're thrilled to be working with powerhouse authors and illustrators such as Dan Yaccarino, Ethan Long, Jarrett Lerner, Kaz Windness, and more, who share our vision of reaching readers who are struggling to make the leap to the next level of their reading journeys. They are masters at engaging this age group with memorable characters, entertaining storylines, lively illustrations, and lots and lots of kid-friendly humor!



COVER NOT FINAL

SUPER ROOMIES: **THE SUPER ROOMIES IN THE LAKE OF SLIME** **THE SUPER ROOMIES IN PAINT THE TOWN PINK**

By Jarrett Lerner

Every city needs a hero—and this big city has four!

Meet superheroes and roommates Abby Astro, Blix Blaster, Captain Kooky Pants, and Wanda Weather. They don't always get along (in fact, they seldom do), but when duty calls, they jump into action . . . sort of.

In *Lake of Slime*, Dr. Slimepeople is up to no good, and it's up to the Super Roomies to stop him from filling the Big City Lake with slime. But can they stop arguing in time to do it?

In *Paint the Town Pink*, Nina Neon wants to color the city projectile pink, a shade so intense, it makes anyone who looks at it sick to their stomach. Will the Super Roomies stop her without losing their lunch?

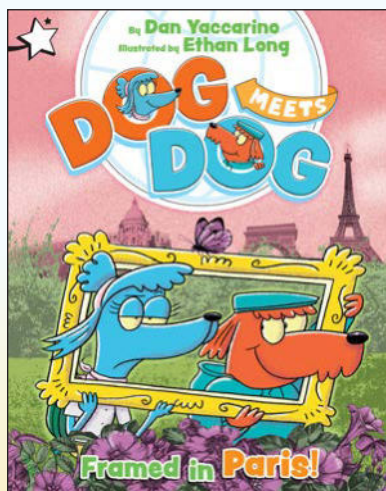
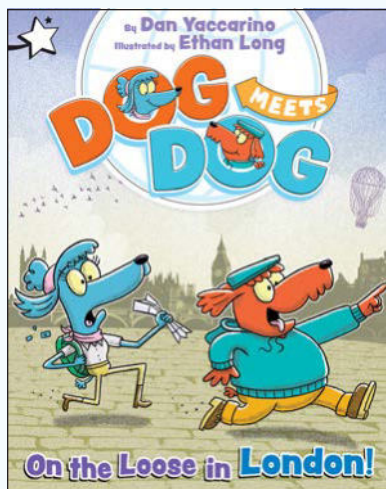
JARRETT LERNER is the award-winning creator of more than a dozen books for kids, including the EngiNerds series of middle-grade novels, the Geeger the Robot series of early chapter books, the Hunger Heroes series of graphic novel chapter books, two activity books, the illustrated novel in verse *A Work in Progress*, and the Nat the Cat series of early readers. He lives with his wife and daughters in Massachusetts.

Publication Date: *Lake of Slime*: June 2026; *Paint the Town Pink!*: August 2026

Ages: 5–9

Page Extent: 112 pp/1.8K words





DOG MEETS DOG: ON THE LOOSE IN LONDON! FRAMED IN PARIS!

By Dan Yaccarino
Illustrated by Ethan Long

In this humorous new series perfect for fans of *The Bad Guys*, dog siblings Betsy and Bones travel the world together, but their different approaches—spontaneous (Bones) and organized (Betsy)—lead to the unexpected! Sprinkled with plenty of silliness along with facts about each destination, readers will clamor to join Betsy and Bones on all their holidays.

In *On the Loose in London*, Betsy and Bones say “cheerio” to the home of Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, and the London Eye, a Ferris wheel right in the middle of the city! Betsy has every detail mapped out, but Bones has other plans. Come along and join them for a tip-top adventure where anything that can happen does!

In *Framed in Paris!*, Betsy and Bones head to the home of the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower, and delicious crepes that Bones can’t wait to pour ketchup on! But when the siblings accidentally help a thief steal the *Mona Lisa*, they are in for the chase of their lives. Can they help catch the thief and clear their names before they say “adieu” to the City of Light?

DAN YACCARINO is the author and illustrator of over fifty books for children, including *Piccolo*, *Unlovable*, *Every Friday*, and *The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau*. Awards and honors include *The New York Times* 10 Best Illustrated Children’s Books and the BolognaRagazzi Award. Dan is also the creator and producer of the animated series *Doug Unplugs*, *Oswald*, and *Willa’s Wild Life*.

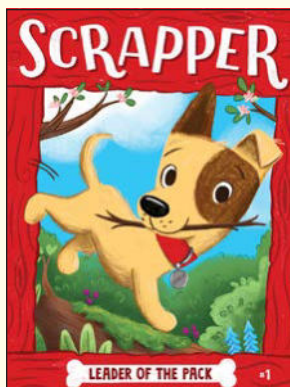
ETHAN LONG is the acclaimed author and illustrator of many books for children, among them the Theodor Seuss Geisel Award winner *Up, Tall, and High*. He is also the creator of the animated, Emmy Award–nominated, interactive series *Scribbles and Ink* at PBS Kids.

Publication Date: June 2026

Ages: 5–9

Page Extent: 112 pp/2.6K words





SCRAPPER

#1: LEADER OF THE PACK

#2: PUP VS. SQUIRREL

#3: HOT DOG DAYS

#4: DO THE FOX TROT

By Cam Higgins

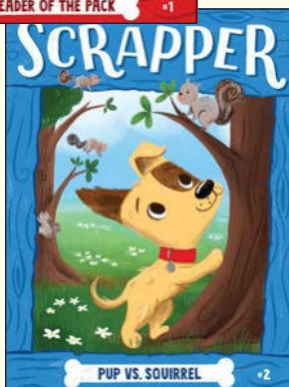
Illustrated by Ariel Landy

Scrapper, everyone's favorite sidekick from the Good Dog series, is now the star of the show!

Scrapper is a rambunctious and mischievous puppy always up for adventure and high-energy hijinks! He loves swimming and playing fetch with his human family. But most of all, Scrapper loves going on adventures in the forest. Whether meeting new friends, going on epic squirrel chases, or trying to stay cool on a hot summer's day, Scrapper always knows how to have a good time!

Publication Date: #1 & #2: February 2026; #3: May 2026; #4: July 2026

Over 850,000 copies of the Good Dog series in print



FAIRY SCOUT FRIENDS

#1: NO RAIN, NO RAINBOW

#2: THE FLUTTERFLY EFFECT

#3: ONE-OF-A-KIND JEWEL

#4: IN FULL BLOOM

By Hannah Fay

Illustrated by Mag Takac

Meet the Fairy Scout Friends, a group of misfit fairies working together to earn their magic and learn fairy-sized life lessons along the way!

The Fairy Scout Friends are a group of young fairies who go on adventures to earn their magical fairy dust! But four of the newest Fairy Scouts are not quite like the others. . . . Join Rain, Flutterfly, Jewel, and Bloom as they tackle challenges that range from building a fairy house to figuring out how to use fairy dust! These relatable stories full of heart and fairy charm emphasize teamwork, pint-sized social emotional lessons, and staying true to yourself—all with a sprinkle of magic on top!

Publication Date: #1 & #2: January 2026; #3: May 2026; #4: July 2026



Easy-to-read text and illustrations on almost every page make these chapter book series perfect for newly independent readers.

THE ADVENTURES OF SOPHIE MOUSE

#23: FOREST FIELD DAY

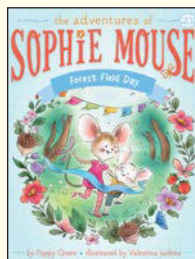
By Poppy Green

Illustrated by Valentina Jaskina

Join Sophie Mouse and her woodland friends on their adventures.

Publication Date: June 2026

RIGHTS SOLD: Chinese (simplified), Hungarian, Lithuanian, Russian, Slovak



ITTY BITTY PRINCESS KITTY

#16: SLEEPOVER SURPRISE

By Melody Mews

Illustrated by Ellen Stubbings

Join Itty Bitty Princess Kitty on her royal adventures!

Publication Date: February 2026

RIGHTS SOLD: UK



THE CRITTER CLUB

#30: ELLIE FINDS HER VOICE

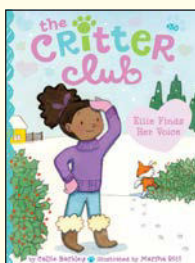
By Callie Barkley

Illustrated by Marsha Riti

At the Critter Club, Amy, Ellie, Marion, and Liz rescue lost and lonely animals!

Publication Date: November 2025

RIGHTS SOLD: Hebrew



THE KINGDOM OF WRENLY

#23: AWAKE AMONG THE STARS

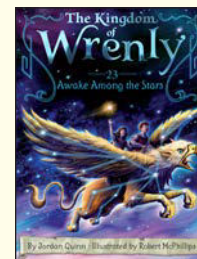
By Jordan Quinn

Illustrated by Robert McPhillips

Welcome to the Kingdom of Wrenly, a mystical land with dragons, trolls, wizards, mermaids, and fairies!

Publication Date: March 2026

RIGHTS SOLD: German, Mongolian



DESMOND COLE GHOST PATROL

#27: THE BIG BRAIN STORM

By Andres Miedoso

Illustrated by Victor Rivas

A fearless eight-year-old runs his own ghost patrol, looking for ghosts, monsters, and mischief makers in this adventure-filled chapter book series.

Publication Date: April 2026

RIGHTS SOLD: Danish, French, Russian, Ukrainian



LUCY LANCASTER

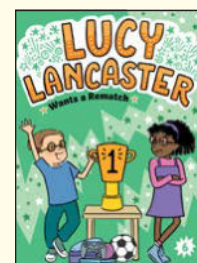
#6: LUCY LANCASTER WANTS A REMATCH

By Willow Coven

Illustrated by Priscilla Burris

Lucy Lancaster, Heidi Heckelbeck's best friend, sprinkles magical mishaps into everyday childhood adventures in this charming series.

Publication Date: March 2026



HENRY HECKELBECK

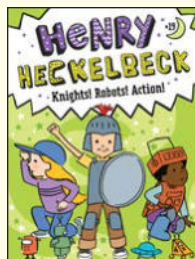
#19: HENRY HECKELBECK KNIGHTS! ROBOTS! ACTION!

By Wanda Coven

Illustrated by Priscilla Burris

Join Heidi Heckelbeck's little brother, Henry, on all-new adventures as he deals with everyday childhood challenges . . . with a bit of help from his own magical Book of Spells in this bewitching chapter book series.

Publication Date: August 2025



RATNIP

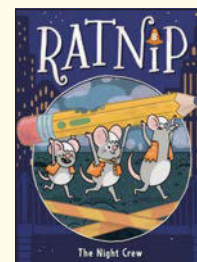
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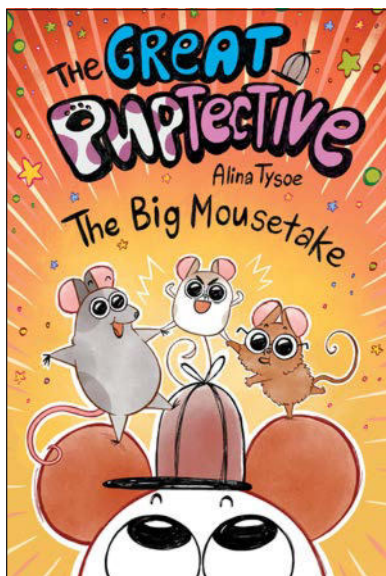
By Cam Higgins

Illustrated by Allison Steinfeld

In this sweet and silly series, a young rodent named Ratnip scurries around the city looking for food and adventure.

Publication Date: May 2026





THE GREAT PUPTECTIVE #3: THE BIG MOUSETAKE

By Alina Tysoe

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Poppy is ready to prevent an epic cake caper by a trio of mischievous mice in this third hilarious book in the graphic novel chapter book series perfect for fans of InvestiGators and Narwhal and Jelly.

Truffles hates parties, *especially* birthday parties. So when a trio of mice calling themselves the Cheesy Crew crash Truffles's human's birthday bash to steal the cheesecake, Truffles offers assistance. After all, no cake means no party, which means peace and quiet!

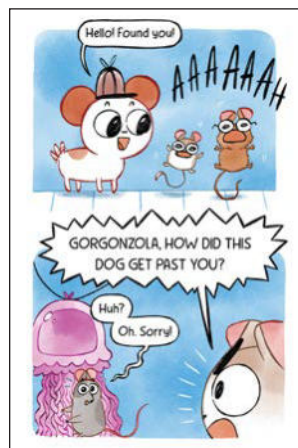
But the would-be saboteurs should have known better than to cross the likes of Poppy the Great Puptective! Unlike Truffles, Poppy wants Sasha to have the best party ever, and the pup is on high alert! But with traps and distractions as far as she can see, will Poppy accidentally be party to the greatest caper in Cheesy Crew history?

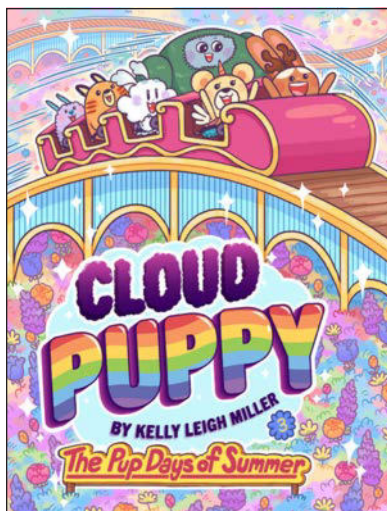
Publication Date: March 2026

Ages: 6–9

Page Extent: 128 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *THE GREAT PUPTECTIVE*: ANZ, Catalan, French, Korean, Spanish





CLOUD PUPPY #3: THE PUP DAYS OF SUMMER

By Kelly Leigh Miller
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Cloud Puppy—part puppy, part cloud, and all adorable—goes on summer adventures with her friends in this third book in a delightful graphic novel chapter book series that’s Narwhal and Jelly meets *The Amazing World of Gumball*!

Cloud Puppy and her friends start their summer vacation at the local amusement park! When Mossquatch shares he doesn’t really like big roller coasters, Cloud Puppy makes it her secret mission to help him overcome his fear. After all, everyone knows roller coasters are fun, not scary!

But as Cloud Puppy, Jack, and Berry Rose line up for the biggest roller coaster, Cloud Puppy suddenly feels afraid—even wishing she were sitting out comfortably with Mossquatch. To keep spending time with her friends, she should conquer her fear . . . right?

Publication Date: April 2026

Ages: 6–9

Page Extent: 160 pp



THE MANY MISFORTUNES OF EUGENIA WANG

By Stan Yan
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

In this hilarious and heartfelt debut graphic novel, a girl born on an “unlucky” day starts to wonder if she really is cursed when she’s troubled by visions of doom set to occur on her thirteenth birthday.

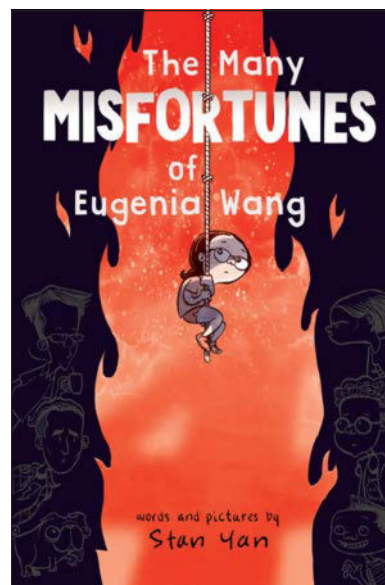
Twelve-year-old Eugenia Wang has never celebrated her birthday on her actual birthday, 4/4, because of her mom’s belief in the Chinese superstition that 4 is an unlucky number. And that’s not the only thing Mom’s strict about: she won’t let Eugenia go to a summer comic art camp because she thinks art is a waste of time. This year, Eugenia is determined to defy her mom by applying for the camp, having her party on her actual birthday, and inviting her supercute crush while she’s at it too!

But after Eugenia gets hit in the head with a sneaker during PE, she starts getting unnerving visions of impending doom about her upcoming birthday. It might be due to her head injury, but maybe she’s just anxious about turning thirteen. As the visions get worse, Eugenia suspects an unseen force may be sending her messages. Even more horrifying, she may have to do the unthinkable: admit her mom was right.

Publication Date: September 2025

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 264 pp



Little Simon Graphic Novel Chapter Books



DESMOND COLE GHOST PATROL: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL #1: THE HAUNTED HOUSE NEXT DOOR

By Andres Miedoso

An all-new Little Simon graphic novel adaptation of the first book of the bestselling Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol, a chapter book series with over a million copies in print!

Andres Miedoso just wants everything to be normal-boring. But after moving to a new town called Kersville, it quickly becomes clear that his new home is anything but ordinary. His new neighbor, Desmond Cole, runs a Ghost Patrol, taking on any monster-catching job no matter how spooky, icky, or risky it might be.

Grown-ups always have a lot of advice for new kids in town. But they never say what to do when the house—no, the entire town—is haunted!

The Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol chapter book series has over 1.3 million copies in print! Now this full-color graphic novel, perfect for emerging readers, tells the spooky story for a new audience.

Publication Date: January 2026

RIGHTS SOLD: French



Little Simon graphic novel chapter books:

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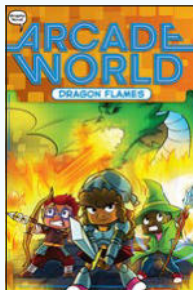
ARCADE WORLD

#6: DRAGON FLAMES

By Nate Bitt

Welcome to Arcade World, where video games have come to life and best friends Travis, Journey, and Devonte must save the world from pixelated destruction!

Publication Date: February 2023



DRAGON KINGDOM OF WRENLY

#13: EXIT ELSEWHERE

By Jordan Quinn

Ruskin, the beloved scarlet dragon from the Kingdom of Wrenly books, stars in this graphic novel series for emerging readers that's full of magical quests, epic adventures, mysterious prophecies, and DRAGONS!

Publication Date: July 2026

RIGHTS SOLD: Italian, Mongolian, Russian



GUARDIANS OF HORSA

#7: BREAKING THE BARRIER

By Roan Black

This thrilling graphic novel chapter book series gives magic an equine twist when four elemental horses from warring herds must unite to find one special yearling and usher in a new era for the world of Horsa.

Publication Date: April 2026



PUP DETECTIVES

#9: A ROYAL FISHING SCAM

By Felix Gumpaw

The puppy sleuths investigate a royal visitor at their school who may be part of an epic fishing scam in this graphic novel chapter book series!

Publication Date: February 2024

RIGHTS SOLD: Norwegian, Russian



SPIRITED

#6: IT CAME FROM THE DEEP

By Liv Livingston

This graphic novel chapter book series follows Liv Livingston, the only living girl in a ghost town, as she learns to fit in and make friends.

Publication Date: January 2026

RIGHTS SOLD: Danish, Russian



SUPER TURBO, THE GRAPHIC NOVEL

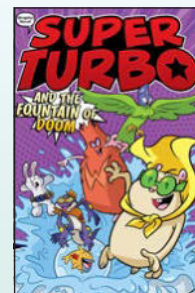
#9: SUPER TURBO AND THE FOUNTAIN OF DOOM

By Edgar Powers

The superpets wonder whether the water fountain they were so excited to discover is actually . . . the fountain of doom!

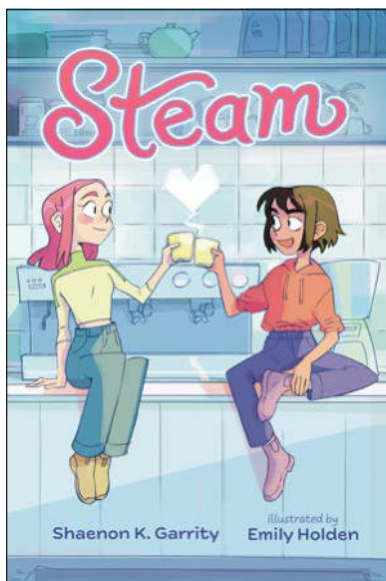
Publication Date: May 2023

RIGHTS SOLD: Spanish



Little Simon graphic novel chapter books:

Ages: 5–9 **Page Extent:** 144 pp



STEAM

By Shaenon K. Garrity
Illustrated by Emily Holden
Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

A genius humanoid escapes the university lab where she was made and gets a job at a local coffee shop in this graphic novel perfect for fans of the Giant Days series and Heartstopper.

Grown in a secret lab at the local university, Ruby was created to solve science's greatest problems. But she suspects she can't fulfill her function while trapped inside, so she breaks out.

Ruby attempts to lie low and fit in as a barista at the university coffeehouse. Working there gives her plenty of opportunity to figure out what problems people need solving. And as far as she can tell, most humans' biggest problem is finding happiness. And what makes them happy? Love! So Ruby uses her superpowered brain to play Cupid.

As Ruby sets to work pairing up the staff and regulars, she feels more human herself: she's got a community now, maybe even a crush. But the lab believes she's dangerous, and it wants her back. When pursuing her own happiness leads Ruby into a trap, she'll need her coffeehouse friends to save her from the scientist who only wants to use her.

Publication Date: February 2026

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 208 pp



A BITE OF PEPPER

By Balazs Lorinczi
Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

A skateboarding vampire falls for a human artist as they combine their talents to create a skating brand in this lightly paranormal, coming-of-age, YA graphic novel romance for fans of the graphic novels Squad and The Girl from the Sea.

Pepper Mint might be a born vampire, but she's pretty much your average teenager who loves skateboarding and her dog. What she doesn't love is her mother's continuous efforts to find her a vampire bride so that she can become fully immortal. Then Pepper meets Ana—she's a charming art student, a part-time waitress . . . and interested in Pepper.

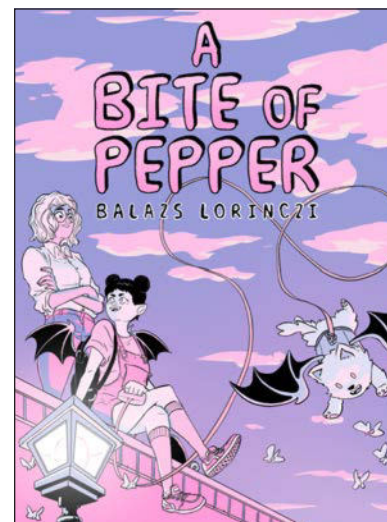
Ana's presence changes everything, especially when she uses Pepper for the inspiration behind her art. But the two girls' instant chemistry provides an opportunity for Pepper to become the immortal creature of the night her mother desperately wants her to be.

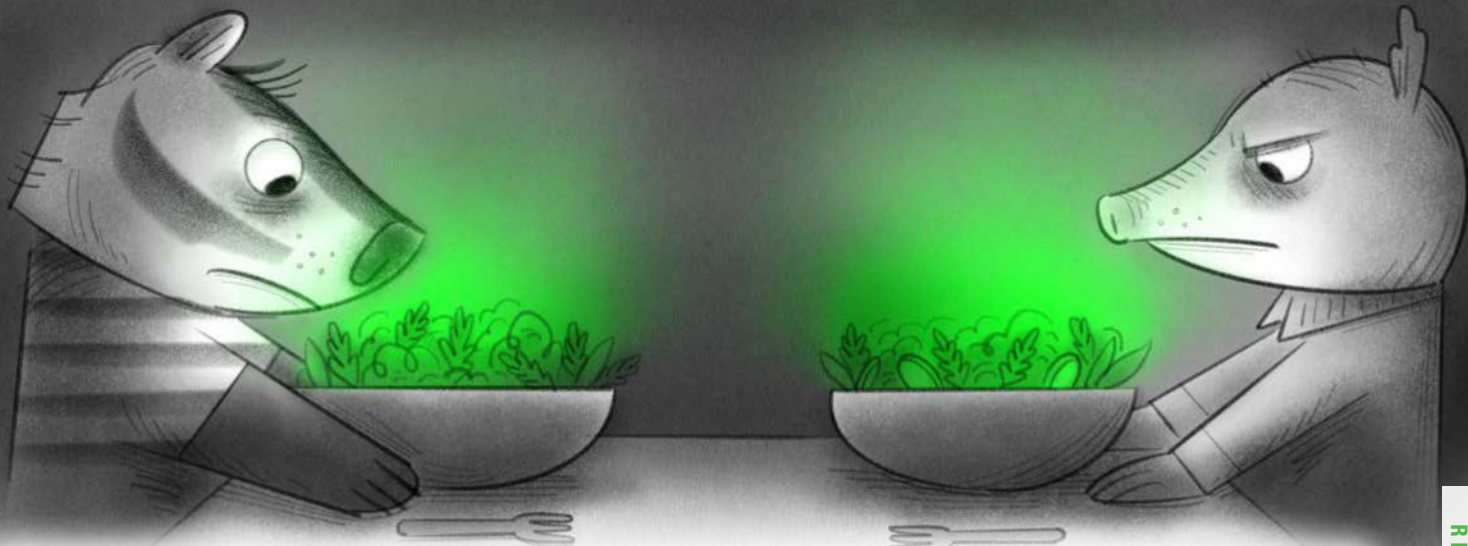
Between the pressure from her mom and Pepper's inability to figure out whether Ana likes her for herself or her aesthetic, it feels like everyone just wants a bite of Pepper. With all these looming questions, can Pepper take the biggest bite of her life and commit to immortality?

Publication Date: August 2025

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 224 pp





JASPER RABBIT'S CREEPY TALES!: UNSETTLING SALAD! YARN IS EVERYTHING!

By Aaron Reynolds

Illustrated by Peter Brown

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

From the team behind the *New York Times* bestselling *Creepy Carrots!*, *Creepy Pair of Underwear!*, and *Creepy Crayon!* comes a new chapter book series of creepy tales that are guaranteed to inspire chills and chuckles galore!

In *Unsettling Salad!*, a badger discovers broccoli can bite back! If you're ready for some chills and chuckles, tune in as Jasper spins a yarn about Thaddeus Badger and the sticky situation he found himself in. Thaddeus is a typical badger. He and his best friend, Oliver Possum, love burgers as much as they dislike exercise. And they hate eating veggies even more. But when they make a deal with Oliver's parents to eat an entire salad . . . well, the chompers might soon become the chomped. This is a creepy tale, after all, and even the healthiest things can turn on you.

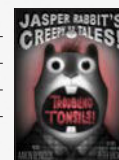
In the third installment, *Yarn Is Everything!*, let Jasper tell you about Winona Mole, and her unsettling experience with her favorite thing in the world—yarn! Winona had one true love, and that was crocheting. She loved it more than anything: her father even took her to the Museum of Woolen Arts and Yarn Stitchery for her ninth birthday. But an unexpected souvenir changes her life forever. With a talent that seems to grow overnight, she earns a spot on the hottest show on television, *Yarn Is Everything!* She might earn the title of Ultimate Yarn Master of all time—but at what price? Because nothing comes for free . . .

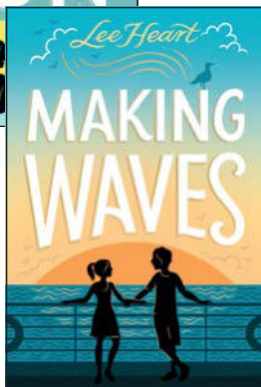
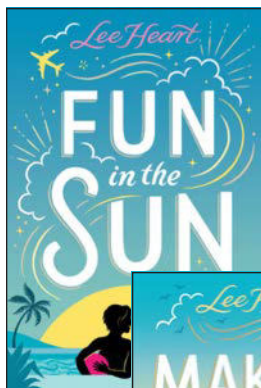
Publication Date: *Unsettling Salad!*: February 2026; *Yarn Is Everything!*: July 2026

Ages: 6–9

Page Extent: *Unsettling Salad!*: 96 pp/6K words; *Yarn Is Everything!*: 104 pp/7K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *TROUBLING TONSILS!*: Chinese (simplified), Italian, Korean, Spanish





SPOTLIGHT SPRINKLES: FUN IN THE SUN MAKING WAVES

By Lee Heart
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

The newest installments in the highly praised tween rom-com series that covers the romantic drama of middle school in a funny, lighthearted, and modern way!

In *Fun in the Sun*, Anna meets her grandma's friend's supercute grandson, Mason! Everything is going great until Grandma Gina's neighbor brings over her chatty grandkids. How can Anna figure out if Mason feels the same way she does when they keep getting interrupted? Or even worse—thwarted by an unexpected love triangle!

In *Making Waves*, Emma is so excited for summer vacation to officially start. She's going on a cruise with her family for five amazing days! The first day on the boat, she meets Justin, who is supercute, smart, and nice. And Emma thinks he might like her! But then she's busy making new friends on the boat and dealing with drama from her twin stepsisters, and it's hard to find Justin anywhere! Is Emma ever going to be able to meet up with Justin before her trip is over?

Publication Date: *Fun in the Sun*: December 2025;
Making Waves: May 2026

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 160 pp/25K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *MEET ME AT SUNSET*: Danish



TEAM AWKWARD #3: IZZY VS. CHEERLEADING

By Joy McCullough and Veeda Bybee
Imprint: Aladdin

The charm of the Baby-Sitters Club meets the humor in Dork Diaries in this third installment of the Team Awkward series in which Izzy's cheerleading tryouts don't go as expected.

The first day of school might have been a disaster, but since Izzy met Team Awkward, middle school has been surprisingly great. But going to a different school than her twin sister, Ari, is harder than she'd expected. Ari attends the performing arts school and is never home anymore. And when she is home, they don't spend time together. Ari even moved out of their shared bedroom into her own room.

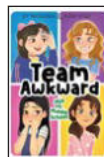
Rather than stare at the empty spot where her sister's bed used to be, Izzy decides to fill her time with some performing of her own by trying out for the cheerleading team. But when she's offered the mascot role instead, her dream of joining the team starts to sound like a nightmare. Can she make it through basketball season without totally embarrassing herself?

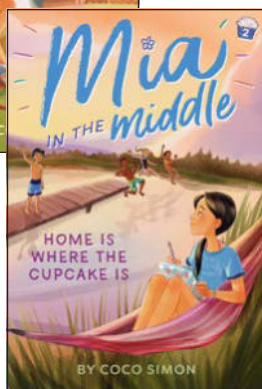
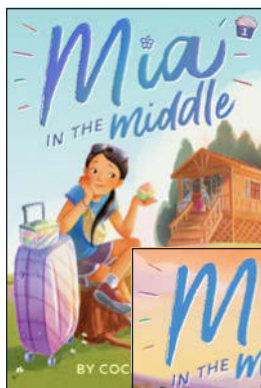
Publication Date: June 2026

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 192 pp/30K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *JOJO VS. MIDDLE SCHOOL*: Czech





MIA IN THE MIDDLE:

#1: CUPCAKES & CAMP

#2: HOME IS WHERE THE CUPCAKE IS

By Coco Simon

Illustrated by Tracy Bishop

Imprint: Simon Spotlight

Mia tries to sweeten the disappointment of spending summer away from her friends in this brand-new middle-grade Cupcake Diaries spin-off series!

Mia plans to spend the rest of her summer hanging out with her Cupcake Club friends and her fashionista friends in Manhattan. That is, until Mia's mom tells her she's going to sleepaway camp.

Now Mia has to spend the rest of her summer away from her friends, with no phone and in an itchy uniform. And just when she begins to find her place at camp, she begins to feel that she's leaving everyone back home behind. The whole situation is enough to make even the most easygoing baker salty. Can Mia find a way to mix in some fun?

The original Cupcake Diaries series has over four million copies in print!

Publication Date: #1: March 2026; #2: May 2026

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 160 pp/25K words

CUPCAKE DIARIES: THE NEW BATCH

#7: REN'S CUPCAKE MISSION

#8: ALANA'S RECIPE FOR KINDNESS

By Coco Simon

Illustrated by Manuela López

Imprint: Simon Spotlight

A younger sister to the original Cupcake Diaries, this chapter book series follows a group of friends tackling a baking business while facing the usual challenges of elementary school.

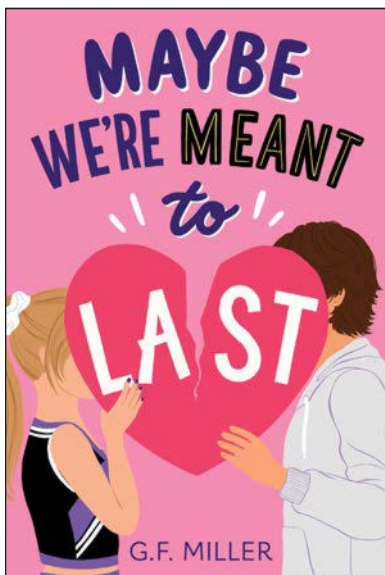
In the seventh installment in this Cupcake Diaries spin-off series, Ren enlists the group to help her get to the bottom of a big secret her parents are keeping. In Book 8, Alana encourages her friends to give back when she joins a new after-school program.

Publication Date: #7: December 2025; #8: May 2026

Ages: 5–9

Page Extent: 96 pp/4K words





MAYBE WE'RE MEANT TO LAST

By G.F. Miller
Imprint: Aladdin

Eve and Andrew decide if they should give dating another try in this witty and heartfelt second-chance love story and sequel to *Not If You Break Up with Me First*.

Two years ago, after a disastrous attempt at a middle school romance, Andrew and Eve decided they worked best as BFFs. But Andrew didn't realize he'd be stuck in the friendzone for the rest of time. In high school, Eve is a two-sport star athlete and is one of the most popular girls in school. Meanwhile, Andrew's commitment to marching band, interest in poetry, and the hours spent jamming with friends in his garage somehow have him branded as a band geek and a total loser. He watches from the sidelines (literally) as Eve collects trophies and hearts. But he's never gotten over her—his best friend forever, his one true love.

Eve has always hated change. She's learned to accept it, but the hardest change to adjust to over the past two years has been the change between her and Andrew. With his garage band taking up every waking minute, he never has time for her anymore. She asks herself "What if?" but is determined to live her best life and not dwell on her old BFF too much. Plus, she hasn't really lost him—he's still right across the street.

But when Andrew's band goes viral and bigger life changes start looming, Andrew and Eve have to decide: Should they try just one more time to see if their love is meant to last?

Publication Date: June 2026

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 288 pp/58K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *NOT IF YOU BREAK UP WITH ME FIRST*: ANZ, German



NO WAY NEVER SISTERS

By Chantel Acevedo and Natalia Sylvester
Imprint: Aladdin

Two classmates scheme to break their parents up before they get married and ruin the girls' lives forever in this hijinks-filled middle-grade novel.

Melisa Flores and Roxy Romero are not each other's fans. Roxy is sporty while Meli is artsy. Meli keeps her friend circle small while Roxy is pals with everyone. Their little brothers might get along like fruit in a delicious smoothie, but Meli and Roxy do not mix.

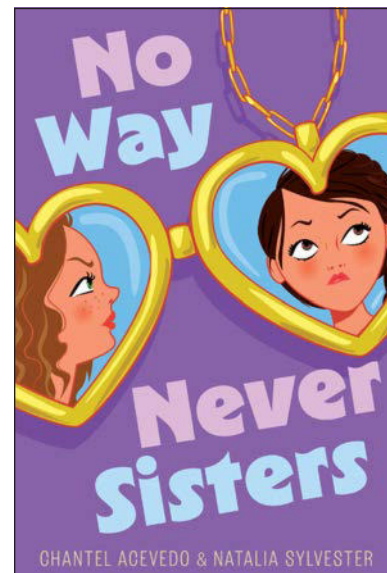
So, when Meli's mom and Roxy's dad announce that they're getting married, the girls are horrified. Meli and Roxy decide they have to do something to prevent this future blended family from ruining all their lives.

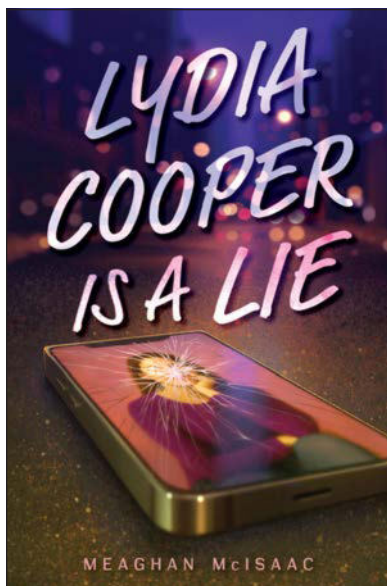
The girls decide to show their parents exactly how incompatible their families are by sabotaging the renovations of the house where they're supposed to live happily ever after. From home improvement store catastrophes to disastrous paint jobs, it's clear the girls are good teammates when it comes to causing chaos. Could it be enough to convince their parents to call off the wedding? But what should they do when their plot begins working a little too well . . . ?

Publication Date: March 2026

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 288 pp/46K words





LYDIA COOPER IS A LIE

By Meaghan McIsaac

Imprint: Aladdin

The Americans meets *Hanna* in this twisty and thrilling new middle-grade novel about a girl who, not knowing she's in witness protection, accidentally reveals her identity.

For as long as Lydia can remember, it's been her and her dad against the world. As much as she loves him, though, he's so overprotective. He won't even let her have social media accounts because the internet is "full of dangerous people" and "no place for a kid."

But when all her friends are invited to a movie night at her crush's house except her because she's not in the group chat, Lydia has had it and makes a secret account. Then an assassin shows up at her home. Clearly, there's more to her dad's and her own past than she knows. Set on the run and separated from her dad, she faces a journey to reunite with him. But how can Lydia know who to trust when she doesn't even know who she is?

Publication Date: July 2026

Ages: 9 up

Page Extent: 352 pp/50K words

CAMP BIG TOP

By Alexandra Diaz

Imprint: Beach Lane Books

Betsy Bird's *Long Road to the Circus* meets Kate Messner's *Chirp* in this coming-of-age story about four kids who team up to try to save their circus camp from closing.

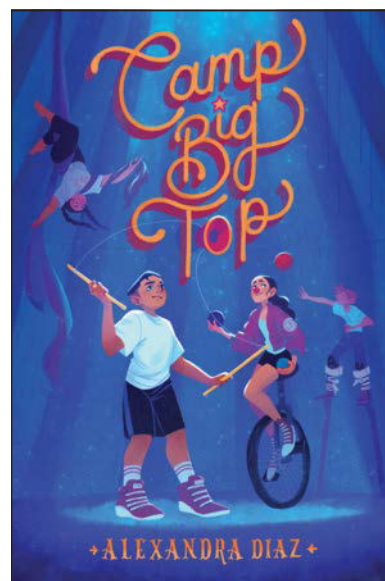
Mario has been banished, to circus camp of all places, after stealing his parents' credit card. Luna is an aerial artist, but her body seems to have grown curvier overnight, making it harder to perform on the silks. Ricky is destined to be a stilt-walking star, but his attention span keeps him from safely learning the basics. Betina has a natural talent for clowning comedy, so long as no one is watching her.

When the landlord threatens to close down Camp Big Top forever, these four kids must join forces to save their camp. But first they will have to build trust in one another . . . and in themselves.

Publication Date: May 2026

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 272 pp/70K words





TESTED

By Anna Monders
Imprint: Aladdin

Set in a world where everyone's future is determined by their Genetic Report Card, a girl who has always believed she was at the top of society finds out her score was based off someone else's DNA in this high-stakes middle-grade dystopian novel.

For as long as Mikayla can remember, her future has been laid out for her. As an Elite in a world divided by genetic Elites, Defectives, and Expendables, she'll live up to her stellar Genetic Report Card score of ninety-four by excelling academically, gaining acceptance into the Elite Scholars program, and eventually working for GenIn, the company that saved humanity after the catastrophic Great Dying.

All seems to be going as planned until a surprise assignment during Mikayla's class changes everything. Soon she's reconnecting with a friend she thought she'd lost forever and—for the first time in her life—questioning the society she has put her trust in.

But if Mikayla isn't the model citizen she always believed herself to be, then who is she?

Publication Date: March 2026

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 336 pp/69K words

LITTLE MONSTERS

By Máire Roche
Imprint: Aladdin

***Little Women* with monsters! This middle-grade modern retelling of the beloved classic reimagines the March sisters as foster kids harboring a big secret . . . they are actually monsters!**

Meg and her three sisters are monsters. No, really. Meg has teeth that are a little too sharp. Jo gets furry under the full moon. Beth has a tendency to do some night flying on wings that are impossible to hide under her sweaters. And Amy? Well, don't let her near a body of water or she'll start spouting her mermaid's tail.

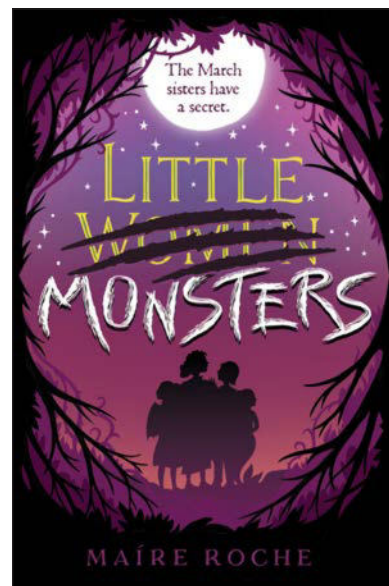
Meg is sure her foster mom, Marmee, wouldn't like any of this if she knew. And Jo's best friend, Laurie, the nice boy next door, would run screaming. To make matters worse, Meg's small town outside Salem is on edge. A sharp-toothed monster has been spotted in the nearby forest, and Farmer Bhaer is sure it's responsible for his missing chickens. Meg is sure to be blamed if anyone realizes she's actually a monster in disguise. And the closer it gets to Halloween, the surer the townspeople are that something evil is hiding in the forest.

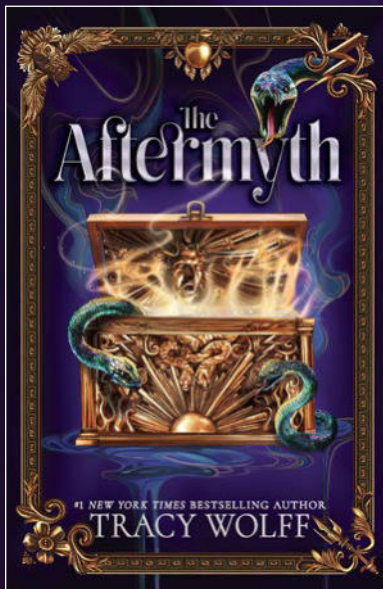
Meg can't remember some nights. And sometimes she wakes alone in a mossy part of the forest and has to find her way back herself. With John Brooke determined to find out just what Meg is hiding, and locals determined to uncover the monsters in their midst, Meg must find the monster herself—or risk losing the little home she's found with her sisters.

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Ages: 8–12

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THE AFTERMYTH

By Tracy Wolff
Imprint: Aladdin

In a world ruled by the tenets of Greek mythology, one girl's fate is more than it appears in the first book in a new dark academia fantasy middle-grade series from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the Crave series Tracy Wolff.

What's your myth?

Penelope Weaver has spent her whole life preparing to attend Anaximander's Academy, where students learn how to bring to life the stories of Greek mythology as well as discover the Greek god whose principles they most embody. Penelope knows she's an Athena—all smart, practical, and rule-following girls who take part in stories that matter are Athenas.

But when Penelope and her twin brother, Paris, arrive at Anaximander's, it appears fate has other plans. Penelope isn't placed with the Athenas but is put with students who are anything but practical and who prefer parties to rules. And that's just the beginning. She is given the world's worst muse, her assigned tasks feel impossible, and the magic of Anaximander's is overwhelming. Not to mention, there are two very different boys making her new life even more confusing.

But as things go from bad to dangerously worse, one thing becomes clear: in a world where everything is fated to happen a certain way, some stories need to be rewritten. As the world around her shifts and cracks, Penelope is asked to forget everything she thought she knew to help create a better story . . . even if that changes every plan and breaks every rule.

TRACY WOLFF is the #1 *New York Times*, #1 internationally, #1 *Wall Street Journal*, and *USA TODAY* bestselling author of the Crave series as well as many other novels. A lover of mythology, vampires, and getting lost in a great book, she's spent her whole life asking "What if?" and "What happens next?"—questions being a writer has helped her answer again and again. A one-time English professor, she now devotes all her time to writing fun, action-packed, romantic stories with fantastical worlds and characters who leap off the page.

Publication Date: February 2026

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 448 pp/106K words

RIGHTS SOLD: Dutch, French, German, Italian, Spanish



THE DELTA CODEX

By Deva Fagan

Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

A girl whose subconscious contains dangerous ancient knowledge finds her voice in this gripping middle-grade sci-fi fantasy perfect for fans of Diana Wynne Jones and Scott Reintgen.

Is there safety in silence?

In the city of Danak-Tol, children known as codexes are chosen to safeguard echoes—fragments of ancient knowledge too valuable to destroy but too dangerous to use. Forbidden to speak lest she accidentally release her echo, codex Delta lives a lonely life. Still, she knows she must obey the wardens' strict rules to keep her home safe from the vicious beasts, heretical Scrappers, and toxic bloodstorms that lurk beyond the city walls.

But when Delta breaks her vow and helps a stranger, she begins to have strange dreams, which lead her to question everything she knows to be true about herself and her city. To find answers, Delta journeys to the one place she fears the most: the wasteland beyond the walls of Danak-Tol.

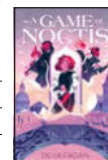
Delta dares the perilous ruins of a long-abandoned skyship and the gullet of a ravenous sphincter worm, and even befriends a young Scrapper. But all these adventures only lead to more questions. What is the true danger that threatens her entire planet: Is it really her echo, or is it the silence that has imprisoned the truth for so long?

Publication Date: April 2026

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 288 pp/71K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *A GAME OF NOCTIS*: French, German



ROSTAM WRECKS THE REALM

By Olivia Abtahi

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

***The Last Dragon on Mars* meets Persian mythology in this action-packed sci-fi fantasy space adventure about a boy fighting to save his planet after making a pact with an ancient demon that snuffs out the dying sun.**

After leaving Earth, Rostam Zamini has just gotten used to life on Enceladus—one of Saturn's many moons—only to once again have to move when one of his moms gets a fancy new job on dusty and dull Pars-1.

Rostam had worked hard and managed to make friends on Enceladus, but none of the Pars-1 kids seem to be impressed with Rostam's big-city background. In desperate need of some space cred, Rostam makes a deal with Zahhak, a centuries-old demon prince, for popularity in exchange for the all-powerful golden mace described in *The Persian Book of Kings*.

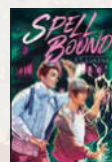
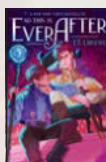
But when Rostam hands the mace over, he unknowingly plunges the planet into darkness by accidentally killing their ancient sun. Now he must right his wrongs and save his new home before it's too late.

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THE LAST BEST QUEST EVER

By F.T. Lukens

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

A fraudulent teen quester must team up with a brooding rival prince on a perilous adventure to save her brother's life in this cozy young adult romance by the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Spell Bound* and *So This Is Ever After*.

Seventeen-year-old Ellinore has the best questing record of anyone in the kingdom's history. She also has a secret: her fame is built entirely on lies. Tired of the charade, she shocks the kingdom by retiring at a royal feast. But her plans for a quiet life are disrupted when her twin brother, Zig, bets his life that Ellinore can retrieve the horn of the mythical Elder Beast. To save Zig, she reluctantly sets out on one last, perilous quest.

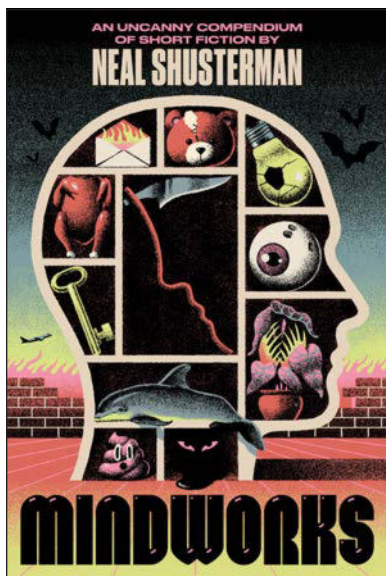
Accompanying her are Zig, determined to help despite his recklessness; Aven, her envious rival eager to prove their superiority; an ambitious bar maiden turned adventurer; and a young, magic-wielding bard. Together, they face an arduous journey fraught with mythical challenges and shifting alliances. As they search for the Elder Beast, Ellinore grapples with her growing feelings for Aven, her fear of losing Zig, and her identity as a reluctant hero. With time running out, Ellinore must confront not only the legendary creature but also her own truths. Can she save her brother, embrace her potential, and finally decide her path?

Publication Date: May 2026

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 336 pp/102K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *SO THIS IS EVER AFTER*: Czech, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Spanish, UK



MINDWORKS

By Neal Shusterman

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

From the incomparable mind of award winner Neal Shusterman, *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Arc of a Scythe* series, comes a collection of uncanny and unforgettable short stories.

Compiled for the first time in one epic volume, these stories both classic and brand-new will stretch your imagination from terror to the sublime and back again. Explore a world where bats block out the sun, where soup is a trap for your soul, or where the life-force of a glacier can bring back the dead. Journey to a place where the wind can be captured, time can be crafted into infinite attic space, or a hot tub can house an ancient monster. And revisit the Arc of the Scythe universe for two all-new tales of gleaning.

In this collection, the only thing that is truly certain is that nothing is certain.

Publication Date: November 2025

Ages: 12 up

Page Extent: 592 pp/153K words

AGENT-CONTROLLED TERRITORIES: German, Italian, Japanese

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UNGODLY CHAOS

By Selma Soren

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

An action-packed contemporary fantasy for fans of Rick Riordan and *Legendborn* following a heartbroken girl who accidentally discovers her ex-boyfriend is the descendant of the Egyptian god of chaos and is in danger from a deadly plot

Amira Shah is having a perfectly good, perfectly normal year—until her boyfriend (and hottest boy in school), Kaidan Jaziri, breaks up with her on her seventeenth birthday. But Amira is never one to let things go, and after overhearing Kaidan loudly arguing with someone in town, she follows him, only to fall through a portal to the underworld, also known as Duat.

There she learns that the chaotic ex-boyfriend who would endlessly rope her into trouble inherited his impulsive nature from his ancestor Apep, the god of chaos.

Kaidan is intent on solving a spree of murders happening in the human realm. Someone is killing other descendants—and if Kaidan isn't careful, he might be next. Feeling a mystical pull to Kaidan and the underworld, Amira insists on helping solve the mystery.

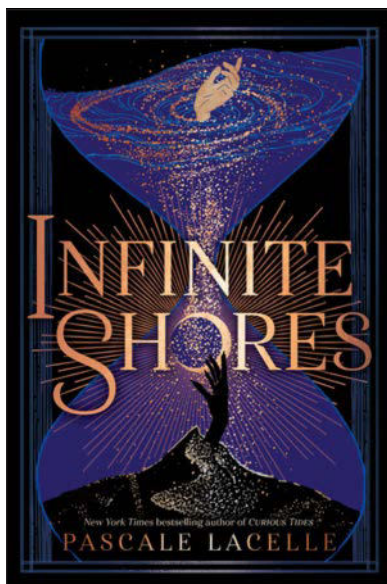
Together with Kaidan's rival and descendent of the sun god, Zain Nailos, they uncover secrets behind Amira's mysterious connection to the Egyptian pantheon and pursue the clever killer who may have been hiding among them all along.

Publication Date: February 2026

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 320 pp/95K words





THE DROWNED GODS TRILOGY: INFINITE SHORES

By Pascale Lacelle
Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

***Ninth House* meets *The Hazel Wood* in this spellbinding conclusion to the *New York Times* bestselling *Drowned Gods Trilogy*, a gorgeous dark academia fantasy following a teen mage and her friends on their desperate quest through worlds and time!**

The fate of Emory's friend Romie hangs in the balance as the monstrous Clover plans to use her as a sacrifice to steal power from the deity Atheia and make himself into a proper god. To stop Clover, Emory needs the help of Atheia's dark counterpart, Sidraeus, an enigmatic deity that cannot be trusted. Emory's only option is to invoke an ancient magic to keep him tethered to her side.

Meanwhile, Baz learns he has a role to play in the coming fight to save the crumbling worlds. Yet all he can think of is Kai and the gruesome fate that awaits him at Clover's side—a fate, the god tells him, that is beyond even his reach. But Baz is determined to save Kai, even if he has to rewrite time itself.

Emory and Baz must contend with mercurial gods, vengeful deities, and those hell-bent on eradicating Eclipse magic to save the people they love—and write an ending to their stories that defies fate itself.

Publication Date: April 2026

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 544 pp/155K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *CURIOUS TIDES*: Czech, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Slovak, Spanish, Turkish, Ukrainian



GOLDEN BOY

By A. J. Symon
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

***Weird Science* meets *Marley and Me* in this heartwarming, humorous, and (literally) transformative story about a girl whose life is turned upside down when her beloved golden retriever turns into a real human boy.**

Science-obsessed, teen genius Emma Branch is used to being the odd one out—in her family, among her classmates, and in her small town that only ever seems to care about football. She doesn't mind being all alone; in fact, she prefers it. Besides, who needs friends when she has a best friend already—her golden retriever, Hudson.

But when Hudson gets into an accident, Emma can't bear to lose her only friend. Luckily, she's been working on an experimental substance for her school science project that could help him out. All it was supposed to do was heal Hudson, not . . . turn him human?!

Emma, her family, and the whole town are about to learn just how a golden retriever can change hearts and minds for the better—that is, after causing a big old mess first.

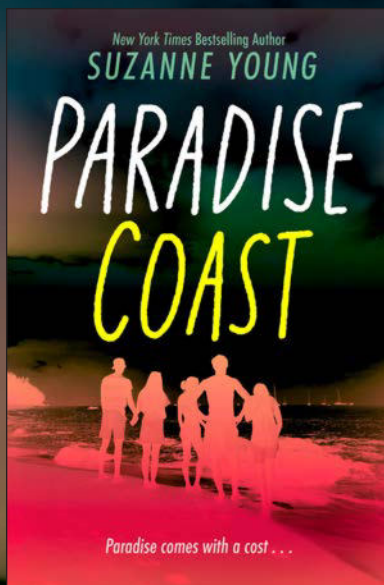
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PARADISE COAST

By Suzanne Young

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Rival groups of local and wealthy teens in a small Everglades town confront the secrets that rise from the waters in the wake of a hurricane in this sizzling and suspenseful thriller from *New York Times* bestselling author Suzanne Young—perfect for fans of *Outer Banks* and *The White Lotus*.

Some secrets won't stay buried. Not even in the Everglades.

Deep in the Everglades, there was once a luxurious and legendary hotel enjoyed by the wealthy elite. Until one mysterious night when a fire tore through the building, killing a young socialite, with blame cast on a local dock worker. Soon after, the hotel vanished, swallowed up by the wetlands like it never existed at all.

Until now.

When a powerful hurricane unearths the ruins of the long-forgotten hotel, the past is dragged back to the surface as clues to the devastating truth about the night of the fire are revealed.

It's the truth that die-hard local Noa and her friends have been chasing for years in the hopes of clearing an ancestor's name and pushing back against the rich families trying to force them out. With the help of Jamie, the rebellious son of a wealthy businessman, Noa and her crew begin a desperate fight for the justice they deserve.

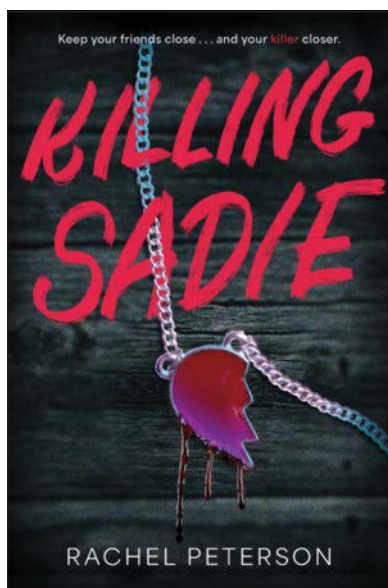
It won't be easy. Because the wealthy control just about everything on Paradise Coast—including the truth. And they will do whatever it takes, even kill, to make sure the past stays buried.

SUZANNE YOUNG is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the Program series. Originally from Utica, New York, Suzanne moved to Arizona to pursue her dream of not freezing to death. She is a novelist and an English teacher, but not always in that order. Suzanne is also the author of *Girls with Sharp Sticks*, *All in Pieces*, *Hotel for the Lost*, and several other novels for teens.

Publication Date: February 2026

Ages: 12 up

Page Extent: 368 pp/97K words



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KILLING SADIE

By Rachel Peterson
Imprint: Simon Pulse

Keep your friends close and your killer closer.

Sadie Cooper has it all: the perfect family—including a twin who understands her better than anyone else does—an adoring boyfriend, and a ride-or-die BFF who always has her back.

So why was Sadie Cooper stabbed to death and left to burn in an abandoned barn? Because nothing is as it seems.

There were two witnesses to Sadie's murder, so everyone knows what happened: Outcast boy likes girl. Girl rejects outcast boy. Boy loses it and kills her. The cops just need to know the details of what happened that night, so they can put the case to rest and Sadie's poor family can have some closure.

But as the witness interviews begin, one thing becomes very clear: Things are not adding up. Stories don't match. Someone is lying. But who's the liar? And why are they lying?

This electric psychological thriller from debut author Rachel Peterson is perfect for fans of Chelsea Ichaso, Kara Thomas, and Karen McManus.

Publication Date: August 2026

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 320 pp/70K words

MY KILLER FAMILY REUNION

By Dinesh Thiru
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

***Knives Out* meets *Never Have I Ever* in this hilarious and twisty YA mystery/comedy mash-up about a teen whose family reunion falls into chaos after she discovers the "accident" that lands Grandma in a coma may not have been so accidental. . . .**

Nothing brings family together like attempted murder.

There are three things Jayshree Devi can count on happening at her annual family reunion: 1) her cousins will forget she exists, 2) her aunts will try to set her up, and 3) her uncles will get into a fight. What she *doesn't* expect? An accident that lands her grandmother in a coma, throwing the family—and their matriarch's sizable fortune—into chaos.

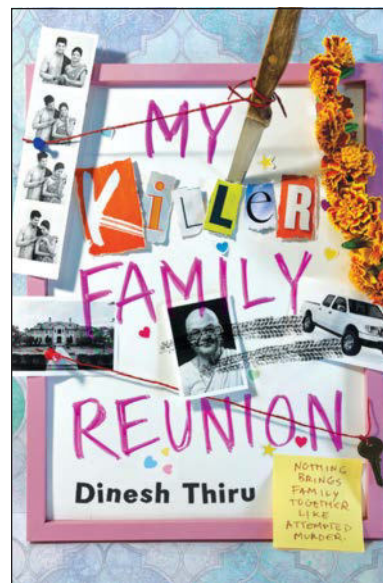
When Jay discovers Grand Mom's "accident" might not have been so accidental after all, she'll have to dig through decades of secrets to find the truth. With the help of her (annoyingly perky) cousins and one of their (annoyingly hot) friends, Jay finds herself knee-deep in a mystery that's even more tangled than her family tree.

But the closer Jay gets to answers, the closer she gets to finding her place among the relatives who once felt so distant. Can Jay save her family and maybe hook up with a hottie while she's at it?

Publication Date: August 2026

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Page Extent: 384 pp/78K words





LOVE GOES VIRAL

By Camille Stochitch, Alexander Berman, and Estelle Laure
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

An aspiring pop star crafts a fake relationship with a small-town boy to rehab her image, until her ex and her real feelings get in the way in this sweeping romance perfect for fans of Lynn Painter.

Love Thompson went viral. Now she has it all—fifty million followers, brand deals, a Hollywood address, and the fast-track to the music career she's always dreamed of—until . . . she doesn't.

After Love takes the blame for her influencer boyfriend's mistake, the fallout goes more viral than the video that rocketed her to fame. By the next morning she's already lost sponsorships, ten million followers, and her debut single. Love needs to rehab her image, and that means dating someone a little more homegrown.

Enter Austin Grey. Austin is about as homegrown as it gets. His only followers are the regulars at his family's struggling diner that he's doing his best to save. But everything changes when he gets a DM from a star he never expected to cross paths with again. When Love walks back into Austin's life, they both think this is a purely online scheme with an expiration date. But as genuine feelings start to develop that keep them coming back to each other again and again, will either of them be willing to take a chance on something real?

Publication Date: January 2026

Ages: 12 up

Page Extent: 368 pp/91K words

RIGHTS SOLD: German, Hungarian, Italian, Portuguese (Brazil), Ukrainian

THE ROOMMATE ARRANGEMENT

By Samantha Markum
Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

When Blair accidentally becomes college roommates with her brother's best friend, sparks fly in this hilarious rom-com from bestselling author Samantha Markum, perfect for fans of Lynn Painter and Emma Lord.

Blair might be a little type A, but she never thought of herself as *completely* overbearing . . . that is, until her best friends drop her from their housing arrangement a week before her pre-college summer coding program is about to start.

Desperate, she agrees to live with off-campus sophomores who are also in a last-minute bind. But things get complicated when one of her new roommates turns out to be her brother's best friend, Jamie Atwater. Blair begs Jamie not to tell her brother about the new living arrangement. So they strike a deal: she'll help him finish coding the app he's building if he promises to keep her secret.

Spending more time together shouldn't be a problem. Sure, Jamie has a new haircut, a mysterious tattoo, and a year's worth of earned muscle, but it's not like Blair is noticing. After all, they're only roommates, right?

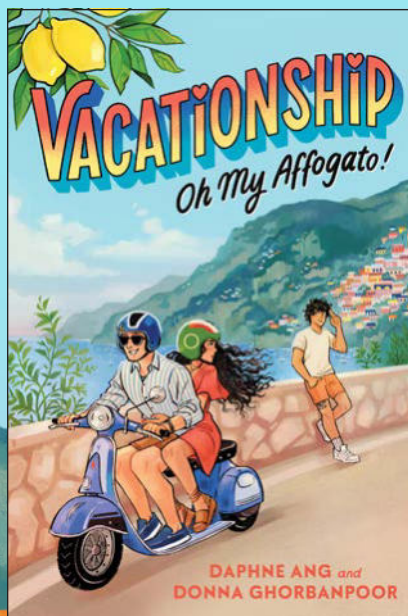
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RIGHTS SOLD FOR *LOVE, OFF THE RECORD*: French, Portuguese (Brazil)





BOARDING PASS

VACATIONSHIP: OH MY AFFOGATO!

By Daphne Ang and Donna Ghorbanpoor
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Love & Gelato meets *Emily in Paris* in this sassy, sexy romp through the Amalfi Coast, when a boy-crazy teenager tries to plot her way into something real with her on-again, off-again relationship before realizing that the best things in life—like love and vacations—can't be planned for.

Soraya is so close to getting the boy of her dreams to finally pay attention to her—she's sure of it. She has finally graduated from high school, glowed up, and she's ready to show her on-again, off-again, secret situationship Wes what he's missing out on. And when she learns that Wes is heading to Italy on a trip with his fraternity brothers, Sora decides that there's no better place to reignite a romance than the Amalfi Coast!

Under the guise of a graduation trip to Europe with her friends, Soraya's plan is simple: make memories with her besties during the day, make out with Wes at night, and make sure she comes out of this vacation with the title of Official Girlfriend and Grown College Girlie. But vacations can be messy, and romances messier—especially when you're keeping secrets from your friends; discovering your dream boy may be a nightmare; and spending more and more time with the sweet, wholesome, and supremely cute Italian boy whose family runs the B&B.

For a girl who's a true believer in sure things, Soraya has to learn the hard way that there really is no planning for love—or an epic vacation.

Oh My Affogato! launches the *Vacationship* series. We have two more books planned: a second book set for release in Fall 2026 and a third book coming out in Fall 2027.

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BRAMBLE FALLS: FALLING LIKE LEAVES

By Misty Wilson
Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

***Gilmore Girls* meets *Jenny Han* in this autumnal rom-com about a city girl stuck in a small town who confronts her future and her old flame while the town prepares for a fall festival.**

Ellis has a plan: spend her senior fall prepping her application for Columbia's journalism program, and set the foundation for a respectable career. So when her parents announce that not only are they separating, but Ellis has to move with her mom from New York City to Bramble Falls, Connecticut, to live with her aunt, it couldn't come at a worse time.

From past summers spent in Connecticut, Ellis knows Bramble Falls is idyllic and charming. But it is full of distractions. There's local barista Cooper Barnett, Ellis's one-time best friend and first kiss who now wants nothing to do with Ellis. And then there's the Falling Leaves Festival, a local autumnal celebration run by Ellis's aunt.

Dragged to every oh-so-charming event from apple picking to pumpkin carving, Ellis can't stop bumping into Cooper . . . or falling for the quaint town and its quirky residents. Ellis finds herself caught between two very different places—and the futures they represent.

Bramble Falls has a story for every season! Next up: *Falling Like Snow* in October 2026.

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Ages: 14 up

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RIGHTS SOLD: Catalan, Czech, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Portuguese (Portugal), Russian, Spanish, UK, Ukrainian

UNTIL NEXT SUMMER

By Allison Ashley
Imprint: Simon Pulse

***The Summer I Turned Pretty* meets *Something Borrowed* in this seaside romance about a girl who starts to fall for the boy she and her best friend had agreed was off-limits.**

Amelia's summers in Cape Cod have always been about three things: spending as much time in the ocean as possible, hanging out with her best friend Kat, and crushing on Myles Ford together. But this summer, Kat's leaving their little beach town to get a head start on tennis training at her new boarding school. Without Kat, Amelia's . . . adrift.

Amelia's job at the local seafood joint keeps her busy, and it just so happens to employ the one and only Myles. As Amelia and Myles get to know each other, Amelia realizes there's more to Myles than she thought, which complicates things when Myles starts to show interest in her. Because ever since Amelia and Kat decided Myles was the epitome of crushworthiness, they agreed he was off-limits so no boy would ever come between them. And when another boy comes into Amelia's life—a newcomer in town who makes Amelia look at life differently—Amelia will have to choose: Should she risk her closest friendship for a romance fit for a Nicholas Sparks novel, or take a chance on a boy who might not stick around for long?

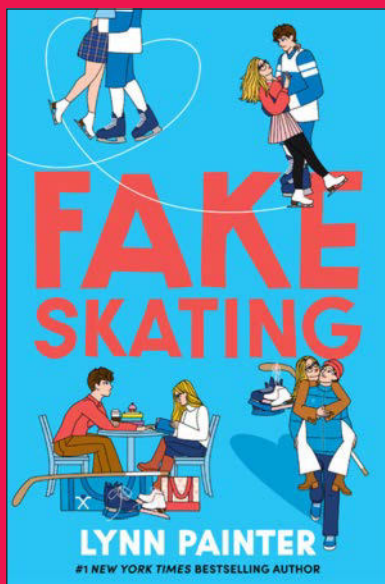
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FAKE SKATING

By Lynn Painter

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Better Than the Movies* Lynn Painter comes a heartfelt and banter-filled rom-com about childhood sweethearts whose icy reunion in a hockey-loving town unexpectedly thaws when they fake a romance.

Growing up, Dani followed around the adorable son of her mom's best friend. Funny and kind of nerdy, Alec was always down to hang with Dani when they were little. Until Dani moved away. Alec promised they'd stay in touch—except they didn't.

Fast forward and Dani is back in Minnesota for her senior year. Dealing with the fallout of her parents' devastating divorce, Dani wouldn't mind a nerd-out with the cozy and comforting Alec (and maybe a chance to confront him). But teenage Alec is nothing like the kid Dani remembers. He's a hockey star in a town where hockey players are worshiped as gods. Dani's place as his shadow has been taken up by drooling fans . . . and he *loves* it.

Dani is resolved to ice out her former best friend until an unlikely series of events forces them to fake being a couple. The former childhood sweethearts begin to reconnect, unearthing complicated family secrets and facing their true feelings—along with the real reason why Alec had been pushing Dani away for so long.

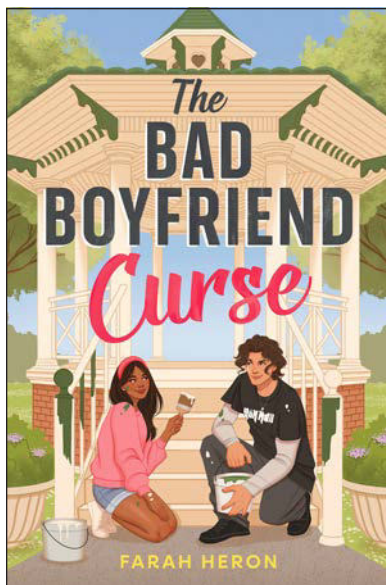
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THE BAD BOYFRIEND CURSE

By Farah Heron

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

From Farah Heron, the critically acclaimed author of adult rom-com *Accidentally Engaged*, comes a story about a Goody Two-shoes who concocts a brilliant plan to fake-date the local bad boy to rebel against her mom.

There's a curse that plagues the Noorani family women throughout generations: They are destined to be with bad boyfriends. Case in point: Goody Two-shoes Meera Noorani never expected that she'd spend the summer sentenced with a hundred hours of community service after getting involved in her now-ex-boyfriend's senior prank. Worse yet, her mom has insisted that Meera move out of her hometown of Toronto into the small town of Cherrybridge, where Meera's formerly imperfect mom lives with her perfect new husband.

Meera's tried so hard to stay in her lane all her life—yet she still couldn't avoid the curse. And with her mom pressuring her to keep the perfection up for the sake of her new marriage, Meera is done being a good girl. If she can pose a threat to Mom's new life, maybe she can get back to the city—and there's no better way to do that than to date one of her fellow teen delinquents.

All's fair in love and war, but when the bad boy isn't actually bad, what's a good girl meant to do?

Publication Date: July 2026

Ages: 12 up

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HEART CHECK: A VARSITY NOVEL

By Emily Charlotte

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

***Friday Night Lights* meets ice hockey in this feel-good YA romance about a star hockey player and his biggest critic. Can working the same afterschool job break the ice between them?**

Luke Dawson and Harper Braedon could have been friends. They trade shifts at the same diner and share classes at school. But some things aren't meant to be. Harper thinks Dawson is a self-centered jock, a perfect fit for a team that seems to absorb all the budget and attention at their sports-obsessed high school. Dawson thinks Harper is stuck-up, turning her nose up at anything resembling school spirit.

When their beloved hockey coach gets fired for misallocation of funds, Dawson is terrified that all his plans for impressing scouts are about to vanish. A rumor goes around that Harper is the one who got him fired, and suddenly she's public enemy number one. But even with their mutual dislike at an all-time high, Harper and Dawson can't escape splitting shifts forever. Can forced proximity help them find some common ground?

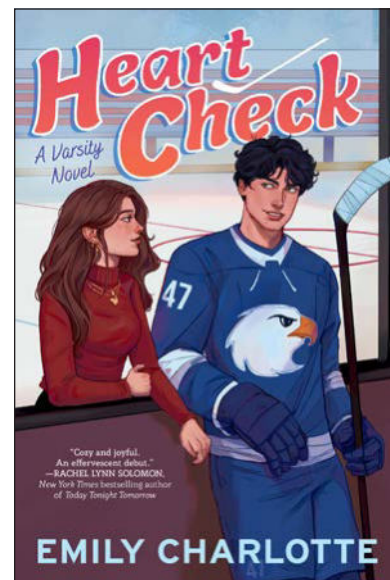
While Dawson and Harper's story stands alone, we are developing other stories in the athletics-obsessed world of Hamilton Lakes!

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CHANGE OF PLANS

By Sarah Dessen

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

From acclaimed and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Sarah Dessen comes a romantic coming-of-age novel about an unassuming girl who learns to stand on her own while falling in love during a life-changing summer.

Finley has always felt most comfortable in someone else's shadow. Fortunately, she's got Colin, her magnetic boyfriend, who sweeps her along for activities, friendships, and future plans. Then she goes on a last-minute trip with her distant mom to a family vacation house Finley didn't know existed, which is about to be sold.

Her mom had been estranged from her own parents and siblings since she left home for college, and it's a novelty for Finley to see her aunts and cousins, and to meet the handful of teens who work at the Egg, her aunt's diner, who make up a found family of their own—including undeniably handsome guitarist Ben.

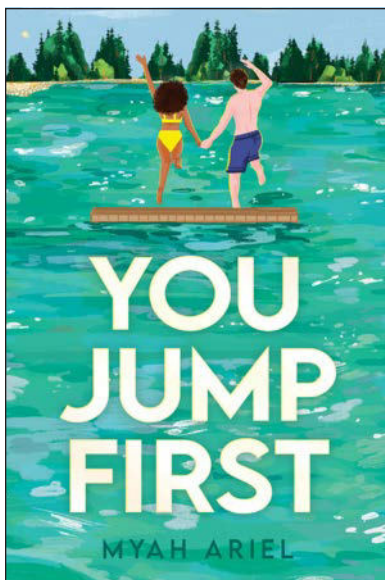
Then her relationship with Colin goes into freefall, and Finley's road map for life after high school is gone. She has no choice but to live, for the first time, without plans. The longer Finley stays, the closer she gets to the truth about why her mother stayed away—and why she's brought Finley here now. And the closer she grows to new friends at the Egg, the more she starts to fall for charmingly awkward, soulful Ben and to realize how much of herself she's been missing. By the end of the summer, nothing will be the same—for this community or for Finley herself.

SARAH DESSEN is the acclaimed author of over a dozen novels for teens, including *The Truth About Forever*, *Just Listen*, and *This Lullaby*. Her work has been published in over thirty countries and has sold millions of copies worldwide. She is the recipient of the 2017 Margaret A. Edwards Award from the American Library Association for outstanding contributions to young adult literature.

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YOU JUMP FIRST

By Myah Ariel
Imprint: Simon Pulse

***Better Than the Movies* meets *Beach Read* in this young adult rom-com about a girl whose heartbreak pact with her crush's brother turns into something that threatens her carefully crafted life of emotional safety.**

Andie's had a hard year. With her parents recently—and very much not amicably—divorced, it will only be her and her mom heading to their lake house for the summer. But all spring long, Andie's held on to one thing that's getting her through: the idea that this will finally be the summer she and her will-they-won't-they, longtime crush Patrick get their timing right.

But when Patrick arrives at their lakeside community with his girlfriend in tow, the summer takes on a different tone. Instead of a summer of love, it's a summer of carrying around a broken heart. In a surprise twist, Patrick's brother, Tommy, is the one who helps Andie get through parties and beach days filled with Patrick coying up to his new girlfriend, making her wonder: Which brother is really for her?

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THE LOVERS, THE LIARS, AND ME

By DeAndra Davis
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

This dazzling contemporary YA novel follows Jaliya as she travels to Jamaica the summer before college to learn more about her absent mother, only to discover more about her identity than she ever could have expected—and to find herself caught up in an unexpected love triangle.

Jaliya Powell has never had a real adventure or a real boyfriend, or spoken up for herself. She's never even been kissed. Despite being valedictorian of her high school class, Jaliya is used to fading into the background.

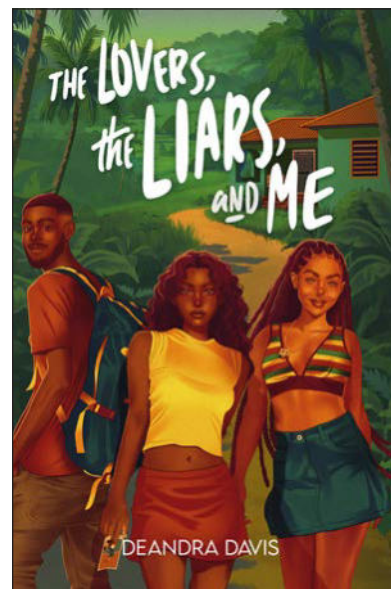
But this summer will be different. This summer, Jaliya is visiting family in Jamaica, where she plans to find out more about her estranged mother, who lives somewhere on the island. But things have changed in the seven years since Jaliya last visited. Her cousin is keeping secrets, her childhood crush has only gotten hotter and more unavailable, and her aunt and uncle aren't everything she remembered, either. Then she meets India, who is vibrant, gorgeous, and free-spirited. And who makes Jaliya feel something she's never felt before.

While searching for traces of her mother across the island, Jaliya navigates tricky secrets, a passionate new love, and choosing between who she has always been and who she hopes to become.

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IF LOOKS COULD KILL

By Julie Berry

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From Printz Honoree and *New York Times* bestselling author Julie Berry—a true crime nail-biter and mythic odyssey that pits Jack the Ripper against Medusa

It's autumn 1888, and Jack the Ripper is on the run. As London police close in, he flees England for New York City, seeking new victims. But a primal force of female vengeance has had enough. With serpents for hair and a fearsome gaze, an awakened Medusa is hunting for one thing: Jack.

And other dangers lurk in Manhattan's Bowery. Salvation Army volunteers Tabitha and Pearl discover that a girl they once helped has been forced to work in a local brothel. Tabitha's a city girl with a wry sense of humor and a thirst for adventure while farm girl Pearl takes everything with stone-cold seriousness. Their brittle partnership is tested as they team up with an aspiring girl reporter and a handsome Irish bartender to mount a rescue effort, only to find their fates entwined with Medusa's and Jack's.

A love song to sisterhood and a survivors' battle cry, *If Looks Could Kill* is a ferocious, heart-pounding, romantic page-turner.

★ "Berry's call to awareness of misogyny in its many guises is strong and clear. And . . . she treats historical detail with a light but sure hand and religious conviction with sympathetic clarity." — *Horn Book*, starred review

"Powerful." — *Kirkus Reviews*

"[A] page-turning, well-balanced story in a richly drawn setting." — *BCCB*

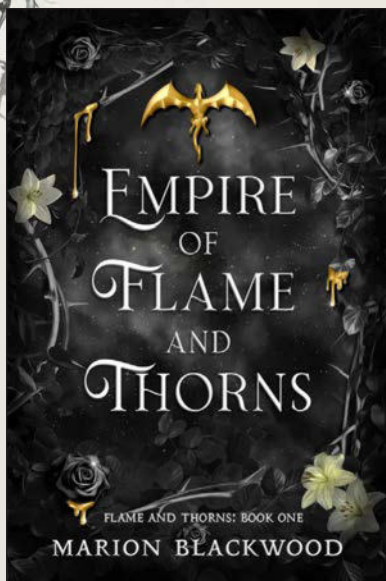
"[An] inventive Greek mythology-infused thriller." — *Publishers Weekly*

"The quality of writing is undeniable . . . Teen fans of magic-laced historical fiction who like gory true crime . . . will find a wealth of that here." — *Booklist*

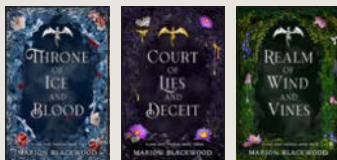
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EMPIRE OF FLAME AND THORNS

By Marion Blackwood

Fourth Wing meets *Powerless* in this riveting new adult romantasy series! Set in a world where the Seelie fae are enslaved to dragon shifters, *Empire of Flame and Thorns* follows a fae rebel fighting for her freedom in a series of deadly trials—and the ruthless dragon shifter commander who is determined to make her lose.

Trapped in the Seelie Court by a forest of thorns, Selena Hale lives at the mercy of the dragon shifters. Her only chance to gain her freedom is by entering the Atonement Trials: a deadly competition that pits fae magic users against one another. Only three people can win, and Selena intends to be one of them.

There is only one problem. Draven Ryat, the ruthless commander of the dragon shifter army, is determined to make her lose.

He symbolizes everything that she hates, and if he finds out that she is also a member of the secret fae rebellion, not only will he mess with her chances to win, but he will kill her. But the more time she spends with him, the more she finds herself inexplicably drawn to him.

And nothing is more dangerous in a lethal trial than a distracted heart. Especially one that beats for the enemy . . .

Empire of Flame and Thorns, the first in a fast-paced, five-book, trope-y romantasy series, was an instant ebook success. We are rushing to bring it out in print by February 2026 to capitalize on fast-moving sales and will follow with a new book every three months through February 2027.

MARION BLACKWOOD is the author of the Oncoming Storm series, the Court of Elves series, the Ruthless Villains series, the Ruthless Enemy trilogy, and the Flame and Thorns series. She has a master's degree in English and History Education, and she worked as a high school teacher before becoming a full-time author. When she's not busy writing fantasy books or traveling the world, she reads, binges shows, and loses at video games. Marion has previously lived in the US and China, but now she once again calls the beautiful country of Sweden home.

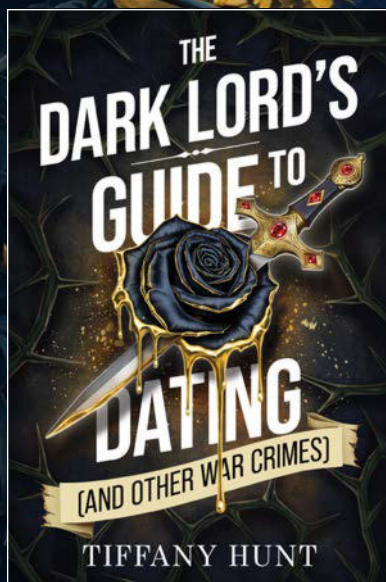
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THE DARK LORD'S GUIDE TO DATING (AND OTHER WAR CRIMES)

By Tiffany Hunt

In this riotously funny romantasy, a conflicted villain and his unstoppable bride form the realm's most chaotic alliance. Simon & Schuster was thrilled to preempt this three-book series and instant ebook success that is perfect for fans of *Assistant to the Villain*, but darker and spicier.

"What's mine, stays mine."

Step one: Kidnap someone cute.

Step two: Force her into marriage.

Step three: Try not to get feelings.

When Dark Lord Kazimir Blackrose kidnaps Lady Arabella for a forced marriage, he expects an obedient, trembling bride. What he gets is a knife to the throat and a furious woman on her own terms. He may need her heroic bloodline to achieve ultimate dominion, but she's not about to make this easy for him.

Arabella has already survived her father's tower prison and a lifetime of being treated like property. Being abducted by the realm's most notorious villain is just another Tuesday. If she must be married to the infuriating (and infuriatingly attractive) Dark Lord, she'll do it her way: demanding freedom within his fortress, hands strictly to himself, and complete honesty about his plans.

But then Kazimir faces his most terrifying challenge yet: He must actually date his own wife. Between magical training sessions, playing golf with the eyeballs of his enemies, and aphrodisiac dinners gone spectacularly wrong, Kazimir finds that his villainous seduction plans are failing at every turn.

As the two navigate magical explosions and jealous exes, they discover a far more terrifying prospect than war or magical catastrophe. They might actually be falling for each other.

This dark and sexy fantasy romance is perfect for readers who love:

- A morally gray antihero (who stays that way)
- A strong heroine who embraces her dark side (and doesn't need rescuing, thanks)
- Touch her and die
- Hilarious, wicked banter and sizzling spice
- One bed/forced proximity
- Kidnapped bride/forced marriage
- Dark humor

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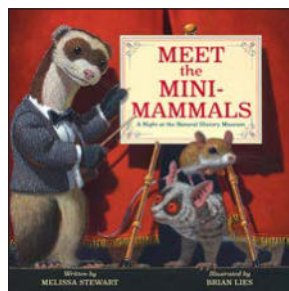
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AGGIE AND THE GHOST

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MEET the MINI-MAMMALS

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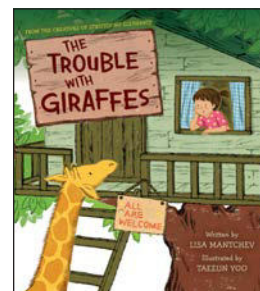
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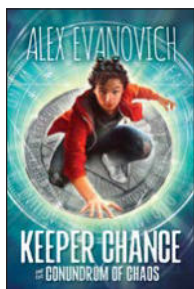


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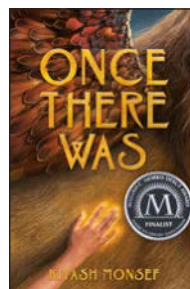
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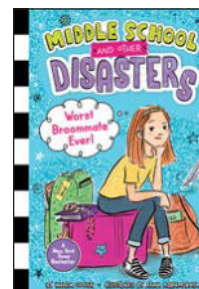


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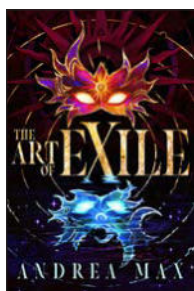
WORST BROOMMATE EVER!

By Wanda Coven

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