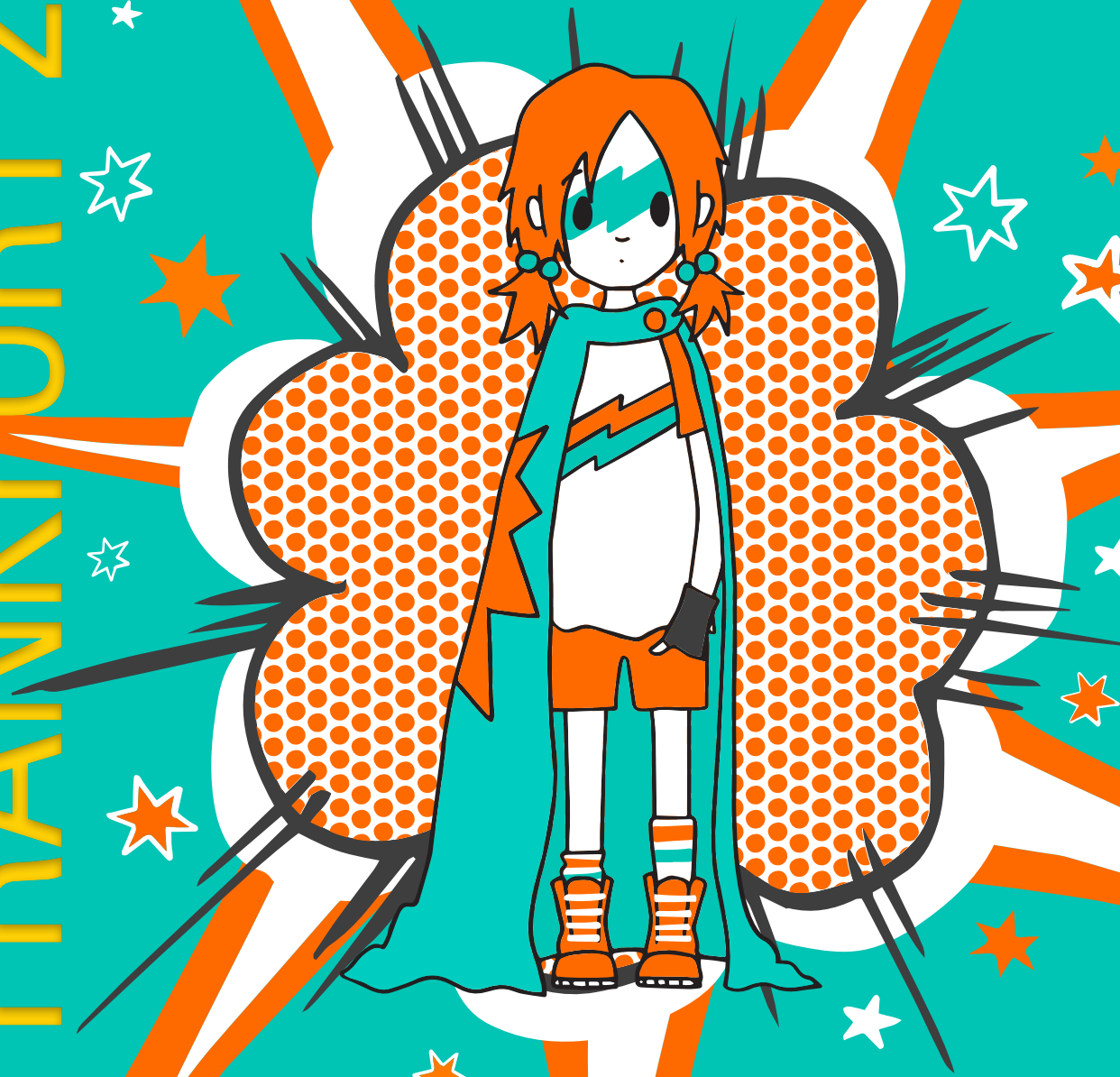


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Fun-to-read chapter books that  
are perfect for emerging readers!

## PET PALS

### #1: MITZY'S HOMECOMING

By Allison Gutknecht  
Illustrated by Anja Grote  
Imprint: Aladdin

Read all about Mitzy, Luna, and Gus and their tail-raising adventures at the Whiskers Down the Lane Animal Shelter in this new QUIX series from Allison Gutknecht.

Mitzy, Luna, and Gus are three best friends at the animal shelter. But when Mitzy leaves for a weekend, her fellow pet pals discover Mitzy's favorite purple ball was left behind! Can they get it back to her? And has Mitzy found a new home?

**Publication Date:** May 2021

**Ages:** 5–8

**Page Extent:** 80 pp



## GEEGER THE ROBOT #2: LOST AND FOUND

By Jarrett Lerner  
Illustrated by Serge Seidlitz  
Imprint: Aladdin

For fans of Dan Gutman's *My Weird School* and James Patterson's *House of Robots* comes the adventures of Geeger, a robot who goes to school for the very first time.

Geeger the Robot gets along great with the class pet, Fudge the Hamster—they both spend a lot of their time eating and share a love for mushy bananas. But when Fudge goes missing, some of the kids in Ms. Bork's class think Geeger might be to blame! Could Geeger have *eaten* Fudge?! He certainly wouldn't have done so on purpose. But Geeger has been known to eat things by accident before. With the help of his best friend, Tillie, Geeger puts his strengths to use to find Fudge and clear his name!

**Publication Date:** January 2021

**Ages:** 5–8

**Page Extent:** 64 pp

## OUR PRINCIPAL IS A SCAREDY-CAT!

By Stephanie Calmenson  
Illustrated by Aaron Blecha  
Imprint: Aladdin

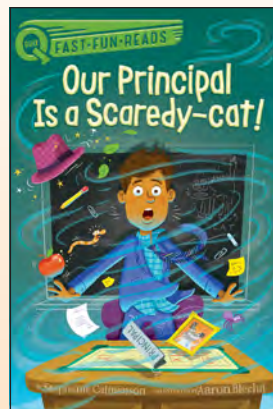
Acclaimed author Stephanie Calmenson turns fairy tales on their ears with these silly adventures about Principal Bundy.

In this Mr. Bundy (mis)adventure, P.S. 88's beloved principal hears loud voices, but doesn't know where they are coming from. Is there an invisible man on the loose? Or even a ghost in the halls?

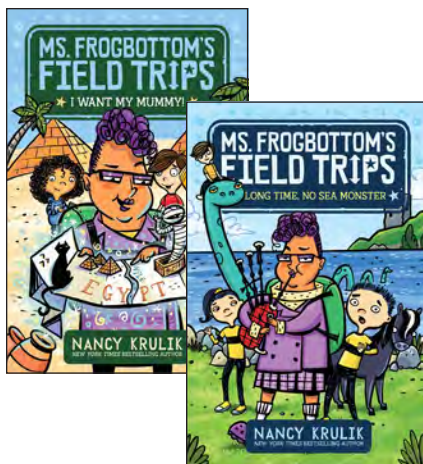
**Publication Date:** May 2021

**Ages:** 5–8

**Page Extent:** 64 pp







## MS. FROGBOTTOM'S FIELD TRIPS: #2: LONG TIME, NO SEA MONSTER

By Nancy Krulik

Illustrated by Harry Briggs

Imprint: Aladdin

*The Magic School Bus* meets the *Magic Tree House* books in a new chapter book series by bestselling author Nancy Krulik.

Learning is an adventure in Mrs. Frogbottom's class, because she's got a magic map—one that takes students all over the world to do battle with mythical monsters no one believes are real. All Mrs. Frogbottom has to do is pull down the map, tap a country with her pointer, and off they go to a place somewhere far, far away. In book two, Mrs. Frogbottom's crew lands in Scotland, where they come nose-to-nose with the legendary Loch Ness Monster!

**Publication Date:** April 2021

**Ages:** 7–10

**Page Extent:** 128 pp

## UNICORN UNIVERSITY #2: SAPPHIRE'S SPECIAL POWER

By Daisy Sunshine

Illustrated by Monique Dong

Imprint: Aladdin

For those who love magic, happiness, and *My Little Pony*, this sparkling new chapter book series follows the trials and triumphs of young foals attending Unicorn University.

It's an exciting day at Unicorn University when Shamrock's magic power develops. While his new ability is super cool, Sapphire doesn't know how to feel. Now she's the only one of their friends without any magic. What if she's the only unicorn who never gets a special power?

**Publication Date:** February 2021

**Ages:** 6–9

**Page Extent:** 128 pp



## THE INVINCIBLE GIRLS CLUB #1: HOME SWEET FOREVER HOME

By Rachele Alpine

Illustrated by Addy Rivera Sonda

Imprint: Aladdin

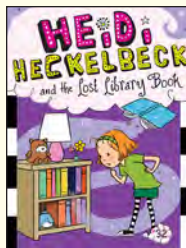
The *Invincible Girls* are determined to make a positive difference in their school and community through volunteering and acts of kindness!

Lauren is excited when she gets to go to the local shelter to read to the dogs. While there, she learns that the older dogs are often not adopted, so she and her three BFFs—Ruby, Myka, and Emelyn—create a brilliant Bake and Bark event, where attendees can eat cupcakes and meet adoptable dogs. But on the big day, it seems like everything goes upside down. Can the girls save the event?

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**Ages:** 7–10

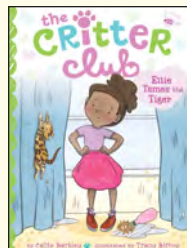
**Page Extent:** 144 pp



**HEIDI HECKELBECK**  
**#32: HEIDI HECKELBECK AND THE LOST LIBRARY BOOK**  
 By Wanda Coven Illustrated by Priscilla Burris

Join Heidi Heckelbeck and her friends at Brewster Elementary on their charming adventures as they face everyday challenges with help from Heidi's magical *Book of Spells*.

**Publication Date:** May 2021



**THE CRITTER CLUB**  
**#22: ELLIE TAMES THE TIGER**  
 By Callie Barkley Illustrated by Tracy Bishop

In a small town, four eight-year-old best friends help run the Critter Club, a rescue shelter set on saving "lost and lonely" animals.

**Publication Date:** March 2021



**DAISY DREAMER**  
**#12: SWEET DREAMS!**  
 By Holly Anna Illustrated by Genevieve Santos

Join Daisy Dreamer and her totally true imaginary friend, Posey, in the World of Make-Believe!

**Publication Date:** October 2020



**CRAFTILY EVER AFTER**  
**#8: ONE BIG CRAFTY FAMILY**  
 By Martha Maker Illustrated by Xindi Yan

Join Emily, Maddie, Bella, and Sam as the four crafty friends dream up new projects to design, build, and create.

**Publication Date:** May 2021



**THE ADVENTURES OF SOPHIE MOUSE**  
**#17: THE LADYBUG PARTY**  
 By Poppy Green Illustrated by Jennifer A. Bell

Join Sophie Mouse and her woodland friends on their adventures through Silverlake Forest.

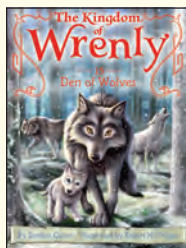
**Publication Date:** April 2021



**DESMOND COLE, GHOST PATROL**  
**#13: THE VAMPIRE ATE MY HOMEWORK**  
 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:** March 2021



**THE KINGDOM OF WRENLY**  
**#15: DEN OF WOLVES**  
 By Jordan Quinn Illustrated by Robert McPhillips

Journey to the magical Kingdom of Wrenly and join Prince Lucas and his best friend Clara on their epic adventures!

**Publication Date:** June 2020



**MIA MAYHEM**  
**#10: MIA MAYHEM AND THE SUPER SWITCHEROO**  
 By Kara West Illustrated by Leeza Hernandez

Mia Mayhem is a witty, action-packed series about a regular girl who has a *super* secret—she's a superhero-in-training—and when she goes on adventures . . . mishaps follow.

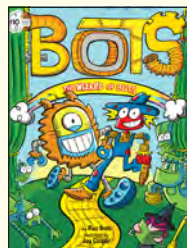
**Publication Date:** January 2021



**CAPTAIN AWESOME**  
**#22: CAPTAIN AWESOME SAYS THE MAGIC WORD**  
 By Stan Kirby Illustrated by George O'Connor

Eugene McGillicuddy loves comic books and superheroes so much that he invents his very own alter ego named Captain Awesome! With best friend Charlie (a.k.a. Nacho Cheese Man), Captain Awesome protects his town!

**Publication Date:** April 2020



**BOTS**  
**#10: THE WIZARD OF BOTS**  
 By Russ Bolts Illustrated by Jay Cooper

Meet Joe Bot and Rob Ot, the two most big-hearted, but goofily annoying robots in the entire universe in the adorable and funny Bots chapter book series.

**Publication Date:** April 2021

For all chapter books:  
**Ages:** 5–9 **Page Extent:** 128 pp

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



### **GALAXY ZACK**

**#17: SNOW PLACE LIKE HOME**

By Ray O’Ryan Illustrated by Jason Kraft

Get to know Galaxy Zack—and his new home planet!—in this out-of-this-world illustrated chapter book series.

**Publication Date:** October 2018



### **GREETINGS FROM SOMEWHERE**

**#10: THE MYSTERY OF THE SECRET SOCIETY**

By Harper Paris Illustrated by Marcos Calo

In this exciting series, twins Ethan and Ella solve mysteries and find friends as they journey around the world to a new place in each book!

**Publication Date:** March 2016



### **RIDER WOOFSON**

**#10: THE VERY FIRST CASE**

By Walker Styles Illustrated by Ben Whitehouse

Meet Rider Woofson, a dog detective with a nose for finding clues and trouble. Along with his pack of canine investigators, these pups are always on a hunt to collar criminals!

**Publication Date:** March 2018



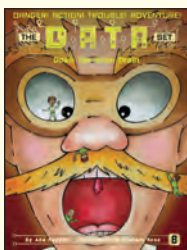
### **SUPER TURBO**

**#9: SUPER TURBO AND THE FOUNTAIN OF DOOM**

By Lee Kirby Illustrated by George O’Connor

He’s not just the class pet hamster, he’s SUPER TURBO! In this hilarious series that’s packed with adventure, Captain Awesome’s loyal sidekick is the star of the show!

**Publication Date:** August 2019



### **THE DATA SET**

**#8: DOWN THE BRAIN DRAIN**

By Ada Hopper Illustrated by Glass House Graphics

What would happen if your next-door neighbor was a mad scientist? That’s exactly what Gabe, Laura, and Cesar discover when Dr. Bunsen moves in next door, and suddenly their lives are filled with danger, action, trouble, and adventure!

**Publication Date:** August 2020

More illustrations and less text make these two new series perfect for the youngest chapter book readers!



### **ITTY BITTY PRINCESS KITTY**

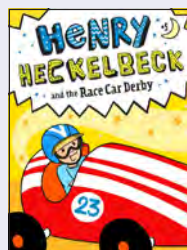
**#8: THE COPYCAT**

By Melody Mews

Illustrated by Ellen Stubbings

Join Itty Bitty Princess Kitty and her friends on their adventures throughout Lollyland in this sweet and adorable chapter book series that’s filled with unicorns, fairies, talking flowers, and more.

**Publication Date:** June 2021



### **HENRY HECKELBECK**

**#5: HENRY HECKELBECK AND THE RACE CAR DERBY**

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:** January 2021

For all chapter books:

**Ages:** 5–9 **Page Extent:** 128 pp



**JEANIE & GENIE**
**#1: THE FIRST WISH**
**#2: RELAX TO THE MAX**

By Trish Granted

Illustrated by Manuela Lopez

When Jeanie Bell meets Willow Davis, Jeanie's fairly normal life will never be the same . . . because Willow is a genie! Jeanie soon realizes that having a genie for a friend can come in handy, but it can also come with problems. Get ready for their magical adventures!

In *The First Wish*, things at Rivertown Elementary are nice and normal, and there usually aren't any surprises—just the way Jeanie likes it. But when Willow Davis joins the school, strange things start happening. And now there are plenty of surprises.

In *Relax to the Max*, studious and serious Jeanie accidentally makes a wish that she could just be more relaxed, like their classmate, Max. In a flash, Willow grants the wish! Suddenly, Jeanie is so not herself. She's showing up to school in her pajamas and passing notes in class, and she doesn't even care about her favorite things anymore, like books and homework. Will Willow be able to reverse the wish and turn Jeanie back into her old self?

**Publication Date:** January 2021

**Ages:** 5–9

**Page Extent:** 128 pp

**GOOD DOG**
**#1: HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS**
**#2: RAISED IN A BARN**
**#3: HERD YOU LOUD AND CLEAR**

By Cam Higgins

Illustrated by Ariel Landy

Meet Bo Davis, a lovable and rambunctious puppy who is an expert at finding adventure on his family farm.

In the first book of the Good Dog series, springtime has arrived at the Davis Family Farm! Spring showers lead to muddy hijinks for a young pup named Bo. But when Bo loses his dog tag, he enlists all his barnyard pals to help him find it.

In *Raised in a Barn*, there's a new foal on the farm and Bo is excited to teach her the ropes. But can a puppy teach a young horse new tricks?

In *Herd You Loud and Clear*, Bo learns to herd the sheep on the farm . . . the hard way.

**Publication Date:** December 2020

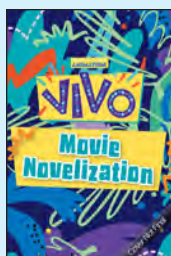
**Ages:** 5–9

**Page Extent:** 128 pp

SONY PICTURES  
ANIMATION



**Vivo, the highly anticipated animated movie-musical  
with original songs by Lin-Manuel Miranda,  
dances into theaters on June 4, 2021!**



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### **VIVO MOVIE NOVELIZATION**

Adapted by Ximena Hastings  
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

**This funny and heartfelt novelization features an eight-page insert of images from the film and is sure to have readers singing and laughing along!**

Meet Vivo and experience his passion for music. Join him as he travels from Havana to Miami on a musical journey.

**Ages:** 8–12

**Page Extent:** 144 pp



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### **MEET VIVO!**

Adapted by May Nakamura  
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

**The adventure will continue for families with this cheerful and colorful board book adaptation!**

Learn all about Vivo in his own words, and learn to play musical instruments like he can! In this fun-filled book, Vivo will share how music took him on an amazing journey.

**Ages:** 2–5

**Page Extent:** 14 pp



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### **JOURNEY TO MIAMI!**

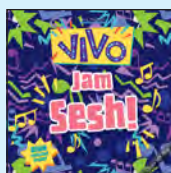
Adapted by Patty Michaels  
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

**Journey to Miami with Vivo in this Level 2 Ready-to-Read based on the movie!**

Vivo sets off for a short trip to Miami, but there's nothing short about the journey he ends up taking! Join him as he sings and dances his way on his quest to keep a promise, and as he makes new friends along the way.

**Ages:** 5–7

**Page Extent:** 32 pp



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### **JAM SESH!**

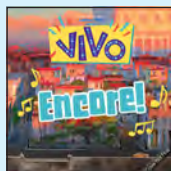
Adapted by May Nakamura  
Illustrated by Alex Cho  
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

**This 8 x 8 storybook includes a cardstock drum that readers can use to jam along with Vivo!**

When Vivo finds himself hundreds of miles away from home, he turns to the thing he loves most for comfort: music. Follow Vivo on his adventure, and celebrate his love of music by using the drum in this book!

**Ages:** 3–7

**Page Extent:** 16 pp



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### **ENCORE!**

Adapted by Cala Spinner  
Illustrated by Alex Cho  
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

**Vivo sets off on a musical journey in this 8 x 8 storybook that's sure to delight young fans!**

Young fans of the movie will be able to read, sing, and laugh along with Vivo and his friends as they all celebrate the transformative power of music!

**Ages:** 3–7

**Page Extent:** 24 pp

**Publication Date for All Titles:** April 2021

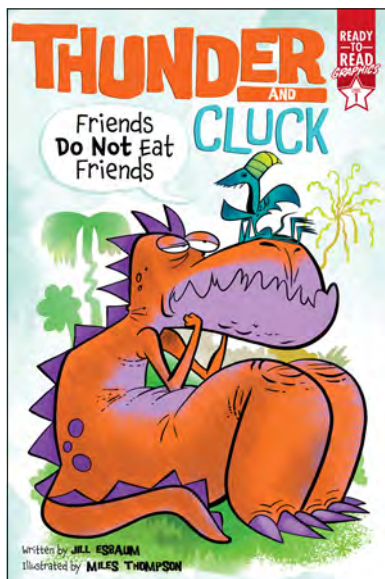
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## READY-TO-READ GRAPHICS

Designed for beginning readers who are interested in graphic novels, the Ready-to-Read Graphics line features compelling stories and engaging art, easy-to-follow panels and speech bubbles, and memorable characters that will get kids excited about reading!



### THUNDER AND CLUCK #1: FRIENDS DO NOT EAT FRIENDS

By Jill Esbaum  
Illustrated by Miles Thompson  
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

**Two dinosaurs with larger-than-life personalities become unlikely friends in this silly and sweet new Level 1 Ready-to-Read Graphics book!**

Thunder likes to ROAR! Cluck likes to say, "Hello!"

Can Thunder and Cluck be friends?

Beginning readers are sure to laugh out loud at this delightful story.

**JILL ESBAUM** is an accomplished picture book and beginning-reader author whose books have been nominated for many awards and named to notable children's book lists.

**MILES THOMPSON** is a veteran animator and book illustrator who brings an unparalleled knowledge of storyboarding and conveying action and humor in art.

**Publication Date:** June 2021

**Ages:** 4–6

**Page Extent:** 64 pp

### NUGGET AND DOG #1: ALL KETCHUP, NO MUSTARD!

By Jason Tharp  
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

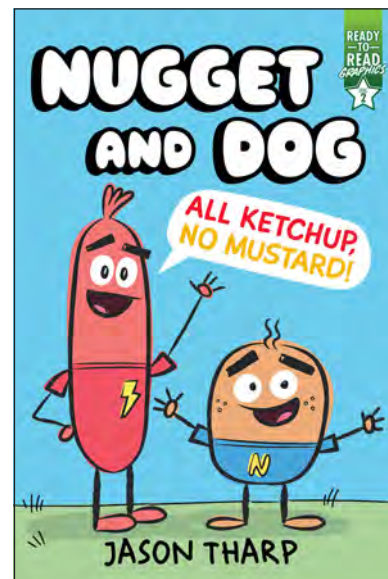
**Join a hot dog named Dog and a chicken nugget named Nugget in this Level 2 Ready-to-Read Graphics book that's perfect for beginning readers.**

Nugget is a chicken nugget. Dog is a hot dog. Need we say more? Well, they are also friends, and they like ketchup, and they don't like mustard. Nugget and Dog live in a town called Gastropolis. It's a peaceful place . . . until a mustard packet named Dijon Mustard tries to make everyone grumpy. Luckily, Dog finds his great-grandpa Frank Furter's secret chest with instructions for how to become a K.E.T.C.H.U.P. Crusader encouraging kindness, empathy, thoughtfulness, and more to help save the town from Dijon Mustard. Join Nugget and Dog as they share funny stories, take on a misunderstood monster, and try to be kind along the way to everyone they meet—including the monster!

**Publication Date:** June 2021

**Ages:** 5–7

**Page Extent:** 64 pp





## DRAGON KINGDOM OF WRENLY #2: SHADOW HILLS

By Jordan Quinn  
Imprint: Little Simon

Follow Ruskin, the beloved scarlet dragon from the bestselling Kingdom of Wrenly series, in this brand-new graphic novel full of magical quests, epic adventures, action-packed stories, and DRAGONS!

**Publication Date:** #1 & #2: February 2021; #3: May 2021; #4: July 2021

**Ages:** 5–9

**Page Extent:** 144 pp

## PUP DETECTIVES #2: THE TIGER'S EYE

By Felix Gumpaw  
Imprint: Little Simon

In this new action-packed graphic novel series, the Pup Detectives of Pawston Elementary join forces to solve mysteries. Pencil thieves and lunchtime bandits don't stand a chance!

**Publication Date:** #1 & #2: February 2021;

#3: June 2021; #4: July 2021

**Ages:** 5–9

**Page Extent:** 144 pp



## SUPER TURBO #2: SUPER TURBO VS. THE FLYING NINJA SQUIRRELS

By Edgar Powers  
Imprint: Little Simon

In this brand-new graphic novel series, the classroom pets of Sunnyview Elementary band together to form a superpet superhero league. The fate of the world rests on their adorable shoulders!

**Publication Date:** #1 & #2: February 2021;

#3: June 2021; #4: August 2021

**Ages:** 5–9

**Page Extent:** 144 pp



## A GRAPHIC NOVEL CHAPTER BOOK

This graphic novel chapter book line from Aladdin is the ideal bridge for young readers who are between picture books and chapter books and want to take the next step.



### PAIGE PROVES IT #1: THE MYSTERY MONSTER

By Amy Marie Stadelmann  
Imprint: Aladdin

**Paige loves to solve neighborhood mysteries fact by fact!**

Paige loves facts! She is constantly spouting information about everything and anything to anyone who will listen. Wombats poop is cube-shaped! Her street's buildings have seventy-three windows. Paige and her best friend, Finn, couldn't be more different: Paige might know that bananas are actually berries, but Finn is sure there is a monster in the neighborhood! Paige sets out to prove Finn wrong, one fact at a time.

**Publication Date:** June 2021

**Ages:** 7–10

**Page Extent:** 112 pp

### HUNGER HEROES #1: MISSED MEAL MAYHEM

By Jarrett Lerner  
Imprint: Aladdin

**A group of silly superheroes—a bean, a chip, a tomato, and a stalk of celery—are ready to save the world in their taco hovercraft!**

Meet the Hunger Heroes: Tooths the Bean, Chip Ninja, Tammy the Tomato, and Leonard the Celery Stalk. They're ready to save kids—even cranky, annoying ones—the world over!

It was a typical Monday when the Hunger Heroes got the call: a kid in Ms. Sternbladder's class hadn't eaten since the night before and wasn't allowed to sneak snacks! How would he pass his spelling test, study for math, or play soccer at recess if his stomach was growling out of control?

It's the Hunger Heroes to the rescue in Jarrett Lerner's silly superhero adventure!

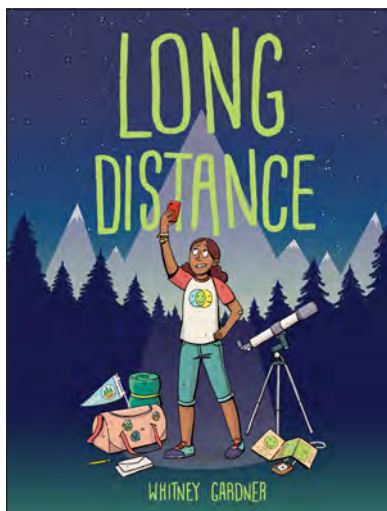
**Publication Date:** September 2021

**Ages:** 5–8

**Page Extent:** 112 pp







## LONG DISTANCE

By Whitney Gardner

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**From the creator of *Fake Blood* comes an exceptionally charming story about the endurance of friendships both near and very, very far away**

When Vega's parents decide it's time to pack up and move to a new city, Vega is more than upset—she's downright miserable. Forced to leave her one and only best friend, Halley, behind, Vega is convinced she'll never make another friend again.

To help her adjust to the move, her parents send Vega off to summer camp to make new friends—except Vega doesn't want to make any new friends at all. But when her cell phone unexpectedly calls it quits, and she notices how things at camp are getting stranger and stranger, Vega has no choice but to team up with her bunkmates to help her figure out what's going on.

**Publication Date:** June 2021

**Ages:** 10 up

**Page Extent:** 320 pp

**RIGHTS SOLD FOR *FAKE BLOOD*:** Italian, Russian





## THE THIRTEENTH HOUR

By Quinn Sosna-Spear

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**Quinn Sosna-Spear's second novel transports readers to dark, fantastical worlds—perfect for fans of Roald Dahl, Neil Gaiman, and Tim Burton.**

When Aunt Jo gives Rosemary a pocket watch with vague instructions, Rosemary assumes that the heirloom is simply another one of Aunt Jo's oddities—until she unlocks a dream world full of magic. While sleeping, she befriends a trio of outcasts with special powers and joins their war against the ominous Tall Man.

Rosemary thinks this world is only a dream until a bully steals the pocket watch and the line between dream and reality collide as he's sucked into the Eleventh Hour. Now Rosemary must gather magic from all twelve dream worlds to rescue the boy who makes her life a living nightmare.

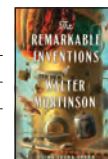
**Publication Date:** October 2021

**Ages:** 8–12

**Page Extent:** 336 pp

**RIGHTS SOLD FOR** *THE REMARKABLE INVENTIONS OF WALTER MORTINSON*:

Chinese (simplified)



## HOW TO SAVE A QUEENDOM

By Jessica Lawson

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**From critically acclaimed author Jessica Lawson comes a whimsical fantasy about an orphaned twelve-year-old girl who is called upon to save her queendom when she finds a tiny wizard in her pocket.**

Life's never been kind to twelve-year-old Stub. Orphaned and left in the care of the cruel Matron Tratte, Stub's learned that the best way to keep the peace is to do as she's told. No matter that she's bullied and that her only friend is her pet chicken, Peck. Stub's accepted the fact that her life just isn't made for adventure. Then she finds a tiny wizard in her pocket.

Orlen, the royal wizard to Maradon's queen, is magically bound to Stub. And it's up to her to ferry Orlen back to Maradon Cross, the country's capital, or else the delicate peace of the queendom will crumble under the power of an evil wizard queen. Suddenly Stub's unexciting life is chock-full of adventure. But how can one orphan girl possibly save the entire queendom?

**Publication Date:** April 2021

**Ages:** 8–12

**Page Extent:** 368 pp

**RIGHTS SOLD FOR** *NOOKS & CRANNIES*: French, German, Hebrew, Romanian, Russian





## NIGHTINGALE

By Deva Fagan  
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

**From the author of *Rival Magic* comes a middle-grade fantasy about unexpected heroes, the power of friendship, and one boisterous enchanted sword.**

Twelve-year-old Lark is determined to escape her squalid life at a boarding house, but she needs to find the money to do it. Her grand plan? To steal her fortune from the Royal Museum.

Unfortunately, the robbery doesn't go as planned, and Lark ends up stealing a magical sword right out from under the nose of Prince Jasper. Lark soon discovers that the sword has a mind of its own and has chosen her to be the next Nightingale, a fabled hero who must vanquish an ancient evil that is waking after centuries of sleep.

But working alone has its limitations, and Lark will need the help of her boarding-house roommates if she wants to defeat the villainous forces that threaten to dismantle everything she holds dear.

**Publication Date:** April 2021

**Ages:** 8–12

**Page Extent:** 304 pp

**RIGHTS SOLD FOR *RIVAL MAGIC*:** Russian



## ARROW

By Samantha M. Clark  
Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

**All Arrow knows is the enchanted rain forest where he was raised by the Guardian Tree, who keeps their home cut off from the rest of the world with a magical veil. But when the veil tears and a human crash-lands his airplane in the forest, Arrow's world will be changed forever.**

Arrow lives in a lush, magical rain forest that is hidden from the barren wasteland of the outside world. He was raised by the Guardian Tree, a sentient being who is the protector of the forest and uses her magic to hide it with a veil of invisibility. But the magic is depleting with a blight spreading through the earth, and the veil is deteriorating.

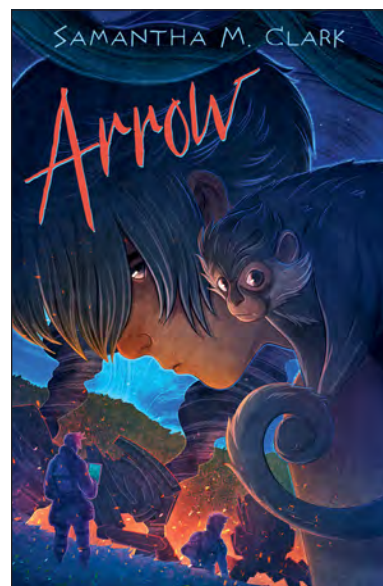
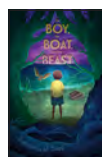
Arrow has never seen another human until one day a man in a small airplane crash-lands in the forest. Then a group of children find their way in, escaping from their brutal, arid world where the rich live in luxurious, walled-off cities, and the poor struggle for survival. Arrow wonders whether these humans want to help or hurt the forest. The Guardian Tree distrusts all outsiders, remembering the destruction humans brought into the forest in the distant past, and sends Arrow to convince the trespassers to leave by any means necessary. But Arrow is curious about these newcomers. He must decide whether it is more important to be with his own kind or to save his beloved home.

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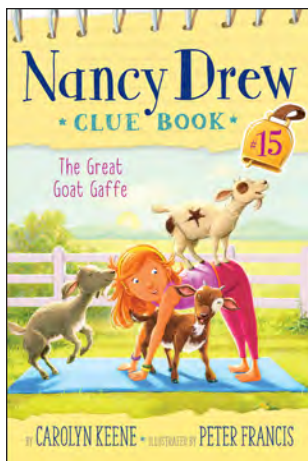
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**Page Extent:** 256 pp

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## **NANCY DREW CLUE BOOK #15: THE GREAT GOAT GAFFE**

By Carolyn Keene  
Illustrated by Peter Francis  
Imprint: Aladdin

**Nancy, George, and Bess are on the case when a goat yoga class goes *baaaad* in this interactive chapter book mystery series.**

Nancy is excited for Kids with Kids at Sweet Creams Farm. She and her friends are going to learn yoga surrounded by adorable baby goats. Peaceful meditation turns into mayhem when one of the goats goes wild, bouncing around and chewing on everything. Nancy recognizes the crazy kid—YouView star Pogo the Trampoline Goat. Did someone slip him into the pen to sabotage the class?

**Publication Date:** March 2021

**Ages:** 6–9

**Page Extent:** 112 pp

## **NANCY DREW DIARIES #21: DANGER AT THE IRON DRAGON**

By Carolyn Keene  
Imprint: Aladdin

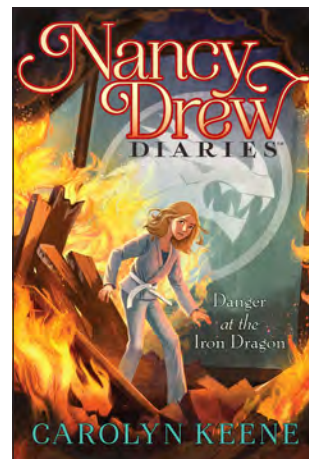
**Nancy's jujitsu lessons turn into a takedown of another sort.**

Nancy, Bess, and George decide to check out a jujitsu class at Iron Dragon MMA. But just as class ends, the students are shaken by a disturbing sight—someone's left a dead rat on the front desk and spray-painted "traitor" on the wall. With a big competition coming up soon, is a rival academy trying to stir up trouble to throw the Iron Dragon team off their game?

**Publication Date:** January 2021

**Ages:** 8–12

**Page Extent:** 224 pp



## **TOM SWIFT INVENTORS' ACADEMY #6: AUGMENTED REALITY**

By Victor Appleton  
Imprint: Aladdin

**Tom and his friends expose the truth when a friendly rivalry becomes a cutthroat competition in the sixth novel in Tom Swift Inventors' Academy—perfect for fans of the Hardy Boys or Alex Rider.**

The Swift Academy has announced the Invention Olympics—a new event open to the public that will feature the students' creative talents. But when a production company is brought in to film a new reality show about the academy, Tom and his friends have mixed reactions to the new attention.

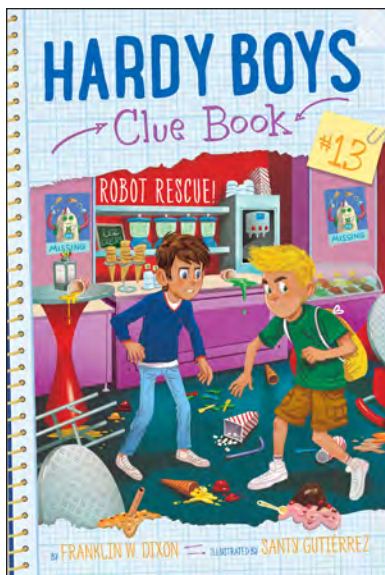
Tom quickly realizes that they aren't the only ones at school on edge. The reality show producers seem to be pitting students against one another to create more drama for the screen. As the Invention Olympics approaches, he starts to suspect that the reality show may be a cover for something even more nefarious.

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**Ages:** 8–12

**Page Extent:** 144 pp

**New Hardy Boys  
TV series  
launches on Hulu,  
Fall 2020**



## **HARDY BOYS CLUE BOOK #13: ROBOT RESCUE!**

By Franklin W. Dixon  
Illustrated by Santy Gutierrez  
Imprint: Aladdin

**Frank and Joe Hardy investigate a stolen robot in this interactive mystery series.**

Frank and Joe are excited to join Chet as he gets a preview of Robo Freeze, Bayport's newest sweet treat phenomenon. Robo Freeze isn't just any ice cream shop—Sherbot the robot scoops and tops your cone to your exact specifications. But just before his big debut, Sherbot is bot-napped! Who'd want to sabotage Robo Freeze before the grand opening? Can the Hardy Boys track down the culprit and get back the bot, or will they be left with a melty mess?

**Publication Date:** April 2021

**Ages:** 6–9

**Page Extent:** 96 pp

## **HARDY BOYS ADVENTURES #22: TROUBLE ISLAND**

By Franklin W. Dixon  
Imprint: Aladdin

**Frank and Joe are cooking up a new case as a series of accidents threatens a remote island.**

When Aunt Trudy wins a competition to intern with celebrity chef Colton Spark, she invites Frank and Joe to join her on a trip to the remote island off the coast of Maine where she'll be helping Colton cook for the prestigious Golden Claw Awards. Even before the Hardys reach the island, it becomes clear that the locals are not big fans of Colton. As the big day approaches there are a series of mishaps. And then, the night before the awards, the Golden Claw goes missing! But before the police can make it over from the mainland to investigate, a huge storm blows in. Will Frank and Joe be able to figure out who's behind the crimes before someone gets hurt?

**Publication Date:** February 2021

**Ages:** 8–12

**Page Extent:** 144 pp





COVER NOT FINAL

## TEN THOUSAND TRIES (W.T.)

By Amy Makechnie

Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

**A middle school soccer whiz's determination to keep things from changing is tested when his father's ALS symptoms worsen in this touching story about growing up and facing loss.**

Golden Maroni is ready to be on top of everything this year, just like his hero, soccer player Lionel Messi. Sure, he's shrimpy for his age and not the obvious choice, but so was Messi, so Golden's determined to become captain of his soccer team and master of his eighth-grade universe . . . especially since his home universe is spiraling out of orbit.

Off the field, Golden's dad, once a pro soccer player himself, is now battling ALS, a disease that attacks his muscles. And while Mom says there's no cure, Golden is convinced that his dad can beat this, just like any opponent, and if he can conquer on the field, so will Dad. But real life doesn't quite work that way, and Golden is forced to confront the idea that being master of your universe might not mean being in control of everything. What if it means letting go of the things you can't control so you can do the most good for the things you can?

**Publication Date:** May 2021

**Ages:** 8–12

**Page Extent:** 256 pp



## THE FLYERS

By Beth Turley

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**From the author of *If This Were a Story* and *The Last Tree Town* comes a fun coming-of-age story about embracing new experiences and following your heart.**

With the arrival of a glossy, cream-colored envelope in the mail, Elena Martinez's dreams come true: she's been chosen for the *Spread Your Wings Magazine's* Young Flyers program—a week-long summer internship where she'll get to learn the ins and outs of working for the most popular teen magazine. She heads to New York City, anxious to get away from her best friend, Summer, who is suddenly spending so much time with another girl from school and being so secretive about it.

Once there Elena meets her fellow Young Flyers: Harlow, who can get to the bottom of any story; Whitney, who has spot-on fashion sense; and Cailin, a social media star with thousands of followers and an eye for photography. As the four new friends explore the city that never sleeps, each girl brings a piece of home and a few secrets with her, and each learns that no one's life is as glossy as it may appear. But with courage, teamwork, and lots of passion, there's no stopping a Flyer.

**Publication Date:** June 2021

**Ages:** 8–12

**Page Extent:** 224 pp







## NOAH McNICHOL AND THE BACKSTAGE GHOST

By Martha Freeman

Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

**In the spirit of *The Wednesday Wars* and *Better Nate Than Ever* comes the newest mystery from Edgar-nominated author Martha Freeman.**

“Break a leg” is what you say to actors when what you mean is “Have a good show!” because if you say something positive it’s bad luck. Too bad for Miss Magnus, she literally broke her leg while crossing the street. Now the Plattsfield Winklebottom Memorial sixth-grade production of *Hamlet* doesn’t have a director.

The actors cannot believe that Mr. Newton, the gym teacher, will be the new director of their “No Trauma Drama” version of *Hamlet* (think: no one dies and Ophelia doesn’t drown—just goes for a moonlight swim). He has zero theatrical experience and doesn’t even know upstage from downstage. But during their first rehearsal, something strange happens: A breath of cold wind blows through, ruffling papers, mussing hair, raising goose bumps. Seemingly out of nowhere appears an older gentleman who calls himself Mike, and he offers his services as director.

Rehearsals get weirder and weirder, like when the cast members’ scripts suddenly change from cheerful to grim, and Mike demonstrates that he can fly. Noah is left wondering who Mike really is and why he is helping direct *Hamlet*. Filled with humor, backstage fun, and relatable family dynamics, this delightful middle-grade novel has something for everyone.

**Publication Date:** January 2021

**Ages:** 8–12

**Page Extent:** 272 pp



## ACROSS THE POND

By Joy McCullough

Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

**From the author of *A Field Guide to Getting Lost* comes a heartwarming story about new beginnings, burgeoning friendships, and finding your flock.**

Callie can’t wait for her new life to start. After a major friendship breakup in San Diego, moving overseas to Scotland gives her the perfect chance to reinvent herself. On top of that, she’s going to live in a real-life castle!

But as romantic as life in a castle sounds, the reality is a little less comfortable: it’s run-down, freezing, and crawling with critters. Plus, starting off on the wrong foot with the gardener’s granddaughter doesn’t help her nerves about making new friends. So she comes up with the perfect solution: she’ll be homeschooled. Her parents agree, on one condition: she has to participate in a social activity.

Inspired by a journal that she finds hidden in her bedroom, Callie decides to join a birding club. Sure, it sounds unusual, but at least it’s not sports or performing. But when she clashes with the club leader, she risks losing a set of friends all over again. Will she ever be able to find her flock and make this strange new place feel like home?

**Publication Date:** March 2021

**Ages:** 10 up

**Page Extent:** 288 pp





## KATARINA BALLERINA & THE VICTORY DANCE

By Tiler Peck and Kyle Harris

Illustrated by Sumiti Collina

Imprint: Aladdin

**The second book in our Katarina Ballerina series from New York City Ballet Principal Dancer Tiler Peck and actor Kyle Harris.**

Katarina is off to her first big dance camp, where she meets dancers from all over the world! She quickly makes friends with a boy named Ricky, a dancer and soccer player from Brazil. When Katarina finds out that he is having a hard time juggling his soccer moves and his dance moves, can she help him figure out how to land on his feet?

**Publication Date:** July 2021

**Ages:** 8–12

**Page Extent:** 192 pp

## SPRINKLE SUNDAYS

### #12: ICE CREAM AND SWEET DREAMS

By Coco Simon

Imprint: Simon Spotlight

**Have a sprinkle of happy with this fun, sweet series from the author of Cupcake Diaries and Donut Dreams!**

When Sierra hears about a local singing contest, all her friends insist that she enter. Everyone is convinced that Sierra is destined for stardom. But when she gets to the contest, she is just one small fish in a large pond of supertalented singers. Are Sierra's sweet dreams about to melt away?

**Publication Date:** December 2020

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## DONUT DREAMS

### #5: READY, SET, BAKE!

By Coco Simon

Imprint: Simon Spotlight

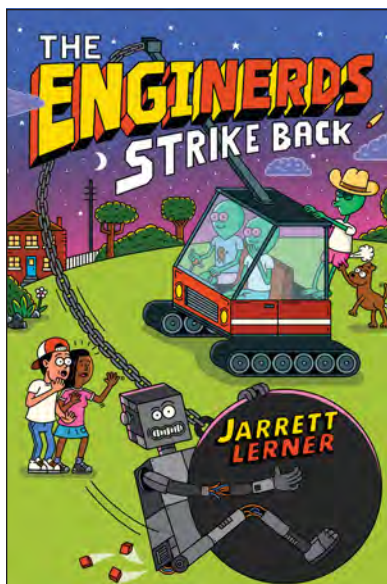
**A sweet middle-grade series from the author of Cupcake Diaries and Sprinkle Sundays!**

Everyone knows Lindsay loves her family's restaurant. So how is she going to deal with a new bakery in town, which will compete with Donut Dreams? Not only that, the owner's daughter, Maria, is in her class. She's glamorous and exciting, and she's just moved to town from Chicago. She's everything Lindsay wants to be—or at least that's what Lindsay thinks.

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**Ages:** 8–12

**Page Extent:** 160 pp



## THE ENGINDERDS STRIKE BACK

By Jarrett Lerner

Imprint: Aladdin

**Ken and his EngiNerds crew return in another nutty and nerdy adventure as they face down an alien to save the planet!**

Alien invasion? At the end of *Revenge of the EngiNerds* an alien appeared, and it turns out he's the real deal. He explains he was sent to Earth as an envoy to scope things out for a planned massive, futuristic billboard—which will mean demolishing the planet! Here? On Earth? In their town? Not if the EngiNerds have anything to say about it. Time to save the day and the planet!

**Publication Date:** February 2021

**Ages:** 9–13

**Page Extent:** 208 pp

**RIGHTS SOLD FOR *ENGINDERDS*:** Dutch



## GIVE THIS BOOK A TITLE

By Jarrett Lerner

Imprint: Aladdin

**Kickstart your creativity with this collection of fun-filled activities prompting kids to use and grow their imaginations!**

Fun, open-ended writing and drawing prompts challenge kids to be creative in new ways with every turn of a page, in this collection from Jarrett Lerner, author of the EngiNerds, Geeger the Robot, and Hunger Heroes series.

Activities include Finish This Comic challenges featuring a variety of scenarios and characters from a cracked egg to an angry pickle that inspire kids to write and illustrate a six-panel story; drawing and writing prompts—like How to Draw a Guitar and Decide What Each of These Gadgets Do!—to help spark creativity; and a smorgasbord of other activities, from Finish Drawing These Monsters to Put Some Gross Toppings on This Pizza!

**Publication Date:** December 2020

**Ages:** 8–12

**Page Extent:** 144 pp



Draw a picture of what you think an alien might look like!



# THE LUCKY LIST

By Rachael Lippincott

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**In her solo YA debut, Rachael Lippincott, coauthor of #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Five Feet Apart* and the highly anticipated *All This Time*, weaves a captivating, heartfelt love story about learning who you are and who you love when the person you've always shared yourself with is gone.**

Emily and her mom were always lucky. Every heatedly competitive bingo night in their small, quirky town of Huckabee, they picked card number 505 and thought about which prize they would choose when they inevitably won. But Emily's mom's luck ran out three years ago when she succumbed to cancer, and nothing has felt right for Emily since.

Now, the summer before her senior year, things are worse than ever because not only has Emily wrecked things with her boyfriend Matt, whom her mom was convinced she belonged with, but her dad is selling the house she grew up in and giving her mom's belongings away. Soon she'll have no connections left to Mom but her lucky quarter. And with her best friend, Ellie, away for the summer and her other friends taking her ex's side, the only person she has to talk to about it is her dad's best friend's daughter, Blake, a girl she barely knows since she and her dad just moved back to town five seconds ago.

But that's when Emily finds the list—her mom's senior year summer bucket list—buried in a box in the back of her mom's closet. When Blake suggests that Emily take it on as a challenge, the two set off on a journey to tick each box and help Emily face her fears over losing her connection to her mom. As she starts to feel closer to her mother, though, Emily's bond with Blake deepens into something she wasn't expecting. And suddenly Emily must face another fear: accepting the secret part of herself she never got a chance to share with the person who knew her best.

**Publication Date:** June 2021

**Ages:** 12 up

**Page Extent:** 224 pp

## ALL THIS TIME

By Mikki Daughtry and Rachael Lippincott

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

From the team that brought you #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Five Feet Apart* comes another gripping romance that asks: What happens when you find the person of your dreams, but reality gets in the way?

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**Ages:** 12 up

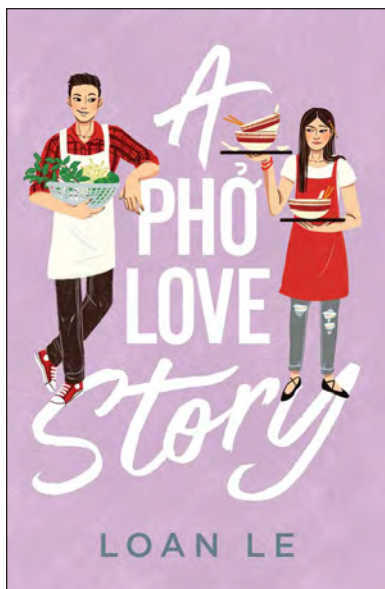
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## A PHO LOVE STORY

By Loan Le

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**When Dimple Met Rishi meets Ugly Delicious in this funny, smart romantic comedy, in which two Vietnamese-American teens fall in love amid their families' age-old feud about their competing neighboring restaurants.**

If Bao Nguyen had to describe himself, he'd say he was a rock. Steady and strong, but not particularly interesting. His grades are average, his social status unremarkable. He works at his parents' pho restaurant, and even there, he is his parents' *fifth* favorite employee.

If Linh Vu had to describe herself, she'd say she was a firecracker. Stable when unlit, but full of potential for joy and spark and fire. She loves art, and she dreams of making a career of it one day. The only problem? Her parents rely on her in ways they're not willing to admit, including expecting her to work practically full-time at their family's pho restaurant.

For decades, the Vus and the Nguyens have been at odds, having owned competing, neighboring pho restaurants. Bao and Linh have resolved never to befriend each other, for fear of pushing too far and bringing on undue heartbreak. But then a chance encounter brings Linh and Bao closer despite their best efforts, causing sparks to fly. Can Linh and Bao's love survive in the midst of feuding families and complicated histories?

**Publication Date:** February 2021

**Ages:** 12 up

**Page Extent:** 352 pp

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## OF PRINCES AND PROMISES

By Sandhya Menon

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *When Dimple Met Rishi* comes the second installment in a brand-new series set at an elite boarding school. Each book offers a contemporary spin on a fairy tale, and this one's a delightful, romantic twist on *The Frog Prince*.**

Caterina LaValle is determined to show she's still the queen of St. Rosetta's Academy. Sure, her crown may be slightly askew after what Alaric did to her last semester, but she's a *LaValle*. She'll find a way to march right back in there, perfect face back on, her hands clutching the strings to the whole puppet show. This time, she's going to be untouchable.

Rahul Chopra knows that moment he shared with Caterina LaValle at the homecoming dance meant something. Surely, she feels it too. He's a little uncertain how someone like him (socially inept to a point way past "adorkable") could fit into her world, but he's loved Caterina for years. He knows they'll find a way.

When a school project brings this unlikely pair together, Caterina and Rahul find themselves caught up in a fake-dating scheme that ends up feeling truer and more romantic than either of them expected.

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**Ages:** 12 up

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## FOR ALL TIME

By Shanna Miles

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**Outlander meets *The Sun Is Also a Star* in this teen romance that follows two lovers fated to repeat their story across hundreds of lifetimes, who hope to break the cycle once and for all.**

Tamar is a headstrong slave in Mali, a high school junior with a terminal illness on a last-chance trip, a young woman struggling for independence in a segregated train car steaming her toward an arranged marriage. She is a musician, a warrior, a survivor.

Fayard is a soldier that must obey all the rules set before him, a charming high school senior who wishes to give his high school sweetheart a promise ring, a lost young man who runs numbers for King Fats in Chicago. He is a con man, a pioneer, a hopeless romantic.

Together, Tamar and Fayard have lived a thousand lives, seen the world go through revolutions and civil wars, and have even watched humanity take to the stars. But in each life one thing remains the same: Tamar and Fayard fall in love. Tamar and Fayard fight to be with each other. Tamar and Fayard die. Over and over again until, perhaps at last, they learn what it will take to break the cycle.

**Publication Date:** September 2021

**Ages:** 14 up

**Page Extent:** 384 pp



# YOU HAD ME AT HELLO WORLD



By Rona Wang  
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**Jenny Han meets Silicon Valley in this delightful YA romantic comedy about a Chinese-American teen who is invited to a coding competition where she teams up with a cute tech prodigy to work on an app to help immigrants connect and put down roots.**

When sixteen-year-old Chinese-American Charise “Char” Tang is invited to a highly selective hackathon at MIT with other high school students from across the country, she assumes it’s a fluke. As a small-town, low-income student who attends a school that doesn’t really offer computer science classes, she knows she has no chance of actually winning the hackathon, but she’s just happy to be there—especially when her online crush, the nerdy and shy Ryan Nam, will be there too.

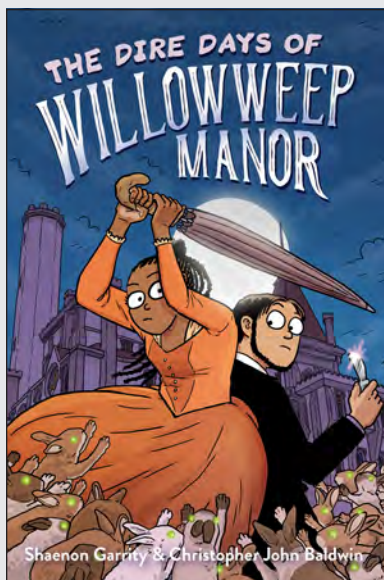
However, when she arrives, she unwittingly lands herself in a one-on-one partnership with Stefan Astor, a programming prodigy and creator of the previous year’s biggest mobile game app. Together, they create HELLO WORLD, an app designed to help new immigrants form connections, inspired by their own immigrant parents.

As the competition heats up, Char finds herself captivated by Stefan’s dorky charm, but when the pair face interference from Ryan and the potential sabotage of their app, she starts to doubt her capability to be a partner to Stefan—in the coding and romantic sense. Will she ever be good enough to stand next to Stefan? Char will need to do a lot of soul-searching to find her strengths and a place where she belongs.

**Publication Date:** February 2022

**Ages:** 12 up

**Page Extent:** 352 pp



## THE DIRE DAYS OF WILLOWWEEP MANOR

By Shaenon K. Garrity

Illustrated by Christopher Baldwin

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

**Nimona meets *Paper Girls* with a literary twist in this wickedly funny graphic novel about a teenager who is swept up in a strange new universe and must save it from an all-consuming evil in order to return home.**

One dark and stormy night, Haley sees a stranger drowning in the river. Since her greatest passion is gothic romance novels, Haley knows her moment has come. But when she leaps into the water to rescue him, she finds herself in Willowweep. It certainly *looks* like the setting of one of her favorite books: A stately manor. A sinister housekeeper. Three brooding brothers. There's even a ghost.

Except Willowweep is not what it seems. Its romantic exterior hides the workings of a pocket universe—the only protection our world has against a great force of evil. And its defenses are crumbling. Could cruel fate make Haley the heroine that Willowweep needs?

**Publication Date:** July 2021

**Ages:** 14 up

**Page Extent:** 224 pp





## PREPPED

By Bethany Mangle

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

**For fans of Jeff Zentner and Katie Henry comes a thrilling, funny debut about a teen raised in a doomsday community who plots her escape—and falls in love—with the boy from the bunker next door.**

*Always be ready for the worst day of your life.*

This is the mantra that Becca Aldaine has grown up with. Her family is part of a community of doomsday preppers who prioritize survivalist training over class trips or senior prom. They're even arranging Becca's marriage with Roy Kang, the only eligible boy in their community. Roy is a nice guy, but he's so enthusiastic about prepping that Becca doesn't have the heart to tell him she's planning to leave as soon as she can earn a full ride to a college far, far away.

Then a devastating accident rocks Becca's family and pushes the entire community, including Becca's usually cynical little sister, deeper into the doomsday ideology. With her getaway plans thrown into jeopardy, the only person Becca can turn to is Roy, who reveals that he's not nearly as clueless as he's been pretending to be.

When Roy proposes they run away together, Becca will have to risk everything for a chance to hope for the best instead of planning for the worst.

**Publication Date:** February 2021

**Ages:** 14 up

**Page Extent:** 320 pp

## THE MEET-CUTE PROJECT

By Rhiannon Richardson

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**Mia's friends love romcoms. Mia hates them.**

Mia thinks romcoms are silly, contrived, and not at all realistic. Besides, there are more important things to worry about—like how to handle living with her bridezilla sister, Sam, who's never appreciated Mia, and surviving junior year while juggling every school club offered and acing all her classes.

So when Mia is tasked with finding a date to her sister's wedding, her options are practically nonexistent. Mia's friends, however, have an idea. It's a little crazy, a little out there, and a lot inspired by the movies they love that Mia begrudgingly watches too.

Mia just needs a meet-cute.

**Publication Date:** January 2021

**Ages:** 12 up

**Page Extent:** 384 pp







## INDESTRUCTIBLE OBJECT

By Mary McCoy

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**Printz Honor author Mary McCoy tells the story of a girl embarking on a journey of self-discovery that sends her all over the city of Memphis, deep into her family's secrets, and into the arms of new love.**

Lee has spent the last two years solely focused on her podcast "Artists in Love," which she cohosts with her boyfriend, Vincent. That is, until he breaks up with her on the air.

And when their unexpected breakup happens to land on the same day her parents announce their divorce, Lee's plans, her art, and her life are thrown into turmoil. Searching for a new purpose, Lee recruits her old friend Max and her new friend Risa to produce a podcast called "Objects of Destruction," where they investigate whether love actually exists at all.

But the deeper they get into the love stories around them, the more Lee discovers that when it comes to love, she might have been thinking too small all along.

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**Ages:** 12 up

**Page Extent:** 288 pp

## ONE GREAT LIE

By Deb Caletti

Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

**Award-winning author Deb Caletti explores questions of who holds power and what happens when that power is abused in this gorgeous novel—set against a stunning backdrop of Venice—of a young woman discovering her strength after being disillusioned by the hero she worshipped.**

When Charlotte wins a scholarship to travel to Venice, Italy, for a summer writing workshop with Luca Bruni—THE Luca Bruni, her personal hero—it's like every dream she's ever had is coming true at once. She even has an opportunity to try to solve a mystery from way back in her family lineage about a Venetian poet, Isabella Di Angelo, whose work was lost to time.

The summer starts out as magical as Charlotte had imagined: Venice is seductive and beautiful, there are fascinating teens in the workshop, and Luca is inspiring and brilliant. A possible lead on Isabella also brings Charlotte to cross paths with Dante, a charming Italian boy who will make it hard to think about ever leaving Venice.

But Charlotte's perfect summer takes a darker turn when she is forced to confront some truths about Luca himself as well as the larger power dynamics of men and women in creative spaces.

Once again, Deb Caletti proves herself a master of weaving together timely and universal themes with a compelling page-turner story.

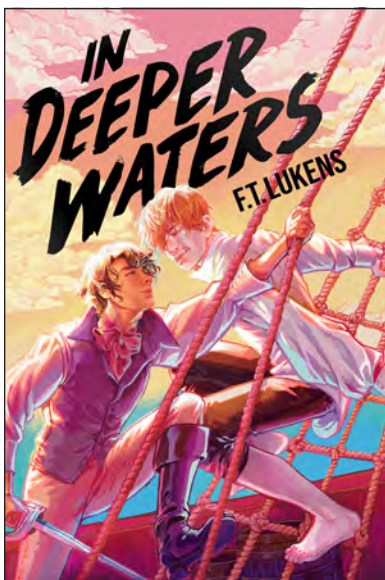
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## IN DEEPER WATERS

By F. T. Lukens

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

**A young prince must rely on a mysterious stranger to save him when he is kidnapped during his coming-of-age tour in this swoony adventure that is *The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue* meets *Pirates of the Caribbean*.**

Most princes would be eager for their coming-of-age tour, but Tal isn't like most princes. He knows he can't partake in the adventure and debauchery his siblings enjoyed on their tours, not when letting loose could mean accidentally revealing his forbidden magic—and upending his kingdom's hard-won peace. But when his ship's crew rescues a mysterious prisoner from a burning derelict vessel, his world changes. Tal is surprised to feel an intense connection with the roguish Athlen. So when Athlen leaps overboard and disappears, Tal feels responsible and heartbroken, knowing Athlen could not have survived in the open ocean.

That is, until Tal runs into Athlen days later on dry land, very much alive, and as charming—and secretive—as ever. But before they can pursue anything further, Tal is kidnapped by pirates and held ransom in a plot to reveal his rumored powers and instigate a war. Tal must escape if he hopes to save his family and the kingdom. And Athlen might just be his only hope. . . .

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## A DARK AND HOLLOW STAR

By Ashley Shuttleworth

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

***The Cruel Prince* meets *City of Bones* in this thrilling urban fantasy, set in the magical underworld of Toronto, that follows a queer cast of characters racing to stop a serial killer whose crimes could expose the hidden world of faeries to humans.**

*Choose your player.*

The “ironborn” half-fae outcast of her royal fae family.

A tempestuous Fury, exiled to earth from the Immortal Realm and hellbent on revenge.

A dutiful fae prince, determined to earn his place on the throne.

The prince's brooding guardian, burdened with a terrible secret.

For centuries, the Eight Courts of Folk have lived among us, concealed by magic and bound by law to do no harm to humans. This arrangement has long kept peace in the Courts—until a series of gruesome and ritualistic murders rocks the city of Toronto and threatens to expose faeries to the human world.

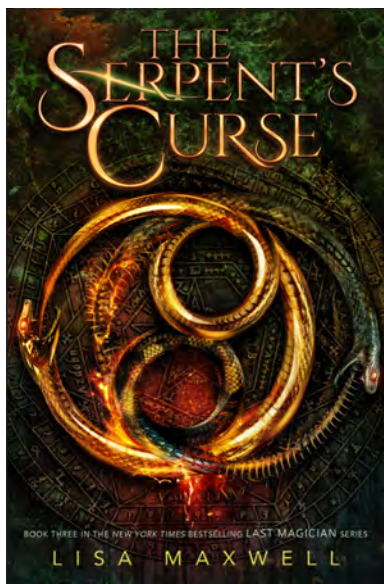
Four queer teens, who each hold a key piece of the truth behind these murders, must form a tenuous alliance in their effort to track down the mysterious killer behind these crimes. If they fail, they risk the destruction of the faerie and human worlds alike. If that's not bad enough, there's a war brewing between the Mortal and Immortal Realms, and one of these teens is destined to tip the scales. The only question is: Which way?

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## THE LAST MAGICIAN #3: THE SERPENT'S CURSE

By Lisa Maxwell  
Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Leigh Bardugo's *Six of Crows* meets Alexandra Bracken's *Passenger* in this spellbinding addition to the "vivid and compelling" (*BCCB*), *New York Times* bestselling Last Magician series.

*Evade the Serpent. Heed the Curse. Rewrite the Present.*

Esta isn't a stranger to high-stakes heists; she's a seasoned thief who has no reservations about using her affinity for time to give her an edge, and she's trained her whole life for one mission: travel back to 1902 New York, steal the ancient *Book of Mysteries*, and use its power to destroy the Brink and free the Mageus from the Order's control.

But the book held a danger that no one anticipated—Seshat, an angry goddess, was trapped within its pages. Now that terrible power lives within Harte, and if given the chance, Seshat will use Esta to destroy the world and take her revenge.

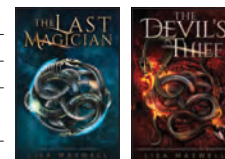
Saving Harte—and magic itself—will put even Esta's skills to the test. And all the while, another danger grows, one more terrible than both Seshat and the Order combined. . . .

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## SWEET & BITTER MAGIC

By Adrienne Tooley  
Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

In this charming debut fantasy perfect for fans of *Sorcery of Thorns* and *Girls of Paper and Fire*, a witch cursed to never love meets a girl hiding her own dangerous magic, and the two strike a dangerous bargain to save their queendom.

Tamsin is the most powerful witch of her generation. But after committing the worst magical sin, she's exiled by the ruling Coven and cursed with the inability to love. The only way she can get those feelings back—even for just a little while—is to steal love from others.

Wren is a source—a rare kind of person who is made of magic, despite being unable to use it herself. Sources are required to train with the Coven as soon as they discover their abilities, but Wren—the only caretaker to her ailing father—has spent her life hiding her secret.

When a magical plague ravages the queendom, Wren's father falls victim. To save him, Wren proposes a bargain: if Tamsin will help her catch the dark witch responsible for creating the plague, then Wren will give Tamsin her love for her father.

Of course, love bargains are a tricky thing, and these two have a long, perilous journey ahead of them—that is, if they don't kill each other first. . . .

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## VAMPIRES, HEARTS, AND OTHER DEAD THINGS

By Margie Fuston

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

**In this heart-wrenching speculative YA, a teen takes a trip to New Orleans with her estranged best friend to find a vampire to save her father, who's dying from cancer. It's *The Coldest Girl in Coldtown* meets *They Both Die at the End*.**

Victoria and her dad have shared a love of the undead since the first real-life vampire revealed his existence on live TV a decade ago. Public fear soon drove the vampires back into hiding, and now most people think it was all a hoax. Yet Victoria and her father still dream about finding a vampire together. But when her dad is diagnosed with terminal cancer, it's clear that's not going to happen. Instead, Victoria vows to find a vampire herself to turn her—so that she can then save her father.

With her estranged best friend Henry, Victoria travels to New Orleans in search of a miracle. And then she meets Nicholas, a handsome and mysterious young man who hints that he might be what she's looking for. Only he won't share his vampiric secrets with just anybody. First, Victoria has to prove she loves life enough to live forever.

She agrees to complete a series of challenges, from scarfing sugar-drenched beignets to singing with a jazz band, all to show she has what it takes to be immortal. But truly living while her father is dying feels like a betrayal. Victoria must figure out how to experience joy and grief at once, trusting all the while that Nicholas is the vampire he claims to be, because the alternative is too impossible to imagine.

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## GLIMPSED

By G. F. Miller

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**Perfect for fans of *Geekerella* and Jenn Bennett, this charming, sparkly rom-com follows a wish-granting teen forced to question if she's really doing good—and if she has the power to make her own dreams come true.**

Charity is a fairy godmother. She doesn't wear a poofy dress or go around waving a wand, but she does make sure the deepest desires of the students at her high school come true. And she knows what they want even more than they do because she can glimpse their perfect futures.

But when Charity fulfills a glimpse that gets Vindhya crowned homecoming queen, it ends in disaster. Suddenly, every wish Charity has ever granted is called into question. Has she really been helping people? What if she's not getting the whole picture?

Making this existential crisis way worse is Noah—the adorkable (and in Charity's opinion, diabolical) ex of one of her past clients—who claims her interventions are doing more harm than good. He demands that she stop granting wishes and help him get back together with his ex. But soon Noah becomes an unexpected ally in getting to the bottom of the glimpses. Before long, Charity dares to call him her friend and even starts to wish he were something more. But can the fairy godmother ever get the happily ever after?

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## BETTER THAN THE MOVIES

By Lynn Painter

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**In this YA romantic comedy about romantic comedies, hopeless romantic Liz Buxbaum attempts to secure a happily-ever-after moment with her forever crush, but finds herself reluctantly drawn to the cute yet infuriating boy next door—the one she promised herself she'd never fall for.**

Perpetual daydreamer Liz Buxbaum has always known that Wes Bennet was *not* boyfriend material. You would think that her annoyingly attractive next-door neighbor would be a prime candidate for her romantic comedy fantasies, but Wes has only proven himself to be a pain in the butt, ever since they were little. But now it's Liz's senior year, a time meant to be rife with milestones perfect for any big screen, and she needs Wes's help. See, Liz's forever crush Michael has just moved back to town, and—horribly, annoyingly—he's hitting it off with Wes. Meaning that if Liz wants Michael to finally really notice her, and hopefully be her prom date, she needs Wes. He's her in.

But as Liz and Wes scheme to get Liz her magical prom moment, she's shocked to discover that she likes being around Wes. And as they continue to grow closer, she must reexamine everything she thought she knew about love—and rethink her own perception of what happily ever after should really look like.

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**Page Extent:** 320 pp

## THOSE SUMMER NIGHTS

By Laura Silverman

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

**After recovering from a life-changing injury, a teen must navigate a new summer job, an ex-best friend, and two surprisingly cute coworkers in this sweet rom-com for fans of Jenny Han and Siobhan Vivian.**

Hannah used to be all about focus, back before she shattered her ankle and her Olympic dreams in one bad soccer play. These days, she's all about distraction—anything to keep the painful memories of her recent past at bay, including the string of bad decisions that landed her in a boarding school for troubled teens. Enter Bonanza, the local entertainment multiplex and site of Hannah's summer employment. With its miniature golf, bowling alley, and arcade—not to mention her hot, flirty coworker Patrick—Bonanza seems like the perfect way to stay distracted. Until her boss announces the annual Bonanza tournament, a staff competition that brings her past Olympic nightmares crashing back into her present.

On top of that, the Bonanza staff includes Brie, the ex-best friend she cut off last year, and Ethan, her brother's best friend who suddenly glowed up into a hot, sensitive sweetheart who seems to accept her, even knowing her worst secrets. Under the neon lights of Bonanza, Hannah must decide whether she can find a way to discover a new self in the midst of her old life.

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## AS IF ON CUE

By Marisa Kanter

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**A not-so-friendly competition quickly devolves into an all-out prank war in Marisa Kanter's sophomore YA, an enemies-to-lovers romance that fans of Jenny Han and Morgan Matson will adore.**

Lifelong rivals Natalie and Reid have never seen eye to eye. So its no surprise that when the arts budget for their high school faces severe cutbacks, playwright Natalie and clarinetist Reid find themselves on opposite sides in a race to come up with the best proposal to pitch to the school board to save their program.

But when their not-so-friendly competition devolves into an all-out prank war between the theater and band factions that goes too far, the competition is called off. Instead, the money will be spent on one joint production: an original musical—codirected by Natalie and Reid. If they sell out the show and prove to the school board that funding the arts matters, both the band and theater will receive a budget for next year. Everyone wins.

Except, after all this time facing off, Natalie and Reid have no idea how to work together. And they certainly don't know how to deal with the growing feelings that develop between them as they realize that when they stop competing, maybe they could make the best team. . . .

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## WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU

By Marisa Kanter

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**Can a love triangle have only two people in it? In this debut novel that's perfect for fans of Jenny Han and Morgan Matson, Marisa Kanter hilariously and poignantly explores what happens when Internet friends turn into IRL crushes.**

Halle and her online best friend, Nash, can talk about anything . . . except who she really is.

Online, Halle is known as Kels, the enigmatically cool creator of a YA book blog that pairs epic custom cupcakes with covers and reviews. Kels has everything Halle doesn't: friends, tons of confidence, and Nash.

That is, until Halle moves to a small town and finds herself face-to-face with real, human, not-behind-a-screen Nash. If Halle reveals her identity, it will ruin the magic of their digital friendship. But not telling him means that it can never be anything more. Because while she starts to fall for Nash as Halle . . . he's in love with Kels.

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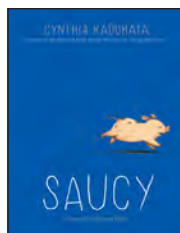
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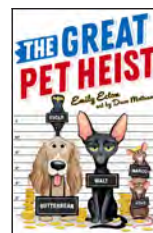
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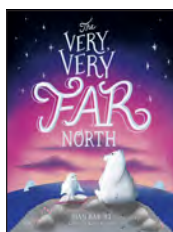
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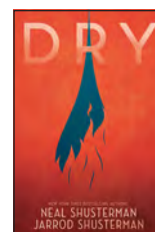
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