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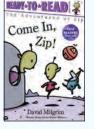


The Ready-to-Read series is designed to turn every child into a reading star with five levels that help develop young readers. From nonfiction to original stories and everything in between, there's something for everyone!

#### THE ADVENTURES OF ZIP: COME IN. ZIP!

By David Milgrim Imprint: Simon Spotlight

It's time for Zip the magician to come in from plaving, but he has a few magic tricks up his sleeve. This Adventures of Zip book is a Ready-to-Go from author-illustrator David Milgrim, recipient of two Theodor Seuss Geisel Honors!



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Publication Date: May 2020

Ages: 3–5 Page Extent: 32 pp

#### THE ADVENTURES OF OTTO: **FOR OTTO**

**By David Milgrim** Imprint: Simon Spotlight

Otto and his friends are back in this brand-new Pre-Level 1 Ready-to-Read sure to be a hit with beginning readers! Otto feels sad and glad in this sweet story about friendship.

Publication Date: August 2020 Ages: 3–5 Page Extent: 32 pp **RIGHTS SOLD:** Dutch

#### **MAX & MO'S SCIENCE FAIR SURPRISE**

By Patricia Lakin Illustrated by Priscilla Lamont Imprint: Simon Spotlight

Award-winning author Patricia Lakin is back with an adorable new Level 1 Ready-to-Read from the hilarious hamsters, Max and Mo, as they participate in an exciting science fair!

Publication Date: May 2020 **Ages:** 4–6

Page Extent: 32 pp



#### SUPER FACTS FOR SUPER KIDS: **TIGERS CAN'T PURR! POLAR BEAR FUR ISN'T WHITE!**

By Thea Feldman Imprint: Simon Spotlight

Did you know that tigers can't purr, or that they have stripes on their skin as well as their fur? Or that polar bear fur might look white, but it is actually clear? Filled with amazing animal facts-along with photographs, comic-style illustrations, cool infographics, and stickers-Super Facts for Super Kids is a fun new series of nonfiction Level 2 Ready-to-Reads about animals

Publication Date: Tiger: June 2020; Polar Bear: August 2020 Ages: 5–7

Page Extent: 32 pp

#### **IF YOU LOVE BOOKS,** YOU COULD BE ....

**By Elizabeth Dennis** Illustrated by Natalie Kwee Imprint: Simon Spotlight

If You Love Books, You Could Be . . . is about turning a love of reading into a career. With three featured careers and more in the back, this book is sure to be a hit with librarians.



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booksellers, and all bookworms! It's part of the If You Love ... Level 2 Ready-to-Read series that shares how children's passions and hobbies can turn into cool careers when they grow up!

Publication Date: August 2020

Ages: 5–7	
Page Extent: 32 pp	





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By Katharine Holabird Illustrated by Helen Craig

Angelina Ballerina returns to center stage with spunky, sassy, and sweet stories that put her right back in the spotlight!

- ★ Angelina Ballerina books sold more than 1.5 million copies (and counting) to adoring fans across formats.
- ★ Angelina's tales continue with classic titles available in vibrant new editions, as well as in fun new paperback, leveled readers, and board book formats.















#### **ANGELINA BALLERINA**

Angelina Ballerina returns in this refreshed picture book from acclaimed author Katharine Holabird and celebrated artist Helen Craig!

The original story about the feisty little mouse who wants nothing more than to dance will make a new generation of young ballerinas leap with delight!

Publication Date: August 2019 Ages: 4–8 Page Extent: 32 pp

#### **ANGELINA BALLERINA AND** THE TEA PARTY

Join Angelina Ballerina as she hosts a tea party, complete with cookies, cakes, and beautiful decorations, in this Level 1 Ready-to-Read with stickers!

Publication Date: December 2019 Ages: 4–6 Page Extent: 32 pp

#### ANGELINA BALLERINA TRIES AGAIN

Leap into Angelina Ballerina's enchanting world and learn how important it is to get up when you fall down in this Level 1 Ready-to-Read with stickers.

Publication Date: May 2020 Ages: 4–6 Page Extent: 32 pp

#### **ANGELINA LOVES**

Discover all the things Angelina Ballerina loves in this Super Chubby board book, with foil on the cover, that's perfect for sharing with someone you love!

Publication Date: December 2019 Ages: 2–5 Page Extent: 22 pp

#### DANCING DAY

Get swept away by Angelina Ballerina's enchanting world in this adorable board book with a foil cover about a day full of dancing!

Publication Date: May 2020

Ages: 2–5 Page Extent: 14 pp

#### **MEET ANGELINA BALLERINA!**

Dance all around the lovely town of Chipping Cheddar as Angelina Ballerina and her friends gather for a summer festival in this shaped 8 x 8 storybook with a sparkly cover-perfect for ballerinas of all ages!

Publication Date: May 2020 Page Extent: 24 pp Ages: 3–7

#### **CENTER STAGE**

Join Angelina Ballerina as she choreographs an enchanting dance recital in this adorable 8 x 8 storybook with foil on the cover and a sheet of stickers!

Publication Date: December 2019 Ages: 4–8 Page Extent: 16 pp

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

#### **GEEGER THE ROBOT GOES TO SCHOOL**

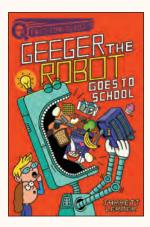
By Jarrett Lerner Illustrated by Serge Seidlitz Imprint: Aladdin

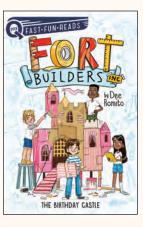
For fans of Dan Gutman's *My Weird School* and James Patterson's *House of Robots* comes the adventures of Geeger, a robot who goes to school for the very first time.

Geeger the Robot is going to school. But not *robot* school; a school with kids, the *human* kind. Will a bot of wires, nuts, and bolts fit in with a classroom of kids?

Publication Date: August 2020

Ages: 5–8 Page Extent: 64 pp





#### FORT BUILDERS INC. #1: THE BIRTHDAY CASTLE

By Dee Romito Illustrated by Marta Kissi Imprint: Aladdin

### A group of friends use teamwork, creativity, and construction know-how to start their own fort-building company!

Caleb could really use more spending money, so he puts his head together with some of the other kids in their neighborhood, and they come up with a brilliant idea. They're going to start their own fort-building business! But when Fort Builders Inc. gets their first gig, they can't agree on anything. Can they learn to work together in time to build an incredible fort, or will their business be over before it even begins?

Publication Date: May 2020 Ages: 5–8

Page Extent: 96 pp

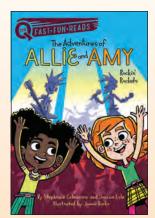
### THE ADVENTURES OF ALLIE AND AMY #2: ROCKIN' ROCKETS

By Stephanie Calmenson and Joanna Cole Illustrated by James Burks Imprint: Aladdin

### From Stephanie Calmenson and *Magic School Bus* author Joanna Cole comes this new series about Allie and Amy, who have a true-blue friendship!

Best friends Amy and Allie do absolutely everything together. But a new girl has moved to their neighborhood, and she has only one extra ticket for the most exciting concert ever. Which friend will get to go? Allie or Amy?

Publication Date: May 2020 Ages: 5–8 Page Extent: 96 pp



#### SONY PICTURES IIMATION

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#### **IN THEATERS SEPTEMBER 18, 2020**

*Connected* is an original animated comedy from producers Phil Lord and Christopher Miller (Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse, The Lego Movie). The Mitchells are a dysfunctional yet loving family whose road trip is interrupted by a tech uprising: the electronic devices people love decide it's time to take over. With the help of two malfunctioning robots and the family's pug, the Mitchells will have to work together to save each other and the world!





#### CONNECTED MOVIE NOVELIZATION By Michael Anthony Steele

Imprint: Simon Spotlight

See what happens when technology gains a mind of its own in this novelization of the motion picture, featuring eight full-color pages with images from the movie!

Ages: 8–12 Page Extent: 144 pp



#### THE MITCHELLS' FAMILY ROAD TRIP! By Patty Michaels

Imprint: Simon Spotlight

Join the Mitchell family as they embark on the adventure of a lifetime in this 8 x 8 storybook retelling of the motion picture-includes a cardstock photo frame for readers' own family photos!

Ages: 3–7 Page Extent: 16 pp

#### WORLD'S WORST FAMILY?

By Farrah McDoogle Imprint: Simon Spotlight

A family must find a way to thwart a worldwide technology uprising in this laugh-out-loud Level 2 Ready-to-Read.

Ages: 5–7 Page Extent: 32 pp



#### PROGRAMMED FOR LAUGHS

By Matt Chapman Imprint: Simon Spotlight

In this joke book companion to the motion picture, robots Eric and Deborahbot 5000 team up to write robot jokes with side-splitting results!

Ages: 4–8 Page Extent: 96 pp

Publication Date for All Titles: August 2020 Connected TM & © 2020 Sony Pictures Animation Inc. All Bights Reserved.

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#### U.S. Release Date: April 16, 2021

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#### **COMING APRIL 16, 2021**

From Sony Pictures Animation, the studio that brought you Spider-Man<sup>TM</sup>: Into the Spider-Verse, comes Vivo, an animated musical adventure featuring all-new original songs from Lin-Manuel Miranda, the creator of the Broadway smash Hamilton, whose flair for mashing up musical styles will give the film a unique and contemporary sound. This incredible story about music and friendship will take audiences on an epic adventure to gorgeous and vibrant locations never before seen in animation.

#### The Vivo<sup>™</sup> publishing plan includes:

- a movie novelization with an eight-page, full-color insert with stills from the movie
- a 7 x 7 board book
- a Ready-to-Read
- an 8 x 8 storybook with a cardstock-acetate punch-out drum for kids to play
- an 8 x 8 storybook retelling of the movie

### US FICTION Little Simon Chapter Books Are Filling the Gap!



#### HEIDI HECKELBECK

**#30: HEIDI HECKELBECK FOR CLASS PRESIDENT!** 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:** August 2020

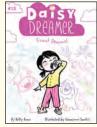


#### **THE CRITTER CLUB** #21: AMY THE PUPPY WHISPERER

By Callie Barkley Illustrated by Tracy Bishop

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

Publication Date: September 2020



#### **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** #7: BEST BUDS FOREVER



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 2020



#### **DESMOND COLE, GHOST PATROL** #11: ESCAPE FROM THE ROLLER-GHOSTER

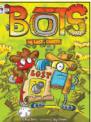
By Andres Miedoso Illustrated by Victor Rivas

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: July 2020

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# NATHER NATHER



#### **#7: MIA MAYHEM GETS X-RAY SPECS** 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:** April 2020

#### BOTS #8: THE LOST CAMERA 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: July 2020



#### THE ADVENTURES OF SOPHIE MOUSE #16: HATTIE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

By Poppy Green Illustrated by Jennifer A. Bell

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

Publication Date: March 2020



#### 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: May 2020



CAPTAIN AWESOME #22: CAPTAIN AWESOME SAYS THE MAGIC WORD

By Stan Kirby Illustrated by George O'Connor

Second grader Eugene McGillicudy 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

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 mystery series twins Ethan and Ella find friends and solve puzzles as they journey around the world with their travel-writer mother. 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: June 2020

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





ITTY BITTY PRINCESS KITTY #4: STAR SHOWERS **#5: THE CLOUD RACE** By Melody Mews Illustrated by Ellen Stubbings

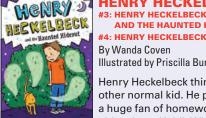
Itty Bitty Kitty is about to become the princess of Lollyland! Itty's excited, but when she learns about all the things that are going to change, she's also nervous. Itty begins to feel like she might not be cut out for this princess gig. Will Itty Bitty Kitty become Itty Bitty Princess Kitty, after all?

This fantastical and adorable series, perfect for emerging readers, is filled with unicorns, mermaids, fairies, magical talking flowers, and more!

Publication Date: #4: August 2020; #5: October 2020

ENRY HECKELBECK

AND THE HAUNTED HIDEOUT





#4: HENRY HECKELBECK SPELLS TROUBLE By Wanda Coven Illustrated by Priscilla Burris Henry Heckelbeck thinks he is just like any other normal kid. He plays soccer. He isn't a huge fan of homework. He even has an older sister, Heidi. What's not so normal

about Henry is his family. His sister and mom are magic. Not Henry, though . . . he's just normal. Or is he? Find out what happens when Henry gets his own magical Book of Spells in this brand-new series packed with magic and adventure.

Publication Date: #3: July 2020; #4: September 2020

Ages: 5–9 Page Extent: 128 pp



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#### **SUPER TURBO SAVES THE DAY!**

By Edgar Powers Imprint: Little Simon

In this brand-new graphic novel series inspired by the bestselling chapter books, the classroom pets of Sunnyview Elementary band together to form a superpet superhero league!

Turbo realizes that he's not the only superpet in town. As he meets fellow superpets, such as Wonder Pig and Boss Bunny, he also encounters a super villain: a rat who goes by the name of Whiskerface.

Publication Date: February 2021

Ages: 5–9 Page Extent: 144 pp





#### PUP DETECTIVES #1: THE FIRST CASE By Felix Gumpaw

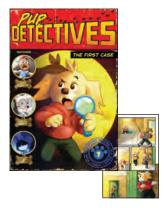
Imprint: Little Simon

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!

Welcome to Pawston Elementary. Most animals go about their business, behaving as good students should. But this school has a darker side, and that's where the Pup Detectives come in.

Publication Date: February 2021

Ages: 5–9 Page Extent: 144 pp





#### DRAGON KINGDOM OF WRENLY #1: THE COLDFIRE CURSE

By Jordan Quinn Imprint: Little Simon

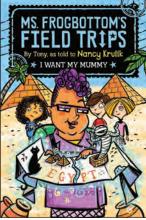
### Introducing an exciting new graphic novel series based on the beloved dragons from the Kingdom of Wrenly

Ruskin, the scarlet dragon from the Kingdom of Wrenly series, is flying off on his own adventures in this dragon-centric new series. Along with his new dragon friends Cinder and Groth, Ruskin must stop an ancient curse from destroying all of Wrenly.

Publication Date: February 2021

Ages: 5–9 Page Extent: 144 pp





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#### UNICORN UNIVERSITY #1: TWILIGHT, SAY CHEESE!

By Daisy Sunshine Illustrated by Monique Dong Imprint: Aladdin

#### MS. FROGBOTTOM'S FIELD TRIPS: #1: I WANT MY MUMMY (W.T.)

By Tony, as told to 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 one, Frogbottom whisks the class away to Egypt, where they not only come face-to-face with a mummy, but have to solve the riddle of his ancient curse!

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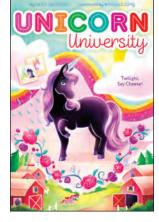
Ages: 7–10 Page Extent: 128 pp

### 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 Twilight, Sapphire, Shamrock, and Comet's first day at Unicorn University—the best unicorn boarding school around! All the fillies and colts are excited to make friends and develop their magical powers. But Twilight is nervous from the tip of her sparkly horn to the end of her shimmery tail. And when Twilight gets nervous, she loses control of her magic and flickers out of sight! She can't help worrying that the other unicorns will laugh at this power. Then Twilight turns invisible . . . and realizes she can't turn herself back! Will she be able to make herself visible in time for the class picture?

Publication Date: February 2021

Ages: 6–9 Page Extent: 128 pp





#### DEFINITELY DOMINGUITA #1: KNIGHT OF THE CAPE

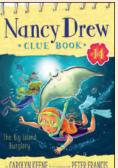
By Terry Catasús Jennings Illustrated by Mari Lobo Imprint: Aladdin

Dominguita Melendez loves to read—especially the books in Spanish her abuela gave her just before she moved away. It helps Dominguita feel like Abuela's still there. Then horrible Ernie Bublassi finds her reading *Don Quixote* and tells her that girls can't be knights! With the help of some unexpected new friends, can Dominguita prove to everyone—and herself—what she's capable of?

#### Publication Date: March 2021

Ages: 6–9 Page Extent: 144 pp \_\_\_\_

# Nancy Drew



#### NANCY DREW CLUE BOOK **#14: THE BIG ISLAND BURGLARY**

By Carolyn Keene Illustrated by Peter Francis Imprint: Aladdin

Readers can help solve mysteries alongside their favorite detective Nancy Drew, plus her friends Bess and George, in this interactive chapter book series.

Publication Date: July 2020

Ages: 6–9 Page Extent: 112 pp **RIGHTS SOLD:** Russian





#### NANCY DREW DIARIES **#20: THE VANISHING STATUE**

**Bv** Carolvn Keene Imprint: Aladdin

Nancy Drew and her friends Bess and George tackle everything from sabotage to kidnapping, using their impressive powers of deduction and reasoning.

Publication Date: May 2020 Ages: 8–12 Page Extent: 240 pp

**RIGHTS SOLD:** Norwegian, Russian, Turkish

# HARDY BOYS - Clue Book



#### **HARDY BOYS CLUE BOOK #12: SEA LIFE SECRETS** By Franklin W. Dixon

Illustrated by Santy Gutierrez Imprint: Aladdin

Join detective brothers Frank and Joe Hardy as they solve mysteries around Bayport! Readers can help solve each case with an interactive page in each book.

Publication Date: August 2020

Ages: 6–9 Page Extent: 96 pp





#### **HARDY BOYS ADVENTURES #21: A TREACHEROUS TIDE** By Franklin W. Dixon

Imprint: Aladdin

This suspense-filled series follows Joe and Frank Hardy as they rely on their wits, instincts, and intelligence to solve Bayport's toughest mysteries.

Publication Date: June 2020 Ages: 8–12 Page Extent: 144 pp



### CYNTHIA KADOHATA





#### SAUCY

By Cynthia Kadohata Illustrated by Marianna Raskin Imprint: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

À la *The One and Only Ivan,* a hilarious and heartwarming story about a girl and her ever-growing pig named Saucy from Newbery and National Book Award–winning author Cynthia Kadohata

Eleven-year-old Becca's three brothers are so good at so many things. And Becca is so good at . . . nothing. Until she spots a tiny sickly piglet on the side of the road, and it's as if everything clicks into place: This is her pig. And her name is Saucy. And Becca is supposed to take care of her.

With each ounce of strength—and pound of weight—Saucy gains, the closer she and Becca become . . . and the more trouble they get into.

But what do a destroyed kitchen, busted screen door, and looted grocery store matter when it comes to best friends?

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#### IT'S GIRLS LIKE YOU, MICKEY

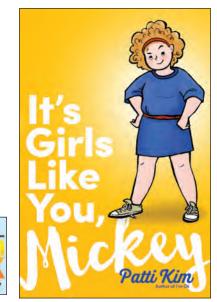
By Patti Kim Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

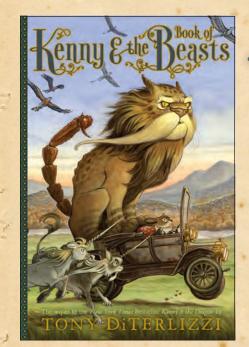
# Mickey navigates the pitfalls, heartbreaks, and triumphs of seventh grade in this uplifting book by the author of *I'm Ok*, which award-winning author Gene Luen Yang praised as "funny and heartfelt."

For the first time in her confident, bold life, Mickey McDonald is nervous about starting school. Her best friend, Ok, has moved away; her father has probably left town for good; and she can't afford to go back-to-school shopping. But she's going to make the best of things, because that's the kind of person Mickey is.

After a rough start, Mickey finds a new friend in Sun Joo, who has just moved to town. But things get complicated when a mean girl also takes a shine to Sun Joo. Suddenly Mickey is facing her first ever friend breakup, and it's getting harder and harder to keep her chin up. Luckily, Mickey's made of tough stuff.

Publication Date: June 2020
Ages: 10 up
Page Extent: 240 pp







By Tony DiTerlizzi Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

The lavishly illustrated follow-up to the charming and humorous Kenny & the Dragon from the creative mind behind the #1 New York Times bestselling Spiderwick Chronicles.

What can come between two best friends?

Since we last visited the once-sleepy village of Roundbrook a lot has changed for Kenny Rabbit. For starters, he's got a dozen new sisters! His friends are at different schools and Sir George is off adventuring. It seems the only thing Kenny can truly count on is his dragon buddy, Grahame. No matter how busy, crowded, or noisy life gets, it's nice to know Kenny will always have his best friend by his side.

That's before Dante arrives. Dante is a legendary manticore and an old friend of Grahame's. Old friends spend a lot of time catching up. And that catching up does not involve Kenny.

But there's a witch to defeat, a pal to rescue, and a mysterious book to unlock. And those are quests for best friends, not old friends.

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Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 224 pp

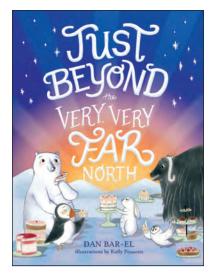
RIGHTS SOLD FOR KENNY & THE DRAGON: Chinese (simplified), Danish, French, German, Hebrew, Japanese, Portuguese (Portugal), Russian, Spanish, UK





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#### JUST BEYOND THE VERY, VERY FAR NORTH

By Dan Bar-el Illustrated by Kelly Pousette Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Join Duane the polar bear and his friends for more delightful adventures in the Very, Very Far North.

Past the place where icebergs shiver, beyond the spot that snowflakes prefer to avoid, you will find the Very, Very Far North. It's a place where no adventure is too big or too small for Duane the polar bear and his charming group of friends. You might like to share a delicious snow delight with warmhearted Duane. While you're slurping away, if C. C. suddenly asks you where you've come from, it's not because she's nosy; she is simply gathering scientific data. If Handsome, the musk ox, pays a visit, a quick hair-combing is highly recommended. Should you notice a quiet caribou grazing nearby, well, that's just Boo's way of saying hello.

And if a less than friendly visitor arrives to sneak, shove, and shake things up, Duane and the others might discover that life isn't always as peaceful as a late-midafternoon nap. Fortunately, they know that change is as much a part of life as picnics and Tuesdays and cozy stories shared among friends.

Publication Date: October 2020 Ages: 8–12 Page Extent: 272 pp RIGHTS SOLD FOR *THE VERY, VERY FAR NORTH*: Czech



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#### THE GREAT PET HEIST

By Emily Ecton Illustrated by David Mottram Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

## Butterbean the dachshund and her friends must pull off the heist of the century to keep from being sent to the pound.

Butterbean knew she wasn't always a good dog. Still, she'd never considered herself a BAD dog until the morning that her owner, Mrs. Food, fell in the hallway. Admittedly, the tile was slipperier than usual because Butterbean had just thrown up on it. (To be fair, she'd spent most of the morning chasing her tail.)



But now Butterbean and her fellow pets have to come up with a grand plan to support themselves in case Mrs. Food is unable to keep taking care of them. When they discover a mysterious man in their building who seems to have lots of loot, they plan a heist. Oscar the mynah bird is the brains of the operation. Walt the cat has the necessary slyness and slink. Marco and Polo are the reconnaissance rats. And Butterbean . . . well, no one would ever suspect the cute, slobbery one, right?

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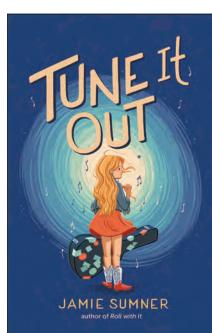
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#### **TUNE IT OUT**

By Jamie Sumner Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

From the author of the acclaimed *Roll with It* comes a moving middle-grade novel about a girl with a sensory processing disorder who has to find her own voice after her world turns upside down.

Lou Montgomery is a talented singer, or so her mother tells her and anyone else who will listen. But Lou can only hear the fear in her own voice. She's never liked crowds or loud noises or even high fives; in fact, she's terrified of all these things, which makes her pretty sure there's something wrong with her.

But when Lou crashes their pickup on a dark and snowy road, child services separate the mother-daughter duo. Now she has to start all over again at a fancy private school. With help from an outgoing new friend, her aunt and uncle, and the school counselor, she begins to see things differently. A sensory processing disorder isn't something to be ashamed of, and music might just be the thing that saves Lou—and maybe her mom, too.

Publication Date: September 2020 Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 288 pp



#### 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 vanguish 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.

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#### **PEPPER'S RULES FOR SECRET SLEUTHING**

By Briana McDonald Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

### Overzealous amateur sleuth Pepper Blouse investigates a shocking family secret and unravels the mystery of her developing feelings for girls.

Amateur detective Pepper Blouse has always held true to the first rule of mystery solving your loyalty is to the case—even if it means pushing people away. But when the results of Pepper's latest case cost her any hope of the girl she likes returning her feelings, she decides that maybe she should lie low for a while.

That is, until her great-aunt Florence passes away under mysterious circumstances. And even though her dad insists there's nothing to investigate, Pepper can't just ignore rule fourteen: Trust your gut. But there's nothing in the rulebook that could've prepared her for this.

Maybe it's time to stop playing by the rules.

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#### DONUT DREAMS #4: A DONUT FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

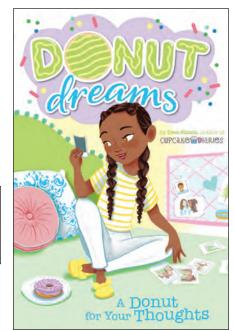
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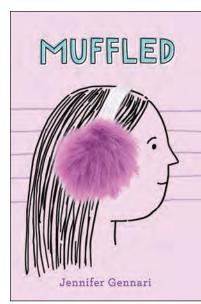
### The fourth book in a sweet, new middle-grade series from the author of Cupcake Diaries and Sprinkle Sundays

When Casey comes home from sleepaway camp, she thought she'd just step back into her old life. But it seems like everyone's changed a little bit, even her BFF Lindsay. Not only that, she made a new friend at camp, a boy named Matt. Casey can't decide for sure if she likes him as a friend, or if she likes-likes him. Add the fact that her mom is the assistant principal at her middle school into the mix, and Casey has a lot of new things to think about!

Publication Date: August 2020
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Page Extent: 160 pp







#### MUFFLED

By Jennifer Gennari Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

# Ten-year-old Amelia learns to cope with her noise sensitivity and to step outside her comfort zone at school and at home, in this heartwarming middle-grade story perfect for fans of *If This Were a Story* and *El Deafo*.

Amelia has always worn noise-canceling headphones to help with her sound sensitivity, but now that she's going into fifth grade, her parents want her to stop wearing them. Amelia tries wearing a pair of earmuffs instead, but she still struggles with noise and learning to play an instrument—or as Amelia sees it, making noise *on purpose*.

Things start to take a turn for the better when Amelia unexpectedly befriends a girl named Madge in music class. It's not long, though, before Amelia's quiet nature clashes with Madge's loud personality. And when Madge disappears after an argument, Amelia fears Madge might be in trouble. If she's going to help her new friend, Amelia will have to find a way to let in the noisy world she's muffled for so long.

Publication Date: October 2020

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#### UNWANTEDS QUESTS #6: DRAGON SLAYERS

By Lisa McMann Imprint: Aladdin

The *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling middle-grade fantasy series from Lisa McMann, sequel to the award-winning Unwanteds series, about twins from a land where creative abilities give them magical powers!

The penultimate book in the Unwanteds Quests series brings readers to the brink of the ultimate showdown!

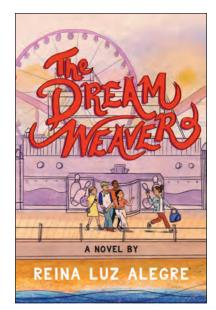
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#### THE DREAM WEAVER

By Reina Luz Alegre Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Twelve-year-old Zoey navigates the tricky waters of friendship while looking for a way to save her grandfather's struggling business in this heartwarming coming-of-age debut novel perfect for fans of Kristi Wientge, Donna Gephart, and Meg Medina.

Zoey comes from a family of dreamers. Her dad is constantly chasing jobs that never seem to work out. Zoey has always been willing to go along with whatever grand plans her dad dreams up—even if it means never staying in one place long enough to make real friends. But this summer Dad is leaving Zoey and older brother José behind at the Jersey Shore with their Poppy.

At first, Zoey feels as lost and alone as she did after her mami died. But soon she's distracted by an even bigger problem: the bowling alley that Poppy has owned for decades is in danger of closing! After befriending a group of local kids practicing for a bowling tournament, Zoey hatches a grand plan of her own to save the bowling alley and weave everyone's dreams together . . . until unexpected events turn Zoey's plan into one giant nightmare. Now, with her new friends counting on her, and with her family's happiness hanging in the balance, Zoey will have to decide what *her* own dream is—and how hard she's willing to fight for it.

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#### **KATARINA BALLERINA**

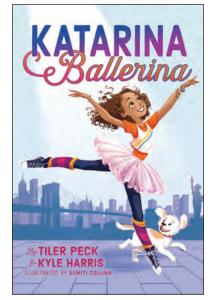
By Tiler Peck and Kyle Harris Imprint: Aladdin

#### A young girl lives out her ballerina dreams in this graceful start to a new series from New York City Ballet principal dancer Tiler Peck and actor Kyle Harris.

Ten-year-old Katarina is a New York City girl through and through, but she really wants to shake up her usual routine. Her big dream? To become a successful ballerina. With the help of a few new friends, Katarina finally puts on her first pair of ballet shoes, and she's determined to make it work. But her feet don't quite move the way she would like them to, the twirls and spins make her dizzy, and her classmates aren't exactly welcoming. When the head of the dance studio announces that there will be a competition to earn a spot in an upcoming dance camp, Katarina knows it could be her big chance.

Can this tiny dancer figure out how to shine in her own unique way?

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# New from the team that brought you FIVE FEET APART

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?

Kyle and Kimberley have been the perfect couple all through high school, but when Kimberley breaks up with Kyle on the night of their graduation party, his entire world upends—literally. His car crashes, and when he awakes, he has a brain injury. Kimberley is gone. And no one in his life could possibly understand.

Until Marley. Marley is suffering from her own loss, a loss she thinks was her fault. And when their paths cross, Kyle sees in her all the unspoken things he's feeling.

As Kyle and Marley work to heal their wounds, their feelings for each other get stronger. But Kyle can't shake the sense that he's headed for another crashing moment that will blow up his life as soon as he's started to put it back together.

And he's right.

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#### 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: October 2020 Ages: 12 up

Page Extent: 352 pp

#### **RECOMMENDED FOR YOU**

By Laura Silverman Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

When self-proclaimed nonreader Jake starts working at the same bookstore as Shoshanna, she becomes determined to beat him in the race for the holiday top bookseller bonus no matter the cost, in this charming and hilarious romcom for fans of Jenny Han and Morgan Matson.

Shoshanna Greenberg loves her job at Once Upon, the bookstore in her local mall. That is, until new hire (and nonreader) Jake Kaplan joins the staff. Besides being underwhelmed by her peppiness, he also happens to be annoyingly attractive *and* good at selling books. What's more, Jake challenges Shoshanna for the store's cash prize for the most successful bookseller, cash Shoshanna desperately needs to cover car repairs.

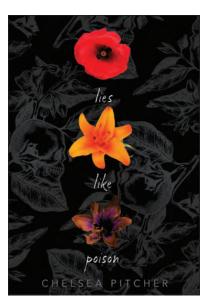
As far as Shoshanna's concerned, he's the ultimate villain. But there are two sides to every story, and Jake and Shoshanna are one plot twist away from discovering they might be more on the same page than either expects....

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Ages: 12 up

Page Extent: 272 pp





#### **LIES LIKE POISON**

By Chelsea Pitcher Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

When Belladonna is charged with a murder she conspired to commit—but didn't—it's up to her co-conspirators to uncover the truth and clear her name in this high-stakes whodunnit for fans of *Riverdale* and Kara Thomas's *The Cheerleaders*.

Raven, Poppy, Lily, and Belladonna were best friends once. They were so fiercely protective of one another, they would've done anything—even murder. Poppy, lily, belladonna—just one petal of each in a cup of morning tea, and Raven's abusive wicked stepmother would have been gone. But one girl gets cold feet, the plan is called off, and their friendship slowly splinters.

Years later, Raven's stepmother is found dead. But it's only belladonna in her tea, and there's enough evidence to put Belladonna herself away for good. Now she must unravel a complicated web of tumultuous history, betrayal, and murder... or face a lifetime of wrongful imprisonment.

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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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#### **MAGIC DARK AND STRANGE**

By Kelly Powell Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

### A girl with the ability to raise the dead must solve the mystery behind a magical timepiece in order to stop a series of murders, in this thrilling new adventure.

Catherine Daly brings back the dead for final goodbyes with their loved ones. But this magic comes with a price, for with every hour that a ghost is brought back, Catherine loses an hour from her own life.

When Catherine is tasked with collecting an old timepiece from a grave, she is stunned to find that the grave contains the body of a teenage boy and no timepiece at all. When Catherine raises him in search of answers, the boy is resurrected—not as a ghost, but permanently, and with no memory of how he died. Now dangerous enemies are closing in as Catherine attempts to unravel the connection between the undead boy and the timepiece—whose location has suddenly become a matter of life and death.

Publication Date: October 2020

Ages: 12 up Page Extent: 240 pp

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

By Lisa Maxwell Imprint: Simon Pulse

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

Bind the book. Stop the Order. Save the magic.

Esta is no stranger to high-stakes heists; she is a seasoned thief with no reservations about using her time-traveling abilities to give her an edge. But saving Harte—and magic itself—will put her skills to the test. *The Book of Mysteries* threatens to tear through the world and change the shape of magic forever, and only Esta and Harte stand in its way.

They race through time and across the country to steal back the remaining elemental stones needed to bind the book's power, stop the Order, and save the future of the Mageus.

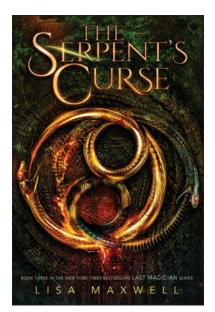
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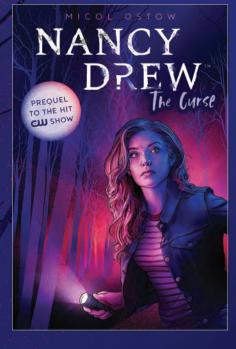
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# BASED ON THE CW TV SERIES NANCY DREW

#### THE CURSE

By Micol Ostow Imprint: Simon Pulse

Based on the TV series Nancy Drew, the most-watched new show on the CWI

A curse is just a mystery dressed up in a sharp, stern warning. And everyone knows that I love a mystery.

In this prequel novel, the beloved teen sleuth investigates a sinister, once-dormant curse that may be threatening her town. This is Nancy Drew for today, perfect for fans of *Riverdale, The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina,* and *Stranger Things*!

Nancy Drew isn't one for ghost stories. So when the annual Horseshoe Bay Naming Day celebration is threatened by eerie warnings of an old curse, Nancy is sure someone—someone human—is behind them. And no way is she letting this person stand in the way of her best friend, Daisy, finally getting her day in the spotlight as the lead in the much-anticipated Naming Day reenactment.

But as Nancy begins investigating, the so-called marks of the curse become bolder and more sinister. A vandalized locker and ominous notes are one thing, but soon enough lives—including Nancy's own—are at stake. Though the dreams and eerie visions plaguing Nancy are certainly just products of her own mind . . . right?

All old towns have their traditions and histories, but as Nancy will soon discover, those don't always tell the whole story.

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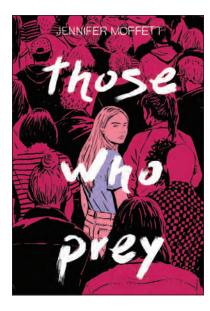
VOL. I: SECRETS CAN KILL, DEADLY INTENT, MURDER ON ICE VOL. II: SMILE AND SAY MURDER, HIT AND RUN HOLIDAY, WHITE WATER TERROR By Carolyn Keene Imprint: Simon Pulse

Keep up with Nancy Drew in these two thrilling YA collections, full of mysteries, intrigue, boys, and murder.

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#### **THOSE WHO PREY**

By Jennifer Moffett Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

### College freshman Emily is seduced into a campus cult and must survive a deadly mission trip to Italy in this psychological thriller from debut author Jennifer Moffett.

Emily expected college to be the place where she finally belonged. Instead, she walks the campus alone, still not having found her place or her people so far away from home.

Then the Kingdom finds her. The Kingdom, an exclusive on-campus group, offers Emily everything she expected out of college and more, including a mission trip to Italy. But the trip is not what Emily thought: the Kingdom's rituals become increasingly manipulative and dangerous . . . and someone ends up dead.

Part thriller and part coming-of-age story, *Those Who Prey* is a riveting and unsettling look at the lure of cults, questioning just how far we're willing to go to find where we belong.

Publication Date: November 2020 Ages: 14 up Page Extent: 352 pp

#### **STORM THE EARTH**

By Rebecca Kim Wells Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

### Maren and her girlfriend, Kaia, set out to rescue Sev and free the dragons from the corrupt emperor in the explosive finale to the journey that began with *Shatter the Sky*.

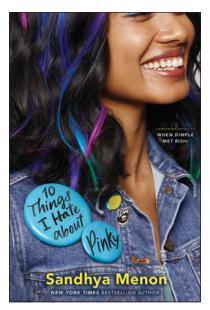
Maren's world was shattered when her girlfriend, Kaia, was abducted by the Aurati. After a daring rescue, they've finally been reunited, but Maren's life is still in pieces: Kaia seems more like a stranger than the lover Maren knew back home; Naava, the mother of all dragons, has retreated into seclusion to recover from her wounds, leaving Maren at a loss for how to set the rest of the dragons free; and worst of all, her friend Sev has been captured by the emperor's Talons.

As a prisoner of Zefed, Sev finds himself entangled in a treacherous game of court politics. With more people joining the rebellion, whispers of a rogue dragon mistress spreading, and escape seeming less likely with each passing day, Sev knows that it won't be long before the emperor decides to make an example of him. If he's to survive, he'll have to strike first—or hope Maren reaches him in time.

With the final battle for Zefed looming, Maren must set aside her fears, draw upon all she's learned about her dragon-touched abilities, and face her destiny once and for all. But when the fighting is over and the smoke clears, who will be left standing?

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#### **10 THINGS I HATE ABOUT PINKY**

By Sandhya Menon Imprint: Simon Pulse

### The delightful follow-up to *When Dimple Met Rishi* and *There's Something about Sweetie* follows Pinky and Samir as they pretend to date—with disastrous and hilarious results.

Pinky Kumar wears the social justice warrior badge with pride. From raccoon hospitals to persecuted rock stars, no cause is too esoteric for her to champion. But a teeny-tiny part of her also really enjoys making her conservative, buttoned-up corporate lawyer parents cringe.

Samir Jha might have a few . . . quirks remaining from the time he had to take care of his sick mother, like the endless lists he makes in his planner and the way he schedules every minute of every day, but those are good things. They make life predictable and steady.

Pinky loves lazy summers at her parents' Cape Cod lake house, but after listening to them harangue her about the poor decisions (aka boyfriends) she's made, she hatches a plan. Get her sorta-friend-sorta-enemy, Samir—who is a total Harvard-bound Mama's boy—to pose as her perfect boyfriend for the summer. As they bicker their way through lighthouses and butterfly habitats, sparks fly, and they both realize this will be a summer they'll never forget.

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Ages: 12 up

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#### **OF PRINCES AND PROMISES**

By Sandhya Menon Imprint: Simon Pulse

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.

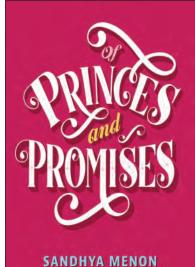
Rahul Chopra knows that moment he shared with Caterina LaValle at the homecoming dance meant something. Surely, she feels it too. He's a little uncertain how someone like him (socially inept to a point way past "adorkable") could fit into her world, but he's loved Caterina for years. He knows they'll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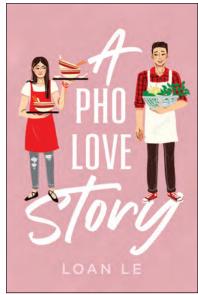
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New York Times bestseling author of When Dimple Met Rish

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#### **GIRL, UNFRAMED**

By Deb Caletti Imprint: Simon Pulse

### A summer in San Francisco with her mother turns dark for Sydney Reilly in this slow burn thriller by National Book Award finalist and Printz Honoree Deb Caletti

Sydney Reilly has a bad feeling about going home to San Francisco even before she gets on the plane. Because her mother is Lila Shore, *the* Lila Shore, sex object and film star, who prizes her beauty above all else . . . certainly above her daughter.

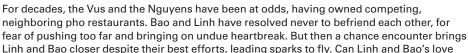
Making things worse, Lila's involved with the dangerous Jake, an art dealer who loves all beautiful objects, and because Sydney herself has suddenly become beautiful, she feels more eyes on her, good eyes and bad ones—the sweet eyes of Nicco Ricci, the unsettling eyes of the construction worker next door, Jake's eyes, and even Lila's.

It's unnerving—how beauty is complicated, and objects have histories, and you can be looked at without ever being seen. But real danger, crimes of passion, the kind of stuff where someone gets killed—it mostly happens in the movies, Sydney is sure. Until the night something life-changing happens on the stairs that lead to the beach, when Sydney learns a terrible truth: beautiful objects can break.

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their competing neighboring restaurants.

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

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.

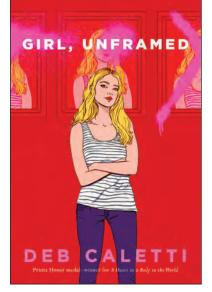
survive in the midst of feuding families and complicated histories?

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A PHO LOVE STORY

By Loan Le Imprint: Simon Pulse





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