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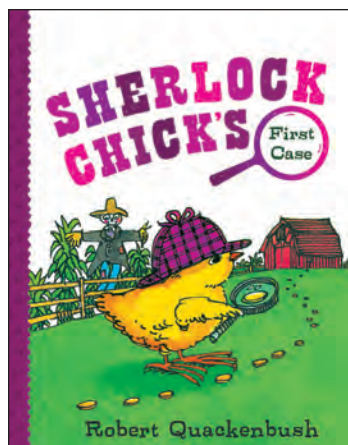
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SHERLOCK CHICK'S FIRST CASE

By Robert Quackenbush
Imprint: Aladdin

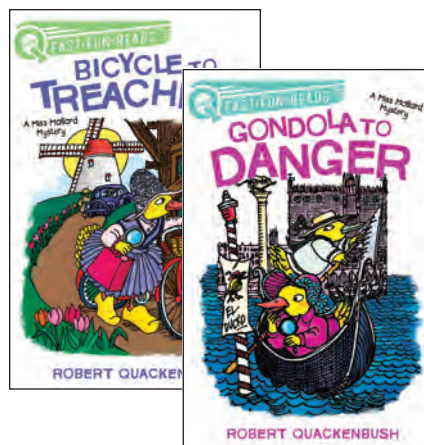
Look out, Sherlock Holmes! Sherlock Chick hatched from his egg with a detective's hat and magnifying glass, and he's on the case in this adorable, easy-to-follow mystery from Robert Quackenbush.

Within moments of his birth, Sherlock Chick is living up to the name he's just been given. His parents tell him their feed bin is empty, and they don't know who might have taken their corn. Sherlock follows the trail of corn, questioning animals along the way, until he finds the corn and the culprits. Will Sherlock Chick be able to get that corn back where it belongs?

Publication Date: February 2019

Ages: 4–8

Page Extent: 48 pp



MISS MALLARD MYSTERIES: BICYCLE TO TREACHERY GONDOLA TO DANGER

By Robert Quackenbush
Imprint: Aladdin

In *Bicycle to Treachery*, Miss Mallard runs into danger when she unwittingly uncovers a smuggling operation while on a bicycle trip across Holland.

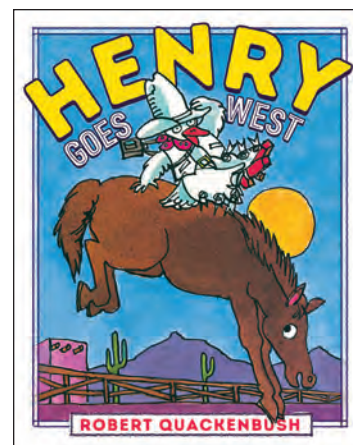
In *Gondola to Danger*, Miss Mallard finds herself chasing a stolen masterpiece through Venice's maze of canals while attending an opera festival.

Publication Date: January 2019

Ages: 5–8

Page Extent: 80 pp

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Romanian



HENRY DUCK: HENRY GOES WEST HENRY'S AWFUL MISTAKE

By Robert Quackenbush
Imprint: Aladdin

Children and parents alike will love following disaster-prone Henry Duck in this series by celebrated and legendary author Robert Quackenbush.

In *Henry Goes West*, when Henry Duck goes out to the wild, wild West to visit his friend Clara, he finds out that he has another surprise waiting for him back home.

In *Henry's Awful Mistake*, Henry Duck prepares a delicious dinner! But when he sees an annoying ant in his kitchen, he quickly learns that one tiny little ant can turn into huge and hilarious trouble!

Publication Date: *Henry Goes West*:
November 2018; *Henry's Awful
Mistake*: June 2019

Ages: 4–8

Page Extent: 48 pp



OUR PRINCIPAL'S IN HIS UNDERWEAR!

By Stephanie Calmenson
Illustrated by Aaron Blecha
Imprint: Aladdin

A unique principal named Mr. Bundy runs P.S. 88 in this silly, fun-to-read Aladdin QUIX chapter book that's perfect for emerging readers!

Mr. Bundy gets a brand-new outfit, but he's the only one in P.S. 88 that thinks it's spectacular! In this clever twist on *The Emperor's New Clothes*, acclaimed author Stephanie Calmenson turns a beloved fairy tale on its ear with the silly adventures of Mr. Bundy.

Publication Date: January 2019

Ages: 5–8

Page Extent: 64 pp



ROYAL SWEETS #3: STOLEN JEWELS

By Helen Perelman
Illustrated by Olivia Chin Mueller
Imprint: Aladdin

Princess Mini goes on a class trip with all the other students at the Royal Fairy Academy in this third supersweet Aladdin QUIX story.

Princess Mini's wish is finally coming true: her class is going to see the Sugar Crown Jewels! She has always dreamt of seeing the sparkly purple and pink, gold and silver gems, and she can't wait to see the dazzling display at the Chocolate Museum. But when the class arrives, the jewels are nowhere to be seen! Oh no! Were they stolen? Can Mini and her fairy friends solve the mystery?

Read all about Princess Mini and her merry misadventures at Royal Fairy Academy, in a new Royal Sweets book by Helen Perelman, author of the beloved Candy Fairies series.

Publication Date: January 2019

Ages: 5–8

Page Extent: 80 pp





MIA MAYHEM

#1: MIA MAYHEM IS A SUPERHERO!

#2: MIA MAYHEM LEARNS TO FLY!

By Kara West

Illustrated by Leeza Hernandez

Imprint: Little Simon

Meet Mia Macarooney, an ordinary eight-year-old who finds out that she has an extraordinary secret!

In book one, eight-year-old Mia Macarooney finds out that she's a superhero! Her life goes from totally ordinary to totally super when she's invited to attend the afterschool Program for In-Training Superheroes, a.k.a. the PITS. All her life, Mia thought she was just a super klutz, but it turns out she's just super! Now it's up to Mia to balance her everyday life and her secret identity as she learns how to be the world's newest superhero!

In *Mia Mayhem Learns to Fly!*, Mia is placed in a beginner's flying class with kindergarteners. Struggling, she is ready to give up. But luckily, with help from her best friend, Eddie, and the superschool's most talented flier, Mia finally learns how to get off the ground.

With easy-to-read language and illustrations on almost every page, the Mia Mayhem chapter books are perfect for emerging readers.

Publication Date: December 2018

Ages: 5–9

Page Extent: 128 pp

BOTS

#1: THE MOST ANNOYING ROBOTS IN THE UNIVERSE

#2: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE COWBOTS

By Russ Bolts

Illustrated by Jay Cooper

Imprint: Little Simon

Meet Joe Bot and Rob Ot, the two most bighearted but goofily annoying robots in the entire universe!

In *The Most Annoying Robots in the Universe*, Joe and Rob have found some strange video cameras that fell out of the sky. Now these two best bot buddies are recording their every adventure and mistakenly beaming it down to Earth!

In *The Good, the Bad, and the Cowbots*, welcome to the Wild West the way it was intended to be: with robots as the cowboys! In this second adventure, join Joe and Rob as they mosey along on horsebots, herd robocows, and stop the badbots from stealing gold from the stagecoach.

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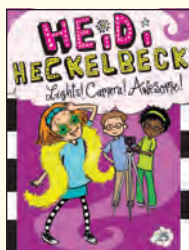
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Little Simon Chapter Books Are Filling the Gap!

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



HEIDI HECKELBECK

#25: LIGHTS! CAMERA! AWESOME!

By Wanda Coven
Illustrated by Priscilla Burris

Heidi stars in a video project to be the new host of the school's weekly news program.

Publication Date: December 2018

RIGHTS SOLD: French, Hungarian, Spanish, Turkish



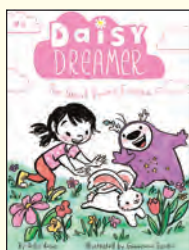
RIDER WOOFSON

#10: THE VERY FIRST CASE

By Walker Styles
Illustrated by Ben Whitehouse

As Rider relives the PI Pack's very first case, he discovers that someone has stolen all the past evidence!

Publication Date: March 2018



DAISY DREAMER

#9: THE GREAT BUNNY ESCAPE

By Holly Anna
Illustrated by Genevieve Santos

When a friend's pet bunny escapes into the World of Make-Believe, Daisy and Posey have to track him down.

Publication Date: February 2019

RIGHTS SOLD: Hebrew



SUPER TURBO

#8: SUPER TURBO GETS CAUGHT

By Lee Kirby
Illustrated by George O'Connor

It's just another typical night as Super Turbo makes his rounds at Sunnyview Elementary, until he finds himself trapped in a mousetrap.

Publication Date: November 2018



THE ADVENTURES OF SOPHIE MOUSE

#14: THE SWEET PARADE

By Poppy Green
Illustrated by Jennifer A. Bell

When Sophie helps her mom bake all sorts of sweets, they realize there's plenty to share with the nearby village. Can they find their way there before the sweets go bad?

Publication Date: April 2019

RIGHTS SOLD: Chinese (simplified)



THE KINGDOM OF WRENLY

#13: THE THIRTEENTH KNIGHT

By Jordan Quinn
Illustrated by Robert McPhillips

Clara has entered a contest to find the legendary Thirteenth Knight.

Publication Date: May 2018



THE CRITTER CLUB

#19: LIZ AND THE NOSY NEIGHBOR

By Callie Barkley
Illustrated by Tracy Bishop

Artistic Liz has the best idea for her class project, and she's keeping it top secret. Now, if only her new neighbor would stop being so nosy!

Publication Date: September 2018



CAPTAIN AWESOME

#21: CAPTAIN AWESOME AND THE TRAPDOOR

By Stan Kirby
Illustrated by George O'Connor

Eugene is sure someone has been stealing all his old toys. Will the trapdoor he discovered lead him to the answer?

Publication Date: February 2019

RIGHTS SOLD: Turkish



CRAFTILY EVER AFTER

#6: BREAKING THE PIGGY BANK

By Martha Maker
Illustrated by Xindi Yan

The friends decide to combine their skills and use the last of their allowance to create their very own business: a lemonade stand!

Publication Date: December 2018



DESMOND COLE, GHOST PATROL

#7: THE SLEEPWALKING SNOWMAN

By Andres Miedoso
Illustrated by Victor Rivas

When a local kid builds the perfect snowman, it comes to life. Now it's up to Desmond and Andres to chill this overgrown snowball out before the whole town gets frozen.

Publication Date: January 2019

For all chapter books (unless otherwise noted):

Ages: 5–9 **Page Extent:** 128 pp

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA THE SERIES



MAVIS MAKES A FRIEND

Adapted by Sheila Sweeny Higginson
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

This Ready-to-Read retells a popular episode of the series. Mavis is eager to prove she can take care of a living creature, and she rescues a so-called “bad egg” from Quasimodo’s clutches. Mavis raises little Wegglesley until he hatches, and she soon has a vampire-eating, bad little egg on her hands.

Publication Date: December 2018

Ages: 5–7

Page Extent: 32 pp



OPERATION GLITTER HERO

Adapted by Natalie Shaw
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

This chapter book retells a popular episode of the series and comes with full-color illustrations throughout!

When Dr. Gillman saves Wendy’s life, she feels forever indebted to him. Actually, he simply removes gum from her ponytail, but she is super grateful nonetheless. Wendy’s selfless nature plus the Blob family’s code of honor compels her to be by his side 24/7 until she finds a way to save his life. The good doctor prefers to fly solo, so he turns to Mavis for help. Mavis has a plan, but it doesn’t exactly go smoothly. Before long, Wendy is trying to save everyone at the hotel. In doing so she literally spreads herself too thin—attaching blobettes (mini versions of herself) to whomever she encounters. Will Mavis figure out a way to restore Wendy to her whole, adorable self?

Publication Date: December 2018

Ages: 6–9

Page Extent: 64 pp



COVER NOT FINAL

THE CREEPIEST SLEEPOVER EVER

Adapted by Ximena Hastings
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

In this Ready-to-Read, Mavis is thrilled to be reunited with her two friends Sophie and Charlotte, twin werewolves from her Ghoul Scout troop. But when Aunt Lydia smells humans on the premises, she orders a lockdown of the castle and a search of the entire hotel. Mavis loves the idea of having her friends stay even longer, but the twins don’t. They’re hiding a big secret that may put them straight in the path of Aunt Lydia’s search party!

Publication Date: July 2019

Ages: 5–7

Page Extent: 32 pp



COVER NOT FINAL

PUMPKIN GUTS VERSUS THE VAMPIRES

Adapted by Natalie Shaw
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

On Halloween a curious Mavis and her friends break with tradition and do something every monster has been warned not to do: they go trick-or-treating. How much trouble can they cause? Plenty, apparently. According to legend, when monsters go out on Halloween they conjure up Pumpkin Guts, a centuries-old spirit who wants to turn all monsters into jack-o’-lanterns. Luckily, Drac finds out. Surely, he can help Mavis before she’s reduced to a pile of seeds and guts!

Publication Date: May 2019

Ages: 6–9

Page Extent: 64 pp





SPRINKLE SUNDAYS

#5: SPRINKLES BEFORE SWEETHEARTS

#6: TOO MANY TOPPINGS!

By Coco Simon

Imprint: Simon Spotlight

Enjoy a sprinkle of happy with this fun, sweet series about three best friends working in an ice cream shop, from the author of the Cupcake Diaries!

In *Sprinkles Before Sweethearts*, it feels like everyone around Tamiko is crazy in love, and it's driving her crazy! Thankfully, Allie and Sierra would rather brainstorm new ice cream flavors than squeal over a crush. But there's a small voice inside Tamiko that keeps wondering: Is there something wrong with her if she's more interested in sprinkles than sweethearts?

In *Too Many Toppings!*, Sierra thinks she has everything under control—she loves staying busy. But between working in the ice cream shop, after-school sports, and being asked to be the lead singer in a band, has Sierra taken on more than she can handle? What's a girl who wants to have it all to do?

Publication Date: *Sprinkles*: December 2018; *Toppings*: February 2019

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 160 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: French

CUPCAKE DIARIES

#32: ALEXIS'S HALF-BAKED IDEA

By Coco Simon

Imprint: Simon Spotlight

Alexis gets a taste of sibling rivalry in the next book in our supersweet and popular series about friendship and the trials of middle school.

After Alexis receives a stack of practical birthday gifts, she decides it's time to change her image. She wants to be more like her carefree, popular older sister, Dylan. So she tries out for cheerleading, without really thinking about what that entails. Not only that, Dylan was a star on her cheerleading squad, so all Alexis hears is "Dylan, Dylan, Dylan!" It's time for Alexis to stop comparing herself to her sister and find a way to shine that's all her own.

Publication Date: June 2019

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 160 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Dutch, French, Indonesian, Portuguese (Brazil), Turkish, UK





AN ADA LACE ADVENTURE #5: ADA LACE AND THE SUSPICIOUS ARTIST

By Emily Calandrelli
Illustrated by Renée Kurilla
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

From Emily Calandrelli—Emmy-nominated host of *Xploration Outer Space*, correspondent on *Bill Nye Saves the World*, and graduate of MIT—comes the fifth novel in a fun, illustrated chapter book series about an eight-year-old girl with a knack for science, math, and solving mysteries with technology.

Third grader and inventor extraordinaire Ada Lace is on spring break. But it's just a little less relaxing than she'd imagined. Nina is beside herself with excitement about meeting her favorite artist, and she enlists Ada and Mr. Peebles's coding-whiz nephew to help revamp her online portfolio.

When Nina finally meets Miroir, he snubs her, and her confidence is shaken—but not enough to miss the art show opening. While there, Ada spots a suspiciously familiar painting that may mean Miroir isn't the original he claims to be. Will the friends be able to reveal the artist's true nature, before he fools someone else?

Publication Date: February 2019

Ages: 6–10

Page Extent: 128 pp

SAM THE MAN & THE CELL PHONE PLAN (W.T.)

By Frances O'Roark Dowell
Illustrated by Amy June Bates
Imprint: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

The fifth book in the glowingly reviewed Sam the Man series

Here are the facts: Sam Graham is an information man. But to get information, you need to do research. You never know when you'll need an urgent piece of info—like, say, the number for a chicken emergency hotline—so a resource for instant research is a must! This is why Sam needs a cell phone.

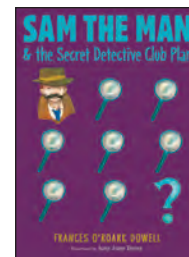
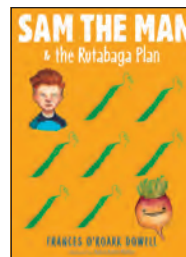
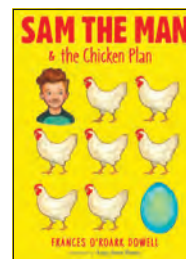
Unfortunately, Mom and Dad disagree. So Sam has to come up with a plan. But what is small enough to fit in your pocket and can hold all the information you need? Sam will have to go old-school with his latest plan. Luckily, retro is in, and like Nick in Andrew Clements's *Frindle*, Sam might just start the latest trend!

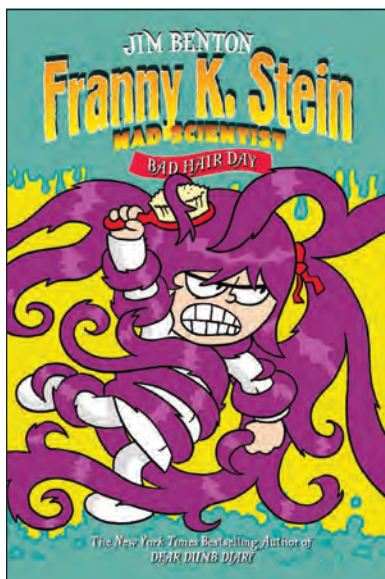
Publication Date: June 2019

Ages: 6–9

Page Extent: 128 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Korean





FRANNY K. STEIN, MAD SCIENTIST #8: BAD HAIR DAY

By Jim Benton

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Franny K. Stein is back with another laugh-aloud scientific adventure from bestselling author-illustrator Jim Benton!

Franny K. Stein isn't a fan of glamour. But sometimes Franny wonders if her mom wishes she were different. Which gives Franny an idea . . . for an experiment! What if she can turn the beauty products her mom loves into something more exciting?

Publication Date: July 2019

Ages: 6–10

Page Extent: 112 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Basque, Chinese (simplified), Japanese, Korean, Polish, Spanish, UK, Vietnamese

FRANKIE SPARKS AND THE CLASS PET FRANKIE SPARKS AND THE TALENT SHOW TRICK

By Megan Frazer Blakemore

Illustrated by Nadja Sarell

Imprint: Aladdin

A brand-new chapter book series—like Ivy and Bean meets Aliens in My Pocket—featuring Frankie Sparks, a self-proclaimed “best inventor in the third-grade,” who uses her love for science and math to help her solve school and friend issues

In *Frankie Sparks and the Class Pet*, the best thing ever is happening in Frankie's class: They are getting a class pet! Their teacher, Miss Cupid, tells them they can help choose the pet. Frankie thinks that a rat—just like the rats in her beloved aunt Gina's lab—would be the perfect fit. But her best friend, Maya, thinks rats are kind of gross and not as cool as a hermit crab, which is Maya's top choice. Using her special workshop, can Frankie find a way to convince her teacher and her best friend that Team Rat is the way to go?

In *Frankie Sparks and the Talent Show Trick*, it's time for the annual school talent show, and Frankie is excited to audition with her magic act! But on the day of the audition, her magician's assistant, Maya, gets a big case of stage fright! How can Maya be Frankie's helper onstage if she can't bring herself to speak in front of their audience? It's up to Frankie Sparks to invent the perfect thing to help her best friend cope with the spotlight!

Publication Date: June 2019

Ages: 7–10

Page Extent: 144 pp





TOM SWIFT INVENTORS' ACADEMY #1: THE DRONE PURSUIT

By Victor Appleton
Imprint: Aladdin

Tom Swift, inventor and boy genius, is back!

When your dad is the head of the technology giant Swift Enterprises, you're bound to have more than a little tech at your disposal. Tom's dad also funds the neighboring Swift Academy of Science and Technology. And at this school, no one bats an eye when Tom and his best friend, Noah, test out their new virtual reality drone before class. Being students at the academy also means that they get to watch a documentary about the FBI's most wanted hackers from the '80s. It doesn't take long for their brainiac friends to start theorizing that the academy custodian is one of the missing hackers.

At first, Tom dismisses this idea as another one of his friends' far-reaching conspiracy theories. But through their new drone, he begins to spy the custodian acting suspiciously around school. As Tom and his friends search for evidence that their custodian is the missing hacker, the signs become impossible to ignore when Tom starts getting threatening messages that warn him away from investigating. And when someone releases a virus in the school servers, all bets are off as the adjoining servers at Swift Enterprises come under fire. Can Tom and his friends uncover the true culprit before it's too late?

Publication Date: July 2019

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 128 pp

MRS. SMITH'S SPY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS #3 DOUBLE CROSS

By Beth McMullen
Imprint: Aladdin

Book three in the thrilling Mrs. Smith's Spy School series! Perfect for fans of Stuart Gibbs.

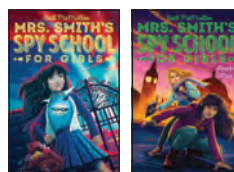
Abby and her classmates have been invited to Briar Academy to participate in the annual tech competition. While there, they figure out their nemesis, The Ghost, is using Briar as headquarters to plan a devastating attack on his enemies (pretty much everyone) using a brand-new invention Toby developed. And this time, The Center and Mrs. Smith will be of no help as Veronica discovers there is someone working for The Ghost on the inside—and they can trust no one.

Publication Date: August 2019

Ages: 9–13

Page Extent: 256 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: German, Russian





THE GRIFFINS OF CASTLE CARY

By Heather Shumaker

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

A charming, adventure-filled debut novel that's perfect for fans of the Penderwicks series

Siblings Meg, Will, and Ariel Griffin are off on an adventure! They can't wait to spend a week visiting their eccentric aunt and her giant, drooling, Newfoundland dog in England. But when they finally arrive, they're faced with local secrets that stir up more than a little trouble. Add in some peculiar lights, strange new friends, a police chase, and stampeding sheep, and the Griffins are in over their heads. This town has a ghost problem, and Meg and Will must race to solve the mystery before the ghosts take something that doesn't belong to them.

Publication Date: March 2019

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 320 pp

GENESIS BEGINS AGAIN

By Alicia D. Williams

Imprint: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

This deeply sensitive and powerful debut novel tells the story of a thirteen-year-old who is filled with self-loathing and must overcome internalized racism and a verbally abusive family to finally learn to love herself.

There are ninety-six things Genesis hates about herself. She knows the exact number, because she keeps a list. Like #95: Because her skin is so dark, people call her “charcoal” and “eggplant”—even her own family. And #61: Her family is always being put out of their house, belongings laid out on the sidewalk for the world to see. When your dad is a gambling addict and loses the rent money every month, eviction is a regular occurrence.

What's not so regular is that this time they don't have a place to crash, so Genesis and her mom have to stay with her grandma. It's not that Genesis doesn't like her grandma, but she and Mom always fight. But things aren't all bad. Genesis actually likes her new school: she's made a couple of friends, and her choir teacher says she has real talent and encourages Genesis to join the talent show.

But how can Genesis believe anything her teacher says when her dad tells her the exact opposite? How can she stand up in front of all those people with her dark, dark skin knowing even her own family thinks less of her because of it? And when Genesis reaches #100 on the list of things she hates about herself, how can she find the strength to stop counting and start loving herself?

Publication Date: January 2019

Ages: 9–13

Page Extent: 336 pp





BEST FAMILY EVER

By Karen Kingsbury

Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

Much-loved storyteller Karen Kingsbury's Baxter Family books have captured the hearts of millions who have come to think of the Baxter family as their own. Now she and her son, Tyler Russell, tell the childhood stories of the beloved Baxter children—Brooke, Kari, Ashley, Erin, and Luke—to inspire and entertain younger readers.

Brooke is the perfect older sister. For that reason, Kari and Ashley work hard to make their parents just as proud of them as they are of Brooke. Each girl has her own talents. Brooke is an excellent student. Kari is a great soccer player. Ashley, a talented artist. And they are always there for each other. But when the news comes that Dr. Baxter is moving the family from Ann Arbor to Bloomington, Indiana, and the Baxters need to leave the only home and friends they've ever known, no one is happy. Saying good-bye is hard, but the family still has what's most important—their faith and their love for one another.

The first book in the Baxter Family Children series tells the story of what it was like to grow up in the Baxter family, the best family ever.

Publication Date: February 2019

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 288 pp

CAMP SHADY CROOK

By Lee Gjersten Malone

Imprint: Aladdin

It's *Ocean's Eleven* set in a summer camp as two kids try to one-up each other at a camp that isn't quite what it seems. . . .

For Archie, the start of summer means another stint at Camp Shady Brook, where there is a lot more to the camp than meets the eye—just like Archie and his now-blended family. But thanks to a con Archie developed last year, he's finally somebody, and he's not going to lose that status to the new girl, Vivian.

For Vivian, thanks to an incident That Shall Not Be Named or Spoken Of, her summer of exotic travels with Mom and Dad has turned into traveling to a dump of a summer camp in the middle of nowhere.

But Vivian soon finds herself in the ring of cons as they try to one-up each other and discover that Camp Shady Brook is more like Camp Shady *Crook*. And when one final, massive con could cost Vivian the first friend she's had in a while, can these two figure out a way to make things right?

Publication Date: May 2019

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 272 pp



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THE LEAGUE OF SECRET HEROES

#1: CAPE

By Kate Hannigan

Imprint: Aladdin

***Hidden Figures* meets *Wonder Woman* in this action-packed adventure about a brilliant girl coder who discovers she's part of a superhero trifecta!**

Josie O'Malley does a lot to help out Mam after her father goes off to fight the Nazis, but she wishes she could do more—like all those great, caped crusaders during World War I who now seem to have disappeared. If Josie can't fly and control weather like her idol, Zenobia, maybe she can put her math smarts to use as one of the government's special "puzzlers." Then she might feel better able to cope with the recent telegram delivered to her family by Western Union.

An official tosses out her puzzler test because she's a girl, but it soon becomes clear that an even more top-secret agency has its eye on Josie, along with two other applicants: Akiko and Mae, both of whom share personal experiences that amplify their convictions about justice. Josie, Akiko, and Mae bond over their shared love of female superhero celebrities, from Fantomah to Zenobia to the Black Cat. But then—after one extraordinary afternoon—they find themselves transformed into the newest (and youngest!) superheroes in town, a trio whose slowly emerging abilities will be crucial in thwarting a shapeshifting henchman of Hitler, and, just maybe, in solving an even larger mystery about the missing superheroes.

Publication Date: August 2019

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 304 pp

CHARLIE HERNÁNDEZ AND THE LEAGUE OF SHADOWS

By Ryan Calejo

Imprint: Aladdin

***The Lightning Thief* meets Story Thieves in a middle-grade fantasy based on Hispanic folklore, legends, and myths from the Iberian Peninsula and Central and South America**

Charlie Hernández has always been proud of his Hispanic heritage. He loves the culture, the art, and especially the myths. Thanks to his abuela's stories, Charlie possesses an almost encyclopedic knowledge of the monsters and ghouls who have spent the last five hundred years haunting the imaginations of children. And even though his grandmother hinted that the tales might be more than mere myth, Charlie knew the stories were just make-believe.

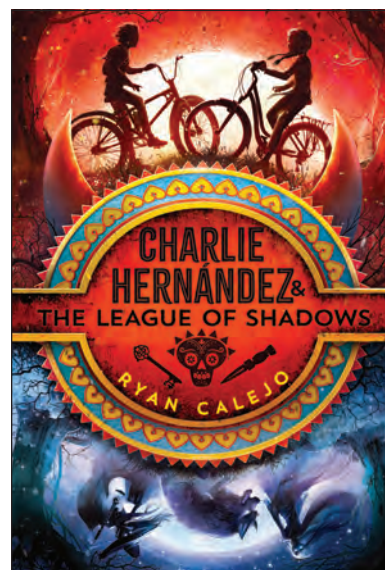
But when Charlie begins to experience freaky bodily manifestations—ones all too similar to those described by his abuela—he is suddenly swept up in a world where the mythical beings he's spent his entire life hearing about seem to be walking straight out of the pages of Hispanic folklore and into his life.

Soon, Charlie finds himself in the middle of an ancient battle between La Liga, a secret society of legendary mythological beings sworn to protect the Land of the Living, and La Mano Negra (aka the Black Hand) a cabal of evil spirits determined to rule mankind. With only the help of his lifelong crush, Violet Rey, and his abuela's stories to guide him, Charlie must navigate a world where monsters and brujas rule—that is, if he has any hope of discovering what's happening to him and saving his missing parents (oh, and maybe even the world). No pressure, muchacho.

Publication Date: October 2018

Ages: 10–14

Page Extent: 336 pp





THE BATTLE

By Karuna Riazi

Imprint: Salaam Reads

The game begins again in this gripping follow-up to *The Gauntlet* that's a futuristic Middle Eastern *Zathura* meets *Ready Player One*!

Four years after the events of *The Gauntlet*, the evil game Architect is back with a new partner-in-crime—the MasterMind—and the pair aim to get revenge on the Mirza clan. Together, they've rebuilt Paheli into a slick, mind-bending world with floating skyscrapers, flying rickshaws run by robots, and a digital funicular rail that doesn't always take you exactly where you want to go.

Twelve-year-old Ahmad Mirza struggles to make friends at his new middle school, but when he's paired with his classmate Winnie for a project, he is determined to impress her and make his very first friend. At home while they're hard at work, a gift from big sister Farah—who is away at her first year in college—arrives. It's a high-tech game called the Battle of Blood and Iron, a cross between a video game and board game, complete with virtual reality goggles. He thinks his sister has solved his friend problem—all kids love games. He convinces Winnie to play, but as soon as they unbox the game, time freezes all over New York City.

With time standing still and people frozen, all of humankind is at stake as Ahmad and Winnie face off with the MasterMind and the Architect, hoping to beat them at their own game before the evil plotters expand Paheli and take over the entire world.

Publication Date: August 2019

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 384 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *THE GAUNTLET*: Czech, German, Spanish



THE TROUBLE WITH SHOOTING STARS

By Meg Cannistra

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Debut author Meg Cannistra writes a heartfelt story of magic, healing, and the importance of family.

Twelve-year-old Luna loves the nighttime more than anything else. It's when no one gives her "that look" about the half-mask she has to wear while healing from a disfiguring car accident. It's also the perfect time to sit outside and draw what she sees. Like the boy and girl from the new family next door . . . zipping out of the window in a zeppelin balloon and up to the stars.

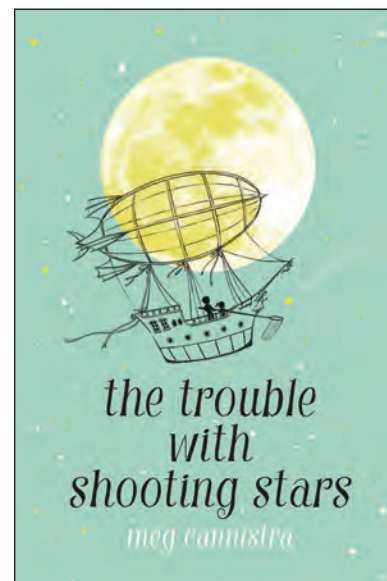
At first, she thinks she's dreaming. But one night, they catch her watching, and she learns that Alessandro and Chiara are *spazzatrici*—part of an old order of moon and star sweeps from Italy. Soon, Luna begins to spend her nights on adventures with them, as they clean full moons, arrange constellations, and catch jars of stardust to use in their magical potions and balms, and she starts to feel a little more like herself before the accident.

But when she helps the duo catch a shooting star, she asks for a wish and learns that no wish is strong enough to erase the past—as much as she may hope to.

Publication Date: August 2019

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 352 pp





DREAM WITHIN A DREAM

By Patricia MacLachlan

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

In this newest book by Newbery Award-winning author Patricia MacLachlan, a young girl finds love—and so much more—during a summer stay with her grandparents.

When Louisa (short for Louisiana) is sent to live with her grandparents, she is hesitant. While her brother is determined to find a way to stay on Deer Island forever, Louisa would rather be off having adventures with their globetrotting ornithographer parents. She's a writer, and there's nothing on all of Deer Island to write about—right? But small isn't necessarily quiet, and the island has plenty of scope for the imagination. It also has George, the boy who helps her see the world in a whole new light.

The end of summer is coming fast, and Louisa must decide what she really wants—travel the world with her parents, or stay on Deer Island with the people she's only just learning to love?

Publication Date: May 2019

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 128 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *WAITING FOR THE MAGIC*: Chinese (simplified), Japanese, Korean



HONEYBEES AND FRENEMIES

By Kristi Wientge

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Twelve-year-old Flor faces a bittersweet summer with a pageant, a frenemy, and a hive full of honey in Kristi Wientge's follow-up to *Karma Khullar's Mustache*.

It's the summer before eighth grade and Flor is stuck at home and working at her family's mattress store while her best friend goes off to band camp (probably to make new friends). It becomes even worse when the small town she lives in remixes their annual honey pageant into an all-star match-up, inviting all past winners and runners-up for a rematch. This means Flor has to spend the summer practicing her talent (recorder) and volunteering (helping a recluse beekeeper) with Candice, her former friend who's still bitter about losing the pageant crown to Flor when they were in second grade. And she can't say no.

Then there's the possibility that Flor and her family are leaving to move in with her mom's family in New Jersey. And with how much her mom and dad have been fighting lately, is it possible that her dad may not join them? Flor can't let that happen. She has a lot of work to do.

Publication Date: May 2019

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 224 pp





THE TWO SIDES OF SARA

By Wesley King

Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

Sara Malvern has her own mystery to solve in this relatable, funny, and fresh prequel to the Edgar Award-winning novel *OCDaniel*.

Sara Malvern's grandmother doesn't like her. Not that Sara blames her, really. After all, Sara knows she's insane (*insane*: in a state of mind that prevents normal perception, behavior, or social interaction; seriously mentally ill). But when her grandma passes away, she leaves behind a puzzle for Sara to solve. The puzzle involves a key to a locked bedroom and a missing person: an aunt Sara never knew she had. But why does Sara's grandmother want her to know about Aunt Patricia now?

Readers first met Sara in *OCDaniel* (Spring 2016). It was Sara who guided Daniel through his journey of self-discovery as he learned he had obsessive-compulsive disorder. Sara was a fan favorite. *The Two Sides of Sara* is her story, told in her relatable, observant, and often funny voice. Her story is painful, inspiring, and ultimately full of hope.

Publication Date: February 2020

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 304 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *OCDANIEL*: German, Japanese, Portuguese (Brazil)



RISING ABOVE SHEPHERDSVILLE

By Ann Schoenbohm

Imprint: Beach Lane Books

In the tradition of *The Higher Power of Lucky* and *Because of Winn-Dixie*, a young girl deals with her mother's suicide in this riveting debut novel that explores love, loss, family, friendship, and redemption.

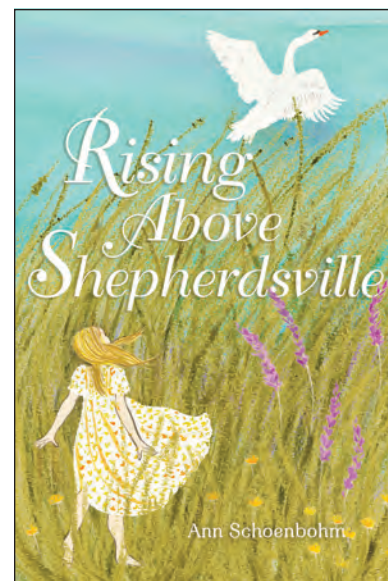
In the summer of 1977, twelve-year-old Dulcie Louise Dixon arrives on the doorstep of her aunt Bernie's farmhouse in Shepherdsville, Ohio, with no voice, a spelling bee trophy, a Webster's Dictionary, and a box full of ashes. She tries to adjust to her new situation, but can't forget the words she left behind or the mother she's lost to suicide.

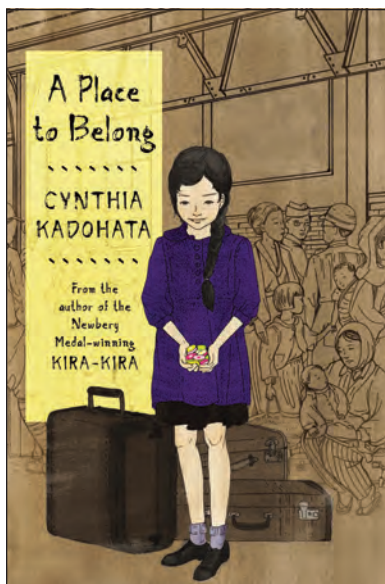
One day, Dulcie discovers a secret place: a swan's nest in the woods where, at last, her broken world begins to mend. With the help of her surprising new friends—a guitar-playing runaway, a poetry-loving preacher, a one-armed gas station attendant, a singing seamstress, a chained-up hunting dog, and a family of swans—Dulcie is finally able to rise out of her sadness and grief to find her voice once again.

Publication Date: May 2019

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 304 pp





A PLACE TO BELONG

By Cynthia Kadohata

Illustrated by Julia Kuo

Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Newbery Medalist Cynthia Kadohata tells the story of a Japanese-American family who gives up their American citizenship after World War II.

World War II is over and twelve-year-old Hanako and her family are finally freed from the Japanese-American internment camp where they were forced to live behind a barbed-wire fence like prisoners, simply because they were Japanese. Feeling betrayed and unwanted by America, Hanako's parents decide to give up their citizenship and sail across the Pacific to Japan, Hiroshima specifically, where their grandparents live. Perhaps there they would find that now missing feeling of home.

But postwar Hiroshima is not at all what they expect, certainly not the cherry blossom dream that Hanako had hoped for. Instead, they discover that the city has been decimated by an atomic bomb, and the repercussions still smolder. Orphans beg door to door, thousands of people are starving, and Hanako now reels in shock at what her family, and the people of Hiroshima, face. As her family tried to help stanch the suffering they see around them, Hanako feels more in limbo, more unwanted, than ever, for here she is *American*, and the Americans had dropped the bomb in the first place. In the ashes of a war-torn world, she must find her heart's true home as a Japanese-American.

Publication Date: May 2019

Ages: 10–14

Page Extent: 240 pp



AN INVISIBLE THREAD: YOUNG READERS EDITION

By Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

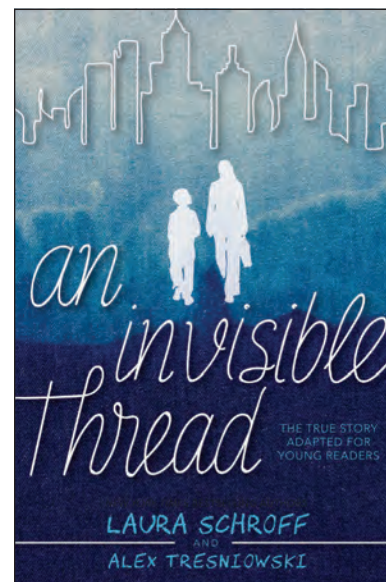
The *New York Times* bestselling adult book about an unlikely friendship, now adapted for young people

Laura was a successful ad sales rep in Manhattan. Maurice was a homeless, eleven-year-old panhandler on the street. He asked for spare change; she kept walking. But then something stopped Laura in her tracks, and she went back. And she continued to go back, again and again. Thus began a friendship that would change both lives for the better.

Publication Date: May 2019

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 224 pp





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FIVE FEET APART

By Rachael Lippincott

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

***The Fault in Our Stars* meets *Everything, Everything* in this debut novel about two sick teens who fall in love with just one minor complication—they can't get within five feet of each other without risking their lives.**

Can you love someone you can never touch?

Stella Grant likes to be in control—even though her totally out-of-control lungs have sent her in and out of the hospital most of her life. She focuses on what she can take care of: building an app to schedule her treatments and dosages, reassuring her parents and viewers on her YouTube channel that things are going to be fine, and most of all keeping herself away from anyone or anything that might make her cystic fibrosis worse or jeopardize the possibility of a lung transplant. Even her best friend, Poe.

The only thing Will Newman wants to be in control of is getting out of this hospital. He couldn't care less about his treatments or this fancy new clinical trial his mother has bought his way into. Once he contracted *B. cepacia* on top of his cystic fibrosis, he kissed the idea of a lung transplant good-bye, and he's over trying to stave off the inevitable. He'd rather spend the week drawing cartoons and sneaking his friends in to see him than organizing his med cart or worrying about dosages.

At first Will and Stella have no interest in being within five miles of each other. But Stella can't just watch Will throw his life away when she's trying so hard to save hers. And as they start to do their treatments together, suddenly the distance between them starts to shrink, until the five feet they have to keep apart is torture.

If Will so much as breathes on Stella she could lose her spot on the transplant list. Either one of them could die. The only way to stay alive is to stay apart. But protecting their lungs might just break their hearts.

Publication Date: November 2018

Ages: 12 up

Page Extent: 288 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Bulgarian, Czech, French, German, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Korean, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Portuguese (Portugal), Romanian, Russian, Slovak, Spanish, UK



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THIS LIE WILL KILL YOU

By Chelsea Pitcher
Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Tell the truth. Or face the consequences. Clue meets *Riverdale* in this page-turning thriller that exposes the lies five teens tell about a deadly night one year ago.

One year ago, there was a party.

At the party, someone died.

Five teens each played a part, and up until now, no one has told the truth.

But tonight the five survivors arrive at an isolated mansion in the hills, expecting to compete in a contest with a \$50,000 grand prize. Of course, some things are too good to be true. They were each so desperate for the prize, they didn't question the odd, rather exclusive invitation until it was too late.

Now they realize they've been lured there by a person bent on revenge, a person who will stop at nothing to uncover what actually happened on that deadly night one year ago.

Five arrived, but not all can leave. Will the truth set them free? Or will their lies destroy them all?

Publication Date: December 2018

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 352 pp

THE BEST LIES

By Sarah Lyu
Imprint: Simon Pulse

Thelma and Louise meets *Gone Girl* in this mesmerizing debut novel about a toxic friendship turned deadly

Remy Tsai used to know how her story would turn out. But now she doesn't even know what tomorrow will look like.

She was happy once. Remy had her boyfriend Jack, and Elise, her best friend—her soulmate—who understood her better than anyone else in the world.

But now Jack is dead, shot through the chest . . .

And it was Elise who pulled the trigger.

Was it self-defense? Or something deeper, darker than anything Remy could have imagined? As the police investigate, Remy does the same, sifting through her own memories, looking for a scrap of truth that could save the friendship that means everything to her.

Told in alternating time lines, *The Best Lies* is a twisted psychological thriller about the dark side of obsessive friendship.

Publication Date: July 2019

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 352 pp





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THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT SWEETIE

By Sandhya Menon
Imprint: Simon Pulse

The hotly anticipated companion novel to the *New York Times* bestseller *When Dimple Met Rishi*, which follows Rishi's brother, Ashish, as he navigates love, identity, and family in the wake of a crushing breakup.

Ashish Patel didn't know love could be so . . . sucky. After he's dumped by his ex-girlfriend, his mojo goes AWOL. Even worse, his parents are annoyingly, smugly confident they could find him a better match. So, in a moment of weakness, Ash challenges them to set him up. The Patels insist that Ashish date an Indian-American girl—*under contract*. Per subclause 1(a), he'll be taking his date on "fun" excursions like visiting the Hindu temple and his eccentric Gita Auntie. Kill him now. How is this ever going to work?

Sweetie Nair is many things: a formidable track athlete who can outrun most people in California, a loyal friend, a shower-singing champion. Oh, and she's also fat. To Sweetie's traditional parents, this last detail is the kiss of death. Sweetie loves her parents, but she's so tired of being told she's lacking because she's fat. She decides it's time to kick off the Sassy Sweetie Project, where she'll show the world (and herself) what she's really made of.

Ashish and Sweetie both have something to prove. But with each date they realize there's an unexpected magic growing between them. Can they find their true selves without losing each other?

Publication Date: June 2019

Ages: 12 up

Page Extent: 400 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *WHEN DIMPLE MET RISHI*: French, Indonesian, Russian, Turkish, UK



KINGS, QUEENS, AND IN-BETWEENS

By Tanya Boteju
Imprint: Simon Pulse

Judy Blume meets *RuPaul's Drag Race* in this laugh-out-loud, feel-good debut about a queer teen who navigates questions of identity and self-acceptance while discovering the magical world of drag.

Perpetually awkward Nima Kumara-Clark is bored with her insular community of Bridgeton, in love with her straight girlfriend, and trying to move past her mother's unexpected departure. After a bewildering encounter at a local festival, Nima finds herself suddenly immersed in the drag scene on the other side of town.

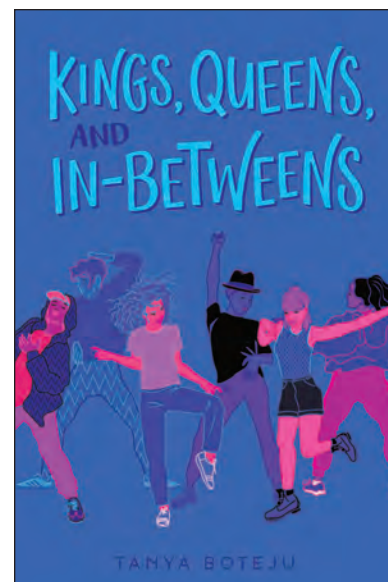
Macho drag kings, magical queens, new love interests, and surprising allies will move Nima both painfully and hilariously closer to a self she never knew she could be—one that can confidently express and accept love. But she'll have to learn to accept *lost* love to get there.

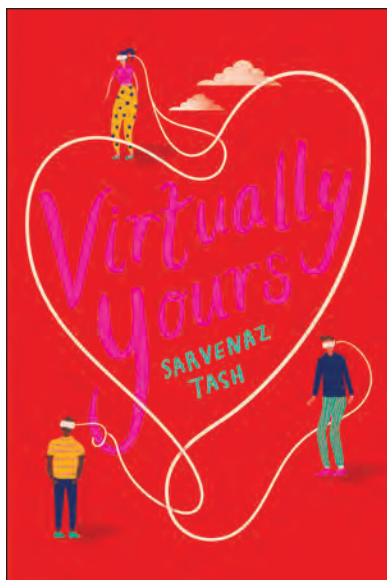
From debut author Tanya Boteju comes a hilarious, heartfelt tale of acceptance, self-expression, and the colorful worlds that await when we're brave enough to look.

Publication Date: May 2019

Ages: 12 up

Page Extent: 368 pp





VIRTUALLY YOURS

By Sarvenaz Tash

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

An irresistible new teen romance from the author of *The Geek's Guide to Unrequited Love*

Modern love plus online anonymity is a recipe for romantic disaster! *Virtually Yours* tells the story of a dating app algorithm that matches Mariam with both her ex Caleb, who she is still not over, and her best guy friend Jeremy. The dating app allows matches to go on “virtual reality” dates before going for the real thing, so Mariam creates a fake persona to “date” her ex. Meanwhile, Jeremy goes a step further by agreeing to beta test a new feature of the app, where it creates an AI version of your perfect match. Mariam’s heart is telling her one thing, but the app is telling her another. Which should she trust?

Publication Date: June 2019

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 384 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *THE GEEK'S GUIDE TO UNREQUITED LOVE*: German



ROAD TRIPPED

By Pete Hautman

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

National Book Award–winning author Pete Hautman crafts a stunning portrait of anger and loss, all to the sound track of a young man facing an uncertain future.

Steven Gerald Gabel—a.k.a. Stiggy—needs to get out of Minnesota. His father only recently took his own life, his mother is a shell of the person she used to be, and his sort-of-girlfriend ghosted him and skipped town. What does he have left to stick around for? Armed with his mom’s credit card and a tourist map of the Great River Road, Stiggy sets off in his dad’s car.

The only problem is, life on his own isn’t exactly what he expected; soon enough, he finds himself at a crossroads: Should he keep running from his demons, or let them hitch a ride back home with him?

Publication Date: May 2019

Ages: 12 up

Page Extent: 160 pp





ATTACK OF THE 50 FOOT WALLFLOWER

By Christian McKay Heidicker

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

From the author of *Cure for the Common Universe* comes a monster-movie-like novel that bravely challenges perceived notions of beauty, identity, and modern voyeurism.

Phoebe Lane is a lightning rod for monsters. She and her mom are forced to flee flesh-eating plants, blobs from outer space, and radioactive ants. They survive thanks to Phoebe's dad—an invisible titan, whose giant eyes warn them where the next monster attack will take place.

All Phoebe wants is to stop running from motel to motel and start living a monster-free life in New York or Paris. But when her mom mysteriously vanishes, Phoebe is left to fend for herself in small-town Pennybrooke. That's when Phoebe starts to transform. . . .

Christian McKay Heidicker returns with a book unlike any other, challenging perceived notions of beauty, identity, and what it means to be a monster.

Publication Date: September 2018

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 320 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *CURE FOR THE COMMON UNIVERSE*: Danish, Portuguese (Brazil), Romanian

BREAKING RACHEL

By Anonymous

Imprint: Simon Pulse

In the tradition of *Go Ask Alice* and *Lucy in the Sky*, this heart-wrenching journal tells the story of a girl's fatal experience with testing your moral limits and the dangers of addiction.

Rachel welcomes a fresh start at the prestigious boarding school Prescott Academy. It's a new town with new people, far away from the painful memories of her mother's death and the unendurable happiness of her father and his new wife.

She expects rigorous coursework and long hours studying in service of her GPA. What she *doesn't* expect is to be inducted into the Science Club, a group of wealthy and intelligent students who run a business cooking up drugs in their spare time.

Suddenly, Rachel has everything she's ever wanted, including a sweet and handsome boyfriend named Warren, the brainy lead chemist in the club. But as she wades deeper into the murky waters of their business, Rachel finds herself struggling to reconcile her new lifestyle with moral dilemmas she just can't ignore.

Can she have it all without breaking?

Publication Date: June 2019

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 288 pp

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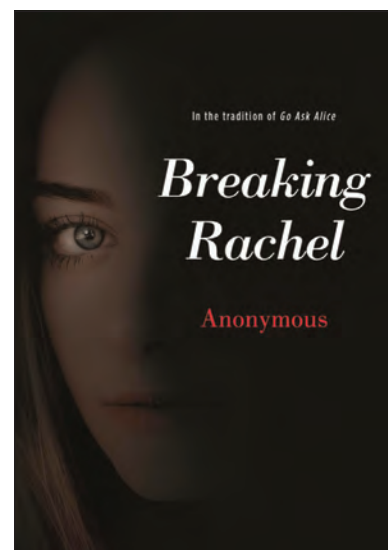




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LOVE FROM A TO Z (W.T.)

By S. K. Ali

Imprint: Salaam Reads

From William C. Morris Award Finalist S. K. Ali comes an unforgettable romance that is part *Anna and the French Kiss* mixed with *Eleanor & Park*, following two Muslim teens who meet during a spring break trip.

Suspended from school for standing up to an Islamophobic teacher, Zayneb is headed to Doha to stay with family, resigned to be “nicer” and let the injustices of the world slide off her shoulders from now on.

Adam is headed to Doha too, struggling with his recent multiple sclerosis diagnosis, and resigned to keep his illness from his friends and family.

Alone, both are playing roles for others. Together, they’ll learn to live their truths. . . .

Publication Date: May 2019

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 384 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *SAINTS AND MISFITS*: Indonesian



A HEART IN A BODY IN THE WORLD

By Deb Caletti

Imprint: Simon Pulse

A girl tries to outrun her demons in this searing, universal novel about the impact of gun violence, everyday sexism, rape culture, and internalizing—and overcoming—guilt from National Book Award finalist Deb Caletti.

When everything has been taken from you, what else is there to do but run? From Seattle to Washington DC, Annabelle is running through mountain passes and suburban landscapes, from long lonely roads to college towns. She’s not ready to think about the *why* yet, just the *how*—muscles burning, heart pumping, feet pounding the earth. But no matter how hard she tries, she can’t outrun the tragedy from the past year, or the person—*The Taker*—that haunts her.

Followed by Grandpa Ed in his RV and backed by her brother and two friends, Annabelle becomes a reluctant activist as people connect her journey to the trauma from her past. Her cross-country run gains media attention and she is cheered on as she crosses state borders. The support would be nice if Annabelle could escape the guilt and the shame from what happened back home. They say it isn’t her fault, but she can’t feel the truth of that.

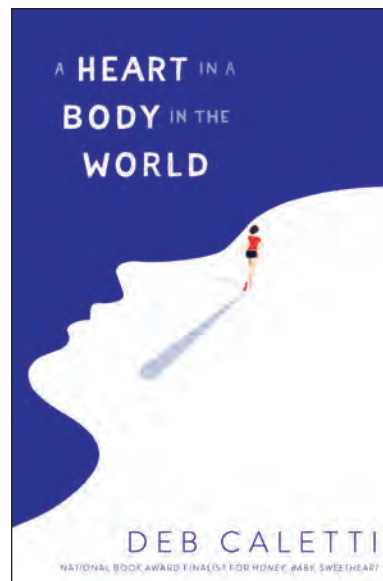
Through welcome and unwelcome distractions, she just keeps running, to the destination that awaits her. There, she’ll finally face what lies behind her—the miles and love and loss . . . and what is to come.

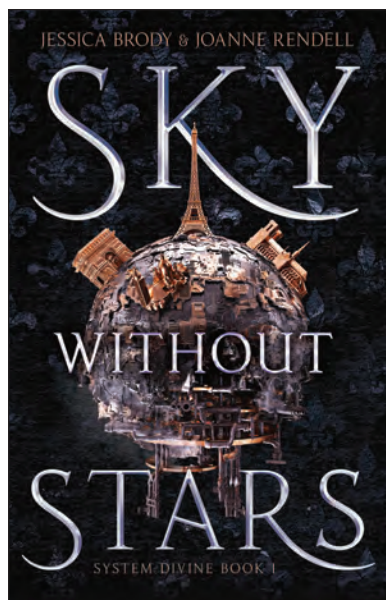
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RIGHTS SOLD: Chinese (simplified), French, Norwegian, Russian





SKY WITHOUT STARS

By Jessica Brody and Joanne Rendell

Imprint: Simon Pulse

A thief. An officer. A guardian. All from different backgrounds, but sharing one destiny . . .

Planet Laterre was founded five hundred years after the Last Days. It's where an extravagant elite class reigns supreme, where the poor starve in the streets, and where a rebel group is resurfacing. Whispers of revolution have begun—a revolution that hinges on three unlikely heroes . . .

Chatine is a street-savvy thief who will do anything to escape the brutal regime, including spy on Marcellus, the grandson of the most powerful man on the planet.

Marcellus is an officer—and the son of a traitor. Groomed to command, Marcellus begins to doubt the government he's vowed to serve when he discovers a message that only a girl named Alouette can read.

Alouette is living in an underground refuge where she guards and protects the last surviving library on the planet. But a shocking murder will bring Alouette to the surface and plunge Laterre into absolute chaos.

Each has a role to play in Laterre's future—but what that future will be is entirely up to them.

Publication Date: March 2019

Ages: 12 up

Page Extent: 624 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: German, Romanian

SLAYER

By Kiersten White

Imprint: Simon Pulse

Into every generation a Slayer is born . . .

Nina and her twin sister, Artemis, are far from normal. It's hard to be when you grow up at the Watcher's Academy, which is a bit different from your average boarding school. Here teens are trained as guides for Slayers—girls gifted with supernatural strength to fight the forces of darkness. But while Nina's mother is a prominent member of the Watcher's Council, Nina has never embraced the violent Watcher lifestyle. Instead she follows her instincts to heal, carving out a place for herself as the school medic.

Until the day Nina's life changes forever.

Thanks to Buffy, the famous (and infamous) Slayer that Nina's father died protecting, Nina is not only the newest Chosen One—she's the last Slayer, ever. Period. As Nina hones her skills with her Watcher-in-training, Leo, there's plenty to keep her occupied: a monster fighting ring, a demon who eats happiness, a shadowy figure that keeps popping up in Nina's dreams . . .

But it's not until bodies start turning up that Nina's new powers will truly be tested—because someone she loves might be next. One thing is clear: Being Chosen is easy. Making choices is hard.

Publication Date: January 2019

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 416 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: German, Portuguese (Brazil), Spanish, UK





RUSE

By Cindy Pon

Imprint: Simon Pulse

In near-future Shanghai, a group of teens have their world turned upside down when one of their own is kidnapped in this action-packed follow-up to the “positively chilling” (*The New York Times*) sci-fi thriller *Want*.

Jason Zhou, his friends, and Daiyu are still recovering from the aftermath of bombing Jin Corp headquarters. But Jin, a ruthless billionaire and Daiyu’s father, is out for blood. When Lingyi goes to Shanghai to help Jany Tsai, a childhood acquaintance in trouble, she doesn’t expect Jin to be involved. And when Jin has Jany murdered and steals the tech Jany had refused to sell him, Lingyi is the only one who has access to the encrypted info, putting her own life in jeopardy.

Zhou doesn’t hesitate to fly to China to help Iris find Lingyi, even though he’s been estranged from his friends for months. But when Iris tells him he can’t tell Daiyu or trust her, he balks. The reunited group plays a treacherous cat-and-mouse game in the labyrinthine streets of Shanghai, determined to take back what Jin had stolen.

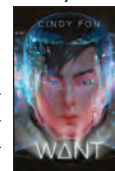
When Daiyu appears in Shanghai, Zhou is uncertain if it’s to confront him or in support of her father. Jin has proudly announced Daiyu will be by his side for the opening ceremony of Jin Tower, his first “vertical city.” And as hard as Zhou and his friends fight, Jin always gains the upper hand. Is this a game they can survive, much less win?

Publication Date: March 2019

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 336 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *WANT*: Turkish



SHATTER THE SKY

By Rebecca Wells

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

A determined young woman sets out to rescue her kidnapped girlfriend by stealing a dragon from a corrupt emperor in this stunning fantasy debut perfect for fans of Margaret Rogerson, Rae Carson, and Rachel Hartman.

Raised among the ruins of a conquered mountain nation, Maren dreams only of sharing a quiet life with her girlfriend, Kaia—until the day Kaia is abducted by the Aurati, prophetic agents of the emperor, and forced to join their ranks. Desperate to save her, Maren hatches a plan to steal one of the emperor’s coveted dragons and storm the Aurati stronghold.

If Maren is to have any hope of succeeding, she must become an apprentice to the Aromatory—the emperor’s mysterious dragon trainer. But Maren is unprepared for the dangerous secrets she uncovers: rumors of a lost prince, a brewing rebellion, and a prophecy that threatens to shatter the empire itself. Not to mention the strange dreams she’s been having about a beast deep underground. . . .

With time running out, can Maren survive long enough to rescue Kaia from impending death? Or could it be that Maren is destined for something greater than she could have ever imagined?

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