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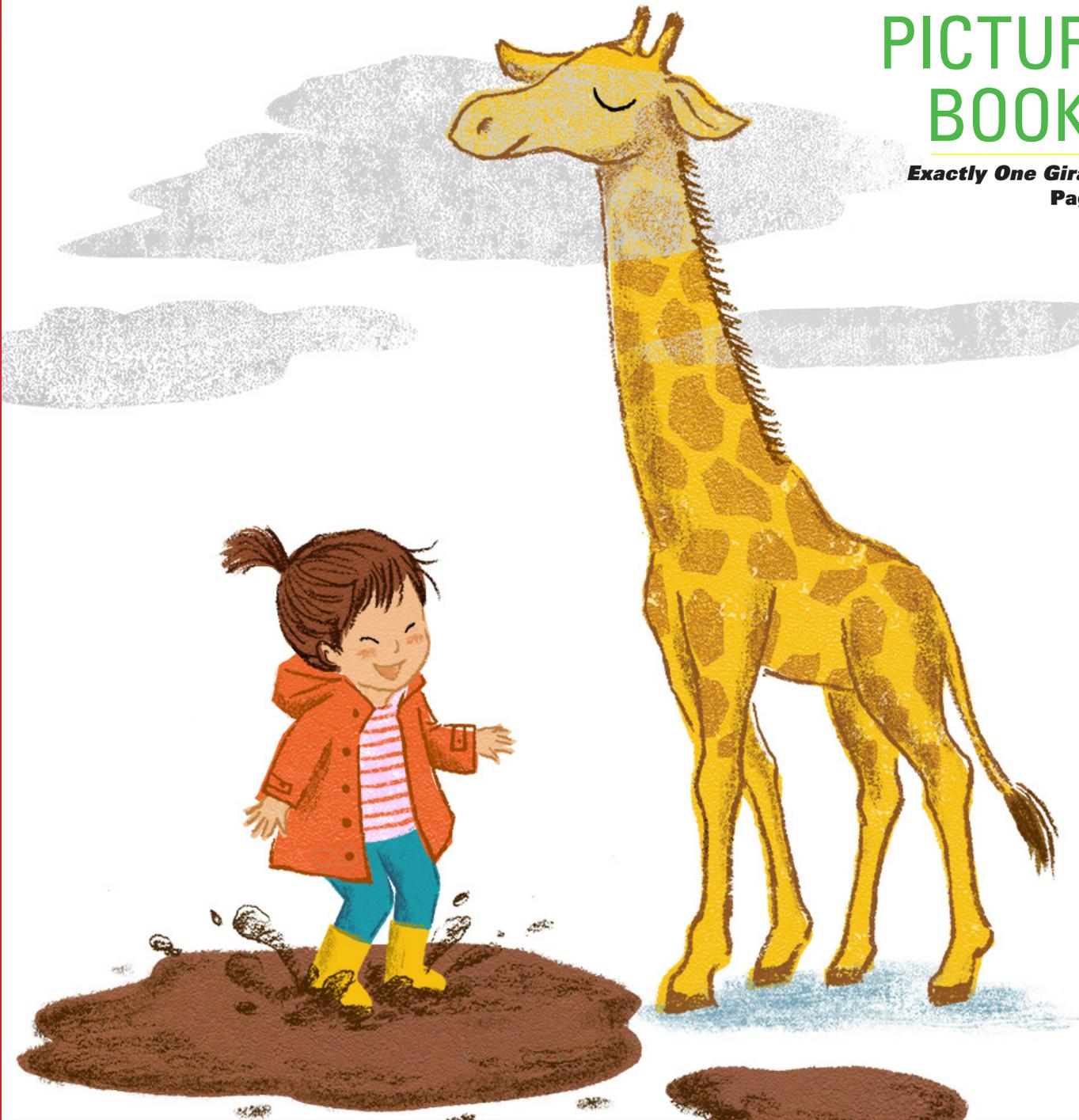
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PICTURE BOOKS

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AGGIE AND THE GHOST

By Matthew Forsythe
Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

Aggie was very excited to live on her own—until she found out her house was haunted.

A story about rules and sharing—and an epic game of tic-tac-toe.

MATTHEW FORSYTHE is the creator of *Pokko and the Drum* and *Mina*. *Pokko and the Drum* received four starred reviews and was a *Today Show* Best Book of the Year and an NPR Favorite Book of 2019. This is his third book as author-illustrator.

PRAISE FOR *POKKO AND THE DRUM*:

- ★ “Extraordinary.” —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review
- ★ “Inspirational.” —*Booklist*, starred review
- ★ “Laugh-out-loud funny.” —*Shelf Awareness*, starred review
- “Will tickle kids and adults alike.” —*Kirkus Reviews*
- ★ “An instant classic.” —*Quill & Quire*, starred review

PRAISE FOR *MINA*:

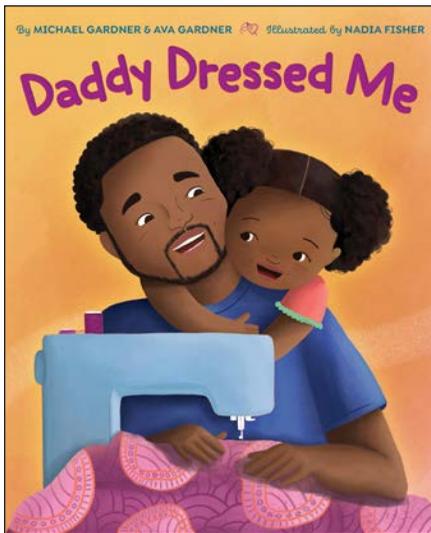
- ★ “Beautifully illustrated and full of unexpected details.” —*Shelf Awareness*, starred review
- ★ “Wickedly humorous.” —*School Library Journal*, starred review
- ★ “Uproarious.” —*Booklist*, starred review
- ★ “Humorous.” —*Bulletin for the Center of Children’s Books*, starred review
- ★ “More please of Forsythe’s richly imagined forest worlds.” —*Horn Book Magazine*, starred review

Publication Date: August 2025

Page Extent: 64 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *POKKO AND THE DRUM*: Chinese (complex), Chinese (simplified), Dutch, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese (Portugal), Spanish





DADDY DRESSED ME

By Michael Gardner and Ava Gardner
Illustrated by Nadia Fisher
Imprint: Aladdin

Celebrate the creative and empowering bond between a father and his daughter in this picture book that follows a single dad's sewing journey as he makes clothes to inspire his daughter.

It's Move Up Day for Ava and her kindergarten class, and Ava is chosen to recite a poem! She worries about remembering the words, but her daddy reassures her he will help her practice until she's confident. But Daddy struggles with self-doubt himself when he decides to sew Ava a new dress for the occasion but isn't sure he knows the stitches and techniques to make her a one-of-a-kind creation. Word by word and stitch by stitch, father and daughter work together, helping each other stand tall, proud, and confident, wrapped in love.

"Exudes creativity, joy, and daddy-daughter love." —Kirkus Reviews

Publication Date: March 2023

Page Extent: 48 pp



HEARTFELT

By Elaine Vickers
Illustrated by Samantha Cotterill
Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

From the creators of *Thankful* comes a cozy picture book about a child who finds that small acts of kindness can change the world.

A child makes paper hearts to give to her teacher, to a friend, at the library, and more. As she spreads kindness around her neighborhood, she soon finds that sharing love is the best gift of all. With Samantha Cotterill's stunning diorama illustrations, this loving story is sure to capture hearts and inspire acts of kindness.

PRaise FOR *THANKFUL*:

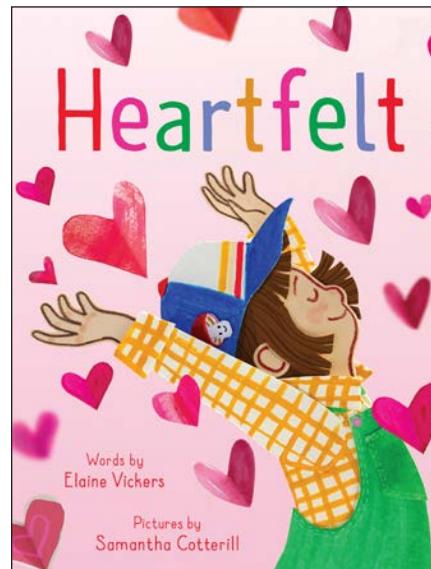
"Wonderfully evocative." —BookPage

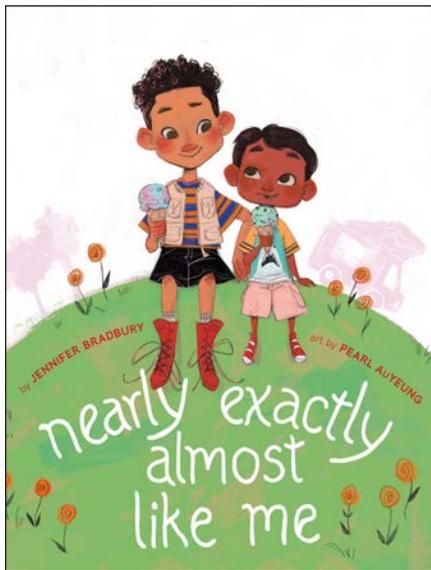
Publication Date: January 2025

Page Extent: 56 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *THANKFUL*:

Italian, Korean





NEARLY EXACTLY ALMOST LIKE ME

By Jennifer Bradbury
Illustrated by Pearl AuYeung
Imprint: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

A loyal big brother makes a case for why his adopted little brother is just like him when a pesky kid on the playground questions their physical differences in this charming picture book that reminds us that there are all kinds of ways to make a family.

When they hear the singsong tune of an ice cream truck, two brothers race to get in line! Big brother beats little brother and holds their spot. But when little brother catches up, another kid challenges him for joining his brother in line: no cutting! Everyone knows that cutting doesn't count when you're siblings, but the kid doesn't believe they can be brothers when they don't look anything alike.

The brothers may not be biologically related, but they're still brothers, and they have so much else in common! They both like candy way too much, love swimming but hate baths, and know their parents love them. Big brother knows that differences on the surface don't matter when, in his heart, his little brother is just like him.

Publication Date: February 2025

Page Extent: 40 pp





EXACTLY ONE GIRAFFE

By Lisa Mantchev
 Illustrated by Taeun Yoo
 Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

A companion to the internationally beloved *Strictly No Elephants*, now ten years old!

Friends can be more different than alike and still be friends. The most important part of being a friend is to take care of your friend. That's what friends do.

Exactly One Giraffe is a universal and empowering story by the author and illustrator of *Strictly No Elephants*, which will celebrate its ten-year anniversary in 2025. The beloved and perennially bestselling book has been published in eighteen languages.

Publication Date: October 2025

Page Extent: 32 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *STRICTLY NO ELEPHANTS*: Chinese (complex), Chinese (simplified), Dutch, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese (Brazil), Portuguese (Portugal), Slovak, Slovenian, Thai, Vietnamese



THE ZOMBEEES

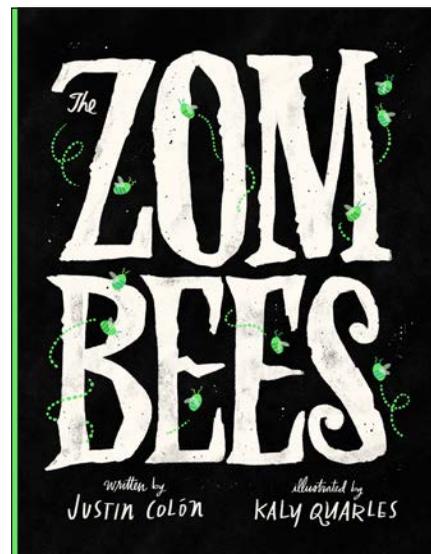
By Justin Colón
 Illustrated by Kaly Quarles
 Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

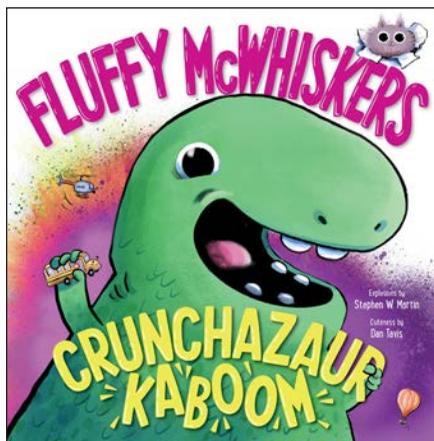
Zombies plus bees equals a hilariously Halloweeny and lightly STEM picture book!

What's that creepy humming sound coming from the graveyard ground? It's a whole swarm of zombees! When these undead insects invade on Halloween night, the town is turned upside down. But when a clever kid and a librarian team up to call in the beekeepers, the zombees reveal that they're not here to eat anyone's brains; instead, they want to share a treat of their own.

Publication Date: July 2025

Page Extent: 32 pp





FLUFFY McWHISKERS CRUNCHAZAUR KABOOM

By Stephen W. Martin
 Illustrated by Dan Tavis
 Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Fluffy McWhiskers meets Godzilla in this adorable sequel that sees Fluffy and Potato teaming up to use their explosive cuteness powers to stop Crunchazaur, an insatiable (and equally adorable) kaiju monster who gobbles up everyone in sight.

Crunchazaur is hungry. Really, really hungry. In fact, he can't seem to stop eating everyone he sees. When it looks like everyone in the city might be gobbled up by the kaiju monster, Fluffy McWhiskers and Potato are called to put an end to Crunchazaur's destruction.

And while Fluffy doesn't normally want to hurt anybody with her cuteness explosions, the only way to stop the starving Crunchazaur might be to make him go KABOOM!

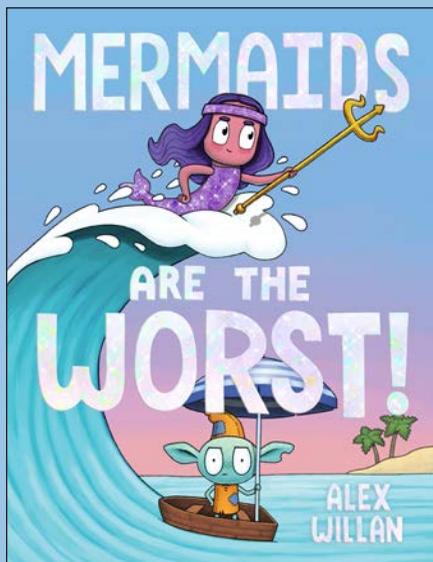
Readers will adore the silly and potentially deadly cuteness in this long-awaited follow-up to *Fluffy McWhiskers Cuteness Explosion!*

Publication Date: June 2025

Page Extent: 40 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *FLUFFY McWHISKERS CUTENESS EXPLOSION*: Spanish





MERMAIDS ARE THE WORST!

By Alex Willan

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Gilbert the Goblin's beachside vacation gets ruined by mermaids and their games in the latest side-splitting installment in *The Worst!* picture book series, where even the strangest of creatures can become the best of friends.

Who doesn't love a good vacation? Soaking up some sun, floating on the waves, and . . . arm wrestling an octopus? When mermaids show up in the middle of Gilbert's goblin getaway, their fin-flapping festivities quickly turn rest and relaxation into stress and aggravation.

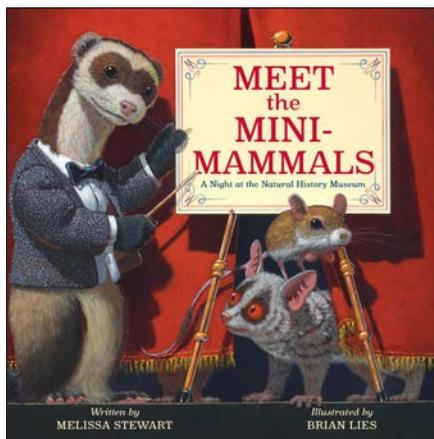
This is clearly proof that *mermaids are the worst!* Can Gilbert find his beachside bliss, or will he be caught in the undertow of these seaside shenanigans?

Publication Date: March 2025

Page Extent: 40 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *UNICORNS ARE THE WORST:* French, Italian, Spanish





MEET THE MINI-MAMMALS

By Melissa Stewart
Illustrated by Brian Lies
Imprint: Beach Lane Books

Meet some of the world's very smallest mini-mammals in this adorable and informative nonfiction picture book with actual-size illustrations from Sibert Honoree Melissa Stewart and Caldecott Honoree Brian Lies.

Big mammals like elephants, hippos, and giraffes get a lot of press, but what about the little guys? From pint-sized flying squirrels to itty-bitty chipmunks and teeny-tiny mouse lemurs, learn all about the mini-mammals from around the world, depicted at their real-life size.

Publication Date: March 2025

Page Extent: 40 pp



I, ROCK

By Katie Slivensky
Illustrated by Steph Stilwell
Imprint: Beach Lane Books

Told from the perspective of a proud four-billion-year-old rock, this charmingly funny and thoroughly informative nonfiction picture book will be a smash hit for young geologists.

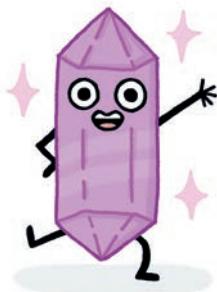
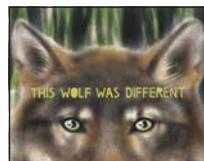
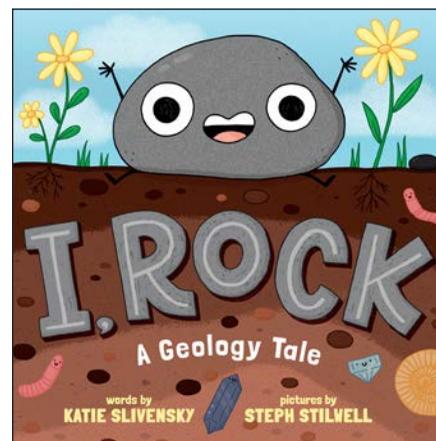
Rock tells his sensational, sometimes harrowing, sometimes hilarious, geological tale to a group of eager students. From his humble beginnings beneath earth's crust, to a volcano blast that propelled him onto land, to the storms and earthquakes and dinosaur encounters and deep-sea adventures that finally bring him to the bottom of a student's shoe, come discover what makes Rock rock!

Detailed informational sidebars and extensive back matter are the cherry on top of this illuminating and accessible crash course in geology.

Publication Date: June 2025

Page Extent: 40 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR THIS WOLF WAS DIFFERENT: Chinese (simplified), French, Japanese

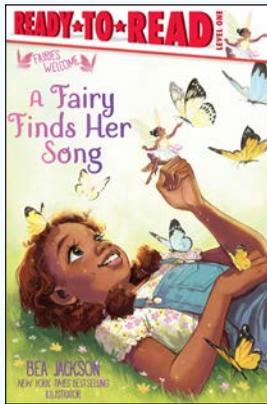




FICTION

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FAIRIES WELCOME: A FAIRY FINDS HER SONG THE FAIRY FASHION SHOW

By Bea Jackson
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

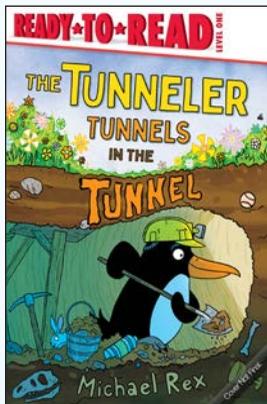
Lily the Fairy and her human friend, Willow, star in the Level 1 Ready-to-Read Fairies Welcome series from *New York Times* bestselling illustrator Bea Jackson.

In *A Fairy Finds Her Song*, Willow helps Lily see how special Lily truly is so that she can find her talent. Then, in *The Fairy Fashion Show*, Lily and the other fairies work to create a fun nature outfit for Willow.

Publication Date: *Fairy Finds Her Song*: February 2025; *Fairy Fashion Show*: May 2025

Ages: 4–6

Page Extent: 32 pp



THE TUNNELER TUNNELS IN THE TUNNEL

By Michael Rex
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

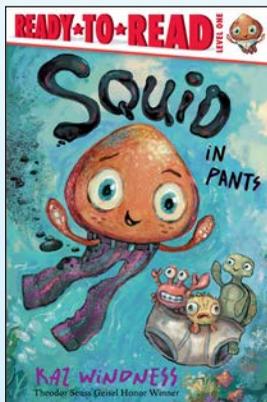
Go on an underground adventure with the mysterious tunneler in this delightful Level 1 Ready-to-Read from bestselling author-illustrator Michael Rex!

The tunneler tunnels in the tunnel. But why? And where is he going? Find out in this fun story with a surprise ending!

Publication Date: May 2025

Ages: 4–6

Page Extent: 32 pp



SQUID IN PANTS

By Kaz Windness
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

Another hilarious Level 1 Ready-to-Read from Theodor Seuss Geisel Honoree, author-illustrator Kaz Windness!

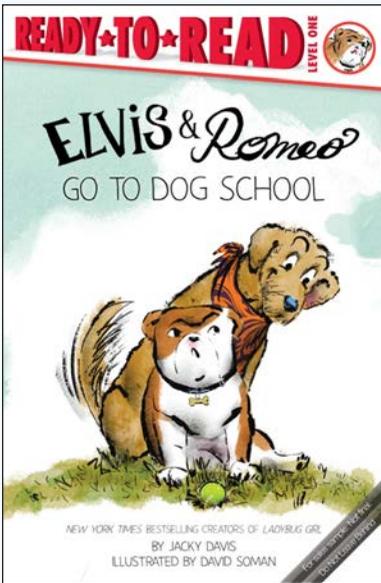
When a fashion-seeking squid spies some abandoned clothing on a boat, he feels his time has come at last, and he takes the clothes. Of course, when the owner of the clothes returns, a deal must be struck!

Publication Date: May 2025

Ages: 4–6

Page Extent: 32 pp

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



AN ELVIS AND ROMEO BOOK: ELVIS AND ROMEO GO TO DOG SCHOOL

By Jacky Davis
Illustrated by David Soman
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

The first book in a new Level 1 Ready-to-Read series inspired by the *Elvis and Romeo* picture book

Romeo already knows how to chase. Elvis already knows how to stay and sit. They both still have a lot to learn, but they will do it together.

Publication Date: August 2025

Ages: 4–6

Page Extent: 32 pp

MOUSE AND SPOON: THE ELEPHANT'S BIRTHDAY OWLETS AND TARTS

By Cynthia Rylant
Illustrated by Janna Mattia
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

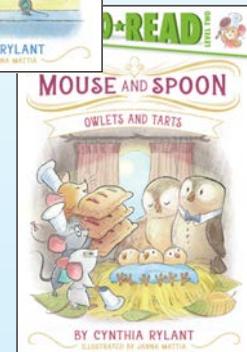
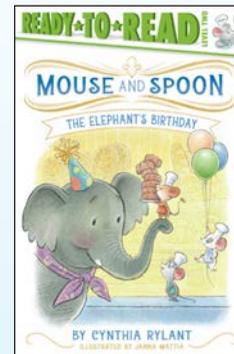
Newbery Medalist and prolific author of the *Henry and Mudge* series Cynthia Rylant returns with a new Level 2 Ready-to-Read series starring three determined mice who run a small bakery and work hard fulfilling orders big and small!

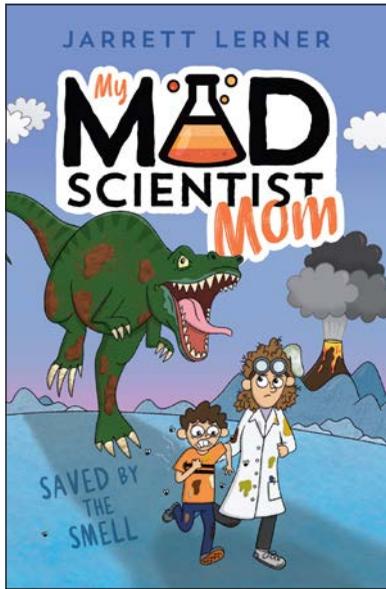
Meet Ginger, Tom, and Piper—three sibling mice who run the popular Mouse and Spoon Bakery!

Publication Date: May 2025

Ages: 5–7

Page Extent: 32 pp





MY MAD SCIENTIST MOM

#1: SAVED BY THE SMELL

#2: NO MORE MR. MICE GUY

By Jarrett Lerner

Imprint: Aladdin

Acclaimed author Jarrett Lerner's new chapter book series features a young boy who just happens to have a mad scientist for a mom!

Ari's life is pretty simple, filled with school, video games, and his pet turtle, Fred, but his mom is a mad scientist—or big-hearted genius, as Ari says—who strives to make people's lives better by solving problems that other scientists usually overlook. She's always working away in the basement with the help of TED, her tiny supercomputer who annoys Ari to no end. But all her inventions seem to go just the slightest bit off-kilter, forcing Ari to the rescue to right the catastrophic chaos.

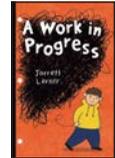
Publication Date: #1: March 2025; #2: July 2025

Ages: 5–8

Page Extent: 128 pp/9K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *GIVE THIS BOOK A TITLE*: Italian

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *A WORK IN PROGRESS*: Korean



WILLOW'S WOODS

#1: SAM SQUIRREL

#2: ROSEY STINK BADGER

By Suzanne Selfors

Illustrated by Ramona Kaulitzki

Imprint: Aladdin

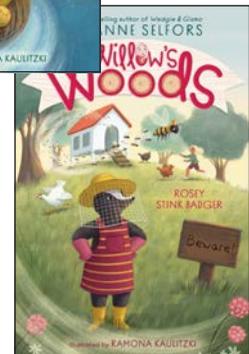
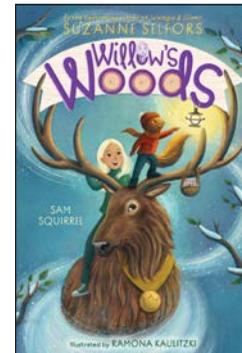
A new charmingly whimsical chapter book series from the bestselling and award-winning author of *Wedgie & Gizmo*, Suzanne Selfors

This sweet, quaint series tells the stories of the woodland creatures who live in the Quiet Woods and the young girl, Willow, who has been tasked with taking care of them.

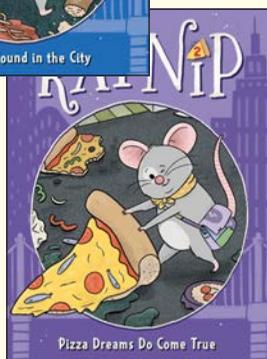
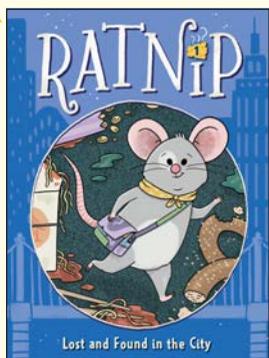
Publication Date: #1: January 2025; #2: April 2025

Ages: 6–9

Page Extent: 128 pp/11K words



New Little Simon Chapter Book Series!



RATNIP

- #1: LOST AND FOUND IN THE CITY**
- #2: PIZZA DREAMS DO COME TRUE**
- #3: RIGHT ON YOUR TAIL!**
- #4: I'M NO SCAREDY-RAT!**

By Cam Higgins
Illustrated by Allison Steinfeld
Imprint: Little Simon

Explore the big city with Ratnip in this new chapter book series that is equal parts sweet and icky!

Ratnip the rat lives in the city, where there's always plenty of food to eat . . . if you know where to look. Dumpster diving isn't just for finding food, though. It's also for treasure hunting and discovering new adventures.

Publication Date: #1 & #2: February 2025; #3: May 2025; #4: July 2025

Ages: 5–9

Page Extent: 128 pp

LUCY LANCASTER

- #1: LUCY LANCASTER HAS A SECRET**
- #2: LUCY LANCASTER AND THE STORMY DAY**
- #3: LUCY LANCASTER IS TOTALLY IN CONTROL**
- #4: LUCY LANCASTER IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

By Willow Coven
Illustrated by Priscilla Burris
Imprint: Little Simon

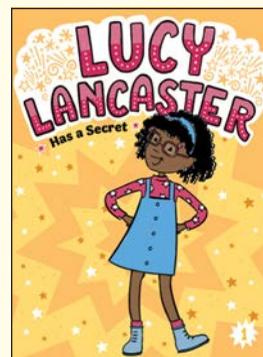
Lucy Lancaster, Heidi Heckelbeck's best friend, discovers her own magic in this new chapter book series full of magical mishaps and everyday childhood adventures.

Lucy Lancaster is good at being a lot of things. She's a best friend, a stellar student, and a budding Super Flag Tag athlete. But there is one thing she hadn't planned on being: magic!

Publication Date: #1 & #2: January 2025; #3: May 2025; #4: August 2025

Ages: 5–9

Page Extent: 128 pp



Little Simon Chapter Books Are Filling the Gap!

THE ADVENTURES OF SOPHIE MOUSE

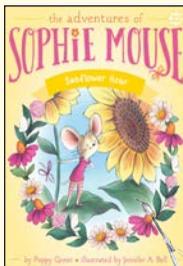
#22: SUNFLOWER HOUR

By Poppy Green
Illustrated by Jennifer A. Bell

Join Sophie Mouse and her woodland friends on their adventures.

Publication Date: June 2025

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



GOOD DOG

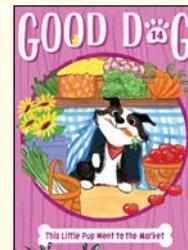
#14: THIS LITTLE PUP WENT TO THE MARKET

By Cam Higgins
Illustrated by Ariel Landy

Meet Bo Davis, a good dog with a heart of gold. Bo lives on a lively farm along with his loving family, a cast of barnyard characters, and plenty of puppy adventures.

Publication Date: March 2025

RIGHTS SOLD: Czech, Lithuanian



THE CRITTER CLUB

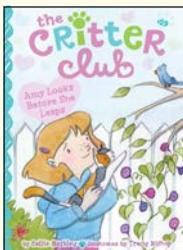
#29: AMY LOOKS BEFORE SHE LEAPS

By Callie Barkley
Illustrated by Marsha Riti

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

Publication Date: March 2025

RIGHTS SOLD: Hebrew



HENRY HECKELBECK

#17: HENRY HECKELBECK TAKES A SWING

By Wanda Coven
Illustrated by Priscilla Burris

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

Publication Date: January 2025



DESMOND COLE GHOST PATROL

#24: NIGHT NIGHT, SWEET SCREAMS

By Andres Miedoso
Illustrated by Victor Rivas

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

Publication Date: April 2025

RIGHTS SOLD: French, Russian



ISLA OF ADVENTURE

#9: THROUGH THE STORM

By Dela Costa
Illustrated by Ana Sebastián

Welcome to the adventurous island of Sol! For eight-year-old Isla Verde, who can talk to animals, Sol is the perfect place to live. The sun shines bright, the markets brim with delicious food and music, there are animal friends around every corner, and her best gecko buddy, Fitz, is up for almost every adventure!

Publication Date: May 2025



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

ITTY BITTY PRINCESS KITTY

#14: THE KITTY-CATWALK

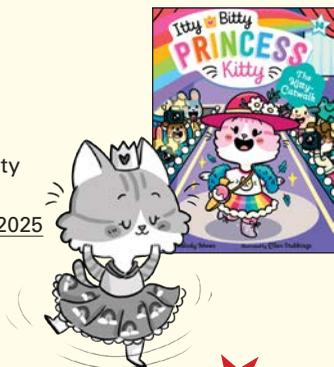
By Melody Mews

Illustrated by Ellen Stubbings

Join Itty Bitty Princess Kitty on her royal adventures!

Publication Date: February 2025

RIGHTS SOLD: UK



THE KINGDOM OF WRENLY

#22: GUARDIAN OF THE SEA

By Jordan Quinn

Illustrated by Robert McPhillips

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

Publication Date: July 2025

RIGHTS SOLD: German, Mongolian



THE VERY WORST EVER

#7: BACKSTAGE FRIGHT

By Andy Nonamus

Illustrated by Amy Jindra

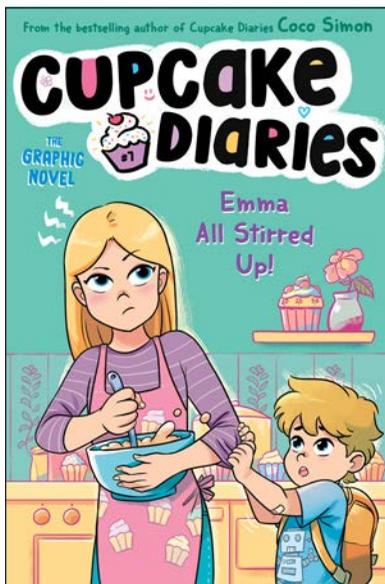
Meet a totally normal kid who will never show you his face or tell you his name because his bad-luck adventures are just too *cringe* in this illustrated chapter book series.

Publication Date: February 2025



For all chapter books:

Ages: 5–9 **Page Extent:** 128 pp



CUPCAKE DIARIES: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL #7: EMMA ALL STIRRED UP!

By Coco Simon
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

The bestselling Simon Spotlight middle-grade series Cupcake Diaries, which has sold over two-and-a-half million copies and counting, is now available in graphic novel format!

Cupcake Diaries graphic novels are chock-full of the middle school angst and humor that emerging readers are looking for, and they have a sweetness that makes them ideal for younger readers who are just getting into graphic novels. With age-appropriate text, perfectly paced storytelling, and fresh, bright, exciting illustrations, Cupcake Diaries graphic novels look as good as they read!

Over 300,000 copies sold since the graphic novel series launched in 2022!

PRAISE FOR BOOK ONE:

"A delightful story of friendship and starting middle school." — *Kirkus Reviews*

Publication Date: May 2025

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 160 pp/20K words

RIGHTS SOLD: French, Hebrew, Spanish



CUPCAKE DIARIES: THE NEW BATCH #4: ALANA'S CUPCAKE GARDEN #5: EMILY'S CUPCAKE CHAOS!

By Coco Simon
Illustrated by Manuela López
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

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

Meet the New Batch: four new girls who are younger than the main characters in the original Cupcake Diaries series but still full of fun! These girls are ready to start their own baking business while juggling elementary school problems like fitting in, maintaining friendships, making new friends, and navigating family drama. These stories are told with the same sweetness and humor of the original Cupcake Diaries series.

Publication Date: #4: December 2024; #5: May 2025

Ages: 5–9

Page Extent: 96 pp/4K words





SPIRITED
#5: HOWL AT THE MOON

By Liv Livingston
 Imprint: Little Simon

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

Publication Date: March 2025

Ages: 5–9

Page Extent: 144 pp



DRAGON KINGDOM OF WRENLY
#12: RESTLESS RUINS

By Jordan Quinn
 Imprint: Little Simon

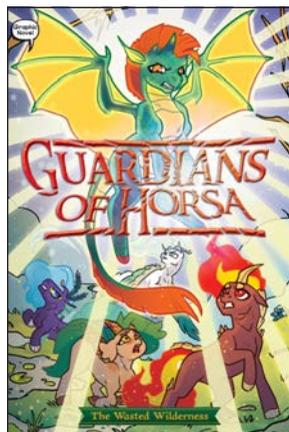
Ruskin, the beloved scarlet dragon from the Kingdom of Wrenly books, stars in this graphic novel series for emerging readers that's full of magical quests, epic adventures, mysterious prophecies, and DRAGONS!

Publication Date: July 2025

Ages: 5–9

Page Extent: 144 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Italian, Mongolian, Russian



GUARDIANS OF HORSA
#6: THE WASTED WILDERNESS

By Roan Black
 Imprint: Little Simon

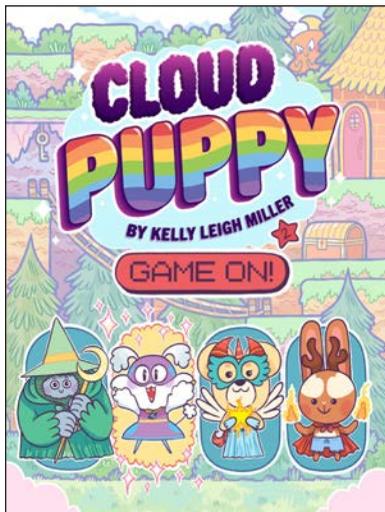
This thrilling graphic novel chapter book series gives magic an equine twist when four elemental horses from warring herds must unite to find one special yearling and usher in a new era for the world of Horsa.

Publication Date: April 2025

Ages: 5–9

Page Extent: 144 pp





CLLOUD PUPPY #2: GAME ON!

By Kelly Leigh Miller
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Cloud Puppy—part puppy, part cloud, and all adorable—explores the immersive world of video games with her friend in this second book in a delightful graphic novel chapter book series that's Narwhal and Jelly meets *The Amazing World of Gumball*!

Cloud Puppy loves playing *Valley of Runes*, a cozy farming video game. But when Jack says that his favorite games are better, Cloud Puppy begins to feel badly about the things that she likes . . . until she learns that Jack has never even played *Valley of Runes*!

Cloud Puppy challenges her picky pal to a trade of their favorite games. But Jack has other plans: he thinks it will be fun to surprise Cloud Puppy with a scary simulator. The only problem is, he's never played it himself! Can they find a game that everyone will enjoy without getting too spooked?

Publication Date: March 2025
Ages: 6–9
Page Extent: 160 pp/9K words



THE EXPETS #2: THE REVENGE OF THE SKUNK AND THE LIZARD

By Mark Tatulli
Imprint: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

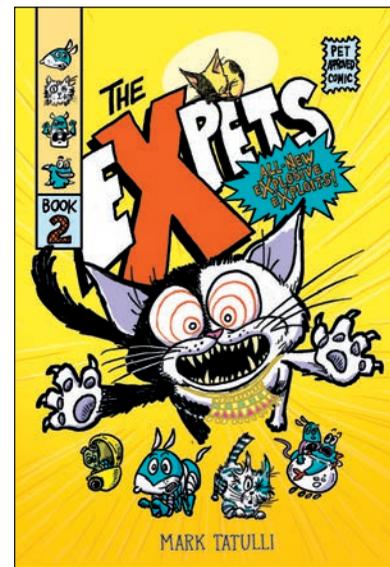
Ginormous Gerbil, Laser-Eye Kitty, Wonder Guppy, and Stanky Dog return in the second installment of The eXpets, this time to take on the most fearsome feline in the galaxy (and the tristate area) . . . KittyKahKah.

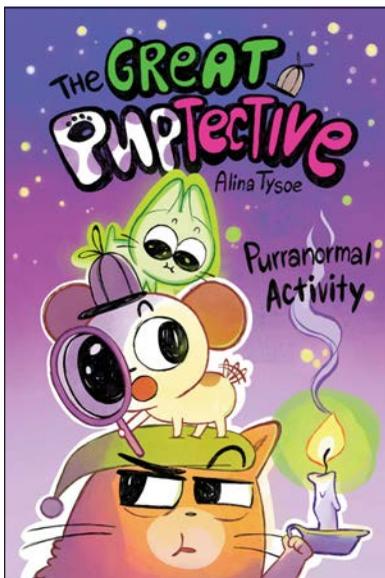
When Professor Foozypinz looks out his enormo'scope at the moon one day, the last thing he expects to see is a ginormous evil . . . kitten!? And yikes! The kitten is ready to wreak havoc on earth and is heading straight for New Jersey!

This definitely looks like a job for the eXpets! But the only way to save the day is to team up with their nemesis, the Skunk. (Well, that sure stinks!)

While Stanky Dog and Laser-Eye Kitty think they've convinced Skunk to help them, Skunk double-crosses them and skunk-naps Stanky Dog's human. Now the eXpets are divided, and time is ticking as KittyKahKah gets closer to Jersey City. Can the supercritters unite in time to save the day?

Publication Date: September 2025
Ages: 7–12
Page Extent: 208 pp/6K words
RIGHTS SOLD: German, Slovak, Spanish





THE GREAT PUPTECTIVE #2: PURRNORMAL ACTIVITY

By Alina Tysoe
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Poppy the pupctective goes paw to paw with a poltergeist in this second silly book in a graphic novel chapter book series perfect for fans of InvestiGators and Narwhal and Jelly.

When a new neighbor moves into the house next door, Poppy the pupctective couldn't be more uninterested. She's too busy solving the mystery of the unseen culprit chewing up all the furniture in her house.

But when Poppy catches a possible ghost playing with Truffles's toys in the middle of the night, whatever's going on next door becomes urgent! Good thing Poppy and Truffles the cat are on the case!

Publication Date: February 2025

Ages: 6–9

Page Extent: 128 pp/45K words

RIGHTS SOLD: Korean



STORY SPINNERS

By Cassandra Federman
Imprint: Aladdin

The Princess Bride meets Raina Telgemeier's Sisters in this middle-grade graphic novel about sisters who must put aside their differences to soothe their baby sister with the best bedtime story ever, proving to their parents—and each other—that they can get along.

Big sister Kennedy and little sister Devon are as different as the sides of their shared room. On one side, musical theater-loving Kennedy keeps things tidy. On the other, heavy metal fan Devon looks like she lives in an exploded toy store. When baby sister Eve moves in, her contribution is crying. Constant. Ear-piercing. Crying.

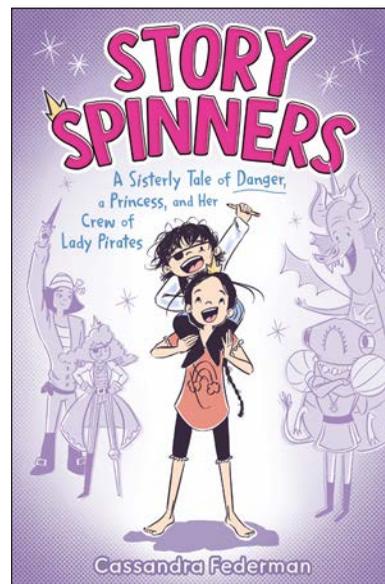
The stress pushes the older girls to their breaking point, and they get into their biggest fight yet. As punishment, Mom and Dad seize all their beloved electronics until Kennedy and Devon can find a way to get along. Now stuck together with no distractions except Eve's screaming, the two land on a desperate solution: tell Eve a bedtime story so epic that it puts her to sleep and gets them out of trouble.

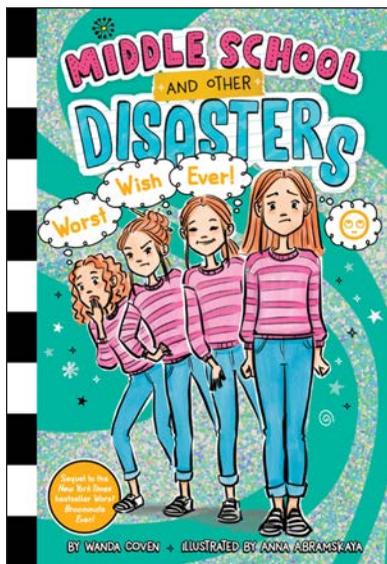
But Kennedy's fairy tales make Devon want to barf, and Devon's nonsensical adventure stories make Kennedy want to tear her hair out. So they try to mash up a story of true love, adventure, princesses, pirates, pirate-princesses, dragons, spiders, and . . . garbage trucks? Will their hilarious fairy tale remix solidify their sisterly bond or break it forever after?

Publication Date: March 2025

Ages: 7–10

Page Extent: 208 pp/42K words





MIDDLE SCHOOL AND OTHER DISASTERS #5: WORST WISH EVER!

By Wanda Coven
Illustrated by Anna Abramskaya
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

Sequel to the *New York Times* bestseller *Worst Broommate Ever!*

In this middle-grade series, Heidi Heckelbeck attends a boarding school for witches and tackles relatable problems with her signature magical flair!

Heidi learns about a magical wishing well at her school. It's off-limits to students, but Heidi decides to use the wishing well to be in two places at once . . . just this one time! Unfortunately for Heidi, anything that can go wrong . . . does!

Publication Date: March 2025

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 352 pp/25K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *WORST BROOMMATE EVER!*: Arabic, Bulgarian, Catalan, French, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Portuguese (Brazil), Slovak, Spanish, UK, Ukrainian



THE GLADE

By Naseem Jamnia
Imprint: Aladdin

Ellen Oh's *Spirit Hunters* meets Katherine Arden's *Small Spaces*. Pina discovers her summer camp, Camp Clear Skies, hides a secret. . . .

At Camp Clear Skies your dreams really do come true . . . so be careful what you wish for. . . .

Pina's first trip to summer camp is a chance to escape her overbearing parents and finally go on an adventure with her best friend, Jo. But Camp Clear Skies hides a secret—a clearing in the deep woods the older kids call "the Glade."

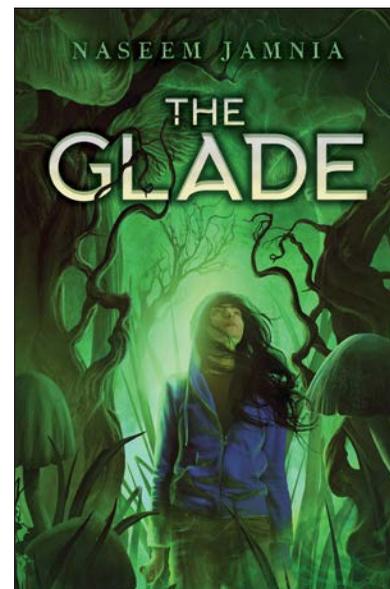
Falling asleep in the Glade, Pina and Jo can enter each other's dreams, transforming into superheroes and knights in shining armor, fighting their nightmares in epic adventures. At first, the friends think they've discovered a secret more exciting than any video game—until Pina's nightmares start leaking out into waking life. Worse, something seems to have followed them back from those dreams, and whatever it is, it's taking over Jo.

Pina will have to journey deeper into the Glade than she ever has before, to confront the consciousness trying to steal her friend's body and to learn what happened twenty years ago that shut down Camp Clear Skies and changed the Glade forever. Jo has always been the superhero in their friendship, but now Pina must do the rescuing, before the Glade swallows the dreamers whole.

Publication Date: May 2025

Ages: 9–13

Page Extent: 288 pp/52K words





WHAT IF YOU FALL FOR ME FIRST?

By G.F. Miller
Imprint: Aladdin

In this middle school rom-com and companion novel to *Not If You Break Up with Me First*, a mutually beneficial pact to help Sofia snag the attention of her crush turns into something more complicated when Holden, the boy she enlisted to make her “cool,” reveals himself to be more than his bad reputation.

Eighth-grader Sofia has had enough of everyone thinking she’s so nice. There’s more to her than cute barrettes and pastel sweatshirts. More than anything, Sofia wants Mark Chen, her forever crush, to realize this. But he’s too busy paying attention to the confident girls, the ones who play sports and speak their minds.

So Sofia enlists the help of Holden, the boy who everyone has written off as a jerk, to help her leave behind her reputation and become a Cool Girl. Under Holden’s tutelage, Sofia learns to copy the style of the right influencers, ride a skateboard, and stand up for herself.

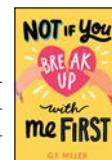
At the same time, Holden learns that when he’s alone with Sofia it’s safe to drop the cool guy act and just be himself. Spending time with Sofia makes Holden want to be a better person, and soon he’s not sure who’s teaching whom. But when their efforts begin to pay off, Sofia is left with a choice: Should she stick with the plan and ask out the boy of her dreams or let herself fall for the boy everyone agrees is the wrong choice?

Publication Date: June 2025

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 288 pp/58K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *NOT IF YOU BREAK UP WITH ME FIRST*: AU/NZ, German



MEET ME AT WONDERLAND

By Julia DeVillers
Imprint: Aladdin

A tween version of *You’ve Got Mail* where rivals become coworkers at an infamous and nostalgic theme park—and when sparks fly, so does the drama!

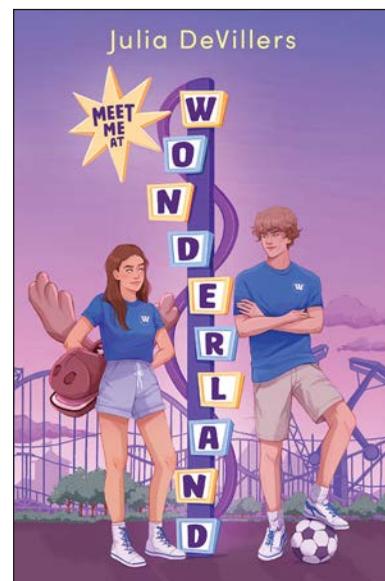
Fourteen-year-old Coco is about to start her first shift at her family business, Wonderland Adventure Park. And this shift, Coco is dressed as the official mascot, Morty the Moose . . . in the middle of a heat wave. It gets worse when she takes off Morty’s head and meets the new hire, Henry—aka the cutest boy Coco has ever seen.

Despite thinking Henry is cute, Coco is a little jealous that Henry keeps impressing management, even winning the coveted Moose Star Employee of the Week. And after learning Wonderland is in serious financial trouble, Coco wants to be the one to save the family business. As the summer goes on, Coco and Henry realize they have a lot more in common than they thought, moving from frenemy to friend to big-time crush territory. But after Henry learns a secret that could ruin Wonderland, his loyalties are put to the ultimate test. In this laugh-out-loud tween rom-com, author Julia DeVillers explores first crushes, first jobs, and found family.

Publication Date: May 2025

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 272 pp/50K words





TEAM AWKWARD

#1: JOJO VS. MIDDLE SCHOOL

#2: LEAH VS. ART

By Joy McCullough and Veeda Bybee

Imprint: Aladdin

After having a hilariously terrible first day of sixth grade, four girls vow to ride out the super highs and cringe-worthy lows of middle school together, no matter how awkward it gets, in this first book in the Team Awkward middle-grade series.

In *Jojo vs. Middle School*, Jojo's perfect first day of middle school is ruined by her oversleeping. After a major wardrobe malfunction featuring some seriously embarrassing cat-fluencer merch, she's forced to spend lunch period in an abandoned locker room. But she isn't the only one hiding to cope with some major awkwardness. Maybe, with friends by her side, middle school won't be so bad after all.

In *Leah vs. Art*, organized, driven Leah's artsy parents sign her up for Art Club to help "loosen her up." However, Leah prefers competing in the Quiz Bowl, which happens to meet at the same time. But as she secretly attends Quiz Bowl and lies to her parents, her competitive spirit begins to take over, threatening her scheme and her friendships.

Publication Date: #1: February 2025; #2: June 2025

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 192 pp/30K words

BENNY ON THE CASE

By Wesley King

Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

A boy with Mosaic Down syndrome navigates entering a mainstream classroom, making new friends, and standing up to bullies while trying to catch a thief and save his home in this thrilling middle-grade mystery from *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning author Wesley King.

Benny isn't your average boy from Newfoundland. He lives in a retirement home that his mother runs, he has an eighty-six-year-old best friend named Mr. Tom, he knows more about fixing boats than video games, and he has Mosaic Down syndrome. When Benny transitions to a mainstream classroom for the first time, the other students tease him for his differences—except for Salma. She's new too, and not your typical Newfoundland girl: she's tech savvy, speaks Arabic, plays basketball, and isn't afraid to eat lunch with Benny.

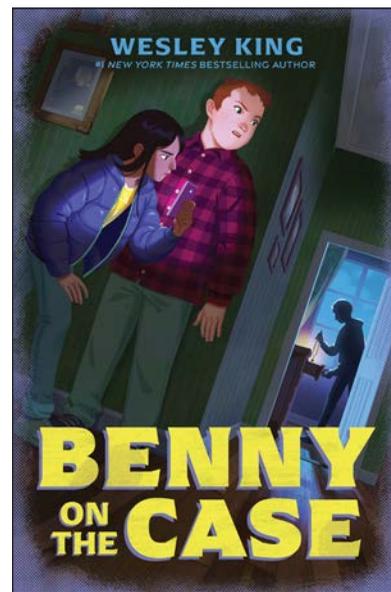
So when Salma's grandmother and several other residents in the retirement home are robbed, Benny asks Salma to help him catch the thief. And to make matters worse, Benny and Salma must crack the case while working on a class assignment with their bullies. Can Benny save his home and take a stand against the bullies once and for all? He's about to find out, b'ys.

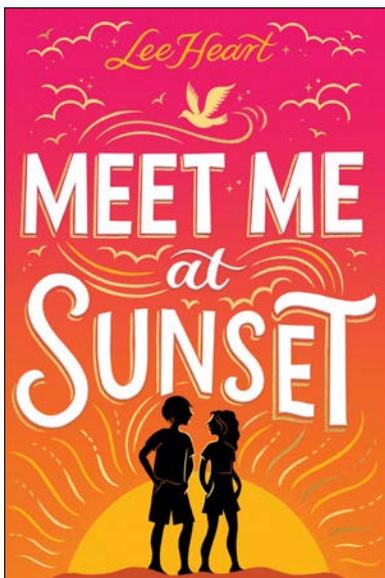
Publication Date: April 2025

Ages: 8–12

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RIGHTS SOLD FOR *SARA AND THE SEARCH FOR NORMAL*: Turkish





**SPOTLIGHT SPRINKLES:
MEET ME AT SUNSET
WRITTEN IN THE STARS**

By Lee Heart
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

Introducing the first two books in the new tween middle-grade rom-com Spotlight Sprinkles series!

Meet Me at Sunset is set in a beach town and filled with summertime fun, friendships, and, of course, boy drama!

Written in the Stars is set at a sleepaway camp where everyone is talking about the cute new camper.

S'mores around the campfire, movie nights, beach picnics, sunsets, holding hands, bff secrets, and more for perfect tween reading fun!

Publication Date: May 2025

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 160 pp/30K words

**THE WAND KEEPERS
#1: A SKY FULL OF DRAGONS**

By Tiffany McDaniel
Illustrated by Ayesha L. Rubio
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

For younger fans of Witchlings and Eva Evergreen comes a lighthearted and whimsical illustrated middle-grade fantasy about a young girl who must save her witch aunt from an uncommonly voracious hat.

Aunt Cauldroneyes, the greatest magical hatmaker in the world, is always looking into cauldrons. She's found everything in these witchy pots, including her most special find of all—a baby with bright blue freckles. Aunt Cauldroneyes names the child Spella and raises her in a crooked house with doors enchanted to smell like chocolate. There Spella grows up in a blissful existence until a stranger appears on their doorstep, asking Aunt Cauldroneyes to fix his hat.

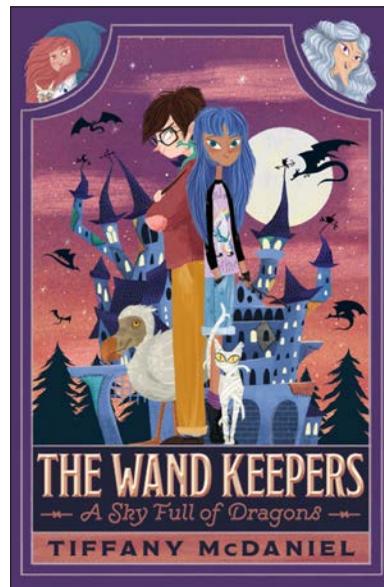
But Aunt Cauldroneyes is suddenly sucked up right inside the hat and stolen away on the very night Spella is set to head off to Dragon Knob—the most wonderful school for wand magic in the world. At Dragon Knob, Spella meets a handful of magical friends, dragons, goblin dogs, and all sorts of witchy wonders while she attempts to find her aunt and save her from whatever doom may await. It's a lot for a middle-school witch to deal with, but Spella is no ordinary witch—as her sparkling blue freckles prove. And Spella will do anything to get her aunt back.

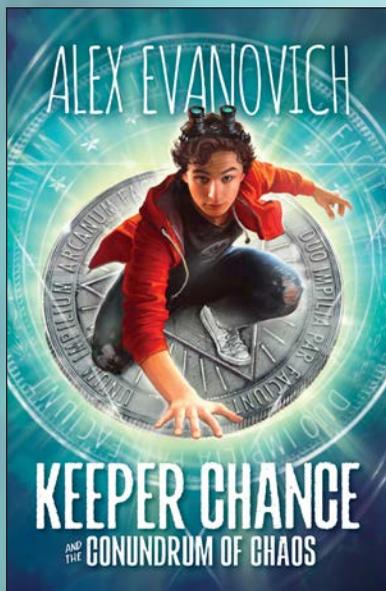
Publication Date: #1: September 2024; #2: September 2025

Ages: 8 up

Page Extent: 352 pp/72K words

AGENT CONTROLLED TERRITORIES: French, Italian, Japanese, UK





EVIL VILLAINS INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

#1: KEEPER CHANCE AND THE CONUNDRUM OF CHAOS

By Alex Evanovich

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

For graduates of the Percy Jackson & the Olympians series comes an adventure-filled story about good and evil, growing up, and making your mark on the world, by acclaimed author Alex Evanovich.

Keeper Chance is living with his strict and humorless grandmother, scraping by in school with mediocre grades and no friends, when he gets a strange invitation from a mysterious caped man named Chaos. Would Keeper be interested in leaving it all behind to apprentice with E.V.I.L., a society of villains? Unsure if he wants to be a villain, but with nothing to lose, Keeper meets the members of his local E.V.I.L. chapter and is intrigued. More outcasts than outlaws, doing deeds more mischievous than malicious, the villains are convinced Keeper has a hidden skill that could make him valuable to their ranks, and they invite him to undertake some low-grade villainy as a test: pilfering a harmless box of cookies from the city's best bakery.

But the night of the heist, Keeper gets swept into a plot bigger than anyone, villain or not, could have imagined when the baker herself, the Cookie Maven, is kidnapped. Keeper sets off on a quest, joined by his new friends—kind and loyal Toby, another young recruit to E.V.I.L., with a formidable gift for gab; Why, the daughter of a shadowy dojo leader, with deadly martial arts skills and an interest in Keeper that may be more than platonic; and the biggest and stinkiest Irish Wolfhound this side of Middle Earth. Keeper's journey takes him from the city's seediest underbelly to its weirdest and fanciest toilet store, and everywhere in between, with implications not only for the survival of villaindom, but for Keeper's untapped skill and hitherto unknown destiny.

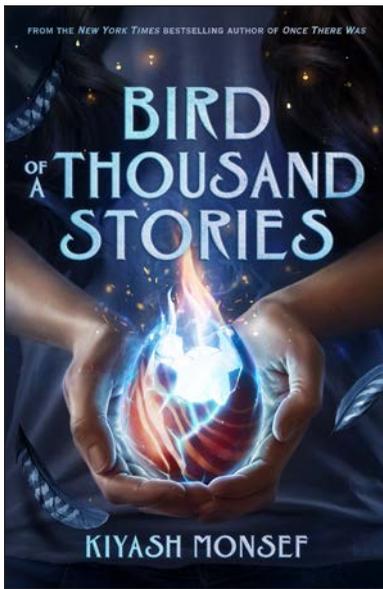
"A buddy book, a coming of age, and a hint of romance that is for anyone and everyone with an inner, or outer, child to celebrate. Keeper Chance is brilliant, brave, and most of all . . . fun. I wish I had written this book." —Janet Evanovich, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

"Evanovich's debut, a tongue-in-cheek take on comic book tropes, features a quirky cast with mundane, oddball powers such as talking down prices or sucking the fun out of any situation. . . . A satisfying beginning to Keeper's adventures, with plenty of room for further exploration." —*Publishers Weekly*

Publication Date: #1: October 2024; #2: September 2025; #3: September 2026

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 336 pp/72K words



BIRD OF A THOUSAND STORIES

By Kiyash Monsef

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

In this transporting and suspenseful sequel to the *New York Times* bestselling *Once There Was*, Marjan travels around the globe in search of a mythical bird in terrible danger, whose fate could determine the future of the world.

Marjan Dastani is successfully leading a double life—for now. Only a few people close to her know that when she's not in school, she travels the world taking care of mythical beasts, and she is sent on missions by a shadowy organization known as the Fells. She's on one of those jobs in Istanbul when she gets the chance to connect with her long-lost distant uncle, the only living relative she has who once did "the work," like her father and now her. When she meets him, though, they're interrupted by a threatening man who'll stop at nothing to trap and kill the creatures it's her duty to care for.

In an adventure that takes her across continents and connects her with the wildest of mythic beasts around the globe, Marjan must interpret the messages the animals are trying to send her and track down the fabled Bird of a Thousand Stories before someone with more nefarious plans finds it. But the more closely she connects with the creatures, the more danger she's in of losing her friendships—and all that tethers her to the life she's known.

Publication Date: February 2025

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 352 pp/90K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *ONCE THERE WAS*: Bulgarian, Chinese (simplified), Czech, Finnish, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Portuguese (Brazil), Russian, Spanish, UK, Ukrainian



THE WEB OF THE SPIDER #2: THREAT OF THE SPIDER

By Michael P. Spradlin

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Witness the chilling rise of Hitler's Germany through the eyes of a twelve-year-old boy in this action-packed middle-grade novel for fans of the *I Survived* series and Alan Gratz.

Ansel has never been afraid to speak his mind. He's always the first among his friends to speak up when something doesn't feel right. When the Hitler Youth first set up shop in Heroldsberg the year before, Ansel quickly made enemies of the chapter's arrogant leader, Hans. Ansel is twelve years old, and he spends much of his time reading his favorite Dirk Goodly, Boy Detective novels and trying to make his friends laugh. But increasingly more of his classmates have been swayed by Hans's tactics, and the youth organization is growing throughout the city.

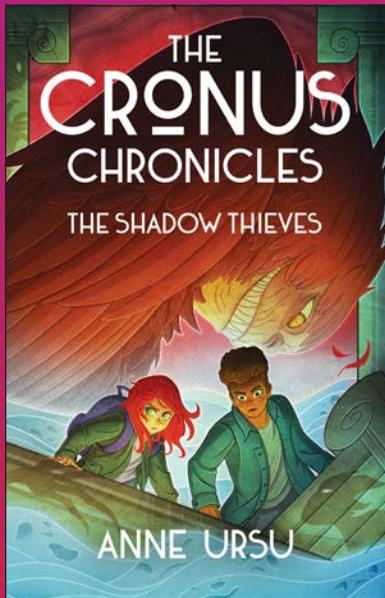
Ansel knows that Hans and his group are spreading false information—after all, Ansel's father is a journalist for the local paper and has been fighting Nazi propaganda for a long time. Then the newspaper office is attacked by the Nazi Party, and Ansel's father goes missing. Ansel will have to trust in his detective skills and work together with his friends to find his father and thwart the Nazis' plans to suppress the free press.

Publication Date: June 2025

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 192 pp/30K words





Backlist favorites from powerhouse author Anne Ursu! The beloved Cronus Chronicles series is perfect for fans of Percy Jackson.

THE CRONUS CHRONICLES

#1: THE SHADOW THIEVES

#2: THE SIREN SONG

#3: THE IMMORTAL FIRE

By Anne Ursu

Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

In this trilogy packed with magical whimsy, humor, and action-filled adventure, two cousins battle the Greek gods with only their friendship and modern-day wit as weapons.

Something extraordinary is about to happen to Charlotte Mielswetski. Oh, it's not the cute kitten that appears out of nowhere. It's not the sudden arrival of her cousin Zee, who believes he's the cause of a mysterious sickness that struck his friends in England. And it's not the men in tuxedos who follow Charlotte everywhere.

What's so extraordinary is not any one of these things. It's all of them. And when Charlotte's friends also fall sick, Charlotte and Zee set out on a quest to find a cure that leads them to the Underworld. Once there, they discover that the fate of every person—living and dead—is in their hands.

PRAISE FOR THE CRONUS CHRONICLES:

"Fast-paced action adventure set apart." —*Horn Book*

"Unabashed cheerfulness and gusto." —*Booklist*

"Witty, well-paced, and fun." —*Kirkus Reviews*

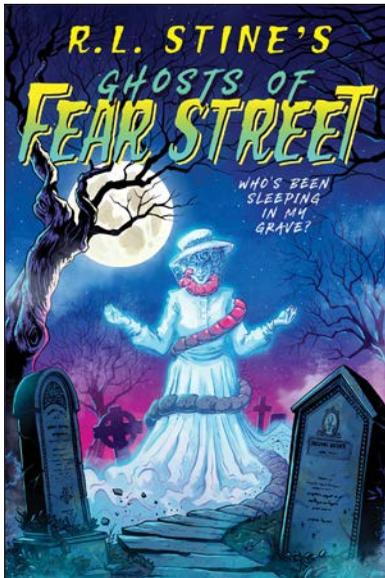
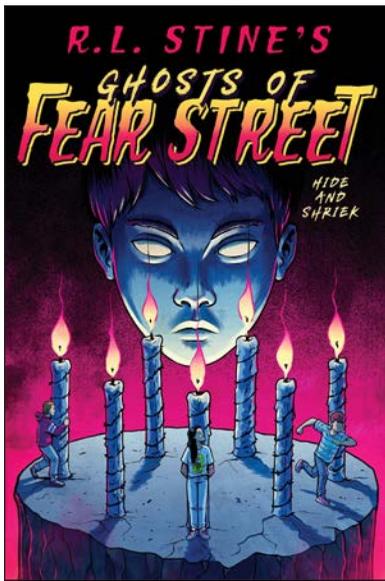
"Perfect series for fans of Rick Riordan's 'Percy Jackson and the Olympians' books."

—*School Library Journal*

Publication Date: April 2025

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: #1: 432 pp/90K words; #2: 448 pp/94K words; #3: 528 pp/114K words



A new look for this classic middle-grade series from the master of children's horror himself, R.L. Stine!

GHOSTS OF FEAR STREET

#1: HIDE AND SHRIEK

#2: WHO'S BEEN SLEEPING IN MY GRAVE?

By R.L. Stine

Imprint: Aladdin

All the thrills and chills of the bestselling Fear Street series, for a younger audience

Do you believe in ghosts? Don't say no until you take a walk down Fear Street: past the woods—where no birds sing; past the lake—where something lurks beneath the water; past the cemetery—where everyone is dying to meet you.

In *Hide and Shriek*, new kid in town Randy discovers that there's much more at stake than usual in the town's annual after-dark game of hide-and-seek in this first book in the Ghosts of Fear Street series. The seeker is the ghost of a long-ago kid from town, and he's looking for a body to inhabit. Turns out, he has a particular fondness for new kids. . . .

In *Who's Been Sleeping in My Grave*, Zack Pepper thinks there is something very wrong with his substitute teacher. Not only does she seem far too interested in him, she's also super creepy. But no one else seems to think so. Zack is going to have to get rid of her all by himself. But how can he destroy someone who is already dead?

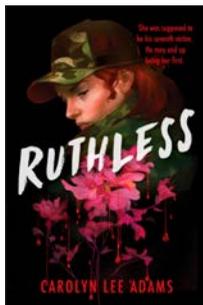
This series flew off shelves when it was first published, with each of the 27 books selling over 100,000 copies. Perfect for fans of Goosebumps who aren't quite ready for Fear Street, these books have all the satisfying scares without getting too graphic.

R.L. STINE invented the teen horror genre with Fear Street, the bestselling teen horror series of all time. He also changed the face of children's publishing with the mega-successful Goosebumps series, which went on to become a worldwide multimedia phenomenon. Guinness World Records cites Stine as the most prolific author of children's horror fiction novels. He lives in New York City with his wife, Jane, and their dog, Lucky.

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RUTHLESS

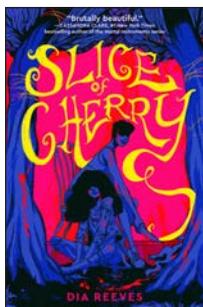
By Carolyn Lee Adams
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

The spine-tingling debut about the ultimate game of cat-and-mouse as a teen struggles to retain hope—and her sanity—while on the run from a cunning and determined killer.

Publication Date: May 2025

Ages: 12 up

Page Extent: 256 pp/70K words



SLICE OF CHERRY

By Dia Reeves
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Slice of Cherry is a fresh, macabre, and delicious horror novel about girl villains and monstrosity by the utterly inimitable Dia Reeves. Perfect for fans of *Lisa Frankenstein*, *Bones and All*, and *There's No Way I'd Die First*.

Publication Date: June 2025

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 512 pp/93K words



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THE CREEPING

By Alexandra Sirowy
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Romance, friendship, and dark, bone-chilling fear fill the pages of this horror novel, perfect for fans of *Wilder Girls* and *House of Hollow*.

"A haunting, modern day folktale." —April Genevieve Tucholke, author of *Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea*

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Ages: 12 up

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THE TELLING

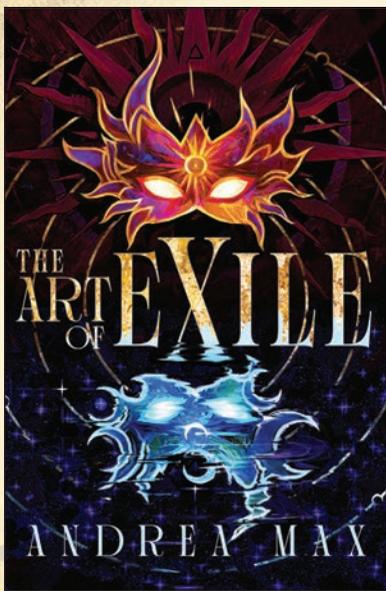
By Alexandra Sirowy
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

A girl must delve into her past if she wants to live long enough to have a future when a series of murders that are eerily similar to the dark stories her brother used to tell start happening in her hometown.

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Ages: 12 up

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COVER NOT FINAL

THE ART OF EXILE

By Andrea Max
Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Legendborn meets *The Da Vinci Code* in this captivating contemporary fantasy following a teen who must infiltrate a secret school for the descendants of exiled Renaissance masters to steal their long-lost arts and sciences.

Ada Castle is a total disappointment, a fact her high-achieving family has made clear by excluding her from their secret ancestral order. But she has finally been given an opportunity to enter the fold, using the one thing that makes her special—a power she’s been told her whole life to suppress.

Sent on a mission to Florence, Ada needs to make contact with the recruiter for a hidden school. And she does it. Granted, she accidentally goes on a date with him first, then is temporarily abducted, but when she shows him her power to revive languishing plants with her touch, he invites her to the Genesis Institute.

The school is a utopia of sustainable science, myths come to life, and medical advancements—and they are unjustly hoarding their resources. Determined to prove herself to her family, Ada goes undercover as a student to steal technology that will revolutionize the world. But Genesis is the first place to make her feel accepted exactly as she is, and she can’t help but fall for it—and maybe also for her frustratingly off-limits recruiter-turned-mentor.

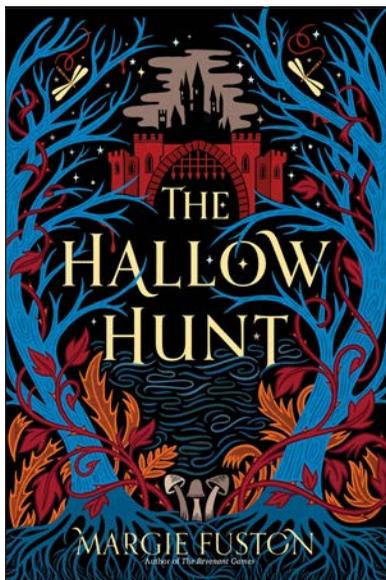
But when a close friend is kidnapped by the same shadowy group who abducted her in Florence, Ada is forced to team up with a dangerous (and dangerously hot) classmate to find her. And if she wants to save her friend, she’ll have to choose who to betray: the family she loves or the school that has given her a home.

This is Andrea Max’s debut novel and the first book in a planned trilogy. The second book, tentatively titled *The Blood of Muses*, is scheduled for Summer 2026.

Publication Date: May 2025

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 448 pp/129K words



THE REVENANT GAMES: THE HALLOW HUNT

By Margie Fuston
Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Bly has nothing left to lose in this thrilling sequel to *The Revenant Games*.

Bly won the Revenant Games, but she lost everything else. In her desperation to resurrect her sister, Bly betrayed Kerrigan, the vampire she'd planned to sacrifice to the witches before she fell in love with him—only to find out that Elise was never dead. With nothing left, Bly will do whatever it takes to locate her sister. Her only lead lies with Kerrigan's brother, Donovan, who she turned over to the witches in place of Kerrigan. Though she and Kerrigan are both searching for Donovan, after Bly's treachery Kerrigan refuses her help.

But when the vampire queens accuse them of treason, they're offered just one escape from execution: retrieving a mystical root that only grows on the banks of the Hallow Pool, where legend says that vampires and witches were created. Now Kerrigan and Bly must find a way to work together if they want to keep their lives and save their siblings. But they're not the only ones hunting in the forest, and as their feelings for each other rekindle, they risk being torn apart once more.

Publication Date: March 2025

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 416 pp/107K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *THE REVENANT GAMES*: German, Spanish, UK



THE DROWNED GODS TRILOGY: STRANGER SKIES

By Pascale Lacelle
Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

***Ninth House* meets *The Hazel Wood* in this riveting sequel to the *New York Times* bestselling fantasy *Curious Tides*.**

After going through the door that called to them both in dreams, Emory and Romie find themselves in the Wychwood: the same world written of in *Song of the Drowned Gods*, albeit a twisted, rotting version. A sinister force has awoken with their arrival, intent on destruction. Now Emory and Romie must stop it before it reaches their own shores.

Meanwhile, a mishap pulls Baz and Kai back in time, where they come face-to-face with Cornus Clover, famed author of *Song of the Drowned Gods*. Stuck together in the past, they must navigate a very different Aldryn College as they unravel the school's darkest secrets.

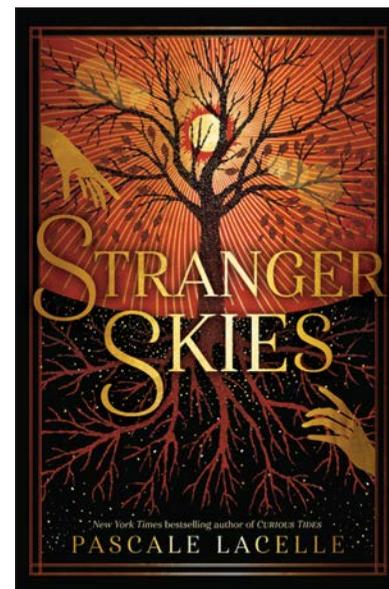
Across time and worlds, Emory, Romie, Baz, and Kai find their fates eerily interwoven with those of the heroes from Clover's book. But when stories can't be trusted, friendships are put to the test, and deadly enemies are not always as they seem, they must decide who gets to be a hero—and who is desperate enough to see themselves become a villain.

Publication Date: #2: *Stranger Skies*: November 2024; #3: April 2026

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 608 pp/165K words

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





LOVE AT SECOND SIGHT

By F.T. Lukens

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

When a teen has an unexpected vision about a future murder, he must juggle newfound interest from the supernatural community with trying to prevent the murder from happening in this new romantic fantasy from *New York Times* bestselling author F.T. Lukens.

Tired of being known as the artsy oddball, fifteen-year-old Cam Reynolds hopes to fly under the radar when he changes high schools as a sophomore. It shouldn't be too hard, considering he's a human going to school with kids who have supercool paranormal powers, like his best friend and witch, Al, and longtime werewolf crush, Mateo.

Then Cam has a clairvoyant vision in front of most of the student body, seeing a gruesomely murdered teen girl from the point of view of the killer. When Cam comes to, he knows two things: someone he goes to school with is a future murderer, and Cam's life is about to change. No longer a mere human but a clairvoyant, one of the rarest of supernatural beings, Cam finds himself the center of attention for the first time.

As the most powerful supernatural families in the city court Cam and his gift, he'll have to work with his friends, both old and new, to figure out who he can trust. Because the clock is ticking, and Cam and his friends must identify the girl in the vision, find her potential killer, and prevent the murder from happening. Or the next murder Cam sees might be his own.

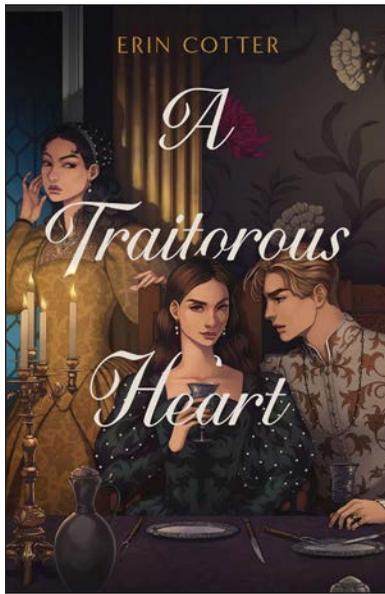
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RIGHTS SOLD FOR *IN DEEPER WATERS*: French, German, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Russian, Spanish, UK





A TRAITOROUS HEART

By Erin Cotter

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

A noblewoman in the scandalous French court of Catherine de' Medici finds herself in danger when she falls in love with the handsome king betrothed to her former lover in this bisexual *Three Musketeers* by way of *Bridgerton* and F.T. Lukens.

Paris 1572. Seventeen-year-old Jacqueline "Jac" d'Argenson-Aunis is lady-in-waiting to her best friend and former lover, the French princess Marguerite "Margot" de Valois, but she dreams of more. If Jac plays her cards right, one day she'll become a full member of the Societas Solis, a secret society of spies.

But it's hard to think about her own ambitions while France is on the brink of war, and the only thing that might save the country is an alliance—a marriage between the Catholic princess Margot and Henry, the brazen and arrogant son of the Huguenot queen. Who would be the *perfect* person to play matchmaker? Jac, of course.

The more time Jac spends in the French Court's clandestine corners, though, the more she starts to wonder if Henry is . . . not as terrible as she once believed. And the Societas Solis may not be what they seem.

Politics. Spies. Chaos in the French court. Perhaps even witchcraft? Everything's more dangerous when love is involved.

Publication Date: January 2025

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 464 pp/108K words



TILL DEATH

By Kellan McDaniel

Imprint: MTV Books

Two gay men—one young, one ageless—sink their teeth into reclaiming their lives and identities from those who would silence them in this romantic horror novel from Hugo Award and Nebula Award nominee Kellan McDaniel.

Howard is biding his time until he can finally leave for college, where he has been promised that things get better. The last thing he expected was to meet a boy. George reminds Howard of 1960s movie stars and is endearingly formal and well-read. And his grandpa fashion is super authentic.

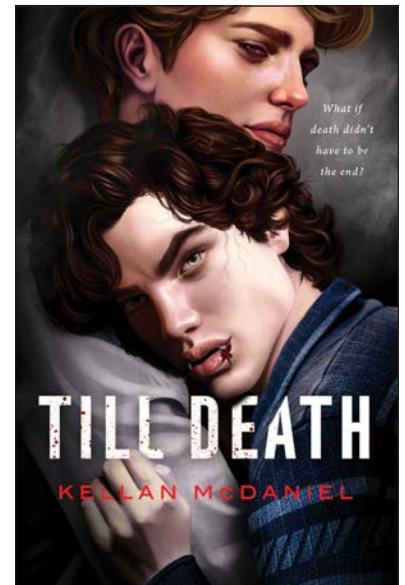
After over twenty years together, George is about to lose his life partner. He met James when they were teenagers then lost track of him until they reconnected in their early sixties. Now James is going somewhere beyond George's reach—because George is a vampire, forever trapped in the body of a nineteen-year-old.

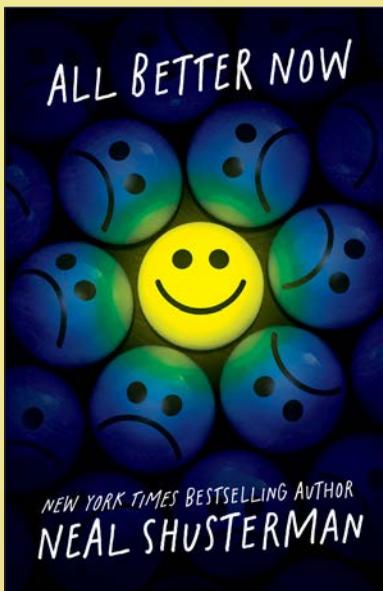
As Howard and George grow closer, George begins to see a future beyond losing his first love, and Howard stops imagining himself always being alone—even if companionship comes at the cost of his mortality.

Publication Date: March 2025

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 304 pp/75K words





ALL BETTER NOW

By Neal Shusterman

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

From *New York Times* bestselling author Neal Shusterman comes a young adult thriller about a world where happiness is contagious but the risks of catching it may be just as dangerous as the cure.

A deadly and unprecedented virus is spreading. But those who survive it experience a long-term effect no one has ever seen before: utter contentment. Soon after infection, people find the stress, depression, greed, and other negative feelings that used to weigh them down are gone.

More and more people begin to revel in the mass unburdening. But not everyone. People in power—who depend on malcontents, and who prey on the insecure to sell their products and convince others they need more, new, faster, better everything—know this new state of being is bad for business. Surely, without anger or jealousy as motivators, productivity will grind to a halt and the world will be thrown into chaos. Campaigns start up to convince people that being eternally happy is dangerous. The race to find a vaccine begins. Meanwhile, a growing movement of Recoverees plan ways to spread the virus as fast as they can, in the name of saving the world.

It's nearly impossible to determine the truth when everyone with a platform is pushing their agenda. Three teens from very different backgrounds who've had their lives upended in very different ways find themselves at the center of a power play that could change humanity forever.

The story will continue in *All Over Now*, the second book in this duology, tentatively scheduled for November 2026.

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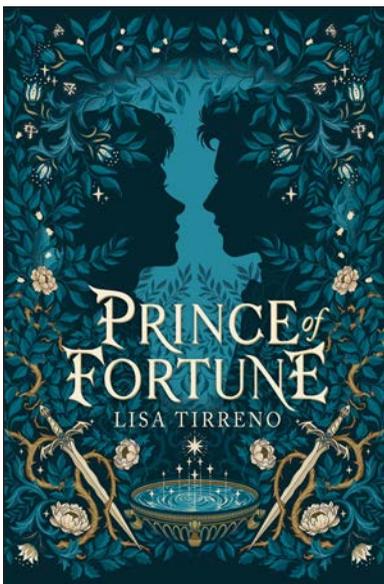
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RIGHTS SOLD FOR *SCYTHE*: Arabic, Bulgarian, Chinese (complex), Czech, Dutch, French, Hebrew, Indonesian, Korean, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Portuguese (Portugal), Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovak, Spanish, Thai, Turkish, UK, Ukrainian





PRINCE OF FORTUNE

By Lisa Tirreno

Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Red, White & Royal Blue meets A Darker Shade of Magic in this swoony debut young adult romantic fantasy following a magical young prince and a noble seer who fall in love in the midst of war and intrigue.

Shy Prince Edmund will be a great king one day: it has been Seen again and again. With rare magic giving him dominion over the nation's plants and weather, Edmund feels a great deal of pressure to live up to his nation's many expectations, including making a perfect diplomatic alliance through marriage. That is, until he meets Lord Aubrey Ainsley.

Charming, romantic, and politically insignificant, Aubrey is a Seer, but not even he could have predicted catching the eye of Edmund, the Prince of Fortune. Aubrey's dream-visions have been full of battles, not love, but to say that Prince Edmund has captured his fancy would be a grand understatement.

As the two become more and more intertwined, the nation of Saben falls under attack. War and dark sorcery loom on the horizon. To save their homeland, Edmund and Aubrey must resist the outside forces seeking to drive them apart and find the power within themselves to create a future for Saben—and each other—they never could have imagined.

Publication Date: October 2024

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 416 pp/119K words

THE HYSTERICAL GIRLS OF ST. BERNADETTE'S

By Hanna Alkaf

Imprint: Salaam Reads

The Midnight Club gets a dark academia twist in Hanna Alkaf's next YA thriller, about an all-girls school that is struck by mysterious, random cases of screaming hysteria.

For over a hundred years, girls have fought to attend St. Bernadette's, with its reputation for shaping only the best and brightest young women. Unfortunately, there is also the screaming.

When a student begins to scream in the middle of class, a chain reaction starts that impacts the entire school. By the end of the day, seventeen girls will have been affected—along with St. Bernadette's stellar reputation.

Khadijah's got her own scars to tend to, but when her sister falls to the screams, Khad knows she's the only one who can save her. Rachel has always been far too occupied trying to reconcile her overbearing mother's expectations with her own secret ambitions to pay attention to school antics. But just as Rachel finds her voice, it turns into screams.

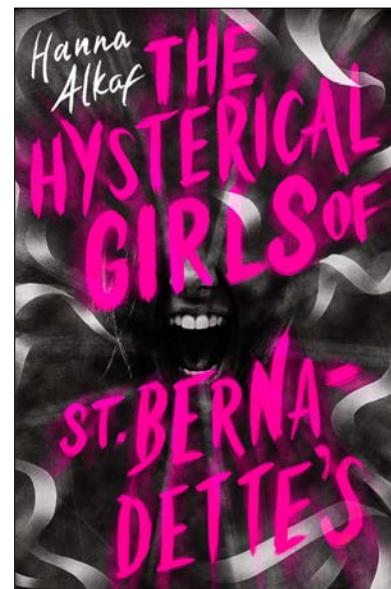
Together, the two girls find themselves digging deeper into the school's dark history, hunting for the truth. Little do they know that a specter lurks in the darkness, watching, waiting, and hungry for its next victim. . . .

Publication Date: September 2024

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 352 pp/75K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *THE WEIGHT OF OUR SKY*: Malaysian





LOVE GOES VIRAL

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

Simultaneously in development for the big screen!

An internet star falls for a small-town boy in this sweeping romance that's *Notting Hill* for Gen Z—perfect for fans of Lynn Painter!

Love Thompson has it all—fifty million followers, brand deals, PR packages at her Hollywood mansion doorstep—until . . . she doesn't.

When she takes the blame for her influencer boyfriend's mistake, Love loses sponsorships and ten million fans overnight. She needs to rehab her image. Fast. And that means dating someone a little more homegrown.

Enter Austin Grey. Austin is about as homegrown as it gets, and his only followers are the regulars at his family's struggling diner that he's doing his best to save. But everything changes when he gets a DM from an internet star he never expected to cross paths with again.

When Love walks back into Austin's life, they both think this is a purely online scheme with an expiration date. But as actual feelings start to develop that keep them coming back to each other again and again, will either of them be willing to take a chance on something real?

CAMILLE STOCHITCH was born in Paris, France, and studied American literature at the Sorbonne University. She's lived in Los Angeles for over ten years, where she works as a director and screenwriter.

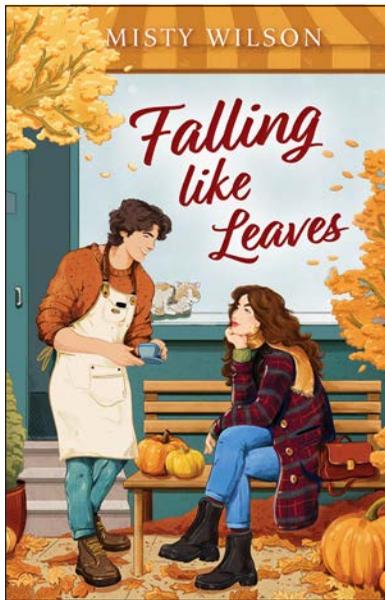
ALEXANDER BERMAN is from Highland Park, Illinois. He studied filmmaking at Harvard University and now works as a screenwriter and director in Los Angeles where he lives with his wife (Camille) and their two children. This is their debut novel.

ESTELLE LAURE is a novelist and picture book author who writes across genres, including contemporary, fantasy, and magical realism. She is best known for her YA book *This Raging Light* and Disney's City of Villains series. Born in France and raised all over, she now lives in Taos, New Mexico, with her family.

Publication Date: February 2026

Ages: 12 up

Page Extent: 320 pp/75K words



FALLING LIKE LEAVES

By Misty Wilson
Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

***Gilmore Girls* meets Jenny Han in this fall-themed YA romance about a girl whose parents' separation causes her to move to quaint Bramble Falls, forcing her to confront the truth of her future while rekindling an old flame.**

Ellis has a lot of expectations for her senior year, but moving from Manhattan to Bramble Falls, Connecticut, is not one of them. Yet in the wake of her parents' separation, that's exactly where she and her mother are headed. Bramble Falls might be charming, but it's also full of distractions. Like local barista Cooper Barnett, Ellis's one-time best friend—and first kiss—who has not only majorly glowed up but wants nothing to do with Ellis.

Then there's the Bramble Falls Falling Leaves Festival, a month-long tourist attraction run by Ellis's aunt celebrating all things autumn. Dragged to each event, Ellis can't stop bumping into Cooper, the one person she'd hoped to avoid.

But the longer she spends in Bramble Falls, the harder it is to pretend she's not falling for this town and the people in it. As her return to Manhattan gets pushed further and further out, Ellis is forced to confront exactly what she wants from her future and what that means for her present. . . .

Publication Date: August 2025

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 320 pp/78K words

MAKE MY WISH COME TRUE

By Rachael Lippincott and Alyson Derrick
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

'Tis the season for holiday hijinks in the newest sapphic rom-com from the *New York Times* bestselling authors of *She Gets the Girl*, Rachael Lippincott and Alyson Derrick!

Arden James is Hollywood's hottest teen actor. Infamously reckless, she's a constant in the tabloids. But when her messy reputation costs her an audition for her dream role, Arden and her publicist make up a lie to flip the script. Only, for the lie to work, she'll have to head home for the holidays for the first time in four years.

Caroline Beckett has spent these last four years building a stellar journalism portfolio and convincing herself she doesn't care what her former best friend and first crush has been up to since she left. But when Arden suddenly shows up at her doorstep with the promise of a real byline in *Cosmopolitan* in exchange for a write-up on their "secret romance" and twelve snow-covered "holidates" in their Christmas-obsessed hometown, Caroline can't help but be tempted into playing along.

It should be easy enough to stand each other for twelve days to make their dreams come true, right? But when old feelings start to bubble up, so do new holiday wishes that might just have Arden and Caroline falling faster than that Christmas Eve snow. . . .

Publication Date: October 2024

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 320 pp/80K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *SHE GETS THE GIRL*: Czech, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Portuguese (Portugal), Spanish, UK





MEET ME ON LOVE STREET

By Farah Heron
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

From Farah Heron, the critically acclaimed author of adult rom-com *Accidentally Engaged*, comes an opposites-attract romance between two teens who are trying to save their quickly gentrifying neighborhood.

Seventeen-year-old Sana Merali is a *hopeless* romantic. But that's inevitable—she literally lives on Love Street, a quiet side street in downtown Toronto filled with mom-and-pop shops. Sana expects that any second now, an epic meet-cute on Love Street will happen for her. But when Sana's idyllic neighborhood is threatened by developers, Sana and her neighbors plan a community festival to make Love Street the Toronto destination it should be. And what better place for her to find love than at a festival for Love Street?

Unfortunately, also on the festival committee is the quick-to-disagree, stick-in-the-mud Miles Desai. Miles is grumpy, cynical, and doesn't believe in love—which sunny Sana simply can't stand. So Sana has a new, additional goal this summer: matchmake Miles and knock the cynicism right out of him. But when her setup for Miles starts to actually work, Sana realizes that she might want Miles to fall for *her* more than anyone else.

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SOLVING FOR THE UNKNOWN

By Loan Le
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

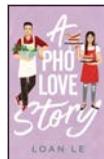
In this sweet, heartfelt companion to *A Pho Love Story*, Việt and Evie juggle family expectations with their desire to forge their own path in between classes and falling in love.

To his friends back home, Việt Hò is calm and collected and a lovable oddball. He's relieved to head off to UC Davis and escape from being in the middle of his bickering immigrant parents. Yet, on campus and with the school year unfolding at an overwhelming pace, Việt struggles to belong and to keep his depression hidden.

Evie Mai is a biology major who has never trod far off the beaten path. She has everything: good grades, a solid group of friends, and a smart, ambitious boyfriend. But their busy schedules, as well as their interests, no longer align.

When a clumsy accident brings Việt and Evie together, they bond over their shared hometown and similar history—and their orbits and friends overlap. The more time they spend together and support each other, mentally and emotionally, the more their relationship deepens, and the more they realize the answers they've been searching for may have been right in front of them all along.

Publication Date: March 2025
Ages: 14 up
Page Extent: 304 pp/72K words
RIGHTS SOLD FOR *PHO LOVE STORY*: French, Portuguese (Brazil), UK



NOTHING LIKE THE MOVIES

By Lynn Painter

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Internationally bestselling series

Wes and Liz are back in this highly anticipated sequel to the phenomenal *New York Times* bestseller, *Better Than the Movies*.

Wes just got his dream girl. The girl next door, Liz—wonderful, perfect, strong-willed Liz. But right as the two are about to set off to college to start their freshman year together, tragedy strikes. Wes is left dealing with the fallout and inadvertently loses Liz in the process.

Flash forward to months later, and Liz and Wes find themselves back together at college. In a healthier place now, Wes knows he broke Liz's heart when he ended things, but he is determined to make her fall in love with him again.

Wes knows Liz better than anyone, and he has a foolproof plan to win her back with rom-com-worthy swoon. Only . . . Liz will have none of it! Which means Wes has to scheme to figure out where and when he can see her. Plus, Liz has a new college friend—a *guy* friend.

Still, Wes won't give up on the girl next door. Will Wes find the perfect way to get Liz to forgive him and prove he is the one for her? Or is their relationship over for good?

LYNN PAINTER is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Better Than the Movies*, *Betting on You*, *The Do-Over*, *Mr. Wrong Number*, and *The Love Wager*. She lives in Nebraska with her husband and pack of wild children, and when she isn't reading or writing, odds are good she's guzzling energy drinks and watching rom-coms.

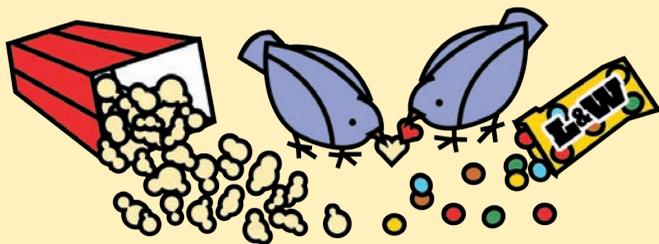
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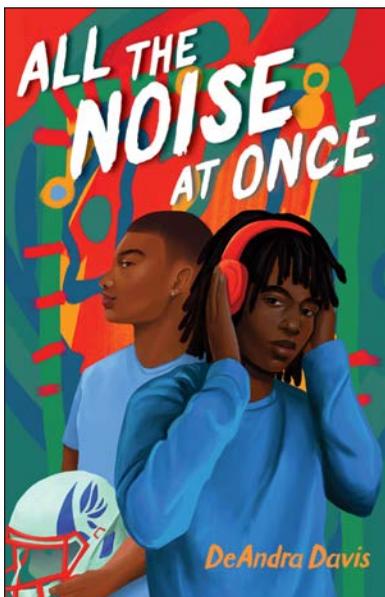
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RIGHTS SOLD FOR *NOTHING LIKE THE MOVIES*: Bulgarian, Czech, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Portuguese (Portugal), Serbian, Slovak, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, UK, Ukrainian

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ALL THE NOISE AT ONCE

By DeAndrea Davis

Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

In this compelling, moving story about brotherhood, identity, and social justice, a Black autistic teen tries to figure out what happened the night his older brother was unjustly arrested.

All Aiden has ever wanted to do was play football just like his star quarterback brother, Brandon. An overstimulation meltdown gets in the way of Aiden making the team during summer tryouts, but when the school year starts and a spot unexpectedly needs to be filled, he finally gets a chance to play the game he loves.

However, not every player is happy about the new addition to the team, wary of how Aiden's autism will present itself on game day. Tensions rise. A fight breaks out. Cops are called.

Brandon interferes on behalf of his brother, but is arrested by the very same cops who, just hours earlier, were chanting his name from the bleachers. When he's wrongly charged for felony assault on an officer, everything Brandon has worked for starts to slip away, and the brothers' relationship is tested. As Brandon's trial inches closer, Aiden is desperate to figure out what really happened that night. Can he clear his brother's name in time?

Publication Date: April 2025

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 384 pp/92K words

UNDER THE FADING SKY

By Cynthia Kadohata

Imprint: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

A teen boy thinks his vaping habit is harmless until it becomes a crippling addiction of nightmarish dimensions in this searing young adult novel from Newbery and National Book Award winner Cynthia Kadohata.

Sixteen-year-old Elijah is sick of his parents always being on his case about vaping. It's not like he's shooting up or knocking back pills. Until something changes, so slowly Elijah isn't even aware it's happening. Instead of vaping every now and then when he wants to, he's vaping all the time because he *needs* to.

And soon, Elijah and his friends need even more than vaping and are stumbling their way into the sprawling drug culture of Southern California, where girls sell pictures of themselves for vape and pill money, and the dealers are cutthroat. The more desperate the teens become, the more money they need. And to get that money they're being forced into impossible choices—and an end you won't see coming.

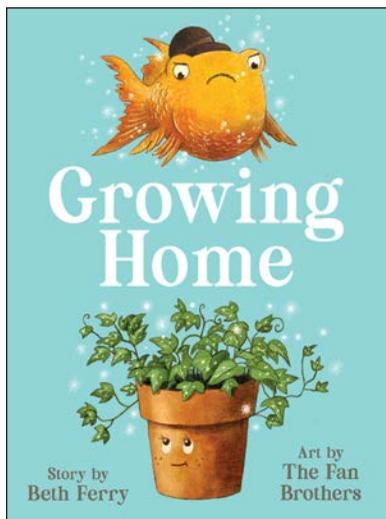
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Ages: 14 up

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RIGHTS SOLD FOR KIRA-KIRA: Chinese (complex), Chinese (simplified), Turkish





GROWING HOME

By Beth Ferry
Illustrated by the Fan Brothers
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

From *New York Times* bestselling author Beth Ferry and beloved illustrators the Fan Brothers comes a cozy, magical story about talkative plants, curious spiders, and a grumpy goldfish named Toasty, written in a timeless storytelling style reminiscent of Kate DiCamillo and Katherine Applegate.

Ivy is the beloved houseplant of Jillian Tupper of Number 3 Ramshorn Drive, much to the constant dismay of Toasty the goldfish, who is technically the family pet (swimming in his special place of honor, the antique octagonal fish tank) and *should* be the most loved. Life on Number 3 Ramshorn Drive is usually the same, day in and day out, with Toasty being grumpy and Ivy being ebullient and optimistic, but soon a sequence of thrilling and magical events happens to challenge that way of life forever.

First, there's the arrival of Arthur, a knowledgeable spider with a broken leg and a curious mind, hidden in an old typewriter. Then Jillian throws everything for a loop when she brings home dear, sweet Ollie, a school houseplant who just wants to be friends and sing. When Toasty splashes the plants with his tank water out of frustration, the friends learn that they can do magical things—like lift heavy objects and turn things invisible! Toasty's fish tank was created by a magical inventor, and much to everyone's dismay, there's a curious man with purple shoes that just so happens to want the tank at any cost! Will their special powers and friendship be enough to save the Tupper family?

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