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PICTURE BOOKS

SADIE SPROCKET BUILDS A ROCKET by Sue Fliess

Amazon/Two Lions (February 2021)

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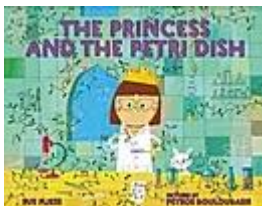


A picture book about an aspiring space explorer who builds her own rocket, charts a mission to Mars and makes the unprecedented trip with her crew of pets and stuffed animals.

THE PRINCESS AND THE PETRI DISH by Sue Fliess

Albert Whitman (April 2020)

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Pippa isn't your usual princess. She prefers petri dishes to perfecting her curtsying. And when she realizes that she doesn't like peas, she gets a sweet idea that consumes her and almost the whole kingdom.

FLASH AND GLEAM: LIGHT IN OUR WORLD by Sue Fliess

Millbrook (March 2020)

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: Film



A lyrical exploration of the many forms light can take, from sunbeams and lightning bolts to fireflies and birthday candles

HOW TO FIND A UNICORN by Sue Fliess

SkyHorsePress (March 2020)

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Legend has it that the only way to find a unicorn is to know where to look and how to craft a beautiful gift that shows her you are a friend. If you're lucky, she may even take you for a ride!

Unicorns are excellent judges of character. So, gather some natural craft supplies like daisies, sugar cubes, ivy, ferns, apples, grass, and straw, and get ready to find a magical new friend!

OTHER TITLES IN THE MAGICAL CREATURES AND CRAFTS SERIES:

HOW TO TRAP A LEPRECHAUN

HOW TO TRICK A CHRISTMAS ELF

HOW TO TRACK AN EASTER BUNNY

LITTLE RED RHYMING HOOD by Sue Fliess

Albert Whitman (October 2019)

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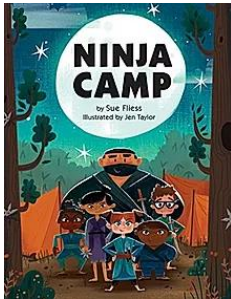


Because Little Red only speaks in verse, it's tough for her to make friends. The schoolyard bully, Big Brad Wolf, is always picking on her. One day, her grandma shows her a flyer for a poetry contest, and Little Red thinks it could be her big chance to make a friend. But on the day of the contest, Big Brad Wolf sneaks up on Little Red and scares the rhyme right out of her—and into him! How will they rhyme their way out of this dilemma?

NINJA CAMP by Sue Fliess

Running Press (January 2019)

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Pack your bags and grab your gear: you're going to Ninja Camp! Listen closely to the ninja master, who will teach you everything you need to know to become a ninja warrior-but it won't be easy. You'll have to be sly and swift, strong and speedy, and only then will you become a Ninja of the Night!

BACKLIST TITLES: MRS. CLAUS TAKES THE REINS, HAUNTED HALLOWEEN, WE WISH FOR A MONSTER CHRISTMAS, MARY HAD A LITTLE LAB, RACE!, FROM HERE TO THERE, A FAIRY FRIEND, CALLING ALL CARS, THE BUG BOOK, LETS BUILD, A GLUTEN-FREE BIRTHDAY FOR ME, TONS OF TRUCKS, SHOES FOR ME!, A DRESS FOR ME! BOOKS FOR ME!, ROBOTS ROBOTS EVERYWHERE, HOW TO BE A PIRATE, HOW TO BE A SUPERHERO, HOW TO BE A PRINCESS, PUPPY PRINCESS, BELLA'S NEW BABY, I'M A BALLERINA, THE HUG BOOK



www.suefliess.com

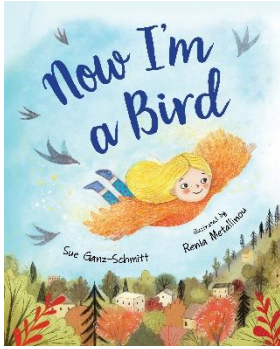


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NOW I'M A BIRD by Sue Ganz-Schmitt

Albert Whitman (October 2020)

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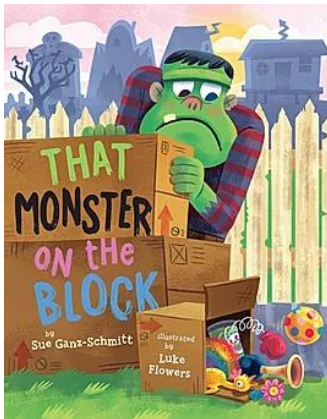


A girl who has grown bird-like feathers is reluctant to face the first day of school but soon discovers that her wings take her to places she hadn't imagined

THAT MONSTER ON THE BLOCK by Sue Ganz-Schmitt

Amazon/Two Lions (October 2020)

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Monster is excited to see what kind of creature will move into Vampire's old house on the block. He even starts practicing his welcome growl for the new neighbor. But when the moving truck pulls up, it's not a greedy goblin, an ogre, or a dastardly dragon that steps out. Instead, it's something even more terrifying than Monster could have imagined! Monster quickly rallies the other neighbors to unite against the new guy on the block. But what if the new neighbor isn't exactly as bad as Monster thinks? Join Monster as he confronts his fears in this charming and lighthearted look at what it means to accept others who are different from us.

BACKLIST TITLES: *PLANET KINDERGARTEN (Chronicle, 2014); PLANET KINDERGARTEN: 100 DAYS (October 2016)*



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ALPACA PATI'S FANCY FLEECE by Tracey Kyle

Running Press Kids (September 2019)

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Little alpaca Pati has a beautiful coat of fur that is the envy of the other alpacas. When she learns that she will have to lose her coat in the spring, she is heartbroken and runs away to the city. Upon arriving, Pati is amazed by the many vibrant goods for sale at the market. She realizes that her alpaca fur is used to make everything and decides that she must give up her coat to keep the villagers warm.

FOOD FIGHT FIESTA by Tracey Kyle

SkyHorse (July 2018)

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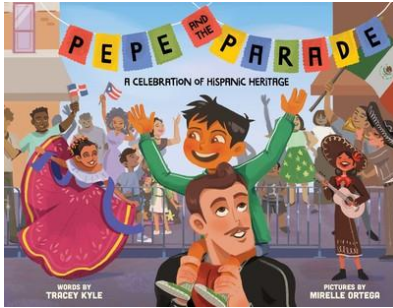
*"Off to the hills of España we go.
Grab a tomato . . . get ready . . . now THROW!"*

Every year, the town of Buñol in Spain holds La Tomatina, a grand fiesta featuring the world's BIGGEST food fight! Join in the fun!

PEPE AND THE PARADE by Tracey Kyle

Little Bee Books (August 2018)

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: Film



Pepe wakes up energized to attend his first Hispanic Day parade. With new food to taste, music to dance to, and a parade to watch, Pepe couldn't be more excited to celebrate and share his Hispanic heritage.

A PAINTBRUSH FOR PACO by Tracey Kyle

Little Bee Books (July 2018)

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: Film



Meet a little boy named Paco who loves to draw but can't seem to concentrate during school in this picture book that's sprinkled with Spanish words!



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THE ONLY MERMAID by Lisa Ann Scott

Skyhorse (April 2021)

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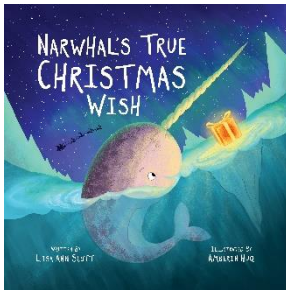


A young mermaid is thrilled to be the only one in the sea, but when another mermaid shows up in her lagoon, she's not sure there's room for two

NARWHAL'S TRUE CHRISTMAS WISH by Lisa Ann Scott

Skyhorse (November 2020)

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Nigel Narwhal's friends tell him that his True Christmas Wish, to be one of Santa's helpers, can't happen because of his big tusk. Will he find a way to make wishes come true?

BACKLIST TITLES: GOODNIGHT LAGOON, ROYAL MERMAID RESCUE CREW, WISH FAIRY SERIES. ENCHANTED PONY SERIES, BACK ON THE MAP, SCHOOL OF CHARM



www.lisaannscott.com

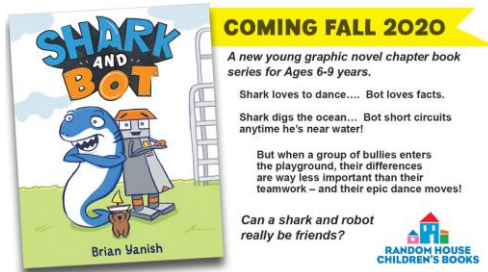


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SHARK AND BOT By Brian Yanish

Random House Childrens (September 2020)

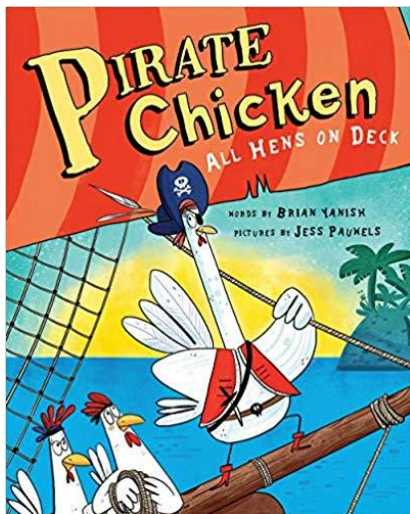
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PIRATE CHICKEN: ALL HENS ON DECK by Brian Yanish

Sourcebooks/Jaberwocky (March 2019)

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This whimsical, funky book from Brian Yanish, illustrated by Jess Pauwels, turns the traditional idea of piracy on its head, showing that lady pirates, especially lady chicken pirates, can be just as fierce and sea-worthy as their male (or human) counterparts.



www.brianyanish.com



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LALI'S FEATHER by Farhana Zia

Peachtree (April 2020)

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: Film



Lali finds a little feather in the field. Is it lost? Lali sets out to find feather a home, but one bird after another rejects it. The feather is too small for Rooster, too slow for Crow, and too plain for Peacock. Once Lali decides to keep the little feather and discovers all the things she can do with it, the other birds begin to recognize its value.

BACKLIST TITLES: CHILD OF SPRING, THE GARDEN OF MY IMAAN



www.fzaistories.com

MIDDLE GRADE

JR SILVER HAS SOMETHING TO SAY by Melissa Dassori

Macmillan/Ottaviano (2022)

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A contemporary From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, also set in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, about a girl with a magical power: the stories she writes come true.



www.melissadassori.com

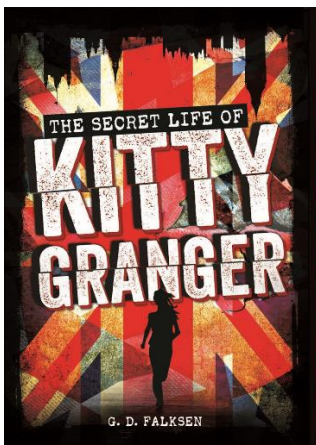


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THE SECRET LIFE OF KITTY GRANGER by G.D. Falksen

Carolrhoda Lab (March 2021)

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It's 1967, and Kitty Granger is about to accidentally become a spy. A working-class girl from London's East End who today would be recognized as autistic, she's spent sixteen years hiding her peculiarities from the world. But after her hyper-awareness helps her survive a chance encounter with a Russian spy ring, two British secret agents offer her a job.

BACKLIST TITLES: WARMAIDEN, OUROBOROS CYCLE (option up July 2020)



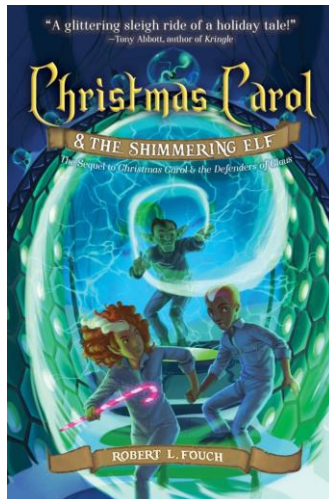
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THE CHRISTMAS CAROL SERIES by Robert Fouch

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CHRISTMAS CAROL & THE DEFENDERS OF CLAUS (Book 1)

Skypony (October 2017)

Carol really loves Christmas. The decorating and shopping, the Christmas sweaters and music—she wishes it all could be a year-round event. The only downside to the holiday is that she lives in Florida (not exactly the land of snow) and her only family is her Uncle Christopher, who adopted Carol when she was young, after her father's disappearance and mother's death. Her uncle owns a toy company and is super rich—but he's a grinch and a workaholic.

Then, on a magical December trip to NYC, Carol meets her destiny. Santa—the real man with the bag—meets Carol at the top of Rockefeller Center, overlooking the tree. There he explains that Carol is descended from a long line of Defenders of Claus, those who protect and serve Santa. Carol's dad was a Defender. And now Carol has been tapped to fulfill his legacy.

Who would want to hurt Santa? Someone pretty scary and shady, it appears—a masked man who's trying to destroy Christmas! Carol is whisked off to the North Pole on the adventure of a lifetime. Can she help save Santa before it's too late?

CHRISTMAS CAROL & THE SHIMMERING ELF (Book 2)

Skypony (November 2019)

When Christmas Carol, a Defender of Claus, is suddenly yanked into a portal by her Elven grandmother, she doesn't immediately understand what's happening.

But all becomes clear when she and the Ancient One emerge on the other side of the portal in what's supposed to be the North Pole: everything's changed.

Carol's father is gone. The Defenders of Claus don't exist. The Elf kingdom has been destroyed. And Santa's a broken shell of himself.

The jolly world Carol knew has turned into a terrifying place, where the magic of Christmas has been eliminated and everyone lives in fear of the all-powerful Supreme Leader. Someone has traveled back in time to change history, and Carol's pretty sure she knows the culprit.

Carol and her grandmother, with the help of two ragged boys who have lost everything in the rebellion against the Supreme Leader, track down the only Elf capable of helping their enemy travel through time. The bitter, shimmering creature reluctantly agrees to send Carol back, and she lands in the mid-1800s, when Santa was just getting started and the very first Defender of Claus was found. She must protect Santa and the original Defender and undo the damage her enemy has done or risk returning to a present day that has never known Christmas.



www.robertfouch.com



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STRIKERS by Kiel Phegley

Lerner/Graphic Universe (Fall 2022)

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This graphic novel, set in Flint, MI in the 1980s, follows a hockey team with a losing record as its members find their reasons to play.



www.kielphegley.com

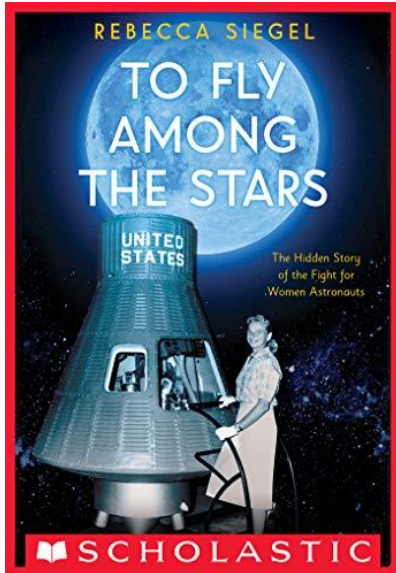


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TO FLY AMONG THE STARS by Rebecca Siegel

Scholastic Focus (March 2020)

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In the 1960s, locked in a heated race to launch the first human into space, the United States selected seven superstar test pilots and former military air fighters to NASA's astronaut class -- the Mercury 7. The men endured grueling training and constant media attention for the honor of becoming America's first space heroes. But a group of 13 women -- accomplished air racers, test pilots, and flight instructors -- were enduring those same astronaut tests in secret, hoping to defy social norms and earn a spot among the stars.

With thrilling stories of aviation feats, frustrating tales of the fight against sexism, and historical photos, To Fly Among the Stars recounts an incredible era of US innovation, and the audacious hope of the women who took their fight for space flight all the way to Washington, DC.



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YOUNG ADULT

THIS FINE FELLOW by Jennieke Cohen

Harper Teen (January 2022)

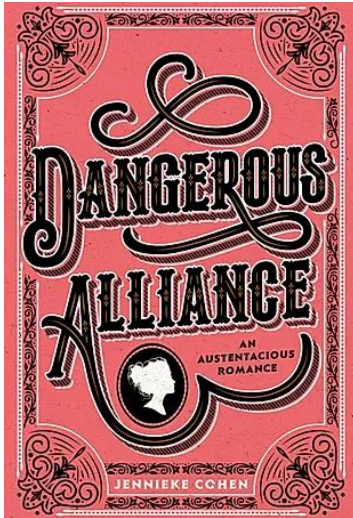
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DANGEROUS ALLIANCE by Jennieke Cohen

Harper Teen (December 2019)

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***The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue* meets Jane Austen in this witty, winking historical romance with a dash of mystery!**

Lady Victoria Aston has everything she could want: an older sister happily wed, the future of her family estate secure, and ample opportunity to while her time away in the fields around her home.

However, Vicky's comfortable, idyllic life is overturned in the course of one night. Her sister's husband turns out to be a terrible cad and now Vicky must marry, or find herself and her family destitute. Armed only with the wisdom she has gained from her beloved novels by Jane Austen, she enters society's season in a flutter of silks, dances, and pretty words.

But Miss Austen has little to say about Vicky's particular circumstances: whether the gorgeous and roguish Mr. Carmichael is indeed a scoundrel, if her former best friend—the much-grown and very handsome Tom Sherborne—is out for her dowry or for her heart, or even how to fend off the attentions of the foppish Mr. Silby, he of the unfortunate fashion sensibility.

Most unfortunately of all, Vicky's books are silent on the topic of the mysterious accidents cropping up around her. . . accidents that could prevent her from surviving until her wedding day.



www.jenniekecohen.com

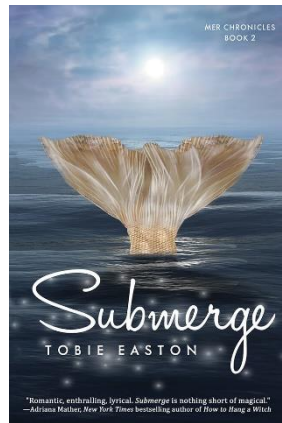
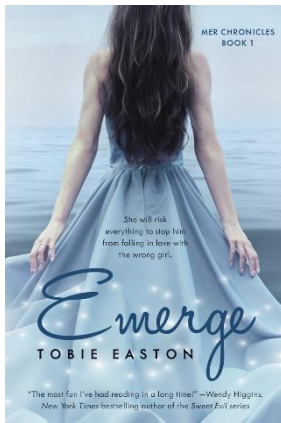


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THE MER CHRONICLES (YA trilogy) by Tobie Easton

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EMERGE – Book 1 (April 2016)

Lia Nautilus, a mermaid raised in Malibu's hidden community of land-dwelling Mer, must keep her identity a secret at school. That means she can't get too close to her human classmates. Especially not bad boy Clay Ericson, who she's had a major crush on since last year. But when Lia finds out Clay's new girlfriend is a mermaid who's just arrived on land, seeing them together brings Lia's feelings for him to the surface. She knows she can't date humans, but when she finds out that his girlfriend, Melusine, is using an evil siren song to brainwash him and control his actions, she steps in to save him and in doing so, falls in love and into a whirlwind she could never have imagined.

SUBMERGE – Book 2 (September 2017)

Lia and Clay's love has broken the Little Mermaid's curse, but their ever after may not be as happy as they planned. Lia is adamant about staying on land with Clay for her senior year despite her family's opportunity to move to the new, sparkling capital city below the waves. Before any decision about the future can be made, her family must endure Melusine and her father's trial, where new revelations will have far-reaching consequences that threaten what Lia holds most dear.

The verdict will shake Lia's whole world, calling into question her future with Clay, her feelings for Caspian, and the fate of all Merkind. As she wonders whom to trust, Lia sets out on a treacherous path that will lead her away from her sheltered Malibu home to a remote and mysterious school for Mermaids—Mermaids who may hold the secret to ancient magic Lia can use

to either get back all she's lost or embark on a thrilling and dangerous journey where only she can define her fate.

IMMERSE – Book 3 (March 2019)

In this spellbinding, breathless final installment of the Mer Chronicles series, the descendants of the Little Mermaid must face deadly magic, shifting alliances, and the dangers of forbidden love. Lia can't wait for her parents' coronation. Now living in the sparkling palace beneath the waves, she sneaks off to Malibu whenever possible to see Clay. Tucked away in an abandoned seaside mansion, the two devise a plan to ensure they can stay together forever. But when an old enemy resurfaces and Lia is restricted to the palace for the safety of all Merkind, she and Clay are ripped apart once more. She fears not only for Clay, but for her best friend Caspian, who seems to be swimming down a dangerous path. He has invited the conniving Melusine to the coronation ball, convinced she's capable of change. And no matter how hard Lia fights against it, showing up on Caspian's arm is just the start of Melusine's insidious return to her life. With threats Below growing more ominous by the day and a powerful ancient ritual looming, soon the two girls can't escape each other. As their fates grow increasingly entwined, Melusine may be the only one who can help Lia find the answers she desperately needs to save everyone she loves and to achieve her happily ever after. But can Lia trust her?



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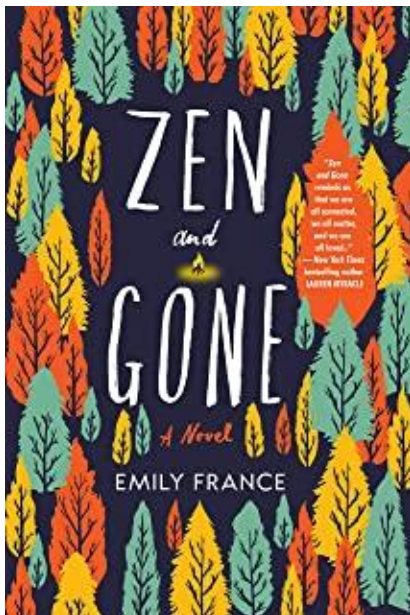


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ZEN AND GONE by Emily France

Soho Teen (June 2018)

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A Washington Post Best Book for Young Readers

Bringing together mindfulness and mystery, Emily France mines her home state of Colorado in a novel of a teen girl's harrowing search for her missing younger sister—and her own search for self.

Born and raised in Boulder, Colorado, Essence McKree feels older than any seventeen-year-old she knows. Ever since weed was legalized, Mom has been working in a pot shop, high more often than not. Lately it's been up to Essa to care for her nine-year-old sister, Puck.

When Essa meets Oliver—a brainy indoor type, in town for the summer—she is cautious at first, distrustful of the tourist crowd and suspicious of Oliver's mysterious past in Chicago. But Puck is charmed and pushes Essa toward him. Soon Essa finds herself showing Oliver the Boulder she has forgotten: the mountain parties, the long hikes . . . and at Oliver's urging, the exploration of Buddhism at the local zendo.

When Oliver agrees to accompany Essa on a three-day survival game in the Rocky Mountains, she feels a lightness she hasn't known in a long time. Then she discovers that Puck has stowed away and followed them into the wilderness. After spending a night stuck in a mountain storm, Essa wakes to find Puck missing. Now Essa must rely on her newfound spiritual strength if she is to save her sister's life, and ultimately her own.

BACKLIST TITLES: *SIGNS OF YOU* (Soho Teen, July 2016)



www.emilyfrancebooks.com

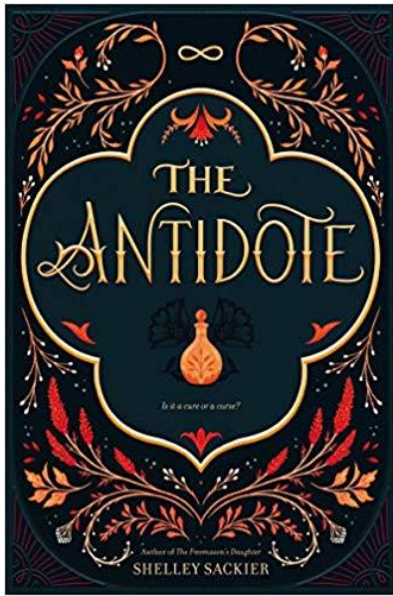


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THE BLACK COATS by Colleen Oakes

Harper Teen (February 2019)

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In the world of healers, there is no room for magic.

Fee knows this, just as certainly as she knows that her magic must be kept secret.

But the crown prince Xavi, Fee's best friend and only source of comfort, is sick. So sick, that Fee can barely contain the magic lying dormant inside her. She could use it, just a little, to heal him. But magic comes at a deadly cost—and attracts those who would seek to snuff it out forever.

A wisp of a spell later, Fee finds herself caught in a whirl of secret motivations and dark pasts, where no one is who—or what—they appear to be. And saving her best friend means delving deeper into the tempting and treacherous world whose call she's long resisted—uncovering a secret that will change everything.

Laini Taylor meets Sara Holland in this lavish fantasy from lauded historical romance author Shelley Sackier!

BACKLIST TITLES: THE FREEMASON'S DAUGHTER (Harper Collins 2017), DEAR OPL (Sourcebooks 2015)



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AND NOW YOU'RE BACK by Jill Mansell

Sourcebooks (July 2021)

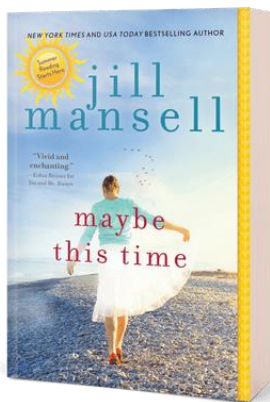
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MAYBE THIS TIME by Jill Mansell

Sourcebooks (2019)

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When Mimi first visits her dad's new home in the Cotswolds, she falls in love with Goosebrook and the people who live there. (Well, maybe not snooty Henrietta, who lets Mimi walk miles in the rain rather than give her a lift.)

There's Paddy, with his flashing eyes and seductive charm. Friendly and funny Lois makes Mimi laugh. And seriously gorgeous Cal is welcoming and charismatic. Though Mimi loves her city life and her career, she'd be very happy to return to Goosebrook if it means seeing more of him.

Life is about to take some unexpected and shocking twists and turns. And Mimi's path and Cal's are set to cross again and again - but will it ever be the right time for both of them?

THIS COULD CHANGE EVERYTHING by Jill Mansell

Sourcebooks (2018)

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: Film



All it took was one email to end her relationship, get her kicked out of her apartment, and just about ruin her life. Essie Phillips never meant for her private rant about her boss to be sent to everyone in her address book, but as soon as it goes viral, her life as she knows it is over.

Things only get worse when she gets a new job and her boss is Lucas Brook—the one who caused all the trouble in the first place! But when secrets are revealed and new friends are made, Essie might not have such a hard time adjusting to this new life after all...

BACKLIST TITLES: *DON'T WANT TO MISS A THING, YOU AND ME ALWAYS, FALLING FOR YOU, HEAD OVER HEELS*



www.sourcebooks.com/jillmansell

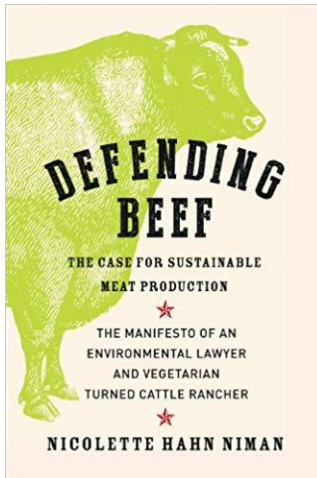


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DEFENDING BEEF: THE CASE FOR SUSTAINABLE MEAT PRODUCTION by Nicolette Hahn Niman

Chelsea Green Publishing, (revised edition Spring 2021)

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For decades it has been nearly universal dogma among environmentalists and health advocates that cattle and beef are public enemy number one.

*But is the matter really so clear cut? Hardly, argues environmental lawyer turned rancher Nicolette Hahn Niman in her new book, *Defending Beef*.*

The public has long been led to believe that livestock, especially cattle, erode soils, pollute air and water, damage riparian areas, and decimate wildlife populations.

*In *Defending Beef*, Hahn Niman argues that cattle are not inherently bad for either the Earth or our own nutritional health. In fact, properly managed livestock play an essential role in maintaining grassland ecosystems by functioning as surrogates for herds of wild ruminants that once covered the globe. Hahn Niman argues that dispersed, grass-fed, small-scale farms can and should become the basis for American food production, replacing the factory farms that harm animals and the environment.*

The author—a longtime vegetarian—goes on to dispel popular myths about how eating beef is bad for our bodies. She methodically evaluates health claims made against beef, demonstrating that such claims have proven false. She shows how foods from cattle—milk and meat, particularly when raised entirely on grass—are healthful, extremely nutritious, and an irreplaceable part of the world's food system.

*Grounded in empirical scientific data and with living examples from around the world, *Defending Beef* builds a comprehensive argument that cattle can help to build carbon-sequestering soils to mitigate climate change, enhance biodiversity, help prevent desertification, and provide invaluable nutrition.*

**Defending Beef* is simultaneously a book about big ideas and the author's own personal tale—she starts out as a skeptical vegetarian and eventually becomes an enthusiastic participant in environmentally sustainable ranching.*

*While no single book can definitively answer the thorny question of how to feed the Earth's growing population, *Defending Beef* makes the case that, whatever the world's future food system looks like, cattle and beef can and must be part of the solution.*



www.nicolettehahnniman.com



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