

QUIRK BOOKS

20 YEARS OF SERIOUSLY ENTERTAINING PUBLISHING

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RIGHTS GUIDE

Kids, MG, YA, and Adult Titles



A 20th Anniversary Message From Quirk's Founder

When we launched Quirk over 20 years ago, it was with the vision to Entertain, Amuse, and Inform--often all at the same time. Our name really told you what we were up to--publishing playful, subversive, and irreverent books that provided a gateway to useful and real information. I think it's fair to say that after over 450 quirky books published, 17 *New York Times* best sellers, 1,000 translation deals in almost 50 languages, and millions of zombies, vampires, peculiar children, babies, and kid legends served, we have proven to all that we are quite serious about that playful vision. And that sometimes, being playfully serious can make a big mark.

But we've never been a company to rest on our laurels. (How would you do that anyway? Laurels aren't weight bearing.) At Quirk we've always used our successes as a platform to reach for new heights, to try new and interesting publishing experiments, to put new spins on evergreen subjects and genres, and to achieve a bigger and bigger impact. And we've always used the challenges we've faced to keep learning, to pivot, to do better, to evolve and change and grow.



David Borgenicht



Jhanteigh Kupihea

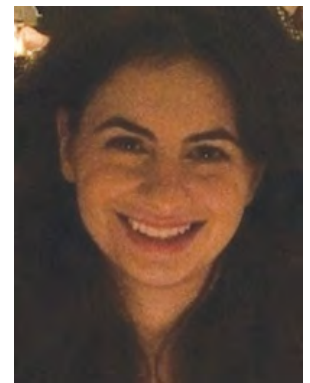
So, after 20 years, we've updated our original vision and mission--it's similar, but more ambitious, and yet still has that Quirky-fresh scent you have come to expect from us.

The Vision: Seriously Entertaining.

The Mission: Make a Big Impact with a Small List of Unconventional, Engaging, and Purpose-Driven Books.

To some degree, it's what we've always done when we've been at our best. It's why our titles have resonated with the culture, and inspired so many others to do similar work. But now, with the creative and seasoned leadership of Publisher Jhanteigh Kupihea and SVP of Sales, Marketing, and Publicity Nicole De Jackmo at the helm alongside me, I'm excited to see how big our impact can truly become—as we focus on publishing even more unconventional (but perhaps more purposeful and compelling) titles, and seeking new ways to widen our influence and reach.

So I want to thank Jhanteigh and Nicole for being a key part of the continuing Quirk Books story. As well, I want to thank the real reason we continue to survive and thrive—the rest of our crack publishing A-team back in Philly. And I want to extend a huge thank you to all of you in this creative and vital industry for the many years of support, advice, partnership, promotion, and of course, sales.



Nicole DeJackmo

I want to invite you all to please join us this fall as we celebrate our Seriously Entertaining future together. —Dave Borgenicht, founder

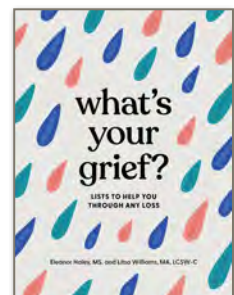
To register interest: rights@quirkbooks.com

Big Books On The Way From Quirk:

Jhanteigh Kupihea, Quirk Books' senior v-p, publisher, calls *Ghost Eaters* "a perfect example of my ambitions for our fiction list. On its face, it's a high-concept horror novel that could be adapted into a Blumhouse movie, but it's essentially a meditation on addiction borne out of grief and the weight of history--both personal and political. It's an absolute page-turner--I think most horror and thriller readers will read it in two sittings and won't hesitate to describe it as fun, despite its weighty themes. But it's also substantial, purposeful, and has a lot to say about how we're currently negotiating all kinds of big cultural conversations right now. This is Clay's third book with Quirk Books and it's been a joy to see his readership grow and his mission catch on with the horror community. He's really setting the tone for our fiction list in general, which is less about mashing up genres and more about using the tropes of each genre we publish into to help us process the world we live in today."



Nicole De Jackmo, Quirk Books' senior v-p, sales, marketing and publicity, calls *What's Your Grief* an example of a new kind of Quirk book that also has roots in the classic Quirk approach. "We've always done books rooted in pop culture and always somewhat unconventional," she says. "But that doesn't mean we can't take on bigger, more serious subjects." *What's Your Grief* was influenced by the pandemic, when founder Dave Borgenicht was pondering grief and noticed that most books on the subject are basic and "always have a sunset on the cover." This book, by contrast, focuses on all kinds of grief beyond the loss of a loved one--"any type of loss that puts you in a period of mourning and grief," De Jackmo continues. "We are still going to do fun, humorous books, but will be seriously entertaining and make an impact in whatever manner we can. This book will be impactful for people struggling with loss but it's not clinical."



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WORK IT OUT

by Sarah Kurchak

Specs:

Categories: Adult Nonfiction

Format: Flexibind, 192 pages, 2 c designed interior with spot illos and flowcharts

Pub Month: April 2023

Target Reader:

Gen Z, Millennial, and younger Gen X readers interested in self-care, mental health, and body positivity

People with depression, ADHD, or anxiety disorders

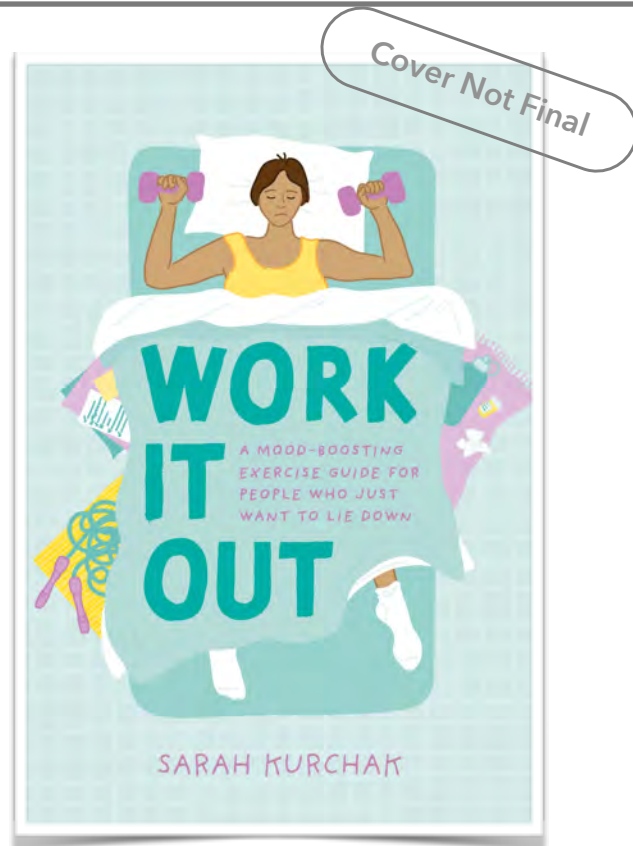
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Rights Sold: World English Audio (Blackstone)

Key Selling Points:

- For people with & without mental health diagnoses
- Millennials and Gen Z are looking for self-care without shame or stigma
- The pandemic disrupted our exercise routines. This book can help.



*Too depressed to get out of bed, let alone get to the gym?
No problem; Work It Out is on your side!*

An encouraging fitness book that meets you where you are--even if you're lying on the floor.

Exercise is the most reliable way to improve mental health. But if you're depressed, anxious, burned out, or struggling, it may feel impossible to get started, get serious, or even get up.

Written by an autistic personal trainer, *Work It Out* busts myths about fitness while providing clear advice on how to incorporate exercise into your daily life, build an adjustable workout plan for both good & bad mental health days, and shake off the messages that say you're never doing enough.

Frank, funny, and sympathetic, this book offers realistic advice and encouragement for times when exercise is the only thing that will help—and the last thing you want to do.

About the Authors:

Sarah Kurchak is the author of the memoir *I Overcame My Autism and All I Got Was This Lousy Anxiety Disorder*. She is a former personal trainer, has a blue belt in Brazilian jiu-jitsu, and was a professional competitor in the Pillow Fight League.

UNPLUG AND PLAY

by Anthony T. DeBenedet, M.D.
and Lawrence J. Cohen, Ph.D

Specs:

Categories: Adult Nonfiction

Format: Hardcover, 192 pages, 2 c designed interior with instructional illustrations

Pub Month: March 2023

Target Reader:

Parents of children 2-10

Parents-to-be & other family members who want to play

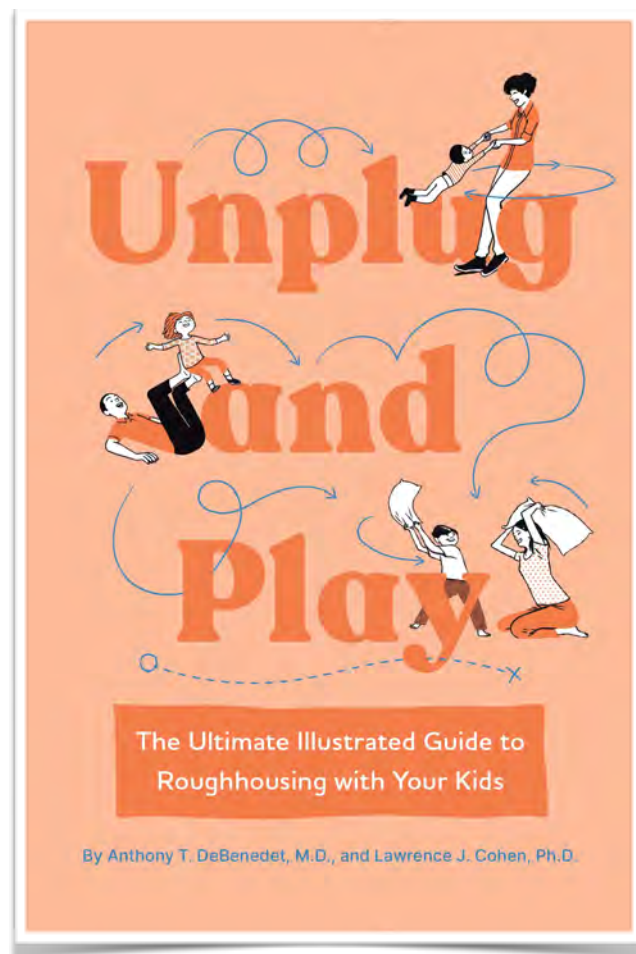
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Rights Sold: World English Audio (Tantor), Simplified Chinese (Beijing Youxili), Korean (Forestbooks), Polish (Mamania), Turkish (Gorunmez Adam)

Key Selling Points:

- Expert authors
- Timely advice for reducing screen time
- 50 illustrated activities
- Readable, friendly voice



★ *"Enthusiastically recommended"*--*Library Journal*

Learn how rough-and-tumble play can nurture close connections, encourage resilience, and boost confidence--with 50 illustrated activities to get you started.

Every kid needs play! Roughhousing is an essential part of childhood development--but it's increasingly overlooked in favor of screen time and structured activities. In *Unplug and Play*, a doctor and a child psychologist, both dads, introduce parents to the benefits of physical play for young children.

About the Authors:

Anthony D. Benedet, M.D. is a practicing physician, behavioral-science enthusiast, and energetic dad. He is the author of *Playful Intelligence*.

Lawrence J. Cohen, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist, author, and consultant specializing in children's play therapy. He is the author of *Playful Parenting* and *The Opposite of Worry*.

WHAT'S YOUR GRIEF?

by Eleanor Haley, MS and
Litsa Williams, LCSW-C

Specs:

Categories: Adult Nonfiction:
Self-Help, Well-Being

Format: Hardcover, 304
pages, 4 c designed interior
with lists and tables

Pub Month: September 2022

Target Reader:

Readers of self-help

Gift givers looking for thoughtful gifts for anyone that's experienced a loss, from a job loss to a pregnancy loss to death of a loved one

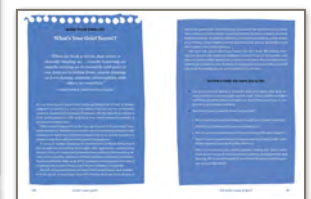
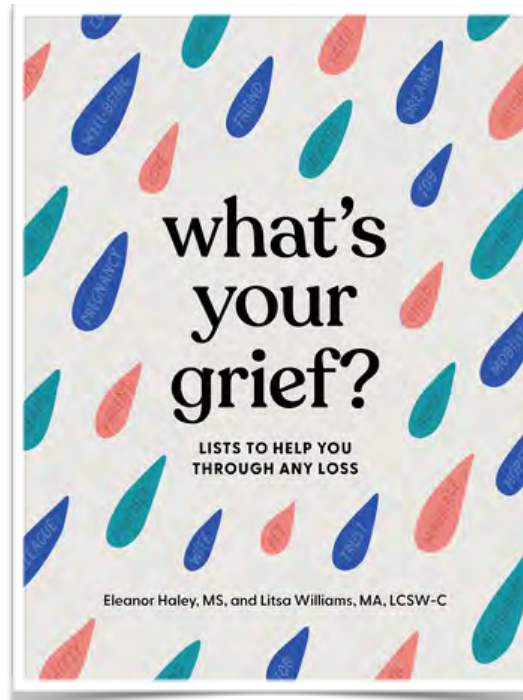
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Rights Sold: World English
Audiobook (Audible), Dutch
(Ambo|Anthos), German
(Goldmann/PRH)

Key Selling Points:

- Expert therapist authors
- Simple list-based structure for dense and difficult topic
- Giftable package



A friendly & accessible book of 75 lists that will help anyone experiencing a change or loss.

Losses, big and small, turn your world upside down. This book will help you through all of them.

Many life changes need to be grieved, from the loss of a loved one to the loss of a job, from a breakup to a relocation, and all the rest of life's ebbs and flows. Through seventy-five engaging, informative, and accessible lists, such as to-do (and not-to-do) lists, bucket lists, interactive lists, and more, you'll discover:

- 5 Little-Known Truths About Grief
- 4 Reasons Guilt Is Even More Complicated Than You Think
- 9 Tips For Communicating What You Do (and Don't) Need
- And much more.

About the Authors:

Eleanor Haley, MS and Litsa Williams, MA, LCSW-C are the co-founders of the online grief community What's Your Grief. Both are mental health professionals with a collective 25+ years of experience working with people coping with all types of complicated losses and life transitions.

GOBLIN MODE

by McKayla Coyle

Specs:

Categories: Adult Nonfiction:
Lifestyle, Sustainability, MBS

Format: Hardcover, 208
pages, 2 c designed interior
with spot illos

Pub Month: July 2023

ARC Date: December 2022

Target Reader:

17- to 35-year olds interested
in crafts, sustainable living, and
self-care

Fans of the *Green Witch* family
of books, nature & cottagecore

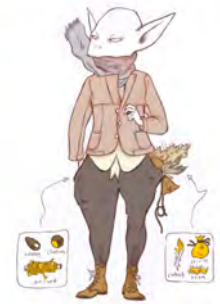
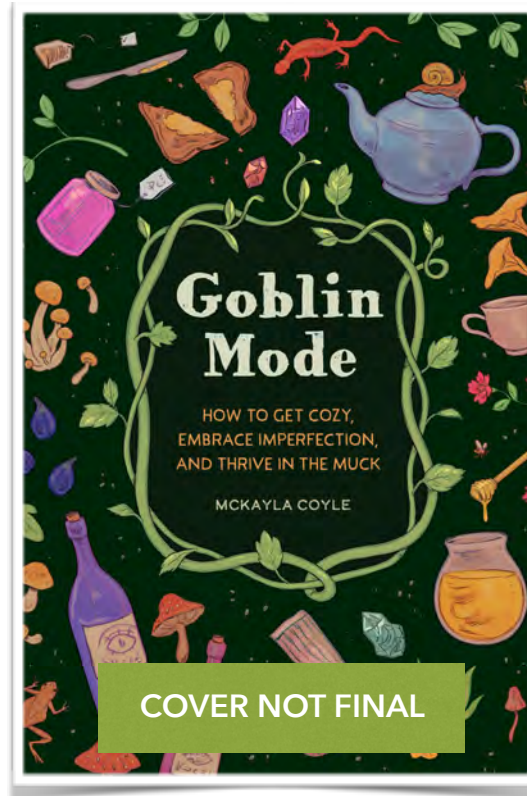
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Translation, Film/TV, Merch

Rights Sold: World English
Audio (Blackstone)

Key Selling Points:

- Growing Gen Z trend: the #goblincore hashtag on TikTok has >860 million views
- 25 two-color drawings
- Instructions for décor, fashion, food, and craft projects



*Get cozy, embrace imperfection, and thrive in the muck with goblincore lifestyle guide **Goblin Mode!***

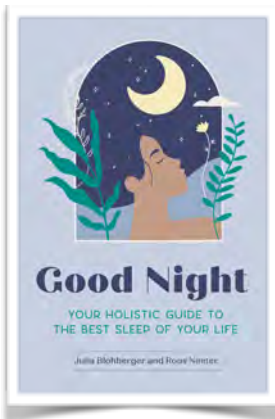
(What's the goblincore trend? Think *hygge* for people who love snails & mushrooms and who hate to dust!)

Do you ever feel weird, gross, chaotic, underappreciated, or like you don't quite fit in? Great news: goblincore is here for you! That means your imperfections and idiosyncrasies are the greatest thing about you, and you can build a more balanced, comfortable, harmonious life by accepting and honoring them--taking inspiration from the frogs, fungus, moss, rocks, and dirt that goblins love.

You'll learn to build a moss garden for your lair, grow and use medicinal plants, forage for berries (even in the city), mend your cozy sweaters, display your cool rock collection, & more!

About the Authors:

McKayla Coyle is a lesbian writer from Alaska. They're the engagement editor for Literary Hub and hold an MFA in fiction. In their free time they read fantasy novels and make a lot of jam.

*Specs:*

128 pp flexibind,
highly designed
4c with spot
illos, charts,
tables, and note-
taking prompts.

March 2023

Good Night

by Julia Blohberger and Roos Neeter

For insomniacs, sleep procrastinators, and anyone who wants to improve their sleep hygiene, this friendly handbook will help you catch some rest.

About the Book:

Sleep is one of the keys to our overall well-being, and not getting enough of it can have a major impact on your physical and mental health. This handbook will help you understand the connections between diet, exercise, stress, and sleep so you can improve the quality of your rest from every angle and feel like your best & healthiest self.

About the Authors:

Julia Blohberger and Roos Neeter are full-time yoga teachers and Ayurvedic health and lifestyle advisors. They live in Amsterdam.

Rights:

Quirk Controls: UK/ANZ, Translation, Audiobook

Rights Sold: Dutch (Kosmos)

*Specs:*

128 pp flexibind,
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tables, and note-
taking prompts.

December 2021

Good Sh*t

by Julia Blohberger and Roos Neeter

It's time to talk sh*t--literally--with this relatable and conversational interactive handbook that will help you master your digestive health.

About the Book:

Growing up, you were probably taught that poop is gross. But just as thinning hair and brittle nails tell us if our diets are off or if we're stressed, our poop tells us all of that and more. This friendly and conversational handbook from two trained Ayurveda teachers teaches you how to think of poop as a useful gauge of overall health & helps you track the effects of simple lifestyle adjustments.

Rights:

Quirk Controls: UK/ANZ, Translation, Audiobook

Rights Sold: Dutch (Kosmos), Korean (Feel Books), Slovenian (Hisa)

Coming in 2024: GOOD FLOW, on menstrual health



Specs:

Paperback, 176 pages, 2 c designed interior with illustrations throughout.

October 2022.

This Modern House

The time-tested advice you never learned in school for running a happy, healthy, sustainable household.

About the Book:

Give your household a happier, healthier future with time-tested tips from the past! In this amazing collection of proven wisdom and practical advice from real antique public-domain textbooks, you'll find everything you need to know about shopping, cooking, cleaning, budgeting, and managing a household like an adult. Learn skills such as replacing a button, choosing paint colors, reducing food waste, making natural cleaning supplies, and many, many more!

About the Author:

Jennifer McKnight-Trontz has compiled 8 books of vintage culture and design.

Rights:

Quirk Controls: Film/TV, Audiobook, Translation, UK/ANZ



Specs:

Paperback, 272 pages, 1c designed interior with tables/charts and illos.

November 2022

Field Guide to Stains

Learn to identify and remove virtually every stain on earth!

About the Book:

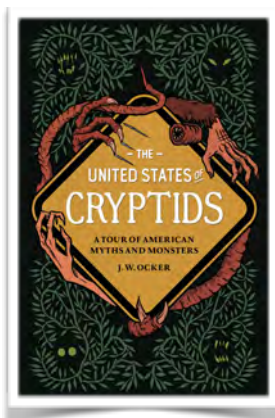
Get to know more than 100 stains--and then bid them goodbye forever! From wine to wiper fluid, this book provides effective techniques for rescuing clothes, upholstery, carpet, and wallpaper from stains caused by fruits, vegetables, dairy, household items, office supplies, sauces and condiments, beauty products, bodily functions, and more.

About the Authors:

Virginia M. Friedman, Melissa Wagner, and Nancy Armstrong are freelance writers living in Philadelphia. They have many decades of combined experience studying stains in their natural environment.

Rights:

Quirk Controls: Film/TV, Audiobook, Translation, UK/ANZ, Merch

*Specs:*

272 pp hardcover,
2 colors with
illustrations
throughout

October 2022

United States of Cryptids

A Tour of American Myths and Monsters by J.W. Ocker

About the Book:

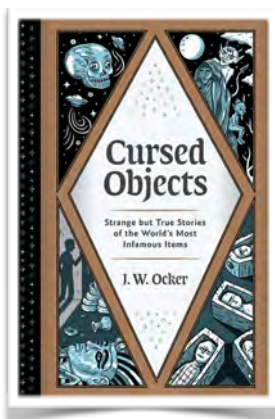
Welcome to the United States of Cryptids, where mysterious monsters lurk in the dark forests, deep lakes, and sticky swamps of all fifty states. Whether you believe in bigfoot or not, this fully illustrated compendium is a fun, frightening, fascinating tour through American folklore and history, exploring the stories we tell about monsters and what those stories say about us.

About the Author:

J.W. Ocker is an Edgar Award-winning travel writer, novelist, and blogger. His previous books include *Poe-Land*, *A Season with the Witch*, and *Cursed Objects*.

Rights:

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*Specs:*

272 pp hardcover,
2c with section
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illustrations
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Sept 2020

Cursed Objects

Strange but True Stories of the World's Most Infamous Items,
by J.W. Ocker

"This book is so fun that I couldn't put it down."--*The New York Times*

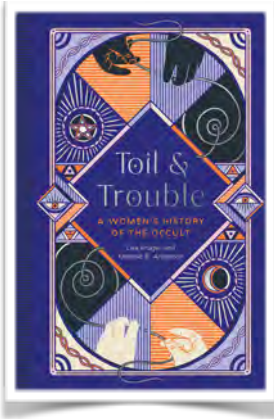
About the Book:

Beware... this book is cursed! These strange but true stories of the world's most infamous items will appeal to true believers as well as history buffs, horror fans, and anyone who loves a good spine-tingling tale. Features international objects and tales from all over the globe.

Rights:

Quirk Controls: Audiobook, Merch, Translation, UK/ANZ

Rights Sold: Audio (Tantor), Trad. Chinese (Global Group), Estonian (Eesti Raamat), French (Dargaud/Cernunnos), Korean (Miracetimes), Polish (Illuminatio), Spanish (Planeta/Luciernaga)

*Specs:*

336 pp hardcover,
highly designed
zc with spot
illustrations
throughout

October 2022

Toil and Trouble

A Women's History of the Occult, by Lisa Kröger and Melanie Anderson

About the Book:

Organized around different approaches women in particular have taken to the occult over the decades—using the supernatural for political gain, seeking fame and fortune as spiritual practitioners, embracing their witchy identities, and more—this book shines a light on underappreciated magical pioneers.

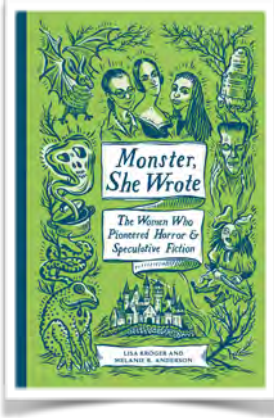
About the Author:

Lisa Kröger and **Melanie Anderson** are co-authors of the Bram Stoker Award-winning *Monster, She Wrote* and cohosts of the *Know Fear* podcast. Kröger holds a PhD in English and is a short fiction writer. Anderson is Assistant Professor of English at Delta State University.

Rights:

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Rights Sold: World English Audio (Blackstone)

*Specs:*

320 pp hardcover,
highly designed
zc with spot
illustrations
throughout

Sept 2019

Monster, She Wrote

The Women Who Pioneered Horror & Speculative Fiction, by Lisa Kröger and Melanie Anderson

2019 Bram Stoker Award Winner, 2020 Locus Award Winner

About the Book:

Meet the women writers who defied convention to craft some of literature's strangest tales, from *Frankenstein* to *The Haunting of Hill House* and beyond. Part biography, part reader's guide, the engaging write-ups and detailed reading lists will introduce you to more than 100 authors and over 200 of their mysterious and spooky novels, novellas, and stories.

Rights:

Quirk Controls: Film/TV, Merch, Audiobook, Translation, UK/ANZ

Rights Sold: Audio (Blackstone), English-language branded reissues (Valancourt), Korean (GU-FIC), Turkish (Ithaki)

*Specs:*

Paperback, 192 pages, 4c designed interior with illustrations throughout

October 2022

New To You

How to Buy, Fix, and Keep Secondhand Clothing

About the Book:

Buying older clothing means getting beautiful pieces that are built to last, without contributing to sweatshops or landfills—but only if you know what to look for. Let a vintage clothing expert guide you to ethical fashion bliss. Learn how to avoid overpaying, sort trash from treasure, fix minor flaws, care for delicate vintage fabric, and more!

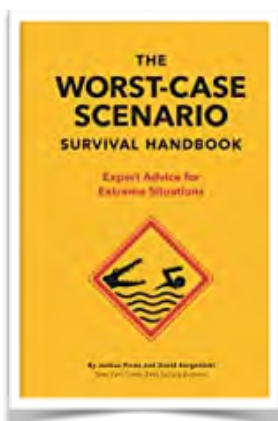
About the Author:

Melody Fortier is proprietor of Tangerine Boutique, a vintage clothing emporium located in Gardner, Massachusetts.

Rights:

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Rights Sold: World English Audiobook (Tantor)

*Specs:*

328 pp hardcover, highly designed 2c with tables and spot illos throughout

April 2019

The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook

Expert advice for extreme situations. An international bestseller and now the subject of a major game & a museum exhibition!

About the Book:

Danger—it lurks around every corner! From wrestling an alligator to evading drones to landing a plane if the pilot passes out, this book is here to help, delivering frightening and funny real advice from experts.

About the Author:

Joshua Piven and **David Borogenicht** are the coauthors of the *Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook* series. They live in Philadelphia.

Rights:

Quirk Controls: Film/TV, Translation, Merch

Rights Sold: Games, Museum, Simp. Chinese (Ginkgo), Trad. Chinese (AND), Danish (L&R), Dutch (Lannoo), World English (Chronicle) German (arsEdition), Hebrew (Tchelet), Italian (Blackie), Japanese (Bunkyoasha), Russian (AST), Spanish (Planeta), Thai (WeLearn)



Specs:

272 pp paperback
7 x 10, heavily
illustrated 4c
with archival
images
throughout
Sept 2021

Chasing Ghosts by Marc Hartzman

"A fascinating read for anyone who loves unique history or unsolved mysteries"--*Business Insider*

About the Book:

Every town has its local ghost stories, and countless books, movies, and TV shows are haunted by their presence. Writer and historian Marc Hartzman takes readers on a fascinating journey through supernatural history, including the supernatural obsessions of famous figures, famous haunted sites, the rise of paranormal investigators, and more. Deeply researched, this book will satisfy believers and skeptics alike.

About the Author:

Marc Hartzman is "one of America's leading connoisseurs of the bizarre" (ABCNews.com) and the author of several books. More of his love for the unusual can be found on his site WeirdHistorian.com.

Rights:

Quirk Controls: Translation, UK/ANZ

Rights Sold: World English Audio (Blackstone)



Specs:

256 pp paperback
7 x 10, heavily
illustrated 4c
with archival
images
throughout
July 2020

The Big Book of Mars by Marc Hartzman

"A gorgeous book with something for everyone...brimming with facts and details as well as beautiful images."--*San Francisco Book Review*

About the Book:

Mars has been a source of fascination and speculation ever since the ancient Egyptians observed its blood-red hue and named it for their god of war and plague. Since then, Mars has fully invaded pop culture, and cultural familiarity with the 4th planet continues to inspire advancements in space exploration.

This book is the most comprehensive look at our relationship with Mars--yesterday, today, and tomorrow--through history, archival images, pop culture ephemera, and interviews with NASA scientists.

Rights:

Quirk Controls: Translation, UK/ANZ, Merch

Rights Sold: World English Audio (Tantor), Polish (Jagiellonian University Press), Russian (Alpina)

BRIDE OF THE TORNADO

by James Kennedy

Specs:

Categories: Adult Fiction

Format: Hardcover, 336 pages, 1 color

Pub Month: June 2023

ARC Date: November 2022

Target Reader:

Readers of mind-bending horror, surrealist thrillers, and speculative mysteries

Fans of David Lynch, Stephen King, and Philip K. Dick

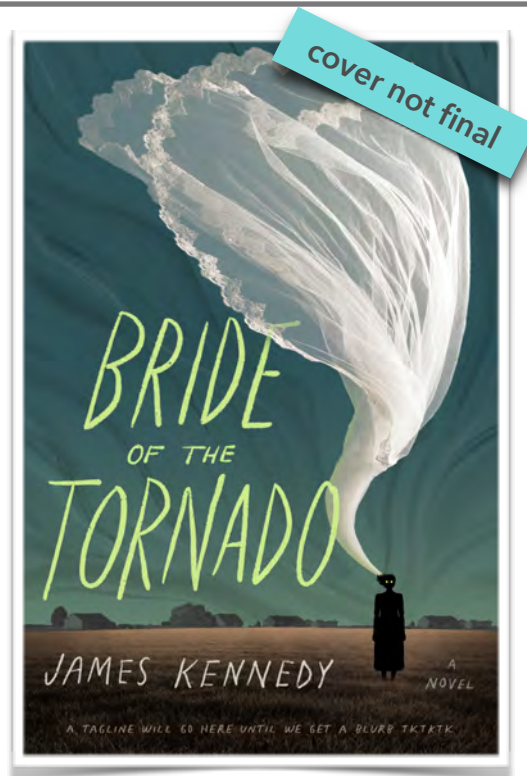
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Rights Sold: World English Audio (Blackstone), Italian (Mondadori)

Key Selling Points:

- Acclaimed author
- Climate anxiety fiction meets *Twin Peaks*-style surrealism
- For readers who like their horror big, ambitious, and smart



A mind-bending surrealist horror-thriller about a rural town engulfed by a mysterious plague of tornadoes every generation.

In a small town tucked away in the corn fields, the adults whisper about Tornado Day. Our narrator, a high school sophomore, has never heard such a phrase, but she can feel the weight of those words. The sense of impending doom.

The only thing that stands between the town and total annihilation is a teen boy known as the Tornado Killer. Drawn to this enigmatic boy, our narrator befriends him and begins to sense an unnatural connection between them. But the adults are hiding a secret about the origin of the tornadoes and the Tornado Killer—and it's more terrifying than our narrator could ever imagine.

Audaciously conceived and steeped in existential dread, this genre-defying novel reveals the mythbound madness at the heart of small-town life.

About the Author:

James Kennedy is the author of *Dare To Know* (Quirk, 2021). Before becoming a writer, he was a computer programmer with a degree in physics and philosophy.

DARE TO KNOW

by James Kennedy

Specs:

Categories: Adult Nonfiction

Format: Paperback, 304 pages, 1 color

Pub Month: September 2021

Target Reader:

Fans of near-future dystopian speculative fiction

Fans of mysteries/thrillers

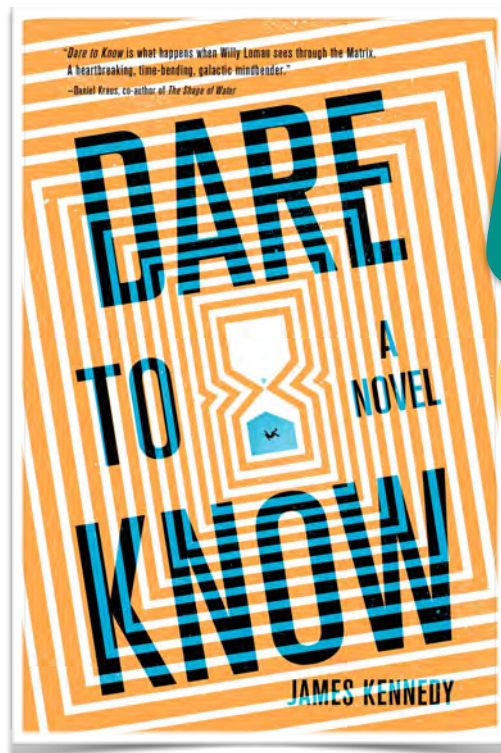
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Key Selling Points:

- Named #1 sci-fi book of 2021 by *The Times*
- Timely concept calls to mind shows like *Black Mirror* and cultural conversations about the ethics of predictive technology
- Author has physics & programming background, which lends authenticity to the "death particles" science



Named #1 Sci-Fi Book Of The Year by The Times

"Fascinating, compulsively readable"
--The Guardian

"Wholly original"
Esquire

"Dare to Know is what happens when Willy Loman sees through the Matrix. A heartbreaking, time-bending, galactic mindbender."--Daniel Kraus, co-author of *The Shape of Water*

Our narrator is the most talented salesperson at Dare to Know, an enigmatic company that has developed the technology to predict anyone's death down to the second. Divorced, estranged from his sons, and broke, he's driven to violate the cardinal rule of the business by forecasting his own death day. The problem: his prediction says he died 23 minutes ago.

The only person who can confirm its accuracy is Julia, the woman he loved and lost during his rise up the ranks of Dare To Know. As he travels across the country, he's forced to confront his past, the choices he's made, and the terrifying truth about the company he works for.

Wildly ambitious & highly immersive, this thought-provoking thriller explores the destructive power of knowledge.

About the Author:

James Kennedy is the author of the forthcoming *Bride of the Tornado*. Before becoming a writer, he was a computer programmer with a degree in physics and philosophy, subjects he continues to explore in his writing.

GHOST EATERS

by Clay McLeod
Chapman

Specs:

Categories: Adult Fiction

Format: Hardcover, 304 pages, 1 color interior

Pub Month: September 2022

Target Reader:

Adult supernatural horror readers

Fans of female-led, thrilling, action-packed horror

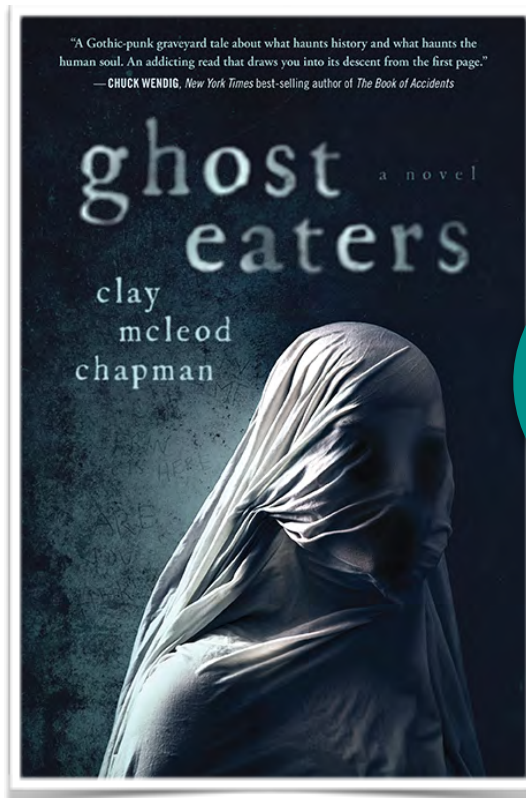
Rights:

Rights Available: UK/ANZ, Translation, Merch

Rights Sold: World English Audio (Blackstone), French (Flammarion/Pygmalion)

Key Selling Points:

- High concept: the idea of a haunted pill is immediately understandable and totally fresh.
- The audience for supernatural horror is growing and hungry
- Rising star author with strong support from horror community



"Utterly original and compelling"
Library Journal

"Anxiety-inducing, immersive, and intense." Booklist, starred review

"Equal parts moving and gruesome"
Publishers Weekly

"Chapman is one of my favorite writers. His books are always white-knuckle reads--blazingly original, gorgeously written, and profoundly chilling."

--Riley Sager, NYT bestselling author of Survive The Night

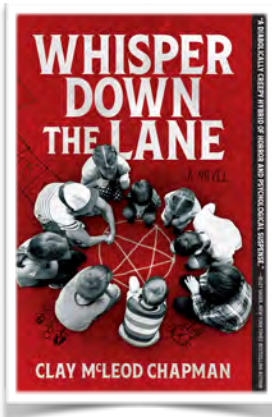
This terrifying supernatural page-turner will make you think twice about opening doors to the unknown.

Erin hasn't been able to set a single boundary with her charismatic but reckless college ex-boyfriend, Silas. When he asks her to bail him out of rehab--again--she knows she needs to cut him off. But days after he gets out, Silas turns up dead of an overdose in their hometown, and Erin's world falls apart.

Then a friend tells her about Ghost, a new drug that allows users to see the dead. *Wanna get haunted?* he asks. Grieving and desperate for closure with Silas, Erin agrees to a pill-popping "séance." But the drug has unfathomable side effects--and once you take it, you can never go back.

About the Author:

Clay McLeod Chapman writes novels, comic books, and children's books, as well as for film and TV. He is the author of the horror novels *The Remaking* and *Whisper Down the Lane*. Visit him at claymcleodchapman.com.



Specs:

320 pp
paperback, 1 c

Adult Fiction/
Horror

April 2022

Whisper Down The Lane

"A diabolically creepy hybrid of horror and psychological suspense that thrills as much as it unsettles."--Riley Sager, *New York Times* best-selling author of *Home Before Dark*

About the Book:

Richard doesn't have a past. For him, there is only the present: a new marriage, fatherhood, and a quiet life as an art teacher. Then the body of a ritually murdered rabbit appears on his school's playground, along with a birthday card for him. But Richard hasn't celebrated his birthday since he was known as Sean...In the 1980s, Sean was 5 years old when he told a lie about his teacher. And when cops and therapists questioned him, he told another. And another--which fueled a panic that destroyed the lives of everyone around him. Now someone is here to tell Richard that they knew what Sean did.

Rights:

Quirk Controls: UK/ANZ, Translation, Audio

Rights Sold: Audio (Blackstone), French (Pygmalion/Flammarion)



Specs:

320 pp
paperback, 1 c

Adult Fiction/
Horror

October 2019

The Remaking

"An ambitious mosaic novel exploring the power of urban myth and superstition"--*The Guardian*

A 2019 Goodreads Choice Awards Semifinalist

About the Book:

Inspired by a true story, this supernatural thriller for fans of horror and true crime follows a tale as it evolves every twenty years--with terrifying results.

About the Author:

Clay McLeod Chapman writes novels, comic books, and children's books, as well as for film and TV. He is the author of *Ghost Eaters* and *Whisper Down The Lane* as well as the forthcoming *Peeler* (Quirk, 2023).

Rights:

Quirk Controls: UK/ANZ, Translation, Audio

Rights Sold: World English Audio (Recorded Books), French (Pygmalion), Romanian (RAO)

*Specs:*

Adult Fiction/
Horror

336 pp
paperback, 1
color

July 2017

My Best Friend's Exorcism by Grady Hendrix

Over 150,000 English-language copies sold!

About the Book:

Abby and Gretchen have been best friends since childhood. But after an evening of skinny-dipping goes disastrously wrong, Gretchen begins to act...different. She's moody. She's irritable. And bizarre incidents keep happening whenever she's nearby. Abby's investigation leads her to some startling discoveries—and by the time their story reaches its terrifying conclusion, the fate of Abby and Gretchen will be determined by a single question: Is their friendship powerful enough to beat the devil?

About the Author:

Grady Hendrix is an award-winning and *New York Times* best-selling novelist and screenwriter.

Rights:

Rights Sold: Film, Audio, Czech, French, German, Italian, Polish,

Now a motion picture starring Elsie Fisher, directed by Damon Thomas!

*Specs:*

Adult Fiction/
Horror

408 pp
hardcover, 1 color

April 2020

The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires by Grady Hendrix

Over 300,000 copies sold

"This funny and fresh take on a classic tale manages to comment on gender roles, racial disparities, and white privilege all while creeping me all the way out."—Zakiya Dalila Harris, author of *The Other Black Girl*

"One of the most rollicking, addictive novels I've read in years"—Danielle Trussoni, for *The New York Times Book Review*

About the Book:

Steel Magnolias meets *Dracula* in this *New York Times* best-selling horror novel about a women's book club that must do battle with a mysterious newcomer to their small Southern town.

Rights:

Quirk Controls: Film/TV, Audiobook, Translation, UK/ANZ

Rights Sold: Film, Audio, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese in Brazil, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Turkish

*Specs:*

Adult Fiction/
Horror

336 pp
paperback, 1c

**September
2018**

We Sold Our Souls by Grady Hendrix

Nominated for the 2018 Shirley Jackson Award for Best Novel

A 2018 Goodreads Choice Award finalist

"A fast-paced ride, firmly rooted in the pulp horror tradition... Hendrix's darkest novel yet will leave readers begging for an encore."--*Booklist* (☆)

About the Book:

From the *New York Times* best-selling author of *The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires* comes a hard-rocking, spine-tingling horror novel about a washed-up guitarist of a '90s heavy metal band who embarks on an epic road-trip across America and deep into the web of a sinister conspiracy.

Rights:

Quirk Controls: Film/TV, Audiobook, Translation, UK/ANZ

Rights Sold: English Audiobook, French, Polish, Portuguese in Brazil, Spanish, Turkish

*Specs:*

Adult Fiction/
Horror

188 pp highly
designed 1c

**September
2014**

Horrorstör by Grady Hendrix

Film rights optioned by New Republic Pictures!

"Wildly inventive...Hendrix delivers both a palm-sweating horror story and a laugh-out-loud satire of retail."--*Esquire*

About the Book:

Something strange is happening at the Orsk furniture superstore. Every morning, employees arrive to find broken Kjerring bookshelves, shattered Glans water goblets, and smashed Liripip wardrobes. Sales are down, security cameras reveal nothing, & store managers are panicking.

To unravel the mystery, three employees volunteer to work a nine-hour dusk-till-dawn shift. In the dead of the night, they'll patrol the empty showroom floor, investigate strange sights and sounds, and encounter horrors that defy the imagination.

Rights:

Quirk Controls: Film/TV, Audiobook, Translation, UK/ANZ

Rights Sold: Film Under Option, German, Greek, Italian, Korean, Polish, Russian, Spanish

CAT'S FIRST BABY

by Natalie Nelson

Specs:

Categories: Children's Book

Age Range: 2-5

Format: Board Book, 28 pp.

Pub Month: March 2022

Target Reader:

Children age 2-5 who love cats

Cat-loving parents preparing kids for a new sibling

People shopping for baby shower and new baby gifts

Rights:

Rights Available: Translation, UK/ANZ, Merch/Paper Goods

Rights Sold: Italian (Il Castoro)

Key Selling Points:

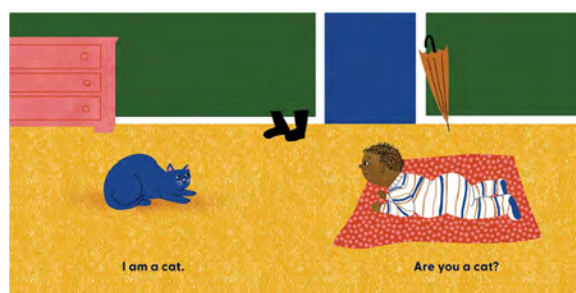
- A playful twist on the evergreen "bringing home a new baby" concept
- Endless gift potential
- Almost half of global households have cats, and plenty of those will welcome a baby



Cat is curious. There's a new addition to the family, but who exactly is this small being? This new arrival doesn't meow like a cat, or smell like a cat, or even have a tail like a cat. As Cat investigates, he might just come to appreciate this loud, silly family member. After all, they both enjoy a good catnap.

About the Author/Illustrator:

Natalie Nelson is an illustrator, picture book maker, and collage artist. She works in a mixed media hybrid of cut paper, collage, and digital art, with an emphasis on intriguing shapes, colors, and textures.



DOG'S FIRST BABY

by Natalie Nelson

25,000
Copies
Sold!



Specs:

Categories: Children's Book

Age Range: 2-5

Format: Board Book, 28 pp.

Pub Month: October 2021

Target Reader:

Children age 2-5 who love dogs

Dog-loving parents preparing kids for a new sibling

People shopping for baby shower and new baby gifts

Rights:

Rights Available: Translation, UK/ANZ, Merch/Paper Goods

Rights Sold: French (Père Castor), Italian (Il Castoro)

Key Selling Points:

- A playful twist on the evergreen "bringing home a new baby" concept
- Endless gift potential
- Over 60% of US households have dogs, and plenty of those will welcome a baby

Welcoming a new baby to the family isn't always easy. When his humans bring home someone new, Dog is determined to sniff out the truth. Is this arrival another dog, or something else? As Dog investigates, he might just find a new friend in this loud, silly creature.

About the Author/Illustrator:

Natalie Nelson is an illustrator, picture book maker, and collage artist. She works in a mixed media hybrid of cut paper, collage, and digital art, with an emphasis on intriguing shapes, colors, and textures.



Books for Dog-Loving Kids from Andrew Knapp

Andrew Knapp is a graphic designer & photographer capturing moments with dogs. His Instagram @andrewknapp has over 600,000 followers, and his his books have sold hundreds of thousands of copies, with more titles coming in 2023 & 2024!



Let's Find Momo! by Andrew Knapp

About the Book:

Momo is a black-and-white dog who loves to play hide and seek! Look for him hiding on a farm, in a bookstore, at a construction site, and more in this colorful, kid-friendly photography book. Part art, part puzzle, all fun!

Rights:

Quirk Controls: Translation, UK/ANZ

Rights Sold: Dutch (WPG Kindermedia), French (Les Grandes Personnes) German (S. Fischer), Italian (Topipittori)

Specs:

Age Range: 2-5

24 pp board book, 8 x 8, 4c photo-based interior

April 2017



Let's Find Momo Outdoors! by Andrew Knapp

About the Book:

Spend a day with Momo the dog as he sets off on a nature adventure with his new puppy friend Boo! From the mountains to the beach to camping under the stars, young readers will delight in finding Momo in unexpected and beautiful locations. Kids can keep the game going--and learn new words--by searching for objects on every page.

Rights:

Quirk Controls: Translation, UK/ANZ

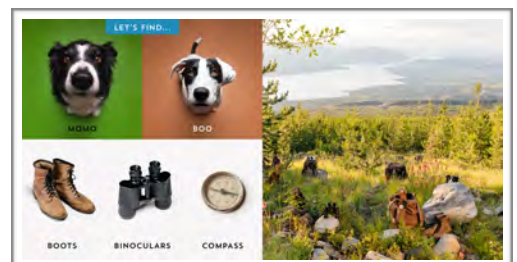
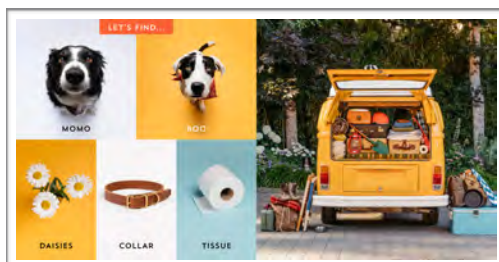
Rights Sold: French (Les Grandes Personnes)

Specs:

Age Range: 2-5

24 pp board book, 8 x 8, 4c photo-based interior

May 2021



To register interest: rights@quirkbooks.com

*Specs:***Age Range:** 7-10128 pp
paperback,
illustrated 4c**July 2022**

Pet That Cat! by Nigel Kidd & Rachel Braunigan

"A solid primer on fostering human-feline relations."—*Kirkus Reviews*

"I loved all the cute cat illustrations."—Olivia, Age 10

About the Book:

A fun and informative illustrated guide to understanding, befriending, and caring for cats, featuring a guide to cat body language, tips on safely interacting with new feline friends, cat facts, myth-busting, and more!

About the Authors & Illustrator

Nigel Kidd is a twelve-year-old boy from Iowa. He loves cats and makes as many feline friends as he can. **Rachel Braunigan** is a social worker and Nigel's mom. **Susann Hoffman** is a freelance illustrator. She lives in Hamburg, Germany.

Rights:

Quirk Controls: Audiobook, Translation, UK/ANZ

Rights Sold: Czech (Albatros), Greek (Under Negotiation), Slovak (Under Negotiation)

*Specs:***Age Range:** 7-10128 pp
paperback,
illustrated 4c**October 2020**

Pet That Dog! by Gideon Kidd & Rachel Braunigan

"Cheerful, humorous, full-color illustrations....Gideon's infectious enthusiasm for his subject shines out from the engaging and chatty text...Fact-filled fun for any child drawn to canines."—*Kirkus Reviews*

About the Book:

A guide for young readers to befriend and care for dogs of all shapes, sizes, and personalities. This kid-friendly handbook pairs joyful illustrations with an interactive format featuring step-by-step guides, fascinating stories, and helpful tips.

About the Author:

Gideon Kidd is an 11-year-old boy from Iowa. He began documenting each dog he petted by posting pictures & stories about them online. He has now pet over 1,000 dogs and has over 300,000 Twitter followers.

Rights:

Quirk Controls: Audiobook, Translation, UK/ANZ

Rights Sold: Hungarian (Kossuth). Slovak (Under Negotiation)

HANGING WITH VAMPIRES

by Insha Fitzpatrick

Specs:

Categories: Juvenile
Nonfiction

Age Range: ages 8-12

Format: Trade Paperback, 128 pages, 4 c highly designed interior with illustrations throughout

Pub Month: March 2023

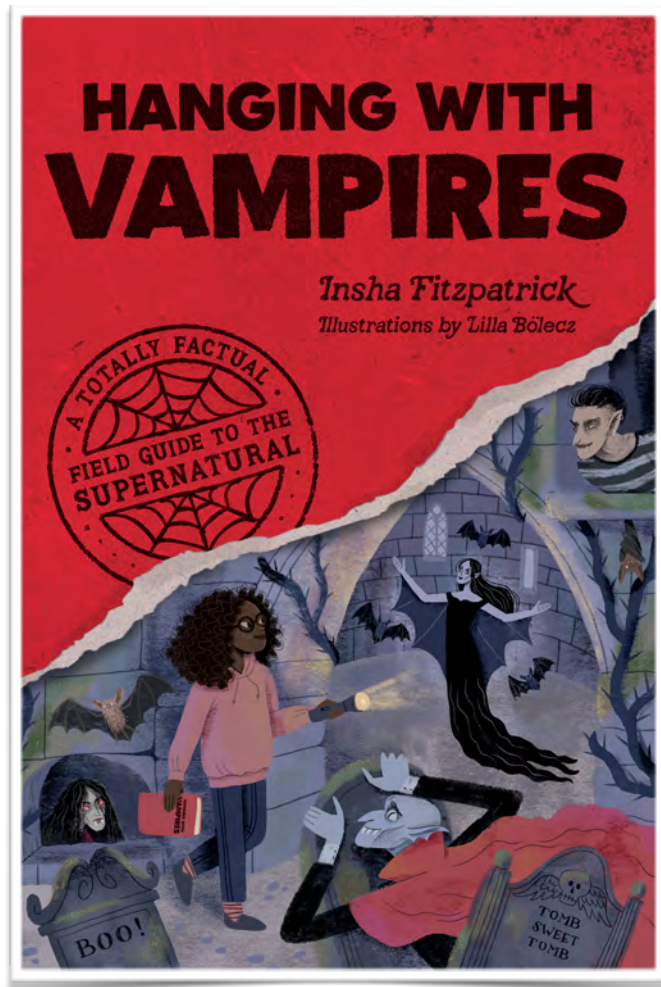
Target Reader:

Middle grade fans of mythology and history such as the *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series

Readers interested in the supernatural and kid-friendly horror, like *Goosebumps* and the *Ologies* series.

Rights:

Rights Available: Translation, Ancillary & Merch, Film & TV, UK/ANZ, Audiobook



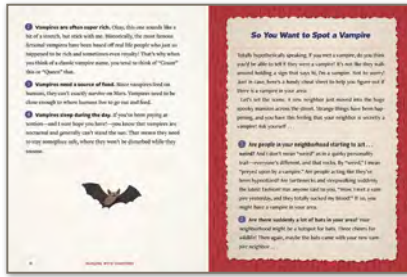
Introducing the first book in the Totally Factual Field Guide to the Supernatural series!

About the Series:

A spooky and laugh-out-loud non-fiction series perfect for young mythology fans, **A Totally Factual Field Guide to the Supernatural** explores the supernatural, extraterrestrial, and paranormal with a field guide approach to the myths and legends that haunt our imaginations. Captivating tales, engrossing science, and fascinating history come to life with whimsical illustrations and kid-friendly text.



The first title, for Spring 2023, will cover vampires. The second title, for Fall 2023, will cover ghosts.



Key Selling Points

- **INTERNATIONAL AND INCLUSIVE:** Profiles vampire legends from all over the globe!
- **PERFECT FOR MIDDLE GRADE MYTHOLOGY FANS:** This series is great for fans of mythology, history, and/or the spooky and the supernatural.
- **A UNIQUE NON-FICTION SERIES ON THE SUPERNATURAL:** While there is plenty of middle grade fiction on the supernatural, there are very few nonfiction options. This series is a fun, fact-based take on the supernatural, packed with the history and science they don't teach you in school.
- **EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINING:** This field guide combines tales of the supernatural with spooky science, weird facts, and fascinating history, encouraging readers to be curious about the world around them.



About the Book:

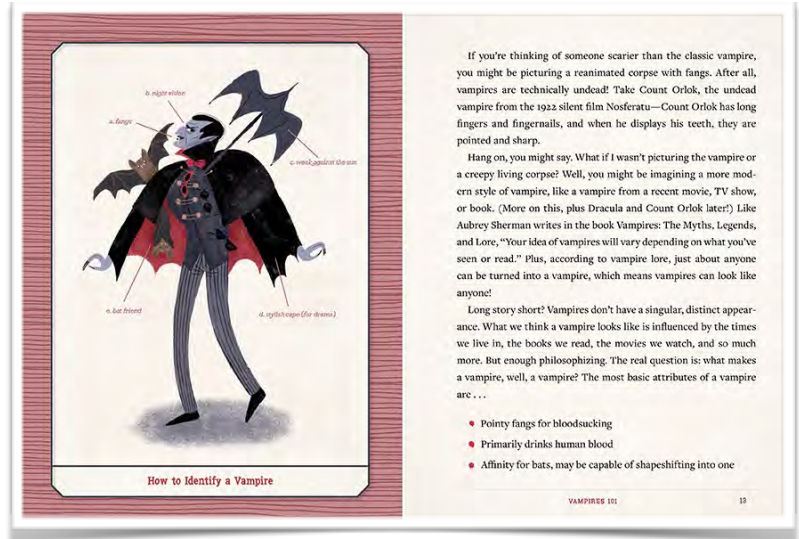
Are vampires real? Who was Vlad the Impaler? Do vampire bats ever feed on humans? Find out in *Hanging with Vampires*, a field guide for the curious and adventurous. Crack open the lid on this guide and you'll get:

- **Bloodcurdling vampire mythology!** What exactly is a vampire, anyway?
- **Spine-chilling history and science!** Uncover how the vampire legend got its start in the medieval ages.
- **A who's who of vampires!** Get to know classic, iconic, and scary vampires in pop culture, from *Dracula* to *Adventure Time*.
- **Creepy international legends!** Tour bloodsuckers around the globe, from the Chinese *jiangshi* to the Puerto Rican *chupacabra* to the Polish *upior* to the Malay *lansuir*.

Sink your fangs into vampire lore and literature with enchanting illustrations and fun activities, like making garlic bread. It's a spooky world out there—grab your guide, and let's go!

About the Author:

Insha Fitzpatrick is a New Jersey-based author who loves all things horror. She's the co-writer of the middle-grade graphic novel series *Oh My Gods!* with Stephanie Cooke and illustrator Juliana Moon & the writer of *Who Sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott: Rosa Parks* (Who HQ).



KID LEGENDS SERIES

Going strong, with more titles planned for 2024!

Specs:

Categories: Middle Grade Nonfiction

Format: Hardcover, 244 pages, 4c illustrated interiors

Target Reader:

Kids ages 8-12 with an interest in the various topics

Parents, teachers, and librarians looking to share inspirational reads

Key Selling Points:

- True stories, researched and fact-checked
- Relatable childhood moments from people who grew up to be famous
- Inspirational for kids facing their own difficult childhood moments and challenges
- Fun, engaging, readable voice
- Charming 4-color cartoon-style illustrations complement the text
- Over 350,000 English-language units sold net

True tales of childhood from real-life kid legends!

Before they were famous, they were kids, struggling with regular-kid problems like bullies, homework, and arguments with their siblings. Inspiring anecdotes and playful illustrations reveal the relatable childhood escapades of celebrated presidents, great athletes, groundbreaking scientists, and other future legends.

About the Books:



Kid Innovators

Moving, funny, and totally true childhood biographies of Bill Gates, Madam C. J. Walker, Hedy Lamarr, Walt Disney, and 12 other international innovators.



Kid Trailblazers

Inspiring, relatable, and totally true biographies tell the childhood stories of a diverse group of trailblazers including Kamala Harris, Greta Thunberg, Ai Weiwei, Benazir Bhutto, and 12 other powerful figures.



Kid Activists

Every activist started out as a kid—and in some cases they were kids when their activism began! But even the world's greatest champions of civil liberties, from Malala Yousafzai to Nelson Mandela to Harvey Milk, had relatable interests and childhood problems.



Rights Sold:

- INNOVATORS: Greek, Spanish, Turkish, Vietnamese
- TRAILBLAZERS: Vietnamese
- ACTIVISTS: Spanish
- SCIENTISTS: Simp. Chinese, Greek, Korean, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Turkish, Vietnamese
- AUTHORS: Simp. Chinese, Hebrew, Turkish, Vietnamese
- ARTISTS: Simp. Chinese (expired), Greek, Hebrew, Korean (expired), Serbian, Spanish, Turkish, Vietnamese
- ATHLETES: Simp. Chinese (expired), Greek, Turkish, Vietnamese
- PRESIDENTS: Simp. Chinese (expired), Korean (expired), Turkish, Vietnamese



Kid Scientists

Funny and totally true childhood biographies and full-color illustrations tell tales from the challenging yet defining growing-up years of Albert Einstein, Jane Goodall, Marie Curie, and 12 other brilliant scientists.



Kid Authors

Funny and totally true childhood biographies and full-color illustrations tell the tales from the growing-up years of Beverly Cleary, J. R. R. Tolkien, and 13 other great writers.



Kid Artists

Hilarious childhood biographies and full-color illustrations reveal how Leonardo da Vinci, Beatrix Potter, Keith Haring, and other great artists in history coped with regular-kid problems.



Kid Athletes

Hilarious childhood biographies and full-color illustrations show how Tiger Woods, Gabby Douglas, Bruce Lee, Billie Jean King, and other budding sports champions faced kid-sized challenges growing up.



Kid Presidents

Hilarious childhood biographies and full-color illustrations show how George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Barack Obama, and other presidents-to-be faced kid-sized problems growing up in America.



A SPOONFUL OF TIME

by Flora Ahn

Specs:

Categories: MG Fiction

Age Range: 8-12

Format: Hardcover, 272 pp.,
1c text-based with chapter
opener line drawings

Pub Month: April 2023

Target Reader:

8-12 year old readers who
enjoy magical realism

Korean and other immigrant
readers and their parents

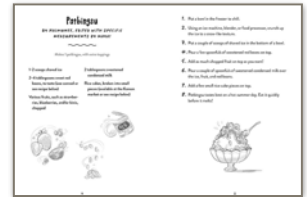
Rights:

Rights Available: UK/ANZ,
Translation

Rights Sold: World English
Audio (Blackstone)

Key Selling Points:

- A compelling family story with a magical twist
- Themes of immigration and cultural heritage
- Includes 7 illustrated mouthwatering Korean recipes in section openers



An unforgettable middle grade novel where time travel, family recipes, and family secrets collide

Maya's grandmother, Halmunee, may be losing her memory, but there's something almost magical about the way she cooks. Whether Halmunee serves salty miyeokguk or sweet songpyeon, her stories about Korea come to life for Maya. Then one day, something extraordinary happens: a single delicious bite of patbingsu transports Maya and Halmunee back into one of Halmunee's memories. Suddenly they're in Seoul, and Halmunee is young.

This is just the first of many secrets Maya will uncover: that she and her grandmother can time-travel, and they aren't the only ones with this ability. As Maya eats her way through the past, her questions multiply—until a shocking discovery transforms everything she thought she knew about family, friendship, loss, and time itself.

About the Author:

Flora Ahn is an attorney by day and an author by night. Her work includes a children's chapter book series, *Pug Pals* (Scholastic) and an Audible Original, *The Golden Orchard*. Raised in California by her Korean immigrant parents, Ahn lives in Virginia with her 2 pugs and practices law in DC.

HUNTERS OF THE LOST CITY

by Kali Wallace

Specs:

Categories: MG Fiction

Age Range: 10 and up

Format: Hardcover, 304 pp, 1 color, text-based

Pub Month: April 2022

Target Reader:

Middle grade fantasy readers who love writers like Neil Gaiman, Jonathan Auxier, and Tamora Pierce

Educators looking for a compelling fantasy read that engages with themes of disinformation and "post-truth"

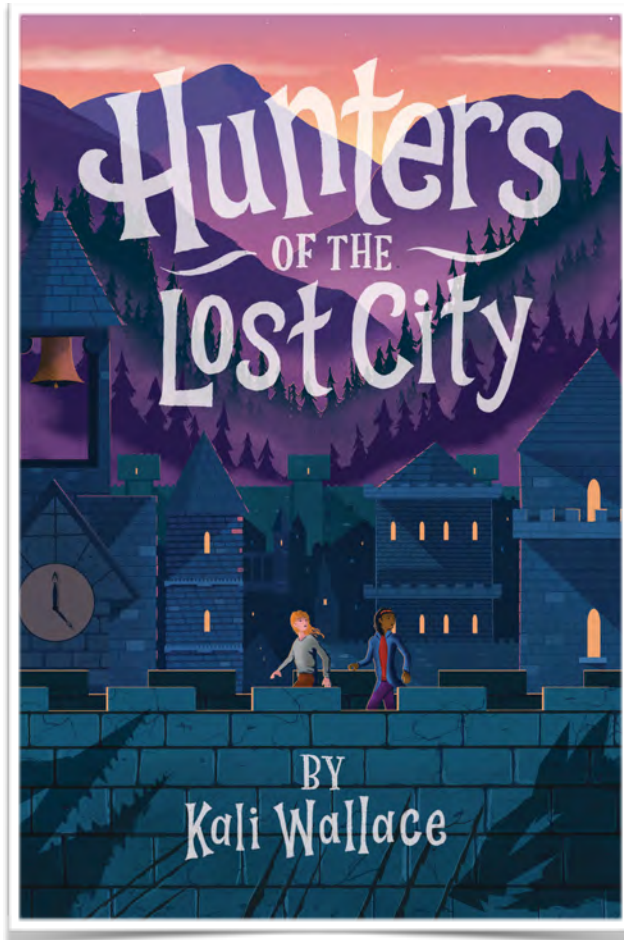
Rights:

Rights Available: UK/ANZ, Translation

Rights Sold: Audiobook (Blackstone), Korean (Gravitybooks)

Key Selling Points:

- Strong worldbuilding
- Timely theme: the quest for truth in a world that creates its own "facts"
- Acclaimed author



"A complicated, brave, and believable heroine.... An absolute delight."--Kirkus Reviews, starred review

Twelve-year-old Octavia grew up believing the town of Vittoria was the only one left in the world. The sole survivors of a deadly magical war and plague, the people of Vittoria know there's no one alive outside the town walls—except the terrible monsters that prowl the forest.

But then the impossible happens: Octavia meets another girl beyond the walls, someone who isn't Vittorian. Everything she's ever believed is thrown into question, and there's no going back.

In her quest for the truth, Octavia discovers a world full of lies, monsters, and magic. She'll have to use every scrap of her skill, wits, and courage to uncover what's real about Vittoria and the rest of the world.

About the Author:

Kali Wallace is the author of books for children and adults, including *City of Islands*, *Shallow Graves*, and *Salvation Day*.

STARS, HIDE YOUR FIRES

by Jessica Best

Specs:

Categories: YA Fiction

Age Range: 14 and up

Format: Hardcover, 304 pages, 1c text interior

Pub Month: July 2023

Target Reader:

Teen readers of YA sci-fi and fantasy such as *The Darkness Outside Us* & *Iron Widow*

Readers of LGBTQ sci fi and fantasy such as *Gideon the Ninth* and *Wayfarers*

Rights:

Rights Available: Film/TV, UK/ANZ, Translation, Merch

Rights Sold: World English Audio (Blackstone)

Key Selling Points:

- Genre-bending YA SFF read with crossover appeal
- *Knives Out*-style intrigue on a space palace
- Relatable narrator with a slow-burn romance
- Current social themes



A wanted thief. A murdered emperor. A killer somewhere on the station.

***Knives Out* goes sci-fi in this gripping YA murder mystery set in space, perfect for fans of Nina Varela and Tamsyn Muir.**

As an expert thief from a minor moon, Cass knows a good mark when she sees one. The emperor's ball is her chance to steal a fortune for herself, her ailing father, and her scrappy crew of thieves and market vendors.

Her plan is simple: 1. Hitch a ride to the planet Ouris, the dazzling heart of the empire. 2. Sneak onto the imperial palace station to attend the emperor's ball. 3. Steal from the rich, the royal, and the insufferable.

But on the station, things go awry. When the emperor is found dead, everyone is a suspect—and someone is trying to frame Cass. To clear her name, Cass must work with an unlikely ally: a gorgeous and mysterious rebel with her own reasons for being on the station. Together, they unravel a secret that could change the fate of the empire.

About the Author:

Jessica Best is a multi-award-winning freelance writer/editor, and an amateur singer/songwriter based out of the Midwest.

*Specs:*

Ages 14 and up

304 pp

paperback, 1
color**February 2021**

This Is Not The Jess Show by Anna Carey

"A fantastically smart, funny, and thoughtful thriller."—Nicola Yoon, #1 New York Times best-selling author of *The Sun Is Also a Star*

About the Book:

Like any other teenager, Jess Flynn is just trying to survive high school. Between a crush on her childhood best friend, overprotective parents, and her sister's worsening health, the only constant is her hometown, until the day she discovers a mysterious device, causing her to question everything and everyone she's ever known. As more cracks appear in Jess's world, she faces a choice: can she live the rest of her life knowing it's a lie, or should she risk everything for the truth?

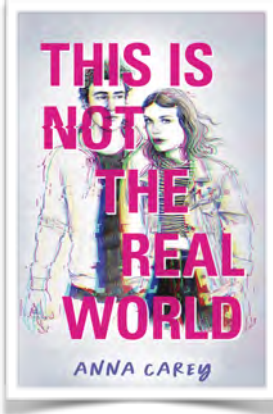
About the Author:

Anna Carey is the author of *Blackbird*, *Deadfall*, and the Eve trilogy. She lives in Los Angeles.

Rights:

Quirk Controls: Translation, UK/ANZ

One of
New York
Public Library's
Best Books of
2021

*Specs:*

Ages 14 and up

288 pp

paperback, 1
color**May 2022**

This Is Not The Real World by Anna Carey

"A romantic near-future thriller."—*Locus Magazine*

About the Book:

Months after Jess escaped from the set of *Stuck in the '90s*, the nostalgic reality show she believed was her real life, the teen star is getting to know the outside world for the first time. But she can't outrun her fictional life forever—or the media empire that owns it.

After Like-Life Productions tracks her down and forces her boyfriend to return to the show, Jess teams up with an underground network fighting to uncover Like-Life's schemes. To expose the truth, Jess must go back to the set and take Like-Life down from the inside . . . but getting revenge might just cost her everything.

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