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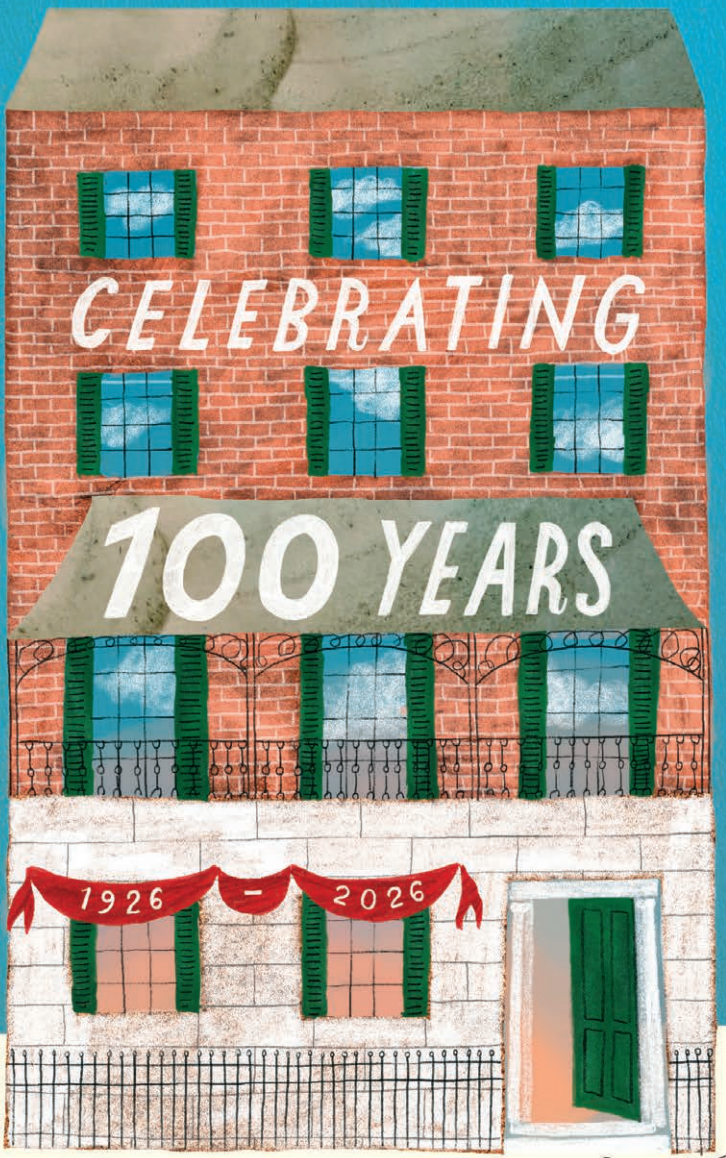

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TROPES:

- OPPOSITES ATTRACT
- SAPPHIC SLOW-BURN ROMANCE
- COZY SIDE QUESTS
- BICKERING TO LOVERS
- FORCED PROXIMITY
- GRUMPY X SUNSHINE
- BANTER & YEARNING
- ONLY ONE CARRIAGE

Between Us Witches

LEAD

Lauren Payton

***Wicked* meets *Assistant to the Villain* in this sapphic fantasy romcom, where a quest-by-carriage forces a Good Witch and a Bad Witch to fight off alluring sirens, bumbling bandits, and their infuriating feelings for each other.**

Delia the Good loves reality spellevision, her fairy faecialist, and making people fall in love.

Rowenna the Bad loves spider cookies, her best hag Amethyst, and crafting curses.

The only thing these witches have in common is how much they hate being neighbors. Delia's endless peppiness and fanatical followers drive Rowenna up a castle wall while Rowenna's incessant sarcasm and chronic hexing make Delia's blood (and cauldron) boil. Everything gets worse when they're forced on a quest to decide who will become the magical companion to a rare Dragon.

There's nothing like a road trip in a cramped carriage to make a witch fly off the handle.

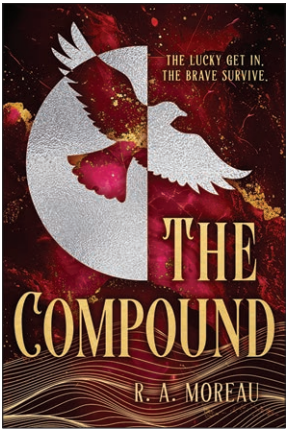
But it isn't all bad…along their journey they swim in the mermaid-filled waters of Lover's Lake and get caricatures done at the Poppywood Walk of Fae. They even spend the night in Mushtropolis where they sing fairyoke and visit the Golden Grape Bridge and Chimes Square.

As their quest continues, the line between Good and Bad isn't the only one being blurred, and each witch must ask herself if that feeling is something more than loathing.

Lauren Payton has a global platform of over 1 million followers on social media!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lauren Payton is a writer, actor, and content creator who specializes in queer comedy. Raised in rural Tennessee, Lauren did not often interact with people like herself (lesbian, magic-loving, self-indulgently individualistic). Instead, she found a lifeline of representation in media that buoyed her all the way to the University of Pennsylvania, where she graduated with a double major in Cinema & Media Studies and Communications. After graduation, she moved to Los Angeles to pursue her dreams of creating media to buoy the next wave of magic-loving, self-indulgently individualistic queer people from the middle of nowhere. She currently lives in LA with her partner and their ridiculously gorgeous cat. You can visit her online at @laurpayton.



Requited
April 2028
Dystopian Romance
Ages 18+
400 p.
Editor: Alice Jerman
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The Compound

LEAD

R.A. Moreau

Welcome to The Compound, where nothing is as it seems... and the cost of survival just might be your freedom. Perfect for fans of *Silver Elite* or *Daggermouth*.

Riley has spent her whole life clawing out an existence in the barren desert Wastes, where toxic dust storms and roving packs of bandits are more common than clean water.

When she wins one of the coveted spots in The Compound, an elite community inside a luxury bunker buried deep in the neighboring mountains, Riley realizes this is her chance to help her people.

Once she's inside the gorgeous halls, though, she's thrown into a world of opulence and expected to leave her old identity behind, and forget that the Wastes even exist. But the people are less than inviting—including Tarren, the General's handsome but infuriating nephew who Riley can't seem to avoid—and Riley becomes determined to do everything she can to get what she needs from the Compound and leave.

As she digs into dark corners she starts to find that not everything is as it seems. In a world where survival is everything, people will go to dangerous extremes to keep what's theirs, and by the time she discovers what the Compound is hiding, it might already be too late.

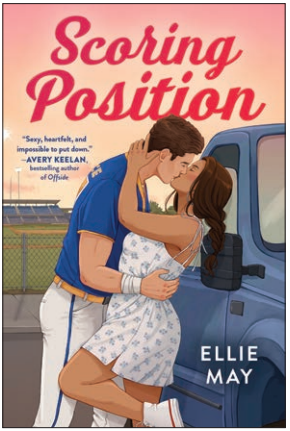
A twist-filled dystopian romance, *The Compound* is an addictive story of survival, sacrifice, and discovering that freedom is never as simple as it seems.

TROPES:

ENEMIES TO LOVERS
ARRANGED MARRIAGE
HE FALLS FIRST
CLASS DIFFERENCE
FORCED PROXIMITY

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

R. A. Moreau has been a lover of all things fantasy since her early years, and what began as a passion quickly turned into a profession when she started creating the stories she wished to see on her shelf. Moreau focuses her work on black and brown romances in fantastical settings of every variety. She hopes that by sharing her work, more women will have the opportunity to see themselves in the stories they love. When she isn't working, she loves spending time with her two dogs in her Colorado home and eating more bread than any health care professional would recommend.



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March 2027
Sports Romance
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TROPES:

COLLEGE SPORTS ROMANCE
DATING COACH
FRIENDS TO LOVERS
CLASS DIVIDE
WALLFLOWER
OPPOSITES ATTRACT
FOUND FAMILY

Scoring Position

Ellie May

One dating disaster, one ambitious baseball star, and a fake relationship that refuses to stay pretend.

Maggie Parker's time is running out. When the clock strikes graduation, she'll be forced into her cubicle-gray future under the watchful eye and financial thumb of her father. So, she's trying to squeeze the technicolor life out of her remaining college experience. Except, every time she tries, something goes heinously, disastrously wrong and there's only one common denominator—her. When one of these embarrassing attempts at a social life becomes public knowledge, Maggie decides to bite the bullet and ask for the help she so desperately needs.

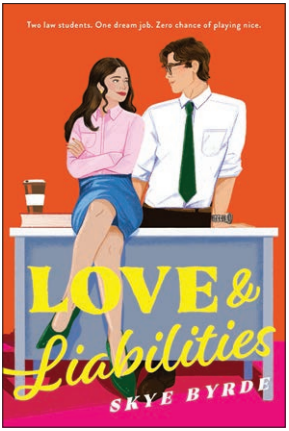
College baseball rising star Elliot Vance needs to land a prestigious internship to tackle his sizable debts. Preferably one at Parker & Klein. He has what it takes, but he wouldn't mind a little "networking" advantage. Except Elliot has no idea what he's walked into when he sets his sights on Maggie Parker.

The two strike a deal: practice dates and a taste of 'normal college life' in exchange for internship insight, but as they conquer fears and baseball superstitions together, things become more real than either anticipated. As the semester ends and the internship announces their acceptances, Maggie and Elliot will have to make the choice between old dreams and new ones.

This brand new and authentic voice delivers sharp banter, emotional vulnerability, and irresistible slow-burn tension.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ellie May is a former middle school educator located in Houston, Texas. She's an avid baseball fan, professional napper, and is passionate about [insert current hyperfixation hobby here]. She co-hosts an international book club and globetrots to unlock new-to-her indie bookstores. As a reader, she's had the privilege of interviewing authors like Ali Hazelwood, Tessa Bailey, Olivie Blake, and Rachel Griffin and is ever-growing in her love of romance stories.



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August 2027
Contemporary Romance
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TROPES:

- RIVALS TO LOVERS
- WORKPLACE ROMANCE
- FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS
- FORCED PROXIMITY
- ONLY ONE BED
- HE FALLS FIRST
- CLASS DIFFERENCES
- GRUMPY X SUNSHINE

Love & Liabilities

Skye Byrde

Two law students. One dream job. Zero chance of playing nice.

Isabel Collins has spent years working toward a single goal: securing the coveted full-time position at Briar & Khan, one of New York City's most prestigious law firms. She's prepared for the grueling summer associate program, the impossible workload, and the fierce competition.

What she's not prepared for is Theodore Moore.

Theo has been Isabel's rival ever since he handed her a humiliating defeat in an undergraduate mock trial—and then beat her out for valedictorian. While everyone else seems charmed by his easy smile and effortless confidence, Isabel knows exactly how infuriating he can be. Unfortunately, Theo isn't just joining the summer associate program. He's competing for the same full-time position.

With only one offer available, Isabel and Theo quickly find themselves locked in a battle of ambition, determination, and increasingly personal attacks. But as long days at the office turn into late nights together, old grudges begin to blur into something neither of them expected.

The more Isabel tries to prove Theo is the last person she could ever want, the harder it becomes to ignore the chemistry simmering beneath their rivalry.

And when winning her dream job means risking her heart, Isabel may discover that some competitions aren't meant to be won.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Skye Byrde is a proud Minnesotan currently obsessed with banana bread lattes, her sleepy cat, and rom-coms so good she redownloads dating apps. She writes contemporary romance featuring high stakes, sharp banter, and at least one hand flex. Her characters tend to be overthinkers and under-feelers who could use a good therapist. Conveniently, Skye is training to become one.

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Thriller
Ages 14+
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FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE GIRLS I'VE BEEN, FAR FROM YOU, AND 6 TIMES WE ALMOST KISSED (AND ONE TIME WE DID).

How She Fell LEAD

Tess Sharpe

***Sadie* meets *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* in this revenge thriller that explores how far girls will go to protect their own.**

Liberty Scott was *that girl*: creative, beautiful, beloved. Her sudden plummet off the bluffs shatters her rural, religious community, who all lament the accident that robbed the world of such a bright young artist.

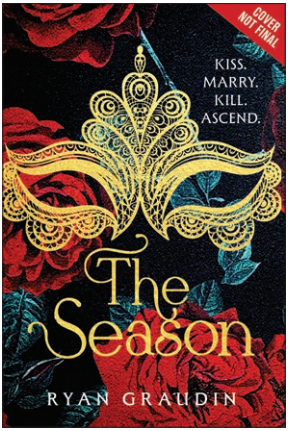
Dot Reeves is the one they warn you about. Violent. Wrong-side-of-the-tracks edgy. She takes no prisoners. But she's been Liberty's best friend since childhood—and now she's on a mission. Because Liberty's fall wasn't an accident. It was murder.

Dot wakes the morning of Liberty's death with access to her friend's final art project, a video of Liberty running for her life and a final message: The proof is in the project. Don't trust our friends. Dot tells no one. Dot trusts no one. And when Dot finds Liberty's killer? She won't forgive, and she won't forget.

This ruthless backwoods tale of revenge is an unyielding interrogation of the crimes girls are expected to survive—and the ones they take into their own hands.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Born in a mountain cabin to a punk-rocker mother, *New York Times* bestselling author **Tess Sharpe** grew up in rural California. She lives deep in the backwoods with a pack of dogs and a growing colony of feral cats. You can find her on social media @forest_of_arden.



The Season

LEAD

Ryan Graudin

***The Games Gods Play* meets *Bridgerton* in this enchanting YA fantasy, where Greek gods rule Regency era London– pitting immortal against mortal, and sister against sister.**

Come for the gowns. Stay for the gods. Fight to the death.

Told through the dual first-person-POVs of 18-year-old Effie, an undesirable debutant, and Cassian, Effie's handsome man-at-arms who both guards and trains her in combat, *The Season* follows Effie and her sister, Abigail, as they prepare for their debutant season. There is gossip that this year may be a Season—with a capital S—where gods choose mortal suitors not for each other, but for themselves. In a Season like that, only one will remain at the end--the rest are sacrifices.

Effie is determined to save herself and her sister– too bad she's caught the eye of the god that makes everything more dangerous: Hades.

Sure enough, the once-a-generation Season is upon us, and Effie, Abigail, and Cassian are all chosen by gods to compete for the honor of ascending to the Pantheon and joining their gods as celestial companions. Sister is pitted against sister, lover against lover. And only one can make it out of the Season alive.

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Fantasy Romance
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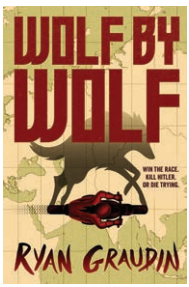
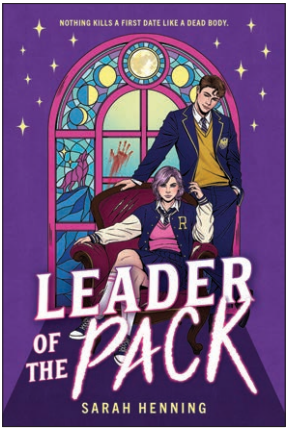
BRIDGERTON MEETS GREEK MYTHOLOGY!



FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE *WOLF BY WOLF* BOOKS!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ryan Graudin is the award-winning author of numerous novels, including the Carnegie nominated Wolf By Wolf duology, The Enchanted Lies of Céleste Artois, and the The Girl Who Kept the Castle series. Her books have been translated into over a dozen languages. She lives near Charleston, South Carolina with her husband and two daughters.



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Leader of the Pack

Sarah Henning

***10 Things I Hate About You* meets *Wednesday* in this romcom murder mystery starring a teen werewolf with sharp claws and a sharper tongue, and a diviner boy destined to prove her pack's innocence.**

Alistair Elton-Bentley can divine the future, but he didn't expect senior year to involve a fake-dating scheme. Or that his first time attending prom would be his last. Or that fake-dating would lead to real feelings….

Skye Wolverton is rather intense, with more extracurriculars than most people could handle. She's type A+, which makes sense when you're not just a werewolf, but leader of the pack. There's not exactly room for romance on her resumé. But she and Alistair are starting to click. Will this perfectionist finally let herself have a little fun?

Just as things are looking up, a teacher winds up dead. Slash marks on his chest are all it takes: fingers are pointed at Skye's werewolf family. Alistair, now never far from her side, believes her innocence without a doubt, and the pair work together to discover the true cause of death.

Sarah Henning expertly blends genres in this witty, magical read that will appeal to mystery and romance lovers alike.

Don't miss the stand-alone companion novel set in the same world, *Such A Witch!*

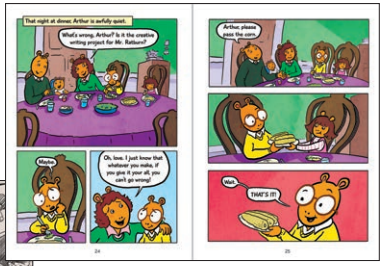
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

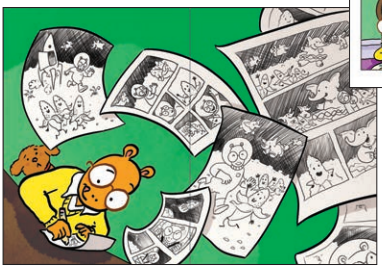
Sarah Henning is the author of several books for young adults, including *Throw Like a Girl, It's All in How You Fall, The Lies We Conjure*, the *Sea Witch* duology, and the *Kingdoms of Sand and Sky* trilogy. When not writing, she runs a ton (but no longer has time for ultramarathons), dotes on her two kids and two cats, and takes walks with her husband and fluffy corgi. Sarah lives in Lawrence, Kansas, home to Langston Hughes, William S. Burroughs, and a really good basketball team (Rock Chalk!). She invites you to visit her online at sarahhenningwrites.com.

Arthur Makes a Comic (A Graphic Novel)

Marc Brown, Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Arthur and his friends are back in this brand-new graphic novel about creativity and confidence from beloved children's author Marc Brown.





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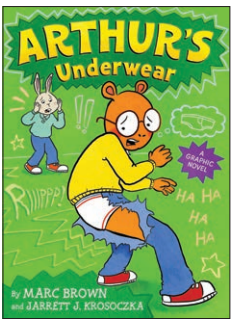
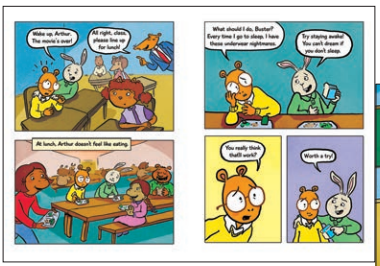


Arthur's Underwear (A Graphic Novel)

Marc Brown, Jarrett J. Krosoczka

In this laugh-out-loud classic by Marc Brown—now a brightly illustrated graphic novel—Arthur learns that anxiety and embarrassment don't stand a chance when great friends are around!



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Marc Brown says that he has the best boss in the world…KIDS! His Arthur Adventure books are a #1 New York Times bestselling series. There are over 160 million Arthur books in print. In 2025, he was awarded the R. Michelson Galleries Award for Lifetime Contribution to Children's Literacy for his prominent role in encouraging literacy and reading enjoyment. He has been recognized for the Arthur animated series on PBS with the George Foster Peabody Award and several Emmys. He and his wife, Laurie Krasny Brown, live in New York City and Martha's Vineyard.

Jarrett J. Krosoczka is the New York Times bestselling author-illustrator of more than fifty books for young readers, including his wildly popular Lunch Lady graphic novels, select volumes of the Star Wars: Jedi Academy series, and Hey, Kiddo, which was a National Book Award finalist. Krosoczka creates books with humor, heart, and deep respect for his young readers—qualities that have made his titles perennial favorites on the bookshelves of homes, libraries, and bookstores over the past twenty-five years.

Flutters (A Graphic Novel)

Tori Sharp

Everybody feels flutters around their crush . . . right?

When Nate asks Kyle to be his boyfriend, Kyle is surprised, but excited. Kyle loves hanging out with Nate, but being a boyfriend doesn't come easily to him. If Kyle doesn't feel how he's supposed to . . . does that make him a bad boyfriend? Tori Sharp returns with a story about being true to your feelings—and your friends.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Tori Sharp is a Seattle-based creator and a swing and blues dancer with a BFA in sequential art from SCAD. She is the bestselling author-illustrator of the middle-grade graphic novels *Just Pretend*, *Stand Up!*, and *Flutters*. She invites you to visit her online at torisharp.com.

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March 2027
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VOL 1 ALSO AVAILABLE

Love Me To Death: Volume Two

Toonimated

Whoever said 'til death do us part wasn't trying hard enough.

Toonimated's wildly popular Webtoon continues in print, with never-before-seen bonus materials! For fans of *Anatomy: A Love Story* and *Lore Olympus* comes the electrifying second volume in this graphic novel romantasy about the love triangle between a necromancer, a resurrected bride, and her very-much-alive groom.

At first glance, a necromancer on the run, a recently deceased bride, and the wealthiest patron of San Guadario may seem like an odd trio, but Victor, Mercedes, and Enrique have become impossibly entangled in each other's fates... and love lives. Sheltered together, they try to recover Mercedes' lost memories, but dangerous threats begin to close in, and their options are running thin.

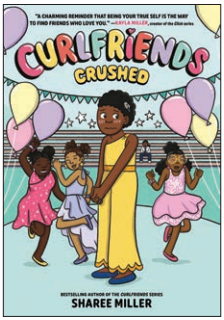
Will Victor, Mercedes, and Enrique successfully hide from the dangerous officials, who want nothing more than to rid San Guadario of any mark of necromancy? Packed full of explosions, near-death experiences, and so much swoony tension, this second installment continues the saga at a pulse-pounding pace. When best-laid plans break out of prison, and the past comes chasing, will this trio find a way to make it out alive?

Adapted from the wildly popular webtoon series, *Love Me to Death* is a gorgeously illustrated saga that is bound to stop your heart.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Toonimated was co-founded by Julian Jauregui and Tara Mueller, who have been publishing *Webtoon Originals* for seven years and have over a decade of experience in game development leadership. Both are accomplished creative directors and entertainment content creators who hold production animation degrees from Digipen Institute of Technology.

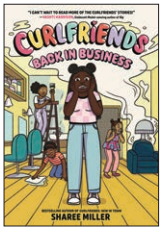
GRAPHIC NOVEL



Curlfriends: Crushed

Sharee Miller

The Curlfriends are back and getting ready for their first school dance in Sharee Miller's NAACP Image Award-nominated graphic novel series, perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier and *The Baby-Sitters Club*!



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sharee Miller is an award-winning author and illustrator. Her debut graphic novel, *Curlfriends: New in Town*, won the Golden Kite Award for Illustrated Book/Graphic Novel for Older Readers and was nominated for an NAACP Image Award. Sharee invites you to visit her at shareemiller.com.

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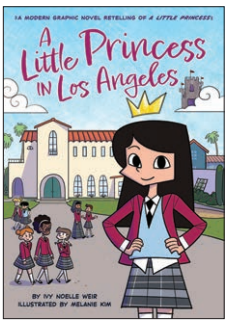

A Little Princess in Los Angeles

A Modern Graphic Novel Retelling of A Little Princess

Ivy Noelle Weir, Melanie Kim

Far away from her home in South Korea, Sara Crewe must find a way to adjust to life at her new Los Angeles boarding school in this modern-day graphic novel adaption of *A Little Princess*.

FROM THE CLASSIC GRAPHIC NOVEL REMIX SERIES

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Classic Adaptation
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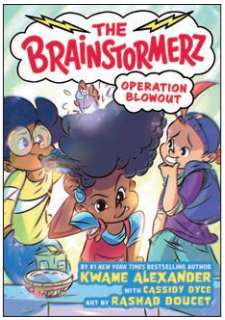
ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Ivy Noelle Weir is a writer of comics and prose. She is the co-creator of the Dwayne McDuffie Award-winning graphic novel *Archival Quality* (Oni Press), the author of *The Secret Garden on 81st Street*, and her writing has appeared in anthologies such as *Princeless: Girls Rock* (Action Lab Entertainment) and *Dead Beats* (A Wave Blue World). She lives in the greater Boston area with her husband and their two tiny, weird dogs.

Melanie Kim is a half-Korean millennial born in Arizona and raised in southern Maine. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Animation & Game Art from the Maine College of Art & Design. Melanie loves to spend time with her partner, cat, video games, and roller skates—but only rarely at the same time.



The Brainstormerz: Operation Blowout

Kwame Alexander, Cassidy Dyce, Rashad Doucet

For fans of *The Cartoonists Club* and *Frizzy* comes the second in a fresh, funny kids' graphic novel series about three problem-solving besties—and this time, a bad hair day is no match for the Brainstormerz!

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ABOUT THE AUTHORS & ILLUSTRATOR

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Cassidy Dyce is an author and founder of Writing Black @ The House, a creative community dedicated to uplifting Black artists across disciplines. She invites you to visit her at cassidydyce.com.

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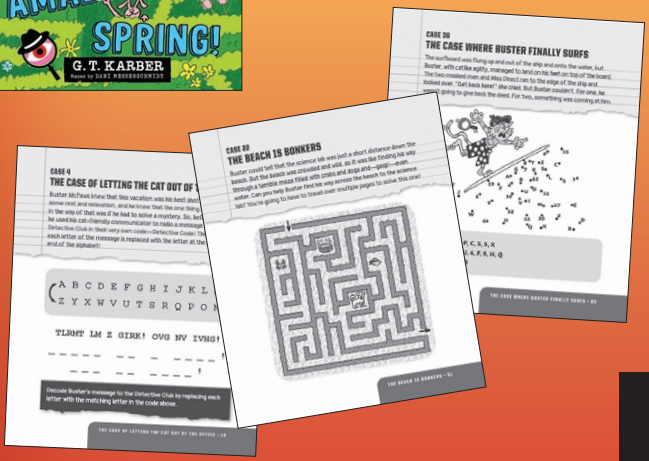

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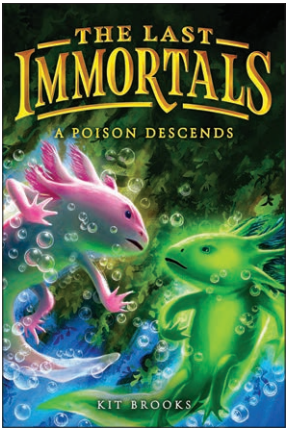


The Last Immortals: A Poison Descends

LEAD

Kit Brooks

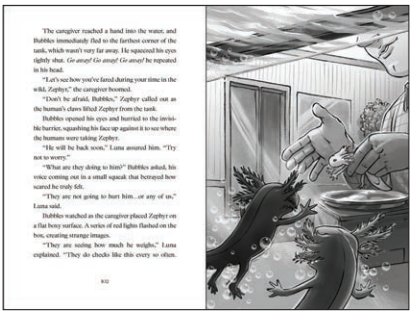
Animal Fantasy Adventure!

Tensions run high as another algae bloom encroaches on the axolotls' corner of the lake, explosive personalities clash, and Bubbles has a startling revelation in Book 3 of the *New York Times* bestselling series. Perfect for fans of *Warrior Cats*.

When a new group of axolotls is born the Rebels, Undecideds, and Immortals settle into a cautious harmony, but a ruthless algae bloom is quick to break this facade of peace. As the warring factions struggle to coexist, Ace embarks on his trial of solitude, and the rest of the crew journey to Recing Canal's Safety Zone.

The axolotls once again believe they are out of harm's way, and set up camp to train the baby axolotls, who aren't so small anymore. But just after a week of training concludes, Bubbles, Zephyr, and Luna are ripped from the lake by human hands. Above the surface they unearth shocking secrets, leaving Bubbles to face a dark reality about the different challenges that harm lake-dwellers but not tank-breds.

This gripping adventure examines the true meaning of family, strength, and the dangers of unchecked power.



The caregiver reached a hand into the water, and Bubbles immediately fled to the farthest corner of the tank, which wasn't very far away. He squeezed his eyes tightly shut. *Go away! Go away! Go away!* he repeated in his head.

"Let's see how you've fared during your time in the wild, Zephyr," the caregiver boomed.

"Don't be afraid, Bubbles," Zephyr called out as the human's claws lifted Zephyr from the tank.

Bubbles opened his eyes and hurried to the invisible barrier, squashing his face up against it to see where the humans were taking Zephyr.

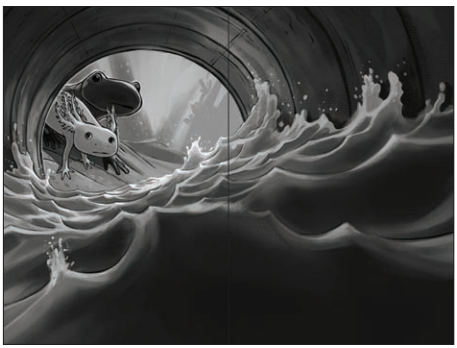
"He will be back soon," Luna assured him. "Try not to worry."

"What are they doing to him?" Bubbles asked, his voice coming out in a small squeak that betrayed how scared he truly felt.

"They are not going to hurt him...or any of us," Luna said.

Bubbles watched as the caregiver placed Zephyr on a flat bony surface. A series of red lights flashed on the box, creating strange images.

"They are seeing how much he weighs," Luna explained. "They do checks like this every so often.



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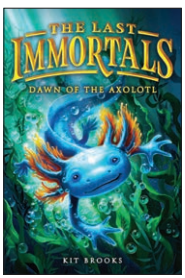

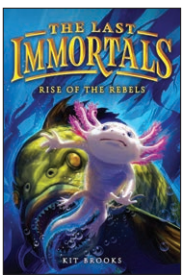

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kit Brooks is the *New York Times*-bestselling author of *The Last Immortals* series. She is inspired by a love of axolotls and a fascination with their exceptional regenerative abilities, as well as the environmental challenges they currently face as an endangered species.

Interactive series debut!

Survive the Story: Cursed Kingdom

LEAD

Amie Kaufman, Lili Wilkinson

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An inventive, interactive series-starter that challenges readers to survive when trapped in a treacherous new world. Perfect for fans of series like *Choose Your Own Adventure* and games like Dungeons & Dragons!

You are about to embark on an adventure unlike any other…one you may not survive. Will you play as Bec, for strength? Sebastian, for smarts? Or Ash, for charm? Travel through a magical land, dodging danger, taking chances, solving puzzles, and helping friends. It's a hero's journey, with hundreds of ways to make it to the end! (And if your end isn't as lively as you'd hoped, you can always start over with new choices.)

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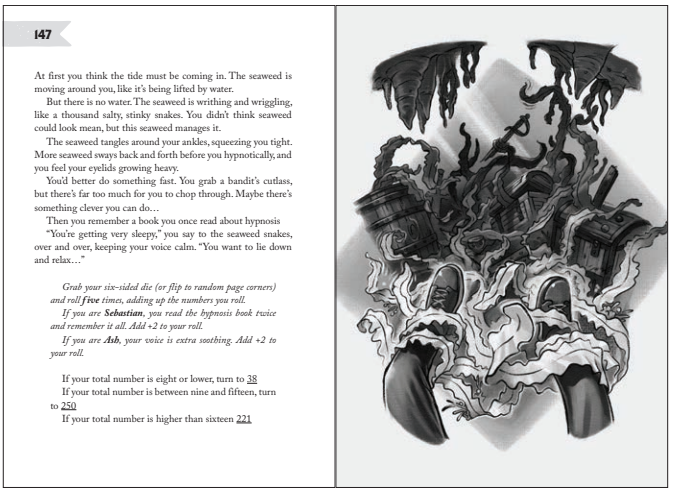

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At first you think the tide must be coming in. The seaweed is moving around you, like it's being lifted by water.

But there is no water. The seaweed is writhing and wriggling, like a thousand salty, stinky snakes. You didn't think seaweed could look mean, but this seaweed manages it.

The seaweed tangles around your ankles, squeezing you tight. More seaweed sways back and forth before you hypnotically, and you feel your eyelids growing heavy.

You'd better do something fast. You grab a bandit's cutlass, but there's far too much for you to chop through. Maybe there's something clever you can do…

Then you remember a book you once read about hypnosis

"You're getting very sleepy," you say to the seaweed snakes, over and over, keeping your voice calm. "You want to lie down and relax…"

*Grab your six-sided die (or flip to random page corners) and roll **Five** times, adding up the numbers you roll.*

*If you are **Sebastian**, you read the hypnosis book twice and remember it all. Add +2 to your roll.*

*If you are **Ash**, your voice is extra soothing. Add +2 to your roll.*

If your total number is eight or lower, turn to 38

If your total number is between nine and fifteen, turn to 250

If your total number is higher than sixteen 221

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

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Time Corridor LEAD

Ben Guterson

Time travel family mystery

In this high-stakes time travel mystery, young maze expert Riki Kanno seeks a magic key he hopes will lead to his long-vanished father.

It's a quiet summer night in Nine Hill City when twelve-year-old Riki Kanno sees a mysterious light flick on in the Time Corridor, a wing of the majestic museum across from his apartment. Riki finds himself curiously drawn to this wing which houses wondrous timepieces, and he begins making secret, midnight investigations of the massive hall. There, he meets five enchanted beings who recount an unbelievable tale filled with bewitchment and danger.

Now, with the museum under threat and his father possibly closer than ever, Riki realizes he must pursue the spellbinding key through puzzling mazes, perilous labyrinths, and even time itself, all while under threat from the dark force of the Time Guardian.

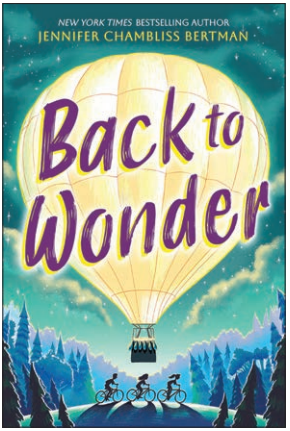
This captivating mystery features winding labyrinths, twisty mazes, leaps through time, and a full throttle face-off with an otherworldly power. Time is ticking. Can Riki find the answers and reunite his family?

"Inventive, fast-paced and brimming with magic, *The Time Corridor* sweeps readers into a richly-imagined world of riddles, mystery and unforgettable characters. A thrilling adventure."

—Peter Burns, New York Times bestselling author of The School for Thieves.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ben Guterson is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The World-Famous Nine*, which was a Barnes & Noble Young Reader Pick of the Month, as well as its sequel *The Shadow of the World Famous Nine*, *The Einsteins of Vista Point* and the popular *Winterhouse* trilogy. *Winterhouse* was an Edgar Award and Agatha Award finalist and an Indie Next List Pick. Ben's books have been translated into eleven languages worldwide. He lives in the Pacific Northwest and invites you to visit him online at benguterson.com.



Back to Wonder

Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

***Stranger Things* meets Erin Entrada Kelly's *The First State of Being* in this captivating mystery by *New York Times*-bestselling author Jennifer Chambliss Bertman.**

The year is 1985 and three kids are brought together unexpectedly after discovering an abandoned hot air balloon in an overgrown field—Elizabeth, who is tired of abiding by her parents' strict rules and craves an exciting adventure; Lily, who cares deeply about the natural world and wishes she had the ability to make things better; and Jacob, who loves art and recently relocated to the area to live with his grandparents.

Investigating where this balloon could have come from leads the misfits on a quest to find Steven Spielberg, rumored to be filming in the area. All three hope meeting the famous director will lead them closer to solving their own problems. But when the quest goes terribly wrong, the trio must rely on one another for more than just safety. Will the map they find ultimately lead them to the magical place called Wonder? With a dash of the fantastical, this compelling mystery-adventure gets at the heart of discovering that the hero you've been waiting for is closer than you think.

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"Magic, mystery, and strong characterization expertly crafted. A terrific read. Eleven-year-old me would have carried *Back to Wonder* everywhere she went."
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"*Back to Wonder* is a big-hearted adventure that reminds us, whatever we're facing in this world, that good friends and a sense of wonder are the secrets to making it through."
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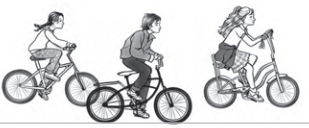

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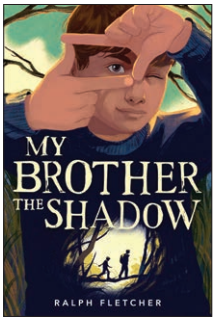

My Brother the Shadow

Ralph Fletcher

An unflinching portrayal of brotherhood in the face of addiction, told in gripping and heartfelt verse, perfect for reluctant readers who enjoyed *Long Way Down* and *Canyon's Edge*.

Twelve-year-old Marco has always felt close to his older brother, Chase. Somewhat shy, Marco feels a bit braver in the presence of Chase's reckless confidence. But when his brother goes to college, Marco can immediately tell something is off. Chase's words slur when he calls, and his grades start to drop. Soon Chase is asked to leave school. When he returns home, he's a shell of himself and Marco can't recognize the brother he once knew. Even Marco's parents are at a loss for how to help Chase, and every day introduces a new reason to worry. Feeling trapped, Marco throws himself into photography as a way to cope. But when an overdose devastates their community, Marco can't shake the feeling that Chase could be next.

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"*My Brother the Shadow* is powerful, chilling, and all too real. This is a book that sticks with you long after you finish the last page. Much more than a story, it's a mirror to hold up to your own life and family."
—Gordon Korman, New York Times bestselling author of Hypergifted

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ralph Fletcher is the author of a wide range of award-winning books for young readers, from picture books (*The Loneliest Elephant in the World*) and novels (*Fig Pudding and Flying Solo*) to memoirs (*Marshfield Dreams*) and writing advice (*A Writer's Notebook*). A passionate nature photographer, Ralph teaches workshops on poetry and writing. He lives with his family in Lee, New Hampshire, and invites you to visit him online at ralphfletcherbooks.com.

Too Big to Say

Phil Bildner, Mike Curato

Perfect for fans of *The Trouble with Heroes* and *Hey, Kiddo*, this heartfelt illustrated novel tells the story of two friends who help each other make tough decisions while on a hiking adventure.

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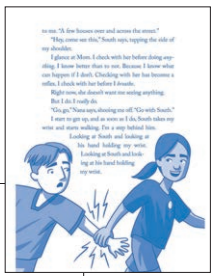

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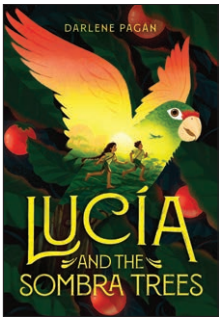

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Lucía and the Sombra Trees

Darlene Pagán

An imaginative story brimming with magic and connection, this heartfelt adventure follows a young girl who sets out to find a rare fruit to save her grandmother's life.

This story is based on the cloud forest in Puerto Rico and set on an island plagued by an invasive tree species that has devastated the local ecosystem

Every morning, twelve-year-old Lucía scales the massive Sombra Trees that shroud Coquí Island in darkness, searching for the medicinal fruit that might save her grandmother's deteriorating health. The fruit is scarce, but Lucía has an advantage: Malo, her sharp-tongued parrot with an even sharper sense of smell. When Malo is stolen at the market by a mysterious boy, Lucía and her cousin follow him into the treetops, climbing higher into the dangerous canopy than ever before. What they find is unimaginable: a magical, sunlit oasis, and a secret about the Sombra Trees that could save not only Lucía's grandmother but the entire island.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Darlene Pagán was born in Chicago, IL to a Puerto Rican father and a German/Czech mother. She earned a PhD in the Humanities and has published essays and poetry, including a full-length collection, *Setting the Fires* (Airlie Press, 2015). Her creative and scholarly work reflects her deep interest in identity, language, culture, family, and the environment. She teaches at Pacific University in Oregon where she lives with her family, and enjoys the beach and the woods, where she still climbs trees. *Lucía and the Sombra Trees* is her debut children's book.

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The Boy Who Dreamed of Doors

Chuck Wendig

For fans of *The Last Kids on Earth* and *Mighty Jack* comes a fantastical adventure with an evil AI twist from *New York Times* bestselling author Chuck Wendig.

Noah wakes up one day in a cabin in the middle of nowhere. He can't remember how he got there, but he knows he has to get home. So when a door appears in the cabin wall, he opens it...and is thrust into the bizarro world of Dream Else.

In this strange land, no two creatures look alike: There are giant beetles with human hands, smiling pink blobs of slime, and a walking teakettle who sells the best meatshroom pies you've ever tasted. Amid the chaos are other lost kids who want to find their way home, as well as a mysterious man named Sebastian who knows much more than he'll say. Now Noah and his new friends must navigate the wildly unpredictable dangers of Dream Else as they uncover its secrets and write their own story—literally.

Bestselling author Chuck Wendig

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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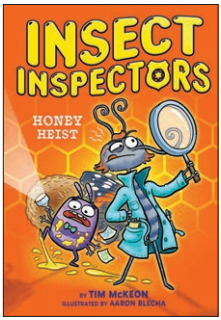


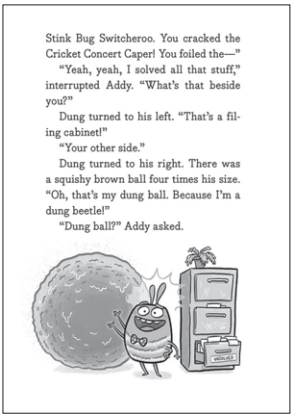
Insect Inspectors: Honey Heist

Tim McKeon

At any given time, there are 10,000,000,000,000,000,000 insects alive in the world. These are their stories…

Someone has stolen every drop of honey from Honey Inc. and the worker bees are in a tizzy. Worse than a tizzy—they're plain scared. So scared that they're ready to quit and leave town. But if all the bees disappear and take their ability to pollinate with them, there will be fewer baby plants and less fruit to find, and lots of bugs in Insect City will go hungry.

Luckily, seasoned detective Addy and her new partner, Junior Detective Dung, are on the case. Although Junior Detective Dung is untested, his enthusiasm, naivety, and very large ball of dung might be exactly what they need to crack the case. If the pair keep their antennae to the ground and their eyes open, they're sure to find the culprit—and the missing honey!



Stink Bug Switcheroo. You cracked the Cricket Concert Caper! You foiled the—"

"Yeah, yeah, I solved all that stuff," interrupted Addy. "What's that beside you?"

Dung turned to his left. "That's a filing cabinet!"

"Your other side."

Dung turned to his right. There was a squishy brown ball four times his size. "Oh, that's my dung ball. Because I'm a dung beetle!"

"Dung ball?" Addy asked.

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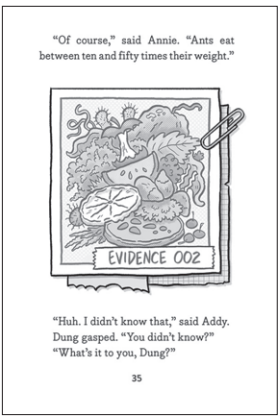
Insect Inspectors: Racetrack Robbery

Tim McKeon

At any given time, there are 10,000,000,000,000,000,000 insects alive in the world. These are their stories…

It's time for the Wing Racer Rally, a thrilling competition where winged insects race around a track to win a jewel-encrusted trophy. Sports superfan Junior Detective Dung is elated when Sarge orders him and Detective Addy to attend. Except they aren't going to watch. They are going because someone stole the trophy! The detectives must find it before the race ends, or the furious fans will turn into an angry swarm and tear Insect City apart.



"Of course," said Annie. "Ants eat between ten and fifty times their weight."

EVIDENCE 002

"Huh. I didn't know that," said Addy. Dung gasped. "You didn't know?" "What's it to you, Dung?"

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LITTLE, BROWN BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS

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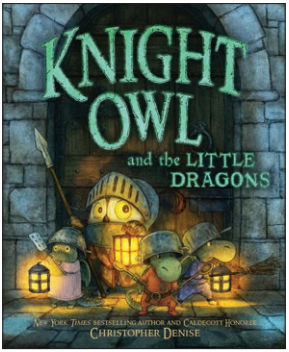
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Tim McKeon is a five-time Emmy Award–winning writer and showrunner with two decades of experience in family entertainment. He co-created the PBS KIDS hit series *Odd Squad* and created the Sesame Workshop series *Helpsters*. Other writing credits include *Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends, Adventure Time, Gravity Falls* and *Sesame Street*. Most recently, Tim developed the upcoming animated series *Unlimited Squirrels* with Mo Willems, inspired by Willems' book series.

From Caldecott Honoree Christopher Denise



Knight Owl and the Little Dragons

LEAD

Christopher Denise

Knight Owl and his band of little dragons set out in the castle to investigate a strange noise in this beloved bedtime story from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling, Caldecott Honoree, Christopher Denise.

When Knight Owl agrees to look after Mama Dragon's three little ones, she leaves him with just one rule: no spooky stories before bedtime. So, Knight Owl delights the little dragons with a mysterious story instead. He assures them that there are no monsters in the tale. But a sudden bump in the night sends the pajama-clad crew on a mission to uncover who or what is making those scary noises. Could there be ghosts, giant evil robots, or swamp monsters in the castle?!

Christopher Denise delights readers with another enchanting story featuring old and new castle friends.

Christy Ottaviano Books
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Animals and Friendship
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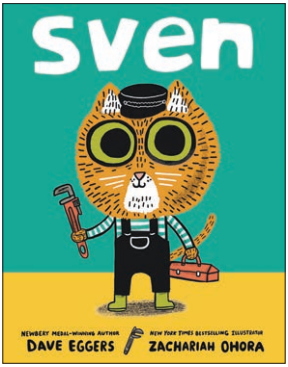
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Christopher Denise is the award-winning creator of Knight Owl's Little Christmas, and the New York Times and Indie Bestseller Knight Owl and Early Bird as well as Knight Owl, which was a #1 New York Times bestseller; a #1 Indie bestseller; a Caldecott Honor Award winner; an ALA-ALSC Notable Book for Children; a Zena Sutherland Award winner for Excellence in Children's Literature; and was hailed as a "contemporary classic" by NPR. He lives in Rhode Island with his family and invites you to visit him online at christopherdenise.com.

Don't miss the rest of the bestselling series!



Sven LEAD

Dave Eggers, Zachariah OHora

A wildly witty tale from Newbery Award-winning and *New York Times* bestselling author Dave Eggers about a precocious pet cat who also happens to be an excellent plumber.

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Humor, Animals
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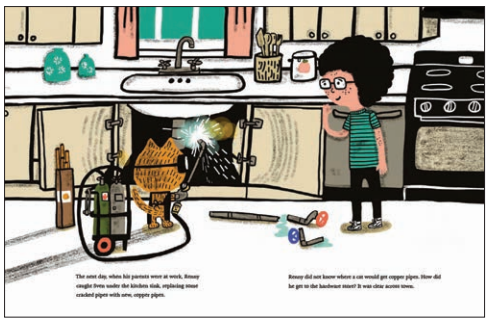
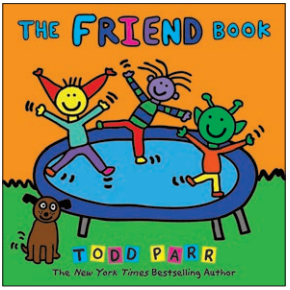


ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Dave Eggers is an acclaimed and bestselling author of books for readers of all ages, including the Newbery Medal winner *The Eyes and the Impossible* and the illustrated books *Faraway Things, Her Right Foot*, and *What Can a Citizen Do?* He is the founder of the independent publishing company McSweeney's and a cofounder of 826 Valencia, a youth writing center—fronted by a supply store for working pirates—that has inspired dozens of other organizations worldwide. In 2025 he opened the International Library of Young Authors, a San Francisco center dedicated to the work of storytellers ages six through eighteen.

Zachariah OHora is the Emmy Award–winning show creator and executive producer of the animated series *Carl the Collector* on PBS KIDS. He is the illustrator of the *New York Times* bestselling book *Wolfie the Bunny* by Ame Dyckman, as well as other read-aloud favorites, such as *Who Wet My Pants?* by Bob Shea, and has written and illustrated a number of award-winning books that have been translated into over a dozen languages worldwide. His character designs include Gear Guard Gary, a yeti mascot for Rivian electric vehicles, who appears on every in-vehicle dashboard interface. He lives in Pennsylvania.



The Friend Book LEAD

Todd Parr

Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
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A sweet and silly introduction to all the qualities that make a good friend, from *New York Times* bestselling author Todd Parr.

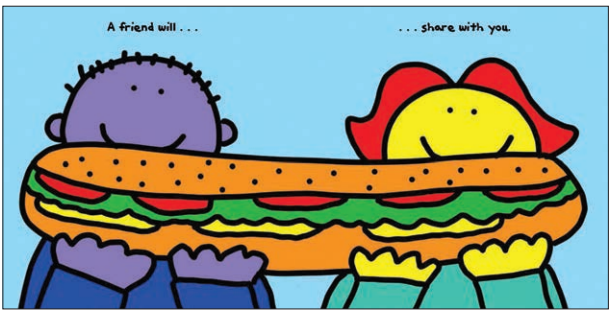
With his colorful illustrations, playful humor, and inclusive storytelling, beloved author Todd Parr has long been a favorite among young readers and caregivers. His books promote an essential message of love and acceptance that is inspiring, empowering, and accessible.

A friend will share with you.

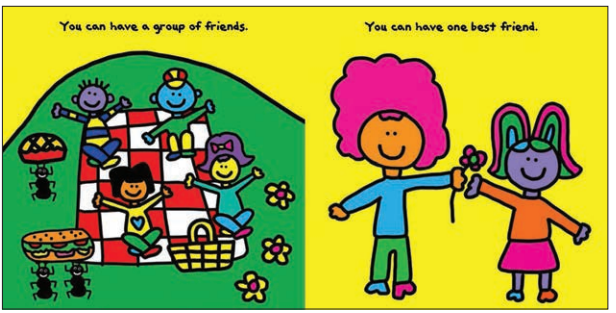
A friend will be there when you need them most.

A friend is someone who makes you feel good.

The Friend Book explores what it means to be a friend, and why having—and being—a good friend is so important! With simple and sometimes silly text and art, this book celebrates different kinds of friends as well as universal friend qualities like kindness and trustworthiness. It's the perfect introduction to friendship for the youngest readers.

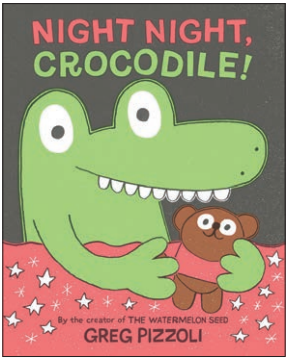


Todd Parr has sold **8 million+** copies worldwide



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Todd Parr has inspired and empowered millions of children around the world with his bold images and positive messages. He is the bestselling author of more than sixty books, including *The Goodbye Book, The Family Book, The I Love You Book*, and *It's Okay to be Different*. He lives in California.



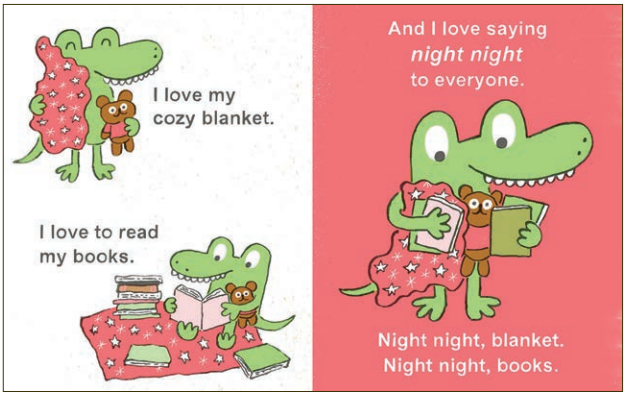
Night Night, Crocodile!

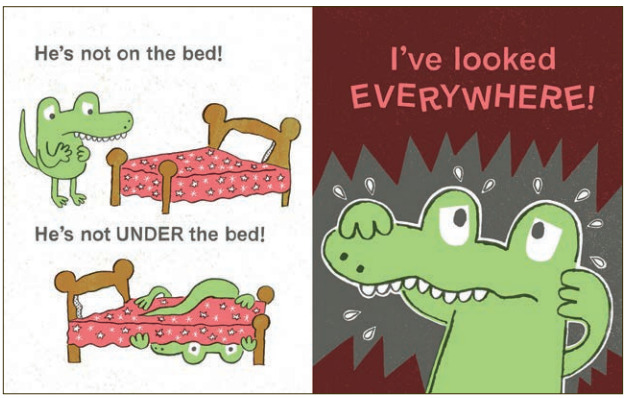
LEAD

Greg Pizzoli

Companion to the Geisel award winning *The Watermelon Seed*

Croc's anxiety-prone imagination runs wild with all of the terrible things that might have happened to his favorite stuffie. Will Croc ever find his toy… before Teddy becomes an ice-cold yummy snack for a hungry pack of wolves? Not to fear: a happy reunion—and a good night's sleep—are just around the corner!





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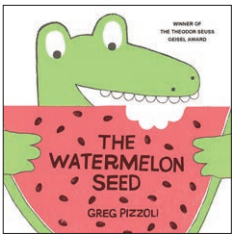

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Greg Pizzoli is the creator of the *Baloney and Friends* series as well as a four-time Theodor Seuss Geisel Award recipient for *The Watermelon Seed* (Medal winner), *The Book Hog* (Honor book), *Good Night Owl* (Honor book), and *Earl & Worm: The Big Mess and Other Stories* (Honor book). He is also the author-illustrator of many other books including *Mister Kitty Is Lost!*, *The 12 Days of Christmas, Templeton Gets His Wish*, and *Number One Sam*. His nonfiction for children includes the *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book *The Impossible True Story of Tricky Vic: The Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower*, and he has also illustrated picture books written by authors such as Mac Barnett, Kelly DiPucchio, Jennifer Adams, and Margaret Wise Brown. He lives in Philadelphia.

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House on Wheels

LEAD

Sophie Blackall

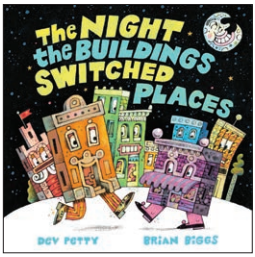
Two-time Caldecott Medalist Sophie Blackall invites readers to join a family's summer road trip aboard a house they can drive!

Embark on an unforgettable summer road trip in a house on wheels! Inside there's a bathroom, a tiny stove, a table that turns into a bed, and everything a family might need on a journey. Outside, around each bend, there's something new: a waterfall, ancient rocks, a carpet of flowers, a meteor shower, a busy campground—maybe even a new friend. Outside, everything is always changing; inside is always home.

From two-time Caldecott Medalist Sophie Blackall

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sophie Blackall has illustrated dozens of beautiful books, including *If We Were Dogs, If I Was a Horse, Farmhouse*,and the Caldecott Medal–winning titles *Hello Lighthouse* and *Finding Winnie* by Lindsay Mattick. She is also the proprietor of Milkwood, a creative retreat nestled in the rolling farmland of the Catskills, where you will find a tiny house on wheels waiting for its next adventure. Sophie lives with her family in Brooklyn, New York.



The Night the Buildings Switched Places

Devorah Petty, Brian Biggs

All the buildings in town come to life one night in this silly story of wacky mix-ups illustrated by a *New York Times* bestselling artist, for fans of *Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site*.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Dev Petty was once a visual effects artist who worked on films like *The Matrix*, but these days she writes funny picture books for kids and their people, such as *Claymates, Claydate: A Playdate with the Claymates*, and *I Don't Want to Be a Frog*. She lives in her hometown of Berkeley, California, with her husband, daughters, dogs, cats, and a snake named Boots. She invites you to visit her online at devpetty.com or @devpetty.

Brian Biggs has created or collaborated on more than 75 books for kids, including the *New York Times* bestselling *Frank Einstein* series by Jon Scieszka, *A Whale's Tale and the Otter's Side of the Story* by Kate Messner, and the *Tinyville Town* series. Brian also works as an animator and designer, and he teaches at Tyler School of Art. He lives with his family in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and invites you to visit him online at BrianBiggs.com.

Round and Round

Megan Litwin, Melissa Castrillon

For fans of *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*, this beautifully written and lushly illustrated picture book celebrates nature, connection, and life's natural cycles—the perfect gift for graduation, baby showers, and more.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Megan Litwin is the author of *Gather Grateful, Twinkle, Twinkle, Winter Night*, and the *Dirt and Bugsy* series. She is a former teacher who holds a master's degree from the Center for the Study of Children's Literature at Simmons University. Megan lives in Massachusetts with her family, where she loves to watch the seasons turn circles around her. She invites you to visit her online at meganlitwinbooks.com and @meganlitwinbooks.

Melissa Castrillon is an English and Colombian illustrator living in the southeast of England. She has illustrated more than a dozen picture books, including *If I Had a Little Dream* and *Dear Little One*, and has written three of her own, including the award-winning *The Balcony*. Melissa's books have been translated into more than twenty languages, and she invites you to visit her online at melissacastrillon.co.uk and @melissa.castrillon.

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The Acorn's Gift

Diana Sudyka

In this lushly illustrated fable by an acclaimed artist, join a determined young squirrel on a woodland adventure where she discovers how a tiny acorn could hold the secret of survival for her family.

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Science and Nature
Ages: 6-8
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Diana Sudyka is the author and illustrator of the acclaimed picture book *Little Land*. Her illustrations have been featured in numerous books, including *Fungi Grow* by Maria Gianferrari, *How to Find a Bird* by Jennifer Ward, *What Miss Mitchell Saw* by Hayley Barrett, and the *New York Times* bestselling *Mysterious Benedict Society* series by Trenton Lee Stewart. Diana lives with her family in Evanston, Illinois, where she loves to collect acorns.

PICTURE BOOK

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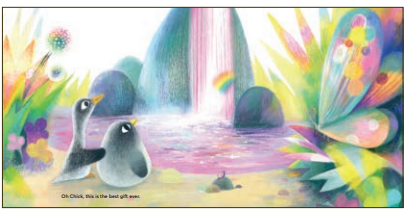
The Best Gift Ever

Maya Shleifer

This simple, heartwarming story that celebrates friendship is perfect for gift-giving year-round.

It's Duck's birthday and Chick is determined to find the best gift ever. Duck loves beautiful things. And round things! In fact, Chick knows exactly what Duck loves, but every perfect idea seems to get away. Poor Chick!

In this sweet story, readers will delight as they spot what is unfolding before Chick notices, making for a hilarious and rewarding journey that shines a light on the simple beauty of friendship. Celebrated creator Maya Shleifer balances captivating, graphic art with impeccable comic timing in this heartwarming gift of a story.



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Maya Shleifer is an award-winning artist and designer. Her children's books have been translated into many languages and celebrated around the world. She was born in Moldova, lived in Russia, settled in Israel, and currently lives and works in Berlin, Germany.

Christy Ottaviano Books
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Fairy Tales
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Violet and the Frost King

A Modern Adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's The Frost King

Virginia Hamilton, Jaime Adoff, April Harrison

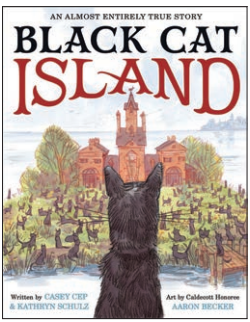
In this luminous reimagining of Louisa May Alcott's fairy tale, Virginia Hamilton tells the story of Violet—a small but mighty fairy who sets off on a quest to confront the cruel Frost King and save her kingdom.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS & ILLUSTRATOR

Virginia Hamilton wrote more than forty children's books across genres and was the first Black woman to win the Newbery Medal for *M.C Higgins the Great*, which also won the National Book Award.

Jaime Adoff is the son of the late Virginia Hamilton and the renowned poet Arnold Adoff. He invites you to visit him at therealjaimeadoff.com.

April Harrison, a renowned folk artist, is the illustrator of *H is for Harlem*, which received a Boston Globe Honor, among many other honors and starred reviews. She is the recipient of the Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Award for her illustrations in Patricia C. McKissack's final picture book, *What Is Given from the Heart*. She invites you to visit her at april-harrison.com.



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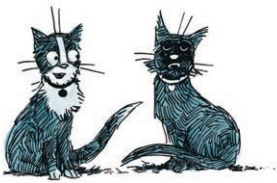
Black Cat Island

An Almost Entirely True Story

Casey Cep, Kathryn Schulz, Aaron Becker



From two award-winning and bestselling staff writers at *The New Yorker,* and Caldecott Honoree Aaron Becker, comes a real-world *101 Dalmatians*-style tale about thousands of captive cats who make a daring escape from a remote island.

Based on a true story

ABOUT THE AUTHORS & ILLUSTRATOR

Casey Cep and **Kathryn Schulz** are staff writers at *The New Yorker.* Their acclaimed nonfiction for adults includes Kathryn's Pulitzer Prize–winning article "The Really Big One" and Casey's *New York Times* bestseller *Furious Hours*. *Black Cat Island* is their first children's book. They live with their two daughters and three cats on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, not far from Poplar Island, where the real events that inspired this story took place.

Aaron Becker is a bestselling author-artist who received a Caldecott Honor for his wordless book *Journey*, the first in a trilogy that's followed by *Quest and Return*. In 2024, he received the Carnegie Medal for Illustration for *The Tree and the River*. His other work for children includes the stained-glass board book *You Are Light* and the illustrations for *Survivor Tree* by Marcie Colleen. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, he currently resides in Amherst, Massachusetts. Over his lifetime, he has owned three black cats.

PICTURE BOOK

Christy Ottaviano Books

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Picture

Gabi Swiatkowska

In this magical museum, a young girl travels through famous works of art by world renowned artists including Leonardo da Vinci, Salvador Dali, Henri Rousseau, and Jackson Pollock along with her new friend and a mischievous crow. Gabi Swiatkowska celebrates art, art history, and the reimagining of classic paintings in this fresh exploration of artworks through visual storytelling.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Gabi Swiatkowska is the illustrator of many acclaimed books for children, including If *You Like Butterflies*, which received multiple starred reviews and was a NSTA-CBC Outstanding Trade Science Book; *Mary Cassatt: Extraordinary Impressionist Painter*, which was a NCSS-CBC Notable Social Studies Trade Book; and *My Name Is Yoon*, which was an Ezra Jack Ketas Award winner and an ALA Notable Book. She was born in Poland and attended the Lyceum of Art in Bielsko-Biala, as well as the Cooper Union School of Art in New York City. She lives in France.

PICTURE BOOK

Christy Ottaviano Books

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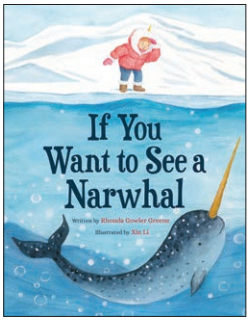
Kung Fu

Hui Li

Learn how to be as playful as a monkey and as strong as a tiger in this interactive story about the ancient martial art of Kung Fu.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Hui Li is the creator of *Scroll* which was an ALA Notable book among other honors. She has also written and illustrated books for children in her native China. Hui loves sharing traditional aspects of her culture to children through her inspired books. She lives in New Jersey with her husband and two young sons where she delights in practicing Kung Fu and crafting imaginative stories. She brings her creativity to everything she makes whether the medium is paper, wood, or clay.



If You Want to See a Narwhal

Rhonda Gowler Greene, Xin Li

Embark on an Arctic adventure with breathtaking art from acclaimed illustrator Xin Li, and journey through a real-life winter wonderland to find one of the world's most elusive sea creatures: the narwhal!

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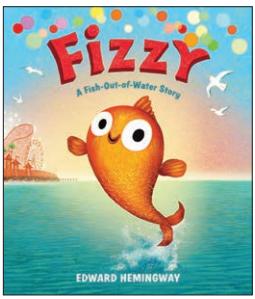
ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Rhonda Gowler Greene is a former schoolteacher and the author of over thirty children's books. Though she has never been to the Arctic, Rhonda dreams of going there and seeing a narwhal in the wild. She has seen some amazingly long narwhal tusks in Canadian galleries and museums. Rhonda lives in Southeast Michigan. She invites you to visit her online at rhondagowlergreene.com.

Xin Li was born and raised in China and now lives in Norway with her husband and daughter. And though narwhals have been seen in Norwegian waters, sadly Xin has never spotted one. Xin is also the author and illustrator of *I Lived Inside a Whale*, which was a Barnes & Noble Best Picture Book of the Year, and *The Day My Brother Became a Tree*. She invites you to visit her online at lixin.no.



Fizzy

A Fish-Out-of-Water Story | **Edward Hemingway**

Fizzy is eager to experience the world beyond the ocean's surface in this imaginative picture book about dreaming big, perfect for fans of *Not Quite Narwhal*.

Christy Ottaviano Books
March 2027
Imagination and Play
Ages: 4-8
48 p.
Editor: Christy Ottaviano
Author Agent: Paul Rodeen
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Edward Hemingway is the acclaimed creator of many popular books: *Pigeon & Cat, Tough Cookie: A Christmas Story*, and *Bad Apple: A Tale of Friendship*. The grandson of Ernest Hemingway, Eddie lives in Bozeman, Montana. He invites you to visit him at edwardhemingway.com.

PICTURE BOOK

The Great Grumpkin

Pete Oswald

Celebrate the spooky season with the grumpiest pumpkin around in this hilarious and heartwarming story from Pete Oswald, the *New York Times* bestselling artist of *The Good Egg*.

Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
July 2027
Holiday
Ages: 6-8
40 p.
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Author Agent: Kirsten Hall
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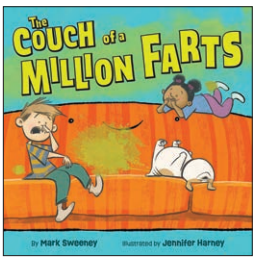
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Pete Oswald is a *New York Times* bestselling picture book creator. He is the illustrator of many beloved picture books, including the celebrated *Food Group* series written by Jory John. Pete lives in Los Angeles, California, with his wife and three sons, one of whom started kindergarten as he was creating the art for this book.

PICTURE BOOK



The Couch of a Million Farts

Mark Sweeney, Jennifer Harney

An outrageously silly picture book about a family's beloved couch and the wide array of farts it collects over the years!

Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
January 2027
Humor
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Illustrator Agent: Rachel Orr
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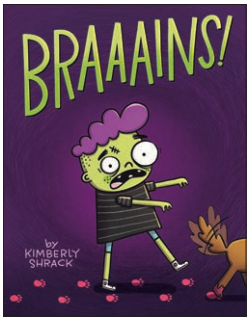
ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Mark Sweeney is a writer, husband, and father of two. He's spent 30 years in the advertising industry, writing commercials for some of the most iconic brands in the world. He now resides in Novato, CA with his family, writing children's books and helping his wife Gina write children's songs for her musical history YouTube channel. *The Couch of a Million Farts* is his debut.

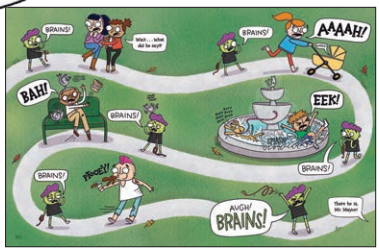
Jennifer Harney has illustrated several picture books, including *The Secret Life of Dog Toys* by Kelly DiPucchio, *This Is Not a Sleepy Bear Book* by Brian Gehrlein, and *How Dinosaurs Went Extinct: A Safety Guide* by Ame Dyckman. She is the author and illustrator of *There's a Pony in My Apartment!, Underwear!* and *Swim, Duck, Swim!*. Jenn lives in Cleveland, Ohio, with her husband, her daughter, a corgi named Steve, and the ghost of the oldest living goldfish in North America.



BRAAAINS!

Kimberly Shrack

Little Zombie is determined to track down his missing dog, Brains. As Zombie wanders the streets calling out his beloved pet's name, the town's human residents react with inexplicable terror. What's with all the screaming? And is that an angry mob?! This silly and lightly spooky story features clever wordplay, monster mayhem, and irreverent humor.



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Humor
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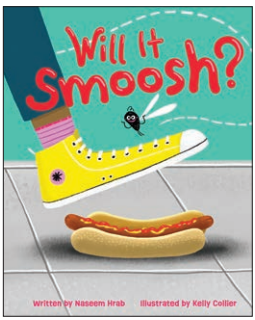
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kimberly Shrack is an author and artist based in the Pacific Northwest. She wrote and illustrated the picture book *Spooky Scouts*, and her favorite kinds of stories are silly, sweet, and generally feature a monster or two. She invites you to visit her online at kimberlyshrack.com.



Will It Smoosh?

Naseem Hrab, Kelly Collier

For a fly, there's nothing better than a smooshed apple, a squished juice box, or a smorshed hot dog. And hearing what sounds these foods make is half the fun! Find out which ones will *SMOOSH* in this silly story about bananas, pizza, and more getting trampled by unsuspecting people—then slurped, munched, and crunched by three very hungry flies.

Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
June 2027
Humor
Ages: 4-8
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Illustrator Agent: Erzsi Deak
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

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Kelly Collier is the creator of the *Steve the Horse* series and other books for young readers, as well as the illustrator of *Sloth and Squirrel in a Pickle* and *How to Party Like a Snail*. She invites you to visit her on Instagram @iusedtobeanartist.

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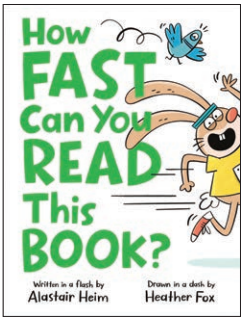

How Fast Can You Read This Book?

Alastair Heim, Heather Fox

Welcome to the world's greatest reading race! Perfect for fans of *The Book With No Pictures* and If *You Laugh, I'm Starting This Book Over.*

Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
March 2027
Humor
Ages: 4-8
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Author Agent: Kelly Sonnack
Illustrator Agent: Elena Giovinazzo
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Alastair Heim (whose last name rhymes with rhyme) is the author of more than twenty children's picture books, including the #1 *New York Times* bestselling official Grinch sequel *How The Grinch Lost Christmas!*; the *USA Today* bestselling board book *I Am The Grinch; The Great Puppy Invasion; Quiet Down, Loud Town!; Hello, Door;* and five Dr. Seuss Beginner Books, all featuring the Cat in the Hat. He lives with his wife and children in Kansas City, and he invites you to visit him online at alastairheim.com.

Heather Fox is a children's book illustrator whose bright, whimsical doodles can be found in books like *Don't Waste the Poop!* by Marilyn Singer, *I Am a Highly Dangerous Warrior!* by Raquel D'Apice, and the *Llama Destroys the World* series by Jonathan Stutzman. When she isn't creating, you can find her enjoying a cup of coffee or seeing how fast she can play a reel on her tin whistle. She lives with her husband in Pennsylvania, and she invites you to visit her online at adoodlefox.com.

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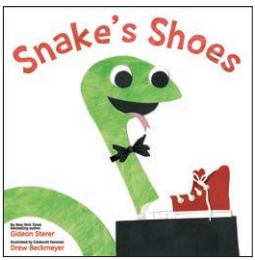

Snake's Shoes

Gideon Sterer, Drew Beckmeyer

For fans of *Giraffes Can't Dance* and *Mr. Tiger Goes Wild*, a creative snake insists that a shoe can be anything—and anyone can wear them!

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Author Agent: Stephen Barr
Illustrator Agent: Stephanie Fretwell-Hill
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Gideon Sterer is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *The Christmas Owl* and the indie bestseller *Treehouse Town*, as well as I *Will Read to You*, and *The Midnight Fair*, and many other books. Gideon grew up in upstate New York, where his parents owned a little zoo in which he would run around after hours and let the animals out. He now lives in New York City and invites you to visit him online at gideonsterer.com.

Drew Beckmeyer is the author and illustrator of the Caldecott Honor-winning picture book *Stalactite & Stalagmite*, as well as *I Am a Tornado, The First Week of School*, and *The Long Island*. He is also an elementary school teacher based in Los Angeles, and he invites you to visit him online at drewbeckmeyer.com.

Where Do We Go When We Die?

Alona Millgram

In this tender and poignant story from author-illustrator Alona Millgram, a child wonders what happens to her grandfather after he dies.

Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
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Social Themes/Death
Ages: 6-8
32 p.
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Author Agent: Elise Howard
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Alona Millgram is an illustrator, artist, and comics creator. Her work has been shortlisted twice for the Association of Illustrators World Illustration Awards and she has won numerous other awards and international recognition. She has illustrated several picture books, including *Challah for Shabbat Tonight* by Sara Holly Ackerman. *Where Do We Go When We Die?* is her author-illustrator debut. Alona currently lives in Berlin, Germany, with her husband and daughter. She invites you to visit her at alonamillgram.com.

The World Is Full of Beautiful Quiet Things

Joshua Bennett, Minako Tomigahara

This poetic picture book is an ode to life's quiet, gentle moments and all the strength, wonder, and love they contain.

Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
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Poetry
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Illustrator Agent: Kathleen Ortiz
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Joshua Bennett is an award-winning poet, professor, and author of eight books. Over the past two decades, Joshua has shared his original work at the Sundance Film Festival, Madison Square Garden, the NAACP Image Awards, and President Obama's Evening of Poetry and Music at the White House. His writing has been published by outlets such as *The New York Times, The Atlantic*, and *The Paris Review*. He invites you to visit him online at drjoshuabennett.com.

Minako Tomigahara is an illustrator and visual development artist based in Los Angeles. She is the illustrator of *Tokyo Night Parade* by J.P. Takahashi. Tomi is originally from Japan, and her hobbies include travel, guitar playing, and plein-air painting. She invites you to visit her online at minakotomigahara.com.

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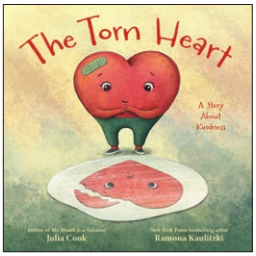

The Torn Heart

A Story About Kindness | Julia Cook, Ramona Kaulitzki

Inspired by a widely used classroom activity using a cut out paper heart, former guidance counselor and multi-millon-copy-selling author Julia Cook retells the first-person story of a heart being wounded again and again—whether by small microaggressions or big hurtful words—and makes clear to children what the long-term consequences of bullying are.

Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
July 2027
Social Themes/Bullying
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Editor: Andrea Spooner
Author Agent: Dan Strutzel
Illustrator Agent: Anne Moore Armstrong
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Julia Cook has published nearly 100 children's books with a wide range of characters and social development topics, including *My Mouth is A Volcano, Wilma Jean the Worry Machine*, and *A Bad Case of Tattle Tongue*. Julia invites you to visit her online at juliacookonline.com.

Ramona Kaulitzki is the illustrator of the *New York Times* bestsellers *Sisters First* and *The Christmas Owl*, among numerous other books. Her art seamlessly blends digital and analog techniques and is inspired by nature, animals, seasons, and stories of all kinds. Ramona invites you to visit her online at ramonakaulitzkiart.com and on Instagram @ramonakaulitzki.

PICTURE BOOK

ALVINA LING BOOKS

The House That Feels Like Me

Sasha Allen, Julian Plum

A moving picture book about how empowering it can be to look the way you feel, from singer, TikTok sensation, and trans activist Sasha Allen.

Alvina Ling Books
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LGBTQ+
Ages: 6-8
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Author Agent: Naomi Davis
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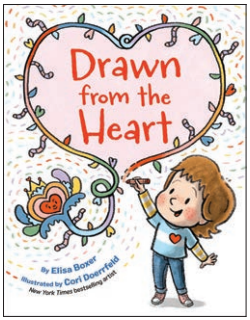
ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Sasha Allen is a musician, TikToker, and trans activist. *The House That Feels Like Me* is his debut picture book, based on a viral TikTok video that he posted in reaction to anti-trans book recommendations. Sasha lives in Los Angeles.

Julian Plum is a queer illustrator with a deep love of colors, stories, and creatures. He lives in New York, where he wanders the woods, closely inspecting mushroom caps and acorns, and figuring out the names of all the slugs he sees. Julian invites you to connect with him at julianplum.com.



Drawn from the Heart

Elisa Boxer, Cori Doerrfeld

An endearing picture book about a budding young artist who must learn to navigate criticism, trust her imagination, and listen to her own artistic voice.

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April 2027
Imagination and Play
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Author Agent: Steven Chudney
Illustrator Agent: Rachel Orr
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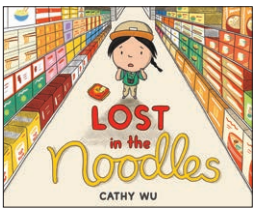
ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Elisa Boxer is an Emmy-winning journalist and two-time Sydney Taylor Book Award Honor author of numerous nonfiction children's books, including *SPLASH!* and *Hidden Hope: How a Toy and a Hero Saved Lives During the Holocaust*. She invites you to visit her at: elisaboxer.com

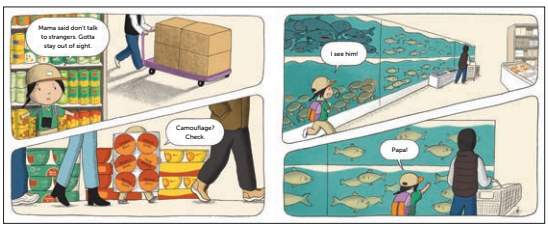
Cori Doerrfeld is the *New York Times* bestselling author-illustrator of *The Rabbit Listened, Beneath*, and *Ready to Soar*. She has also created art for many picture books including, *That's Life!* and *Help Mom Work from Home!* She invites you to visit her at coridoerrfeld.com.



Lost in the Noodles

Cathy Wu

Get lost—and found again—in the supermarket noodle aisle, where a young explorer uses wilderness survival tips to come to her own rescue!



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Humor/Self-Reliance
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Cathy Wu is the winner of the Little, Brown Emerging Artist Award for *Popo & Meimei Can Help*, her debut picture book. Cathy is a freelance designer and illustrator who runs a small paper goods business and draws playful portraits of people and pets. She lives in Seattle and invites you to visit her at itscathywu.com.

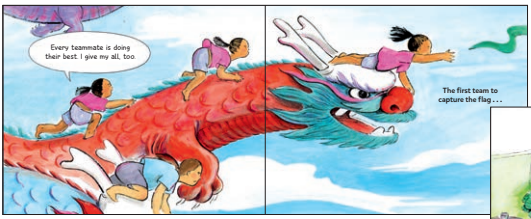
PICTURE BOOK

ALVINA LING BOOKS

Dragon Boat Race

Tracy Subisak

Packed with excitement and richly illustrated, imaginative action scenes, *Dragon Boat Race* takes readers through the experience of participating in this vibrant cultural event and holiday!



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Water Sports
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Author Agent: Lori Kilkelly
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Tracy Subisak is the author and illustrator of *Sorry, Snail* and the award-winning *Jenny Mei Is Sad*, as well as the illustrator of several picture books, including *The Inactivity Book* and *Amah Faraway*. She has raced dragon boats with Team Taiwan for several years, has captained the team, and has earned fourth place out of nearly seventy teams, in the Pacific Northwest where she lives with her family. You can visit her online at tracysubisak.com and on Instagram @tracysubisak.

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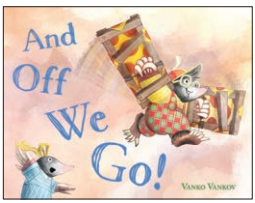
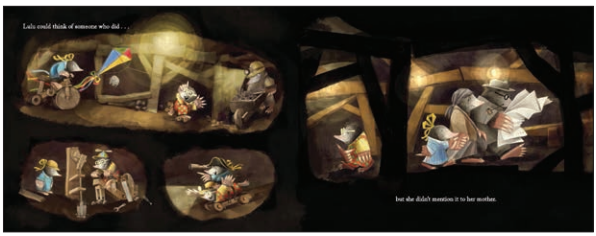


And Off We Go!

Vanko Vankov

Lulu is a little mole who was taught to follow the rules and never venture out from underground. But one day her adventurous, rule-breaking friend Oscar has the big idea of building a flying contraption to explore the big wide world. Can Lulu muster the courage to defy what she's been taught and go somewhere she's never been before?



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Animals
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Vanko Vankov lives in San Francisco with his family. When not digging tunnels, he can be found flapping his arms in his back yard.

Everywhere I Call Home

Sandhya Acharya, Chaaya Prabhat

This lyrical picture book celebrates multicultural identity and the joys of being from more than one country—perfect for fans of *Home in a Lunchbox* and *Where Are You From?*

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Multicultural Identity
Ages: 4-8
40 p.
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Sandhya Acharya grew up in Mumbai, India, and now lives in Santa Clara, California. Her picture book *Living Bridges: The Hidden World of India's Woven Trees* was a Junior Library Guild Selection, and her articles and short stories have been featured in *The Washington Post* and on NPR (KQED), among other outlets. She invites you to visit her online at sandhyaacharya.com.

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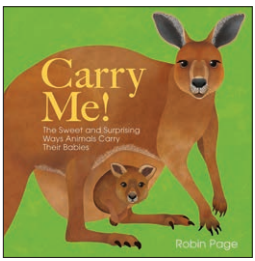

Carry Me!

The Sweet and Surprising Ways Animals Carry Their Babies

Robin Page

A playful and beautifully illustrated nonfiction picture book about the many ways animal parents carry their babies, from the award-winning creator of *What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?*

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Nonfiction/Animals
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Robin Page writes and illustrates picture books celebrating the natural world, including many she created with her late husband, Steve Jenkins, as well as her own titles, *A Chicken Followed Me Home!*, *Seeds Move!*, and *Shall We Dance?*. Robin lives in Boulder, Colorado. She invites you to visit her at robinpagebooks.com.

PICTURE BOOK

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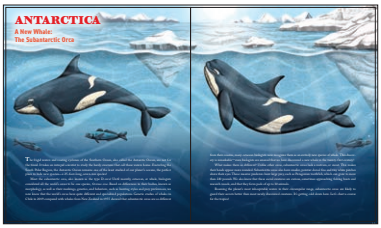
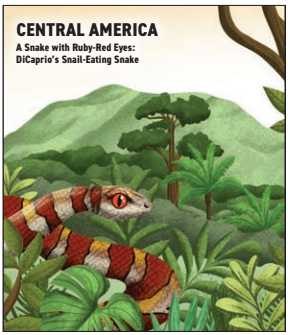
BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS

Ninja Sharks and Orange Crocodiles

Discovering the World's Newest Creatures | **Jim Knox, Lucy Rose**

Join wildlife expert Jim Knox as he explores the world's newest and most fascinating creatures, from Africa's orange cave-dwelling crocodile to Central America's glow-in-the-dark ninja lantern shark.





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Lucy Rose is inspired by vintage prints, art deco posters and textile pattern, influencing her choice of muted/vintage colors and pattern-like compositions. Living in Devon, England, she takes huge inspiration from the countryside and sea that is on her doorstep. She invites you to visit her at lucyroseillustration.com

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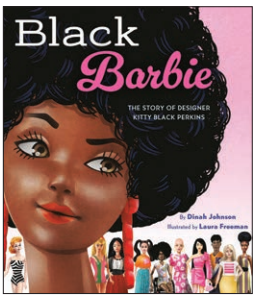
Christy Ottaviano Books



Black Barbie

The Story of Designer Kitty Black Perkins

Dinah Johnson, Laura Freeman

Celebrate the creator of the world's first Black Barbie in this inspiring story about Kitty Black Perkins, the visionary toy designer who helped define the course of Barbie's history.

Christy Ottaviano Books
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Nonfiction
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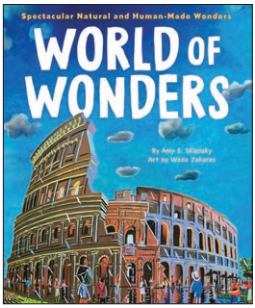

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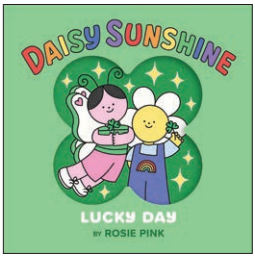

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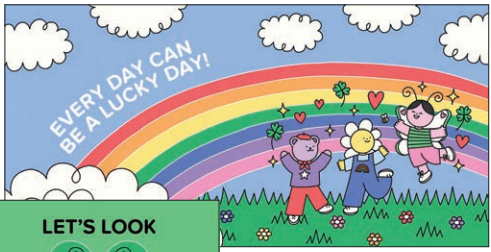

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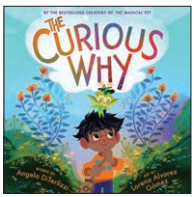

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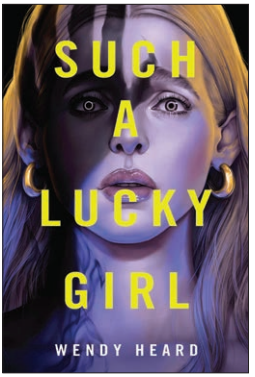

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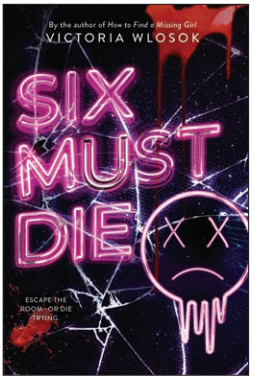

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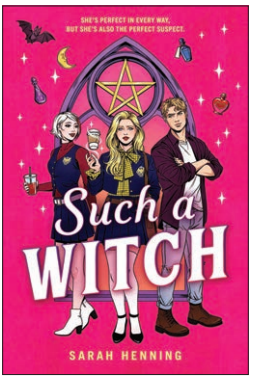

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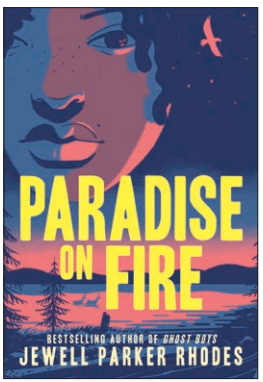

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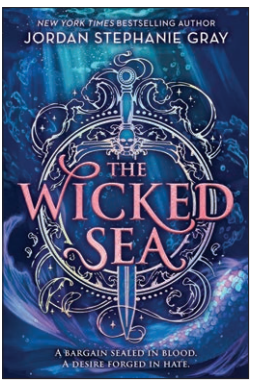

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Books Build Bright Futures

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