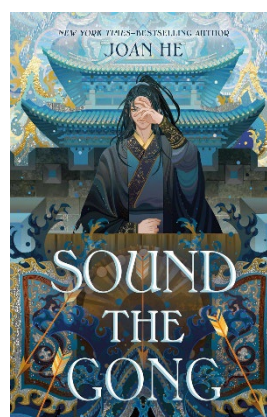
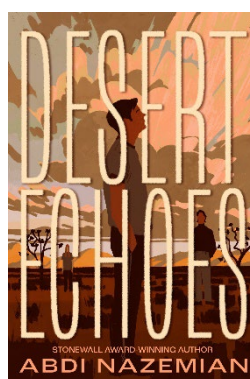
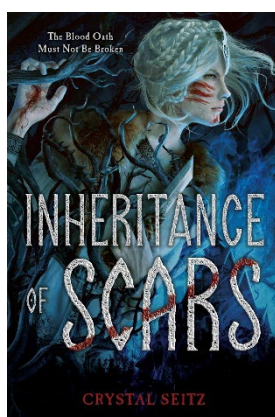
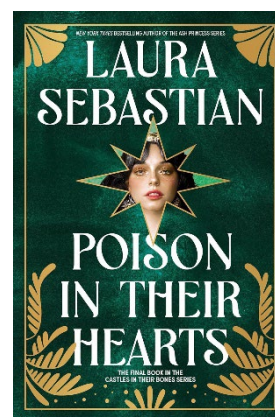
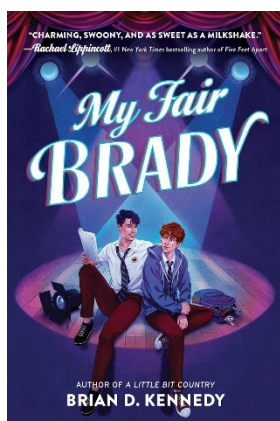




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# YOUNG ADULT

Erin Baldwin

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ROMCOM

# WISH YOU WERE(N'T) HERE

## SYNOPSIS

A fresh and breezy, queer YA rom-com debut.

Rising seniors Juliette Barrera-Wright and Priya Pendley have always tolerated each other. Ever since elementary school, the girls have mutually agreed to endure each other's presence in the overlapping parts of their lives.

Juliette acquiesces the spotlight to Priya all year long in exchange for her moment in the sun at Fogridge Sleepaway Camp—the place where no one is “too much.” Entering her final year as a camper at Fogridge with the prestigious title of North Star, Juliette's ready to forget about Priya and enjoy the outdoors, her fellow campers, and an environment where she gets to be more than a side character. But her hopes for a Priya-free summer are shattered when her rival shows up at Fogridge on move-in day and is assigned to be her roommate.

Juliette's perfect summer continues to spiral out of control when everything that could possibly go wrong does and she is forced to spend even more time with the person she thought she couldn't stand. But as she begins to see a new side of Priya, she's forced to grapple with a new and unexpected feeling...love?

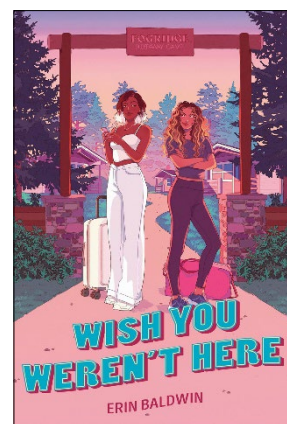
A childhood-rivals-to-lovers story. No queer trauma. No coming-out stress. Just goofballs trying to have the best summer ever.

## PRAISE

“A masterclass of a sapphic romcom. Filled with hate-to-love perfection, swoony moments, and off-the-charts chemistry.” — **Rachael Lippincott**,  
**#1 New York Times bestselling author of *Five Feet Apart***

## THE AUTHOR

Erin Baldwin is an author, a nurse, and a Jersey City, NJ native. *Wish You Were(n't) Here* is her debut novel. Her interests change often, but a few recent rabbit holes have been building miniatures and becoming a World Series of Poker champion.



Viking Children's Books  
(PRH)

June 4, 2024

World English

Manuscript available

Lauren Blackwood

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FANTASY / VAMPIRES / ROMANCE

# THE DANGEROUS ONES

## SYNOPSIS

A romantic historical fantasy set in the American Civil War, with vampires and people with demigod-like abilities.

*1863, Pennsylvania*

War doesn't scare eighteen-year-old Jerusalem—she's a Saint. Thanks to powerful demigod-style reflexes, she's fearless. And ever since the Confederates declared civil war, partnering with the vampires who benefitted off slavery, she and her battalion have been essential to the Union army.

Jerusalem herself was enslaved by a vampire, escaping north only after her family was murdered. More than anything she wants revenge, but she never expected to have to team up with a vampire to do it. Alexei is one of those handsome, arrogant Ancient Vampires. But he's on the Union's side, and in the year they've known each other, has never done anything but prove he's on hers.

Together, they set out to change the course of the war and take down the vampire who destroyed everyone Jerusalem loved. But for her, it's about more than justice.

It's about killing a god.

## THE AUTHOR

Lauren Blackwood is a Jamaican American living in Virginia who writes romance-heavy fantasy for most ages. When not writing, she's a musician and a tiramisu connoisseur. She's the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Within These Wicked Walls* (Brazilian to **Alta**; Czech to **Host**; Romanian to **Trei**; Russian to **Mann, Ivanov and Ferber**; Turkish to **Yabancı**) and *Wildblood*.



Wednesday Books  
(Macmillan)  
May 14, 2024  
World English  
Manuscript available

## Kendare Blake

### THE AUTHOR

Kendare Blake is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Three Dark Crowns* series.

# CHAMPION OF FATE

## HEROMAKER #1

### FANTASY

Quill Tree Books (HC)/2023/North American/MS available

Brazil to **Globo**; UK to **Rock the Boat** (Oneworld Publications)

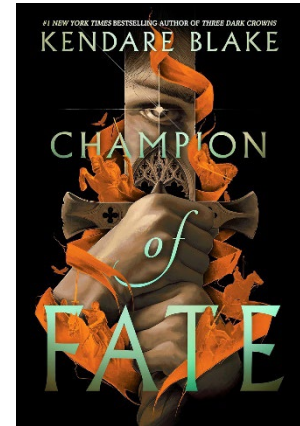
### SYNOPSIS

Aristene are an order of mythical female warriors who guide heroes to victory. Raised by them, Reed is ready for her test: shepherding her first hero to glory on the battlefield. Succeed, and her place in the order is secured. Fail, and she'll be cast out. But Reed didn't count on Hestion, her assigned hero, being so intriguing. As she falls for him, Reed must make an impossible choice: her hero or her order.

### PRAISE

"Enthralling. A fabulous series opener combining true thrills and deep relationships." — **Kirkus Reviews**, starred review

"Curiosity-stoking worldbuilding, paired with the characters' fully fleshed-out histories, keep the story's stakes high." — **Publishers Weekly**



# WARRIOR OF LEGEND

## HEROMAKER #2

### FANTASY

Quill Tree Books (HC)/ Fall 2024/North American/MS to come

Brazil to **Globo**; UK to **Rock the Boat** (Oneworld Publications)

### SYNOPSIS

Reed is officially a member of the Aristene, but she can't stop thinking about Hestion. Her next mission is a princess looking for a glorious marriage—nothing could be less dangerous! But Hestion is one of the suitors, and while Reed is occupied trying to win him back, an old danger is gaining strength. To battle the growing threat, the Aristene must band together. Will Reed be able to survive this war with her chosen family and her heart intact?





Jamie D'Amato

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## SUPERNATURAL / ROMCOM

# THE GOOD VAMPIRE'S GUIDE TO BLOOD AND BOYFRIENDS

### SYNOPSIS

Nineteen-year-old Brennan Brooks's life is turned upside down when he gets turned into a vampire. And then his bloodthirsty existence gets even more complicated when Cole, a cute librarian, stumbles upon his secret.

Navigating college is hard enough, but add in vampire puberty, an eclectic clan of self-proclaimed "good" vampires, and a growing crush on Cole, and Brennan's not sure he knows what's wrong and right anymore.

With swirling rumors of a missing student and a rise in strange "animal attacks" near campus, it's up to Brennan to uncover the secrets of a sorority-like vampire clan and figure out how to balance vampirism and humanity—or risk losing the first real friends he's ever had.



**Wednesday Books**  
**(Macmillan)**  
**Summer 2025**  
**North American**  
**Manuscript available**

Polish to **Proszynski**  
**Media**; UK to **Penguin**  
**Michael Joseph**

### THE AUTHOR

**Jamie D'Amato** is a writer and creative designer based in Louisville, Kentucky. As a writer, she loves telling stories that celebrate queer joy. *The Good Vampire's Guide to Blood and Boyfriends* is her debut novel. Jamie has a BA in Interaction Design and Communications from Northeastern University.

Jenny Han

## CONTEMPORARY

# THE SUMMER I TURNED PRETTY

## TRILOGY

- \**New York Times* bestselling series
- \*Now an Original Series on Prime Video
- \* ALA Best Books for Young Adults

### SYNOPSIS

Some summers are just destined to be pretty.

Belly measures her life in summers. Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August. Winters are simply a time to count the weeks until the next summer, a place away from the beach house, away from Susannah, and most importantly, away from Jeremiah and Conrad. They are the boys that Belly has known since her very first summer—they have been her brother figures, her crushes, and everything in between. But one summer, one wonderful and terrible summer, the more everything changes, the more it all ends up just the way it should have been all along.

**Book #2 in the series – IT'S NOT SUMMER WITHOUT YOU**

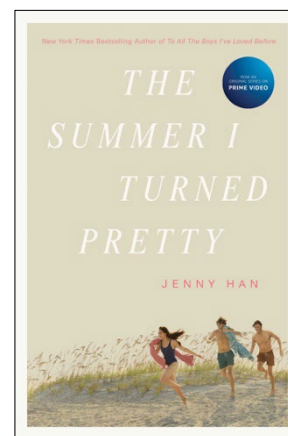
**Book #3 in the series – WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE SUMMER**

### PRAISE

"This well-written coming-of-age story introduces 15-year-old Isabel, aka Belly, for whom summer has always been the most important time of year. Han realistically balances Belly's naïveté with her awareness of the changes the years have brought. Han's novel offers plenty of summertime drama." — **Publishers Weekly**, starred review

### THE AUTHOR

Jenny Han is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* series and *The Summer I Turned Pretty* series. She is the creator and co-showrunner of *The Summer I Turned Pretty* series on Prime Video. She's an executive producer on the films *To All the Boys I've Loved Before*, *To All the Boys: P.S. I Still Love You*, and *To All the Boys: Always and Forever*, all on Netflix. She's also the creator and co-showrunner of *XO Kitty*, a *To All the Boys* spinoff series. Her books have been published in more than thirty languages.



**Simon & Schuster BFYR  
2009, North American**

Arabic to **Aser Al-Kotob**; Brazil to **Intrinseca**; Catalan to **Edicions 62**; Croatian to **Koncept**; Czech + Slovak to **Albatros**; Danish to **Carlsen**; Dutch to **Moon**; Finnish to **WSOY**; French to **Albin Michel**; German to **Hanser**; Greek to **Patakis**; Hebrew to **Agam**; Hungarian to **Konyvmolykepzo**; Italian to **Piemme**; Korean to **Book21**; Polish to **Kobiece**; Portuguese to **Topseller**; Romanian to **Trei**; Russian to **AST**; Serbian to **Urban Reads**; Slovene to **Učila**; Spanish to **Planeta**; Swedish to **Lavender Lit**; Turkish to **Pegasus**; Ukrainian to **Ranok**; UK to **PRH UK**

Joan He

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#### THE AUTHOR

Joan He is the author of the *New York Times* and Indie bestseller *Descendant of the Crane*. She studied Psychology and East Asian Languages and Civilizations at the University of Pennsylvania.

## STRIKE THE ZITHER

### KINGDOM OF THREE #1

#### FANTASY

Roaring Brook Press (Macmillan)/2022/North American/MS available

ANZ to **Text**; Brazil to **Alta**; French to **Lumen**; Polish to **Czarne Owca**; Romanian to **Euro Libris**; Russian to **Eksmo**; Spanish to **Urano**; Turkish to **Ithaki**

#### SYNOPSIS

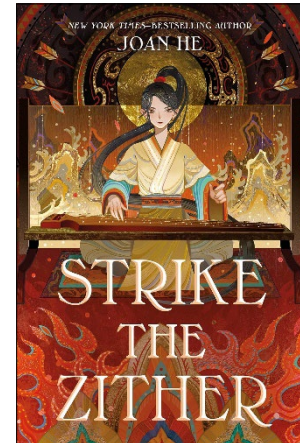
The year is 414 of the Xin Dynasty, and chaos abounds. The realm has fractured into three factions, led by three warlordesses. Strategist Zephyr serves under Xin Ren, whose integrity and loyalty to the empress could jeopardize their survival. When Zephyr is forced to infiltrate an enemy camp, she encounters Crow, an opposing strategist who is finally her match. But there are more enemies than one—and not all humans.

#### PRAISE

"A page-turner, full of unexpected twists." — **Olivie Blake**, *The Atlas Six*

"A riveting series opener." — **Kirkus Review**, starred review

"Powerful, action-packed prose, quick pacing, anticipatory atmosphere, and immersive worldbuilding." — **Publishers Weekly**, starred review



## SOUND THE GONG

### KINGDOM OF THREE #2

#### FANTASY

Roaring Brook Press (Macmillan)/2024/North American/MS available

ANZ to **Text**; French to **Lumen**; Polish to **Czarne Owca**; Spanish to **Urano**

#### SYNOPSIS

All her life, Zephyr has tried to rise above her humble origins. Now she is a god in a warrior's body, and never has she felt more powerless. Fate has a winner in mind for the three kingdoms, but Zephyr has no intentions of respecting it. She will pay any price to see Ren succeed—and she will make her enemies pay, especially the enigmatic Crow.



Brian D. Kennedy

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## ROMCOM

# MY FAIR BRADY

### SYNOPSIS

A charming and swoony queer romcom inspired by the timeless classic *My Fair Lady*.

**Wade Westmore** is used to being in the spotlight. So when he's passed over for the lead role in the spring musical, it comes as a major blow—especially when the role goes to his ex-boyfriend, Reese, who dumped him for being too self-involved.

Shy sophomore **Elijah Brady** is used to being overlooked. Most of his classmates don't even know he exists. So when he joins the stage crew for the musical, he seems destined to blend into the scenery.

When the two have a disastrous backstage run-in, Elijah proposes an arrangement that could solve both boys' problems. If Wade teaches Elijah how to be popular, Wade can prove that he cares about more than just himself. Seeing a chance to win Reese back, Wade dives headfirst into helping Elijah become the new and improved "Brady."

Soon their plan puts Brady center stage—and he's a surprising smash hit. So why is Wade suddenly less worried about winning over his ex and more worried about losing Elijah?

### PRAISE

"The high school theater backdrop adds fun and pizzaz to this queer *Pygmalion* retelling" — **Kirkus Reviews**

"Kennedy has written an engaging rom-com with just the right amount of drama. His characters are highly empathetic, and Wade and Elijah's developing relationship is well-handled. Take a bow, kids." — **Booklist**

"A delightfully cozy revamp of a classic tale." — **School Library Journal**

"*My Fair Brady* perfectly encapsulates all that makes the romcom genre so great." — **Rachael Lippincott**, author of *Five Feet Apart*

### THE AUTHOR

Brian D. Kennedy lives in New York City with his husband and their miniature Schnauzer. When not writing, he can be found working at an LGBTQ nonprofit.



**Balzer + Bray**  
(HarperCollins)  
**January 23, 2024**  
**World English**  
**Manuscript available**

Morgan Matson

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## CONTEMPORARY

# THE BALLAD OF DARCY AND RUSSELL

### SYNOPSIS

Darcy believes in love at first sight. Even though it's never happened to her, she's spent her whole life waiting for that perfect, magical moment. But right now, her life is anything but perfect. In the aftermath of a music festival, she's stranded at a bus station until morning – the day before she leaves for college. Her phone is dead, she has no cash, and she's convinced nothing good can come of this night...but then she meets Russell.

Russell. Cute and nice, funny and kind. She knows this is the moment – and the guy – she's been waiting for. And they have until sunrise to walk, and talk, and connect.

Over the course of this one fateful night – filled with football field picnics, night swimming, and escape-artist dogs – Darcy and Russell's lives will change forever. They'll discover things they never imagined about each other – and about themselves.

But can you really know someone after only a handful of hours? Is it possible to fall in love in just one day?

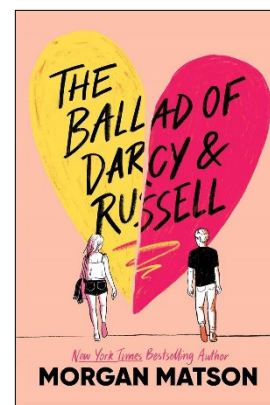
And is it worth saying hello...when you know you're destined for a goodbye?

### PRAISE

"As the serendipitous duo bond over their hopes and fears and personal challenges, it's impossible not to be invested in their growing connection." — **Publishers Weekly**

### THE AUTHOR

Morgan Matson is the *New York Times* bestselling author of seven books for teens, including *Since You've Been Gone* and *Save the Date*, and the middle grade novel *Firefly Summer*. She lives in Los Angeles.



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for Young Readers  
May 7, 2024  
North American  
Manuscript available

Polish to Muza Publishing

Abdi Nazemian

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## CONTEMPORARY

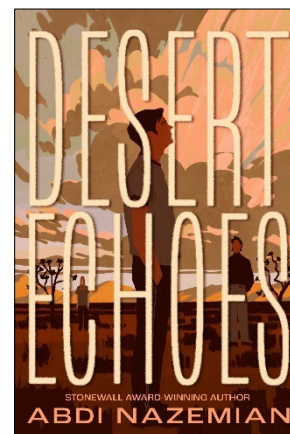
# DESERT ECHOES

### SYNOPSIS

A propulsive, moving story about a boy trying to find out what happened to his missing boyfriend.

Fifteen-year-old Kam is head over heels for Ash, the boy who swept him off his feet. But his family and best friend, Bodie, are worried. Something seems off about Ash. He also has a habit of disappearing, at times for days. When Ash asks Kam to join him on a trip to Joshua Tree, the two of them walk off into the sunset... but only Kam returns.

Two years later, Kam is still left with a hole in his heart and too many unanswered questions. So it feels like fate when a school trip takes him back to Joshua Tree. On the trip, Kam wants to find closure about what happened to Ash, but instead finds himself in danger of facing a similar fate. In the desert, Kam must reckon with the truth of his past relationship—and the possibility of opening himself up to love once again.



**Balzer + Bray**  
**(HarperCollins)**  
**September 10, 2024**  
**North American**  
**Manuscript available**

UK to **Stripes**

### THE AUTHOR

Abdi Nazemian is the author, among others, of *Only This Beautiful Moment*, a Stonewall YA Award Winner, and *Like a Love Story*, a Stonewall Honor Book. His novel *The Walk-In Closet* won the Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Debut Fiction. He lives in Los Angeles.

Laura Sebastian

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## FANTASY

# CASTLES IN THEIR BONES

## CASTLES IN THEIR BONES #1

*\*New York Times bestselling author of the Ash Princess series*

### SYNOPSIS

A spellbinding story of three princesses and the destiny they were born for: seduction, conquest, and the crown.

Empress Margaraux has had plans for her daughters since the day they were born. Princesses Sophronia, Daphne, and Beatriz will be queens. And now, at age sixteen, they each must leave their homeland and marry their prince.

Beautiful, smart, and demure, the triplets appear to be the perfect brides—because Margaraux knows there is one common truth: everyone underestimates a girl. Which is a grave mistake. Sophronia, Daphne, and Beatriz are no innocents. They have been trained since birth in the arts of deception, seduction, and violence, with a singular goal—to bring down monarchies—and their marriages are merely the first stage of their mother's grand vision: to one day reign over the entire continent of Vesteria.

The princesses have spent their lives preparing, and now they are ready, each with her own secret skill, and each with a single wish, pulled from the stars. Only, the stars have their own plans—and their mother hasn't told them all of hers.

### PRAISE

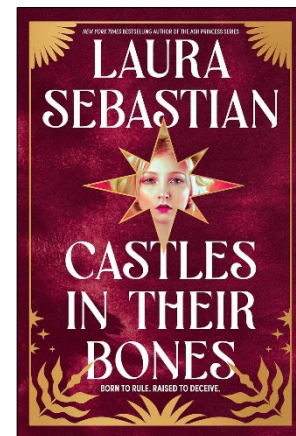
"This enchanting tale is filled with captivating court intrigue and espionage." — **Kirkus Reviews**

"In Sebastian's world of royalty, power, and magic, the duplicitous but no less championable princesses engage in surprise twists, romantic entanglements, and dicey predicaments." — **Publishers Weekly**

"A page-turner that blends magic, romance, and adventure." — **Booklist**

### THE AUTHOR

Laura Sebastian grew up in South Florida and now lives in London. Laura is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling *Ash Princess* series.



**Delacorte Press (PRH)**

**Feb 01, 2022**

**North American**

**Manuscript available**

Brazil to **Sextante**; French to **Casterman**; German to **cbj**; Hebrew to **Yedioth**; Polish to **Zysk**; Russian to **Eksmo**; UK to **Hodder & Stoughton**



## Laura Sebastian

### THE AUTHOR

Laura Sebastian grew up in South Florida and now lives in London. Laura is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling *Ash Princess* series.

## STARDUST IN THEIR VEINS

### CASTLES IN THEIR BONES #2

#### FANTASY

Delacorte Press (PRH)/Feb. 2023/North American/MS available

Brazil to **Sextante**; French to **Casterman**; German to **cbj**; Hebrew to **Yedioth**; Russian to **Eksmo**; UK to **Hodder & Stoughton**

#### SYNOPSIS

Sent to their new kingdoms, the princesses have found their own paths, changing the course of their mother's plans entirely. Sophronia chose love, and for that, she lost her life. Daphne and Beatriz are determined to avenge her, but they are just beginning to understand the true power coursing through their veins. And their mother will do anything to keep them under her thumb—even if it means killing them all.



## POISON IN THEIR HEARTS

### CASTLES IN THEIR BONES #3

#### FANTASY

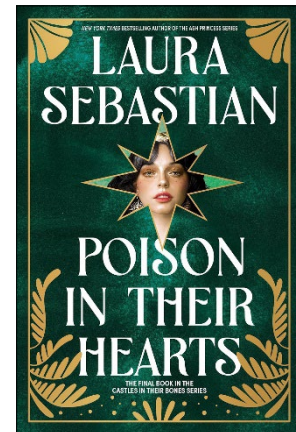
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Brazil to **Sextante**; French to **Casterman**; German to **cbj**; Hebrew to **Yedioth**; UK to **Hodder & Stoughton**

#### SYNOPSIS

They were raised to bring down kingdoms, but their true destiny has always been to die. Since Sophronia's murder, princesses Daphne and Beatriz have discovered the truth: they are pawns in their mother's game, which will end with her as empress of the entire continent of Vesteria. Only the princesses have their own plans.

Every move they make, the empress seems to be one step ahead them. If there's to be any hope for the princesses, the girls will need to use every skill their mother taught them, trust in the magic in their veins, and defy fate itself. And if they can't, all is lost for the people of Vesteria.





## DARK FANTASY / MYTHOLOGY

# INHERITANCE OF SCARS

### SYNOPSIS

A dark fantasy debut steeped in Scandinavian mythology that follows a teen who accidentally awakens an imprisoned *draugr* and must follow him into a deadly magical forest to rescue her grandmother.

Seventeen-year-old Astrid grew up believing bloodthirsty monsters known as *draugr* stalked Tiveden, the forest beyond her grandmother Ingrid's home in Unden. Years later, her grandma's terrifying folktales are nothing but stories to Astrid.... until Ingrid vanishes into the forest.

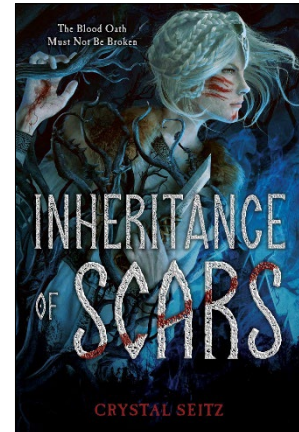
Determined to find her, Astrid returns to Ingrid's house. One fateful night, Astrid is searching for clues when she discovers a hidden passage leading to a basement: a deadly *draugr* has been imprisoned here for centuries, only to be accidentally (!) awakened now.

Newly revived, Soren first mistakes Astrid for her ancestor Skaga, Soren's ex-lover turned enemy. Together, they venture into Tiveden, one looking for Skaga and for his revenge, the other in search of her missing grandmother.

The deeper they go into Tiveden, the closer Astrid gets to the cold, alluring Soren, and as she unravels her family's grim legacy, she discovers the actual monsters were never in the woods.

### THE AUTHOR

A Viking at heart, Crystal Seitz battles Crohn's disease and raids libraries for all the books on Norse mythology she can find. When she isn't writing, Crystal can be found doing archery, drawing, or rewatching Game of Thrones. *Inheritance Of Scars* is her debut novel.



Margaret K. McElderry  
Books (S&S)  
October 1, 2024  
North American  
Manuscript available

Rebecca Stafford

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## CONTEMPORARY

# RABBIT AND JULIET

### SYNOPSIS

**A haunting story about agency and toxic first loves, told from the POV of an irreverent seventeen year old.**

For seventeen-year-old Rabbit, life in her small Georgia town is becoming unbearably hellish. Her ex-boyfriend, resident golden boy Richard, turned into an unrelenting stalker; her friends are nonexistent; and her dad is campaigning hard for Functioning Alcoholic of the Year.

But all that changes when the sarcastic, gorgeous, and frustratingly impenetrable Juliet Bergman walks into Rabbit's life. Juliet is all hard angles and James Dean bravado, an irresistible force shaking up Rabbit's life.

Then one morning, Rabbit's ex-best-friend Sarah—Richard's current girlfriend—shares a horrific discovery about Richard and his crew. The three girls vow to enact revenge on the boys for what they've been doing to unsuspecting girls at parties. With Juliet leading the charge and demanding blind loyalty from the girls, Rabbit falls harder for her than she thought possible. It isn't until Rabbit is faced with a startling act of violence that she must decide how far she's willing to go—for herself, for Juliet, and for justice.



**Quill Tree Books  
(HarperCollins)  
September 24, 2024  
North American  
Manuscript available**

### THE AUTHOR

Rebecca Hazelton Stafford is an award-winning poet, writer, critic, and editor. She is the author of three books of poetry, the most recent of which, *Gloss*, was a *New York Times* "New and Notable" pick. Her work has been published in *The New Yorker*, *Poetry*, *LitHub* and the *Kenyon Review*. She is a winner of the Pushcart Prize and the Discovery/The Nation prize, as well as receiving numerous writing fellowships.

## HISTORICAL / HEIST STORY

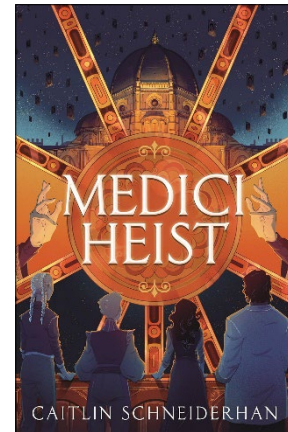
# MEDICI HEIST

### SYNOPSIS

Welcome to Florence, 1517. The Medici family rules the city from their seat of wealth, but the people of Florence remember the few decades they spent as a Republic, free from the Medicis and their puppet Pope, Leo X.

Seventeen-year-old con-woman Rosa Cellini has plans for the Pope and the Medicis – more specifically, the mountain of indulgence money they've been extorting from the people of Tuscany. To pull off the Renaissance's greatest robbery, she'll recruit a team of capable misfits: Sarra the tinkerer, Khalid the fighter, Giacomo, master of disguise, and even the legendary Michelangelo.

What began as a robbery becomes a bid to save Florence from certain destruction - if Rosa and company don't destroy each other first.



**Feiwel & Friends  
(Macmillan)  
August 6, 2024  
North American  
Manuscript available**

Russian to **AST**; Spanish to  
**Urano**; UK to **Little, Brown  
Book Group**

### THE AUTHOR

Caitlin Schneiderhan is a writer on the hit Netflix show *Stranger Things*. Originally hailing from Silver Spring, Maryland, Caitlin hatched from a cocoon of Terry Pratchett novels when she was thirteen. She has been named one of *MovieMaker Magazine's* 25 Screenwriters to Watch and has projects in development with multiple production companies around Hollywood. She still has a full shelf of Terry Pratchett paperbacks. *Medici Heist* is her debut novel.

# MIDDLE GRADE

Michelle Cuevas

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## IMAGINATIVE / MAGICAL

# THE DREAMATICS

\* US independent bookstores instant bestseller

\*\* Film rights optioned by Warner Bros

### SYNOPSIS

A fantastical theatre and its troupe perform a young girl's dreams, until nightmares take over. Will one devoted stagehand be able to bring joy back into the spotlight?

Have you ever awakened from a dream and thought, what was THAT?! Well, that dream was performed by a dream theatre, and this is the story of one such place: The Lunarian Grand.

The theatre's troupe call themselves the Dreamatics, and each night when a girl named Luna goes to sleep, they produce her spectacular dreams: dreams of memories, family, and her beloved dog, Murph.

But when something devastating happens in Luna's waking life, the theatre falls under new management in the form of the Bad Dreams. Now it's up to a loyal stagehand named Dormir and the Dreamatics to put things right and restore balance in their world and in Luna's.

### PRAISE

"This witty, magical, and touching tale will inspire giggles of delight. A dreamy, imaginative, and vibrant story full of heart and wordplay."  
— **Kirkus**, starred review

"Irresistibly rendered worldbuilding and delightfully limned, seldom-described characters." — **Publishers Weekly**, starred review

"Endlessly inventive and incredibly compassionate, the exquisite descriptions make ephemeral emotions and experiences feel tangible."  
— **Booklist**, starred review

### THE AUTHOR

Michelle Cuevas graduated from Williams College and holds an MFA in creative writing from the University of Virginia. She is the author of several children's books, including *Confessions of an Imaginary Friend* and *The Care and Feeding of a Per Black Hole*. She lives in Berkshire County in Massachusetts.



Rocky Pond Books (PRH)  
September 12, 2023  
World English  
Manuscript available

Italian to De Agostini;  
Romanian to Art

Kallie George

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## CHAPTER BOOK SERIES

# CRIMSON TWILL: WITCH IN THE COUNTRY

## CRIMSON TWILL #2

\*Illustrated by Birgitta Sif (represented by Writers House)

\*Three-book series

### SYNOPSIS

Little witch Crimson wants her friends to have fun on their first visit to the country—but everything goes wrong! In a second punny adventure, the delightful series continues with plenty of spells and humor.

Crimson Twill's new friends from New Wart City, Mauve and Wesley, are coming for a visit! But as soon as they arrive at Crimson's house in Cackle County, things start to go wrong. At the rotten apple orchard, Crimson's ripening spell goes horribly awry (what will they do with all that rotten applesauce?). Then, at the broom-straw field, Wesley cuts too much straw and starts to float away. And when the friends try to collect frogs' breath for their spells (it makes everything wonderfully green and warty), Mauve gets a stinky faceful of it! What on earth is going on? The whole countryside feels like something big is about to happen, and Crimson wonders if it has something to do with Granny Twill and that giant cauldron of stew she made. Can Crimson get to the bottom of this bad-luck mystery? And, more importantly, will her city friends ever want to visit her again?

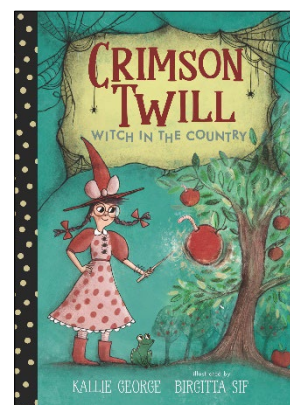
**Book #1 in the series – CRIMSON TWILL: WITCH IN THE CITY**

### PRAISE

"Spunky, independent-thinking witch Crimson Twill is excited that the friends she made during her New Wart City trip are coming to Cackle County to visit her... Grayscale illustrations play up the humor.... Will leave readers cackling with delight." — **Kirkus Reviews**

### THE AUTHOR

Kallie George is an author, editor and creative writing teacher. She has written numerous books for early readers, including the first three books in the Anne chapter book series, *The Magical Animal Adoption Agency* series, *The Heartwood Hotel* series and *The Wings of Olympus* series, as well as numerous picture books.



**Candlewick (PRH)**

**July 11, 2023**

**World English**

**Manuscript available**

**German to HarperCollins  
Germany**

## HISTORICAL / MAGICAL REALISM

# FREEWATER

- \*Winner of the John Newbery Medal
- \*Winner of the Coretta Scott King Author Award
- \* A *New York Times* Bestseller

### SYNOPSIS

A novel about two enslaved children's escape from a plantation and the many ways they find freedom.

Under the cover of night, twelve-year-old Homer flees Southerland Plantation with his little sister Ada, unwillingly leaving their beloved mother behind. Homer knows there's no turning back, not with the overseer on their trail. Through tangled vines and over a sky bridge, the two find a secret community called Freewater, deep in the swamp.

In this society created by formerly enslaved people and some freeborn children, Homer finds new friends, almost forgetting where he came from. But when he learns of a threat that could destroy Freewater, he crafts a plan to find his mother and help his new home.

Deeply inspiring and loosely based on the history of maroon communities in the South.

### PRAISE

"Detailed and well-researched historical fiction. The characters are varied, complex, and fully realized. An exceptional addition to the resistance stories of enslaved people." — **Kirkus**, starred review

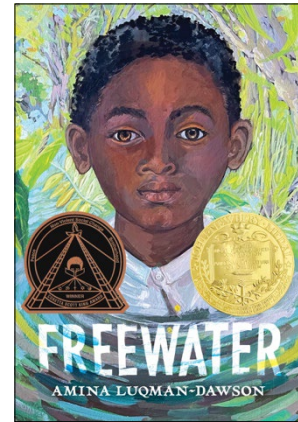
"This lyrical story of hope, strength, and ingenuity will be gobbled up by young history buffs and adventure lovers." — **Booklist**, starred review

"A vividly written, wholly accessible novel of enslavement and resistance." — **Publishers Weekly**, starred review

"An engrossing, multi-perspective debut novel with an explosive and cathartic conclusion." — **Horn Book**, starred review

### THE AUTHOR

Amina Luqman-Dawson is the Newbery Medal and Coretta Scott King Award-winning and bestselling author of *Freewater*. Her op-eds on race and popular culture have appeared in *The Washington Post*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, and more. She, her husband, and her son reside in Arlington, VA.



Little, Brown Books for  
Young Readers  
February 1, 2022  
World English  
Manuscript available

Azerbaijani to **Gadim Gala**;  
Chinese (Simplified) to  
**Citic**; French to **Milan**;  
Korean to **Balgeunmirae**  
Publishing Co.; Turkish to  
**Eksik Parca Publishing**



Kate Alice Marshall

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## SUPERNATURAL / SUSPENSE

# EXTRA NORMAL

### SYNOPSIS

It's hard to fight the supernatural when you're naturally "un-super." Charlie Greer is nothing special—at least not compared to her adopted siblings. Her younger sister is a ghost. Her brother Mateo is a werewolf. Gideon is the product of seriously sketchy experiments that gave him telekinetic powers. Even her parents work for the Division of Extranormal Investigations tracking down all things supernatural, alien, and otherwise unusual.

Charlie's mom says her superpower is maturity—which doesn't really count. But what Charlie lacks in powers she makes up for by keeping the household running. Now, with her parents off on their first vacation in years, it's up to her to take care of her siblings and make sure nothing disrupts the trip.

But then the new neighbors arrive. The Weavers are a nice, normal couple. Too nice and too normal. And for some reason, they don't seem to want Charlie to see inside their house. She's certain they're hiding something. Charlie has to uncover what's going on with the Weavers and stop their plans—without letting Mom and Dad find out anything is wrong.

### PRAISE

"While saving her family from monsters, a very normal girl discovers what makes her special.... Simply a great read."

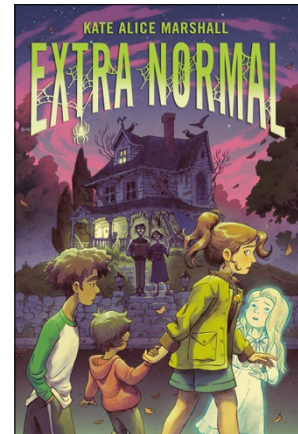
—**Kirkus Reviews**, starred review

"[A] keenly plotted nail-biter, which boasts appropriately atmospheric prose and thrills and chills that draw on classic horror movie elements."

—**Publishers Weekly**

### THE AUTHOR

Kate Alice Marshall lives in the Pacific Northwest with a chaotic menagerie of pets and family members, and ventures out in the summer to kayak and camp along Puget Sound. She is the author of the young adult novels *I Am Still Alive*, *Rules for Vanishing*, *Our Last Echoes* and *These Fleeting Shadows*, as well as the middle grade trilogy *Thirteens*. Her debut adult novel, *What Lies in the Woods*, published in 2023.



Viking Books for Young  
Readers (PRH)

Aug 29, 2023

North American

Manuscript available



Morgan Matson

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## CONTEMPORARY

# THE FIREFLY SUMMER

### SYNOPSIS

A young girl gets to know her mom's side of the family and hunts for hidden treasure over the course of one chaotic summer.

For as long as Ryanna Stuart can remember, her summers have been spent with her father and his new wife. But this summer she's received a letter from her grandparents—grandparents neither she nor her dad have spoken to since her mom's death—inviting her to stay with them at an old summer camp in the Poconos.

Ryanna accepts. She wants to learn about her mom. She wants to uncover the mystery of why her father hasn't spoken to her grandparents all these years. But what she finds are relatives...so many relatives! A motley, rambunctious crew of kids and eccentric, unconventional adults. People who have memories of her mom from when she was Ryanna's age, clues to her past like a treasure map. Ryanna even finds an actual, real-life treasure map!

Over the course of one unforgettable summer, Ryanna discovers a whole new side of herself and that, sometimes, the last place you expected to be is the place where you really belong.

### PRAISE

"Matson's vibrant setting, peopled with an easygoing extended family that encourages free play, is irresistibly rendered, while Ryanna's quest to learn more about her mother, as well as her father's falling out with the family, imbues the carefully plotted central mystery with emotional resonance." — **Publishers Weekly**, starred review

"Like a great summer camp, this tale evokes the best of the past while setting the stage for something new." — **Kirkus Reviews**, starred review

"An endearing book for tweens." — **Booklist**, starred review

### THE AUTHOR

Morgan Matson is the *New York Times* bestselling author of six books for teens, including *Since You've Been Gone* and *Save the Date*. She lives in Los Angeles but spends part of every summer in the Pocono Mountains.



**Simon & Schuster Books  
for Young Readers**  
**May 2, 2023**  
**North American**  
**Manuscript available**

Bulgarian to **Orange Books**

Maria Scrivan

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## GRAPHIC NOVEL

# ALL IS NAT LOST

## NAT ENOUGH #5

*\*New York Times bestselling series*

### SYNOPSIS

**Nat's class trip is a bigger adventure than she imagined!**

Nat is on an overnight class trip to Philadelphia, which is her first time in a big city without her parents. And it's a big deal because Nat's mom and dad are finally giving her the independence she's been longing for. But the trip is off to a bad start — with one disaster after another — and if things keep up, Nat's on track to lose her newfound freedom for good! Can she turn things around in time, or will her first chance with liberty be her last?

**Book #1 in the series – NAT ENOUGH**

**Book #2 in the series – FORGET ME NAT**

**Book #3 in the series – ABSOLUTELY NAT**

**Book #4 in the series – NAT FOR NOTHING**

### PRAISE

**Praise for Nat Enough #1**

Named one of "the year's best [graphic novel] books" by *The Washington Post*

"Maria writes funny, Maria draws funny, and Maria does it with a ton of heart." — Jim Davis, creator of **Garfield**

"What elevates Maria Scrivan's graphic novel is the refreshing honesty with which it approaches its subject matter." — **Financial Times**

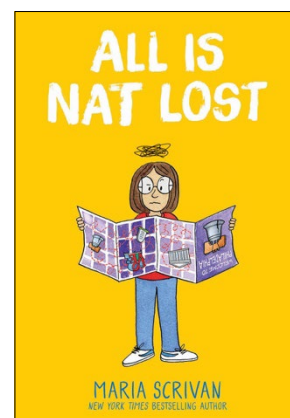
"Gentle and timeless." — **Publishers Weekly**

"[A] straightforward, heartfelt story." — **Kirkus Reviews**

"This story of growing up is a perfect read for students new to middle school and those questioning where their talents lie." — **Booklist**

### THE AUTHOR

Maria Scrivan is a *New York Times* bestselling author and award-winning syndicated cartoonist.



**Scholastic**

**March 5, 2024**

**North American**

**Manuscript available**

French to **Scholastic**

**Canada**; Hebrew to

**Yedioth**

Maleeha Siddiqui

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## CONTEMPORARY

# ANY WAY YOU LOOK

### SYNOPSIS

When boys from her community start harassing her, Ainy needs to figure out how to get them to stop—while still staying true to herself.

Ainy is excited for summer! She plans on working at her mom's clothing boutique, having adventures with her best friend, and maybe even starting to wear the hijab—just like her big sister. But when certain boys from Ainy's Muslim community keep showing up at the store to give her unwanted attention, she goes from possibly wanting to wear the hijab someday to feeling like she needs to wear it to get the boys to leave her alone.

But wearing the hijab doesn't do what she'd hoped. It doesn't deflect the boys' attention at all! If anything, they've found something new to harass her about. With the help of her best friend and her older sister, Ainy must channel her inner creative strength and find the confidence to stand her ground and get the respect she deserves.

A compulsively readable, feminist, and thought-provoking book about staying true to yourself.

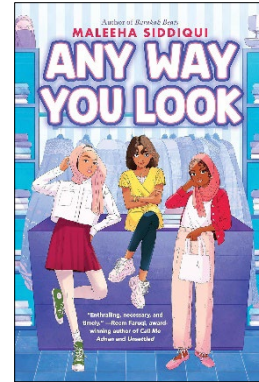
### PRAISE

"Engaging and hugely relevant: an empowering gem."

—**Kirkus Reviews**, starred review

### THE AUTHOR

Maleeha Siddiqui is an American writer of Pakistani descent who loves to tell unapologetically Muslim stories for all ages. By day, Maleeha works as a regulatory affairs professional in the biotech industry. She grew up and continues to reside with her family in Virginia. When she's not working, reading, or writing, she likes to try new food and snuggle cats. She's the author of the middle grade books *Barakah Beats* and *Bhai for Now*.



**Scholastic**  
**May 7, 2024**  
**World English**  
**Manuscript available**

# PICTURE BOOKS

## Julie Andrews & E. Walton Hamilton with Elly MacKay

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Julie Andrews [AUTHOR] is a Golden Globe, Emmy, and Oscar winner. Her many roles include characters in *Mary Poppins*, *The Sound of Music*, *The Princess Diaries*, and recently, the voice of Lady Whistledown on *Bridgerton*.

Emma Walton Hamilton [AUTHOR] is an award-winning writer, producer, and arts educator. She has coauthored more than 30 children's books with her mother, Julie Andrews.

Elly MacKay [ILLUSTRATOR] is a paper artist and children's book creator. To create her unique illustrations, Elly sets up layers of painted paper in a miniature theater. She then lights the scene and photographs it.

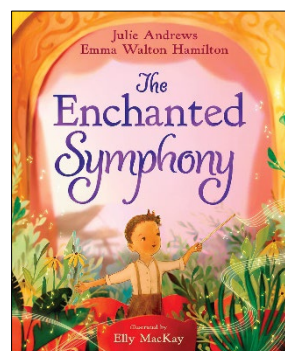
# THE ENCHANTED SYMPHONY

Abrams BFYR/September 2023/North American

\*Sold at auction

**\*\*International rights managed by WME**

Turkish to Koç University Press



An inspiring picture book about the power of art, nature, and community.

When a lively village is beset by a mysterious fog, the town turns dull and silent; melancholy neighbors stop visiting each other and even going outside. Until one day, when a boy's simple melody strikes a chord, reminding everyone of what matters most—even in the darkest of times.

From bestselling mother-daughter duo Julie Andrews and Emma Walton Hamilton comes a powerful, hopeful fairy tale celebrating life's simple pleasures that bring us together.

# YA BACKLIST

## Asha Ashanti Bromfield

### THE AUTHOR

Asha Ashanti Bromfield is an actress, singer, producer and writer of Afro-Jamaican descent. She is known for starring in CW's *Riverdale*, and Netflix's *Locke and Key*. Her name means Life, and she is a lover of it.

# SONGS OF IRIE

### HISTORICAL

Wednesday Books (Macmillan)/2023/North American/MS available

### SYNOPSIS

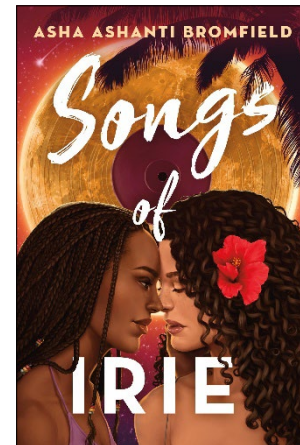
It's 1976 and Jamaica is on fire. Irie and Jilly come from very different backgrounds: Irie is from the heart of Kingston, where fighting in the streets is common. Jilly lives in a mansion on the hills. But the two bond through a shared love of Reggae music. As tensions build in the streets, so do tensions between the two girls, and a budding romance between them complicates things further. Can their bond survive?

### PRAISE

"A richly intimate novel of rebellion, romance, and reggae."

— **Kirkus Reviews**

"A devastating and nuanced look at two teens' battle for freedom, hope, independence, and love" — **Publishers Weekly**, starred review



# HURRICANE SUMMER

### CONTEMPORARY

Wednesday Books (Macmillan)/2021/North American/MS available

\*Film rights optioned by Neshama Entertainment

UK to Faber & Faber

### SYNOPSIS

Tilla has spent her life trying to make her father love her. But every six months, he leaves and returns to Jamaica. This summer, she'll be traveling with him to the island for the first time. Tilla will learn about the dark secrets that lie beyond the veil of paradise—all in the midst of an impending hurricane.

### PRAISE

"This is a must." —**Booklist** (starred review)



Kit Frick

## THRILLER

# I KILLED ZOE SPANOS

### SYNOPSIS

A gripping thriller following two teens whose lives become inextricably linked when one confesses to murder and the other becomes determined to uncover the real truth no matter the cost.

When Anna Cicconi arrives to the small Hamptons village of Herron Mills for a summer nanny gig, she has high hopes for a fresh start. What she finds instead is a community on edge after the disappearance of Zoe Spanos, a local girl who has been missing since New Year's Eve. Anna bears an eerie resemblance to Zoe, and her mere presence in town stirs up still-raw feelings about the unsolved case. As Anna delves deeper into the mystery, stepping further and further into Zoe's life, she becomes increasingly convinced that she and Zoe are connected—and that she knows what happened to her.

Two months later, Zoe's body is found in a nearby lake, and Anna is charged with manslaughter. But Anna's confession is riddled with holes, and Martina Green, teen host of the Missing Zoe podcast, isn't satisfied. Did Anna really kill Zoe? And if not, can Martina's podcast uncover the truth?

### PRAISE

"A shivery delight." — **People**

"An atmospheric and creepy page-turner." — **Kirkus Reviews**

"Strong heroines and an intriguing flip of whodunnit tropes will keep readers engaged to the surprising resolution." — **School Library Journal**

"A gripping...and tightly wound exploration of the price of secrets."  
— **Booklist**

### THE AUTHOR

Kit Frick is a MacDowell Fellow and International Thriller Writers Award finalist from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The author of *Before We Were Sorry* (originally published as *See All the Stars*), *All Eyes on Us*, *I Killed Zoe Spanos*, *Very Bad People*, and *The Reunion*. Kit loves a good mystery but has only ever killed her characters. Honest.



Margaret K. McElderry  
Books (S&S)

June 30, 2020

World English

Manuscript available

French to Bayard; Italian to  
Giunti; Polish to  
HarperCollins Poland;  
Russian to Arkadia;



Jenny Han

## CONTEMPORARY

# TO ALL THE BOYS I'VE LOVED BEFORE TRILOGY

\**New York Times* bestselling series

\*Now a major motion picture on Netflix and the inspiration for the spin-off series *XO, Kitty*

\* A Time Best YA Book of All Time (2021)

### SYNOPSIS

What if all the crushes you ever had found out how you felt about them...all at once?

Sixteen-year-old Lara Jean Song keeps her love letters in a hatbox her mother gave her. They aren't love letters that anyone else wrote for her; these are ones she's written. One for every boy she's ever loved—five in all. When she writes, she pours out her heart and soul and says all the things she would never say in real life, because her letters are for her eyes only. Until the day her secret letters are mailed, and suddenly, Lara Jean's love life goes from imaginary to out of control.

**Book #2 in the series – P.S. I STILL LOVE YOU**

**Book #3 in the series – ALWAYS AND FOREVER LARA JEAN**

### PRAISE

"A lovely, lighthearted romance"— *School Library Journal*

### THE AUTHOR

Jenny Han is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* series and *The Summer I Turned Pretty* series. She is the creator and co-showrunner of *The Summer I Turned Pretty* series on Prime Video. She's an executive producer on the films *To All the Boys I've Loved Before*, *To All the Boys: P.S. I Still Love You*, and *To All the Boys: Always and Forever*, all on Netflix. She's also the creator and co-showrunner of *XO Kitty*, a *To All the Boys* spinoff series. Her books have been published in more than thirty languages.



**Simon & Schuster BFYR  
2014, North American**

Arabic to **Aser Al-Kotob**; Brazil to **Intrinseca**; Bulgarian to **Ibis**; Croatian to **Fokus**; Czech + Slovak to **Albatros**; Danish to **Carlsen**; Dutch to **Moon**; Finnish to **WSOY**; French to **Panini**; German to **Hanser**; Greek to **Patakis**; Hebrew to **Agam**; Hungarian to **Konyvmolykepzo**; Indonesian to **Haru**; Italian to **Piemme**; Korean to **Hans Media**; Latvian to **Zvaigzne ABC**; Norwegian to **Gyldendal Norsk**; Polish to **Kobiece**; Portuguese to **Topseller**; Romanian to **Trei**; Russian to **AST**; Serbian to **Urban Reads**; Slovene to **Učila**; Spanish to **Planeta**; Swedish to **Lavender Lit**; Thai to **Earnest**; Turkish to **Pegasus**; Ukrainian to **Ranok**; UK to **Scholastic UK**; Vietnamese to **Kim Dong**

## CONTEMPORARY

# BURN FOR BURN

## TRILOGY

*\*New York Times* bestselling authors

### SYNOPSIS

Payback is paradise.

Postcard-perfect Jar Island is home to charming tourist shops, pristine beaches, amazing oceanfront homes—and three girls secretly plotting revenge.

KAT is sick and tired of being bullied by her former best friend.

LILLIA has always looked out for her little sister, so when she discovers that one of her guy friends has been secretly hooking up with her, she's going to put a stop to it.

MARY is perpetually haunted by a traumatic event from years past, and the boy who's responsible has yet to get what's coming to him.

None of the girls can act on their revenge fantasies alone without being suspected. But together...anything is possible.

With an unlikely alliance in place, there will be no more "I wish I'd said..." or "If I could go back and do things differently..." These girls will show Jar Island that revenge is a dish best enjoyed together.

**Book #2 in the series – FIRE WITH FIRE**

**Book #3 in the series – ASHES TO ASHES**

### THE AUTHOR

Jenny Han is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* series and *The Summer I Turned Pretty* series. She is the creator and co-showrunner of *The Summer I Turned Pretty* series on Prime Video. She's an executive producer on the films *To All the Boys I've Loved Before*, *To All the Boys: P.S. I Still Love You*, and *To All the Boys: Always and Forever*, all on Netflix. She's also the creator and co-showrunner of *XO Kitty*, a *To All the Boys* spinoff series. Her books have been published in more than thirty languages.

Siobhan Vivian is a screenwriter and *New York Times* best-selling novelist based in Los Angeles.



**Simon & Schuster BFYR**

**August 2013**

**North American**

**Manuscript available**

Brazil to **Intrinseca**; French to **Panini**; German to **Hanser**; Italian to **Piemme**; Polish to **Kobiece**; Portuguese to **Topseller**; UK to **S&S UK**; Ukrainian to **Ranok**

## Estelle Laure

### THE AUTHOR

Estelle Laure is the author of several young adult novels, including *This Raging Light* and Disney's *City of Villains* trilogy. She has been an Indie Next pick and a BEA Buzz Book author.

## REMEMBER ME

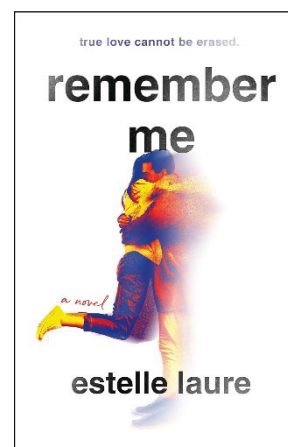
### SCI-FI / MYSTERY

Wednesday Books /2022/North American/MS available

Czech to Albatros Czech

### SYNOPSIS

Blue Owens wakes up one day with the feeling that something is wrong. Everyone's acting weird and she's found a note in her closet telling her to get on the Little Blue Bus at 7:45, which she does, meeting up with the exact person she was supposed to avoid: Adam Mendoza. Even though she has no idea who he is, something about him is so familiar. When she confronts him, the truth is revealed—Blue has paid to have her memories removed, and Adam is one of those memories.



### PRAISE

"*Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* for teens." — **Booklist**

## MAYHEM

### GOTHIC / SUPERNATURAL

Wednesday Books /2020/North American/MS available

### SYNOPSIS

1987. Mayhem Brayburn has always known there was something off about her and her mother, Roxy. When May's stepfather finally goes too far, Roxy and Mayhem flee to Santa Maria, California. There Mayhem meets the kids who live with her aunt, and it opens the door to the magic that runs through the female lineage in her family, the very magic Mayhem is next in line to inherit and which will change her life for good.



### PRAISE

"A compelling, unrelenting work of magical realism that will enthrall fans of nuanced feminist revenge fantasies." — **School Library Journal**

## Rachael Lippincott

### THE AUTHOR

Rachael Lippincott is the coauthor of the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Five Feet Apart*. She currently resides in Pennsylvania with her wife and daughter

## SHE GETS THE GIRL

### CONTEMPORARY

Simon & Schuster BFYR/April 2022/World English/MS available

\*Co-authored with Alyson Derrick

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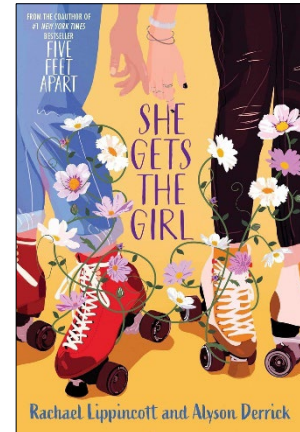
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### SYNOPSIS

Alex and Molly couldn't be more different. But when Alex, fresh off a bad breakup, discovers Molly's hidden crush on another girl from campus, they realize they might have a common interest after all. Because maybe if Alex volunteers to help Molly learn how to get her dream girl to fall for her, she can prove to her ex that she's not a selfish flirt.

### PRAISE

"Sweet, honest, and filled with personality." — **Kirkus Reviews**



## THE LUCKY LIST

### CONTEMPORARY

Simon & Schuster BFYR/2019/World English/MS available

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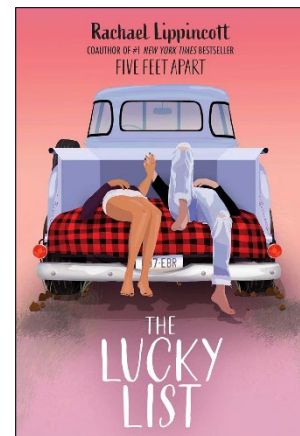
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### SYNOPSIS

Emily's mom succumbed to cancer three years ago. So when Emily finds her mum's senior-year bucket list, she finds 12 ways to feel close to her again. But if she wants to check everything off, she'll need help – help in the form of *Blake*.

### PRAISE

"A truly charming summer romp." — **Kirkus Reviews**



## CONTEMPORARY

# ONLY THIS BEAUTIFUL MOMENT

\*2024 Stonewall YA Award Winner

### SYNOPSIS

A sweeping story of three generations of boys in the same Iranian family.

2019. **Moud** is an out gay teen living in LA with his distant father, Saeed. When Moud gets the news that his grandfather in Iran is dying, he accompanies his dad to Tehran, where the revelation of family secrets will force Moud into a new understanding of his culture and himself.

1978. **Saeed** is an engineering student with a promising future ahead of him in Tehran. But when his parents discover his involvement in the country's burgeoning revolution, they send him to safety in America, a country Saeed despises.

1939. **Bobby**, the son of a calculating Hollywood stage mother, lands a coveted MGM studio contract. But the fairy-tale world of glamour he's thrust into has a dark side.

### PRAISE

"Thought-provoking, poignant and defiant, assuredly interweaving three complex stories, it's an arresting celebration of activism, forbidden love and fragile but enduring family bonds." — **The Guardian**

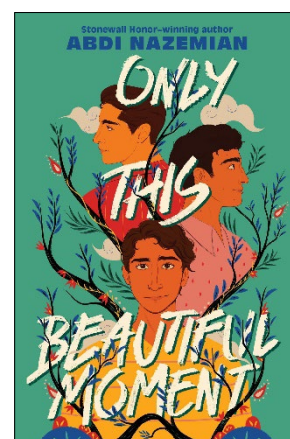
"Nazemian's elegant prose propels this historically resonant and culturally nuanced family drama. A stunning intergenerational coming-of-age story." — **Kirkus Reviews**, starred review

"A touching family drama." — **Publishers Weekly**, starred review

"Beautiful poetry that will almost certainly change the lives of those who read it." — **BookPage**, starred review

### THE AUTHOR

Abdi Nazemian is the author, among others, of *Like a Love Story*, a Stonewall Honor Book. His novel *The Walk-In Closet* won the Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Debut Fiction. He lives in Los Angeles.



Balzer + Bray  
(HarperCollins)  
May 9, 2023  
North American  
Manuscript available

ANZ to University of  
Queensland Press (UQP);  
Brazil to Harper Brasil;  
French to Milan; German to  
Arctis Verlag (Atrium  
Verlag); UK to Stripes

## Morgan Matson

### THE AUTHOR

Morgan Matson is the *New York Times* bestselling author of six books for teens, including *Since You've Been Gone* and *Save the Date*, and the middle grade novel *Firefly Summer*.

## TAKE ME HOME TONIGHT

### CONTEMPORARY

Simon & Schuster BFYR/May 2021/North American/MS available

UK to Simon & Schuster UK

### SYNOPSIS

Kat and Stevie—best friends, theater kids, polar opposites—have snuck away from the suburbs to spend a night in New York City. They have it all planned out. They'll see a play, eat at the city's hottest restaurant, and have the best. Night. Ever. What could go wrong? Well. Kind of a lot.

### PRAISE

"A jam-packed tale of a long night that brings two friends closer to each other and their true selves." — **Publishers Weekly**



## SAVE THE DATE

### CONTEMPORARY

Simon & Schuster BFYR/May 2018/North American/MS available

French to **Milan**; German to **CBJ**; Romanian audio to **StorySide AB**; Spanish to **Neo Plataforma**; UK to **Simon & Schuster UK**

### SYNOPSIS

Charlie Grant's older sister is getting married this weekend at their family home, and Charlie can't wait—for the first time in years, all four of her older siblings will be under one roof. Charlie is desperate for one last perfect weekend, before the house is sold and everything changes. The only problem? The weekend is shaping up to be an absolute disaster.

### PRAISE

"A sparkling summer story ideal for teens who are on that bittersweet cusp of change." — **Booklist**





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## THE UNEXPECTED EVERYTHING

### CONTEMPORARY

Simon & Schuster BFYR/2016/North American/MS available

Bulgarian to **Orange Books**; French to **Milan**; German to **CBJ**; UK to **Simon & Schuster UK**

### SYNOPSIS

When a political scandal costs Andie her summer pre-med internship, and lands both she and Dad back in the same house together for the first time in years, she suddenly finds herself doing things that aren't Andie at all—working as a dog walker, doing an epic scavenger hunt with her Dad... and falling in love.



## SINCE YOU'VE BEEN GONE

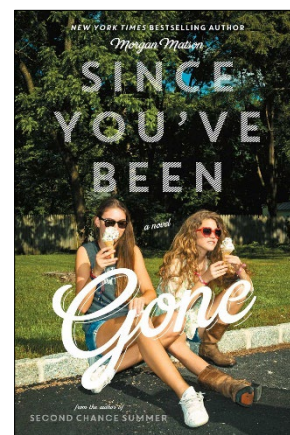
### CONTEMPORARY

Simon & Schuster BFYR/May 2014/North American/MS available

Bulgarian to **Orange Books**; French to **Milan**; German to **CBJ**; Lithuanian to **Alma Littera**; Spanish to **Neo Plataforma**; UK to **Simon & Schuster UK**

### SYNOPSIS

Before Sloane, Emily didn't go to parties, she barely talked to guys, and she didn't do anything crazy. Enter Sloane, social tornado and the best kind of best friend—someone who yanks you out of your shell. But right before what should have been an epic summer, Sloane just...disappears. No note. No calls. No texts. No Sloane. There's just a random to-do list with thirteen bizarre tasks that Emily would never try. But what if they can lead her to Sloane?



### PRAISE

"A winning blend of touching moments, memorable characters and situational humor." — **Kirkus Reviews**

## Siobhan Vivian

### THE AUTHOR

Siobhan Vivian is a screenwriter and *New York Times* best-selling novelist based in Los Angeles.

# WE ARE THE WILDCATS

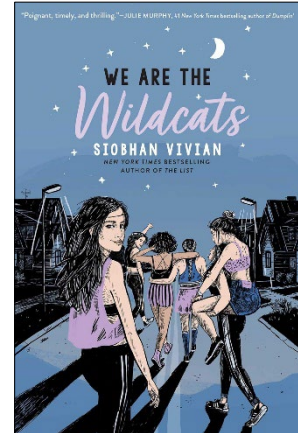
### CONTEMPORARY

Simon & Schuster BFYR/March 2020/North American/MS available

French to **Nathan**; German to **Hanser**

### SYNOPSIS

A toxic coach finds himself outplayed by the high school girls on his varsity field hockey team in this deeply suspenseful novel, which unspools over twenty-four hours through six diverse perspectives. A testament to the strength and resilience of modern teenage girls.



### PRAISE

"A fresh, beautifully written look at high school sports that sparkles with strong female athletes." — **Kirkus Reviews**

"A taut, triumphant collective portrait of girls learning to measure their own worth." — **Booklist**

# STAY SWEET

### CONTEMPORARY

Simon & Schuster BFYR/April 2018/North American/MS available

French to **Michel Lafon**; German to **Hanser**; Spanish to **Planeta Mexico**

### SYNOPSIS

Meade Creamery opened for business in 1945, and after the owner's unexpected death, Amelia is determined to keep this local institution going. When Grady Meade, the great-nephew to whom the owner left the Creamery, arrives to run the business, Amelia's at first thrilled. But Grady's got some changes in mind...



### PRAISE

"A delectable mixture of ice cream and romance...While evoking the warmth of rural life and employee comradeship."

— **Publisher's Weekly, starred review**



## Siobhan Vivian

### THE AUTHOR

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## THE LAST BOY AND GIRL IN THE WORLD

### CONTEMPORARY

Simon & Schuster BFYR/April 2016/North American/MS available

Brazil to **Intrinseca**; Italian to **Newton Compton**

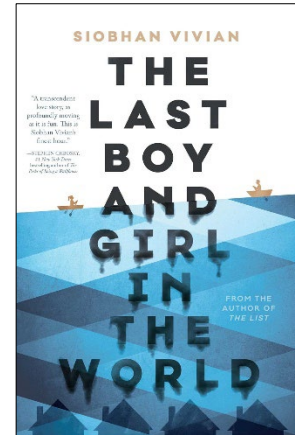
### SYNOPSIS

What if your town was sliding underwater and everyone was ordered to pack up and leave? Keeley Hewitt and her friends decide to go out with a bang. And for Keeley, that means taking one last shot at the boy she's loved forever.

### PRAISE

"Vivian allows readers to feel intimately connected to the depth of Keeley's regret." — **Publishers Weekly**, starred review

"[A] richly layered portrayal of bad boys and girl pranksters" — **Kirkus**



## THE LIST

### CONTEMPORARY

Scholastic/ 2012/North American/MS available

French to **Nathan**; Italian to **Feltrinelli**; Spanish to **Alfaguara**

### SYNOPSIS

It happens every year. A list is posted, and one girl from each grade is chosen as the prettiest, and another is chosen as the ugliest. This is the story of eight girls, freshman to senior, "pretty" and "ugly."

### PRAISE

"A well-differentiated cast of complex characters and a thoughtful focus on femininity." — **Publisher's Weekly**, starred review

"A riveting exploration of physical appearance and the status it confers." — **Kirkus Reviews**, starred review



# MG BACKLIST

Michelle Cuevas

IMAGINATIVE / WHIMSICAL

# CONFESSIONS OF AN IMAGINARY FRIEND

A MEMOIR BY JACQUES PAPIER

- \*Winner of the Andersen Award 2016 (Italy) in the Best Book category 9-12 years
- \*A TIME magazine Top 10 Children's Book of 2015
- \* Film rights to 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox Animation

## SYNOPSIS

The “autobiography” of an imaginary friend who doesn’t know he’s imaginary.

Jacques Papier has the sneaking suspicion that everyone except his sister Fleur hates him. Teachers ignore him when his hand is raised in class, he is never chosen for sports teams, and his parents often need to be reminded to set a place for him at the dinner table. But he is shocked when he finally learns the truth: He is Fleur’s imaginary friend! When he convinces Fleur to set him free, he begins a surprising and touching, and always funny quest to find himself—to figure out who Jacques Papier truly is, and where he belongs.

## PRAISE

“Cuevas’s novel—brimming with metaphors, gorgeous imagery, and beautiful turns of phrase—considers the fate of devoted but invisible companions.”—**Publishers Weekly**, starred review

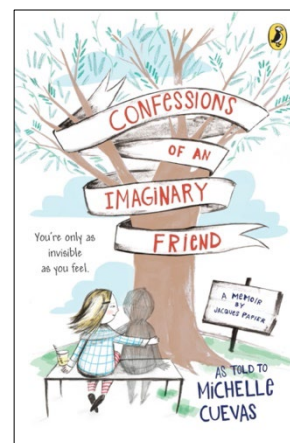
“Alternately amusing and philosophical, this quirky read will get kids thinking about love, loss, and life.”—**Booklist**

“A lovely and unique tale.”—**School Library Journal**

“A charming story that it feels like a future Pixar movie.”—**WSJ**

## THE AUTHOR

Michelle Cuevas holds an MFA in creative writing from the University of Virginia. She is the author of several children’s books, including *The Care and Feeding of a Black Pet Hole* and *The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles*. She lives in Berkshire County in Massachusetts.



Rocky Pond Books (PRH)  
2015  
World English  
Manuscript available

Brazil to **Record**; Italian to **De Agostini**; Complex Chinese to **Global Kids Books**; French to **Nathan**; German to **Fischer**; Japanese to **Shogakukan**; Romanian to **Art**; Simplified Chinese to **New Buds**; Vietnamese to **Tri Duc Books**

Michelle Cuevas

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## IMAGINATIVE / WHIMSICAL

# THE CARE AND FEEDING OF A BLACK PET HOLE

\* Runner-up Premio Strega ragazze e ragazzi [Strega Award Children's books] 2019

### SYNOPSIS

A girl's friendship with a lonely black hole leads her to face her own sadness. An astonishingly original and funny adventure with a great big heart.

When eleven-year-old Stella Rodriguez shows up at NASA to request that her recording be included in Carl Sagan's Golden Record, something unexpected happens. A black hole follows her home, and sets out to live in her house as a pet. The black hole swallows everything he touches, which is challenging to say the least—but also turns out to be a convenient way to get rid of those items that Stella doesn't want around. Soon the ugly sweaters her aunt has made for her all disappear within the black hole, as does the smelly class hamster she's taking care of, and most important, all the reminders of her dead father that are just too painful to have around.

It's not until Stella, her younger brother, Cosmo, the family puppy, and even the bathroom tub all get swallowed up by the black hole that Stella comes to realize she has been letting her own grief consume her. And that's not the only thing she realizes as she attempts to get back home.

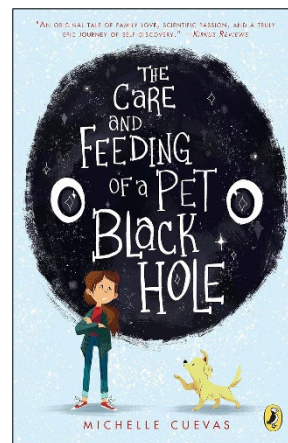
### PRAISE

"An original tale of family love, scientific passion, and a truly epic journey of self-discovery." —**Kirkus Reviews**

"As much a journey of grief and healing as a literal adventure, Cuevas's story is both touching and funny." —**Booklist**

### THE AUTHOR

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Rocky Pond Books (PRH)  
2017

World English  
Manuscript available

Brazil to **Record**; Italian to  
**De Agostini**; French to  
**Nathan**; German to  
**Fischer**; Japanese to  
**Shogakukan**; Polish to  
**Nasza Ksiegarnia**;  
Vietnamese to **Tri Duc  
Books**

Kallie George

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## CHAPTER BOOK SERIES

# CRIMSON TWILL: WITCH IN THE CITY

## CRIMSON TWILL #1

\*Illustrated by Birgitta Sif (represented by Writers House)

\*Three-book series

### SYNOPSIS

A little witch with a penchant for bright colors and bows has a surprising big-city shopping adventure.

Crimson Twill is a little witch, but you might not know it. She lives in the country and loves polka dots and puppies instead of pointy shoes and black dresses. She even wears a big bow on her hat—which is crimson, just like her name. Tonight, for the very first time, Crimson is riding on her mother's broom all the way to New Wart City to go shopping at Broomingdale's! The huge department store has everything a witch could itch for. For Crimson, each floor (hats! cats! brooms!) is a new adventure. But is Broomingdale's ready for a witch as unique as Crimson?

**Book #2 in the series – CRIMSON TWILL: WITCH IN THE COUNTRY**

### PRAISE

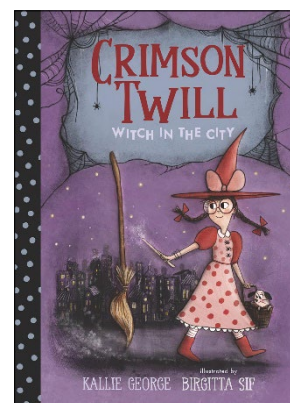
"The narration's great humor throughout—featuring puns and wordplay—doesn't undermine the earnest, wholesome sincerity of Crimson as she navigates the world on her own bighearted terms.. A bewitching series opener."— **Kirkus Reviews**

"This sweet and charming book is full of fun, witchy details, as well as whimsical illustrations. George uses humor and clever puns to interweave the themes of friendship and finding a place to fit in."

—**Booklist**

### THE AUTHOR

Kallie George is an author, editor and creative writing teacher. She has written numerous books for early readers, including the first three books in the Anne chapter book series, *The Magical Animal Adoption Agency* series, *The Heartwood Hotel* series and *The Wings of Olympus* series, as well as numerous picture books.



**Candlewick (PRH)**

**July 12, 2022**

**World English**

**Manuscript available**

German to **HarperCollins  
Germany**

## Kallie George

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### THE AUTHOR

Kallie George has written numerous books for early readers, including *The Magical Animal Adoption Agency* series and *The Wings of Olympus* series, as well as numerous picture books. Kallie currently lives in Vancouver.

# HOME AGAIN

## HEARTWOOD HOTEL #4

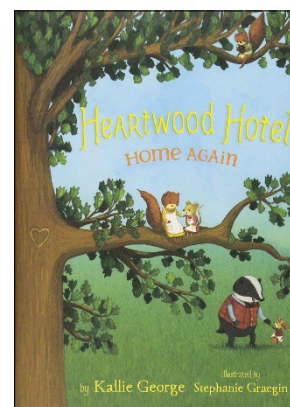
### CHAPTER BOOK

**\*Film rights to the series optioned by Doberman Pictures  
Disney-Hyperion Books/2018/World English/MS available**

Canada to **HarperCollins Canada**; Complex Chinese to **WordField**; French to **Casterman**;  
German to **HarperCollins Germany**; Japanese to **Doshinsha**; Vietnamese to **Kim Dong**

### SYNOPSIS

It's summer at the Heartwood Hotel, and everyone is in a flurry getting ready for Ms. Prickles's wedding to Mr. Quillson! When lightning strikes part of Fernwood Forest, Mona does everything she can to protect the Heartwood from harm, but as the fire rages on, it's becoming dangerous to stay. Can Mona and her friends save their home before it's too late?



# BETTER TOGETHER

## HEARTWOOD HOTEL #3

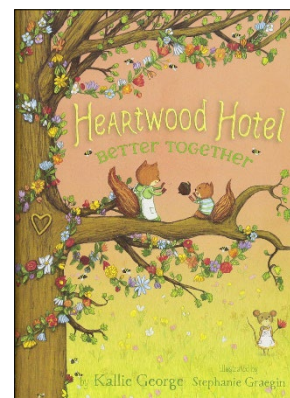
### CHAPTER BOOK

**Disney-Hyperion Books/2018/World English/MS available**

Canada to **HarperCollins Canada**; Complex Chinese to **WordField**; French to **Casterman**;  
German to **HarperCollins Germany**; Japanese to **Doshinsha**; Vietnamese to **Kim Dong**

### SYNOPSIS

Spring has come to Fernwood Forest, and the Heartwood Hotel is all a-bustle. When rumors buzz of a rival hotel, Gilles is determined to prove that the Heartwood is the very best the forest has ever seen. Newcomer Henry is all too happy to help out, making Mona start to feel unsure of her place. Does the Heartwood really need her as much as she thought? But soon there's more to worry about. Some decidedly uninvited guests have been drawn to the festivities. Can Mona find a way to bring everyone together in time to save them all from danger?



## Kallie George

### THE AUTHOR

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# THE GREATEST GIFT

## HEARTWOOD HOTEL #2

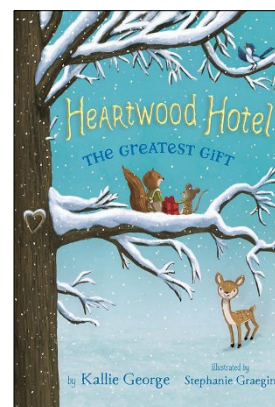
### CHAPTER BOOK

Disney-Hyperion Books/2017/World English/MS available

Canada to **HarperCollins Canada**; Complex Chinese to **WordField**; French to **Casterman**; German to **HarperCollins Germany**; Japanese to **Doshinsha**; Lithuanian to **Alma Littera**; Russian to **AST**; Slovak to **Albatros**; Vietnamese to **Kim Dong**

### SYNOPSIS

Mona the mouse has finally found a place to call home, the cozy Heartwood Hotel, where she works as a maid. Most of the guests have settled in to hibernate, and the staff is looking forward to a relaxing winter. But disruptions abound, and as the snow stacks higher, Mona will have to gather friends both old and new to keep the peace.



# A TRUE HOME

## HEARTWOOD HOTEL #1

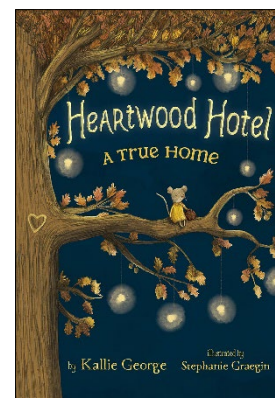
### CHAPTER BOOK

Disney-Hyperion Books/2017/World English/MS available

Canada to **HarperCollins Canada**; Complex Chinese to **WordField**; French to **Casterman**; German to **HarperCollins Germany**; Japanese to **Doshinsha**; Korean to **Booknbean**; Lithuanian to **Alma Littera**; Russian to **AST**; Slovak to **Albatros**; Vietnamese to **Kim Dong**

### SYNOPSIS

When Mona the Mouse stumbles across the Heartwood Hotel in the middle of a storm, she desperately hopes they'll let her stay. As it turns out, Mona is precisely the maid they need at the grandest hotel in Fernwood Forest. But the Heartwood Hotel is not all acorn soufflés and soft moss-lined beds. Danger lurks, and as it approaches, Mona finds that this hotel might also be her true home.



### PRAISE

"A warm, winning tale."— **Kirkus Reviews**



Maria Scrivan

## GRAPHIC NOVEL

# NAT ENOUGH

## NAT ENOUGH #1

*\*New York Times bestselling series*

### SYNOPSIS

**Nat's class trip is a bigger adventure than she imagined!**

Natalie has never felt that she's enough—athletic enough, stylish enough, or talented enough. And on the first day of middle school, Natalie discovers that things are worse than she thought—now she's not even cool enough for her best friend, Lily! As Natalie tries to get her best friend back, she learns more about her true self and natural talents. If Natalie can focus on who she is rather than who she isn't, then she might realize she's more than enough, just the way she is.

**Book #2 in the series – FORGET ME NAT**

**Book #3 in the series – ABSOLUTELY NAT**

**Book #4 in the series – NAT FOR NOTHING**

**Book #5 in the series – ALL IS NAT LOST**

### PRAISE

Named one of "the year's best [graphic novel] books" by *The Washington Post*

"Maria writes funny, Maria draws funny, and Maria does it with a ton of heart." — Jim Davis, creator of **Garfield**

"What elevates Maria Scrivan's graphic novel is the refreshing honesty with which it approaches its subject matter." — **Financial Times**

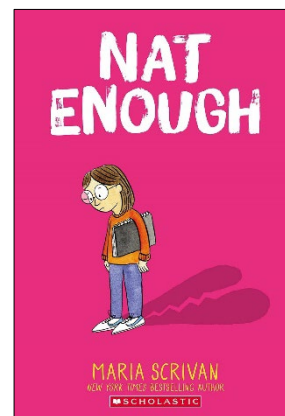
"Gentle and timeless." — **Publishers Weekly**

"[A] straightforward, heartfelt story." — **Kirkus Reviews**

"This story of growing up is a perfect read for students new to middle school and those questioning where their talents lie." — **Booklist**

### THE AUTHOR

Maria Scrivan is a *New York Times* bestselling author and award-winning syndicated cartoonist.



**Scholastic**

**April 7, 2020**

**North American**

**Manuscript available**

**ANZ to Scholastic**

**Australia; French to**

**Scholastic Canada;**

**German to Loewe; Greek to**

**Metaixmio; Hebrew to**

**Yedioth; Italian to**

**Piemme; Korean to**

**Hanbit; Russian to Mann,**

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**Spanish and Catalan to**

**Bruno; Turkish to Epsilon**



# PB BACKLIST

## Lucy Ruth Cummins AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

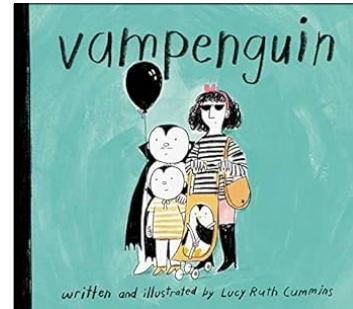
Lucy Ruth Cummins is a writer, illustrator and the executive art director of Simon & Schuster BFYR.

### VAMPENGUIN

**Atheneum BFYR /2021/World English**  
Italian to **Salani**

On a Saturday morning, baby Dracula visits the zoo with his family, where baby Penguin lives with hers. Baby Dracula slips into the Penguin House, while baby Penguin waddles into the stroller. A wryly humorous story of mistaken identity.

"Impeccable integration of text and illustrations makes for a book readers can really sink their teeth into."— **Kirkus**, starred review

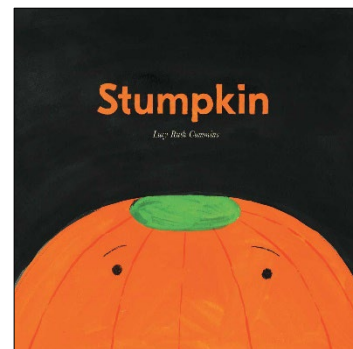


### STUMPKIN

**Atheneum BFYR /2018/World English**  
Complex Chinese to **Beijing Publishing House**

Stumpkin is the most handsome pumpkin on the block. He's perfect choice for a Halloween jack-o-lantern. There's just one problem—Stumpkin has a stump, not a stem. As Halloween night approaches, more and more of his fellow pumpkins leave, but poor Stumpkin remains. Will anyone give Stumpkin his chance to shine?

"A perfect holiday read-aloud."— **School Library Journal**

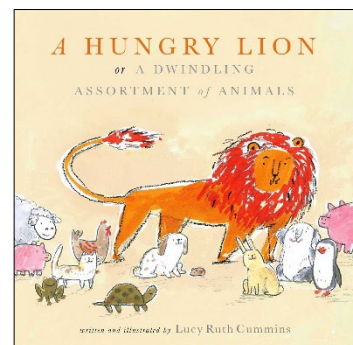


### A HUNGRY LION, OR A DWINDLING ASSORTMENT OF ANIMALS

**Atheneum BFYR /2016/World English**  
Dutch to **De Vries-Brouwers**; French to **Le Genévrier**; Simplified Chinese to **Beijing Yanliu Classic Culture**; Spanish & Catalan to **Corimbo**

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Lucy Ruth Cummins ILLUSTRATOR

Jean Reidy AUTHOR

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Jean Reidy is a three-time winner of the Colorado Book Award and was recognized on "Best of" lists by *School Library Journal*, *The New York Times*, *NPR*, and *Amazon*.

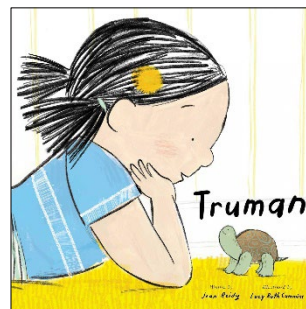
## TRUMAN

Atheneum BFYR /2019/World English

**\*An NPR Favorite Book of 2019/A New York Times Best Children's book of 2019/A Kirkus Reviews Best Picture Book of 2019/A School Library Journal Best Picture Book of 2019**

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Castilian/Catalan to Editorial entre Dos; (Complex) Chinese to Taosheng Publishing House; Hebrew to Knafayim Publishing House; Italian to Lapis; Korean to KISM Education Group



Truman the tortoise lives with his Sarah, high above the taxis and the trash trucks and the number eleven bus, which travels south. He never worries about the world below...until one day, when Sarah straps on a big backpack and does something Truman has never seen before. She boards the bus!

Truman waits for her to return.

He waits.

And waits.

And

waits

waits.

And when he can wait no longer, he knows what he must do.

Even if it seems...impossible!

"An enchanting tale of bravery, heroism, and undying devotion."

— **The New York Times Book Review**

"Peaceful and pensive like Truman himself, this book charms; there's just something uplifting and wonderful about the whole package."

—**Kirkus Reviews**, Starred review

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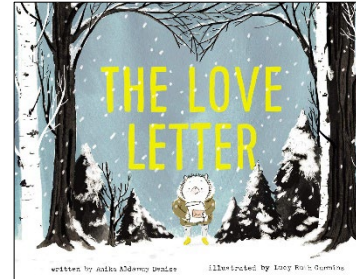
## THE LOVE LETTER

HarperCollins/2019/World English

\*2019 Indie Next List Pick

(Complex) Chinese to **Abula Press**; Italian to **Lapis**; Japanese to **BL Shuppan**; Korean to **Book Bank Publishing**; Romanian to **Pandora Publishing**

Hedgehog, Bunny, and Squirrel are best friends. One day, they each find a letter. But not just any letter...



A love letter.

*My word!*

*My whiskers!*

*Aww, nuts!*

Someone loves them. But who? The answer may surprise you!

"Appealing illustrations combine with a timely message that one kind act can start a chain reaction of kindness. A sweet and far-from-cloying ode to love." — **Kirkus Reviews**

"Demonstrate[s] how seemingly immutable personalities can be transformed by the power of love." — **Publishers Weekly**

"An unconventional but effective look at how to recognize and express love." — **Booklist**

"Denise's sweet text pairs with Cummins's dreamy and cozy illustrations about the transformative power of love and feelings of affirmation. A tender addition for most collections."

— **School Library Journal**

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## BUNNY IN THE MIDDLE

Henry Holt BFYR/2019/North American

\*2019 Indie Next List Pick

Hebrew to **Sefer Lakol**

When you're in the middle... you're not the oldest, and you're not the youngest. You are right in between. There's someone bigger who helps you and someone smaller who needs you. From the middle, you can see both sides.

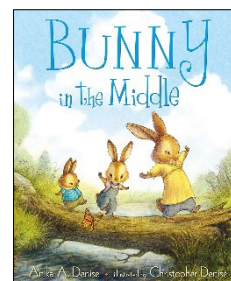
But being in the middle isn't always easy—sometimes it's hard to know what makes you special, or how to follow a path that's just your own.

This classic picture book highlights the remarkable empathy of middles and the joys of self-acceptance.

"This sweet picture book acknowledges the special place each sibling occupies in a family.. Kids will savor adorable details, such as children's artwork on a bedroom wall and winsome animal students lined up for school in a tree. Charming and comforting."

— **Kirkus Reviews**

"The author deftly describes precise situations that require compromise... Denise employs Photoshop, Procreate and pencil for scenes brimming with affection. This creative team parents three girls and here shares insights honoring the child who's sometimes overlooked."— **School Library Journal**



Philip C. Stead AUTHOR    Erin Stead ILLUSTRATOR

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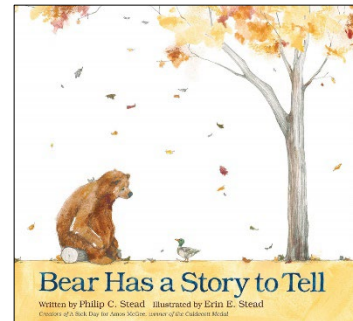
Erin Stead is the illustrator of several highly-acclaimed picture books, including the Caldecott Medal winning *A Sick Day for Amos McGee* and *The Purloining of Prince Oleomargarine*.

## BEAR HAS A STORY TO TELL

Roaring Book Press/2012/World English

\* A Kirkus Reviews Best Children's Book of 2012

ANZ to **Allen & Unwin**; (Complex) Chinese to **Taosheng**; Dutch to **Aldo Manuzio**; French to **Kaleidoscope**; German to **Fischer**; Hebrew to **Kinneret**; Italian to **Babalibri**; Japanese to **Mitsumura**; Korean to **Open Books**; Portuguese to **Edicoes SM**; Russian to **Polyandria**; (Simplified) Chinese to **Macmillan Century**; Spanish to **Oceano Mexico**; Turkish to **Yapa Kredi**; UK to **Andersen Press**



It was almost winter and Bear was getting sleepy. But first, Bear had a story to tell... Bear found his friend Mouse, but Mouse was busy gathering seeds and didn't have time to listen to a story. Then Bear saw his friend Duck, but Duck was getting ready to fly south. What about his friend Toad? He was busy looking for a warm place to sleep. By the time Bear was through helping his friends get ready for winter, would anyone still be awake to hear his story?

"Delightful and instructive." —**The New York Times Book Review**

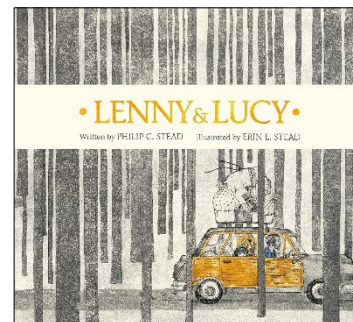
"...especially soulful." —**Publishers Weekly**, starred review

## LENNY AND LUCY

Roaring Book Press/2015/World English

ANZ to **Allen & Unwin**; (Complex) Chinese to **Taosheng**; French to **Kaleidoscope**; Italian to **Babalibri**; (Simplified) Chinese to **Macmillan Century**; Spanish to **Oceano Mexico**

Peter, his father and their dog Lenny are moving to a new house beyond the dark unfriendly woods. Scared of the things hidden in the woods, Peter makes a tall pile of pillows: when he is done, he has Lenny, Guardian of the Bridge, to protect him and Harold. Lenny is a good guard but Peter worries that Lenny will get lonely, so he makes Lucy. Together, Lenny, Lucy, Peter, and Harold discover that this new place isn't so scary after all.



"Hypnotic artwork and storytelling." — **Kirkus**, starred review

Julie Fogliano is a *New York Times* bestselling author of books for children. She is the recipient of the Ezra Jack Keats Award and a two-time Horn Book Award Honoree.

Erin Stead is the illustrator of several highly-acclaimed picture books, including the Caldecott Medal winning *A Sick Day for Amos McGee* and *The Purloining of Prince Oleomargarine*.

# IF YOU WANT TO SEE A WHALE

Roaring Book Press/2013/World English

\* A Publisher's Weekly Best Children's Book of 2013

\* A Kirkus Reviews Best Children's Book of 2013

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If you want to see a whale, you will need to know what not to look at.

Pink roses, pelicans, possible pirates...

If you want to see a whale, you have to keep your eyes on the sea, and wait...

and wait... and wait...

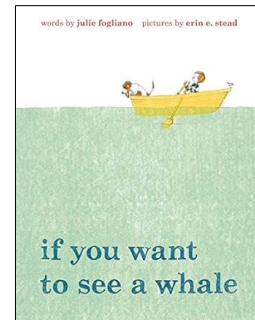
"The author-illustrator team responsible for the bestselling *And Then It's Spring* has again produced something truly unique."

—**The Washington Post**

"Fogliano's words are carved and measured. This is a writer who takes her time, and the leaps she makes with language surprise and thrill." —**The New York Times**

"A gorgeous love song to the imagination.. It's breathtaking... Fans will be waiting." —**Booklist**, starred review

"Readers will gape at the two enormous, whale-sized talents at work in this transfixing picture book." —**Kirkus Reviews**, starred review



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Matthew Cordell has authored and illustrated many books for children. His first wordless picture book, *Wolf in the Snow*, was awarded a 2017 Boston Globe-Horn Book honor award and the 2018 Caldecott Medal.

## SPECIAL DELIVERY

Roaring Book Press/2015/World English

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(Complex) Chinese to **Astar Media**; French to **Le Genévrier**; Korean to **Kookminbooks**; (Simplified) Chinese to **Macmillan Century**; Spanish to **Oceano Mexico**; Turkish to **Yapa Kredi**

Sadie is on her way to deliver an elephant to her Great-Aunt Josephine, who lives completely alone and can really use the company.

She tries everything from mailing the elephant to boarding a plane, a train, and an alligator to get to her aunt's home. Along the way she meets an array of interesting characters, including an odd postal worker and a gang of bandit monkeys, who all help her get where she is going.

"Colorful, expressive, detailed, and quirky." —**Booklist**

"... a read-aloud winner sure to deliver laughs to young readers."  
—**School Library Journal**

"Animal lovers and stamp collectors, especially but not exclusively, will be enthralled." — **Kirkus Reviews**, starred review

"It isn't easy to sustain and control a story that unfolds with the speed and unpredictability that this one does, but Stead and Cordell-like Sadie herself-deliver the goods." — **Publishers Weekly**





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### IDEAS ARE ALL AROUND

**Roaring Book Press/2016/North American**

(Simplified) Chinese to **Macmillan Century**; Spanish to **Oceano Mexico**

As an author and his dog, Wednesday, walk through their neighborhood, thoughts open up to other thoughts, and ideas are born and carried forward, often transforming into other ideas.

"Stead's bits and pieces of drawing and observation tell an important truth about the way artists begin to create."

— **Publishers Weekly**, starred review



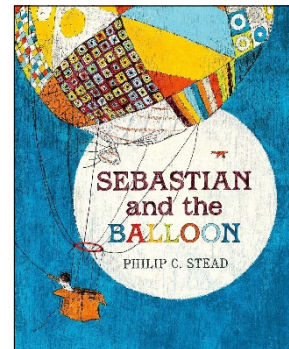
### SEBASTIAN AND THE BALLOON

**Roaring Book Press/2014/North American**

(Complex) Chinese to **Astar Media**; (Simplified) Chinese to **Macmillan Century**; Turkish to **Yapa Kredi**

On a boring day, on a dull street, Sebastian sat high atop his roof—something he was never supposed to do. When he launched himself into the air in his balloon made of Grandma's afghans and patchwork quilts, his journey took on a life of its own and his boring day turned into the adventure of a lifetime.

"Full of whimsy, heart and delight." —**Kirkus**, starred review



### HELLO, MY NAME IS RUBY

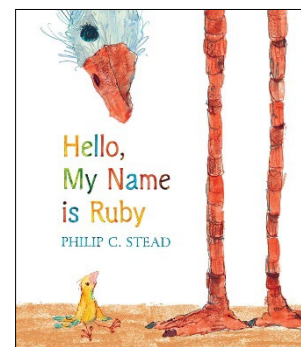
**Roaring Book Press/2013/North American**

(Complex) Chinese to **Astar Media**; (Simplified) Chinese to **Macmillan Century**

Join Ruby, a plucky little bird, as she ventures through life, making new friends, learning new skills and asking questions which may have some very surprising results.

"Ruby exemplifies the willingness to see the good in everyone, and Stead's artwork echoes her joyousness."

— **Publishers Weekly**, starred review



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## JONATHAN AND THE BIG BLUE BOAT

**Roaring Book Press/2011/World English**  
(Complex) Chinese to **Abula Press**

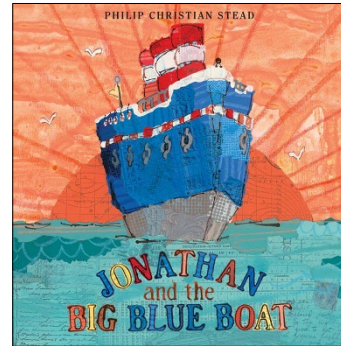
When Jonathan loses his best friend, a stuffed bear named Frederick, he sets sail on the Big Blue Boat to find him. Along the way he assembles a ragtag crew, including a mountain goat, a lonely circus elephant, and even a friendly whale. Adventure and intrigue (and pirates!) follow.

"Children will happily shift their focus from big to little, from large shapes to tiny numbers, from Jonathan's story to the pieces that make up its pictures."

— **Kirkus Reviews**, starred review

"A lovely, gentle adventure for younger readers."

— **Publishers Weekly**, starred review



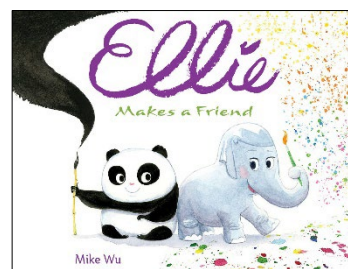
## Mike Wu AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Mike Wu is an author and illustrator. When he's not making books, he works at Pixar Animation Studios, where he animated on the Oscar-winning *The Incredibles*, *Ratatouille*, *Up*, and *Toy Story 3* among other films.

# ELLIE MAKES A FRIEND

Disney-Hyperion Books/2020/World English

A panda has joined the zoo, and just like Ellie, she's an artist! Ellie is thrilled to make a new friend, but with everyone so impressed by Ping's distinctive painting skills, Ellie starts to question her own talent. As she learns more about her new friend from China, though, Ellie finds that a fresh perspective can lead to new inspiration!



# ELLIE IN CONCERT

Disney-Hyperion Books/2017/World English

(Complex) Chinese to Heliopolis; (Simplified) Chinese to Beijing Publishing House

Since Ellie saved her home with her wonderful paintings, the zoo is back in business and the animals are more energetic than ever. All except for Lucy the giraffe, who hasn't been able to sleep with all the noise. Determined to help her friend, Ellie tries to tone down the ruckus and organizes the animals into an orchestra. But is it possible to conduct the cacophony of the zoo into beautiful music?



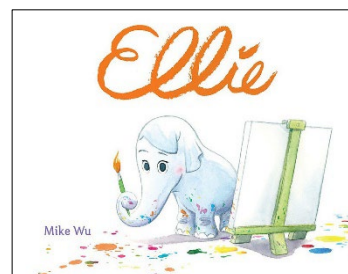
"Compassionate characters and glowing pictures."—**Kirkus**

# ELLIE

Disney-Hyperion Books/2015/World English

(Complex) Chinese to Heliopolis; (Simplified) Chinese to Beijing Publishing House; Spanish to PRH

The zoo is closing! Ellie and her friends want to save their home, but Ellie's just a baby elephant, and she doesn't know what she can do to help. While the other animals are busy working, Ellie finds a brush and some paints, and gives the zoo a big splash of color! Will her bright new talent be enough to keep the zoo's gates open for good?



"[Wu's] visual storytelling, rendered in sweet, throwback-style watercolors, shows creativity and poise." — **Publishers Weekly**

"Watercolor illustrations that are reminiscent of classics like *Harry the Dirty Dog* and *Curious George*." — **Kirkus Reviews**