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READY★TO★READ



THE ADVENTURES OF OTTO: SEE OTTO SAY HI!

By David Milgrim
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

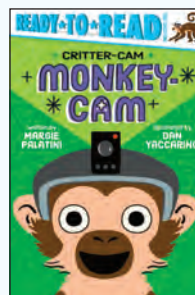
Come along with Otto and his friends in this award-winning Pre-Level 1 Ready-to-Read series by Theodor Seuss Geisel Honoree author-illustrator David Milgrim.

Publication Date: December 2023

Ages: 3–5

Page Extent: 32 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Chinese (simplified)



CRITTER-CAM: MONKEY-CAM

By Margie Palatini
Illustrated by Dan Yaccarino
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

After seeing the world from the point of view of a kitty, a shark, and a puppy, what could be next for readers of the Critter-Cam series? Now they can experience the world from a monkey's perspective via the video camera on its head in this fun and exciting Pre-Level 1 Ready-to-Read book!

Publication Date: December 2023

Ages: 3–5

Page Extent: 32 pp



GO! GO! DINO!

By Kaz Windness
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

When a group of dinosaurs decide to race, it's both hilarious and sweet! Young readers will be charmed by funny rhyming text and laugh-out-loud illustrations in this adorable Level 1 Ready-to-Read by award-winning author-illustrator Kaz Windness.

Publication Date: May 2024

Ages: 4–6

Page Extent: 32 pp



CAT VS. VAC

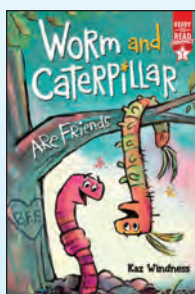
By Kaz Windness
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

The arrival of a mysterious box sets off a battle for control of the house in this hilarious rhyming Level 1 Ready-to-Read!

Publication Date: August 2023

Ages: 4–6

Page Extent: 32 pp



WORM AND CATERPILLAR ARE FRIENDS

By Kaz Windness
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

This heartwarming and affirming Level 1 Ready-to-Read Graphics book celebrates the beauty of true friendship!

Publication Date: January 2023

Ages: 4–6

Page Extent: 64 pp



JUNIOR MONSTER SCOUTS: TROLL TROUBLE HIDE-AND-SEEK PUP

By Joe McGee
Illustrated by Ethan Long
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

The author of the Junior Monster Scouts chapter books from Aladdin, Joe McGee, continues the hilarious series, perfect for fans of *Hotel Transylvania*, in a new Level 2 Ready-to-Read format!

Publication Date: July 2024

Ages: 5–7

Page Extent: 32 pp



LEGENDARIOS

#1: WRATH OF THE RAIN GOD

#2: THE BEGINNING OF ALL THINGS

By Karla Arenas Valenti

Illustrated by Vanessa Morales

Imprint: Aladdin

Twins coping with moving to a new city get swept back in time by a magical book in this exciting chapter book series that's Magic Tree House meets Heroes in Training!

Nine-year-old twins Emma and Martín couldn't be more different in their personalities and interests, and even in their looks. But they absolutely agree that it's a terrible idea to move from Mexico to Illinois when their dad lands his dream job in Chicago. To help the twins stay connected to their heritage, their abuela gifts them a book of Mexican legends. The book turns out to be more than a going-away present . . . it's a magical item that transports them directly into the legends!

In the first legend, Emma and Martín encounter Tlaloc, the god of rain, who is angry because his lightning bolt has been stolen, and his rage is manifesting as a torrential downpour over the ancient city of Texcoco.

Their next adventure takes them into the creation story when the giant Ometecutli made the world. But they quickly realize they have a major problem: It takes a magical object to activate Emma's necklace and open the portal home. But where are they supposed to find a magical object if nothing exists yet?

Publication Date: #1: April 2024; #2: August 2024

Ages: 7–10

Page Extent: 144 pp/14K words

THE SCARE SCHOOL DIARIES

#1: WELCOME TO SCARE SCHOOL

By Jarrett Lerner

Imprint: Aladdin

Acclaimed author Jarrett Lerner's debut chapter book series serves charm and chills as one young ghost tries his best to fit in with the rest of the ghouls at Scare School, the world's leading institution for elementary scare instruction.

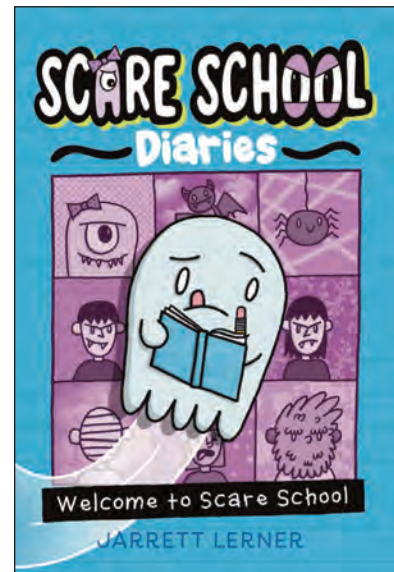
Bash, a young ghost who's never been good at "ghost stuff," is heading off to Scare School, and he's not happy about it. In fact, he's kind of scared! His older sister, Bella, precocious in every way, was a star student there, and Bash knows the classes are hard and the teachers are tough. Even before his first day of school, Bash is worried about how he's going to make it through the rigorous curriculum when he hasn't been able to get the hang of basics like making himself invisible or passing through walls without bonking his head!

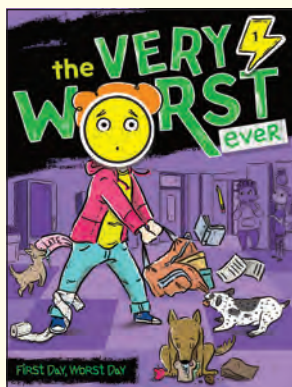
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Ages: 5–8

Page Extent: 128 pp/8K words

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**THE VERY WORST EVER****#1: FIRST DAY, WORST DAY****#2: POP GOES THE CARNIVAL****#3: CATCH ZOO LATER****#4: HAPPY GIFT DAY TO YOU**

By Andy Nonamus

Illustrated by Amy Jindra

Welcome to *The Very Worst Ever*, a new Little Simon chapter book series where everything goes hilariously wrong for our anonymous main character, whose bad luck is so super-embarrassing, he has to keep his name secret and won't even show his real face!

When the Unluckiest Boy Who Ever Lived starts at a new school, he's looking for a fresh start and the chance to be his best self ever. But after missing the school bus, being chased by dogs, getting lost in the school hallways, and getting smacked in the face with a basketball, he has to accept that his luck is just as bad as ever.

Luckily, some new friends might just help him navigate these mega-embarrassing scenarios—from chaos at a carnival to mayhem at the zoo and unlucky moments everywhere in-between—all leading to hijinks, hilarity, and ultimately, sunny silver linings!

With easy-to-read language and illustrations on almost every page, *The Very Worst Ever* chapter books are perfect for emerging readers.

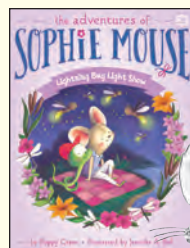
Publication Date: #1 and #2: January 2024; #3: May 2024; #4: July 2024

THE ADVENTURES OF SOPHIE MOUSE**#21: LIGHTNING BUG LIGHT SHOW**

By Poppy Green

Illustrated by Jennifer A. Bell

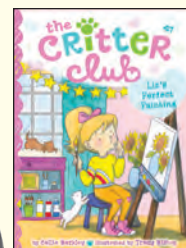
Join Sophie Mouse and her woodland friends on their adventures.

Publication Date: June 2024**RIGHTS SOLD:** Chinese (simplified), Lithuanian, Russian, Slovak**THE CRITTER CLUB****#27: LIZ'S PERFECT PAINTING**

By Callie Barkley

Illustrated by Tracy Bishop

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

Publication Date: March 2024**RIGHTS SOLD:** Hebrew

For all chapter books:

Ages: 5–9 **Page Extent:** 128 pp

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

DESMOND COLE GHOST PATROL

#22: I'M YOUR BIGGEST PHANTOM

By Andres Miedoso
Illustrated by Victor Rivas

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

Publication Date: July 2024

RIGHTS SOLD: French, Russian



THE KINGDOM OF WRENLY

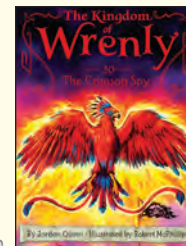
#20: THE CRIMSON SPY

By Jordan Quinn
Illustrated by Robert McPhillips

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

Publication Date: October 2023

RIGHTS SOLD: German, Mongolian



GOOD DOG

#12: BEACH PAWS

By Cam Higgins
Illustrated by Ariel Landy

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

Publication Date: May 2024

RIGHTS SOLD: Czech, Lithuanian



ISLA OF ADVENTURE

#8: CITY PALS

By Dela Costa
Illustrated by Ana Sebastián

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

Publication Date: May 2024



HENRY HECKELBECK HENRY HECKELBECK MAKES SUPER SLIME

By Wanda Coven
Illustrated by Priscilla Burris

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

Publication Date: December 2023



ITTY BITTY PRINCESS KITTY

#13: THE SWEET SHOP

By Melody Mews
Illustrated by Ellen Stubbings

Join Itty Bitty Princess Kitty on her royal adventures!

Publication Date: March 2024

RIGHTS SOLD: UK



For all chapter books:

Ages: 5–9 **Page Extent:** 128 pp

Angelina Ballerina™



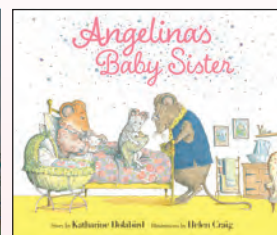
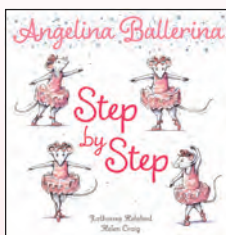
By Katharine Holabird
Illustrated by Helen Craig

Angelina Ballerina returns to center stage with sweet stories that put her right back in the spotlight!

- ★ Angelina Ballerina books have sold nearly one million copies in four years to adoring fans across all formats.
- ★ Angelina's tales continue with classic titles available in vibrant new editions, as well as in fun new paperback, leveled readers, novelty, and board book formats.



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ANGELINA BALLERINA AND THE DANCING PRINCESS

Angelina Ballerina meets a princess who loves to dance! She thinks the princess will be perfect and graceful, but soon she finds out that nobody is perfect, not even princesses. But they can become perfect friends!

Publication Date: April 2024

Ages: 4–8

Page Extent: 64 pp

ANGELINA BALLERINA AND THE FANCY DRESS DAY

Angelina and her friends can't wait for school picnic day. Angelina is signed up for the fancy dress race. Sammy had promised Henry that they could do the three-legged race together, but then Sammy forgets! Can Angelina Ballerina save the day?

Publication Date: July 2024

Ages: 4–8

Page Extent: 64 pp



SWEET DREAMS

Ballerinas need plenty of rest, and Angelina shares her special bedtime routine that helps her relax before a big dance recital.

Publication Date: December 2023

Ages: 4–8

Page Extent: 32 pp



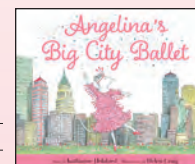
ANGELINA'S BIG CITY BALLET

The classic bestselling picture book is back in a beautiful, refreshed hardcover edition!

Publication Date: December 2023

Ages: 4–8

Page Extent: 32 pp



ANGELINA'S CINDERELLA

Angelina is playing the lead in the *Cinderella* dance tour, but just before the final performance, the scenery is ruined! How will the show go on?

Publication Date: May 2024

Ages: 4–8

Page Extent: 32 pp





CUPCAKE DIARIES: THE NEW BATCH #1: EMILY'S CUPCAKE MAGIC!

By Coco Simon
Illustrated by Manuela Lopez
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

Presenting a “new batch” of the Cupcake Diaries for younger readers—and the original Cupcake girls make an appearance!

Told with the sweetness and humor of the original Cupcake Diaries, this series features a “new batch” of cupcake girls who are a little younger, full of fun, and eager to start a baking business while facing elementary school challenges such as fitting in and making new friends, plus family drama. Emily is the stepsister to the founder of the original Cupcake Club, and she’s nervous about starting at a new school. But she finds her crew when she enters a baking competition with spunky Natalie, hardworking Alana, and creative Ren. With an illustration on every spread, these stories will appeal to chapter book readers.

Publication Date: #1: May 2024; #2: June 2024

Ages: 5–9

Page Extent: 96 pp/3.5K words



CUPCAKE DIARIES, THE GRAPHIC NOVEL #5: KATIE, BATTER UP!

By Coco Simon
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

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

Join Katie, Mia, Emma, and Alexis as they discover how friendship and cupcakes sweeten the trials and tribulations of middle school. Fun, bright, full-color graphic panels tell each story with the same humor and age-appropriate text that were hallmarks of the original series.

Over 175,000 copies sold since this series launched last year!

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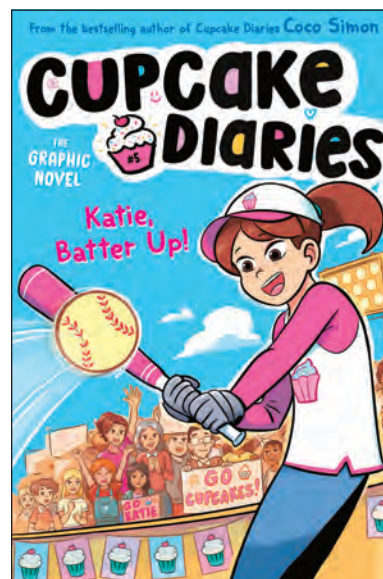
“A delightful story of friendship and starting middle school.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

Publication Date: April 2024

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 160 pp/ 25K words

RIGHTS SOLD: French, Hebrew, Spanish





SPIRITED

#1: DAY OF THE LIVING LIV

#2: GO, GHOUL, GO!

#3: GREENHOUSE OF HORROR

#4: FANGS FOR THE MEMORIES

By Liv Livingston

Imprint: Little Simon

Welcome to Gloomsdale: the weather is gloomy, the houses are haunted, and everyone's supernatural. We hope you enjoy your stay!

Eight-year-old Olivia "Liv" Livingston thinks life on the right side of Narrow Bridge is, well, just right! But life quickly changes when her parents tell her the *worst* news ever: They're moving away and crossing to the other side of Narrow Bridge. Yeah, to the *left* side where the very spooky, very lonely Gloomsdale rests.

Spirited is a new, lightly spooky, fish-out-of-water, Little Simon graphic novel series about a young girl, her supernatural friends, and the literally ghostly but charming town brimming with lots of heart and humor.

Publication Date: #1: January 2024; #2: March 2024; #3: July 2024; #4: October 2024

Ages: 5–9

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DRAGON KINGDOM OF WRENLY #10: OUT OF DARKNESS

By Jordan Quinn
Imprint: Little Simon

Ruskin and his friends go to war to protect their home!

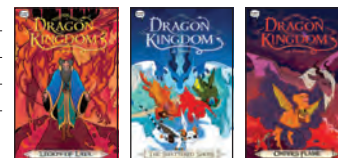
War is close, and the entire realm must choose a side. The Legion of Lava has stirred worry and fear among the regions of Wrenly. Some even believe the Legion was created by the dragons of Crestwood! Such are the evil ways of Valos, the villain who has wickedly turned neighbor against neighbor. Now Ruskin and his dragon friends must wage a war on two fronts: one on the battlefield and one for the very soul of Wrenly.

Publication Date: October 2023

Ages: 5–9

Page Extent: 144 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Italian, Russian



GUARDIANS OF HORSA #5: INTO THE HIDDEN WORLD

By Roan Black
Imprint: Little Simon

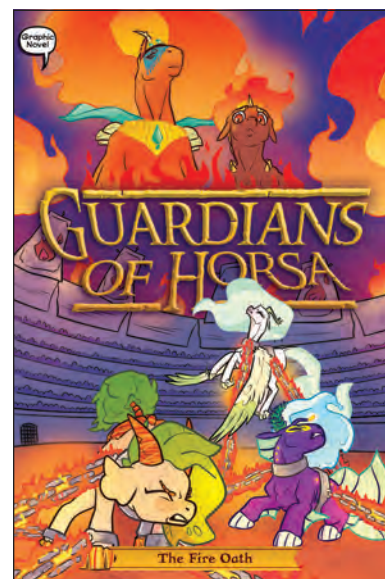
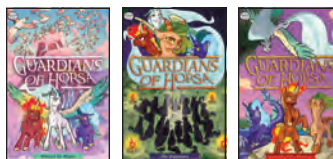
In the action-packed Guardians of Horsa graphic novel series, four young horses from clashing herds must join forces to solve a mystery and save magic.

The world of Horsa is turned upside down to reveal a dangerous new secret. The Guardians never dreamed that there was more to Horsa than the four realms. But when a hidden world reveals itself on the back of the map, they are thrown into a strange land filled with Ice Horses, Gem Horses, and mountains that move. Can the Guardians face the whole new world that has been hiding right under their hooves?

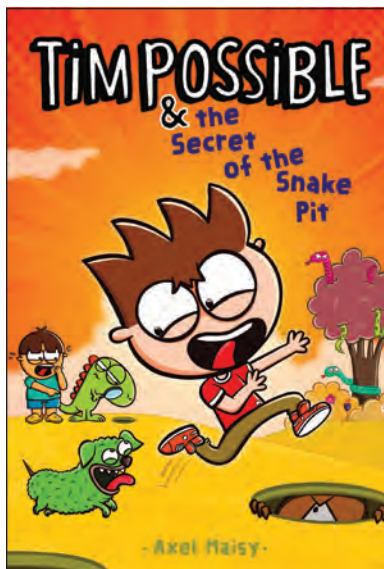
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PREVIOUS COVER



TIM POSSIBLE

#3: TIM POSSIBLE & THE SECRET OF THE SNAKE PIT

By Axel Maisy
Imprint: Aladdin

For fans of Timmy Failure and Dog Man comes the third wacky adventure in the Tim Possible chapter book series about two best friends and a time-traveling T. rex—this time taking on Weremoles!

Tim and his best friends Tito and Oskar, the time-traveling T. rex, battle the evil Weremoles—an army of hungry, sharp-toothed rock munchers who are out to destroy their fair city of Metrosalis! Will Tim's worrying superpower help them defeat the underground monsters, or is doomsday just a worry away?

Publication Date: December 2023

Ages: 7–10

Page Extent: 256 pp/19K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR TIM POSSIBLE & THE TIME-TRAVELING T. REX: Hebrew



PAIGE PROVES IT

#3: THE CURIOUS COVE

By Amy Marie Stadelmann
Imprint: Aladdin

A third graphic novel chapter book about Paige, who sets out to prove that mermaids aren't real—right?

Paige loves facts! She is constantly spouting information about everything and anything to anyone who will listen. Hot dogs were first sold at baseball games in the 1800s! Termites are insects with strong jaws made for eating and burrowing into wood. And a boy named Penn, who lives next door to her, is her friend. This unlikely pair couldn't be more different: on a visit to their local seaside park, Penn is convinced there has been a mermaid sighting, and Paige is determined—once again—to prove him wrong, one fact at a time.

Publication Date: June 2024

Ages: 7–10

Page Extent: 128 pp





CLOUD PUPPY

By Kelly Leigh Miller

Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Join quirky and cute Cloud Puppy as she explores fandom and friendship in this first book of a delightful graphic novel series!

Meet Cloud Puppy! Her hobbies include making rainbows, supersniffing, and, of course, reading the Pretty Princess Warrior Dragonetta series with her best friend, Berry Rose.

After Cloud Puppy finds out that her favorite author will be a guest at the local comic book convention, she and Berry Rose decide to attend in homemade costumes. But when they both insist on dressing up as the same character, the friends have their first fight ever! Now they're going to the convention separately. Will Cloud Puppy and Berry Rose be able to make amends?

Join Cloud Puppy and friends Berry Rose, Jack, and Mossquatch as they navigate fandom, friendship, and new ways to have fun!

KELLY LEIGH MILLER is an illustrator and author who loves everything cute and whimsical. She is the author of *I Am a Wolf*, *I Love My Fangs!*, *I Love My Magic!*, and many more books to come. Her ideas usually come from daydreaming with her sketchbook and past adventures.

Publication Date: #1: May 2024; #2: March 2025; #3: September 2025; #4: June 2026

Ages: 6–8

Page Extent: 160 pp





THE EXPETS

By Mark Tatulli

Imprint: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

The wacky humor of Captain Underpants meets the furry shenanigans of Dog Man in this hilarious new graphic novel series featuring a reluctant dog, thousands of missing kittens, and a lot of STINK!

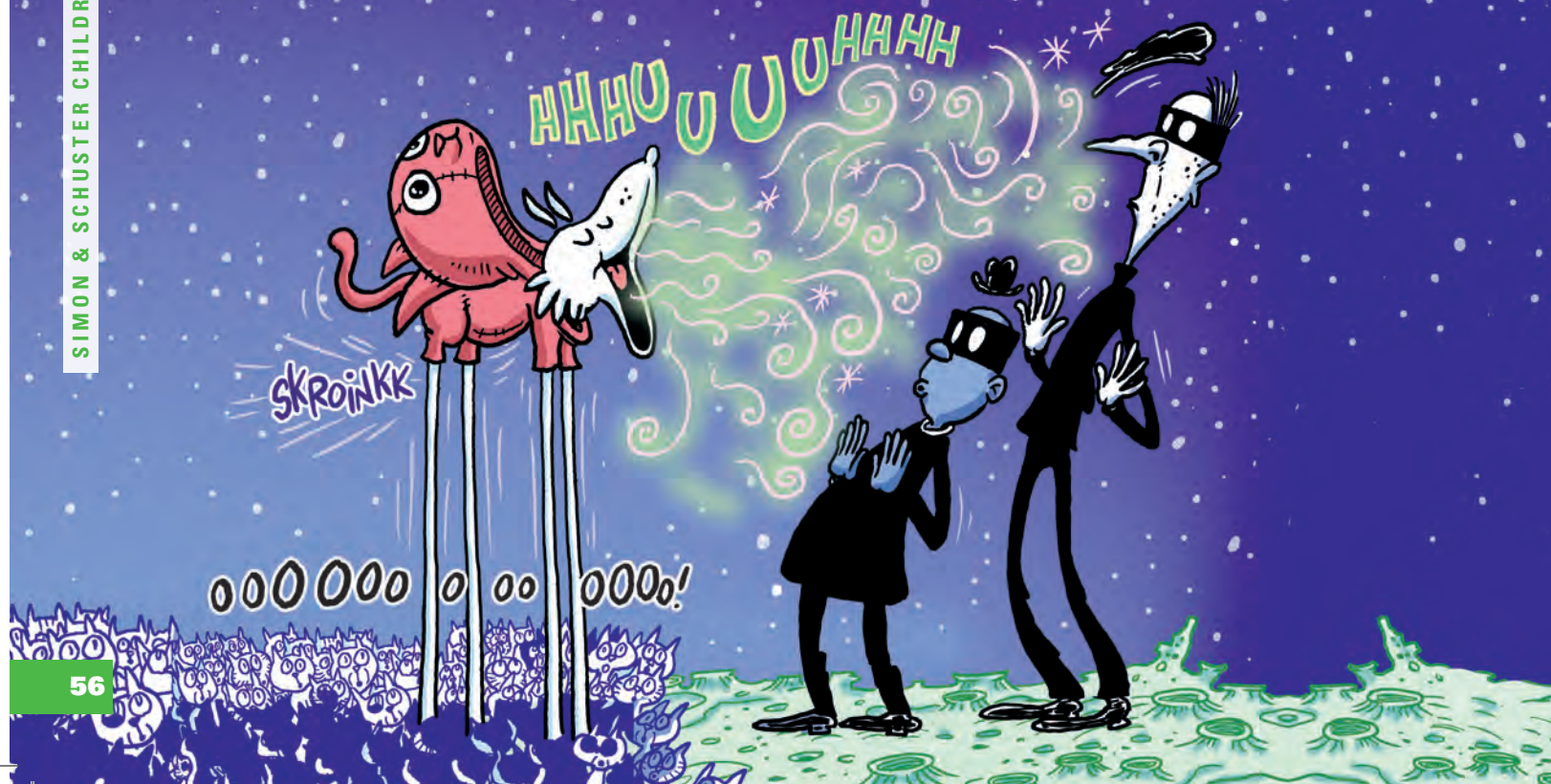
Bosco looooves being a house pet. He loves his comfy dog bed, his nice big house, and of course his favorite stuffed toy kitty. So when two burglars break in, Bosco defends his home with all his might. With his superstretchy legs and some well-timed stink, he makes quick work of them, and all seems well again, until . . . what's this? A robot descending from the sky? A robot taking Bosco to the Big City, and telling him he's been chosen to be part of an extraordinary league called the eXpets? Bosco isn't sure that being supremely stretchy and stinky makes him extraordinary. Plus, these other eXpets—a mangy cat, a ruffled hamster, a guppy (really, a guppy?!)—don't look like much. Besides, who needs that kind of pressure? Blech. Thanks, but no thanks, he'd rather be home in his comfy bed. But when he finds out the first mission has to do with a mysterious force that has captured all the world's KITTENS, how can Bosco possibly say no?

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

Ages: 7–12

Page Extent: 304 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: German





THE GREAT PUPTECTIVE

By Alina Tysoe

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

From Alina Tysoe, webcomic superstar and creator of the comic series *What's Up, Beanie?*, comes a new young graphic novel series with characters that pop right off the page, perfect for fans of InvestiGators and Agent Moose.

Poppy is loud, enthusiastic, and excitable, as all puppies tend to be, but she's also no ordinary puppy. Oh, no, Poppy is . . . a PUPTECTIVE! She's got an eye for crime and a nose to solve any and all mysteries that come her way—like, for example, the mystery of what a “mystery” is exactly anyway.

Now, with Truffles the Cat's precious me-time so rudely disrupted, he makes it his mission to trap Poppy so that he can be rid of her once and for all. Will his plan to ship her to the North Pole be a success? Or will Truffles discover that he and Poppy can actually be good friends and mystery-solving partners?

Publication Date: #1: March 2024; #2: March 2025; #3: March 2026

Ages: 6–9

Page Extent: 128 pp





CAMP PRODIGY

By Caroline Palmer

Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

This heartwarming middle-grade graphic novel follows two nonbinary kids who navigate anxiety, identity, and learning to play viola at their summer orchestra camp.

After attending an incredible concert, Tate Seong is inspired to become a professional violist. There's just one problem: They're the worst musician at their school.

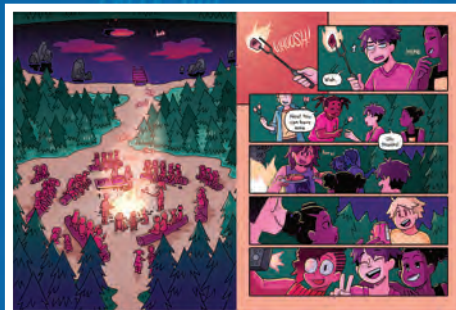
Tate doesn't even have enough confidence to assert themselves with their friends or come out as nonbinary to their family, let alone attempt a solo anytime soon. But things seem to look up when Tate gets the chance to attend a month-long summer orchestra camp, Camp Prodigy, and runs into Eli, the remarkable violist who inspired them to play in the first place.

But Eli has been hiding their skills ever since their time in the spotlight led to a nervous breakdown. Together, can they turn Tate into a star against all odds? Can Eli overcome their performance anxieties? Or will the pressure take them both down?

Publication Date: June 2024

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 256 pp





MIDDLE SCHOOL AND OTHER DISASTERS

#3: BIGGEST SECRET EVER!

#4: WEIRDEST WEEKEND EVER!

By Wanda Coven

Illustrated by Anna Abramskaya

Imprint: Simon Spotlight

New York Times bestseller for 11 weeks and counting!

Heidi makes a great new friend but finds out that she has a big secret. Can Heidi keep the secret and her friend? And what happens when they double the magical energy at Broomsfield Academy? A weekend Heidi will never forget!

In *Biggest Secret Ever!*, Heidi is happily making some new friends at Broomsfield Academy—in particular, a popular girl named Isabelle. But it turns out Isabelle has a big secret that Heidi discovers by accident! Heidi promises to keep the secret, but as more time goes by, it becomes more and more difficult—especially with nosy Melanie Maplethorpe snooping around. This secret is *huge*. Will Heidi be able to keep her promise?

In *Weirdest Weekend Ever!*, it's Friends and Family weekend at Broomsfield Academy, and Heidi couldn't be more excited. Besides her family visiting, her BFF Lucy will be there, and she'll even be staying with Heidi in her room! All the visitors get special, charmed bracelets that help keep everything running smoothly at Broomsfield. After all, when you have an overload of magical people in one very magical place, who knows what could happen? But when some of the guests lose their bracelets, all bets are off. It turns into the weirdest—and most memorable—weekend ever!

Publication Date: #3: March 2024; #4: August 2024

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 352 pp/25K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *WORST BROOMMATE EVER!*: Bulgarian, Catalan, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Spanish, UK, Ukrainian





EXIT NOWHERE

By Juliana Brandt
Imprint: Aladdin

***Jumanji* meets an escape room in this tense, twisty novel where four kids must beat the games to make it out of a haunted house.**

Barret Eloise has always thought that group projects are the worst, but it's especially true now that her history teacher has paired her with her former friend Helena and school basketball star Ridge, who makes her feel invisible, to research an aspect of local history. And her partners have chosen to study the most haunted place in town—the abandoned Raithfield Manor. The only upside: her group also includes Wayne, whom she definitely has a crush on.

After getting as far as they can with research, the kids decide the best way to prove a haunting is to stay in the mansion overnight. At first, the manor seems to be nothing more than an empty building. But when the sun goes down, the doors and windows lock, sealing them inside. Even worse, the room they're in transforms into an all-too-real game of *The Floor Is Lava*. It doesn't take long for the group to realize the mansion is a maze of childhood games. Win them all and they get to leave; lose even one and they stay forever.

Publication Date: September 2024

Ages: 9–13

Page Extent: 352 pp/57K words

THE LEGENDARY MO SETO

By AY Chan
Imprint: Aladdin

A fast-paced debut that's *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* meets *Stand Up, Yumi Chung* as tae kwon do artist Modesty "Mo" Seto must use an ancient book to help save her dreams—and her father.

Twelve-year-old Modesty Seto dreams of being a tae kwon do champion. But lately Mo has been on a losing streak. If only she were faster, stronger, bigger . . .

When Mo learns about movie auditions to star alongside her idol and legendary martial artist/movie star Cody Kwok, she knows this is her chance to prove that she can compete with anyone. But Dax, her archnemesis, is auditioning too.

As Mo and Dax progress to callbacks, someone attempts to sabotage the movie set. At the same time, Mo learns that her dad has disappeared. Both the sabotage and her father's disappearance seem to be linked to a mysterious book, the Book of Joy, which contains the secrets to Xiaoxi Fu, a dance-like martial art developed by Mo's ancestress. Armed with these secret moves and an unexpected ally, Mo embarks on a high-kicking adventure to rescue her father, save the movie, and discover an unexpected joy in being small.

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

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 288 pp/71K words





A GAME OF NOCTIS

By Deva Fagan

Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

A thrilling fantasy about a girl who must participate in a deadly game with a ragtag team of players to save her grandfather from a terrible fate—perfect for fans of James Riley and Shannon Messenger!

In the opulent, sinking city of Dantessa, the Great Game rules all. Pia Paro believes that as long as you follow the rules, you always have a chance at winning. But after her beloved gramps is sentenced to a life of servitude, Pia accepts a dangerous offer and joins a team of players seeking to win the most perilous game of all: Noctis.

The Seafoxes—Pia's new teammates—are unlike anyone she's ever met. There's brash, bold Carlo; macabre Serafina; kindhearted Pasquale; and their dashing ringleader, Vittoria. Each has their own reason for playing, and soon Pia begins to question all her long-held beliefs. Maybe the rules Pia once trusted to lift her up have only been keeping her—and thousands of others like her—down.

As she struggles with these revelations, Pia must survive a gauntlet of clockwork soldiers, perilous underwater adventures, and even a game against Death herself. But with Pia's grandfather's life at stake, Pia must finally decide whether she's brave enough to not just break the rules, but to change the very nature of the Game.

Publication Date: April 2024

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 320 pp/75K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR NIGHTINGALE: Russian



KEEPER OF THE REND

By Lisa Maxwell

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

In this heart-wrenching story full of magical realism, a bird-loving boy from a quiet suburb moves to his nana's goat farm and befriends a strange girl who claims that dangerous, birdlike creatures are crossing through a rip in the sky from another world.

Xavier T. Fletcher is an odd duck. His father thinks so, his older brother thinks so, and most of his schoolmates think so too. Even his mother agrees, and mothers are not supposed to think that sort of thing. But seeing as how birds are one of the budding naturalist's favorite things, he doesn't mind the label quite as much as you might expect.

When Xavier's father loses his job, Xavier's life is turned upside down. He's uprooted from his quiet little suburb to live at the farm of his nana, Susan. There he meets Clementine, a girl with an irritating penchant for shooting the birds Xavier loves so much.

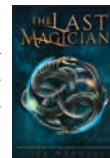
Xavier's not sure what to think when Clem assures him that they aren't really birds. He's even less sure what to think when he discovers that Clem is right, and the things the birds carry in their beaks are dangerous. They come from the Rend—a tear in the sky between our world and the Nother's world. It's up to Xavier and Clem to find a way to keep the darkness from the other world from bleeding over into our own.

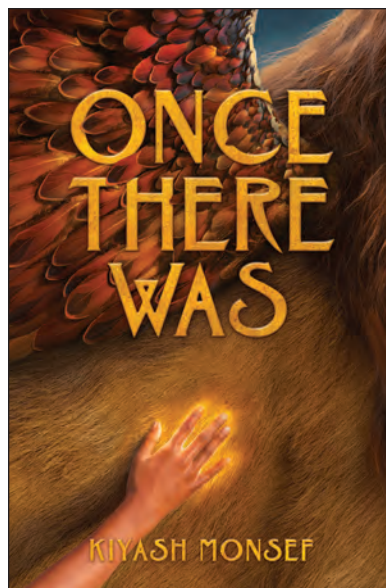
Publication Date: June 2024

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 256 pp/80K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR THE LAST MAGICIAN: Arabic, Dutch, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Russian, Spanish, Turkish





ONCE THERE WAS

By Kiyash Monsef

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

A New York Times bestseller!

***Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* meets Neil Gaiman in this novel about an Iranian American girl who discovers that her father was secretly a veterinarian to magical creatures—and that she must take up his mantle, despite the many dangers.**

Marjan grew up listening to her father's stories—legends of mythical beasts that filled her with curiosity and wonder. But after her father's sudden death, sixteen-year-old Marjan is trying to keep her dad's veterinary practice from going under. Then, one day, she receives a visitor who reveals that Marjan's father was no ordinary veterinarian. The creatures from the stories he told her were real—and he traveled the world to care for them. Now that he's gone, she must take his place.

Marjan steps into a secret world hidden in plain sight, where magical creatures are bought and sold, treasured and trapped. The deeper she gets into treating these animals, the closer she comes to finding out who killed her father—and to a shocking truth that will put humans and beasts in terrible danger.

"Striking and heartfelt." —*Kirkus Reviews*

Publication Date: April 2023

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 416 pp/111K words

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

BLIGHT HARBOR: THE NIGHHOUSE KEEPER

By Lora Senf

Illustrated by Alfredo Cáceres

Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

In this thrilling sequel to *The Clackity*, Evie must once again enter an eerie otherworld to save Blight Harbor's ghosts, defeat the soulless menace threatening both worlds, and steal the only key that can open a door back home before she's trapped forever.

Evie Von Rathe has been home for only a few weeks from her last adventure, when Blight Harbor's beloved ghosts begin to disappear. Did they simply leave without saying goodbye, or has something gone horribly wrong? Soon Evie is invited to a mysterious council meeting, where she learns about the Dark Sun Side and a terrible secret.

It's true: the ghosts *have* gone missing. And that means serious trouble.

With the help of an eleven-year-old (or 111-year-old, but who's counting?) ghost named Lark, trusty Bird, and a plump ghost spider, Evie must find a way to defeat the vicious Nighhouse Keeper who's responsible for the abducted ghosts, save her otherworldly friends, and find her way home from the Dark Sun Side before she's trapped there forever.

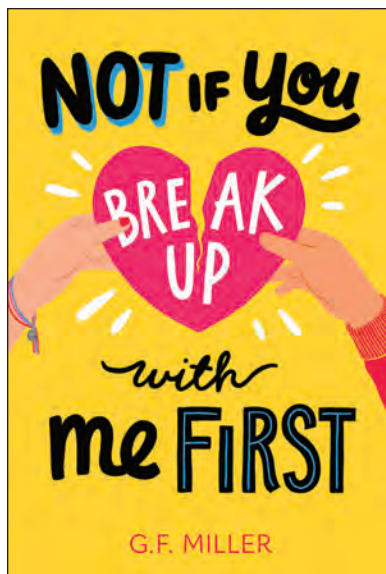
Publication Date: October 2023

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 320 pp/72K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *THE CLACKITY*: French





NOT IF YOU BREAK UP WITH ME FIRST

By G.F. Miller
Imprint: Aladdin

In this sweet spin on *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days*, two friends find themselves in an accidental relationship and become determined to make the other person be the one to call things off . . . but what if they fall for each other in the process?

Childhood friends Eve and Andrew are destined to be together—*everyone* says so, especially their classmates who are suddenly crush-obsessed. So when their first eighth-grade dance rolls around and Eve, feeling the pressure, asks Andrew to go with her, everyone assumes they are Officially Dating. Overwhelmed by everyone's expectations, Eve and Andrew just go along with it.

Except now they're miserable. They don't want to ruin their friendship with *romance*, so they both separately pledge to be the worst boyfriend/girlfriend ever, leaving it to the other person to break up with them. It would be genius if the other person weren't trying to do the exact same thing—and if they weren't developing new feelings for each other in the process. . . .

Not If You Break Up with Me First is just what fans of *The Princess Diaries*, Sarah Dessen, and Lauren Myracle would have devoured in the 2000s, and is perfect for fans of *Flipped*, *Eleanor & Park*, and *Anna and the French Kiss*.

Publication Date: June 2024

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 320 pp/53K words

GIGI SHIN IS NOT A NERD

By Lyla Lee
Imprint: Aladdin

This first book in a sparkling middle-grade series that's *The Baby-Sitters Club* meets *Turning Red* follows a young Korean American girl who starts a business with her best friends to support her artistic dreams.

Jiyoung "Gigi" Shin dreams of becoming an artist and doodles every chance she gets—at school instead of taking notes, in choir instead of singing, and at home instead of homework. Art is her way of escaping her boring life in suburban middle of nowhere. Unfortunately, her working class, immigrant parents want her to focus on her studies and pursue something more "practical." Gigi only really feels like herself in art class and at lunch with her best friends, Carolina and Zeina.

When Gigi learns about an elite art camp, she's determined to attend. But she knows her parents won't let her go, much less pay for it. After overhearing her little brother Tommy complain about how hard math is and how his teacher goes too fast for him, Gigi has a brilliant idea: form a tutoring club with her friends to make money to go to art camp.

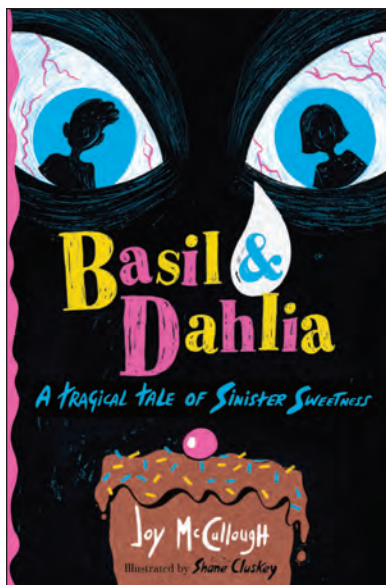
Gigi and her friends go all in, each with a reason for wanting the business to succeed. But the first few sessions with their classmates are a little chaotic, and Gigi wonders if she will end up sacrificing more than she bargained for to achieve her dreams.

Publication Date: #1: March 2024; #2: April 2025

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 192 pp/33K words





BASIL & DAHLIA: A TRAGICAL TALE OF SINISTER SWEETNESS

By Joy McCullough
Illustrated by Shane Cluskey
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Two orphan siblings with some deeply terrible luck battle an evil celebrity chef in this darkly comedic, uproarious adventure romp.

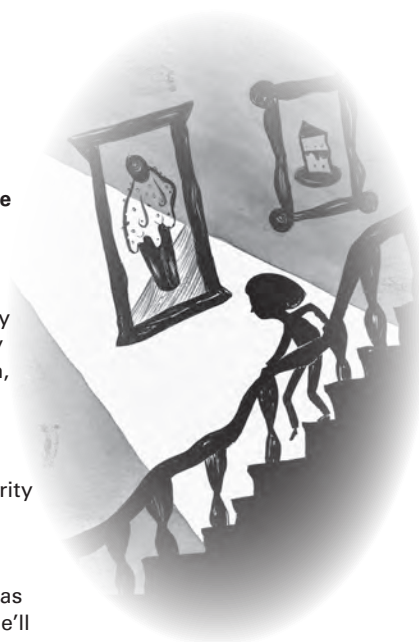
It's hard to imagine things could get worse after one's parents die in a greenhouse explosion. But that is precisely what happens to Basil and his younger sister, Dahlia. They escape from a social worker by jumping off a moving train, only to find themselves wounded and bedraggled. What's more, they're lost in the wilds of New York City.

Famished and alone, they wander into Cravings, the delectable bakery owned by Laurel Fox, a disgraced celebrity chef with a soft spot for poor, hungry orphans. When she offers them luxurious accommodations and all the eclairs they can eat, Basil and Dahlia dare to hope their luck has changed at last. But the savvy reader will know it can't be as simple as all that! Laurel Fox is out for redemption, and she'll do anything to get the sinister secret ingredient she requires.

Publication Date: May 2024

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 288 pp/49K words



PERRY HOMER RUINS EVERYTHING

By Beth Vrabel
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Thirteen-year-old Perry Homer is stuck on a never-ending vacation with his con artist family. Can he convince them all to go home and turn over a new leaf?

Perry Homer's parents skip out on restaurant bills. Uncle Manny uses his legal training to get free stuff. Perry's cousins use their coding skills to scam people. On a disastrous vacation to Lindsborg, "the nicest town in America," Perry's siblings steal their new favorite toys from local businesses and set the town's whimsical Swedish decorations ablaze. The Homers are worthy of the nickname the local news gives them—The Bad Family—and they're having a blast.

Perry thinks he could be good. His favorite teacher recommended him for a scholarship at the prestigious Ithaca School, and it's his chance to change things. He just has to get home from Lindsborg and show up for the interview.

But that's easier said than done. After the Homers get kicked off their plane, Perry comes up with one last scheme to keep them pointed toward home. But can Perry really make it to Ithaca—or is it his fate to ruin everything?

Publication Date: June 2024

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 256 pp/67K words





GROW UP, LUCHY ZAPATA

By Alexandra Alessandri

Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

A funny and moving contemporary novel about two Colombian American girls who have always been BFFs—until starting middle school turns everything upside down

Luchy Zapata is starting sixth grade, and she's muy excited. She and her two best friends, Cami and Mateo, will finally be at the same school. Luchy and Mateo will be in art class together, and she and Cami can try out for the same soccer team!

But Cami has been acting weird ever since she got back from visiting family in Colombia. She's making new, "cool" friends, who just seem mean. And suddenly everything about Luchy and Mateo is too immature for her.

When Cami and her new friend Melissa steal Luchy's soccer shoes, causing Luchy to flub the tryouts, it's one step too far. Luchy is determined to teach Cami a lesson or two and remind her of how special their friendship is. They've been BFFs their whole lives, and that can't just disappear in a poof of glitter! But what if Cami doesn't even want to be friends anymore?

Publication Date: July 2024

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 256 pp/50K words



SUNNY PARKER IS HERE TO STAY

By Margaret Finnegan

Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

A determined girl spends the summer before middle school learning to stand up for her low-income community in this funny, fast-paced read just right for fans of Kelly Yang's *Front Desk*.

Sunny Parker loves the Del Mar Garden Apartments, the affordable housing complex where she lives. And she *especially* loves her neighbors. From her best friend, Haley Michaels, to Mrs. Garcia and her two kids—her developmentally disabled son, AJ, and bitter but bighearted daughter, Izzy—every resident has a story and a special place in Sunny's heart.

Sunny never thought living at the Del Mar Garden Apartments made her different—until the city proposes turning an old, abandoned school into a new affordable housing complex, and the backlash of her affluent neighborhood teaches Sunny the hard way that not everyone appreciates the community she calls home. Her dad, the Del Mar's manager-slash-handyman, wants Sunny to lie low. But as hurtful rhetoric spreads and the city's public hearing approaches, Sunny realizes that sometimes there's too much at stake to stay silent.

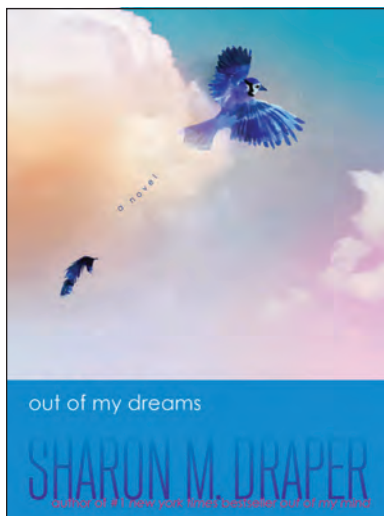
With her friends behind her, Sunny Parker is determined to change the narrative—because she and her community are here to stay!

Publication Date: April 2024

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 288 pp/61K words





COVER NOT FINAL

OUT OF MY DREAMS

By Sharon M. Draper
Imprint: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

In this third book in the #1 *New York Times* bestselling *Out of My Mind* series, Melody finds herself in London with a damaged wheelchair—but perhaps she's going to bump into . . . the king!

When Melody, who has cerebral palsy, saves an elderly actress's life, the woman is so grateful—and impressed by Melody—that she invites her on a trip to London! Melody finally gets to fly on an airplane. (Spoiler alert: we all know what airplanes do with luggage—AHM—so imagine the handling of a wheelchair). Once she's in London, she meets a group of kids from around the world, all of whom are rallying for greater accessibility and more thoughtful approaches on how to make the world more equal for kids with a variety of challenges. And something is going to happen in the Tower of London, but you'll just have to wait to find out what!

Publication Date: September 2024

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 320 pp/65K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *OUT OF MY HEART*: Arabic, Catalan, Chinese (simplified), French, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Romanian, Turkish



DEEP WATER

By Jamie Sumner
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

An impactful, gripping middle-grade novel in verse from acclaimed author Jamie Sumner that spans one girl's marathon swim, calling her mom back home with every stroke

Six hours. One marathon swim.

That's all Tully Birch needs to get her life straightened out. With the help of her best friend, Arch, Tully braves the waters of Lake Tahoe to break the record for the youngest person ever to complete the famous "Godfather swim." She wants to achieve something no one in the world has done, because if she does, maybe, just maybe, her mom will come back.

The swim starts off well—heart steady, body loose, Arch in charge of snacks as needed. But for Tully, all that time alone with her thoughts allows memories to surface. And in the silence of deep waters, sadness can sink you. When the swim turns dangerous, Tully fights for her survival. Does she keep going and risk her own safety and Arch's? Or does she quit to save them both, even if it means giving up hope that her mother will return?

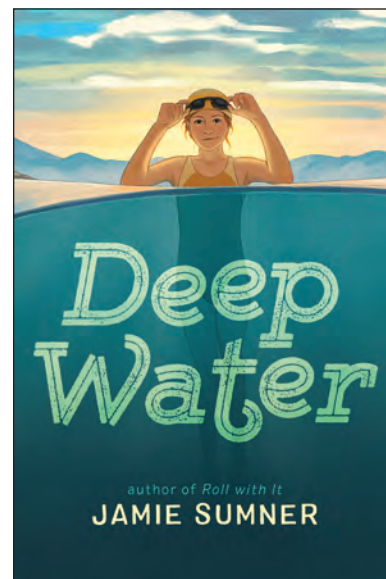
"Readers will feel every wave of Tully's emotions as she risks everything to try to get her mom's attention. A powerful novel in verse." —Lisa Fipps, author of Printz Honor book *Starfish*

Publication Date: April 2024

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 224 pp/23K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *ROLL WITH IT*: French





OTHERWORLDLY

By F.T. Lukens

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Over 300,000 copies of F.T. Lukens titles sold!

A skeptic and a supernatural being make a crossroads deal to achieve their own ends, only to get more than they bargained for in this romantic cozy fantasy from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Spell Bound*, *So This Is Ever After*, and *In Deeper Waters*.

Seventeen-year-old Ellery is a nonbeliever in a region where people swear the supernatural is real. Sure, they've been stuck in a five-year winter, but there's got to be a scientific explanation. If goddesses were real, they wouldn't abandon their charges like this, leaving farmers like Ellery's family to scrape by.

Knox is a familiar from the Other World, a magical assistant sent to help humans who have made crossroads bargains. But it's been years since he heard from his queen, and Knox is getting nervous about what he might find once he returns home. When the crossroads demons come to collect Knox, he panics and runs. A chance encounter down an alley finds Ellery coming to Knox's rescue, successfully fending off the would-be abductors.

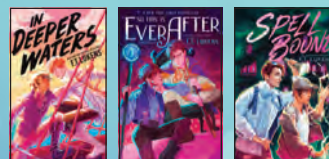
Ellery can't quite believe what they've seen. And they *definitely* don't believe the nonsense this unnervingly attractive guy spews about his paranormal origins. But Knox needs to make a deal with a human who can tether him to this realm, and Ellery needs to figure out how to stop this winter to help their family. Once their bargain is struck, there's no backing out, and the growing connection between the two might just change everything.

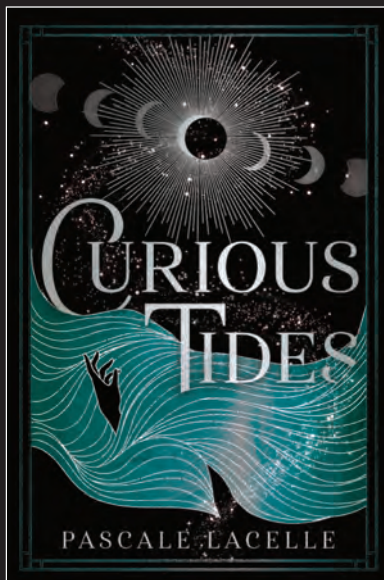
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Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 352 pp/95K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *SO THIS IS EVER AFTER*: Czech, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Spanish, UK





CURIOUS TIDES

By Pascale Lacelle

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Rights sold in twelve languages and counting!

***Ninth House* meets *The Hazel Wood* in this gorgeous dark academia fantasy debut following a young mage who believes her secret drowned with her classmates—until their bodies start washing ashore.**

Emory might be a student at the prestigious Aldryn College for Lunar Magics, but her healing abilities have always been mediocre at best—until a treacherous night in the Dovermere sea caves leaves a group of her classmates dead and her as the only survivor. Now Emory is plagued by strange, impossible powers that no healer should possess. Powers that would ruin her life if the wrong person were to discover them.

With the help of her school's most reclusive student, Baz—a boy already well versed in the deadly nature of darker magic—Emory must gain control of her new abilities. She's determined to seek the truth behind the drownings and the cultlike secret society she's convinced her classmates were involved in, especially since one of those drowned classmates happened to be Baz's sister and her best friend. But her investigation is made all the more urgent when the supposedly drowned students start washing ashore—*alive*—only for them each to immediately die horrible, magical deaths.

Emory is not the only one seeking answers. When her new magic captures the society's attention, she finds herself drawn into their world of privilege and power, all the while wondering if the truth she's searching for might lead her right back to Dovermere . . . to face the fate she was never meant to escape.

★ "By combining elements common to fantastical dark academia novels with innovative worldbuilding, multifaceted plotting, and an intersectionally diverse cast boasting nuanced character arcs, Lacelle crafts a lavishly imagined dual-narrative tale that will capture readers like a rip current." — *Publishers Weekly*, starred review

Book two in this duology is scheduled for Fall 2024.

Publication Date: October 2023

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 544 pp/152K words

RIGHTS SOLD: Czech, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Slovak, Spanish, Turkish, UK, Ukrainian



A MAGIC FIERCE AND BRIGHT

By Hemant Nayak

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

A young technomancer must team up with her rival—a handsome thief with a crooked grin—in order to save her sister in this propulsive, magic-filled fantasy that is perfect for fans of Marvel movies and *Pacific Rim*.

Adya wants nothing more than to be left alone. Loyal to no one but herself in the isolated jungles of South India, all she dreams about is finding her lost sister, Priya. It's too bad that her rare ability to wake electrical machines—using the magic that wiped them out five centuries ago—also makes her a coveted political pawn. Everyone seems to believe that her technomancy can help them win the endless war for control over the magic's supernatural source.

These senseless power struggles mean little to Adya. But when foreign soldiers dangle news of her sister before her, she's all too quick to leap at the chance to bring Priya back, even if it means teaming up with a rakish, disreputable thief. As the pair struggles to find any trace of Priya, Adya must reconcile the kind of person she is with the kind of person she'd like to be and untangle the web of intrigue, conspiracy, and deceit that threatens to take all of India down with it.

Publication Date: July 2024

Ages: 12 up

Page Extent: 384 pp/95K words



THE REVENANT GAMES

By Margie Fuston
Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

All of Us Villains meets Kingdom of the Wicked in this action-packed fantasy following a teen determined to win the competition held by warring vampire and witch kingdoms, only to develop complicated feelings for the vampire she's supposed to hand over.

Blood is survival for seventeen-year-old Bly, who lives in the poverty-stricken human villages caught between enemy vampire and witch kingdoms. Most of the time, vampires and witches live in an uneasy truce, buying human blood for their food and spells. But for two weeks a year, the truce dissolves, and they hold the Revenant Games.

Any human can play in the games for either the witches or the vampires. Along with life-changing riches, the witches will raise one person from the dead as a prize for whoever captures the highest-ranking vampire. For their part, the vampires offer immortality to whoever captures the most powerful witch. For most humans the games are a ticket out of poverty. For Bly it's a chance to get back her dead sister, Elise, and save the life of her dying best friend, Emerson.

Together, she and Emerson forge a dangerous plan to play both sides and win both prizes: resurrection for Elise and immortality for Emerson. But when the vampire they capture stirs a passion in Bly that she hasn't felt in a long time, she'll have to make a choice: her sister or the boy who's shown her there's more to life than just survival.

Publication Date: March 2024

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 416 pp/105K words

RIGHTS SOLD: German

RIGHTS SOLD FOR CRUEL ILLUSIONS: Hungarian, Spanish, Turkish, UK





PRIDE AND PREJUDICE AND PITTSBURGH

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

Over a million Rachael Lippincott books sold!

From the *New York Times* bestselling coauthor of *Five Feet Apart* and *She Gets the Girl* comes a fresh and inventive sapphic romantic comedy that's *What If It's Us* meets *Bridgerton*.

What if you found a once-in-a-lifetime love . . . just not in your lifetime?

After getting dumped by her first love, Audrey has no intention of putting her heart on the line again. Yet when the local curmudgeon says he can help her, Audrey accepts and finds herself transported back to 1812 to become a Regency romance heroine.

Lucy isn't expecting to find an oddly dressed girl claiming to be from two hundred years in the future on her family's estate. But she has to admit it's a welcome distraction from being courted by a man her father expects her to marry.

As the two attempt to figure out how to send Audrey home, they both try to fall for the suitors chosen for them. Instead, they find they don't have to try at all to fall for each other. But can a most unexpected love story survive even more impossible circumstances?

Publication Date: August 2023

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 336 pp/74K words

RIGHTS SOLD: Czech, German, Portuguese (Brazil), Spanish, UK



FORGET ME NOT

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

Perfect for fans of *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, this tender solo debut by the coauthor of *New York Times* bestseller *She Gets the Girl* is an ode to the strength of love and the power of choosing each other, against odds and obstacles, again and again.

What would you do if you forgot the love of your life ever even existed?

Stevie and Nora had a love. A secret, epic, once-in-a-lifetime kind of love. They also had a plan: to leave their small, ultra-conservative town behind after graduation and move to California, where they could finally stop hiding that love.

But then Stevie has a terrible fall. And when she comes to, she can remember nothing of the last two years—not California, not coming to terms with her sexuality, not even Nora. Stevie finds herself in a life she doesn't quite understand, and Nora finds herself . . . forgotten. Can the two beat the odds a second time and find their way back together when "together" itself is just a lost memory?

★ "A punch to the gut in the best way." —*Booklist*, starred review

Publication Date: April 2023

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 320 pp/78K words

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US FICTION

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LOVE, OFF THE RECORD

By Samantha Markum

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

***The Hating Game* meets *You've Got Mail* in this smart, swoony YA rom-com about two rival journalism students competing for the same position on their university newspaper.**

Wyn is going to beat Three if it kills her. As freshmen staffers on the university newspaper, they're at the bottom of the pecking order. And when a rare reporter spot opens up, Wyn is set on making it hers, but Three won't go down without a fight. With their dreams on the line, they begin a game of sabotage that's certain to push their rivalry to the point of no return.

On her search for the perfect story to cover, Wyn discovers an anonymous, campus-wide dating app, and she hits it off with a mystery man she thinks might be the cute RA. All too familiar with being rejected because of her weight, Wyn is hesitant to reveal her identity, even as she grows closer with her anonymous match.

When the biggest story on campus turns out to be closer to home than either Wyn or Three expect, the two must put aside their differences in order to expose the truth—no matter the cost.

Publication Date: June 2024

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 352 pp/90K words



FINALLY FITZ

By Marisa Kanter

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

A bisexual teen girl tries to make her ex jealous by faking an Instagram romance that leads to surprisingly real feelings in this hijinks-filled rom-com perfect for fans of *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* and *She Gets the Girl*.

Ava "Fitz" Fitzgerald has worked hard to create a picture-perfect life. She spent her junior year turning her passion for sustainable fashion into a viral platform and spending every free second with her soon-to-graduate girlfriend, Danica. And this summer she plans to attend a prestigious fashion program in New York City and convince Dani that they can survive long distance. But when Dani dumps her, accusing Fitz of being more invested in growing her platform than deepening their relationship, she's left heartbroken and creatively blocked.

Fitz will do anything to win Dani back, even if that means taking an online hiatus. But when a chance encounter reunites Fitz with Levi Berkowitz, her childhood best friend who is struggling with heartbreak of his own, she finds a new use for her social media savvy. Fitz can help Levi craft a fake relationship online to make his person jealous . . . if in return he'll pretend to be her boyfriend in front of Dani to make *her* jealous. But when real history leads to not-so-fake feelings, Fitz will have to decide if she's finally willing to let go of picture-perfect and choose what might actually be right for her.

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CONDITIONS OF A HEART

By Bethany Mangle

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

For fans of Talia Hibbert and Lynn Painter comes a funny and unflinchingly honest story about a girl who must come to terms with her disability and what it means for herself, her love life, and her future.

Brynn Kwan is desperate for her high school persona to be real. That Brynn is head of the yearbook committee, the favorite for prom queen, and definitely not crumbling from a secret disability that's rapidly wearing her down. If no one knows the truth about her condition, Brynn doesn't have to worry about the pitying looks. She's even willing to let go of her first love, Oliver, rather than reveal that a necessary surgery was the reason she ignored his existence all summer.

But after Brynn tries to break up a fight at a pep rally and winds up barred from all her clubs and senior prom, she has nothing left to prop up her illusion of being just like everyone else. During a weeklong suspension, she realizes that she doesn't quite recognize the face in the mirror. With a healthy sister who simply doesn't understand and a confused ex-boyfriend who won't just take a hint and go away, Brynn begins to wonder if it's possible to reinvent her world by being the person she thought no one wanted: herself.

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HOT BOY SUMMER

By Joe Jiménez
Imprint: MTV Books

Fans of Benjamin Alire Sáenz, Adam Silvera, and Becky Albertalli (plus *RuPaul's Drag Race*) will swoon for this heartwarming, hilarious contemporary YA novel about four gay teens and the summer that changes their lives by award-winning author and high school English teacher Joe Jiménez.

Mac has never really felt like he belonged. He was always pretending to be someone he wasn't. Finding Cammy was momentous—he could finally be his authentic self around someone else. But Cammy could be cruel, and his “advice” often came off as very harsh. And then Mac meets Flor, who shows him that you can be both fierce and kind, and Mikey, who is superhot and might think the same about him. Over the course of one hot, life-changing summer, Mac will stand face-to-face with desire, betrayal, and letting go of shame, which will lead him to make huge discoveries about himself, his family, his friendships, and, most importantly, about the realness of truly belonging.

Told in Mac's infectious, joyful, gay AF voice, *Hot Boy Summer* serves up a tale as important as hope itself: four gay teens doing what they can to connect and have the fiercest summer of their lives.

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BETTING ON YOU

By Lynn Painter
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Better than the Movies*, this swoonworthy rom-com in the vein of *She's All That* and *10 Things I Hate About You* follows a teen girl who unwittingly finds herself at the center of a bet.

When seventeen-year-old Bailey starts a new job at a hotel waterpark, she is less than thrilled that an old acquaintance is one of her coworkers. Charlie's cynicism never mixed well with Bailey's careful, well-behaved temperament.

The two are still polar opposites, but Bailey starts to look forward to gossiping with him about their coworkers—particularly two who keep flirting with each other. Bailey and Charlie make a bet on whether the pair will actually get together. Charlie insists that members of the opposite sex can't just be friends, and Bailey is determined to prove him wrong.

But this isn't the only scheme Bailey and Charlie have hatched. They start “fake dating” in a ploy to meddle in Bailey's mom's love life. Soon Bailey starts to see Charlie as more than a friend. What's worse, Charlie is feeling the same way. But Charlie has a secret—a secret that involves Bailey and another bet Charlie made. Can the two make a real go of things, or has Charlie's secret doomed them before they could start?

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KINGDOM OF WITHOUT

By Andrea Tang

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

A wily young thief must use her wits to survive the hungry city she calls home in this *Les Misérables*-inspired cyberpunk novel that is perfect for fans of *Six of Crows*, *The Gilded Wolves*, and *Fullmetal Alchemist*.

When Zhong Ning'er takes the job, she expects a smash and grab burglary she's doing to make rent and help out a friend. What she doesn't expect: a sad-eyed army boy who dreams of insurrection, a former rebel leader trapped inside a secret lab, and a group of thieves who are first collaborators then compatriots, and then, perhaps, friends.

But this is Beijing, nearly a hundred and fifty years since General Yuan Shikai successfully declared himself the Emperor of China. His descendants rule the country from their seat in the imperial city, and their gendarmerie—the Beiyang Army—run the streets, aided by cyborgs and the Brocade Guard. Walls have risen, dividing the city into Rings—nominally only by geography but, in truth, by class. Earthquakes devastate the northern farmlands, crops drown in the southern typhoons, and all over the country people are hooked on a drug they call Complacency.

As a Sixth Ring girl who watched previous uprisings crushed brutally by the court, Ning'er isn't much of an optimist, and she's certainly no revolutionary. But that might not be up to her—as the stakes get higher, the time for passivity is quickly running out, and she must decide if she wants to sit idly in her cynicism or embrace the breathless, terrible possibility of hope.

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UNBECOMING

By Seema Yasmin

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

From acclaimed writer, journalist, and physician Seema Yasmin comes a debut novel about two girls navigating impossible choices and the impact of government regulations on their bodies.

Laylah and Noor are going to change the world. They've got big plans after high school: graduating, becoming an OBGYN and a journalist, and publishing an illegal guide to abortion in Texas. All perfectly respectable aspirations for two Muslim teenage girls, right?

In a speculative America not so distant from our own where abortions are prosecuted and the right to choose is no longer an option, Laylah and Noor try to help people access the underground abortion clinic networks—but what if it's not that simple? What happens when it gets harder and harder to get safe medication, supplies, or help? And what happens when one of them finds herself in the very precarious position they are fighting so hard to change?

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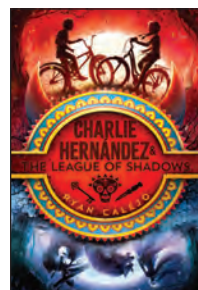
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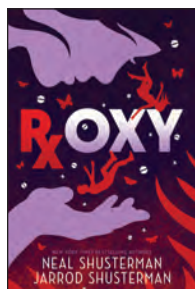
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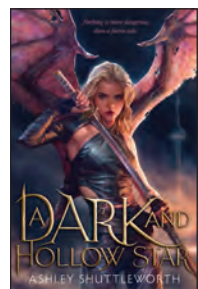
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