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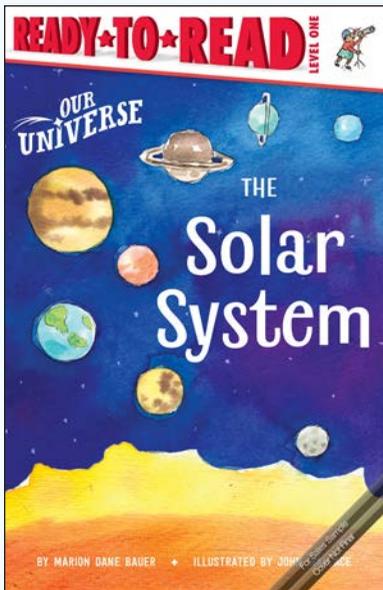
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OUR UNIVERSE: THE SOLAR SYSTEM

By Marion Dane Bauer
Illustrated by John Wallace
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

The fifth book in the Our Universe series explores the solar system—perfect for kids who love science and space!

Why do planets orbit the sun? What are Saturn’s rings made of? Readers can explore the solar system in this stellar Level 1 Ready-to-Read.

Publication Date: August 2024

Ages: 4–6

Page Extent: 32 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Korean, Spanish



KIDS AROUND THE WORLD: SCHOOL'S IN SESSION

By Elizabeth Dennis

GAME ON!

By Maria Le

WHAT'S COOKING?

By Patty Michaels

All books illustrated by Clarice Elliott

Imprint: Simon Spotlight

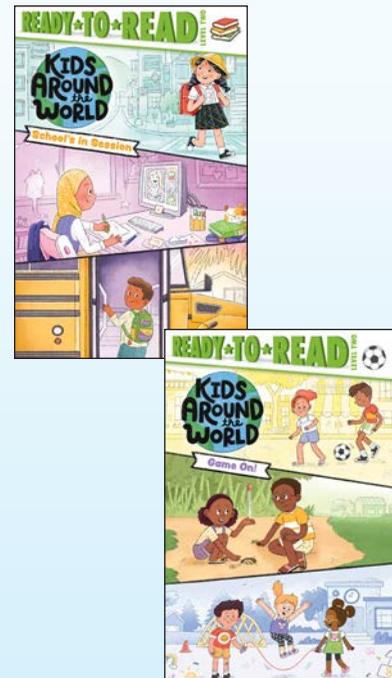
Kids Around the World is a new nonfiction Ready-to-Read series that takes readers all around the globe!

This fun and engaging series presents the familiarity of everyday life in an international and fresh way. What kind of playground games do kids play in South Africa? Did you know that chess originated in India? What sweet treats do kids eat for special occasions around the world? With relatable and fun facts, playful illustrations, and interactive back matter, readers will love exploring the world in this Level 2 Ready-to-Read series.

Publication Date: *School:* August 2024; *Game:* August 2024; *Cooking:* December 2024

Ages: 5–7

Page Extent: 32 pp

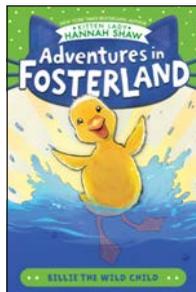


ADVENTURES IN FOSTERLAND: BILLIE THE WILD CHILD

By Hannah Shaw
Illustrated by Bev Johnson
Imprint: Aladdin

From *New York Times* bestselling author Hannah Shaw—also known as Kitten Lady—comes an exciting and heartwarming new chapter book series chronicling the adventures of young kittens and other animal babies in Fosterland!

Publication Date: April 2024
Ages: 6–9
Page Extent: 160 pp
RIGHTS SOLD: French

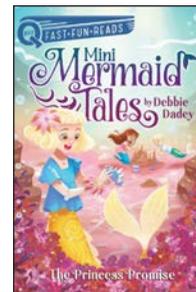


MINI MERMAID TALES #3: THE PRINCESS PROMISE

By Debbie Dadey
Illustrated by Fuuji Takashi
Imprint: Aladdin

Next in the Mini Mermaid Tales, the QUIX series in which little mermaids have adventures with their deep-sea friends, Poppy dreams of meeting a princess!

Publication Date: October 2024
Ages: 5–8
Page Extent: 96 pp



LEGENDARIOS #3: THE CHILD KING OF UXMAL

By Karla Arenas Valenti
Illustrated by Vanessa Morales
Imprint: Aladdin

Magic Tree House meets Heroes in Training in this action-packed chapter book series inspired by Mexican mythology that follows twins whose magical book transports them to incredible places!

Publication Date: December 2024
Ages: 7–10
Page Extent: 144 pp
RIGHTS SOLD: Spanish

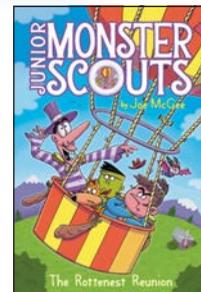


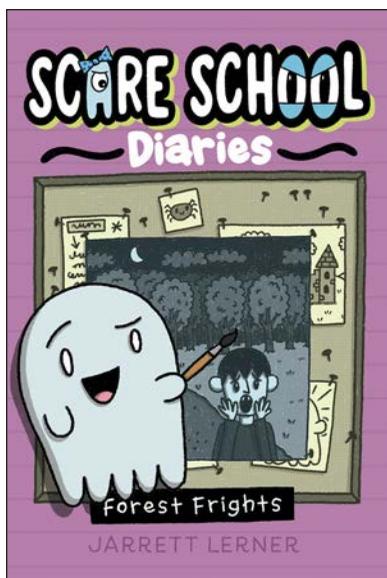
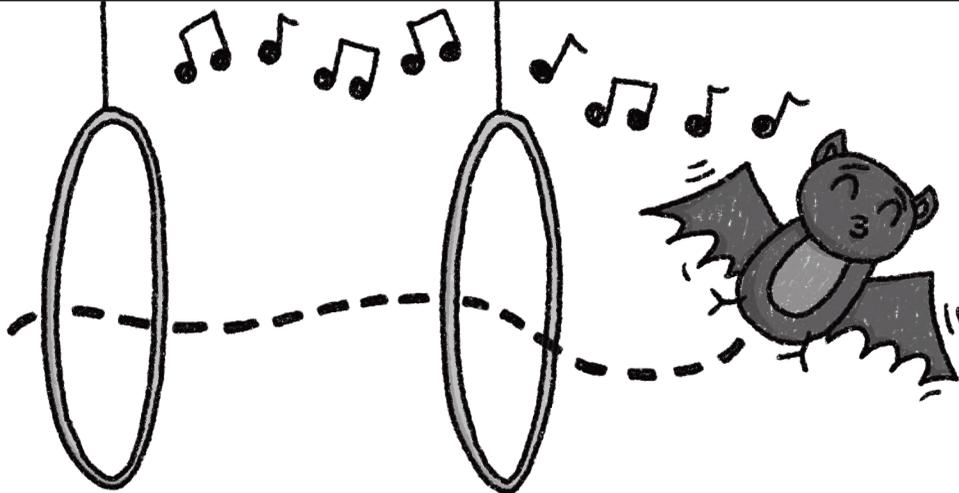
JUNIOR MONSTER SCOUTS #8: THE ROTTENEST REUNION

By Joe McGee
Illustrated by Ethan Long
Imprint: Aladdin

Join the Junior Monster Scouts for adventures full of hijinks and fun in this hilarious chapter book series that's perfect for fans of Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol and *Hotel Transylvania*!

Publication Date: September 2024
Ages: 7–10
Page Extent: 144 pp





SCARE SCHOOL DIARIES #2: FOREST FRIGHTS

By Jarrett Lerner

Imprint: Aladdin

Bash the ghost returns for the second session at Scare School, the world's premier institution for elementary scare instruction.

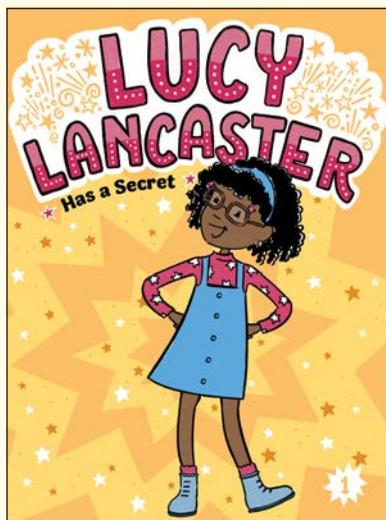
Bash is feeling a bit more confident and excited about his classes starting up again. But when Vlad and Vicky, the mischievous vampires, join his group project, Bash starts worrying if this mean-spirited duo are going to take the bite out of his good grade!

Publication Date: November 2024

Ages: 5–8

Page Extent: 128 pp



**LUCY LANCASTER****#1: LUCY LANCASTER HAS A SECRET****#2: LUCY LANCASTER AND THE STORMY DAY**

By Willow Coven

Illustrated by Priscilla Burris

Lucy Lancaster, Heidi Heckelbeck's best friend, sprinkles magical mishaps into everyday childhood adventures in this charming chapter book series.

Lucy Lancaster is good at being a lot of things. She's a best friend, stellar student, and budding Super Flag Tag athlete. But there is one thing she hadn't planned on being: magic!

In *Lucy Lancaster Has a Secret*, mayhem breaks out after Lucy develops a mysterious case of the hiccups. They aren't just ordinary hiccups—they have the magical power to make her dreams *and* nightmares come true. Luckily, a fellow witch lends a hand, teaching Lucy how to cast her very first spell and get things back under control!

In *Lucy Lancaster and the Stormy Day*, when a trip to the museum doesn't go as planned, Lucy accidentally sets off a literal thunderstorm. Thanks to her magic, her bummed day is turning into an even bigger bummer! But can a little bit *more* magic help bring the sun back out?

With easy-to-read language and illustrations on almost every page, Lucy Lancaster chapter books are perfect for emerging readers.

Publication Date: January 2025

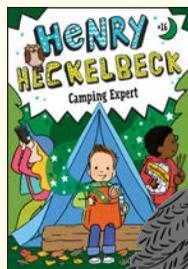
HENRY HECKELBECK**#16: HENRY HECKELBECK CAMPING EXPERT**

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: August 2024

**HEIDI HECKELBECK****#36: HEIDI HECKELBECK THE SECRET'S OUT!**

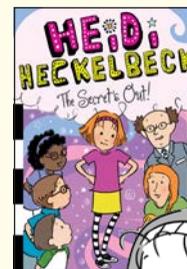
By Wanda Coven

Illustrated by Priscilla Burris

Join Heidi Heckelbeck and her friends at Brewster Elementary on their charming adventures. With more than 2 million books in print, Heidi continues to cast her spell on emerging readers in one of our longest-running series.

Publication Date: September 2023

RIGHTS SOLD: French, Hebrew, Hungarian



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.

CAPTAIN AWESOME

#26: CAPTAIN AWESOME AND THE SMILE SNATCHER

By Stan Kirby
Illustrated by Doc Moran

Save the day with the Sunnyview Superhero Squad in this action-packed illustrated chapter book series!

Publication Date: October 2024



THE CRITTER CLUB

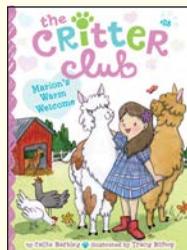
#28: MARION'S WARM WELCOME

By Callie Barkley
Illustrated by Tracy Bishop

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

Publication Date: November 2024

RIGHTS SOLD: Hebrew



DESMOND COLE GHOST PATROL

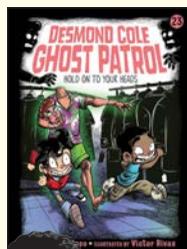
#23: HOLD ON TO YOUR HEADS!

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: October 2024

RIGHTS SOLD: French, Russian



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



THE KINGDOM OF WRENLY

#21: PATH OF THE WINTER BEAST

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: August 2024

RIGHTS SOLD: German, Mongolian



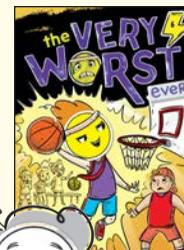
THE VERY WORST EVER

#6: GO FOR THE GOLD

By Andy Nonamus
Illustrated by Amy Jindra

Meet a totally normal kid who will never show you his face or tell you his name because his bad-luck adventures are just too *cringe* in this illustrated chapter book series.

Publication Date: November 2024



For all chapter books:

Ages: 5–9 **Page Extent:** 128 pp



CUPCAKE DIARIES: THE NEW BATCH #2: NATALIE'S DOUBLE TROUBLE #3: REN'S ONE-OF-A-KIND CUPCAKES

By Coco Simon
Illustrated by Manuela López
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

A younger sister to the original Cupcake Diaries, this chapter book series follows a group of friends tackling a baking business while facing the usual challenges of elementary school.

Meet the New Batch: four new girls who are younger than the main characters in the original Cupcake Diaries series but still full of fun! These girls are ready to start their own baking business while juggling elementary school problems like fitting in, maintaining friendships, making new friends, and navigating family drama. These stories are told with the same sweetness and humor of the original Cupcake Diaries series.

Publication Date: #2: June 2024; #3: August 2024

Ages: 5–9

Page Extent: 96 pp/4K words



CUPCAKE DIARIES: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL #6: MIA'S BAKER'S DOZEN

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!

Cupcake Diaries graphic novels are chock-full of the middle school angst and humor that emerging readers are looking for, and they have a sweetness that makes them ideal for younger readers who are just getting into graphic novels. With age-appropriate text, perfectly paced storytelling, and fresh, bright, exciting illustrations, Cupcake Diaries graphic novels look as good as they read!

Over 300,000 copies sold since the graphic novel series launched in 2022!

PRAISE FOR BOOK ONE:

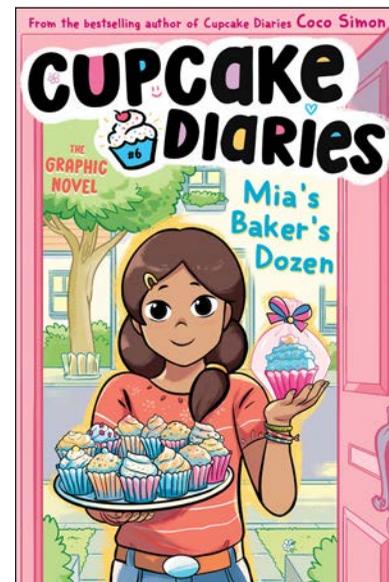
"A delightful story of friendship and starting middle school." —*Kirkus Reviews*

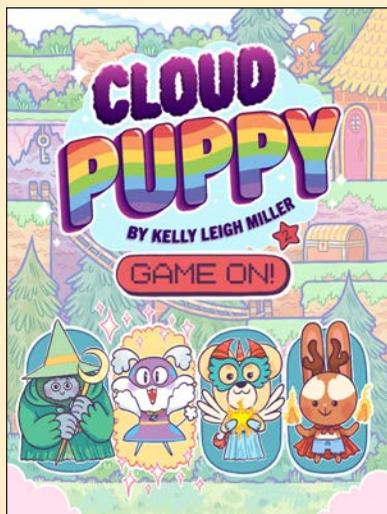
Publication Date: October 2024

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 160 pp/20K words

RIGHTS SOLD: French, Hebrew, Spanish





CLOUD PUPPY #2: GAME ON!

By Kelly Leigh Miller
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Join quirky and cute Cloud Puppy as she explores video games and teamwork in the second book of this delightful graphic novel series!

Cloud Puppy loves playing Valley of Runes, a cozy farming video game. But when Jack says that his favorite games are better, Cloud Puppy begins to feel badly about the things she likes—until she learns that Jack has never even played Valley of Runes! Cloud Puppy challenges her picky pal to a game trade-off to share their favorite games. But Jack has other plans: he thinks it will be fun to surprise Cloud Puppy with a scary game. The only problem is, he’s never played it himself!

Can everyone find a game they’ll all enjoy without getting too spooked? Join Cloud Puppy and her friends on this adventure and more as they explore games, friendship, and new ways to have fun!

Publication Date: March 2025

Ages: 6–9

Page Extent: 160 pp/9K words



THE GREAT PUPTECTIVE #2: PURRANORMAL ACTIVITY

By Alina Tysoe
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

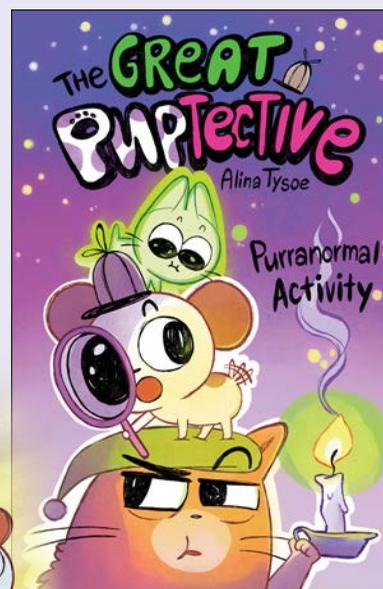
Enthusiastic Poppy the pupetective and Truffles the grumpy cat are back to solve a very spooky ghost mystery in the second book in this hilarious and lovable early graphic novel series!

When a new neighbor moves into the house next door, Poppy the pupetective couldn’t be more uninterested. After all, she has a mystery to solve: Who is the unseen culprit behind all the chewed-up furniture? But when Poppy catches a possible ghost playing with Truffles’s toys in the middle of the night, Poppy and Truffles must join together to figure out what is going on next door.

Publication Date: March 2025

Ages: 6–9

Page Extent: 128 pp/45K words





SPIRITED #4: FANGS FOR THE MEMORIES

By Liv Livingston
Imprint: Little Simon

This graphic novel chapter book series follows Liv Livingston, the only living girl in a ghost town, as she learns to fit in and make friends.

Publication Date: October 2024

Ages: 5–9

Page Extent: 144 pp



DRAGON KINGDOM OF WRENLY #11: THE DEAD OF LIGHT

By Jordan Quinn
Imprint: Little Simon

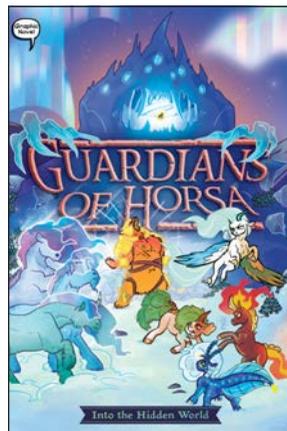
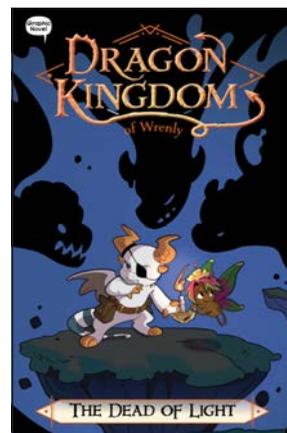
Ruskin, the beloved scarlet dragon from the Kingdom of Wrenly books, stars in this graphic novel series for emerging readers that's full of magical quests, epic adventures, mysterious prophecies, and DRAGONS!

Publication Date: August 2024

Ages: 5–9

Page Extent: 144 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Italian, Mongolian, Russian



GUARDIANS OF HORSA #5: INTO THE HIDDEN WORLD

By Roan Black
Imprint: Little Simon

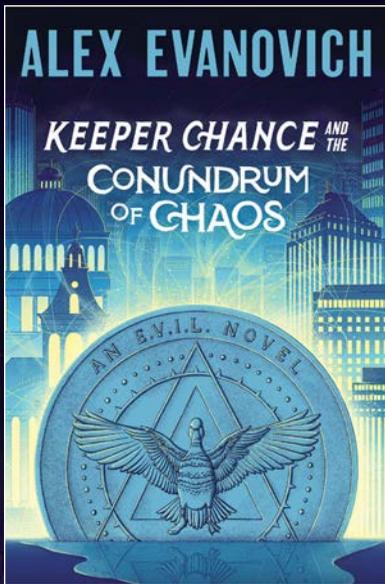
This thrilling graphic novel chapter book series gives *Avatar the Last Airbender* an equine twist when one special yearling must unite the four herds of magical horses, each with a different elemental ability, and usher in a new era.

Publication Date: September 2024

Ages: 5–9

Page Extent: 144 pp





COVER NOT FINAL

EVIL VILLAINS INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE: KEEPER CHANCE AND THE CONUNDRUM OF CHAOS

By Alex Evanovich

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

For graduates of the Percy Jackson & the Olympians series comes an adventure-filled story about good and evil, growing up, and making your mark on the world, by acclaimed author Alex Evanovich.

Keeper Chance is living with his strict and humorless grandmother, scraping by in school with mediocre grades and no friends, when he gets a strange invitation from a mysterious caped man named Chaos. Would Keeper be interested in leaving it all behind to apprentice with E.V.I.L., a society of villains? Unsure if he wants to be a villain, but with nothing to lose, Keeper meets the members of his local E.V.I.L. chapter and is intrigued. More outcasts than outlaws, doing deeds more mischievous than malicious, the villains are convinced Keeper has a hidden skill that could make him valuable to their ranks, and they invite him to undertake some low-grade villainy as a test: pilfering a harmless box of cookies from the city's best bakery.

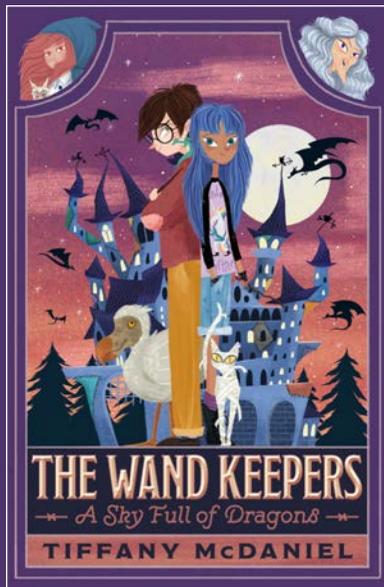
But the night of the heist, Keeper gets swept into a plot bigger than anyone, villain or not, could have imagined when the baker herself, the Cookie Maven, is kidnapped. Keeper sets off on a quest, joined by his new friends—kind and loyal Toby, another young recruit to E.V.I.L., with a formidable gift for gab; Why, the daughter of a shadowy dojo leader, with deadly martial arts skills and an interest in Keeper that may be more than platonic; and the biggest and stinkiest Irish Wolfhound this side of Middle Earth. Keeper's journey takes him from the city's seediest underbelly to its weirdest and fanciest toilet store, and everywhere in between, with implications not only for the survival of villaindom, but for Keeper's untapped skill and hitherto unknown destiny.

"A buddy book, a coming of age, and a hint of romance that is for anyone and everyone with an inner, or outer, child to celebrate. Keeper Chance is brilliant, brave, and most of all . . . fun. I wish I had written this book." —Janet Evanovich, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

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

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 336 pp/72K words



THE WAND KEEPERS #1: A SKY FULL OF DRAGONS

By Tiffany McDaniel

Illustrated by Ayesha L. Rubio

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

For younger fans of *Witchlings* and *Eva Evergreen* comes a lighthearted and whimsical illustrated middle-grade fantasy about a young girl who must save her witch aunt from an uncommonly voracious hat.

Aunt Cauldroneyes, the greatest magical hatmaker in the world, is always looking into cauldrons. She's found everything in these witchy pots, including her most special find of all—a baby with bright blue freckles. Aunt Cauldroneyes names the child Spella and raises her in a crooked house with doors enchanted to smell like chocolate. There Spella grows up in a blissful existence until a stranger appears on their doorstep, asking Aunt Cauldroneyes to fix his hat.

But Aunt Cauldroneyes is suddenly sucked up right inside the hat and stolen away on the very night Spella is set to head off to Dragon Knob—the most wonderful school for wand magic in the world. At Dragon Knob, Spella meets a handful of magical friends, dragons, goblin dogs, and all sorts of witchy wonders while she attempts to find her aunt and save her from whatever doom may await. It's a lot for a middle-school witch to deal with, but Spella is no ordinary witch—as her sparkling blue freckles prove. And Spella will do anything to get her aunt back.

TIFFANY MCDANIEL's debut novel, *The Summer That Melted Everything*, won *The Guardian's* Not the Booker prize and her novel *Betty* was an international bestseller.

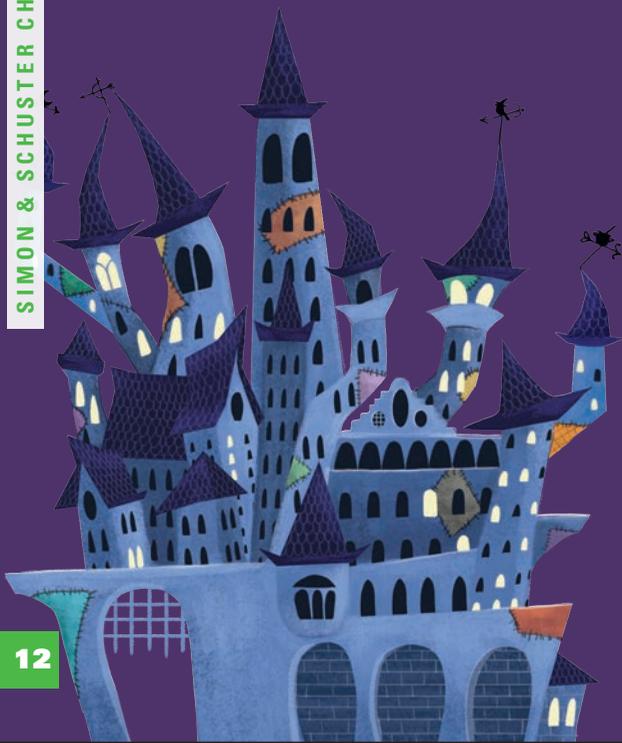
AYESHA L. RUBIO was born in Madrid, Spain. Like many children, she loved to draw. Years later, she studied fine arts in Spain and England and began to work as an illustrator and writer, collaborating with publishers worldwide.

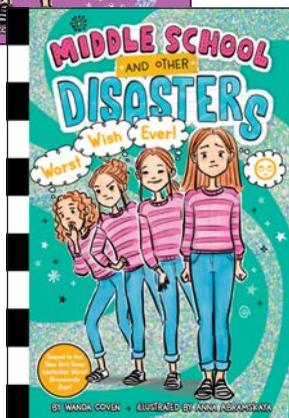
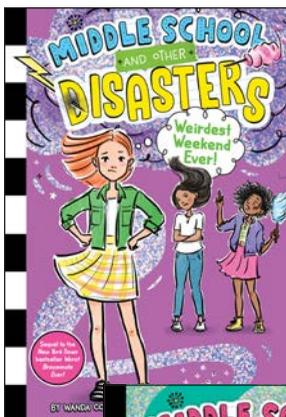
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Ages: 8 up

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MIDDLE SCHOOL AND OTHER DISASTERS

#4: WEIRDEST WEEKEND EVER!

#5: WORST WISH EVER!

By Wanda Coven

Illustrated by Anna Abramskaya

Imprint: Simon Spotlight

Sequels to the *New York Times* bestseller *Worst Broommate Ever!*

In this middle-grade sequel series to the popular chapter books, Heidi Heckelbeck attends a boarding school for witches, tackling relatable problems with her signature magical flair!

In *Weirdest Weekend Ever!*, Broomsfield Academy hosts their annual Friends and Family Weekend, and Heidi's best friend, Lucy Lancaster, comes to visit. With all the extra energy at the school mixing with the magic, things could go haywire, so visitors must wear a charmed bracelet that'll keep everything running smoothly. Nothing will go wrong, right?

In *Worst Wish Ever!*, Heidi learns about a magical wishing well at her school. It's off-limits to students, but Heidi decides to use the wishing well to be in two places at once . . . *just this one time!* Unfortunately for Heidi, anything that can go wrong . . . does!

Publication Date: #4: August 2024; #5: March 2025

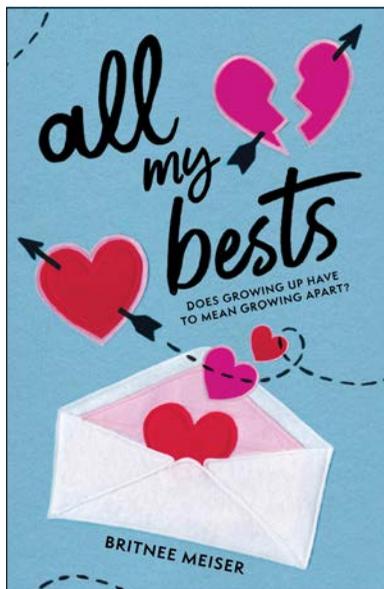
Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 352 pp/25K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *WORST BROOMMATE EVER!*: Arabic, Bulgarian, Catalan, French, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Portuguese (Brazil), Slovak, Spanish, UK, Ukrainian



Rights to this series have been sold in ten territories and counting!



ALL MY BESTS

By Britnee Meiser
Imprint: Aladdin

In the tradition of *Hello, Goodbye, and Everything in Between* and *Why We Broke Up*, Britnee Meiser's *All My Bests* is a smart, emotional upper-middle-grade romance that examines why two young teens can't turn their friendship into something more.

Immie and Jack don't speak anymore. But before that, they were almost in love. And before that, they were best friends. Told through playlists and memories, these are their sides of the story.

Starting high school brings big changes for Immie and Jack, who've been everything to each other ever since Jack crashed his skateboard into Immie's yard when they were seven years old. All of a sudden, a game-winning goal catapults Jack into star status with the soccer team, and Immie is meeting new friends whose questions are making her wonder about the identity of her father for the first time in her life. Amidst all of this, they're both realizing their feelings for each other might run deeper than they thought. Can their friendship—and the promise of something more—weather the storm of growing up?

Publication Date: November 2024

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 304 pp/75K words

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 wasn't trying to do the exact same thing—and if the two weren't developing new feelings for each other in the process. . . .

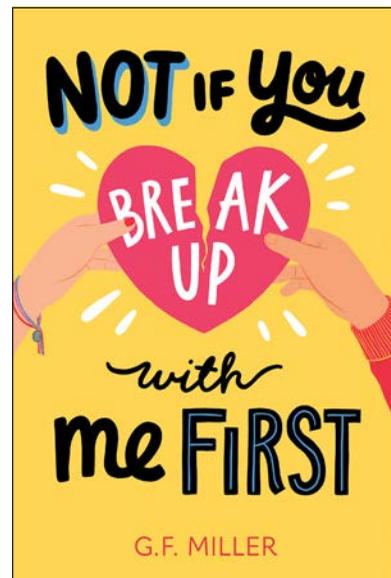
Not If You Break Up with Me First is just what fans of *The Princess Diaries*, Sarah Dessen, and Lauren Myracle would have devoured in the 2000s, and is perfect for fans of *Flipped*, *Eleanor & Park*, and *Anna and the French Kiss*.

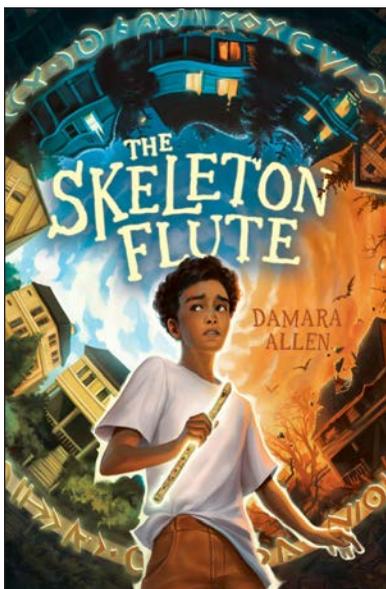
Publication Date: June 2024

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 288 pp/53K words

RIGHTS SOLD: German





THE SKELETON FLUTE

By Damara Allen

Imprint: Aladdin

***Coraline meets Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* in this suspenseful but heartfelt debut middle-grade novel about a wish gone wrong.**

Sam Windsor's family—which includes his parents and two younger siblings, Grayson and Addie—is Sam's whole world. So when his parents announce they are separating, he feels like his life is splitting in two. He'd give anything to make his parents change their minds. And when a stranger in the park offers Sam a flute made of bone and tells him that playing it will grant his greatest wish, Sam is desperate enough to try, no matter how creepy or absurd it sounds.

Then Sam wakes up and his life is literally changed. His parents are happily in love, but it's like his siblings never existed. And that's not the only thing that's off. His best friend is hanging with a different crowd, and Sam is suddenly part of the soccer team, despite never having played a day in his life. Caught in a parallel world full of unintended consequences, Sam will have to find out who the mysterious stranger was, and if there are any others like him, in order to get back to his own life—no matter how hard the challenges facing him in his real life might be.

Publication Date: August 2024

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 352 pp/70K words

THE WEB OF THE SPIDER

#1: RISE OF THE SPIDER

By Michael P. Spradlin

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Witness the chilling rise of the Nazi Party through the eyes of a twelve-year-old boy in this action-packed middle-grade novel for fans of *A Night Divided* and the *I Survived* . . . series.

Heroldsberg, Germany, 1929. Rolf might only be twelve years old, but he's old enough to know that things have not been good in his country since the end of the Great War. Half of Germany is out of work, and life in Heroldsberg is changing in ways that scare him. Every night, Rolf's father and older brother, Romer, have increasingly heated arguments about politics at the dinner table. And when two members of the new Nazi Party, Hans and Nils, move to town, calling themselves part of the Hitler Youth, Rolf is uneasy to see how enamored Romer is by their promises of bringing Germany to glory.

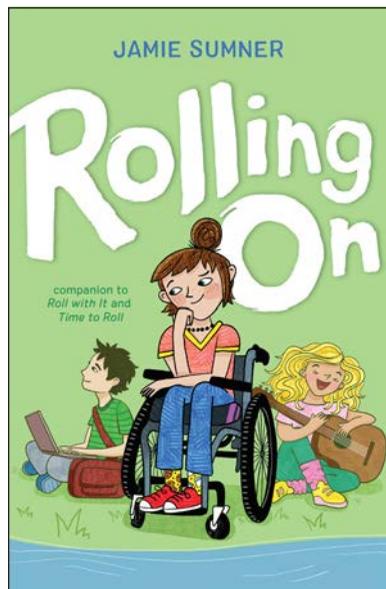
Rolf doesn't trust Hans and Nils for a moment. For all their talk of greatness, they act more like bullies, antagonizing shop owners who are Rolf's friends and neighbors. Yet Romer becomes increasingly obsessed with their message of division, and Rolf watches in horror as his family fractures even further. When there is an act of vandalism against a Jewish-owned business in town, Rolf fears Romer might have something to do with it. Can Rolf find a way to intervene before things get any worse?

Publication Date: September 2024

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 192 pp/30K words





ROLLING ON

By Jamie Sumner
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

In this heartfelt companion to Jamie Sumner's acclaimed and beloved novels *Roll with It* and *Time to Roll*, Ellie finds herself faced with first love and learning to let go.

It's the very end of eighth grade and all everyone can talk about is high school—everyone except Ellie Cowan. Ellie wants to freeze time. Middle school was epic. She moved to Oklahoma, made her best friends, won a baking championship, quit a beauty pageant, and dominated roller derby in her wheelchair.

But now her feelings for her best friend, Bert, are starting to change. When did Bert get so cute? And why are all the other girls suddenly noticing too? As if that isn't enough to deal with, Grandpa's health takes a turn for the worse. So, what do you do when you don't know how to hold on and when to let go? If you're Ellie, you bake and you hug your people and you keep rolling on with a heart wide open.

Publication Date: October 2024

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 224 pp/42K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *ROLL WITH IT*: French, Italian, Japanese



PLEASE PAY ATTENTION

By Jamie Sumner
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

A powerful, moving middle-grade novel in verse from acclaimed author Jamie Sumner about a school shooting and its impact on a girl with special needs

There is a Before and an After for eighth grader Bea Coughlin: *before* the shooting at her school that took the lives of her classmates and teacher, and *after*, when she must figure out how to grieve, live, and keep rolling forward. But as her community rallies in a tidal wave of marches and speeches and protests, Bea can't get past the helplessness she felt in her wheelchair as others around her took cover.

Through the help of horseback-riding therapy, Bea finally begins to feel like herself again. And as she heals, she finds her voice and the bravery to demand change.

Told in powerful verse, *Please Pay Attention* asks the timely question: Who will fight for those who should not have to fight alone?

Publication Date: April 2025

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 240 pp/20K words





BLIGHT HARBOR: THE LONELIEST PLACE

By Lora Senf
Illustrated by Alfredo Cáceres
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

In this thrilling finale to the Blight Harbor series, Evie ventures into the Dark Sun Side to rescue her parents and discovers truths darker than she could have ever imagined.

As summer comes to an end, Evie Von Rathe is determined to begin the search for her parents in earnest. Armed with her knowledge of the otherworldly, her mom's violet glasses, and a pendant full of doors, Evie pieces together the clues. When she realizes her mother's bedtime story might be a road map to finding her family, Evie follows it back to the Dark Sun Side.

But stories are funny things, and they change from one teller to the next.

The black nothing of the Radix is waiting, and it knows more than it ever lets on. Evie will need every bit of courage she has for what's coming. With the menace of the Clackity looming at her heels, Evie has what she hopes is her last adventure under a purple sky. Will it be enough to bring her parents home? What will she lose along the way?

Publication Date: September 2024

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 256 pp/85K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *THE CLACKITY*: French



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.

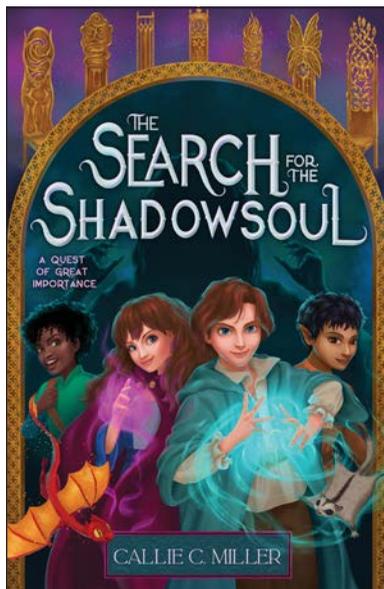
After getting as far as they can with research, the kids decide the best way to prove a haunting is to stay in the mansion overnight. At first, the manor seems to be nothing more than an empty building. But when the sun goes down, the doors and windows lock, sealing them inside. Even worse, the room 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 the game and you keep moving forward; lose and you disappear.

Publication Date: September 2024

Ages: 9–13

Page Extent: 352 pp/57K words





A QUEST OF GREAT IMPORTANCE: THE SEARCH FOR THE SHADOWSOUL

By Callie C. Miller
Imprint: Aladdin

In this follow-up to *The Hunt for the Hollower*, a descendant of the great wizard Merlyn must atone for the harm he caused while under the thrall of the evil Morgan le Fay. Perfect for fans of Adam Gidwitz and Amanda Foody!

Percy, a descendant of the great wizard Merlyn, is no longer doing Morgan le Fay's bidding, but he isn't the same person he was before he found her amulet and aided her in her quest to collect magic in order to return from where Merlyn banished her all those years ago. Percy is scared of himself and of his magic, although he's doing his best to atone for being the Hollower and traveling through time to steal magic from others.

But when the Round Table calls Percy in for questioning after newly hollowed magical objects are discovered, everyone is quick to be suspicious of him. Instead of allowing himself to be falsely accused, he goes on his own quest to find the new Hollower and stop them before they can cause more harm in the realm.

Publication Date: September 2024

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 400 pp/78K words



BASIL & DAHLIA

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.

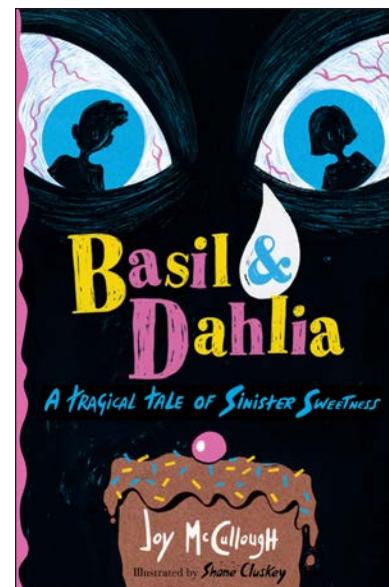
It's hard to imagine things could get worse after one's parents die in a greenhouse explosion. But that is precisely what happens to Basil and his younger sister, Dahlia. They escape from a social worker by jumping off a moving train, only to find themselves wounded and bedraggled. What's more, they're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

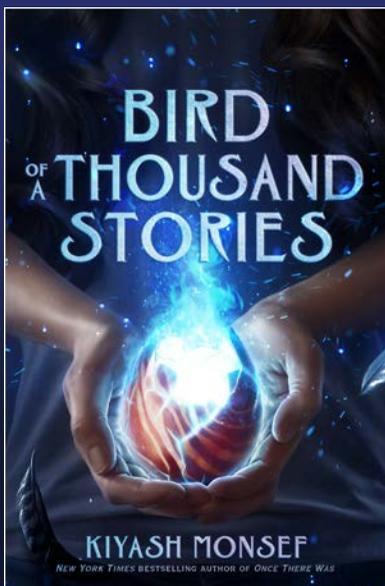
Famished and alone, they wander into Cravings, the delectable bakery owned by Laurel Fox, a disgraced celebrity chef with a soft spot for poor, hungry orphans. When she offers them luxurious accommodations and all the eclairs they can eat, Basil and Dahlia dare to hope their luck has changed at last. 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





THE BIRD OF A THOUSAND STORIES

By Kiyash Monsef

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

In this transporting and suspenseful sequel to the *New York Times* bestselling *Once There Was*, Marjan travels around the globe in search of a mythical bird in terrible danger, whose fate could determine the future of the world.

Marjan Dastani is successfully leading a double life—for now. Only a few people close to her know that when she's not in school, she travels the world taking care of mythical beasts, and she is sent on missions by a shadowy organization known as the Fells. She's on one of these jobs in Istanbul when she gets the chance to connect with her long-lost distant uncle, the only living relative she has who once did "the work," like her father and now her. When she meets him, though, they're interrupted by a threatening man who'll stop at nothing to trap and kill the creatures it's her duty to care for.

In an adventure that takes her across continents and connects her with the wildest of mythic beasts around the globe, Marjan must interpret the messages the animals are trying to send her and track down the fabled Bird of a Thousand Stories before someone with more nefarious plans finds it. But the more closely she connects with the creatures, the more danger she's in of losing her friendships—and all that tethers her to the life she's known.

Publication Date: February 2025

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 288 pp/90K words

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





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ALL BETTER NOW

By Neal Shusterman

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

From *New York Times* bestselling author Neal Shusterman comes a young adult thriller about a world where happiness becomes contagious and two teens are caught in a conspiracy by those in power to bring back discontent.

An unprecedented condition is on the rise. It behaves like a virus, with the first symptom being a fever, but those who contract it experience a long-term effect no one has ever seen before: utter contentment. Soon after infection, people find the stress, depression, greed, and other negative feelings that used to weigh them down are gone.

Almost everyone revels in this mass unburdening. But people in power—who depend on malcontents tuning into their broadcasts and who prey on the insecure to sell products and convince people they need more, new, faster, better everything—know this new state of being is bad for business. Soon campaigns start up, convincing people that being happy all the time is dangerous. There's even a vaccine developed to rid people of their inner peace and get them back to normal because, surely, without anger or jealousy as motivators, productivity will grind to a halt and the world will be thrown into chaos.

It's nearly impossible to determine the truth when everyone with a platform is pushing their own agendas, and two teens from very different backgrounds who've had their lives upended in different ways by the virus find themselves enmeshed in the center of a dangerous power play. Can they reveal the truth?

Publication Date: February 2025

Ages: 12 up

Page Extent: 256 pp

AGENT CONTROLLED TERRITORIES: German, Italian, Japanese

ARC OF A SCYTHE: SCYTHE THUNDERHEAD THE TOLL GLEANNINGS

By Neal Shusterman

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: #1: November 2016; #2: January 2018;
#3: November 2019; #4: November 2022

Ages: 12 up

RIGHTS SOLD: Arabic, Bulgarian, Czech, Dutch, Hebrew, Hungarian, Korean, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Portuguese (Portugal), Romanian, Slovak, Spanish, Turkish, UK, Ukrainian



THE DROWNED GODS TRILOGY: STRANGER SKIES

By Pascale Lacelle

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

The captivating sequel to *Curious Tides*, the gorgeous, dark academia fantasy that is *Ninth House* meets *The Hazel Wood*!

Opening locked doors has a price—even for those who hold a key.

After going through the door that called to them both in dreams, Emory and Romie find themselves in the Wychwood—the same verdant world written of in the book *Song of the Drowned Gods*, albeit a twisted, rotting version of it. There, they discover that a dark force has awoken, intent on destruction as it spills across realms. Now Emory and Romie must stop it before it reaches their own shores.

Meanwhile, Baz and Kai are desperate to follow their lost friends into another world, but they are pulled back in time instead, where they come face-to-face with Cornus Clover, famed author of *Song of the Drowned Gods*. Stuck together in the past, they must navigate a very different Aldryn College, one that is even less kind to Eclipse-born than their own.

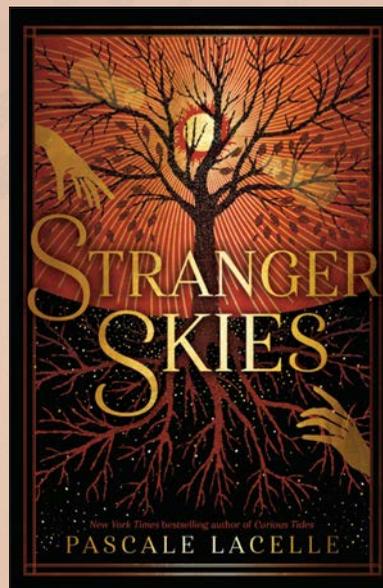
Across time and worlds, the four friends find their fates eerily interwoven with those of the heroes from Clover's book. But when stories can't be trusted, friendships are constantly tested, and deadly enemies are not always as they seem, they must decide who gets to be a hero—and who is desperate enough to see themselves become a villain.

Publication Date: November 2024

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 544 pp/152K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *CURIOUS TIDES*: Czech, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Slovak, Spanish, Turkish, Ukrainian





NOTHING LIKE THE MOVIES

By Lynn Painter

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Wes and Liz are back in this highly anticipated sequel to the phenomenal *New York Times* bestseller, *Better Than the Movies*.

Wes just got his dream girl. The girl next door, Liz—wonderful, perfect, strong-willed Liz. But right as the two are about to set off to college to start their freshman year together, tragedy strikes. Wes is left dealing with the fallout and inadvertently loses Liz in the process.

Flash forward to months later, and Liz and Wes find themselves back together at college. In a healthier place now, Wes knows he broke Liz's heart when he ended things, but he is determined to make her fall in love with him again.

Wes knows Liz better than anyone, and he has a foolproof plan to win her back with rom-com-worthy swoon. Only . . . Liz will have *none* of it! Which means Wes has to scheme to figure out where and when he can see her. Plus, Liz has a new college friend—a *guy* friend.

Still, Wes won't give up on the girl next door. Will Wes find the perfect way to get Liz to forgive him and prove he is the one for her? Or is their relationship over for good?

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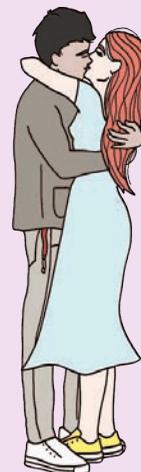
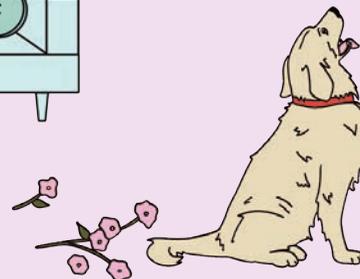
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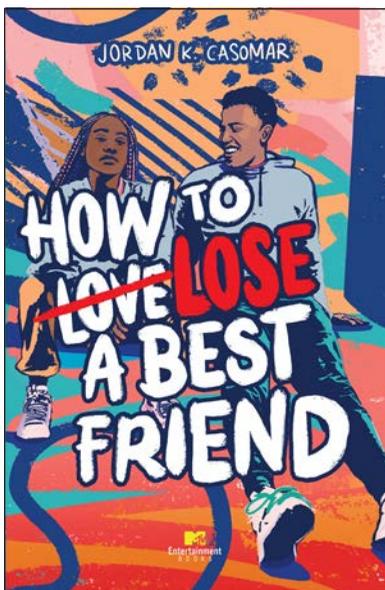
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RIGHTS SOLD FOR *NOTHING LIKE THE MOVIES*:

Czech, German, Italian, Portuguese (Brazil), Portuguese (Portugal), Serbian, Slovak, Spanish, UK

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *BETTING ON YOU*: Dutch, French, German, Hungarian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Portuguese (Portugal), Spanish, Turkish, UK





HOW TO LOSE A BEST FRIEND

By Jordan K. Casomar
Imprint: MTV Books

This contemporary romance follows Zeke and Imogen, high school sophomores and best friends, whose relationship is put to the test when Zeke decides he wants to be more than just her friend.

What would you do if you were in love with your best friend . . . and they didn't love you back?

Sixteen-year-old Zeke Ladoja has loved his best friend, Imogen Parker, for years. And now that she's finally allowed to date, he's determined to make her his girlfriend.

When Imogen rejects his advances, Zeke—angry, confused, and embarrassed—decides that he'll do whatever it takes to prove that Gen made the wrong choice . . . even if it means destroying their friendship. But Gen isn't about to give up on fighting for herself and the freedom to love the boy she wants, *not* the boy she's expected to be with, despite the obstacles Zeke puts in her way.

In his electric debut novel, Jordan K. Casomar tackles the unfortunately common experience of young men feeling like they're owed something by the girls they like. The result is a powerful, revealing, and honest exploration of the myth of the friendzone.

Publication Date: September 2024

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 336 pp/80K words

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.

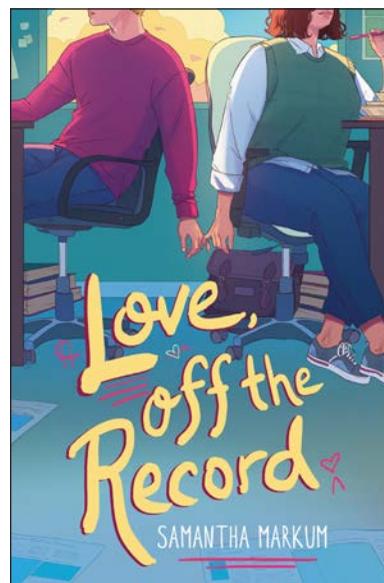
When the biggest story on campus turns out to be closer to home than either Wyn or Three expect, the two must put aside their differences in order to expose the truth—no matter the cost.

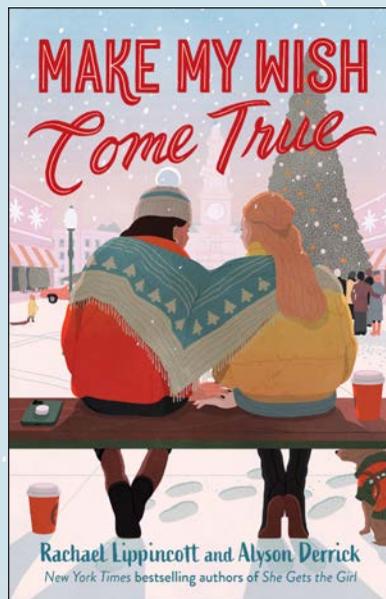
Publication Date: June 2024

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 416 pp/90K words

RIGHTS SOLD: French, Portuguese (Brazil)





MAKE MY WISH COME TRUE

By Rachael Lippincott and Alyson Derrick

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

'Tis the season for holiday hijinks in the newest sapphic rom-com from the *New York Times* bestselling authors of *She Gets the Girl*, Rachael Lippincott and Alyson Derrick!

Twelve days of fake dates. Two holidays. One chance to convince everyone they're in love.

Arden James is Hollywood's hottest teen actor. Infamously reckless, she's a constant in the tabloids. But when her messy reputation costs her an audition for her dream role, Arden and her publicist make up a lie to flip the script. Only, for the lie to work, she'll have to head home for the holidays for the first time in four years.

Caroline Beckett has spent these last four years shining up a stellar portfolio that will get her into a top journalism program and convincing herself she could not be less interested in what her former best friend and first crush has been up to since she left without a word. But when Arden suddenly shows up at her doorstep with the promise of a real byline in *Cosmopolitan* in exchange for a write-up on their "secret romance" and twelve snow-covered "holidates" in their Christmas-obsessed hometown, Caroline can't help but be tempted into playing along.

It should be easy enough to stand each other for twelve days to make their dreams come true, right? But when old feelings start to bubble up, so do new holiday wishes that might just have Arden and Caroline falling faster than that Christmas Eve snow. . . .

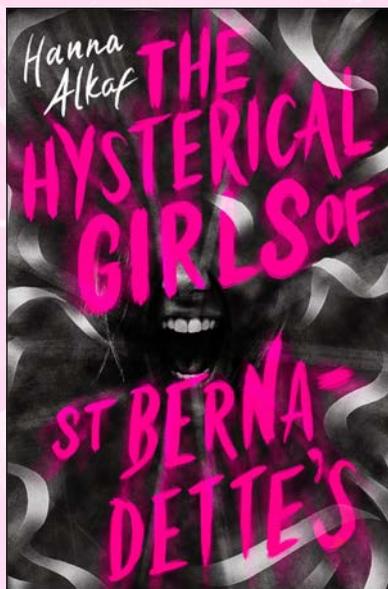
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Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 256 pp/67K words

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *SHE GETS THE GIRL*: Czech, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Portuguese (Portugal), Spanish, UK





THE HYSTERICAL GIRLS OF ST. BERNADETTE'S

By Hanna Alkaf
Imprint: Salaam Reads

The Midnight Club gets a dark academia twist in Hanna Alkaf's next YA thriller, about an all-girls school that is struck by mysterious, random cases of screaming hysteria.

For over a hundred years, girls have fought to attend St. Bernadette's, with its reputation for shaping only the best and brightest young women.

Unfortunately, there is also the screaming.

When a student begins to scream in the middle of class, a chain reaction starts that impacts the entire school. By the end of the day, seventeen girls will have been affected—along with St. Bernadette's stellar reputation.

Khadijah's got her own scars to tend to, and watching her friends succumb to hysteria only rips apart wounds she'd rather keep closed. But when her sister falls to the screams, Khad knows she's the only one who can save her.

Rachel has always been far too occupied trying to reconcile her overbearing mother's expectations with her own secret ambitions to pay attention to school antics. But just as Rachel finds her voice, it turns into screams.

Together, the two girls find themselves digging deeper into the school's dark history, hunting for the truth. Little do they know that a specter lurks in the darkness, watching, waiting, and hungry for its next victim. . . .

Publication Date: September 2024

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 320 pp/75K words



THE FUTURE TENSE (W.T.)

By F.T. Lukens

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

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

Wednesday meets Heartstopper in this newest romantasy from F.T. Lukens, New York Times bestselling author of *So This Is Ever After*, *Spell Bound*, and *In Deeper Waters*!

Fifteen-year-old Cam Reynolds is not thrilled about having to change high schools during his sophomore year. All he wants to do is fly under the radar, which shouldn't be too hard, considering he's just a human going to school with kids who have super-cool paranormal powers, like his best friend and witch, Al, and his longtime werewolf crush, Miguel.

Until the day someone rams into Cam's shoulder, throwing him into a clairvoyant vision in front of most of the student body. In that vision, he sees a gruesome picture of a murdered teen girl from the point of view of the killer. When Cam comes to, he knows two things: someone he goes to school with is a future murderer, and Cam's life is about to change now that he's a seer, one of the rarest of supernatural beings.

As the most powerful supernatural families in the city court him and his gift, he'll have to work with his friends, both old and new, to figure out who he can trust and who might be a wolf in sheep's clothing. Because the clock is ticking, and Cam and his friends must identify the girl in the vision, find her potential killer, and prevent the murder from happening. Or the next murder Cam sees might be his own.

Publication Date: April 2025

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 336 pp

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

OTHERWORLDLY

By F.T. Lukens

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

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.

Seventeen-year-old Ellery is a nonbeliever in a region where people swear the supernatural is real. Knox is a familiar from the Other World, a magical assistant sent to help humans who have made crossroads bargains. 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. 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.

Publication Date: April 2024

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 352 pp/95K words

RIGHTS SOLD: Czech, UK, Ukrainian





VAPE (W.T.)

By Cynthia Kadohata
Imprint: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

A teen boy thinks his vaping habit is harmless until it becomes a crippling addiction of nightmarish dimensions in this searing young adult novel from Newbery and National Book Award winner Cynthia Kadohata.

Sixteen-year-old Elijah is pretty damn sick of his parents always being on his case about vaping. It's not like he's shooting up or knocking back pills. Until something changes, so slowly Elijah isn't even aware it's happening. Instead of vaping every now and then when he wants to, he's vaping all the time because he has to.

And soon, Elijah and his friends need even bigger highs than vaping and are stumbling their way into the sprawling drug culture of Southern California, where girls sell pictures of themselves for vape and pill money, and the dealers are cutthroat. The more desperate the teens become, the more money they need. And to get that money they're being blackmailed into an impossible choice—and an end you won't see coming.

Publication Date: April 2025

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 256 pp/71K words





THE HALLOW HUNT

By Margie Fuston
Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

The thrilling sequel to *The Revenant Games*, a gripping fantasy in which a girl enters a competition held by warring vampires and witches!

Bly is reeling from the revelation that her sister is still alive. After betraying the vampire that she'd planned to sacrifice and then has grown to love, Bly has nothing left to lose. She'll do whatever it takes to save her sister—even if it comes at the cost of her own heart and soul.

Publication Date: March 2025

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 416 pp/100K words

RIGHTS SOLD: German, Spanish, UK

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



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*.

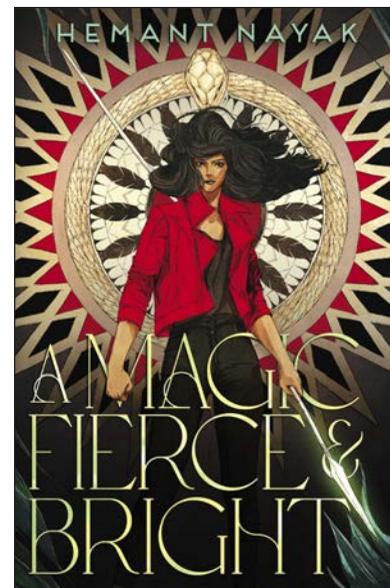
Adya wants nothing more than to be left alone. Loyal to no one but herself in the isolated jungles of South India, all she dreams about is finding her lost sister, Priya. It's too bad that her rare ability to wake electrical machines—using the magic that wiped them out five centuries ago—also makes her 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.

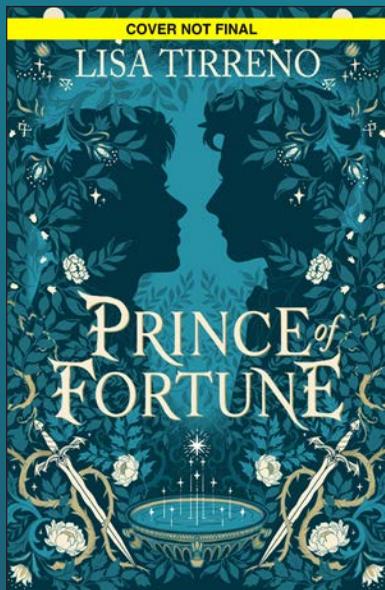
These senseless power struggles mean little to Adya. But when foreign soldiers dangle news of her sister before her, she's all too quick to leap at the chance to bring Priya back, even if it means teaming up with a rakish, disreputable thief. As the pair struggles to find any trace of Priya, Adya must 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





PRINCE OF FORTUNE

By Lisa Tirreno
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

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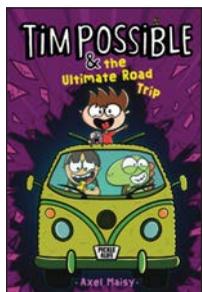
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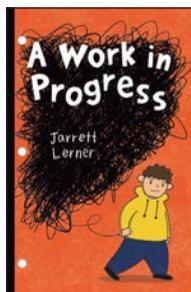
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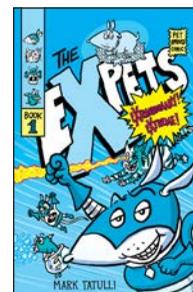
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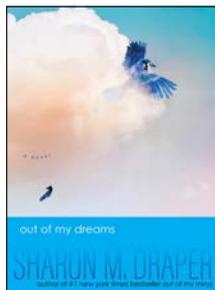
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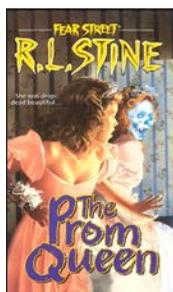
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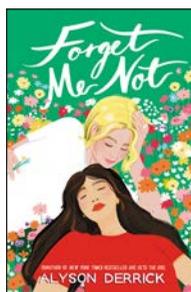
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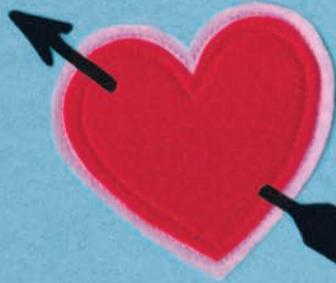
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