

# **z**ando **Y**OUNG **r**eaders

## Rights Guide

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# About Zando

Zando is an independent publisher founded on the belief that books are the source code of the world's best stories and ideas. Founded by publishing executive Molly Stern, Zando harnesses the power of beloved public figures, platforms, and institutions to connect inspiring authors to the readers they deserve. We believe in the essential value of books and the need for literary diversity.

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# **zando** **YOUNG** **readers**



At Zando Young Readers, we champion stories that are timely and timeless, that speak to the current moment yet have a lasting impact on hearts, minds, and perspectives. Our youth lead the charge when it comes to innovation, creativity, inclusivity, and new ways to entertain, engage, and tell stories.

We're ready to meet readers where they are.



GILLIAN FLYNN  
BOOKS

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Gillian Flynn Books is the eponymous imprint from the bestselling author of *Gone Girl*.

GFB publishes both fiction and nonfiction across genre categories, books that are propulsive, voice-driven, and culturally incisive. A conversation-starting and gasp-inducing list from one of the great writers of our time.

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### UPCOMING ZYR PUBLICATIONS

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#### Those You've Known

**WEN-YI LEE**

**SPRING 2024**

Nina LaCour meets Stephen King's *It* in this gorgeously gruesome YA horror novel that's a queer, Asian reimagining of the Pied Piper legend.



FROM  
LENA WAITHE

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With Hillman Grad, Lena Waithe creates art that redefines the status quo. HG Books aims to amplify overlooked cultures, artists, and ideas that highlight the beauty, nuance, and the complexities of communities that have been overlooked for too long.

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### UPCOMING ZYR PUBLICATIONS

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## What I Must Tell the World: How Lorraine Hansberry Discovered Her Voice

BY JAY LESLIE

FALL 2024

A moving picture book biography about Lorraine Hansberry, the groundbreaking activist and playwright of the seminal play *A Raisin in the Sun*, which celebrates her legacy and the power of storytelling as self-expression.



GET LIFTED  
BOOKS

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Get Lifted Books is led by its three partners: EGOT recipient and award-winning producer John Legend; Emmy and Tony Award-winning producer Mike Jackson; and Emmy award winner and CEO of the management media and social impact company Friends at Work, Ty Stiklorius.

The imprint publishes distinct, diverse, and brilliant stories while supporting creators transforming the landscape of adult and young readers fiction and nonfiction.

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### UPCOMING ZYR PUBLICATIONS

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#### Wild Life: Young Readers Edition

**DR. RAE WYNN-GRANT**

**SPRING 2024**

The young readers edition of *Wild Life* by Dr. Rae Wynn-Grant, a triumphant memoir that combines the wisdom of *Braiding Sweetgrass* with the empowerment of *Wild*, taking young readers and budding ecologists on a journey from the jungles of Madagascar to the grasslands of the Serengeti.



Sweet July, Ayesha Curry's highly successful lifestyle brand, is dedicated to lifting up dynamic and inspiring artists and storytellers who are making a difference in their communities. Sweet July Books is a natural extension of that mission, an opportunity to find and nurture new voices and while ensuring positive and meaningful representation of women of color.

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## UPCOMING ZYR PUBLICATIONS

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### Celestial Banquet

**ROSELLE LIM**

**FALL 2024**

*Iron Chef* meets *The Hunger Games* in this captivating YA fantasy standalone set in a Chinese folklore-inspired world where minor gods walk amongst us, following a young noodle chef who competes to prepare a feast fit for the gods.



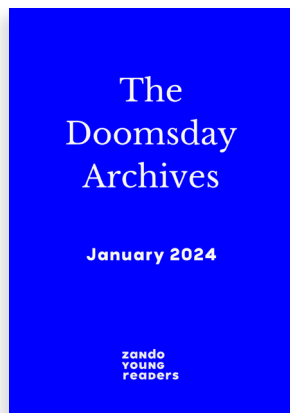


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The Doomsday Archives

A Tall Dark Trouble

The Wilderness of Girls


**PUB DATE**

January 2024

**IMPRINT**

Zando Young Readers

**FORMAT**

Hardcover

**CATEGORY**

Middle Grade

**PAGE COUNT**

256

**AGE**

8 to 12

**TRIM SIZE**

5.5" x 8.25"

**RIGHTS AVAILABLE**

UK &amp; Translation

# The Doomsday Archives

**ZACK LORAN CLARK AND  
NICK ELIOPULOS**

**The first in a spine-tingling middle-grade adventure series that's *Goosebumps* meets *Stranger Things* following three friends who discover that the eerie urban legends they've been collecting may not be make-believe . . .**

Emrys Houtman knows something isn't quite right in the town of New Rotterdam, although no one talks about it—certainly not the grown-ups. The climate is always overcast, and stories abound of mysterious disappearances, cursed objects, and creatures wandering in the fog.

While bonding with fellow spooky fans Hazel and Serena, Emrys catalogs every blood-curdling rumor and cryptid sighting in a Wiki. It's all in the spirit of good fun . . . until one day, the trio stumbles upon the Doomsday Archives, a collection of relics that reveal something is very, very rotten in New Rotterdam.

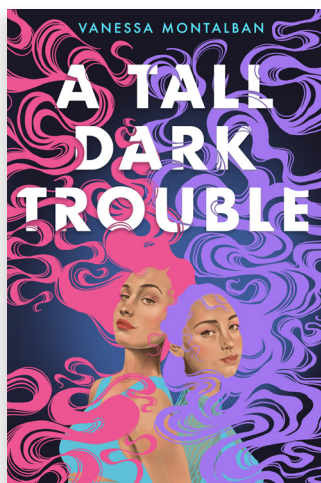
To their horror, the kids discover that while they've been hunting for monsters, the monsters are now hunting them *back*.

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**AUTHOR BIO**


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**Zack Loran Clark** and **Nick Eliopulos** are best friends with a shared love of roleplaying games, epic fantasy, and spooky stories. Together, they are the authors of *The Adventurers Guild* trilogy. Separately, Zack is the author of *The Lock-Eater*, and Nick has written more than a dozen officially licensed Minecraft books.



# A Tall Dark Trouble

VANESSA MONTALBAN

***Practical Magic* meets Erika L. Sanchez in this dazzling YA fantasy about a Cuban American family of witches entangled in love, magic, and murder, alternating between 1980s Cuba and modern-day Miami.**

The Sanchez women aren't just unlucky in love—they're cursed. Twins Delfi and Lela are haunted by a malevolence that's followed their family from Cuba to Miami, poisoning any chance at romantic love. It's no wonder their mother forbids magic.

When Lela and Delfi receive premonitions of a killer targeting witches, however, the sisters must embrace their powers to save innocent lives. Teaming up with their best friend Ethan and detective-in-training Andres, Delfi and Lela set out on a dangerous hunt for a murderer that brings them face to face with the dark secrets of their family's past.

Meanwhile, in 1980s Cuba, Anita whispers to the spirits for mercy—not for herself, but for the victims of her mother's coven. She's desperate to rid herself of her power to communicate and command spirits, especially as political tensions rise and Anita's initiation ceremony draws near.

Lela, Delfi, and Anita's stories intertwine in a thrilling fantasy that spans oceans and generations as each woman steps into her power.

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## AUTHOR BIO

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Fueled by the magic of espresso, Miami-born **Vanessa Montalban** is a first-gen graduate from the University of Central Florida where she received her bachelor's in creative writing with summa cum laude honors.

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Young Adult

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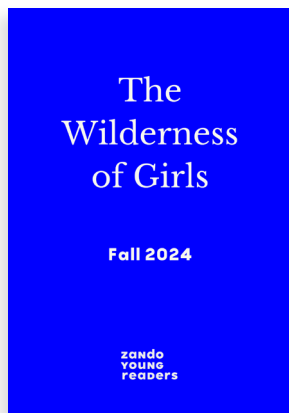
14 & Up

### TRIM SIZE

6" x 9"

### RIGHTS AVAILABLE

UK & Translation



**PUB DATE**

Fall 2024

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Zando Young Readers

**FORMAT**

Hardcover

**CATEGORY**

Young Adult

**PAGE COUNT**

320

**AGE**

14 & Up

**TRIM SIZE**

6" x 9"

**RIGHTS AVAILABLE**

UK & Translation

# The Wilderness of Girls (Working Title)

**MADELINE CLAIRE FRANKLIN**

**For fans of *Sadie* and *The Hazel Wood*, an unflinching modern fairytale about a troubled teen who discovers a pack of feral girls in the woods and the ensuing mystery that unravels.**

Rhi has just begun her new job at the Happy Valley Wildlife preserve when she stumbles upon a surreal sight: a pack of wolves guarding four majestic girls that have been raised in the woods.

Rhi gains the trust of the girls, dubbed by the ravenous media and true crime junkies as “The Wild Girls of Happy Valley”, who reveal that they are princesses from another land, raised by a prophet called Mother. Rhi knows the girls are deluded, but as she grows closer to them, she witnesses strange phenomena that suggest that the line between fantasy and reality is blurrier than she realizes.

As the hunt for answers intensifies, Rhi must make a decision that will change her life and the lives of the Wild Girls forever.

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## **AUTHOR BIO**

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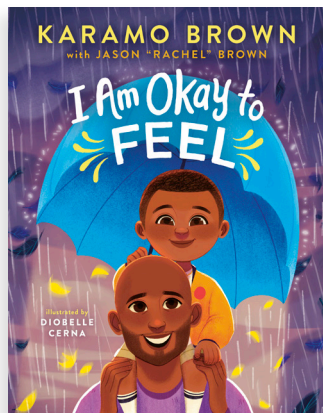
**Madeline Claire Franklin** is a graduate of the Vermont College of Fine Arts MFA program. She is a queer, Jewish, invisibly disabled woman living in sin in Buffalo, NY, with her partner, two dogs, three cats, and two Roombas.



# Backlist

I Am Okay to Feel

Queen Among the Dead



# I Am Okay to Feel

**KARAMO BROWN WITH JASON "RACHEL" BROWN; ILLUSTRATED BY DIOBELLE CERNA**

**A father and son are caught in a storm and must learn to navigate the uncertainty together in this powerful picture book by beloved *Queer Eye* star Karamo Brown and his son Jason Brown.**

*I Am Okay to Feel* empowers children to talk about their emotions and anxieties, affirming that "I am okay to feel and heal." Paired with expert-vetted back matter and resources, the picture book offers a loving framework for how to identify and express feelings in a healthy way, providing the tools and resources to build emotional intelligence at a formative age.

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November 2022

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Zando Young Readers

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Hardcover

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Picture Book

## **PAGE COUNT**

40

## **AGE**

4 to 8

## **TRIM SIZE**

8.5" x 11"

## **RIGHTS AVAILABLE**

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## **AUTHOR BIO**

**Karamo Brown** is an American television host, activist, and author. He currently is host of daytime talk show *Karamo* and stars as the culture expert in the award-winning Netflix series *Queer Eye*. He is the recipient of the 2018 Human Rights Campaign Visibility Award.

**Jason "Rachel" Brown** is a rising young star in Hollywood who studied dramatic and comedic acting at the University of California, Los Angeles. He often draws on his own life to entertain and inspire, including his experience connecting with his father, Karamo Brown, at the age of ten.

**Diobelle Cerna** is an artist and designer based in the Philippines. This is her debut picture book.



# Queen Among the Dead

LESLEY LIVINGSTON

**A stunning Celtic YA fantasy adventure set in the ancient kingdom of Eire, inspired by the legend of the first true queen of Ireland.**

After a shocking death throws the kingdom into chaos, Neve, the youngest daughter of the king, must seize the chance to take her rightful throne, with the help of Ronan, a rogue druid's apprentice-turned-thief, and the realm's most dangerous outcasts. Their journey takes them to the outskirts of Eire where magic still runs free . . . and where an outlaw and a warrior princess might carve out a future with spells and swords.

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## AUTHOR BIO

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**Lesley Livingston** is the award-winning author of the *Wondrous Strange* trilogy and the *Valiant* trilogy. She holds a master's degree in English from the University of Toronto and was a principal performer in a Shakespearean theater company, specializing in performances for teen audiences, for more than a decade. She resides in Ontario, Canada.

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