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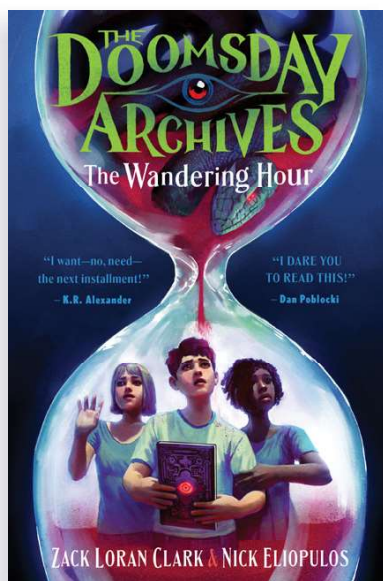


# Zando Young Readers

The Doomsday Archives: The Wandering Hour

The Wilderness of Girls

The Dark We Know



# The Doomsday Archives

## The Wandering Hour

**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 Eliopoulos** 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.

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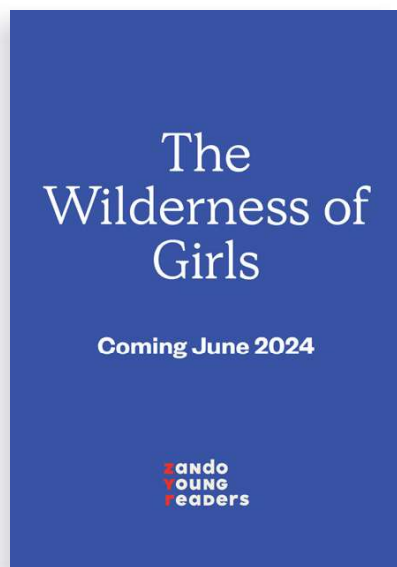
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# The Wilderness of Girls

**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 who 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.

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# The Dark We Know

Coming August 2024



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# The Dark We Know

WEN-YI LEE

**Wen-yi Lee's horror YA debut pitched as Stephen King's *It* meets *She Is a Haunting* about a Chinese American teen's return to defeat the monster of her past.**

After the deaths of her two best friends, Isadora Chung swore never to return to her dead-end hometown of Slater. But when Isa's abusive father dies, she can't resist the chance to claim an inheritance that will help pay for art school.

As soon as Isa is back in town, however, her last surviving childhood friend Mason Kane reappears in her life with both a plea and a shocking revelation: the souls of the ones they've lost are still trapped in Slater, and he needs Isa's help to free them. Because something monstrous is waiting in the shadows of Slater, something that feeds on the pain and heartbreak of its children—and whatever it is, it knows Isa's back and it won't let her escape twice.

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## AUTHOR BIO

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Based in Singapore, **Wen-yi Lee** is an alum of the Clarion West Writers' Workshop and is an Octavia E. Butler Memorial scholar. Her writing has appeared in *Strange Horizons*, *Uncanny Magazine*, *Lightspeed*, *Anathema* and *Augur* among others.

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# Zando Backlist

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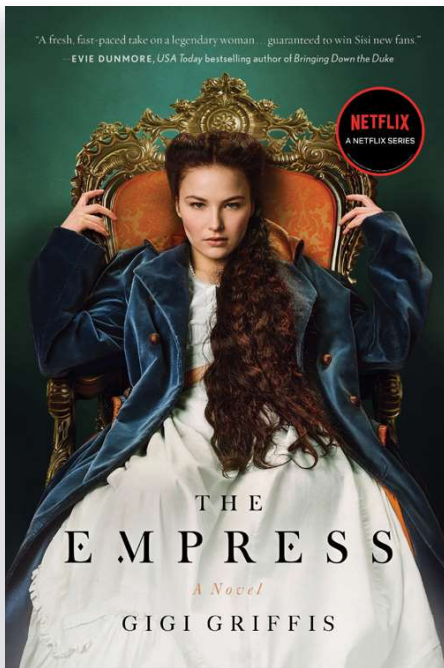
Scorched Grace

Monstrilio

I Am Okay to Feel

Queen Among the Dead

A Tall Dark Trouble



# The Empress

GIGI GRIFFIS

As seen on Netflix, *The Empress* is a captivating and remarkably modern tale about falling love and finding one's voice.

The year is 1853, and Princess Elisabeth "Sisi" of Bavaria has been clear: She will wait for the head-over-heels love the poets speak of, or she will have no love at all. Just because her sister, Helene, is preparing to marry Emperor Franz of Austria does not mean Sisi must also surrender herself to such duty. Sisi knows there is more to life than luncheons and corsets—if only someone would let her experience it firsthand.

Meanwhile, the Emperor is recovering from an assassination attempt that left him wounded and scared. To keep the peace, Franz has promised to romance Helene of Bavaria at his upcoming birthday celebration. How better to unite the empire than with the announcement of a new empress?

But when Sisi and Franz meet unexpectedly in the palace gardens, their connection cannot be denied. And as their illicit conversations turn into something more, they must soon stand up for what they truly believe in . . .

## AUTHOR BIO

**Gigi Griffis** writes feminist historical fiction often featuring little-known histories and unruly female characters. She lives in Europe with an opinionated Yorkie mix named Luna, and spends her free time hiking the Alps, cycling around small villages, and eating as much French food as she can get her hands on. Her work has been featured in *WestJet Magazine*, *Get Lost* magazine, and *Fodor's Travel*, among others, and has been translated into French, Italian, Portuguese, and Estonian. *The Empress* is Gigi's adult novel debut.

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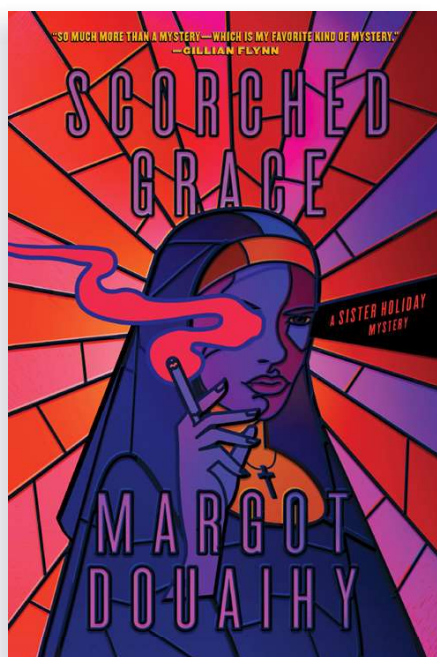
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# Scorched Grace

## A Sister Holiday Mystery

**MARGOT DOUAIHY**

**Sister Holiday, a chain-smoking, heavily tattooed, queer nun, puts her amateur sleuthing skills to the test in this fiercely original debut crime novel.**

When Saint Sebastian's School becomes the target of a shocking arson spree, the Sisters of the Sublime Blood and their surrounding community are thrust into chaos. Unsatisfied with the officials' response, sardonic and headstrong Sister Holiday becomes determined to unveil the mysterious attacker herself and return her home and sanctuary to its former peace. Her investigation leads her down a twisty path of suspicion and secrets in the sticky, oppressive New Orleans heat, turning her against her colleagues, students, and even fellow Sisters along the way.

*Blessed Water, the second title in the series is publishing with Gillian Flynn Books March 2024.*

### **AUTHOR BIO**

**Margot Douaihy** is the author of the poetry collections *Bandit/Queen: The Runaway Story of Belle Starr*, *Scranton Lace*, and *Girls Like You*. She is a Lambda Literary Award Poetry Finalist, *Aesthetica Magazine* Creative Writing Award Finalist, and Ernest Hemingway Foundation Hemingway Shorts Finalist. She received her PhD in Creative Writing from the University of Lancaster in the UK, and currently lives in Northampton, MA.

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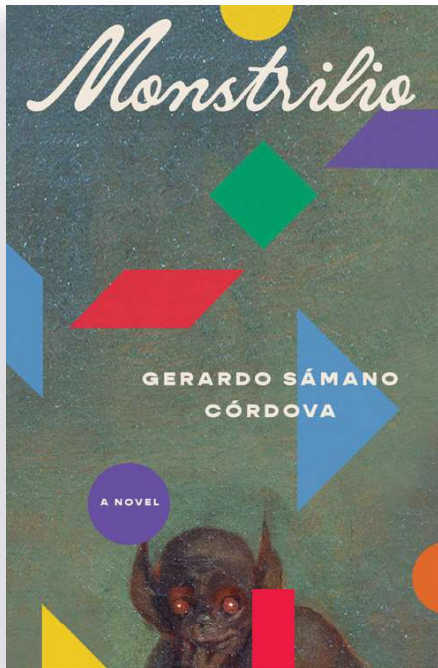
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UK & Translation

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UK (Pushkin Press), Brazilian Portuguese (Planeta Brazil), French (HarperCollins France), Poland (Publicat)





# Monstrilio

GERARDO SÁMANO CÓRDOVA

**A literary horror debut which combines the bold imagination and evocative imagery of Carmen Maria Machado and Guillermo del Toro, the lush prose of Federico García Lorca, and the genre defying, emotional rigor of Han Kang, Samanta Schweblin, and Agustina Bazterrica.**

Unfolding in four sections that take the reader across Mexico City, Berlin, and New York, *Monstrilio* tells the story of eleven-year-old Santiago and his posthumous transformation into a monster who tries to be a man, and the people who love him in every form he takes. Startlingly original in every sense, Gerardo Sámano Córdova's ambitious debut is a deeply affecting and thought-provoking meditation on the visceral and embodied experience of loss, monstrous sides of love and loyalty, and radical self-acceptance that violates all societal norms.

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## AUTHOR BIO

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**Gerardo Sámano Córdova** is a writer and artist from Mexico City, where he currently resides. He holds an MFA in Fiction from the University of Michigan. He has studied with Alexander Chee at Bread Loaf as a work/study scholar, and with Garth Greenwell at Tin House. His work has appeared in *Ninth Letter*, *Passages North*, and *Chicago Quarterly Review*, and is forthcoming in *The Common*.

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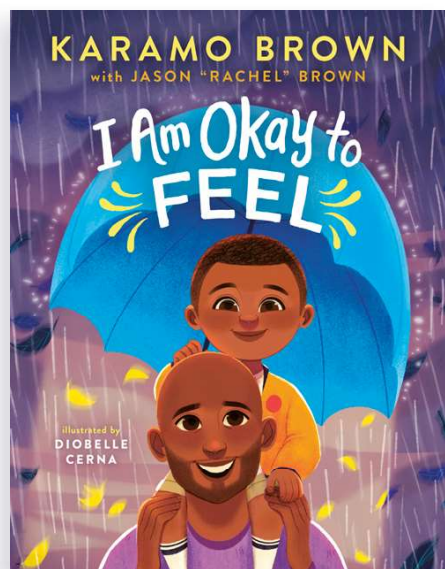
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# I Am Okay to Feel

**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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## **AUTHOR BIO**

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**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.

### **PUB DATE**

November 2022

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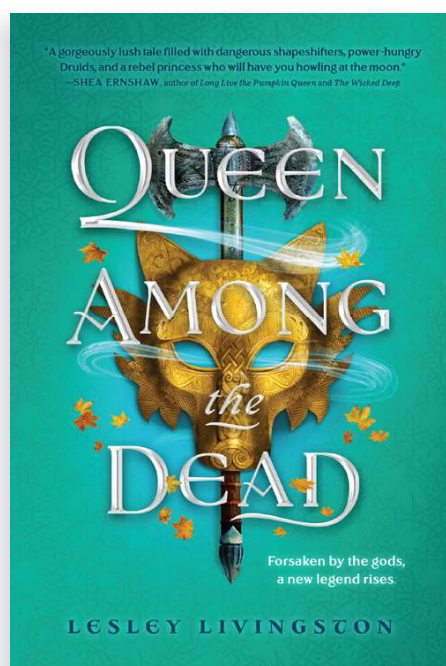
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### **RIGHTS AVAILABLE**

UK & Translation

### **RIGHTS SOLD**

French (Scholastic Canada)



# 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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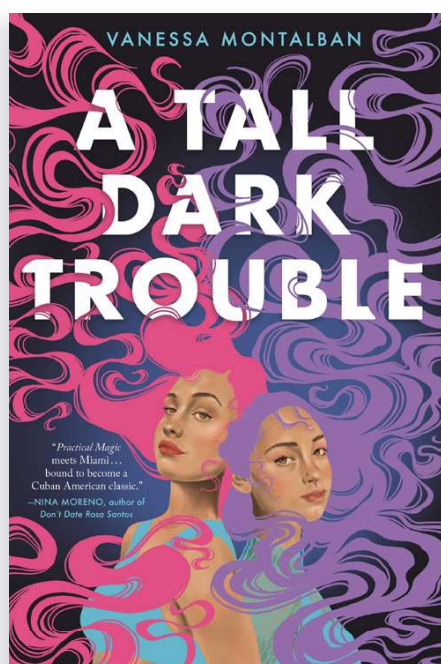
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UK & Translation



# 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.

## AUTHOR BIO

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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