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HOLLY

Adalyn Grace

A mysterious and magical holiday novella set in the romantic, Gothic- infused world of the BELLADONNA series, from #1 New York Times bestselling author Adalyn Grace.

Something strange is happening at Wisteria Gardens, the manor that Blythe and Aris call home. All they want is a peaceful holiday season with their family, but a group of restless spirits is determined to threaten their festivities. With a new mystery to solve, Signa, Death, Blythe, and Fate must uncover what happened to Wisteria's ghostly inhabitants and help the spirits move on...before it's too late.

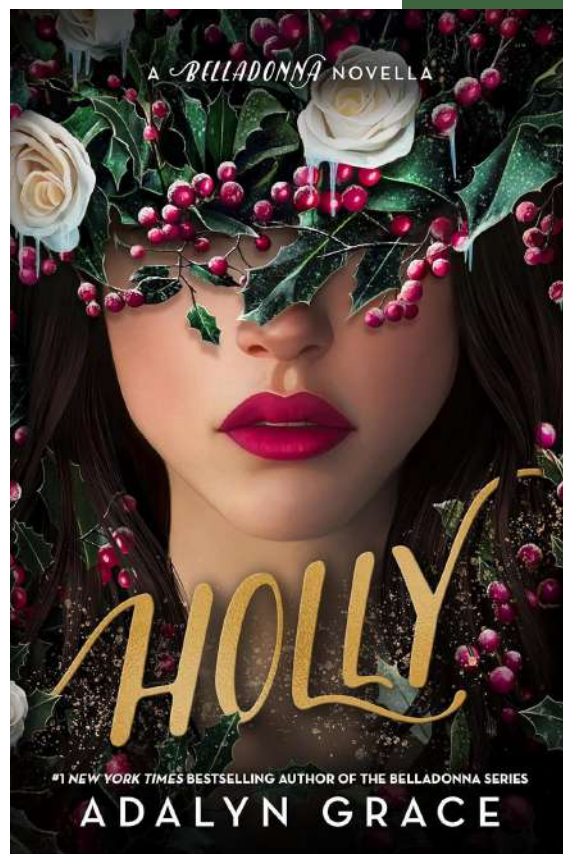
Praise for the BELLADONNA series:

"Darkly twisted and deliciously gothic, BELLADONNA is the kind of wicked fairy tale I've loved for most of my life. Grace's world is vivid and sexy." — Renée Ahdieh, #1 NYT bestselling author of THE WRATH & THE DAWN

"A deliciously deadly gothic romance. Full of poisonous deeds, spectacular secrets, and dark mysteries. BELLADONNA is a hauntingly atmospheric read, with an absolutely fantastic ending that will leave readers begging for more." — Stephanie Garber, #1 NYT bestselling author of ONCE UPON A BROKEN HEART

"Decadently atmospheric. This gothic romance is filled with desire, betrayal, and of course, Death." — Kerri Maniscalco, NYT bestselling author of KINGDOM OF THE WICKED

"Every page drips with atmosphere and will leave readers wishing that they, too, could roam the halls of haunted Thorn Grove. Utterly original and completely addictive, BELLADONNA is a fantasy to die for." — Rachel Griffin, NYT bestselling author of THE NATURE OF WITCHES



US Publisher: **Little, Brown Books for Young Readers**

UK Publisher: **Gollancz**

Release Date: **October 2025**

Genre: **YA Romance Fantasy**

Territories Sold: **Germany, Italy, Turkey**

Contact: Kathryn Toolan

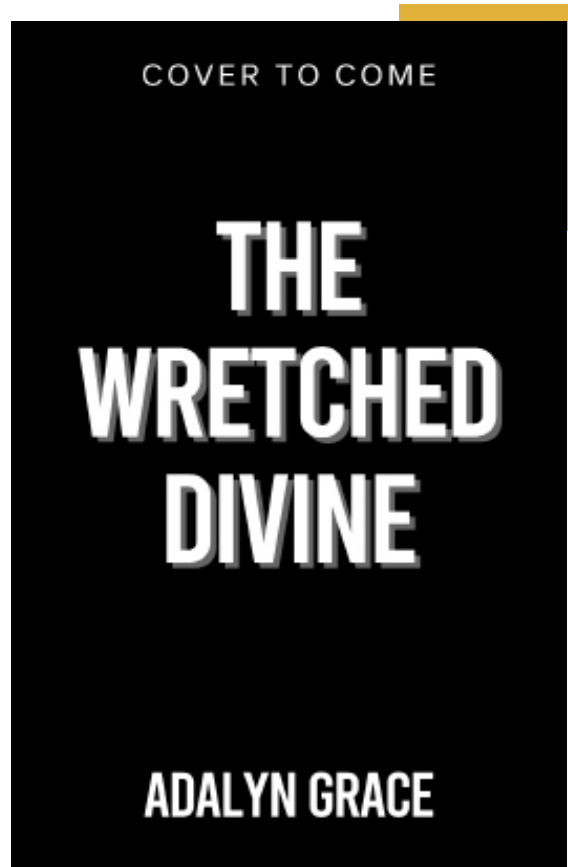
THE WRETCHED DIVINE

Adalyn Grace

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Adalyn Grace comes a new romance fantasy trilogy, centered on a centuries-long epic struggle between angels and demons.

Set in a French Renaissance-inspired kingdom, THE WRETCHED DIVINE follows a young knight who is caught in a warring attraction between a vengeful demon and a battle-hardened angel as she's thrust into the middle of an ancient supernatural conflict.

- Sold in seven-figure deals at auctions in the US and UK
- German rights sold in a six-figure deal, at auction
- The BELLADONNA series was an instant #1 NYT bestseller!
- WISTERIA was a Sunday Times and Globe & Mail #1 bestseller
- All books in the BELLADONNA series were Der Spiegel bestsellers in Germany
- Book Two, FOXGLOVE, was an instant Corriere della Sera bestseller in Italy
- All books in the BELLADONNA series were Barnes & Noble, Waterstones and FairyLoot "Exclusive Editions"



US Publisher: **Feiwel & Friends**

UK Publisher: **Gollancz**

Release Date: **2026**

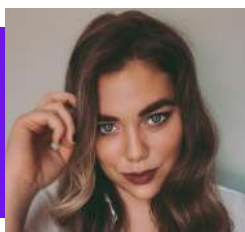
Genre: **Romance Fantasy**

Book 1 in

THE WRETCHED DIVINE Trilogy

Territories Sold: **Germany, Italy, Spain**

Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Adalyn Grace is the #1 New York Times, Sunday Times, indie, Wall Street Journal, Der Spiegel, Corriere della Sera and USA Today and international bestselling author of the BELLADONNA series and the ALL THE STARS AND TEETH duology.

THE BELLADONNA SERIES

Adalyn Grace



#1 New York Times bestselling author Adalyn Grace brings to life a highly romantic, Gothic-infused world of wealth, desire, and betrayal.

US Publisher: **Little, Brown Books for Young Readers** | UK Publisher: **Hodder & Stoughton**
Genre: **YA Romance Fantasy**

Territories Sold: **Arabic Territories, Brazil, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Israel, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine**

Contact: Kathryn Toolan

BELLADONNA (Release Date: July 25, 2023):

Orphaned as a baby, nineteen-year-old SIGNA goes to live with her remaining relatives, the elusive Hawthornes, an eccentric family living at Thorn Grove, an estate both glittering and gloomy. Its patriarch mourns his late wife through wild parties, while his son grapples for control of the family's waning reputation and his daughter suffers from a mysterious illness. But when their mother's restless spirit appears claiming she was poisoned, Signa realizes that the family she depends on could be in grave danger and enlists the help of a surly stable boy to hunt down the killer. However, Signa's best chance of uncovering the murderer is an alliance with Death himself, a fascinating, dangerous shadow who has never been far from her side. Though he's made her life a living hell, Death shows Signa that their growing connection may be more powerful—and more irresistible—than she ever dared imagine.

FOXGLOVE (Release Date: July 23, 2024):

A duke has been murdered. The lord of Thorn Grove has been framed. And Fate, the elusive brother of Death, has taken up residence in a sumptuous palace nearby. He's hell-bent on revenge after Death took the life of the woman he loved many years ago...and now he's determined to have Signa for himself, no matter the cost. Signa and her cousin Blythe are certain that Fate can save Elijah Hawthorne from wrongful imprisonment, if the girls will entertain Fate's presence.

WISTERIA (Release Date: July 29, 2025):

Blythe Hawthorne has never let anyone tell her what to do—not society, not her overprotective father, and certainly not the man she's bound herself to, no matter how rude and insufferable he is. In fact, she's determined to be a thorn in his side for the rest of her days, even as he ensures that her life in his palace is anything but a fairytale. But as Blythe discovers a new side of herself linked to his past, she'll have to decide if she's willing to let an unexpected spark ignite...and to discover the truth about who she really is.

THE GLITTERING EDGE

Alyssa Villaire

Wallflower Penny Emberly is tossed into a magical generational feud between two families in order to save her mother's life – perfect for fans of Maggie Stiefvater and Krystal Sutherland and classic contemporary YA fantasy like *BEAUTIFUL CREATURES* and *TWILIGHT*.

Rumors are the lifeblood of Idlewood, Indiana. The locals whisper that the De Lucas are witches, and that decades prior they cursed the wealthy Barrion family as revenge for a love gone tragically wrong: now, if a Barrion falls in love with you, you'll die. If this isn't reason enough for wallflower Penny Emberly to stay away from both families, she doesn't know what is. But when Penny's mom is in an accident that leaves her on the brink of death, Penny can't ignore the rumors anymore—because the Barrion curse is real. And her mom is its latest victim.

In order to save her mom's life, Penny must bring together two bitter enemies on either side of the feud and work with them to break the curse. For star quarterback Corey Barrion, doing so would mean finally saving his family from the magic that killed his mom. And for misfit witch Alonso De Luca, it would mean convincing everyone in Idlewood—especially Penny— that he isn't the villain they believe him to be.

But as the trio navigates Alonso's unpredictable magic, the tangled web of Barrion-De Luca history, and an increasingly chaotic group chat, it soon becomes clear that the curse is not what they expected. Did a De Luca really curse the Barrions in a fit of jealousy, or is something even more sinister afoot? Penny will have to conquer her anxiety, wrestle with her budding feelings for Alonso, and delve into dangerous, forbidden magic to find the truth and save her mom — even if it means putting her own life at risk.

- **UK rights sold at auction**
- **Major UK subscription box on board**



US Publisher: **Little, Brown Books for Young Readers**
 UK Publisher: **Penguin Books for Young Readers**
 Release Date: **May 6, 2025**
 Genre: **YA Fantasy**
Book 1 in GLITTERING EDGE Duology

Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Alyssa Villaire is a writer of young adult fantasy. While she's based in Los Angeles, most of her stories harken back to the places where she grew up—from the woods of rural Indiana to the lakeshores of Wisconsin and Michigan. She has published short stories in Luna Station Quarterly and in an anthology titled Journeys to Uncharted Lands. When she's not writing, Alyssa is probably eating spicy food, watching horror movies, or waiting in a virtual Ticketmaster line.

GEORGIE SUMMERS AND THE SCRIBES OF SCATTERPLOT

Isaac Rudansky

THE ORIGINALLY SELF-PUBLISHED #1 AMAZON BESTSELLER, SOON TO BE RE-RELEASED. In a world where fiction is a crime, young Georgie Summers must write a story to save everyone he loves...

When twelve-year-old Georgie Summers isn't cooking dinner for his sick dad or trying to survive middle school bullies, you'll find him in his backyard, slingshot in hand, nailing soda cans from 200 feet out ... probably the only sixth grader who could pull off a shot like that.

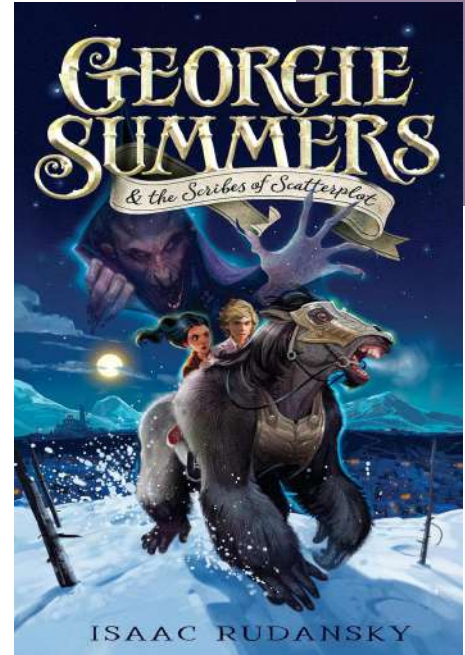
Sure, life for Georgie is a little lonely, but at least it makes sense. That is, until a terrifying man—a man dressed in shiny black boots and bugs crawling out of a hole in his neck—climbs through a portal in midair and kidnaps Georgie's father.

Completely alone and not to mention scared out of his wits, Georgie quickly teams up with two unlikely allies: Apurva Aluwhalia, an aspiring astronomer and just about the prettiest girl in school (in all of New York as far as Georgie is concerned), and Roscoe Harris, a self-proclaimed YouTube sensation with a whopping fourteen bored subscribers. But hey, big dreams, right?

Together, they stumble into Scatterplot, a hidden realm where mysterious Scribes record the memories of everyone on Earth. Without the Scribes, people would forget everything ... they'd lose their minds. Literally. And evil Flint Eldritch plans to destroy those very memories, erasing everyone Georgie has ever loved. Armed with nothing but courage, friendship, and a magical but extremely dangerous pen, Georgie must race against time to save not just his dad ... but the minds of everyone on Earth.

... including yours.

In this exhilarating middle-grade debut, perfect for fans of PERCY JACKSON and HARRY POTTER, author Isaac Rudansky spins a heart-pounding adventure of courage, hope, and the power of friendship to lift you from the depths of loneliness and despair.



US Publisher: **Sourcebooks**

Release Date: **TBD**

Genre: **Middle Grade Fantasy**
Book 1 in the GEORGIE SUMMERS
Trilogy

Territories Sold: **Spain**

Contact: Kathryn Toolan

Praise for GEORGIE SUMMERS:

"A delightful rendering of magic for the book lover, Georgie Summers is a fast-paced, fun, and gripping adventure in a richly imagined world. An absolute page-turner!"
—Graci Kim, New York Times best-selling author, The Last Fallen Star



Isaac Rudansky once got suspended in seventh grade for turning in a short story instead of a Social Studies report, but he never stopped writing. He and his wife live in Long Island with their quartet of little anarchists who operate on a sugar-based economy where candy is the only legal tender. Isaac's withdrawal to the realm of writing isn't just escapism; it's a tactical retreat from those pint-sized insurgents. Besides, it's the only time he gets to decide what happens next without a cacophony of dissenting opinions.

RAVENMINDER

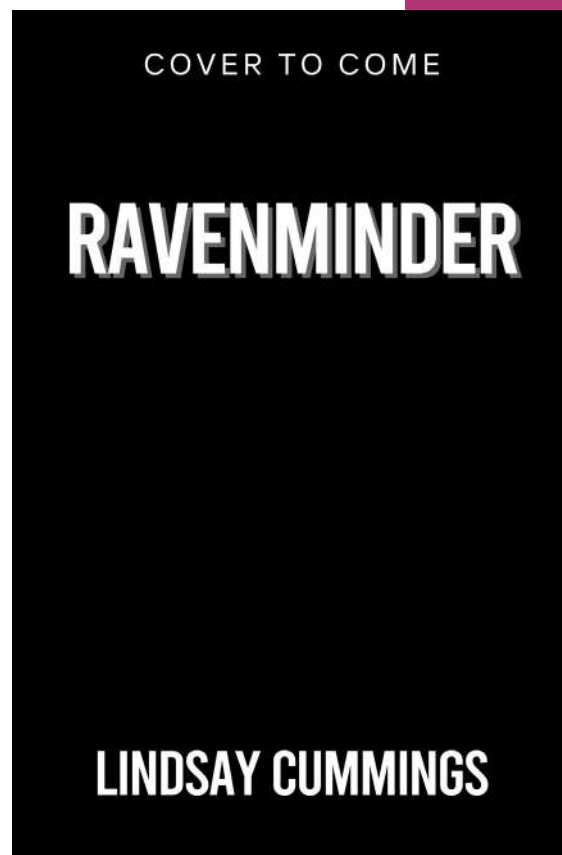
Lindsay Cummings

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Lindsay Cummings comes a new fantasy novel about a kingdom cloaked in shadows and a girl with a dark, dormant destiny.

The sky is a dangerous place for a girl without wings. In the war-torn kingdom of Lordach, Ezer has spent two years as the Ravenminder of Rendegard. Chained in a prison tower's aviary, she pays the debts of the man she calls uncle, who rescued her after shadow wolves killed her parents. With three glittering scars on her cheek and mystical 'strangeties' unlike any magic in their world, Ezer is haunted by dreams of her death at the hands of an unknown warrior.

Then a Sacred Knight arrives to recruit Ezer for the fight against the enemy, the Acolyte. When her affinity with birds reveals itself on the journey to Citadel, she is given a new mission: to help the Prince of Lordach tame one of the Acolyte's captured raphons. Half giant raven, half black panther, these creatures are as loyal to the Acolyte as his strongest darksoul soldiers . . . and only they can make the flight to infiltrate his lair.

While Ezer forges an unbreakable bond with the raphon, her heart becomes torn between the loyal Knight and the mysterious Prince. But as her dreams take on new clarity, she finds herself faced with a choice and a question: has the darkness been her destiny all along?



UK Publisher: **HQ UK**
Release Date: **October 23, 2025**
Genre: **YA Fantasy**

Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Lindsay Cummings is the #1 NYT bestselling author of BLOOD METAL BONE and ZENITH. When Lindsay isn't writing, she's busy as a freelance portrait photographer, and working as Creative Director at Lifeway Church Celina.

THE SCORPION AND THE NIGHT BLOSSOM

Amélie Wen Zhao

In a world at war with demons, one girl will face the ultimate test when she is forced to enter an ancient, deadly competition for the chance to save her mother's soul... before she loses her forever. From the New York Times bestselling author of the SONG OF THE LAST KINGDOM series comes the beginning of a dark and opulent fantasy duology.

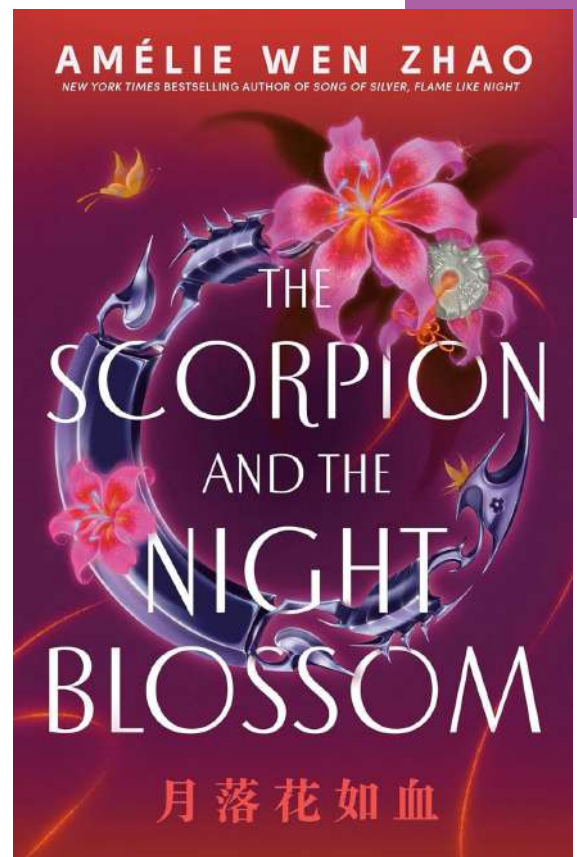
Nine years ago, the war between the Kingdom of Night and the Kingdom of Rivers tore Àn'yīng's family apart, leaving her mother barely alive and a baby sister to fend for. Now the mortal realm is falling into eternal night, and mó—beautiful, ravenous demons—roam the land, feasting on the flesh of humans and drinking their souls.

Àn'yīng is no longer a helpless child, though. Armed with her crescent blades and trained in the ancient art of practicing, she has decided to enter the Immortality Trials, which are open to any mortal who can survive the journey to the immortal realm. Those who complete the Trials are granted a pill of eternal life—the one thing Àn'yīng knows can heal her dying mother. But to attain the prize, she must survive the competition.

Death is common in the Trials. Yet oddly, Àn'yīng finds that someone is helping her stay alive. A rival contestant. Powerful and handsome, Yù'chén is as secretive about his past as he is about his motives for protecting Àn'yīng.

The longer she survives the Trials, the clearer it becomes that all is not right in the immortal realm. To save her mother and herself, Àn'yīng will need to figure out whether she can truly trust the stranger she's falling for or if he's the most dangerous player of all... for herself and for all the realms.

- **Instant NYT bestseller and #1 Sunday Times bestseller!**
- **Publishing in the US in a stunning first edition, featuring a beautiful flower design stenciled on the ombre sprayed edges, exclusive printed endpapers, and a foil-stamped case.**



US Publisher: **Delacorte**
UK Publisher: **HarperVoyager**
Release Date: **March 4, 2025**
Genre: **YA Fantasy**
Book 1 in the THREE REALMS Duology

Territories Sold: **France, Germany, Russia, Spain**

Contact: **Kathryn Toolan**



Amélie Wen Zhao was born in Paris and grew up in Beijing, where she spent her days reenacting tales of legendary heroes, ancient kingdoms, and lost magic at her grandmother's courtyard house. She attended college in the United States and now resides in New York.

FLAWED DUOLOGY

Cecelia Ahern

In her breathtaking young adult debut, bestselling author of *P.S. I LOVE YOU* depicts a society in which obedience is paramount and rebellion is punished. And where one young woman decides to take a stand that could cost her everything.

FLAWED (To be Re-Issued May 2025): CELESTINE NORTH lives a perfect life. She's a model daughter and sister, she's well-liked by her classmates and teachers, and she's also a girl of logic. To Celestine, every problem has a solution. Every action is either right, or wrong. She has always known about the Flawed, second-class citizens who are branded as punishment for their crimes. And she always thought they must deserve their punishment. But everything changes when Celestine witnesses the mistreatment of a Flawed man, and steps up to help him. But in helping him, she reveals that she is imperfect. And in Celestine's society, imperfection is punished. She is imprisoned. She is branded. She is flawed.

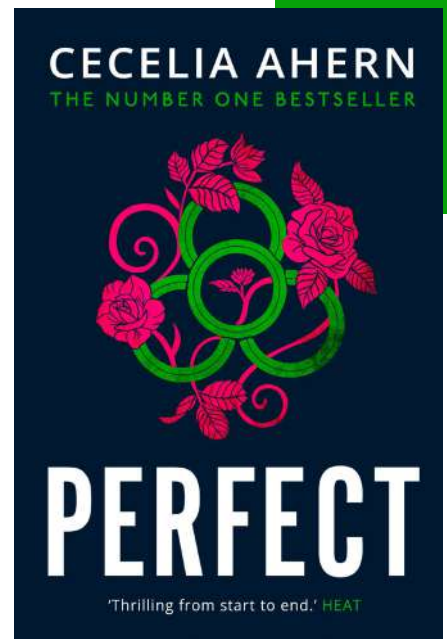
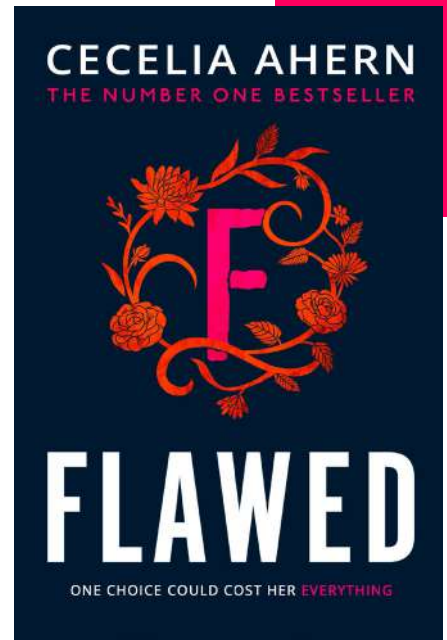
PERFECT (To be Re-Issued May 2025): Since CELESTINE has been declared the number one threat to the public, she has been a ghost, on the run with CARRICK—the only person she can trust. But she has a secret—one that could bring the entire Flawed system crumbling to the ground. A secret that has already caused countless people to go missing. With tensions building, Celestine must make a choice: save just herself or to risk her life to save all Flawed people.

Praise for **FLAWED**:

"Pick up **FLAWED** if you're a fan of awesome YA . . . or just if you appreciate really well written fiction." — The Guardian

US Publisher: **Fiewel & Friends**
UK Publisher: **Harper Children's**
Genre: **YA Dystopian**

Territories Sold: **Finland, Germany, Hungary**



Contact: **Abigail Koons**



Cecelia Ahern was born and grew up in Dublin. Her novels have been translated into thirty-five languages and have sold more than twenty-five million copies in over fifty countries. Two of her books (*PS, I LOVE YOU* and *LOVE, ROSIE*) have been adapted as films and she has created several TV series. She and her books have won numerous awards, including the Irish Book Award for Popular Fiction for *THE YEAR I MET YOU*. She lives in Dublin with her family.

ADIA KELBARA SERIES

Isi Hendrix

A fast-paced, witty, and bighearted debut Afrofantasy trilogy about a twelve-year-old apprenticing in the kitchens at the prestigious Academy of Shamans who must ally with a snarky goddess and a knife-wielding warrior to save her kingdom. Perfect for fans of AMARI AND THE NIGHT BROTHERS and THE SCHOOL FOR GOOD AND EVIL.

ADIA KELBARA AND THE CIRCLE OF SHAMANS (Released May 7, 2024): Life is tough for twelve-year-old orphan ADIA, who is believed to be an ogbanje, a demon-possessed child that brings misfortune wherever they go. So when Adia is offered a kitchen apprenticeship at the faraway Academy of Shamans, she flees with nothing but a pouch of change, her cat Bubbles, and the hope that someone there can figure out what's wrong with her—and fix it. But just as she's settling in, Adia stumbles upon a shocking secret: Unlike her, the kingdom's emperor really is possessed—by a demon more wicked than any other. Joining forces with a snarky goddess, a five-hundred-year-old warrior girl, and an annoying soldier-in-training, Adia must travel through hidden realms to exorcise the emperor and save her kingdom. But to succeed, she first must come to understand the powers inside her....

ADIA KELBARA AND THE HIGH QUEEN'S TOMB (Releasing July 3, 2025): It's ADIA may have defeated the power-hungry god Olark and saved ZARIA, but now she must face something even more terrifying: her first semester as a student at the Academy of Shamans. As her abilities are tested during orientation, a mysterious affliction causes everyone except for Adia and THYME to pass out—and a reanimated corpse appears, with a horrifying message. As if that wasn't bad enough, EMPEROR DARIAN sends news that the same phenomenon is happening across the kingdom and that someone is siphoning energy from the living to resurrect corpses, creating cracks between the realms of the living and the dead. Now it will be up to Adia to push her powers to their limit and journey to the tomb of the ancient High Queen in search of answers and a cure for the sleeping sickness besieging Zaria.

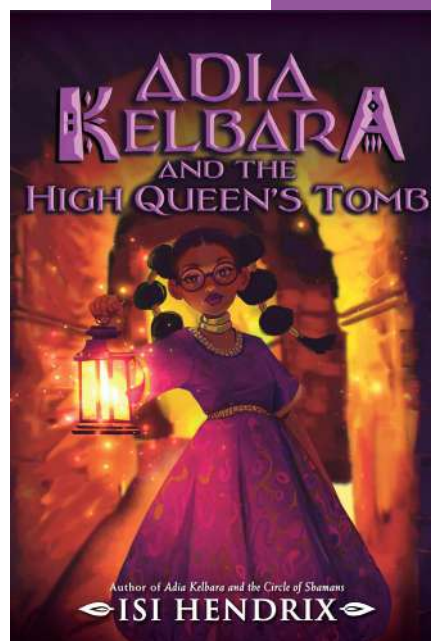
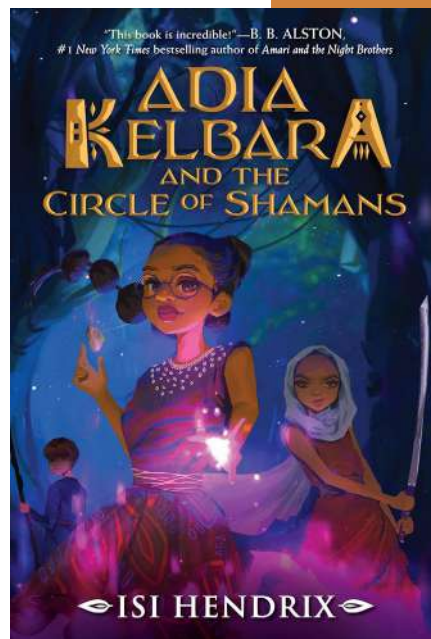
US Publisher: **Balzer + Bray** | UK Publisher: **Usborne**
Genre: **Middle Grade Fantasy**

Territories Sold: **France, Russia**

Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Isi Hendrix is a Nigerian American children's book author who has been lucky enough to live and work all over the world, from the Himalayas to the Amazon rainforest, during her past life as an anthropologist. Now she's based in her hometown of Brooklyn, NY, where she lives with a rotating roster of foster kittens.



THE DRAGON SPIRIT DUOLOGY

K.X. Song

Infused with magic and romance, this sweeping fantasy adventure inspired by the legend of Mulan follows a young woman determined to choose her own destiny—even if that means going against everyone she loves. Perfect for fans of R. F. Kuang and Rin Chupeco.

THE NIGHT ENDS WITH FIRE (Released July 2, 2024): After disguising herself as a boy to join the imperial draft, MEILIN's hard work brings her recognition, friendship and a bond with SKY, a prince turned training partner. As her kingdom barrels toward destruction, Meilin begins to have visions of a sea dragon spirit that offers her true power and freedom, but with a deadly price. With the future of the Three Kingdoms hanging in the balance, Meilin will need to decide whom to trust—Sky, who inspires her loyalty and love; the sea dragon spirit, who has his own murky agenda; or an infuriating enemy prince who makes her question everything she once knew—about her kingdom and about her own heart.

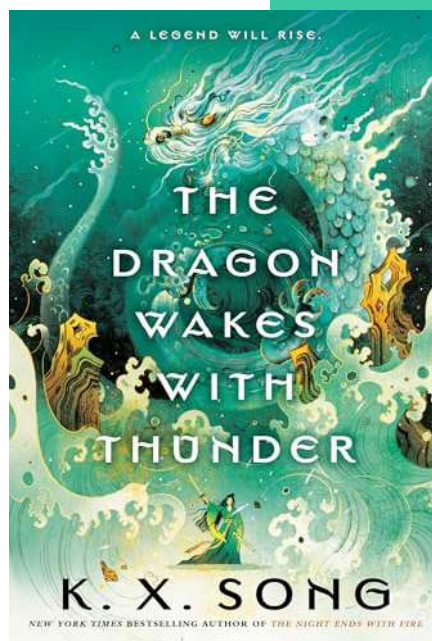
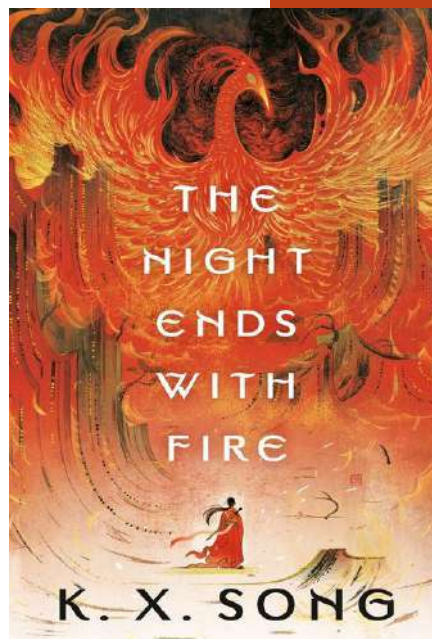
- **#1 Sunday Times, New York Times and USA Today Bestseller**
- **A Fairyloot special edition pick**

THE DRAGON WAKES WITH THUNDER (Releasing August 19, 2025): The war may be over, but HAI MEILIN is still paying a heavy toll. In spite of securing victory for the kingdom of Anlai, she is imprisoned upon her return. Her crime? Wielding a sword as a woman. In the palace, Meilin is an outcast and a social pariah. But beyond the imperial walls, the legend of the woman warrior has taken on a life of its own.

US Publisher: **Ace** | UK Publisher: **Hodder & Stoughton**
Genre: **Fantasy**

Territories Sold: **France, Germany, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine**

Contact: Kathryn Toolan



K. X. Song is a diaspora writer with roots in Hong Kong and Shanghai. Raised between cultures and languages, she enjoys telling stories that touch on collective memory, translation, and the shifting nature of memory and history. She is the author of AN ECHO IN THE CITY and THE NIGHT ENDS WITH FIRE, her adult fantasy debut. She currently resides in the Bay Area.

BLOOD AT THE ROOT SERIES

LaDarrion Williams

A teenager on the run from his past finds the family he never knew existed and the community he never knew he needed at an HBCU for the young, Black, and magical. Enroll in the debut of a fresh fantasy series unlike anything you've seen before.

BLOOD AT THE ROOT (Released May 7, 2024): Seventeen-year-old MALIK discovered that he had uncontrolled powers ten years ago and has been living in secret since then. Just when he's ready to start a new life, an unexpected connection with his long-lost grandmother—a legendary conjurer with ties to a hidden magical university. At Caiman University, Malik's eyes are opened to a future he never could have envisioned for himself—one that includes the reappearance of his first love, Alexis. Together with Alexis, Malik discovers a lot beneath the surface at Caiman: feuding covens and magical politics, forbidden knowledge and buried mysteries.

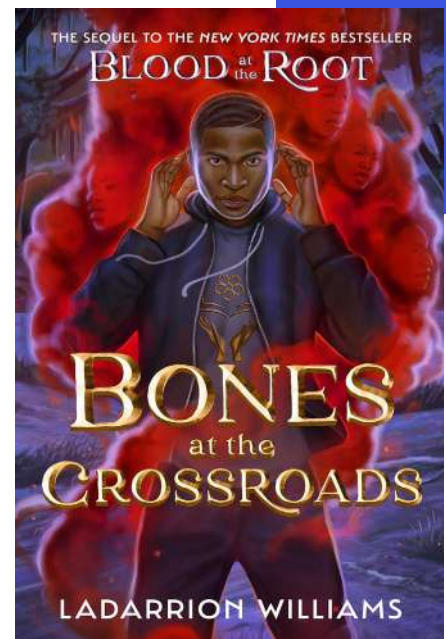
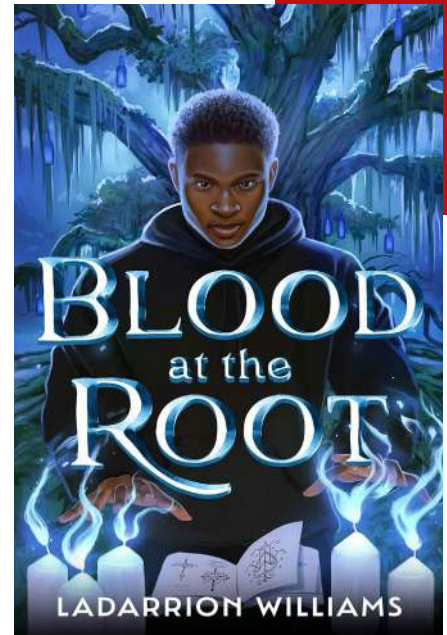
- **Instant New York Times bestseller**

BONES AT THE CROSSROADS (Releasing July 29, 2025): It's Homecoming season at Caiman University, and all MALIK wants to do is be a regular college student...or as regular as he can get at a magical HBCU for young, Black Conjurers. Instead, he's reeling from a summer of revelations, heartbreak and betrayal, and still uncovering the truth about his powers and his legacy. His journey takes him even deeper into his own heritage and the history of the magical world, while bringing him closer to a classmate whose friendship might mean something more, if Malik is ready to let her in. But how can he use powers he can't even control to defend a world he's not sure will ever fully accept him?

Publisher: **Labyrinth Road**
Genre: **YA Fantasy**

Territories Sold: **Turkey**

Contact: Kathryn Toolan



LaDarrion Williams is a Los Angeles based-playwright, filmmaker, author, and screenwriter whose goal is to cultivate a new era of Black fantasy, providing space and agency for Black characters and stories in a new, fresh, and fantastical way. LaDarrion is currently a resident playwright/co-creator of The Black Creators Collective.

QUEEN OF FACES

Petra Lord

In this astonishing YA debut, set in a world where the rich buy and swap designer bodies like clothes, a teen girl of no means must use only her illusion magic and quick thinking to earn a new body before the decaying male form she's been (reluctantly) wearing, takes its last breath.

ANABELLE GAGE is trapped in a boy's body, and it's rotting from the inside out.

In the nation of Caimor, the wealthy buy and swap fabricated bodies like clothes. But Ana can only afford a grey, withering form for herself, and by her seventeenth birthday, it's already dying. Attending Paragon Academy, Caimor's elite magic school, is her last shot at a new body—but when Ana fails the entrance exam for the third time, she puts her illusion magic to the task of stealing one instead.

Except Ana is caught, and by no less than the Paragon headmaster. He offers her a choice: die for her crime, or become a mercenary under his command, working secretly against those who would see the nation's magical elite toppled. Desperate, Ana accepts. But revolt brews in Caimor's smog-choked underworld, and at its helm is Khaoivhe, the most infamous outlaw mage in history. As Ana steals, fights, and kills for the school of her dreams, she discovers secrets that will upend her idea of who the heroes of her story are—and that threaten to leave her world in ruins.

- **US rights sold for seven-figures**
- **UK rights sold in a high six-figure pre-empt**
- **German rights sold in a six-figure pre-empt**



Petra Lord is a biracial trans author. She has a BFA in TV Writing from New York University, which she uses to recommend Netflix shows to her parents and predict the endings of Marvel movies. She's currently based in Los Angeles, where she feeds her addiction to Korean barbecue and sustains herself with videos of her cat. QUEEN OF FACES is her debut novel.

COVER TO COME

QUEEN OF FACES

PETRA LORD

US Publisher: **Holt Books for Young Readers**

UK Publisher: **HarperFire**

Release Date: **February 2026**

Genre: **YA Fantasy**

Book 1 in QUEEN OF FACES Trilogy

Territories Sold: **Brazil, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain, Ukraine**

Contact: Kathryn Toolan

THE SUN AND THE STARMAKER

Rachel Griffin

There once was a village so far north that most considered it the top of the world... and in that village, the Sun fell in love with her Starmaker. From the New York Times bestselling author of **THE NATURE WITCHES** comes a whimsical and sweeping romantic fantasy.

Nestled deep in the snowy mountains of the Lost Range, the small village of Reverie endures on a miracle. Beyond the reach of the Sun, Reverie is dependent upon the magic of the mysterious Starmaker: every morning, he trudges across a vast glacier and pulls in sunlight over the peaks, providing the village with the light it needs to survive.

Aurora Finch grew up on tales of the Starmaker's magic, never imagining she'd one day meet him. But on the morning of her wedding, a fateful encounter in the frostbitten woods changes everything. The Starmaker senses a powerful magic within her and demands she come study under his guidance. With her newfound abilities tied to the survival of the village, Aurora is swept away to his ice-covered castle at the mountain's peak.

The Starmaker is as cold and distant as the dark woods, leaving Aurora to explore his enchanted castle with only an immortal rabbit for company. Yet the more she discovers about the sorcerer, the stronger their ruinous attraction grows, pulling her closer to the secrets he refuses to share. A deadly frost approaches, and Aurora must uncover what the Starmaker is hiding before she is left in an endless winter that even the Sun cannot touch.



Publisher: **Sourcebooks**
Release Date: **Fall 2025**
Genre: **YA Romance Fantasy**
Standalone

Territories Sold: **Spain**

Contact: **Kathryn Toolan**



*Rachel Griffin is the New York Times bestselling author of **BRING ME YOUR MIDNIGHT**, **THE NATURE OF WITCHES** and **WILD IS THE WITCH**.*

THE DARK TIMES OF NIMBLE NOTTINGHAM

Ryan James Black

Set during World War II, a twelve-year-old orphan who accidentally unleashes a shadow monster onto the streets of London must team up with unlikely allies to hunt it down.

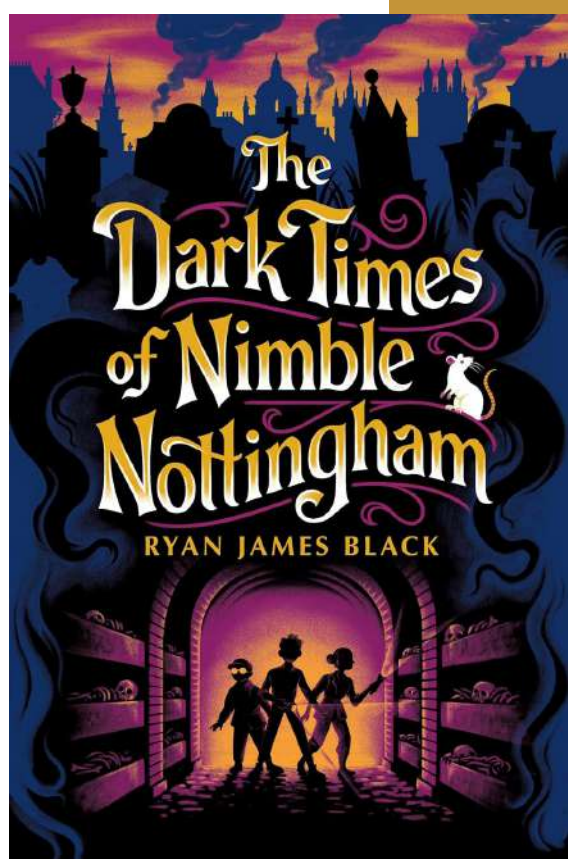
Surviving on the streets of World War II London alone certainly hasn't been easy, but Nimble Nottingham has perfected the art of going it alone—and that's just how he likes it. The only friend he needs is his beloved dog, Winnie. To pass the time between rolling blackouts and bombs falling through the air, Nim spends his days fence-climbing, roof-jumping, and gargoyle-perching... that is when he's not scrounging for food to stave off the ever-present hunger the war has brought to London.

So when opportunity strikes in the form of a bomb falling onto the notoriously creepy Gravenhurst Manor, Nim knows he has to get inside and find whatever spoils he can get his hands on to sell for food. Get in. Get out. Quick as a flash. At least, that was the plan until Mouse—a member of a local street gang called the Dead End Kids—shows up and invites himself along for the heist.

Inside, Mouse and Nim encounter far more than just crumbling walls and shattered windows. Beneath Gravenhurst Manor lies a secret room and inside that room is a locked safe. Nim, inspired by the Hardy Boys adventures he used to read at Waifs and Strays orphanage, knows that something this protected has to be valuable, and so he cracks the safe and unknowingly unleashes a monster.

A shadow creature is now loose on the streets of London, and it's up to Nim, Mouse, and a band of unattended children to end its reign of terror.

- **Sold in a two-book deal to Nancy Paulsen Books**



Publisher: **PRH/Nancy Paulsen**
Release Date: **August 26, 2025**
Genre: **Middle Grade Fantasy**

Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Ryan James Black is an Author Mentor Match mentee who hails from Manitoba, Canada. He's a husband, father, and self-described "Weirdo" and "Tamer of the Wilds," who brings both heart and admirable work ethic to his creative vocation. This is his debut novel.

BREAK WIDE THE SEA

Sara Holland

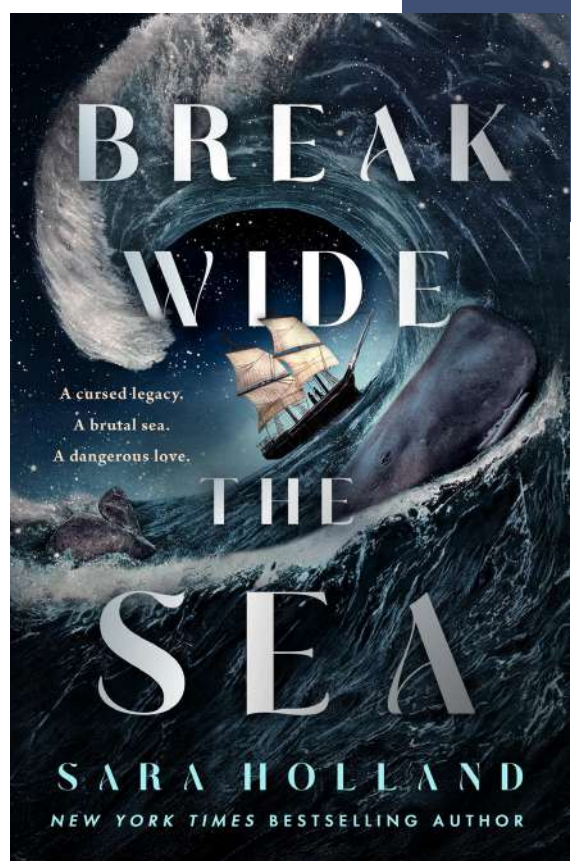
A young woman cursed with a fatal heartbreak-induced sickness must race against time to find a cure and protect her family legacy from the ancient finfolk that would destroy it, the fiancé that would kill her for it, and the boy who would love her if she forsook it.

The seafaring humans of Kirkrell have always been plagued by finfolk—bloodthirsty fae who haunt the seas, sinking ships and cursing bloodlines. Yet it's only by hunting magical whales that Kirkrell can prosper. Nineteen-year-old Annie is heir to the Fairfax Whaling Company, but their family's success came at a cost: a curse by which heartbreak turns Fairfaxes slowly into monsters. And six years ago, the shipwreck that killed Annie's parents left her with scales spreading up her arms, claws sprouting from her fingertips.

The love of her fiancé, August, salvaged her heart for a while—but when she learns August is maneuvering to take over the company, the curse worsens. Fearing her time is running out, she strikes a bargain with a disreputable young captain, half-finfolk and half-human Silas Price: on a voyage to hunt whales in the far north, Silas will take Annie to the finfolk queen, who can lift the curse in return for a promise to end whaling forever.

As Annie, August and Silas sail north, she is determined to uphold her family's legacy, but the threat of the finfolk tests her resolve. Lies corrupt her relationship with August; meanwhile a dangerous connection with Silas blooms—but he's keeping secrets too, and his might be the most dangerous of all.

As heiress, it's Annie's responsibility to deliver whale magic to her city. But as heartbreak looms, she must choose between saving herself and her family's legacy—and hope it doesn't cost her everyone she loves.



US Publisher: **Wednesday Books**
Release Date: **November 11, 2025**
Genre: **YA Fantasy**
Book 1 in the BREAK WIDE THE SEA Duology

Territories Sold: **France, Spain**

Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Sara Holland is the author of Havenfall and the New York Times bestsellers Everless and Evermore. She grew up in small-town Minnesota and has held jobs in a tea shop, a dentist's office, and a state capitol building, to name a few. She now lives in New York, where she can be found exploring bookstores or finding new ways to put caffeine in her bloodstream.

SPIRIT SERVICE

Serena & Sasha Nanua

GHOSTBUSTERS meets **THE BABY-SITTERS CLUB** in this supremely sweet and spooky story about four seventh graders who start a small business helping their local neighborhood spirits pass on to the other side.

All Raveena wants is to bring back her school's beloved arts program. It's been six months since her music-loving grandmother passed, and four since Hollows' Peak Middle School cut its entire arts budget. Now Raveena has no way to practice music, and worse, no way to honor Grandmama's memory.

But Raveena's world turns on its head when she and her friends stumble upon an otherworldly discovery: an old-fashioned telephone with the ability to contact ghosts!

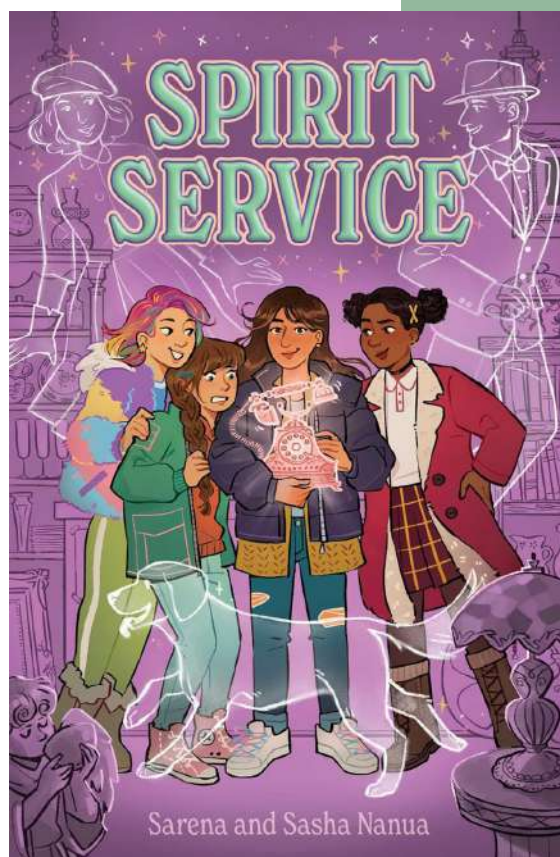
With her newfound possession, Raveena devises the perfect plan to raise funds for the arts program: Spirit Service, an agency that guides deceased townspeople to the afterlife by reconnecting them with their living loved ones. The best part? There are tons of spirits in need of assistance—and people willing to pay big bucks to communicate with them.

But not all spirits are interested in peacefully moving on...

To keep their neighborhood safe, Raveena and her friends must dive into the history of their town and the mysterious phone, and in the process, uncover secrets that are much closer to home.

Early Praise for SPIRIT SERVICE:

"A heartfelt paranormal delight, SPIRIT SERVICE offers an honest exploration of grief and loss balanced with the healing power of friendship, forgiveness, and letting go. But be warned: you'll never look at a rotary phone the same way again!"
— Jenna Lee-Yun, author of THE LAST RHEE WITCH



Publisher: **Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers**

Release Date: **April 2025**

Genre: **Middle Grade Fantasy**

Book 1 in SPIRIT SERVICE Series

Contact: **Kathryn Toolan**



Sarena and Sasha Nanua are twin sisters who love stories about friendship, ghosts, and all things magical. Born on Diwali ten minutes apart, they began writing books together at the age of nine. They are graduates of the English and professional writing programs at the University of Toronto and are the authors of SPIRIT SERVICE, SISTERS OF THE SNAKE, and DAUGHTERS OF THE DAWN.

STEELBORN

Taylor J. LaRue

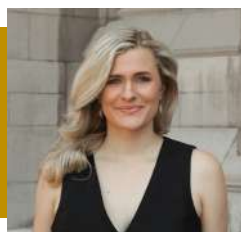
From an exciting new voice in romantasy comes a story with swagger and sizzling romance about a cutthroat thief who must ally with a cursed immortal in order to free herself from the crime boss she's indebted to, for fans of Callie Hart, L. J. Andrews, and Tricia Levenseller.

Half-human, half-immortal, REYA survives in an empire that criminalizes magic and is a most notorious thief, paying off her debt to the ruthless crime lord who saved her from a life on the streets. When, for her final job, she's tasked with delivering one of her own kind to an unthinkable fate, Reya helps them escape instead. Her employer gives her an ultimatum: two months to repay the cost of what she lost him, or she will be forever bound in his service.

Desperate, Reya takes on her most impossible heist yet when an immortal warrior cursed to die, hires her to steal him a fabled cure. But even she can't steal something no one has ever actually seen—and Reya and her warrior are not the only ones hunting it. When an attack forces Reya to reveal her own immortality, and Caelan realizes she possesses a rare gift that could spare his people from annihilation at the empire's hands, he's determined to teach the beautiful, infuriating thief how to control her power.

To save them both, Reya must confront the secrets lurking in the shadows of her past, the burning rage that she fears, and the ability she has spent her entire life suppressing. Because this time, her daggers aren't going to cut it, and the fate of all immortals hangs in the balance.

- **Sold in six-figure pre-empt deals in Brazil and Germany!**



Taylor J. LaRue spent her early career as a journalist in the Windy City. Now she is living out her moody aesthetic dreams coordinating author events in the Pacific Northwest, where she lives with her high school sweetheart-turned-husband, their tiny human tyrant, and one very soggy puppy.

COVER COMING SOON

STEELBORN

TAYLOR J. LARUE

CURRENTLY AT AUCTION

Genre: **Crossover Romance Fantasy**
Book 1 in STEELBORN Trilogy

Territories Sold: **Brazil, Germany**

Contact: Kathryn Toolan

SONG OF THE WIND

Ying Ping Low

A lyrical coming-of-age fantasy inspired by Chinese folklore, for fans of Kelly Barnhill's *THE GIRL WHO DRANK THE MOON* and Annet Schaap's *LAMPIE AND THE CHILDREN OF THE SEA*, centered on a young girl who is thrust into adventure when she crosses paths with a young emperor on the run from murderous traitors, and in search of the power of the mythical Dragon's Pulse.

The Village has no name, hidden from outsiders for as long as anyone can remember—until today. KAIXUAN, a 12-year-old emperor on the run from murderous traitors, has stumbled into the Village while seeking the fabled power of the Dragon's Pulse, the key to vanquishing his enemies. Free-spirited Mengyao, a village orphan on the same cusp of adolescence, only wants to hold onto her belief in magic and become a divine healer to her people.

As the words of an old legend bring their fates together, sparking the hope of restoring rightful rule to the kingdom, the two set out in search of the Dragon's Pulse. With help from unexpected quarters—a jade hare, a kitchen god, a moon goddess, and a spell woven from a handful of promises—they must reach their destination before they turn 13 and lose faith in the Dragon's Pulse and its magic entirely... and before the enemies at their tail capture them, or worse.

An ode to the power of storytelling, suspenseful with the universal ticking clock of childhood's end, *SONG* feels like a new classic in the making, spun together with a remarkable author's magical touch.

COVER TO COME

SONG OF THE WIND

YING PING LOW

Publisher: **G.P. Putnam's Sons Books
for Young Readers**
Release Date: **July 2026**
Genre: **YA Fantasy**
Standalone

Contact: Kathryn Toolan



*Ying Ping Low lives in Singapore and has had several middle grade novels published there: *PROPHECY OF THE UNDERWORLD* with Penguin Random House Southeast Asia; and the *MOUNT EMILY* quartet with Epigram Books. Her books have won the Singapore Book Awards, and been shortlisted for the Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award, and a short story won second prize in The British Fantasy Society's Short Story Competition 2018. She holds degrees in English Literature from the University of Leeds and the University of Warwick and worked in education prior to becoming a writer.*

THE GREATEST HEIST IN JOVIALA

Adi Alsaïd

A girl fights to free her sister from a curse while a beautiful mountain is at risk of being turned into a theme park in this giggle-worthy yet heartfelt middle grade adventure set in the world of THE BRAVEST WARRIOR IN NEFARIA.

Having grown up in Nefaria, a land where evil schemes abound, Candelabra is thrilled to take a school trip to Joviala, a land that's prone to natural disasters but has virtually no evil in it. All her life, she's dreamt of a place where everyone is caring and happy and without malicious intent, and now it's coming true for her.

But Jovialan Schmebecca isn't so sure her country's reputation is earned. A company has just been approved to move her beloved mountain to install a theme park, and that sounds pretty evil to her. She enlists the help of veteran evil-scheme-thwarters Candelabra and Bobert, and together, they work to uncover the possible evil scheme—but when a twist pits their goals against each other, the fight against evil becomes a lot more complicated.

Praise for previous book THE BRAVEST WARRIOR IN NEFARIA:

"Fresh, humorous, and fun" — Kirkus Reviews

"This goofy middle grade debut from Alsaïd (Actually Super) possesses a simmering humor drawn from the premise and setting's thoroughly absurd trappings, and its good-intentioned protagonists lend it an upbeat tone." — Publishers Weekly

"Delightfully wacky, hilariously absurd, and perfectly relatable. It's just plain fun!" — Chris Rylander, author of THE LEGEND OF GREG



Publisher: Aladdin

Release Date: November 2024

Genre: Middle Grade Fantasy

Part of the NEFARIA UNIVERSE

Contact: Kathryn Toolan

**Also from the NEFARIA UNIVERSE:
THE BRAVEST WARRIOR IN NEFARIA**



Adi Alsaïd was born and raised in Mexico City, where he spilled hot sauce on things. Along with writing and traveling the world, Adi has coached high school and elementary school basketball. In addition to Mexico, he has lived in Tel Aviv, Las Vegas, Monterey, and Chicago.

LIES ON THE SERPENT'S TONGUE

Kate Pearsall

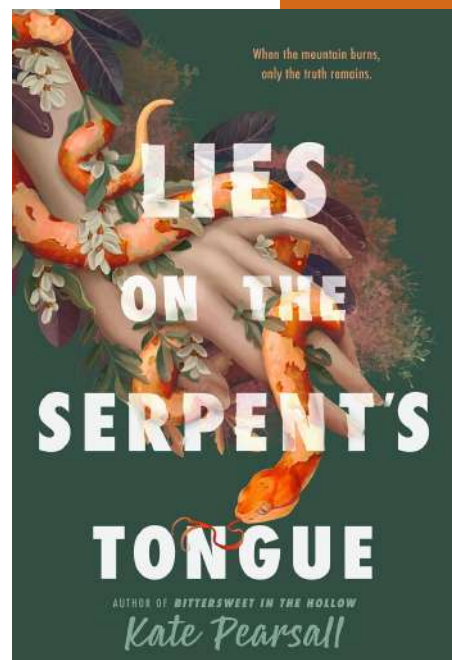
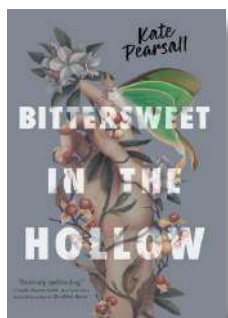
In this haunting companion novel to *BITTERSWEET IN THE HOLLOW*, a girl who can smell the lies of others uncovers the incendiary mysteries of her small Appalachian town.

As CABALL HOLLOW slowly recovers from a tumultuous summer, the James family must also come to terms with their own newly revealed secrets.

18-year-old ROWAN JAMES has spent her whole life harboring unpleasant truths— that's what happens when you can smell lies on the teller's breath—and building walls around herself to block them out. Like her younger sister, Linden, who can taste the feelings of others, Rowan has long struggled with her gift, which has taught her that everyone distorts the truth, and no one is who they seem to be. So when her old rival Hadrian Fitch shows up on her front porch—bloodied and bruised and asking for the kind of help only she can provide—her first instinct is distrust.

Except Hadrian's attack isn't the only strange occurrence. Now small items are disappearing, but rather than report the losses the owners act as if their missing things never existed. Rumors of a new monster prowling the Hollow begin to swirl. But how can Rowan smoke out the culprit in a town full of secrets? And worse, how can Rowan trust beautiful, solemn Hadrian when every other word he speaks has the distinct burnt smell of a lie?

**Also from the JAMES SISTERS UNIVERSE:
BITTERSWEET IN THE HOLLOW**



Publisher: **G.P. Putnam's Sons
Books for Young Readers**
Release Date: **January 2025**
Genre: **YA Fantasy**
**Part of the JAMES SISTERS
Universe**

Territories Sold: **Poland**

Contact: Kathryn Toolan



*Kate Pearsall is a creative thinker, an award-winning copywriter, and a storyteller. She has a degree in business and public relations and has written for magazines and newspapers. *BITTERSWEET IN THE HOLLOW* and *LIES ON THE SERPENT'S TONGUE* were inspired in part by a childhood listening to her mom's stories about growing up in the Appalachian Mountains and visiting family in West Virginia.*

SPICE ROAD TRILOGY

Maiya Ibrahim

A romantic fantasy trilogy set in an Arabian-inspired land where a nation of tribes famous for their spices are attacked by an occupying king after he discovers their secret tea magic.

SPICE ROAD (Released January 24, 2023): Raised to protect her nation from the monsters lurking in the sands, a sixteen-year-old girl must fight to find her brother, whose betrayal is now the country's greatest threat. **An instant Sunday Times bestseller.**

SERPENT SEA (Released November 19, 2024): While sworn to protect her land from the monsters that roam the desert, a worse enemy looms forcing her to join forces with the very monsters she was raised to fight against.

Praise for **SPICE ROAD** and **SERPENT SEA**:

"Overflowing with culturally specific details and set in a fictional, Arabian-inspired world, this high-octane adventure maintains a steady clip toward a scintillating conclusion." — Publishers Weekly, starred review for **SPICE ROAD**

"Spellbinding magic, lush description and whirlwind action define Maiya Ibrahim's YA debut, **SPICE ROAD**." — Shelf Awareness, starred review for **SPICE ROAD**

"[A] captivating and emotionally resonant adventure." — Kirkus, starred review for **SERPENT SEA**

- **Both books are Fairylot special edition picks**

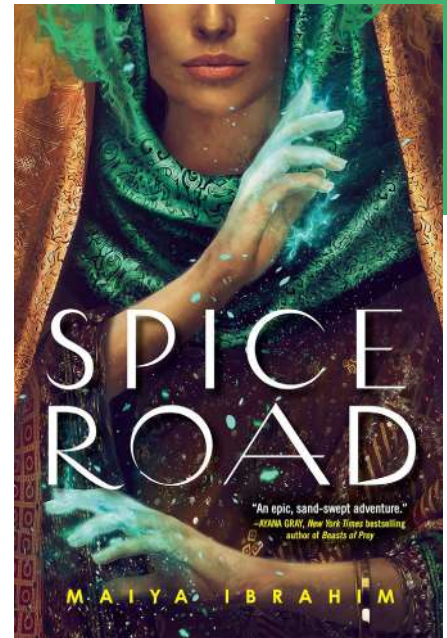
US Publisher: **Delacorte** | UK Publisher: **Hodderscape**
Genre: **YA Fantasy**

Territories Sold: **Bulgaria, Germany, Italy, Russia, Turkey**

Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Maiya Ibrahim is a writer and reader born and raised in Sydney. When she's not writing or reading, Maiya can be found indulging in Lebanese food with her family, playing Skyrim, watching Game of Thrones, or swimming with friends at one of many Australia's many spectacular beaches.



LOVESICK FALLS

Julia Drake

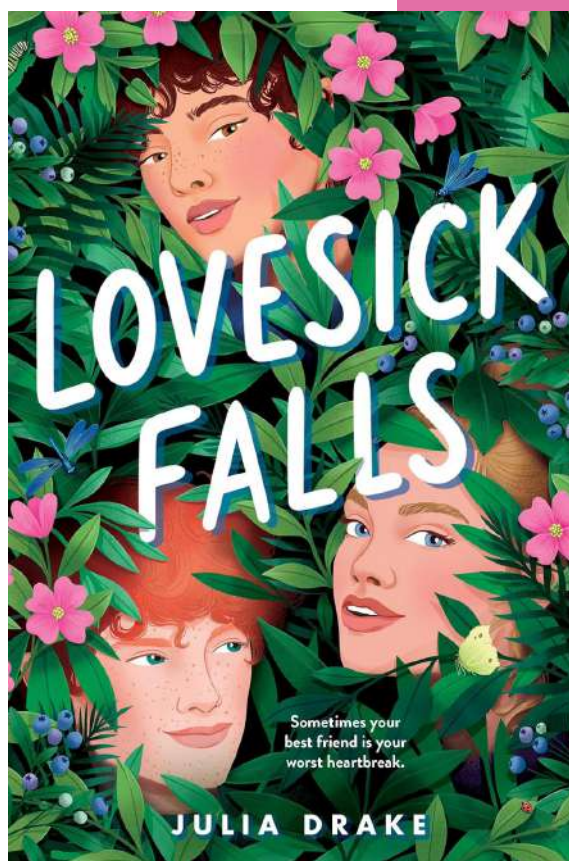
Sometimes growing up means growing apart in this queer take on *AS YOU LIKE IT* featuring first loves and friend break-ups, perfect for fans of *THE GRAVITY OF US* and *WE ARE OKAY*.

Celia, Ros, and Touchstone have been best friends since childhood. Sure, Celia is in love with Ros, and Touchstone was once been in love with Celia — but that's the beauty of a place like Lovesick Falls. If you fell in love, you could fall out. Unless you can change the other person's mind. Which is totally not what any of them are trying to do — especially Celia. She's just trying to have the best summer ever, as the best friend ever. Which is proof that she'd also make the best girlfriend ever.

But as they each make new friends, meet unexpected celebrity crushes, and connect with cute co-workers, Celia's dreamy summer plans of being nestled in a cabin with her two best friends begin to feel like a nightmare. They started the summer closer than ever. Will living together tear them apart?

Advance praise for **LOVESICK FALLS**:

"An exceptional retelling of a classic Shakespearean comedy. Drake deftly introduces a multitude of beautifully nuanced characters, weaving their stories into a queer ode to friendship, theater, and the complexities of love." — Kirkus Review, starred



Publisher: **Little, Brown Books for Young Readers**

Release Date: **June 2025**

Genre: **YA Contemporary Standalone**

Contact: **Kathryn Toolan**



Julia Drake's debut novel *THE LAST TRUE POETS OF THE SEA* was published in 2019 by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers and received the 2020 New England Book Award, six starred reviews, and was named a 2019 Best Book of the Year by Kirkus, Publishers Weekly, and Booklist, among other publications. Her short fiction has appeared in *The Gettysburg Review*, *Esopus*, and *McSweeney's Internet Tendency*. She holds an MFA from Columbia University, and occasionally moonlights as a professor of creative and academic writing. She lives and works in Philadelphia with her partner and their rescue rabbit, Ned.

I'LL PRETEND YOU'RE MINE

Tashie Bhuiyan

From the author of **COUNTING DOWN WITH YOU** and **STAY WITH MY HEART** comes a sparkling new YA contemporary novel about a young pop star trying to make a name for herself and the notorious playboy with whom she must fake a relationship to do so.

Summer Ali has been making a name for herself in the music industry for years, slowly but surely climbing the charts—but the world doesn't know her stage parents are the ones who molded her entire public persona. Finally eighteen, Summer breaks free of their control and focuses on creating her own path.

Upon running into writer's block, Summer grows eager to take any opportunity to shake things up—even if it means agreeing to a PR stunt with child-actor-turned-playboy, Jules Moradi, famous for his tabloid escapades.

At first, Jules keeps his distance, maintaining professional boundaries. But as time passes, his walls come down, and Summer uncovers who he is beyond his reputation, and it's someone more like her than she ever realized. As the lines blur between fake and real, Summer begins questioning who she is and what she wants—and if her dreams are worth sacrificing her heart.

Praise for I'LL PRETEND YOU'RE MINE:

"I'll Pretend You're Mine has it all: charismatic characters, a swoon-worthy fake-dating romance, and a tender, nuanced examination of what it means—and what it takes—to follow your heart. Tashie Bhuiyan's gift for writing beautifully earnest coming-of-age novels is undeniable." —Ann Liang, New York Times bestselling author of **I HOPE THIS DOESN'T FIND YOU**

"Yet another wildly fun, deeply tender, incredibly heartfelt novel from Tashie Bhuiyan that will make you want to re-read it the instant you finish." —Emma Lord, New York Times bestselling author of **TWEET CUTE**



US Publisher: **HarperTeen Inkyard Press**

Release Date: **June 2025**

Genre: **YA Contemporary Standalone**

Contact: **Kathryn Toolan**



*Tashie Bhuiyan is the author of **COUNTING DOWN WITH YOU**, **A SHOW FOR YOU**, and **STAY WITH MY HEART**. She's a New Yorker through and through, and hopes to change the world, one book at a time. She loves writing stories about girls with wild hearts, boys who wear rings, and gaining agency through growth. When she's not doing that, she can be found in a Chipotle or bookstore, insisting 2010 is the best year in cinematic history (read: "Tangled" and "Inception").*

LOVE ON PAPER

Danielle Parker

From the author of **YOU BET YOUR HEART** comes a heartfelt romance about two aspiring teen novelists finding love, good food, and a little bit of mystery at an exclusive writers' retreat. Perfect for fans of K.L. Walther!

The daughter of two prestigious writers, Macy Descanso has decided to take her own writing seriously. So what if her mother pulled some strings to get Macy into a prestigious writing retreat? Macy belongs here. But when she arrives, she learns that the theme has been changed to romance, per the bequest of the late, prolific romance author Betty Quinn. Though a cynic, Macy lives for a challenge.

What she's not prepared for is to be partnered with Caleb Bernard, also the child of two prestigious writers. The Descansos and Bernards notably have beef—a rivalry that has lasted generations. With something to prove, Macy and Caleb decide to put their family squabbles aside to work together as critique partners.

But this retreat is anything but ordinary. According to lore, every year, authors leave easter eggs behind for new students to find. Macy and Caleb are eager to solve Betty Quinn's mystery. And in the process, Macy and Caleb find that they have a lot in common. Still, will their connection be enough to surpass their families' feud? Can the relationship they've built continue after the retreat?

Praise for **LOVE ON PAPER**:

"A delightful page-turner that is a clever mystery, a swoony romance, and a hilariously heartfelt coming of age all in one. It will keep readers waiting at the edge of their seats for the next clue and next kiss as they fall for the charming power of love stories and the creative passion of the characters."

— Justine Pucella Winans, award-winning author of **BIANCA TORRE IS AFRAID OF EVERYTHING**

"Moving and memorable. Danielle Parker expertly intertwines first love and family secrets in a book you'll want to return to again and again." — Kristy Boyce, bestselling author of **DUNGEONS AND DRAMA**



US Publisher: **Delacorte/Joy Revolution**
Release Date: **January 2025**
Genre: **YA Contemporary**
Standalone

Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Danielle Parker has a BA in English from the University of California, Berkeley, and an MA in education from the University of California, Los Angeles. She has over ten years of experience as a high school English teacher, during which her greatest pleasure was helping reluctant readers find a novel they absolutely loved. Danielle now lives in the Pacific Northwest with her family. You Bet Your Heart is her debut novel. When she's not writing, Danielle can be found looking for a pool to splash in, thinking about dessert, or taking a quick nap.

THE WRONG WAY HOME

Kate O'Shaughnessy

Twelve-year-old Fern believes she's living a noble life—but what if everything she's been told is a lie? This is a huge-hearted story about a girl learning to question everything—and to trust in herself.

FERN's lived at the Ranch, an off-the-grid, sustainable community in upstate New York, since she was six. The work is hard, but Fern admires the Ranch's leader, Dr. Ben. So when Fern's mother sneaks them away in the middle of the night and says Dr. Ben is dangerous, Fern doesn't believe it. She wants desperately to go back, but her mom just keeps driving.

Suddenly thrust into the treacherous, toxic, outside world, Fern thinks only about how to get home again. She has a plan, but it will take time. As that time goes by, though, Fern realizes there are things she will miss from this place—the library, a friend from school, the ocean—and there are things she learned at the Ranch that are just...not true.

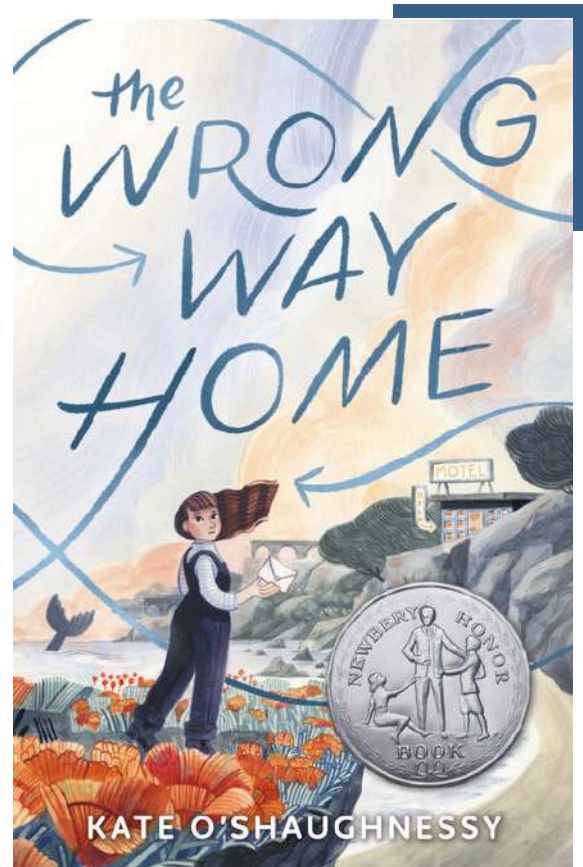
Now Fern will have to decide. How much is she willing to give up to return to the Ranch? Should she trust Dr. Ben's vision for her life? Or listen to the growing feeling that she can live by her own rules?

- A Caliba Golden Poppy Award Finalist
- A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year
- A Booklist Best Book of the Year

Praise for THE WRONG WAY HOME:

"The suspenseful story is immediately intriguing... A tremendous testament to the power in plotting your own course." — Booklist, starred review

"O'Shaughnessy succeeds in raising awareness by bringing the abuse of cult communities to light through a gripping storyline and beautifully imperfect supporting characters... A strong, emotionally intelligent story." — Kirkus, starred review



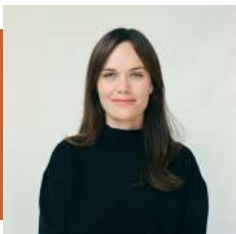
US Publisher: **Knopf Books for Young Readers**

Release Date: **April 2024**

Genre: **Middle Grade Contemporary**

Contact: **Kathryn Toolan**

NEWBERY HONOR WINNER



Kate O'Shaughnessy's love of reading and writing stories began in early childhood and only grew stronger. She has been a chef, earned a fellowship with the Yale Sustainable Food Program, and backpacked around the world. She is the author of LASAGNA MEANS I LOVE YOU and THE LONELY HEART OF MAYBELLE LANE.

THE GHOST OF YOU

Michael Gray Bulla

From the author of *IF I CAN GIVE YOU THAT* comes an emotional novel that follows a transgender teen who must grapple with a friendship fracturing and a new romance blossoming, all while being haunted by a devastating loss. A must-read for fans of *HOW IT FEELS TO FLOAT* and *THE GHOSTS WE KEEP*.

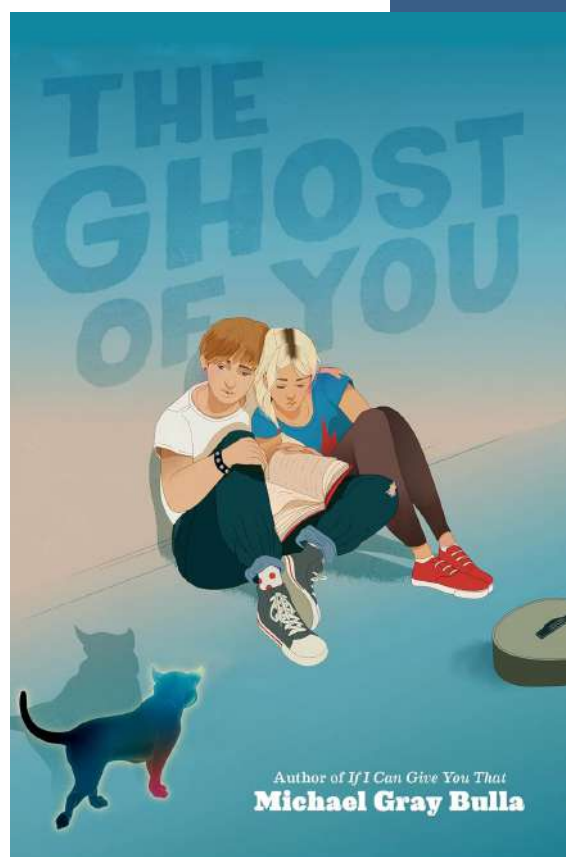
It's Homecoming season at Caiman University, and all Caleb's world broke the day his brother died of a drug overdose. Now in the throes of grief, Caleb hardly ever sees his friends anymore, and school isn't much better. He's on the verge of failing his songwriting class, never mind that music used to be his greatest passion. Even Tanya, his best friend, is growing tired of trying to push him out of the door and back into his life. But perhaps most concerning of all: a black cat has been following Caleb around... a cat that only he can see. A cat that may just be a ghost.

Then, Caleb is assigned a songwriting partner in class: Emmett, the nonbinary lead singer of a local punk band. The cat takes a liking to Emmett—and maybe Caleb does, too. As they write together, Caleb begins opening up about his grief, and the two realize they have more in common than expected. Now, Caleb will have to decide if he is ready to heal with Emmett's help— or to recede in life and become as invisible as the ghostly cat at his heel.

Praise for *THE GHOST OF YOU*:

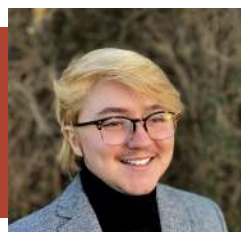
"This book offers positive representation that will resonate with many young adult readers, especially fans of Meredith Russo and Kacen Callender."
— Booklist

"A moving novel about grief and the possibility of hope after loss. Bulla creates an open and inclusive narrative for the characters to share their experiences as LGBTQIA+ teens. This story is touching, heartbreaking, and poignant. A must for readers who enjoy complex emotional journeys." — School Library Journal



Publisher: **Quill Tree**
Release Date: **September 2024**
Genre: **YA Contemporary**
Standalone

Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Michael Gray Bulla is a young adult novelist and poet from Franklin, Tennessee. He was named the 2017 Nashville Youth Poet Laureate with Southern Word. His first poetry collection, LETTERS TO HOME, was published in 2019.

NOT ABOUT A BOY

Myah Hollis

Euphoria meets *Girl in Pieces* in this coming-of-age story of a girl trying to put a grief-stricken past behind her, only to be startled by the discovery of a long-lost sister who puts into question everything she thought she knew.

AMELIE COEUR has never known what it truly means to be happy.

She thought she'd found happiness once, in a love that ended in tragedy and nearly sent her over the edge. Now, at seventeen, Mel is beginning to piece her life back together. Under the supervision of Laurelle Child Services, the exclusive foster care agency that raised her, Mel is sober and living with a new family among Manhattan's elite. It's her last chance at adoption before she ages out of the system, and she promised, this time, she'll try.

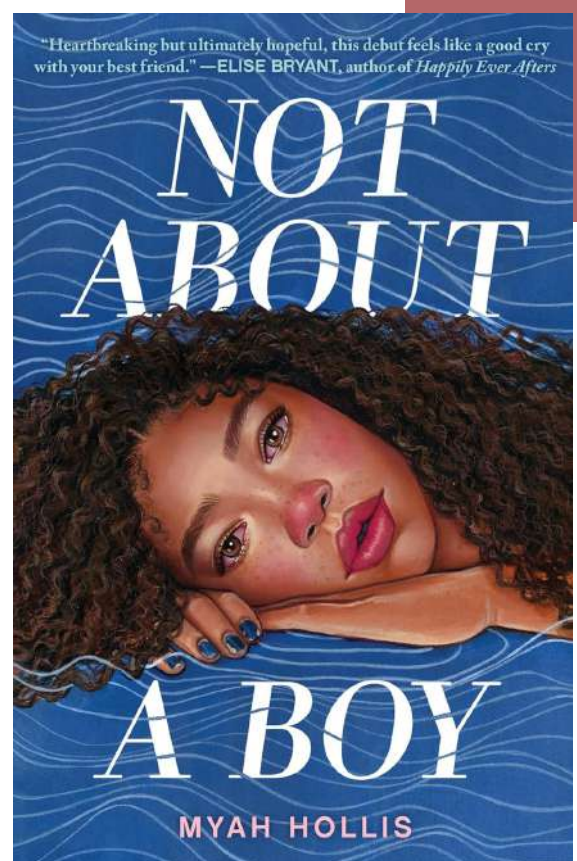
But a casual relationship with a boy is turning into something she never intended for it to be, causing small cracks in her carefully constructed walls. Then the sister she has no memory of contacts Mel, unearthing complicated feelings about the past and what could have been.

As the anniversary of the worst day of her life approaches, Mel must weather the rising tides of grief and depression before she loses herself, and those close to her, all over again.

Praise for NOT ABOUT A BOY:

"This debut is a gritty teen drama full of mature themes that unfurl in compassionate ways and will resonate with many readers. Hollis also imbues the text with moments of joy, witty banter, and supportive found-family bonding... Heartbreaking and powerful." — Kirkus, starred review

"An emotionally rich and complex coming-of-age story." — School Library Journal, starred review



Publisher: **HarperTeen**
Release Date: **July 2024**
Genre: **YA Contemporary**

Contact: Kathryn Toolan

- **A Young Adult Library Services Association "Best Fiction" Nominee**



Myah Hollis is a Pennsylvanian writer living in Los Angeles. She specializes in "Sad Girl Lit", mainly due to her chronic fascination with psychology. NOT ABOUT A BOY is her debut novel.

GRIN

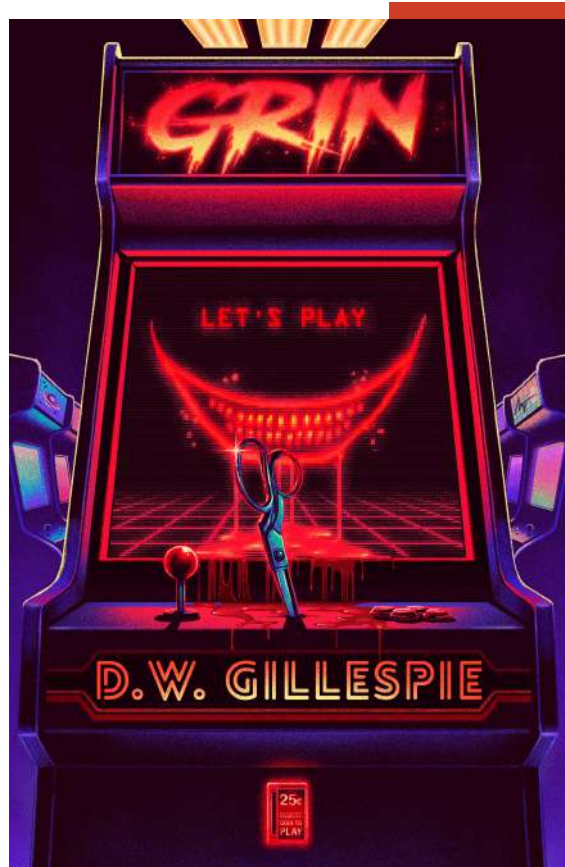
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Publisher: **Delacorte**
Release Date: **August 26, 2025**
Genre: **Middle Grade Horror**

Contact: Kimberly Brower & Anna Atoria



Born and raised in Middle Tennessee, D.W. Gillespie has been daydreaming for as long as he can remember. His first short story was in second grade, and it involved (unsurprisingly) monsters wreaking havoc on some unsuspecting victim. Some things never change, and now D.W. writes a healthy mixture of horror, sci-fi, and supernatural fiction.

THE DEAD OF SUMMER

Ryan La Sala

A teen fights to survive a deadly summer in a queer resort town off the coast of Maine after it is put into lockdown to contain a mysterious, supernatural plague rising from the sea.

OLLIE VELTMAN is finally coming home to the quaint island of Anchor's Mercy after a year away while his mom battled cancer and he's returning with a lot of questions. Because for a place that's perfect on the outside, a secret rots inside. A secret that could explain his mom's illness, and the illness of so many other locals.

Ollie's desperate search for the truth turns life-or-death when a storm descends upon the island. In its wake, a long-sunken horror rises . . .

Three weeks later Ollie is being held in isolation aboard a military hospital ship in the harbor. They say he's a survivor, but they only know half the story. The truth is more dangerous than Ollie ever believed, and he suspects his saviors aren't here to save anyone. Only Ollie can stop what comes next, but that means getting back to Anchor's Mercy before it vanishes below the waves, taking with it everyone he has ever loved."

Early Praise for DEAD OF SUMMER:

"The perfect beach read to really get that adrenaline going," — Andrew Joseph White, NYT bestselling author of COMPOUND FRACTURE

"La Sala is back with a fresh new freakshow! Not only is THE DEAD OF SUMMER a terrifying, fast-paced, maritime body horror, it's a timely plea to embrace your community when you can no longer trust those in charge.." — Adam Sass, award-winning author of YOUR LONELY NIGHTS ARE OVER and SURRENDER YOUR SONS

"... Ryan's sharp, signature prose reminds us all of the siren-song power of their craft. An engrossing read that'll absolutely pull you under." — Kosoko Jackson, USA TODAY bestselling author of THE FOREST DEMANDS ITS DUE



US Publisher: **Scholastic**
Release Date: **September 2025**
Genre: **YA Horror Series**

Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Ryan La Sala is a bestselling and award-winning author, who writes about surreal things happening to queer people. His debut horror novel, THE HONEYS, is in development to become a major motion picture. He is the author of BEHOLDER, REVERIE, and BE DAZZLED, and THE DEAD OF SUMMER, his latest, is publishing in September 2025.

WHEN DEVILS SING

Xan Kaur

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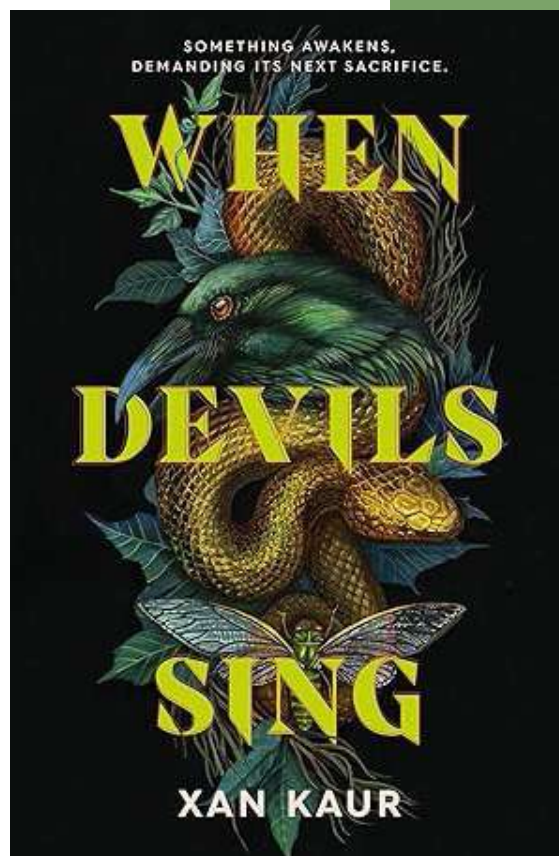
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When Dawson Sumter goes missing, all he leaves behind is a smattering of blood in room 4 of the debt-ridden motel owned by Neera Singh's family. Disappearances like this aren't uncommon in the rural Georgia town of Carrion, especially every thirteen years when a periodical cicada brood returns from underground, shrieking their deafening screams. Neera sets out to investigate Dawson's whereabouts—if he even still lives—along with three other teens: Isaiah, son of a prominent judge and clandestine true crime podcaster; Reid, son of the wealthiest man in the region; and Sam, estranged daughter of the local hitman. How deep does the rot go in their seemingly affluent town, and can they find a way to escape its reach?

Early Praise for WHEN DEVILS SING:

"A story that truly understands no devil can ever be half as terrifying as the cruelty of a powerful man. Kaur has written a true blood-soaked Southern Gothic for the modern age." — Andrew Joseph White, NYT bestselling author of *HELL FOLLOWED WITH US* and *THE SPIRIT BARES ITS TEETH*

"Dripping with heart and voice from the very first page, *WHEN DEVILS SING* is definitely one you're going to want to read!" — Nick Brooks, Odyssey Award-winning author of *PROMISE BOYS*



US Publisher: **Holt**

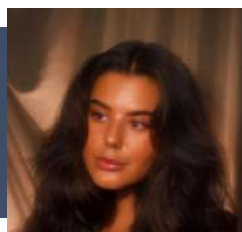
UK Publisher: **Macmillan UK**

Release Date: **June 2025**

Genre: **YA Horror**

Contact: **Kathryn Toolan**

- **US First Edition to publish with Beautiful Stenciled Edges**



Xan Kaur is a photographer and author based out of Atlanta. Born in the "Land of Waterfalls" and raised in rural Georgia, she's moved more times than the years she's been alive. With a passion for environmentalism, a decade of veganism, and a fierce reverence for nature, Xan finds herself drawn to experiences that connect her with the earth. When not writing, you can find her behind her camera, hiking up a mountain, or swimming in the nearest ocean.

GIVE ME SOMETHING GOOD TO EAT

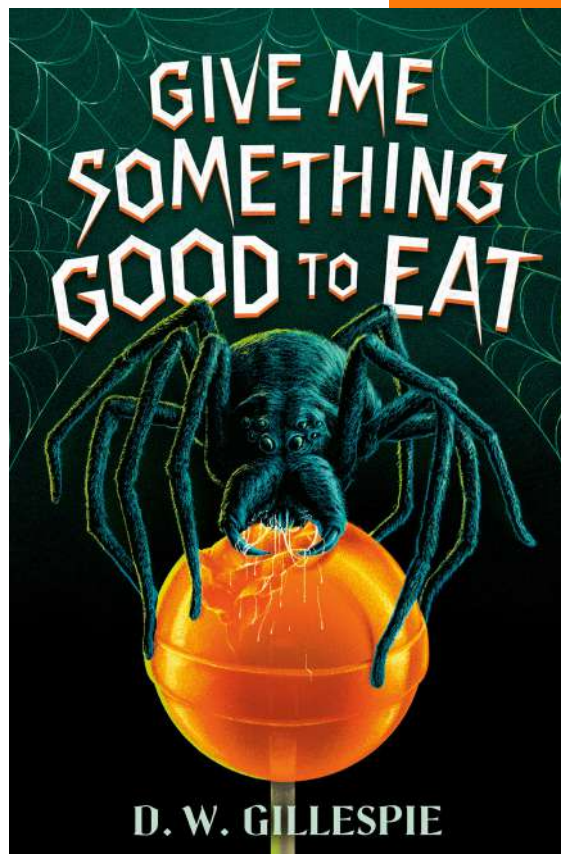
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Publisher: **Delcorte**
Release Date: **August 13, 2024**
Genre: **Middle Grade Horror Standalone**

Territories Sold: **Russia**

Contact: **Kimberly Brower & Anna Atoria**

Prase for GIVE ME SOMETHING GOOD TO EAT:

"An immersive, well-imagined world with plenty of spooky bits." — Kirkus Reviews

"Gillespie's writing shines."— Publisher's Weekly

HOW THE GOODE GIRLS DIED

Alyssa Sheinmel

A girl is thrust into the mystery of her neighbors' deaths and blackmailed by the forces behind her school's anonymous gossip app into investigating it.

FRANCIE is the first in her school to learn that the Goode girls died. She watches from her bedroom window across the street as they're wheeled out of their front door in stretchers, one after the other.

At her old school, Francie was a loser—she lost her mother to cancer and her best friend to the popular kids, followed by her home and everything else. Now at a fancy private school, living with her wealthy, distant father, Francie can be someone else entirely, so long as she has the approval of ArborThrille, the school's exclusive gossip app. And the Goode girls' tragic death might just be Francie's ticket to rebirth—a piece of gossip so tantalizing it could be her in.

But when ArborThrille's anonymous admin blackmails her into investigating, she is sucked into a vortex of speculation. Francie never spoke to her neighbors and wants nothing to do with the maelstrom of gossip overtaking their school. But she does understand about mourning—and the mystery of how the Goode girls died is closer to home than Francie knows.

Combining the twists of Holly Jackson with the emotional poignancy of Kathleen Glasgow, this is a riveting story of grief, abuse, mental health, and healing, perfect for fans of suspenseful teen drama.

COVER TO COME

HOW THE GOODE GIRLS DIED

ALYSSA SHEINMEL

US Publisher: **Roaring Brook Press**
Macmillan
 Release Date: **Fall 2026**
 Genre: **YA Mystery/Thriller**
Standalone

Contact: Kathryn Toolan



*Alyssa Sheinmel is the New York Times bestselling author of several novels for young adults including *A Danger to Herself and Others*, *What Kind of Girl*, and *Faceless*, as well as *Outer Banks: Lights Out*, a prequel to Netflix's smash hit, *Outer Banks*, and a forthcoming prequel to Netflix's *The Umbrella Academy*. Alyssa's books tackle timely, emotionally affecting issues including teen dating violence, eating disorders, anxiety, grief, and self-harm, and have sold hundreds of thousands of copies worldwide.*

WHEN THE BONES SING

Ginny Myers Sain

From the New York Times bestselling author of DARK AND SHALLOW LIES comes a new southern gothic supernatural thriller about a teen girl in a small Ozark town who can hear the bones of the dead.

The past three years have been tough for Lucifer's Creek, Arkansas, a small town quietly tucked away in the Ozark mountains. More than two dozen people have disappeared on the local hiking trails; there one moment, gone the next, not a trace left behind, until their buried bodies are discovered.

17-year-old DOVIE doesn't believe in magic even though she comes from a long line of women who can hear the bones of the dead sing, and for the past few years the bones have been crooning nonstop, calling out to Dovie to dig them up.

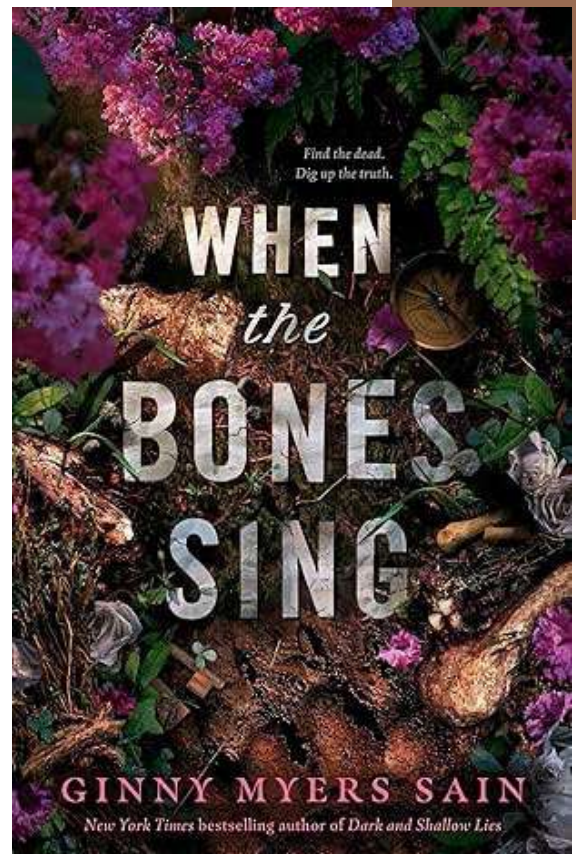
Some of the old-timers believe that it's the monstrous Ozarks howler snatching people off the Aux Arc Trail. Well Dovie doesn't believe in the howler, and she doesn't believe her best friend LO when he tells her he is being haunted by dark shadows. All she believes in is her talent that guides the local sheriff to the bones when they begin their song, then reuniting the dead with their families to give them some peace.

Lo doesn't know peace, though. The shadows follow him everywhere. He soon learns they're the murdered hikers and they want answers. But the truth of their deaths isn't buried with their bones; it's hidden somewhere deep in the hills. And Lo and Dovie must unearth it before anyone else is killed.

Praise for WHEN THE BONES SING:

"Hauntingly ambitious... A rural Southern gothic horror novel that will stay with readers well beyond the last page." -PW, starred review

"Gripping and intensely atmospheric." -Kirkus



US Publisher: **Razorbill**
UK Publisher: **Farshore**
Release Date: **March 2025**
Genre: **YA Mystery/Thriller**

Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Ginny Myers Sain lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and has spent the past twenty years working closely with teens as a director and acting instructor in a program designed for high school students seriously intent on pursuing a career in the professional theatre. Having grown up in deeply rural America, she is interested in telling stories about resilient kids who come of age in remote settings.

GIRLS WHO PLAY DEAD

Joelle Wellington

From the author of **THEIR VICIOUS GAMES** and **THE BLONDE DIES FIRST** comes a new murder mystery thriller about estranged siblings and the ghost of their childhood friend that haunts the space between them.

Estranged siblings Mikky and Kyla reunite for the funeral of a murdered childhood friend, but Mikky soon realizes Kyla and the town they grew up in aren't exactly as they seem.

- Previous book **THE BLONDE DIES FIRST** is a 2024 Bram Stoker Award finalist
- Previous book **THEIR VICIOUS GAMES** was a School Library Journal "Best Book of the Year"

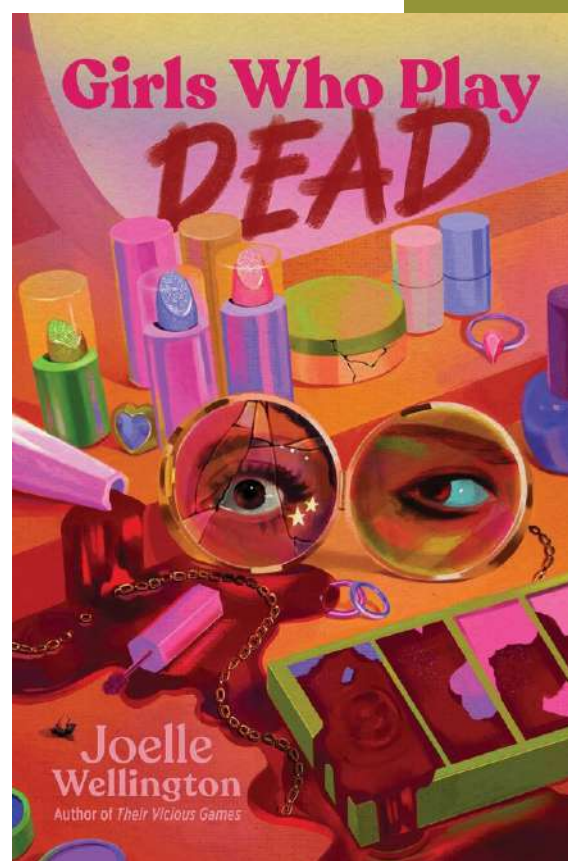
Praise for VICIOUS::

"[A] truly unique and creative story that teens will be unable to put down... [T]his story is not only relevant and timely but also one that will stick with readers long after the book's dramatic final confrontation." — School Library Journal, starred review

"Wellington doesn't hold back in this explosive debut novel... Anyone desperate for a HUNGER GAMES-esque adventure will devour this debut." — Booklist

"Readers are rewarded with heart-stopping reveals. A twisty chronicle, filled with equal parts glory and gore, of an outlier who transforms into a modern "final girl."— Kirkus Reviews

"A bloody tale spun masterfully, **THEIR VICIOUS GAMES** is a dark delight." — Faridah Abike-Iyimide, NYT bestselling author of **ACE OF SPADES**



US Publisher: **Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers**

Release Date: **Fall 2025**

Genre: **YA Mystery/Thriller**
Standalone

Contact: Kathryn Toolan



*Joelle Wellington grew up in Brooklyn, New York, where her childhood was spent wandering the main branch of the Brooklyn Public Library. Her love of the written word led her to a BA in creative writing and international studies. When she isn't writing, she's reading and when she's not doing that, she's attempting to bake bread with varying degrees of success or strengthening her encyclopedia-like pop culture knowledge. She's the author of **THEIR VICIOUS GAMES** and **THE BLONDE DIES FIRST**.*

YOUNG WORLD

Soman Chainani

A devastatingly powerful political thriller set in America, 5 minutes in the future. A global revolution set into motion by the newly elected seventeen-year-old President of the United States of America turns deadly when the Revolting Youth meet for the first time for their G-8 summit.

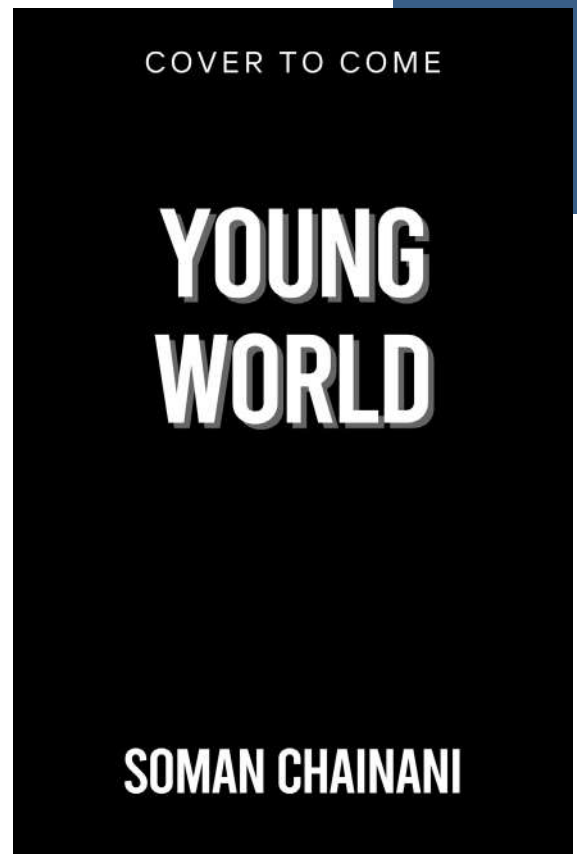
As a new election approaches, America is a powder keg, waiting for a match. Then a teenager makes a video. Benton Young is just trying to impress a girl when he goes online, urging people to write in his name for President. Not because he's special or skilled. Instead, Benton is a goofy, relatable kid tired of a world where being young means growing up under a cloud of doom. "No one is coming to save us," he says. "We have to save ourselves, starting with a vote against a broken system."

To Benton's shock, the video explodes-and the global party of Revolting Youth is born. Its platform: to turn the future over to those who will inherit it. To bring back the right to be young. And from the seed of a single video, the impossible happens ... Benton Young, age 17, is elected President.

One election becomes a movement, and soon eight of the world's biggest powers are run by teenagers. Teens who are smart, ambitious, capable—but also wild, ruthless, messy, horny, and young. When they meet for the first time at a G-8 summit in Sweden, they have a chance to set the course of history. At play: an unclaimed island in the Arctic with enough treasure to save the world—or destroy it.

On night one, a leader is assassinated in cold blood. And the new American President is the chief suspect. A globetrotting thrill-ride begins, led by our young hero under siege, desperate to prove that the young aren't condemned to repeat the mistakes of the old. That Revolting Youth can forge a new path, one that will stand the test of time. But to become the hero the world needs, first Benton has to find the real killer—before he's the next victim himself.

YOUNG WORLD will be told through diary entries and two-color art and news clippings



US Publisher: **Random House**
UK Publisher: **Simon & Schuster UK**
Release Date: **Spring 2026**
Genre: **YA Mystery/Thriller**
Standalone

Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Soman Chainani's debut series, THE SCHOOL FOR GOOD & EVIL, has sold more than 4.2 million copies, been translated into 35 languages across six continents, and has been adapted into a major motion picture from Netflix that debuted at #1 in over 80 countries at release. A graduate of Harvard University and Columbia University's MFA Film Program, Soman has been nominated for the Waterstone Prize for Children's Literature, been named to the Out100, and also received the Sun Valley Writer's Fellowship. In his career, Soman has visited over 800 schools around the world, where he continues to share his secret with students of all ages that reading is the path to a better life.

LOOKING FOR SMOKE

K.A. Cobell

A powerful debut thriller about four teens who become suspects in a murder investigation and must set out to clear their names before they take the fall, or worse, become the next victims. Fo readers who enjoy books by Angeline Boulley and Karen McManus.

When local girl LOREN includes MARA in a traditional Blackfeet Giveaway to honor Loren’s missing sister, Mara thinks she’ll finally make some friends on the Blackfeet reservation. Instead, a girl from the Giveaway, SAMANTHA WHITE TAIL, is found murdered.

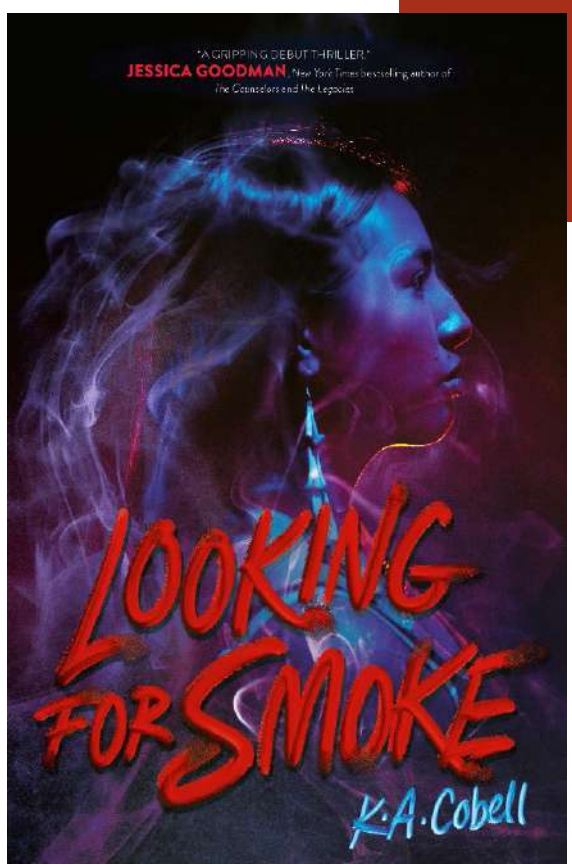
Because the four members of the Giveaway group were the last to see Samantha alive, each becomes a person of interest in the investigation. And all of them— Mara, Loren, BRODY AND ELI—have a complicated history with Samantha. Despite deep mistrust, the four must now take matters into their own hands and clear their names. Even though one of them may be the murderer.

- **Sold in a major two-book, seven-figure deal at auction**
- **Selected as Reese’s Book Club’s Fall 2024 YA pick**
- **LA Times Book Prize finalist in Young Adult Literature 2024**

Praise for LOOKING FOR SMOKE:

“... [a] timely debut thriller that is by turns spine-tingling and emotionally raw.” — Publishers Weekly, starred review

“... A story that is gritty and tense but also showcases the deep-rooted strength Native American communities have to summon hope in challenging times.” — Booklist



US Publisher: **Heartdrum**
UK Publisher: **Penguin UK**
Release Date: **June 2024**
Genre: **YA Mystery/Thriller**

Territories Sold: **Brazil**

Contact: Kathryn Toolan



K.A. Cobell, Staa’tssipisstaakii, is an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Nation. She currently lives in the Pacific Northwest, where she spends her time writing books, chasing her kids through the never-ending rain, and scouring the inlet beaches for sand dollars and hermit crabs. LOOKING FOR SMOKE is her debut novel.

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