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IF WE WERE DOGS

SOPHIE BLACKALL

Ages 4 – 8
40 Pages
September 2025

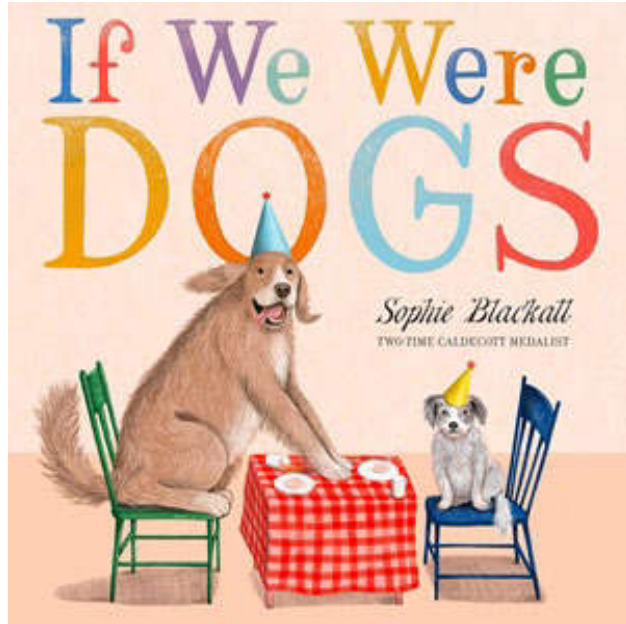
Two-time Caldecott Medalist Sophie Blackall's follow up to her bestselling *If I Was a Horse* explores the challenges of our first friendships through imaginative play.

If we were dogs, what kind would we be? I'd be a big dog! And you'd be little dog. Woof!

Join two friends as they bark and growl, woof and howl – and maybe even quack – in a romp that makes room for everybody's ideas.

Sophie Blackall unleashes a marvelous game of pretend that explores navigating friendship and celebrates boundless imagination.

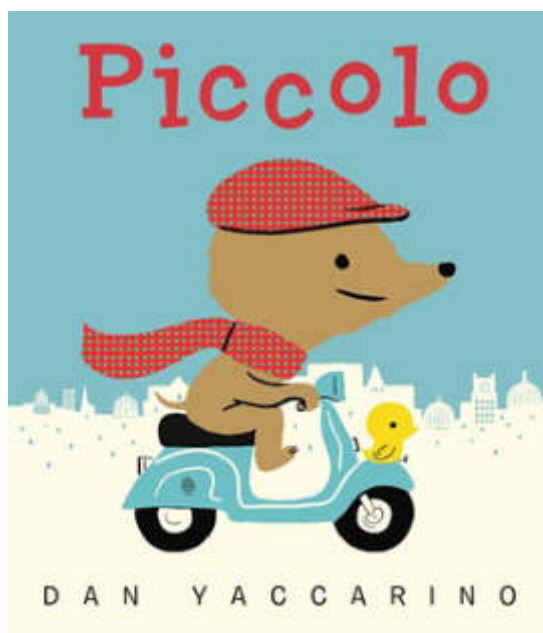
Sophie Blackall is the bestselling and two-time Caldecott medal-winning artist behind *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear*, *Hello Lighthouse* and *Farmhouse*. She is also the proprietor of Milkwood, a creative retreat for children's book makers. She divides her time between Brooklyn and a farm in upstate New York.



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PICCOLO

DAN YACCARINO

Ages 3 – 7

40 Pages

September 2025

**The first book in a
new character-
driven series!**

Enter the endearing world of Piccolo, a problem-solver whose optimism and boundless enthusiasm inspires his animal friend community!

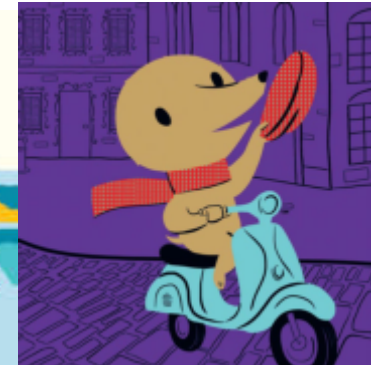
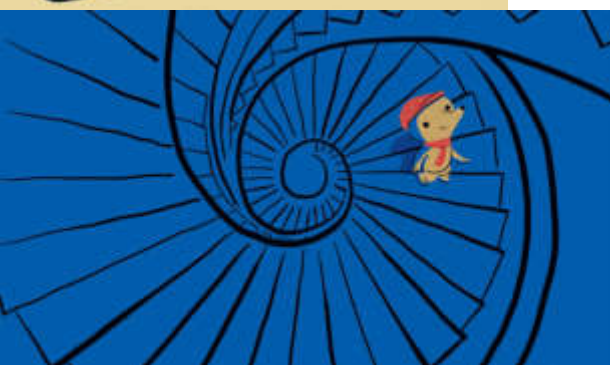
Piccolo the stylish shrew has a plan for his day: to visit all his favorite places! Along the way, he runs into friends who need his help. In no time at all, Piccolo is helping all his friends solve problems as he zips around the city. But with so many ways to lend a hand, Piccolo might not have time to visit the one place on his list he loves the most. Full of adventure, culture, and some tasty hazelnut gelato, this endearing tale of friendship and teamwork proves that helping others is the best joy of all.

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Dan Yaccarino has been making children's books and shows for more than 30 years, including the animated series Oswald and Doug Unplugs, and the picture books *Unlovable*, *Five Little Pumpkins* and *The Luna Sisters* series. An Italian American, Dan's heritage inspired him to write and illustrate *All the Way to America*, and now *Piccolo*.





Patrice Karst is the author of the bestselling, contemporary classic *The Invisible String*, which has sold over 1.5 million copies and been translated into more than twenty languages. Patrice has also written *The Invisible String Backpack*, *The Invisible Leash*, *The Invisible Web*, *You Are Never Alone*, and *The Invisible String Workbook*, a therapeutic activity book co-written with Dana Wyss, Ph.D. Patrice has also written *Ruby and Lonely*, *The Smile That Went Around the World*, and *God Made Easy*. Born in London, England, she now lives in California.

Joanne Lew-Vriethoff is the acclaimed illustrator of many children's books, including *The Invisible String* series, as well as Stacy McAnulty's *Beautiful and Brave*. Born in Malaysia, she grew up in Los Angeles, studied at the ArtCenter College of Design in Pasadena, and now lives in Malaysia again.



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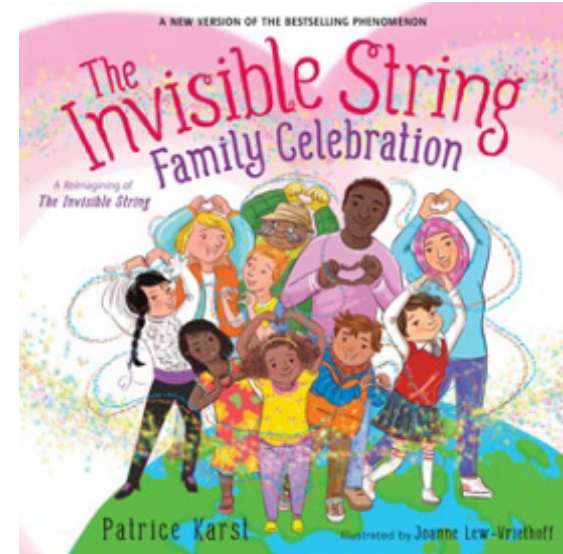
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THE INVISIBLE STRING FAMILY CELEBRATION

**PATRICE KARST,
JOANNE LEW-VRIETHOFF**

**Ages 4 – 8
40 Pages
September 2025**



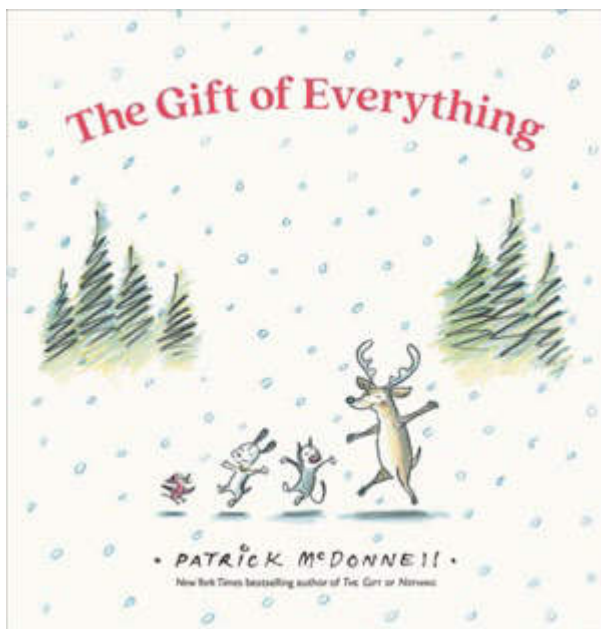
An inclusive reimagining of the phenomenon The Invisible String that helps more readers see themselves on the page than ever before.

The Invisible String has helped comfort and heal millions of readers for decades by easing separation anxiety, loneliness, and loss, while exploring the intangible yet unbreakable connections between us all. This newly illustrated reimagining of this celebration of love for many occasions answers the call from countless fans for a diverse range of children and families to be included in this contemporary classic.

What is the Invisible String? Even if you can't see it, you feel it deep in your heart and know you are always connected to the ones you love.



THE GIFT OF EVERYTHING



PATRICK MCDONNELL

Ages 4 – 8
40 Pages
October 2025

Just in time for the 20th anniversary of *The Gift of Nothing*, this heartwarming story perfect for the holiday season offers a fresh take on mindfulness and gratitude and features Patrick McDonnell's familiar beloved characters from his popular MUTTS comic strip!

It's that time of year again. Mooch the cat is searching up, down, and all around for a perfect gift for his special friend Earl. But what is perfect?

Join Mooch as he discovers the answer: Everyone... Everywhere... Everything! as he sees the world around him with new eyes and a fresh feeling of gratitude. Good thing he has just the right person to share it all with!

In this joyful rhyming companion to award-winning creator Patrick McDonnell's classic *The Gift of Nothing*, the stars of the beloved comic strip MUTTS find the gift of their lives.

Patrick McDonnell's beloved and award-winning comic strip, MUTTS, has appeared in over 700 newspapers across 20 countries for 30 years. Charles Schulz called it "One of the best comics strips of all time." Patrick is the author of several *New York Times* bestselling picture books, including *The Gift of Nothing*, and the Caldecott Honor winning *Me...Jane*. Both have been adapted as musicals for the Kennedy Center stage. Other children's books include *Hug Time*, *A Perfectly Messed-Up Story*, *The Monsters' Monster*, and *Thank You and Goodnight*. Patrick was a member of the Board of Directors of The Humane Society of the United States for 18 years and currently serves on the boards of The Charles M. Schulz Museum and D&R Greenway Land Trust. He lives in New Jersey.

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See details for *The Gift of Nothing* on the next page!



THE GIFT OF NOTHING: ANNIVERSARY EDITION

PATRICK MCDONNELL

Ages 4 – 8

40 Pages

October 2025



Redesigned
Cover

From a *New York Times* bestselling author and creator of the beloved comic strip *Mutts* comes the beloved story about nothing—and *everything!*—perfect for gift-giving at the holidays and year-round. This special 25th anniversary edition features a larger 9x9 square format with red foil on the cover!

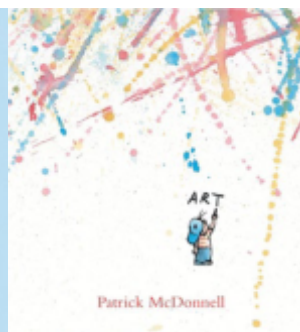
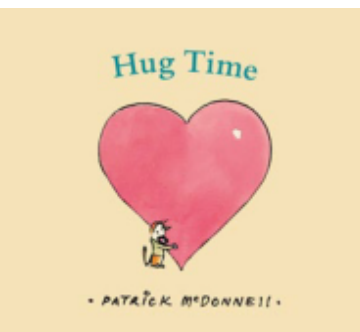
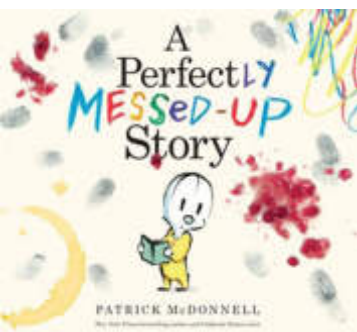
Mooch the cat desperately wants to get his friend Earl the dog a gift for the holidays, but Earl already has everything he needs. "What do you give a guy who has everything?" Mooch wonders. Then it dawns on him: nothing! But it turns out "nothing" is harder to find than you'd think...

This perennial favorite from bestselling author and the award-winning creator of the beloved comic strip *MUTTS* sends a heartfelt, timeless message about the priceless value of friendship.

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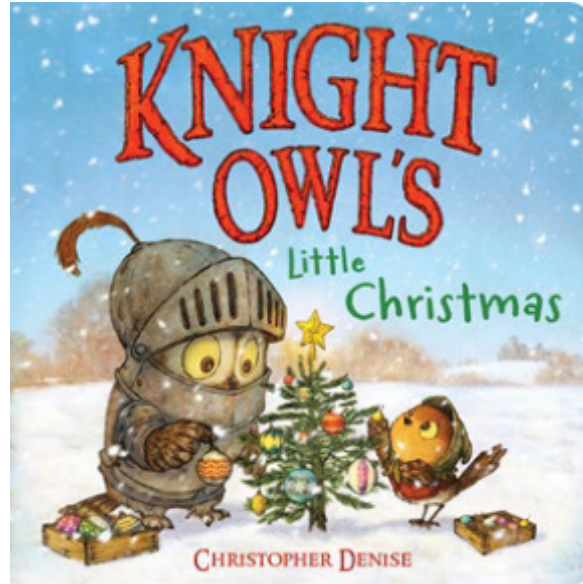


KNIGHT OWL'S LITTLE CHRISTMAS

CHRISTOPHER DENISE

Ages 3 – 7
24 Pages
October 2025

Celebrate the winter season with Knight Owl and friends as they gather for a special Christmas celebration in this board book bursting with holiday cheer!



Knight Owl and Early Bird are counting down the days until Christmas! They have many festive activities planned, like wrapping presents, baking cookies and singing carols. With help from friends and a cup of holiday cheer, their Christmas is sure to be merry and bright!

Featuring the loveable characters from the series, this festive board book shows that the best way to celebrate the holidays is with our loved ones!



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Christopher Denise is the bestselling and award-winning creator of *Knight Owl*, which received the Caldecott Honor, along with many other notable awards. Christopher is also the illustrator of many critically acclaimed books for young readers, including *Groundhog Day* and *Firefly Hollow*.



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I AM A HIGHLY DANGEROUS WARRIOR!



**RAQUEL D'APICE,
HEATHER FOX**

**Ages 4 – 8
40 Pages
November 2025**

From Emmy award-winning comedian Raquel D'Apice and bestselling illustrator Heather Fox comes a hilarious take on developmental leaps exploring the bravery it takes to tackle the next big thing!

This young warrior is ready. He knows he can defeat the scary, hairy monster just like the big kids. But his wizard guardian keeps pointing out how he's still too young. So what if he still gets blown backward by a gust of wind?! Or still rubs his boogers on the cat? Not having a plan has never stopped him before! And having Blanket by his side may be all he needs to prove his wizard he's a highly dangerous six-year-old.

Raquel D'Apice is a writer and comedian. She won two Emmys as part of the writing team for *Last Week Tonight* with John Oliver, and is the author and illustrator of the parenting book *Welcome to the Club: 100 Parenting Milestones You Never Saw Coming*. Raquel loves Boggle and TED talks. She lives in Jersey City with her husband and two children.

Heather Fox is the illustrator of many stories for children including the Llama Destroys the World series, *Don't Feed the Coos!*, and the Fitz and Cleo books. Heather has a penchant for playing loud instruments and trying new things, but nothing quite so highly dangerous as fighting monsters. She lives in Pennsylvania with her husband and a little French Bulldog named Hugo.



MOON SONG

MICHAELA GOADE

**Ages 4 – 8
40 Pages
October 2025**

**Caldecott
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Cuddle up and explore the wonders of a moon-drenched night that sparkles with the natural luminescence that persists through the long, dark, northern winter.

On an island at the edge of a silvery sea, when the moon rises and night falls, a girl spins a story for her worried cousin to help him find comfort in the wintry dark. Moonlight glittering in the forest, bioluminescence sparkling by the shore, northern lights blazing in the sky—in the dark of the night, the whole world sings. Celebrated Tlingit creator Michaela Goade, who brought us a summer's celebration in the Caldecott Honor Award-winning *Berry Song*, invites us to discover the wonder and comfort of a winter's night through a magnificent Moon Song.



Michaela Goade has been awarded a Caldecott Medal, a Caldecott Honor, and is a *NYT* Bestselling artist. She is the illustrator of a number of award-winning books, including *We Are Water Protectors* by Carole Lindstrom and *I Sang You Down from the Stars* by Tasha Spillett-Sumner. She is from the Raven moiety and Kiks.ádi clan from Sitka, Alaska, where she currently lives.

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HOME IS A HEARTBEAT

LAEKAN Z. KEMP,
MAGDALENA MORA

Ages 4 – 8
40 Pages
September 2025



From Pura Belpré Honor winning author Laekan Zea Kemp comes a beautiful ode to family and multi-generational homes.

Everyone has their special place in the house. Abuela cooks in the kitchen. Tía Imelda watches telenovelas in the living room. Abuelo tinkers around in his workshop. Even family members who have come and gone have had their special place. But what makes a house a home?

With lyrical prose and warm illustrations, this love letter to multi-generational and multi-family households will have readers listening for a heartbeat in their own homes.



Laekan Zea Kemp is the author of *A Crown for Corina*, Pura Belpré Honor book *Somewhere Between Bitter and Sweet*, and others. She lives in Austin, Texas.

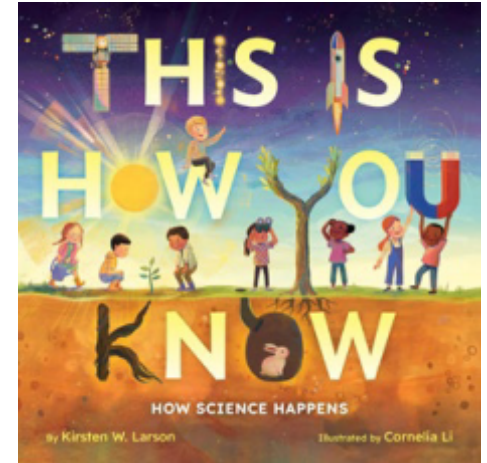
Magdalena Mora is a Minneapolis-based illustrator and designer. She's illustrated numerous award-winning books including Stephen Briseño's *The Notebook Keeper*, Claudia Guadalupe Martínez's *Still Dreaming/Seguimos Soñando*, and Elana K. Arnold's *The Fish of Small Wishes*.



THIS IS HOW YOU KNOW

KIRSTEN W. LARSON,
CORNELIA LI

Ages 3 – 7
40 Pages
June 2025



Perfect for readers of *What Do You Do With an Idea?* and *The Curious Why!*

Welcoming and exciting, this picture book is a how-to of science. It encourages kids to let their imaginations run wild and let themselves be wrong, sometimes—but never give up!

The quest for knowledge isn't always straightforward, but if they trust the journey, and trust this guiding text, eventually they'll *know*. Know what? The answers to big questions!

With stunning, accessible art from award-winning illustrator Cornelia Li and a lyrical, stirring text by award-winning author Kirsten W. Larson, *This Is How You Know* is an essential read aloud for curious kids and adults looking to inspire a passion for knowledge and learning.

Kirsten W. Larson used to work with rocket scientists at NASA. Now she writes kid's books, including *Wood, Wire, Wings: Emma Lilian Todd Invents an Airplane*, *A True Wonder*; *The Comic Book Hero Who Changed Everything*; and *The Fire of Stars: The Life and Brilliance of the Woman Who Discovered What Stars Are Made Of*. Kirsten currently lives in Los Angeles with her family. She invites you to find her at kirstenwlarson.com or on social media @KirstenWLarson.

Cornelia Li is a Chinese born illustrator currently based in Toronto, Canada. The illustrator of *Nature's Light Spectacular*, *Voyage Through Space*, *Animals at Night*, and *Gravity Is Bringing Me Down*, her work has been recognized by Society of Illustrators, American Illustration, Communication Arts, National Magazine Award, and more.

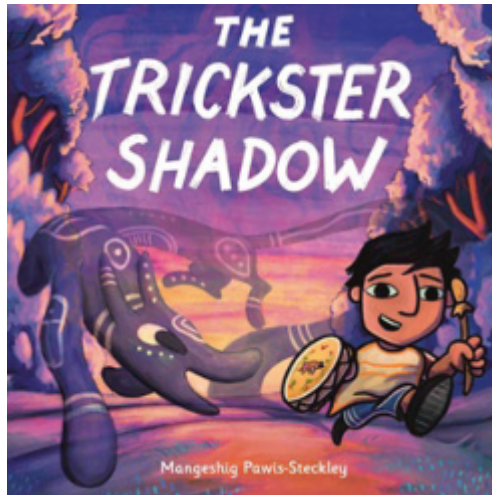


THE TRICKSTER SHADOW

MANGESHIG PAWIS-STECKLEY

Ages 4 – 8
40 Pages
October 2025

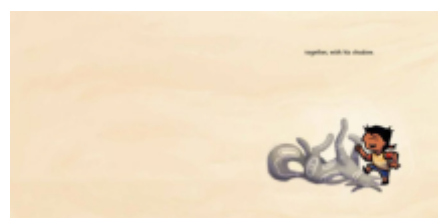
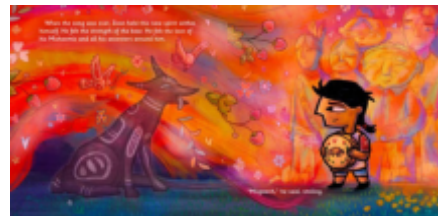
From this acclaimed Ojibwe artist comes a story that offers an empowering universal message about mastering our dark side.



Zoon's shadow is always in his way. It makes a mess of his room, disrupts his class at school, and trips him on the soccer field. Zoon doesn't know what to do! Until he tells his grandmother, who gives him his grandfather's drum. Its rhythm is like a heartbeat. If Zoon can listen to the drum's song, and to his own heart, he may find a way to thrive alongside his shadow.

Pawis-Steckley's striking, graphic art brings to vibrant life both the challenges of controlling our trickster impulses and the luminosity of ancestral and inner wisdom, paving the way for us all to listen to our hearts.

Joshua Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley is an Ojibwe Woodland artist and a member of Wasauksing, First Nation. His fine art focuses on promoting and reclaiming Ojibwe stories and teachings, in a modern interpretation of the Woodland tradition. He resides in Barrie, Ontario, Canada.



RUBY MAPS HER WORLD

JANE YOLEN, DOW PHUMIRUK

Ages 4 – 8
40 Pages
October 2025



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It's Ruby's first time drawing a map all by herself. She eagerly grabs her journal and markers and heads outside with her mama close behind. Down the street, under the railroad bridge, and through the park—her mapping has begun. With each step, Ruby draws key elements of her route, carefully adding details as she goes: bikers on the trail, birds in the sky, deer in the meadow. By the end of her special day, Ruby's map is bursting with interesting observations.

This thoughtful picture book spotlights how a child's daily life is filled with small maps—whether inside or outside, on the sidewalk or in the park—and reinforces how those maps help us tell our stories.

Jane Yolen is the author of over four hundred books, including the Caldecott Medal winner *Owl Moon* and the bestselling *How Do Dinosaurs* series. She has received many awards, including three Christopher Medals, two Nebula Awards, the Jewish Book Award, and many others.



Dow Phumiruk is the award-winning illustrator of many books, including *Counting on Katherine* and *Her Name Was Mary Katherine*. A retired pediatrician with a passion for art, Dow lives in Colorado with her family.

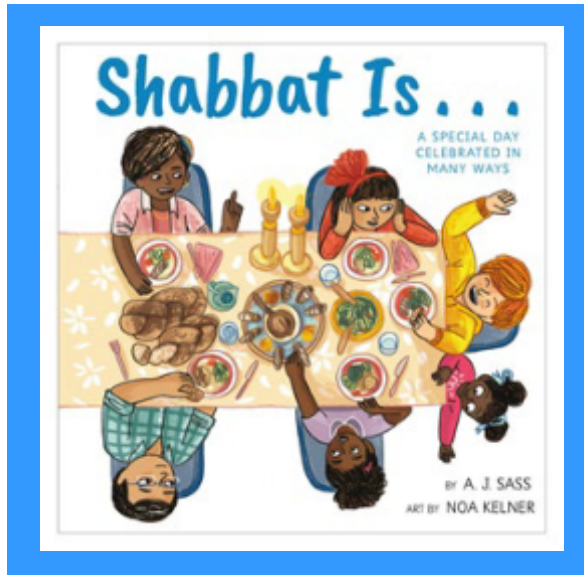




SHABBAT IS...

A. J. SASS-CAO,
NOA KELNER

Ages 3 – 6
40 Pages
September 2025



A heartwarming exploration of the beauty of Shabbat and the diverse fabric of Jewish life, for fans of *The Proudest Blue* and *All Are Welcome*.

What does Shabbat mean to you? Is it making a big meal with your relatives on Friday night? Singing songs on Saturday morning? Or maybe it's seeing all your friends after services.

Shabbat can mean different things to different people, even for those who attend the same synagogue! This timeless story by award-winning A. J. Sass explores the countless ways to celebrate the sabbath holiday through the wonderfully diverse fabric of Jewish life and experience.

A. J. Sass-Cao (he/they) is the critically acclaimed author of *Just Shy of Ordinary*, as well as *Ana on the Edge*, *Camp QUILTBAG*, and *Ellen Outside the Lines*. He splits his time between the San Francisco Bay Area and Northwest Vermont with his husband.



Noa Kelner graduated from the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design and loves to give stories color and form. She is the cofounder and artistic director of the annual Outline Festival in Jerusalem, which celebrates illustration and creativity. She lives in Jerusalem with her husband and three children. *Shabbat Is...* is Noa's debut picture book in the United States.

THIS IS NOT A SLEEPY BEAR BOOK

BRIAN GEHRLEIN,
JENNIFER HARNEY

Ages 4 – 8
40 Pages
November 2025



This is a sleepy bear book—a gentle, quiet story. So, settle in. Snuggle up...but wait! What happens if Bear isn't quite ready for his long winter's nap?

This cozy yet wacky read winks at storytime conventions in a way that'll crack kids up, combining classic storytime tropes with giggle-worthy surprises that offer a memorable twist and a great read-aloud.



Brian Gehrlein is the author of *The Book of Rules*. He's also the creator of the website Picture Book Spotlight. Brian teaches high school English and lives in a cozy den in Liberty, Missouri, with his wife, two sons, and their two corgis.



Jennifer Harney is the illustrator of *How Dinosaurs Went Extinct* by Amy Dyckman and many other books for children. She also wrote and illustrated *Underwear!* and *Swim, Duck, Swim!* Jenn lives near Cleveland, Ohio.

**MIDDLE
GRADE**



**LITTLE, BROWN AND COMPANY BOOKS
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Return to a fiery world of dragon dystopia in this high-flying prequel of **New Dragon City** that chronicles the beginning of the dragon apocalypse.

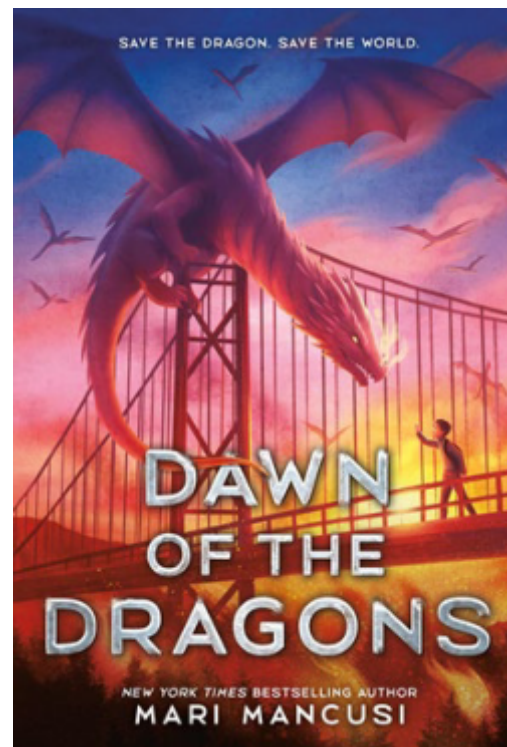
Lucas isn't having the best summer. While normally he'd be away at camp, this year he's stuck home, watching over his younger neighbor Noah and mourning the death of his beloved cat. Even going outside is dangerous, thanks to mysterious fires making the air unsafe to breathe. Fires that Noah claims are caused by real life dragons. At first Lucas laughs it off - Noah's dad has always been fond of conspiracy theories. But when the family suddenly flees town and strange rumors start spreading online, Lucas realizes he needs to find out for sure.

Meanwhile, young Cinder and her dragon herd are just trying to survive in a strange new world. They've found a haven high in the mountains and hope to finally live in peace. But when Cinder suffers a terrible fall, she's not sure she'll live long enough to see it.

Searching for dragons, Lucas finds Cinder, and he can't help but feel sorry for this tiny creature and together they begin to form an unlikely friendship. But a simple misunderstanding between scales and skin is all it takes to spark a worldwide inferno. As the dragon apocalypse looms, can Lucas and Cinder find a way to help keep their families safe?

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DAWN OF THE DRAGONS

MARI MANCUSI

Ages 8 - 12

320 Pages

September 2025

**Perfect for fans
of *Wings of Fire*!**

Mari Mancusi is an Emmy Award-winning former TV news producer, who now works as a full-time author, having published over thirty books. When not writing, Mari enjoys traveling, cosplaying, watching cheesy (and scary) horror movies, and playing video games. A graduate of Boston University, she lives in Austin, Texas, with her husband, Jacob, and daughter.



THE TEAR COLLECTOR



R. M. ROMERO

Ages 8 - 12

336 Pages

October 2025

Set after the end of the world, this darkly fantastical climate change tale explores hope, memory, and what really makes a monster.

R.M. Romero is a critically acclaimed Jewish Latina and international bestselling author of fairy tales for children and adults. She is the author of *The Dollmaker of Kraków* and *The Ghosts of Rose Hill*, both Sydney Taylor Notable Books; *A Warning About Swans*; and *Death's Country*. R.M. Romero lives in Miami Beach with her cat Robin Goodfellow.

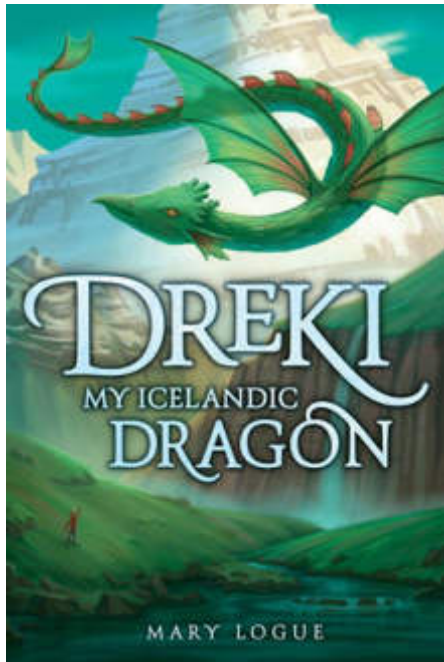


Climate change culminated in the Flood, an enormous wave that wiped out entire countries. Malka and her younger brother Ezra survived and now live with Dr. Jonas Hollman on the Island, the only piece of land left on Earth. Scavenging useful things from the shoreline under the watchful eye of the Island's sinister leader Mr. Gray, Malka and her family get by. Barely.

But an illness called the Sorrow is changing people into monsters when their memories of the Mainland grow too sad...and Ezra is the latest to get sick. Desperate not to lose her brother, Malka throws herself into helping "Uncle" Jonas with his research to find a cure.

Then her family's dismal lives are turned upside down by the mysterious Olivia, who crashes a plane on the beach. More people are out there, she says. The world *isn't* lost forever. To save Ezra and the other Islanders, Malka will have to uncover the secrets of her flooded world—and the lies even the people she loves have told her about the true nature of the Sorrow.

R.M. Romero tackles our fear and anxiety surrounding climate change and weaves it through with hope in this beautifully told adventure that will resonate with readers young and old.



DREKI: MY ICELANDIC DRAGON

MARY LOGUE

Ages 9 – 12
256 Pages
October 2025



A boy, his grandfather, and a baby dragon set off on an international adventure that takes them from Minnesota to Iceland in this middle grade urban fantasy perfect for fans of *When You Trap a Tiger* and *How To Train Your Dragon*.

Johan is off to visit his Grandpa Siggy—a charismatic, impetuous Iclander with a big secret: he took a dragon egg with him when he immigrated to America from Iceland. As fate would have it, Dreki hatched just a few hours after Johan was born, magically linking the two. But Dreki was kept a secret. Now, many years later, the time has come for Dreki to journey home, and for Johan to discover his ancestry through a life-changing trip to Iceland. But the clock is ticking as both Siggy and Dreki's health is in jeopardy. It's up to Johan to make sure both of them get home safely and for the secret of Dreki to remain.

Mary Logue is a New York Times bestselling author of over thirty books, including adult mysteries, poetry, non-fiction, and many books for children. Her picture book, *Sleep Like a Tiger*, won a Caldecott Honor and a Charlotte Zolotow Honor. She lives with her partner, writer Pete Hautman, in Golden Valley, Minnesota, and Stockholm, Wisconsin.

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THE INK WITCH

STEPH CHERRYWELL

Ages 8 – 12
288 Pages
September 2025

For fans of *Amari and the Night Brothers* and *The Okay Witch* comes a hilarious cozy fantasy about the adventures of a girl who discovers she descends from a powerful witch coven.

Becca Slugg is bored. It's the end of summer and it feels like she's done nothing. But Becca's wish for anything to happen backfires when her mom receives an unwelcome visit from her sister Malatrice. While hiding, Becca overhears that she is the niece of one of the most powerful witches in the country – and the daughter of a powerless one. When her mom refuses to help Malatrice take control of the family throne, Becca is left with a mindless puppet for a mother and a whole lot of questions.

With the help of Natalya, her mother's tarantula familiar, and Oddvar, a friendly troll living in the motel's ice machine, a determined Becca sets out to uncover her own magical abilities and find the ingredients for a potion that will cure her mother. Besides, how hard can it be to find mermaid eggs, troll teeth, and the most precious possession of a Witch Queen?

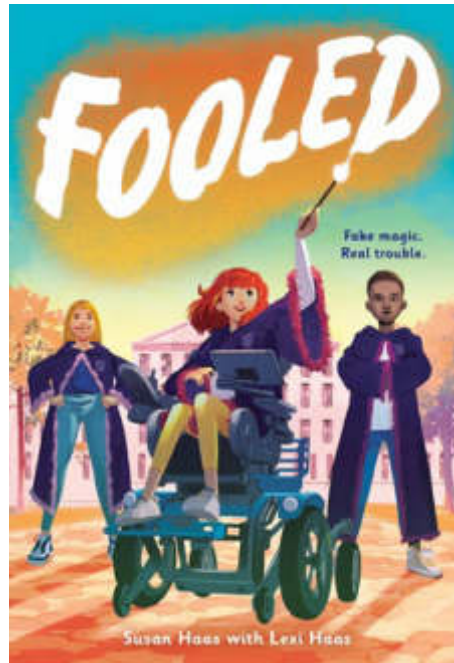
Steph Cherrywell is an author and librarian in the Milwaukee area. Their previous works include the science fiction middle grade *Unboxing Libby* and several graphic novels and games for older audiences. Steph's favorite things are books, comics, video games, biking, and exploring. They're not a witch, but they do play one named Radish in their weekly D&D game.

FOOLED

SUSAN HAAS, LEXI HAAS

Ages 8 – 12
272 Pages
October 2025

This fresh and imaginative novel from co-authors of *The Year of the Buttered Cat* shines a spotlight on the way the school system often fails students with disabilities—while showcasing the power of those very students to make positive change.



Magic-obsessed, wheelchair-user Lil Evers is ready to start sixth grade—but instead of the wizarding academy of her dreams, she's heading for the worst junior high in her district. Trying to make the best of it, Lil and her best friend Scoot start roleplaying their own school of magic in their Exceptional Children's class—but a chance encounter with bullies leads the whole student body to believe there's an actual school of magic in the special education room. When the EC's kids' good luck charms seemingly begin to work for real, it's clear that there's someone lurking who doesn't actually want them to work. Can Lil let go of her fantasy world to find her voice—and embrace her real school—before Willow Street Middle falls victim to an evil plan?

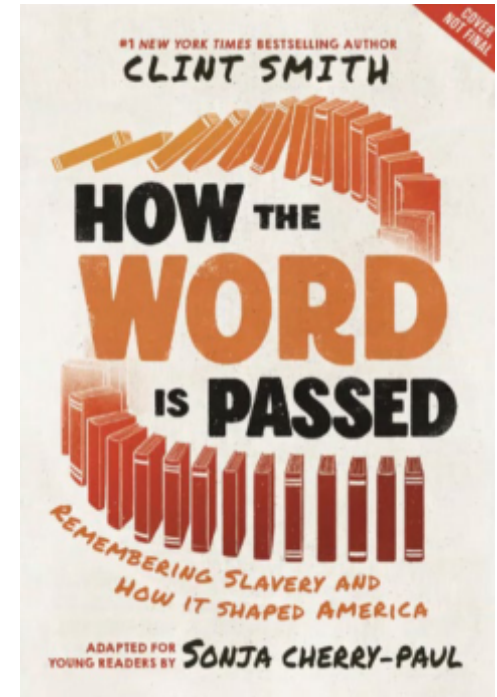
Susan and Lexi Haas are a mother and daughter duo and the authors of *The Year of the Buttered Cat*. Lexi has a rare and severe form of cerebral palsy. While she can't walk or talk, she has an impressive memory, a keen sense of humor, and an invincible spirit. Recognizing her daughter's gift for words, Susan began writing with Lexi to help foster independence and develop communication, but soon learned that Lexi's fresh perspective needed to be shared with others. In addition to writing together, Susan and Lexi also enjoy presenting to schools and organizations around the world, helping others learn about disability from a first-person narrative. They live in Charlotte, NC.

HOW THE WORD IS PASSED (YRE)

CLINT SMITH,
SONJA CHERRY-PAUL

Ages 8 – 12
272 Pages
September 2025

Adapted from the bestselling *How the Word is Passed*, this young readers edition explores the legacy of slavery in America, reveals hidden histories, and helps kids begin to interrogate the role of memory in our understanding of the past, and of ourselves.



This book illustrates how some of our country's most essential stories are hidden in plain view. Informed by scholarship and brought alive by the story of people living today, this adaptation offers kids a new understanding of the hopeful role that memory and history can play in making sense of our country, and shows how they can reckon with the past and present to become better stewards of their future.

Clint Smith is the bestselling author of *How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning With the History of Slavery Across America*, as well as the poetry collections *Above Ground* and *Counting Descent*. He is a staff writer at The Atlantic.

Dr. Sonja Cherry-Paul is a renowned author, educator, curriculum developer, educational consultant, and the founder of Red Clay Educators. She adapted the #1 NYT bestselling *Stamped (for Kids): Racism, Antiracism, and You* from the bestselling book by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi.





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Peglo is a panda disguised as a human, and is also a self-taught artist who has dreamed of making comics as a career since his early childhood. He is inspired by manga and anime, and his days are spent drawing, eating, and crying over his fictional characters. *To the Stars and Back* is his debut graphic novel.

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TO THE STARS AND BACK

PEGLO

Ages 13 & Up

416 Pages

September 2025

Opposites attract in this sweet neighbors-to-lovers romance based on a WEBTOON favorite. Perfect for fans of *Heartstopper*.



Introverted university student Kang Dae spends most of his time alone, and he prefers it this way. So he's initially unhappy when bubbly new student Bo Seon moves into his apartment complex and sets out to befriend him. But before Kang Dae realizes it, his life has changed irrevocably.

As the two become closer, they slowly realize they have romantic feelings for each other; but neither has been in a real relationship before and both have trauma in their pasts. Will they be able to embrace the possibilities of what could be, or will they find that a new romance is a bridge too far?

A top ten slice-of-life WEBTOON with over one million subscribers, this beloved webcomic is now available in a breathtaking new format, where you can see episodes 1-101 of Kang Dae and Bo Seon's relationship unfold— in all its beautiful, awkward, and heartwarming glory—with this can't-miss collectible edition.





Keezy Young is a queer comic artist, writer, and illustrator from the Pacific Northwest, currently living in Seattle, WA. They grew up drawing on their walls, stealing a few extra chapters by nightlight after bedtime, making graveyards for lost animals in the forest with their brother and sister, and adding monsters and flowers to the margins of every homework assignment. Today, Keezy creates young adult graphic novels and short comics. Their stories are eerie, and often dark, but almost always hopeful at their core.



HELLO SUNSHINE

KEEZY YOUNG

Ages 14 & Up

384 Pages

September 2025

In this lush and romantic queer horror graphic novel, a troubled teen disappears from his small town—sending his loved ones on a paranormal journey to bring him home.

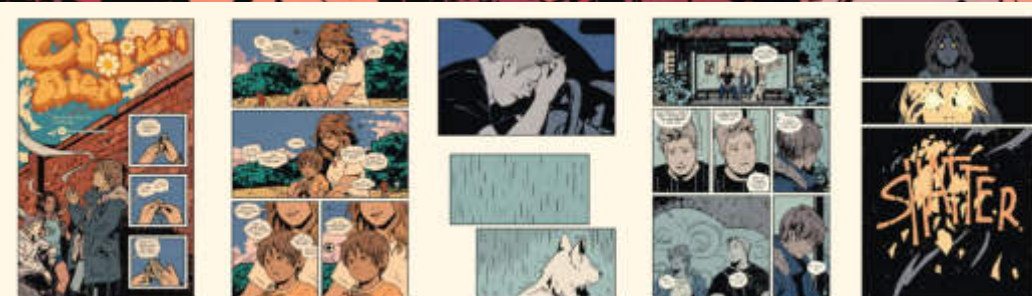
Noah is heartbroken. He returns from Bible camp to find that Alex, his secret boyfriend, has had a breakdown and disappeared. He wishes more than anything that he hadn't left that day.

Sky is determined. She'll stop at nothing to find her childhood friend, even if it means alienating the people she loves.

Izzy is ashamed. She knew something weird was going on with Alex, and she didn't say anything to her boyfriend, Jamie—Alex's twin brother. If she had, would Alex still be here?

Jamie is angry. Angry at Alex for being gone, angry at himself for not noticing something was wrong, and angry at his long-dead mother, Desdemona, who had problems of her own.

But what if there was something more to Desdemona's demons? Why is Jamie seeing her ghost? And can he get past his hatred of her if it means finding out what happened to his brother?





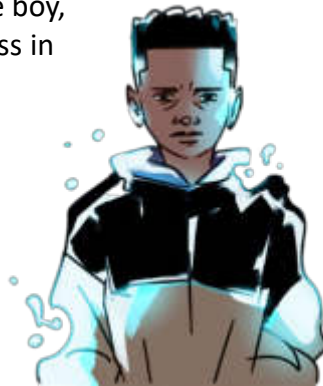
GHOST BOYS: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL

JEWELL PARKER RHODES,
SETOR FIADZIGBEY

Ages 8 – 14
264 Pages
December 2025

Twelve-year-old Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. As a ghost, he observes the devastation that is unleashed on his family and community in the wake of this unjust and brutal killing. Soon Jerome meets another ghost: Emmett Till, a boy from a very different time but similar circumstances. Jerome also meets Sarah, the daughter of the police officer, who grapples with her father's actions.

Now gorgeously rendered as a graphic novel with gripping artwork from Setor Fiadzigbey, *Ghost Boys* once again deftly explores the historical and sociopolitical layers involved in how children and families face the complexities of today's world—and how one boy, in particular, comes to understand American Blackness in the aftermath of his own death.

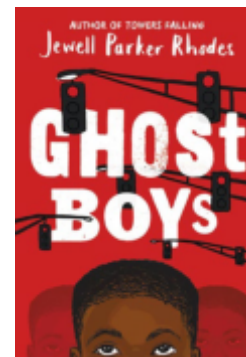


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Author

Dr. Jewell Parker Rhodes is the bestselling author of *Ghost Boys*; *Black Brother, Black Brother*; *Paradise on Fire*; *Treasure Island: Runaway Gold*; and more. She is the recipient of the Coretta Scott King Author Honor, the Green Earth Book Award, an NAACP Image Award nomination, the Jane Addams Children's Book Award, and the Octavia E. Butler Award. Rhodes is the Founding Artistic Director of the Virginia G. Piper Center for Creative Writing and Virginia G. Piper Endowed Chair at Arizona State University.



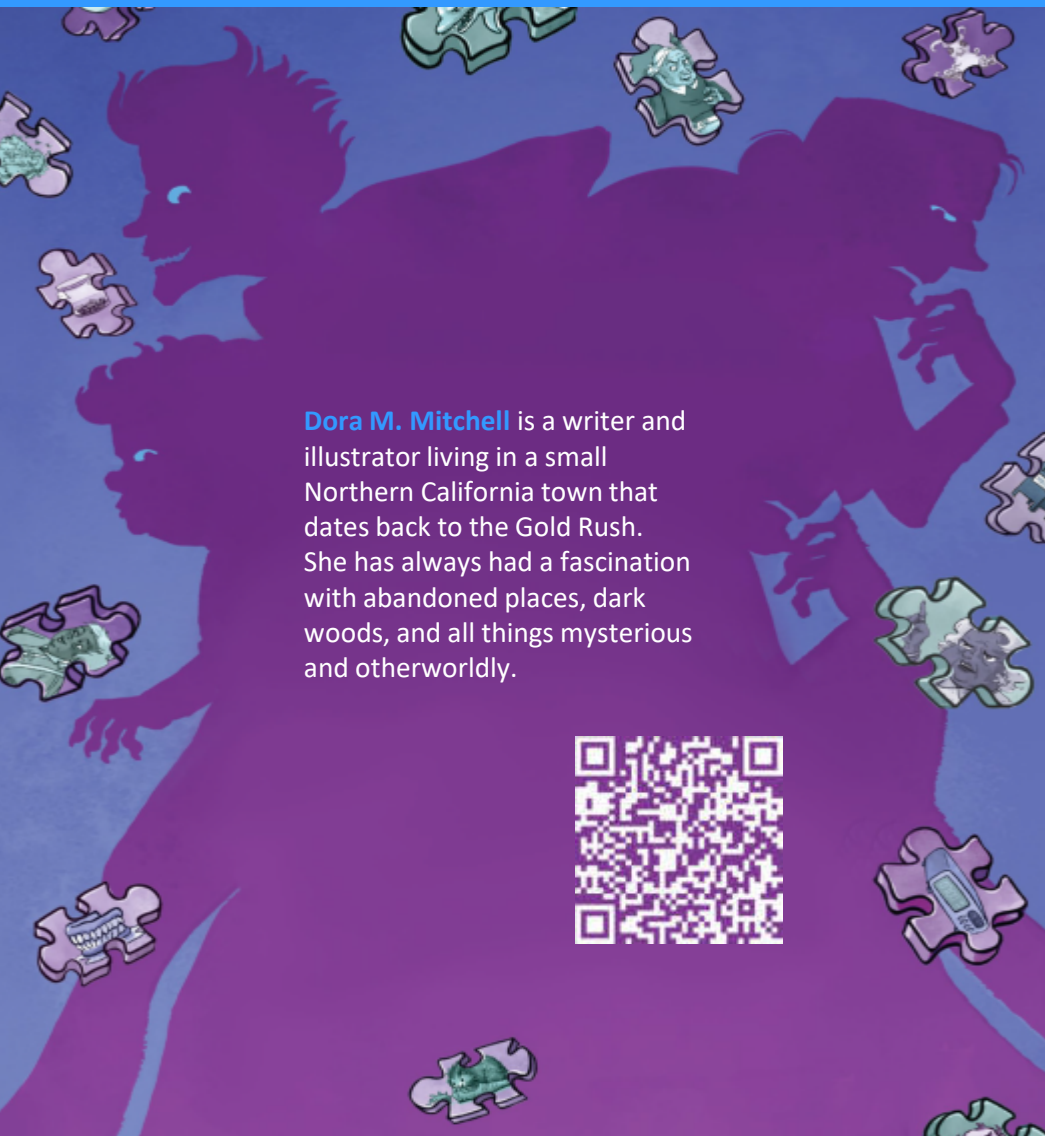
Setor Fiadzigbey is an artist and illustrator from Accra, Ghana. He has worked on notable titles such as Marvel's *Black Panther Legends* comic series, and the bestselling *Bunheads* by Misty Copeland. He lives in Ghana with his family.



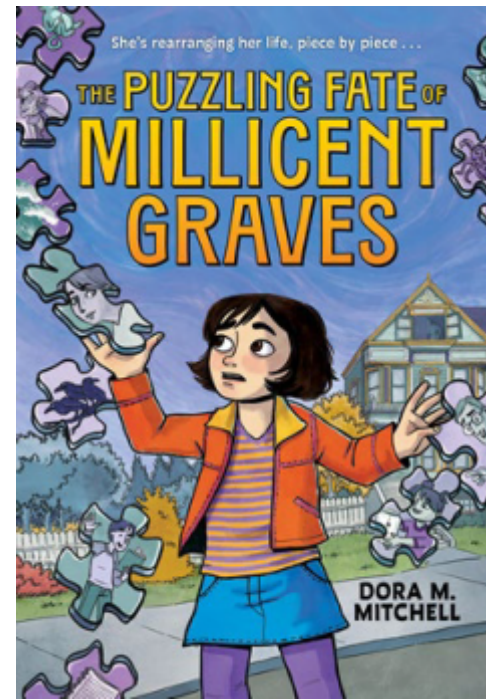
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Dora M. Mitchell is a writer and illustrator living in a small Northern California town that dates back to the Gold Rush. She has always had a fascination with abandoned places, dark woods, and all things mysterious and otherworldly.



THE PUZZLING FATE OF MILLICENT GRAVES

DORA M. MITCHELL

Ages 8 - 12

224 Pages

May 2025

Can Millie solve the puzzle of fate in time to save her family?

Twelve-year-old Millicent Grave's family is in trouble. Her mom has sunk all their money into a feng-shui-for-fish business that has no customers. Her dad is having some kind of mid-life crisis and quit his job. Her little sister is annoying and sometimes gross. They've even recently had to move from their house to an apartment. Something has to change, but no one else seems to see the problems. When fate (or, actually, *the* three Fates, who also happen to be Millie's landlords) lead Millie to discover a room of puzzles representing people's lives, she immediately starts fixing the imperfections in everyone she knows.

And if some pieces don't fit right? Eh... And if there are new mysterious cracks in the universe in the exact shape of those pieces that a stray dogwalker or two has fallen through? That's not a problem, right? Ok, maybe it is. But Millie is *sure* if she just makes a few more tiny tweaks, her rearrangements will be perfect.

What could go wrong? It's not like literally all of reality is about to unravel. Right?*Right?*



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NEVER EVER AFTER

SUE LYNN TAN

Ages 14 & Up
336 Pages
September 2025

**For fans of Renée
Ahdieh, Tahereh Mafi,
& Stephanie Garber!**



Sue Lynn Tan Sue Lynn Tan is the award-winning author of *Daughter of the Moon Goddess* and *Heart of the Sun Warrior*, a romantic fantasy duology inspired by the legend of Chang'e, the Chinese moon goddess. Her books will be translated into eighteen languages, and are *USA Today* and *Sunday Times* bestsellers.



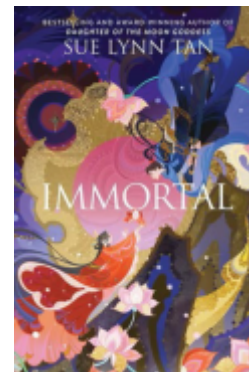
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Not all fairy tales end happily ever after in this Cinderella-meets-Chinese-fairytale-inspired fantasy romance—the first in a breathtaking new series by the bestselling author of *Daughter of the Moon Goddess*!

Life in the Iron Mountains is harsh and unforgiving. After the death of her beloved uncle, Yining has survived by becoming a skilled thief and an even better liar. When she acquires an enchanted ring that holds the key to a new life, it is stolen by her grasping step-aunt, and Yining must venture into the imperial heart of the kingdom to seize it back.

Amid the grandeur of the palace, Yining catches the eye of the ruthless and ambitious prince, who tempts her with a world she's never imagined. But nothing is as it seems, for she's soon trapped in a tangle of power, treachery, and greed—her only ally the cunning advisor from a rival court who keeps dangerous secrets of his own. To break free, she must unravel the mystery of her past and fight for a future that both frightens and calls to her.

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LEAD

Like all ruinous things, he came from the abyss.

Tigest Girma is the #1 NYT bestselling author of *Immortal Dark*. After graduating with a Bachelor of Education, she splits her time between writing and teaching. Passionate about exploring East African characters and myths, her work weaves Black stories with the dark and fantastical. In her free time, she can be found rewatching her comfort shows where the villain gets the girl. Originally from Ethiopia, she is now based in Melbourne, Australia.

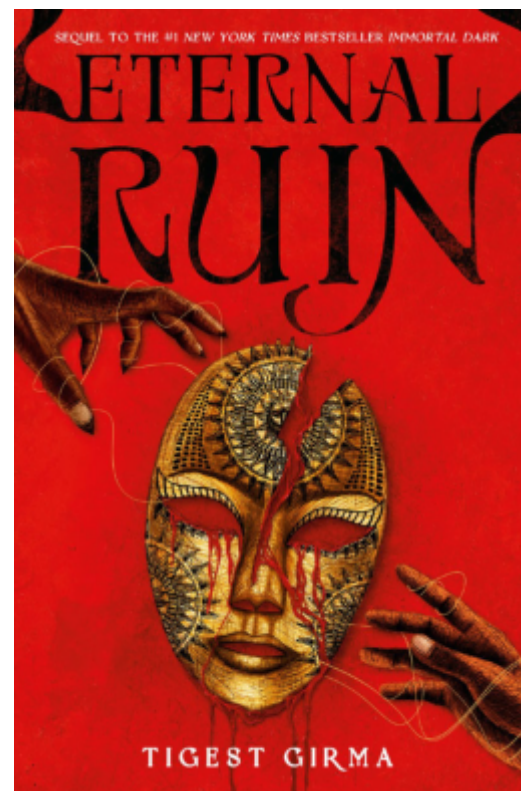
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**ETERNAL RUIN****TIGEST GIRMA***Ages 14 & Up**784 Pages**November 2025*

**The breathtaking
sequel to the
bestselling
*Immortal Dark!***

Kidan Adane has finally embraced her darkness. She's killed without remorse, lied, and broken Uxlay University's most sacred law by inviting elusive rogue vampires, the Nefrasi, into Uxlay. Trapped with the violently unstable vampire, Samson, and reeling from her sister's return, Kidan wields her anger like a weapon. She vows to master her house and protect the sacred artifact hidden inside, even if it means forging an alliance with Samson.

A dangerous new philosophical text seems to hold the answers and promises the very thing Kidan has lost: control. Even as the dark pages consume her, Kidan knows no soul at Uxlay is trustworthy—least of all Susenyos. For Kidan and Susenyos, the lines of loathing and lust may blur, but the quest for power rules them both. And neither is willing to surrender.

As devastating secrets surface from the past, Kidan and her sister must finally confront each other and take their places in the looming war.



SPLIT THE SKY

MARIE ARNOLD

Ages 12 & up
304 Pages
September 2025



15-year-old Lala Russell, a gifted cellist, is focused on leaving her small town and accomplishing her dreams—but she's also inherited another gift, her grandmother Sadie's gift of foresight. She has visions of the

In Davey, the Texas town she lives in, there is growing tension, as a Black organization attempts to diversify the nearly all-white part of town. Amidst violent protests, Lala has a vision of a black boy's death. Now Lala has a mission: find the boy and save him.

But Grandma Sadie has a vision too. After the boy's murder, a wave of protests breaks out that will result in unprecedented change. Change that won't happen if the vision is altered. Lala is faced with an existential question—can she allow herself to sacrifice one life to save many? And if so, whose life will she choose?

Marie Arnold was born in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti and grew up in Brooklyn, New York. She attended Columbia College, where her main focus was creative writing. As Lola StVil, she is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling indie author. Over two million readers have downloaded her young adult fantasy series *Guardians*. She currently has 3 projects under development at Disney Junior and Disney Plus, one of which is an animated show based on her middle grade novel *The Year I Flew Away*.



YOU'VE GOT MY HEART

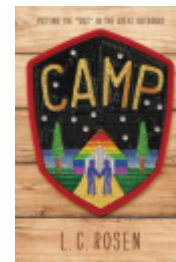
LEV ROSEN

Ages 14 & up
320 Pages
March 2026



When Gray gets a wrong number text, he's pretty sure it's a serial killer—or, worse, his ex. But being anonymous actually helps them open up to each other, and Gray finds himself hopeful that this could be his dream goth crush. All they have to do is meet—on Halloween, the night of Sleepy Hollow's big house-decorating contest, and the perfect opportunity for Gray to show his mystery texter his true feelings.

But between Gray's closeted ex coming back into the picture, a cute but obnoxious new goth kid vying to win the contest, and a serial killer lurking around, killing local gay teens, Gray's prospects are looking grim. Come Halloween, he'll either get his dream guy or die trying...



Lev Rosen writes books for people of all ages. He is the author of the Evander Mills series, *Emmett*, *Lion's Legacy* and *Camp*. He lives in NYC with his husband and a very small cat.

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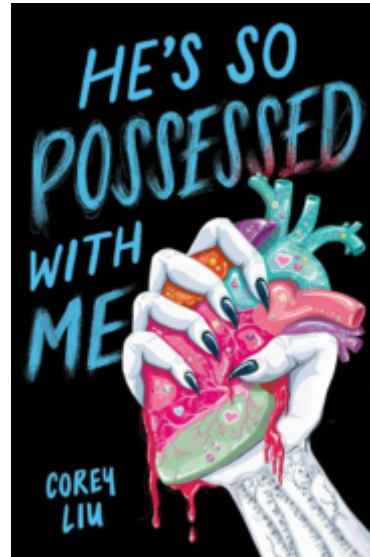


HE'S SO POSSESSED WITH ME

COREY LIU

Ages 14 & up
304 Pages
October 2025

Jennifer's Body meets *Heartstopper* in this terrifying, tender, and bitingly hilarious supernatural horror about a boy who must save his best friend from a demon that wants to steal his heart—literally.



Ren says he's in love, but Colin knows better. Sure, he can't remember much about how it all began. But he remembers dancing at a club he and Ren were too young to dance in. He remembers the boys who harassed them on their way home. He remembers a ghost emerging from the trees, and a white hand reaching through a thick fog. What Colin can't remember is what happened next. Only two things are clear to him: Ren is different now, and the new guy vying for his heart is not who he claims to be.

With the help of two unlikely allies and a cranky old medium, Colin must learn to conquer his self-doubt and save his best friend from a love that could cost him his life.

Equal parts campy and bewitching, Corey Liu's debut YA novel explores predation, isolation, and what happens when a childhood dream of fairytale romance turns into a deadly nightmare.

Corey Liu is a writer based in Vancouver. He has written for television shows like *Family Law*, *Pinecone & Pony*, and *Davey and Jonesie's Locker*. Most recently, he was a co-executive producer of the Kpop series *Gangnam Project*. He received an MA in Children's Literature from UBC, where he met some of his best friends.

From the newly launched **REQUITED** imprint:

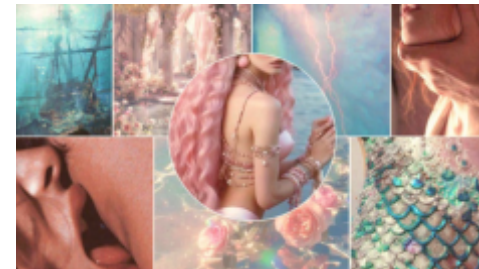
WICKED SEA

JORDAN STEPHANIE GRAY

Ages 18 & up
480 Pages
March 2026

Dive into this dark and sultry deluxe romantasy perfect for fans of Emily McIntire, Kerri Maniscalco, and Callie Hart! A mermaid and warlock battle their hatred—and lust—for each other as they team up to recover the heart of the god of death in a quest that could save or damn them forever.

Reach out to us for a first look at early sample materials!



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Jordan Stephanie Gray is a long-time daydreamer and writer of the fantastical and romantic and freelance editor to bestselling authors. In her free time, she can be found curled up with her pugs in her lap, rereading her favorite novels while teasing her middle schooler about how much kissing is in her own books (a lot).

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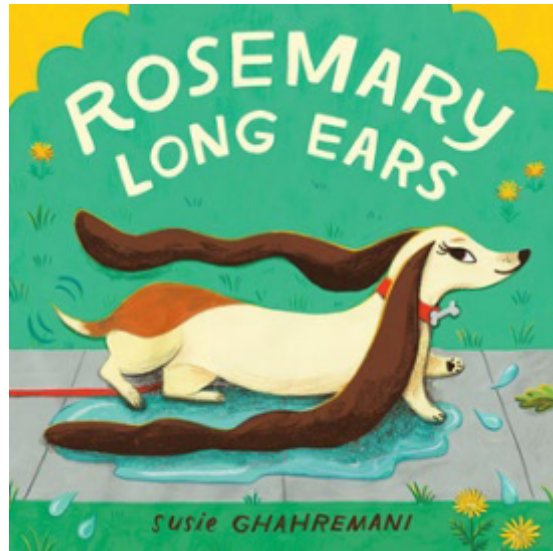


ROSEMARY LONG EARS

SUSIE GHahremani

Ages 4 – 8
40 Pages
May 2025

A little mess turns out to be a lot of fun in this delightful adventure starring Rosemary, a fun-loving pup with very long ears—for fans of *Harry the Dirty Dog* and *Pretzel*.



Join Rosemary on a walk through her neighborhood with her best friend. There are puddles to splash through and leaves to play in—OH NO! Before too long, Rosemary is a mess. But she knows that if you never get dirty, you may miss out on all the fun!

This charming story from award-winning creator Susie Ghahremani introduces a lovable, joyful pup and celebrates the thrill of letting loose.



Susie Ghahremani is the award-winning creator of *Stack the Cats* and *Balance the Birds*, and the illustrator of *What Will Hatch?*, *What Will Grow?*, *She Wanted to Be Haunted*, *Little Muir's Song*, and *Memory Garden*. A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, Susie designs and develops the gift brand *Boygirlyparty*®. She lives in California with her husband and zillions of pets.



THE MARVELOUS NOW

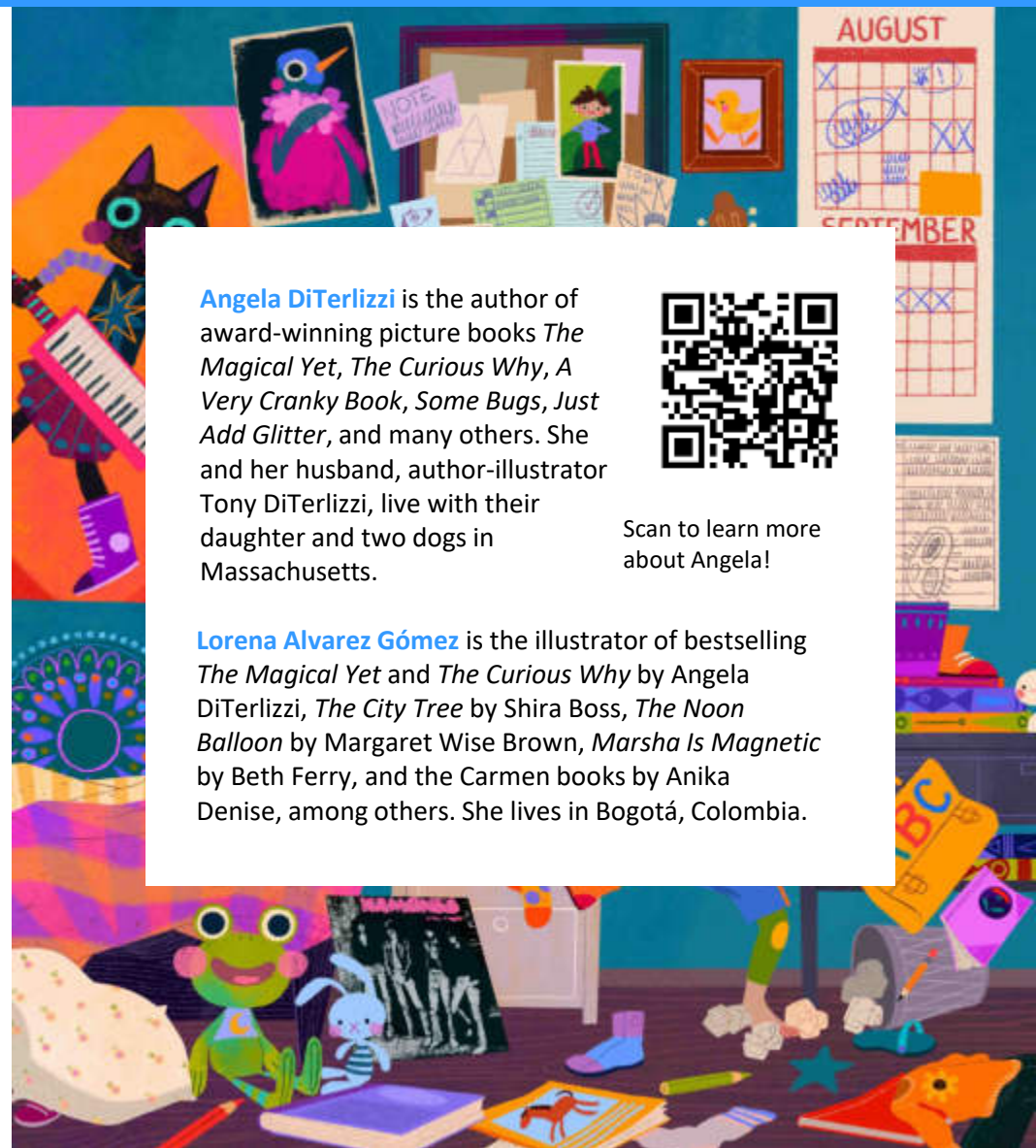
ANGELA DITERLIZZI,
LORENA ALVAREZ GOMEZ

Ages 4 – 8
40 Pages
May 2025



This calming companion to the bestselling *The Magical Yet* and *The Curious Why* is a *marvelous* introduction for young readers to mindfulness and keeping your cool!

When you're feeling big feelings or having a bad day, it can be hard to calm your racing mind and stay present. *The Marvelous Now* gives kids the tools to do just that, through accessible, rhythmic verse by Angela DiTerlizzi and colorful, joyful illustrations by Lorena Alvarez Gómez. Missed the bus? Flubbed a test? Got overwhelmed in a crowd? The Now can help young readers learn to regulate their emotions, reset, and reach their happy place. The Marvelous Now will help you to see that *this* is the moment where you need to be!

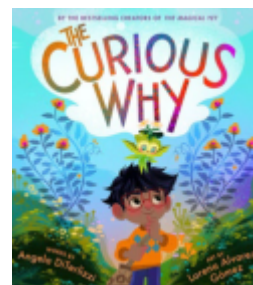
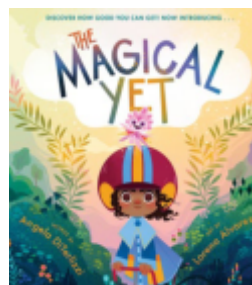


Angela DiTerlizzi is the author of award-winning picture books *The Magical Yet*, *The Curious Why*, *A Very Cranky Book*, *Some Bugs, Just Add Glitter*, and many others. She and her husband, author-illustrator Tony DiTerlizzi, live with their daughter and two dogs in Massachusetts.



Scan to learn more about Angela!

Lorena Alvarez Gómez is the illustrator of bestselling *The Magical Yet* and *The Curious Why* by Angela DiTerlizzi, *The City Tree* by Shira Boss, *The Noon Balloon* by Margaret Wise Brown, *Marsha Is Magnetic* by Beth Ferry, and the Carmen books by Anika Denise, among others. She lives in Bogotá, Colombia.



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THE WEIRDIES

MICHAEL BUCKLEY,
FORREST BURDETT

Ages 8 - 12
288 Pages
June 2025



Ten-year-old triplets Barnacle, Melancholy, and Garlic Weirdie grew up in a town plagued by relentless meteor showers. Their home,

Deadeye Manor, is a bleak mansion filled with hundreds of eccentric houseguests and one set of emotionally distant (some would say sociopathic) parents. When the entire group of grown-ups goes on vacation, forgetting to bring the children, the three siblings are sent to Our Lady of the Perpetual Side-Eye Orphanage, where they meet Miss Emily, a sweet and loving caseworker who attempts to smooth their rough edges. The triplets, however, are truly weird — causing chaos and mayhem in their adoptive home on picture-perfect Sunshine Circle.

Will the Weirdies and Miss Emily manage to become the family they all desperately need, or will it end in disaster for all of them?

Michael Buckley is *The New York Times* bestselling author of *The Sisters Grimm* series and *NERDS*. His other works are the YA trilogy *Undertow*, the sci-fi middle grade trilogy *Finn and the Intergalactic Lunchbox*, *Kel Gilligan's Daredevil Stuntshow*, *Lenny the Lobster Can't Stay for Dinner*, cowritten by his son, Finn Buckley, and the Audible Original series *The Weirdies*, narrated by Kate Winslet.

Forrest Burdett is an illustrator and writer based in Portland, Oregon. When he is not out hiking trails (on the hunt for bigfoot, of course), he is busy painting and imagining faraway worlds.



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THE WILD HUNTRESS

EMILY LLOYD-JONES

Ages 12 & Up
432 Pages
October 2024

Dive into this lush fantasy, set in the same world as *The Drowned Woods* and *The Bone Houses*—perfect for fans of Holly Black and Erin A. Craig.

Every five years, two kingdoms take part in a Wild Hunt and hundreds gamble their lives to participate—all vying for the Hunt's life-changing prize: a magical wish granted by the Otherking.

BRANWEN possesses a gift no other human has: the ability to see and slay monsters. She's desperate to cure her mother's sickness, and the Wild Hunt is her only option. **GWYDION** is the least impressive of his magically-talented family, but with his ability to control plants and his sleight of hand, he'll do whatever it takes to keep his cruel older brother from becoming a tyrant. **PRYDERI** is prince-born and monster-raised. Deep down, the royal crown doesn't interest him—all he wants is to know is where he belongs.

If they band together against the monstrous creatures within the woods, they have a chance to win. But, then again, nothing is guaranteed when all is fair in love and the Hunt.

Emily Lloyd Jones grew up in rural Oregon and currently resides in Northern California, where she enjoys wandering in redwood forests. Her YA novels include *Illusive*, *Deceptive*, *The Hearts We Sold*, *The Bone Houses*, and the *The Drowned Woods*.



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The night Vanessa Hart's best friend is brutally slaughtered by wolves, her life is changed forever. When her father finds Vanessa holding Celeste's dead body and sporting a nasty bite of her own, he doesn't bring her to a hospital—he hands her over to the very creatures responsible.

But these are no ordinary wolves...They're werewolves. And Vanessa's life now belongs to the treacherous Wolf Queen's Court.

A prisoner, Vanessa is confined to the enchanted Castle Severi, with only hatred for the wolves and nightmarish memories of Celeste's death to keep her company. But when—finally—she transforms into a werewolf, it's with the glowing purple eyes of an Alpha. Vanessa can either swear her life to the Court or die in the agony of a lone wolf.

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Immersed in the magic of werewolf society, Vanessa learns its malevolence goes beyond a single murderer in a midnight forest. The Court is at war, and she may simply be a pawn in its deadly game.

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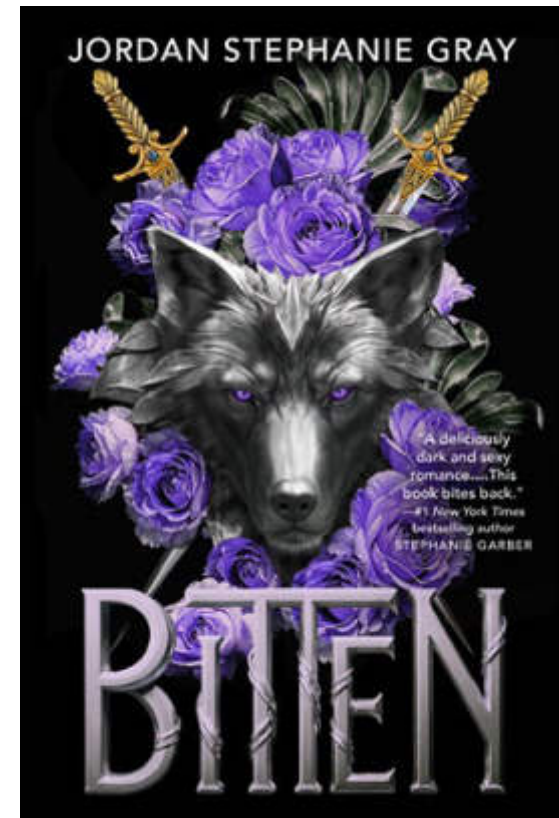
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Nova Ren Suma is the author of the #1 NYT bestselling *The Walls Around Us* and *A Room Away from the Wolves*, which were both finalists for the Edgar Award. She also wrote *Imaginary Girls* and *17 & Gone* and co-edited the story & craft anthology *FORESHADOW: Stories to Celebrate the Magic of Reading & Writing YA*. She has an MFA in fiction from Columbia University and has taught creative writing at Columbia University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Vermont College of Fine Arts. Originally from the Hudson Valley, she spent most of her adult life in New York City and now lives in Philadelphia.



The mist filled my lungs, peppery and also sweet, and momentum pushed me forward. Giddy, I dropped into a bed of moss, soft and slick in spots, and rolled in it, howled for no reason, felt close to an understanding of some kind, as if an eye inside me was peeling open. It was the first full moon after I turned thirteen, and I knew that whatever happened in this next stretch of hours would change me forever after.

I wasn't wrong.

Three years ago, Talia lived happily in the ruins of the Neves, a once-grand hotel in the wilds of the Catskill Mountains, with her mother Pola and their community of like-minded women. Some came to the Neves to escape cruel men, others to hide from the law, but all found safety and connection in their haven high above civilization, cloaked by a mysterious mist that kept intruders away. But as their numbers grew, complications followed, and everything came crashing down the night electric lights pierced the forest. Uniformed men arrested Pola, calling her a murderer and a fugitive, and Talia was taken away.

Now sixteen, Talia has been forced to live with family she barely knows and fit into a world scarred by misogyny, capitalism, disconnection from nature . . . everything the women of the Neves stood against. She has one goal: to return to the Neves. But as Talia awaits a signal from her mother, questions arise. Who betrayed her community, and what is she avoiding about her own role in its collapse? Is it truly magic that keeps the hotel so hidden? And what does it mean to embrace being her mother's daughter? With the help of an unexpected ally, Talia must find her way to answers, face a mother who's often kept her at arm's length, and try to reach the refuge she lost—if the mist hasn't swallowed her path home.

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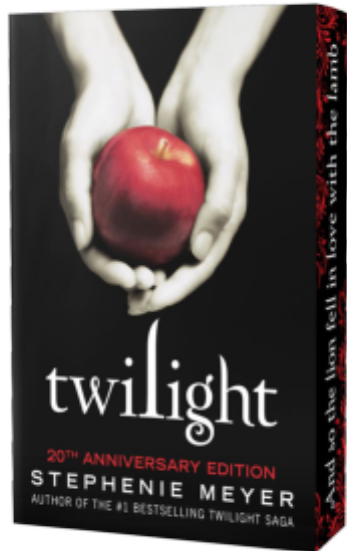
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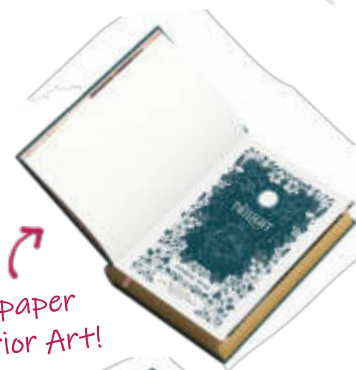
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