What the Dinosaurs Saw

Life on Earth Before Humans

Fatti Burke

A beautifully illustrated account of how Earth came to life.

Our whole universe began as a tiny dot, filled with so much hot, dense energy that it burst. This event was the Big Bang, and from the remnants of that explosion, our whole universe was born. From those earliest beginnings 3.5 billion years ago to the mighty dinosaurs who roamed Earth 250 million years ago, this is the story of how life adapted, evolved, and survived exploding stars, flying meteoroids, and natural disasters.

With amazing facts and awe-inspiring illustrations, What the Dinosaurs Saw is a vibrant and accessible depiction of the earliest days of our universe and life on Earth.

Fatti Burke is an illustrator from Co. Waterford, Ireland. What the Dinosaurs Saw is the first book she has authored as well as illustrated. Fatti lives in Portugal.
Fox

A Circle of Life Story

Isabel Thomas

From the author-illustrator pairing behind the acclaimed Moth, a scientific look at the circle of life.

In the frost-covered forest of early spring, fox is on a mission to find food for her three cubs. As they grow, she teaches them how to survive in the wild. Until one day, fox dies. Her body goes back to earth and grass and air, nourishing the world around her and bringing the forest to life. Death is not just an end, it's also a beginning.

Fox: A Circle of Life Story answers the big scientific question: What happens when we die?

Isabel Thomas studied Human Sciences at the University of Oxford. She is a science writer and children’s author who has been shortlisted for the Royal Society Young People’s Book Prize, the ASE Science Book of the Year and the Blue Peter Book Awards. She is a primary school governor and STEM Ambassador. Her previous books for Bloomsbury include Moth: An Evolution Story, which was also illustrated by Daniel Egnéus.

Love is in the air in this adorable board book featuring the charming friendship of Bear and Spider—and a special someone.

Bear is excited for his new teapot to arrive. When the doorbell rings, Bear finds something unexpected—a new delivery person, Panda, who happens to be very charming.

Bear does the only thing he can think of—he orders another teapot so he can see Panda again. But he’s too flustered to talk to her... so he orders another teapot. And another.

Spider encourages Bear to invite Panda to tea, but one day, a new delivery person arrives at the door. Seeing how devastated his friend is, Spider sets out on a journey to find Panda and help his friend find the courage to be himself.

The fantastic duo from Bear’s Scare and Bear Out There is back in another sweet friendship story that’s perfect for Valentine’s Day.

**PRAISE**

**Bear Out There**

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Bear Out There

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Bear and Spider are back in another charming odd-couple friendship story, perfect for fans of Peter Brown and Greg Pizzoli.

Spider loves the outdoors—the warm sun, the fresh breeze, the colorful plants. But when his kite gets stuck in a tree, he needs his friend’s help. Bear prefers the indoors, with his cozy chair and warm tea. He does not like the woods, but does like the idea of helping his friend. When their quest to find Spider's kite goes from bad to worse, Bear realizes that being a good friend sometimes means breaking out of your comfort zone.

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Five Little Easter Bunnies

Martha Mumford

From the creators of Hop Little Bunnies comes a new lift-the-flap springtime adventure full of adorable bunnies and perfect for Easter!

Join five little Easter bunnies as they set off on an exciting lift-the-flap Easter egg hunt! As the bunnies climb trees, peek into nests, and look under leaves, readers will have to lift the flaps to find the eggs. And there might be some surprises along the way too!

This joyful, interactive book is packed with adorable bunnies, lambs, chicks, and ducklings. Get ready for non-stop Easter fun in this beautifully illustrated read-aloud, full of the joys of spring.

PRAISE

Hop Little Bunnies
“Lift-the-flap action, onomatopoeic chants, and an array of charming animals have a sweet spring appeal.” —Publishers Weekly

We’re Going on an Egg Hunt
“Vibrant . . . Intriguing illustrations, classic story structure, and irresistible rabbits add up to a winning Easter-themed treat.” —Kirkus Reviews, starred review

“Young listeners will be entertained by the recognizable pattern from the classic bear hunt and the holiday-adjacent material.” —School Library Journal

Martha Mumford is the author of Hop Little Bunnies and the Royal Baby series, which began with Shhh! Don’t Wake the Royal Baby. Martha loves baking, patchwork, and has a mild obsession with interiors magazines. She lives in Berkshire, England, with her husband and young daughters.

Laura Hughes is the illustrator of Hop Little Bunnies and We’re Going on an Egg Hunt, as well as Kelly Clarkson’s New York Times bestseller River Rose and the Magical Lullaby. Originally from Bath, England, she studied...
Pegasus Princesses 1: Mist's Maze

Emily Bliss

This spin-off chapter book series of the popular Unicorn Princesses series stars a girl who goes on magical adventures with Pegasus Princesses.

When nine-year-old, Pegasus-obsessed Clara moves into a new house with her family, she’s shocked and thrilled to discover a magical silver feather and wing-back chair that transports her to the Wing Realm, the magical land of the Pegasus Princesses! Each of the eight Pegasus sisters has a unique magical power and a tiara to represent that power. And the Pegasus Princesses are delighted to meet Clara—their very first human!

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Featuring adorable black-and-white illustrations throughout and eye-catching, sparkly covers, this series is a must-have for chapter book readers.

Emily Bliss is also the author of the Unicorn Princesses series, and lives with her winged cat in a house surrounded by woods. From her living room window, she can see silver feathers and green flying armchairs. Like Clara Griffin, she knows pegasuses are real.
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Revver the Speedway Squirrel: The Big Race Home

by Sherri Duskey Rinker, Alex Willan

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site, a young middle grade story about adventure and dreaming big.

Revver is a little squirrel with big plans . . . to drive a race car! Now that he has secured his place on the race squad, there are so many new things to see and explore—and so many lessons to learn.

Tire-changer Bill and his team have grown very fond of Revver, despite his accidental troublemaking. But when the team travels to the airport for a faraway race, Revver’s intense curiosity get himself lost in the terminal, and the plane takes off without him! Will Revver find his way back to the team in time? And if he does, will they still welcome him, or has he worn out his welcome as the very first speedway squirrel?

Sherri Duskey Rinker offers another hilarious and heartwarming story about this memorable character, perfect for fans of Ralph S. Mouse and The Mouse and the Motorcycle.

Sherri Duskey Rinker is the author of the #1 New York Times bestsellers Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site; Mighty, Mighty Construction Site; Construction Site on Christmas Night; and Steam Train, Dream Train. She lives with her photographer husband, two sons, one dog, and one hedgehog in St. Charles, Illinois. sherriduskeyrinker.com

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From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site comes an illustrated young MG perfect for fans of Beverly Cleary.

Meet Revver: a little squirrel with big dreams . . . to drive a race car! His siblings don’t understand his need for speed, but Revver doesn’t care. And he certainly doesn’t care about “ordinary” squirrel things like finding food or climbing trees. He spends his days staring at the racetrack below his nest. When Revver finally gets the chance to head out on his own, becoming part of the race crew is more difficult than he expected. He never learned anything about engines in Squirrel School! But luckily, tire changer Bill has a soft spot for animals. Can Revver prove to Bill that he deserves to be part of the team? Perfect for fans of the classic Ralph S. Mouse tales, this funny, action-packed, and heartwarming story is about family, feeling different, and finding your people.

PRAISE

the hardcover:

“This warm, funny, and action-packed tale stars Revver, an endearing squirrel with big dreams and an even bigger heart. Perfect for a family or classroom read-aloud, don’t miss this sure-fire crowd-pleaser.” —Katherine Applegate, Newbery Award winning author of The One and Only Ivan

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**The Raven Heir**

Stephanie Burgis

**Perfect for fans of Robert Beatty's Serafina series comes a magical new middle grade fantasy series about a young shapeshifter trying to save her family.**

Twelve-year-old Cordelia can shift into the form of any animal, and yearns to explore the world outside her castle deep in an enchanted forest. But her sorceress mother has kept her and her triplet siblings hidden from the war for the Raven Throne that rages in their kingdom, where heir after heir has been killed. But the war comes to them when the eldest triplet is named the next heir. Knowing this means certain death, Cordelia's mother hid the truth about which child is oldest. And when her family is captured, it's up to Cordelia to use her powers to keep her siblings hidden and to discover the truth about the Raven Heir—before it's too late.

New from the author of the acclaimed *The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart* comes a thrilling new fantasy full of magic, adventure, and the power of family.

**PRAISE**

*The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart* (A Kids’ Indie Next List Pick / An Amazon, *Mighty Girl*, Bank Street, and *VOYA* Best Book)

“A gloriously fresh story to be read with a steaming cup of chocolate at hand.” —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

“Readers of all ages will love this deliciously charming adventure.” —Sheila Grau, author of the Dr. Critchlore's School for Minions series

“I completely adored this book!” —Sarah Prineas, author of *The Magic Thief* and *Winterling* series

**Stephanie Burgis** grew up in East Lansing, Michigan, but now lives in Wales with her husband and two sons, surrounded by mountains, castles, and coffee shops. She is the author of *The Princess Who Flew with Dragons*, *The Girl with the Dragon Heart*, *The Dragon with the Chocolate Heart*, the tween fantasy trilogy *Kat, Incorrigible* and the adult historical fantasy title *Masks and Shadows*. www.stephanieburgis.com; @stephanieburgis
Who Gives a Poop?

Surprising Science from One End to the Other

Heather L. Montgomery

A unique journalistic exploration of the fascinating and funny science of poop.

Poop is disgusting, but it's also packed with potential. One scientist spent months training a dog to track dung to better understand elephant birthing patterns. Another discovered that mastodon poop years ago is the reason we enjoy pumpkin pie today. And every week, some folks deliver their own poop to medical facilities, where it is swirled, separated, and shipped off to a hospital to be transplanted into another human. There's even a train full of human poop sludge that's stuck without a home in Alabama.

This irreverent and engaging book shows that poop isn't just waste—and that dealing with it responsibly is our duty.

PRAISE

“A well-stirred slurry of facts and fun for strong-stomached ‘poop sleuths.’”
—Kirkus Reviews, starred review

“Montgomery is an ideal spokesperson to forward news from the fetid field.”
—BCCB, starred review

Heather L. Montgomery has taught for over 20 years (both inside and outside the classroom) as well as directed a school-based environmental center. She has written curriculum; trained hundreds of teachers, naturalists, and librarians; and, helped thousands of children to make friends with the natural world. Each year, she works directly with over ten thousand children at festivals, school visits, and at environmental centers. During a typical presentation, petrified body parts and tree guts enco...
The Torchbearers

Ally Condie, Brendan Reichs

Bestselling authors Ally Condie and Brendan Reichs's blockbuster series continues in an adventure for fans of Stranger Things.

Everyone in Timbers is in an uproar after an internet show exposed the Beast in the town, making life for Torchbearers Opal, Nico, Tyler, Emma, and Logan extremely difficult. To keep their town safe, the kids start researching the original Torchbearers and try to gain control over the creature.

Then something new surfaces in the Darkdeep, and the kids soon find themselves at odds as they wonder what it is and who brought there. The stakes get higher when a new girl comes to town and stirs up trouble. As the Torchbearers uncover more secrets about their houseboat hangout, the Darkdeep, and the Rift, their friendships are put to the test as never before . . .

This thrilling next book from bestselling duo Ally Condie and Brendan Reichs will once again have readers sleeping with the lights on.

PRAISE

The Beast


The Darkdeep


“Move over, Stranger Things.” —Melissa de la Cruz, #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Descendants series

“The most fun I’ve had while being deeply terrified.” —Roshani Chokshi, New York Times bestselling author of Aru Shah and the End of Time

Ally Condie wrote the #1 New York Times bestselling Matched trilogy and Edgar finalist Summerlost, among other novels. A former English teacher, Ally lives with her family in Utah. She has an MFA from the Vermont College of Fine Arts and is the founder and director of the WriteOut Foundation. allycondie.com @AllyCondie

Brendan Reichs co-authored the Virals series and wrote the New York Times bestseller Nemesis and its sequels Genesis and Chrysalis. He is on the Executive Board for the YALLfest an...
The Lemon Tree (Young Readers' Edition)
An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East
Sandy Tolan

A moving introduction to the Israeli-Palestine conflict, adapted from the award-winning adult book.

In 1967, a refugee named Bashir Khairi traveled from the Palestinian hilltown of Ramallah to Ramla, Israel with a goal: to see the house with the lemon tree in its backyard that he and his family had been forced to leave nineteen years earlier. When he arrived, he was greeted by one of its new residents: Dalia Eshkenazi Landau, an Israeli college student whose family had fled Europe following the Holocaust. She had lived in that house since she was eleven months old. On the stoop of this shared house, Dalia and Bashir began a surprising friendship, forged in the aftermath of war and tested as political tensions ran high and Israelis and Palestinians each asserted their own right to live on this land. Based on Sandy Tolan’s extensive reporting, The Lemon Tree is a deeply personal story of two people seeking hope, transformation, and home.

PRAISE

“Captivating and complicated.” ?Kirkus Reviews, starred review
“A balanced presentation of the issues.” ?School Library Connection

Sandy Tolan is the author of Me & Hank and Children of the Stone. As cofounder of Homelands Productions, Tolan has reported from more than forty countries for NPR, and for dozens of magazines and other news outlets. His work has won numerous awards, and he was a 1993 Nieman Fellow at Harvard University and an I. F. Stone Fellow at the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism. He is a professor at the Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism at the University of Southern California in ...
The Fallen Hero

Katie Zhao

Inspired by Chinese mythology, this MG fantasy series about a girl warrior destined to defeat demons is perfect for fans of Aru Shah.

Faryn Liu thought she was the Heaven Breaker, destined to command dragons and defeat demons. But a conniving goddess was manipulating her all along . . . and her beloved younger brother, Alex, has betrayed her and taken over as Heaven Breaker instead. Determined to prevent a war and bring Alex back to her side, Faryn and her half-dragon friend Ren find allies in Manhattan's Chinatown. She learns that one weapon can stand against the Heaven Breaker's spear, Fenghuang. To find it, she sets off on a daring quest that will take her to new places . . . including the Underworld. Can Faryn complete her mission and save her brother, no matter the cost?

This richly woven middle-grade fantasy series is full of humor, magic, and heart, and will appeal to readers who love Roshani Chokshi and Sayantani DasGupta.

PRAISE

A delightful adventure that melds classic Chinese mythology with original, contemporary folklore.” —Booklist

The Dragon Warrior
“Zhao seamlessly incorporates Chinese terms and themes into the fast-paced plot…. [T]he story takes intriguing twists with its cultural background.” —Kirkus Reviews
“In this page-turning debut, Zhao weaves an exhilarating tale that shimmers with adventure, love, and loyalty. Readers will be enthralled up to the incredible and absolutely breathless end.” —J.C. Cervantes, New York Times bestselling author of The Storm Runner

Katie Zhao is the author of The Dragon Warrior. She grew up in Michigan, where there was little for her to do besides bury her nose in a good book or a writing journal. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a BA in English and a minor in political science; she also completed her master’s in accounting there. In her spare time, Katie enjoys reading, singing, dancing (badly), and checking out new restaurants. She lives in Brooklyn, New York. www.katiezhao.com @ktzhaoauthor
The Storm Keepers' Battle

Catherine Doyle

In the dramatic, satisfying conclusion to the acclaimed Storm Keeper's Island series, one boy must risk it all to save his magical home.

Fionn Boyle, newly chosen Storm Keeper of Arranmore, is facing the fight of his life. The terrifying and all-powerful sorceress Morrigan has been raised from the dead and has sealed off the island from all help. Fionn and his friends are the only thing that stand between her and a dark future for Arranmore; they’ve got to find a way to defeat her. But there are some terrible choices in store as the dark sorcerer begins to take their nearest and dearest for her own. With only two magical candles left to burn and without the help of his beloved grandfather, will Fionn master his powers in time to stop her?

Catherine Doyle’s Storm Keeper’s Island series takes readers on a magical and heart-stopping adventure they’ll never forget.

PRAISE

The Storm Keeper’s Island:
“[An] exquisite debut.” —Booklist, starred review
“Fans of Harry Potter or Percy Jackson can add Fionn Boyle as a generous and brave hero from the Emerald Isle.” —School Library Connection, starred review
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The magic of Arranmore Island is threatened in Book 2 of Catherine Doyle's highly acclaimed Storm Keeper's Island series.

There is magic deep within Arranmore Island, and Fionn Boyle is discovering how much it’s woven its way through generations of his family’s history. But Arranmore is in trouble; illness has swept across the land, giving rise to widespread fear and suspicion. Fionn wants to help, but the Storm Keeper magic passed down from his grandfather seems to have deserted him. When evil sorceress Morrigan’s soul stalkers return, Fionn must find a way to protect the island. But how can he call upon a vast number of ferocious sea creatures without any magic or the faintest idea of where to look for them? The race to save Arranmore has begun.

This gorgeously written, magical tale of family, bravery, and self-discovery is perfect for fans of Orphan Island and A Snicker of Magic.

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Birdie's Billions

Edith Cohn

For as long as twelve-year-old Birdie can remember, it's always been just her and her mom, which means there's not lots of extra money around to spend on things like field trip fees and new school clothing and batons from the fancy gymnastics store. Still, they always find a way to make ends meet. Then Birdie makes one silly mistake that has a big consequence: Mom loses her job. Suddenly things are more dire than ever, and Birdie knows it is up to her to fix it. When Birdie discovers a huge stash of cash in an abandoned house, she doesn't think twice about where that cash came from; she just knows it must be the answer to their problems. But the people who left that money behind aren't willing to give it up so easily. Does finders keepers count when it’s half a million dollars? Birdie learns how to balance what’s right for her family and herself with what’s the right thing to do in this heartfelt small-town story.

Edith Cohn is the author of Spirit’s Key, a middle grade mystery that was chosen as a top Mighty Girl book for teens and tweens. She has also worked as a language arts teacher in New York City and a script reader in Hollywood. She grew up in Fayetteville, NC and now lives in LA with her family. www.edithcohn.com; @edithcohn
What Breathes Through Its Butt?

Mind-Blowing Science Questions Answered

Emily Grossman

A scientist explains the fascinating whys behind funny, kid-friendly questions.

Why is your elbow called your funny bone? How could you escape the grip of a crocodile's jaw? Which animal can breathe through its butt? This book uncovers the amazing scientific explanations behind all sorts of questions that can pop into our heads. Can an egg bounce? How can a giraffe's ridiculously long neck contain the same number of bones as a human's? How much does the Internet weigh? With delightful interactive features that invite readers to guess answers to questions and make links between different scientific concepts, this is a great book for reluctant readers and STEAM lovers alike.

PRAISE

“A compendium for the naturally curious, this humorous nonfiction book... will certainly fly off the shelves.” —School Library Connection, starred review

“Scientific inquiry served up in a witty, visual style, with enough fart jokes to satisfy any young reader.” —Kirkus Reviews

Emily Grossman loves science: she’s an expert in molecular biology and genetics with a PhD in cancer research. She is a broadcaster, author, educator and trainer. She has been named as the second Honorary STEM Ambassador for her work in education and has become a YouTube sensation thanks to her video “How to Stop Yourself Being Ticklish.” She lives in London, England.

Alice Bowsher is an animator and the illustrator of the Natural History Museum’s Jungle, O...
The Gifted, the Talented, and Me

William Sutcliffe

For fans of John Corey Whaley, a clever coming-of-age story about fitting in and finding your way in an all-too-complicated world.

Fifteen-year-old Sam is not a famous vlogger, he’s never gone viral, and he doesn’t want to be the Next Big Thing. In fact, he’s ordinary and proud of it. None of which was a problem until Dad got rich and Mom made their family move to London.

Now Sam’s off to the North London Academy for the Gifted and Talented, where everyone’s busy planning Hollywood domination or starting alt-metal psychedelia crossover bands. Sam knows he'll never belong, even if he wanted to—but can he find himself on his own terms?

William Sutcliffe offers a delightful tongue-in-cheek celebration of embracing the average.

William Sutcliffe was born in London, and now lives in Edinburgh. He is the author of the international bestseller Are You Experienced? and Whatever Makes You Happy, inspiration for the Netflix movie Otherhood, as well as The Love Hexagon, New Boy, Bad Influence, and We See Everything. His first YA novel, The Wall, was shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal, and his second, Concentr8, was shortlisted for the UK's YA Book Prize. @Will_Sutcliffe8
Defy the Night

Brigid Kemmerer

From New York Times bestselling author Brigid Kemmerer comes a brand-new blockbuster fantasy series about a kingdom divided by corruption—and the girl who will risk everything to bring the system...

The land of Kandala is recovering from a devastating plague, with a cure so rare that only the wealthy can afford it. Tessa is one of the many in the lower class, whose parents were killed for distributing the cure on the black market. She continues their legacy by stealing supplies to give to those in need, along with help from her partner, the suave and mysterious Weston Lark.

As rumors spread that the cure no longer works, Tessa hatches a dangerous plan to infiltrate the castle and break down the class barriers for good.

Set in a fantasy world startlingly similar to our own, Brigid Kemmerer's new series illuminates the divide between those with power and those without. . . and what happens when someone is brave enough to flip the system.

PRAISE

A Heart So Fierce and Broken (New York Times bestseller / Top 10 IndieNext Pick)
“Repeatedly turns the tables on the fantasy tropes.” —Kirkus Reviews, starred review

A Curse So Dark and Lonely (New York Times bestseller / Top 10 IndieNext Pick)
“Has everything you'd want in a retelling.” —Jodi Picoult, NYT bestselling author

“Absolutely spellbinding.” —Stephanie Garber, #1 NYT bestselling author of Caraval

“[A] richly detailed feminist epic.”—Kirkus Reviews, starred review

“Complex, creative, and compelling.”—SLC, starred review

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We Light Up the Sky

Lilliam Rivera

This timely, genre-bending YA from acclaimed author Lilliam Rivera explores the social and racial ramifications of an alien invasion.

Pedro, Luna, and Rafa may attend school together in LA, but they run in separate spheres. Pedro frequents a local drag bar to avoid his home life. Luna is a straight-A student who is grieving the sudden loss of her beloved cousin Tasha. And Rafa is the quiet new kid hiding the fact that his family is homeless. But the teens find themselves thrown together when an extraterrestrial visitor lands in their city and takes the form of Tasha, promising it’s the first of many to come. As the local authorities work to protect only the privileged, the three start to question who the true enemy is—the visitors, or their fellow humans? Perfect for fans of the *Watchmen* TV series, Lilliam Rivera uses a science fiction lens to examine the racial and social dynamics of the world we live in.

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Acclaimed author Lilliam Rivera blends magical realism into a timely story about cultural identity, overcoming trauma, and first love.

Eury comes to the Bronx as a girl haunted—by losing everything in Hurricane Maria and by an evil spirit, Ato, who she fears will find her in New York. Yet, for a time, she can almost set her fear aside, because there’s this boy . . . Pheus is a golden-voiced, bachata-singing charmer, ready to spend the summer on the beach with his friends, serenading a girl or two. When he meets Eury, all he wants is to put a smile on her face and fight off her demons. But some dangers are too powerful for even the strongest love, and as the world threatens to tear them apart, Eury and Pheus must fight for each other and their lives. Featuring contemporary Afro-Latinx characters, this Own Voices retelling of the Greek myth Orpheus and Eurydice is perfect for fans of Ibi Zoboi’s Pride.

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Once More with Chutzpah

Haley Neil

A smart, deeply felt YA debut about a Jewish teen grappling with her identity in the wake of a shocking accident.

When Tally and her twin brother head off on a weeklong exchange trip to Israel, she welcomes the distraction; Max might be trying to hide it, but she knows he’s still struggling after a tragic car crash injured him and killed the driver. Maybe this will help him get back on track and apply to college the way they always planned.

But as the group travels across the country, Tally realizes Max might not be the only one struggling with a major life turning point. Amid spiraling anxiety, new questions about her sexual identity, and a reexamination of where she fits in the country’s history and the wider Jewish diaspora, Tally grapples with even bigger thoughts about what’s next.

Debut author Haley Neil offers a fresh, relatable story about identity on the cusp of adulthood.

Haley Neil is a recent MFA grad from The New School, where she specialized in Writing for Children and Young Adults. She previously obtained her Masters in Education while working full time as a preschool teacher. She loves school, teaching, and going to school to learn about teaching (as well as walking her rescue pup through her Massachusetts town and pretending she's on a home baking show). This is her first book. haleyneil.com • Twitter: @haleyeneil • Instagram: @haleyeneil
Spin Me Right Round

David Valdes

A sharp, funny YA debut that’s Back to the Future with a twist, as a gay teen travels back in time to save a closeted classmate’s life.

All Luis wants is to go to prom with his boyfriend, something his “progressive” school still doesn’t allow. Even in 2021. Not after what happened with Chaz Wilson. But that was ages ago, when Luis’ parents were in high school; it would never happen today. He makes it his mission to stand up for his queer classmates.

But when a hit on the head knocks him back in time to 1985 and he meets the doomed young Chaz himself, Luis comes up with a new plan—he’s going to give this guy his first real kiss. But it turns out a conservative school in the 80s isn’t the safest place to be a gay kid. Luis is in over his head, trying not to make things worse . . . and hoping he makes it back to present day at all.

David Valdes offers a funny, heartfelt, and intersectional story about self-discovery across generations.

PRAISE

Homo Domesticus:
“[The author’s] humorous, honest, and personal voice makes him a great tour guide and friend.” —Booklist

“Sweet and funny, with a touch of sorrow, yet filled with hope and love.” —Publishers Weekly

David Valdes is the author of the nonfiction books Homo Domesticus, The Rhinestone Sisterhood, and Today Show pick A Little Fruitcake, as well as a dozen produced plays. A former Boston Globe columnist and HuffPo blogger whose posts have received over a million hits, he currently blogs on Medium, and was recently featured in the New York Times’ Modern Love. He also teaches writing at Boston Conservatory and Tufts. David lives in the Boston area. davidvaldeswrites.com / Twitter: @dvaldestweets
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