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Cover image from Be A Friend by Salina Yoon, illustrated by Salina Yoon
SMRITI PRASADAM-HALLS
I'll Never Let You Go

From the team behind the bestselling *I Love You Night and Day* comes another beautiful and heartwarming story of unconditional love.

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*I'll be holding your hand and I'll never let go.*

Follow all sorts of animal families as they show their love for one another in the best of times, the worst of times, and all the times in between. Unconditional love means standing by someone no matter what happens—and this love comes in all shapes and sizes!

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Bestselling author Salina Yoon moves in a lush new direction with this heartfelt story about friendship and finding oneself.

Dennis is an ordinary boy who expresses himself in extraordinary ways. Some children do show-and-tell. Dennis mimics his. Some children climb trees. Dennis is happy to BE a tree . . . But being a mime can be lonely. It isn’t until Dennis meets a girl named Joy that he discovers the power of friendship—and how special he truly is! At its core, this book is a heartwarming story of self-acceptance, courage, and unbreakable friendship for anyone who has ever felt "different."

Countless readers and reviewers have fallen in love with Salina Yoon. Now, she showcases her talent in a brand new way, wrapping a simple yet emotionally rich text in a special package. The gorgeous final book will feature uncoated paper, a highly designed jacket, and a debossed art inset on the case.

Salina Yoon is an award-winning author/illustrator of nearly 200 books for children, with more than 1.25 million copies of her books sold worldwide. Some of her most recent books include Penguin and Pinecone, Penguin on Vacation, Penguin in Love, Penguin and Pumpkin, Penguin’s Big Adventure, Found, and Stormy Night. She studied art and design at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California, and now lives in San Diego with her family. Visit her online at www.salinayoon.com and www.facebook.com/PenguinandPinecone.

Praise For...

Found
An NPR Best Book
Winner of the 2014 SCIBA Book Award for Best Picture Book
"A thoughtful, flawlessly executed exploration of theory of mind and emotional intelligence." -Publishers Weekly, starred review
Virgil & Owen Stick Together

Virgil & Owen return in a charming new friendship story that perfectly captures a tricky challenge for all friends: patience.

Owen and Virgil both love going to school . . . just in different ways. Eager Virgil likes to learn as much as he can, as quickly as possible. Owen likes to savor each moment as he counts and writes and tells stories. So when Virgil rushes Owen a bit too much one day, their friendship is suddenly on thin ice. Can Virgil exercise some patience and appreciate his friend’s point of view?

Once again tackling a quintessential element of friendship--the value of patience--Paulette Bogan's delightfully illustrated characters show real kids that everyone is truly unique.

Paulette Bogan is the author/illustrator of many beloved books for children, including Virgil & Owen, Goodnight Lulu (a Childrens' Book of the Month Club Main Selection) and Lulu the Big Little Chick (winner of a Children's Choice Book Award). She also illustrated two books by Aaron Reynolds, Chicks and Salsa and Buffalo Wings. Paulette lives with her family and her dogs, Spikey and Mufasa in New York City. Visit her online at www.paulettebogan.com or on Twitter @PaulettBogan1.

Praise For...

"Beautifully captures how some toddlers enter play groups . . . just might be what territorial toddlers need to hear." -Kirkus

Chicks and Salsa
A Book Sense Children's Pick
"Even confirmed macaroni-and-cheese eaters will devour this literary fandango." -PW

Buffalo Wings
"A robust romp, generously spiced with child appeal." -SLJ
"This latest culinary misadventure will likewise provoke equal quantities of laughter and saliva, even in non-football fans." -Kirkus
MICHELLE ROBINSON
A Beginner's Guide to Bear Spotting

From a *New York Times* bestselling illustrator and award-winning author comes an irreverent, laugh-out-loud guide to bear spotting.

Do you want to meet a real live bear? Then this essential guide to bear spotting, filled with offbeat humor and quirky illustrations, is for you!

In this unconventional read-aloud, sure to delight kids and parents alike, a young aspiring bear spotter ventures into bear country . . . But coming face-to-face with the furry creatures themselves, whether black or brown, can be dangerous, and our protagonist--accompanied by a trusty teddy bear--might need to use some unlikely means to stay out of trouble and avoid being (gulp!) eaten.

This laugh-out-loud, how-to guide--brilliantly brought to life by *New York Times* bestselling illustrator David Roberts' expressive art--is a must-read for fans of *I Want My Hat Back* and *Secret Pizza Party*.

**Michelle Robinson** is the award-winning author of *There's a Lion in My Cornflakes*, *How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth*, *Yak Yuk*, and *Bear Boar*, among other titles. Previously, she worked for some of the world's biggest brands. Michelle lives in Frome, England, with her husband and two children. Visit her online at www.michellerobinson.co.uk.

**David Roberts** is the *New York Times* bestselling, award-winning illustrator of numerous children's books, including three books by Andrea Beaty--*Rosie Revere, Engineer*, *Iggy Peck, Architect*, and *Happy Birthday, Madame Chapeau*--and Paul Fleischman's *The Dunderheads*, which was shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal. Visit him online at davidrobertsillustration.com.

**Praise For...**

**Awards for *There's a Lion in My Cornflakes***
Winner, Best Picture Book - Sainsbury's Children's Book
SUZANNE BARTON
The Sleepy Songbird

A beautifully illustrated tale of a tiny nightingale yearning to belong from a captivating new talent.

When young nightingale Peep awakens one morning to the sound of exquisite birdsong, he follows the melody and finds the Dawn Chorus. He learns that they sing their enchanting songs every morning as the sun rises to welcome the day . . . and Peep would love to join them. Despite trying his hardest, however, Peep just can’t seem to wake up early enough to make his audition. But little does Peep know, he’s about to meet someone who will show him how special being a nightingale can be . . .

A heartfelt story that touches on universal themes of feeling different and celebrating what makes you special, this debut picture book is exceptionally illustrated by new author-illustrator Suzanne Barton.

Suzanne Barton has long desired to write and illustrate her own books for children—and when her work was spotted at a book fair, her dream became reality. Her art is a combination of collage, drawing and painting, and her love of patterns and prints often sends her searching through vintage paper shops for inspiration. The Sleepy Songbird is Suzanne’s picture book debut. Visit her online at www.suzannebarton.co.uk and on Twitter @suzannebartono.
A rhyming, boisterous romp featuring a big family and lots of animals, for fans of How to Babysit a Grandpa and All Through My Town.

Everyone in my family has a special animal friend! My daddy has an elephant. My grandma has a bunny. My cousin has a kangaroo. And me? I have a bear!

Pile in with the whole family--and more than a few of their favorite animals--for a special car ride. This adorable picture book features bright, vibrant illustrations from British talent Emma Dodd and a warm, funny rhyming text from K. A. Gerrard that's perfect for reading aloud. From the first joyous page to the final scene--which features a heartwarming reveal--this is one family trip that fans of Jean Reagan won't want to miss.

Kelly (K. A.) Gerrard was born and raised in Southern California, and moved to Great Britain in 1989. Her experience serving Super Safari sundaes to tourists at the San Diego Zoo inspired her to write My Family Is a Zoo. When not writing, Kelly enjoys spending time outdoors with her family and their dog, Ruby. Visit her @KAGerrard.

Emma Dodd is an acclaimed illustrator of many books for children, including I Love My Mommy, written by Giles Andreae, Dog’s Colorful Day, I Am Small, and many others. She lives in Surrey, England, with her husband and two children, several chickens, and their beloved occasional hat wearing Jack Russell Terrier, Buzz. Visit her online at www.emmadodd.co.uk and on Twitter @emmadodd2.

Praise For...

I Love My Mommy
2010 Winner of Booktrust’s Best Book for Babies
"Dodd’s characters and objects fill the page, giving the reader a sense of intimacy . . . Truly perfect for little
An inspiring story of the first girl to fight in court to integrate schools, illustrated by Coretta Scott King Award-winning artist E. B. Lewis.

In 1847, Sarah Roberts tried to attend a white school in Boston. Forced out of school because of her race, Sarah and her family fought for her right to have an equal education.

"It was the first case asking our legal system to outlaw separate schools. It was the first time an African-American lawyer worked in a supreme court. It was the first time an African-American lawyer and a white lawyer teamed up to fight for justice. Three important steps forward."

Although not victorious, Sarah paved the way for changes that led to triumph in the Brown vs. Board of Education case, and in countless other steps toward equality.

A beautifully illustrated look at little-known steps in the ongoing march for civil rights. Backmatter includes: integration timeline, biographies, list of resources, and author’s note.

**Susan E. Goodman** is the author of *How to Burp in Space* and *See How They Run*. She has also written dozens of other award-winning informational books including *On this Spot, The Truth About Poop, Skyscrapers,* and *Gee Whiz*. Susan is a freelance writer for several magazines and lives in the Boston area. Learn more about her online at www.susangoodmanbooks.com.

**E. B. Lewis** is the acclaimed illustrator of more than fifty books for children, including the Caldecott Honor book *Coming On Home Soon* and several Coretta Scott King Award winners, such as *Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman* and *Bat Boy and His Violin*. He lives in Folsom, New Jersey. Visit him online at www.eblewis.com.
Herman's Vacation

The stars of Indie Next List Pick Herman's Letter return for a charming lift-the-flap story about a very special camping trip.

Herman and Henry are camping in the great outdoors, and they couldn’t be having more fun! Well, at least, Herman is enjoying himself. Henry seems a little distracted. He must be having fun though--everyone loves camping, don’t they? The truth might be hidden in the postcards that they are sending to their friends at home . . . . Join Herman and Henry, best friends forever, on a camping adventure that neither of them will forget--for very different reasons!

This companion to Kids’ Indie Next List Pick Herman’s Letter, a fabulously funny story about friends who stick together even when they don’t have everything in common, is chronicled through vibrant, sweet illustrations and interactive lift-the-flap postcards.

Tom Percival is the author and illustrator of two other lift-the-flap stories, Herman's Letter and Bubble Trouble. He writes and illustrates picture books in his native United Kingdom, where he lives in a town called Stroud with his family. Visit him online at www.tom-percival.com.

Praise For...

Herman’s Letter
A Winter 2014–2015 Kids’ Indie Next List Pick
"A must-have when a friend moves away." -Kirkus Reviews
"The dynamic artwork fuels the text with action and humor, and lift-the-flap letters add an appealing interactive element." -School Library Journal
"[Percival’s] portrayal of Herman’s vulnerability is touching and funny." -Publishers Weekly
"Colorful and expressive, Percival’s illustrations have plenty of kid appeal . . . . This offbeat, gently amusing fantasy is recommended for larger collections." -Booklist
This padded board book, a simple and sweet introduction to animal sounds, is a delightful read-aloud and perfect for spring.

It's early on the farm, and the baby animals are saying good morning! Chick says *cheep*, Cow says *moo*, and that's just beginning of a chorus of animal sounds. A charming, rhyming text--perfect for read-aloud--is paired with adorable illustrations and pastel backgrounds.

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It's evening in the forest, and the baby animals are making new friends before the sun sets. Duck sees a bear, bear spots a bee, and that's just the beginning of a series of wonderful discoveries. A charming, rhyming text--perfect for read-aloud--is paired with adorable illustrations and pastel backgrounds.

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Now in board, this book of animal eggs and the babies they hatch features lush, bright illustrations and fun-to-touch cut outs.

What is more exciting than waiting for an egg to hatch? Creatures of all varieties begin inside an egg-and those eggs also come in all shapes and sizes. From a squiggly tadpole to fuzzy robin to a leathery platypus, this charming text and unique illustrations show eight different animals as they begin life. With a cut-out on each page, readers will have fun guessing . . . what will hatch?

A perfect baby gift for springtime (or anytime!), this unique book from talented author-illustrator duo Jennifer Ward and Susie Ghahremani is sure to delight younger readers with its vivid illustrations and interactive, hands-on format.

Award-winning author Jennifer Ward and award-winning artist Susie Ghahremani are the creators of the wildly popular parenting book I Love Dirt! 52 Activities to Help You & Your Child Discover the Wonders of Nature, which has been featured in Parenting, Real Simple, and on National Public Radio. Jennifer has authored several picture books, including her recent There Was an Old Pirate Who Swallowed a Fish. Susie is the founder of boygirlparty®, a whimsically illustrated stationery and gift brand with more than 300 products, that are popular everywhere from independent boutiques, galleries, and retailers such as Anthropologie, Urban Outfitters, and Nordstrom.

www.jenniferwardbooks.com www.boygirlparty.com

Praise For...

"Ghahremani’s picture-book debut features incredible hand-lettering and muted, textured tones . . . [T]hey work well in this quiet nature story." -Kirkus Reviews

"An elegant interactive design and serene illustrations introduce readers to seven animals that hatch from eggs." -Publishers Weekly
DAVID MCLIMANS
Gone Wild

This Caldecott Honor-winning, uniquely illustrated animal alphabet book is now a board book perfect for babies and toddlers.

This truly special alphabet book is filled with a stampede of wild animals, from Chinese Alligator to Grevy’s Zebra—and they’re all so rare, they’re endangered. David McLimans’s bold and playful illustrations transform each letter into a work of art, boldly rendered with animal characteristics, including scales, horns, and even insect wings. Once you take this eye-opening safari, you’ll never look at letters or animals the same way again.

This zoological adventure—and winner of a Caldecott Honor medal—has been reformatted as a gifty board edition. The stunning black-and-white visuals are perfect for babies and younger children.

David McLimans won a Caldecott Honor for his first book, Gone Wild: An Endangered Animal Alphabet, as well as numerous awards for his editorial illustrations, including an Award of Excellence from the Society of Newspaper Designers and a Certificate of Excellence from Print magazine. He was also the creator of Gone Fishing and Big Turtle. His work appeared the Washington Post, AIGA, Time, the New York Times, the Progressive, Atlantic Monthly, and Harper’s.

Praise For...
A Caldecott Honor Book
A New York Times Best Illustrated Book
An ALA Notable Children’s Book

"McLimans has created a black-and-white iconic representation of 26 endangered animals, and his art is striking . . . The arresting graphics and clean design will hold viewers’ attention and create interest in the topic." - School Library Journal

"An impressive showcase in visual design, the letters artfully use both filled and empty space to evoke . . . their living counterparts." - Kirkus Reviews
Baby's First Words: Farm

Teach little ones their first words with this colorful, shiny board book all about life on the farm.

Babies will love learning the names of their favorite farm animals and tools and the sounds they make. Eye-catching, glossy embossed pictures paired with simple words will make this a favorite of children and parents alike. Teaching toddlers their first words has never been this much fun!
Baby's First Words: Home

Teach little ones their first words in this colorful, shiny board book all about home.

Babies will love learning the names of the things they see around the house every day and the sounds they make. Eye-catching, glossy embossed pictures paired with simple words will make this a favorite of children and parents alike. Teaching toddlers their first words has never been this much fun!
Carry and Play: Spring Friends

Say hello to all of your favorite springtime animal friends in this perfect board book gift for little hands and big hearts to carry everywhere.

This adorable board book is filled with all of your favorite baby animals—rabbits, chicks, and more. The child-friendly size and handle make it easy for little ones to carry wherever they go, and kids will find the bright and colorful foil-stamped cover irresistible. While this cheerful collection of baby animals makes for a fantastic addition to Easter baskets, the book’s sweet illustrations and simple text will make kids want to read it all year round!
Lift and Look: At the Park

Explore the outdoors by lifting the flaps in this exciting interactive board book, filled with bright flowers and bustling animals.

Journey through the park in this beautiful board book, packed full of exciting discoveries like which animals are visiting the pond and what wildlife is hiding in the tree beneath liftable flaps on every page. With delightful full-color artwork and prompts meant to help young readers observe the world around them, this enjoyable board book will call to budding nature enthusiasts!
Lift and Look: In Space

Blast into space by lifting the flaps in this exciting interactive board book, filled with stars, space ships, and planets!

Enjoy introducing your little ones to the possibilities and fun of outerspace with this fun board book, packed full of exciting discoveries like what astronauts take into space and what they see when they get there. With bold full-color artwork and liftable flaps on every page, this entertaining board book will call to all future space explorers!
My Spring Friends Activity and Sticker Book

A great gift for young animal fans--a full-color activity and sticker book featuring baby animals and more than 400 reusable stickers.

Have fun with fluffy bunnies, cuddly chicks, playful puppies and more with this adorable activity book all about the cutest baby animals! Packed with stickers and activities such as counting the number of hatchlings in a nest and spotting hidden monkeys and piglets, My Spring Friends Activity and Sticker Book is perfect for any young animal lover.
Little Shaq Takes a Chance

The fun, family-friendly chapter book series by superstar Shaquille O'Neal continues as Little Shaq finds the courage to take a chance.

This new story in the exciting series created by Shaquille O'Neal and illustrated by Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent award winner Theodore Taylor III encourages kids to find their own true talents.

Like most kids, Little Shaq doesn't love trying new things, especially if he might not be very good at them. So when his class is assigned projects for the school's upcoming art show, he's not sure that his skills will transfer from the basketball court to the art studio. Rosa Lindy and Barry have their projects all figured out. Can Little Shaq find the confidence to embrace his own style and create a piece for the show?

Continuing this series that celebrates community, family, and education, Little Shaq Takes a Chance will inspire readers to be brave, have fun, and love reading!

Shaquille O'Neal is a retired basketball legend, businessman, and current analyst on the Emmy award winning show Inside the NBA on TNT. During his 19-year NBA career, O'Neal was a four-time NBA champion, a three-time Finals MVP, a 15-time All-Star, and was named the 1993 Rookie of the Year. Since his rookie year, O'Neal has been an ambassador for the Boy's and Girl's Clubs of America, a group with whom his relationship goes back to his youth in New Jersey. Passionate about education, he has earned his Undergraduate degree from LSU, MBA from University of Phoenix, and his PHD from Barry University in 2012. Visit Shaq online at www.shaq.com or follow him on Twitter @Shaq.

Praise For...

Theodore Taylor III was awarded the 2014 Coretta Scott King John Steptoe New Talent Award for his first picture book When the Beat Was Born. An artist,
PETER MEISEL
Stinky Spike the Pirate Dog

Introducing the Read & Bloom early chapter books! Stinky Spike is a funny, boy-friendly series from Geisel-Honor winner Paul Meisel.

Read & Bloom offers high-interest, character-driven stories for newly independent readers that feature full-color illustrations throughout. These early chapter books will transition kids from leveled readers to a lifetime of reading.

Stinky Spike the Pirate Dog has the best nose on the seven seas, but he wasn’t always a smelly pirate. He was once just a pup at a shipyard seeking out his next meal. When Spike gets lost at sea and is rescued by a crew of surly pirates, he’ll need to earn his keep. Spike knows that he was meant to sniff out treasure, but his sense of smell leads him to some very unusual treasure . . .

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Paul Meisel is the author and illustrator of See Me Run, a 2012 Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Book. He has illustrated more than 70 books from early readers to picture books, including How to Talk Cat by Jean Craighead George. Paul has also illustrated for the New York Times, the Boston Globe, the Harvard Business Review, and a number of other publications. He lives in Connecticut. Visit him online at www.paulmeisel.com or on Twitter @pdmeisel.

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*Adele Griffin* is a two-time National Book Award Finalist and the acclaimed author of many other novels for middle-grade and young adult audiences. She lives with her family in Brooklyn.

*Courtney Sheinmel* has authored a number of highly acclaimed novels for young adults as well as the popular *Stella Bats* chapter book series. She lives in New York City.

*Sara Palacios* holds degrees in Graphic Design, Illustration, and Digital Graphic Techniques from universities in Mexico, and is currently pursuing her MFA in Illustration at the Academy of Art in San Francisco. Sara divides her time between San Francisco, California, and Mexico City, Mexico.
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*Adele Griffin* is a two-time National Book Award Finalist and the acclaimed author of many other novels for middle-grade and young adult audiences. She lives with her family in Brooklyn.

*Courtney Sheinmel* has authored a number of highly acclaimed novels for young adults as well as the popular Stella Bats chapter book series. She lives in New York City.

*Sara Palacios* holds degrees in Graphic Design, Illustration, and Digital Graphic Techniques from universities in Mexico, and is currently pursuing her MFA in Illustration at the Academy of Art in San Francisco. Sara divides her time between San Francisco, California, and Mexico City, Mexico.
GERRY SWALLOW

Blue in the Face
A Story of Risk, Rhyme, and Rebellion

A rollicking and humorous tale from the author of *A Whole Nother Story*--with black-and-white illustrations--about a most reluctant hero.

When Elspeth Pule, an eleven-year-old brat, wakes up one day in a strange forest, she finds some familiar faces around her--those of the nursery rhyme characters she grew up reading about. But as she soon learns from Humpty Dumpy, a suave, tuxedo-wearing egg, what she knows is a twisted version of the truth concocted by the evil Old King Krool--and none of the characters are what she thinks.

Elspeth couldn’t care less, but she soon gets pulled into the fight against Krool’s tyranny. And if she wants to get home, she’ll need to learn some compassion--and teach the characters that sometimes a good old-fashioned tantrum is exactly what’s necessary.

Told in a hilarious voice and with black-and-white illustrations throughout, this “revolutionary” tale is perfect for fans of Pseudonymous Bosch and Lemony Snicket...

Gerry Swallow is the author of *A Whole Nother Story*--which received a starred review from *Kirkus Reviews* and was an Al Roker *Today* show pick--and its sequels *Another Whole Nother Story* and *No Other Story*, all written under the pseudonym Dr. Cuthbert Soup. He began his career as a stand-up comic, making numerous appearances on NBC’s *Tonight Show*. He then turned his attention to writing movies, including the blockbuster hit, *Ice Age: The Meltdown*. Visit Gerry online at [www.awholenotherbook.com](http://www.awholenotherbook.com).

Valerio Fabbretti is the author and illustrator of children’s books and comic books in both the USA and Italy. He was born in Rome and currently lives in San Francisco. Visit him at [www.valeriofabbretti.com](http://www.valeriofabbretti.com).
SIBÉAL POUNDER, SIBÉAL POUNDER

Witch Wars

The first in a whimsical and funny new black-and-white illustrated series in which young witches compete to rule their city.

When Fran the Fabulous Fairy turns up in Tiga Whicabim’s shed to tell her she’s a witch, Tiga doesn’t believe her. Or at least not until Fran points out that TIGA WHICABIM is actually an anagram of I AM A BIG WITCH . . . and takes Tiga through the drainpipes to compete in a challenge to crown the next Top Witch of Ritzy City. No one expects a witch from "above the pipes"—particularly one who doesn’t even know potions—to be a serious contender in the competition, but soon Tiga and her new best friend, Peggy Pigwiggle, are at the head of the pack! Does one of them have what it takes to win?

Filled with silly spells, hilarious black-and-white illustrations, delectable dresses, and ridiculous riddles, Witch Wars is whimsical, magical fun!

Sibéal Pounder currently works for the Financial Times, where she researches for the How To Spend It section and writes the For Goodness’ Sake column. She also writes for vogue.com and is a fashion trend forecaster. Witch Wars’ wonderful world is based on Dublin, her mother’s city of birth and a place where Sibéal has spent lots of time.

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Laura Ellen Anderson is a professional children’s book author and illustrator (that is when she’s not trying to take over the world or fighting sock-stealing monsters). She spends every waking hour creating and drawing and would quite like to live on the moon when humans finally make it possible. www.lauraellenanderson.co.uk @Lillustrator
AIMÉE CARTER

Simon Thorn and the Wolf's Den

A thrilling debut in the tradition of Rick Riordan and Brandon Mull about a boy who discovers a secret race of animal shape shifters.

Twelve-year-old Simon Thorn's life has never been easy or normal, but things like being bullied at school and living in a cramped Manhattan apartment with his Uncle Darryl are nothing compared to his biggest secret: He can talk to animals.

But when his mom is suddenly kidnapped by a herd of rats, Simon finds out that he, his mom, and his uncle are all Animalgams—people born with the ability to change into an animal at will. In search of his mom, Simon discovers the Animalgam Academy based at the Central Park Zoo. There he learns about the fractured five kingdoms that make up this secret world . . . and realizes he may be the only one who can save it.

This action-packed page-turner is just right for fans of the Spirit Animals and The School of Good and Evil series.

Aimée Carter is the author of the two YA series The Blackcoat Rebellion and The Goddess Test, of which The Goddess Inheritance was a 2013 Cybils nominee. She started writing fan fiction at eleven, began her first original story four years later, and hasn’t stopped writing since. Besides writing and reading, she enjoys seeing movies, playing with her puppies, and wrestling with the puzzles in the paper each morning. She lives in Novi, Michigan. Visit her online at www.aimeecarter.com or on Twitter @aimee_carter.

Praise For...

"Torn loyalties, talking animals, and a cleverly re-imagined New York--the twists and turns of Simon Thorn kept me on my toes and wanting more." -Jodi Lynn Anderson, bestselling author of Tiger Lily and the May Bird trilogy

"The plot twists and turns, with red herrings and a dynamic pace that will keep readers guessing." -SLJ on
SHANNON HALE
Princess Academy: The Forgotten Sisters

Shannon Hale returns to Danland in the conclusion to the best-selling series that began with Newbery Honor winner Princess Academy.

After a year at the king's palace, Miri has learned all about being a proper princess. But the tables turn when the student must become the teacher!

Instead of returning to her beloved Mount Eskel, Miri is ordered to journey to a distant swamp and start a princess academy for three sisters, cousins of the royal family. Unfortunately, Astrid, Felissa, and Sus are more interested in hunting and fishing than becoming princesses.

As Miri spends more time with the sisters, she realizes the king and queen's interest in them hides a long-buried secret. She must rely on her own strength and intelligence to unravel the mystery, protect the girls, complete her assignment, and finally make her way home.

Fans of Shannon Hale won't want to miss this gorgeously woven return to this best-selling, award-winning series.

Shannon Hale is the Newbery Honor-winning and New York Times bestselling author of the Princess Academy series; Book of a Thousand Days; The Books of Bayern; Dangerous; and the graphic novels Rapunzel's Revenge and Calamity Jack. She also wrote three novels for adults, including Austenland, now a major motion picture starring Keri Russell. She and her husband, the author Dean Hale, have four children and live near Salt Lake City, Utah. Visit Shannon online at www.shannonhale.com and on Twitter @HaleShannon.

Praise For...

"Action packed and well paced." -Booklist, starred review

"A laudable conclusion to a popular series." -Kirkus

Life for Princess Celie and her family is finally back to normal now that the Eye of the Castle has been restored and the Castle is whole. With more magical griffins to care for, Celie, Lilah, and Rolf have their hands full. But when the evil Wizard Arkwright hides himself in the Castle’s secret passageways and threatens to wield his magic against the Castle and the king, Celie and her family must stop him. Heading underground to the labyrinth of secret tunnels beneath the castle walls is the only way to defeat Arkwright once and for all, but will Celie be brave enough to face such danger?

Readers will delight in the newest installment of this bestselling and beloved series, as Celie and her siblings work together to protect their Castle.

Jessica Day George is the author of Tuesdays at the Castle, New York Times bestseller Wednesdays in the Tower, and Thursdays with the Crown, as well as Silver in the Blood, the Twelve Dancing Princesses series and Dragon Slippers series. Originally from Idaho, she studied at Brigham Young University and was a movie store clerk, a bookseller, and a school office lady before becoming a writer. Jessica lives in Salt Lake City, Utah, with her husband, their three young children, and a five-pound Maltese named Pippin who often makes cameo appearances in her books. Visit her online at www.jessicadaygeorge.com or on Twitter @jessdaygeorge.

Praise For...

Thursdays with the Crown
"Lovely and engaging, this fantasy series continues to have wide appeal." - Booklist

Wednesdays in the Tower
A New York Times Bestseller
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JESSICA DAY GEORGE

Thursdays with the Crown

The follow-up to the New York Times bestseller Wednesdays in the Tower takes Princess Celie to the origin of magical Castle Glower.

Thursdays at Castle Glower have never been spent so far away from home. After the Castle transports Princess Celie, her siblings, and her friends, to an unknown land, they find themselves among the Castle’s ruins, in a strange world full of wild griffins and scheming wizards. Because the Castle cannot guide her, Celie is unsure who to trust. Can she get everyone home safely?

Continuing the bestselling fantasy series that already has legions of fans, Jessica Day George offers a brand new adventure in Castle Glower that reveals the secrets behind the Castle’s moving walls. And this breakout series is still growing--the paperback also includes a sneak preview of the exciting fourth volume.

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TOBY FORWARD

Starborn
A Dragonborn Novel

Wizards are at war in this conclusion to the Dragonborn series, hailed as "reminiscent of Lloyd Alexander" by Publishers Weekly.

When diabolical wizard Ash escapes from her prison, the fate of the world falls to wizard apprentices Sam and Tamrin. But old magic is fading fast, and even with their faithful dragon Starback by their side, they may not be able to stop Ash before she razes their home.

Sam and Tamrin find an unexpected ally in Tadpole. Tadpole isn’t a wizard or even a hero, and he only ventured aboveground to see the stars. But fate has other plans for him. Tadpole must find the courage to fight Ash, or all the magic in the world could disappear forever.

The epic Dragonborn quartet concludes in this sweeping story that expertly combines classic fantasy sensibilities with fresh storytelling, and it is sure to appeal to fans of Angie Sage and Cressida Cowell.

Toby Forward is the author of the acclaimed Dragonborn series, which begins with the Carnegie Medal-nominated Dragonborn and continues with Fireborn, Doubleborn, and Starborn. He also wrote the picture book The Wolf’s Story, the middle-grade novel Traveling Backward, and several other books for children in his native England. Visit him online at www.tobyforward.co.uk.

Praise For...

the Dragonborn series
A Kirkus Reviews Best Book (Fireborn)
A Carnegie Medal Finalist (Dragonborn)
"With its gorgeous language and thoughtful themes, this is a book to be savored rather than devoured." -Kirkus Reviews on Doubleborn
"Terrifying, moving, inspiring and enthralling." -Kirkus Reviews, starred review, on Fireborn
"Masterfully balances humor with deadly serious content in a manner reminiscent of Lloyd Alexander." -Publishers Weekly
Toby Forward
Doubleborn
A Dragonborn Novel

The third chapter in Toby Forward's acclaimed Dragonborn series pairs lyrical prose with the appeal of How to Train Your Dragon.

Tamrin is an outcast wizard apprentice who longs to escape her suffocating college and discover her true origins. Sam is a former apprentice facing down a dangerous wizard named Ash. Though Tamrin and Sam are miles apart, a force stronger than magic binds them, and one is never far from the other's thoughts.

As the pair embarks on their respective missions, they discover that Ash is the key to unlocking their mysterious pasts. They must come together to defeat Ash before her rage consumes everything—including them.

Readers have fallen in love with Toby Forward's enchanting world of wild magic and loyal dragons. Dive back into this richly woven, much-lauded series—it's the perfect fantasy for fans of Cressida Cowell and Angie Sage.

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HUW POWELL
The Lost Sword
A Spacejackers Novel

Star Wars meets Pirates of the Caribbean in this swashbuckling follow-up to Spacejackers.

This high-octane story is a must have for readers who love sci-fi, space monsters, gadgets, and battleships. Jake Cutler is on the run from the Interstellar Navy along with the crew of the pirate spaceship, the Dark Horse, who are wanted over the disappearance of the the most powerful ship in the Navy's fleet.

If Jake's found, he'll be forced to reveal the location of Altus, home to a fortune of riches. With that much wealth, the Interstellar Navy plans to start an intergalactic war bigger than any before. It's up to Jake to stop them, but how can he convince the rulers of the universe that they're in terrible danger?

This sequel is a nonstop, action-packed adventure that’s impossible to put down. Fans of The Lost Planet series won’t want to miss this middle-grade series.

Huw Powell is also the author of Spacejackers. His debut novel, the adult thriller Rush Hour Rules, was shortlisted for the International Thriller Awards’ Best First Novel. He lives in Somerset, England with his wife and children. Visit him online at www.spacejackers.com and on Twitter @Spacejackers.
The latest in this thrilling series, dubbed "the next thing" for Alex Rider fans by SLJ, sends the Urban Outlaws to the United States.

When an ally betrays the Urban Outlaws and steals a dangerous computer virus, they have no choice but to team up with a shadowy figure known as "The Shepherd" to take their foe down. Even though the kids aren't sure who to trust, their jobs—and more importantly, their lives—are at stake if they don't take a chance.

To track the virus, the Outlaws venture from London to the United States. As they explore the unfamiliar streets and secret passageways of New York City and Los Angeles, they once again risk everything to save themselves . . . and the world.

Reviewers have compared the Urban Outlaws series to Alex Rider, James Bond, and a modern day Robin Hood. This latest middle-grade adventure is filled with non-stop action and is not to be missed.

Peter Jay Black is the author of the Urban Outlaws series, which includes Urban Outlaws, Blackout, and Lockdown. He loves gadgets, films, and things that make him laugh so hard he thinks he might pass out. He went to Arts University Bournemouth and a career in IT followed. One day, a team of super-skilled kids popped into his head and, writing in a Hollywood apartment, he brought them to life. Peter lives in Dorset, England, and in his spare time he enjoys collecting unusual artifacts like Neolithic arrowheads, ancient Egyptian rings, and fossilized dinosaur poo. Visit him online at www.urbanoutlawsbunker.com and on Twitter @PeterJayBlack.

Praise For...

Urban Outlaws
"Heads up, fans of Alex Rider: here's the next thing! . . . A fun, fast pick worthy of every middle-grade collection." - School Library Journal
This first book in a hilarious illustrated series in the vein of *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs* is a madcap adventure full of heart.

Every Friday the 13th, 6th grade genius Nate Bannister does three not-so-smart things to keep life interesting. This time, he taught a caterpillar to read, mailed a love letter, and super-sized his cat Proton before turning him invisible. Now Proton is on the loose, and Nate and his new friend Delphine must reverse the experiment before the cat crushes everything and everybody in town.

As if that's not enough, the Red Death Tea Society, known for its criminal activity, killer tactics, and tea brewing skills, plots against Nate and Delphine. The dynamic duo must use their creativity, courage, and friendship to save the day.

Paul Tobin blends wacky humor and chaotic hijinx in this rip-roaring, action-packed middle-grade debut, with black-and-white illustrations from film talent Thierry Lafontaine.

**Paul Tobin** is the award-winning author of a multitude of comics for such publishers as Marvel, Dark Horse, and DC Comics, as well as the novel *Prepare to Die!*. Paul and his wife, artist Colleen Coover, won the Eisner Award for their ongoing series *Bandette*, which also placed on YALSA's 2014 "Best Graphic Novels for Teens" list. Visit him online at www.paultobin.net and on Twitter @PaulTobin.

**Thierry Lafontaine** is a character designer and illustrator for film and publishing. He is also the instructor for the Imaginism Studios In-House Workshop atelier program. Thierry lives, works, and teaches in Toronto.

**Praise For...**

**Awards for Bandette**
Winner, 2013 Eisner Award for Best Digital Comic Winner, 2013 IndieFab Award - Bronze, Graphic Novels &
Perfect for fans of Wendy Mass, Kate Messner's newest middle-grade story shines with heart, humor, and a magical twist.

What if your pencil had all the answers? Would you ace every test? Could find out who has a crush on who? When Ava Anderson finds an old pencil, she uses it for her math quiz like any other pencil. It's when she writes a question in the margin that the magic occurs... as a voice that no one else seems to hear. With the help of her best friend, Sophie, Ava figures out the rules of this pencil's magic, and as they discover many uses for it, Ava's reliance on its answers grows. But when the pencil reveals a scary truth about Ava's family, she sees that the bravest people just might be those who live without all the answers.

In a story as heartfelt as it is magical, Kate Messner gives readers a glimpse at their biggest fantasy: a magical pencil that helps them navigate the ups and downs of middle school li...

Kate Messner is a former middle-school English teacher and the author of E. B. White Read Aloud Award-winner The Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z., Sugar and Ice, Eye of the Storm, Wake Up Missing, Capture the Flag, Hide and Seek, the Marty McGuire chapter book series, the Ranger in Time chapter book series, and four picture books, Seamonster and the Bossy Fish, Seamonster's First Day, Over and Under the Snow, and Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt. She lives on Lake Champlain with her husband and two kids. When she's not reading or writing, she loves hiking, kayaking, biking, and watching thunderstorms over the lake. Visit her online at www.katemessner.com and on Twitter @KateMessner.

Praise For...

"[A]n emotionally resonant portrait of a sweet girl whose struggles are firmly rooted in reality." -Booklist

"Messner (Manhunt) has created a relatable, sympathetic character." -Publishers Weekly
E. D. BAKER
Princess Between Worlds
A Tale of the Wide-Awake Princess

Millions of fans have come to love E. D. Baker's books. Now the magic continues in the fifth tale of the Wide-Awake Princess series.

E. D. Baker's newest book in her canon of fairy-tale retellings is another fantastical romp through a magical landscape!

Just as Princess Annie and Prince Liam are making plans to travel the world, a witch shows up and gifts them a collection of postcards from the Magic Marketplace. Each postcard can transport Annie and Liam to exotic lands and far-flung kingdoms. What the witch doesn’t tell them is how to safely return . . .

With fan-favorite characters making special appearances from E. D. Baker's beloved Tales of the Frog Princess series, this fifth addition to the Wide-Awake Princess series is not to be missed!

E. D. Baker is the author of the Tales of the Frog Princess series, the Wide-Awake Princess series, and many other delightful books for young readers, including The Fairy-Tale Matchmaker, The Perfect Match, A Question of Magic, Fairy Wings, and Fairy Lies. The Frog Princess was the inspiration for Disney's hit movie The Princess and the Frog. She lives with her family and their many animals in rural Maryland. Visit her online at www.talesofedbaker.com.

Praise For...

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"A good example of a quest for girls who are seeking
E. D. BAKER
Princess in Disguise
A Tale of the Wide-Awake Princess

More than a million fans have come to love E. D. Baker's magical world. Now the magic continues in the fourth Wide-Awake Princess book.

Continuing the fairy-tale retellings that have made E. D. Baker so beloved, the fourth installment in her wildly popular Wide-Awake Princess series is a fantastical romp through a magical landscape.

With the help of family and friends, Annie and Liam's wedding day looks as if it's going to be perfect . . . until everything starts to go wrong. Members of the wedding party come down with strange afflictions, Annie's gown is ruined, a storm floods the castle grounds, and that's just the beginning. They desperately need the help of a fairy godmother, Moonbeam, but a magical fog is standing in the way. Only Annie and Liam can get past the fog to find Moonbeam, but even after they find her, it's up to them to discover who cast the spells that threaten to ruin their special day.

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The Eureka Key

This smart, exciting adventure blends history and mystery with an interactive puzzle-solving element.

When middle school puzzle master Sam and history wiz Martina win a contest for a summer trip across the US, they discover they’ve been drafted into something vastly more extraordinary. They must follow clues to find seven keys left behind by the Founding Fathers. Together the keys unlock Benjamin Franklin's greatest invention. Each key is hidden in a unique location around the U.S., protected with puzzles, riddles, and traps. This has kept the invention safe until now . . . when Gideon Arnold, a descendent of the infamous Benedict Arnold, is on the chase!

Competing with Arnold’s thugs to reach the artifacts first, the kids and readers must use their wits to solve creative, interactive puzzles, escape booby-traps, and, by the end of the series, save our nation by uncovering many of its greatest secrets.

Sarah L. Thomson is the award-winning author of numerous books for children and young adults, including Imagine a Day; all the Wildlife Conservation Society I Can Read Books, such as Amazing Tigers!, winner of an Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Gold Seal Award; and The Dragon’s Son, a Junior Library Guild selection and a Bank Street College of Education Best Book of the Year. She has also written in the bestselling Warriors series under a pseudonym. She lives in Portland, Maine. Visit her online at www.sarahlthomson.com.
NICK LAKE
There Will Be Lies

From Printz-winning Nick Lake come the ultimate thrill ride about the lies others tell us . . . and the lies we tell ourselves.

In four hours, Shelby Jane Cooper will be struck by a car.

Shortly after, her mother will steal her from an Arizona hospital without explanation, and take her on a winding road trip toward the Grand Canyon.

All Shelby knows is that they’re running from dangers only her mother understands. And the further they travel, the more Shelby questions everything about her past—and her current reality. Forced to take advantage of the kindness of unsuspecting travelers, Shelby grapples with what’s real, what isn’t, and who she can trust . . . if anybody.

Award-winning author Nick Lake proves his skills as a master storyteller in this heart-pounding novel--his most commercial offering yet. This emotionally charged thrill ride leads to a shocking ending that will have readers flipping back to the beginning.

Nick Lake is the much-acclaimed author of In Darkness, winner of the Michael L. Printz Award, Hostage Three, which received three starred reviews and was named a Publishers Weekly, School Library Journal, and Boston Globe Best Book of the Year, and There Will Be Lies, which received a starred review from SLJ. He is also the Publishing Director for fiction at HarperCollins Children’s Books UK. Nick lives near Oxford, England. Visit him online at www.in-darkness.org and on Twitter @NicholasLake.

Praise For...

"Full of the rich language and heady epiphanies readers have come to expect from the Printz-award winning author." -SLJ, starred review
"Shelby narrates the surreal implosion of her life in an indignant, funny voice, à la Judy Blume." -Entertainment
For fans of Nick Lake and Suzanne Young comes a powerful novel about a society at the breaking point—and the teens who push past it.

In a not so distant future London, riots have become the norm. But things take a turn for the worse one day, when the government suddenly stops their distribution of Concentr8—a behavioral modification "miracle" drug akin to Ritalin.

Amidst the chaos, five teens pick a man seemingly at random and chain him up as a hostage in a warehouse. Blaze is their leader, and Troy has always been his quiet sidekick—the only person he has ever trusted. But even Troy didn't see this coming, and as their story unfolds over six tense days, one thing is clear—none of them will ever be the same again.

Told from the perspective of multiple characters in a world familiar to our own, this searing look into the power of psychological medication is perfect for fans of thoughtful fiction like Panic and The Program series.

William Sutcliffe is the author of the young adult novel The Wall, which was published in 2013 to much critical acclaim, including being short-listed for the 2014 Carnegie Medal and long-listed for the 2013 Guardian Fiction Prize. He also wrote five adult novels, including the international bestseller Are You Experienced and a middle-grade novel, Circus of Thieves and the Raffle of Doom. William currently lives in Edinburgh.

Praise For...

The Wall
A New York Times Editor’s Choice; short-listed for the 2014 Carnegie Medal; long-listed for the 2013 Guardian Fiction Prize
"[W]ill draw in young readers preoccupied with society, challenging parents, and their own fears . . . [A]n often
In this acclaimed, blindingly funny, and poignant story, a teen struggles to confront his Tourette's and take charge of his life.

All Dylan Mint has ever wanted is to keep his Tourette's in check and live life as a "normal" teenager. The swearing, the tics, the howling "dog" that escapes when things are at their worst—nothing about Tourette's makes it easy to meet cute girls or have normal friends (or many friends at all). But a routine hospital visit changes everything—Dylan overhears that he's going to die. In an attempt to claim the life he's always wanted, he decides to grant himself parting wishes, or "Cool Things To Do Before I Cack It."

In Brian Conaghan's intimate, highly acclaimed portrayal of life with Tourette's, Dylan's journey to come to terms with the disorder that has defined his life and his preconceptions about the world around him is hilarious, painful and, ultimately, utterly masterful.

Brian Conaghan lives and works as a teacher in Dublin and has a degree in Creative Writing from the University of Glasgow. Throughout the years, Brian has made a living as a painter and decorator, bartender, teacher, and now writer. When Mr. Dog Bites was his debut American novel.

Praise For...

Shortlisted for CILIP Carnegie Medal
Shortlisted for the CBI Book of the Year Award

"Dylan is smart and caring, and beneath his realistically portrayed condition, he is a normal teenager with relatable concerns. As Dylan would say, this one is 'A-mayonnaise-ing.'" -Booklist

"An appealingly offbeat look at friendship, sex and what's really 'normal.'" -Kirkus Reviews

"Insightful, engaging, and immerses teens into the world of Tourette's . . . Uninhibited and compelling." -SLJ
The Breakfast Club gets a modern, high-stakes reboot in this story of four very different teens and a night that changes them forever.

With cinematic storytelling and compelling emotional depth, critically acclaimed author Erin Jade Lange takes readers on literary thrill ride.

The Rebel: Once popular, Andi is now a dreadlocked, tattooed wild child.
The Bully: Bigger is better, so York bullies everyone who crosses his path.
The Geek: Tired of being bullied, Boston is waiting it out until he goes Ivy League.
The Pariah: Choosing to be invisible has always worked for Sam . . . until tonight.

When Andi, York, Boston, and Sam find themselves hiding in the woods after a party gets busted by the cops, they decide to hop into the nearest car they see and take off. Normally these four would never be caught dead together, but when their getaway takes a dangerous turn, sticking together will be the only way to avoid ending up dead.

Erin Jade Lange is the author of Dead Ends and Butter, an ABC New Voices selection. As a journalist, she is inspired by current events and real-world issues and uses her writing to explore how those issues impact teenagers. Erin lives in Phoenix, Arizona. Visit her online at www.butterslastmeal.com or on Twitter @erinjadelange.

Praise For...

Dead Ends
"Lange keeps the plot twisting . . . Deftly blends big issues into a story of two imperfect, memorable characters." - Booklist

Butter
"Using current, hot-button topics--cyberbullying, obesity, and teen suicide--the author weaves a compelling tale sure to draw teens in." - School Library
From the author of Butter comes a brilliant portrayal of an unlikely friendship wrapped in an explosive mystery

A riddle rarely makes sense the first time you hear it. The connection between Dane and Billy D doesn’t make sense the second time you hear it. But it’s a series of riddles that solidifies their unusual friendship.

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Erin Jade Lange is the author of Dead Ends and Butter, an ABC New Voices selection. As a journalist, she is inspired by current events and real-world issues and uses her writing to explore how those issues impact teenagers. Erin lives in Phoenix, Arizona. Visit her online at www.butterslastmeal.com or on Twitter @erinjadelange.

Praise For...

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Perfect for fans of E. Lockhart and Jandy Nelson, When We Collided is a powerful story of two teens whose love is put to the test by forces beyond their control.

Emery Lord is the author of Open Road Summer and The Start of Me and You. She lives in a pink row house in Cincinnati with a husband, two rescue dogs, and a closet full of impractical shoes. Visit her online www.emerylord.com or follow her on Twitter @emerylord.

Praise For...

The Start of Me and You
"Will inspire readers to persevere." -School Library Journal, starred review
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"A sweet story of love and loss." -Publishers Weekly

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Danielle Rollins has won numerous awards for her fiction and non-fiction, and earned a 2009 Pushcart Prize nomination for her short story "Drive." She lives in Brooklyn, New York, and spends far too much money on vintage furniture and leather boots. www.daniellerollins.com @dvegabooks

Praise For...

The Merciless

"This pulse-pounding, debut novel creates a wickedly creepy atmosphere." -School Library Journal
CINDY L. RODRIGUEZ
When Reason Breaks

13 Reasons Why meets the poetry of Emily Dickinson in this riveting debut ideal for fans of Sara Zarr or Jennifer Brown.

Meet Elizabeth Davis and Emily Delgado. A Goth girl with an attitude problem, Elizabeth must learn to control her anger before it destroys her. Emily appears to be a smart, sweet girl with a normal life, but as depression clutches at her, she struggles to feel normal. Both girls are in Ms. Diaz’s English class, where they connect to the words of Emily Dickinson. Both are hovering on the edge of an emotional precipice. One of them will attempt suicide. And with Dickinson’s poetry as their guide, both girls must conquer their personal demons to ever be happy.

An emotionally taut novel that is equal parts literary and commercial, with a richly diverse cast of characters, readers will relish in the poetry of Emily Dickinson and become swept up in the turmoil of two girls fighting for their lives.

Cindy L. Rodriguez was a newspaper reporter for the Hartford Courant and the Boston Globe before becoming a public school teacher. She is now a reading specialist at a Connecticut middle school. She and her young daughter live in Plainville, Connecticut. When Reason Breaks is her debut novel. Visit her online at www.cindylrodriguez.com and on Twitter @RodriguezCindyL.

Praise For...

"Infused with a rare blend of suspense and sensitivity, despair and hope." -Margarita Engle, Newbery Honor-winning author of The Surrender Tree

"A sharply drawn, emotionally resonant tale." -Kirkus Reviews

"Rodriguez cleverly represents Emily Dickinson’s dark side and her reclusive tendencies through the two distinct personalities of her teenage heroines . . . gripping." -Publishers Weekly
RENNÉE WATSON
This Side of Home

An acclaimed and insightful coming-of-age YA debut about two African-American sisters, friends, and what it means to embrace change.

Identical twins Nikki and Maya have been on the same page for everything—friends, school, boys and wanting to attend a historically African-American college. But as their neighborhood goes from rough-and-tumble to up-and-coming, suddenly filled with pretty coffee shops and boutiques, Nikki is thrilled while Maya feels like their home is slipping away. Suddenly, the sisters who had always shared everything must confront their different feelings on class, race, and their evolving neighborhood as they try to figure out whether growing up must mean growing apart.

In her timely YA debut, Renee Watson brings to life the issues teens face every day as they try to reconcile their personal expectations and traditions with those of their culture and community.

Renée Watson is the author of two acclaimed picture books: Harlem’s Little Blackbird and A Place Where Hurricanes Happen, which was featured on NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams. Her middle-grade novel What Momma Left Me debuted as an ABA New Voices Pick. She lives in New York City where she teaches writing in the public schools.

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Praise For...

"Writing with the artfulness and insights of African American teen-lit pioneers Rita Williams-Garcia, Angela Johnson, and Jacqueline Woodson, Watson shows Maya exploring concerns rarely made this accessible." - Booklist, starred review

"Offers an intriguing look at how families and young people cope with community and personal change." - Kirkus Reviews
Kelly Fiore

Just Like the Movies
An If Only novel

Tailor-made for movie lovers, this swoony romance will appeal to readers of Stephanie Perkins and Jennifer E. Smith.

Popular Marijke and over-achiever Lily have little in common—except that neither feels successful in love. Marijke can't get her boyfriend to say "I love you" and Lily can't get a boyfriend at all. When the girls meet at a showing of Titanic, sniffing at the ending, they realize that their love lives could—and should—be better.

Which sparks an idea: Why can't life be like a movie? Together, they hatch a plan—use grand gestures to get the guys of their dreams. It seems fun at first, but reality is more complicated, and they didn't take into account that finding true love usually requires finding yourself first.

Why can't life be like the movies? This fun, looking-for-love story takes its cues from the silver screen.

Kelly Fiore is the author of Taste Test. When she's not writing, you can find her in the kitchen, trying new recipes and rocking out to Def Leppard. A former high school English teacher, Kelly lives in Maryland with her husband and son. Visit her online at www.kellyfiorewrites.com and on Twitter @kellyannfiore.

Praise For...

"Big on charm, Fiore's sophomore novel is a solid entry in the genre it clearly loves." -Kirkus Reviews

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KATE KAE MYERS

Inherit Midnight

Eight competitors, three continents, millions of dollars . . . and only one winner.

Avery is the black sheep of the wealthy VanDemere clan. The ostracized illegitimate daughter. But when her grandmother announces a competition to determine who will inherit her fortune, Avery sees a chance to prove herself to her family.

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A high-stakes thriller sure to keep readers on the edge of their seats, this novel from Kate Kae Myers combines intricate family politics with the drama and adventure of *The Amazing Race*.

Kate Kae Myers is the author of *The Vanishing Game*. In the past she worked as a sign-language interpreter with students of all ages and in a variety of classrooms covering nearly every subject. Now she writes full time and lives with her husband in Boise, Idaho. Visit Kate online at www.katekaemyers.com.

Praise For...

"Recommended for reality TV fans and genealogy buffs." - Kirkus Reviews
"A thrill ride through time and space." - Booklist
"Full of non-stop action, with spooky events that keep readers on edge." - San Francisco/Sacramento Book

The Vanishing Game
"A gripping mystery . . . the book is impossible to put down." - VOYA
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