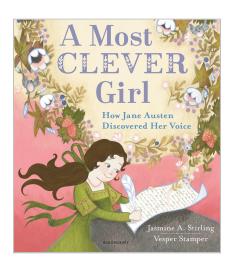
# BLOOMSBURY WINTER 2021 JANUARY – APRIL



# JASMINE A. STIRLING A Most Clever Girl: How Jane Austen Discovered Her Voice



MARCH Bloomsbury Children's Books Juvenile Nonfiction / Biography & Autobiography / Literary On Sale 3/16/2021 Ages 5 to 9 Hardcover with dust jacket 48 pages 10.8 in H | 9.7 in W Carton Quantity: 0 ISBN: 9781547601103 \$18.99 / \$25.99 Can. For fans of *I Dissent*, a picture book biography about the beloved, enduring writer Jane Austen and how she asserted her unique voice.

Smart and witty young Jane Austen has always been a storyteller, making her family laugh by poking fun at the popular books of her time. One day she decides to write her own, spinning stories inspired by the personalities of her friends and neighbors and the peculiarities of daily life she's always found fascinating.

A Most Clever Girl follows Jane's path from a relatable, clever young girl to the writer of books that would capture readers' hearts and minds for centuries to come. As she hones her craft and finds her place in the world amid life's joys and sorrows, she realizes that her writing will not truly be her own until she finds her unique writing voice. Young readers will be inspired to do the same.

**Jasmine A. Stirling** is a writer, speaker, and marketer. She is also the author of *We Demand an Equal Voice: Carrie Chapman Catt & Votes for Women*. This is her first picture book. She lives in San Francisco Twitter: @jasminestirling

**Vesper Stamper** was born in Nuremberg, Germany and raised in New York City. She has a BFA in Illustration from Parsons and an MFA in Illustration as Visual Essay from the School of Visual Arts. She is also the author and illustrator of *What the Night Sings* and *A Cloud of Outrageous Blue*. She lives with her husband and two children in the Northeast. vesperstamperillustration.com • Twitter: @vesperillustrat • Instagram: @vesperstamperillustration

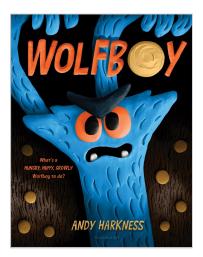
### Praise For...

*What the Night Sings* (Winner of the Sydney Taylor Book Award • A National Book Award nominee • A Morris Award finalist)

"Gorgeously illustrated . . . evoke[s] profound emotion." —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"Powerful." —*School Library Journal*, starred review "[An] accomplished and tender debut." —*Wall Street Journal* 

# ANDY HARKNESS Wolfboy



### FEBRUARY Bloomsbury Children's Books Juvenile Fiction / Animals / Rabbits On Sale 2/2/2021 Ages 3 to 6 Hardcover Picture Book 40 pages 11 in H | 8.5 in W Carton Quantity: 0 ISBN: 9781547604425 \$17.99 / \$24.50 Can.

### This dynamic picture book from an award-winning art director shows how feeling hangry can turn even the sweetest kid into a Wolfboy!

Wolfboy is hungry!

He's drooly and growly and fussy!

As he stomps through the forest looking for rabbits, he grows hungrier and growlier by the minute! What will happen if Wolfboy can't find those rabbits? And what will happen if he does?

With bold illustrations and energetic storytelling, *Wolfboy* perfectly captures the big feelings that come with being *very hungry!* Engaging for young readers and parents, this funny and fresh picture book is perfect for fans of *Grumpy Monkey* and *The Bad Seed* and will be an instant favorite.

Andy Harkness is an award-winning art director who has worked on *Moana, Frozen*, and *Wreck-it-Ralph*, among other movies. After twenty-five years at Disney, he recently moved to Sony Pictures Animation. Andy's first book, *Bug Zoo*, was published by Disney as an Artist Showcase Book in 2016. He lives in California with his family. www.andyharknessart.com • @andyharknessart (Instagram) • @andybugzoo (Twitter)

# TOM PERCIVAL Meesha Makes Friends



### FEBRUARY Bloomsbury Children's Books Juvenile Fiction / Imagination & Play On Sale 2/2/2021

Ages 3 to 6 Hardcover Picture Book 32 pages 11.8 in H | 9.3 in W Carton Quantity: 0 ISBN: 9781547605194 \$17.99 / \$24.50 Can. This new title in the Big Bright Feelings series by Tom Percival is about a girl who loves making things, but finds it hard to make friends.

Meesha loves making things . . . but there's one thing she finds difficult to make—friends. She doesn't know quite what to do, what to say, or when to say it, and she struggles reading and responding to social cues. But one day, she discovers that she has a special talent that will help her navigate challenging social situations and make friends. A warm and affectionate look at the joys and difficulties of making and keeping friends, relating to others, and finding your place in the world, *Meesha Makes Friends* is an empowering and resonant new title from the author of *Ruby Finds a Worry* and *Ravi's Roar*.

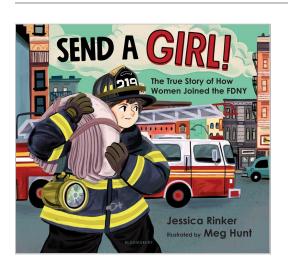
**Tom Percival** is the author and illustrator of the Big Bright Feelings picture books—including *Ravi's Roar*, *Ruby Finds a Worry*, and *Perfectly Norman*—in addition to *Herman's Letter*, *Herman's Vacation*, and *Bubble Trouble*. He is also the author of *Goat's Coat*. He writes and illustrates in his native United Kingdom where he lives in a town called Stroud with his family. tom-percival.com

### Praise For...

Ruby Finds a Worry (An Indie Next Pick) "A priceless lesson for any child—or adult—conveyed in a beautifully child-friendly manner." —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review "Percival treats worry like a natural part of life, including the idea that sharing worries with others is a good way to ensure 'they never hung around for long.'" —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review *Perfectly Norman* 

"A captivating tale about happiness, being yourself, and the magic of learning to spread your wings." *—Foreword Reviews*, starred review

# JESSICA M. RINKER Send a Girl! The True Story of How Women Joined the FDNY



### MARCH Bloomsbury Children's Books Juvenile Nonfiction / Biography & Autobiography / Women On Sale 3/9/2021

Ages 4 to 8 Hardcover Picture Book 48 pages 9.6 in H | 10.8 in W Carton Quantity: 0

ISBN: 9781547601745

\$17.99 / \$24.50 Can.

### This inspiring and dynamic picture book biography tells the story of one of the first female firefighters in New York City.

Firefighters are brave and strong! But there was a time when only men were allowed to do that job . . . until a woman, Brenda Berkman, changed everything.

When the FDNY finally allowed women to take the firefighters' exam in 1977, Brenda jumped at the chance. But some people didn't think women should be firefighters. In fact, the FDNY made a new exam that was so difficult that women wouldn't be able to pass it—and many men couldn't either!

Brenda knew that was unfair, so she took the FDNY to court. In 1982, they finally made a fair test. Brenda and 41 other women passed, and Brenda went on to save countless lives in her 25-year career.

*Send a Girl!* is a vibrant and heart-warming true story that shows readers if the rules aren't fair, you shouldn't be afraid to take a stand and change them.

**Jessica M. Rinker** has a BA in social welfare from Bloomsburg University and an MFA in writing for children and young adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts. She's a freelance writer and the author of several award-winning essays, poems, and short stories. She has three kids and currently lives in New Jersey with her husband, also a children's author. @jm\_rinker

**Meg Hunt** is the illustrator of *Reading Beauty* and *Interstellar Cinderella* and is a printmaker, educator, and all-around maker of things. She was also the recipient of the 2015 Society of Illustrators Gold Medal Award for her contribution to the Illustrators 58 exhibition. She lives and works in Portland, Oregon. www.meghunt.com • @meghuntillo

### Praise For...

Gloria Takes a Stand

"A great read for younger kids who want to be inspired to make positive change in the world. Pair with Debbie Levy's *I Dissent.*" —*School Library Journal* "Adding to the growing, yet still needed, #MeToo books for young readers . . . Textured and digitally enhanced

# ALISON RITCHIE The FurFins and the Mermaid Wedding



### APRIL Bloomsbury Children's Books Juvenile Fiction / Animals / Cats On Sale 4/13/2021 Ages 3 to 5 Hardcover with dust jacket 32 pages 10 in H | 10 in W Carton Quantity: 0 ISBN: 9781547605972 \$17.99 / \$24.50 Can.

### In this enchanting tale, CherryTail, a mermaid-kitten, bakes the Royal Wedding Cake! But when it disappears, can she find it in time?

Deep beneath the silvery waves, in a kaleidoscope of colorful coral, lies the magical kingdom of Coralia. This is where the FurFins live and play. Today is a VERY special day . . . the mermaid princess is getting married! CherryTail, the best baker in all of Coralia, is making the Royal Wedding Cake. Everything is ready, then disaster strikes—the cake has VANISHED! Luckily, CherryTail's best friends are there to help problem-solve. Can they save the day in time for the mermaid wedding? With delightful color illustrations, this underwater adventure about friendship and teamwork comes to life with the FurFins and their glittery tails and adorably furry faces!

**Alison Ritchie** works as a freelance editor and writer, and has published several children's books. She lives in an Oxfordshire village in the UK.

Aless Baylis is an illustrator and print & pattern designer based in Brighton. She has collaborated with companies worldwide to create books, clothing and home decor for children. She lives in the UK. @alessbaylis

### MIRANDA KRESTOVNIKOFF Birds Explore Their Extraordinary World



APRIL Bloomsbury Children's Books Juvenile Nonfiction / Animals / Birds On Sale 4/6/2021 Ages 6 to 9 Hardcover with dust jacket 64 pages 12 in H | 9.4 in W Carton Quantity: 0 ISBN: 9781547605293 \$23.99 / \$32.50 Can.

### A heavily designed and stunning look at the many birds of the sky—perfect for fans of *Botanicum*.

From the bitter cold polar regions to the lush tropics, birds have found incredible ways to adapt and survive anywhere. White-winged diuca finches nest high upon freezing glaciers and mightly peregrine falcons circle skyscrapers in busy cities. Look up!

Birds can do extraordinary things. The golden eagle spots prey from miles away. You can tell what time of day an owl hunts by looking at the color of its eyes. With its long, muscular legs, the secretary bird has a powerful kick that is enough to kill large prey like snakes and hares. Discover which bird is the fastest, the smallest, the smartest, the most colorful and more in this nonfiction compendium, complete with descriptions from wildlife expert Miranda Krestovnikoff and stunning linocuts from artist Angela Harding.

**Miranda Krestovnikoff** has always loved to be outdoors. She studied Zoology at Bristol University and has served as a host for BBC's Coast. She is currently president of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. She is also the author of *The Ocean: Exploring Our Blue Planet*. She lives in Bristol, England. www.mirandak.co.uk/ • @MirandaKnature

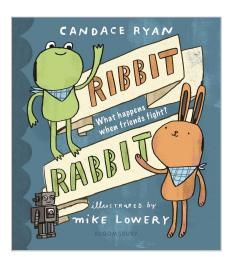
**Angela Harding** is a fine artist specializing in nature and wildlife screen-prints as well as lino- and vinyl cuts. Her prints appear in a huge range of galleries and have also been featured in Gardens Illustrated, BBC Countryfile and Country Living Magazine. She lives in Rutland, England. www.angelaharding.co.uk

#### Praise For...

*The Ocean* by Miranda Krestovnikoff "Clearly organized and attractively illustrated, this should inspire some young readers to dive deeply." —*Kirkus Reviews* 

"An attractive offering that will enhance STEM collections and support lessons on a variety of subjects, ranging from ecosystems to sea life to man's impact on the environment." —*Booklist* 

# CANDACE RYAN Ribbit Rabbit



### JANUARY Bloomsbury Children's Books Juvenile Fiction / Animals / Foxes On Sale 1/5/2021 Ages 3 And Up Board Book 26 pages Carton Quantity: 0 ISBN: 9781547605958 \$7.99 / \$10.99 Can.

### **RIBBIT RABBIT, GRIP IT, GRAB IT!** This endearing, tongue-twisty story celebrates the ups and downs of friendship with stylish art.

Frog and Bunny are best friends. RIBBIT, RABBIT! They do everything together, like fight monsters (ZIP IT, ZAP IT!). And even though they get in fights sometimes—YIP IT, YAP IT!—they always make up in the end. *Ribbit Rabbit* features an effortlessly clever text from Candace Ryan that, in less than 150 words, captures the ups and downs of young friendships. Combined with adorably fresh illustrations by the talented Mike Lowery, *Ribbit Rabbit* is the perfect choice to read aloud with youngest of readers.

**Candace Ryan** is also the author of *Animal House, Zoo Zoom!, Moo Hoo, Ribbit Rabbit, Ewe and Eye*, and *Red Light, Green Lion.* She spent nine years as a special education teacher and now lives in Southern California with her husband and son. @CandaceRyan • www.candaceryanbooks.com

**Mike Lowery** is an illustrator, fine artist, and graphic designer. He is the illustrator of Jo Nesbo's novel *Doctor Proctor's Fart Powder*, the Gingerbread Man Loose series, and Ken Jennings' Young Genius Guides. He is also a professor of illustration at the Savannah College of Art and Design. He lives in Georgia. @MikeLoweryStudio • www.mikelowery.com

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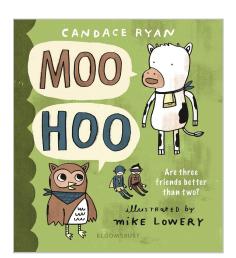
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"The rhythmic, onomatopoeic text is a pretty music, the kind of song you'd sing in the dark to lift your spirits . . . A mingling of the ridiculous with the sublime for a spellbinding effect." —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"This economy of language makes it ideal for reading aloud or for beginning readers." —*School Library Journal Moo Hoo* 

"A winning display of finding the high ground and paved with particularly sweet verbal compression." *—Kirkus Reviews* 

### CANDACE RYAN Moo Hoo



### JANUARY Bloomsbury Children's Books Juvenile Fiction / Animals / Birds On Sale 1/5/2021 Ages 3 And Up Board Book 26 pages Carton Quantity: 0 ISBN: 9781547605965 \$7.99 / \$10.99 Can.

### Full of tongue-twisters and onomatopoeia, this adorable board book is about making new friends while keeping the old.

Cow and Owl are best friends. MOO HOO! They do everything together, like make music (TWO COO) and go trick-or-treating together (BOO! BOO!). But when a strange playmate shows up (ROO NEW), they will discover that three is better than two (NEW TRUE CREW). From wordsmith Candace Ryan and illustrator Mike Lowery, *Moo Hoo* combines spare and effortlessly clever text with retro and eye-catching art, and is sure to delight young readers and their parents alike.

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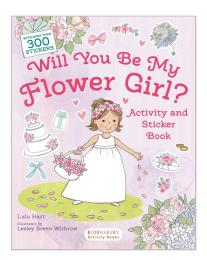
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# LULU HART Will You Be My Flower Girl? Activity and Sticker Book



### MARCH Bloomsbury Activity Books Juvenile Nonfiction / Activity Books On Sale 3/2/2021 Ages 4 to 8 Hardcover with dust jacket 32 pages Carton Quantity: 0 ISBN: 9781547607198 \$17.99 / \$24.50 Can.

### The perfect gift for a flower girl, this full-color activity and sticker book is filled with wedding fun and includes 300+ reusable stickers!

Being a flower girl is a very special job! This activity and sticker book will help flower girls get ready for the big day. What does a flower girl do? What fun will she have before, during, and after the wedding?

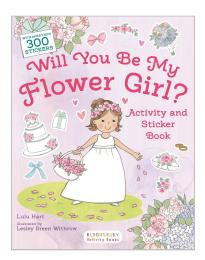
Moving through all the wedding events—from invitations to fancy dress-up preparations, bouquet selection, the ceremony, photos, and through the reception—this activity book has everything a flower girl will need to prepare for her big role at the wedding, and will help entertain her through every moment of the big day!

Inside, find over 300 reusable stickers as well as fun activities such as designing a dress, decorating the cake, matching flowers to bridesmaid dresses, and using stickers to create the bouquets.

**Lulu Hart** lives in New York City with her family, which includes a wild and sweet daughter and a snuggly dog.

**Lesley Breen Withrow** is the illustrator of several picture books, including *You're My Boo* by Kate Dopirak and *Bunny Bus* by Ammi-Joan Paquette. Her artwork can also be seen on many products, including stationery collections and children's games, toys, and apps. Lesley lives on beautiful Cape Cod with her family, a couple of crazy cats, and her daughters' large and ever-growing collection of stuffed animals. www.lesleybreenwithrow.com

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### MARCH Bloomsbury Activity Books Juvenile Nonfiction / Activity Books On Sale 3/2/2021 Ages 4 to 8 Trade Paperback 32 pages Carton Quantity: 0 ISBN: 9781547607204 \$6.99 / \$9.50 Can.

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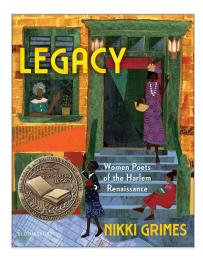
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# NIKKI GRIMES Legacy: Women Poets of the Harlem Renaissance



JANUARY Bloomsbury Children's Books Juvenile Fiction / People & Places / United States On Sale 1/5/2021 Ages 10 to 14 Hardcover with dust jacket 144 pages 7.8 in H | 6 in W Carton Quantity: 0 ISBN: 9781681199443 \$18.99 / \$25.99 Can. Acclaimed author Nikki Grimes pens prescient new collection of poetry celebrating little-known women poets of the Harlem Renaissance.

For centuries, accomplished women have fallen out of historical records. The same is true for gifted women poets of the Harlem Renaissance.

In this poetry collection, bestselling and Children's Literature Legacy Award–winning author Nikki Grimes uses "The Golden Shovel" method to create wholly original poems based on the works of these groundbreaking women. With powerful language and rich imagery, this collection shows readers of all ages the struggles and victories, the pain and joy experienced by women across generations.

Each poem is paired with unique art from African-American women illustrators to create a thought-provoking book with timely themes for today's readers.

A foreword, author's note, poet biographies, and index makes this a wonderful resource and a book to cherish.

Nikki Grimes is a *New York Times* bestselling author and the recipient of the Children's Literature Legacy Award, the Virginia Hamilton Literary Award, and the NCTE Award for Excellence in Poetry for Children. Her distinguished works include the NAACP Image Award nominee *Planet Middle School*; Coretta Scott King Award winner *Bronx Masquerade*; Coretta Scott King Author Honor books *Jazmin's Notebook, Talkin' About Bessie, Dark Sons, The Road to Paris*, and *Words with Wings*, which was also named an ALA Notable Book; and *What Is Goodbye?*, an ALA Notable Book. She lives in Corona, California. www.nikkigrimes.com

### Praise For...

*One Last Word* (A Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor winner • A New York Public Library Best Kids Book of the Year • A *Kirkus Reviews* Best Book of the Year • A *School Library Journal* Best Book of the Year) "The work of a master poet." —Kwame Alexander, Newbery Medal-winning author of *The Crossover* "Gorgeous." —*New York Times* "Timely and thought-provoking." —*Kirkus Reviews*. starred

# KATE MESSNER Chirp



MARCH Bloomsbury Children's Books Juvenile Fiction / Family / Multigenerational On Sale 3/9/2021 Ages 10 to 14 Trade Paperback 256 pages 8.3 in H | 5.5 in W Carton Quantity: 0 ISBN: 9781547605705 \$8.99 / \$12.50 Can.

### Acclaimed author Kate Messner blends a hijinks-filled mystery with the timely #MeToo movement in a heartfelt and important novel.

When Mia moves to Vermont the summer after seventh grade, she's recovering from the broken arm she got falling off a balance beam. Packed away in the moving boxes under her clothes and gymnastics trophies is a secret she'd rather forget.

Mia's change in scenery brings day camps, new friends, and time with her beloved grandmother. But Gram is convinced someone is out to destroy her cricket farm. Is it sabotage or is Gram's thinking impaired from the stroke she suffered months ago? Mia and her friends set out to investigate, but can they uncover the truth in time to save the farm? And will solving one mystery empower Mia to confront the secret she's been hiding?

In a compelling story rich with friendship, science, and summer fun, a girl finds her voice while navigating the joys and challenges of g...

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.* and its companion, *The Exact Location of Home*; *Sugar and Ice*; *Eye of the Storm*; *Wake Up Missing*; *All the Answers*; *The Seventh Wish*; *Breakout*; *Capture the Flag*; *Hide and Seek*; the Marty McGuire chapter book series; the Ranger in Time chapter book series; and several picture books. 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. www.katemessner.com • @KateMessner

### Praise For...

*Breakout* (An IndieNext List Pick) "Shines a light on the ways that people are blind to their own privilege while quick to judge others." —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review "An accessible format and a unique focus on contemporary issues of criminal justice and racial bias make this an

essential purchase." -School Library Journal, starred

# ELLEN HAGAN Reckless, Glorious, Girl



FEBRUARY Bloomsbury Children's Books Juvenile Fiction / Family / Multigenerational On Sale 2/9/2021 Ages 8 to 11 Hardcover with dust jacket 320 pages 8.3 in H | 5.5 in W Carton Quantity: 0 ISBN: 9781547604609 \$16.99 / \$22.99 Can.

### From the co-author of *Watch Us Rise*, a rhapsodic mg novel in verse about the drama of growing up recklessly, gloriously, girl.

Beatrice Miller adores her mom and mamaw, the family who give her every bit of wisdom and love they have. But the summer before seventh grade, Bea has more questions than they can answer as she wants more than she has, aches for what she can't have, and wonders what the future will bring. This novel in verse follows Bea through the ups and downs of seventh grade friendships, puberty, and identity, as she asks: Who am I? Who will I become? And will my outside ever match the way I feel on the inside? A gorgeous, inter-generational story of Southern women and a girl's path to growing into her sense of self, *Reckless*,

a girl's path to growing into her sense of self, *Reckless, Glorious, Girl* is about riding through the ups, downs, wildness of emotions, and blooming in messy and beautiful ways.

**Ellen Hagan** is a writer, performer, and educator. She is the co-author with Renée Watson of *Watch Us Rise*. Her poetry collections include *Hemisphere* and *Crowned*. Her work can be found in *ESPN Magazine*, *She Walks in Beauty*, and *Southern Sin*. Ellen is the Director of the Poetry & Theatre Departments at the DreamYard Project and directs their International Poetry Exchange Program with Japan, South Korea and the Philippines. She co-leads the Alice Hoffman Young Writer's Retreat at Adelphi University. Raised in Kentucky, she now lives in New York City with her family. www.ellenhagan.com • @ellenhagan

#### Praise For...

#### Watch Us Rise

"This stunning book is the story I've been waiting for my whole life." —Laurie Halse Anderson, award-winning and bestselling author of *Speak* and *Shout* 

"Timely, thought-provoking, and powerful." —Julie Murphy, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Dumplin*'

"An instruction manual to freedom and love and voice." —Mahogany L. Browne, author of *Black Girl Magic* and *Woke Baby* 

"A source of inspiration on every page." —Caroline Kennedy, bestselling author and editor of *She Walks in Beautu* 

### KAMILLA BENKO Fire in the Star



FEBRUARY Bloomsbury Children's Books Juvenile Fiction / Animals / Dragons, Unicorns & Mythical On Sale 2/16/2021 Ages 8 to 12 Trade Paperback 384 pages 8.3 in H | 5.5 in W Carton Quantity: 0 ISBN: 9781547605712 \$7.99 / \$10.99 Can.

### The enchanting Unicorn Quest series reaches its thrilling conclusion as two sisters fight to save a magical land from destruction.

After a lifetime of being the younger sister to headstrong Sophie, it's finally Claire's turn to lead. And she'll do anything to keep her big sister safe: resist the wraiths' cold shadows, experiment with new and dangerous magic, become a thief in disguise.

When Claire discovers that "only a queen can defeat a queen," she knows she must steal and reforge the ancient Crown of Arden to stand a chance against Queen Estelle—who will stop at nothing to reclaim her power, even if it means killing the last unicorn. Claire will need every friend she's made to help her as the fate of Arden hangs in the balance ...

Does Claire have what it takes to ignite the long-buried magic of this world and wake the fire in the stars? Or will the true salvation of Arden rest on one final and heartbreaking sacrifice?

Kamilla Benko spent most of her childhood climbing into wardrobes, trying to step through mirrors, and plotting to run away to an art museum. Now, she visits other worlds as a children's book author. She currently lives in New York with her bookshelves, teapot, and hiking boots. In addition to the Unicorn Quest trilogy, she is the author of *Forest of Shadows*, a *Frozen II* original tale. www.kamillabenko.com • @kkbenko

#### Praise For...

*The Unicorn Quest* (A Kids' Indie Next Selection • A Mighty Girl Best Book of the Year • An ALA Top Ten First Novel for Youth • A BEA Buzz Book selection)

\* "Fans of magic and fantasy, especially those who love Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time*... can't miss this debut." *—Booklist*, starred review

"Hand to readers who love Narnia." —*School Library Journal* 

"An adventure-quest brimming with magic and heart. Mesmerizing." —Roshani Chokshi, *New York Times* 

# A.F. HARROLD The Book of Not Entirely Useful Advice



### MARCH Bloomsbury Children's Books Juvenile Nonfiction / Poetry / Humorous On Sale 3/23/2021 Ages 8 to 12 Hardcover with dust jacket 160 pages 7.4 in H | 10 in W Carton Quantity: 0 ISBN: 9781547606771 \$19.99 / \$26.99 Can.

### From acclaimed writer A.F. Harrold comes a riotous poetry collection —perfect for fans of Shel Silverstein!

Packed with silly rhymes and witty wordplay, A.F. Harrold's poetry is positively bursting with fun—and advice. But it's not always the most useful. . .

Never apologize to a door you've walked into, unless it's a really special door. / Don't serve a cat soup when the cat wants jelly. Tomato soup won't fill a feline belly. / Don't put a rock in a roll, unless you hate having teeth. Among the seemingly nonsensical stanzas on onions, sausages, and kilted koalas are exercises in critical thinking—what advice *should* readers follow, and what should they dismiss? Harrold's short, clever poems work seamlessly alongside Mini Grey's vibrant art to create visual gags that will have readers in stitches. Both silly and poignant, this book is perfect for curious readers, poets, and cabbages everywhere!

**A. F. Harrold** is the author of *The Afterward, The Imaginary,* and *The Song from Somewhere Else*. He spends his spare time showing off on stage, at schools, and at home, and his non-spare time sitting around stroking his beard and writing things down. He lives in England with a stand-up comedian and two cats. www.afharroldkids.com / @afharrold

**Mini Grey** studied sequential design at Brighton University before launching her first picture book, *Egg Drop*, in 2002. Trained in puppet making, set design, welding and carpentry, Mini's style has an unconventional flare and instantly recognizable quirkiness. Mini has now published thirteen picture books. www.minigreyblog.com

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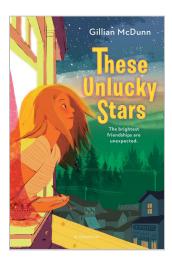
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"Strong characterizations and a good dose of spookiness are standouts." —*School Library Journal*, starred review "Captivating." —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review *The Afterwards* 

"Gripping and poignant, a look at what it means to be brave and alive in the face of loss." *—Kirkus Reviews,* starred review

"A curious. immersive narrative . . . Ember's vibrant

# GILLIAN MCDUNN These Unlucky Stars



MARCH Bloomsbury Children's Books Juvenile Fiction / Family / Multigenerational On Sale 3/2/2021 Ages 8 to 11 Hardcover with dust jacket 288 pages 8.3 in H | 5.5 in W | 1 lb Wt Carton Quantity: 0 ISBN: 9781547605385 \$16.99 / \$22.99 Can.

### From the author of *Caterpillar Summer* comes a new heartfelt story of a girl's unexpected friendship that changes her forever.

Annie has always been the odd one out in her family. Her practical dad and brother just don't understand the way she thinks. Ever since her mother left a few years ago, Annie has been reluctant to get close to anyone.

When a poor decision lands Annie in hot water, she must make amends by watching her elderly neighbor's weird dog all summer. As Annie begins to connect with her neighbor Gloria, it becomes clear that Gloria won't be able to live on her own for much longer. But it's this brief and important friendship that gives Annie the confidence to let people in, and see how rich life can be when you decide to make your own luck and chart your own path to happiness. Perfect for fans of Lynda Mullaly Hunt, Gillian McDunn has crafted another touching story that will remain in readers' hearts.

**Gillian McDunn** is the author of *These Unlucky Stars, The Queen Bee and Me,* and *Caterpillar Summer*, which received two starred reviews, and was selected for the Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List, and *Kirkus Reviews* and *Parents* magazine Best Books of the Year lists. When she isn't reading or writing, she is probably cooking, traveling, or spending time with her family. She lives near Raleigh, North Carolina, with her husband and children, and a very silly dog named Friday. www.gillianmcdunn.com

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# GILLIAN MCDUNN The Queen Bee and Me



### MARCH Bloomsbury Children's Books Juvenile Fiction / Girls & Women On Sale 3/2/2021 Ages 8 to 12 Trade Paperback 304 pages 8.3 in H | 5.5 in W Carton Quantity: 0 ISBN: 9781547605729 \$7.99 / \$10.99 Can.

### From the author of *Caterpillar Summer* comes the story of a young girl navigating her friendship with the middle school Queen Bee.

Meg has always found comfort in her best friend Beatrix's shadow. Self-assured Beatrix is the one who makes decisions, and the girls have been a pair since kindergarten. But middle school has brought some changes in Beatrix, especially when Meg tries to branch out on her own. A special science elective is Meg's first step away, but when she's paired with quirky new girl Hazel, Meg is taken aback at how mean Beatrix can be—and how difficult it is to stand up to her friend. But as Meg gets to know Hazel while working on their backyard beehive project, she starts to wonder: Is being Beatrix's friend worth turning down the possibility of finding her own voice?

This pitch-perfect exploration of middle-school friendship dynamics brims with heart and hope, and will resonate with readers of all ages.

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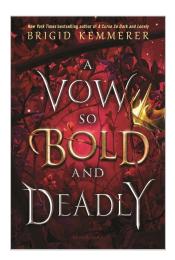
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### BRIGID KEMMERER A Vow So Bold and Deadly



### JANUARY Bloomsbury YA Young Adult Fiction / Fantasy On Sale 1/26/2021 Ages 13 And Up Hardcover with dust jacket 416 pages 9 in H | 6 in W Carton Quantity: 24 ISBN: 9781547602582 \$18.99 / \$24.99 Can.

### Brigid Kemmerer's bestselling Cursebreaker series continues as old enemies resurface and friends become foes.

#### Face your fears, fight the battle.

Emberfall is torn between those who follow Rhen and those who are eager to begin a new era under the true heir, Grey. Grey has agreed to wait two months before attacking Rhen, and in that time, Rhen has sought the assistance of a spy despite Harper's doubts.

#### Fight the battle, save the kingdom.

Meanwhile, Lia Mara struggles to rule Syhl Shallow with a gentler hand than her mother. But some of her subjects aren't happy that Lia Mara has an enchanted prince and magical scraver by her side. As Grey's deadline draws nearer, Lia Mara is forced to question whether or not she can remain allied to his cause.

This compulsively readable saga continues as two kingdoms come closer to conflict—and an old enemy resurfaces who could destroy them all.

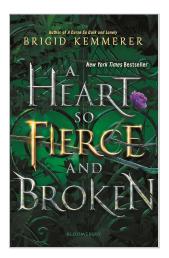
**Brigid Kemmerer** is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Curse So Dark and Lonely, Call It What You Want, More Than We Can Tell, Letters to the Lost,* and the Elementals series. She was born in Omaha, Nebraska, though her parents quickly moved her all over the United States, from the desert in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the lakeside in Cleveland, Ohio, and several stops in between, eventually settling near Annapolis, Maryland. www.brigidkemmerer.com • @BrigidKemmerer

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# BRIGID KEMMERER A Heart So Fierce and Broken



### JANUARY Bloomsbury YA Young Adult Fiction / Fantasy On Sale 1/26/2021 Ages 13 And Up Trade Paperback 480 pages 8.3 in H | 5.5 in W Carton Quantity: 28 ISBN: 9781547605675 \$10.99 / \$14.99 Can.

Brigid Kemmerer continues her *New York Times* bestselling fantasy series in another tale full of dark magic, new love, and a kingdom on the edge of ruin.

**Find the heir, win the crown.** The curse is finally broken, but Prince Rhen of Emberfall faces darker troubles still. Rumors circulate that he is not the true heir and that forbidden magic has been unleashed in Emberfall. Although Rhen has Harper by his side, his guardsman Grey is missing, leaving more questions than answers.

Win the crown, save the kingdom. Rumored to be the heir, Grey has been on the run since he destroyed Lilith. He has no desire to challenge Rhen—until Karis Luran once again threatens to take Emberfall by force. Her own daughter Lia Mara sees the flaws in her mother's violent plan, but can she convince Grey to stand against Rhen, even for the good of Emberfall?

The compulsively readable saga continues as loyalties are tested and new love blooms in a kingdom on the brink of war.

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# RACHEL VINCENT Every Single Lie



JANUARY Bloomsbury YA Young Adult Fiction / Thrillers & Suspense On Sale 1/12/2021 Ages 14 to 18 Hardcover with dust jacket 336 pages 8.3 in H | 5.5 in W Carton Quantity: 32 ISBN: 9781547605231 \$17.99 / \$24.50 Can.

### In this gripping YA novel, one girl's discovery of a stillborn baby in her high school locker room will rock an entire community.

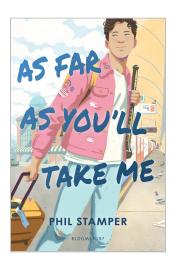
To avoid her grief over her father's death months ago, Beckett has been obsessing over whether her boyfriend Jake is cheating on her. When following him one day at school, Beckett ducks into the girls' locker room to avoid discovered. But Beckett is shocked to find the body of a newborn baby carefully wrapped up in an open gym bag—one she recognizes as Jake's.

Beckett soon finds herself embroiled in an investigation—led by her own police detective mother—into the identity of the baby and its parents. But as rumors swirl that Beckett herself is the mother, she vows to learn the truth, even if it could alter everything she thought she knew about the only family she has left.

A page-turning thriller set in a small Southern community, this is a jaw-dropping, twisty must-read for fans of *Sadie*.

**Rachel Vincent** is the *New York Times* bestselling author of several pulse-pounding series for teens and adults. A former English teacher and a champion of the serial comma, Rachel has written more than twenty novels and remains convinced that writing about the things that scare her is the cheapest form of therapy. Rachel shares her home in Oklahoma with two cats, two teenagers, and her husband, who's been her number one fan from the start. www.rachelvincent.com • @rachelkvincent

# PHIL STAMPER As Far As You'll Take Me



### FEBRUARY Bloomsbury YA Young Adult Fiction / Romance / Lgbt On Sale 2/9/2021 Ages 13 And Up Hardcover with dust jacket 320 pages 8.3 in H | 5.5 in W | 1 lb Wt Carton Quantity: 32 ISBN: 9781547600175 \$17.99 / \$24.50 Can.

This new heart-warming contemporary YA from the author of *The Gravity of Us* shows that sometimes you have to leave home to find it.

Marty arrives in London with nothing but his oboe and some savings from his summer job, but he's excited to start his new life—where he's no longer the closeted, shy kid and is free to explore his sexuality without his parents' disapproval. From the outside, Marty's life looks like a perfect fantasy: he's made new friends, he's getting closer with his first ever boyfriend, and he's even traveling around Europe. But Marty knows he can't keep up the facade. He hasn't spoken to his parents since he arrived, he's tearing through his meager savings, and his homesickness and anxiety are getting worse and worse. Will Marty be able to finally find a place that feels like home?

Perfect for fans of Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera, Phil Stamper crafts another heartfelt, aspirational coming-of-age story.

**Phil Stamper** is the author of *The Gravity of Us*. He grew up in a rural village near Dayton, Ohio. He has a B.A. in Music and an M.A. in Publishing with Creative Writing. And, unsurprisingly, a lot of student debt. He works for a major book publisher in New York City and lives in Brooklyn with his husband and their dog. @stampepkwww.philstamper.com • @stampepk

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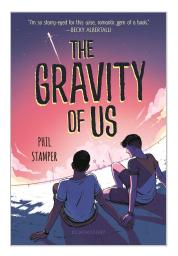
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"A big-hearted, witty, and intensely relatable debut." —Karen M. McManus, bestselling author of *One of Us Is Lying* 

"A grouned romance that shapes into its own lovely constellation." —Adam Silvera, bestselling co-author of *What If It's Us* 

"Out of this world." —Shaun David Hutchinson, author of *We Are The Ants* 

# PHIL STAMPER The Gravity of Us



### FEBRUARY Bloomsbury YA Young Adult Fiction / Lgbt On Sale 2/2/2021 Ages 13 And Up Trade Paperback 336 pages 8.3 in H | 5.5 in W Carton Quantity: 40 ISBN: 9781547605682 \$10.99 / \$14.99 Can.

### Teen boys find love when their parents' NASA missions uproots their lives in this sweet debut perfect for Adam Silvera fans.

As a successful social media journalist with half a million followers, seventeen-year-old Cal is used to sharing his life online. But when his pilot father is selected for a highly publicized NASA mission to Mars, Cal and his family relocate from Brooklyn to Houston and are thrust into a media circus. Amidst the chaos, Cal meets sensitive and mysterious Leon, another "Astrokid," and finds himself falling head over heels—fast. As the frenzy around the mission grows, so does their connection. But when secrets about the program are uncovered, Cal must find a way to reveal the truth without hurting the people who have become most important to him. Expertly capturing the thrill of first love and the self-doubt all teens feel, debut author Phil Stamper is a new talent to watch.

**Phil Stamper** is a YA writer and freelance editor who lives in Brooklyn, NY. He works in publishing development for a large publishing house you've probably heard of. You can find him on Twitter (@stampepk), where he talks exclusively about food, Brooklyn, and books. This is his debut novel. www.philstamper.com • @stampepk

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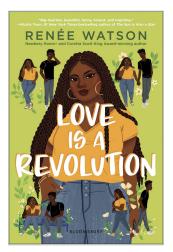
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# RENÉE WATSON Love Is a Revolution



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### Award-winner Renée Watson's love story about not only a relationship but how a girl finds and falls in love with who she really is.

When Nala Robertson attends an open mic night for her cousin Imani's birthday, she finds herself falling in instant love with Tye Brown, an activist who is spending the summer putting on events for the community. Nala would rather watch movies and try out new flavors at the local creamery. In order to impress Tye, Nala tells a few tiny lies to have more in common with him. When they spend time together, some of the lies get harder to keep up. But as Nala falls deeper into keeping up her lies *and* into love, she'll learn all the ways love is hard, and how self-love is revolutionary. In *Love Is a Revolution*, plus size girls are beautiful and get the guys, the girl clique is not shallow but has convictions, and the ultimate love story is showing radical love to the people in your life, including to yourself.

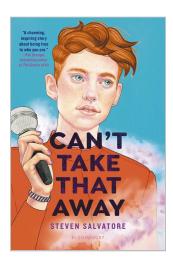
**Renée Watson** is a *New York Times* bestselling author. Her novel *Piecing Me Together* received a Newbery Honor and Coretta Scott King Award. Her books include *Watch Us Rise*, co-written with Ellen Hagan, *Piecing Me Together*, *This Side of Home*, and *What Momma Left Me*, as well as the middle grade novels *Ways to Make Sunshine, Some Places More Than Others*, and *Betty Before X*, co-written with Ilyasah Shabazz. She is also the author of two picture books: *Harlem's Little Blackbird* and *A Place Where Hurricanes Happen*. She lives in New York City. www.reneewatson.net • @harlemportland (Instagram) • @reneewauthor (Twitter)

#### Praise For...

#### Watch Us Rise

"This stunning book is the story I've been waiting for my whole life." —Laurie Halse Anderson, award-winning and bestselling author of *Speak* and *Shout* "Timely, thought-provoking, and powerful." —Julie Murphy, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Dumplin*' "Powerful." —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review *Piecing Me Together* (Newbery Honor Winner • Coretta Scott King Award Winner • A *New York Times* bestseller) "Timely and timeless." — Lacqueling Woodson, National

# STEVEN SALVATORE Can't Take That Away



MARCH Bloomsbury YA Young Adult Fiction / Social Themes / Prejudice & Racism On Sale 3/9/2021 Ages 12 And Up Hardcover with dust jacket 384 pages 8.3 in H | 5.5 in W Carton Quantity: 0 ISBN: 9781547605309 \$17.99 / \$24.50 Can. A powerful debut about a genderqueer teen finding the courage to stand up and speak out when discriminated against by their high school administration.

All Carey Parker wants is to be a star. But the world sees Carey as a guy, not a Mariah, Beyoncé, or Gaga. Despite the support they have from friends and family, it's hard for Carey to find their voice when no one else seems to hear them. Enter Cris, who understands Carey in ways nobody has before. With Cris's support, Carey finds the confidence to rise above the pain of past trauma to audition for the school musical... and lands the female lead. But when a homophobic teacher gets wind of the "non-traditional" casting, Carey is ousted from the show.

Except Carey won't be silenced. They will defend their right to the role and fight the injustices of the school administration... and they'll stop at nothing to rally their school to do it in this powerful and uplifting novel from a talented new YA author.

**Steven Salvatore** is a gay, genderqueer author, educator, Mariah Carey lamb, and Star Wars fanatic who spends most days daydreaming and making up stories. They have an MFA in Creative Writing from The New School. They were formerly a full-time Assistant Professor of Composition and Director of the Writing Center at The College of New Rochelle. After the college permanently closed in 2019, they took a step back from teaching full-time to focus on their writing, though they do still teach at a few colleges while running a writing workshop at The LOFT, an LGBT resource center in White Plains, NY. Steven currently lives in Peekskill, NY, with their amazingly patient husband, whose name is also Steve. stevensalvatore...

### SARA HOLLAND Phoenix Flame



MARCH Bloomsbury YA Young Adult Fiction / Fantasy / Contemporary On Sale 3/2/2021 Ages 14 to 18 Hardcover with dust jacket 272 pages 9.2 in H | 6.1 in W Carton Quantity: 0 ISBN: 9781547603824 \$18.99 / \$25.99 Can. Bestselling author Sara Holland continues her blockbuster contemporary fantasy series about the Inn at Havenfall with this unforgettable sequel.

Maddie thought her problems were over. She saved the Inn at Havenfall—a sanctuary between magical worlds—from the evil Silver Prince. Her uncle the Innkeeper is recovering from a mysterious spell that left him not quite human. And there are still a few weeks of summer left to spend with her more-than-friend Brekken.

But there's more work to be done to protect the Inn—Maddie must put an end to the black-market trading of magical objects and open the Inn's doors to the once feared land of shapeshifters.

As she tries to accomplish both seemingly impossible tasks, Maddie uncovers secrets that could change everything. What if saving everyone means destroying the only home she's known?

This next breathtaking fantasy from the bestselling author of *Everless* is perfect for fans of Melissa Albert and Holly Black.

**Sara Holland** is the author of the *New York Times* bestsellers *Everless* and *Evermore*. She grew up in small-town Minnesota, but also in the countless fictional worlds of books. She graduated from Wesleyan University and worked in a tea shop, a dentist's office, and a state capitol building before heading to New York to work in publishing. These days, she can be found exploring the city's bookstores or finding new ways to put caffeine in her bloodstream. www.sarahollandwrites.com • @Sara\_Holland

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#### Havenfall

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-Brigid Kemmerer, *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Curse So Dark and Lonely* 

"Rife with secrets, danger, and magic." —Hafsah Faizal, *New York Times* bestselling author of *We Hunt the Flame* 

## SARA HOLLAND Havenfall



MARCH Bloomsbury YA Young Adult Fiction / Fantasy / Contemporary On Sale 3/2/2021 Ages 14 to 18 Trade Paperback 336 pages 8.3 in H | 5.5 in W Carton Quantity: 0 ISBN: 9781547605736 \$10.99 / \$14.99 Can. The *New York Times* bestselling author of *Everless* pens a fantasy series about a haven between worlds—and a girl sworn to protect it.

Hidden deep in the mountains of Colorado lies the Inn at Havenfall, a sanctuary that connects ancient magical worlds together. For generations, the inn has protected all who seek refuge within its walls.

This summer, Maddie Morrow is determined to prove to her uncle, the Innkeeper, that she's ready to become his apprentice. But when a dead body is found, her uncle is gravely injured, and her longtime crush is missing, Maddie suddenly finds herself responsible for the safety of everyone in Havenfall. With everything she loves at stake, Maddie must confront shocking truths about the dangers lurking beneath Havenfall—and herself.

This sweeping new series for fans of Melissa Albert and Holly Black by *New York Times* bestselling author Sara Holland is sure to enthrall readers

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