The star of the New York Times-bestselling picture book *The Pout-Pout Fish* is back in this new sticker activity book with over 1,000 stickers!

Preschoolers will love the fun-packed pages of this oh-so-cute Pout-Pout Fish sticker book. Little hands will be kept busy using over 1,000 stickers featuring characters from the series to finish sticker scenes, solve mazes, and complete other puzzles. Perfect for rainy days inside or sunny days outside, car trips or at home, to share with friends or individual play, this sticker book is sure to delight little guppies.

**Deborah Diesen** currently works for a nonprofit organization and has also worked as a librarian and a bookseller. She lives in Grand Ledge, Michigan.

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danhanna.com

**Praise For...**

The Pout-Pout Fish series:

"Winning artwork . . . . Hanna's cartoonish undersea world swims with hilarious bug-eyed creatures that ooze personality." - *Kirkus Reviews*

"Appealing . . . . the cartoon illustrations of undersea life are bright and clean and the protagonist's exaggerated expressions are entertaining." - *School Library Journal*

"The playful, rhyming verse is well matched with Hanna's funny cartoon illustrations." - *School Library Journal*

"An entertaining read-aloud and a nice lighthearted vehicle for dealing with fear." - *Kirkus Reviews*
Pout-Pout Fish loves to make funny faces. Use the stickers to give him a pout or a smile.

Look out, Pout-Pout Fish! Lend a fin and steer Mr. Fish clear of the sharks to find his snoozy-snuggly.

Pout-Pout Fish and Miss Shimmer are playing tic-tac-toe! Find the stickers and play, too.
Puzzles, games, and more than 750 stickers featuring Tractor Mac and his friends on the farm!

Get ready for more adventures with Tractor Mac and his vehicle and animal friends. Young readers will love finding their way through mazes, adding animals to farmyard scenes, filling in missing puzzle pieces, and more—all with the help of plenty of stickers. Perfect for those who already know the series as well as any child who love animals and vehicles, this full-color activity book is guaranteed to provide hours of fun.

Billy Steers is an author, illustrator, and commercial pilot. In addition to the Tractor Mac series, he has worked on forty other children’s books. Mr. Steers raised horses and sheep on the farm where he grew up in Connecticut. Married with three sons, he still lives in Connecticut. tractormac.com.

Praise For...

Tractor Mac New Friend:

"Like all of the Tractor Mac books, the story focuses on the importance of teamwork and friendship, and the message is clearly presented. The cheerful, detailed illustrations reflect the artist’s love of the country life and antique machinery." -School Library Journal
Meet the vehicles of Stony Meadow Farm.

- Tractor Mac
- Wink
- Carl
- Plane Jane
- Iron Dave
- Gasket
- Lucy
- Deke
- Daisy
- Number Three
- Fred
- Tucker
- Doug

Add stickers to turn this pumpkin into a jack-o'-lantern.

Winter is time for Tractor Mac to clear a path in the snow. Help him find his way back to the barn.
A funny and clever story about a boy who makes the best out of a whale of a situation. Perfect for summer--now in board book format.

One sunny day, a little boy heads outside for a swim, but his pool is already taken . . . . There's a big whale in the water and it's not budging! The boy tries everything to get the whale to leave. Nothing seems to work. Not fetch. Not tag. Not even offering the whale his allowance. What's a boy to do? Luckily, he comes up with the perfect solution: if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. This colorful whale of a tale from the talented Joyce Wan is sure to inspire giggles from little guppies!

Joyce Wan is the author and illustrator of The Whale in My Swimming Pool and many popular board books, including You Are My Cupcake and We Belong Together. Joyce lives in Ridgewood, New Jersey. wanart.com

Praise For...

The Whale in My Swimming Pool:

"Wan's cuddly, candid world is the sort that readers will want to step into again and again." -Publishers Weekly

"Large, colorful illustrations set against ample space make this appropriate for group sharing." -School Library Journal

"All the art is drawn in thick strong line and flat color, simple and accessible." -Kirkus Reviews
Moooooom, there's a whale in my swimming pool.

Great, honey. Don't forget about sunscreen.

Sunscreen? On a whale?

Wouldn't you rather swim with other whales?

What if we take turns?

I'll give you my allowance.

Tag! You're it!
All aboard this fun and informative book about all kinds of trains--now in board book format!

Using a refreshingly simple approach, Paul Collicutt has crafted the perfect book for young railroad enthusiasts. Each page features a vividly colored and detailed painting of a train, and the spreads show how the trains are different--long and short, fast and slow, old and new. There are two opening and closing spreads that feature captioned renderings of real-life engine models from all over the world that were the inspirations for the trains depicted throughout the book.


Praise For...

"Trains in fiesta-bright hues zip through a picture book debut that uses the iron horse to demonstrate simple opposites and contrasts. Young train aficionados will appreciate the impression of speed and power Collicutt achieves." - Publishers Weekly

"This title accomplishes many things: it's a concept book for preschoolers, a beginning reader, and a source of information for primary-grade train fans. This very successful presentation concentrates on the vehicles themselves, excluding the people who run and ride them." - School Library Journal
This train uses two rails.

This train uses one rail.

This train travels by day.

This train travels by night.

A short and sweet mini-adventure especially created to introduce the youngest guppies to the popular Pout-Pout Fish.

It's Halloween under the sea! Mr. Fish is wearing his costume, but what is he dressed as? A goblin? An astronaut in space? A pirate at the helm of the spooky submarine? Tiny tots will love swimming along with Mr. Fish as he turns little pouts into big smiles.

With just one line of text per page, this simple, twelve-page board book will send Debbie Diesen and Dan Hanna's much loved Pout-Pout Fish flippering and swishing into the hearts and minds of very young children.

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Praise For...

*The Pout-Pout Fish*:

"Younger kids will love the repetition of the verses in this tale of a pout-pout fish." -TIME magazine, from its Top 10 Children's Books of 2008 List

"Winning artwork...Hanna's cartoonish undersea world swims with hilarious bug-eyed creatures that ooze personality." -Kirkus Reviews

"Appealing...The cartoon illustrations of undersea life
Who's that ghost?
Is it you, Mr. Fish?

Is it you in the mask?
What a funny frowny face!
A stunningly illustrated Halloween tale about a pumpkin seed who can't wait to become a scary jack-o-lantern.

The leaves fall, the wind blows, and one little pumpkin seed tries and tries to be scary, but he doesn't scare anyone . . . not the snowflakes in winter, not the bees in spring, not even the watering can!

The wind tells him to be patient--he'll be scary soon enough. But waiting is hard. Will the little seed ever be really, truly scary?

This simple story is more than a fun Halloween read--it is a heartwarming tale perfect for any child who can't wait to grow up.

Stephen Wunderli and his wife, Jennifer, raise children and sometimes pumpkins in Holladay, Utah. You can find them all in his backyard--six kids, six grandkids, a few pumpkins, and a covey of quail. Stephen is widely traveled and has worked in nonprofit communications and organizational training as part of his ongoing belief in helping others.

Tim Zeltner's award-winning artwork is largely inspired by the landscape of the Delaware Valley, where he grew up. His illustrations feature a unique combination of layered paint, glazes, and stains on wood. His favorite holiday is Halloween, and he has a special fascination for jack-o-lanterns. Tim lives in Toronto with his wife, Jackie, and dog, Jessie.

Praise For...

Little Boo:

"Wunderli’s new take on the life cycle of a seed works well as a metaphor for a young child's desire to grow . . . Remember to share this at harvest and Halloween time for a fresh and wonderfully tame autumn tale."
-Kirkus Reviews

"Wunderli’s tender story offers a lyrical take on the holiday entwined with an impatience to grow up that
The wind blew, the leaves fell, and a tiny seed hid in the garden.

“Boo,” the seed said to a leaf rolling by.

“You’re not scary at all,” the leaf said.

A is for algae, B is for barrier reef, C is for clam in this "fintastic" touch-and-feel board book. Babies and toddlers will love to look at the adorable artwork of Mr. Fish's undersea world as they learn their letters from A to Z. Little hands will be eager to touch, feel, and explore the many different textures on each captivating spread.

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A is for Angelfish
B is for Bull Shark
C is for Clam
F is for Flatfish
G is for Giant Squid
H is for Hammerhead Shark
From children's book luminary Lane Smith comes a meditation on childhood; the enchanting story of one young boy's adventures.

When a young boy embarks on a journey alone . . . he trails a colony of penguins, undulates in a smack of jellyfish, clasps hands with a constellation of stars, naps for a night in a bed of clams, and follows a trail of shells, home to his tribe of friends.

If Lane Smith's Caldecott Honor Book Grandpa Green was an homage to aging and the end of life, There Is a Tribe of Kids is a meditation on childhood and life's beginning. Smith's vibrant sponge-paint illustrations and use of unusual collective nouns such as smack and unkindness bring the book to life.

Whimsical, expressive, and perfectly paced, this story plays with language as much as it embodies imagination.

There is a shelf of books by Lane Smith. Grandpa Green, It's a Book, and the middle grade novel Return to Augie Hobble dwell there, among others. In 2012, the Eric Carle Museum named him a Carle Artist for "lifelong innovation in the field of children's picture books," and in 2014, he was awarded the lifetime achievement award from the Society of Illustrators. He lives in an old house in Connecticut with the designer Molly Leach and a scurry of flying squirrels. lanesmithbooks.com

Praise For...

"A fresh, clever story, at once childlike and intriguing. All readers will enjoy the verbal and visual wordplay presented in a simply gorgeous palette." -Carol Moyer, Quail Ridge Books, Raleigh NC

"Beautifully, remarkably done. I can't wait to see it in our store." -Alison Nolen, Linden Tree Books, Los Altos, CA
MARKETING
- "Join the Tribe" Prepublication Buzz Campaign
- Select Author Appearances
- Major National Media Campaign
- Pre-Publication Trade & Major National Consumer Advertising Campaign
- "Welcome to the Tribe" Storytime Kit: ISBN TK
- Extensive Digital Marketing & Social Media Campaign
- Dedicated Landing Page at TribeofKids.com
- Teacher & Librarian Blog Tour
- Major School & Library Marketing Campaign
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Order this kit to bring the magic of Caldecott Honor-winning author/illustrator Lane Smith’s latest picture book, *There is a Tribe of Kids*, to your store.

**KIT INCLUDES:**
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- Oversized buttons for staff: “Join the tribe. Read a book.”
- Poster with exclusive art from Lane
- Storytime event guide with:
  - Refreshment guide
  - Game to play in-store, including instructions
  - Book-themed craft
  - Raffle item
A celebration of fatherhood, from the founder of Daddy Doin' Work and popular blogger.

What do daddies do with their children? They style hair, they carpool, they cuddle (after they look under beds for monsters). They play, they motivate, and they comfort. Dads may sometimes wonder if they're doing a good job. But one thing they're sure of is that they love every moment with their children.

Doyin Richards is a dad whose mission is to celebrate "how fatherhood is the coolest and most rewarding gig a man will ever have in his lifetime." *I Wonder* is a book for families to share on special occasions, and every day.

**Doyin Richards** is a father, husband, writer, consultant, and public speaker inspiring mothers and fathers to think, laugh, and learn while evolving as parents and couples. He is the author of the popular parenting blog *Daddy Doin' Work*, and the book *Daddy Doin' Work: Empowering Mothers to Evolve Fatherhood* and has appeared on nationally broadcast television shows including the *Today* show and *Good Morning America*. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife and their two daughters. daddydoinwork.com.
MARKETING

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I WONDER if you think I’m being too hard on you when I tell you to never give up. I do it because I know you have the toughness within you to do anything.

I WONDER if you understand why I want you to focus more on inner beauty. I do it because I know being good-looking doesn’t mean much unless you are kind and smart.

I WONDER if you enjoy seeing me work my magic in the kitchen. I do it because I want you to know that it’s normal and expected for a dad to prepare meals for his kids.

I WONDER if you’re tired of the countless photos I take with you. I have them because each picture serves as a priceless treasure capturing a moment in time. A moment that I can hold in my hands and cherish forever.
Everything old is new again in this lively intergenerational story about a boy and his grandfather fixing up a vintage toy fire truck.

A young boy has his heart set on a brand-new toy fire truck, so he is disappointed when he gets his grandfather's rusty old fire truck, Red, instead. But working together, the boy and his grandfather patch Red right up while Grandpa tells his grandson all about the adventures he had with Red when he was a boy.

Randall de Seve is the New York Times-bestselling author of Toy Boat, The Duchess of Whimsy, and Mathilda and the Orange Balloon. She lives in Brooklyn, NY, with her husband, two daughters, and a very wicked dog named Henry Biscuit. randalldeseve.com

Bob Staake has authored and/or illustrated more than forty-two books, including The Red Lemon, a New York Times Book Review Best Illustrated Children's Book of the Year. His work has graced the cover of the New Yorker a dozen times, and his November 17, 2008, Barack Obama victory cover was named Best Magazine Cover of the Year by Time magazine. He lives on Cape Cod, in Massachusetts. bobstaake.com

Praise For...

The Toy Boat by Randall de Seve:

"A resonant tale with wide appeal." -Publishers Weekly

Cars Galore, illustrated by Bob Staake:

"Crisp, clean lines and bright colors pop against the white background, while black traffic-filled roads crisscross and loop around the pages. Readers will eagerly search for and find every vehicle mentioned. Car-crazy kids will appreciate both the rhyme and the pictures." -School Library Journal
"How was I when I was a boy?" his grandad asked.
"No boys was too big, no trouser too small for Rowl and me!"

"Huh?" Rowl asked, not really paying attention.
"Not much. We used to ride our bikes and our cars, and we used to collect bits and pieces for our garage."

"Oh, yeah," Rowl said, half-listening.
"We'd go up and down the street, picking up things we could fix or improve."

"That afternoon, Pipi and Rowlset to work."

"And it was great. We really got into it, just like old times."

"But let's play another game," Pipi said.
"How about we play hide and seek?"

"I hate hide and seek," Rowl said, feeling a bit grumpy.
"But let's play another game," Pipi said, with a smile.
"How about we play pirates?"

"I hate pirates," Rowl said, feeling a bit grumpy.
Now available in paperback for the first time: the bestselling and much-loved picture book about Arnie--a very special doughnut who takes charge of his life and makes a great friend in the process.

At first glance, Arnie looks like an average doughnut-round, cakey, with a hole in the middle, iced, and sprinkled. He was made by one of the best bakeries in town, and admittedly his sprinkles are candy-colored. Still, a doughnut is just a doughnut, right? WRONG! Not if Arnie has anything to say about it. And, for a doughnut, he sure seems to have an awful lot to say. Arnie has bigger plans in store for himself!

Here’s the bestselling picture book that launched the chapter book series: Adventures of Arnie the Doughnut!

Laurie Keller is the bestselling author-illustrator of many popular picture books, including The Scrambled States of America, Open Wide: Tooth School Inside, and Do Unto Otters. She is also the creator of Bowling Alley Bandit and Invasion of the Ufonuts, books 1 and 2 in the Adventures of Arnie the Doughnut series. Arnie, the Doughnut enjoyed its theatrical off-Broadway release and is now a traveling show. Laurie lives along the shore of Lake Michigan.

Praise For...

A New York Times Book Review Notable Book
A Publishers Weekly Editor's Pick
A Publishers Weekly Best Children's Books
A Publishers Weekly Tastiest-and-Most Well-Rounded-Title-Character Award
A Nick Jr. Magazine Best Book of the Year
A Chicago Public Library Best of the Best Selection
A Chicago Tribune Precinct Pick for the Holidays
A Great Lakes Great Books 2nd and 3rd Grade Winner
A Colorado Children's Book Award (CCIRA)
MARKETING

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It was 6 A.M. and the baker had just hung the OPEN sign in the window. Arnie was fascinated as he watched customers stream into the bakery. One by one, doughnuts were chosen, placed in paper bags, and whisked away with their new owners. Some went by the dozen in giant boxes.

Before he could say another word, he was pulled from the tray and placed in a paper bag of his very own.

"Thank you, Mr. Bing. Have a nice day!" Arnie heard the baker say to the man.

"Mr. Bing... that's a line name," Arnie decided. "I can hardly wait to meet him!"

Just then, Arnie looked up and saw a man pointing right at him!

"Moi?"
An all-new Tractor Mac storybook about the power of working together as a team.

All the vehicles and animals on Stonybrook Farm are enlisted to help build a new swimming hole for their town’s residents. It is a big job, but Tractor Mac and his pals are willing to lend a hand. But a tractor named Deke thinks he can do it all by himself—and do it better than everyone else. He soon learns that a complex job is done best when each member of a team does his or her part.

Billy Steers is an author, illustrator, and commercial pilot. In addition to the Tractor Mac series, he has worked on forty other children’s books. Mr. Steers had horses and sheep on the farm where he grew up in Connecticut. Married with three sons, he still lives in Connecticut. tractorsmac.com

Praise For...

Tractor Mac New Friend:

"Popular, practical life lessons abound as popular character Tractor Mac returns in this light, new selection for vehicle-loving listeners and readers . . . . the cheerful pace, chirpy dialogue and satisfying ending are sure to please fans of the series." -Kirkus Reviews
"I have a plan," said Farmer Bill. "But since the
stream will keep flowing, we'll have to reroute the
water before we can dig. This will be a lot of work."

"We'll all pitch in," said Tractor Mac to his friends.
Jobs were handed out for the
project, and the team began the task.

"Important jobs kept me away, but you can all relax now!" boomed a budy voice. "Deke the tracor is here just in time!"
"You know how to build swimming holes, Deke?" asked
Tractor Mac.

"I'm the best at building everything!
Little lakes are easy!" crowed Deke.
A new tractor joins Tractor Mac's farm family; The Tractor Mac series is perfect for fans of Bob the Builder and Thomas the Tank Engine.

When a new red tractor named Daisy joins the team at Stony Meadow Farm, she has trouble adjusting to all of the different chores that must be done. She realizes that she has much to learn. Can she do all of the work on her own? Luckily, Tractor Mac and his friends chop, pull, haul, and drag alongside Daisy until she gets the hang of it. With the help of everyone on the farm, Daisy thinks she will fit right in!

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Enter the magical world of fairies in this lyrical picture book illustrated by a Disney animator.

Soar into an enchanting, miniature world full of fairies. These playful creatures are all around us, if you know just where to look. And if you want to have one come to you, build a fairy house of twigs and blooms and wait patiently for a fairy to take up residence.

Children are fascinated with miniature worlds and love to imagine the fairies who inhabit them. A forever friend awaits each reader in the pages of this lovely picture book.

A Christy Ottaviano Book

Sue Fliess is the author of many children's books, including *Tons of Trucks, Shoes for Me!, Robots, Robots Everywhere!, and The Hug Book*. She lives in Northern Virginia with her family and an English Labrador named Charlie. suefliess.com

Claire Keane is known for her work as a visual development artist at Walt Disney Animation Studios, where she made significant contributions to recent hits *Tangled* and *Frozen*. She studied graphic design at the Ecole Superieure d'Arts Graphiques in Paris, France. Claire now lives in Venice Beach, California, with her husband and kids. She is the author of the picture book *Once Upon A Cloud*. claireonacloud.com
There are fairies in the sky.

All around you, fairies fly.

Flit and flutter, tumble, twirl.

When the wind blows, fairies swif...
Follow a family and the youngest member's favorite sock monkey through all the inner and outer workings of an airport.

In a book that is as intriguing as it is useful and entertaining, we follow a family on its way through the complexities of a modern-day airport. From checking bags and watching them disappear on the mysterious conveyer belt, to security clearance and a seemingly endless wait at the gate to finally being airborne.

But wait! There's more! The youngest family member's sock monkey has gone missing. Follow it at the bottom of the page as it makes a journey as memorable as that of the humans above.

Lisa Brown is the New York Times bestselling author/illustrator of a number of books for young readers including How to Be and Vampire Boy’s Good Night and The Latke That Couldn’t Stop Screaming. Recently, she illustrated the critically acclaimed Emily’s Blue Period for Roaring Brook Press. She lives in San Francisco with her husband, Daniel Handler, and their son. This is Lisa’s second book for Roaring Brook Press.

americanchickens.com
Inside the airport you stand in lines. You stand in lines to get your ticket. You stand in lines to check your bags. There are lines for the restrooms. There are lines to go through security.

You squeeze into your seat. Some bags go up top.

Some bags go underneath. You have to make sure that you have all your books and papers and music and games and toys before the plane takes off.
A sweet ode to fathers and all that they do with--and for--their kids, brought to life by adorable puppy dog illustrations.

*Daddies are awesome. They're warm and delicious. They tickle and hug you, and give you some kisses.* Loving and thoughtful, playful and daring, cuddly and caring--daddies are awesome. This gentle rhyming text celebrates the special bond between father and child. Adorable doggy daddy and pup illustrations make this completely charming!

**Meredith Costain** is the author of many books for children. She lives in Melbourne, Australia, with her partner, Paul Collins, and their many pets. When she's not writing, Meredith loves to sleep, read, eat chocolate, and play blues piano. meredithcostain.com

**Polona Lovšin** grew up on her grandparents' farm in Slovenia. Her dad gave her colored pencils and paints as a child, and she went on to study at the Academy of Fine Arts in Ljubljana, Slovenia, before beginning her career as an illustrator.
Daddies are awesome.
They’re warm and delicious.

They tickle and hug you
and give you some kisses.

You ride on their shoulders
or hang upside down.
A shy mouse searches the forest for a new friend in this photo-illustrated picture book from the creators of *Swim, Duck, Swim!*

Mouse is shy. It’s hard for him to make new friends.

Bird is grumpy. He’s too grumpy to make new friends.

The other animals--Owl, Frog, Squirrel, Raccoon--are outgoing and seem so sure of themselves. Who will be the best friend for Mouse? The answer will surprise you!

Susan Lurie is a children’s book editor and author. She lives in Forest Hills, New York, with her husband and their pet fish, Pickle.

Murray Head is an award-winning photographer whose true passion is capturing images from nature. The photos in this book were all taken in Central Park. He is a lifelong resident of New York City.

Praise For...

*Swim, Duck, Swim!*

"Standing in for any reluctant preschooler faced with a new experience, a duckling goes through stages of irritation at parental urging and then nervousness before finally taking a first plunge . . . . A childhood triumph portrayed just right. Both the archetypal challenge and the creative collaboration go swimmingly." - *Kirkus Reviews, starred review*

"Sure to delight any animal lover or reluctant child needing the confidence to try something new . . . . A winner for group or one-on-one sharing." - *School Library Journal*
Can I tell you a secret?
Here it is—I am shy.
And I am quite worried.
Do you want to know why?

I need a friend,
and the trouble, you see,
will be finding a friend
for a shy guy like me.

This peacock’s too fancy.

The frog is too jumpy.
A fun picture book ode to sucking your thumb by Newbery Medalist Karen Hesse, with art by Feiwel and Friends creative director Rich Deas!

*I love my thumb, I truly do.
It tastes of pears and carrot stew.
It’s like a hug, an “I love you.”
My mom hoped in a year or two
there’d be some things that I outgrew,
and some I have, but never you.

Parents worry themselves silly over thumb-sucking, but really, what’s the big deal? It's tasty. It's comforting. It gets a little soggy. But so what?

As pediatricians say, as long as kids aren't sucking their thumbs when they go to college, it's all good. So let's listen to Karen Hesse and let them enjoy their thumbs!

Karen Hesse is the author of numerous novels and picture books for children, including *Out of the Dust*, which won the Newbery Medal. Her recent books for Feiwel and Friends are *Brooklyn Bridge* and *Safekeeping*. She lives in Vermont. karenhesseblog.wordpress.com

Rich Deas is the creative director of Feiwel and Friends. He has illustrated several picture books, including *Cocka-doodle-dance* for Feiwel and Friends. He lives with his wife and their two sons in New Jersey. richdeas.com

Praise For...

*Brooklyn Bridge* by Karen Hesse:

"Inspired by facts surrounding the inventors of the teddy bear, Newbery Medalist Hesse applies her gift for narrative voice to this memorable story."

-Publishers Weekly, starred review
My mum hoped in a year or two, there’d be some things that I outgrew, and some I have, but never you.

But I’d be glum without you, thumb. I’ll never find a better chum.
A boy's fishing expedition takes an unexpected, alphabetical turn in this debut picture book by Liam Francis Walsh.

A boy and his dog embark on a fishing journey. Their first catch of the day: a big fat letter F. Their second? A slippery I. After an epic journey beneath the lake's surface, they find what they came for-- a FISH, along with some unanticipated menace from a few other letters.

This clever, wordless picture book, by a popular New Yorker cartoonist, is filled with charm and heart and will have no problem swimming its way into the hearts of young readers.

Liam Francis Walsh is a cartoonist, writer and illustrator who is originally from Wisconsin. His cartoons frequently appear in *The New Yorker*. This is Liam's first children's book and his first book for Roaring Brook Press. He currently lives in Brooklyn, New York. liamfranciswalsh.com
In this sequel to Ninja!, Maxwell wants somebody to play with, but it seems everyone is too busy.

A ninja must be ready for anything! Maxwell is a strong, courageous, silent ninja, but he also wants somebody to play with him. Mama, little sister Cassy, and Papa are all too busy, leaving Maxwell disappointed and alone.

When Maxwell gets called to dinner, he finds an empty dining room. Could his ninja clan be up to something? This sequel to Ninja! is both action-packed and heartwarming.

Arree Chung has worked in video games as a designer and art director. He is now a children's book author and illustrator—Ninja! was his first book. Arree received his ninja training at Art Center College of Design. When he is not practicing his ninja moves, you can find him playing basketball or riding his bike. Arree lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with his family. arree.com

Praise For...
Ninja!
"Lively and charming . . . High-flying fun." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"Laugh-out-loud fun. Prospective ninja, take notice!" - School Library Journal, starred review

"A ninja's full array of skills--stealth, surprise, agility--are on display in this picture book." - The Bulletin

"Readers will applaud Maxwell's over-the-top ninja antics and giggle as he takes his unsuspecting family by surprise." - The Horn Book

"Action-packed fun for wee little ninjas everywhere." - Booklist
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An unlovely little goblin must leave his dungeon and become a hero in this picture book by #1 New York Times-bestselling graphic novelist Ben Hatke (Zita the Spacegirl).

Goblin, a cheerful little homebody, lives in a cosy, rat-infested dungeon, with his only friend, Skeleton. Every day, Goblin and Skeleton play with the treasure in their dungeon. But one day, a gang of "heroic" adventurers bursts in. These marauders trash the place, steal all the treasure, and make off with Skeleton--leaving Goblin all alone!

It's up to Goblin to save the day. But first he's going to have to leave the dungeon and find out how the rest of the world feels about goblins.

Ben Hatke struck picture book gold with Julia's House for Lost Creatures, and he brings more of the geekish whimsy that gave Julia's so much charm to Nobody Likes a Goblin.

Ben Hatke is the author and illustrator of the New York Times-bestselling Zita the Spacegirl series, the picture book Julia's House for Lost Creatures, and the graphic novel Little Robot. He lives and works in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia with his wife and their boisterous pack of daughters. benhatke.com

Praise For...

The Zita the Spacegirl series:

"Marvelously inventive!" - Boing Boing

Julia's House for Lost Creatures:

"Hatke fills the comic-book-style, picture-book-sized pages with lovely watercolor illustrations of a menagerie of creatures... Imaginative tots will love Julia's resourcefulness and hospitality." - Booklist
Goblin had one neighbor—a hill troll that lived in a cave nearby.
“I’m looking for my friend Skeleton,” Goblin told him.

“I saw your friend,” said the troll.
“He was with the adventurers who took my Honk-Honk away over the mountains.”

“I’ll get your Honk-Honk back,” said Goblin.
A splashy summer story about animals, friendship, and swimming!

Ursula, a bear, and Ricardo, a human, are preparing for the water ballet competition, where the prize is a million dollars! But a new regulation at the community pool—no bears—leaves Ursula cut from the contest. Luckily, she encounters a group of undaunted animal swimmers at a local pond, and Ursula and her new team figure out a way to participate in the competition and make sure everyone is welcome at the pool once and for all. Filled with deadpan humor, adorable animals, and big themes about social justice and inclusion, Splashdance is a fun and splashy summer story with a lot of heart.

Liz Starin studied illustration at the Hochschule für Grafik und Buchkunst in Leipzig, Germany; the Rhode Island School of Design; and the School of Visual Arts and the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. Liz previously worked as an editor with Junior Library Guild. Now she works as an author, illustrator, and computer programmer. She lives in Brooklyn, New York. She also runs the children's book illustration blog Pen and Oink. penandoink.com and cargocollective.com/lizstarin
They were practicing their moves for the upcoming water ballet championship.

Sometimes she slunk down to the neighborhood pond. She did her fanciest moves, all alone.

Ursula was in a big, big funk.

The prize was one million dollars.

One day, the pond was already occupied. “It figures,” said Ursula. Then she looked again.
A boy, a ball, a dog, and a deep and lasting friendship make for a beautiful, classic picture book by acclaimed artist Gianna Marino.

There was never a ball the boy wouldn't throw. Luckily, there was never a ball that his dog couldn't catch.

When a new kind of ball (a balloon) floats into the picture, both boy and dog try to find a way to play with it, and they become separated. Will they find their way back to each other and finish their game?

Gianna Marino has written and illustrated numerous articles for travel and leisure magazines. Her children’s books include Zoopa: An Animal Alphabet (Chronicle Books 2005), One Too Many (Chronicle Books 2010), Meet Me at the Moon (Viking 2012), Too Tall Houses (Viking 2012), and Following Papa's Song (Viking 2014). Though she still wanders the world, Gianna now lives in Northern California and works full-time writing and illustrating. A Boy, A Ball, and a Dog is Gianna’s first picture book for Roaring Brook Press. giannamarino.com
"WOOF" called the dog.

What good was the ball without the boy?

But when he turned, the boy was nowhere to be found.
ROGER PRIDDY
Wiggle and the Whale (An Alphaprint Picture Book)
A book of funny friends
A New York Times bestselling author (The True Meaning of Smekday) and illustrator (Last Stop on Market Street) team bring you a fresh look at the first day of school, this time from the school’s perspective.

It’s the first day of school at Frederick Douglass Elementary and everyone’s just a little bit nervous, especially the school itself. What will the children do once they come? Will they like the school? Will they be nice to him?

The school has a rough start, but as the day goes on, he soon recovers when he sees that he’s not the only one going through first-day jitters.

Adam Rex has written several books for young readers, including the New York Times bestselling Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich and The True Meaning of Smekday. His first day of school was at Lookout Mountain Elementary in Phoenix. He lives now with his wife and son in Tucson. adamrex.com

Christian Robinson’s award-winning books for young readers include Josephine, which was a Coretta Scott King Honor Book as well as a Sibert Honor Book and Harlem’s Little Blackbird, which was an NAACP Image Award nominee. His latest book Last Stop on Market Street earned four starred reviews and was on the New York Times bestseller list. This is his first book for Roaring Brook Press. theartoffun.com
That summer, they dug up the big field, and poured the foundation, and set brick on top of brick until they'd built a school.
School’s First Day of School 5-Copy Counter Display

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A little monster worries about his first day of school.

Patrick is worried about his first day of monstergarten. Everyone knows you have to be SCARY in monstergarten. Patrick's friend, Kevin, offers to show Patrick how to be scary—they roar, they sneak up on people, they bare their teeth. But Patrick still isn't ready. His parents tell him to just be himself. But what if he's not scary ENOUGH?

Author Daniel J. Mahoney and artist Jef Kaminsky delight readers with a warm and funny depiction of the first day of kindergarten. Here is a story about taking a BIG step into a "scary" experience that kids and their parents will relate to!

Daniel J. Mahoney is a radiologic technologist, as well as a children's book author and illustrator. He lives in Albany, New York, with his son.

Jef Kaminsky has illustrated several picture books, including Bite Me, I'm a Book by Sarah Weeks. By day, he holds an executive position in the entertainment arm of publishing. The rest of the time, he lives and draws in Brooklyn with his wife and their daughter.

Praise For...

Monstergarten:

"Readers will recognize that Patrick's mother's advice ('Just be yourself') is just as applicable to human classrooms as it is to monster ones." -Publishers Weekly

"[The] brightly colored beasties are a hoot, and the empowering message is delivered with a light touch." -School Library Journal
“Oooh! So scary, we forgot to scream!” the girls cried.

Patrick knew there were things that should come to him naturally. Like showing his claws, and growling.

Flashing his fangs.

But, in what order? What was the right way for him to be scary?
A new bilingual edition of this hide-and-seek/bedtime stunner by a multiple award-winning author.

Mother Sky is looking for her Little Night, but where could she be? Down a rabbit hole? Behind the hills? In the stripes of bees? And so begins a lilting game of hide-and-seek, until the Sky catches up with her rambunctious daughter.

Yuyi Morales won a Pura Belpre Medal and Honor for her first two books. In this, perhaps her most accomplished book, she has imbued a lulling bedtime story with a touch of magical realism and created lush paintings that enrich and enhance her lovely text.

Yuyi Morales is an author, artist, and puppet maker and was the host of her own Spanish-language radio program for children. She has won numerous awards, including the Jane Addams Award, four Pura Belpré Medals and three Pura Belpré Honors. Long a resident of the Bay Area, she now resides in Veracruz, Mexico, where she was born. yuyimorales.com

Praise For...

**Little Night:**

NYPLC Children's Books 100
American Library Association Notable Children's Books
*Miami Herald* Best Books of the Year
NYPL Book for Reading and Sharing
Golden Kite Award Winner

"Children will delight in Little Night's dreamy world and will want to read about her unique, yet still familiar, nighttime ritual again and again."
-Booklist, starred review

**Just A Minute:**

"Splendid paintings and spirited storytelling."
-Booklist, starred review
As the long day comes to an end,
Mother lays eggs in a tub with falling stars
and calls, “It’s time for Little Night”

Little Night answers bravely, “Mom,”
not realizing he is ready for the end
so, Mother fills the tub.

“Ahmad!” Mother takes down a
plastic bottle. She pours water on the
darkness sand. “When she pours behind
the hill, where does she put?”
A hilariously cheeky, yet also heartfelt, picture book about a little girl who desperately wants a beautiful unicorn as a pet, but winds up with a less-than-desirable one instead.

When Lucy sees an ad in the newspaper for a unicorn, she sends in her twenty-five cents and waits four to six long weeks for her very own unicorn to arrive. She imagines the flowers that she’ll braid into his beautiful pink mane, and she even picks the perfect name for him: Sparkle. But when Sparkle arrives, his ears are too long, his horn is too short, he smells funny—and oh, he has fleas. Lucy isn’t pleased, but in the end she warms up to Sparkle and realizes that even though he wasn’t exactly the unicorn she wanted, he might be just the one she needs.

Amy Young was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and though she trained and practiced as a lawyer, she has always wanted to be an artist. Her first picture book, which she wrote and illustrated, was Belinda the Ballerina. Since then, she has written and illustrated many picture books. She lives in Spring Lake, Michigan, with her husband.

A Unicorn Named Sparkle Activity Kit
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Praise For...

Don’t Eat the Baby:

"A yummy little morsel." -Booklist

"The layout is clean and well designed, and lively acrylic illustrations are done in bright colors." -School Library Journal
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A Unicorn Named Sparkle is a major MCPG picture book character launch for Spring 2016! To help promote it in stores and for teacher nights, we’ve created a super adorable Storytime Kit.

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  -Unicorn Mask Template
  -Unicorns, Lucy, Butterflies, and Rainbows Coloring Pages
  -Help Sparkle Find Lucy Maze Pages
  -“Find Your Sparkle” Drawing and Easy Writing Prompt Pages
A little cement mixer learns that making mistakes isn't always a bad thing in this vehicle book from the creator of *Supertruck*.

It's Cement Mixer's first day on the job and he doesn't want to make any mistakes. How can he help the other trucks on the construction site? By mixing some powdery white cement, of course!

He mixes it up, adds a little water, and presto . . . a cake?! He must have mixed flour instead of cement.

Not to worry, he'll try again . . . and presto! Frosting?! He'll keep trying until he gets it just right and it's time for one more mixing: a bubble bath!

**Stephen Savage** is the illustrator of the *New York Times*-bestselling picture book *Polar Bear Night*, also named a *New York Times* Best Illustrated Children's Book. He is also the creator of *Little Tug*, which *School Library Journal* called "petite but powerful," and *Supertruck*, which received six starred reviews. He lives in Brooklyn, New York with his wife and daughter. stephensavage.net

### Praise For...

**Supertruck:***

"Secret identities, superheroes, and trucks. What more is there to say? . . . This trash-hauler is one super truck."
- The Horn Book, **starred review**

"Just right for winter storytimes, this winning picture book will find an appreciative audience beyond just young truck lovers."
- Booklist, **starred review**

"Savage exploits shapes and colors to create interesting imagery and atmospheric environments for the truck that show that collecting trash is just as heroic as powerfully plowing through snow. A serious treat for truck lovers."
- Kirkus Reviews, **starred review**
It was the cement mixer’s first day on the job. All the other trucks were hard at work.

The cement mixer mixed up the white powder, added a little water, and presto!
Mixed-Up Truck 5-Copy Counter Display

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Two best frints on the planet Boborp have their ups and downs but always remain best frints, in this hilarious book from award-winning picture book artist Antoinette Portis.

Yelfred and Omek have been best frints since they were little blobbies. They play and snack, and sometimes they even fight, all in a language similar to but slightly different from, English. When Omek decides to borrow Yelfred’s new spaceship without asking (and then crashes it), it sparks the biggest fight yet. Can these two best frints make up and move on?

Award-winning picture book creator Antoinette Portis delivers a new universe of cleverness and imagination in this hilarious, sweet, and otherworldly book about friendship.

Antoinette Portis is the author of many inventive books for children, including Not a Box, a New York Times Best Illustrated Book and a Geisel Honor Book, as well as Froodle and Wait, which she published with Roaring Brook Press. She is also the recipient of a Sendak Fellowship. Ms. Portis lives in Southern California. antoinetteportis.com
Yetfred and Omek have been best frends
since they were little blobbies.

They play eye ball in the peedle pit.
Beautifully illustrated nursery songs--perfect for new moms!

Thirteen favorite nursery songs, including "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," "Itsy, Bitsy Spider," and "Pat-a-Cake," are beautifully brought to life with sweet animal characters and charming scenes. Naoko Stoop's paintings are irresistible. This is sure to be the new classic baby book for new parents!

Naoko Stoop's love of drawing began when she was a young girl growing up in Japan. She now lives and paints in Brooklyn, New York, using found materials like plywood and brown paper bags as her canvas. The author-illustrator of Red Knit Cap Girl, Naoko hopes her art will inspire the child within everyone. redknitcapgirl.com

Praise For...

Red Knit Cap Girl:

"Stoop's dreamy, saturated illustrations, painted on plywood, create a roomy wonderland that welcomes any child's curiosity and sense of adventure." -The New York Times Book Review

"Stoop's first picture book . . . [is] a successful ensemble piece, gorgeously illustrated, in which each character has a part to play." -Publishers Weekly, starred review
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Rain Is Falling Down

Rain is falling down—splash!
Rain is falling down—splash!
Pitter, patter, pitter, patter.
Rain is falling down—splash!

Sun is peeking out—peekaboo!
Sun is peeking out—peekaboo!
Peeking here, peeking there.
Sun is peeking out—peekaboo!

(Trace your fingers down baby’s arm as you sing “Rain is falling down.”
On “splash!” quickly brush your hand down baby’s eye from knee to foot.
Cover your eyes with your hands and peek out as you sing “peekaboo!”)

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, turn around.
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, touch the ground.
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, reach up high.
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, touch the sky.
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, touch your shoe.
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, I love you.
In the third adorable picture book spin-off of Adventures in Cartooning, the Knight is up against an army of ogres!

The knight and her horse, Edward, have made a startling discovery: there are five huge ogres asleep at her doorstep! When these monsters wake up, the kingdom will be in big trouble! And so the knight, Edward, and some garden gnomes fight back, not with swords and shields, but with potato peelers and spoons. It turns out that ogres are pretty friendly when they have full stomachs!

*Ogres Awake!* offers more sweet, goofy storytelling from the creators of Adventures in Cartooning. With simple how-to-draw tutorials on the endpapers, these cute picture books are a playful extension of the hit instructional series.

James Sturm's books include *The Golem's Mighty Swing*, *Market Day*, and *Satchel Paige: Striking Out Jim Crow*. He is the co-founder of the Seattle alternative newspaper the *Stranger* and the Center for Cartoon Studies, an MFA degree granting college. cartoonstudies.org

Andrew Arnold's work has appeared in several publications, including *Nickelodeon Magazine* and *Cambridge University Press*. Originally from Houston, Texas, Andrew currently lives in New York City.

Alexis Frederick-Frost's illustrations have appeared in a variety of publications including *Nickelodeon Magazine*, First Second Books, and others. Alexis currently lives with his wife in Maryland. alexisff.blogspot.com

Praise For...

*Gryphons Aren’t So Great*:

"This lively frolic is sure to please young readers."
-Kirkus Reviews
That wasn’t thunder! It was ogres! Giant ogres! And when they wake up, they’ll attack the kingdom!

Rumble wheeze snore!

Quick, Edward! We have to go warn the king!

When ogres wake up, they crush! They smash! They destroy!

They eat people! And horses!!

Lower the gate! Lower the gate!!
A big sister thinks her new baby brother is ruining everything in this laugh-out-loud funny picture book.

I didn't want to be a big sister. Not even a little. But, apparently, I don't get to vote.

When her parents bring home her baby brother, this new big sister is not pleased. She is convinced they need a better baby, one who can actually build yarn forts, throw a Frisbee, and play zombie attack. But when she opens her heart, she realizes she can be a better sibling and how fun that can be.

Perfect for a funny and stubborn child who's about to become a brother or sister, Babies Ruin Everything addresses the angst a child can feel with delightful humor the whole family can enjoy.

An Imprint Book

Matthew Swanson and Robbi Behr are the author/illustrator, husband/wife duo behind Ten Thousand Stories (Chronicle Books, 2013) and more than sixty illustrated books for children and adults. They run two small publishing companies and a letterpress shop out of their Maryland home/barn/studio, teach and speak on creativity and collaboration, and have three small-but-obstreperous children. Bobbledybooks.com

Praise For...

Matthew Swanson and Robbi Behr:

"A stellar writer/illustrator team." -Slate Magazine

"A husband and wife creative team with a captivating, irreverent style." -Chesapeake Taste Magazine

"They have a brilliant knack for combining words and pictures in odd, wildly creative, and hilarious ways." -Gameculture Blog
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My baby brother was born today. I know because Dad woke me up in the middle of the night.

I told him I didn’t want to be a big sister. Not even a little. But, apparently, I don’t get a vote.

He drove me to my grandma’s house and told me I would be a big sister soon.

But he’s NOT just a baby. He is a monster! An abomination! A creature from the deep! He wrecks my stuff. He cries all night. He does not understand the importance of parties! It’s completely clear, without a doubt, that…

BABIES RUIN EVERYTHING!
Hill and Hole both wish they could be more like the other, but they realize that being themselves is best of all, in this inspirational story in the vein of Jon J Muth.

Hill can see the world all around him. Hole feels the earth breathing. Hill wonders what it's like to be Hole. And Hole wishes he could see the sun rising.

One day they find a way to trade places. And soon they each realize that being oneself is the best way of all.

Fans of Jon J Muth and Douglas Wood will cherish this story about change and the peace that comes with acceptance.

Kyle Mewburn is considered one of New Zealand’s finest and most eclectic picture book writers. His titles have been published in a dozen countries and have won numerous awards.

Vasanti Unka is a writer, illustrator, and designer, as well as a home crafts expert. Her craft books Weird Wabbit & Friends and Starboy & Friends have inspired a new generation of young stitch-craft enthusiasts. Her picture book The Boring Book won the New Zealand Post Margaret Mahy Book of the Year award and the Best Picture Book category at the 2014 New Zealand Post Book Awards for Children and Young Adults.
Hole liked being a hole. But sometimes, he imagined himself as a hill.

How amazing it must be to see the sun rising.

Hill liked being a hill, too. But sometimes, he dreamed of being a hole.

How wonderful it must be to feel the earth breathing.
A vividly illustrated, hilarious picture book about how a bossy girl meets her match.

Flossy is the bossiest girl around. She's bossy at home and she's bossy in school. She's bossy with her friends and, sometimes, she's even bossy to her teacher! Well-meaning Flossy doesn't understand why no one will listen to her.

Then Flossy meets Edward, a boy who is just as bossy as she is. But the collision of these two strong-willed forces has a surprising result: they learn how to be a friend.

Paulette Bogan was a bossy child. She is the author and illustrator of Virgil & Owen, Goodnight Lulu, and Lulu the Big Little Chick, which won the Children’s Choice Book Award. She lives in New York City with her husband, three daughters, and two dogs. They all think she is still bossy. But they've never told her to go to her room!

paulettebogan.com
Flossy was bossy.

- Sit up straight.
- Look at me.
- Listen to me.
- Pay attention.
- Do what I tell you

She was bossy to the lunch lady.

One time, she was even bossy to her teacher.

Put my potatoes on this plate, not that plate.

No, Mrs. Rosado, you go to time-out.
An enthusiastic, precocious narrator takes us through all the best things about Saturday.

Want to know the best things about Saturdays? Lots of books! Rocket ship rides to the moon! Top secret projects (that might not go exactly as planned)! And so much more . . .

Saturdays are the best even if you have to do a chore or two. As a little boy takes us through his typical Saturday, you’ll see why he’s so passionate about his favorite day of the week.

Oh, and the best thing about Saturdays? When the day ends, it leads into Sundays, and you get to have fun all over again!

Ian Lendler has written several books for both young readers and adults, including *An Undone Fairytale* and First Second’s own *The Stratford Zoo Midnight Revue Presents Macbeth*. He is originally from Connecticut and, after living all over the world, has settled in San Rafael, California, with his wife and two children.

Serge Bloch is a Society of Illustrators Gold Medal winner and recipient of France’s Baobab Award. He has written and illustrated numerous books for children and young adults, including *My Snake Blake*, published by Roaring Brook in 2012. He lives in Paris, France, and New York City.
But my favorite part of Saturday is when there’s nothing left to do.

Then I can just lie on the couch with my dog, Misha . . .

Saturday also means my dad has to fix the house.

Then I have to fix Dad.
What's scarier than Bad Kitty in a bad mood? Bad Kitty in a bad mood...on Halloween!

Kitty wasn't always such a scaredy-cat. She used to be brave and lionhearted and nervy. That is, until one late October day a group of terrifying monsters showed up on her doorstep and Kitty became VERY scared. Then she decided to take matters into her own paws.

Bad Kitty is back in her first full-length picture book since *A Bad Kitty Christmas* (over 300,000 copies sold to date), just in time for another holiday! Now she's up against something scary, something creepy, something more frightening than Puppy's good moods: Halloween.

In this Halloween-themed book, stick with Kitty, who goes through the alphabet four times before she realizes that Halloween might not be so scary after all.

**Nick Bruel** is the author and illustrator of the phenomenally successful Bad Kitty series, including the 2012 and 2013 CBC Children's Choice Book Award winners *Bad Kitty Meets the Baby* and *Bad Kitty for President*. Nick has also written and illustrated popular picture books, including *Who is Melvin Bubble?, Bob and Otto*, and his latest, *A Wonderful Year*. Nick lives with his wife and daughter in Westchester, New York. nickbruel.com
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But then, one dark and foggy night, something terrible happened.

DING-DONG!

Out of the darkness and into her doorway appeared the most horrible and frightening creatures Kitty had ever seen.

TRICK OR TREAT!

She saw . . .

AN AWFUL ALIEN  A BIZARRE BIGFOOT  EVIL ELECTROPLASM  A FRIGHTFUL FRANKENSTEIN
In the second book in a funny new series for toddlers, a reluctant chick named Egg overcomes her fears of trick-or-treating--perfect for Halloween!

Peep is so excited to go trick-or-treating with her friend Egg. She wants to visit the duck pond and the cow pasture to get treats. But Egg thinks Halloween is too scary, with frightening monsters possibly lurking everywhere! Peep tells her jokes because laughing helps you feel less scared. Egg is still not cracking. But soon Egg learns that maybe trick-or-treating is not so scary after all when you have a friend to hold on to.

Laura Gehl is the author of several picture books, including One Big Pair of Underwear, illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld. Laura has four children, three of whom waited to hatch until well past forty weeks. She and her family live in Chevy Chase, Maryland. lauragehl.com

Joyce Wan is the author and illustrator of The Whale in My Swimming Pool, and many popular board books, including You Are My Cupcake and We Belong Together. Joyce lives in Ridgewood, New Jersey. wanart.com

Praise For...

The Whale in My Swimming Pool illustrated by Joyce Wan:

"Both very silly and very appealing." -Kirkus Reviews

"Wan’s illustrations of rounded figures in bright colors demonstrate her professed inspiration from Japanese pop culture." -School Library Journal
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“Our first stop will be down at the duck pond,” Peep said.

“Want to hear a Halloween joke?” Peep asked. “Laughing might make you feel less scared.”

“I’m not laughing,” said Egg. “And I’m not trick-or-treating.”
The fuzzy red monster from the #1 Publishers Weekly bestseller Love Monster is back in a picture book about overcoming fears, especially the things that go bump in the night.

It’s way past bedtime o’clock in Cutesville . . . . but somebody can’t sleep. The harder he tries to nod off, the more wide awake Love Monster is, and the later and darker and spookier it gets. When he hears a rustle, rustle, then a creeeak, scuffle-shuffle BUMP, he’s just sure there’s a hungry, scary something on its way to get him. So Love Monster musters up his courage . . . . and discovers that the something scary isn’t so scary after all. It’s just his friend coming to pay Love Monster a visit. Turns out Love Monster’s pal couldn’t sleep, either.

Rachel Bright is a wordsmith, printmaker, and thinker of happy thoughts. The author-illustrator of Love Monster, Love Monster and the Perfect Present, and Love Monster and the Last Chocolate, she is passionate about time-honored printmaking techniques. She works from her converted caravan studio on a farm near the sea in the south of England, where she lives with her partner; her daughter, River; a dog called Elvis; and a cat called Superman.

www.lovemonsterbooks.com

Praise For...

Love Monster:
"This seemingly simple tale packs a satisfying emotional punch. Scarily good!" -Kirkus Reviews
"Like the monster itself, this story wears its heart very visibly." -Publishers Weekly

Love Monster and the Perfect Present:
"The best gifts are those that come from the heart, and this book surely comes from Bright’s." -Kirkus Reviews

"This is a lovely book to share around a holiday."
-School Library Journal
...the harder he tried to nod off, the awaker he was.

and spoOokier it got.

And the later and darker...

He climbed under the comforter, his heart beating loud and fast.

There was definitely SOMETHING out there!

And that SOMETHING... had definitely GOTTEN IN!

This laugh-out-loud funny and devilish tale is for little monsters everywhere.

Frankenstein is the scariest of all the monsters in Miss Devel's castle. He can frighten anything--animals, parents, even rocks. Until one night, Miss Devel wakes up and runs downstairs to find that Frankenstein has lost his head!

Rick Walton and Nathan Hale's hilarious parody of Ludwig Bemelmans's beloved children's classic *Madeline* will leave little monsters (and their parents) shrieking with laughter.

Ludworst Bemonster is the pen name for author Rick Walton and artist Nathan Hale, who got bored one Halloween and decided that their favorite children's book would be much, much better if there were monsters in it. So they penned *Frankenstein*. They both live in Provo, Utah.

[rickwalton.com](http://rickwalton.com) and [spacestationnathan.blogspot.com](http://spacestationnathan.blogspot.com)

**Praise For...**

Frankenstein:

"Walton twists the classic rhymes of the original with glee ('In two crooked lines, they bonked their heads / pulled out their teeth / and wet their beds') while Hale reenacts each scene with devilish mayhem." - *Booklist*

"The illustrations have traded sunny yellow for pumpkin orange backgrounds and make comically sly allusions to the original title." - *Kirkus Reviews*

"Fans of the original... will enjoy spotting the parallels in this creepy-cute Halloween substitute." - *Publishers Weekly*

"Children...will gobble this one up..." - *School Library Journal*
From a Caldecott Honor illustrator comes a spooky and fun Halloween story that introduces Spanish vocabulary words.

Under October's luna, full and bright, the monsters are throwing a ball in the Haunted Hall. Las brujas come on their broomsticks. Los muertos rise from their coffins to join in the fun. Los esqueletos rattle their bones as they dance through the door. And the scariest creatures of all aren't even there yet!

This lively Halloween poem introduces young readers to a spooky array of Spanish words that will open their ojos to the chilling delights of the season.

Marisa Montes has written several books for young readers, including Juan Bobo Goes to Work, which won a Pura Belpre Honor. She lives in northern California.

Yuyi Morales is an author and artist. She has won numerous awards, including a Caldecott Honor, the Jane Addams Award, four Pura Belpre Medals, and three Pura Belpre Honors. She divides her time between the San Francisco area and Veracruz, Mexico, where she was born.

Praise For...

Los Gatos Black on Halloween:
"Just right for children who are beginning to find typical Halloween fare a bit too tame." -School Library Journal

"This spookiness is what Halloween is all about." -Booklist

"A spooky seasonal treat and a great choice for any collection." -Kirkus Reviews

Viva Frida by Yuyi Morales:
"An ingenious tour de force." -The Horn Book, starred review
Let gatos black with eyes of green,
Cats slink and creep on Halloween.
With ojos keen that squint and gleam —
They yowl, they hiss . . . they sometimes scream.

Las brujas guide their broomsticks high,
The witches on escobas fly.
Above the earth, before the moon,
They swoop and swish and swoosh, and soon . . .
A cozy, colorful storybook about basic shapes.

A determined little spider named Walter is trying to make a sturdy web that will stand up to the blustery wind. The webs he makes at first are woven in special shapes—a triangle, a square, a circle—but they are still wibbly-wobbly. Can Walter make a web that is both wonderful and strong? This simple, vibrant adventure is a lively companion to our two previous Hopgood "first books" about colors and senses.

Tim Hopgood is an award-winning illustrator based in York, England. A veteran graphic designer, he is the creator of more than ten acclaimed picture books, including his book about colors, Wow! Said the Owl.

timhopgood.com

Praise For...

Hooray for Hoppy!

"Little ones can explore spring and their five senses along with bunny Hoppy in Hopgood’s latest concept book . . . . Just the ticket for a little bit of learning on a cold winter day when spring seems far away." -Kirkus Reviews

Wow! Said the Owl:

"With a satisfying night-to-day-to-night cycle, the book not only reinforces the concepts of colors but also provides a sense of security of the way things are supposed to be in the world. The repeated refrain of "Wow!" throughout the book will elicit a chorus among young listeners at storytime." -Booklist

"Straightforward and flowing, this title makes a satisfying introduction to the colors of the day." -School Library Journal

"This sweet, wonder-filled picture book will make a good addition to toddler storytime and a perfect bedtime read, too." -The Horn Book
But Walter was determined. So one morning he decided to start with something simple.

Very carefully he made a small web in the shape of a . . .

...Square.

Whoosh! went the wind, and it blew the web away.

Walter sighed and started again. This time he made a longer web in the shape of a . . .
In a simple, cheerful conversation with nature, a young girl witnesses how the season changes from summer to autumn.

As trees sway in the cool breeze, blue jays head south, and leaves change their colors, everyone knows--autumn is on its way!

Join a young girl as she takes a walk through forest and town, greeting all the signs of the coming season. Glorious, evocative illustrations portray this childlike conversation, saying goodbye to summer and welcoming autumn.

Kenard Pak has experienced changing seasons in his life as well. Starting out as an artist with DreamWorks and Disney, Mr. Pak has also illustrated children's books such as Have You Heard the Nesting Bird? by Rita Gray and The Dinner That Cooked Itself by J. C. Hsyu. He now lives in San Francisco with his wife and their three cats.

pandagun.com
Hello, late summer morning.

Hello, playful foxes and singing blue jays.

Hello! We are busy looking for food. Some of us are heading south to our winter homes.
In this author-illustrator debut, we meet Emerson--a little dog with a very BIG bark that gets him in trouble.

ARF! ARF! ARF!

Birds, squirrels, the mailman--when he gets excited, Emerson can’t help but bark his loudest. But when his bark scares one of his neighborhood friends into hiding, Emerson’s girl, Eva, must forbid him from barking altogether. Can Emerson adjust to a life in silence? Or will he find a way to put his powerful bark to good use?

This is a charming dog story that shows how good intentions and a willful spirit can save the day.

Liza Woodruff is the illustrator of over twenty books for young readers, including If It's Snowy and You Know It, Clap Your Paws by Kim Norman and The Biggest Pumpkin Ever, by Elizabeth Bennett. She lives in an old farmhouse in Vermont with her family and their two dogs. Emerson Barks is the first book that she has both written and illustrated. lizawoodruff.com
That night, Emerson’s tummy hurt.

He tossed and turned.

but he couldn’t get comfortable.

Too many barks inside, he thought.
An unruly dragon is tamed by the power of books in this witty story that is perfect for dragon fans and book lovers alike.

We all know dragons are terrible, but this one is especially terrible. He scribbles in books. He steals candy from baby unicorns. He even burps in church. Seriously, who does that? Dragon, that’s who. The king, the knights, and the villagers are desperate to take down this beast once and for all. But sometimes it’s up to the unlikeliest of heroes to tame a dragon this terrible.

Kelly DiPucchio is the author of several children’s books, including Everyone Loves Bacon, Gaston, and Zombie in Love. She lives in southeastern Michigan. kellydipucchio.com

Greg Pizzoli is an author, illustrator, and screen printer from Philadelphia. He is the author and illustrator of The Watermelon Seed. gregpizzoli.virb.com

Praise For...

Gaston by Kelly DiPucchio:
"This heartwarming story of family will be a welcome addition to homes and libraries of all types." - School Library Journal

"Kids who might feel the odd man out in their own families will take heart from this." - Booklist

The Watermelon Seed by Greg Pizzoli:
"The story has broad appeal, making it a great first purchase." - School Library Journal, starred review

"[A]n expert debut." - Publishers Weekly, starred review

"With a sharp graphic sensibility, vibrant design, and adept characterization, Pizzoli spins the simple premise into a sweet confection, ripe with broad humor." - Booklist
That's not all. He scribbled in books.

He threw sand.

And he took candy from baby unicorns. Honestly, that's terrible.

Ordinary blokes and lasses lined up to try their hand at taming the dragon.

They all failed. Embarrassingly so. And just when you thought it wasn't possible, Dragon grew even more terrible!
Marta, a curious, science-loving girl, explores the world of opposites and animals in this Spanish bilingual picture book.

¡Hola, Marta!

Marta is una niña, an ordinary girl . . . with some extraordinary animal friends!

As Marta explores the jungle, she knows she's bigger than a bug, smaller than an elephant, and faster than a turtle. But then she meets the snake, who thinks Marta is sabrosa—tasty, very tasty! But Marta is ingeniosa, a very clever girl, and she outsmarts the snake with hilarious results.

With simple Spanish and a glossary at the end, this fun read-aloud picture book teaches little ones to identify opposites and animals and learn new words.

Jen Arena is a former editorial director at Random House Books for Young Readers. She now writes books for children full-time, including 100 Snowmen, a wintry counting story, and Besos for Baby, a bilingual board book of kisses. Her books have been translated into French, Korean, Arabic, and, of course, Spanish. jenarenabooks.com

Angela Dominguez was born in Mexico City, grew up in Texas, and lived in San Francisco. She's the author and illustrator of picture books such as Let's Go, Hugo; Santiago Stays; Knit Together; and Maria Had a Little Llama, an American Library Association Pura Belpré Illustration Honor book. She now writes and creates in her studio in Brooklyn, New York. angeladominguezstudio.com
To a bug, Marta is **grande**.
Big, very big.

To a lion,
Marta is **grauñula**.
Quiet, very quiet.
A pirate boy's love of knitting doesn't make it easy for him to fit in with the rest of his crew--but lets him stand out in the best way, instead.

The crew of the pirate ship the *Rusty Heap* are a fearsome bunch! They're tougher than gristle and barnacle grit. They heave and they ho and they swab and they . . . knit?

Well, one of them does, at least. Unfortunately for Ned, his knitting doesn't go over well with the captain and crew. But when the briny ocean beast shows up to feast on the *Rusty Heap* and its crew, maybe Ned's knitting is just the ticket to save the day!

From author Diana Murray and illustrator Leslie Lammle comes a delightfully salty picture book about a pirate boy whose unusual hobby puts him at odds with his friends, but ultimately proves worthwhile. With an appealing angle on individuality, Murray's hilarious characters and Lammle's bright illustrations are sure to win over even the most reluctant landlubber.

Diana Murray is an award-winning poet and picture book author. She is also a novice knitter who hopes to complete her first scarf one day, but nothing thrills her more than weaving a story! Diana grew up in New York City and currently lives in a nearby suburb with her rugged husband, two children, and a motley crew of pets. dianamurray.com

Leslie Lammle is a Canadian born picture book author and illustrator. Her illustrations have appeared in the *New York Times*, *the Wall Street Journal*, and various magazines. Leslie works out of her kitchen, surrounded by drawings of potential new characters for new books, and is always testing out stories on neighborhood kids. leslielammle.com.
We're pirates, we're pirates, out sailing the sea.
So scruffy and scappy and happy are we.

We're tougher than gristle and barnacle grit.
We heave, and we ho, and we swab, and we...

The crew was all in stitches, but the captain's nerves were fray'd.
"Yarrreh," said Ned. "I likes to knit. This hat be custom-made!"
The captain shook his golden hook. "I won't be hearin' that!
A scurvy pirate don't knit, nor wear a fuzzy hat."

The pirates brought the chests aboard and counted each doubloon,
then cooked a batch of squid ink soup and sang another tune:
Venture to the depths of the coral reefs in an exploration of the true and truly wild in this beautiful and creative picture book from an award-winning author.

During an ordinary visit to the library, a girl pulls a not-so-ordinary book from the shelves. As she turns the pages in this book about coral reefs, the city around her slips away and she finds herself surrounded by the coral cities of the sea and the mysterious plants and animals that live, hunt, and hide there.

Jason Chin's follow-up to his critically acclaimed book *Redwoods* is a bold and beautiful picture storybook filled to the brim with fascinating facts about the coral reefs.

*Jason Chin* is the author of the award-winning *Redwoods; Coral Reefs*, nominated for a Texas Bluebonnet Award; and most recently *Island: A Story of the Galápagos*, named a 2012 Best Book of the Year by *School Library Journal* and *Kirkus Reviews* and a Fanfare title by *The Horn Book*. Jason lives with his wife, Deirdre Gill, and their son, Liam, in Burlington, Vermont.

**Praise For...**

*Coral Reefs*:

"Appealing introduction to a complex world." - *Kirkus Reviews*, **starred review**

"Information and fantasy collaborate in this imaginative introduction to coral reefs." - *The Bulletin*

"Chin offers a colorful and inventive introduction to coral reefs." - *School Library Journal*

"Chin’s detailed illustrations capture the dappled light of shallow water and the bright tropical colors and patterns in the featured flora and fauna." - *The Horn Book*
Coral reefs are home to thousands of plants and animals. There are so many species living in reefs that they are often called the cities of the sea.

Sometimes different species work together to help each other survive. Many large predators, like tiger groupers, have a partnership with tiny fish called neon gobies: the groupers visit the gobies for a cleaning. The gobies swim all over their customers, picking parasites and dead skin off their scales, gills, and fins. The groupers even let the gobies swim inside their mouths to clean their teeth. This arrangement works out well for everyone. The gobies get a free meal, and the groupers get a cleaning.
An insightful picture book biography comparing two of our nation's most popular presidents.

How much could Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy have in common? A surprising number of things. Some were coincidence—both were over six feet tall, both studied law, both were soldiers and boat captains. But Lincoln and Kennedy also shared similar agendas during their time in office—for instance, Lincoln met with Frederick Douglass to support the abolitionist movement, and Kennedy met with Martin Luther King Jr. to support the civil rights movement. Both presidents lost a son while in office, and, of course, both were assassinated and succeeded by southern Democrats named Johnson (Andrew Johnson and Lyndon B. Johnson). In this illuminating book, Gene Barretta thoughtfully examines two of the country's most famous presidents.

A Christy Ottaviano Book

Gene Barretta has written and illustrated many award-winning books, including Timeless Thomas: How Thomas Edison Changed Our Lives, the recipient of a Cook Prize Honor from Bank Street College of Education; Neo Leo: The Ageless Ideas of Leonardo da Vinci; and Now & Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin. He lives in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania. genebarretta.com

Praise For...

Lincoln and Kennedy:

"Lincoln and Kennedy is a marvelously original and important book. I can’t think of a better way to interest young readers in American history."

-Thomas Fleming, author of Liberty! The American Revolution

Timeless Thomas:

"A glowing tribute to the inventor who continues to influence modern life." -Kirkus Reviews, starred review
How much could these two presidents have in common?
Abraham Lincoln was our sixteenth president. He was a Republican. He was in charge of our country before we had telephones, cars, or lightbulbs. When he was elected, there were only thirty-three states and our flag had only thirty-three stars.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy was our thirty-fifth president. He was a Democrat. During his presidency one hundred years later, America sent a man into space. Kennedy was the first to be elected under our fifty-star flag.

Both men were named in honor of their grandfathers. Aside from that, they began their lives very differently. Young Abe Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809, near Hodgenville, Kentucky, and raised in a one-room log cabin. There were no modern conveniences.

On May 29, 1917, young John Kennedy was born into the lap of luxury in Brookline, Massachusetts. He had everything a twentieth-century boy could want—except good health. His early years were challenged by whooping cough, measles, and scarlet fever.

Abe lived on the frontier and received less than one year of schooling. He had a passion for learning and borrowed books whenever he could.

John attended elite boarding schools and had private tutors at home when he was ill. Yet he showed little interest in his studies.
What Is Science?

A poetic introduction to the intriguing world of science for young children.

What exactly is science? Stars and plants, rocks and soil, hurricanes and airplanes—science is all of these things and so much more. It’s also about curiosity: asking questions and exploring possible answers.

Through simple words and child-friendly illustrations, this lyrical book introduces young children to the exciting and ever-changing world of science.

Rebecca Kai Dotlich is the author of many picture books for young readers, such as *In the Spin of Things: Poetry of Motion*. She lives in Indiana with her husband. rebeccakaidotlich.com

Sachiko Yoshikawa has illustrated several books for young readers, including *Beach is to Fun: A Book of Relationships*. She lives in Seattle, Washington. studiosachiko.com

Praise For...

AAAS/Subaru SB&F (Science Books & Films) Prize Finalist
Bank Street College Best Book of the Year

"Young readers will relish the whirlwind tour that encompasses stars, planets, rocks, soil, sea and sky, hurricanes, volcanoes, earthquakes and snow. The bright, bold illustrations will cause children to reach for the book on their own." - *Science Magazine*

"With its large illustrations, simple text, and important concepts, this title will be enjoyed by newly independent readers, or will ignite excitement in a group. A unique look at the topic." - *School Library Journal*
The study of stars and Saturn's rings.

The study of soil, of oil and gas.
An introduction to Leonardo da Vinci’s genius and the modern inventions he predicted.

In 1781, Thomas Paine came up with a model for a single-span bridge; in 1887, Adolf Eugen Fick made the first pair of contact lenses; and in 1907, Paul Cornu built the first helicopter. But someone thought of all these ideas first, over five hundred years ago: Leonardo da Vinci.

At once an artist, inventor, engineer, and scientist, da Vinci wrote and drew detailed descriptions of what would later become hang gliders, automobiles, robots, and much more. Gene Barretta cleverly shows how da Vinci’s ideas foreshadowed modern inventions, offering a window into the future.

Gene Barretta has written and illustrated several award-winning books for young readers, including Timeless Thomas: How Thomas Edison Changed Our Lives, Now & Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin, and Dear Deer: A Book of Homophones, which was a Notable Children’s Book in the Language Arts and a Parenting Magazine Best Book of the Year. He lives in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, with his family. genebarretta.com

Praise For...

"Barretta provides clear information without veering into scientific explanations. Readers who most closely associate Leonardo with the Mona Lisa will be inspired by the breadth of his interests and the genius of his observations. This accessible introduction will inspire children to look closely at the world around them and come up with some creations of their own."

-School Library Journal
Leonardo da Vinci was fascinated by the world around him. He studied animals and people. He watched plants grow and birds fly. He explored the mighty rivers. Nature was his teacher. It inspired his remarkable studies and inventions.

Leonardo’s ideas were revolutionary. But they remained buried among his 20,000 pages of notes. Most of his inventions were not built during his lifetime. The designs were either too expensive, too sophisticated, or too controversial. Sadly, most of his ideas have been lost to time. But the surviving notes prove that he was a true visionary.

For example...
A mother coyote hunts for her family in a suburban neighborhood in this thrilling, fierce, and gorgeously illustrated nonfiction picture book.

A howl in the night.

A watchful eye in the darkness.

A flutter of movement among the trees.

Coyotes.

In the dark of the night, a mother coyote stalks prey to feed her hungry pups. Her hunt takes her through a suburban town, where she encounters a mouse, a rabbit, a flock of angry geese, and finally an unsuspecting turkey on the library lawn.

POUNCE!

Perhaps Coyote's family won't go hungry today.

Maria Gianferrari was inspired to write Coyote Moon after her first coywolf sighting on a moonlit night in her own Massachusetts backyard. Maria now lives in northern Virginia with her scientist husband, artist daughter, and rescue pets, Becca the dog and Lucia the rat. This is her first book for Roaring Brook Press. Visit her at mariagianferrari.com or on Facebook.

Bagram Ibatoulline is a Russian-born artist who has illustrated many acclaimed books for young readers, including Kate DiCamillo's The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, Jane Yolen's The Scarecrow's Dance, and Lois Lowry's Crow Call. He lives in the Catskills region of New York. bagramibatoulline.com
Pups peek through the screen's slits. 
It's nighttime in the neighborhood, 
and Coyote's family is hungry.

Pups wait near the den. 
They're easy prey for swooping hawks, 
but their older siblings stand by as sentinels.

POUNCE!
Brenda Z. Guiberson and Gennady Spirin follow up their collaboration on *The Most Amazing Creature in the Sea* with another nonfiction picture book, in which creatures boast their amazing killer traits to see who is the deadliest.

Which creature is the deadliest? Is it the insect that bites, the ostrich that kicks, the snake that squeezes, or the shrew that paralyzes? Or is it the most venomous, the most poisonous, or the one that infects its victims with a fatal disease? Fascinating facts and spectacular illustrations will inspire young readers to choose which creature they think is the deadliest in the newest picture book collaboration between Guiberson and Spirin.

**Brenda Z. Guiberson** is the author of many books for children, including *Frog Song; Life in the Boreal Forest; Moon Bear; The Emperor Lays an Egg*; and the bestselling *Cactus Hotel*. She lives near Seattle, Washington. brendazguiberson.com

**Gennady Spirin** is the illustrator of *Frog Song* and *Life in the Boreal Forest*. He has been awarded five gold medals from the Society of Illustrators and the first prize in both the Bologna and Barcelona International Book Fairs, and has been chosen four times for the *New York Times* Best Illustrated Books list. He lives in Princeton, New Jersey. gennadyspirin.com

**Praise For...**

*The Most Amazing Creature in the Sea:*

"Handsome, softly realistic illustrations depict an assortment of ocean dwellers, each accompanied by a brief paragraph full of interesting factoids as each creature proclaims itself "the most amazing creature in the sea." . . . An eye-catching jumping-off point for further investigation." - *School Library Journal, starred review*
I am the snake with the longest fangs and the most venom. I might be fat and slow, but I can catch birds, rodents, lizards, and even small monkeys. When I bite, a quick gush of venom stuns my prey and starts to digest my food. That’s why I am the deadliest creature in the world!
In this lyrical celebration of the moon bear, a female forages in summer, hibernates in winter, and emerges from her den in springtime with her three baby cubs.

"This is a beautiful book which I hope can spread awareness until every last bear is free." - Olivia Newton-John

Moon bears, or Asiatic black bears, are named for the white moon-shaped blaze on their chests. Moon bears are seldom seen but their footprints, claw marks, hair, and bear nests high in the trees give us clues about how they live. Sadly, there are now more moon bears in captivity than in the wild, as these animals are being "farmed" for their commercially valuable bile.

Brenda Guiberson's lyrical text and Ed Young's stunning illustrations combine in a winning tribute to this endangered species. Follow one moon bear in the wild as she eats, plays, hibernates, and wakes up again in spring.

Brenda Z. Guiberson is the author of many books for children, including *The Most Amazing Creature in the Sea* and the bestselling *Cactus Hotel.* She lives near Seattle, Washington. brendazguiberson.com

Ed Young is a Caldecott Medalist and a two-time Caldecott Honor Book artist, and has been nominated twice for the Hans Christian Andersen Award. He has illustrated many books for children. edyoungart.com

Praise For...

"A worthy effort highlighting a species in need."  
-School Library Journal, **starred review**

"Young’s dramatic art lends itself to group sharing, and many kids will hear the author’s final call."

-Booklist
Who blinks in the sunlight
that peeks through the Himalayas?

Sleepy moon bear,
waking up
from a long winter snooze.

Who scratches the birch tree
and licks oozing sap?

Hungry moon bear,
slurping sweetness
after months without food.
Simon Ellis stars in this spelling bee showdown--the newest book in the Franklin School Friends series.

The students in Miss Molina's third-grade class are abuzz with excitement about the upcoming spelling bee, where they will be competing against the two other classes in third grade. Simon Ellis, who just happens to be good at a lot of other things, is also very good at spelling. But Simon's best friend, Jackson, tells him that it's getting boring losing to Simon all the time. Simon is stuck in an impossible situation: Jackson will be mad whether he spells all the words correctly for their team or if he makes a mistake on purpose and causes his team to miss out on the all-you-can-eat pie buffet. Simon's competitive spirit takes over until he realizes that sometimes the best way to win is to take a chance and let other people shine.

Claudia Mills is the acclaimed author of numerous books for children, including the Franklin School Friends series: Kelsey Green, Reading Queen; Annika Riz, Math Whiz; and Izzy Barr, Running Star. She lives in Boulder, Colorado. claudiamillsauthor.com

Rob Shepperson is the illustrator of many books, including The Memory Bank, a collaboration with Carolyn Coman. He lives in Croton-on-Hudson, New York. robshepperson.com

Praise For...

The Franklin School Friends series:

"This bighearted series has something for everyone." -Kirkus Reviews

"Mills delivers with a felicitous blend of breezy accessibility and perceptive understanding." -The Bulletin
Arnie is abducted by aliens and taken to outer space in Book 2 of the Adventures of Arnie the Doughnut chapter book series.

Arnie is shocked when he hears his neighbor Loretta Schmoreretta tell news reporters that she was the victim of an alien abduction. And not just any aliens—alien doughnuts from outer spastry. Arnie thinks this is a ridiculous story—that is, until he gets abducted! Arnie must think fast in order to rescue his fellow doughnuts and the townspeople from the alien invaders. The slapstick shenanigans continue in this hilarious second book in the Adventures of Arnie the Doughnut chapter book series.

Laurie Keller is the bestselling author-illustrator of many popular picture books, including The Scrambled States of America, Open Wide: Tooth School Inside, and Do Unto Otters. She is also the creator of Bowling Alley Bandit and Invasion of the Ufonuts, books 1 and 2 in the Adventures of Arnie the Doughnut series. Arnie, the Doughnut enjoyed its theatrical off-Broadway release and is now a traveling show. Laurie lives along the shore of Lake Michigan. lauriekeller.com

Praise For...

Bowling Alley Bandit:

A Junior Library Guild Selection

"A bowling tournament gives the rolling raconteur introduced in the 2003 picture book Arnie, the Doughnut fresh scope for wisecracks and wild misadventures. . . . Like triumphant Mr. Bing, Keller walks off with a 'Stiffy Stu McShiny' award for this yummy chapter-book series opener." -Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"Keller shrewdly targets hesitant readers with an abundance of goofy comedy." -Publishers Weekly, starred review
In the first in the Go Girl! chapter book series, a girl joins a modern dance class and loves it--but she has to deal with popular girls who tease her.

Get into the Groove! Charlie is buzzing! She's just had her first-ever modern-dance class! It's so much better than stuffy old ballet--except that the trendy girls totally make fun of her outfits. But none of that seems to matter once the music plays and Charlie starts to dance... .

Thalia Kalkipsakis is the author of several books in the Go Girl! series, including The Worst Gymnast, Sister Spirit, Dancing Queen, and Basketball Blues. She has also written a nonfiction book, It's True! Sleep Makes You Smarter! Her books have been translated in many languages and sold around the world. Kalkipsakis grew up on a farm on the outskirts of Melbourne, Australia, and used to escape into the bush to explore. Her biggest passion has always been writing, but she has also been a dancer and edited websites and travel guides. She now lives in northeastern Victoria with her husband and two children and a black cat named Bindi.

Praise For...
The Go Girl! Series:
"Simple in language and story structure, making them accessible to young readers who are making their first foray into chapter books and good choices for reluctant readers." -School Library Journal

"The characters are likeable and believable--people you hope your own girls might take as friends." -Fort Worth Star-Telegram
In the second book of the Go Girls! chapter book series, a girl worries about her first sleepover.

**PJ Party Puzzle!** Olivia is starting to worry about her very first sleepover. She’s thought up a hundred different things that could go wrong--and they’re all totally embarrassing! Olivia doesn’t want to cancel on her best friend at the last minute, BUT . . . maybe she should just stay home?

**Rowan McAuley** is the author of *Go Girl! #2: Sleepover!* and *Go Girl! #4 The New Girl.*

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In the third book of the Go Girl! chapter book series, a girl gives her little sister an unfortunate haircut.

_Snip! Snip!_ Cassie is convinced her big sister hates her. First Hillary cuts off Cassie's hair (so she won't look like such a "baby!"). Then she stops talking to her. But Cassie knows a secret about Hillary's biggest fear. And she's going to use it to win her big sister back!

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In the fourth book in the Go Girl! chapter book series, a girl wants to befriend a new student.

Zoe can’t wait to meet Isabelle, the new girl. What will she be like, and will they be friends? But when Isabelle starts being really mean, Zoe has to choose between being mean, too, or standing tall and being a good friend.

Rowan McAuley is the author of Go Girl! #2: Sleepover! and Go Girl! #4 The New Girl.

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Two young girls with very different dreams face much larger villains in the second illustrated chapter book in the award-winning Buckle and Squash series.

Once upon a time, on the Old Tumbledown Farm, in the Middle of Nowhere, in the Forgotten Corner of the Kingdom, two sisters are still arguing over their destinies. Sadly, neither of their plans are really working. Eliza’s archery skills are dangerous to everything but the target, and her trusty steed is merely their goat, Gertrude. Meanwhile, a rash of royal weddings has sabotaged Lavender’s plan to marry a prince.

Obviously, magic is the only answer. One rash Thumbelina-inspired wish on a magical snail later, and the Old Tumbledown Farm has become a birthday present for a giant who is not willing to let go of her new toys. Can Eliza and Lavender actually work together on a cunning escape plan, or will Lavender be too distracted by the sudden appearance of a handsome prince?

Sarah Courtauld won the Funny Women Comedy Writing Award and the BAFTA/Rocliffe New Writing Forum. Her debut novel, Buckle and Squash: The Perilous Princess Plot, won the Sainsbury’s Children’s Book Award for Fiction Ages 5-9. She also does stand-up and improv, as well as working part-time as a writer for Usborne Children’s Books. sarahcourtauld.com

Praise For...

Buckle and Squash: The Perilous Princess Plot:

Winner of the Sainsbury’s Children’s Book Award for Fiction Ages 5-9

"This mixed-up fairy tale has everything readers could want, including adventure, danger, and a cantankerous goat." - Booklist
This funny fairy-tale adventure in the spirit of *How to Train Your Dragon* sends two sisters on very different quests to battle dragons and trick villains.

Once upon a time, on the Old Tumbledown Farm, in the Middle of Nowhere, in the Forgotten Corner of the Kingdom, deep in the realm of Squerb, two young girls dream of their destinies. Lavender knows that her destiny is to become a fairy-tale princess and is almost certainly going to feature a handsome prince. Eliza is having none of that--her destiny involves battling dragons and giants, vanquishing monsters, and solving mysteries.

Turns out that they are both right . . . though not quite in the way they imagined. When Lavender, tired of waiting around and arguing with Eliza, sets out to find her own prince, she instead runs into the evil count Mordmont (who is most definitely NOT a handsome prince in disguise), and it's up to Eliza to ride to the rescue on their faithful goat, Gertrude!

Sarah Courtauld is a fresh and funny new voice in children's fiction. She won the Funny Women Comedy Writing Award in 2012 and the BAFTA/Rocliffe New Writing Forum 2012, judged by a panel including Jennifer Saunders and Chris Addison. She also does stand-up and improv, as well as working part-time as a writer for Usborne Children's Books. *Buckle and Squash: The Perilous Princess Plot* is her debut novel.

**Praise For...**

**Winner of the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award for Fiction Ages 5-9**

"Witty writing combined with a cast of characters that are as ridiculous as they are memorable. . . . A fun read for chapter book and younger middle grade readers." - *School Library Journal*
Three kids protect the town of Sitting Duck from humorous invasions.

Sam, Arty, and Emmie are looking forward to summer vacation, but a zombie apocalypse is not exactly what they had in mind. When their crazy science teacher's even crazier experiment goes awry, suddenly their town of Sitting Duck is crawling with rabid, brain-eating zombies! The adults are busy panicking and screaming, so it is up to Sam (the leader), Arty (the brains), and Emmie (the rebel) to combine their skills and save the day.

Told by a highly opinionated narrator who is a character in his own right, Disaster Diaries: Zombies! offers handy and hilarious tips for surviving disasters. The outlandish scenarios, silly humor, and slapstick illustrations make this a must-read for disaster-loving kids with a great sense of humor.

R. McGeddon is absolutely sure the world is almost certainly going to probably end very soon. He is a strange, reclusive fellow—so reclusive, in fact, that no one has ever seen him, not even his mom. It’s believed that he goes by other names, including A. Pocalypse and N. Dov Days, but since no one’s ever met him in real life, it’s hard to say for sure. One thing we know is that when the zombie apocalypse comes, he’ll be ready!

The suspiciously happy, award-winning illustrator Jamie Littler hails from the mysterious, mythical southern lands of England. It is said that the only form of nourishment he needs is to draw, which he does on a constant basis.
Three kids protect the town of Sitting Duck from humorous invasions.

Sam, Arty, and Emmie once again find themselves in trouble when a mysterious UFO is spotted hovering above their town of Sitting Duck. The aliens are transmitting a signal, and Arty is the only one who can crack it. He makes contact, and he invites them down to earth. But when the bumbling mayor's welcome massively offends the aliens, they suddenly attack.

Sam, Arty, and Emmie form a resistance group to save Sitting Duck, but they must journey into the aliens' ship to defeat the aliens once and for all.

Reluctant readers will love the sidesplitting humor and silly survival tips to survive an alien invasion, like how to break a cosmic code, spot an alien, and deal with anti-gravity.

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Bad Kitty runs for president and encounters everything from electoral votes to absentee ballots, and makes it fun with the help of stickers.

It's time to elect a new president of the Neighborhood Cat Coalition! Who will win the election? The candidate chosen by the kitties on the right side of the street or the candidate chosen by the kitties on the left side of the street? When election time rolls around, one candidate (guess who?) will discover that she never bothered to register to vote and the entire election will be decided by a surprise, last minute absentee ballot sent by Old Kitty.

Nick Bruel is the author and illustrator of the phenomenally successful Bad Kitty series, including the 2012 and 2013 CBC Children's Choice Book Award winners Bad Kitty Meets the Baby and Bad Kitty for President. Nick has also written and illustrated popular picture books, including Who Is Melvin Bubble? and Bob and Otto. Nick lives with his wife and daughter in Westchester, New York. badkittybooks.com

Praise For...

CBC Children's Choice Book Award Winner

"While there is no doubt that Bad Kitty for President will provide some good-old page-turning enjoyment, readers should come away with some election knowledge to boot."

- School Library Journal

"With their trademark wit, Bruel and his bad Kitty are back."

- Booklist
When a friend's beloved pets go missing, Kate and Lucie are the girls—and the dogs!—to solve the mystery in Book 3 of the Ready, Set, Dogs! chapter book series.

Dog-lovers Kate and Lucie are back with more four-legged adventures! A new hot dog stand opens in town, and the girls rush to try it out. The food is delicious, and the company is hard to beat—Molly and Wally have two hot-dog dogs of their own: Ketchup and Mustard. Almost as soon as the stand opens, though, Ketchup and Mustard have gone missing. It's up to Kate and Lucie to use their special skill to transform into dogs and save the day, all the while dodging goofy boys and participating in the Bark-in-the-Park dog competition. These girls mean business!

Joanna Cole is the bestselling author of the Magic School Bus franchise. Joanna, a former elementary school teacher, has also written many bestselling picture books for children. She lives in North Carolina with her husband, Phil, and their two guinea pigs, Chuck and Wee Chuck.

Stephanie Calmenson is the author of many books, including Rosie, a Visiting Dog's Story and May I Pet Your Dog?, both starring her own dogs. She lives in New York City with her husband, Mark, and their dachshund, Harry.

Praise For...

No Dogs Allowed:

An Amazon.com Best Book of the Year

"Good-natured banter and silliness move the story along at a brisk pace." -Publishers Weekly

"This fun, quick read will have young dog lovers sitting up and begging for the next book in the series." -School Library Journal
Cody Harmon stars in this class-pet-show story--Book 5 in the popular Franklin School Friends series!

Cody Harmon doesn't love reading, math, spelling, or really any of the subjects that Miss Molina teaches in her third-grade class. But he lives on a farm and he loves animals--he even has nine pets--so when the school holds a pet-show fund-raiser, it should be his time to shine. There's a ten-dollar entrance fee per pet, though, and Cody can't pay it for all nine pets. He'd love to take his pig, but what about the others? In the end, Cody figures out a way to lend out his pets so that every person in the class (and every pet) gets to participate in the show.

A Margaret Ferguson Book

Claudia Mills is the acclaimed author of many books for children, including the first four books in the Franklin School Friends series: Kelsey Green, Reading Queen; Annika Riz, Math Whiz; Izzy Barr, Running Star; and Simon Ellis, Spelling Bee Champ. She lives in Boulder, Colorado. claudiamillsauthor.com

Rob Shepperson has illustrated many books for children, including the previous books in the Franklin School Friends series: Kelsey Green, Reading Queen; Annika Riz, Math Whiz; Izzy Barr, Running Star; and Simon Ellis, Spelling Bee Champ. He lives in Croton-on-Hudson, New York. robshepperson.com

Praise For...
The Franklin School Friends series:

"This bighearted series has something for everyone." -Kirkus Reviews

"Sure to be enjoyed by fans of Clementine, Ivy and Bean, and Judy Moody." -School Library Journal

"Mills delivers with a felicitous blend of breezy accessibility and perceptive understanding." -The Bulletin
The first book in a brand-new chapter book series by bestselling author-illustrator team Janet and Jake Tashjian, featuring Einstein the talking hamster, and his fabulous game show, Answer that Question.

Einstein the class hamster is from a long line of class hamsters. He knows lots of cool facts about science, art, and history--maybe even more than their sleepy teacher, Ms. Moreno. The class has a chance to compete in a trivia-game-show contest. But how can they get ready for the contest if Ms. Moreno keeps taking naps instead of teaching? More important, how can Einstein help the class prepare for the contest when the only kid who can hear him is Ned?

Janet and Jake Tashjian team up in this hilarious new chapter book series starring the lovable walking encyclopedia, game show-obsessed Einstein.

Janet Tashjian is the author of many popular novels including *My Life as a Book; My Life as a Stuntboy; My Life as a Cartoonist; Larry and the Meaning of Life; Vote for Larry; The Gospel According to Larry; Fault Line; Multiple Choice;* and *Tru Confessions.* She lives with her family in Los Angeles, California. janettashjian.com mylifeasabook.com

Jake Tashjian is the illustrator of the books in the *My Life* series.

Praise For...

"This is not just silly, goofy fun. Well, it is mostly silly, goofy fun, but readers will learn something, too. . . . A clever gigglefest of a series starter." -Booklist

"Jake Tashjian's manic, kid-scrawled spot illustrations have an energy that matches Einstein's, and there's an abundance of humor in both his artwork and in Janet Tashjian's writing." -Publishers Weekly
Four class pets save the day for their students in this illustrated chapter book.

Every school needs a little help now and then, especially PS 1000.

Sure, just like your school, PS 1000 has teachers, a principal, and a maintenance crew, who all keep everything running smoothly, but they don't do it alone!

Who do you think makes sure everyone gets back on the bus after a class trip? Who doesn't let the scenery in the school play accidentally fall over? Who fights off a gang of rampaging squirrels trying to steal chocolate pudding cups from the cafeteria?

The Class Pet Squad, that's who! And when a student leaves his beloved action figure behind in class, the CPS--a hamster, a turtle, a rabbit, and a lizard--have to find a way to get it back to him, even if it means crossing paths with a dog and, worse, a cat.

Dan Yaccarino is the author and illustrator of the novel Zorgoochi Intergalactic Pizza: Delivery of Doom, as well as numerous picture books, including Every Friday, Unlovable, and Doug Unplugged. He's also the creator of the hit animated TV series Oswald and Willa's Wild Life and the character designer behind The Backyardigans. Dan lives with his family in New York City. yaccarinostudio.com

Praise For...

Zorgoochi Intergalactic Pizza: Delivery of Doom:

"Pizza delivery has never been as dangerous or exciting . . . . The humor is decidedly goofy, but the story's charming sincerity makes it a delight."  
-Publishers Weekly

"The humor is perfectly attuned to the intended audience, and the cliff-hanger twist at the end will have them phoning in for the next order - er, installment. Yaccarino's hilarious illustrations are
An essential and entertaining users' guide to Minecraft by a wildly popular YouTube phenom!

This full color, user-friendly guide to one of the most popular computer games in the world is written by THE Minecraft expert in Germany, 19-year-old ConCrafter, who has more than 1.1 million followers on YouTube.

In this book – which is part guide and part gaming memoir – ConCrafter shares personal stories alongside new Minecraft tricks, awesome commands that gamers will love, and exclusive facts that will blow readers' minds.

A must-have for all beginner and intermediate-level players of Minecraft and fans of ConCrafter!

ConCrafter is one of the biggest players of Minecraft in Germany. In the summer of 2011, he started making videos about Minecraft and soon became one of the most famous German YouTube stars in the world. His channel has more than 1.1 million subscribers and every day his fan base grows. youtube.com/user/ConCrafter
Based on the Netflix series!

Prince Xander is coming to town for his launch into outer space--and the students of Maywood Glen Academy can’t stop talking about it. No one notices the mysterious new girl, McKeyla McAlister, who enrolls just before the big event.

The smartest girls at school are each gifted in a specific field: Adri in chemistry, Bry in technology, and Cam in engineering. They think McKeyla is I.A.W.A.T.S.T.--Interesting And Weird At The Same Time--and use their talents to discover she is an agent for NOV8 (that’s Innovate), a top secret organization of super smart women. Her assignment is to keep the prince safe!

With some high-tech gadgets, culinary chemistry, and awesome teamwork, these girls may just save the world.

Includes five experiments!

Jade Hemsworth splits her time between Los Angeles and New York. When she isn’t writing, she enjoys taking care of foster puppies and playing in her roller derby league.
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Emily's love of solving puzzles turns into a real-life mystery featuring a secret book, an intricate game, and bad guys out to get her.

For twelve-year-old Emily, the best thing about moving to San Francisco is that it's the home city of her literary idol: Garrison Griswold, book publisher and creator of the online sensation Book Scavenger (a game where books are hidden in cities all over the country and clues to find them are revealed through puzzles).

Upon arriving, however, Emily learns that Griswold has been attacked, and no one knows anything about the epic new game he had been poised to launch. Then Emily and her new friend James discover an odd book, which they come to believe is from Griswold himself. Racing against time, Emily and James try to uncover the secret at the heart of Griswold's new game—before Griswold's attackers find them.

Jennifer Chambliss Bertman was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. She holds an MFA in creative writing and has worked for literary agencies, magazines, educational publishers, and as a freelance copyeditor and proofreader. Book Scavenger is her debut novel.

Praise For...

"Full of heart and replete with challenging ciphers for readers to decode, Bertman's debut is literary cousin to classic puzzlers like The Westing Game, and a story that values books and reading above other pursuits . . . sure to be popular with voracious readers."—Publishers Weekly, starred review

"How I adored this book! It's a page-turning thriller, a valentine to the storied city of San Francisco, an exploration of the nature of friendship and family, a feast for puzzle aficionados and code breakers, and a love letter to reading itself. Both Emily and the wide world of books will thank you for this one."—Judith McNaught

JenniferChamblissBertman.com

BookScavenger.com

Also available

9781627796613
Something fishy is going on at the local fish factory, and Martin and his imaginary friend, Sean, are on the case!

It's lean times at the Moone household as Christmas looms closer, all Martin really wants is a Game Boy, but Sean warns him that he won't get such a costly gift. So Martin gets a job to buy his own amazing Christmas present.

Martin gets a job as a butcher boy, but there's not much for him to do. The fish shop across the street is booming with business, even though it barely employs anyone.

Feeling it's their job to get to the bottom of this fishiness (and also Martin is about to get fired until he suggests it), Martin and Sean infiltrate Francie "Touchy" Feely's fish factory as fish-moles. Martin and Sean find themselves deep in the stinky undercover business. Because that's what you do when you want really awesome Christmas presents.

Chris O'Dowd is best known for his roles in Bridesmaids, The IT Crowd, and the HBO show Family Tree. He's been cast in Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, coming in Spring 2016. He is the creator and star of the Hulu show Moone Boy, which was inspired by his own childhood in a small town in Ireland.

Nick V. Murphy is a writer and producer, best known for his work co-writing Moone Boy with Chris. He lives in Los Angeles with his family.

As seen in the show, the book will feature illustrations by animation studio Cartoon Saloon.
MARKETING
- Prepublication Buzz Marketing Campaign
- Select Author Appearances
- Major National Media Campaign
- Prepublication Trade & Major National Consumer Advertising Campaign
- Extensive Digital Marketing & Social Media Campaign
- Dedicated Series Website at mooneboybooks.com
- School & Library Marketing Campaign

PRAISE

Moone Boy: The Blunder Years:

"Clever premise . . . This story should keep its target audience of pre-pubescent boys giggling." - Kirkus Reviews
In Book 2 of The Creature from My Closet series, Rob discovers a mashup of Chewbacca and Harry Potter.

The latest creature to emerge from Rob's closet is a cross between Chewbacca from Star Wars and Harry Potter. Rob names him Potterwookiee ("Hairy" for short) and soon finds himself treading water as he tries to figure out how to care for his mixed-up friend. Hairy is quick to wave his wand, but the magic that unfolds isn't always, well, magical. Silly might be a better word.

Join Rob and the new creature from his closet in their hilarious dealings with girls, bullies, books, and more in this middle grade diary fiction offering.

Obert Skye is the author and illustrator of the Creature from My Closet series: Wonkenstein, Potterwookiee, Pinocula, Katfish, and Lord of the Hat. He has also written the bestselling children's fantasy adventure series Leven Thumps and Pillage, as well as Witherwood Reform School. He currently lives indoors and near a thin, winding road with his family. abituneven.com

Praise For...

Potterwookiee:

"Skye captures all the silly action in the winning text-plus-cartoons format. . . . Rob's dry commentary on his family, school, and social life is sure to provoke laughs." -Publishers Weekly

"The text is hysterical by itself, but acts as the straight man in relation to the one-two punch of the childlike drawings and captions that appear on almost every page. Get multiple copies of this book: it will fly off the shelves." -School Library Journal

"The second doll-sized literary mashup to come out of a wimpy kid's magic closet adds wizardly spells [and] noxious smells." -Kirkus Reviews
Hilarious, tender, and wise: Augie Hobble grapples with adolescence, paranormal mysteries, balky theme park rides, and heartbreaking loss in Lane Smith's brilliant debut novel.

Augie Hobble lives in a fairy tale—or at least Fairy Tale Place, the down-on-its-luck amusement park managed by his father. Yet his life is turning into a nightmare: he's failed creative arts and has to take summer school, the girl he has a crush on won't acknowledge him, and Hogg Wills and the school bullies won't leave him alone. Worse, a succession of mysterious, possibly paranormal events have him convinced that he's turning into a werewolf. At least Augie has his notebook and his best friend, Britt, to confide in—until the unthinkable happens and Augie's life is turned upside down, and those mysterious, possibly paranormal events take on a different meaning.

Lane Smith is a four-time recipient of the New York Times Best Illustrated Book Award and a two-time Caldecott Honor recipient, most recently for Grandpa Green. He is the author and illustrator of Abe Lincoln's Dream and It's a Book, which has been translated into more than twenty languages, among many other books. lanesmithbooks.com

Praise For...

"Smith huffs and puffs and blows the roof off his first novel. . . . Bravo!" -Booklist, starred review

"Great fun, with hardly a trope or theme left unspun." -Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"Two-time Caldecott Honoree Smith, in his first novel, does an impeccable job of introducing heartbreak while keeping the mood light." -Publishers Weekly, starred review

"The incomparable Lane Smith stombs triumphanty into the middle school playground with his first
You are invited to a Genovian Royal Wedding in this second book in our middle grade Princess Diaries spin-off series, written and illustrated by New York Times-bestselling author Meg Cabot.

Olivia Grace Clarisse Mignonette Harrison still finds it hard to believe that she's a real live PRINCESS OF GENOVIA who gets to live in an actual palace with a loving family, two fabulous poodles, and her very own pony!

Of course, things aren't going exactly like she imagined. Being a princess is way more complicated than she expected. Fortunately, Grandmeré is always happy to help with princess lessons, but her half-sister, Mia, is so busy ruling the country she barely has time for her own WEDDING; the palace is overrun with guests and caterers and extended family—including her snobby new cousin, Luisa (who is fast becoming the bane of Olivia's existence); and in the middle of all this, Olivia has to start attending the Royal Genovian Academy!

With so many things going on, can Olivia keep thi...
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-Extensive Digital Marketing & Social Media Campaign
-Dedicated Series Website at middleschoolprincessbooks.com
-Major School & Library Marketing Campaign

PRAISE

From the Notebooks of a Middle School Princess:

"The nation of Genovia gains a new resident in this amusing spin-off. . . . Cabot's own black and white cartoons further enliven Olivia's entertaining and candid notebook entries, which will have readers looking forward to her future escapades." -Publishers Weekly

"Cabot manages to combine wit and lavish details to positive effect. . . . newcomers to the Cabot magic will be charmed. A sweet fantasy, both funny and highly satisfying." -Kirkus Reviews

"This entertaining, quickly absorbing read will have readers anticipating the sequel." -Booklist

"This sweet and sassy spin-off featuring the younger half-sister of Princess Mia Thermopolis. . . . will be a perfect fit for Fancy Nancy alumni and readers not quite ready for Cabot's longer novels." -School Library Journal
Return to the world of Meg Cabot's bestselling and beloved Princess Diaries series, this time through the illustrated diary of a spunky new heroine.

The original Princess Diaries series sold over 5 million copies in the US (15 million worldwide), spent 82 weeks on the USA Today bestsellers list, and inspired two beloved films.

Olivia Grace Clarisse Mignonette Harrison is a completely average twelve-year-old--until the completely average day when everything goes wrong. The most popular girl in school threatens to beat her up, the principal gives her a demerit, and she's knocked to the ground at the bus stop.

Then a limo containing Princess Mia Thermopolis of Genovia (her very own half-sister!!!) arrives, and Olivia's off to New York to finally meet her father, who promptly invites her to come live with him, Mia, Grandmere, and their two fabulous poodles...

Maybe Olivia isn't so average after all!

Meg Cabot is the #1 New York Times-bestselling author of the Princess Diaries series. Born and raised in Bloomington, Indiana, Meg also lived in Grenoble, France, and Carmel, California, before moving to New York City after graduating with a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Indiana University. She is the author of numerous books for adults and children, including five #1 New York Times bestsellers. Over 25 million copies of her books have been sold worldwide. Meg Cabot currently lives in Key West, Florida with her husband and cat. megcabot.com

Praise For...

"Amusing spin-off... Cabot's own black and white cartoons further enliven Olivia's entertaining and candid notebook entries, which will have readers looking forward to her future escapades." - Publishers Weekly
From National Book Award-winning Kimberly Willis Holt, a historical middle grade novel set in 1948 in which a young girl writes letters to country-music star Hank Williams to cope with turmoil at home.

It's 1948 in Rippling Creek, Louisiana, and Tate P. Ellerbee's new teacher has just given her class an assignment: learning the art of letter-writing. Luckily, Tate has the perfect person in mind for a pen pal: Hank Williams, a country music singer-songwriter whose star has just begun to rise. Tate and her aunt and uncle listen to him on the radio every Saturday night, and Tate just knows that she and Hank are kindred spirits.

Told entirely through Tate's hopeful letters, this new novel from National Book Award-winning author Kimberly Willis Holt gradually unfolds a story of overcoming tragedy, of family love, of small-town gossip, and of a young girl learning to find her voice.

Kimberly Willis Holt is the author of many award-winning novels for young adults and children, including The Water Seeker, My Louisiana Sky, and When Zachary Beaver Came to Town, winner of a National Book Award for Young People's Literature. She is also the author of the bestselling Piper Reed series of chapter books and several picture books. Holt was born in Pensacola, Florida, and has lived all over the U.S. and the world--from Paris to Norfolk to Guam to New Orleans. She now lives in Texas with her family. kimberlywillisholt.com

Praise For...

"The strength of this novel lies in the insight Tate develops as she deals with tragedy and depends on the love of family. . . . Artfully told, this middle grade novel pleases on many levels." -School Library Journal, starred review
Just in time for summer, a middle grade body-switch story in the vein of *Freaky Friday* with best friends and boy trouble.

Twelve-year-old Katie is insanely jealous of her best friend, Melody. Turns out Melody is jealous of Katie, too. When they wish for the exact same thing—to be in each other's shoes—at the exact same moment, their wishes are granted. They'll be redoing the summer, except this time as each other. In this be-careful-what-you-wish-for tale, two best friends learn that the grass is not always greener on the other side.

**Leslie Margolis** is the author of *Boys Are Dogs, Girls Acting Catty, Everybody Bugs Out, One Tough Chick*, and other books. She lives in Los Angeles, California. lesliemargolis.com

**Praise For...**

*If I Were You:*

"Margolis uses a light touch as she navigates the challenges of growing up and changing friendships. Her characters are fully formed and sympathetic in a fresh take on the age-old idea that there's no place like home." - *Publishers Weekly*

*Girls Acting Catty:*

"Margolis handles Annabelle's minor crises with sensitivity and humor, whether describing her first experience shaving her legs, buying her first bra, or standing up for herself even when it means losing a friend." - *School Library Journal*

*Boys Are Dogs:*

"This clever and humorous premise is deftly handled to create a believable and enjoyable tale with a likable and resourceful heroine whose trials, tribulations, and triumphs will have others wanting a training manual of their own." - *School Library Journal*

*Girl's Best Friend* (Maggie Brooklyn Mystery):

"This is my kind of book! . . . Lots of twists and..."
An average boy meets a not-so-average-sized giant!

When thirteen-year-old Charlie Lawson discovers a giant (yes, a real giant) hiding in an abandoned warehouse, he finds himself smack in the middle of a doctor's evil plot to capture these harmless, gentle creatures and harvest their growth hormones.

On the other side of this fight, a small secret group of humans try to help the giants--Bruce in particular--from being exposed. Charlie joins them to fight for what is right, but more than that, he just wants his friend Bruce to be free of being anyone's guinea pig.

This middle grade debut is an exciting look into a world of evil doctors with even eviler plans and an average boy with a not-so-average-sized new friend.

Matt Solomon was the co-author of Deck Z: The Titanic, a Junior Library Guild and Scholastic Book Club selection. He is a regular contributor to the Onion. He lives in Madison, Wisconsin.

Chris Pauls has been a contributing writer for the Onion for over a decade. He also co-authored the novel Deck Z: The Titanic with Matt Solomon. Chris lives in Middleton, Wisconsin.
A summer outdoor middle grade adventure from an award-winning author about two boys who build an awesome fort and tangle with bullies.

In this boys-will-be-boys summer story about friendship and revenge, eleven-year-old Wyatt and his friend Augie aren’t looking for a fight. They’re having the best summer of their lives hanging out in the fort they built in the woods, fishing and hunting, cooking over a campfire, and sleeping out. But when two older guys mess with the fort—and with another kid who can’t fight back—the friends are forced to launch Operation Doom, with unexpected results for all concerned.

Cynthia DeFelice is the author of many favorite middle grade adventures, including Weasel and Wild Life. Her books have been nominated for an Edgar Allan Poe Award and been named ALA Notable Children’s Books and Bank Street Best Children’s Books of the Year, among numerous other honors. She lives in upstate New York.
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Praise For...
"Upbeat, engaging and satisfying; altogether a very fine book, especially for boys looking for a bit of believable, achievable adventure." -Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"Classic summer adventure . . . DeFelice doesn’t shy away from the gritty realities of outdoor life, and that’s what sets the book apart . . . Readers will appreciate the reminder that fun like this is still possible." -The New York Times Book Review

"DeFelice smoothly advances the plot to a satisfying climax and conclusion . . . for this adventuresome, good-hearted, but never goody-goody pair. Wyatt is a sympathetic narrator with a realistic blend of thoughtfulness and daring." -Publishers Weekly
A debut summer mystery with a breathtaking twist you won't see coming

Who killed Annabel Harper?

When a popular teen beauty's body is discovered by the pool at an elite tennis club, the regulars are shocked—especially twelve-year-old Evie and her best friend, Chelsea. While everyone else is haunted by the teen’s death, Evie and Chelsea jump on the case, dogging the footsteps of the lead detective as he investigates. As temperatures soar over the summer, tensions rise, fingers are pointed, and a heroic act sets in motion a chain of events readers will never see coming.

In the tradition of The Westing Game comes this debut mystery with a breathtaking twist.

Sara Hammel is a former ranked tennis player and an award-winning journalist with more than ten years' experience writing for major publications including People, The Sunday Times Magazine (UK), U.S. News & World Report, Glamour, and Shape.
The first book in the Sasquatch and Aliens series about two friends who solve a mystery involving underpants, an alien, and, of course, a Sasquatch!

Nine-year-old Morgan is fascinated with aliens. When he meets new kid Lewis, whose parents own a motel named the Stay On Inn, the adventures begin with slingshots, underpants, an annoying older sister, and neighbors dressed up in bear suits. But one adventure trumps all the rest—a real alien encounter! How can they get others to believe they saw what they saw? They decide to hatch a plan to make their case.

Charise Mericle Harper’s smart storytelling style is chock-full of amusing illustrations that make this an ideal choice for reluctant readers and fans of diary fiction.

Charise Mericle Harper has created many books for children, including Alien Encounter, the popular Fashion Kitty series, the Just Grace books, and Henry’s Heart. She lives in Mamaroneck, New York, with her family. charisaharper.com

Praise For...
"The book really shines in its development of Morgan as a kid still figuring himself out in the context of a new relationship, and in its never-missing-a beat humor." -The Bulletin

"Young fans of the Magic Tree House mysteries will warm to Morgan and Lewis and eagerly await the next installment of their antics." -Booklist

"With an authentic, zany splash of fourth-grade humor, perspective, and imagination, this inaugural series title targets boys and will captivate elementary readers." -School Library Journal

"This book is the first of a series, and the seeds of its sequel are firmly sown, the alien's identity barely solved when a sasquatch turns up. It's all funny and
From the author of *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* comes another extraordinary story of World War II and innocence in the face of evil.

When Pierrot becomes an orphan, he must leave his home in Paris for a new life with his aunt Beatrix, a servant in a wealthy Austrian household. But this is no ordinary time, for it is 1935 and the Second World War is fast approaching; and this is no ordinary house, for this is the Berghof, the home of Adolf Hitler.

Quickly, Pierrot is taken under Hitler's wing and is thrown into an increasingly dangerous new world: one of terror, secrets, and betrayal from which he may never be able to escape.

*John Boyne* is the author of many novels for adults and for children, including *Stay Where You Are and Then Leave* and the #1 *New York Times*-bestselling *The Boy In The Striped Pajamas*. He lives in Dublin, Ireland.

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PRAISE

Stay Where You Are and Then Leave:

"This is an excellent and approachable introduction to the traumas of war. . . . Not simply a book about the horrors of shellshock but also a comprehensive depiction of many different aspects of life during the World War I." - School Library Journal

"Boyne has an eye for period details, an ear for dialogue, and a knack for creating individual, consistent characters." - Booklist

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas:

"In the final pages, the tension rises precipitously and the harrowing ending, in which Bruno does finally act, is sure to take readers' breath away." - Publishers Weekly

"Deeply affecting . . . beautiful and sparsely written." - The Wall Street Journal

"A small wonder of a book . . . This is what fiction is supposed to do." - The Guardian

"Powerful and unsettling . . . As memorable an introduction to the subject as The Diary of Anne Frank." - USA Today
In this sequel to *The Book of Storms*, eleven-year-old Danny and his friend travel to a shadowy netherworld to stop the demonic Sammael.

After rescuing his parents, Danny returns to his old life, burying the taro that allowed him to speak to animals, trees, and the very storms that led to his adventure. Danny thinks he's left magic and mystery behind, but Sammael, a creature of terrible imagination, refuses to let him go.

A strange, new girl, Cath, enters Danny's world, bringing with her a message: Danny's cousin Tom has sold his soul to Sammael. It's up to Danny and Cath to find Tom and stop Sammael, who seeks to destroy humankind once and for all.

Ruth Hatfield is a sometime archaeologist, sometime technician who lives in Cambridge, England. When she's not writing or digging or making circuit boards, she spends her time belting around on a bike and roaming the countryside on her cantankerous horse. This is the follow-up to her debut book, *The Book of Storms*.

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Praise For...

*The Book of Storms:*

"Confident storytelling lays a solid foundation for Book 1 of this original middle-grade fantasy trilogy. . . . A powerfully conceived and executed story that adds a wholly original element to the fantasy genre." - *Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"The gripping pace and complex moral musings pair with a setting that is so vividly described that it becomes a character itself. Readers will eagerly anticipate the next volume." - *The Bulletin*

"The extraordinary comes out from hiding behind the ordinary in Hatfield's debut novel. . . . This fanciful book brings new awareness of the natural world." - *VOYA*
The story of a young boy whose parents go missing, sending him on a quest to find the Book of Storms.

Eleven-year-old Danny O’Neill has never been what you’d call adventurous. But when he wakes the morning after a storm to find his house empty, his parents gone, and himself able to hear the thoughts of a dying tree, he has no choice but to set out on a quest to find answers. He soon learns that the enigmatic Book of Storms holds the key to what he seeks . . . but unraveling its mysteries won’t be easy. If he wants to find his family, he’ll have to face his worst fears, battle terrifyingly powerful enemies, and confront a shadowy and demonic figure: Sammael.

This powerfully written debut reveals a world where magic seamlessly intertwines with the everyday and nothing is black and white. For Danny, the only certain thing is that time is running out . . . and he must hurry if he wants to rescue everything.

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In this new middle grade novel written and illustrated by Newbery Honor author Eugene Yelchin, young Prince Lev goes to live at his family's estate, where he'll discover a dark history and the weight of his grandfather's legacy.


When twelve-year-old Prince Lev Lvov goes to live with his aunt at Falcon House, he takes his rightful place as heir to the Lvov family estate. Prince Lev dreams of becoming a hero of Russia like his great ancestors. But he'll discover that dark secrets haunt this house. Prince Lev is the only one who can set them free. Will he be the hero his family needs?

Eugene Yelchin is the author and illustrator of Arcady's Goal and the Newbery Honor Book Breaking Stalin's Nose. Born and educated in Russia, he left the former Soviet Union when he was twenty-seven years old. Mr. Yelchin has also illustrated several books for children, including Crybaby, Who Ate All the Cookie Dough?, Won Ton, and Won Ton and Chopstick. He lives in California with his wife and children. eugeneyelchin.com
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PRAISE

Arcady's Goal:

"Two survivors of Stalinist oppression attempt to form a family in this companion to the 2012 Newbery Honor-winning Breaking Stalin's Nose. . . . An uplifting, believable ending makes this companion lighter - but no less affecting - than its laureled predecessor." - Kirkus Reviews

Breaking Stalin's Nose (Newbery Honor Book):

"Mr. Yelchin has compressed into two days of events an entire epoch, giving young readers a glimpse of the precariousness of life in a capricious yet ever-watchful totalitarian state." - The Wall Street Journal

"A miracle of brevity, this affecting novel zeroes in on two days and one boy to personalize Stalin's killing machine of the '30s. . . . Black-and-white drawings march across the pages to juxtapose hope and fear, truth and tyranny, small moments and historical forces, innocence and evil. This Newbery Honor book offers timeless lessons about dictatorship, disillusionment and personal choice." - San Francisco Chronicle

"The cat-and-mouse chase that pits Sasha's whole world against him will rivet middle-grade readers, ...
A funny and heartwarming debut middle grade novel about two sisters on the road--and on their own.

After their mother's death, twelve-year-old Liberty and her eight-year-old sister are sent to live with their father, whom they haven't seen in years. Things are great at first; the girls are so excited to get to know their father, who, for the summer, is traveling around in an RV. But soon the pressure becomes too much for him, and he abandons the girls at the Jiffy Company Gas Station.

Instead of waiting for someone to come to their rescue, Liberty takes matters into her own hands. On the sisters' journey to get home, they encounter a menacing gas station attendant, a tattooed trucker, a woman who lives with many very unusual pets, and a host of other characters. When all seems lost, they get some help from an unlikely source, and they learn that sometimes you have to get a little bit lost to be found.

Jen White holds an MFA in writing for children and young adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts. She lives in San Clemente, California, with her family. *Survival Strategies of the Almost Brave* is her debut novel.

**Praise For...**

"A satisfying picaresque escapade. . . . The ending. . . . is happy yet realistic."  - *School Library Journal*
Meet Ben, a very funny ten-year-old who thinks his life is pretty miserable most of the time.

Ben Hunter has a miserable life--M-I-S-E-R-A-B-L-E! His mom won't let him eat sugar or even go for a bike ride unchaperoned, and a bully at school steals all of his friends. Told in Ben's voice, through entries from his school journal with commentary from his teacher, this very funny and often poignant narrative chronicles an eventful year in the life of an irrepressible yet equally endearing fourth grader who's intent on having his voice heard.

A Christy Ottaviano Book

F. L. Block, winner of the prestigious Margaret A. Edwards Lifetime Achievement Award, is the author of many acclaimed and bestselling books for teens and adults.

Praise For...

Love in the Time of Global Warming:

American Library Association Rainbow Award Winner
A Bank Street Best Book of the Year

"Literary-minded readers will enjoy teasing out the allusions to Homer...but knowledge of the classics is not a requirement to be swept up in the tatterdemalion beauty of the story's lavish, looping language."
-Publishers Weekly, starred review

"Magic is no stranger to Block's world, nor is her signature poetic sensibility. And love, in its many varieties and forms, is celebrated, as always."
-Booklist

"The juxtapositions, too, are pulled off flawlessly: the disgusting, deathly, anxious, and devastating are, improbably--through Pen's astute eyes--also beautiful, lively, serene, and hopeful. Block achieves these and other heroic literary feats in this sophisticated melding of post-apocalyptic setting, re-imagined classic, and her signature magical realism." -The Horn Book
A swashbuckling story of a girl and a boy, an evil magician, a merry band of pirates, and an unthinkable quest.

Twelve-year-old Brine Seaborne is a girl with a past . . . if only she could remember what it is. Found alone in a rowboat as a child, clutching a shard of the rare starshell needed for spell-casting, she's spent every day since housekeeping for an irritable magician and his obnoxious apprentice, Peter.

But everything changes when Brine and Peter fly the coop and blunder into the path of the legendary pirate ship the *Onion*. Before you can say "pieces of eight," they're up to their necks in pirates' quest to find Magical North, a place so shrouded in secrets and myth that most people don't even think it exists.

At the end of it all, will this crew find the treasure they seek?

Claire Fayers lives in South Wales with her husband and as many cats as she can get away with. *The Voyage to Magical North* is her first novel.

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Set in Depression-era Virginia, this is the story of orphaned Amelia and her struggle to keep her siblings together.

With her mama recently dead and her pa sight unseen since birth, fourteen-year-old Amelia is suddenly in charge of her younger brother and sister, and of the family gas station. Harley Blevins, local king and emperor of Standard Oil, is in hot pursuit to clinch his fuel monopoly. To keep him at bay and her family out of foster care, Melia must come up with a father, and fast. And so when a hobo rolls out of a passing truck, Melia grabs opportunity by its beard. Can she hold off the hounds till she comes of age?

Louis Bayard is a New York Times Notable author and has been nominated for both the Edgar and Dagger Awards for his adult historical thrillers, which include The Pale Blue Eye and Mr. Timothy. He teaches creative writing at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. louisbayard.com
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In this bittersweet middle grade novel about friendship, a girl watches her best friend lose her way as they drift apart.

Val and Lanora have been friends forever. Val expects their relationship to stay the same. But after they start middle school, Lanora decides to reinvent herself. Her parents have split up, and she wants to rise above that. Unfortunately Lanora's choices lead her into trouble. Val hates watching her friend lose her way. She wants to rescue Lanora, but how? Val doesn't know what to do until a stray cat leads her to a strange boy who lives in an even stranger bookshop. Together they embark on a quest. Will they be able to save a lost friend? Will they get lost themselves? Or will they find a way to help each other become who they want to be?

Jane Kelley has created a nuanced, universal story about friendship and that delicate time of adolescence when there is much to lose and much more to find.

Jane Kelley is the author of the middle grade novels The Desperate Adventures of Zeno and Alya, Nature Girl, and The Girl Behind the Glass. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband and their daughter. janekelleybooks.com

Praise For...

The Desperate Adventures of Zeno and Alya:

"Sprinkled with humor . . . Fast paced and will appeal to a wide range of readers." -School Library Journal

"For animal lovers looking for something unique, this story of true friends missing each other will fit the bill." -The Bulletin

"An uplifting story of courage, resilience, and cross-species friendship." -Publishers Weekly
A sunny fish-out-of-water story about a city girl who finds unexpected adventure on a New England island.

Twelve-year-old Maria lives a lonely, latchkey-kid's life in the Bronx. Her Lebanese mother is working two nursing jobs to keep them afloat, and Maria keeps her worries to herself, not wanting to be a burden. Then something happens one day between home and school that changes everything. Mom whisks them to an altogether different world on Martha's Vineyard, where she's found a job on a seaside estate. While the mysterious bedridden owner--a former film director--keeps her mother busy, Maria has the freedom to explore a place she thought could only exist in the movies. Making friends with a troublesome local character, Maria finds an old sailboat. She also stumbles upon an old map that she is sure will lead to pirate's plunder--but golden treasure may not be the valuable thing she discovers for herself th...

Michelle Chalfoun is the author of two acclaimed adult novels, *Roustabout* and *Width of the Sea*. She is a pediatric nurse who lives with her husband and children on Long Island, New York. This is her first book for young readers.

**Praise For...**

**Roustabout**:

"A tour-de-force of narrative energy . . . Had me turning the pages as if it were a thriller." -*Vogue*

**Width of the Sea**:

School, sports, and friendship are at the center of this second book in a new series that's "pure fun with a lot of heart." (SLJ)

Just when they think they've got the hang of things, Rip and Red find that fifth grade continues to challenge them in head-spinning ways. Tiki, a new girl whose Egyptian dad is an animal-rights activist, has just joined their class. She's charismatic, funny--and she's got game! Rip has his world turned upside down as Tiki proves to be tough competition on the Clifton United basketball team and leads a rebellion against the lousy new food service in the school cafeteria. Red--a kid on the autism spectrum--is struggling with the upheavals as well. But as these two funky and funny best friends discover, sometimes radical change is the right move, on the court and off.

Phil Bildner is a former New York City public school teacher who lives in Newburgh, New York. The author of many books, he speaks at numerous schools and libraries every year. philbildner.com

Tim Probert also illustrated Kim Baker's novel Pickle. He lives in New York City. timprobert.com
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*A Whole New Ballgame:*

"Narrated by Rip . . . . the book depicts the evolution of a group of fifth graders who learn a lot, grow a lot, and help one another . . . . Pure fun with a lot of heart." *School Library Journal*

"If the students are inspiring, so is [their teacher] Mr. Acevedo, who risks his job to do such radical things as reading aloud and encouraging free reading. (He's supposed to be preparing the kids to take tests!) Probert's cartoonish illustrations lend energy and personality to the likable cast of characters." *Kirkus Reviews*

"This warm slice-of-life novel from Bildner engages and entertains . . . . Probert's energetic illustrations match the positive exuberance of the story." *Booklist*
A fresh, funky middle school, sports, and friendship story about best friends tackling fifth-grade challenges.

Rip and Red are best friends whose fifth-grade year is nothing like what they expected. They have a crazy new teacher named Mr. Acevedo who doesn't believe in tests or homework and likes off-the-wall projects--the more "off" the better. They also find themselves with a new basketball coach: Mr. Acevedo! Now Rip is knocked completely out of his comfort zone, and for Red, who has ASD, the changes are even more of a struggle. But the boys are a great team who know how to help each other and find ways to make a difference in the classroom and on the court.

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A feel-good middle grade debut with just a hint of magic about a girl who has a rare disorder that makes the words other people say about her appear on her body.

Ever since she was a baby, the words people use to describe Elyse have instantly appeared on her arms and legs. At first it was just "cute" and "adorable," but as she's gotten older and kids have gotten meaner, words like "loser" and "pathetic" appear, and those words bubble up and itch. And then there are words like "interesting," which she's not really sure how to feel about. Now, at age twelve, she's starting middle school, and just when her friends who used to accept and protect her are drifting away, she receives an anonymous note saying "I know who you are, and I know what you're dealing with. I want to help." As Elyse works to solve the mystery of who is sending her these notes, she also finds new ways to accept who she is and to become her best self.

Abby Cooper is a librarian for early-elementary school students. She has also previously worked as a K-8 library media specialist. *Sticks and Stones* is her first novel.
An eerie middle-grade mystery about a missing mother who might be a selkie.

In their present-day tourist trap of a seaside town, famed for its supposed involvement with selkies in the past, three sisters are faced with the sudden disappearance of their mother. Crushed by the loss, their father is struggling to carry on. To make matters worse, there are rumors afloat in the village that their mother herself is a selkie who has now shed her human form and gone back to sea. As Cordie Sullivan, the oldest daughter, tries to learn more about her mother's vanishing, she must find the strength to help her family move ahead, even as she discovers an increasing number of clues that point to a hidden island off the coast—a mythical kingdom of the selkies.

Shelley Moore Thomas is the author of several books, including the bedtime favorite Good Night, Good Knight. In addition to being an author, she is an elementary school teacher and a professional storyteller. Ms. Thomas lives in Oceanside, California. shelleymoorethomas.blogspot.com

Praise For...

"Cordie's seaside fairy tale cast a spell on my imagination. If I lift up the pages and listen closely, I'm certain I can hear the ocean." -Natalie Lloyd, author of A Snicker of Magic

"Explores grief and loss, as well as the comforting power of stories and belief in magic that can chase away sadness . . . Cleverly toys with readers' expectations . . . and the fanciful folktales interspersed throughout the novel add plenty of charm. -Booklist

"Secrets of Selkie Bay lies somewhere between fantasy and reality, creating a wonderful place where readers can be both pragmatists and believers in all things magical, like the characters who inhabit the pages of this poignant, bewitching book." -Nikki Loftin, author of Wish Girl

"Thomas spins a tale in present-day Ireland of a
Douglas Adams meets *Men in Black* in this hilarious middle grade adventure.

**Memo: For Ministry of Strange, Unusual, and Impossible Things Operatives Only**

There is trouble in Belfast: Oddball kids are going missing, there are unconfirmed signs of pirates, and a wild bear has escaped from the museum.

Fortunately, our newest recruits--Jack Pearse, a curious boy skilled at logical thinking, and Trudy Emerson, the most dangerous girl in school--are on the case. As per policy, they are being trained in The Speed (patent pending) and have full access to Ministry supplies (assuming the paperwork doesn't drive them insane), so we are confident that they can discover and foil this villainous plot.

Please provide any assistance possible, as they are only twelve and have to be in bed by 10:00 p.m.

P.S. Could all Ministry operatives who borrowed dinosaurs please return them? We're running low.

**Paul Gamble** was born and brought up in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He currently works in the civil service. His job only occasionally involves working with dinosaurs. *The Ministry of SUITs* is his debut novel.
The mystery of the island deepens as members of the Robinson family disappear and strange animals are discovered in Book 2 of the Shipwreck Island series.

Sarah Robinson and her family are shipwrecked on a remote and mysterious island. Their food is running out, and their fear is escalating--there is no sign of rescue. The mysterious girl they found unconscious at the beach is healing, and what she tells them about the strange island and especially about someone called the Keeper has the family on edge. When Sarah's dad and Marco's younger brother go missing, the mystery becomes dangerous. Now it's a matter of life and death. Now the family is truly lost.

S. A. Bodeen is the author of several acclaimed teen novels, including The Compound, and of Shipwreck Island, the first book in this series for middle-grade readers. She lives in Minnesota with her family. writersabodeen.com

Praise For...

The Shipwreck Island series:

"In this exciting series debut, 12-year-old Sarah Robinson responds with ill-grace to her father's remarriage after six year as a widower . . . Intensely readable and will be excellent for reluctant readers." -School Library Journal

"The first in a series, a contemporary castaway tale featuring a blended family . . . This book will leave readers hungry for a second helping." -Kirkus Reviews

The Compound:

"A thriller that exerts an ever-tighter grip on readers . . . The audience will feel the pressure closing in on them as they, like the characters, race through hairpin turns in the plot toward a breathless climax." -Publishers Weekly, starred review
It's up to Sarah Robinson to save her shipwrecked family from a time-traveling "curator" of souls and a treasure-hunting criminal in Book 3 of the Shipwreck Island series.

Sarah Robinson and her family are shipwrecked on a remote and mysterious island. Their food is scarce and there's no sign of rescue. They have seen strange creatures, rescued a mysterious girl, and found The Curator, who has captured Sarah's father and stepbrother to use in a bizarre time-travel experiment. And then the only man who knows about the island comes back--he's looking for buried treasure and won't leave without it, even if it means leaving the Robinsons stranded. Sarah knows an important key to finding the treasure, but will she keep it a secret?

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-Kirkus Reviews
Join a twelve-year-old boy's accidental adventure through parallel worlds in this sweeping, new action-adventure series.

When Patrick Griffin passes out after a chemistry experiment gone bad, he wakes up in a strange parallel world, where everyone has huge eyes and tiny ears, and is addicted to smartphones called "binkies." At first, Patrick thinks he's in a weird dream, but he's about to realize he's on an adventure beyond his wildest imagination.

Meanwhile, a huge rabbit-like creature named Mr. BunBun is roaming through Patrick's hometown, leaving a trail of chaos behind it. Its mission? To save Earth from imminent doom.

See what happens when the fate of three worlds lies in the hands of one boy and one gigantic bunny . . .

It's Douglas Adams-meets-Kurt Vonnegut in this hilarious, smart, and mind-bending new series. Imagine if 1984 were even remotely funny.

Ned Rust is the co-author of two books in the Daniel X series and Witch and Wizard: The Gift with James Patterson. He lives in Croton, New York, with his wife, son, and daughter. nedrust.net
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PRAISE

“Patrick Griffin’s Last Breakfast on Earth is part *Narnia*, part *Home Alone*. It wouldn’t have shocked me to learn the book had been written by some guy named Lemony Vonnegut.” —James Patterson, New York Times bestselling author

“Clever, in both language and world-building, sly, often hilarious and always fresh, this new series will be welcomed with cheers by middle-schoolers.” —Lauren L. Wohl, author and publishing consultant

“Alien invasion political thriller crashes screwball family sitcom. Uproarious fun for the preteen Occupy Generation.” —Andy Laties, Bank Street Bookstore
Being a hero isn't always what it's cracked up to be, in this funny and heartfelt novel from adult fantasy author Kelly McCullough.

Evan Quick is a GIANT superhero geek who dreams of one day becoming a hero himself. Every morning he checks to see if he's developed his powers, and every day there's nothing. No flying, no super strength, no invulnerability, no telepathy, no magic. Not even the ability to turn off the alarm clock without smacking the switch.

But then Evan somehow manages to survive a supervillain's death ray, and is sent to the Academy for Metahuman Operatives. Unfortunately, his new school is not what he expected, and instead of fighting bad guys, Evan finds himself blacklisted, and on the wrong side of the school's director. If Evan ever wants to realize his dream, he must convince his "mentor" Foxman, a semi-retired has-been, to become a real hero once again.

Kelly McCullough is the author of the adult fantasy series Webmage and Assassin's Blade. School for Sidekicks is his first novel for young readers. He lives in Wisconsin with his physics professor wife and a small herd of cats, all of whom he adores. kellymccullough.com

Praise For...

"Evan is a likable protagonist, and the story is infused with equal measures of wit and action. This will appeal to middle grade readers looking for slightly campy superhero stories." -School Library Journal

Praise for Kelly McCullough:

"Let loose in McCullough's delightfully skewed and fully formed world. . . . McCullough handles his plot with unfailing invention, orchestrating a mixture of humor, philosophy and programming insights...This is the kind of title that could inspire an army of rabid fans." -Publishers Weekly on Webmage, starred
When Hurricane Katrina tears thirteen-year-old Reesie's family apart, she learns to find strength in herself.

Reesie Boone just knows that thirteen is going to be her best year yet--this will be the year she makes her very first fashion design on her Ma Maw's sewing machine. She'll skip down the streets of New Orleans with her best friends, Ayanna and Orlando, and everyone will look at her in admiration.

But on Reesie's birthday, everything changes. Hurricane Katrina hits her city. Stranded at home alone, Reesie takes refuge with her elderly neighbor, Miss Martine. The waters rise. They escape in a boat. And soon Reesie is reunited with her family. But her journey back home has only begun.

This is a story of a family putting itself back together, and a young girl learning to find herself.

Denise Lewis Patrick is the author of many books for children and young adults, including The Adventures of Midnight Son, the American Girl Cecile books, and A Matter of Souls, a young adult short story collection. She has worked in publishing as both a writer and an editor, and teaches college courses as an adjunct professor of writing. She is pursuing her MFA in creative writing. Born in Natchitoches, Louisiana, she lives in New Jersey with her family. deniselewispatrick.com

Praise For...

"The pacing of the book mirrors the build up of the storm, starting out slowly, and picking up momentum...Patrick excels at creating believable, multigenerational communities." -School Library Journal

"Patrick builds to the climax beautifully and delivers a character who puts readers in the moment. A perfect storm of suspense and fine character building." -Kirkus Reviews
The mysteries continue in Book 2 of this middle grade series about a genius girl detective who solves crimes at her boarding school.

Who knew boarding school could be this dangerous?!

When Friday Barnes cracked the case of the mysterious swamp-yeti in Book 1, the last thing she expected was to be placed under arrest. And even though she saved Ian Wainscott, the cutest boy in class, he seems to despise her more than ever. It looks like boarding school wasn't the smartest idea.

But mysteries still abound, like a missing calculator, the strange holes in the school field, and why the new boy, Christopher, is being so nice to her. Soon Friday is back to business, navigating the dangerous grounds of Highcrest Academy, deciphering a decades-old mystery, and getting caught in an unexpected love triangle.

R. A. Spratt is an award-winning author with sixteen years of experience writing comedy and children's programs for TV. She's the author of the Nanny Piggins series, which went on to nine bestselling volumes in Australia. She lives in Bowral, Australia, with her husband and two daughters. raspratt.com

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PRAISE

*Friday Barnes, Girl Detective:*

"With off-the-wall plot turns and small mysteries scattered throughout, this is the perfect choice for mystery fans with a silly sense of humor, and the cliff-hanger ending promises more sleuthing on the horizon. Gosier’s black-and-white spot illustrations add to the charming atmosphere. A sheer delight." — *Booklist, starred review*

"Spratt’s (the Nanny Piggins series) effortlessly funny narration will keep readers laughing from start to finish."— *Publishers Weekly, starred review*

"Quirky, tongue-in-cheek... delightfully eccentric... A good choice for voracious readers who enjoy a blend of humor and mystery."— *School Library Journal*

"Spratt begins this new series with a nifty, engaging protagonist who can keep readers laughing and help young geeks feel good about themselves... Delightful, highly logical, and well-informed fun." — *Kirkus*

*The Adventures of Nanny Piggins:*

"Mary Poppins, move over--or get shoved out of the way. Nanny Piggins has arrived." - *Booklist, starred review*
As graduation day approaches, Charlie Joe is starting to realize being a kid isn't so bad after all, in this hilarious, final installment of the illustrated Charlie Joe Jackson series.

Yes! Graduation day is finally here! Charlie Joe has been waiting for this moment his entire middle school career. This might even be the best day of his life. No more teachers! No more books! Just make it through the ceremony and he's free. But suddenly things around him are starting to change. Words like responsibility and college prep keep popping out of his friend's mouths. What happened to words like fun and pool party? And come to think of it, doesn't high school bring more teachers and more books? Maybe this whole growing up thing isn't such a good idea after all. Actually, being a kid is pretty darn fun! Surely Charlie Joe can figure out a way to put the brakes on growing up--and fast!

Tommy Greenwald--according to his wife, Cathy--has the maturity level of a thirteen-year-old, which makes him uniquely qualified to write this book. He has had the best time ever writing the Charlie Joe Jackson series, and is looking forward to his next challenge, which may involve dogs, or chocolate, or both. He is also the author of Jack Strong Takes a Stand and Katie Friedman Gives Up Texting! (And Lives to Tell About It). To read annoyingly outdated information about Tommy, please visit tommygreenwald.com. @tommygreenwald

Praise For...

Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading:

"In author Tommy Greenwald's raucous debut . . . this comedy of comeuppance shows its true colors, and, irony of ironies, is impossible to put down!" -Disney's Family Fun

"A perfect book for the non-reader or reluctant reader in your life . . . Laugh-out-loud funny, clever, and relevant. I believe Tommy Greenwald has written a
Loveable slacker Charlie Joe Jackson is back. This time he's trying to devise ways to make money—and fast.

Charlie Joe's weekly allowance just isn't cutting it and he desperately needs money to buy a Botman, the latest gadget to sweep his middle school. Only catch is, he wants to earn the money by doing the least amount of work possible. After several failed attempts, including a near disastrous day of dog-walking, Charlie Joe hatches a plan to throw his own bar mitzvah (no gifts please—checks only) even though he's not Jewish. Hilarity ensues when throwing a fake coming-of-age party turns out to be much harder than it looks.

Tommy Greenwald is the husband of Cathy, the father of Charlie, Joe, and Jack, and the author of three Charlie Joe Jackson books. He prefers naps to working. Visit him at tommygreenwald.com
Action and adventure in Book 2 in the acclaimed Icebreaker trilogy.

Sharkey is a Sunker—he was born on a fortunate tide, and everyone in the giant submersible Rampart knows it. He's a hero, a future admiral, beloved by the ancestors who his crew believe visit him in the form of sea creatures. The trouble is his life is based on a lie—he's never been visited by ancestors. He's been a fake hero for years, but when the Sunkers are attacked, he must become a real one. And he has no idea how to go about it.

Meanwhile, Petrel, Fin, and the crew of the Oyster have come ashore to defeat the Devouts, a group of fanatical anti-machinists who want to destroy the Oyster and the Sunkers. The Devouts want to reclaim a secret weapon. Now both crews must work together to fight for their lives.

Lian Tanner is the author of Icebreaker, Book 1 of the Icebreaker trilogy, as well as the Keepers trilogy (Museum of Thieves, City of Lies, Path of Beasts). Her books have won numerous awards around the world, including the Aurealis Award for Children's Fiction. She lives in Australia. liantanner.com

Praise For...

Icebreaker (Book 1):

"A carefully structured plot foreshadows the dramatic climax and reveals secrets at just the right time, keeping readers engaged throughout. . . . Unique, fully realized characters add cross-genre appeal." - School Library Journal, starred review

"An artfully crafted adventure that's equal parts thought-provoking and thrilling." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review
An outcast girl and a pair of mechanical rats who live on a ship save a mysterious boy in this first book of a middle grade trilogy.

Twelve-year-old Petrel is an outcast, living on an ancient icebreaker that has been following the same ocean course for three hundred years. The ship's crew has forgotten its original purpose and has broken into three warring tribes. Everyone has a tribe except Petrel, whose parents were thrown overboard for alleged crimes. She has survived by living in the dark corners of the ship and speaking to no one except two large rats, Mister Smoke and Mrs. Slink.

When a boy is discovered on a frozen iceberg, the crew is immediately on alert. Petrel hides him on board, hoping he'll be her friend. What she doesn't know is that the ship guards a secret, held down deep in its belly, and the boy has been sent to seek and destroy it.

Lian Tanner is the award-winning author of the Keepers series (Museum of Thieves, City of Lies, and Path of Beasts). She lives in Australia. liantanner.com.au

Praise For...

"A carefully structured plot foreshadows the dramatic climax and reveals secrets at just the right time, keeping readers engaged throughout. Tanner's evocative prose allows readers to feel every dark, noisy crevice of the ship as well as the chill of the frozen wasteland that surrounds it. Unique, fully realized characters add cross-gender appeal. . . . Tanner, author of the Keepers series, has created a strong start to a new trilogy that will have readers eagerly awaiting the next installment." -School Library Journal, starred review.

"The world of Icebreaker is wonderfully realised: the clanking engines, rusted walkways and icy upper decks of the ship make for vivid settings. There is suspense and danger, and the characterisation is very human and ultimately moving." -Australian Bookseller and Publisher, four and a half stars
In a world with a past almost like ours, the three kids depend on their wits as they navigate the high seas and dodge adversaries at every turn in a desperate race to end a war and save their own skins.

Lucy Bluecrowne and Maxwell Ault are on a mission: find the three pieces of a strange and arcane engine and stop the war raging between their home country of England and Napoleon Bonaparte’s France. During their search, their ship, the famous Left-Handed Fate, is taken by the Americans. And not just any Americans. The Fate (and, with it, Lucy and Max), are put under the command of Oliver Dexter, who’s only just turned twelve.

Lucy and Max aren’t the only ones trying to put the engine together; two other crews are in hot pursuit. Will they bring Oliver around to their cause? And who will reach their goal first?

Kate Milford is the author of The Boneshaker, The Broken Lands, and Greenglass House, which was longlisted for the National Book Award. Originally from Annapolis, Maryland, Kate now lives in Brooklyn, New York, with her family.
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PRAISE

Greenglass House:

National Book Award Longlist

"An enchanting, empowering, and cozy read." - *Booklist*, **starred review**

"An abundantly diverting mystery." - *Kirkus Reviews*, **starred review**

"Give this one to fans of Trenton Lee Stewart's *The Mysterious Benedict Society.*" - *School Library Journal*
A funny, fresh, and lightly romantic take on the Cinderella story--told from her point of view as well as that of a rat turned coachman

Before Cinderella's stepmother and stepsisters moved into Lancastyr Manor, she was known as the beautiful Lady Rose de Lancastyr. Then her stepmother forced her to become a kitchen maid and renamed her. At first the rats of the manor figure her for a lack-wit and take pity on her by bringing her food and a special family heirloom. But when Cinderella's stepmother finds a way to prevent her from attending the ball, the rats join forces to help her. The night of the ball is filled with magic and secrets--not least of all who Lady Rose will choose as her Prince Charming.

A Margaret Ferguson Book

Bridget Hodder was previously an archaeologist and currently works to help families who struggle with autism. The Rat Prince is her debut novel. She lives with her family in New England.
Three friends find themselves plunged into a world of quantum physics, a rare disease, and a mysterious fact about a real-life global catastrophe.

Twelve-year-old Zak Killian is hearing a voice. Could it be a guardian angel? A ghost? No, that's crazy. But sometimes the voice is so real... It warns him of danger.

One day Zak is standing on the subway platform when the tunnel starts to fill with water. He sees it before anyone else. The voice warns him to run. His friends Moira and Khalid believe this is more than a premonition, and soon all three find themselves in an alternate universe that is both familiar and seriously strange. As Zak unravels the mystery behind the voice, he faces decisions that may mean the end of their world at home—if they can even get home!

In his most propulsive and heartfelt book yet, acclaimed author Barry Lyga explores the depths of friendship, the bonds of family, and the nature of the universe itself.

Barry Lyga is the author of numerous acclaimed novels, including I Hunt Killers and The Astonishing Adventures of Fanboy and Goth Girl. He graduated from Yale University, then worked in the comic book industry for ten years and developed Free Comic Book Day. He lives in Brooklyn, New York, with his wife and their daughter.

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The Phantom Tollbooth gets a modern-day spin in this magical middle grade fantasy filled with adventure and humor that will whisk readers away!

Eleven-year-old Hudson stopped believing in magic long ago. Until the day he is whisked away to the magical land of Logos—a land ruled by words, thoughts, and memories. A fairy might ferry you across the river for the price of one memory, or it’s possible freshly baked homonyms will be on sale two for the price of one, and look out for snarky unicorns, as they are sure to judge the pure of heart. Upon arrival, Hudson is quickly saddled with a troll curse, and only his friend Charlotte can help rid him of the curse. But lo and behold she has an agenda of her own—find and rescue the missing Princess of Logos.

Janette Rallison is the author of many books for young readers, including My Fair Godmother. She also writes YA novels under the pseudonym C. J. Hill. She lives in Chandler, Arizona, with her husband and five children and enough cats to classify her as "an eccentric cat lady."

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Praise For...

My Fair Godmother:
"The irreverent references to familiar tales, romantic twists, and frequent comedic asides will delight fans of light fantasy." -Booklist

"Hilarious." -Publishers Weekly

"With comical chaos erupting everywhere, this magical (and romantic!) adventure will keep you grinning!" -Girls' Life

"Charming . . . . Funny with plenty of laugh-out-loud lines and moments." -Romantic Times
An anniversary edition of the much-loved classic, which is coming soon to Broadway, featuring a foreword from Wicked author Gregory Maguire and additional bonus materials.

Doomed to, or blessed with, eternal life after drinking from a magic spring, the Tuck family wanders about trying to live as inconspicuously and comfortably as they can. When ten-year-old Winnie Foster stumbles on their secret, the Tucks take her home and explain why living forever at one age is less of a blessing than it might seem. Then complications arise when Winnie is followed by a stranger who wants to market the spring water for a fortune.

A brand-new foreword from Gregory Maguire, the author of Wicked, and additional bonus materials make this special edition a must-have for lovers of the book and a great way to introduce a new generation to a classic.

The new musical adaptation of Tuck Everlasting opens on Broadway in Spring 2016.

Natalie Babbitt is the award-winning author of Tuck Everlasting, The Eyes of the Amaryllis, Kneeknock Rise, and many other brilliant, original books for young people. She began her career in 1966 as the illustrator of The Forty-Ninth Magician. Her first novel, The Search for Delicious, established her gift for writing magical tales with profound meaning. Kneeknock Rise earned her a Newbery Honor, and in 2002, Tuck Everlasting was adapted into a major motion picture. Natalie Babbitt lives in Providence, Rhode Island, and is a grandmother of three.

Praise For...

"A fearsome and beautifully written book that can't be put down or forgotten." - The New York Times

"With serious intentions and light touch, the story is, like the Tucks, timeless." - Chicago Sun-Times
The Official Tie-In to Discovery's Massively Popular Shark Week!

Gliding through the water at breakneck speeds--a fin, just skimming the surface of the water. The biggest jaws you've ever seen. These are the iconic images that flash through all our minds when we think of sharks, but there's so much more to know about these majestic predators of the sea.

If you're already a fan of the Discovery's phenomenon Shark Week, then you will love this book! From the unique look of the prehistoric Whorl shark, to the hunting techniques of the Great White, all the thrills and chills of Shark Week are now here for year-round reading. Filled with photos, first-hand accounts of shark attacks, and unbelievable facts (Did you know that there are sharks that live in volcanoes?), this book is for every shark fanatic who wants to get even more up close and personal.

Now you really can live...

Martha Brockenbrough is the author of several books. Her children's titles include: Finding Bigfoot, The Game of Love and Death, and Devine Intervention. She resides in Seattle, WA, with her family.
An official tie-in with Discovery Channel's Shark Week! Everything you want and need to know about shark attacks.

Shark Attack is all about what happens when sharks attack—but it's also so much more than that. Inside, readers will discover all the different types of sharks, where they tend to strike, how you can survive, famous shark attacks, and everything in between. Exploring sharks from every angle—and all chapters coming back to the terror of the attack!

Told through an accessible voice for young shark enthusiasts, the narrative is layered with bite-sized shark facts, all pulled together with a phenomenal design—pictures galore!

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Adapted for younger readers from his bestselling *The Guns at Last Light*, this is a captivating historical exploration of the Battle of the Bulge from Pulitzer Prize-winning and *New York Times*-bestselling author Rick Atkinson.

December 16, 1944. In the frozen forests of the Ardennes, a surprise attack by the German army on American Allied forces launched the long, hard slog that was the Battle of the Bulge. Sir Winston Churchill called it "the greatest American battle of the war and . . . an ever-famous American victory."

World War II historian, Pulitzer Prize winner, and *New York Times*-bestselling author Rick Atkinson skillfully navigates the attacks, counterattacks, advances, and retreats of this terrible bloodbath. Whether history buffs or newcomers to the topic, young readers will appreciate the author’s clear and accessible prose, as well as the many fascinating facts, photographs, and statistics.

Rick Atkinson is the bestselling author of *D-Day* and the Liberation Trilogy. His many awards include a Pulitzer Prize for history, a Pulitzer Prize for journalism, the George Polk Award, and the Pritzker Military Library Literature Award. A former staff writer and senior editor at the *Washington Post*, he lives in Washington, D.C. liberationtrilogy.com

Praise For...

*D-Day:*

"You can't just tell kids that history is cool; you have to prove it, and Atkinson does." -Steve Sheinkin, *The New York Times Book Review*

"Atkinson seats readers at the secret meetings of the Allied commanders, ejects them with paratroopers over the foggy French countryside . . . . a grand and historically significant tale told with dash and
Another riveting true account of a rescue at sea from the author of The Finest Hours for middle grade readers.

When a forty-seven-foot sailboat disappears in the Gulf Stream in the throes of a calamitous storm, it leaves behind three weary passengers struggling to stay alive afloat a life raft in violent waves eighty feet tall. This middle grade adaptation also tells the story of the four intrepid Coast Guardsmen who braved the savage storm in the hopes of saving the stranded sailors. It’s another spellbinding tale of courage and survival from the author of The Finest Hours, now a major motion picture from Disney.

A Christy Ottaviano Book

Michael J. Tougias is the author of many true rescue stories, including The Finest Hours, Overboard!, Fatal Forecast, and Ten Hours Until Dawn, which ALA named an Editor’s Choice and Booklist praised "as the best story of peril at sea since The Perfect Storm." A frequent lecturer on his work, Tougias lives in Plymouth, Massachusetts.
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Praise For...

A Storm Too Soon (Simon & Schuster adult edition):

"The riveting, meticulously researched A Storm Too Soon tells the true-life tale of an incredible rescue." -The New York Post

"A heart-pounding account of the storm that tore apart a 45-foot sailboat." -The Boston Globe

"A breathtaking book." -Los Angeles Times

"A suspenseful, tautly rendered story that leaves readers breathless but well-satisfied." -Kirkus Reviews

The Finest Hours:

A Junior Library Guild Selection
An Amazon.com Best Book of the Month
A page-turning account of the day that Ronald Reagan was shot and the life-saving action of the Secret Service.

The year was 1981. Just two months into his presidency, Ronald Reagan was shot after leaving a speaking engagement in Washington, D. C. The quick action of the Secret Service and medical professionals saved the president's life. Mere days after his near-death experience, Reagan's personal strength propelled him back into his presidential duties. Adapted from Bill O'Reilly's historical thriller Killing Reagan, with characteristically gripping storytelling, this story explores the events of the day Reagan was shot. From the scene of the shooting and the dramatic action of the Secret Service, to the FBI's interrogation of the shooter, the life-saving measures of the medical professionals and the president's extraordinary recovery, this is a page-turning account of an attempted assassination and its aftermath...

Bill O'Reilly is a former high-school history teacher and the author of many bestselling books, including Lincoln's Last Days and Hitler's Last Days. He is also the anchor of The O'Reilly Factor, the highest-rated cable news show in the country. billoreilly.com
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PRAISE

Hitler's Last Days:
"A skillfully organized overview of the fall of the Third Reich, O'Reilly's summary coordinates text with graphic photos for maximum impact." — *VOYA*, starred review

"A helpful additional resource for social studies students and WWII buffs." — *Booklist*

Kennedy's Last Days:
“A thoroughly documented, visually rich presentation.” — *Kirkus Reviews*

Lincoln's Last Days:
“This thrillerlike adaptation captures the excitement of the Union victory in the Civil War and the shock and horror that quickly followed as the country learned of Lincoln's death and sought revenge on his assassins. The popularity of O'Reilly's adult title will drive interest in this version, but it definitely stands alone and will find an audience among general readers and report writers.” — *School Library Journal*

“Accessible to younger readers.” — *Booklist*
Time travel meets romance in this stunning and lasting debut, from a gorgeous and new YA voice.

This is what it means to love someone. This is what it means to grieve someone. It's a little bit like a black hole. It's a little bit like infinity.

Gottie H. Oppenheimer is seventeen. Great at math. Motherless. And she's losing time. Literally.

When the fabric of the universe surrounding her sleepy seaside town begins to fray, it sends Gottie through wormholes to her past:

To last summer, when her grandfather Grey died. To the afternoon she fell in love with Jason, who wouldn't even hold her hand at the funeral. To the day her childhood best friend, Thomas, moved to Canada, leaving her behind with a scar on her hand and a black hole in her memory.

Although Grey is still gone, Jason and Thomas are back, and Gottie's past, present, and future are about to be changed forever.

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"Gottie, a 17-year-old physics prodigy, has had a double dose of heartbreak. Since then, she’s immersed herself in a world of equations and theories. Harriet Reuter Hapgood addresses grief and the complexity of emotions that come with it in a way that rings true and does not romanticize loss."—Drew Sieplinga, Wild Rumpus Books, (Minneapolis, MN)
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Romance, secrets, and new dream-world dangers follow Liv Silver into Book 2 of the Silver Trilogy.

Things seem to be going well for Liv Silver: she's adjusting to her new home (and her new family) in London; she has a burgeoning romance with Henry Harper, one of the cutest boys in school; and the girl who's been turning her dreams into nightmares, Anabel, is now locked up. But serenity doesn't last for long.

It seems that Liv's troubles are far from over--in fact, suddenly they're piling up. School gossip blogger Secrecy knows all of Liv's most intimate secrets, Henry might be hiding something from her, and at night Liv senses a dark presence following her through the corridors of the dream world. Does someone have a score to settle with Liv?

Romance, adventure, and danger abound in Dream On, the second book in the Silver Trilogy.

Kerstin Gier is the New York Times-bestselling author of the Ruby Red Trilogy, which has been translated into twenty-five languages. www.kerstingier.com

Praise For...

Dream a Little Dream:

"Plot twists, dream make-out sessions, a touch of humor, and a scary culmination make for a thoroughly enjoyable read." - School Library Journal

"Teen romance readers will enjoy the clever writing and repartee between Liv and her love interest, Henry. . . . A smart twist at the end will make readers eager to see what the future holds for the pair and what new plot surprises will be conjured up in the planned trilogy." - Booklist

"Feisty Liv conveys the curiosity, humor and bewilderment of a contemporary schoolgirl navigating a strange dream world while coping with
The first book of a new trilogy brimming with mystery, humor, and romance from *New York Times*-bestselling author Kerstin Gier!

A girl with a hatchet. Doors with lizard-head knobs. Talking stone statues. Yes, Liv's dreams have been pretty weird lately. Especially the one where she's in a graveyard at night, watching four boys conduct dark magic rituals. The strangest part is that Liv recognizes the boys in the dream. They're classmates from her new school in London. But what's really scaring Liv is that these dream boys seem to know things about her in the real world, things they couldn't possibly know—unless they actually are in her dreams? Luckily, Liv never could resist a mystery, and all four of those boys are pretty cute. . . .

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"Gier has created a smart heroine who loves a good mystery and has her wits about her." - *Publishers Weekly*
Fourteen years ago, a three-year-old girl was the only survivor of a horrific murder. Now she's determined to search for the truth--and the killer is even more determined to stop her.

When Olivia's mother was killed, everyone suspected her father of murder. But his whereabouts remained a mystery. Fast-forward fourteen years. New evidence now proves Olivia's father was actually murdered on the same fateful day her mother died. That means there's a killer still at large. It's up to Olivia to uncover who that may be. But can she do that before the killer tracks her down first?

April Henry weaves another edge-of-your-seat page-turner in this new high-stakes thriller.

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April Henry is the New York Times-bestselling author of many acclaimed mysteries for adults and young adults, including the YA novels Girl, Stolen; The Night She Disappeared; The Girl Who Was Supposed to Die; and Body in the Woods and Blood Will Tell, Books 1 and 2 in the Point Last Seen series. She lives in Oregon.

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The Point Last Seen series:

"The author's expertise at plotting a murder mystery and knowledge of police procedure are evident." -Publishers Weekly

"Fast-moving and well-constructed . . . A quick, thrilling read that doesn't skimp on characterization." -Kirkus Reviews

The Girl Who Was Supposed to Die:

"A psychological mystery wrapped in a thriller with a smart and resourceful heroine. Great read!" -Alexandra Sokoloff, screenwriter and bestselling thriller author of The Harrowing

"A thrill-packed story with twists and turns you'll never see coming. Hop on board for an adrenaline-fueled ride!" -CJ Lyons, New York Times-bestselling author of Blind Faith
A stunning debut that will appeal to fans of Christopher Paolini--with already more than 6 million reads on Wattpad, and fans around the world.

He can summon demons. But can he win a war?

Fletcher is working as a blacksmith's apprentice when he discovers he has the rare ability to summon demons from another world. Chased from his village for a crime he did not commit, Fletcher must travel with his demon, Ignatius, to an academy for adepts, where the gifted are taught the art of summoning. Along with nobles and commoners, Fletcher endures grueling lessons that will prepare him to serve as a Battlemage in the Empire's war against the savage Orcs. But sinister forces infect new friendships and rivalries grow. With no one but Ignatius by his side, Fletcher must decide where his loyalties lie. The fate of the Empire is in his hands. . . .

Taran Matharu wrote his first book when he was nine years old. At twenty-two, he began posting The Novice on Wattpad (the online writing website) and reached over three million reads in less than six months. The Novice is the first of three books in the Summoner series, and Taran Matharu's fiction debut. Taran lives in London.

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Praise For...

"Fletcher's a sympathetic character whose impulsive behavior leads him to make understandable mistakes. . . . The appealing characters, fast-paced plot, focus on racial politics, and interesting demon varieties (demonology addendum included) make this an enjoyable read." - School Library Journal

"Taran Matharu . . . of London, racked up more than a million reads for his first novel. . . . in only four months." - NBCnews.com
Fletcher and his demon must prove themselves as warriors and heroes in this sequel to *The Novice*.

Fletcher is put on trial by the Inquisition and discovers his tragic origins. Soon after, a competitive challenge is given by the king and his council to the graduating students at Vocans—to go behind enemy lines and complete a dangerous mission. The reward—an army of their own and peace among dwarves, elves, and men.

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**Praise For...**

*The Novice*:
"A young orphan makes friends (and enemies) at a magic school in this solid series opener. Fletcher is appealing precisely because of his Everyman qualities: he is not the smartest or the strongest, but he is a loyal friend and a fierce fighter against injustice." - *Kirkus Reviews*

"The appealing characters, fast-paced plot, focus on racial politics, and interesting demon varieties (demonology addendum included) make this an enjoyable read." - *School Library Journal*
The third and final book in the Broken Hearts and Revenge series.

WEATHER ALERT: SEVERE STORMS AHEAD

Gemma and Hallie's world has come to a screeching halt. Their parents are engaged, which makes them step sisters. Nothing in the world could possibly be worse for Gemma and Hallie, and they won't let it happen. Even if it means putting their own feud aside to separate their parents.

Events escalate quickly as a hurricane rips through the Hamptons leaving everyone (including Gemma's two exes, her current crush, and her nemesis) bottled up in one house. One big miserable group of exes and enemies together, allow secrets to unfold and plans to be plotted. The calm before this storm definitely doesn't exist.

Katie Finn pulls out all the stops for this fast-paced, dramatic conclusion in the Broken Hearts and Revenge series.

Katie Finn is the author of the Top 8 trilogy. She's never plotted revenge on anyone (who didn't deserve it) but has been known to assume another identity. She's also acclaimed author Morgan Matson (Amy and Roger's Epic Detour). She lives in Los Angeles. katiefinn.com

Praise For...

Broken Hearts, Fences, and Other Things to Mend: "There is much for teen readers to like here: snappy and snippy dialogue, embarrassing situations, blossoming romance, pool parties and the constant tension of maintaining a secret." -Kirkus Reviews

Revenge, Ice Cream, and Other Things Best Served Cold:
"Just when the plot seems predictable, certain moments will surprise every reader. Teens will relate to the relationship struggles, and will find the next big revenge idea even more entertaining than the last." -VOYA
In the second installment of the Broken Hearts and Revenge series, the war rages on between Gemma and Hallie.

After the humiliating events on the Fourth of July, Gemma's trying to grapple with the fact that Hallie knew her true identity all summer, and that she was the one who stole Teddy from her. Gemma vows revenge, but things immediately get more complicated than she planned. Her dad forces her to get a job, and the only one she can find involves scooping ice cream all day. Ford, Gemma's longtime crush, has arrived in the Hamptons and is cuter than ever. Josh is refusing to speak to her after finding out she lied to him. And to top it all off, Teddy is back in the picture, and closer to home than Gemma would like.

Just when Gemma thinks she has the upper hand in their escalating revenge cycle, the biggest bombshell of all is dropped. And it's one that threatens to change her life forever.

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Praise For...

Broken Hearts, Fences, and Other Things to Mend:

"A mostly lighthearted and playful story of mistaken identity and revenge. There's a good amount of physical humor (primarily at Gemma's expense), and what generally reads as a romantic comedy takes a dark turn as it sets up the next installment in this series." -Publishers Weekly

"There is much for teen readers to like here: snappy and snippy dialogue, embarrassing situations, blossoming romance, pool parties and the constant tension of maintaining a secret." -Kirkus Reviews
In this fast-paced sequel, Azra fights to help her fellow Jinns become free of a tyrannical leader.

Being Jinn is Azra's new reality. As she grants wishes under the watchful eye of the Afrit council, she remains torn between her two worlds--human and Jinn. Soon secrets spill, and rumors of an uprising become real as the Afrit's reach extends beyond the underground world of Janna.

Straddling the line becomes impossible. Aware of her unique abilities, Azra must not just face but embrace her destiny. But when the role she must play and those she must protect expand to include a circle of Jinn greater than her own, Azra will be forced to risk everything. A risk that means there's everything to lose, and at the same time, everything to gain--for herself and her entire Jinn race.

In this dramatic sequel to Becoming Jinn, Azra's story comes to a heartfelt and thrilling conclusion.

A former journalist, Lori Goldstein currently lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts, with her husband.

Praise For...

Becoming Jinn:
"Through Azra's first-person, present-tense narration, the act of 'Becoming Jinn' provides a rich metaphor for the potency and frustration of adolescence." -Kirkus Reviews
In this debut novel, a girl turns sixteen and discovers her powers as a genie.

Azra has just turned sixteen, and overnight her body lengthens, her olive skin deepens, and her eyes glisten gold thanks to the brand-new silver bangle that locks around her wrist. As she always knew it would, her Jinn ancestry brings not just magical powers but the reality of a life of servitude, as her wish granting is controlled by a remote ruling class of Jinn known as the Afrit. To the humans she lives among, she's just the girl working at the snack bar at the beach, navigating the fryer and her first crush. But behind closed doors, she's learning how to harness her powers and fulfill the obligations of her destiny. Mentored by her mother and her Zar "sisters," Azra discovers she may not be quite like the rest of her circle of female Jinn...and that her powers could endanger them all.

Lori Goldstein was born into an Italian-Irish family and raised in a small town on the New Jersey shore. A former journalist, she currently lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts, with her husband. Becoming Jinn is her first novel. @loriagoldstein lorigoldsteinbooks.com

Praise For...

"Through Azra's first-person, present-tense narration, the act of 'becoming Jinn' provides a rich metaphor for the potency and frustration of adolescence." -Kirkus Reviews
From Trevor Project founder and Academy Award-winner James Lecesne, this YA novel about a flamboyantly gay teen who is murdered inspired the hit Off-Broadway show *The Absolute Brightness of Leonard Pelkey*. Now available in paperback.

Phoebe’s life in Neptune, New Jersey, is somewhat unremarkable. She helps her mom out with her hair salon, she goes to school, and she envies her perfect older sister. But everything changes when Leonard arrives.

Leonard is an orphan, a cousin who Phoebe never knew she had. When he comes to live with Phoebe’s family, he upsets the delicate balance of their lives. He’s flamboyantly gay and confident about who he is. He inspires the people around him—he sees people not as they are, but as they hope to be.

One day, Leonard goes missing. Phoebe, her family, and her community fight to understand what happened, and to make sense of why someone might want to extinguish the beautiful absolute brightness that was Leonard Pelkey.

From an Academy Award-winning writer, actor, and activist in the LGBTQ community, this i...

**Praise For...**

*Absolute Brightness:*

**William C. Morris YA Debut Award Finalist**

“This book will encourage you to be exactly who you are.” —Eve Ensler, author of *The Vagina Monologues*

“James Lecesne has crafted an utterly engrossing tale that, like life itself, confounds expectations at every turn. His heroine is a sort of Scout Finch for the new millennium.” —Armistead Maupin, author of *Tales of the City*

“A captivating story in which youthful prejudices are transformed into deep compassion and understanding. Beautifully pure.” —Duncan Sheik, songwriter and composer of *Spring Awakening*

“*Absolute Brightness* is revelatory—funny,
An inspiring and timely debut novel about two transgender friends who figure out how to navigate teen life with help from each other.

David Piper's parents think he's gay, and the school bully thinks he's a freak. Only his two best friends know the truth: David wants to be a girl. On the first day at his new school, Leo Denton has one goal: to be invisible. Attracting the attention of the most beautiful girl in his class is definitely not part of that plan. Then Leo stands up for David in a fight, and an unlikely friendship forms. But at Eden Park School, secrets have a funny habit of not staying secret for long, and soon everyone knows that Leo used to be a girl. As David prepares to come out to his family and transition into life as a girl and Leo wrestles with figuring out how to deal with people who try to define him through his history, they find friendship and support in each other.

A Margaret Ferguson Book

Lisa Williamson splits her time between acting and writing. She was inspired to write The Art of Being Normal after working in England's national health services in a department dedicated to helping teens who struggle with gender identity issues. lisawilliamsonauthor.com
The British edition of *The Art of Being Normal*:

"A passionate and gripping tale. Five stars." - *The Telegraph*

"*The Art of Being Normal* deserves to attract attention not only for its sensitive portrayal of life as a transgender teenager but for the author’s aptitude for crafting vivid, engaging and convincing characters who keep you rooting for them through the many testing obstacles she puts in their way." - *The Guardian*

"On the surface of it, *The Art of Being Normal* has the chance to be a heartbreaking story of the downtrodden, and in a YA market so often saturated with tragedy and darkness, it's refreshing to see such a powerful novel with such an uplifting voice behind it . . . . This book demands attention." - Shinra Alpha blog
The final adventure on the sinister island of Nil, sure to entice fans of survivalist stories.

Despite Rives and Skye's attempt to destroy Nil, the island remains. Nearly all of the stranded teens have returned to their lives--but who will be taken next? And what secrets has Nil managed to keep hidden?

Perfect for fans of *Lost*, this final book in the Nil Trilogy is a heart-pounding adventure.

**Lynne Matson** grew up in Georgia in a house full of books and a backyard full of gnarly pines. She attended the University of Florida, where she met and married her husband, the cutest boy she's ever seen. Now, Lynne is mother to four amazing boys. A former attorney, she is thrilled to be making a new career in YA fiction.

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**Praise For...**

 Nil Unlocked:

"A fast, tense gift for readers wanting to return to Nil." -*Kirkus Reviews*

"The story of teens working together to escape will appeal to fans of James Dashner's *The Maze Runner*. . . . A must-have for fans of the first installment, but sufficiently interesting enough to draw in new readers." -*School Library Journal*

 Nil:

"Matson makes a strong debut with this tense, cinematic struggle for survival on a peril-filled island that may have some readers flashing back to episodes of *Lost.*" -*Publishers Weekly*

"Nil is a page-turner and compulsively readable. Lynne Matson has created a winning story with the perfect mix of edge-of-your-seat suspense, romance, humor." -Mary E. Pearson, author of the Jenna Fox Chronicles
A drama-packed sequel to the young adult novel *Nil*--a mysterious new girl arrives on the island and teams up with Rives to destroy Nil once and for all!

On the island of Nil, the rules are set. You have exactly 365 days to escape--or you die. Rives is now the undisputed Leader of Nil City, but keeping the City united is tougher than ever.

Raiders have grown bolder, supplies are dwindling, and non-human inhabitants have taken a turn toward the deadly. New arrivals cause rifts within the City, putting the Search system at risk and calling everything Rives knows into question. Desperate for answers, he teams up with the only other person searching for them: Skye, a new arrival with a mysterious past of her own. Soon the duo find themselves locked in a desperate race to save all the residents of Nil--and possibly destroy the island forever. But at what cost? And who will pay the price?

This fast-paced story of romance, mystery, and survival is perfect for teen...

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**Praise For...**

"A fast, tense gift for readers wanting to return to Nil."
- *Kirkus Reviews*

"A must-have for fans of the first installment, but sufficiently interesting enough to draw in new readers."
- *School Library Journal*
Three teen geniuses from around the world must win a game with the highest of stakes in this action-packed novel.

**The Game**: Get ready for Zero Hour as two hundred geniuses from around the world go head to head in a competition hand-devised by India's youngest CEO and visionary.

**The Players:**

**Rex**: One of the best programmers/hackers in the world, this 16-year-old Mexican American is determined to find his missing brother.

**Tunde**: This 14-year-old self-taught engineering genius has drawn the attention of a ruthless military warlord by single-handedly bringing electricity and internet to his small Nigerian village.

**Painted Wolf**: One of China's most respected activist bloggers, this mysterious 16-year-old is being pulled into the spotlight by her father's new deal with a corrupt Chinese official.

**The Stakes**: Higher than you can imagine. Like life-and-death. Welcome to the revolution. And get ready to run.

**Leopoldo Gout**, the producer behind *Days of Grace*, which A.O. Scott of the *New York Times* called "a potent and vigorous film," is also a writer, artist, and filmmaker. He hails from Mexico, studied contemporary art at Central Saint Martins in London, and now resides in New York City with his wife and two children.
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Excerpts/Q&A

They call us "special," but we're still like you. We go to the movies, have crushes, fight with our parents; we just happen to have brains they dubbed "organic computers."

Everyone else threw us away. Me because my family's poor, my friends because they come from places nobody cares about or everyone hates. But we have the tech, and the tech sets us free.

Give me a computer and I'll write any program you've ever dreamed of. Give my friend Tunde old watch parts and he'll build a working cell phone. And Painted Wolf, give her a problem, any problem, and she'll solve it.

All the old rules, we've thrown them out. Hand us unlimited bandwidth and honey garlic chicken wings and we'll fix the world.

We'll get to that a little later, though. See, there's a reason my status online is: Running for my life. Thing is, some people really hate it when you throw out the rules. A few of those people have Tasers and are chasing my friends and me. And, frankly, that's the least of our problems.

The revolution's already here. Welcome aboard. And, uh, get ready to run.
A cruise to launch a new diet sweetener turns deadly in this wicked and witty YA novel from *Monument 14* author Emmy Laybourne.

The luxurious celebrity cruise launching the trendy new diet sweetener Solu should be the vacation of a lifetime. But Laurel is starting to regret accepting her friend Viv's invitation. She's already completely embarrassed herself in front of celebrity host Tom Forelli--the hottest guy ever!--and she's too sick to even try the sweetener. And that's before Viv and all the other passengers start acting really strange.

Tom knows that he should be grateful for this job and the chance to shed his former-child-star image. His publicists have even set up a "romance" with a sexy reality star. But as things on the ship start to get wild, he finds himself drawn to a different girl. And when the hosting gig turns into an exposé on the shocking side effects of Solu, it's Laurel that he's determined to save.

Emmy Laybourne is a novelist, teacher, and former character actress. Emmy's *Monument 14* trilogy has earned critical praise ("Frighteningly real . . . riveting" - *New York Times Book Review*, Editor's Choice) and has been nominated by readers to the YALSA Teens Top Ten in 2013 and 2014. Before her life as an author, Emmy performed original comedy on Comedy Central, MTV, and VH1; and acted in the movies *Superstar, The In-Laws, and Nancy Drew*, among others. Emmy lives outside New York City with her husband, two kids, and a flock of nifty chickens. emmylaybourne.com.

Praise For...

"Highlights themes of friendship, the culture of celebrity, and addiction...A finely knit narrative in which romance pairs perfectly (somehow) with societal horror." -Jennifer Prince, Buncombe County Public Libraries, NC, *School Library Journal*
A popular guy and a shy girl with a secret become unlikely accomplices for midnight pranking in this sparkling standalone from *NYT*-bestselling author Anna Banks.

It's been several years since Carly Vega's parents were deported. Carly lives with her older brother, studies hard, and works the graveyard shift at a convenience store to earn enough to bring her parents back from Mexico.

Arden Moss used to be the star quarterback at school. He used to date popular blondes and have fun pranking with his older sister, Amber. But now all that's changed, and Arden needs a new accomplice.

All Carly wants, at first, is to stay under the radar and do what her family expects. All Arden wants is to *not* do what his family expects. When their paths cross, they each realize they've been living according to the wishes of others. Carly and Arden's journey toward their true hearts--and one another--is funny, romantic, and sometimes harsh. Just like real life.

Anna Banks is the author of the *New York Times*-bestselling Syrena Legacy (*Of Poseidon, Of Triton, Of Neptune*) and the standalone novel, *Joyride*. She is a veteran of the Fierce Reads tour. She lives in Crestview, on the Florida Panhandle, with her husband and their daughter. byannabanks.blogspot.com; @byannabanks

**Praise For...**

*The Syrena Legacy:*

"A refreshing story filled with vibrant characters, feisty humor, and an irresistible romance. This story of star-crossed lovers in a luscious coastal setting brings new life to the age-old myth of merfolk and left me swooning for more!" -Marissa Meyer, *New York Times*-bestselling author of *Cinder*
A funny, uplifting romance about running, an adorable pet rat, and dealing with college rejection.

On New Year's Day, Alice Davis goes for a run. Her first ever. It's painful and embarrassing, but so was getting denied by the only college she cares about. Alice knows she has to stop sitting around and complaining to her best friend, Jenni, and her pet rat, Walter, about what a loser she is. But what she doesn't know is that by taking those first steps out the door, she is setting off down a road filled with new challenges—including vicious side stitches, chafing in unmentionable places, and race-paced first love—and strengthening herself to endure when the going suddenly gets tougher than she ever imagined.

Rachel Toor is a columnist for Chronicle of Higher Education and Running Times and teaches writing at Eastern Washington University in Spokane. racheltoor.com

Praise For...

"This sweet coming-of-age story is a fun, swift read--not just for runners but for anyone who has had to unwillingly redirect his or her course." -Booklist

"Teens who are feeling the pressure of college applications will relate to this character who finds that she is tougher than she thought she could be." -School Library Journal

"In a light and gently humorous romance, self-centered Alice learns to run, to cope with disappointment and to consider other people's feelings . . . Warm, funny and wise." -Kirkus Reviews

"This is a road worth taking." -Publishers Weekly
After a wild party, a good girl's shiny reputation is ruined unless she can tame the bad-boy surfer.

Taylor Simmons is screwed.

Things were hard enough when her single-minded dedication to her studies earned her the reputation of being an ice queen, but after getting drunk at a party and waking up next to bad-boy surfer Evan McKinley, the entire school seems intent on tearing Taylor down with mockery and gossip.

Desperate to salvage her reputation, Taylor persuades Evan to pretend they're in a serious romantic relationship. After all, it's better to be the girl who tames the wild surfer than just another notch on his surfboard.

Jenn P. Nguyen fell in love with books in third grade and spent the rest of her school years reading through lunchtime and giving up recess to organize the school library. She has a degree in business administration from the University of New Orleans and still lives in the city with her husband. Jenn spends her days reading, dreaming up YA romances, and binge-watching Korean dramas all in the name of "research." The Way to Game the Walk of Shame is her debut novel. Find her on Twitter at @JennP_Nguyen.

Praise For...
Quotes from the Swoon Reads Community:

"I absolutely LOVE this book! I love that it's so funny, yet at the same time the characters have a lot of depth and emotional growth. Would love to have this on my book shelf one day with other YA contemporary favorites." -Ashley Maker

"I couldn't put my tablet down!! I LOVED it!!! Wanted it to go on for longer!!!" -Emily Cook

"I really loved this book! Once I started reading it I couldn't put my phone down!" -Brittanv
When an avid fangirl's favorite character is killed off, she and her best friend, an aspiring actor and Steampunk enthusiast, decide to fight back—and end up changing everything.

College freshman Liv is more than just a fangirl: The Starveil movies are her life . . . and her last tangible connection to her deceased father. When her favorite character is killed off at the end of the last movie, Liv Just. Can't. Deal.

Tired of sitting in her room sobbing, Liv decides to launch an online campaign to bring her beloved hero back to life by creating #SpartanSurvived, a call that ignites the fandom. Step one: Bribe her best friend, Xander, into helping by making costumes for his Steampunk cosplay. Step two: Balance her booming fandom life with school, parental disapproval, and her (nonexistent) love life. A trip to Dragon Con with Xander might be exactly what she needs to get away from it all . . . and figure out what (and who!) she really wants.

Danika Stone is an author, artist, and educator who discovered a passion for writing fiction while in the throes of her master's thesis. A self-declared bibliophile, Danika now writes novels for both adults (the Intaglio series and Ctrl Z) and teens (All the Feels). When not writing, Danika can be found hiking in the Rockies, planning grand adventures, and spending far too much time online. She lives with her husband, three sons, and a houseful of imaginary characters in a windy corner of Alberta, Canada. danikastone.com

Praise For...
Quotes from the Swoon Reads Community

"A great read about fandom and friendship." - Kate Pearson

"Spot-on portrayal of fandom, con, and all the"
After a young swimmer's dreams come to a screeching halt, she finds new, unlikely (boy) friends and a side of herself that she didn't know existed, in this hilarious YA debut.

Louise Brown dreams of qualifying for the Olympics. Her swimming times are well above her fellow swimmers. And then she fails miserably. As in dead last.

Lou doesn't really know who she is now. Her days at school are spent being ignored by her sister and teased by popular girls. Then Lou finds herself agreeing to coach three popular boys—one of whom she clicks with—who are training to compete as synchronized swimmers.

Together the boys and Lou form a unique friendship (once they get past that whole ignoring-her-in-the-halls thing) and are hopeful that they can nab a chance at stardom.

Nat Luurtsema has created a laugh-out-loud story of what happens when everything you thought you ever wanted disappears, leaving you to find a way to keep your head above water.

Nat Luurtsema is an actress, screenwriter, and comedian from England. Her 2012 short film, Island Queen, was nominated for a BAFTA.
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An entitled boy whose talents are bought meets a girl whose gifts are natural, in this futuristic thriller from the author of Hungry.

In Orpheus Chanson's world, geniuses and prodigies are no longer born or honed through hard work. Instead, procedures to induce Acquired Savant Abilities (ASAs) are now purchased by the privileged. And Orpheus's father holds the copyright to the ASA procedure.

Zimri Robinson, a natural musical prodigy, is a "plebe"—a worker at the enormous warehouse that supplies an online marketplace that has supplanted all commerce. Her grueling schedule and her grandmother's illness can't keep her from making music—even if it is illegal.

Orpheus and Zimri are not supposed to meet. He is meant for greatness; she is not. But sometimes rules are meant to be broken. Here is a thriller, love story, and social experiment that readers will find gripping—and terrifying.

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PRAISE

Hungry:

"A unique tour de force . . . one that requires readers to examine current society, their place within invisible and sometimes all-too-visible hierarchies, and the consequences of genetic engineering. Fans of Margaret Atwood's The Handmaid's Tale and Lois Lowry's The Giver will flock to this story." - School Library Journal

"Amid the array of YA dystopian romance available, Swain stands out for sheer clamor . . . The sensation-saturated world that Swain describes gives the story fresh interest." - Publishers Weekly
E. Lockhart, author of *We Were Liars* called this YA about two boys in love "a romantic teen comedy with Armenian flair."

Alek Khederian should have guessed something was wrong when his parents took him to a restaurant. Everyone knows that Armenians never eat out. Between bouts of interrogating the waitress and criticizing the menu, Alek’s parents announce that he’ll be attending summer school to bring up his grades. Alek is sure this experience will be the perfect hellish end to his hellish freshman year of high school. He never could've predicted that he’d meet someone like Ethan.

Ethan is everything Alek wishes he were: confident, free-spirited, and irreverent. He can't believe a guy this cool wants to be his friend. And before long, it seems like Ethan wants to be more than friends. Alek has never thought about having a boyfriend--he's barely ever had a girlfriend--but maybe it's time to think again.

**Michael Barakiva** is a theater director of Armenian/Israeli descent and a writer who lives in Manhattan with his husband. He is the author of the young adult novel, *One Man Guy*. He is a graduate of Vassar College and the Juilliard School, an avid cook and board-game player, and a soccer player with the New York Ramblers. michaelbarakiva.com

**Praise For...**

"Barakiva's first novel is at once a sweet-spirited love story. . . . The Armenian content adds flavor and texture." - *Booklist*

"The story will appeal to both young people who are just discovering their own sexuality and readers who enjoy a good budding romance." - *School Library Journal*

"Barakiva's debut is well-wrought and realistic
In the second book in the Point Last Seen series, a member of the search-and-rescue team becomes a suspect in a murder.

When a woman's body is found in a Portland park, suspicion falls on an awkward kid who lives only a hundred feet away, a teen who collects knives, loves first-person shooter video games, and obsessively doodles violent scenes in his school notebooks. Nick Walker goes from being a member of Portland's Search and Rescue team to the prime suspect in a murder, his very interest in SAR seen as proof of his fascination with violence. How is this even possible? And can Alexis and Ruby find a way to help clear Nick's name before it's too late?

April Henry weaves another page-turning, high-stakes mystery in Book 2 of the Point Last Seen series.

April Henry is the New York Times-bestselling author of many acclaimed mysteries for adults and young adults, including the YA novels Girl, Stolen; The Night She Disappeared; and The Girl Who Was Supposed to Die; and the Point Last Seen series. She lives in Oregon.

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"The mystery moves along at a nice pace, mixing broad character strokes with chunks of investigative exposition, evoking the feel of a solid episode of *Law and Order* or *C.S.I.* . . . The slow burn leading up to this climax with the ground disappearing beneath Nick's feet is solid entertainment." -Kirkus Reviews

*The Body in the Woods:*

"The author's expertise at plotting a murder mystery and knowledge of police procedure are evident." -Publishers Weekly

"Fast-moving and well-constructed . . . A quick, thrilling read that doesn't skimp on characterization." -Kirkus Reviews

*The Girl Who Was Supposed to Die:*

A YALSA Quick Pick  
A YALSA Teens Top 10 Finalist  
An IRA Young Adult Choice  
"A psychological mystery wrapped in a thriller with a smart and resourceful heroine. Great read!" -Alexandra Sokoloff, screenwriter and bestselling thriller author of *The Harrowing*

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**Excerpts/Q&A**

Finally Harriman said, "Why do you think this girl was killed?"

Nick tried to think of why. "Did they steal anything from her?"

"No. So why do they think they did it?"

"I don't know. They'd have to be sick." He imagined how awful it had been for that girl. Lucy. Running in the dark. Being stabbed. Being hit in the head. Being dragged. Being discarded like a piece of trash. Being left all alone as your life ebbed away.

"I wonder what you would say if I told you something, Nick." Harriman was looking straight at him.

"Told me what?"

"That knife doesn't just look like your knife." He paused. "It is your knife."

"Wait. Why do you have my knife?" Understanding dawned. "Do you think I'm the killer?"
A ghosthunter and her crew have seven days to fight a deadly entity, in this stunning YA horror debut.

Micheline Helsing is a tetrachromat--a girl who sees the auras of the undead in a prismatic spectrum. As one of the last descendants of the Van Helsing lineage, she has trained since childhood to destroy monsters both corporeal and spiritual: the corporeal undead go down by the bullet, the spiritual undead by the lens. With an analog SLR camera as her best weapon, Micheline exorcises ghosts by capturing their spiritual energy on film. She’s aided by her crew: Oliver, a techno-whiz and the boy who developed her camera's technology; Jude, who can predict death; and Ryder, the boy Micheline has known and loved forever.

When Micheline and the boys are infected with a curse, she learns that she has a week to save them, or they will die.

Courtney Alameda is a veteran bookseller and librarian. She holds a degree in English Literature with an emphasis in Creative Writing from Brigham Young University. She lives in Salt Lake City, Utah. Courtney has worked for Barnes & Noble stores in Orem, Utah, and Roseville, California, as a children's department manager and as a customer relationship manager. She is currently a youth services librarian at the Provo City Library, where she has also worked planning and promoting the library's major events. courtneyalameda.com

Praise For...

"Alameda excels at creating hideous creatures that are the stuff of nightmares. The rapid pacing, advanced technology, and limitless weapons just add appeal for readers seeking a supernatural thriller."

-Booklist
A beautiful, heartbreaking, and utterly unforgettable novel about one teen's struggle to grieve after witnessing his best friend's death.

Grief can sometimes feel like you're caught in the jaws of a great white shark.

J.C., who goes by the nickname Sharky, has been having a hard time ever since his best friend died in front of him in a what-might-or-might-not-have-been accidental fall off a skyscraper. Shell-shocked, Sharky stops speaking and withdraws from both friends and family. He spends countless hours holed up in his room, obsessively watching documentaries about sharks and climate change—and texting his dead friend.

At her wits end, Sharky's confused mom sends him to stay with his father on an abandoned island in Canada over the summer, where his dad is the caretaker. Over the course of an unforgettable summer, Sharky gets to know his dad and he meets a girl who teaches him how to shows him how to live—and love—again.

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A young adult novel about a trailer-park girl with big dreams, and the combat veteran she never expected to fall for.

If Skylar Evans were a typical Creek View girl, her future would involve a double-wide trailer, a baby, and the graveyard shift at Taco Bell. But after graduation, the only thing separating straight-edge Skylar from art school is three months of summer. . . . until Skylar's mother loses her job.

Josh had a different escape route: the Marines. But after losing his leg in Afghanistan, he returned home, a shell of the cocksure boy he used to be.

What brings Skylar and Josh together is working at the Paradise--a quirky motel off California's Highway 99. Despite their differences, their shared isolation turns into a friendship and soon, something deeper.

Compelling and ultimately hopeful, this young adult novel is a powerful examination of love, loss, and resilience.

Heather Demetrios is the author of the critically acclaimed YA novel Something Real, for which she received the Susan P. Bloom Discovery Award. She has an MFA from Vermont College of Fine Arts, and is the founder of Live Your What, an organization that creates writing opportunities for teens of limited economic means.

Praise For...

"Part coming-of-age, part romance, and part war story. Demetrios' latest is remarkable." - Booklist, starred review

"Demetrios' latest will have a huge impact not only on YA fans, but also on booklovers of all ages. Her writing exudes raw feelings, and the characters all have strong, distinct personalities. . . . the balance between giggles and tears will keep your pulse racing till the finish." - RT Book Reviews
Two young teens fall in love for the first time, and discover it might not last forever.

When Carolina and Trevor meet on their first day of school, something draws them to each other. They gradually share first kisses, first touches, first everythings. When they're together, nothing else matters. But one of them will make a choice, and the other a mistake, that will break what they thought was unbreakable. Both will wish that they could fall in love again for the first time . . . but first love, by definition, can't happen twice.

Told in Carolina's and Trevor's alternating voices, this is an up-close-and-personal story of two teenagers falling in love for the first time, and discovering it might not last forever.

b.t. gottfred is an author, playwright, and--oooh, look there, behind you. . . . no, you're right, never mind--director. Forever for a Year is a first novel. Sort of.

Praise For...
"Like Rainbow Rowell's Eleanor and Park, this work is a tale of first love. . . . A swoon-inducing and heartbreaking novel for most YA collections." - School Library Journal

"Gottfred is plainly a talent to watch. Both emotionally satisfying and sure to be much discussed." - Kirkus Reviews

"Poignant, quirky, and achingly honest, Forever for a Year is a pitch-perfect debut about first loves, first heartbreaks, and first forevers. This is the reason we read YA." - Jessica Brody, author of the Unremembered Trilogy
In a roaring sequel to Battlesaurus: Rampage at Waterloo, Napoléon's enemies are in danger of extinction.

In this stunning conclusion to a unique alt-history action-adventure duology, dinosaurs from a forbidden world have been turned into unstoppable weapons by one of the most ferocious military leaders of all time. In the wake of Napoléon's crushing victory at Waterloo, the vicious French general Marc Thibault and his brigade of giant carnivorous battlesaurs have struck terror across Europe. England stands alone, but an invasion is looming. Its only hope is a secret attack led by a magician's son named Willem deep inside enemy territory, to the very heart of Napoléon's terrifying new army. Deception and betrayal threaten the mission from its outset, but the courage and perseverance of Willem the "saur killer" and his friends lead to a clash of titanic proportions.

Brian Falkner was born and raised in Auckland, New Zealand, and now lives in Australia. He is the award-winning author of several futuristic adventures, including the Recon Team Angel series and Brain Jack.

Praise For...

Battlesaurus: Rampage at Waterloo:

"Falkner gives Napoléon a toothy secret weapon in this decidedly alternate history." -Kirkus Reviews

"Part historical fiction, part dinosaur fantasy mash-up, this book will appeal to history buffs and dinosaur fanatics alike. The battle scenes between Napoléon's army and the British are depicted in incredible detail, making readers feel as if they are right in the midst of the fight . . . . The first of a promising duology that readers will find thrilling and positively addicting." -School Library Journal
A whip-smart historical fantasy mash-up that puts weapons of Jurassic destruction in the hands of one of the most famously ruthless military leaders.

This riveting alt history introduces dinosaurs into a pivotal moment in human history. Now the 1815 Battle of Waterloo is something other than a crushing defeat for the French emperor Napoléon Bonaparte, when he unleashes a terrible secret weapon--giant carnivorous survivors from pre-history--on his unsuspecting adversaries. In this world, smaller "saur's" are an everyday danger in the forests of Europe, and the Americas are a forbidden zone roamed by the largest and most deadly animals ever to walk the earth. But in his quest for power, Napoléon has found a way to turn these dinosaurs into nineteenth-century weapons of mass destruction. Only Willem, the teenage son of a court magician who lives near the battlefield, has the power to ruin the tyrant’s plans. And Napoléon will stop at nothing to find him.

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A teenage governess becomes a spy in this alternative U.S. history where the British control with magic and the colonists rebel through inventions.

It's 1888, and Verity Newton lands a job in New York as a governess to a wealthy leading family—but she quickly learns that the family has big secrets. Magisters have always ruled the colonies, but now an underground society of mechanics and engineers are developing non-magical sources of power via steam engines that they hope will help them gain freedom from British rule. The family Verity works for is magister—but it seems like the children's young guardian uncle is sympathetic to the rebel cause. As Verity falls for a charming rebel inventor and agrees to become a spy, she also becomes more and more enmeshed in the magister family’s life. She soon realizes she's uniquely positioned to advance the cause—but to do so, she'll have to reveal her own dangerous secret.

Shanna Swendson is the author of the popular adult romantic fantasy series Enchanted, Inc. Rebel Mechanics is her first novel for young adults. She lives in Irving, Texas. shannaswendson.com

Praise For...
The Enchanted, Inc. series:

"One of the best romantic-fantasy series being written today." -Booklist

"A classic single-girl-in-the-city formula with a nice fantasy twist thrown in." -Chicklitbooks.com
A haunting and heartbreaking novel that depicts the life of a boy bred and taught to be the perfect Aryan child until a friendship with a young Jewish boy challenges his teachings.

Nazi Germany. 1936. The Lebensborn program is going strong as German women are carefully selected by the Nazis and recruited to give birth to new representatives of the Aryan race. Inside one of these women is Max, a fetus waiting to be born and fulfill his destiny as the perfect Aryan.

Max is taken away from his birth mother as soon as he enters the world. He will be raised under the leadership and ideologies of the Nazi Party. As he grows up without a mom, without any affection or tenderness, according to Nazi educational precepts, he soon becomes the mascot of the program. But things don’t go according to plan.

Sarah Cohen-Scali has written many novels and short stories for young readers. This is her first book with Roaring Brook Press. Sarah lives in Paris with her family.
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The heart-stopping conclusion to the Remnant Chronicles--will Lia's destiny be fulfilled?

Lia and Rafe have escaped Venda, and the path before them is winding and dangerous--what will happen now? This third and final book in the Remnant Chronicles is not to be missed.

New York Times-bestselling author Mary E. Pearson's combination of intrigue, suspense, romance, and action makes this a riveting page-turner for teens.

Mary E. Pearson is the author of eight novels for teens, including The Kiss of Deception, The Heart of Betrayal, and the acclaimed Jenna Fox Chronicles. She writes full-time from her home in Carlsbad, California. marypearson.com

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The Heart of Betrayal:

A New York Times Bestseller

"It's rare that the second book in a series is as good--or perhaps better--than the first, but that's the case here. . . . Anticipation for the next volume will start as soon as this one is put down." -Booklist, starred review

The Kiss of Deception:

"Pearson (the Jenna Fox Chronicles) is off to an extraordinary start with her fantasy series, creating an alluring world and romance that's ideal for fans of Kristin Cashore and Megan Whalen Turner." -Publishers Weekly, starred review

"Pearson offers readers a wonderfully full-bodied story: harrowing, romantic, and full of myth and memory, fate and hope." -Booklist, starred review

"Romance, adventure, mysticism--this book has it all and it just may be the next YA blockbuster." -School Library Journal, starred review
Reward customers who preorder the final book in Mary Pearson’s *New York Times*–bestselling *Remnant Chronicles*!

KIT INCLUDES:
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- And more!
Intrigue abounds in this New York Times-bestselling sequel to The Kiss of Deception.

Held captive in the barbarian kingdom of Venda, Lia and Rafe have little chance of escape. Desperate to save her life, Lia’s erstwhile assassin, Kaden, has told the Vendan Komizar that she has the gift, and the Komizar’s interest in Lia is greater than anyone could have foreseen.

Meanwhile, nothing is straightforward: there’s Rafe, who lied to Lia but sacrificed his freedom to protect her; Kaden, who meant to assassinate her but has now saved her life; and the Vendans, whom Lia always believed to be barbarians. Now that she lives among them she realizes that may be far from the truth. Lia must make powerful choices that will affect her country . . . and her own destiny. Filled with intrigue and suspense, book 2 in the Remnant Chronicles is followed by the third and final book, The Reign of Evermore.

Mary E. Pearson is the author of many novels for teens, including The Kiss of Deception and the acclaimed Jenna Fox Chronicles. She writes full-time from her home in Carlsbad, California, where she lives with her husband and two dogs. marypearson.com

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"A heart-pounding sequel that fantasy fans will appreciate." -School Library Journal
Hilarity ensues when a slacker teen boy discovers he's gay, in this unforgettably funny YA debut.  

Mike Tate is a normal dude. He and his friends have a crappy band (an excuse to drink cheap beer and rock out to the Lemonheads) and hang out in parking lots doing stupid board tricks. But when Mike's girlfriend Lisa, who knows him better than he does, breaks up with him, he realizes he's about to have a major epiphany that will blow his mind. And worse--he gets elected to homecoming court.  

It's like the apocalypse came, only instead of nuclear bombs and zombies, Mike gets school participation, gay thoughts, and mother-effin' cheerleaders.  

With the free spirit of The Perks of Being a Wallflower, the raw voice of Winger, and characters reminiscent of Freaks & Geeks, this debut YA offers a standout voice and a fresh, modern take on the coming-out story.  

S. J. Goslee graduated from West Chester University with a BA in Literature and a minor in Creative Writing. She's been writing fan fiction in multiple fandoms for over a decade, amounting to more than 140 stories and a million words. She lives in Glenolden, Pennsylvania, with her husband, two young sons, three cats, and two dogs (one giant, one tiny). sjgoslee.com
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The conclusion of *New York Times*-bestselling author Ann Aguirre's trilogy about revenge, romance, and secret societies.

The dark and darkly intelligent Immortal Game trilogy from the author of *Enclave* concludes as Edie completes her deal with the Harbinger—or dies trying.

**Ann Aguirre** is the *New York Times*-bestselling author of the Razorland Trilogy (*Enclave, Outpost*, and *Horde*). She lives in Mexico with her husband, two children, two cats, and one very lazy dog. annaguirre.com

**Praise For...**

**Mortal Danger**:
"The story has a freshness and intelligence that puts it at the top of the genre . . . . A standout trilogy opener." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"Bullied and humiliated, Edie is set to exit this life when Kian, a preternaturally attractive stranger, appears with an offer that is more appealing than jumping off a bridge . . . . her inner dialogue keeps readers on track with her persisting insecurities, ensuring that readers will be fully on board as she prepares to do battle in the promised sequel." - The Bulletin

"This will be a popular, fun, and fast-read series that can encourage discussion about true beauty, friendship, popularity, loyalty, and choices." - VOYA

"Aguirre has crafted a sophisticated novel that combines science, horror, and romance amid the realities of high-school cultures. Readers will eagerly anticipate sequels to this frightening, exciting, and erudite celebration of smart teens." - Booklist

"An interesting premise . . . For teens with a penchant for fantasy/horror mash-ups." - School Library Journal
In Book 2 of the Immortal Game trilogy, Edie must learn the rules of the game . . . and then play better than anyone else.

Through a Faustian bargain, Edie Kramer has been pulled into the dangerous world of the Immortal Game, where belief makes your nightmares real. Hungry for sport, fears-made-flesh are always raising the stakes. To them, human lives are less than nothing, just pieces on a board.

Because of her boyfriend Kian's sacrifice, she's operating under the mysterious Harbinger's aegis, but his patronage could prove as fatal as the opposition. Raw from deepest loss, she's terrified over the deal Kian made for her. Though her very public enemies keep sending foot soldiers—mercenary monsters committed to her destruction—she's not the one playing under a doom clock. Kian has six months. . . unless Edie can save him. And this is a game she can't bear to lose.

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A handsome wheelchair rugby player shows a former cyber-bully that everyone deserves a second chance, in this swoonworthy new novel from the author of How to Say I Love You Out Loud.

The party was at her house. The photos were posted to her Facebook account. That's all the evidence anyone needed to condemn Nikki Baylor for a cyberbullying incident that humiliated a classmate and nearly resulted in the girl's suicide. Now Nikki's been expelled from her school, her friends have abandoned her, and even her own parents can't look her in the eye. With her plans for the future all but destroyed, Nikki resigns herself to being the girl everyone hates--almost as much as she hates herself. But then Nikki meets Pax, a spirited wheelchair rugby player who knows what it's like when one mistake completely shatters your life. Refusing to judge her because of her past, he shows her that everyone deserves a second chance . . . . and everyone deserves to be loved.

Karole Cozzo, author of How to Say I Love You Out Loud, is a school psychologist by day, a wife and mother of two by night, and a writer of YA romance in the wee hours of the morning. She loves camping out at Starbucks, breakfast cereal at all hours, and watching every movie made from her favorite YA books. kacozzo.com

Praise For...

How to Say I Love You Out Loud:

"A budding romance with family drama and a feel-good ending." -School Library Journal

From the Swoon Reads Community:

"You know a story captures your attention when you need to get the tissue box to continue reading through your tears." -Mindy Gebert
In this teen romantic comedy in the vein of the movie *Groundhog Day*, a girl must relive the Monday that her boyfriend dumps her over and over and over again until she gets it right.

Ellie is having the worst Monday of her life. She messes up her school speech for the class vice presidency position, she manages to take the world’s worst school picture, she bombs softball tryouts, and the icing on top of this awful cake: her perfect boyfriend who is in a high school rock band dumps her. At the end of the day, Ellie wishes she could redo everything. When she wakes up the next morning, she discovers that it's Monday again! She has six more chances to redo the day in the hopes of having everything go exactly the way she wants. But in the process, she just may find out that what she really wants and what she actually needs are two very different things.

Jessica Brody is the author of several popular books for teens, including the Unremembered trilogy, *52 Reasons to Hate My Father*, and *The Karma Club*, as well as two adult novels. She splits her time between California and Colorado. jessicabrody.com
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52 Reasons to Hate My Father:

"The #1 reason you'll love this book? Because it's tons of fun." - Meg Cabot, bestselling author of Abandon, The Princess Diaries, and the Size 12 Is Not Fat series

"Sharp writing and over-the-top scenes will appeal to readers looking for a fun summer read." - Publishers Weekly

"This unusual riches-to-rags tale is fun and interesting. . . . The mysteries layered throughout, as well as the depth of the main character, draw you in. Lexi is a lovable character you'll root for!" - Romantic Times Book Review (4 stars)

"Sure to be enjoyed by teens." - Kirkus Reviews

The Karma Club:

"Equal parts fresh, funny, and engaging, The Karma Club is the story of one girl's attempt to speed karma along only to discover that karma plays by its own rules. Jessica Brody has created a witty, endearing heroine in Maddy Kasparkova--this is one YA debut you won't want to miss!" - Alyson Noel, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Evermore and Blue Moon

"Written with wit and panache. Readers will have fun with this one, and it might make them think a little, too..."
A historical psychological suspense and murder mystery for teens, with all the trappings of Downton Abbey.

After growing up on a farm in Virginia, Walthingham Hall in England seems like another world to sixteen-year-old Katherine Randolph. Her new life, filled with the splendor of upper-class England in the 1820s, is shattered when her brother mysteriously drowns. Katherine is expected to observe the mourning customs and get on with her life, but she can't accept that her brother's death was an accident.

A bitter poacher prowls the estate, and strange visitors threaten the occupants of the house. There's a rumor, too, that a wild animal stalks the woods of Walthingham. Can Katherine retain her sanity long enough to find out the truth? Or will her brother's killer claim her life, too?

This Gothic murder mystery is filled with history, psychological suspense, and all the trappings of Downton Abbey.

Lucinda Gray is the pseudonym of an American novelist who lives in New York.
An illustrated YA novel about first love and what happens when a racial-profiling scandal threatens to destroy it.

Walter Wilcox has never been in love. That is, until he meets Naomi, and sparks and clever jokes fly. But when his cop dad is caught in a racial-profiling scandal, Walter, who is white, and Naomi, who is African American, are called out at school, home, and online. Can their bond (and mutual love of the Foo Fighters) keep them together?

With black-and-white illustrations throughout and a heartfelt, humorous voice, *Bright Lights, Dark Nights* authentically captures just how tough first love can be. . . . and why it's worth fighting for.

*Stephen Emond* is the creator of the Emo Boy comic series; two illustrated young adult novels, *Happyface* and *Winter Town*; and Steverino a comic strip that ran in his local Connecticut newspaper. stephenemond.com

**Praise For...**

"Most impressive in this emotionally charged novel is the way each of the characters is fully imagined. . . . Readers will be left with plenty on their minds and in their hearts." - *Kirkus Reviews*, **starred review**

"A timely choice that will get teens talking." - *School Library Journal*

Winter Town:

**A VOYA Perfect Ten**

"Compelling, honest and true." - *Kirkus Reviews*, **starred review**

Happyface:

"Whimsical, thoughtful, boyishly sarcastic." - *Publishers Weekly*, **starred review**

"Insightful, poignant, and hilarious." - *VOYA*, **starred review**
In this affecting debut novel, Joss Byrd struggles to find herself on a film set where all that matters is getting the money shot.

Joss Byrd is America's most celebrated young actress, and her next project is a hot new indie film helmed by a renowned, charismatic director. But on the set of The Locals, Joss's life is far from glamorous. Her mother is domineering and relentless, Joss' dyslexia makes it difficult to keep up with the constantly changing script, the boy playing her older brother doesn't seem to reciprocate Joss's crush, and the film's gritty subject matter terrifies her. Yet the only thing that matters to Joss's agent, director, and even her mother is getting the perfect shot. Now Joss will have to go off-script to get what she wants and remain true to herself.

Lygia Day Peñaflor is a private academic teacher for young Hollywood stars. Unscripted Joss Byrd is her debut novel. She lives on Long Island in New York.
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"Unscripted Joss Byrd feels like a true story, like a real movie-set experience—the good (great!!!), bad, and ugly. This book showed me that storytelling is just like moviemaking because both can give a slice of real life to learn from." - Oona Laurence, Tony Award-winning star of Broadway's *Matilda* and of Disney's *Pete's Dragon* (2015)

"Extremely heartfelt. *Unscripted Joss Byrd* is a window into the reality of the acting industry. It shows the struggle and pressure that comes with becoming a movie star, and reveals the not-so-glamorous side of moviemaking as the reader is taken on a journey with Joss and her stage mother. Sometimes you're forced to do what you're told with no questions asked."

Three friends have a hundred days to do everything that truly matters.

Agnes doesn't know it, but she has only a hundred days left to live. She suffers from progeria, a rare disease that causes her to age at roughly ten times the normal rate. Agnes is tiny and frail, but her best friend and protector is a plus-sized Goth girl named Moira, who is fierce and unwavering in her loyalty. In their junior year of high school, Agnes and Moira reconnect with Boone, a boy they were both close to back when they were younger but who drifted away after his father's death. As they both develop romantic feelings for Boone, their friendship is put to the test.

Nicole McInnes is a writer, university instructor, and mother of two who divides her time between the San Francisco Bay Area and the mountains of northern Arizona. nicolemcinnes.com
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In this darkly comic debut YA novel set in Japan, a boy must take down a demon with a murderous vendetta.

Koda Okita is a high school student in modern-day Japan who isn’t very popular. He suffers from narcolepsy and has to wear a watermelon-sized helmet to protect his head in case he falls. But Koda couldn’t care less about his low social standing. He is content with taking long bike rides and hanging out in the convenience store parking lot with his school-dropout friend, Haru.

But when a rash of puzzling deaths sweeps his school, Koda discovers that his narcoleptic naps allow him to steal the thoughts of nearby supernatural beings. He learns that his small town is under threat from a ruthless mountain demon that is hell-bent on vengeance. With the help of a mysterious—and not to mention very cute—classmate, Koda must find a way to take down this demon. But his unstable and overwhelming new abilities seem...

JP Romney has a longstanding love affair with teaching and Japan. After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in history in 2006, he had the opportunity to combine his two interests by teaching English in the small mountain town of Hidaka through the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme. JP came to love the culture, beliefs, myths, and daily living in small towns throughout Japan. As an added benefit, he was able to gather ample material for his first novel. He lives in Pennsylvania.
An irreverently funny debut YA memoir that takes an honest and raw look at an average guy with a not-so-average disability.

With acerbic wit and a hilarious voice, Shane Burcaw describes the challenges he faces as a twenty-one-year-old with spinal muscular atrophy. From awkward handshakes to having a girlfriend and everything in between, Shane handles his situation with humor and a "you-only-live-once" perspective on life. While he does talk about everyday issues that are relatable to teens, he also offers an eye-opening perspective on what it is like to have a life-threatening disease.

Shane Burcaw is a twenty-one-year-old with spinal muscular atrophy. He is currently a junior at Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, studying English. Shane runs a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising money for muscular dystrophy research. Laughing at My Nightmare is based on his blog by the same name. laughingatmynightmare.com

Praise For...

A YALSA Award for Excellence in Young Adult Nonfiction Finalist

"Laughing at My Nightmare is an unforgettable memoir." -VOYA, starred review

"It's engaging, inspirational, and eye-opening." -Publishers Weekly, starred review

"An uplifting, laugh-out-loud memoir that calls out the absurdity of his circumstances, and the joy he finds in the everyday." -Booklist

"With reflections camouflaged in wisecracks, Burcaw demonstrates that a little humor goes a long way." -Kirkus Reviews
An entertaining, eye-opening look at why domesticated rats are awesome—not awful—animals

As personal as it is informational, *Misunderstood* is a unique nonfiction book for teens and tweens about pet rats in general and a wonderful rat named Iris in particular. Brimming with smarts and energy just like its furry subjects, Rachel Toor’s text blends history and science with profiles of interesting people and autobiographical anecdotes as it joyfully sets the record straight about why this reviled creature is actually a most amazing species. Readers will come away with a deeper understanding and appreciation of domestic rats—and may be convinced to adopt one themselves.

Rachel Toor has been an admissions officer at Duke University, a high school cross country coach, and an SAT prep tutor. She currently teaches writing at Eastern Washington University in Spokane. A featured columnist for the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and *Running Times* magazine, she is the author of four previous books, including the YA novel *On the Road to Find Out*.

Praise For...

*On the Road to Find Out*:

"This sweet coming-of-age story is a fun, swift read—not just for runners but for anyone who has had to unwillingly redirect his or her course."  -Booklist

"Teens who are feeling the pressure of college applications will relate to this character who finds that she is tougher than she thought she could be."  -School Library Journal

"A smart and beguiling novel about rejection, running, and the way life can recalibrate around a roadblock."  -Jean Hanff Korelitz, author of *Admission*

"Entertaining, surprising, and inspiring."  -Leila Sales, author of *This Song Will Save Your Life*
In this charming, quirky sequel to *Love Fortunes and Other Disasters*, a young charm maker and her new boyfriend must find and stop a rogue charm maker from taking over Grimbaud.

Aspiring love-charm maker Hijiri Kitamura was excited to come back to Grimbaud for her sophomore year—until she learns about the upcoming charm-making competition. Grimbaud has just started to recover from the tyranny of Zita’s love fortunes, and it would be too easy for the winning charm maker to take Zita’s place. The only solution is for Hijiri, with the support of her friends and fellow rebels, to win the contest herself.

Unfortunately, that’s easier said than done, especially when Love itself has decided to meddle in Hijiri’s life. Concerned that its favorite charm maker has given up on finding a boyfriend of her own, Love takes matters into its own hands and delivers the perfect boyfriend to her in a gift-wrapped box . . . literally.

Kimberly Karalius is the author of *Love Fortunes and Other Disasters*. She holds an MFA in fiction from the University of South Florida and has been sharing stories on Figment.com with a strong following of enthusiastic readers since the site’s conception. Although Kimberly lives in sunny Florida, she prefers to stay indoors and sometimes buys a scarf in the hopes of snow. She loves watching really old cartoons and silent films. Being in Florida certainly has one big perk: going to Disney World. Which she does. Frequently. kimkaralius.com
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-Select Author Appearances
-National Consumer Advertising Campaign
-YA and Romance Media Campaign
-Extensive Digital Marketing & Social Media Campaign
-YA/Romance Blog Tour
-School & Library Marketing Campaign

PRAISE

Love Fortunes and Other Disasters:

"An unusual love story that will delight readers." -School Library Journal

Quotes from the Swoon Reads community:

"This book was a pure delight! The narrative was full of rich, beautiful language, the characters were all super adorable, and the setting was creative and interesting." -Becca

"Kim's work is full of magic, wonder, adventure and excitement." -MochiManiac

"The writing is delicious, and the plot clever and new. The story rings true, consistent and soundly set in the realm of magical-realism. Definitely swoonworthy!" -Janelle

"I adored this novel. I read it while my high school students took their final exams, and I was bursting inside to share this curious world-this romantic world of magic, loyal friendships, and romantic possibility-with my students." -Jenni N.

Excerpts/Q&A

"A whimsical, dreamy breath of fresh air." -Kristianna
Dear Hijiri,

Your summer could not have been as fun without us. Mirthe and I (mostly Mirthe) firmly believe this. Time to right that wrong with a party at our house!

Come now. Right now. Yes, right now. Our little rebellion must reunite before the new school year starts. We have much gossip to discuss (Have you seen the new love charm-makers yet?) and plenty of good food to eat. Besides, today's supposed to be hot. If you come to the party, Mirthe and I promise cool breezes. You might even need a sweater.

Your troublemaking seniors,

Femke and Mirthe De Keyser
New York Times-bestselling graphic memoirist Lucy Knisley (Relish) writes about her adorable DIY wedding!

In 2010, Lucy and her long-term boyfriend John broke up. Three long, lonely years later, John returned to New York, walked into Lucy's apartment, and proposed. This is not that story. It is the story of what came after: The Wedding.

DIY maven Lucy Knisley was fascinated by American wedding culture . . . but also sort of horrified by it. So she set out to plan and execute the adorable DIY wedding to end all adorable DIY weddings. And she succeeded. This graphic novel--clocking in at almost 300 pages of humor, despair, and eternal love--is the story of how Lucy built a barn, invented a whole new kind of photo booth, and managed to turn an outdoor wedding on a rainy day into a joyous (though muddy) triumph.

Lucy Knisley is the author and illustrator of beloved graphic novels about memory, identity, food and family. Her Alex Award-winning graphic novel, Relish: My Life in the Kitchen, tells the story of her childhood steeped in the food industry. It was a New York Times bestseller and has been translated into five languages. Her travelogues (French Milk, An Age of License, and Displacement) and web comic series (Stop Paying Attention) have been lauded by critics, and her combined work has built her a devoted readership for her honest and thoughtful true-life stories. She lives and works in Chicago, with her new husband. lucyknisley.com

Praise For...

Relish:

"I plan on buying this book for every foodie I know."
-Wired
MARKETING

-National Author Tour
-Book Festival/Regional Trade Show Appearances
-Major National Women/Parenting Media Campaign
-Extensive Digital Marketing & Social Media Campaign
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What makes a plant a plant and an animal an animal?

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Plants also "breathe in" carbon dioxide from the air and "breathe out" oxygen. Plants have rigid, rectangular cell walls.

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Surprised? Lots of humans think corals are plants because of their appearance...

WE ARE NOT PLANTS!

But upon closer inspection, you will find that corals are definitely animals.

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Dennis Ouyang lives in the shadow of his parents' high expectations. They want him to go to med school and become a doctor. Dennis just wants to play video games—and he might actually be good enough to do it professionally.

But four adorable, bossy, and occasionally terrifying angels arrive just in time to lead Dennis back onto the straight and narrow: the path to gastroenterology. It's all part of the plan, they tell him. But is it? This powerful piece of magical realism brings into sharp relief the conflict many teens face between pursuing their dreams and living their parents'.

Partnered with the deceptively simple, cute art of newcomer Thien Pham, Gene Yang has returned to the subject he revolutionized with American Born Chinese. Whimsical and serious by turns, Level Up is a new look at the tale that...

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**THIEN PHAM** is a comic book and visual artist, based in the Bay Area. He is also a high school teacher. Pham illustrated Gene Luen Yang's *Level Up*, a YALSA Great Graphic Novel and *New York Times* Notable Children's Book. *Sumo* is his first solo work.
When Hippo left the zoo, he was ready for adventure! But is he ready for his first job?

The zoo isn't what it used to be. It's run-down and falling apart. Hippo hardly ever gets any visitors. So he decides to set off for the outside with his friend Red Panda. To make it in the human world, Hippo will have to become a Hippopotamister: he'll have to act like a human, get a job, and wear a hat as a disguise. He's a good employee, whether he's a construction worker, a hair stylist, or a sous chef. But what he really needs is a job where he can be himself.

John Patrick Green grew up on Long Island in New York and went to the School of Visual Arts for graphic design. He is the illustrator of the graphic novels Jax Epoch and the Quicken Forbidden and Teen Boat!, both with writer Dave Roman. He's also worked on comics for Disney, Nickelodeon, DreamWorks, Scholastic, and DC Comics. John lives in Brooklyn with zero cats and way too many LEGOs. johngreenart.com

Praise For...

Hippopotamister:

"Clever and fun!" - Raina Telgemeier, author of Smile

"The perfect roadway for those kids looking for a path from picture books to graphic novels." - Nick Bruel, creator of the Bad Kitty series
And in the center of it all lived Red Panda and Hippopotamus.

Red Panda couldn’t take it anymore.

I’ve decided to leave the zoo and live amongst the humans.

And he did.

From then on, Hippo looked forward to the days when Red Panda would come back and tell stories about the outside world.

Life outside the zoo is great!
My job is awesome!

Winter

Hey, Hippo!
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Spring

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Summer

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Fall

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It's 1860 in New York City. When twelve-year-old twins Alexander and Cleopatra’s father disappears, they join the Black Hook Gang and are caught by the police pulling off a heist. They agree to reveal the identity of the gang in exchange for tickets to New Orleans. But once there, Alex is tricked into working on a ship that is heading for San Francisco via Cape Horn. Cleo stows away on a steamer to New Granada, where she hopes to catch a train to San Francisco to find her brother. Neither Alex nor Cleo realizes the real danger they are in—they are being followed by pirates who think they hold the key to treasure. How they outwit the pirates and find each other makes for a fast-paced, breathtaking adventure.

**A Margaret Ferguson Book**

**Hope Larson** adapted and illustrated *A Wrinkle in Time: The Graphic Novel*, for which she won an Eisner Award. She is also the author and illustrator of *Salamander Dream*, *Gray Horses*, *Chiggers*, and *Mercury*. She lives in Los Angeles. hopelarson.com

**Rebecca Mock** is an illustrator and comics artist. Her work has appeared in various publications, including the *New York Times* and the *New Yorker*. She is co-organizer of the Hana Doki Kira anthology. *Compass South* is her first book. rebeccamock.com

**Praise For...**

Hope Larson’s graphic novel adaptation of Madeleine L’Engle’s *A Wrinkle in Time*:

"Know somebody who hasn't met Mrs Whatsit, Mrs Who or Mrs Which? Larson's colorful panels bring Madeleine L'Engle's brilliant time-travel favorite to
Twelve years later.

“I should’ve gone up,” Luther.

“You’ve gotta accept it, Cleo.”

“Yeah!”

“Girls are weird. Mom puts them on a burglary.”

“Even the pretty ones.”

“Then you should’ve gone up yourself, Luther.”

“Rats. Just rats.”

“Sneak.”

“It’s only been five minutes. Alex won’t be out soon.”

“Scuffle.”
Last Man is back with its penultimate volume! The series' high-octane combination of fantasy and martial arts will keep readers hooked.

Marianne and Adrian have distinguished themselves as a fighting duo in Paxtown, a shimmering metropolis a universe away from the Valley of the Kings. Team Velba, Richard, and Cristo Canyon all duke it out in the ring against friend and foe alike.

Meanwhile, desperation is on the rise in the Valley of Kings as its monarch frantically searches for the Velbas and Richard, who is now marked as a trophy thief and a kidnapper. The two worlds become linked, however, when members of a mysterious organization, wielding supernatural powers, arrive in Paxtown.

Bastien Vivès was born in 1984 in Paris. He spent his childhood drawing with his brother. His studies focused on illustration and animation at the École des Gobelins. His first title came out in 2007.

Michaël Sanlaville graduated from the Emile Cohl school, and later the Gobelins, after which he followed twin careers in animation (at the Xilam studio) and in comics with Casterman Publishers.

Balak (aka Yves Bigerel) graduated from the Gobelins School of Animation in 2006. Balak works as a storyboard artist, 2-D animator, and TV show director in France. He works with Marvel Comics on the new digital Infinite Comics brand as a storyboard artist.

Praise For...
The Last Man series:
"Last Man is irresistible. This series is a winner."
-Paul Pope, author of Battling Boy
Welcome to the land of the trolls. No babies allowed.

Bera doesn't ask for much in life. She's a solitary, humble troll, tending her island pumpkin patch in cheerful isolation. She isn't looking for any trouble.

But when trouble comes to find her, it comes in spades. A human baby has arrived in the realm of the trolls, and nobody knows where it came from, but Bera seems to be the only person who doesn't want it dead. There's nothing to it but to return the adorable little thing to its parents.

Like it or not, Bera's gone and found herself a quest.

From noted picture book illustrator and graphic novelist (Maddy Kettle) Eric Orchard comes a delightful new fantasy adventure with all the sweetness, spookiness, and satisfaction of your favorite childhood bedtime story.

Eric Orchard is the author and illustrator of the Maddy Kettle books and a number of picture books. He has won a Spectrum Award for his illustrations and has been included in the Society of Illustrators annual exhibition. On his own time, Eric has studied folklore as well as comic books. Bera the One-Headed Troll is inspired by Norse fairy tales and illustrations by Arthur Rackham and Maurice Sendak. Eric currently lives in Toronto with his wife, two young sons, and studio companion: Albert Pineapple the parrot.
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Friendship can be complicated, especially when your best friend is a hobo elephant!

*Friends Is Friends* tells the story of complicated friendships through a series of funny, bittersweet vignettes. Greg Cook's deceptively sweet storybook world is imbued with grown-up humor that is both dark and whimsical. The result is a fable for adults, where the only clear moral is this: friendship isn't easy, whether you're a hobo or a snowman or a ghost.

*Friends Is Friends* is indie-favorite Greg Cook's first major work in over a decade. This long-awaited tragicomedy is a great stand-alone work for both new and established graphic novel readers.

Greg Cook was part of the new wave of underground cartoonists who emerged in the mid-nineties and pushed the boundaries of contemporary comic books. His work has been featured in *Nickelodeon Magazine, The Believer, Arthur, Non*, and numerous other publications. His darkly funny graphic novel *Catch As Catch Can* was published by Highwater Books in 2001 and helped him win the Promising New Talent award at the Small Press Expo in Bethesda, Maryland the following year.

**Praise For...**

*Catch As Catch Can*:

"While the book evokes many pleasures of youth (Richard Scarry's picture books and the tale of Pinocchio, among them), Cook creates a grown-up fantasy world where every pleasure has its price, and just beyond sweetness lies vice." -*Publishers Weekly*
Hey, mister, what ya doing?

Where ya going, mister?

Is it alright if I come along?

Hey mister, how come ya got so many pitches? Because I'm poor?

He, really?

Want a lollypop?

Gawwh

cawwh

cawwh

cawwh

cawwh

Thank you

Feet

DRAFT
Hopper and Eni are back in the second volume of the exciting new computer-programming series by *New York Times*-bestselling author Gene Luen Yang.

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**Animals**
These animals all have fur. Can you find six more?

- kitten
- chinchilla
- rabbit
- guinea pigs
- meerkat
- parakeets
- dog
- mouse
- tiger
- hamster
- parakeets
- chicken

**Shapes**
Can you find the stickers to sort the shapes?

- kite
- flower
- dice
- cookie
- flag
- cushion

**Colors**
Can you find the stickers to sort the colored objects?

- blue
- red
- feather
- drum
- cherry
- comb
- shoes
- tomato
- teddy bear
- crayon
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Red
Can you find the missing red stickers?
- fire truck
- alarm clock
- cherry
- tomato
- crayon
- sock
- red
- car
- chalk

Green
Can you find the missing green stickers?
- broccoli
- watering can
- sneaker
- tractor
- apple
- frog
- leaf

Yellow
Can you find the missing yellow stickers?
- duckling
- lemon
- tennis ball
- sunflower
- fish
- shovel
- fish
- rubber duck
- banana
- raincoat

Blue
Can you find the missing blue stickers?
- backpack
- teapot
- butterfly
- blueberries
- dinosaur
- T-shirt
- paint brush
- yo-yo
- button
- boat
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**Square**

A square has four equal sides. Can you find the missing stickers?

- cushion
- dice
- clock
- picture frames
- gift
- button
- slice of toast
- blocks

**Circle**

A circle has no sides. Can you find the missing stickers?

- orange slice
- clock
- roll of tape
- button
- marbles
- wheel
- cucumber slice
- pizza
- beads

**Triangle**

A triangle has three sides. Can you find the missing stickers?

- kite
- boat sail
- sandwich
- watermelon
- wizard hat
- cheese
- triangle
- button
- garland

**Rectangle**

A rectangle has two long sides and two short sides. Can you find the missing stickers?

- picture frame
- dominoes
- gemstone
- ruler
- cookie
- treasure chest
- envelope
- puzzle
One, two, three, four, five . . . Learning to count to ten is fun with the Little Friends in this noisy board book. Each Little Friend has favorite things to share, and a new number to learn, too! By matching the right button on the sound bar each number, then pressing and listening to it over and over again, children will quickly and easily learn their first numbers and how to count, developing their speech and building their vocabulary along the way.

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1. One buzzy bee.
   How many butterflies can you see?

2. Two buzzy bees.
   How many apples can you see?

3. Three buzzy bees.
   How many squirrels can you see?

4. Four buzzy bees.
   How many flowers can you see?
Red and yellow and pink and green . . . There’s a rainbow of colors for children to learn with the help of their Little Friends in this noisy board book. Each Little Friend has one of their favorite things to share, and a color, too! By matching the right button on the sound bar to each color, then pressing and listening to it over and over again, children will quickly and easily learn to identify their colors, developing their speech and building their vocabulary along the way.

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Little Elephant has a pink dress, a pink bike, and pink shoes.

What color balloon would she choose?

Baby Bear has a green T-shirt, a green sun hat, and green shoes.

What color rollerskates would he choose?

Tiny Tiger has blue trousers, a blue scooter, and blue shoes.

What color helmet would he choose?

Little Moo has purple dungarees, a purple bow, and purple shoes.

What color backpack would she choose?
Packed with fun, effective, and practical exercises, this big wipe-clean book is a great way to help your child get ready for kindergarten. Inside, they'll practice and learn many of the key concepts that will give them a head start for those crucial first school years--lowercase and uppercase letter formation, counting and number skills, color and shape recognition, and much more. Using the special, dry-wipe pen included, all the activities on the wipe-clean pages can be completed, wiped away, and repeated, for hours of early learning fun!

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he  he
say the word  draw inside

he  he
trace the word  now write the word

he  he
say  trace  write

Can you write in the missing word in this sentence?
I like Thomas. _______ is my friend.

she  she
say the word  draw inside

she  she
trace the word  now write the word

she  she
say  trace  write

Circle the words that rhyme with “she.”
me  sky  we  got  see  say  seen

the  the
say the word  draw inside

the  the
trace the word  now write the word

the  the
say  trace  write

The word “the” is used a lot. Circle the ones in the sentence below:
The little frog hops on the rock.

they  they
say the word  draw inside

they  they
trace the word  now write the word

they  they
say  trace  write

Trace the sentence below that uses the word “they.”
They like to bake cakes.
Holding and using a pen effectively are key skills for
children to learn and master as the first steps toward
learning how to write. This big, wipe-clean book is full
of great pen-control exercises and activities for your
child to complete, starting with simple line drawing
and progressing to more complex dot-to-dot puzzles,
trails, and mazes as they grow in confidence. Using
the special dry-wipe pen included, all the exercises
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**Diagonals**

Trace the dotted lines from top to bottom.

Can you trace the kite strings?

**Curves**

Trace the dotted lines down and around.

Can you trace over the jump ropes?

**Squares**

Look at the square

Trace the square

Can you trace these square-shaped things?

**Circles**

Look at the circle

Trace the circle

Can you trace these circle-shaped things?
Help your child learn how to write and spell 100 key first words with this big, fun, wipe-clean book. The practical exercises and activities inside include dotted letter shapes to trace over, which will quickly allow preschoolers to master letter formation, improving their handwriting and pen-control skills along the way. Each bright, colorful page can be wiped clean, and the book includes a special wipe-clean pen, so that children can write and repeat all the exercises time and time again.

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There are more than 100 amazing animals for your preschooler to discover inside this fun activity book, which has over 500 fantastic stickers. Organized into groups including pets, farm animals, and undersea creatures, the colorful pages feature animal photographs to look at and names to read, and learning becomes interactive as children find and match the correct stickers to the correct spaces. This is a great book for children to build their vocabulary, develop hand-eye coordination skills, and learn about animals.

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**Farm babies**

- chick
- calf
- foal
- gosling
- lamb
- piglet
- duckling
- kid

**At the zoo**

- flamingo
- hippopotamus
- giraffe
- crocodile
- panda
- chimpanzee
- giraffe
- camel

Which baby animal has a wooly coat?

Which baby animals have fluffy feathers?

What color is a flamingo?

Which animal has a very long neck?
From animals to crops to machines, this is the perfect book for little learners who want to know all about the farm. Inside, there are over 100 farm pictures to look at and words to learn, plus more than 50 fun flaps to lift. Underneath each one, young farm fans will discover even more about the farm, such as the jobs that the machines do and what the crops are used for, as well as colors to identify, things to count, a fun farm memory game, and much more!

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Farm machines
tractor
hay baler
horse truck
combine harvester
all-terrain vehicle
hay spreader
pickup truck

Meet the animals
Can you guess which animal is which?
Lift the flaps to find out if you are right!
cow
duck

Fruits and vegetables
pumpkin
tomatoes
bananas
apples
carrots
potatoes
strawberries
oranges

Who lives here?
Lift the flaps to find out which farm animal lives where.
sheep dog
stables
pond
pig
field
eren house
Playtown emergency services are always busy, working hard to keep the people of Playtown safe! Children will be fascinated to discover more about the firefighters, police, and rescue crews who work in Playtown, as well as the vehicles and machinery they use to do their jobs. On every page of this busy book, there are fun flaps to lift that tell children more about the pictures. And in the back of the book is a big scene to fold out that brings the emergency workers and their vehicles to life.

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Playtown Hospital
The hospital is a very large building. It has lots of departments to look after people with different injuries and illnesses.

The ambulance arrives at the accident and emergency unit.

A patient with a broken leg is going to take a taxi home.
Introduce your little learner to a wonderful world of colors and counting with this big, bright, and bold board book. Filled with full-color photographs of animals, toys, food, and other everyday things, this is a great book for you and your child to share as you talk about the colors, find the different objects, and count them as you go. With sturdy picture tabs that each lead to a different color.

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From a to z, this cute board book is perfect for helping babies and toddlers learn the alphabet. Adorable animal characters introduce each letter, and there are different textures from soft to furry to shiny for little hands to touch and explore. This great shareable book will develop your child’s speech, stimulate their senses—and, of course, teach them their ABCs!

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A is for apple

B is for ball

C is for car

D is for dog

E is for elephant
ROGER PRIDDY
Little Friends: Goodnight

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Tiny Travelers Jack, Ella, Noah, Izzy, and their cat Lucky are setting off on a new adventure—to help a lost alien find his way back home! Your own Tiny Traveler will love to join them on their journey as they jet into space to help the alien find his planet in this amazing interactive book. There are fun flaps to lift, a fold-out space scene, a fantastic pop-up rocket, and more to inspire imagination and encourage creative play in all would-be astronauts.

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With a handful of Aboki’s magic space dust…

…they are transformed into astronauts!

The Tiny Travelers jump aboard Aboki’s spaceship.

3, 2, 1… LIFT OFF!

Open up the space map, Jack.

Let’s visit every planet with rings!

One of the moons must be Aboki’s home.

Outer Space
Have a spooktacular Halloween with the cats, bats, ghosts, and ghouls in this jack-o-lantern-shaped sticker activity book. With over 300 spine-tingling stickers, little trick-or-treaters will be kept busy on the creepiest night of the year completing the spooky scenes and puzzles inside.

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Creepy Costumes
Everyone is getting ready for the Halloween party! Use your stickers to complete their outfits.

The Witch’s Cupboard
A jar of eyeballs, bottles of slime, and a worm pie! Add more spooky supplies to the witch’s cupboard.

Pumpkin Pals
Use your stickers to give these pumpkin pals funny faces!
Flip the flaps of this fun mix-and-match board book to create some of the funniest creepy characters you've ever seen! You can cook up your own crazy combinations by swapping the heads, bodies, and legs of a witch, skeleton, vampire, and their other spooky friends for a really fun-filled Halloween!

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My monster has fearsome fangs, a wicked waistcoat, and bat-buckle boots!
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