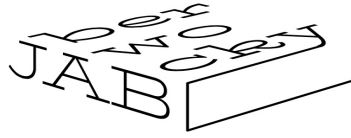
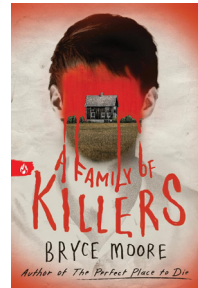
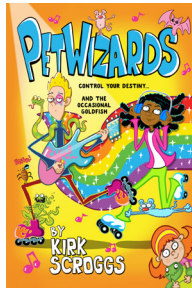
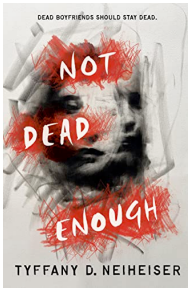


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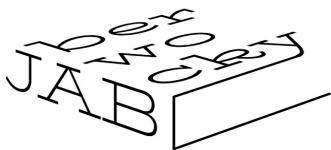
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# A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all!

2024 is a special year for myself and for JABberwocky.

40 years ago, in May 1984, that I put in my first paid day in publishing, in a 12th floor aerie loft space that Tor, Baen and Bluejay Books were sharing. Cozy quarters!

30 years ago, in the Fall of 1994, JABberwocky officially opened its door. Me, in my apartment, with a business plan mapped out on a sheet of memo paper from my previous employer that said I needed around \$25K in commission to break even my first year, and knowing where half of that might come from.

25 years ago was my first London Book Fair, when there were around 200 tables in the IRC. I had around 22 appointments, a third of them that I shouldn't have bothered with, and was sure every person who was five minutes late wasn't showing up at all. And a really ugly catalog, but, hey—I had crafted it entirely by hand.

10 years ago, JABberwocky moved into a Manhattan office.

The business has come a long way—more than anything on account of the clients I've gotten to work with, whose work we are proud to share in this year's catalog. But in no small part because of the agencies we've partnered with around the globe, and the many editors and publishers that have shared these authors with audiences around the world.

Today it's two tables at LBF, booked solid and productively, with the broadest list of titles we've ever had. And we're returning to Bologna with our widest ever assortment of YA and MG. I'm fortunate to be sharing the load with Susan Velazquez Colmant and Christina Zobel; goodness knows I've long since outgrown hand-crafting a catalog and schedule.

My thanks to all for being a part of our amazing journey, and let's keep going!

Sincerely,

Joshua Bilmes

JABberwocky Founder and President



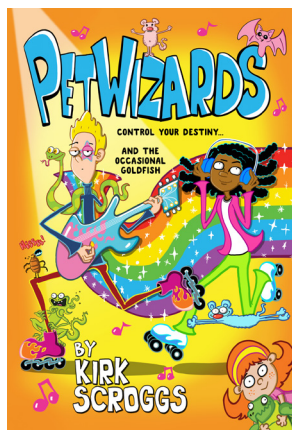
## PETWIZARDS

A middle grade graphic novel series about a glam rock-loving middle schooler with the power to control pets who vows to use his abilities to help those in need, protect the vulnerable, and most importantly, impress his school crush.

To most kids at Cul-de-sac Middle School seventh-grader Finch Eaglehawk is just your average eccentric with a taste for the dramatic and glam rock musical numbers. But behind the glittery capes, sequined spandex and electric guitar, Finch has a secret—he was born a Petwizard, a human with the uncanny ability to control the animal kingdom. Each Petwizard has a different specialty and Finch's are the "irregular pets"—the naked mole rats, the bearded dragons, boa constrictors and hissing cockroaches. It's his great power and his great shame. He loves these forsaken fur balls, but he yearns for more, something elegant and cool.

But he's not giving up! With the help of his best friend, Aberdeen, a mysterious new kid named Erica, and an ancient PetWizard manual he found in the school library, Finch is owning his powers and expanding his domain. He will use his animal abilities to help those in need, protect the vulnerable, and most importantly, impress his school crush, Ken Chu, the dreamy star of the new school musical. All the while overcoming his fears and pursuing the ability to add birds to his repertoire.

Soon, he will no longer merely control nature's outcasts, he will soar like the mighty feathered guardians of his namesake. He will become a true Eaglehawk!



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**FORTHCOMING AUGUST 2024  
BOOK #2 UNDER CONTRACT**

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## AMELIA SAND AND THE SILVER QUEENS

- Kickstarter campaign met fundraising goal in three days and raised almost twice times the initial goal!

**A middle grade fantasy about a young goblin who teams up with a rambunctious crew of two old ladies, a talking snake, and a former teacher in order to save all goblankind from their human overlords.**

Amelia Sand is a student at Ainsworth Academy, where non-humans are taught to be “civilized.” But for the rulers of Umbra—humans who came through a world-gate from Earth and now sit upon the thrones—that’s not enough. When Amelia discovers their plans to use magic to force her and her fellow monsters into blind obedience, she sets out to stop them.

Everyone knows goblins can’t be heroes, so Amelia visits a world-gate to find human champions of her own. But instead of mighty young heroes, she gets stuck with two old women who have no interest in magic or fighting. With her friend Boa (a talking shimmer snake), Amelia joins former teacher Ruth and absent-minded Lily on a quest to save the “uncivilized” peoples of Umbra.

Full of humor and hilarious goblin hijinks, *Amelia Sand and the Silver Queens* is a story about finding unexpected family and learning to trust in your own power.

"But this is really Amelia's story, and the note that saving the world isn't a one-time thing, but an ongoing process, makes this feel truer in a lot of ways than many stories in the genre. I'm excited to read it with my middle grader!"

—Alana Joli Abbott, author of *Blackstone Academy for the Magical Arts*

"The author also sneaks in a lot of deeper thoughts, cleverly disguised among the jokes. Bottom line—an enjoyable read."

—Christopher Gerrib, author of *Pirates of Mars*



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**Jim C. Hines is the winner of the 2012 Hugo Award and finalist for the 2010 Prix Imaginales Award.**

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## NOT DEAD ENOUGH

*Girl in Pieces* meets *Cracked Up to Be* in this raw and candid look at trauma about a girl who is being haunted by the death of an abusive ex-boyfriend.

Charlotte survived the car crash that killed her boyfriend Jerry, but that night, everything changed. Charlotte wants desperately to get back to “normal,”—whatever that means now—and start reconnecting with friends she hasn’t spoken to in months. And she’s trying to work through her PTSD with the help of her therapist, only she can’t tell the truth about Jerry or what really happened the night he died.

Just when Charlotte thinks she might be moving on, someone starts sending her threatening messages claiming to be Jerry, saying things only he would know. But it can’t really be Jerry because there’s no such thing as ghosts. The cold spots in her room must be a draft and the noises she hears must be the house creaking. There has to be a logical explanation for all of it. Because if ghosts are real, then Jerry came back for her—just like he always said he would.

Not Dead Enough is a gripping exploration of trauma from debut author Tyffany D. Neiheiser about a girl who realizes that running from the past will help you survive, but everything you try to escape will eventually find you in the end.

“...[T]he pacing makes for a riveting page-turner with genuinely scary and nerve-wracking scenes that does a mostly effective job of tackling the complicated events. Goose bump inducing and thought provoking.”

—*Kirkus*

“[Neiheiser] conjures genuine terror while delving into the complexities of grief and cycles of abuse...A harrowing and fresh foray into the thriller genre.”

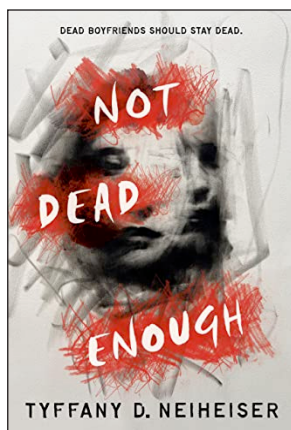
—*Publishers Weekly*

“[A] fast-paced thriller [of how] the unspoken past can rise up and haunt the present.”

—*Booklist*

“Compelling...an unsettling story of the unseen hauntings of trauma and violence.”

—*Bulletin for the Center of Children's Books*



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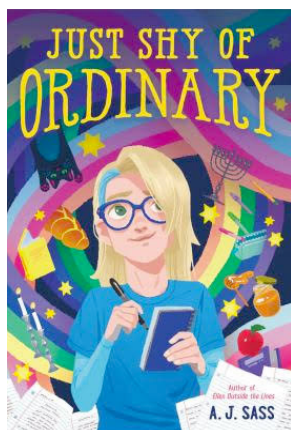
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**US—Viking Books for Young Readers**

## JUST SHY OF ORDINARY

A thirteen-year-old nonbinary kid discovers that life doesn't always go according to plan, especially when they start public school for the first time, in this heartfelt middle grade novel about family, friendship, LGBTQIA+ identity, and Jewish heritage, perfect for fans of *The List of Things That Will Not Change* and *Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World*.

Thirteen-year-old Shai is an expert problem-solver. There's never been something they couldn't research and figure out on their own. But there's one thing Shai hasn't been able to logic their way through: picking at the hair on their arms.



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Ever since their mom lost her job, the two had to move in with family friends, and the world went into pandemic lockdown, Shai's been unable to control their picking. Now, as the difficult times recede and everyone begins to discover their "new normal," Shai's hoping the stress that caused their picking will end, too.

After reading that a routine can reduce anxiety, Shai makes a plan to create a brand new normal for themselves that includes going to public school. But when their academic evaluation places them in a different grade, it sets off a chain of events that veer off the path Shai had prepared for, encouraging Shai to learn how to accept life's twists and turns, especially when you can't plan for them.

"Via sensitive depictions of Shai's skin picking, as well as sincere prose that yields richly developed characters, relationships, and interactions, Sass (Ellen Outside the Lines) captures the tension and dread of grappling with a hidden illness during a tumultuous transition."

—*Publishers Weekly*, **STARRED review!**

"Shai's struggles with identity, anxiety, first love, and faith will resonate with middle grade and young adult readers. A recommended purchase for all secondary school collections."

—*School Library Journal*

"An empathetic portrayal of multifaceted identities and the challenges of facing change."

—*Booklist*

**Rights sold:**

**World English—Little Brown Books for Young Readers**

## GOOSEBERRY

A moving new middle-grade novel about a young nonbinary child searching for family and finding it with a sweet rescue dog, perfect for fans of Kate DiCamillo's *Because of Winn-Dixie*.

B has lived with so many different foster families and youth programs that they have to invent nicknames for them to keep track. Their parents died in a car accident when they were four, and they've been moved around ever since. And even though some foster families don't really get B or why they haven't picked a new name yet (though B has been grappling with that for a while), B tries their best to stay positive. They try to keep a list of names that might fit, and they dream of being able to live in a home where they could adopt a dog and teach him all sorts of tricks. So when they meet Gooseberry, they know they have to adopt him and give him a loving home.

But training a dog isn't as easy as B first suspected. Gooseberry is anxious and barely even wants to let B pet him. But the queer couple B is staying with, Eri and Jodie, help them to adopt Gooseberry and start training him. Even when Gooseberry snaps and growls, B doesn't give up. But is this new home enough to change things for good for B and Gooseberry?

Moving, heartwarming, and full of hope, *Gooseberry* is a friendship story classic in the making!

"B's search for self-identity is artfully written by Gow."

—*Publishers Weekly*



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## A FAMILY OF KILLERS

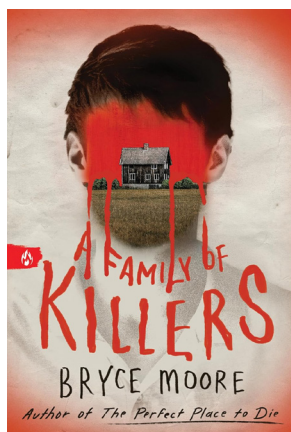
From the author of *The Perfect Place to Die* and *Don't Go to Sleep* comes another chilling horror that explores the eerie story of America's first serial killer family, perfect for true crime fans.

Warren Bullock always thought he was a decent person. But lately he's been haunted by a sinister voice in his head urging him to commit unspeakable acts of violence against the people around him.

And then the rumors start... There have been a string of disappearances in southeastern Kansas, and his father's friend is one of the missing travelers. When Warren's father leaves to investigate and doesn't return, Warren knows this is his chance to prove that he is stronger than his darkest impulses.

As he makes his way through Kansas, he finds himself at a suspicious inn run by the Benders, a family with deeply unsettling mannerisms. They watch every move he makes, stand over him in his sleep, and the daughter seems to be able to see into both the past and future.

As he delves further into the disappearances, he realizes one or all of the Benders may be responsible for all the missing people—and might be the reason his father never came home. It's up to Warren to set things right, even if that means giving into the voice he has been working so hard to ignore.



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## The Skyward Series

### Skyward (#1)

- #3 *New York Times* bestseller, remaining in the top five spots for five consecutive weeks
- Made multiple bestseller lists including #3 on Audible, #4 Indie Bestseller Young Adult, and #19 on the *USA Today* lists
- Winner: Sakura Medal for Best Middle Grade (Japan)
- A 2019 Hal Clement Notable Young Adult Selection
- An Amazon Teacher's Pick



“With this action-packed trilogy opener, Sanderson offers up a resourceful, fearless heroine and a memorable cast.”

—*Publishers Weekly*, **STARRED review!**

“Sanderson plainly had a ball with this nonstop, highflying opener, and readers will too.”

—*Kirkus*, **STARRED review!**

### STARSIGHT (#2)

- Debuted #1 on the *New York Times*, Audible, and Amazon bestseller charts
- Made multiple bestseller lists including #4 on the *Wall Street Journal* and #7 on the *USA Today* bestseller lists
- Winner: Goodreads Choice Award for Best Young Adult Science Fiction & Fantasy (USA)
- Finalist: Plebiscite Best Book Award (Poland)

“Spensa’s habitual over-the-top recklessness adds a rousing spark, and the author folds in plenty of banter as well as a colorful supporting cast.”

—*Kirkus*

“*Starsight* offers...more worldbuilding, some favorite returning characters from *Skyward*, some amazing new characters and settings, and a ramped-up storyline.”

—*Tor.com*

“*Starsight* is an exploration of the other, and a way to reconcile with it. It is a story of fear, of facing that fear and growing stronger for the staring down of it.”

—*Booknest*



# Brandon Sanderson

YA Science Fiction

## The Skyward Series

From #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Brandon Sanderson comes an epic series about a girl who will travel beyond the stars to save the world she loves from destruction.

### CYTONIC (#3)

- #7 *USA Today* bestseller
- #2 bestseller on Audible
- Finalist: Goodreads Choice Award for Best Young Adult Science Fiction & Fantasy (USA)

"I loved this book. There was adventure, there were side quests, there were boss battles—and then the final, heart-stopping boss battle. At least, my heart stopped. And pounded. And mourned a bit. And rejoiced!"

—*Tor.com*

### DEFIANT (#4)

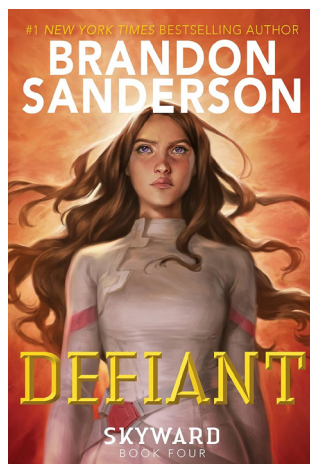
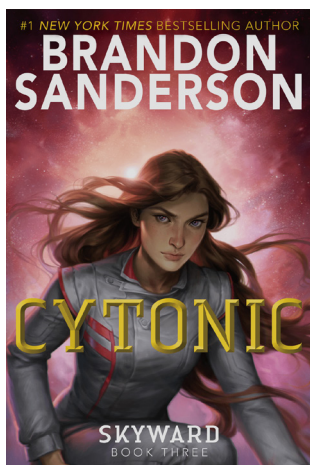
- #1 in Teen & Young Adult Space Opera category on Amazon

"A grand finale, presented with a touch light enough to buoy all the self-actualization. Also: giant space worms!"

—*Kirkus*

"For fans, this novel will be the grand finale we've yearned for and is a testament to Brandon Sanderson's talents."

—*The BiblioSanctum*



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## The Skyward Flight Collection

From #1 bestselling author Brandon Sanderson and Janci Patterson come three Skyward companion novellas, each told from the perspective of a different member of the Skyward Flight team back on Detritus as they try to save the galaxy. Available as a single omnibus or individual titles.



### SUNREACH (#1)

- #1 Amazon bestseller in Teen & Young Adult Dystopian Books

“Hot pilots slug it out with the galactic overlords in a collection that will please series fans.”

—*Kirkus*

“Check out *Sunreach* if you’re a mega fan of the Skyward series...it’s always a delight to visit this world again.”

—*The BiblioSanctum*

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### REDAWN (#2)

- #1 Amazon bestseller in Teen & Young Adult Dystopian Books
- #92 *USA Today* Bestseller

“*Sunreach* and *ReDawn* are essential reading in the Skyward universe. Thankfully, they are on the whole fun returns to a world I’ve enjoyed quite a bit.”

—*Realms of My Mind*

“I could read full novels about [Alanik’s] world and still not get enough of it.”

—*Quirky Cat’s Fat Stacks*

### EVERSHORE (#3)

- #65 *USA Today* bestseller

“Actions, battles, surprises, danger and growth is what you can expect from *Evershore*!”

—*Beware the Reader*

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## TRESS OF THE EMERALD SEA

- #7 *New York Times* bestseller
- #7 *Sunday Times* bestseller
- #2 *La Vanguardia* bestseller (Spain)
- Amazon Editor's Pick for Best Science Fiction and Fantasy

**#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Brandon Sanderson brings us deeper into the Cosmere universe with a whimsical cozy fantasy that will appeal to fans of *The Princess Bride*.**

The only life Tress has known on her island home in an emerald-green ocean has been a simple one, with the simple pleasures of collecting cups brought by sailors from faraway lands and listening to stories told by her friend Charlie.

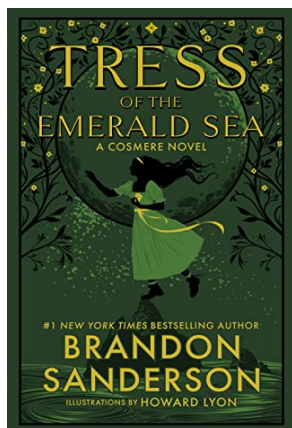
But when his father takes him on a voyage to find a bride and disaster strikes, Tress must stow away on a ship and seek the Sorceress of the deadly Midnight Sea. Amid the spore oceans where pirates abound, can Tress leave her simple life behind and make her own place sailing a sea where a single drop of water can mean instant death?

"Engrossing worldbuilding, appealing characters, and a sense of humor make this a winning entry in the Sanderson canon."

—*Kirkus*, **STARRED review!**

"Sanderson's storytelling rhythm makes this a fun excursion into an ancillary world of the Cosmere, where a world-building whim—in this case, seas made of spores rather than water—grows into a full fledged adventure.... An original fairy tale that will delight fans of William Goldman's *The Princess Bride* and Neil Gaiman's *Stardust*"

—*Booklist*



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**TRESS has sold over 500,000 copies worldwide across all formats!**

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# The Reckoners

Evil superhumans known as “Epics” are threatening to take over the world. It’s up to a scrappy team of Reckoners to take them down.

## STEELHEART (#1)

- Debuted at #1 on *New York Times* bestseller, spent 16+ weeks on the list!
- Sold to Delacorte (US) in a 6-house auction and to Gollancz (UK) in a 6-figure deal with total English-language advances over \$1.3 million
- Sold German rights to Heyne in 6-figure deal
- Winner: Whitney Award for Best Youth Novel (USA)

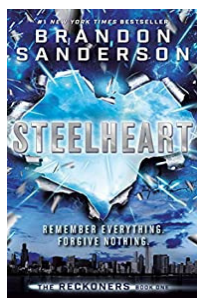
## MITOSIS (#1.5)

## FIREFIGHT (#2)

- Debuted at #1 on *New York Times* bestseller list, spent 8+ weeks on the list!
- Made multiple bestseller lists including #9 on *USA Today* and #10 Indie Best Seller Children’s lists

## CALAMITY (#3)

- Hit #1 on the *New York Times* bestseller list, spent over 3+ weeks on the list!
- Made multiple bestseller lists including #1 on Audible and #2 on *USA Today* lists
- Finalist: Dragon Award for Best Young Adult/Middle Grade Novel (USA)
- Finalist: Goodreads Choice Award for Best Young Adult Fantasy & Science Fiction (USA)



### Book 1

Publication Date:

Sept. 24, 2013

Page Count: 388

### Book 2

Publication Date:

January 6, 2015

Page Count: 427

### Book 3

Publication Date:

February 16, 2016

Page Count: 420

Book 1.5 (novella)

December 3, 2013

Page Count: 55

2.8 million copies sold in the series worldwide!

### Rights sold:

[Brazil](#)—Editora Aleph

[Bulgaria](#)—Studio Art Line

[Chinese](#), [C](#)—Fantasy Foundation

[France](#)—Calmann-Levy

[Georgia](#)—Palitra L

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[Turkey](#)—Dogan Egmont

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[US](#)—Delacorte, Audible

# Brandon Sanderson

MG Fantasy

## Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians Series

A fun middle grade adventure series about a young boy with unique talents who joins the fight against the Evil Librarians.

### ALCATRAZ VS. THE EVIL LIBRARIANS (#1)

• #9 *New York Times* bestseller

“Like Lemony Snicket and superhero comics rolled into one (and then revved up on steroids)...sure to win passionate fans.”  
—*Publishers Weekly*, *STARRED* review!

“This is an excellent choice to read aloud to the whole family. It’s funny, exciting, and briskly paced. Best of all, the message it gives young readers is that a person’s flaws—being late, breaking things, etc.—can sometimes turn into useful talents.”  
—*NPR*

### THE SCRIVENER’S BONES (#2)

“Those who enjoy their fantasy with a healthy dose of slapstick humor will be delighted.”

—*School Library Journal*

“Every bit as clever, fast-paced and original as [the first book].”  
—*VOYA*

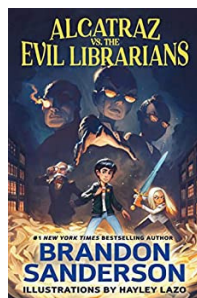
### THE KNIGHTS OF CRYSTALLIA (#3)

“The plot offers up plenty of action, gadgetry, meta-fictional humor, grudgingly dispensed hints of the librarians’ endgame, and counterintuitive Smedry Talents to keep the old fans and new readers alike turning pages.”

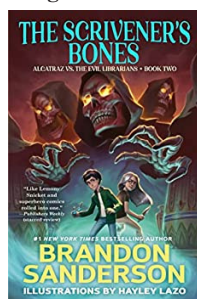
—*Horn Book*

“Beneath the wild humor, there are surprisingly subtle messages about responsibility and courage.”

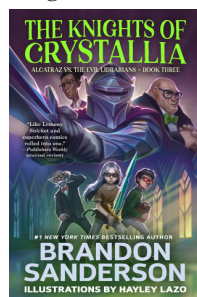
—*School Library Journal*



Publication Date:  
February 16, 2016  
Page Count: 320



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February 16, 2016  
Page Count: 337



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February 16, 2016  
Page Count: 340

#### Rights sold:

[Bulgaria](#)—Studio of A  
[Czech. Repub.](#)—Slovart  
[Denmark](#)—Superlux  
[France](#)—Livre de Poche  
[Israel](#)—Modan  
[Poland](#)—MAG, Storytel

[Slovak](#)—Slovart  
[Spain](#)—Ediciones B  
[Thailand](#)—Words Wonder  
[Turkey](#)—Arkadas  
[UK Audio](#)—WF Howes  
[US](#)—Tor, Recorded Books

## Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians Series

### THE SHATTERED LENS (#4)

"Sanderson's one of the few writers of adult fiction I've read who can also write effortlessly and dead-on true for kids as well...Highly recommended!"

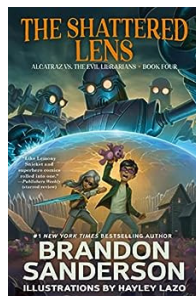
—*Young Adult Books Central*

"As goofy randomness streamlines into compelling narration, even readers who don't find giant robots reason alone to pick up a book will be drawn into Alcatraz's cohesive world, with its unique form of magic."

—*Horn Book*

"An off-the-wall, humorous series that is sure to appeal to boys and fantasy fans."

—*Kiss the Book*



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### THE DARK TALENT (#5)

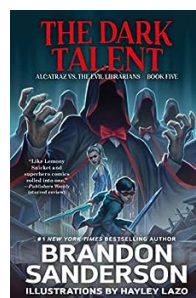
- Nominee: Goodreads Choice Award for Best Middle Grade and Children's (USA)

"*The Dark Talent* does not disappoint—fans will continue to enjoy the zany humor and the metafictional aspect of the series."

—*Fantasy Literature*

"This book was fantastic, following in the same footsteps as the previous volumes when it comes to the off-the-wall humor and wackiness. Sanderson falls effortlessly back into the tone of this series, and the snark is stronger than ever!"

—*BiblioSanctum*



**Publication Date:**  
February 16, 2016  
**Page Count:** 304

### BASTILLE VS. THE EVIL LIBRARIANS (#6)

- Co-written with Janci Patterson
- #92 *USA Today* bestseller
- Nominee: Goodreads Choice Award for Best Middle Grade and Children's (USA)

"Previous prognostications of failure and doom notwithstanding, this bustling entry features miraculous survivals and just deserts for the biblio-baddies...Rescues and kittens by the carload, with a bit of inner growth on the side."

—*Kirkus*

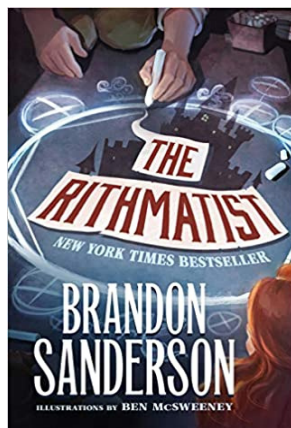


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Sept. 20, 2022  
**Page Count:** 272

**THE RITHMATIST (#1)**

A scholarship student at a magical boarding school is assigned to help a professor investigate a series of strange disappearances.

- #6 *New York Times* bestseller
- Over 300,000+ copies sold!
- A *New York Times* Notable Children's Book
- An Apple's Best Teen Book of 2013
- An SF Book Club Selection
- #3 on YALSA's 2014 Teens' Top Ten list
- A *Kirkus* Best of 2013 pick
- A Summer 2013 Indie Next Top 10 pick
- Finalist: Audie Award for Best Fantasy Audiobook
- Finalist: Children's Sequoyah Award (USA)
- Finalist: Lubimy Czytać Best Book Award (Poland)
- Nominee: Goodreads Choice Award for Best Young Adult Science Fiction & Fantasy (USA)



**Publication Date:**

**May 14, 2013**

**Page Count: 384**

"*The Rithmatist* contains some good surprises on the way to a pleasingly nifty conclusion."

—Patrick Ness, *The New York Times*

"Fantasy readers should devour this well-crafted mix of action and setup, enriched by thoroughly detailed cultural and historical background and capped by a distinctly unsettling twist."

—*Kirkus*, **STARRED review!**

"Featuring ingenious magic (complete with profuse chalk drawing–style diagrams and illustrations from McSweeney), feisty characters, and a complex plot likely to unwind over several volumes, this high-spirited, exciting story will appeal to readers of all ages."

—*Publishers Weekly*, **STARRED review!**

**Rights sold:**

**Bulgaria**—Studio of A  
**Chinese, C**—Fantasy Foundation\*\*\*  
**Chinese, S**—Chongqing  
**Croatia**—Planet Zoe  
**Czech Rep.**—Talpress\*\*\*  
**Denmark**—DreamLitt  
**France**—Univers Poche  
**Germany**—Heyne

**Italy**—Mondadori  
**Poland**—MAG\*\*\*  
**Russia**—EKSMO  
**Slovakia**—Slovart  
**Spain**—Ediciones B  
**Thailand**—Words Wonder  
**Turkey**—Ithaki  
**UK**—Tor, Audible  
**US**—Tor Teen



## THE PASSING PLAYBOOK

- An Amazon Editor's Pick in Best Young Adult
- An Indie Next pick
- A Junior Library Guild Selection
- Nominee: Lambda Literary Award for Best LGBTQ Young Adult
- A 2022 Rainbow Book List Top Ten Title for Young Adults
- Featured on "best of" lists from *Kirkus* and Amazon

*Love, Simon* meets *Bend It Like Beckham* in this feel-good contemporary romance about a trans athlete who must decide between fighting for his right to play and coming out to everyone.

Fifteen-year-old Spencer Harris is a proud nerd, an awesome big brother, and a David Beckham in training. He's also transgender. After transitioning at his old school leads to a year of isolation and bullying, Spencer gets a fresh start at Oakley, a liberal private school.

At Oakley, Spencer seems to have it all: more accepting classmates, a starting position on the boys' soccer team, great new friends, and maybe even something more than friendship with one of his teammates. The problem is, no one at Oakley knows Spencer is trans—he's passing and hasn't come out to them.

But when a discriminatory law forces Spencer's coach to bench him, Spencer has to make a choice: cheer his team on from the sidelines or publicly fight for his right to play, even though it would mean coming out to everyone and risk losing everything—including the guy he's falling for.

"Balancing hope and honesty, this debut deftly handles multiple social themes, including racism, privilege, identity, and accessibility. A game-changing score to the back of the net."

—*Kirkus*, **STARRED review!**

"A heartwarming tale of determination and one teen's path to authentic living."

—*Horn Book*



Publication Date:

June 1, 2021

Page Count: 304

**Rights sold:**  
**Poland—Helion S.A.**

**US—Dial Books for Young Readers**  
**UK—Penguin UK**

Robin Gow

YA Contemporary

## ODE TO MY FIRST CAR

A charming sapphic YA novel in verse about a bisexual teen navigating a summer of self-discovery as she deals with first loves and her first car, and finds a mentor who helps her figure out what it means to be a queer teenage girl today.

It's a few months before senior year of high school and Claire Kemp, a closeted bisexual, is finally starting to admit she might be falling in love with her best friend, Sophia, who she's known since they were four. However, she's not sure if Sophia feels the same way and Claire is hesitant to risk the friendship.

Then Claire crashes her beloved car and to pay off her debt, she takes a job at the local nursing home up the street from her house. There she meets Lena, an eighty-eight-year-old lesbian woman who tells her stories about what it was like growing up gay in the 1950s and '60s.

As Claire spends more time with Lena and grows more confident of her identity, another girl, Pen, comes into the picture, and Claire is caught between two loves—one familiar and well-worn, the other new and untested.

"Gow (who is bisexual, queer, and trans), writes with authority, insight, and considerable poetic skill...The result is a highly readable, character driven exercise in literary fiction that is highly recommended."

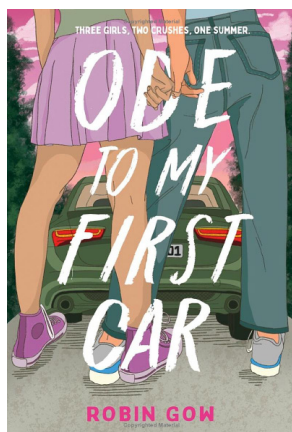
—*Booklist*, **STARRED** review!

"[Gow] thoughtfully unpacks a variety of issues, including economic anxiety, guilt, and identity exploration via empathetic verse poems..."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"A compelling tale that explores queerness, friendship, and love."

—*Kirkus*



**Publication Date:**

**June 20, 2023**

**Page Count: 352**

Audio rights sold at auction to Spotify!

Rights sold:

World English—FSG Books for Young Readers



## A MILLION QUIET REVOLUTIONS

**A moving novel in verse that is a love letter to trans relationships, perfect for fans of *The Poet X*, *Darius the Great is Not Okay*, and *Aristotle and Dante Discover The Universe*.**

For as long as they can remember, Aaron and Oliver have only ever had each other. In a small town with few queer teenagers, let alone young trans men, they've shared milestones like coming out as trans, buying the right binders and falling for each other.

But just as their relationship has started to blossom, Aaron moves away. Feeling adrift, separated from the one person who understands them, they seek solace in digging deep into the annals of America's past.

When they discover the story of two Revolutionary War soldiers who they believe to have been trans men in love, they're inspired to pay tribute to these soldiers by adopting their names. As they learn more, they delve further into unwritten queer stories, and they discover the transformative power of reclaiming one's place in history.

"A beautifully written novel in verse about self-discovery and first love...A stunning YA debut."

—*School Library Journal*, **STARRED review!**

"Aaron and Oliver are frustrated that much of history ignores 'what it was like to live as someone / other than a / white / Protestant / land-owning / man,' and as they discover that life needn't follow gender binaries, their revelations ring with authenticity."

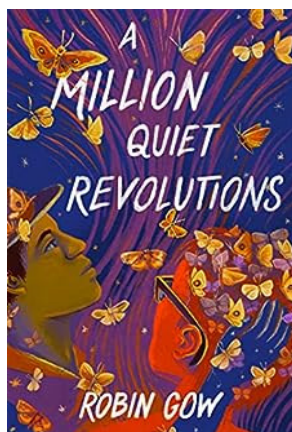
—*BookPage*, **STARRED review!**

"A sweet and highly earnest transgender love story."

—*Kirkus*

"Sweet details...and steadfast romance make for a compelling journey."

—*Publishers Weekly*



**Publication Date:**

**March 22, 2022**

**Page Count: 326**

**Rights sold:**

**World English—FSG Books for Young Readers**

Ann LaBar

YA Contemporary

## PROM THEORY

- Featured on “most anticipated” lists from *Book Riot*, *Just Another Teen Reading*, *Pop Goes the Reader*, and *A Court of Coffee and Books*
- Featured on Children’s Book Council’s “Reading List for Disability Awareness”

**A YA romantic comedy in the vein of *10 Things I Hate About You*, in which a neurodivergent teen girl’s social experiment goes awry when she realizes she’s in love with her best friend.**

Science has helped Iris Oxtabee navigate so many parts of life that she’s sure there’s nothing it can’t explain. Love, for example, is just chemistry.

Her best friend Seth, however, believes love is one of life’s beautiful and chaotic mysteries. But Iris isn’t one to back down from a challenge: she’s determined to prove love is really nothing more than hormones and external stimuli. The perfect way to test her theory? Get the newly-single mega-hottie Theo Grant, who doesn’t even know Iris exists, to ask her to prom!

With prom just two weeks away, Iris turns her laser-focus attention to her experiment. What she doesn’t notice is that Theo’s handsome face is hiding something uglier. Will she see Theo’s true colors, or will her friendship with Seth—and the possibility for something more—become the failed experiment?

“...I genuinely enjoyed every scene with Iris, Esther and Seth. Their friendship was so fun and loving, and embodied true friendship in the desire to help one another no matter what.”

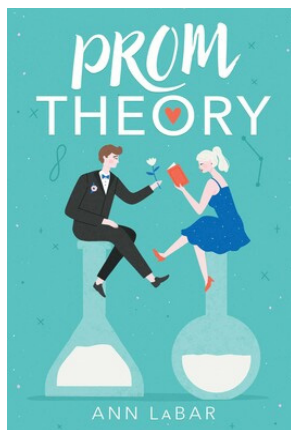
—*Ideally Inspired*

“Overall, this was a good book if you’re looking for a high school romance with a diversity rep for the main character.”

—*Baltimore Bibliophore*, 4/5 stars

“I thought Iris was an observant and witty main character [...] this was a cute story.”

—*Books Over Everything*



**Publication Date:**  
**March 30, 2021**  
**Page Count: 399**

**Rights sold:** US—Simon Pulse  
World English Audio—Recorded

**India (English-language)—Srishti**  
Publishers & Distributors

## LUCKY CALLER

**A friends-to-lovers romance in which a teen girl must pull together her school's radio broadcast team amidst fandom drama and working with her ex-best friend (and secret crush).**

"This lovely book brims with complicated family dynamics, unexpected friendships, and important lessons on learning from mistakes. Mills truly excels at creating vivid characters that will tear at readers' heartstrings [...] A stunning read filled with wit and wisdom."

—*Kirkus*, **STARRED review!**

"Veteran romance writer Mills delivers a well-crafted, bittersweet comedy of errors filled with realistically flawed characters and taut, witty dialogue."

—*Publishers Weekly*, **STARRED review!**

"A terrifically appealing venture through the fraught task of connecting with other people."

—*Booklist*

## FAMOUS IN A SMALL TOWN

• A 2020 Junior Library Guild Selection

**A small town girl tries to convince a famous country singer to return to her hometown for a once-in-a-lifetime concert while finding first love and confronting long-ignored grief.**

"Mills has written a sweet, witty, and touching story about small-town life and the secrets we share. Delightfully multidimensional characters, an appealing setting, and a deceptively simple plot with some unanticipated twists make this is a novel that transcends the conventional romance genre. Readers will especially enjoy the lively dialogue and the effortless narrative flow. This novel is a fine addition to any collection serving young adults."

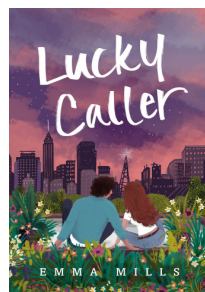
—*VOYA*, **STARRED review!**

"Rife with witticism, like a finely honed sitcom, and brimming with heart."

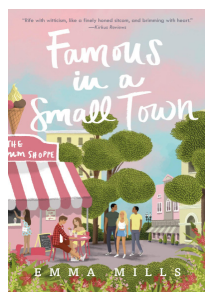
—*Kirkus*

"Mills encapsulates small-town life in this eventful romance."

—*Publishers Weekly*



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**January 14, 2020**  
**Page Count:** 336



**Publication Date:**  
**January 15, 2019**  
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**Rights sold:**  
**Poland—Media Rodzina (Lucky Caller)**

**World English—Henry Holt**  
**World English Audio—Dreamscape**

# Emma Mills

YA Contemporary

## FIRST & THEN

- A 2016 Junior Library Guild Selection
- A 2015 Cybils Award nominee

**A high school senior is encouraged to get off of the sidelines and enjoy life by her rebel cousin and a cute jock.**

“A fresh, smart, inventive, and altogether impressive debut.”

—*Kirkus*, **STARRED review!**

“Debut author Emma Mills creates an engaging update to *Pride and Prejudice* that teen romance fans will enjoy.”

—*Common Sense Media*



**Publication Date:**  
October 13, 2015  
**Page Count:** 273

## THIS ADVENTURE ENDS

**When a beloved painting goes missing, Sloan decides to help twins Vera and Gabe track it down, discovering love, friendship, and family along the way.**

“Mills seamlessly creates art imitating life imitating art while bringing freshness to the familiar romantic conventions she invokes. With taut, realistic dialogue, she expertly crafts blossoming friendships and nascent romances.”

—*Publishers Weekly*



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October 4, 2016  
**Page Count:** 318

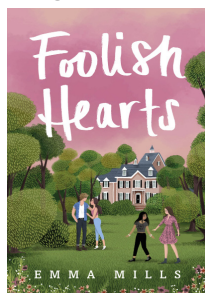
## FOOLISH HEARTS

- A YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults 2019 Selection

**A teen girl's high school production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* leads her to new friends—and maybe a new love.**

“Mills thoughtfully explores the nuances of all kinds of relationships, both friendly and romantic, via Claudia and her circle of friends...Through these friendship struggles and romances old and new, Mills evokes the high stakes and vast rewards of trust, intimacy, and honesty.”

—*Publishers Weekly*, **STARRED review!**



**Publication Date:**  
December 5, 2017  
**Page Count:** 320

### Rights sold:

Chinese—S—Macmillan Century - China JV  
(*This Adventure Ends*\*\*\*)

Denmark—Palatium (*This Adventure Ends*,  
*Foolish Hearts*)

Germany—Königskinder (*First & Then*\*\*\*, *This Adventure Ends*\*\*\*)

Poland—Media Rodzina (*Foolish Hearts*, *This Adventure Ends*)

Russia—Clever Media (*First & Then*\*\*\*)

Turkey—Pegasus Yayıncılık (*First & Then*\*\*\*)

World English—Henry Holt BFYR

World English Audio—Dreamscape, Brilliance

## EVERYTHING'S FINE

- Winner: Utah Arts Council Award for Best Young Adult Novel (USA)

**In the vein of Jay Asher's *Thirteen Reasons Why*, a teenage girl tries to unravel the final days of her best friend, who died by suicide, and discovers that her community is hiding dark secrets.**

After Kira's best friend Haylee suddenly dies by suicide, Kira is left with nothing but questions, and a gaping hole in her life where Haylee used to be.

Kira is sure that the answers to her questions must be written in Haylee's journal, but someone has taken it. Someone in their community stole Haylee's journal.

But why? What did Haylee write in her journal that someone wants to keep a secret?

*"Everything's Fine* is a powerful book about loss, about how to deal with the aftermath and about getting some answers. I loved it."

—*Book Briefs*

"It kept me up late because I wanted to see how the story ended. I wanted to know what happened to Haylee. I found the blend between current circumstances and memories of Haylee to be deftly handled and often poignant."

—*One Cobble At a Time*

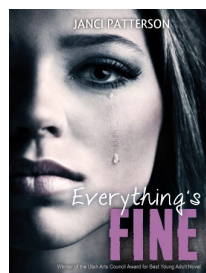
## BOYLESS

**Bryn is looking forward to a boy-less summer at her all-girls summer camp but when the director's cute son arrives, she may rethink her stance on romance.**

Bryn was looking forward to working at all-girl Camp Timberpine, away from her diet-obsessed mother who endlessly lectures Bryn about how boys don't like fat girls.

And then Logan, the camp director's son, arrives. Bryn's hope for a boyless summer rapidly turns to anything but. All the Camp Timberpine girls become obsessed with trying to catch Logan's eye.

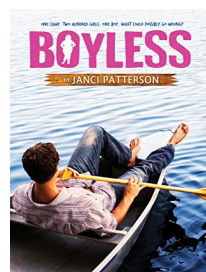
To Bryn's and everyone's surprise, Logan seems the most interested in her. As the summer progresses, will Bryn be able to let go of her insecurities to enjoy this summer love?



Publication Date:

June 5, 2014

Page Count: 202



Publication Date:

May 8, 2016

Page Count: 271

Rights sold:  
World English—Garden Ninja

## LONG DARK NIGHT

A teenage girl being held hostage by a vampire plots to escape and be free of him forever. But as a recently turned vampire herself, she must first find her own strength.



## SKIPPED

Ricki tags along with her bounty hunter father to chase down a handsome teenage boy evading the law.



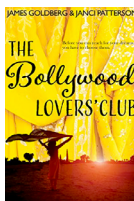
## GIFTCHILD

Naive teenager Penny thinks if she gets pregnant, she can give her mother the second child her mother's always wanted, only to realize how little she knows about sex and relationships.



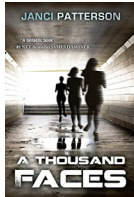
## THE BOLLYWOOD LOVERS' CLUB

A Sikh teenage girl and a Mormon teenage boy bond over their love of Bollywood films and develop feelings for each other in this bittersweet romance.



## A THOUSAND FACES TRILOGY

A sci-fi trilogy centered on Jory, who, along with her family, uses shapeshifting powers to pull off heists and cons. When her parents go missing, Jory must use her skills to find and rescue them.



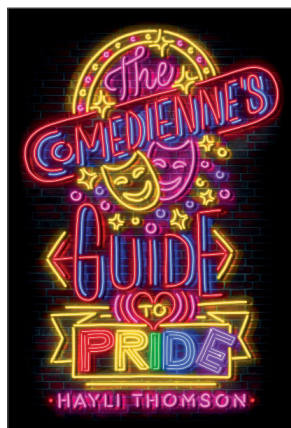
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World English—Garden Ninja



## THE COMEDIENNE'S GUIDE TO PRIDE

A funny, thoughtful YA about going after what you really want and letting people love who you really are, that fans of Jaye Robin Brown's *Georgia Peaches and Other Forbidden Fruit* will love.

Taylor Parker has always been a funny girl—but when she is accepted as a finalist for a writers' internship at the iconic sketch comedy show *Saturday Night Live*, it turns her life upside down. If she wants a shot at winning in a little more than a month, Taylor will have to come out about both of her secrets: She wants to be a comedian...and she's a lesbian.



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With a mom who gave up a career in comedy to raise her, and a comedian dad who left for a younger woman, working in comedy is a sore subject in Taylor's house. But through spending time with her long-time crush Charlotte Grey, an out and proud lesbian, Taylor sees what living her truth and pursuing her dreams could bring her.

As Taylor awaits the results of the internship, she must develop the confidence to tell everyone exactly who she is and what she wants.

"Taylor is genuinely appealing, a distinct narrator whose showmanship is funny and whose love of stand-up and sketch writing comes across as a true passion... A charmer with hidden depth."

—*Kirkus*

"Thomson's laugh-out-loud debut, buoyed by the teens' heartwarming romance and Taylor's sardonic, aspiring-comic voice, deftly intertwines the sometimes conflicting paths to chasing one's dreams and being oneself."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"[A] charming romance and heartwarming coming out journey. Taylor's humor and witty one-liners make for many laugh-out-loud moments."

—*School Library Journal*

**Rights sold:**  
ANZA—Harper Collins Australia

**World English—Page Street**

# Catherine Bakewell

YA Fantasy

## FLOWERHEART

• A #6 Pacific Northwest Indie bestseller

**YA cottagecore standalone fantasy perfect for fans of Margaret Rogerson and Tamora Pierce, about a young woman with powerful nature magic who must team up with her former best friend to find a way to heal her poisoned father.**

Clara's magic has always been wild. But it's never been dangerous. Then a simple touch causes poisonous flowers to bloom in her father's chest. The only way to heal him is to cast an extremely difficult spell that requires perfect control. And the only person willing to help is her former best friend, Xavier, who's grown from a sweet, shy child into someone distant and mysterious.



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**March 14, 2023**  
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Xavier asks a terrible price in return, knowing Clara will give anything to save her father. As she struggles to reconcile the new Xavier with the boy she once loved, she discovers how many secrets he's hiding. And as she hunts for the truth, she instead finds the root of a terrible darkness that's taken hold in the queendom—a darkness only Clara's magic is powerful enough to stop.

"An uplifting and meaningful tale bursting with floral imagery and cottagecore aesthetics."

—*Publishers Weekly*, **STARRED review!**

"A gentle love story and a fantasy that faces the dark voices of anxiety and depression with mettle."

—*Kirkus*

"An enchanting fantasy filled with lovely imagery and a sweet romance."

—*School Library Journal*

"A comfort read with the super cute slow-burn childhood friends-to-lovers trope and an enchanting, whimsical setting."

—*USA Today*

**New bonus chapter now available!**

**Rights sold:**  
**France**—Bragelonne  
**Poland**—Kobiece

**Russia**—Mann, Ivanov and Ferber  
**Spain**—Monogatari  
**World English**—HarperTeen



## Peter & Pan Trilogy

A reimagining of J.M. Barrie's *Peter Pan* blended with Greek mythology that gives an alternate origin story for Captain Hook and the boy who never grew up. After his son is kidnapped by the Greek god Pan, a father and his motely crew enter the strange island of Neverland in hopes of reuniting. A full-color illustrated anniversary edition is also available.

### PETER & PAN (#1)

Set during the end of the Hundred Years' War, children are mysteriously being abducted from the town Bishop's Lynn, including Peter, the son of sea captain James Barrie. The children have been kidnapped by the Greek god Pan, who seems to have special plans for Peter. James and his crew travel to Neverland, where they must face bloodthirsty mermaids, fairies and gods from long forgotten ages. Will James be able to rescue Peter before Pan takes him away forever?

### PETER & WENDY (#2)

A reprinting of J.M. Barrie's *Peter and Wendy* that tells the classic tale of Peter and the Darling children's adventures in Neverland while being pursued by the nefarious Captain Hook. Includes full-color illustrations and an introduction by Dimitri Balcaen.

### PETER & HOOK (#3)

Set in present day, Moira Darling must return to Neverland and help restore the balance to the island's magic that her ancestor Wendy Darling accidentally threw off during the Darling family's visit to Neverland. In doing so, she could be the key to help James finally reunite with his son Peter and free him from the grasp of Pan.

Over 80,000 copies sold in the  
Dutch and English language!  
English reprint rights are available.



Book 1

Publication Date:  
February 1, 2018  
Page Count: 281



Book 2

Publication Date:  
August 1, 2020  
Page Count: 181



Book 3

Publication Date:  
October 27, 2022  
Page Count: 235

Rights sold:  
World English—ReadMore Publishing

Netherlands—ReadMore Publishing  
Russia—Azbooka

## Samantha Cohoe

YA Fantasy

## BRIGHT RUINED THINGS

- Featured on “most anticipated” lists from *Goodreads*, *Book Riot*, *Buzzfeed*, *The Nerd Daily*, *Tor.com*, and *Epic Reads*

**A glittering 1920s retelling of *The Tempest* in which forbidden magic and family secrets are revealed over the course of one dramatic night.**

The only life Mae has ever known is on the island, living on the charity of the wealthy Prosper family who control the island’s magic and its spirits. Mae longs for magic of her own and to have a place among the Prosper family, where her best friend, Coco, will see her as an equal, and her crush, Miles, will finally see her as a romantic option.

But tonight is First Night, when the Prospers and their high-society friends celebrate the night Lord Prosper first harnessed the island’s magic and started producing aether, a magical fuel source that has revolutionized the world.

When the spirits start inexplicably dying, Mae realizes that things aren’t what they seem. And Ivo, the reclusive, mysterious heir to the Prosper magic, may hold all the answers—including a secret about Mae’s past. As Mae and her friends unravel the mysteries of the island, and the Prospers’ magic, Mae starts to question the truth of what her world was built on.

“Fans of Shakespeare’s *The Tempest* will find much to enjoy, as will readers eager for a luxurious—but not escapist—1920s period piece.[...] An intriguing story about the rot that lies beneath splendor.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*

“This dizzying struggle over power, magic, and dreams will sink readers into this fantasy’s web of ambition and family tension. A strong choice for libraries serving teens.”

—*School Library Journal*

“I’ll take some *Gatsby* with my Shakespeare any day, as long as Cohoe is the one doing the writing.”

—*Locus*



**Publication Date:**  
**February 15, 2022**  
**Page Count: 342**

**Rights sold: Arab Repub.–DAWEN\*\*\***

**World English–Wednesday**

## A GOLDEN FURY

- A *The Nerd Daily's* pick for "20 SFF YA Debuts to Watch Out For in 2020"

**An 18th century historical fantasy, about a young woman who must choose between protecting the greatest scientific discovery or protecting her life.**

Thea Hope and her alchemist mother are close to creating the legendary Philosopher's Stone—which can heal any illness and turn any metal into gold—but Thea's mother destroys the Stone in a sudden fit of violent madness.

Through her mother's notes, Thea learns that there's a curse on the Stone that means anyone who succeeds at making it will go insane. As the French Revolution approaches, Thea is sent to Oxford to live with her distant father for her safety.

But Oxford isn't safe either. There are men who will stop at nothing to steal Thea's knowledge of how to create the Stone. Thea can only run for so long, and soon she will have to choose: create the Stone and sacrifice her sanity, or let the people she loves die.



**Publication Date:**

**March 13, 2018**

**Page Count: 408**

"The attention to detail in the story is excellent. Period costumes and locations are well imagined. Likewise, the pacing is good as the excitement clips along [...] A solid fantasy to flesh out the world of alchemy that most readers know only from *'Harry Potter.'*"

—*School Library Journal*

"An engaging concoction of fantasy, romance, and historical fiction."

—*Booklist*

"Sharply written with a crackling, compassionately determined heroine, *A Golden Fury* is a vivid ride through eighteenth century Europe with darkness and dread creeping at its corners. Utterly enchanting."

—**Emily A. Duncan**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Wicked Saints*

"Prepare for a magic that will consume you."

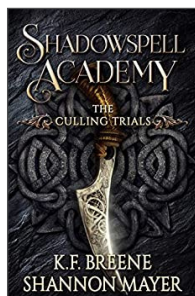
—**Rosamund Hodge**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Cruel Beauty*

Shannon Mayer &amp; K.F. Breene

YA Fantasy

## The Shadowspell Academy Series

*Hunger Games* meets *A Deadly Education* in this collaboration between *USA Today* bestselling authors Shannon Mayer and K.F. Breene, in which a teen girl infiltrates a dangerous school for magic to search for her missing brother.



### THE CULLING TRIALS PART 1 (#1)

- Hit #18 on the Amazon charts, and #25 in the Amazon Paid Kindle Store

Book 1

Publication Date:

April 9, 2019

Page Count: 238

### THE CULLING TRIALS PART 2 (#2)

- Hit #2 on *The Washington Post* bestseller list
- Hit #7 on *The Wall Street Journal* bestseller list

Book 2

Publication Date:

May 14, 2019

Page Count: 242

### THE CULLING TRIALS PART 3 (#3)

- Hit #1 in the Amazon Paid Kindle store
- Hit #6 on *The Wall Street Journal* bestseller list

Book 3

Publication Date:

June 11, 2019

Page Count: 258

### THE YEAR OF THE CHAMELEON PART 1 (#4)

- Hit #300 in the Amazon Paid Kindle Store
- Hit #2 in Teen & Young Adult Survival Stories on Amazon

Book 4

Publication Date:

February 26, 2021

Page Count: 302

### THE YEAR OF THE CHAMELEON PART 2 (#5)

- Hit #253 in the Amazon Paid Kindle Store

Book 5

Publication Date:

March 30, 2021

Page Count: 314

### THE YEAR OF THE CHAMELEON PART 3 (#6)

- Hit #23 in the Amazon Paid Kindle Store

Book 6

Publication Date:

May 18, 2021

Page Count: 326

Polish rights sold at auction!

Rights sold:  
[Croatia—Udruga Knjigoteka](#)  
[Germany—Verlag von Morgen](#)  
[Italy—Fanucci](#)

Poland—We Need YA  
[Russia—AST](#)  
[World English—Hazy Dawn Press,](#)  
[Skyhorse](#)

## SOMETHING CLOSE TO MAGIC

• A Junior Library Guild selection

A cozy, funny YA fantasy perfect for fans of Rainbow Rowell and Sarah Rees Brennan, about a baker's apprentice who must embrace her magical talents in a world where magic is seen as useless.

It's not all sugar and spice at Basil's Bakery, where seventeen-year-old Aurelie is an overworked, underappreciated apprentice. Still, the job offers stability, which no-nonsense Aurelie values highly—until a stranger walks in and upends Aurelie's careful life forever.



**Publication Date:**

**June 13, 2023**

**Page Count: 384**

The stranger, who turns out to be a remarkably bothersome bounty hunter named Iliana, asks for Aurelie to use her Seeking abilities to help rescue Prince Hapless, the charming-but-aptly-named prince. Even more dangerous are the feelings she's starting to have for Hapless. The more time Aurelie spends with him, the less she can stand the thought of going back to her solitary but dependable life at the bakery. Must she choose between losing her apprenticeship—or her heart?

"With a unique world, characters to root for, and a deftly written plot, this book is highly recommended."

—*School Library Journal*, **STARRED review!**

"This appealingly breezy novel will whet readers' appetites for magic and adventure."

—*Kirkus*

"Classic fairy-tale settings, compelling mysteries and a charismatic cast of characters make SOMETHING CLOSE TO MAGIC an entertaining, fast-paced read, and its ending strikes the perfect balance between satisfaction and the promise of more adventure."

—*BookPage*

**Rights sold:**  
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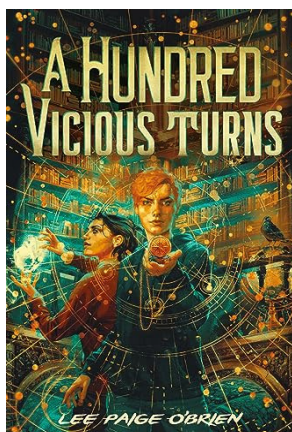
**Poland—Media Rodzina**  
**World English—Atheneum**

## The Broken Tower Duology

The heir to an arcane bloodline must outwit their ambitious rival to stop a ruthless magical adversary in a YA fantasy dark academia perfect for fans of Victoria Lee's *A Lesson in Vengeance* and Andrew Joseph White's *Hell Followed With Us*.

### A HUNDRED VICIOUS TURNS (#1)

Rat Evans, nonbinary heir to one of the oldest magical bloodlines in New York, has always been able to see doorways and passages that nobody else could. Then one day, Rat opened a passage with their friend Harker Blakely and found a broken tower in a field of weeds—and a female knight who wants to keep them with her. Shaken, Rat vowed to never use magic again.



**Publication Date:**  
**September 12, 2023**  
**Page Count: 384**

When Rat is accepted into Bellamy Arts, they think they will be safe from the knight and their biggest problem will be the fact that Harker is now their enemy and academic rival. But when the mysterious knight is spotted on campus, Rat must reluctantly team up with Harker to uncover a dark secret that will reveal the knight's true purpose and what it means for Rat's buried magical powers.

"Fascinating lore and an intriguing magic system combine to create a world readers will love exploring...Dark, thrilling, and fantastical."

—*Kirkus*

"It's an emotional thriller following these friends-to-enemies-to who knows what, with dark magic and lost secrets. If you're looking for a book to get deeply fucking obsessed with, it's this one."

—*Tor.com*

"A twisting, creeping mystery full of tenuous friendships, difficult choices, and beautiful magic: for every trans kid longing for an enchanted school to accept them as they are, *A Hundred Vicious Turns* is here. A spellbinding debut you won't want to miss!"

—**Andrew Joseph White**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Hell Followed With Us*

## BOOK #2 UNDER CONTRACT!

**Rights sold:**  
**World English—Amulet Books**



## Last Star Burning Series

To escape execution for a crime she didn't commit, a teenage girl is forced to run away from the only home she's ever known in this Asian-inspired, post-apocalyptic fantasy series.

### LAST STAR BURNING (#1)

- Finalist: Whitney Award for Best Young Adult Speculative Novel (USA)

"A richly imagined dystopia that brings new life to familiar tropes."

—*Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books, STARRED review!*

"Brimming with rich detail in an Asian-inflected alternative world that's lightly touched with Maoist terminology and concepts and helmed by achingly real characters, Sevvy's story is thrilling to get lost in. By the end, readers will be clamoring for more. Incredibly immersive and tightly plotted."

—*Kirkus*

"The backdrop of vicious creatures coupled with adventures in which survival is not always assured will keep patient readers engaged."

—*School Library Journal*

### SHATTER THE SUNS (#2)

"Detail-oriented Sangster is a master of creativity when it comes to setting and action."

—*Booklist*

### DEAD MOON RISING (#3)

"This is a timely way to enable discussion about how we recognize or categorize enemies and how political will enhances or inhibits aid to those in the world around us."

—*Booklist*

"*Dead Moon Rising* manages to continue compelling plots with lots of fast-paced action, plenty of unexpected twists, and moral dilemmas for each character to overcome."

—*Gizmos' Reviews*

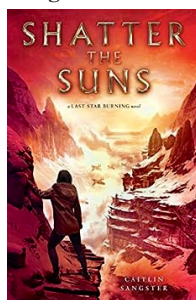


#### Book 1

Publication Date:

Nov. 13, 2018

Page Count: 416



#### Book 2

Publication Date:

Nov. 12, 2019

Page Count: 544



#### Book 3

Publication Date:

Nov. 17, 2020

Page Count: 512

Rights sold:

World English—Margaret K. McElderry

## Caitlin Sangster

YA Fantasy

### Gods Touched Duology

In this atmospheric YA fantasy that is Emily A. Duncan's *Wicked Saints* meets Katy Rose Pool's *There Will Come a Darkness*, four teens are drawn into a high-stakes heist in the perilous tomb of an ancient shapeshifter king.

### **SHE WHO RIDES THE STORM (#1)**

"The characters are richly detailed, and the prose invites rereading of earlier passages after each flashback or revelatory conversation. The dramatic tension builds to a final plot twist that will delight fans of intricate, complex fantasies...Will leave readers clamoring for more."

—*Kirkus*

"Sangster (*Last Star Burning*, 2017) is known for her varied casts of characters, and this heist novel will certainly capture the attention of fans of Leigh Bardugo's *Six of Crows*."

—*Booklist*

"Caitlin Sangster's latest novel is her most ambitious book yet. *She Who Rides the Storm* is a tightly-woven fantasy heist with memorable young adult characters and a killer premise."

—Brandon Sanderson, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the Stormlight Archive series

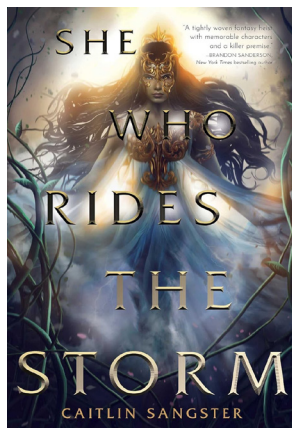
### **HE WHO BREAKS THE EARTH (#2)**

"[W]ith complex world-building, high stakes, and strong characterization, it's an engaging read I'd recommend to fantasy fans."

—*Teri Polen Reviews*

"[An] engaging and fast-paced YA fantasy with compelling characters and intriguing themes."

—*YA Books Central*



**Book 1 Publication Date:**  
**September 21, 2021**  
**Page Count: 608**

**Book 2 Publication Date:**  
**April 11, 2023**  
**Page Count: 593**

**Rights sold:**

**World English—Margaret K. McElderry**



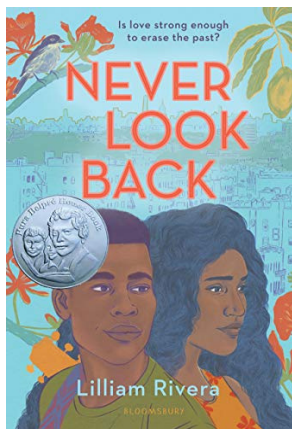
## NEVER LOOK BACK

- Winner: Pura Belpré Honor Award for Best Young Adult Novel (USA)
- A *Booklist* "Book of the Day" pick
- Featured on "best of" lists from *IndieNext* and *Tor.com*

**A dazzling, modern-day retelling of the Greek myth of Orpheus and Eurydice set in New York City, exploring grief and loss.**

Eury is a girl haunted by the trauma of surviving Hurricane Maria and Ato, a vengeful spirit who seeks to claim her for his own.

Pheus is a golden-voiced musician who wants to put a smile on her face. Over the course of the summer, Eury and Pheus fall deeply in love. But Ato will not let go of Eury easily. As Ato threatens to pull them apart, Eury and Pheus will have to fight for each other and their lives.



**Publication Date:**  
**September 15, 2020**  
**Page Count: 320**

**Sold at auction in six-figure, two-book deal!**

"Defying expectation and categorization, *Never Look Back* is a book not to be read with the mind but to be experienced with the soul. It is a revelation."

—*BookPage*, **STARRED review!**

"This book seamlessly blends Caribbean and Greek myth into a contemporary teen novel, exploring realistic aspects of identity, stereotypes, trauma, and romance."

—*School Library Journal*, **STARRED review!**

[Rivera] showcases her masterful grasp of setting, integrating the complexities of the modern day with the gauzy haze of ancient myth through a slow, careful unveiling."

—*Booklist*

**Film rights sold to Amazon, with Zetna Fuentes to direct and Grammy Award-nominee Romeo Santos to serve as executive producer and music supervisor!**

**Rights sold:**  
**Film/TV—Amazon**

**World English—Bloomsbury YA**  
**Spanish Audio—Audible**

# Caroline Stevermer

YA Fantasy

## College of Magics

A light academia romantasy set in an alternate Edwardian era in which a young lady is sent to study at a school for magic and discovers mystery, adventure, and danger.

### A COLLEGE OF MAGICS (#1)

- Winner: Minnesota Book Award for Best Science Fiction and Fantasy (USA)

“Strikingly set, pleasingly peopled, and cleverly plotted.”

—*Kirkus*

“Historically knowledgeable fantasy readers will appreciate it.”

—*Booklist*

“Clever and witty at its best, this is generally a pleasant read.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

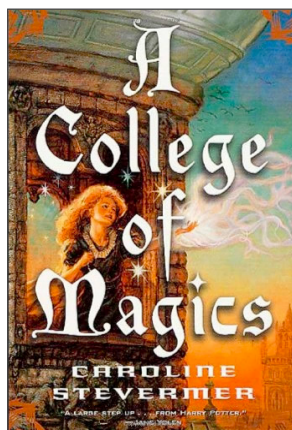
“It is a funny, complicated, suspenseful, and magical book, and it even has a moving (entirely G-rated) love story. I’ve read it twice, and both times I was enthralled by it. I’m thrilled to recommend it.”

—*All About Romance*

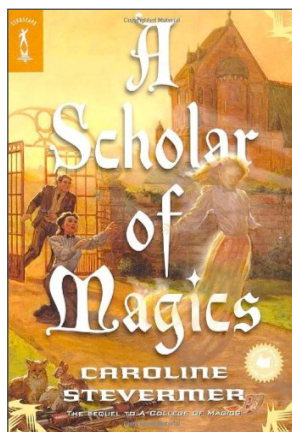
### A SCHOLAR OF MAGICS (#2)

“The sequel to *A College of Magics* takes place in the same magical, Victorian-Edwardian Britain, and shows yet again that Stevermer is a worthy follower of Jane Austen for wit, of Dorothy Sayers for suspense and erudition. This emerging series will likely draw readers from across a very wide spectrum of the fantasy and alternate history audiences, including—indeed, never forgetting—the adult readership for the adventures of the boy named Harry.”

—*Booklist*



**Publication Date:**  
**January 1, 1994**  
**Page Count: 380**



**Publication Date:**  
**April 15, 2004**  
**Page Count: 304**

**Rights sold:**  
**World English—Starscape**

## Wolf Pack Series

The shape-shifting Brock siblings have carefully hidden their werewolf powers for years. But as they enter high school, there are new enemies who threaten their secret. Now they must unleash the full power of the wolf to protect their pack.

### WOLF PACK (#1)

- Winner: Aurora Award (Canada)
- Winner: Silver Birch Award (Canada)

"A well-plotted story. The plot moves quickly enough to hold interest and may appeal to reluctant readers."

—*School Library Journal*

"[Edo van Belkom is] one of the premier horror writers in Canada."

—*The Toronto Sun*

### LONE WOLF (#2)

- Finalist: Aurora Award (Canada)

"...[T]he book contains enough edginess to not turn off reluctant readers. It is a recommended series for novice fantasy fans."

—*VOYA*

### CRY WOLF (#3)

- Finalist: Aurora Award (Canada)

"It will make you want to read them all. The author has perfectly captured the essence of growing up different in a small town. Fans of the character Jacob Black from Stephenie Meyer's series will love this wonderful series."

—*YA Book Central*

### WOLF MAN (#4)

"Van Belkom does an admirable job of balancing both sets of concerns and their inherent perils.... [T]he more time spent in Redstone with the pack, the better."

—*Quill and Quire*



#### Book 1

Publication Date:

October 12, 2004

Page Count: 198

#### Book 2

Publication Date:

October 12, 2005

Page Count: 151

#### Book 3

Publication Date:

October 12, 2007

Page Count: 161

#### Book 4

Publication Date:

October 12, 2008

Page Count: 134

**Paramount+ TV series starring Sarah Michelle Gellar (*Buffy the Vampire Slayer*) now streaming!**

**Rights sold:**

**Arab Repub.**—Yatakhayaloon

**Czech Repub.**—Albatros

**Film/TV**—Viacom

**Italy**—Fanucci

**World English**—JAB Books

**World English**—Podium

## Nightfall Bazaar Series

Stephanie Garber's *Caraval* series meets Mary E. Pearson's *Dance of Thieves* series in this sweeping fantasy about a young woman caught in a game of cat-and-mouse with the silver-tongued king of a magical island.

## THESE WICKED STARS (#1)

- #460 in Teen and Young Adult Sword and Sorcery category on Amazon

"This book was well written, with a magical and sinister world with rich characters and secrets galore. I can't recommend *These Wicked Stars* enough!"

—*Book Briefs*

"However, *These Wicked Stars* was fast-paced and full of action. It features fairytale elements, gods and goddesses, and lots of magic!"

—*Tales of an Avid Reader*

"I have to start off by saying the world-building in this novel is amazing. It enhances the novel and pushes the story forward instead of weighing it down which sometimes happens."

—*From the Book Reviewer's Desk*

## THESE FALLEN GODS (#2)

"I really like watching Hazel grows throughout this story as she's struggling to control her power and finding a way to save her sister at the same time. ..Overall, I feel quite satisfied with the ending and I'm glad all the characters got the ending they deserved."

—*belle.bookcorner*



**Book 1 Publication Date:**

**October 31, 2022**

**Page Count: 320**

**Book 2 Publication Date:**

**December 14, 2023**

**Page Count: 384**

**World rights to Catelyn Wilson's dark academia duology sold in a 6-figure pre-empt to Penguin Michael Joseph!**

**Rights sold:**

**World English—Catelyn Wilson Publishing.**

## BEYOND THE HAWTHORNE TREE

- #1 in Children's Paranormal Occult & Supernatural Books

Perfect for fans of Neil Gaiman's *Coraline* and Sarah Henning's *Sea Witch*, this standalone YA fantasy is a spooky, chilling read that explores grief and loss that follows a teen girl who must fight dangerous fae and ancient gods to break a family curse.

Cassie Murdoch is haunted by the black-eyed woman that killed her mother. For her mental health, Cassie is sent away to live with her estranged grandmother on Tide Island. While there, Cassie searches for clues to her mother's old life and why she fled her home never to return. With help from her grandmother's secretive errand boy, Henry, Cassie unravels a terrible family secret: a curse that spans generations.

Henry and Cassie follow a series of clues left by her ancestors to find that Tide Island is a dangerous place, the link to a mysterious realm called the Otherworld where the black-eyed woman rules. After learning she is descended from a long line of sea witches, Cassie is plunged into a world of spells and secret ceremonies. Desperate to save herself and her newfound friends from her spiraling control, Cassie searches for a way to break her curse. But in the Otherworld enemies are not as they seem, and Cassie must find whom to trust before those she loves most are lost at the hands of the black-eyed woman.

"This book is full of magic, mystery, and scenic views. I love the light hearted humor that balances out the family secrets and trauma. Great writing, fun characters, definitely recommend!"

—*Fablefinder*



**Publication Date:**  
**August 1, 2022**  
**Page Count: 304**

**Rights sold:**  
**World English—Catelyn Wilson Publishing**

# Lilliam Rivera

YA Science Fiction

## DEALING IN DREAMS

*The Outsiders* meets *Mad Max: Fury Road* in this gritty novel about sisterhood and cruel choices, set in a post-apocalyptic world in which girl gangs battle each other to survive.

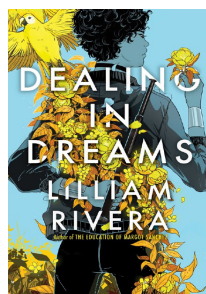
- A Junior Library Guild Spring 2019 selection
- Featured on “best of” lists from Barnes & Noble, *Seventeen*, and *Ms.* magazine

“...A novel exploration of societal roles, gender, and equality through the eyes of its captivating lead. Recommended for all young adult collections.”

—*School Library Journal*, **STARRED** review!

“...[R]eaders are left with a more ambiguous—and ambitious—tale that will have them questioning what kinds of people they’d be if freed from society’s mores.”

—*Booklist*, **STARRED** review!



**Publication Date:**

**March 5, 2019**

**Page Count: 336**

**Rights sold:**  
**Film/TV—Anderson Projects\*\*\***

**World English—Simon & Schuster BFYR**  
**World English Audio—Recorded Books**

## WE LIGHT UP THE SKY

- A 2021 *Kirkus* “Best Books of the Year”
- Selected for YA Editor’s Pick panel for *Publishers Weekly’s* 2021 U.S. Book Show
- Finalist: Children’s Literature Council of Southern California Award for Best Young Adult Novel (USA)

**Three very different teens are drawn together during the beginnings of an alien invasion.**

“An engrossing and exceptionally relevant pre-apocalyptic tale that begs for a sequel.”

—*Kirkus*, **STARRED** review!

“Sharp social commentary, on-point humor, and a tender exploration of grief add heart and depth to a novel that’s just right for fans of *Attack the Block*.”

—*Publishers Weekly*



**Publication Date:**

**March 5, 2019**

**Page Count: 336**

**Rights sold:**  
**World English—Bloomsbury YA**

**World English Audio—Recorded**



## THE BALLAD OF DINAH CALDWELL

- An ALA Rainbow List Selection
- Featured on “most anticipated” lists from *Buzzfeed*, *Autostraddle*, *BookCrushin*, and *Lambda Literary*

**A riveting YA thriller about a teen girl whose determination for revenge kicks off a revolution that will upend her community as she knows it.**

Dinah Caldwell and her grief-stricken mother work hard to run their small farm deep in the Ozarks, making sure her younger brother has enough to eat. Until the day Gabriel Gates, who owns everyone and everything in town, kills Dinah's mother to steal the family's property.

Homeless, heartbroken, and alone, Dinah only has a single razor-sharp goal: revenge. And now that Gates has put a ten-thousand-dollar bounty on her head, she can't trust anyone, but she also can't take down the most powerful man in the mountains by herself.

Her only allies are Kara, Dinah's best friend and secret crush, and Johnny, a young bootlegger who has as much reason to hate Gates as Dinah does. With their help and resources, and maybe even love, Dinah can spark a revolution and set the whole county free—if their combined secrets don't get them all killed first.

“The evocative worldbuilding and action-packed opening will suck readers in...A thriller that takes on enduring questions of loyalty, vengeance, justice, and equity.”

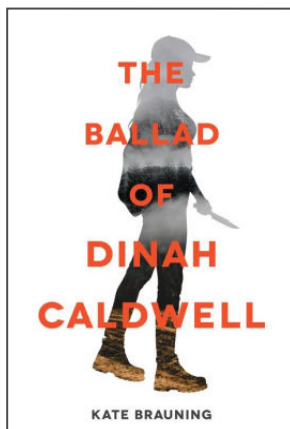
—*Kirkus Reviews*

“An excellent combination of action and romance will hook readers into this dystopian revenge thriller.”

—*Booklist*

“Dinah is absolutely relatable as a mess of fury, grief, lust, righteous indignation, and clumsy, albeit well-intentioned choices.”

—*Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*



**Publication Date:**  
**November 23, 2021**  
**Page Count: 371**

**Rights sold:**  
**World English—Page Street**

**World English Audio—Tantor**

## SECRET OF MCKINLEY MANSION

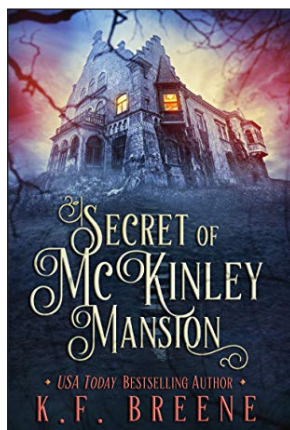
In the vein of Stephanie Perkins' *There's Someone Inside Your House*, a teenage girl with supernatural abilities must help her friends survive the night in a haunted mansion filled with malevolent spirits.

Ella knows that Larkin is not the cute, sleepy town that it appears to be. There are too many mysterious deaths and disappearances, all linked to the ghostly old woman who tries to beckon Ella to come to McKinley Mansion. The town pretends not to notice any of the strange phenomena and as a result, Ella is an outcast for speaking up about what she sees.

Until handsome, popular Braiden moves in across the street. He believes Ella about the ghosts and more importantly, he can see the old woman too. But he ignores Ella's warnings to stay away and convinces her and their friends to spend the night in the mansion.

Now Ella must face the mansion's powerful ghosts to save everyone and herself.

But as the night goes on, Ella wonders whether Braiden wants to be saved and whether he is working with the ghosts to keep them in the mansion...



**Publication Date:**  
**March 13, 2018**  
**Page Count: 408**

"I was so spooked by this book that I ended up reading an entire book afterward because I needed something else on my mind before I tried to go to sleep. *Secret of McKinley Mansion* by K.F. Breene was such an interesting read but had me turning on the lights so I wasn't scared in the dark."

—*ClassyxBook Reviews*

"The whole idea absolutely fascinated me and I couldn't get enough of it. I loved that it most definitely didn't shy away from the gore aspect and I was actually distinctly uncomfortable more than a few times. This book is YA horror done right!"

—*Read By Ashley D*

[Rights sold: World English—Hazy Dawn Press](#)

## LUX

• #51 bestseller on Audible

**An audio original novella co-written by Brandon Sanderson and Steven Michael Bohls, set in Brandon Sanderson's #1 bestselling Reckoners universe, following a new cast of Reckoners that must infiltrate the flying city of Lux to take down the evil Epic Lifeforce.**

When the great red star Calamity appeared in the sky, some believed the end had come. They were right.

Calamity created the Epics: humans with incredible powers they didn't deserve.

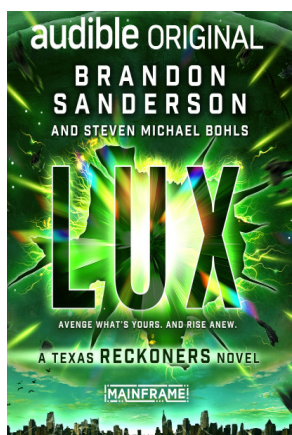
They could have saved mankind. They could have lifted us into harmony and prosperity. Instead they burned. They slaughtered. They conquered. And then they ruled.

Jax has learned all of this the hard way. Orphaned at an early age, he's spent most of his childhood training to be a Reckoner—determined to find the Epics' weaknesses, unlock their secrets, and protect those of us who are still left.

But now, the mysterious High Epic Lifeforce has arrived with his flying city, Lux, to plunder what's left of Texas. So Jax and his ragtag team—the few who remain of the once-mighty Texas Reckoners—must take their battle to this floating fortress of riches—and defeat the invincible. To avenge what has been lost. And rise anew.

"If you want to discover [the Reckoners series] for yourself, this would be a perfect place to jump on board, and I would also recommend the book for existing fans as it is a hugely entertaining spinoff that adds a lot to the original trilogy."

—*Bibliosanctum*, 4 out of 5 stars



**Publication Date:**

**July 22, 2021**

**Audiobook Length:**

**13 hours and 54 minutes**

**Audio rights sold in a six-figure deal!**

**Rights sold:**

Germany—Penguin Random House DE

Poland—Empik

Russia—Vimbo

Spain—Ediciones B

World English—Audible

## UNFADEABLE

- A *Washington Post* KidsPost Summer Book Club Pick
- A New York Public Library "2022 Best Choice for Kids"

**Perfect for fans of Jason Reynolds and Kelly Yang, readers will love this heartfelt story about a young graffiti artist who joins her community's fight to save their beloved neighborhood from real estate developers.**

Bella "Unfadeable" Fades is a wiser-than-her-years graffiti artist known for tagging walls and bridges in her Indianapolis neighborhood, the Land. But she must keep a low profile lest anyone tip off social services that she's living on her own.

But when Bella discovers people in high places are trying to defund the Land, she knows she has to find a way to fight back.

Getting involved will mean putting herself out there—making connections with unlikely friends and attracting potential enemies who will call social services on her in retaliation.

But if Bella doesn't put her trust in her neighbors and learn how to bring her community together, her home—and her future—will never be the same.

"This heart-wrenching story of friendship, family, and belonging is a perfect read for the middle-grader looking for action and attitude with a considerable dose of do-good."

—*Booklist*, **STARRED review!**

"Readers will immediately root for [Bella] throughout this well-paced story that addresses the impact of gentrification and the power of young voices."

—*Kirkus*, **STARRED review!**

"A rare and much-needed glimpse into the world of exceptional learners."

—*School Library Journal*, **STARRED review!**

"[Broaddus] sheds revealing light on the nature of systemic profiling, based on class, race, and neurodiversity, at schools and within society."

—*Publishers Weekly*, **STARRED review!**



**Publication Date:**

**May 10, 2022**

**Page Count: 284**

**Rights sold:**

**World English—Katherine Tegen Books**

## THE USUAL SUSPECTS

• An Amazon Teacher's Pick

A grounded, honest mystery novel that tackles what it means to be labeled as a “bad kid” and fighting against the status quo, perfect for fans of Jason Reynolds and Sharon M. Draper.

Thelonius Mitchell is tired of being labeled. He's in the special education classes, separated from the “normal” kids at school who don't have any “issues.”

That's enough to make all the teachers and students look at him and his friends with a constant side-eye. (Although his disruptive antics and pranks have given him a bad reputation too.)

When a gun is found at a neighborhood hangout, Thelonius and his pals become instant suspects. Thelonius may be guilty of pulling crazy stunts at school, but why do people assume he's a criminal?

Thelonius begins his own investigation but as he gets closer to finding the culprit, it becomes clear that there are forces at work that want to keep the status quo and won't stop until he drops the case.

“Readers will love watching these two uniquely gifted black boys explore the complicated tensions between impulses and choices, independence and support, turnin' up and getting through.”

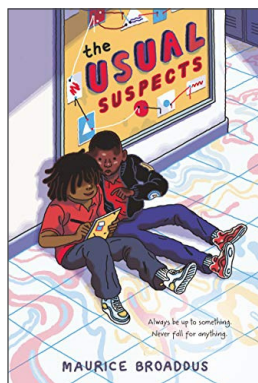
—*Kirkus*, **STARRED review!**

“I want this book, so full of wit and intelligence, raw honesty and clever plotting, to be so well known that when I say “The Usual Suspects” to a room of librarians, their first thoughts involve neither Casablanca or Keyser Soze but this work by Maurice Broadus.”

—*School Library Journal*, **Review of the Day!**

“Through its discerning, young Black protagonist, [The Usual Suspects] tackles difficult subjects with nuance, humor, and heart, always bringing it back to the characters. A great choice for upper middle-graders in search of a fun and meaningful read.”

—*Booklist*



**Publication Date:**

**May 21, 2019**

**Page Count: 285**

**Rights sold:**

**World English—Katherine Tegen Books**

Lee Gjersten Malone

MG Contemporary

# THE LAST BOY AT ST. EDITH'S

- Finalist: Nutmeg Award (USA)
- Finalist: Sakura Medal (Japan)
- An Amazon Editor's Pick for Best Books for Ages 9-12

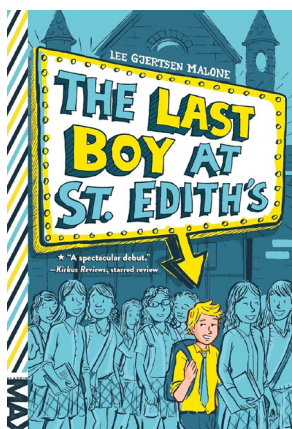
**A funny, poignant story about a seventh grade prankster determined to escape the all-girls academy where he's the only boy—by getting expelled.**

Seventh grader Jeremy Miner has a girl problem.

Or, more accurately, a girls problem. 475 of them to be exact. That's how many girls attend his school, St. Edith's Academy.

Jeremy is the only boy left after the school's brief experiment in co-education. And he needs to get out. His mother—a teacher at the school—won't let him transfer, so Jeremy takes matters into his own hands: he's going to get expelled. Together with his best friend Claudia, Jeremy unleashes a series of hilarious pranks in hopes that he'll get kicked out with minimal damage to his permanent record.

But when his stunts start to backfire, Jeremy has to decide how far he's willing to go and whom he's willing to knock down to get out the door.



**Publication Date:**  
**February 23, 2016**  
**Page Count: 273**

“This is a funny, emotional book that will quickly become a favorite to many a reader, regardless of age. Sweet, funny, exciting—a spectacular debut.”

—*Kirkus*, **STARRED review!**

“Malone’s debut is a sweet, candid novel about fitting in, messing up, and making amends.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

“Humor mixes with more serious issues in this clever debut.”

—*Booklist*

“This is an enjoyable, straightforward tale that will have readers sympathizing with Jeremy’s journey of struggling with individuality, to embracing it.”

—*School Library Connection*

“Smart and so funny! That humor comes across in [this] debut middle grade novel.”

—*Laura Shovan, author of The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson Elementary*

**Rights sold: World English–Aladdin**



## CAMP SHADY CROOK

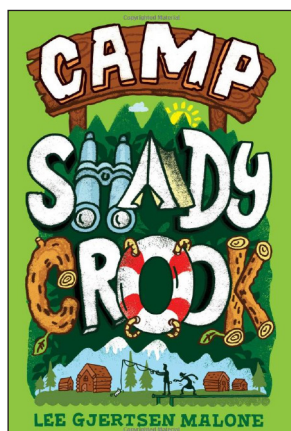
• 2019 Junior Library Guild Selection

*Ocean's Eleven* set in a summer camp as two kids try to one-up each other in a con competition at a camp that isn't quite what it seems...

For Archie, the start of summer means another stint at Camp Shady Brook, where there is a lot more to the camp than meets the eye—just like Archie and his now blended family. But thanks to a con Archie developed last year that parted many campers with their spending money, he's finally somebody...and he's not going to lose that status to the new girl, Vivian.

For Vivian, thanks to an incident That Shall Not Be Named or Spoken Of, her summer of exotic travels with Mom and Dad has turned into traveling to a dump of a summer camp in the middle of nowhere.

But thanks to perfect timing, Vivian soon finds herself in a ring of kids trying to out-con each other—and discovers Camp Shady Brook is more like Camp Shady Crook. And when one final, massive con could cost Vivian the first friends she's had in a while, can she and Archie figure out a way to make things right?



**Publication Date:**

**May 21, 2019**

**Page Count: 289**

“A summer-camp story that’s just right for summer reading.”

—*Kirkus*

“Malone’s funny mystery of evolving relationships and self-realizations depicts all the emotions most young campers experience at summer camp. The result is a playful and relatable story with an enticing touch of mischief.”

—*Booklist*

“A fun, fast-paced tale recommended for most middle grade collections.”

—*School Library Journal*

“The writing is crisp, and the story is pretty fast-moving with a lot of humor. This is perfect for the middle-grade set.”

—*San Francisco Book Review*

**Rights sold: World English—Aladdin**

Robin Gow

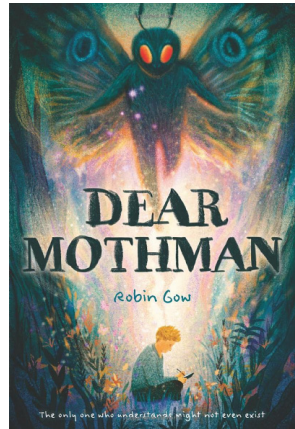
MG Contemporary

## DEAR MOTHMAN

- Featured on "best of" lists from *Bookpage*, *School Library Journal*, and New York Public Library
- An American Library Association "Rainbow Book List: selection"

**A heartbreaking and moving standalone middle grade novel in verse featuring beautiful illustrations, about a young trans boy wrestling with grief as the line between the real and the imagined becomes blurred.**

Halfway through sixth grade, Noah's best friend and the only other trans boy in his school, Lewis, passed away in a car accident. Together, they had discovered their identities together and daydreamed about finding mythical creatures.



**Publication Date:**  
**March 21, 2023**  
**Page Count: 320**

Lonely and missing Lewis, Noah starts writing letters to the local legendary creature Mothman while also looking for evidence of Mothman's existence, despite his teachers and parents urging him to make a project about something "real." He also starts to make friends with a group of girls in his grade—Hanna, Molly, and Alice—and slowly starts to open up to them, even forming a crush on Hanna.

But when strange things start to happen, Noah is sure it is Mothman trying to communicate with him. His parents and teachers don't believe him so Noah decides to trek into the woods and find Mothman himself. Instead, he discovers how to process his still-lingering grief.

"A triumphant coming-of-age story about gender identity, strength, and friendship, as well as the different ways that people discover who they are."

—*School Library Journal*, **STARRED review!**

"At times thrilling and always moving, Gow's middle-grade debut is unquestionably a must-have for all collections."

—*Booklist*, **STARRED review!**

**Audio rights sold at auction to Spotify!**

**Rights sold: World English—Amulet Books**

## BARELY FLOATING

- A Kobo Best of the Month pick in Children's Literature for August
- A Middle Grade Editor's Pick at the Publishers Weekly U.S. Book Show
- #1 in Children's Hispanic and Latino Book category on Amazon

**A body-positive story about a young girl making a splash and finding the courage to follow her passion.**

Hotheaded Nat is known for two things at her local pool: for her fearsome temper and for being the fastest swimmer around. She wants to join the local synchronized swimming team but her parents think it's a sport with too much emphasis on looks. Although her parents encourage self-love, Nat can't help but suspect they're afraid of her being teased for the way she looks in a swimsuit.

Nevertheless, Nat pushes on and secretly joins the team anyway. But between keeping up with swim practice and all of her lies, Nat eventually buckles under the pressure. In order to follow her dreams, she must admit the truth about her newfound passion.

"Rivera's layered, sparkling middle-grade debut is Julie Murphy's *Dumplin'* (2015) by way of Lisa Fipps' *Starfish* (2021)...Display this empowering novel with Esther Williams' classic *Million Dollar Mermaid*."

—**Booklist, STARRED review!**

"In laugh-out-loud, blunt prose, Rivera cultivates a touching and unapologetically positive interpretation of one tween's desire to break the mold."

—**Publishers Weekly, STARRED review!**

"Rivera brings a freshness to a conventional middle-grade story with flowing prose that effortlessly captures the complicated and often conflicting emotions of being a tween, especially one who has to face microaggressions for being fat, brown, Latina, and not rich."

—**The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books, STARRED review!**



**Publication Date:**

**August 29, 2023**

**Page Count: 240**

**Sold at auction in a six-figure, two-book deal!**

**Rights sold: US—Kokila**

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A.J. Sass

MG Contemporary

## ANA ON THE EDGE

- An ALA Rainbow Booklist Top Ten Title
- A *Booklist* Editor's Choice Pick
- A Junior Library Guild Selection
- Nominated for the Washington Sasquatch Book Award, the Connecticut Nutmeg Children's Book Award and the Massachusetts Children's Book Award

**Perfect for fans of Ashley Herring Blake's *Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World*, a heartwarming coming of age story about a nonbinary character navigating a binary world.**

Twelve-year-old Ana-Marie Jin, the reigning U.S. Juvenile figure skating champion, is not a frilly dress kind of kid. So, when Ana learns that next season's program will be princess themed, doubt forms fast. Still, Ana tries to focus on training and putting together a stellar routine worthy of national success.

Once Ana meets Hayden, a transgender boy new to the rink, thoughts about the princess program and gender identity begin to take center stage. And when Hayden mistakes Ana for a boy, Ana doesn't correct him and finds comfort in this boyish identity when he's around. As their friendship develops, Ana realizes that it's tricky juggling two different identities on one slippery sheet of ice. And with a major competition approaching, Ana must decide whether telling everyone the truth about her new identity is worth risking years of hard work and sacrifice.

"Sass masterfully balances Ana's passion for competitive figure skating with her journey to coming out. ...sensitive and realistic."

—*Booklist*, **STARRED review!**

"Sass has created dynamic, original characters who are believable and fun to follow... You can't help rooting for Ana."

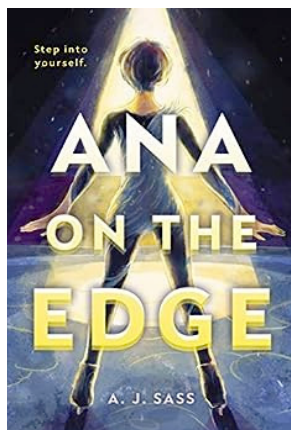
—*New York Times Book Review*

"Sass renders scenes on and off the ice with vivid descriptions, and writes nuanced, layered portrayals of characters."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"Vulnerable and affirming."

—*Kirkus*



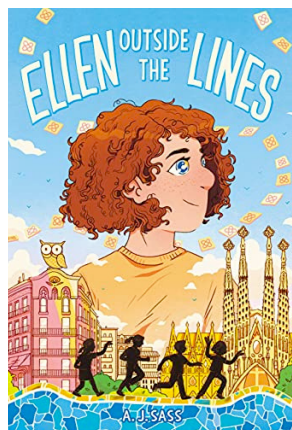
**Publication Date:**  
**October 19, 2020**  
**Page Count: 400**

**Rights sold: World English—Little Brown Books for Young Readers**

## ELLEN OUTSIDE THE LINES

- Sydney Taylor Book Award Honor for Best Middle Grade (USA)
- Finalist: Golden Kite Award for Best Middle Grade Fiction (USA)
- A *School Library Journal* Best Book of the Year pick
- A *Booklist* Editor's Choice Pick

**Perfect for fans of Ann M. Martin's *Rain Reign*, a neurodivergent thirteen year old who navigates changing friendships, a school trip, and expanding horizons.**



**Publication Date:**  
**March 22, 2022**  
**Page Count: 352**

Thirteen-year-old Ellen Katz feels most comfortable when her life is well planned out and people fit neatly into her predefined categories. And if things go astray, Ellen knows she can always rely on her best-and-only friend, Laurel, to help navigate social situations.

But lately, Laurel has started making more friends, and canceling more weekend plans with Ellen than she keeps. A school trip to Barcelona seems like the perfect place for Ellen to get their friendship back on track. Except it doesn't.

Toss in a new nonbinary classmate whose identity has Ellen questioning her very binary way of seeing the world, homesickness, a scavenger hunt-style team project that takes students across the city is anything but what Ellen planned. Making new friends and letting go of old ones is never easy, but Ellen might just find a comfortable new place for herself if she can learn to embrace the fact that life doesn't always stick to a planned itinerary.

"A heartwarming and inviting book about finding self that hits at the ever-changing (and challenging) world of middle school. Recommended for all middle grade shelves."

—*School Library Journal*, **STARRED review!**

"Sass' sophomore novel shines in its nuanced characterizations, subversion of stereotypes, and world that celebrates autism for the joy it brings Ellen when they are happily flapping. A tender, sweet coming-of-age story."

—*Booklist*, **STARRED review!**

"The story's beautiful locales and scavenger hunt puzzles frame a heartwarming story about a transitional period in life, conveyed alongside an affirming, incidental portrayal of Ellen's experiences."

—*Publishers Weekly*

**Rights sold: World English—Little Brown Books for Young Readers**

## WE ARE THE SONG

• #1 in Children's Music Book on Amazon

A standalone middle grade high fantasy about a girl whose singing voice can heal wounds, halt landslides, cure hunger, or even end wars. But she must learn how to wield her gift wisely and beware of those who want to use her powers to hurt others. Featuring a unique magic system, it is a tribute to the power of music and one's own voice.

Twelve-year-old Elissa has been raised in seclusion as a devotee of the Mother Goddess. She is a special child, a blessed child, a child who can sing miracles into being. Her voice can heal wounds, halt landslides, cure hunger—and even end wars.

But there are those who would use her gift for darker things. And when Elissa finds herself the farthest from home she's ever been—along with her vain and jealous music tutor, Lucio—she will have to develop the judgment to decide who wants to use her song to heal... and who wants to use her song to hurt.

"Bakewell's beguiling debut—brimming with high-stakes adventure, expansive worldbuilding, and a uniquely detailed magical system—steadily crescendos to a gratifying conclusion."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"This fast-paced fantasy is full of action and intrigue, taking place in a war-torn world that still holds much beauty and magic. Readers will come to love Elissa, who struggles with doubts as she faces heartbreak, tragedy, and loneliness and tries to fight for what is right. An excellent addition to middle-grade fantasy collections."

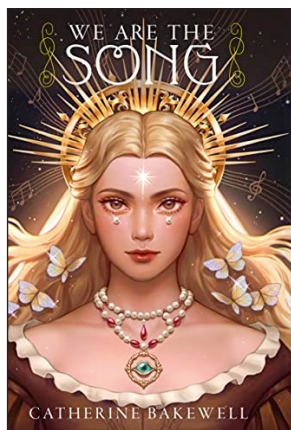
—*Booklist*

"An alluring fantasy exploring the influence of music, the importance of listening to one's own voice, and knowing who your friends are."

—*School Library Journal*

"An exploration of devotion and finding one's voice."

—*Kirkus*



**Publication Date:**

**May 3, 2022**

**Page Count: 304**

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Rights sold: World English–Holiday House



**We represent English and select language rights for ReadMore Publishing!**

## The Observatory Series

Music, art, and magic meet in this spell-binding tale about a young witch recruited to a mysterious coven that draws its powers from the stars. When the coven discovers there is an imposter among them, she must help find and stop them.

Features full-color illustrations and license-free lo-fi playlists to set the mood for each chapter.



**Publication Date:**  
**April 1, 2023**  
**Page Count: 281**

## THE EIGHTY-NINTH WITCH (#1)

Seren has enjoyed her cozy life by the sea with her Granny Calloway, until the day she is whisked away to the mysterious Observatory to join the coven of eighty-eight witches who help protect the universe, along with members of the Zodiac.

There must always be that eighty-eight witches at the Observatory in order to keep the balance of the magic. But when there suddenly turns out to be one witch too many at the initiation, the search begins for who among them is the one who doesn't belong.

Seren and her new friends take it up on themselves to solve the mystery of who the intruder is and what her purpose might be. Is this mysterious false witch here to bring down the Observatory? Is she responsible for the growing disappearances of the members of the Zodiac?

As Seren develops her magical powers, she will uncover more secrets about the Observatory than she ever imagined.

**BOOK #2 FORTHCOMING MAY 2024!**  
**BOOKS #3-4 UNDER CONTRACT**

**Rights sold:**

**World English—ReadMore Publishing**

**Netherlands—ReadMore Publishing**

## Grimoire Series

Featuring neurodivergent characters, this Norse-inspired fantasy series follows Finn Zhao and his friends as they develop their magical gifts to protect the Nine Realms. Along the way, their friendship provides the key in their battles against their most fearsome foes. Perfect for fans of Rick Riordan's *Magnus Chase* series and John Flanagan's *Brotherband Chronicles*.

### THE VASSAL OF THE ENDLESS (#3)

Finn and his friends and fellow members of the Valdar—Tristan, Emma, and Gwen—have finally tracked down Grid, a Vanaheim who pretended to be their friend and is trying to steal the sacred Grimoire spellbook for her own purposes.

But Grid is the powerful ruler of the realm they have found her in and she won't be easily captured. Instead, Grid kidnaps Gwen and plans to marry her off to expand her power in the realm.

With Gwen in the enemy's clutches, it's up to Finn and the Valdar to spark a revolution to stop the wedding and end Grid's reign.

### Other titles in this series:

### THE GODS OF TOMORROW (#1)

### THE BARREN WORLD (#2)



#### Book 1 Publication

Date:

January 31, 2022

Page Count: 244

#### Book 2 Publication

Date:

October 2, 2022

Page Count: 202

#### Book 3 Publication

Date:

October 2, 2023

Page Count: 202

Over 2,100 copies sold in the Dutch and English languages!

Books 4-7 under contract!

Rights sold:

World English—ReadMore Publishing

Netherlands—ReadMore Publishing

## The Gustav Gloom Series

Award-winning author Adam-Troy Castro evokes Roald Dahl and Tim Burton with this spooky favorite about a gloomy boy raised by shadows and his cheerful best friend who joins him on adventures.

### GUSTAV GLOOM AND THE PEOPLE TAKER (#1)

- A Scholastic Book Fair selection, complete with animated promo video!
- Selected following a 25,000 copy initial special market sale to Scholastic
- An Amazon Best Book of the Month
- A Costco selection for Fall 2017

"Here's a great read for fans of dark tales with happy endings...the eternal theme of friendship is beautifully explored."

—*School Library Journal*

"*Gustav Gloom* is a very exciting story...filled to the brim with ideas."

—*Deseret News*

"One of those books that grown children keep and pass on to their own kids."

—*More Miami Guide*

### GUSTAV GLOOM AND THE NIGHTMARE VAULT (#2)

- A Scholastic Book Fair selection
  - A Costco selection for Fall 2017
- "Castro sheds light on the past and nature of the aptly named Gloom mansion...spooky!"

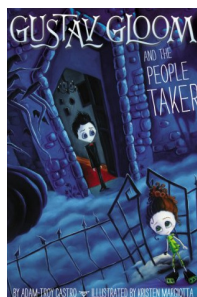
—*Kirkus*

"If you like dark stories with a touch of sweetness, this is a series you'll adore."

—*Kid Lit Network*

"This is an amazing book. And if you still haven't read the first one, you need to do so right away. Because Gustav Gloom is such an amazing person, and you will all fall in love with him."

—*Carina's Book Review*



#### Book 1

Publication Date:

August 16, 2012

Page Count: 232

#### Book 2

Publication Date:

April 18, 2013

Page Count: 248

#### Book 3

Publication Date:

August 15, 2013

Page Count: 248

#### Book 4

Publication Date:

August 14, 2014

Page Count: 248

#### Book 5

Publication Date:

August 11, 2015

Page Count: 248

#### Book 6

Publication Date:

August 16, 2016

Page Count: 272

# Adam-Troy Castro

MG Fantasy

## GUSTAV GLOOM AND THE FOUR TERRORS (#3)

- A Costco selection for Fall 2017
- A Bank Street Center for Children's Literature Book of the Year selection

"Adam-Troy Castro continues to give his readers a scary story within the Gloom estate, full of shadows, dangers, mystery, and appeal."

—*Tulsa Book Review*

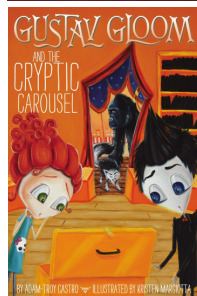


## GUSTAV GLOOM AND THE CRYPTIC CAROUSEL (#4)

- A Costco selection for Fall 2017
- A Bank Street Center for Children's Literature Book of the Year selection

"A quirky, yet interesting story line and strangely captivating. Sure to attract fans of fantasy adventures."

—*South Sound Book Review Council*



"I really like Fernie and Gustav...Creepiness edging towards horror. If you liked the other books you'll like this one."

—*SF Book Review*

## GUSTAV GLOOM AND THE INN OF SHADOWS (#5)

"Fast, fun read. Same level of enjoyment as the rest of the series..."

—*SF Book Review*



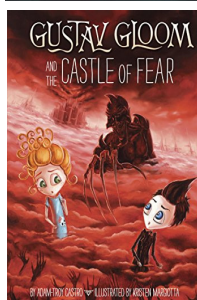
## GUSTAV GLOOM AND THE CASTLE OF FEAR (#6)

"Really fast read. If you liked the other books, you'll like this one too...I'll give this one props for having a good conclusion to the series."

—*SF Book Review*

"The perfect end to a fantastic series!"

—Mary G. Thompson, author of *Wuftoom*



### Rights sold:

Czech Rep.—Alpress\*\*\*

Lithuania—Nieko Rimto

Poland—MAC Edukacja\*\*\*

Romania—Univers Enciclopedic\*\*\*

Slovakia—Albatros Slovakia

Turkey—Epsilon\*\*\*

Vietnam—Huy Hoang\*\*\*

World English—Grosset & Dunlap

## TAMORA CARTER, GOBLIN QUEEN

- Kickstarter campaign met fundraising goal in three days and raised four times the initial goal!

**A middle grade fantasy about an ordinary girl who must become the savior of goblins in order to rescue missing children from an evil fairy.**

Twelve-year-old Tamora Carter plays roller derby to distract herself from the fact her best friend recently went missing, along with two other children.

One night after roller derby practice, Tamora comes upon a pair of goblins behind the skating rink and discovers that, not only are goblins real, they need her help.



**Publication Date:**  
**September 15, 2020**  
**Page Count: 278**

The fairy queen is twisting prophecy to her own purposes and stealing children to wage war in order to rid her world of the goblins, pixies, and other “lesser” creatures ruining the perfection of a fairy-only realm. Now it’s up to Tamora to rescue the missing kids and save the goblins, all while keeping the magical world a secret.

“*Tamora Carter, Goblin Queen*...is an exciting middle-grade urban fantasy book with plenty of mythical creatures and adventure for the young protagonist and her friends!”

—*History That Never Was*

“This book is a really fun fantasy about friendship, not judging the book by its cover, acceptance, and just plain fantasy...kids who are into books like *Roller Girl*, *Derby* and *Daredevils* will love this.”

—*Bridget And The Books*

“If you’re seeking a fun, fantasy book aimed at middle graders then this book is absolutely perfect!... Adults and children alike will love this book.”

—*Briar's Reviews*

**Jim C. Hines is the winner of the 2012 Hugo Award and  
finalist for the 2010 Prix Imaginales Award.**

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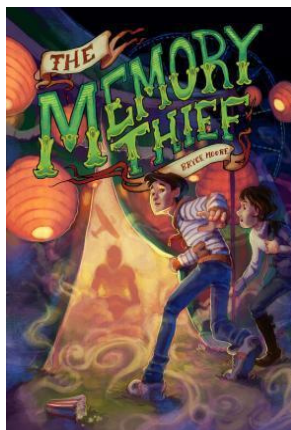
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# THE MEMORY THIEF

• Finalist: CYBILS Award (USA)

*Inside Out* meets a modern *Something Wicked This Way Comes* in this evocative middle grade novel that explores the power of memory and family.

Twin brother and sister Benji and Kelly wander off at the local county fair after witnessing their parents argue. When Benji runs into a group of bullies, he escapes into a tent called The Memory Emporium, where he meets a strange old man inside named Louis. The old man shows him a magically vivid memory of a fighter pilot, in the hopes of getting Benji to pay to see other memories Louis has collected from people over the years.



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Benji asks Louis to teach him how to become a memory thief, in hopes of fixing his parents' marriage. But having that power comes at a cost to Benji's family, and possibly to Benji's own mind as well. When the mysterious Memory Thief Genevieve begins stealing the memories from people in town, Benji must learn to use his newfound powers to stop Genevieve and restore the town's memories.

"Moore crafts a compelling premise and a plot that delivers more than might be expected...With interesting twists, captivating action, and a down-to-earth lead, this adventure is sure to become a new favorite."

—*Kirkus*

"With a fast pace, a clever premise, a likable main character and just enough danger to keep readers reading, *The Memory Thief* is a must read."

—*Middle Grade Mafia*

"A fun adventure that readers of all ages will enjoy, *The Memory Thief* was an action-packed story...Don't miss out on this one!"

—*Confessions of a Readaholic*

"There's so much wrapped up in here. The importance of family, the concept of honor, dealing with deception, and even a healthy dose of conflict resolution...all tied up in a perfectly action-packed story line."

—*Hopelessly Devoted Bibliophile*

**Manuscript for Book 2 available!**

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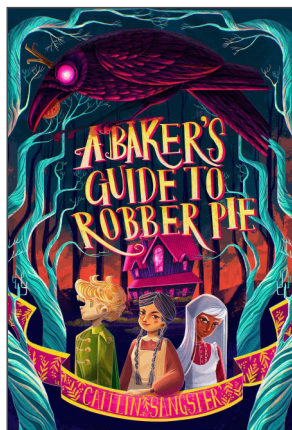
**Poland**—Zeilona Sowa  
**Turkey**—Pena  
**World Eng.**—Adaptive\*\*\*



## A BAKER'S GUIDE TO ROBBER PIE

**A clever young girl looking for adventure gets more than she bargained for when she stumbles into a nest of robbers in this tale baked with magic, fun, and friendship.**

Evie Baker is a great story-teller, an avid prankster, and a fantastic baker. And while she loves her parents' bakery, she has no plans to stay in their small town forever. Evie wants to go on adventures and she knows just what she needs to do it.



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With her best friend, Cecily, by her side, Evie sets off into the Old Forest to find one of the Fel, a group of crow-like magical creatures who can't lie. She is sure her family's irresistible raspberry tart and a carefully crafted deal will get them to take her on a magical adventure—without getting her eaten or worse. But the forest hides many dangers and when they finally find their Fel, they also discover a nest of robbers.

Having seen the Robber Lord's face, Evie is whisked away into hiding for her own protection. But even in the queen's own city, trouble has a way of finding her...

"This middle grade novel is as charming as it is mouthwatering ...Readers who are as adventure-seeking as Evie will want to join her as she takes on magical enemies with only her wits and baking skills."

—*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

"In her middle-grade debut, Sangster brings readers an exciting tale of fantasy, questing, and finding one's inner hero."

—*Booklist*

"Sangster... writes in a jaunty, irreverent third-person voice that befits the book's clever and principled protagonist."

—*Publishers Weekly*

**Rights sold:**  
**World English—Feiwel & Friends**

# Caroline Stevermer

## MG Fantasy

### MAGIC BELOW STAIRS

In an alternate Regency England, a plucky young boy is hired be a wizard's assistant and with help from his fairy guardian, he will excel at his job and break a curse on the wizard.

11-year-old Frederick is plucked from an orphanage to be a servant to the wizard Lord Schofield. With help from Billy Bly, the brownie who has been his "fairy guardian" over the years, Frederick quickly proves his worth and excels at the difficult tasks assigned by Lord Schofield.

However, Lord Schofield has banished all magical creatures from his holdings so Frederick must keep Billy Bly's existence a secret. When Billy Bly discovers dark magic within the Schofields' manor house, it's up to Frederick and Billy to break the curse and save the manor.

"*Magic Below Stairs* is a fun, light book for grade school readers. The plot is amusing, and the depiction of the curse is gritty and made my skin crawl, but this is overall a light read that will delight young readers and amuse older ones. It also made me want a brownie as a companion."

—*Fantasy Literature*, 4 out of 5 stars!

"The book is gracefully and winningly written, moves at a swift pace and allows Frederick to show himself as both an 11-year-old boy and a budding student of magic."

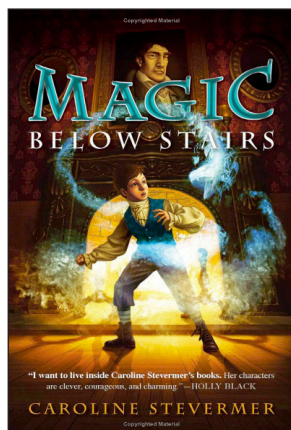
—*Kirkus*

"The greatest strength of this book is Frederick, who is curious, hard-working, sometimes cranky—much like Lord Schofield, in fact—and courageous. He reads as a very real person, and you'll be happy to see him finding his place in the world."

—*Book Aunt*

"Frederick is an endearing eleven-year-old with charming innocence...*Magic Below Stairs* is an enjoyable read with a fun character to cheer for."

—*Damsel in Regress*



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**June 1, 2010**

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**World English-Dial Press**

## RIVER RATS

**In a post-apocalyptic world, a group of kids living on a steamboat rescue a downtrodden man and race to uncover a buried treasure before their enemies get there first.**

No one knows for sure what caused the Flash. They just know that nothing has been the same since. Cities have been destroyed by pestilence, riots, and fires. The paddleboat River Rat, once a museum, was turned into an orphanage. But a dangerous storm forced the children to flee with the boat to safer waters, making it theirs for good.

Since then, Tomcat, Toby, Esteban, Lindy, Spike, and Jake have traveled, bartered, and performed their way up and down the Mississippi River. One rule that has served them well: no passengers. But after watching a man on shore being pursued by a vicious pack of locals, the group has no choice but to save him.

At every stop, the boat is met by the man's tireless hunters. They want what the fugitive knows: the location of a bunker filled with guns. A currency more valuable than gold...and one that the crew of the River Rat might well pay for—with their lives.

"In the tradition of good speculative fiction she offers up an appealing landscape for adventure, yet her unwavering interest in the individuals who live there distinguishes the novel from mere space opera."

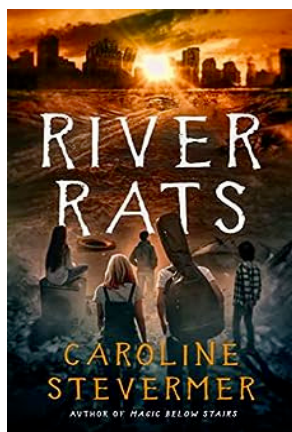
—*Publishers Weekly*

"A sturdy, not overearnest SF adventure."

—*Kirkus*

"I noticed Stevermer's compelling eye for detail, just the right detail, enabling me to hear a single sound; smell a smell, understand a character's hidden thought. I appreciated how deftly Stevermer makes the characters come alive, and how she avoids the standard clichés... I would have loved to discover River Rats at age ten, and read it again at thirteen, fifteen, and onward -- which is why I have a copy at home for my kids, and a paperback at school."

—*SF Site*



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**Rights sold:**  
**World English—Open Road**

# Tachyon (Daniel Pinkwater)

MG Fantasy

## CRAZY IN POUGHKEEPSIE

The inimitable Daniel Pinkwater brings his zany wit and wisdom to this charming and silly slice-of-life adventure story, in which a boy seeking guidance embarks on an adventure around the city with his misfit friends.

Mick is a good kid, but maybe he can use just a little guidance. But it's unclear who will be guiding whom, because Mick's brother came home from Tibet with the self-proclaimed Guru Lumpo Smythe-Finkel and his dog Lhasa—and then promptly settled both of them in Mick's bedroom.

The thing about this kind of guru is that he doesn't seem to know exactly what he's trying to do. He sure does seem to be hungry, though.

So Mick agrees to something like a quest, roaming the suburbs with the oddest group of misfits: Lumpo and Lhasa; graffiti-fanatic Verne; and Verne's unusual friend Molly. Molly is a Dwerghish girl—don't worry if you don't know what that is yet—and she seems to be going off the rails a bit.

Along the way, the gang will get invited to a rollicking ghost party, consult a very strange little king, and actually discover the truth about Heaven. Or a version of the truth anyway, because in a Daniel Pinkwater tale, the truth is never the slightest bit like what you're expecting.

“Daniel Pinkwater is so obviously the funniest writer of children's books that he should be made a Living National Treasure.”

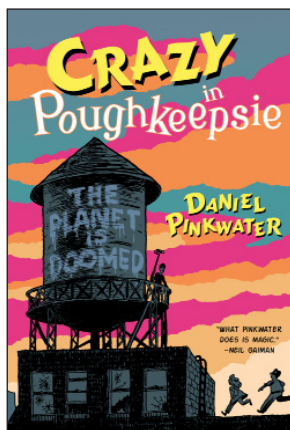
—*Washington Post Book World*

“Pinkwater is the unique. And so are his books. Each unique than the last . . . A delight in oddness. A magic that's not like anyone else's.”

—Neil Gaiman, author of *American Gods*

“Opening the pages of *Crazy in Poughkeepsie* was like buying a ticket back to the all the weirdness and wonder of being a kid.”

—Jacqueline Carey, author of *Starless*



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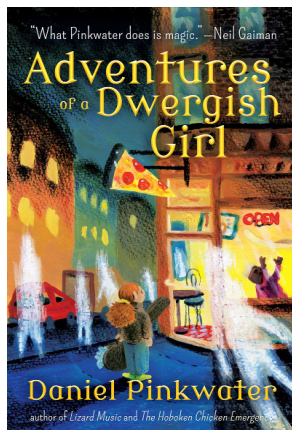
## ADVENTURES OF A DWERGISH GIRL

**Bestselling author Daniel Pinkwater returns in classic form with the illustrated, middle grade adventures about a dwergish girl who just won't settle for a boring life in the Catskills.**

Molly O'Malley is a clever, adventurous girl. She is also a Dwerg. Dwergs are strange folks who live very quietly in the Catskill mountains, have lots of gold, and are kind of like dwarves (but also not!).

Molly isn't interested in cooking and weaving, as she is expected to be. So, she sets off to see the world for herself. Which means a new job, a trip to New York City, prowling gangsters, an adorable king, a city witch, and many historical ghosts. More importantly, it means excellent pizza, new friends, and very quick thinking.

Now someone is pursuing the Dwergs for their gold. Can Molly O'Malley save the day?



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“The comically absurd ending is an enjoyable wrap-up to this fast-paced, unexpected adventure that combines history, folklore, and nonsensical fun.”  
—*Publishers Weekly*

“Those who enjoy a good mystery with an unusual plot, strong characters, and smart language will find connections between this unbelievable story and the incredible adventures of real life.”  
—*School Library Journal*

“The story is Pinkwater in classic form, full of kooky characters and an unpredictable plot that flings readers in unexpected directions . . . A Pinkwater whirlwind in all its glory.”  
—*Booklist*

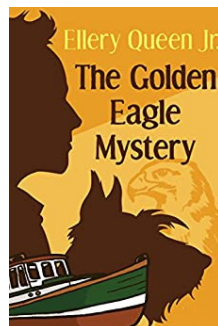
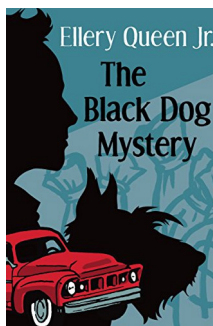
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## Ellery Queen Jr.

MG Mystery

The Black Dog Mystery  
 The Golden Eagle Mystery  
 The Green Turtle Mystery  
 The Red Chipmunk Mystery  
 The Brown Fox Mystery  
 The White Elephant Mystery  
 The Yellow Cat Mystery  
 The Blue Herring Mystery  
 The Mystery of the Merry Magician  
 The Mystery of the Vanished Victim  
 The Purple Bird Mystery



### About Ellery Queen:

Mystery writer and American detective extraordinaire, Ellery Queen is the creation and nom de plume of mystery writers Frederic Dannay and Manfred B. Lee.

Writing for over 40 years, the character of Ellery Queen became one of the most famous of America's fictional detectives. Adapted for television, radio, and film, the Ellery Queen stories reached incredible heights of popularity worldwide and spawned the monthly *Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine*, which is still going strong today.

**Reprinted in the U.S. with Open Road!**

### Selling Points:

**NAME RECOGNITION** – The Ellery Queen name is known far and wide in the mystery world. It's as widely recognized among fans of the genre as Sherlock Holmes, Hercule Poirot, or Nero Wolfe.

**BACKLIST** – The Dannay and Lee Estates have reclaimed the domestic publishing rights to almost 80 novels and six short story collections.

**WORLDWIDE APPEAL** – The Queen novels continue to be popular overseas. Ellery Queen has over two dozen titles in print in Italy, China, Japan, and Denmark, with other titles in countries around the world.

**BUILT IN PROMOTION** – Every month Ellery Queen's name is front and center before the eyes of thousands of mystery fans via *Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine*, the world's preeminent mystery anthology magazine.

**Rights sold:**  
[Chinese, S](#)—Children's Fun Publishing  
[Japanese](#)—Kadokawa\*\*\*

[World Eng.](#)—Open Road  
[World Eng.](#)—Audio—Blackstone



## The Snoop Troop Series

A humorous series of illustrated middle grade novels that follows a young detective as she solves silly crimes at her school. The books also include fun word puzzles, word jumbles, and drawing activities to keep readers engaged.

### IT CAME FROM BENEATH THE PLAYGROUND (#1)

“Scroggs kicks off an interactive series of goofy mysteries with this heavily illustrated hybrid of graphic novel, mystery fiction and activity book...Satisfyingly silly. Mystery (and humor) mavens will eagerly await future cases.”

—*Kirkus*

“Newly independent readers will enjoy the graphic novel format.”

—*School Library Journal*

“A rollicking mystery that bodes well for the books to come.”

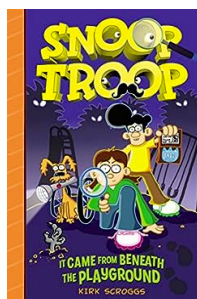
—*Publishers Weekly*

### ATTACK OF THE NINJA POTATO CLONES (#2)

A sneaky ninja is stealing the town's potato supply! Logan and Gustavo are on the case and discover there's an army of clones behind the thefts.

### SLOPPY JOE STINK-O-RAMA (#3)

School lunches have been infested with stink bugs and Lunch Lady Chives has been blamed. But Logan and Gustavo suspect she is being framed and so they delve into their stinkiest case yet to find the true culprit and clear Lunch Lady Chives' name.

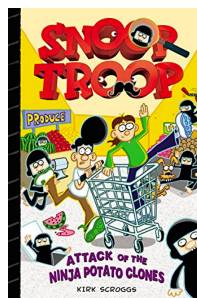


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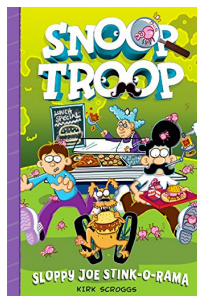


Book 2

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April 21, 2015

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Book 3

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Sept. 1, 2015

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Rights sold:

World English—Little Brown Books for Young Readers

# Christopher Swiedler

MG Science Fiction

## IN THE RED

- Finalist: CYBILS Award (USA)
- Nominee: Grand Canyon Reader Award

**Perfect for fans of *The Martian*, this standalone Middle Grade novel follows two children who go on an unauthorized expedition out onto the surface of Mars when a solar flare hits, knocking out power and communication to the rest of their colony. Together, they'll have to race to survive and return home before their supplies run out.**

Michael Prasad knows he shouldn't go out on the Mars surface alone. It's dangerous. His parents have forbidden it. And the anxiety he feels almost every time he puts on a spacesuit makes it nearly impossible for him to leave the safety of the colony. But when his best friend, Lilith, suggests they sneak out one night, he can't resist the chance to prove everyone—including himself—wrong.

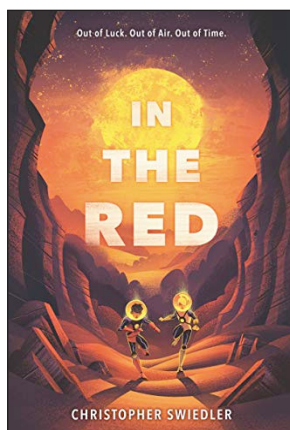
As the two ride along the Mars surface in a stolen rover, miles from the colony, a massive solar flare hits the planet, knocking out power, communication, and navigation systems, and the magnetic field that protects the planet from the sun's deadly radiation. Stranded hours from home with an already limited supply of food, water, and air, Michael and Lilith must risk everything if they're going to get back to the colony alive.

"[A] fresh take on heroism through an honest portrayal of the emotional struggle of overcoming anxiety. [...] Readers will be left breathless by stunning descriptions and harrowing feats of survival as two tweens face death, danger, and emotional upheaval."

—*Booklist*

"The writing is reminiscent of Gary Paulsen's *Hatchet* and Andy Weir's *The Martian*—it maintains a skillful blend of science and survivalism to keep readers engaged and invested in the outcome [...] A smart choice to read individually or as a group to further explore the possibilities of life on Mars and the science behind the fiction."

—*School Library Journal*



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**March 24, 2020**  
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Romania—Corint Books

US—Harper Children's

## ARCH OF BONE

The tale of *Moby Dick* continues in this compelling boyhood adventure penned by beloved author Jane Yolen and lovingly illustrated by Ruth Sanderson, renewing the joy of a classic tale for a middle grade audience.

Fourteen-year-old Josiah's world is turned upside down when a rough sailor named Ishmael turns up on his family's doorstep.

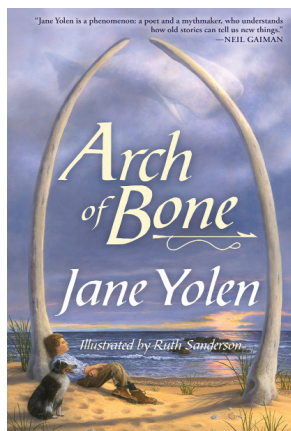
Ishmael comes bearing the tragic tale as the sole survivor of the Pequod, the whaling ship fatally led by the vengeful Captain Ahab and his obsession with the legendary white whale Moby Dick. But Josiah is not so certain his father's death was that simple and he begins to resent Ishmael's arrival, especially when Ishmael shows a romantic interest in Josiah's mother.

Josiah yearns to be at sea and follow his father's footsteps so he sets sail with his loyal dog Zeke. Josiah's journey is interrupted when his boat crashes on a deserted island. Now Josiah must remember all his father taught him about sailing and discover his own inner strength in order to return home safely.

"Yolen is a legend in the world of children's and young-adult literature."  
—*The Chicago Tribune*

"This is the story Melville should have written."  
—**Daniel Pinkwater, author of *The Neddadi***

"*Arch of Bone* is a historical novel that reanimates Nantucket's whaling history. In it, the aftermath of the Pequod's sinking is imagined on behalf of the families of those lost at sea. The result is a daring story in which a grieving son becomes his own kind of survivor."  
—*Foreword Reviews*



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**November 9, 2021**  
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World English—Tachyon

Catherine Bakewell

YA Fantasy

**WHERE SHADOWS BLOOM**

A young adult fantasy in which a loyal knight who must save her love from the mysterious dark shadows lurking in the royal court, perfect for fans of Leigh Bardugo's *Shadow and Bones* series.

After a harrowing shadow monster attack, seventeen-year-old Ofelia and her mother plan to seek refuge in the mysterious Palais Enchanté. Her mother goes ahead—but does not return. Ofelia teams up with her dearest friend and loyal knight, Lope, to journey to the palace and get her mother back.

Seventeen-year-old knight Lope has been secretly in love with Ofelia for years. She is faithful and protective of Ofelia in a way that extends beyond her duties as a knight. But when Ofelia falls under the spell of the court, and more Shadows appear in the palace gardens, Lope must choose her loyalty to Ofelia and her quest to end the reign of Shadows for good.

The answer to the origins of the Shadows and the fate of Ofelia's mother all point to the king—a man the gods have blessed with eternal youth. The girls must uncover the palace's secrets and determine if a king who lets Shadows roam in his gardens is as holy as he claims to be...or if he is the root of all of the darkness in their kingdom.

**WHERE SHADOWS  
BLOOM**by Catherine  
Bakewell

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**FORTHCOMING 2025**

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## KINGS OF NASHVILLE

Casey McQuiston's *Red, White, and Royal Blue* meets Chloe Huang's *For the Record* in this YA romance, in which two aspiring country musicians fall in love while pretending to be rivals. As their stars rise and the music industry threatens to tear them apart, can they find love within the music?

When Carter Honeycutt joins his estranged father on tour, he hopes to connect with the country music legend and uncover more about his mother, who abandoned him years prior. Meanwhile, Jethro Pryce is torn between his responsibilities at his family's hip-hop education nonprofit and hustling to prove that he can make it as a Black, gay country singer.

A backstage mishap at the Ryman Auditorium sets off rumors of a feud between Carter and Jethro. Instead of quelling the gossip, they embrace the faux rivalry, complete with pranks and social media showdowns. But behind the scenes, different kinds of sparks begin to fly.

Tragedy strikes during the tour, catapulting Carter into his father's boots. Jethro's presence, however, threatens to tear the well-worn fabric of country music. When a secret from Jethro's past surfaces, he gets kicked off the tour, leaving Carter with a choice: maintain the old guard or be a driving force for inclusivity in the industry.

### KINGS OF NASHVILLE

by Isaac Fitzsimons

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# Dori Butler

# MG Science Fiction

## ELLA PORTER, TELEPORTER

**Bestselling author Dori Hillestad Butler brings teleportation to life in her new middle grade series.**

Meet spunky nine-year-old named Ella, who lives with her mother after her father died when she was young. Ella never met a rule she didn't want to break. Her favorite thing is to do secret acts of random kindness with her best friend, Manny.

One day Ella meets her dad's uncle Geoff and learns a family secret. Some people on her dad's side of the family can teleport. For real! Ella has part of the family mark—a dot on one of her pinkie toes. But most teleporters have the dot on both pinkie toes. Ella does not have that second dot. She can't teleport at first, but if she develops the ability or if that second dot appears, she and her mother are to alert Great Uncle Geoff immediately and he will train her properly at his home.

Great Uncle Geoff lives alone at a lighthouse on a rock in the middle of the ocean. Ella is intrigued by the idea of teleportation, but the last thing she wants to do is go live with a stranger in the middle of nowhere. So when that second dot does appear and Ella discovers she can indeed teleport, she doesn't tell anyone other than Manny. She decides she doesn't need to be trained. She's doing just fine figuring things out on her own. And by being able to teleport, she and Manny can now do even bigger secret acts of random kindness than they were ever able to before.

But teleportation doesn't always work the way Ella wants or expects it to. She doesn't always feel so good after teleporting. She doesn't always end up exactly where she thinks she will. And sometimes it doesn't even work. She's also almost caught teleporting. More than once.

Mom finally learns Ella's secret when Ella rescues an animal from a burning building. It turns out Ella isn't just a Porter; she's a TELEPORTER! And she is going to have to be trained!

**ELLA PORTER,  
TELEPORTER**

**By Dori Butler**

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**Book 2 under contract!**

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## SKYWARD LEGACY

*A sequel series to the New York Times and USA Today bestselling series, following new and familiar characters as the universe adjusts to the aftermath of Spensa and friends' heroic victory over the Superiority.*

From #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Brandon Sanderson and #1 Amazon Charts bestselling author Janci Patterson comes a new trilogy set in the Skyward universe, following a new set of adventures that will take readers once again to the stars and beyond.

With the Superiority defeated, the people of Detritus must figure out their new relationship to the rest of the galaxy and hopefully continue a new era of peace. As they face new threats of rogue AI and hostile human colonies, they'll take their place as galactic citizens instead of galactic conquerors (or the conquered).

Defiant Defense Force pilots Kimmalyn and Arturo are learning their new roles as part of a peacekeeping and exploratory force. Kimmalyn struggles to build confidence and step out of the shadow of her flightmates while Arturo deals with pressures from his family to return home and help rebuild Detritus.

When Skyward Flight discovers a remaining Superiority outpost holding humans prisoners, Kimmalyn and Arturo must step up as leaders to save the day.

### SKYWARD LEGACY

By Brandon Sanderson  
&  
Janci Patterson

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**Books #1-3 under contract!**

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Robin Gow

MG Contemporary

## SABER-TOOTH

**A young trans autistic boy explores his feelings of loss while engaging with an imaginary prehistoric monster that turns real and wreaks havoc on his small town.**

Jasper is a young trans autistic boy who loves rocks and fossils. After his older brother moves away for college, Jasper feels lost without his rock of an older sibling and starts to dig in his backyard.

He then begins to hear the voice of a saber-tooth tiger telling Jasper to DIG. He finds the saber-tooth tiger's tooth and to his surprise, the saber-tooth comes to life in the form of an imaginary friend.

The line between the real and the imaginary becomes blurred as the saber-tooth tiger truly makes his presence known. It's up to Jasper to put the tiger back in the ground before his family, friends, and entire town are put into danger.

*Sabertooth* is a story of queer friendship, found family, and how we process frustration and anger that can arise when people we love can't be there for us.

## SABER-TOOTH

By Robin Gow

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## STOMPIN' AT THE AVE

**A middle grade historical novel about jazz, independence, and America's Great Migration as two boys bond over their love of music at the height of the Jazz Age.**

Quentin, who dreams of a life making music instead of a life on the farm, is sent to stay with family in Indianapolis while his parents sell the farm down South.

When he meets Blake right off the train, the two boys bond instantly, and Blake quickly wraps Quentin into his world of music and seedy thrills on Indiana Avenue.

Meanwhile, Quentin's uncle decides to run for mayor —while trying to keep Q out of the trouble he and Blake's could get into together.

But when Quentin sees how both of them are limited by their choices, he tries to find a third path for himself.

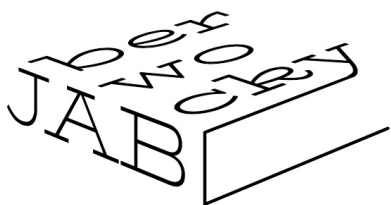
## STOMPIN' AT THE AVE

By Maurice Broaddus

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