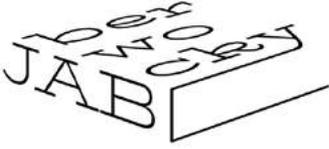


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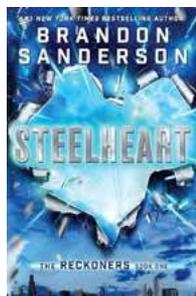
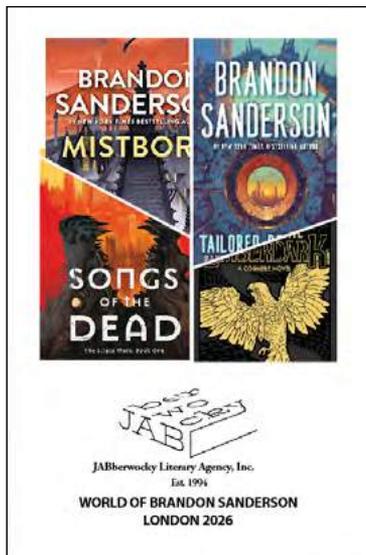
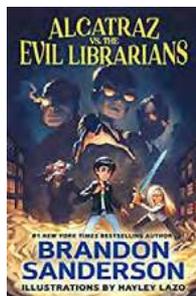
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Publication Date:
September 12, 2023
Page Count: 384

A HUNDRED VICIOUS TURNS (#1)

- Highlighted on "Most Anticipated" lists from *Tor.com*, *Publishers Weekly*, *The Nerd Daily*, and *Epic Reads*, among others.

"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 obsessed with, it's this one."

—*Tor.com*

"Rat is nonbinary, and Harker is a trans man, and their friends-enemies-lovers relationship arc is a high point in the novel"

—*School Library Journal*

A SINGLE BRUTAL FATE (#2)

- Highlighted on new releases lists from *Reactor* and *Rainbow Crate*

"This duology closer seamlessly ties up loose ends without disruptive exposition... Shiveringly good."

—*Kirkus*

"The specific queer subcultures that Rat and Harker belong to are represented immaculately [...] An easy purchase"

—*School Library Journal*



Publication Date:
March 11, 2025
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Rights sold:
World English—Abrams

Lilliam Rivera

NEVER LOOK BACK

- Winner: 2021 Pura Belpré Award in Young Adult Category
- A *Booklist* "Book of the Day"
- Featured on "Best of list" from *Book Riot*, *Indie Next*, *Daily News*, *Syfy Wire*, and *Tor.com*

Perfect for fans of Ibi Zoboi's *Pride* and Daniel José Older's *Shadowshaper*, this retelling of the Greek myth Orpheus and Eurydice blends a touch of magical realism into a timely story about cultural identity, overcoming trauma, and the power of first love.

Eury comes to the Bronx as a girl haunted. Haunted by losing everything in Hurricane Maria—and by an evil spirit, Ato. She fully expects the tragedy that befell her and her family in Puerto Rico to catch up with her in New York. Yet, she can almost set this fear aside, because there's this boy...

Pheus is a golden-voiced, bachata-singing charmer, ready to spend the summer on the beach with his friends, serenading his on-again, off-again flame. That changes when he meets Eury. All he wants is to put a smile on her face and fight off her demons.

But as the world threatens to tear them apart, Eury and Pheus must fight for each other and their lives.

"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."

—*Book Page, STARRED Review!*

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

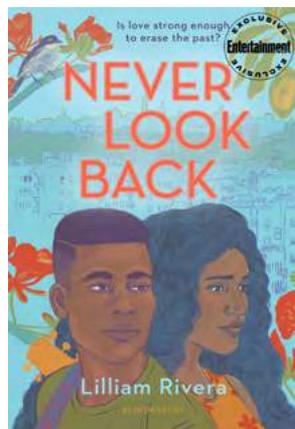
—*School Library Journal, STARRED Review!*

"A go-to for any fan of dark mythology."

—*Locus*

"*Never Look Back* sings its own love song to the world."

—*NPR*



Publication Date:
September 15, 2020
Page Count: 320

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

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Last Star Burning Series

A thrilling YA dystopian series, loosely based on China's Cultural Revolution, about a young woman who must escape a post-apocalyptic city and pursue her mother's last words in order to find a cure for the mysterious sleeping sickness spreading through the land.



LAST STAR BURNING (#1)

• 2017 Whitney Awards Finalist

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

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

“By the end, readers will be clamoring for more. Incredibly immersive and tightly plotted.”

—*Kirkus*

“A gripping tale of trust, class struggle, and betrayal.”

—*Booklist*

Book 1 Publication
Date:

October 10, 2017

Page Count: 400

Book 2
Publication Date:
December 4, 2018
Page Count: 528

Book 3 Publication
Date:

November 12, 2019

Page Count: 512

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*

Caitlin Sangster is also the author of the Gods Touched YA fantasy duology and the author of the standalone middle grade fantasy **A BAKER'S GUIDE TO ROBBER PIE.**

Rights sold:

World English—Margaret K. McElderry

Edo van Belkom

YA Fantasy

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)

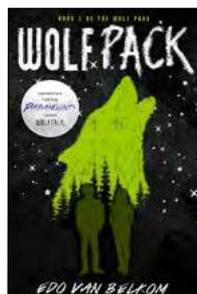
“It will make you want to read them all. The author has perfectly captured the essence of growing up different in a small town. Fans of the character Jacob Black from Stephenie Meyer’s series will love this wonderful series.”

—*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

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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 motley 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.



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

Over 80,000 copies sold in Dutch and English!

English reprint rights are available.

Rights sold:

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[World English—ReadMore Publishing](#)

WHERE SHADOWS BLOOM

Fans of Allison Saft and Margaret Rogerson will be swept away into this lush and beguiling sapphic romantasy about a princess and a lady knight.

Ofelia has lived her life dreaming of entering Le Château Enchanté—the mysterious court of the god-blessed King Léo, where the shadow monsters that roam Ofelia’s home never trespass.

Lope has lived her life as a knight, defending Ofelia and her home from Shadows even as she dreams of escaping with Ofelia by her side.

When the Shadows venture too close, Lope and Ofelia are thrust into a journey that will lead them to the heart of the darkness haunting their home: the dazzling and deceptive Château Enchanté itself.

A mesmerizing daydream with a subtle edge of darkness that will leave you utterly unable to put it down, *Where Shadows Bloom* pits terrifying monsters, chilling secrets, capricious gods, immortal kings, and death itself against the unstoppable love between two girls.

"In this serene tale of love and longing, Bakewell [...] conjures a beguiling setting filled with danger and desire. Though the backdrop bears resemblance to 17th-century Spain, and plotting draws loosely from the myth of Orpheus and Eurydice, the result is uniquely magical, romantic, and poetic."

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

"The will-they, won't-they romance told in alternating points of view is delightful, especially since queer romances are nothing taboo in this universe. Love blooms in this well-developed Sapphic high-fantasy adventure."

—*Kirkus*

"[The] sapphic romance is delightfully swoony, while the mystery at the heart of Le Château Enchanté is suitably dark, but with a well-earned happy ending."

—*Booklist*

"With a touching, tender slow-burn romance at its core, *Where Shadows Bloom* is a lovely and rich confection of a book"

—Ava Reid, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Study in Drowning*



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February 11, 2025
Page Count: 432

Rights sold:
World English—HarperTeen

FLOWERHEART

- A #6 Pacific Northwest Indie bestseller
- An Epic Reads Recommends Pick featured in Target stores

A 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.

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*



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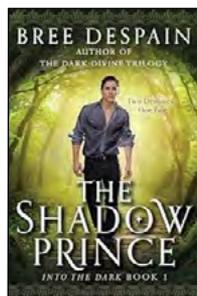
Russia—Mann, Ivanov and Ferber
Spain—Monogatari
World English—HarperTeen

Bree Despain

YA Romantasy

Into The Dark Series

A YA paranormal romance trilogy, inspired by the Greek myths of Hades and Persephone, about a prince from the Underrealm tasked with luring a human girl to the Underworld to save his people only for them to fall in love, challenging their destinies and leading to war.



Book 1

Publication Date:

March 11, 2014

Page Count: 496

Book 2

Publication Date:

April 28, 2015

Page Count: 368

Book 3

Publication Date:

October 1, 2016

Page Count: 344

THE SHADOW PRINCE (#1)

- Winner: Salt Lake City Weekly Arty Award
- Winner: Kansas Reading Circle Catalog
- Nominated for the YALSA Teens's Top Ten and Buckeye Children's and Teen Book Award

“The love story between Haden and Daphne . . . is satisfying, and the book ends with a cliff-hanger that expertly does its job.”

—*Booklist*

“The intersection between the Persephone and Orpheus myths is well done, and Daphne's refusal to be a maid in distress is refreshing. The author also deftly handles family dynamics, and Haden's education on the human world will elicit chuckles.”

—*School Library Journal*

THE ETERNITY KEY (#2)

“This modern adaptation of the Persephone and Hades myth continues to hit all the right notes. . . Rich world-building and swoon-worthy romance will thrill fans of mythology-based sagas and will keep readers anticipating the conclusion.”

—*School Library Journal*

THE IMMORTAL THRONE (#3)

- Nominated for the Buckeye Children's and Teen Book Award

“A great end to the series.”

—Sara Raasch, author of the *Snow Like Ashes* series

Bree Despain's next novel, *The Killing Rules* (Entangled, Summer 2026) has an announced print run of 150,000 copies!

Rights sold:
World English—Carolrhoda Lab***

The Dark Divine Series

A YA paranormal romance trilogy, inspired by the biblical Prodigal Son parable, about the daughter of a pastor, as she uncovers a dark secret involving a mysterious returned childhood friend and the truth about ancient, fallen angels.



THE DARK DIVINE (#1)

“Atmospheric and compelling, Despain’s first novel will be popular, and a sequel eagerly anticipated.”

—*Booklist*

“Despain’s first novel mixes romance and the supernatural and offers true love as the ultimate defense against lycanthropes... the book’s thematic investment in faith and sacrifice distinguishes it from traditional supernatural romances.”

—*School Library Journal*

“The Dark Divine is a brilliant book, one I can’t recommend enough!”

—*Once Upon A Bookcase*

Book 1 Publication Date:

December 22, 2009

Page Count: 384

Book 2

Publication Date:

December 28, 2010

Page Count: 416

Book 3

Publication Date:

January 1, 2013

Page Count: 496

THE LOST SAINT (#2)

“This isn’t a simple paranormal romance knock-off. There is depth to the story here that is missing from most books in this genre.... *The Lost Saint* was an enjoyable tale with strong characters and a deep storyline. I recommend it.”

—*My SF Reviews*

THE SAVAGE GRACE (#3)

“Oh my goodness, talk about a book that had everything I wanted: a bad boy with a dark, tortured past, a complicated romance, and a mystery that made my heart beat in double-time right up to the last page.”

—*Becca Fitzpatrick, New York Times bestselling author of Hush, Hush and Crescendo*

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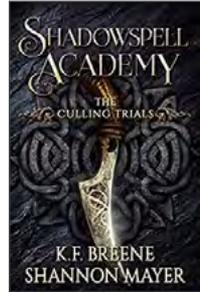
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Shannon Mayer & K.F. Breene

YA Romantasy

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)

- #18 on the Amazon chart
- #25 in the Amazon Kindle Store overall

Book 1

Publication Date:

April 9, 2019

Page Count: 238

THE CULLING TRIALS PART 2 (#2)

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

Book 2

Publication Date:

May 14, 2019

Page Count: 242

THE CULLING TRIALS PART 3 (#3)

- #1 in the Amazon Kindle Store overall
- #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)

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

Book 4

Publication Date:

February 26, 2021

Page Count: 302

THE YEAR OF THE CHAMELEON PART 2 (#5)

- #253 in the Amazon Kindle Store overall

Book 5

Publication Date:

March 30, 2021

Page Count: 314

THE YEAR OF THE CHAMELEON PART 3 (#6)

- #23 in the Amazon Kindle Store overall

Book 6

Publication Date:

May 18, 2021

Page Count: 326

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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.

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*



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June 13, 2023

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The Nightfall Bazaar Duology

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.

THE WICKED STARS (#1)

- #357 in Teen & Young Adult Sword & Sorcery Fantasy 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*

"This is a great read for anyone who loves to really feel some heartbreak and emotion, perhaps the chosen one trope too and anyone who wants a mythological, fairytale and magical setting with something to hook you into book two."

—*My Bookish Promise*

"A mysterious and alluring setting in a magical Bazaar certainly gives me the *Caraval* vibes! Definitely recommended for fantasy lovers."

—*Belle.BookCorner*

THESE FALLEN GODS (#2)

- #324 in the Teen & Young Adult Mythical Creatures category on Amazon

"I really enjoyed returning to this world, this book has fantastic world building. I loved the introduction of new characters: Bastian and Tamarin in this book, they fit so well into the story, and I loved seeing their relationship grow with Hazel."

—*What Jessi Reads*

"The writing was once again spot on. I really enjoyed being back in this world with Hazel and Cassian. I'm happy to say that book two continued to hold my interest and had me flipping the pages... *These Fallen Gods* took me on quite the adventure. I'm sad to see it come to an end, but the way things wrapped up made my heart happy!"

—*The Spooky Book Nerd*



Book 1

Publication Date:

October 30, 2022

Page Count: 286

Book 2

Publication Date:

December 12, 2023

Page Count: 202

Rights sold:

World English—Catelyn Wilson Publishing

World English Audio—Spotify

ODE TO MY FIRST CAR

- Featured on Children's Book Council's "Reading List for Disability Awareness"

By the critically praised author of *A Million Quiet Revolutions*, this contemporary sapphic romance novel-in-verse follows a bisexual teen girl who falls in and out of love over the course of one fateful summer, perfect for fans of *Juliet Takes a Breath* and *Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up With Me*.



Publication Date:
June 20, 2023
Page Count: 352

It's a few months before senior year 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.

Trying to pay off the fine from the crash that totals Lars, her beloved car, Claire 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 Reviews*

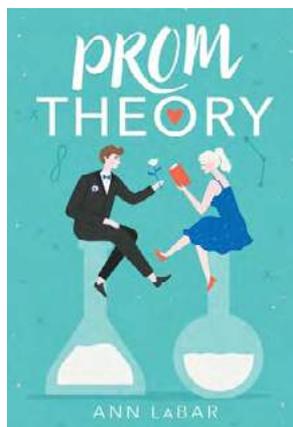
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PROM THEORY

- 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 rom-com in the vein of Ali Hazelwood’s *The Love Hypothesis*, in which a neurodivergent teen girl’s social experiment goes awry when she realizes she’s in love with her best friend.



Publication Date:
March 30, 2021
Page Count: 399

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 Bibliophile*, 4/5 stars

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

—*Books Over Everything*

Rights sold:

US—Simon Pulse

World English Audio—Recorded

India (English-language)—Srishti Publishers & Distributors

LUCKY CALLER

A second chance 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.”

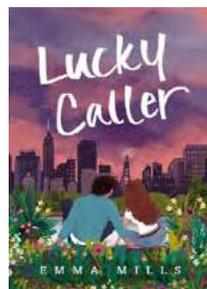
—*Kirkus*, **STARRED** review!

“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*



Publication Date:
January 14, 2020
Page Count: 336

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.

“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.”

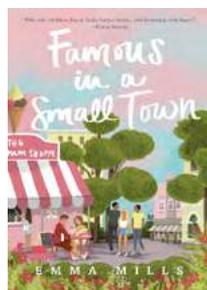
—*VOYA*, **STARRED** review!

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

—*Kirkus*

“Mills encapsulates small-town life in this eventful romance.”

—*Publishers Weekly*



Publication Date:
January 15, 2019
Page Count: 320

Rights sold:
Poland—Media Rodzina (Lucky Caller)

World English—Henry Holt
World English Audio—Dreamscape

Emma Mills

YA Romance

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*

"Immensely enjoyable."

—*Booklist*

"A heartfelt story about friendship, family, love, and life. It's funny, honest, and relatable...it will capture your heart and hold onto it long after the last page."

—*The Young Folks*



Publication Date:
October 4, 2016
Page Count: 318

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FOOLISH HEARTS

- A YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults 2019 Selection

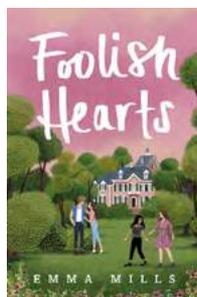
A teen girl's high school production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* leads her to new friends—and maybe a new love.

"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!**

"The characters are wonderfully fresh and honest [...] The course of true love never did run smooth, but in the case of these two lovers, the journey is worth your while."

—*Kirkus*



Publication Date:
December 5, 2017
Page Count: 320

Rights sold:

[Denmark](#)—Palatium

[Poland](#)—Media Rodzina

[World English](#)—Henry Holt BFYR

[World English Audio](#)—Dreamscape

FIRST & THEN

- A 2016 Junior Library Guild Selection
- A 2015 Cybils Award nominee
- Recommended in John Green's Book Giving Guide for the Holidays 2015

Pride and Prejudice meets *Friday Night Lights* in this contemporary YA romance about a high school senior encouraged to get off of the sidelines and enjoy life by her rebel cousin and a cute jock.

Devon Tennyson wouldn't change a thing. She's happy watching Friday night games from the bleachers, silently crushing on best friend Cas, and blissfully ignoring the future after high school. But the universe has other plans. It delivers Devon's cousin Foster, an unrepentant social outlier with a surprising talent for football, and the obnoxiously superior and maddeningly attractive star running back, Ezra, right where she doesn't want them—first into her P.E. class and then into every other aspect of her life.

Pride and Prejudice meets *Friday Night Lights* in this novel, a contemporary YA romance about love for the unexpected boy, for a new brother, and for yourself.

"A fresh, smart, inventive, and altogether impressive debut."

—*Kirkus STARRED review!*

"Readers will root both for Foster (as his school's new varsity kicker) and for Devon and Ezra to discover their worthiness for the other in this satisfying romance."

— *Publishers Weekly*

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

— *Common Sense Media*

"A simple story about romance, football, and family...The *Pride and Prejudice* parallels gave the book a fun twist and Jane Austen fans will most certainly want to pick this up!"

—*Across The Words*



Publication Date:

October 13, 2015

Page Count: 273

Rights sold:

[Germany—Königskinder ***](#)

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[World English—Henry Holt BFYR](#)

[World English Audio—Dreamscape](#)

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE OCEAN

- Featured on *Kirkus*' "20 Best June Books for Young Readers"
- #309 in Teen & Young Adult LGBTQ+ Fiction on Amazon
- #1 Teen & Young Adult Emigration & Immigration Fiction category ahead of publication on Amazon

A thoughtful, timely, and emotionally compelling story about coming of age, coming out, and coming into your own perfect for fans of Adam Silvera and Benjamin Alire Sáenz.

For most sixteen year olds, life is all about friends, fun, and family. But for Matt Franco, it's different. Because Matt and his family are undocumented immigrants—like many other Brazilian emigres in his town. And Matt is also carrying another burden: he's secretly gay.

Then handsome, kind-eyed, and charming transfer student James Alberte walks into class. He's everything Matt could ask for—and it's James' love, strength, and support that helps Matt finally come out to the world.

Unfortunately, love doesn't necessarily make Matt's situation any easier. He's still stranded by his immigrant status, with a future that seems headed for a dead end.

And if he's ever going to be happy, Matt will have to decide what he wants, where he's headed—and who he is at heart.

"This novel is brilliantly executed, threaded through with linguistic gems and deeply rooted in both Brazilian culture and the mind of a teenage boy ... Heartfelt and authentically grounded; a must-read."

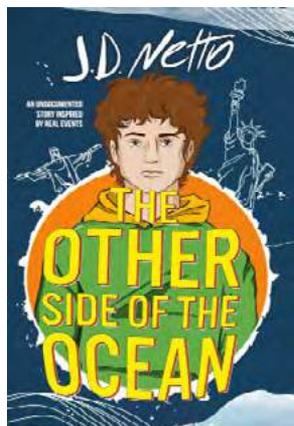
—*Kirkus*, **STARRED** review!

"While primarily a romance, this novel's observations on immigration and citizenship seem more relevant and realistic with each passing day."

—*Booklist*, **STARRED** review!

"J.D. Netto's timely and illuminating story captures the longing, joy, and heartache of being young, an immigrant, undocumented, queer—and in love."

—*Alex Sanchez*, Lambda Award-winning author of *Rainbow Boys*



Publication Date:

June 17, 2025

Page Count: 280

Rights sold:
World English—JAB Books

World English Audio—Recorded

THE COMEDIENNE'S GUIDE TO PRIDE

- Featured on Toronto Public Library Best of 2023 list
- Featured on *Buzzfeed's* "23 New LGBTQ+ YA Novels To Chill With This Summer"

A charming coming of age novel about an aspiring comedienne finding the courage to come out perfect for fans of Jaye Robin Brown's *Georgia Peaches and Other Forbidden Fruit*.

Taylor Parker isn't out yet, but she's keeping an even bigger secret: she entered a sketch contest where the grand prize is an internship at *Saturday Night Live*, the popular late-night comedy sketch show.

When Taylor applied to this opportunity for marginalized writers, she checked the "LGBTQ" box on the application without really thinking about it. But now that she's a finalist, she realizes she'll need to be out to win. Whether she's ready or not.

In the month leading up to the competition results, Taylor befriends Charlotte Grey, whom Taylor's had a crush on for years. As they spend more time together, they realize they're genuinely falling for each other—and while Charlotte is willing to take it slow, Taylor doesn't want to ask her to keep their relationship secret forever. Taylor just hopes she can muster the courage to come out before all her secrets do.

"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*

"A protagonist readers will truly want to watch grow up and come into her own"

—*Buzzfeed*



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July 19, 2022

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[World English—Page Street](#)

ONE OF THE BOYS

- Winner: 2026 Stonewall Book Award
- An instant #9 *New York Times* bestseller!
- #5 Indie List bestseller!
- An Indie Next Pick selection

A heartwarming, affirming novel about breaking barriers, finding the people you love in unexpected places, and how hard it is to exist in a world where you've changed and everyone else has stayed the same set in the world of high school football.

Grace Woodhouse has left a lot behind. She used to have a great friend group, an amazing girlfriend, and a right foot set to earn her a Division I football scholarship—before she came out as trans.

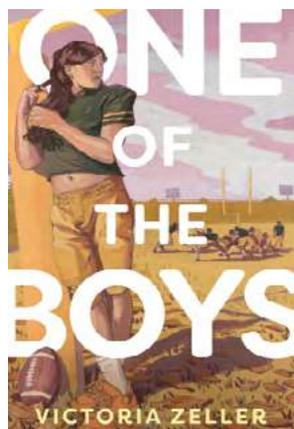
As senior year begins, Grace is struggling to find her place in early transition, new social circles, and a life without football. But when her skills as the best kicker in the state prove to be vital, her old teammates beg her to come out of retirement, dragging her back into a sport—into a way of life—she thought had turned its back on her forever.

When a chance meeting cracks the door to college football back open, she has to decide how much of herself she's willing to give up for the game she loves.

“Zeller artfully exposes the tender underbelly of locker room posturing, presenting a subversive, experience-informed interpretation of toxic masculinity”
—*Publishers Weekly*, **STARRED review!**

“Sets a high bar for the blooming subgenre of queer sports fiction.”
—*Booklist*, **STARRED review!**

“A standout work of YA fiction, as inspiring and illuminating as it is funny and relatable.”
—*BookPage*, **STARRED review!**



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May 13, 2025
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336

Sold in a 24-hour pre-empt!
An instant *New York Times* bestseller!
Stonewall Book Award Winner!

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Spain—Levine Querido

Tastes Like Candy Duology
Grady Hendrix's *Final Girl Support Group* meets Stephen King's *Joyland* in this sickly-sweet slasher duology about a young woman trying to survive a deadly scavenger hunt.

TASTES LIKE CANDY (#1)

- Recommended by *New York Times* bestselling author Stephen Graham Jones on *LitHub*
- A Slime and Slashers Book Club selection
- Featured on Bookshop.org's 2025 gift guide
- Featured on *The Average Podcast*, *The Horror Vision*, and *The Killer Prose Podcast*

“It does not go light on the gore!”

—**Stephen Graham Jones**, *New York Times* bestselling author

“I couldn't put this book down, and I will sing its praises forever because not enough people are talking about it but they should be!”

—*Slime and Slashers*

TASTES LIKE CANDY 2: VICIOUSLY SWEET (#2)

“This sequel knocked over every single milk bottle in the game with one hard throw-violence, trauma, nostalgia, exceptional masterful nods to the first book. This was a clear continued story, chaotic and sickening and disturbing, genuinely heartbreaking...”

—**Rae Fisher**, author of *The Alonthiel Chronicles* series



Book 1

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September 9, 2025
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Book 2

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September 22, 2026
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Republishing under the name Jessica Lacy!

BOOK #3 UNDER CONTRACT

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FATALLY YOURS

Father of the Bride meets *Serial Mom* in this darkly comedic slasher with its mix of bloody wedding dresses, florists who can't seem to stay alive, and a family with more money than sanity.

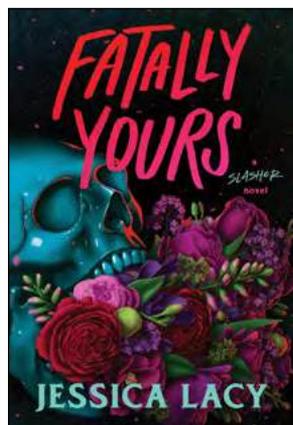
Life is good for Katie Rose Waters. Her family is filthy rich, and she has it all: a closet full of designer shoes in a mansion fit for a queen, Mother Dear's undivided attention and of course, the comforting knowledge that she can get away with murder any time she wants...literally.

But Katie Rose's perfect world starts to crumble when her estranged sister Kit returns home to their small town with a new engagement ring and a fiancé in tow.

With Belldam, Texas's most extravagant wedding on the horizon Mother Dear goes into wedding planner mode, obsessing over wedding dresses, florists, and finding a cake. And Katie Rose? She's been demoted to an afterthought. Unless, of course, Mother Dear needs help with a decapitated body. It's simply devastating.

Left to her own wicked devices, Katie Rose begins to suspect that her picture-perfect life might be as hollow as the corpses she leaves behind. What's a spoiled daughter to do without Mother Dear's guidance? But whatever, everything will be fine as long as the trio can stay calm.

Unfortunately, there's nothing more stressful than a wedding...



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May 5, 2026

Page Count: 400

Initially published under the title *Mother Dear*.

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NOT DEAD ENOUGH

- #1 in Teen & Young Adult Fiction category on Amazon
- Featured on "most anticipated" lists from *The Nerd Daily*, *The ReadDown*, *Murders & Mayhem*, *YA Book Central*, and *Teen Librarian Toolbox*

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.

"...[T]he pacing makes for a riveting page-turner with genuinely scary and nerve-racking 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."

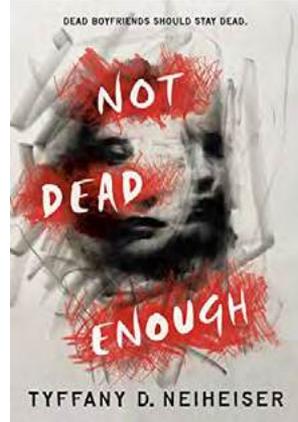
—*Publishers Weekly*

"[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*



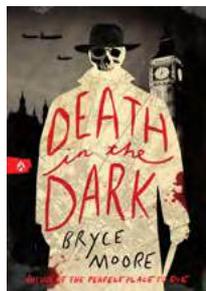
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January 23, 2024
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[US-Viking Books for Young Readers](#)

DEATH IN THE DARK

- Hit #61 in the Amazon Teen & Young Adult Historical Mysteries & Thrillers category

When multiple women are found murdered in their London homes during World War II, seventeen-year-old Mary Churchill vows to uncover the identity of the Blackout Ripper, even if it puts her own life at risk. From the author of *The Perfect Place to Die*, *Don't Go to Sleep*, and *A Family of Killers* comes another chilling historical mystery.



Publication Date:
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“A chilling and adventure-filled mystery set amid the Blitz and inspired by a real serial killer . . . This terrifying historical work will grip readers.”

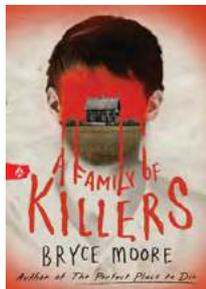
—*Kirkus, STARRED review!*

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A FAMILY OF KILLERS

- #1 in Teen and Young Adult Historical Fiction category on Amazon

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.



Publication Date:
August 6, 2024
Page Count: 320

“There was a lot of excitement in this story. A tornado, bandits trying to rob [Warren], stampeding buffalo herds, the Benders themselves, and just getting lost too. There was code breaking, solving a mystery and using clues to try to find the Benders. I could see my students enjoying this one for sure!”

—*Lisa Loves Literature*

“This was an intriguing read—I loved the characters and all the sinister undertones. As the story progresses it just gets better and better.”

—*Book Girl Brown Reviews*

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Verse Series

Nimona meets *Mooncakes* in this lush, fantasy graphic novel in which the friendship between an aspiring swordsmith and a girl with a mysterious past could be the key to bringing magic back to their world.

THE BROKEN HALF (VOL. 1)

- #98 on Amazon's Young Adult & Adventure Comics & Graphic Novels category

THE SECOND GATE (VOL. 2)

- #8 on Amazon's Teen & Young Adult Diversity & Multicultural Comics & Graphic Novels

THE SONG (VOL. 3)

"*Verse* offers readers of all ages plenty, but it is also an approachable, inclusive story for young readers looking for an adventure and characters to whom they can relate."
—*Comics Beat*



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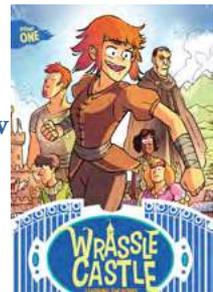
Wrassle Castle Series

Lydia Riverthane has always dreamed of being a professional wrassler, the greatest of all fighters in the kingdom of Grimslade. There are just a few pesky things standing between her and the big tournament at Wrassle Castle.

LEARNING THE ROPES (VOL. 1)

RIDERS ON THE STORM (VOL. 2)

PUT A LYD ON IT (VOL. 3)



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Vol 1: 176

"*Wrassle Castle* is a fun all-ages comic with a genuine sense of suspense, wonder, and passion."

—*Women Write About Comics*

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The Bourshkanya Trilogy

Magic, romance, and revolution collide in this Russian-inspired fantasy in which a traveling circus performer and the son of a fearsome general team up to overthrow the empire, perfect for fans of Erin Morgenstern's *The Night Circus* and Andrea Stewart's *The Bone Shard Daughter*.

IMBUE THE SKY (#3)

Celka's innovative magic let her assassinate the Stormhawk—Bourshkanya's unkillable dictator. Alongside Filip, a State-trained mage and Army officer, she now joins the resistance, fighting to turn that single victory into a revolution.

Gerrit, Celka's co-conspirator and the Stormhawk's son, has turned his back on the resistance, believing them destined to fail. He supports his sister as the next Stormhawk—certain she'll be a better leader than their father.

But the Stormhawk's legacy is powerful, and Bourshkanya's fascist military would rather follow Gerrit's sadistic elder brother. Unless the two sides of the revolution can find common ground, both could end up destroyed.

Other titles in this series:

WEAVE THE LIGHTNING (#1)

"Lee's novel *Weave the Lightning* is an electrifying debut (pardon the pun) that infuses magical resistance with a Russian flair."

—*Lightspeed Magazine*

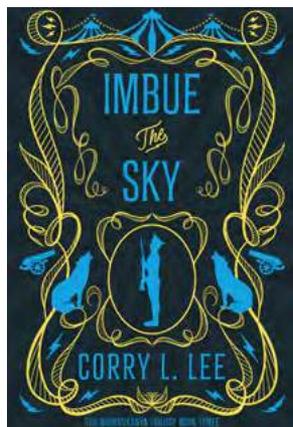
"A sweeping epic of romance, revolution, elegant strangeness, and elemental magic."

—Jason Heller, author of *Strange Stars*

THE STORM'S BETRAYAL (#2)

"I really enjoyed returning to this Soviet-inspired world of storm magic, as stakes rise and loyalties are tested."

—*Sifa Elizabeth Reads*



Publication Date:

April 8, 2026

Page Count: 505

Rights sold:
Italy—Multiplayer

World English—Rebellion
World English Audio—Recorded

Celtic Legacy Trilogy

An ordinary vacation in Ireland quickly turns into a nightmare of epic proportions when two sisters are kidnapped by separate fae factions. Each is told that she is destined to save the world. But in order to do so, she must kill her sister. As the two fall in love in their respective fae realms, they must decide if their loyalties lie with each other or their newfound alliances.

DARK WATERS (#1)

- #262 in the Coming of Age Fantasy and #296 in the Fairytale Fantasy categories on Amazon

"Shannon Mayer's *Dark Waters* is action-packed from beginning to end. This book has it all, a bond between sisters, monsters, Fae, and sexy men. You can't go wrong."

—Charity Parkerson, award-winning author of the *Candied Crush* series

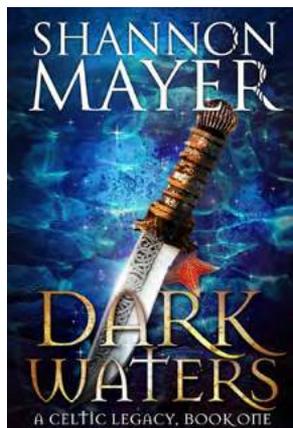
DARK ISLE (#2)

"Shannon is amazing when it comes to improving on the plot as the series continues!...While there is a minor cliffhanger, it's okay! You can jump into the next book.

—*Rated Romantasy Reviews*

DARK FAE (#3)

- #500 in the Coming of Age Fantasy and #518 in the Fairy Tale Fantasy categories on Amazon



Book 1 Publication Date:
December 28, 2011
Page Count: 308

Book 2 Publication Date:
July 8, 2012
Page Count: 274

Book 3 Publication Date:
September 14, 2012
Page Count: 256

The Celtic Legacy series is celebrating its 15th anniversary in 2026!

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Denise Grover Swank

New Adult Romance

Off the Subject Series

Perfect for fans of Anna Todd's *After* series, the *Off the Subject* series follows three different couples falling in love and finding themselves while they are at university in these standalone romances. The series features the tropes of bad boy/good girl, "opposites attract," and forced proximity.

AFTERMATH (#1)

- #113 on the USA Today bestseller list
- #57 in Sports Romance and #63 in New Adult & College Romance categories on Amazon

"This was a great book, the beginning was so good, the heartbreak and longing to be accepted was so well written, you really feel for the character and her situation and there is such a sense of dread and sadness that I was completely hooked from the first chapter."

—*Natasha is a Book Junkie, 4.5 out of 5 stars!*

REDESIGNED (#2)

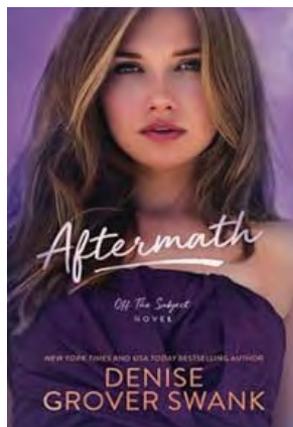
"With *Redesigned*, she took her recipe for *Aftermath*, added some intrigue, mulishness and tenacity along with a hefty dash of saucy heat and found herself with the perfect concoction for a FIVE STAR novel!"

—*Just My Opinion, 5 out of 5 stars!*

BUSINESS AS USUAL (#3)

"All three books in this series were 5 stars for me. They are what makes New Adult good. They have the perfect balance of yummy sexy scenes combined with serious real issues. Anyone who loves NA will want to read not just *Business as Usual* but the whole series."

—*Stuck in Books, 5 out of 5 stars!*



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March 11, 2013
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Book 2 Publication Date:
June 10, 2013
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Book 3 Publication Date:
April 10, 2014
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Denise Grover Swank is the *New York Times* bestselling author of YA and adult romance.

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 World English—DGS Publishing

Rule Breakers Series

From *USA Today* bestselling author Jessa Wilder, a New Adult hockey romance series featuring standalone steamy romances that follow the members of a college hockey team. Perfect for fans of Hannah Grace's *Maple Hills* series!

RULE NUMBER FIVE (#1)

- An Amazon Best of #BookTok selection
- #22 in the Amazon Kindle store overall
- #1 in the Romantic Comedy and #4 in the Sports Romance categories on Amazon

RULES OF THE GAME (#2)

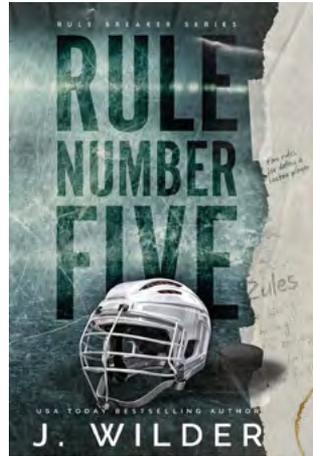
- #195 in the Sports Romance category on Amazon

RULES OF OUR OWN (#3)

- #195 in the Sports Romance category on Amazon

RULES WE BREAK (#3.5)

- #50 in the Amazon Kindle store overall
- #69 in the Erotic Literature category on Amazon



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February 7, 2023
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Book 2 Publication Date:
June 4, 2023
Page Count: 418

Book 3 Publication Date:
October 17, 2023
Page Count: 418

"I seriously love how we get to see their connection & evolving relationship—from the jealousy, banter, sweet/spicy/intimate moments, it all builds the perfect relationship between the two. I could not put the book down. I love them both. I'm swooning over Jax."

—*Read With Lyn*

"This is fantastic, an incredible, funny, you won't want to put down read! The characters are relatable and entertaining. This is a must devour over and over again."

—*Happy Endings Always*

Rights sold:

Germany—Digital Publishers

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Italy—Sperling & Kupfer

Poland—Poznanski

Russia—EKSMO

Turkey—Artemis

World English—J. Wilder Books

World English Audio—Podium

WE ARE THE SONG

- #1 in Children's Music Book category on Amazon

A standalone middle grade high fantasy about a girl whose singing voice holds immense power and must learn how to wield her gift wisely. 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

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SABER-TOOTH

• An Indie Next Selection

A novel-in-verse, about a young trans autistic boy who explores his feelings of loss while engaging with an imaginary prehistoric monster that turns real and wreaks havoc on his small town.

Jasper's favorite person is his older brother, Callan. They go on fossil-finding missions and stay up late while their parents work nights. Callan even helped Jasper pick out his new name when he came out as trans.

But Callan starts to grow distant and leaves for college without taking Jasper on a promised fossil dig. Jasper feels abandoned—and angry. Who needs Callan? He will dig by himself, in his backyard. As he digs, he hears a voice: the bones of a saber-toothed tiger. He's buried deep, and he wants Jasper to DIG.

Jasper is sure a discovery like this could change the world, or at least get Callan to text him back. But as the saber-toothed tiger finds freedom, Jasper realizes he may have unleashed a monster that no one was ready for, and that anger can empower you—or destroy you.

"The author explores the complexity of anger—honoring its validity without dismissing accountability for one's actions—in a way that's artful and immersive. Deeply cathartic; balances emotional depth with engrossing suspense."

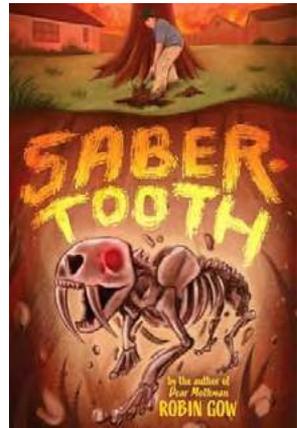
—*Kirkus*, **STARRED review!**

"Using a fascinating mixture of metaphor and reality, this verse novel explores the explosive nature of anger and the pain it can cause when left untended, without ever demonizing the feeling or the feeler."

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

"Gow (*Gooseberry*) artfully explores the sometimes turbulent emotions that come with growing up and growing apart, culminating in a heartening, deeply felt work."

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



Publication Date:
January 27, 2026
Page Count:
328

Robin Gow is a Lambda Award-winning author of middle grade fiction and poetry.

Rights sold:
World English—Abrams

DEAR MOTHMAN

- Winner: 2024 Lambda Literary Award
- 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.

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.

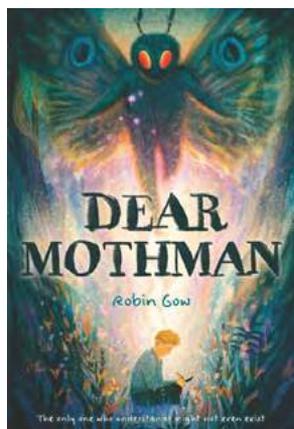
But when strange things start to happen, Noah is sure it is Mothman trying to communicate with him. His parents and teachers don't believe him so Noah decides to trek into the woods and find Mothman himself. Instead, he discovers how to process his still-lingering grief.

"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!**



Publication Date:
March 21, 2023
Page Count: 320

Lambda Literary Award Winner!

Rights sold:
World English—Amulet Books

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.

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



THE WITCHING HOUR (#3)

Just after the initiation of the fox's new guardian, war is declared on The Observatory by ghosts from their past.

You didn't think the Observatory was the only coven on Earth, did you? No, witches have been around for centuries. But what happened to the Daughters of Time has remained a mystery... until now. Just as the Observatory has all its witches back, ghosts suddenly appear throughout the building and declare war on them.

Can Seren rise to the challenge without her friends? And why are the ghosts so interested in Grace?

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

Book 2 Publication Date:
April 16, 2024
Page Count: 270

Book 3 Publication Date:
June 27, 2025
Page Count: 204

Other titles in this series:

THE EIGHTY-NINTH WITCH (#1)

THE KNIGHTS OF ORION (#2)

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 ReadMore Publishing!

BOOK #4 UNDER CONTRACT

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[Russia—Azbooka](#)

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.



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

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)

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

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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 can't even keep track. On top of that, B is struggling to pick a name that they want to keep for themselves. 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 are excited to 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?

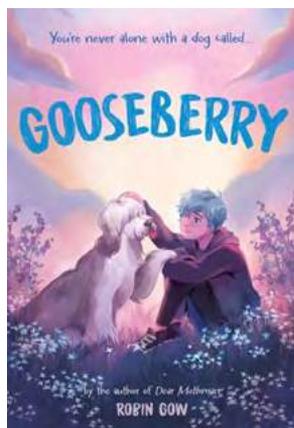
Moving, heartwarming, and full of hope, *Gooseberry* is a friendship story classic in the making!

"B's struggle to find home and acceptance will have readers rooting for them and Gooseberry the dog. A must-purchase realistic fiction title for all middle grade collections."

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

"Gow's latest middle-grade novel continues delving into the intersection of transgender or nonbinary identities with autistic and ADHD neurodivergence, and while B thinks no one would be able to understand their brain, autistic readers especially will find much that is both relatable and validating."

—*Booklist*, **STARRED review!**



Publication Date:

May 14, 2024

Page Count: 312

Robin Gow is a Lambda Award-winning author of middle grade fiction and poetry.

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JUST SHY OF ORDINARY

- Winner: 2025 Sydney Taylor Honor
- Featured in *The New York Times* "Best Books for Kids Starting Middle School"

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.

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.

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 into 9th grade instead of 8th, 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 captures the tension and dread of grappling with a hidden illness during a tumultuous transition."

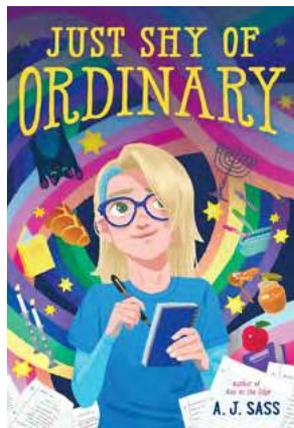
—*Publishers Weekly*, **STARRED** review!

"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*



Publication Date:
January 30, 2024
Page Count: 384

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BARELY FLOATING

- Nominee: Rhode Island Latino Book Award for Best Novel for Grades 3-5
- 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
- An Amazon Editor's Pick for Best Books Ages 9-12

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



Publication Date:
August 29, 2023
Page Count: 240

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!**

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Adam-Troy Castro

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)

- Selected following a 25,000 copy initial special market sale to Scholastic
- An Amazon Best Book of the Month

“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 AND THE NIGHTMARE VAULT (#2)

- A Scholastic Book Fair selection

“Castro sheds light on the past and nature of the aptly named Gloom mansion... spooky!”

—*Kirkus*

GUSTAV GLOOM AND THE FOUR TERRORS (#3)

- 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 Bank Street Center for Children’s Literature Book of the Year selection

“A quirky, yet interesting story line and strangely captivating.”

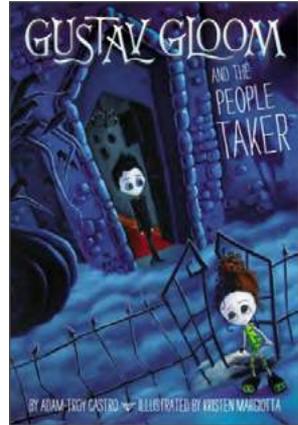
—*South Sound Book Review Council*

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)



Book 1

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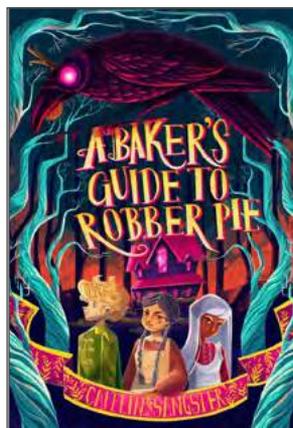
A BAKER'S GUIDE TO ROBBER PIE

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.

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...



Publication Date:
February 8, 2022
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“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*

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IN THE RED

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

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.

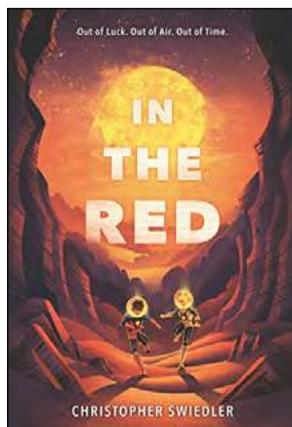
As the two ride along the Mars surface in a stolen rover, miles from the colony, a massive solar flare hits the planet, knocking out power, communication, and navigation systems, and the magnetic field that protects the planet from the sun's deadly radiation. Stranded hours from home with an already 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*

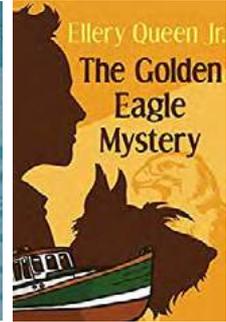
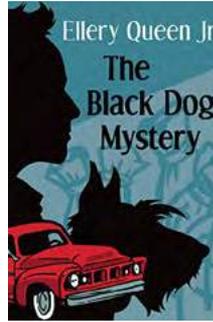


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- The Black Dog Mystery
- The Golden Eagle Mystery
- The Green Turtle Mystery
- The Red Chipmunk Mystery
- The Brown Fox Mystery
- The White Elephant Mystery
- The Yellow Cat Mystery
- The Blue Herring Mystery
- The Mystery of the Merry Magician
- 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:

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World English–Open Road
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Petwizards Series

A middle grade graphic novel series about a middle schooler with the power to control pets who uses his abilities to help those in need and impress his school crush.

PETWIZARDS: MASTER OF PUPPIES (#2)

Seventh grade PetWizard, Finch Eaglehawk, used to see his glass as half-empty. First, he tanked the school musical with a swarm of bats. Then his dream crush broke his heart like a confetti egg. So tragic. But oh, how things have changed!

Lately, life has gotten so exciting it seems like that glass is half-full- Heck, it's overflowing! Not only does he have to prepare a glamtastic performance for the upcoming Battle of the Bands, but danger is hurtling his way like heavy metal lightning! A new kid named Magnus wants to mop the floor with him in an electric guitar screech-off, a mysterious puppy is stalking him through the mean streets and back alleys, and an anonymous villain has challenged him and his friend, Erica, to a full-tilt PetWizard duel!

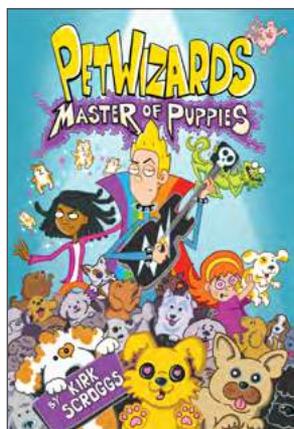
As if that isn't bad enough, the creepy animatronic critters at the local pizza parlor are starting to get awfully glitchy. Run!!! Finch and Erica will need the sleuthing skills of their half-pint genius friend, Aberdeen, plus the combined powers of their various snakes, hamsters, and hissing cockroaches to defend themselves, maintain the PetWizard code and save the town!

Other titles in this series:

PETWIZARDS (#1)

"Bizarre yet relatable characters, off-putting yet cute critters, and familiar messages about identity, fitting in, and being oneself ferried via uplifting storytelling make for a goofy adventure."

—*Publishers Weekly*



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To Be Determined
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THE MARS CHALLENGE

Writer Benjamin A. Wilgus and artist Wyeth Yates bring the reader on a thrilling interplanetary voyage and clearly illustrate the scientific concepts and complex machinery involved for manned space flights.

Nadia is a teen with a dream: to be the first woman on Mars. But to get there, she's got to learn all she can about the science of spaceflight. It's a good thing her friend Eleanor is an Attitude Determination and Control Officer—basically, she pilots the International Space Station!

Eleanor takes Nadia on a conceptual journey through an entire crewed mission to Mars, and explains every challenge that must be overcome along the way; from escaping Earth's gravity well, to keeping the crew healthy as they travel through deep space, to setting up a Mars base, to having enough fuel for the trip home!

In *The Mars Challenge*, writer Benjamin A. Wilgus and artist Wyeth Yates bring the reader on a thrilling interplanetary voyage and clearly illustrate the scientific concepts and complex machinery involved. Humans can reach Mars in our lifetime—this book explains how it can be done.

"An approachable read for those interested in both Mars and spaceflight in general, not to mention a useful classroom resource."

—*Booklist*

"If you're interested in what it'll take to get a human on Mars, or just want to read a well-crafted nonfiction graphic novel, *The Mars Challenge* is worth picking up. It's a fun, easy read that will teach you a lot about space flight, and putting together a crewed mission to Mars in particular."

—*Multiversity Comics*



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Angry Birds

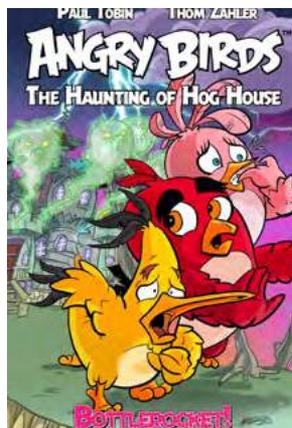
To celebrate the 15th anniversary of the iconic franchise, Angry Birds is partnering with Ringo-Award winning publisher Rocketship Entertainment for three middle grade graphic novels that will also be offered in a Kickstarter campaign with exclusive rewards.

The Haunting of Hog House (Spring 2026): Chuck inherits a castle! It's old and it's spooky and it needs a serious amount of restoration, but...wow! A castle! Chuck's not really sure who left him a castle in their will, but he's eager to start living life as the Lord of a Castle! Except...he finds out that he's not the only one to inherit this castle.

Breaking the Bank (Fall 2026): A rousing double "heist" story when an alluring starling named Darling comes to Red for help! It seems that some pigs have stolen her library's prized possession, the Golden Bird, a pure gold statue depicting one of Mighty Eagle's legendary ancestors! The evil thieves are keeping the Golden Bird in a mansion, and Red and his team have to infiltrate a high-class soiree to get that statue back!

Level Up (Winter 2026): Red and the others wake one morning to find themselves in a fantasy RPG world, where they can earn experience points, level up, and gain new abilities! What happened? And, there are lots of pigs in this world! Red and the others soon discover that they've fallen prey to the Gameblaster, a genius pig who was trying to create an RPG (actually, an R Pig G) world, but the Angry Birds were caught up in his experiment. Now, the only way to save themselves is to level up enough to defeat the Big Boss and the Pig Boss!

The graphic novel series will be written by three-time Eisner Award-winner and *New York Times* bestselling author Paul Tobin (*Plants vs Zombies*, *Adventure Time*, *Messenger*) and illustrated by renowned artist Thom Zahler (*My Little Pony*, *Cupid's Arrows*).



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First 100 pages of black and white inks of
The Haunting of Hog House now available for preview!

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Fox Fires Series

- Kickstarter for Vol. 1 raised over \$24,000 USD, over 8 times the initial goal!
- Kickstarter for Vol. 2 raised over \$22,000 USD, over 7 times the initial goal!
- Webtoon edition has over 13 million views!

A fantasy-adventure inspired by Finnish folklore, told from a raccoon dog's perspective as she tries to find the Northern Lights. Perfect for fans of *Flow*.



FOX FIRES (VOL. 1)

FOX FIRES (VOL. 2)

"Creator Emilia 'Pipilia' Ojala has created a tale steeped in Finnish folklore that brings high energy and rollicking adventure to each chapter. Her art is a feast for the eyes, whether she's rendering anthropomorphic animals or sprawling vistas bathed in light of night."

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ASTRA FOX AND THE RISE OF THE WONDERWORKERS

From critically-acclaimed and LAMBDA Award finalist author Isaac Fitzsimons comes a middle grade fantasy about a young orphan girl who is granted an apprenticeship in a lavish household and becomes involved in a fight for labor rights.

Thirteen-year-old Astra Fox longs to be a wonderworker, traveling the world and casting enchanting illusions. But as an orphan, her dreams seem impossible. Astra's fate takes a magical turn when she's granted an apprenticeship with the lavish Bellamy household in Empire City, where her sister disappeared years earlier. There, Astra trains in gilding—the art of imbuing gold with wonderwork to power illusions. Surrounded by wealth and glamor, she's captivated by her new world, unaware that the gleaming facade masks widespread poverty, greed, and corruption.

When rumors of a mysterious figure who mobilizes laborers and sparks rebellions reach the city, Mr. Bellamy coerces her into spying on his factory workers. In exchange for her loyalty, he promises sponsorship and an opportunity to explore the world as a wonderworker. At the factory, Astra experiences firsthand the perils and injustices suffered by those working there. Now, she must decide whether to betray her friends to pursue her own dreams of becoming a renowned wonderworker or stand up for the rights of the working kids of Empire City.



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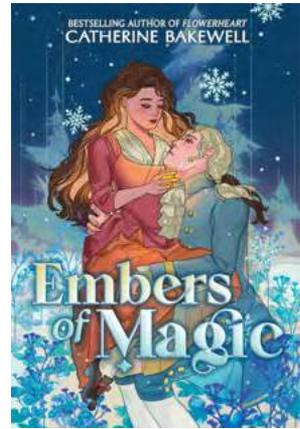
EMBERS OF MAGIC

A YA fantasy about the young firewitch Fiamma and prince Joseph, who embark on a dangerous journey together to free their homeland from a curse freezing it to ice.

Fiamma, a firewitch, travels to the ancient Castle Corevero, seeking the king's aid in her quest to reunite with her family. But when she arrives, she finds that the palace has been struck by a mysterious curse, trapping the lands in frost. The only way to lift a curse is to find the witch responsible... and kill them. Seeing this as a golden opportunity for his kind-hearted son, the handsome Prince Joseph, to prove himself, the king sends Fiamma and Joseph on a perilous witch-hunting quest.

Prince Joseph is gentle and nonviolent; nothing like his father. He's also hiding a secret—it isn't the kingdom that was cursed. It's his own heart, and he is freezing over, transforming and losing himself more day by day.

As they travel together, a spark of hope burns between them. A love for the kindness they see in one another. But with a looming, bloody lineage, a mysterious prophecy, and a dangerous witch at large, can they save the kingdom and still keep their tender hearts?



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Riftwake Series

BLIGHTFALL (#1)

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

With the Superiority defeated, the people of Detritus must forge a new relationship with the rest of the galaxy to establish a new era of peace. But the galaxy is full of unexplored dangers which will threaten humanity's chance to take their place as galactic citizens, rather than conquerors or the conquered.

When the Defiant Defense Force discovers a remaining Superiority outpost holding human prisoners and surrounded by a strange cytonic disturbance, DDF pilots Sadie and Arturo must step up as leaders to investigate a new, mysterious threat and ultimately save the day.

BLIGHTFALL

Brandon Sanderson
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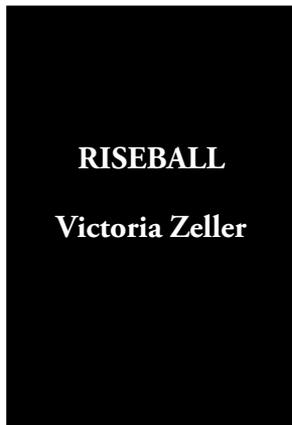
RISEBALL

A timely coming of age story from *New York Times* bestseller and Stonewall Award winner Victoria Zeller that celebrates softball, sisterhood, and self-acceptance.

Josie wants to belong. She's left her all-boys Catholic school behind to come out as trans, but it's come at the cost of her parents' marriage. With her dad—and his overbearing expectations for her baseball career—out of the picture, she's desperate to find a place where she can finally be herself. Reluctantly, she takes a leap of faith and signs up for her new school's softball team. The problem: her ex-best friend—and twin sister—is the star pitcher.

Amy wants something of her own. Fueled by resentment, she's fought through a rocky adolescence to become one of the best softball pitchers in New York—no thanks to her dad, who refused to take her career seriously. Fresh off her latest breakup, she's eager to spend the most important softball season of her life tossing no-hitters and impressing college scouts...until Josie joins the team. Softball's the one place she still feels like herself, and she doesn't want to share it with a stranger that's supposed to be her sister.

While Josie struggles to adjust to a new sport and find her place among her teammates, Amy's repressed queerness and undiagnosed PCOS become undeniable. And when the backlash to Josie daring to play a sport with other girls puts her and Amy's softball careers in jeopardy, the two sisters—once inseparable, now grown apart—will have to learn how to stand side-by-side to survive.



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PRETTY EVIL (#1)

K-Pop Demon Hunters meets *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, about a teen pop star who discovers her mother is secretly a demon slayer and now must learn to fight demons on her own. Illustrated by Tim Seely.

To her fans, Mallori (heart over the i, thank you very much) is the ultimate teen pop star: platinum albums, a massive online following, and a glittery pink lifestyle to die for. But in her own life, Mallori Martin just wants to be her own person, free from the pressures of stardom, not to mention her mom-ager's controlling hand.

After a particularly vicious fight with said mom, Mallori wakes to find her gone, with no clue where or why. In desperation, Mallori calls the police—whose search uncovers not her missing mother but instead several bodies buried in the basement of their Hollywood Hills mansion.

The bodies don't stay secret for long, not with Mallori's legions of fans watching her every move. With rumors flying about her mom's secret serial-killer lifestyle, Mallori flees the public eye, only to discover her mom was indeed living a double life: as a demon slayer. She's been abducted, and Mallori can't let that fight be the last thing she ever said to her mom. So to get her back, Mallori will have to pick up where her mom left off, hacking her way through demons and boogeymen—with all her trademark sparkle.



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MAUL RATS

A fun, slasher YA novel with '90s nostalgia about a teen girl who suspects her cousin might be the serial killer terrorizing the local shopping mall.

It's 1999 and there are more people dropping than shopping at the dying Lone Star Mall.

While Ginny Todd's parents are off saving the world from Y2K, she is trapped in a small town in Texas, forced to live with her neglectful aunt and uncle and her unstable cousin, Michelle.

When Ginny stumbles upon a gruesome murder in an abandoned section of the mall, she finds herself wrapped up in a murder mystery over a year in the making. The worst part? As more bodies pile up and the police follow the most likely suspect, Ginny begins to believe Michelle may be behind it all.

Between a freakish killer in a baby-doll mascot costume, a potential killer in the bedroom next door, and a mall dripping with blood, Ginny only knows one thing: she needs to get the hell out of Texas.

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Jessica Lacy

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WHAT THE WIND SAID

A thrilling YA fantasy set in a world where the wind whispers in your ear and promises your greatest desires, about a young noblewoman who must travel across the perilous wilderness with a devious conman after her carriage is hijacked.

Emmeline Ward is a conman's dream.

The sheltered daughter of a wealthy family, she's never been on her own before. When an attack on their carriage ends with her parents dead, her brother kidnapped, and her own life saved only through luck and fear, she needs help, but it only comes in the form of people she shouldn't trust.

Like Benjamin Barrow, who makes a living off people like her, bottling false hopes and profiting from broken dreams. He'll do anything to survive the predatory wind that haunts Mercen and promises its victims all they can desire, even if it means using the same tricks to make a profit. When Benjamin meets Emmeline, he pledges to help rescue her brother – for a price, of course.

Together, Emmeline and Benjamin delve into his world of liars, thieves, and traveling snake-oil shows to retrieve her brother from his captors and the devouring, whispering wind. Faced with dangers both human and inhuman, Emmeline must decide whether she can trust Benjamin – and herself.

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Caitlin Chisling

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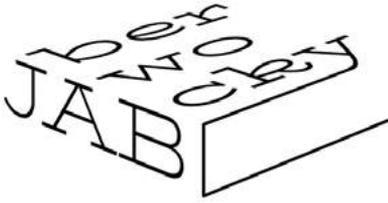
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