



Children's Rights Guide Spring 2023

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Updates and Highlights

New Titles:

- Translation rights just reverted on THE MONSTER IN THE BATHHOUSE, a picture book by author/illustrator Sina Merabian
- Sadé Smith has a new picture book with JULIE AND THE MANGO TREE, illustrated by Sayada Ramdial
- We have several exciting new YA titles:
 - Amanda Quain's GHOSTED
 - James Ramos's THE WRONG KIND OF WEIRD
 - Melissa See's LOVE LETTERS FOR JOY
 - Zachary Sergi's THIS PACT IS NOT OURS

New Rights Sales:

- Robbie Couch has had lots of movement! Spanish sales to Ediciones SM for THE SKY BLUES, BLAINE FOR THE WIN, and IF I SEE YOU AGAIN TOMORROW. Brazilian Portuguese sale to Melhoramentos for BLAINE FOR THE WIN. Polish sale to Znak for THE SKY BLUES and IF I SEE YOU AGAIN TOMORROW. And French sales to DeSaxus for BLAINE FOR THE WIN and IF I SEE YOU AGAIN TOMORROW!
- Kaylie Smith's duology, starting with A RUINOUS FATE, has sold to Poland (We Need YA) and Spain (Ediciones SM).

PICTURE BOOKS

WARRIOR PRINCESS: THE STORY OF KHUTULUN

By Sally Deng

Khutulun, great-great granddaughter of Genghis Khan, was living proof that princesses could rule on the battlefield as well as – or better than - any soldier. Treated like the brothers that came before her, she learned how to ride horseback, shoot arrows at full gallop and, most important, to wrestle. Eventually, Khutulun was wrestling boys twice her size and was ready to join her father and brothers in battle.

Despite her brilliant military victories, she was still plagued by rumors. Why hadn't the princess married yet? What was wrong with the Khan's daughter? She vowed to marry any man that could defeat her at wrestling – but if they lost, they had to give her 10 horses.

Undeclared, her herd grew to 10,000 horses.

When a well-respected prince wagered 1,000 horses to wrestle her, she agreed to throw the match to end the rumors and restore honor to her family. But in the heat of battle, would she – could she – lose the match and become a wife instead of a warrior?

An inspiring tale of a princess who realizes that sometimes the best way to serve one's community is to stay true to oneself.

Praise:

"Forceful and compelling." –*Kirkus*

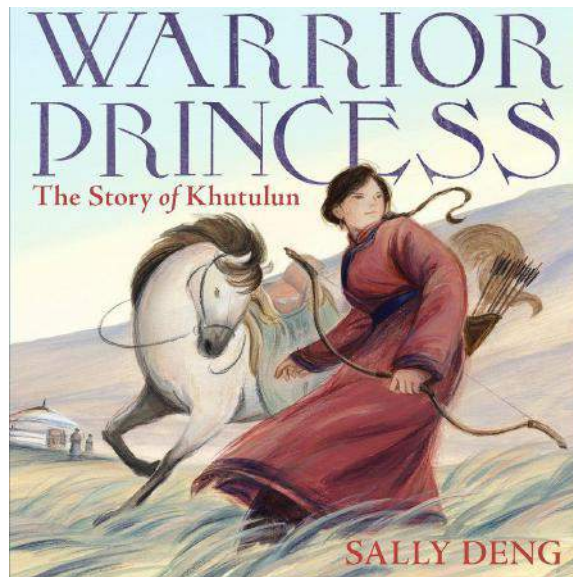
"An informative and inspiring picture book biography about an empowered—and empowering—princess." –*Publishers Weekly*

"Khutulun's story shines, accompanied by the beautiful illustrations which help contextualize the cultural elements of the story and evoke a distant but familiar place." –*Booklist Online*

About the Author:

Sally Deng is the author-illustrator of *Skyward: Women Pilots in WWII* (Flying Eye Books, 2018) and illustrator of the forthcoming *How to Spot a Mermaid* (Chronicle; written by Jane Yolen), a spread in Kelly Yang's picture book anthology *Yes We Will: Asian Americans Who Shaped This Country* (Dial, 2022), *Yusra Swims* (Creative Editions, 2020; written by Julie Abery). She was chosen as a 2020 Forbes 30 under 30 and her illustrations have appeared in various publications including the New York Times, The Atlantic, NPR, Vice, The New Yorker, and Condé Nast Traveler. In addition to her print work, she is currently working on a series of illustrations for the Threshold Podcast.

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Macmillan/Farrar, Straus and Giroux
August 2022

Spanish: Oceano Mexico

All other translation rights available

Book available

Agent: Tracy Marchini

MISS RITA, MYSTERY READER

By Sam Donovan & Kristen Wixted

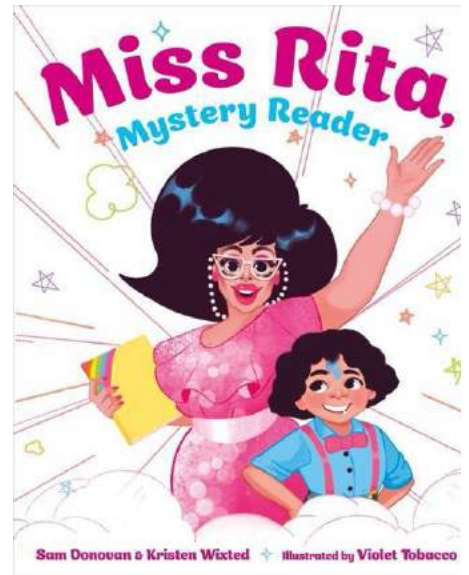
In Sam Donovan, Kristen Wixted & Violet Tobacco's heartwarming picture book *Miss Rita, Mystery Reader*, Tori can't wait to show off Daddy's drag queen alter ego, Miss Rita, at school story time. But will the other kids love Miss Rita like Tori does?

Daddy is the Mystery Reader at Tori's school today, and he's coming dressed as Miss Rita! Tori helps Daddy gloss, glitter, glamour, and glimmer to get ready. It takes time—because sparkle is serious business!

Tori loves helping Daddy become Miss Rita. But will the other kids at school love Miss Rita like Tori does? Luckily, a last-minute idea helps Daddy and Tori find a way to make story time sparkle for everyone.

This heartwarming and relatable family story celebrates drag queens, reading, and self-acceptance, teaching every kid to let their sparkle shine! And it includes back matter providing an overview of drag performance.

A 2023 ALA Rainbow List Selection!



**Macmillan / FSG Books for
Young Readers
May 2022**

All translation rights available
(Illustration rights via Macmillan)

Finished Book Available

Agent: Moe Ferrara

Praise:

"Sweet and reassuring...The vivid, expressive, and energetic illustrations catch just the right over-the-top tone. This fun selection is a great way to enhance picture-book collections." –*Booklist*, **starred review**

"The story is amusing and reads well. Drag performers should have this at the tops of their lists for drag-themed storytimes for the next several years—and a talented storyteller will be able to milk this for all it's worth... There's no mystery here; Miss Rita is going to werk all Pride Month! Let this winning pair sashay onto your shelf." –*Kirkus Reviews*

About the Author:

Sam Donovan is a fashion designer who loves color, print, and texture. If you're a fan of *Project Runway*, Sam's name might be familiar to you—he was the runner-up on *Project Runway: Under the Gunn*, and took 4th place on Season 5 of *Project Runway: All Stars*. He regularly designs clothes for drag performers, and hopes something he's designed inspires you to smile. He lives in Massachusetts.

Kristen Wixted writes picture books and middle grade novels. She's the co-editor and general force behind the illustrated children's poetry anthologies published by The Writers' Loft Press, *An Assortment of Animals* and *Friends and Anemones: Ocean Poems for Children*. She is also an experienced Mystery Reader who lives in Massachusetts with her husband, three children, a dog, and a cat. In her spare time she can be found in her flower garden, which she is pretty sure is inhabited by magical creatures.

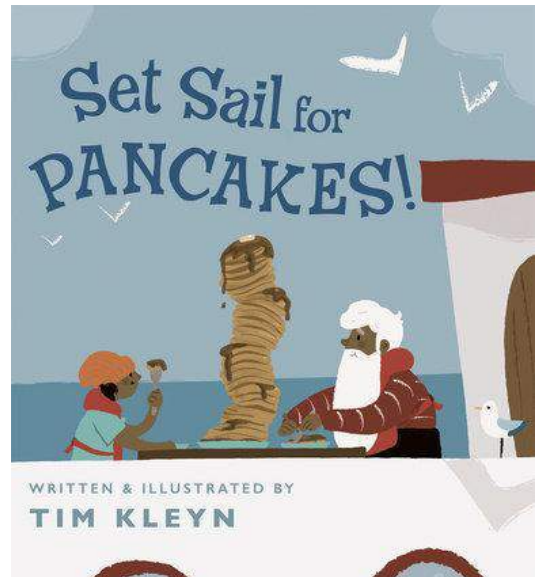
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SET SAIL FOR PANCAKES

By Tim Kleyn

Hungry for adventure . . . and breakfast? Set sail with a grandpa and his intrepid granddaughter as they look far and wide for the perfect pancake ingredients!

Margot and her grandpa have tummies grumbly for pancakes. Only there's a problem . . . there's no flour, milk, or eggs! But Grandpa has the perfect solution; they'll get on his boat the Beluga Blue and go to Chicken Island, Cow Island, and Flour Mill Island to get the ingredients. Set sail for pancakes!



**Penguin Random House/Viking BFYR
August 2022**

All translation rights available

Book available

Agent: Tracy Marchini

Praise:

“If readers aren’t hungry for pancakes now, they will be at the end of this book!” —*Kirkus Reviews*

About the Author:

Tim Kleyn grew up in West Michigan. He earned his BFA in Illustration from Kendall College of Art & Design and works as a graphic designer. Tim's follow up, *GRILLED CHEESE, PLEASE* is forthcoming summer 2024.

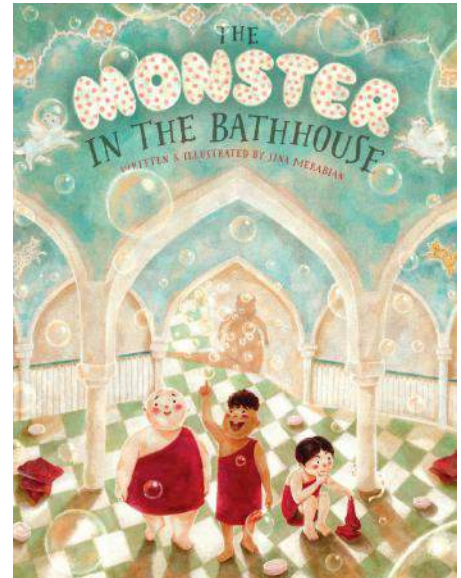
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THE MONSTER IN THE BATHHOUSE

By Sina Merabian

HOW TO CATCH A MONSTER meets Persian myth in this engaging picture book set in a lively Iranian bathhouse the day before the Persian New Year as three boys encounter something unexpected.

The bathhouse is always busy the day before Nowruz. Everyone wants to be clean for the new year! As three boys enjoy their day at the bathhouse with their fathers, they hear a strange sound and decide to investigate. There's a big mess, and they hear the sound of someone—or something—large splashing in the baths. What could it be? An unruly guest? A four-legged intruder? Or perhaps...a monster?



Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
February 2022

All translation rights available

Book available

Agent: Tracy Marchini



Praise:

“Soft, colorful illustrations, punctuated by bright reds, complement the narrative that introduces Nowruz, including its rituals. The beautifully illustrated architecture and decor of the bathhouse provide an ideal setting for the excitement and rituals of holiday preparation. For readers celebrating Nowruz, this book is a fun way to get excited for the new year, with a thrilling Div tale. For readers unfamiliar with it, Merabian provides a brief summary, its traditions, and how this tale fits in with Persian storytelling.” —*School Library Journal*

About the Author:

Sina Merabian is an author-illustrator of picture books and longer work. Her work can be playful or macabre, and she enjoys the opportunity to work with intricate patterns and unique locales.

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GRANNY'S KITCHEN

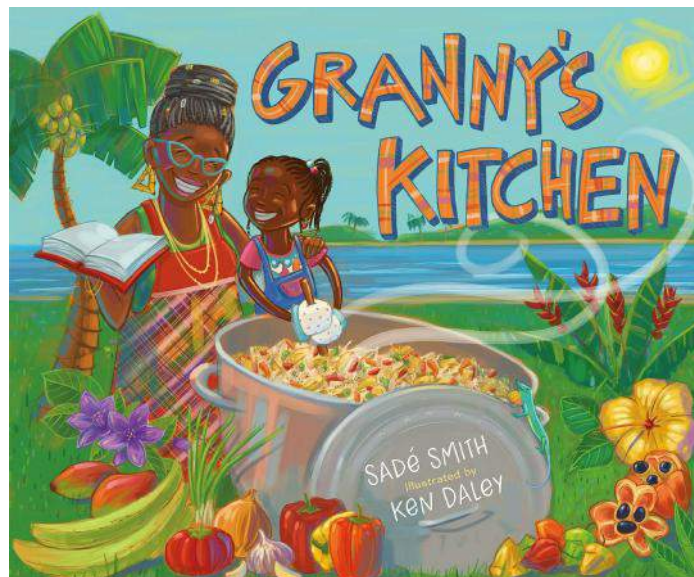
By Sade Smith, illustrated by Ken Daley*

A 2023 Blue Spruce Award Nominee

Accompanied by Ken Daley's vibrant, sun-soaked artwork, Sadé Smith's debut picture book *Granny's Kitchen* is the perfect readaloud for budding chefs everywhere.

Shelly-Ann lives with her Granny on the beautiful island of Jamaica. When Shelly-Ann becomes hungry, she asks her Granny for something to eat. Granny tells her "Gyal, you betta can cook!" and teaches Shelly-Ann how to get in touch with her Jamaican roots through the process of cooking.

As Shelly-Ann tries each recipe, everything goes wrong. But when Granny is too tired to cook one morning, Shelly-Ann will have to find the courage to try one more time and prepare the perfect Jamaican breakfast.



Macmillan Feiwel & Friends, June 2022

All translation rights available

Final Manuscript Available

Agent: Naomi Davis

*Illustrator is repped by Christy Ewers at the CAT Agency, all offers for illustration should go there

Praise:

"Daley transports readers to Smith's clearly cherished Jamaica with joyous Photoshop illustrations that suit the setting wonderfully in a vibrant tropical palette with bold pops of turquoise and fuchsia. This multigenerational homage to home cooking and heritage cuisine serves up a sweet message of confidence-building and can-do assurance." –*Booklist*

"A rumbling tummy leads to intergenerational cooking lessons-and a message to keep trying-in this mouth-watering picture book. ... Daley's candy-colored, sun-dappled digital illustrations, which portray the characters with brown skin, vividly visualize the call-and-response text. Recipes and facts about Jamaica conclude." –*Publishers Weekly*

"Warm and inviting. Daley's vibrant, highly saturated illustrations bolster the appeal and are sure to entice young readers—and perhaps encourage them to try their own hand in the kitchen....A vibrant, upbeat story of a determined girl and her love of food." –*Kirkus Reviews*

About the Author and Illustrator:

Sadé Smith is a Canadian children's book author of Jamaican descent. Her books often involve food and recipes with colorful illustrations to capture the vibrancy and beauty of the Caribbean islands. *Granny's Kitchen* is her first picture book. She writes books of representation for young readers.

Ken Daley is a prize-winning illustrator. He was born in Canada to parents who emigrated from Dominica. His art and illustrations are inspired by his African-Caribbean roots. His artwork can be found in numerous private and public collections.

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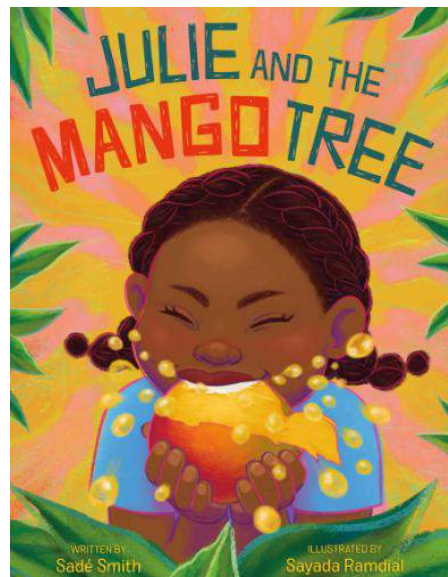
JULIE & THE MANGO TREE

By Sade Smith, illustrated by Sayada Ramdial*

Coupled with Sayada Ramdial's bright and colorful artwork, Julie and the Mango Tree by Sadé Smith will have readers of all ages giggling—and craving a mango of their own!

Julie loves all kinds of fruit, but mangoes are her absolute favorite. One sticky summer afternoon, Julie goes to the big mango tree in her yard to ask for a snack.

But no matter how nicely she asks or how patient she tries to be, the tree just won't drop a single sweet, juicy mango! Will Julie ever be able to convince the tree to let her have just a taste of her favorite treat?



Macmillan/Feiwel & Friends
August 2023

All translation rights available

Final Manuscript Available

Agent: Naomi Davis

***Illustrator is represented by Alex Gehringer
at The Bright Agency. All inquiries about art
should go to Alex.**

Praise:

Coming Soon!

About the Author:

Sadé Smith is a Canadian children's book author of Jamaican descent. Her books often involve food and recipes with colorful illustrations to capture the vibrancy and beauty of the Caribbean islands. She writes books of representation for young readers.

Sayada Ramdial is a freelance illustrator from Trinidad & Tobago, now residing in the Pacific Northwest USA. Clients include Feiwel & Friends, Collins, Penguin Readers, Storey Publishing.

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MIDDLE GRADE

SUSIE B. WON'T BACK DOWN

By Margaret Finnegan

A Junior Library Guild Selection!

Susie B. has a lot to say. Like how it's not fair that she has to be called Susie B. instead of plain Susie. Or about how polar bears are endangered. Or how the Usual Geniuses are always getting picked for cool stuff over the kids like her with butterflies in their brain. And it's because Susie B. has a lot to say about these very important things that she's running for student council president!

If she's president, she can advocate for the underdogs just like her hero and fellow Susie B., Susan B. Anthony. (And, okay, maybe the chance to give big speeches to the whole school with a microphone is another perk.) But when the most usual of Usual Geniuses also enters the student council race, Susie realizes this may be a harder won fight than she thought. Even worse, Susie discovers that Susan B. Anthony wasn't as great as history makes it seem, and she did some pretty terrible things to try to help her own cause. Soon, Susie has her own tough decisions to make. But one thing is for sure—no matter what, Susie B. won't back down.

Praise:

"Will join the ranks of other great realistic fiction books like Alesha Dixon's *Lightning Girl*, and Holly Goldberg Sloan's *Counting by 7s*. A must-have for any middle grade collection." – *School Library Journal*, starred review

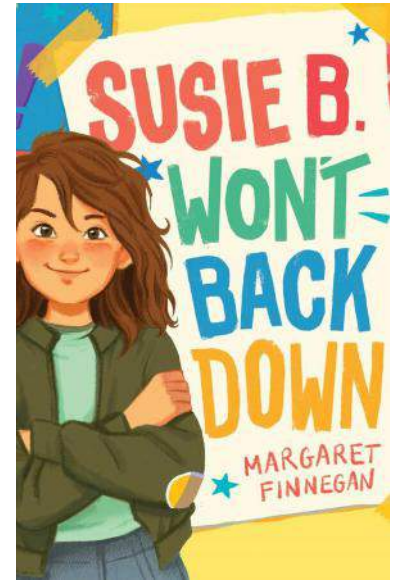
"Susie is energetic, breathless, enthusiastic, and genuinely, charmingly funny.... Both moving and humorous." – *Kirkus Reviews*

"Strong characterization, relatable situations, and humor deliver a book that champions lessons in community mindfulness, critical thinking, and self-acceptance organically. Reluctant readers may find a soulmate in Susie B." – *School Library Connection*

About the Author:

Margaret Finnegan is the author of Junior Library Guild Selections *NEW KIDS AND UNDERDOGS* (October 2022), *SUSIE B. WON'T BACK DOWN* (October 2021) and her debut *WE COULD BE HEROES*, which was a 2020 Bank Street Best Book of the Year. Her other work has appeared in *FamilyFun*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Salon*, and other publications. She lives in South Pasadena, California, where she enjoys spending time with her family, walking her dog, and baking really good chocolate cakes.

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**Simon & Schuster/
Atheneum Books for Young
Readers
October 2021**

**All translation rights
available**

Book available

Agent: Tracy Marchini

THE PAPER MUSEUM

By Kate Simpson

In a world where paper is obsolete and magic is all but forgotten, Lydia has moved into The Paper Museum with her Uncle Lem following the disappearance of her parents. Convinced the key to finding them lies in the museum's book collection, Lydia spends her days digitally scanning her way through the museum's library.

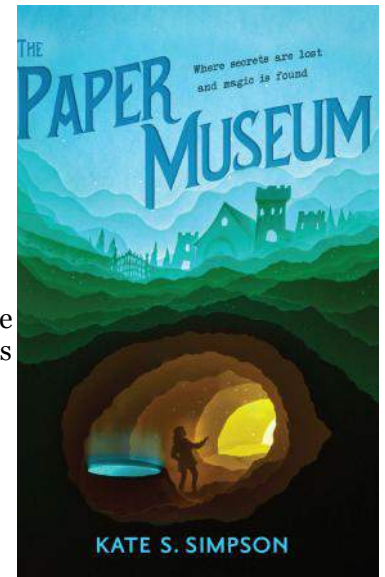
But when Uncle Lem is called away and her mysterious Uncle Renald is put in charge of the museum, Lydia's scanning project comes to an abrupt halt. Uncle Renald takes her aer reader – the personal device that everybody uses for reading, shopping, messaging and more – but not before Lydia makes a desperate attempt at filing a missing persons report for her parents.

The report activates a countdown, and now with nothing but a secret typewriter in her dogwood fort and a cryptic message – “When time is of the Essence, type what you've always wanted to type” – Lydia has thirty days to find her parents and stop the Mayor

from commandeering the museum. Otherwise, both her family home and the Paper Museum itself will be reassigned to someone else.

With aer readers on the fritz and the town descending into chaos, Lydia needs to find her parents before the Paper Museum – and thus, her parents - are lost for good.

Set in a place that is technologically advanced in some ways and behind in others, THE PAPER MUSEUM is a story of family and friendship with a hint of magic – and just a touch of a middle grade Black Mirror.



**Union Square Kids
September 2022**

**All translation rights
available**

Book Available

Agent: Tracy Marchini

Praise:

“Lydia’s suspenseful first-person narration effectively conveys her distrust, confusion, and amazement as well as her determination to find answers while creating a rich subtext focusing on the old world of books and paper and raising timely questions about the technology replacing them.... An absorbing, complex debut.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

“[E]motional drive confers depth in this clue-riddled novel.” —*Publishers Weekly*

About the Author:

Kate Simpson works at a library in Massachusetts. THE PAPER MUSEUM is her debut novel.

YOUNG ADULT

THAT SUMMER NIGHT ON FRENCHMEN STREET

By Chris Clarkson

In this modern-day young adult take on *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, two teens from vastly different worlds discover that sharing their strengths, including the love of their friends and family, may just be the path to finding wholeness within themselves.

Being there for her family is the most important thing to Jessamine Monet. And her family is complicated. Her twin brother Joel has a secret boyfriend, and her transgender cousin Solange is flourishing, despite the disapproval of Solange's dying mother. Yet Jessamine doesn't mind being caught up in family drama. Being busy keeps the water at bay — the water of memories, of Katrina, of past trauma. So when Tennessee Williams — a rich white boy named after the writer — asks her out, she hesitantly says yes. He'll be like a library book, she figures, something to read and return. Falling for him is another burden she can't afford to carry.

Tennessee has always lived his life at the mercy of his mom's destructive creativity and his dad's hypermasculine expectations. Jessamine's caring and aloof nature is a surprisingly welcome distraction. While she fights her attraction to him, Tennessee is pulled into her inner family circle and develops a friendship with Joel's boyfriend, Saint Baptiste. Together Saint and Tennessee bond over the difficulty of loving the emotionally unavailable Monet twins.

As senior year progresses, old traumas and familial pressures rise higher than hurricane waves. Can this group of friends make peace with each other, their families, and most importantly, with themselves?

Praise:

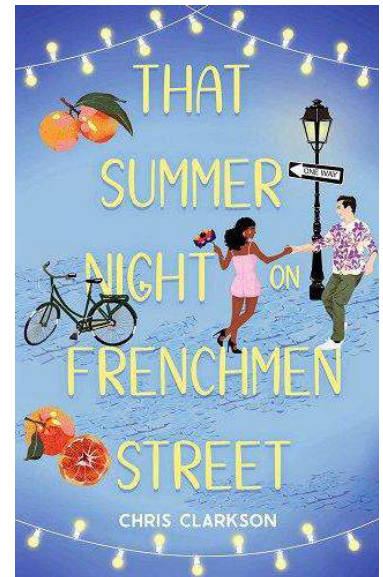
"A New Orleans love story for these ages...Tenn's and Jess' respective journeys are refreshingly heartfelt." -*Kirkus*

"Clarkson eschews tidy relationships and characterizations in an emotionally extravagant, slowly paced depiction of complex familial circumstances and young love's trials." -*Publishers Weekly*

About the Author:

Debut author **Chris Clarkson** studied English literature at the University of Maryland, where he earned his Bachelor's degree. He lives in New Orleans and works during the day as an outreach coordinator, where along with many other responsibilities in this role, he regularly assists with the implementation of diversity initiatives.

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**Lee & Low/Tu Books
June 2022**

**Audio to Recorded
Books
Territories Sold:
Spanish (Educational
Market only)**

**All other translation
rights available**

**UK/Commonwealth
rights available**

Book Available

Agent: Rachel Brooks

BLAINE FOR THE WIN

By Robbie Couch

After being dumped so his boyfriend can pursue more “serious” guys, a teen boy decides to prove he can be serious, too, by running for senior class president in this “clever, fun, original” (BCCB) romp from the author of *The Sky Blues*.

High school junior Blaine Bowers has it all—the perfect boyfriend, a pretty sweet gig as a muralist for local Windy City businesses, a loving family, and awesome, talented friends. And he is absolutely, 100% positive that aforementioned perfect boyfriend—senior student council president and Mr. Popular of Wicker West High School, Joey—is going to invite Blaine to spend spring break with his family in beautiful, sunny Cabo San Lucas.

Except Joey breaks up with him instead. In *public*. On their one-year anniversary.

Because, according to Joey, Blaine is too goofy, too flighty, too...unserious. And if Joey wants to go far in life, he needs to start dating more serious guys. Guys like Zach Chesterton.

Determined to prove that Blaine can be what Joey wants, Blaine decides to enter the running to become his successor (and beat out Joey’s new boyfriend, Zach) as senior student council president.

But is he willing to sacrifice everything he loves about himself to do it?

A 2023 ALA Rainbow List Selection!

Praise:

"Blaine’s conflict between remaining true to himself versus becoming a seemingly more mature, serious person forms a relatable backdrop to the plot....A good read with a clear message about authenticity." -- *Kirkus Reviews*

"With panache and an upbeat tone, Couch delivers a lighthearted rom-com pastiche that updates its source material, tackling issues of mental health and self-care, socioeconomic divides, and staying true to oneself." -- *Publishers Weekly*

About the Author:

Robbie Couch writes contemporary and speculative young-adult fiction. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers has published all of his novels: *You Again* (2024), *If I See You Again Tomorrow* (2023), *Blaine for the Win* (2022), and *The Sky Blues* (2021). Robbie is originally from Clio, Michigan, and lives in Los Angeles, California.

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**Simon & Schuster Books for
Young Readers
April 2022**

**Brazil: Melhoramentos
France: De Saxus
Spanish: Ediciones SM**

**All other translation rights
available**

Finished Book Available

Agent: Moe Ferrara

IF I SEE YOU AGAIN TOMORROW

By Robbie Couch

From the author of *The Sky Blues* and *Blaine for the Win* comes a speculative young adult romance about a teen stuck in a time loop that's endlessly monotonous until he meets the boy of his dreams.

For some reason, Clark has woken up and relived the same monotonous Monday 309 times. Until Day 310 turns out to be...different. Suddenly, his usual torturous math class is interrupted by an anomaly—a boy he's never seen before in all his previous Mondays.

When shy, reserved Clark decides to throw caution to the wind and join effusive and effervescent Beau on a series of "errands" across the Windy City, he never imagines that anything will really change, because nothing has in such a long time. And he definitely doesn't expect to fall this hard or this fast for someone in just one day.

There's just one problem: how do you build a future with someone if you can never get to tomorrow?



**Simon & Schuster Books for
Young Readers
April 2023**

**French: De Saxus
Polish: Znak Publishing
Spanish: Ediciones SM**

**All other translation rights
available**

Final Manuscript

Agent: Moe Ferrara

Praise:

"The romance itself is strange and satisfying, consisting of both classic meet-cute instant attraction between Clark and Beau and slow-burn character development as Clark hunts for Beau and seeks to learn more about him....An engaging, sweet, and emotional journey." -- *Kirkus Reviews*

"What's better than a love story set over the course of a single day? Reliving that day over and over. Or is it? Sometimes dreamy, sometimes nightmarish, *If I See You Again Tomorrow* is a brilliant time loop romance I never wanted to end. You'll love following Robbie Couch's lonely hero as he seeks someone to spend infinity with, even when it plays with your heart time and time (and time and time) again." -- Adam Silvera, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *They Both Die at the End*

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THE PLEDGE

By **Cale Dietrich**

Scream meets *Clown in a Cornfield* in this young adult horror novel by national bestselling author Cale Dietrich featuring a masked killer who targets frat boys.

Freshman Sam believes that joining a fraternity is the best way to form a friend group as he begins his college journey - and his best chance of moving on from his past. He is the survivor of a horrific, and world-famous, murder spree known as the Lake Priest Massacre - where a masked killer hunted down Sam and his friends.

Sam had to do the unthinkable to survive that night, and it completely derailed his life. He sees college, and his new identity as a frat boy, as his best shot at living a life not defined by the killings. He starts to flirt with one of the brothers, cute journalism student Oren Fisher, who Sam finds is surprisingly accepting of Sam's past, and begins to think a fresh start truly is possible.

But then... one of his new frat brothers is found dead. A masked-murderer, one clearly inspired by the original, emerges, and starts stalking, and slaying, the frat boys of Munroe University. Now Sam will have to race against the clock to figure out who the new killer is - and why they are killing - before Sam loses his second chance or the lives of any more of his friends.

Elements of horror, mystery, and a gay romance make this a story readers won't want to miss.

Praise:

"*Scream* gets a gay romance makeover.... **A blood-soaked, heart-filled homage to slashers.**" –*Kirkus Reviews*

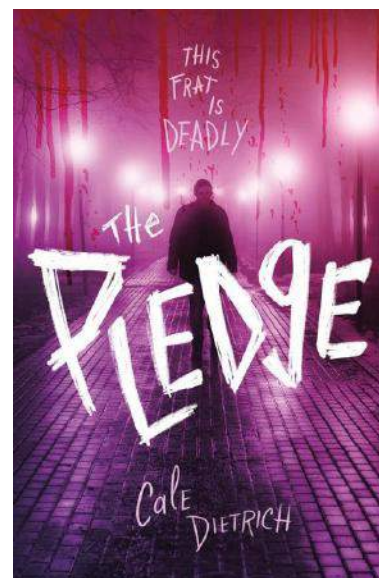
"Adrenaline-pumping mysteries—elevated by Sam and Oren's earnest developing romance in the face of imminent danger—make for a bloody thrill ride that will appeal to fans of slasher movies." –*Publishers Weekly*

"A queer college-set slasher novel? Yes, please!" –*Buzzfeed*

About the Author:

Cale Dietrich is a YA devotee, lifelong gamer, and tragic pop punk enthusiast. He was born in Perth, grew up on the Gold Coast, and now lives in Brisbane, Australia. His debut novel, *The Love Interest*, was named a 2018 Rainbow List Selection. He's the co-author of the internationally best-selling *If This Gets Out*, available from Wednesday Books.

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**Macmillan / Feiwel & Friends
February 2023**

**All translation rights
available**

Audio rights available

Book available

Agent: Moe Ferrara

ACCOMPLISHED: A Georgie Darcy Novel

By Amanda Quain

It is a truth universally acknowledged that Georgiana Darcy *should* have been expelled after The Incident with Wickham Foster last year – at least if you ask any of her Pemberley Academy classmates. She may have escaped expulsion because of her family name, but she didn't escape the disappointment of her big brother Fitz, the scorn of the entire school, or, it turns out, Wickham's influence.

But she's back for her junior year, and she needs to prove to everyone – Fitz, Wickham, her former friends, and maybe even herself – that she's more than just an embarrassment to the family name. How hard can it be to become the Perfect Darcy? All she has to do is:

- Rebuild her reputation with the marching band (even if it kills her)
- Forget about Wickham and his lies (no matter how tempting they still are), and
- Distract Fitz Darcy – helicopter-sibling extraordinaire – by getting him to fall in love with his classmate, Lizzie Bennet (this one might be difficult...)

Sure, it's a complicated plan, but so is being a Darcy. With the help of her fellow bandmate, Avery, matchmaking ideas lifted straight from her favorite fanfics, and a whole lot of pancakes, Georgie is going to see every one of her plans through. But when the weight of being the Perfect Darcy comes crashing down, Georgie will have to find her own way before she loses everything permanently—including the one guy who sees her for who she really is.

Praise:

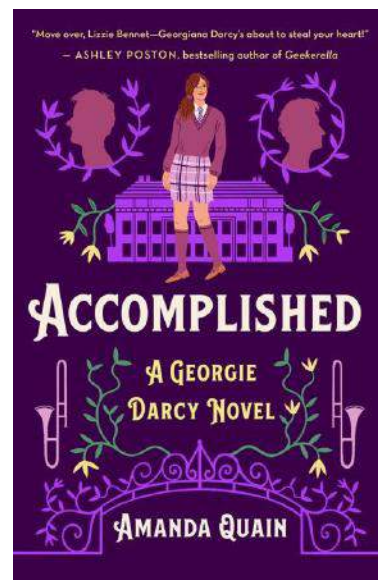
"In Quain's witty debut...hard-earned character development and dynamic relationships are keenly explored. Quain uses the source material's infrastructure to establish the narrative's stakes and emotional gravity while skillfully setting it apart from its Austenian roots." --*Publishers Weekly*

"[Georgie's] reckoning with her own racial and class privilege is refreshing, and her complicated but loving relationship with her brother is a shining point...for fans of boarding school dramas and rom-coms, this fits the bill." --*School Library Journal*

About the Author:

Amanda Quain is a writer, indie bookseller, and general life enthusiast. When she's not shouting about her favorite new books, she loves theatre, baking, rock climbing, marching band, and the overall pursuit of adventure. If forced to choose, Amanda's favorite Austen hero is Edward Ferrars, though she'll always have a soft spot for Mr. Bingley. She lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with her husband and her cat. ACCOMPLISHED is her first novel.

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GHOSTED: A Northanger Abbey Novel

By Amanda Quain

Never Have I Ever meets *The X-Files* in Amanda Quain's *Ghosted*, a gender-bent contemporary retelling of the Jane Austen classic, *Northanger Abbey*.

Hattie Tilney isn't a believer. Yes, she's a senior at America's most (allegedly) haunted high school, Northanger Abbey. But ever since her paranormal-loving dad passed away, she's hung up her Ghostbusters suit, put away the EMF detectors and thermal cameras, and moved on. She has enough to worry about in the land of the living--like taking care of her younger brother, Liam, while their older sister spirals out and their mother, Northanger's formidable headmistress, buries herself in her work. If Hattie just works hard enough and keeps that overachiever mask on tight through graduation, maybe her mom will finally notice her.

But the mask starts slipping when Hattie's assigned to be an ambassador to Kit Morland, a golden retriever of a boy who's transferred to Northanger on--what else--a ghost-hunting scholarship. The two are partnered up for an investigative project on the school's paranormal activity, and Hattie quickly strikes a deal: Kit will present whatever ghostly evidence he can find to prove that campus is haunted, and Hattie will prove that it's not. But as they explore the abandoned tunnels and foggy graveyards of Northanger, Hattie starts to realize that Kit might be the kind of person that makes her want to believe in something--and someone--for the first time.

With her signature wit and slow burn romance, Amanda Quain turns another Austen classic on its head in this sparkling retelling that proves sometimes the ghosts are just a metaphor after all.

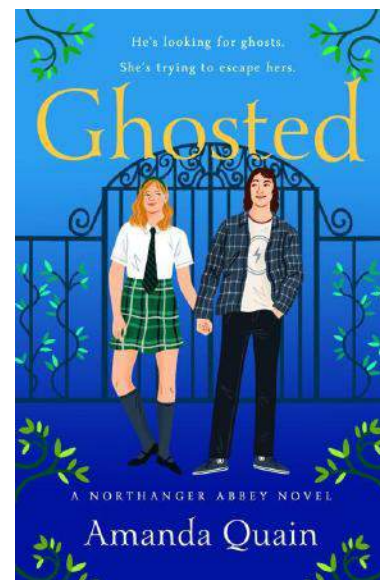
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First Pass Pages

Agent: Moe Ferrara

FORWARD MARCH

By Skye Quinlan

What's worse? Someone using your face for catfishing or realizing you actually do have a crush on the catfished girl?

Harper “Band Geek” McKinley just wants to make it through her senior year of marching band—and her Republican father’s presidential campaign. That was a tall order to start, but everything was going well enough until someone made a fake gay dating profile posing as Harper. The real Harper can’t afford for anyone to find out about the Tinder profile for three very important reasons:

1. Her mom is the school dean and dating profiles for students are strictly forbidden.
2. Harper doesn't even know if she likes anyone like that—let alone if she likes other girls.
3. If this secret gets out, her father could lose the election, one she's not sure she even wants him to win.

But upon meeting Margot Blanchard, the drumline leader who swiped right, Harper thinks it might be worth the trouble to let Margot get to know the real her.

With her dad’s campaign on the line, Harper’s relationship with her family at stake, and no idea who made that fake dating profile, Harper has to decide what’s more important to her: living her truth or becoming the First Daughter of America.

A 2023 ALA Rainbow List Selection!

Praise:

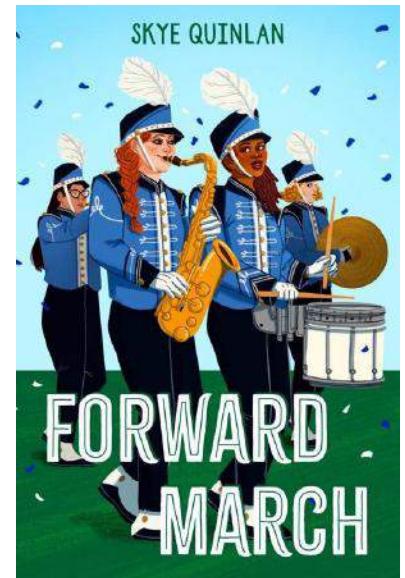
"Quinlan skillfully weaves everything together brilliantly into one very natural-feeling, heartwarming, and compelling story [...] A wonderful ace rom-com bursting at the seams with representation [...]" –*School Library Journal*

"I ate up Skye Quinlan’s prose like candy. *Forward March* is a fun, inclusive, gloriously band geeky romance that tugged hard at my heartstrings." –Robbie Couch, author of *The Sky Blues*

About the Author:

Skye Quinlan (they/them) was born in California during an earthquake and raised in the Midwest, where cornstalks outnumber people. *Forward March* (Page Street Kids, February 1st, 2022) is their debut novel. When they’re not writing, you can catch them at the nearest metaphysics or craft store, dressed up in cosplay at the nearest convention, or ruining antique furniture with epoxy resin and paint. Skye still lives in the Midwest with their wife, their two dogs, several lizards, a snake, and the occasional little human (their niece).

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**Page Street Books
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THE WRONG KIND OF WEIRD

By James Ramos

Cameron Carson has a secret. A secret with the power to break apart his friend group.

Cameron Carson, member of the Geeks and Nerds United (GANU) club, has been secretly hooking up with student council president, cheerleader, theater enthusiast, and all-around queen bee Karla Ortega since the summer. The one problem—what was meant to be a summer fling between coffee shop coworkers has now evolved into a clandestine senior-year entanglement, where Karla isn't intending on blending their friend groups anytime soon, or at all.

Enter Mackenzie Briggs, who isn't afraid to be herself or wear her heart on her sleeve. When Cameron finds himself unexpectedly bonding with Mackenzie and repeatedly snubbed in public by Karla, he starts to wonder who he can truly consider a friend and who might have the potential to become more...



HarperCollins/Inkyard
January 2023

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Agent: Emily Forney

Praise:

“Ramos’ delightful novel oozes an energetic, all-encompassing love for geek culture... A charmingly nerdy and romantic coming-of-age story.” —*Kirkus Reviews*, STARRED REVIEW

"Via an unapologetically geeky protagonist whose infectious enthusiasm for nerd culture leaps off the page, Ramos captures the sometimes all-consuming fear of trying to figure out who one truly is and the fear of letting go... A spirited read." —*Publishers Weekly*

“A hilariously relatable story about finding who you are and where you belong—and owning it.” —Whitney Grandison, author of *A Love Hate Thing*

About the Author:

James Ramos (they/he) is a nonbinary, unapologetically dorky Minnesota native who now calls Arizona home. Weaned on a steady diet of sci-fi, comic books, and classic literature. James is passionate about stories that give voice to marginalized people, especially those within the LGBTQ+ community and people of color.

LOVE LETTERS FOR JOY

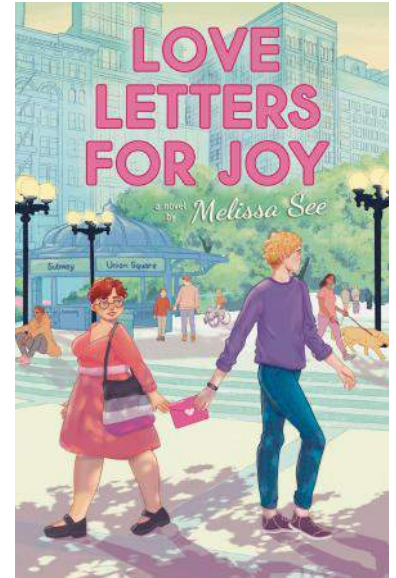
By **Melissa See**

A new LGBTQIA+ romance story by the author of *You, Me, and Our Heartstrings*.

Less than a year away from graduation, seventeen-year-old Joy is too busy overachieving to be worried about relationships. She's determined to be Caldwell Prep's first disabled valedictorian. And she only has one person to beat, her academic rival Nathaniel.

But it's senior year and everyone seems to be obsessed with pairing up. One of her best friends may be developing feelings for her and the other uses Caldwell's anonymous love-letter writer to snag the girl of her dreams. Joy starts to wonder if she has missed out on a quintessential high school experience. She is asexual, but that's no reason she can't experience first love, right?

She writes to Caldwell Cupid to help her sort out these new feelings and, over time, finds herself falling for the mysterious voice behind the letters. But falling in love might mean risking what she wants most, especially when the letter-writer turns out to be the last person she would ever expect.



Scholastic Press
June 2023

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Final Manuscript Available

Agent: Emily Forney

Praise:

“Love Letters for Joy gives just that: joy! From start to finish, each page reminds you that every single one of us is deserving of love in all its forms.” —Jason June, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Out of the Blue*

“A beautiful narrative that shows the power in embracing your identities and surrounding yourself with people who will see you—and love you—for who you are. Melissa See has created a delightful cast of characters that will leave your heart bursting with joy. I couldn’t stop smiling!” —Brian D. Kennedy, author of *A Little Bit Country*

“Filled with humor, heart, and a healthy bit of drama, Melissa See creates contemporary stories that are every bit as much slice-of-life as they are true to life, and Love Letters for Joy is no exception.” —Jonny Garza Villa, author of Pura Belpré Honor Book *Fifteen Hundred Miles from the Sun*

About the Author:

Melissa See is a disabled author of young adult contemporary romances living in New York.

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YOU ME AND OUR HEARTSTRINGS

By Melissa See

What if the whole world was watching while you fell in love for the first time?

Daisy and Noah have the same plan: use the holiday concert to land a Julliard audition. But when they're chosen to play a duet for the concert, they worry that their differences will sink their chances.

Noah, a cello prodigy from a long line of musicians, wants to stick to tradition. Daisy, a fiercely independent disabled violinist, is used to fighting for what she wants and likes to take risks. But the two surprise each other when they play. They fall perfectly in tune.

After their performance goes viral, the rest of the country falls for them just as surely as they're falling for each other. But viral fame isn't all it's cracked up to be. No one seems to care about their talent or their music at all. People have rewritten their love story into one where Daisy is an inspiration for overcoming her cerebral palsy and Noah is a saint for seeing past it.

Daisy is tired of her disability being the only thing people see about her, and all of the attention sends Noah's anxiety disorder into high speed. They can see their dream coming closer than it's ever been before. But is the cost suddenly too high?

Praise:

"An enticing portrayal of two teens confronting obstacles while falling in love in the public eye." - *Publishers Weekly*

"With a charming, unforgettable voice, *You, Me, and Our Heartstrings* is an ode to big dreams, first love, and the people who believe in us even when we don't believe in ourselves." - Rachel Lynn Solomon, author of *Today Tonight Tomorrow*

"*You, Me, and Our Heartstrings* is a heartwarming debut that combines romance, disability, music, mental health, and family into a symphony of pitch-perfect emotions." - Ashley Schumacher, author of *Full Flight*

About the Author:

Melissa See is a disabled author of young adult contemporary romances living in New York.

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Agent: Emily Forney

THIS PACT IS NOT OURS

By Zachary Sergi

Imagine your favorite vacation spot. Now imagine yourself arriving there right now, feeling that special summer magic. But what if your summer paradise were so special for a reason? What if it was so beautiful because all the negativity was literally sucked up by some...dark force living under the surface? Now imagine this dark force—this monster—needed to be fed. To keep the summer paradise magical, every generation must offer a sacrifice...a human sacrifice.

Welcome to Copper Cove, a culturally diverse place where all of the usual barriers that draw people apart seem to fade away, blurred together in a collage of cafeteria trays and sports sandals and staying fully unplugged. We follow four families who have come to Copper Cove every summer for generations. And our story begins with the one guy who might love Copper Cove more than anyone...

Four college-bound best friends return to the idyllic vacation spot their intertwined families have gone every summer, only to find they are cursed by an ancestral pact that demands they sacrifice one of their own--or risk unleashing a haunting, monstrous force from the depths of Copper Cove.

This Pact Is Not Ours is *Stranger Things* meets *The Hunger Games* set on *Dawson's Creek*, and by the end, someone will die. This Pact demands it.

Praise:

Coming Soon!

About the Author:

Zachary Sergi is the queer writer of nearly a dozen works of Interactive Fiction, including *Major Detours* and the *Heroes Rise* and *Versus* series. Zachary was raised in Manhattan, studied Creative Writing at Regis High School and the University of Pennsylvania, and now lives in Los Angeles with his husband, where he also writes for television. Catch his other releases from Running Press: *Major Decisions* (2021) and the forthcoming *So You Wanna Be a Pop Star?* (March 2023) featuring non-linear storytelling.

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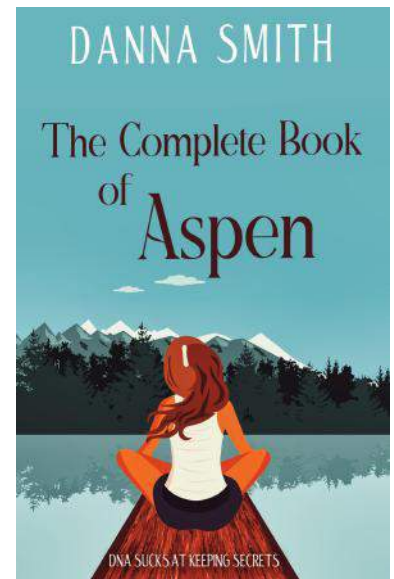
THE COMPLETE BOOK OF ASPEN

By Danna Smith

When Aspen's best friend gives her a DNA test kit, a half teaspoon of spit is all it takes to discover her entire life has been a lie.

Learning that her beloved late father was not her biological father—and that her mother had deceived her—ignites a wild storm of emotions. Aspen struggles with her identity and the burden of being the gatekeeper of this closely guarded family secret. When her mother refuses to reveal her biological father's name, Aspen sets out on a courageous journey to find him.

A heartbreakingly hopeful young adult novel-in-verse by award-winning author, Danna Smith, based on her true DNA experience. Backmatter includes an author's note and explanation of poetic forms.



**Plumbago Press
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Agent: Tracy Marchini

Praise:

"The death of Aspen's father breaks her small family. Aspen's mother slips into depression, leaving Aspen and her brother, Cooper, to hold together the broken pieces of their lives. Time, love, and medical attention allow Aspen's mom to heal, and their family begins to find a new normal. But just as the sun starts to peek out from the dark clouds of depression and loss, Aspen and her friend Sophie get the results from their DNA tests... Told in beautiful verse that perfectly captures a wide range of emotional punches-to-the gut, this story paints vivid word-pictures of wonderfully imperfect characters, each unique and each reacting to the revelation in different but utterly believable ways." -Erin Cabatingan

"Aspen gets her DNA tested without telling her mother. Is the truth behind Aspen's results her secret or her mother's? Who has a right to the truth and whose life might be upended as a result? As Aspen tries to find her birth father without her mother's help, her quest has a ripple effect... Smith's novel-in-verse is tender and satisfying. It is a gift, not just to a young adult in this particular situation, but to anyone trying to understand who they are." -Kate Coombs, poet, and author of *Water Sings Blue*

"...I couldn't put it down! While the pain of such a truth is undeniable, so is the grace of forgiveness and hope." -Linda Whalen, author

About the Author:

Danna Smith is the award-winning author of over twenty books for children, including *THE HAWK OF THE CASTLE* (Candlewick), a 2018 Bank Street College of Education Best Children's Books of the Year, *SWALLOW THE LEADER* (Clarion), *WAKE UP, FREIGHT TRAIN!* (Little Simon, March 2022), *ONE BLUE GNU* (Amicus Ink, March 2022), *ROOFTOP GARDEN* (Barefoot Books sing-along, May 2022), *THE THANK YOU BOOK* (Little Simon, Fall 2022) and *PEEK-A-BOO HAIKU* (Little Simon, 2023). *The Complete Book of Aspen* is her debut novel based on her true DNA experience. She is located in California.

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A RUINOUS FATE

By Kaylie Smith

Fate does not choose the weak. Fate chooses the ready.

Illustros is a cursed realm ruled by the ruthless Gods of Fate, and no one understands the Fates' wrath more than Calliope Rosewood. Blessed with unspeakable powers that terrify even the most dangerous witches and fae, Calla hides her forbidden magic in shame and fear that one wrong touch could send her to her death. With only her two best friends in tow, Calla deserted her coven and has been on the run ever since.

Worse, Calla is concealing an even darker secret: fate has chosen her as the final prophesied Blood Warrior, the being destined to start the Fates' War, which will decimate her people and eradicate their magic.

After a betrayal from her infuriating ex Ezra leads her one step closer to fulfilling that age-old prophecy, Calla is desperate to do whatever it takes to reset her fate. So when a mysterious and charming witch offers to help Calla do just that, she immediately agrees to his plan. Only catch? That plan includes journeying into the deadly Neverending Forest with Ezra and said witch, who just so happens to be Ezra's tempting older brother. Torn between her past desires and alluring new possibilities, Calla brings along her best friends to fight what lies ahead.

As the group ventures into the enchanted woods together, they'll all soon learn that choosing your destiny comes with dire consequences . . . and the Fates are not to be tested. Calla believes the Fates have it out for her, while others believe they have chosen her for a reason. But in the end, Calla will have to fight to forge her own destiny and decide if the risk of choosing herself is worth the possibility of damning everyone else.

Praise:

"A Ruinous Fate is filled with fantasy tropes you know and love, made all the richer with a diverse cast of magical beings. A story about the power of defying fate and fighting for the ones you love, this action-packed fantasy adventure and high stakes roll of the dice is like playing Dungeons Dragons with your best friends! I'm at the edge of my seat until book two!" --Aiden Thomas, *New York Times* best-selling author of *Cemetery Boys* and *Lost in the Never Woods*

"A spellbinding debut brimming with adventure, romance, and loveable characters you'll gladly follow into the shadows of their vivid world. The stakes couldn't be higher, and the twists are as unpredictable as a roll of the dice." --Alexandra Bracken, #1 *New York Times* best-selling author of *Lore*

About the Author:

Kaylie Smith is a writer and lover of all things fantasy. She grew up in Louisiana where she frequently haunted bookstores and practiced her craft.

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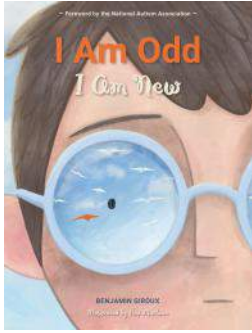
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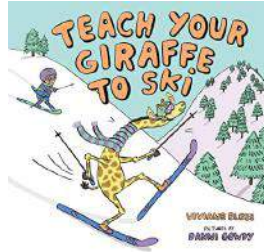
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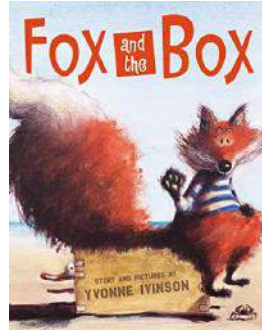
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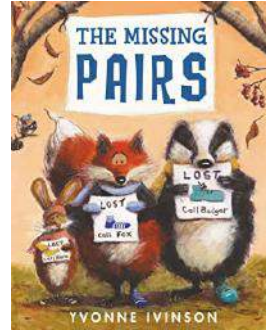
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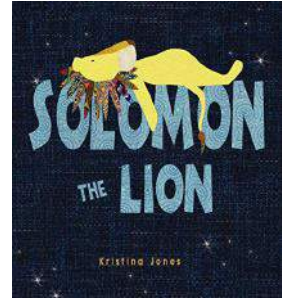
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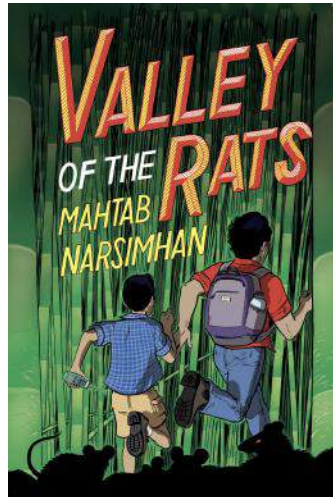


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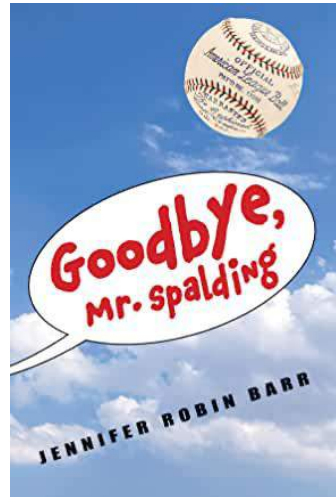
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