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## **Rights Guide/Available Titles**

**Bologna Book Fair**

**April 2019**

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June 2019

Picture book

Clarion Books/HMH

HC ISBN: 1328781623

*The companion to MOON tells of the joy a boy finds in creating art.*

## SUN

Alison Oliver

Sun loves *everything* about soccer—the cheers, the competition, the winning. But still, he feels as though something is missing ... until a magical encounter with a fox helps him reconnect with a long-forgotten source of happiness.

Through simple language and gorgeous illustrations, Alison Oliver shows that there is more than one way to be a boy, and reminds us of the deep satisfaction of creativity.

Review materials: f&gs



Spring 2018

Picture book

Clarion Books/HMH

HC ISBN: 1328781607

*Alison Oliver's acclaimed debut about embracing the wild.*

## MOON

Alison Oliver

Moon leads a busy life. School, homework, music lessons, sports, and the next day it all begins again. Then, one night, Moon meets a wolf. The wolf takes her deep into the dark and fantastical forest ... and there begins an extraordinary adventure.

"Plenty of stories assure readers that nature is worth exploring; this one suggests that it has the power to change them."—*Publishers Weekly*

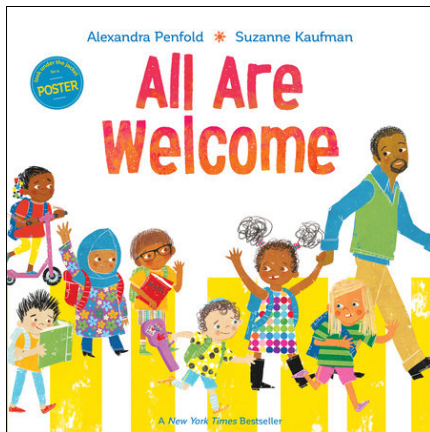
"A paean to *Where the Wild Things Are* that reminds readers of the importance of play and of stillness in a busy world."—*Booklist*

"An upbeat and howling-good read-aloud, perfect."—*School Library Journal*

**Alison Oliver** is also the creator of the BE BOLD, BABY board book series and the illustrator of the popular BabyLit board books, which have sold over a million copies. She lives and works in New York City, where she runs a design studio called Sugar. [www.pure-sugar.com](http://www.pure-sugar.com)

Review materials: Finished book

**Rights Information:** Korea (Beautiful Peoples), Spain (Coco Books), US/NA (Clarion/HMH)



July 2018

Picture book

Knopf/Penguin Random House

Hardcover

HC ISBN 0525579656

*The exuberant New York Times–bestseller about how the strongest communities are the ones that embrace everyone.*

## ALL ARE WELCOME

Alexandra Penfold (represented by Writers House)

illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman (represented by Upstart Crow)

*No matter how you start your day,  
What you wear when you play,  
Or if you come from far away.  
All are welcome here.*

Inspired by a viral classroom poster created by artist Suzanne Kaufman, this lyrical picture book celebrates kindness, inclusivity, and diversity in the classroom. With vivid illustrations and a gently reassuring text, the story is the perfect back-to-school read for young students from all backgrounds.

—Eight weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list

—More than 100,000 copies sold



January 2019

Picture book

Bloomsbury UK

Hardcover/Paperback

HC ISBN 1526604088

PB ISBN 1526604071

“Penfold and Kaufman have outdone themselves in delivering a vital message in today’s political climate.” —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

“A lively, timely picture book.” —*Booklist*

“A must-read for pre-school and elementary classrooms everywhere.... Beautiful.” — Trudy Ludwig, author of *The Invisible Boy* and *Quiet Please*, Owen McPhee!

“A great read-aloud selection to start the year and revisit time and again.” — *School Library Journal*

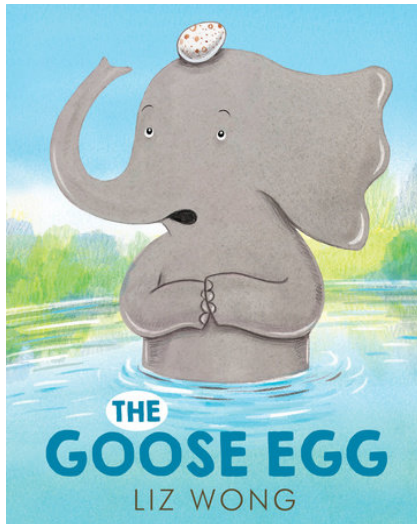
**Alexandra Penfold** is the author of *Eat, Sleep, Poop!*, *The Littlest Viking*, *Food Truck Fest*, and *We Are Brothers, We Are Friends*. She lives in Brooklyn, New York.

**Suzanne Kaufman** is an illustrator who has provided art for many books, as well as written her own picture book, *Confiscated!* She lives in Seattle.  
[www.suzannekaufman.com](http://www.suzannekaufman.com)

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Review materials: Finished books

**Rights Information:** Canada (Scholastic Canada), Italy (Castoro), Japan (Suzuki), Korea (KIZM), UK (Bloomsbury), US (Knopf/PRH)



January 2019

Picture book

Knopf/Penguin Random House

Hardcover

ISBN: 0553511572

*Sometimes love hits you like a knock on the head.*

## THE GOOSE EGG

Liz Wong

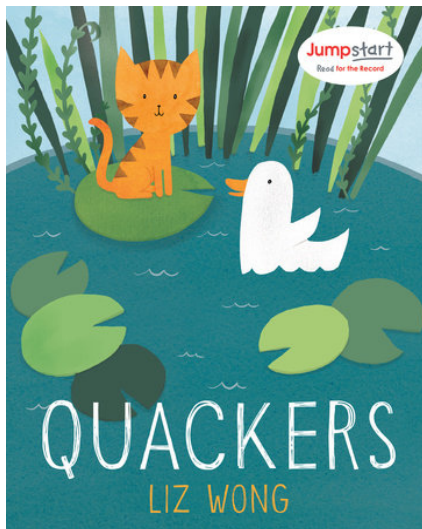
Henrietta the Elephant likes her quiet life. But everything changes when she bumps her head and winds up with a goose egg—a REAL goose egg. Henrietta tries to return the baby goose to the nest, but her flock has flown. It's up to Henrietta to raise her. Goose isn't anything like Henrietta. She's flappy, and noisy, and exhausting. But Henrietta raises that goose right. She teaches her to swim, and to honk, and to fly. But then one day it's time for Goose to fly off with her own kind...

"A story of finding love where and when it's least expected."—*School Library Journal*, starred review

★ "A captivating and endearing life lesson."—*Booklist*, starred review

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Review materials: Finished book



Spring 2016

Picture book

Knopf/Penguin Random House

Hardcover

ISBN: 0553511548

*Liz Wong's hilarious debut picture book about standing out and fitting in.*

## QUACKERS

Liz Wong

Quackers is a duck. Sure, he may have paws and whiskers. And his quacks might sound more like—well, *meows*, but he lives among ducks, everyone he knows is a duck, and he's happy. Then Quackers meets a strange duck who looks like him (and talks like him, too!), but this duck calls himself a *cat*. How can that be?

"Wong's delightful illustrations perfectly capture the sweet silliness."—*School Library Journal*

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"While the message about embracing one's individuality is clear, Wong never gets heavy-handed.... Charming."—*Publishers Weekly*

"At times charming, at times laugh-out-loud funny, and its ugly-duckling case of mistaken identity will endear it to many."—*Booklist*

**Liz Wong** holds a BFA in Art and a BA in Anthropology from the University of Washington and lives near Seattle with her husband and son.

[lizwongillustration.com](http://lizwongillustration.com)

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Review materials: Finished book





*A hilarious tale of crushes, first dates, and what falling in love really means*

## DANNY CONTANTINO'S FIRST DATE

Paul Acampora

Teen Hollywood movie star Natalie Flores Griffin just accepted an online invitation to attend the Halloween Dance at Cuper Cove Middle School. Who sent the invitation? That would be Danny Constantino, Cuper Cover 7th grader. Now, Danny will be spending an evening with the date of his dreams. But Danny's dream date—which also happens to be his first date ever—gets complicated quickly because Natalie's no dream. She's a *real* girl.

Praise for Paul Acampora's previous novels:

"Memorable characters, intelligent banter, and wry humor reminiscent of Richard Peck or Gary Paulsen ... unforgettable." —*School Library Journal*

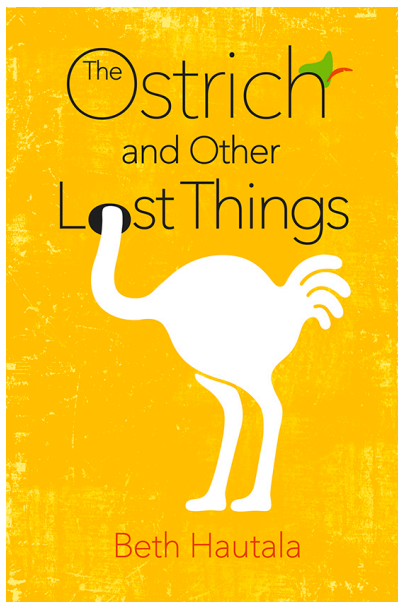
**Paul Acampora** is the author of the massively acclaimed *I Kill the Mockingbird*, *Defining Dulcie*, and a three other laugh-out-loud, heartfelt novels.  
[www.paulacampora.com](http://www.paulacampora.com)

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Review materials: Edited manuscript late summer 2019

**Summer 2020**

Middle Grade fiction (10 and up)  
 Dial Books for Young Readers/PRH  
 HC ISBN tk



*Winner of the Christopher Award!*

## THE OSTRICH AND OTHER LOST THINGS

Beth Hautala

Eleven year-old Olivia Grant has a knack for finding lost things. But there's one thing she has never been able to find: her autistic brother Jacob's toy ostrich. Because of Jacob, Olivia has had to give up a lot, but acting in a local theater's production of *Peter Pan* gives Olivia a chance to do something for herself. But nothing goes as she'd hoped—onstage or off—and Olivia becomes convinced that if only she can find her brother's toy, everything will go back to normal. Yet what does *normal* even mean? And is everything lost meant to be found?

**Beth Hautala** is the author of *Waiting for Unicorns*. She lives in Northern Minnesota with her husband, four children, and a gray cat. [www.bethhautala.com](http://www.bethhautala.com)

Praise for Beth Hautala's debut, *WAITING FOR UNICORNS*

"Lyrical and evocative.... Written by an author to watch." —*Kirkus Reviews*

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Review materials: finished books

**February 2018**

Middle Grade fiction (8 and up)  
 Philomel (US)  
 HC ISBN 9780399546082



September 2018

Middle Grade fiction (8 to 12)

Albert Whitman

HC ISBN 978-0807551288

*Second in the spooky series perfect for fans of Mr Limoncello's Library*

## MIDNIGHT REYNOLDS AND THE AGENCY OF SPECTRAL PROTECTION

Catherine Holt

When twelve year-old misfit Midnight Reynolds takes a job helping eccentric Miss Appleby in the mansion down the street, she never imagines her work will involve battling ghosts. Turns out Midnight and her new employer have quite a bit in common—they were both born on Halloween and have the power to see spirits of the dead. Soon a discovery about the history of her town makes Midnight wonder if she's fighting on the right side....

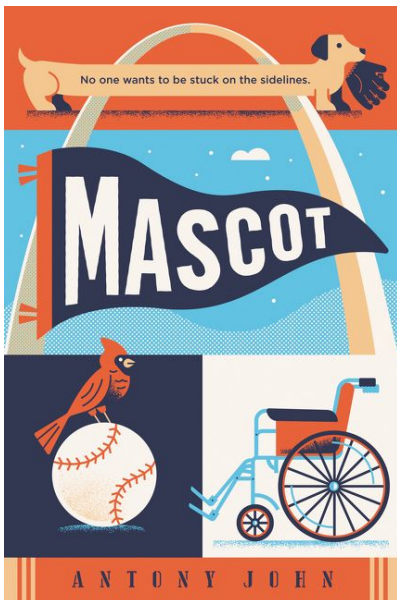
*Praise for MIDNIGHT REYNOLDS*

"A fast-paced ride.... Readers [may] be blindsided by a plot twist or two that they just didn't see coming."—*Booklist*

"Old-fashioned spooky fun."—*Kirkus Reviews*

**Catherine Holt** lives in New Zealand. [catherineholtauthor.com](http://catherineholtauthor.com)

Review materials: PDF and bound galleys



September 2019

Middle Grade fiction (10 and up)

Harper Collins Children's

HC ISBN: 978-0062835628

*A witty, heartfelt story about perseverance in the face of adversity.*

## MASCOT

Antony John

Noah Savino has been stuck in a wheelchair for months after the car accident that paralyzed him and killed his father. Scared he'll never feel like his old self again, he doesn't want to be seen as different for the rest of his life—which means taking off the mask he's been hiding behind and confronting his fears.

With humor and heart, award-winning author Antony John's MASCOT is about living life to the fullest.

"The strength and beauty of this novel lie in the ways in which a community gathers around Noah. You'll bawl at the ending because it is so very real"—*New York Times Book Review*

"Noah's dilemma is universal."—*Kirkus Reviews*

**Antony John** was born in England, received his B.A. from Oxford and a Ph.D. from Duke. He is the author of *Five Flavors of Dumb* and the *Elemental* trilogy. [antonyjohn.net](http://antonyjohn.net)

Review materials: finished books



June 19, 2018

Middle Grade fiction (12 and up)

Feiweil & Friends/Macmillan

HC ISBN: 978-1250154989

*Perfect for fans of Clare Vanderpool's Newbery-winning Moon Over Manifest*

## A STITCH IN TIME

Daphne Kalmar

When her father dies, eleven-year old Donut stands to lose everything: her friends, her village, her home, and the woods where the memories of her dad are stored up. So she and her best friend Tiny plan to keep her right where she belongs: Donut paddles away in her dad's last invention, a folding tin boat. But Donut isn't counting on a bear, a leaky boat, or an ache that won't go away.

★ "Kalmar's debut has an authentic voice that brings her protagonist vividly to life.... Donut is brassy and flawed but easy to love." —*Booklist* (starred review)

★ "Introduces a delightfully intricate character in Donut.... [and] leaves readers knowing that her insightful, articulate, and wry heroine will land—solidly—on her feet." —*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

**Daphne Kalmar** lives in Vermont. This is her first novel.

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Review materials: finished books



March 2019

Middle Grade fiction (8 to 12)

Harper Collins Children's

HC ISBN 978-0062852496

*A pitch-perfect debut exploring the true meaning of family*

## MOSTLY THE HONEST TRUTH

Jody J. Little

Jane Pengilly has a lot on her plate. When she's taken to Three Boulders, a foster care community in the Oregon woods to wait for her father to clear rehab, Jane discovers that it's full of strange-yet-wonderful folks and many secrets—which she must uncover to understand the true nature of her father and the meaning of family.

"This upbeat tale portrays a hero's journey ... this debut's strength is its sympathetic, believable characters." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"A touching story that's not a weeper ... [a] sweet story of folks young and old." —*BCCB*

**Jody J. Little** teaches third grade in Portland, Oregon. This is her first novel.

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Review materials: finished books





[Cover of 2018 Gift Edition of Book 1]

### THE MAGIC PASTRY SCHOOL

November 2019

Middle-grade (10 and up)

Fischer Verlag/Germany

HC ISBN tk

*In Development in Europe as a feature film by Senator Films!*

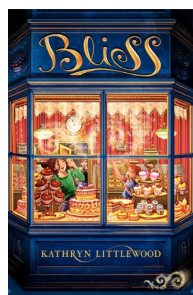
*The eighth entry in the internationally bestselling series!*

### THE MAGIC PASTRY SCHOOL: A BLISS NOVEL (Book 8)

Kathryn Littlewood

When Rosemary Bliss and her new friend Nevika travel to a prestigious baking school in Europe as part of an apprenticeship competition, they expect their magical baking abilities to be tested to the utmost—after all, only the best and brightest students can be named *Grand Master Bakers*. What they don't expect is to trip headlong into a school haunted by the magical recipes—and the ghosts who created them—of past students. Now the two girls have to solve the ghosts' problems and help lay them to rest ... all while competing for the most important prize of their baking lives: apprenticeships to some of the greatest magical bakers in the world.

**Kathryn Littlewood** is a writer, actress, comedienne, and bon vivant who lives in New York City and has a sweet tooth for middle-grade readers. She is working on a ninth *BLISS* novel.



*The first seven magical, madcap adventures of the Bliss family*

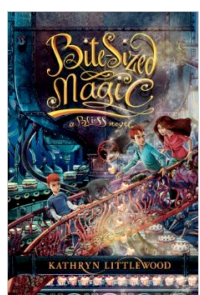
**BLISS (Book 1), A DASH OF MAGIC (Book 2), BITE-SIZED MAGIC (Book 3), MAGIC BY THE MOUTHFUL (Book 4), MAGIC IN THE MIX (Book 5), MAGIC BY THE MINUTE (Book 6), and HOLIDAY MAGIC (Book 7) [Books 5-7 not shown]**

#### Reviews and Praise for the BLISS series:

"Hilarious... Readers will savor this... Fantastic fantastical fare."—*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

"Quite delicious and very funny"—*Wall Street Journal*

"[A] delicious and exciting book"—*The Washington Post*



#### BLISS

February 2012

Middle-grade (10 and up)

Harper Collins/NA

HC 978-0062084231

PB 978-0-06-208424-8

#### A DASH OF MAGIC

February 2013

Middle-grade (10 and up)

Harper Collins/NA

HC 978-0062084293

PB 978-0062084309

#### BITE-SIZED MAGIC

February 2014

Middle-grade (10 and up)

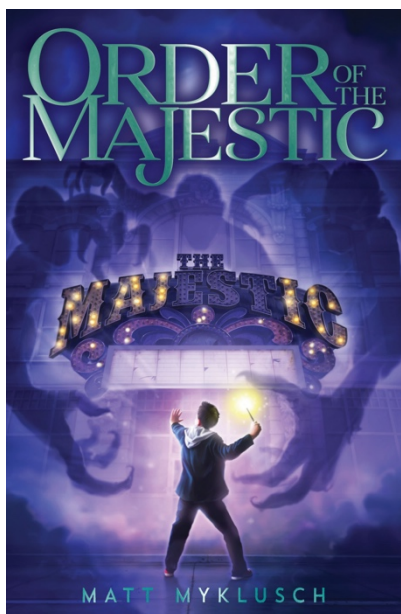
Harper Collins/NA

HC 978-0062084262

PB 978-0062084279

**Rights Information:** Brazil (Moderna), China (Citic), Finland (Otava), France (Pocket Jeunesse), Germany (Fischer), Greece (Psichogios), Indonesia (Mizan), Italy (Mondadori), Netherlands (Holkema & Van Warendorf), Norway (Cappelen Damm), Poland (Egmont Polska), Portugal (Galivro), Spain (Ediciones B), Sweden (Alfabeta), Taiwan (Omnibook), Turkey (Kadikoy), UK (Harper UK), US+C (HarperCollins/Katherine Tegen Books)

**Film:** Senator Films



May 2019

Middle Grade fiction (8 and up)  
 Aladdin/S&S (US)  
 HC ISBN 978-1534424876

*An action-packed fantasy for fans of Brandon Mull and Jack Riley*

## ORDER OF THE MAJESTIC: The Magician's Assistant

Matt Myklusch

Joey Kopecky isn't the smartest 12-year-old, but everyone thinks he is. So when Joey's perfect test scores and ability to "see through tricks" get him out of summer school and qualify him to try out for a job working for Redondo the Magnificent, he is thrilled. But Joey soon learns there is more to magic than putting on a good show. Dark magicians intent on destroying Redondo and wreaking havoc on the magical world are closing in, and it's up to Joey to save them all—if only he can find a way to truly believe.

### A Junior Library Guild Selection

"Packed with humor, imaginative world building, and surprises. I loved it!"—J.A. White, author of *The Thickety*

"With dazzling plot twists, nonstop action [and a] lovable hero whose journey to greatness will make readers scream for more."—*New York Times*-bestseller Peter Lerganis, author of the *Seven Wonders* series

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Review materials: PDF of typeset pages



Spring 2020

Middle Grade fiction (10 and up)  
 Kathy Dawson Books/Penguin RH  
 HC ISBN tk

*A tender, funny book about a girl named Jack & her gender-creative brother.*

## BIRDIE & ME

J.M.M. Nuñez

Jack and her little brother, Birdie, live with Uncle Carl, whose love for them is boundless—but he isn't the most responsible person, so they end up living with Uncle Patrick, who never wanted them in the first place. Immediately there is trouble, because Birdie isn't like typical boys. He doesn't play football, or like trucks and guns; he prefers dolls and softer things. For Uncle Patrick, the solution to Birdie getting bullied at school is to make him wear "boy's" clothes.

That's when Jack knows she has to do something drastic so that she and Birdie can find the real home they need—and stay true to their best selves.

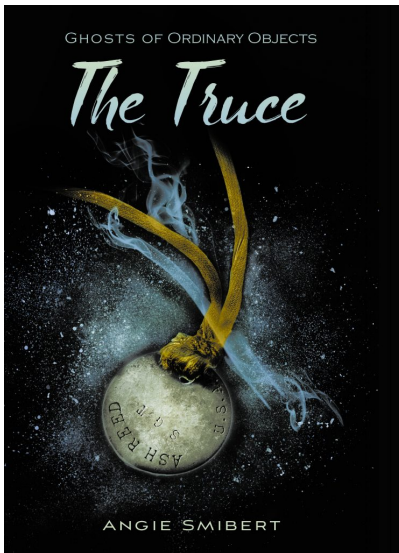
Filling a gap in LGBTQIA representation for middle-grade readers, this book is a joy-filled, sweetly funny celebration of being who your soul tells you to be.

**J.M.M. Nuñez** lives in San Diego, CA. This is her debut novel.

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Review materials: Copyedited manuscript





**March 2020**

Middle Grade fiction (10 and up)  
 Boyds Mills Press/Highlights (US)  
 HC ISBN TK

*The final entry in the acclaimed series of supernatural historical mysteries*

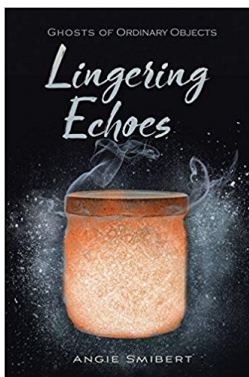
## GHOSTS OF ORDINARY OBJECTS: THE TRUCE

Angie Smibert

Twelve-year-old Bone has always been close to her Uncle Ash, a WWI veteran. As far back as Bone can recall, her uncle has left town at Christmas, and this time is no different. No one knows where he goes, though he's usually back in a few weeks. Shortly after Ash's departure, a body is found in the mine, clutching Ash's old dog tags. Everyone assumes that Ash has died in an accident. But Bone uses her Gift, which allows her to see the stories in everyday objects, and she knows this isn't Ash. Now she's got two mysteries on her hands: if it isn't Ash, who is it? And, where on earth is Ash?

**Angie Smibert** is the author of three award-winning young adult novels and the first two entries in the Ghosts of Ordinary Objects series. [www.angiesmibert.com](http://www.angiesmibert.com)

Review materials: Edited manuscript; typeset pages PDF available Summer 2019



**March 2019**

HC ISBN 978-1629798516

*The first two entries in the unnervingly spooky series:*

## GHOSTS OF ORDINARY OBJECTS: LINGERING ECHOES

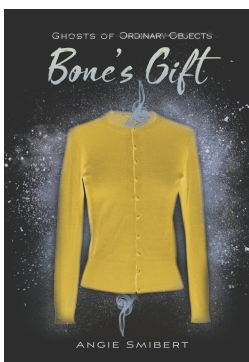
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## GHOSTS OF ORDINARY OBJECTS: BONE'S GIFT

Bone has a Gift. When she touches certain objects, images wash over her, and she sees stories—the joyful, surprising, or even terrifying events that occurred as someone held those objects. In the first two haunting installments of The Ghosts of Ordinary Objects series, Bone must use her wits and her Gift not only to uncover the truth, but to make sure her friends and family aren't destroyed by the ghosts of the past.

★“Readers will definitely invest in Bone’s journey...No worries about what’s to come for Bone and her family, though; Bone’s Gift is just the opening installment of the Ghosts of Ordinary Objects trilogy.” – BCCB, starred review

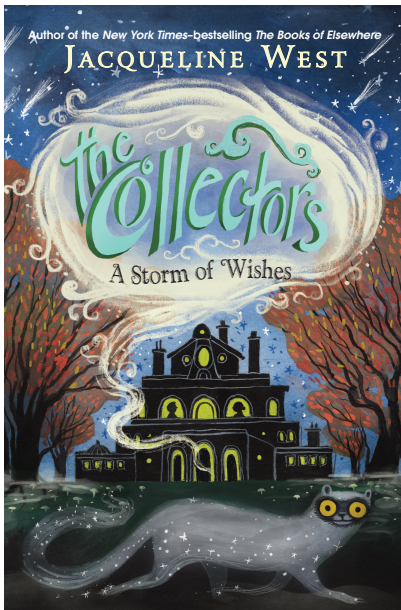
“An intriguing blend of history and magic.” – Kirkus Reviews



**March 2018**

HC ISBN 978-1629798509

Review materials: Finished books and PDFs



COVER ART NOT FINAL

**October 2019**

Middle Grade Fiction (10 and up)  
 HarperCollins/Greenwillow (US)  
 HC ISBN 978-TK

*The conclusion of the award-winning Collectors duet, from a New York Times bestselling author*

## A STORM OF WISHES: THE COLLECTORS #2

Jacqueline West

When Van spots a girl and a squirrel stealing pennies from a fountain, he discovers the Collectors—a secret organization that believes wishes are a menace to society. He also meets Ivor Hvalborg, an elderly gentleman with a vast collection of curious trinkets and something more curious still: tiny creatures known as Wish Eaters, who feed on the energy of wishes.

Van is plunged into a war over the fate of the Wish Eaters and must choose sides. But who can he trust and who simply wants to use him for their own ends? Van will have to do a little wishing of his own ... but all wishes have consequences, and there is *always* a price.

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Review materials: Edited manuscript; typeset pages PDF available Fall 2018

**October 2018**

Middle Grade Fiction (10 and up)  
 HarperCollins/Greenwillow (US)  
 HC ISBN 9780062691699

*And the lush, magical, award-winning novel that launched the series*

## THE COLLECTORS

Jacqueline West

“A brilliant fantasy adventure exploring the consequences of getting what you wish for.”—*Booklist*

“A fast-paced and engrossing tale. Readers may not wish to leave this magical world.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

“West’s magical adventure offers humor and warmhearted adventure.”—*Publishers Weekly*

“Magic and mystery lurk behind every shadow in this inventive, engrossing, and wonderfully strange adventure.... A book to adore.”—Anne Ursu, author of *The Real Boy*

An ALA Schneider Family Honor Book

**Jacqueline West** is the author of the *New York Times*–bestselling Books of Elsewhere series, as well as a poet and fiction writer twice nominated for the Pushcart Prize. She lives in Minnesota. [www.jacquelinewest.com](http://www.jacquelinewest.com)

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Review materials: Finished books / PDF



Summer 2019 (pub date TK)  
YA fiction (14 and up)  
Abrams Amulet  
HC ISBN tk

*A tale told in four teenage voices—like Sarah Dessen meets Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*

## THE SUMMER OF IMPOSSIBILITIES

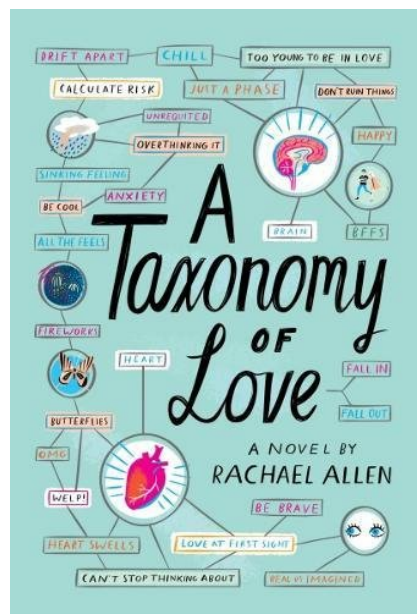
Rachael Allen

Four teens must spend the summer at the lake house where their moms became best friends.

One can't wait.  
One almost sets her crush on fire with a flaming marshmallow.  
One is trying to hide how bad her joint pain has gotten.  
One falls in love with a boy she thought she despised.  
Two are sisters.  
Two fall in love with each other.  
Three are feuding with their mothers.  
All of them are hiding something.  
None of them are the same at the end of the summer.

**Rachael Allen** lives in Georgia; this is her fourth novel.

*Review materials:* Revised manuscript, and in summer 2019, PDF



January 2018  
Teen fiction (12 and up)  
Amulet Books / Abrams (US)  
HC ISBN 1419725416

*And Rachael Allen's hilarious and heartfelt breakthrough novel*

## A TAXONOMY OF LOVE

Rachael Allen

When Spencer meets Hope the summer before seventh grade, it's . . . *something* at first sight. Spencer, an aspiring scientist, tries to map out their relationship using his trusty system of taxonomy, but in the end, he finds that life doesn't always fit into easy-to-manage boxes – and it's this messy complexity that makes life so rich and beautiful.

★ “Groundbreaking in its demonstration of the complexity of human emotion.” —*School Library Connection* (starred review)

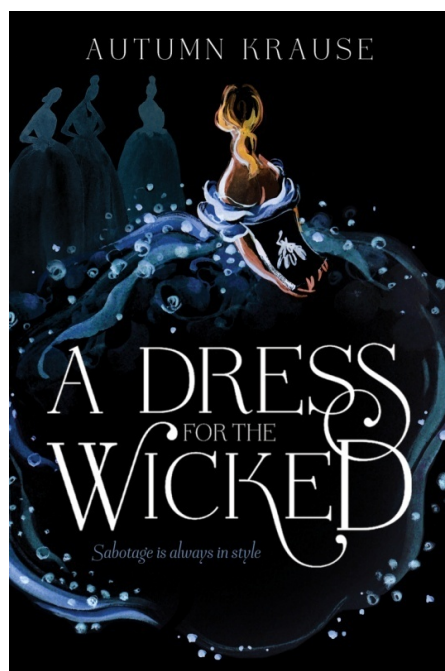
“Through sparkling prose ... Allen depicts how debasing unrequited love can feel, and just how consuming that connection can be when shared at long last.” —*Booklist*

“Will enthral readers, bringing them into the life of a struggling and love-ridden teen.” —*VOYA*

*Review materials:* PDF of finished book

**Rights Information:** France (Bayard), Germany (DTV), Poland (Jaguar), Spain, (Urano), US/NA (Amulet/Abrams)





**August 2019**

YA fiction (14 and up)

HarperCollins (US)

HC ISBN tk

*THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA* meets *THE SELECTION*

## A DRESS FOR THE WICKED

Autumn Krause

17-year-old Emmeline Watson has always dreamed of designing cutting edge fashion, so when she wins a competition to join the Fashion House, center of haute couture in Europe, she thinks her dreams have come true. But the Fashion House is a far cry from Emmy's small town life, and she finds herself thrust into a world of intrigue and aristocratic elitism. Emmy soon realizes she will have to risk everything to become a designer on her own terms.

Emmy sets out to create the perfect dress, but danger haunts her efforts, pulling her into a world as perilous as it is glamorous. Emmy must decide if her own life is worth risking for *Fashion*.

**Autumn Krause** lives in California; this is her debut novel.

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*Review materials:* PDF of interior pages

**Rights Information:** Spain (Urano), US/NA (HarperCollins Children's)



**Spring 2019**

Young Adult Fiction (1s and up)

Greenwillow (US)

HC ISBN 978-0-06-287506-8

*A spooky new YA from a New York Times–bestselling author*

## LAST THINGS

Jacqueline West

Anders Thorson's band, Last Things, is on the verge of stardom. While Anders shines onstage, Thea Malcolm hides among the crowds, watching his every move. At first, Anders thinks she's just an obsessive fan, but Thea knows the truth about his talents: that Anders made a bargain with something dark and powerful, and the darkness is quickly closing in.

**Jacqueline West** is a poet and the bestselling, award-winning author of *The Collectors* and *The Books of Elsewhere* series, as well as a novel for teens *Dreamers Often Lie*. [www.jacquelinewest.com](http://www.jacquelinewest.com)

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*Review materials:* PDF of interior pages