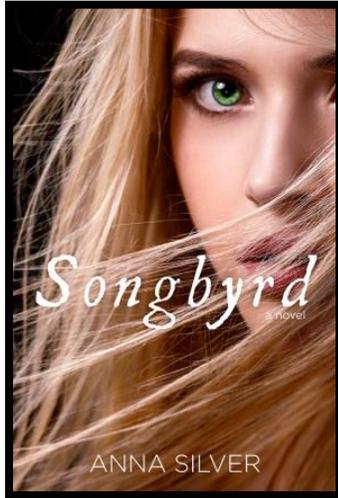


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### SONGBYRD

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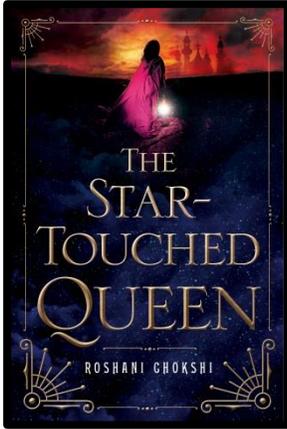
JollyFish (June 2016)

Young Adult Translation only

Living on the road with her mother, all Innocence Byrd has ever really wanted is a normal, stable life in one place. But Stonetop, a small town in the Texas Hill Country, is not that place--until she meets Jace. Even as she begins to take comfort in Jace's company, Innocence is plagued by nightmares of a terrible event in her past, and the ever-growing fear that whatever she and her mother have been running from will finally catch up.

Suddenly, secrets are bubbling to the surface, hers and her mother's, the secrets of their heritage. Women of the Byrd family have unusual gifts. Inside each of them is a deadly seed. As Innocence becomes increasingly aware of her family's mysterious and sometimes frightening powers-and as her own powers begin to surface, Innocence has to decide who she can really trust. Unable to elude their haunted past, three generations of Byrd women must not only unite, but embrace their heritage as a gift-and their key to a future of love and understanding. The real question becomes, can Jace trust her? Because, as it turns out, there is nothing truly innocent about Innocence at all.

**Anna Silver** is an author and artist based in Houston. Her art has been featured in the Houston gallery Las Manos Magicas. She studied English Writing & Rhetoric at St. Edward's University. *Otherborn*, her first published novel from Sapphire Star Publishing, has been featured on 2 of Amazon's "Bestsellers" lists. She also has a sequel called *Astral Tide*.



## THE STAR TOUCHED QUEEN

Roshani Chokshi

St. Martin's Press (May 2016)      Young Adult

Cursed with a horoscope that promises a marriage of Death and Destruction, sixteen-year-old Maya has only earned the scorn and fear of her father's kingdom. Content to follow more scholarly pursuits, her world is upheaved when her father, the Raja, arranges a wedding of political convenience to quell outside rebellions. But when her wedding takes a fatal turn, Maya becomes the queen of Akaran and wife of Amar.

Yet neither roles are what she expected. As Akaran's queen, she finds her voice and power. As Amar's wife, she finds friendship and warmth.

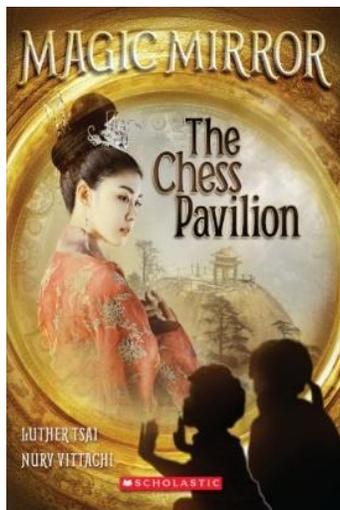
But Akaran has its own secrets - thousands of locked doors, gardens of glass, and a tree that bears memories instead of fruit. Beneath Akaran's magic, Maya begins to suspect her life is in danger. When she ignores Amar's plea for patience, her discoveries put more than new love at risk - it threatens the balance of all realms, human and Otherworldly. Now, Maya must confront a secret that spans reincarnated lives and fight her way through the dangerous underbelly of the Otherworld if she wants to protect the people she loves.

**Roshani Chokshi** is a 2008 Pushcart Prize nominee. Her work has appeared in *Loose Change*, *In The Fray*, and *The Feminist Wire*.

"Magic is woven into every word of the STAR-TOUCHED QUEEN. Vibrantly imaginative and gracefully written, I was spellbound from the first line. A dazzling, sensuous feast of world-building, romance, and mythology." - Sarah J. Maas, NYT Bestselling author of the *Throne of Glass* series.

"THE STAR TOUCHED QUEEN is a luscious, bloodthirsty fairy tale with all the romance, magic, and gorgeous mythology I could ask for, plus the greatest flesh-eating, talking demon horse I never knew I wanted."-Tessa Gratton, author of *Blood Magic* and *The United States of Asgard* series

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## MAGIC MIRROR: THE CHESS PAVILLION #6

Luther Tsai and Nury Vittachi

Scholastic India (March 2016)

Middle Grade

An ancient mirror transports Marko and Mira to a poet's realm of mists and mountains where they witness a mystical game of chess. Is it just a game, or is there a dark secret in this game of life and death? This sixth book in the series focuses on the mysterious HanShan, the poet known as *Cold Mountain* who may have lived over 1,000 years ago during the Tang dynasty. His

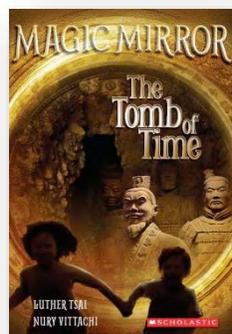
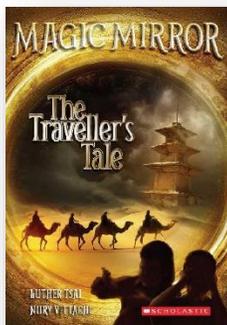
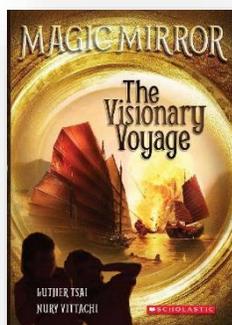
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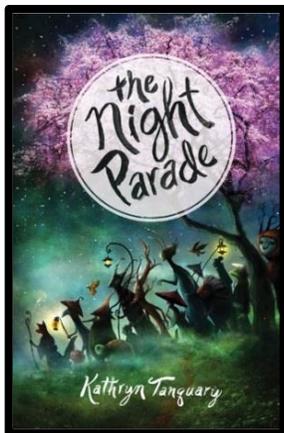
*Look inside a Magic Mirror.*

**Magic Mirror Series** A haunting reflection lives inside an ancient bronze mirror. Join Mira and Marko Lee to discover the secrets behind the mysterious artifact and an ancient family curse in this 12-book middle grade series (120 pages) which brings the young protagonists to ancient China and beyond as they search for their missing grandfather. From the Ming, Yuan, and Qin dynasties, Marco Polo, to Japan, Korea, and the Middle East in later books in the series, Tsai and Vittachi mix education with entertainment.

**Luther Tsai** was born in Hong Kong, but moved to Canada soon after. He is an architect, urban planner, author and academic. His love for innovation drew him to combining historical elements in an approachable way. This is his debut.

**Nury Vittachi** is based in Hong Kong, and whose writing has been called “endearingly wacky” by the Times of London. This is his first children’s project.





## THE NIGHT PARADE

Karen Tanquary

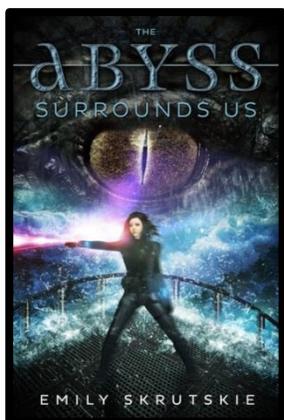
Sourcebooks (January 2016) Middle Grade

"A suspenseful middle-grade fantasy debut evocative of Neil Gaiman's *Coraline* and classic films like Jim Henson's *Labyrinth* and Hayao Miyazaki's *Spirited Away*... This dark adventure serves as a terrific introduction to Japanese legends, with the weird and wondrous on full display.

" - *Shelf Awareness*

"Wonder and imagination abound in Tanquary's debut... filled with respect and admiration for cultural tradition, it evokes both Grimm's fairy tales and Miyazaki's films... Saki's decided love for technology (she's glued to her phone) is a perfect foil for an examination of how the present can be influenced by the past, and vice versa, with both coexisting peacefully. Vivid details and realistic situations ensure accessibility, and subtle teaching moments are wrapped in wide-eyed enchantment." – *Publisher's Weekly, starred review*

"I don't think I've ever read anything quite like 'The Night Parade.' And that's a good thing: author Kathryn Tanquary's story is unique enough to hold a reader's interest [...] The book has overall the feeling of a Japanese fairy tale, which keeps the story sweet, and there are allegories and life-lessons here." – Terri Schlichmenmeyer for *Bookworm Sez*



## THE ABYSS SURROUNDS US

Emily Skrutskie

Flux (February 2016) Young Adult

"[A] fresh and fascinating look at a lawless future." —*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

"Skrutskie adeptly creates a fantastical world of ruthless pirates; lovable, deadly creatures; and dynamic characters." —*School Library Journal*

"This is a solid, well-crafted, new adventure story with an interesting, unusual hook." —*Booklist*

"Skrutskie creates an intriguing fantasy world full of floating cities, ruthless monsters, betrayals, and unlikely friendships." —*Publishers Weekly*

"*The Abyss Surrounds Us* is highly original and addictive." —*SLJTeen*