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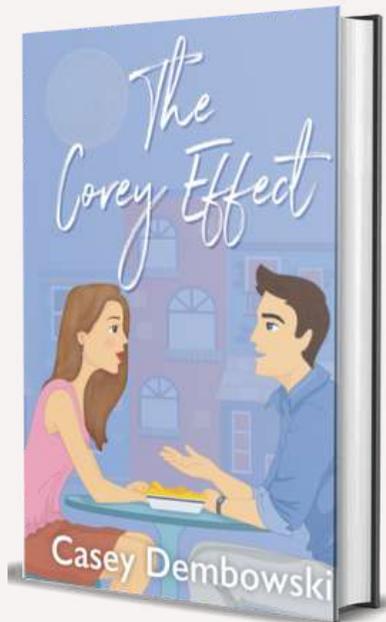
# Fiction



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# Romance & Rom Com

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## The Corey Effect

— Casey Dembowski —

A poignant story about family and friendship, first love and second chances.

When the news of her estranged father's death forces Andi Scott to return to her hometown of Fairford, she is stunned by how much has changed in the last decade. Her father, Ryan, is no longer the town drunk but a pillar of the community. And the former love of her life, Corey Johnson, isn't in some faraway city as she always imagined, but Ryan's trusted business partner.

As Corey tries to fill her in on the last decade of his life, Andi can't help but feel the connection between them again. It's always been there, since the night he sat down across from her at the Robinson Diner and made the worst day of her life better with one crooked smile. The longer Andi's in Fairford, the closer they become, and the more they risk to lose as old hurts and stronger emotions threaten to overpower the silent truce they've agreed to. As the events of her year in Fairford collide with her present, Andi must reconcile the father she knew with the person he became, and the boy she loved with the man she could love again.

**TARYN FAGERNESS AGENCY**

294 pages

### Available Rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

### Key Selling Points

- "Dembowski has created genuinely appealing characters...she succeeds in making their unusual relationship journey absorbing and satisfying." - *Kirkus*
- Profusely charming and entirely bingeable, *When We're Thirsty* is an awesome read that you'll devour in one blissful sitting." - *Indies Today*



## Seven Rules for Breaking Hearts

— Kristyn J. Miller —

Set on California's sunny Catalina Island, *Seven Rules for Breaking Hearts* is a witty, smart romance, with a heroine who feels like your best friend.

Margo Anderson is living her best single girl life. Alongside her best friend Jo, she runs the hit podcast *Seven Rules for Breaking Hearts*, where thousands of fans learn the ground rules for keeping your dating life fun and commitment-free. So when Jo takes up a sponsor's offer for an all-expenses-paid wedding on Catalina Island, everything Margo thought she knew about her best friend is turned on its head.

At least it's a free vacation, and Catalina is charming enough if you slap the right filter over it. But Margo's convinced the wedding is one big publicity stunt, and she finds an unlikely ally in the best man, Declan Walsh. Sure, he's still just as smug and annoying as he was back in high school, but at least they can agree on one thing: there's no way their best friends can actually go through with this wedding. Together, they hatch a plan. They've got two weeks to break up the wedding. It might mean spending more time conspiring with Declan than Margo would like, but he's easier on the eyes than the boy she remembers.

**TARYN FAGERNESS AGENCY**

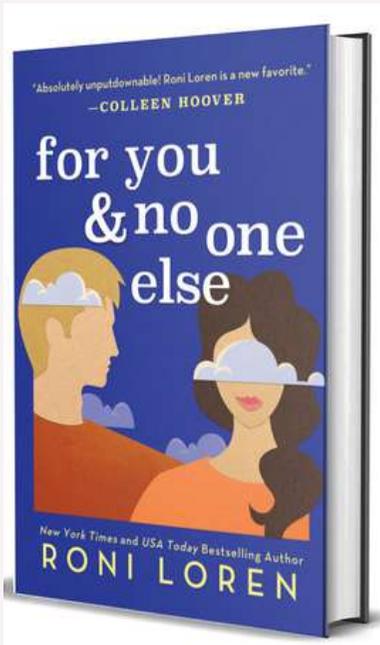
336 pages

### Available Rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

### Key Selling Points

- *The friendship story of Bridesmaids* meets the enemies-to-lovers island romance of *The Unhoneymooners*, with a modern podcast spin on *How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days*, in which a perpetual single girl must stop her best friend's wedding with the help of her former high school nemesis turned groom's best man.



# For You and no One Else

— Roni Loren —

*An endearingly sexy story about comfort in intimacy.*

Eliza Catalano has the perfect life. So what if it actually looks nothing like the story she tells online? As a therapist, it's part of her job to look like she has all the answers, right? But when Eliza ends up as a viral "Worst Date Ever" meme, everything in her Instagram-filtered world begins to crumble.

Enter the most obnoxiously attractive man she's ever met, and a bet she can't resist: if she swears off social media for six months, Beck Carter'll teach her the wonders of surviving the "real world." No technology, no dating apps, no pretty filters, no BS.

It seems like the perfect deal—she can lay low until her sudden infamy passes, meet some interesting new people, and maybe even curate this experience into a how I quit the online dating racket book along the way. But something about Beck's raw honesty speaks to Eliza in ways she never expected. She knows he's supposed to be completely hands-off...but as complex feelings grow and walls come tumbling down, rough-around-the-edges Beck may be exactly what Eliza needs to finally, truly face herself—and decide who she really wants to be.

**KT LITERARY**

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**Available rights**

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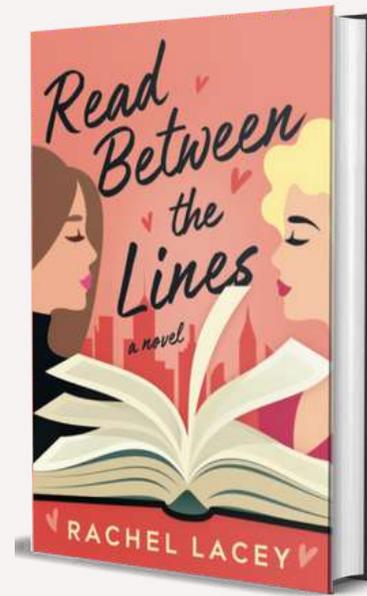
## Key Selling Points

- New York Times and USA Today bestselling author.
- 15 starred trade reviews across two series.
- "A must-read!" - Publishers Weekly

# Read Between the Lines

— Rachel Lacey —

**From award-winning author Rachel Lacey comes a playful romance about a Manhattan bookstore owner and a reclusive author who love to hate—and hate to love—each other.**



**AMAZON**

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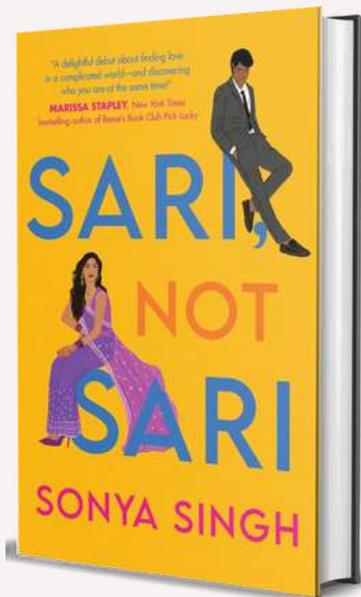
Books are Rosie Taff's life. And ever since she took over her mother's beloved Manhattan bookstore, they've become her home too. The only thing missing is her own real-life romance like the ones she loves to read about, and Rosie has an idea of who she might like to sweep her off her feet. She's struck up a flirty online friendship with lesbian romance author Brie, and what could be more romantic than falling in love with her favorite author?

Jane Breslin works hard to keep her professional and personal lives neatly separated. By day, she works for the family property development business. By night, she puts her steamier side on paper under her pen name: Brie. Jane hasn't had much luck with her own love life, but her online connection with a loyal reader makes Jane wonder if she could be the one.

When Rosie learns that her bookstore's lease has been terminated by Jane's family's business, romance moves to the back burner. Even though they're at odds, there's no denying the sparks that fly every time they're together. When their online identities are revealed, will Jane be able to write her way to a happy ending, or is Rosie's heart a closed book?

## Key Selling Points

- "Lacey rounds out the romance with a lively cast of friends and family, and a wintry backdrop. A quick story perfect for a cozy night in." — Publishers Weekly
- Ms. Right Series Book 1



**SANDRA DIJKSTRA  
LITERARY AGENCY**

304 pages

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

**Sold Rights**

S&S (UK & Canada)

# Sari, Not Sari

— Sonya Singh —

**A delightful rom-com that introduces readers to a memorable cast of characters in a veritable feast of food, family traditions, and fun.**

This delightful debut rom-com follows the adventures of a Manny Dogra, a young CEO of Breakup, a highly successful company that helps people manage their relationship breakups who is out of touch with her South Asian roots and introduces readers to a memorable cast of characters in a veritable feast of food, family traditions, and fun.

Manny knows next to nothing about her South Asian heritage, and that's never been a problem—until a Photoshopped image, to make her skin look more white, appears on a major magazine cover. Suddenly, the woman who built an empire encouraging people to be true to themselves is having her own identity crisis.

In the midst of chaos and argument with her fiancée, an irritating client named Sammy Patel approaches Manny with an odd breakup request, the perfect solution presents itself: If they both agree to certain terms, he'll give her a crash course in being "Indian" at his brother's wedding. What follows is days of dancing and dal, masala and mehndi and, along the way, Manny discovers much more.

## Key Selling Points

- "[A] delightful debut rom-com. . . . Chock-full of breakups and makeups, this energetic love story marks Singh as a writer to watch." — *Publishers Weekly*
- "This romantic comedy has witty dialogue, likable characters, and a humorous tone. . . . The writing has moments of brilliance and insight that will resonate for the characters and readers alike. . . . This debut author's career will be worth watching." — *Library Journal*



**STILTON LITERARY  
AGENCY NORWAY**

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Spain, Portugal

**Sold Rights**

Denmark (Palatium books), Estonia (Tammerraamat), Germany (Penguin Random House), Italy (Vallardi) Norway, (Strawberry Publishing)

# Glass Veranda by the Lake

— Hanna Blixt —

**Think *Love Actually* and *The Holiday* with a Scandinavian twist.**

Glass Veranda by the Lake, is a gripping, heartwarming, romantic, and humorous story about two lives that are surprisingly intertwined with each other, set in an atmosphere of cinnamon, cloves and mulled wine around Christmas time in the picturesque heartland of Sweden.

Nora flees from her apartment in Stockholm when it turns out that her controlling boyfriend Jonas has had an affair. To get some distance to everything, she takes the train to idyllic Leksand and her friend Vega who offers comfort. Nora rents a small log cabin with a glass veranda by a lake, and she promises herself never to fall for a man again, but then she meets Viktor – the charming neighbor who seems to be hiding a secret.

## Key Selling Points

- This is the first of three novels about Nora and Viktor. The two novels published in the series have so far sold close to 40.000 copies in Sweden!
- Hanna Blixt is a best-selling Swedish author writing feel good novels for adults as well as historical fiction and fantasy series for children. Hanna's debut novel, *Glass Veranda by the Lake*, was published in 2020, a gripping, heartwarming, romantic, and humorous story. This is the first book of three in the *Feel good* series about Nora and Viktor.



**KENSINGTON**

304 pages

### Available Rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

## A Ghost in Shining Armor

— Therese Beharrie —

**A woman with a supernatural talent is haunted by one persistent spirit and a seductive, impossible love.**

Once haunted . . .

Gemma Daniels has never been quite the “down to earth” woman her adoptive parents raised her to be. She even has a unique gift: she can see ghosts—and she likes helping them settle their unfinished business. But the hotter-than-hot stranger she impulsively kisses on a bet is not only a phantom, he’s determined to help her. And the only way Gemma can explain his presence is to pretend they’re a real-life couple . . .

Twice shy . . .

Levi Walker lived—and died—to save his sister. Now he’s got a second chance at life if he assists Gemma in reuniting with her own long-lost sibling . . . and then never sees Gemma again. But as he starts to enjoy her irrepressible personality, he’s finding it hard to abide by any rules at all . . .

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Third time’s the unforgettable charm . . .

Gemma is thrilled to be getting to know her sister, but it causes a family rift she may not be able to heal. On top of that, she’s falling for a ghost with a dilemma. For Levi must decide what loyalty—and living—is truly all about. To fix their mistakes, Gemma and Levi must risk being real with themselves—and each other—if they’re ever to claim true love . . .

### Key Selling Points

• **BookBub Best Romances of the Second Half of 2022.**

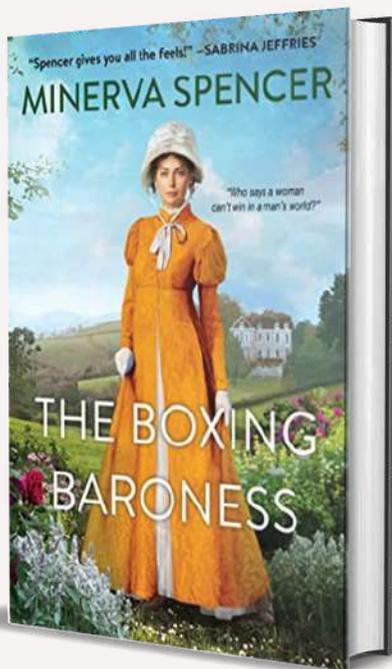
• **BookPage Most Anticipated Fall 2022 Romance.**

- **“A wonderful romance with crackling dialogue and heartfelt emotional journeys.”**

**Jackie Lau, author of *Donut Fall in Love*.**

# Historical Romance

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**KENSINGTON**

288 pages

**Available Rights**

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

**Sold Rights**

Spencer's previous Regency series have been published in French, German, Japanese, Portuguese (PT), Romanian, and Thai.

**The Boxing Baroness**

(The Wild Women of Whitechapel #1)

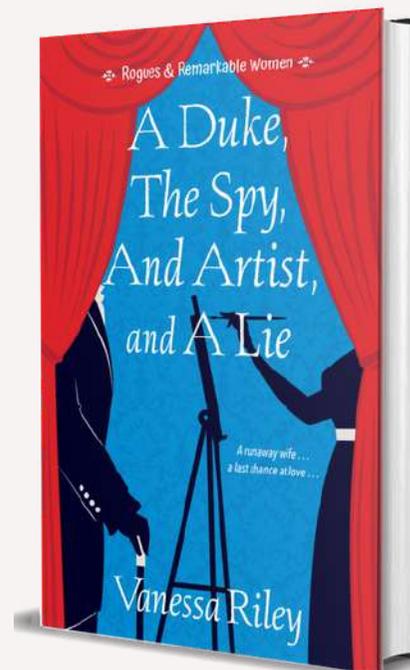
— **Minerva Spencer** —

Inspired by the real life **Boxing Baroness**.

First in a series sure to thrill fans of Julia Quinn's *Bridgerton* following heroines of questionable birth who all possess skills that are typically suitable for men in Regency England - the first based on the real-life "Boxing Baroness" and her imagined romance with an infuriating duke: magnetic and educated, Marianne has the manner of a lady and the looks of a lover, not a fighter. Neither of which explains her occupation as a boxer in her uncle's circus. Nonetheless, when St. John Powell, the exquisitely handsome Duke of Staunton, begins turning up at her shows, she finds herself dangerously distracted by his mysterious presence. St. John Powell doesn't just want Marianne, he needs her to rescue his brother, who is being held for ransom by a treasonous English baron. No matter how little Marianne wants to see her dup.

**Key Selling Points**

- Acclaimed author **Minerva Spencer** sparkles with this brilliantly imagined story of her romance with an undercover spy in the first of a witty, Regency-set, feminist series exploring the role of women in a rigidly patriarchal society.
- Of questionable birth, but made for greatness, the Regency-era heroines in **Minerva Spencer's** thrilling new historical romance series possess both clever minds and unusual skills that enable them to go head-to-head—and heart to heart—with the best of men, including those of the ton . . .



**KENSINGTON**

386 pages

**Available Rights**

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

**Sold Rights**

France and Romania

**A Duke, The Spy, An Artist, and A Lie**

(Rogues & Remarkable Women Series #3)

— **Vanessa Riley** —

**Founded by the ton's most ingenious countess, the secret society The Widow's Grace comes to the aid of ill-treated widows and wives and helps them regain their fortunes, their families, and sometimes discover true love. . .**

Final book in the trilogy: critically acclaimed author Riley infuses the ballroom settings of Regency England with Jamaican flair in her Rogues & Remarkable Women series featuring a secret society of widows battling society to regain their fortunes and families. For adventurous heiress Cecilia, marrying charming military lieutenant Viscount Gantry to save him from danger—and herself from mercenary suitors—was a painful mistake. Instead of a passionate life together, she's stranded at his chilly mansion with his unaccepting family. Worse, she finds he is a spy dedicated to duty over wedlock. So when she hears her sister has died, Cecilia is determined to expose the powerful man responsible. Assisted by The Widow's Grace, she flees to Covent Garden with a new identity. But can she elude her formidable husband— even as the desire between them continues to flare even hotter?

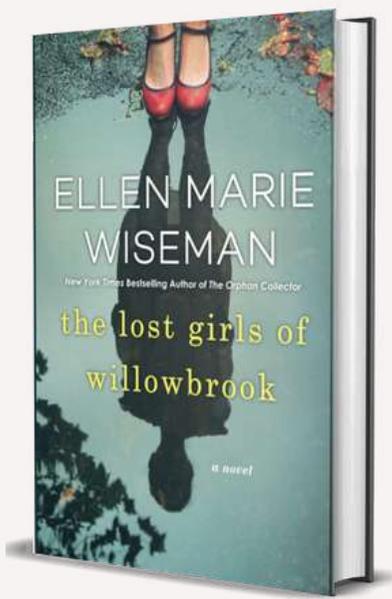
**Key Selling Points**

- "Smart and witty . . . the perfect historical read."—Julia Quinn, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Bridgerton series* on Book 1
- *A Duke, the Lady and A Baby* (#1) was an Amazon Best of the Month and Publisher's Weekly Editor's Pick.



# Historical Fiction

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# The Lost Girls of Willowbrook

— Ellen Marie Wiseman —

**Girl, Interrupted meets One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest in this gripping narrative of social injustice, survival, and a young woman determined to find her sister.**

Sage Winters always knew her sister was a little different even though they were identical twins. They loved the same things and shared a deep understanding, but Rosemary—awake to every emotion, easily moved to joy or tears—seemed to need more protection from the world. Six years after Rosemary's death from pneumonia, Sage, now sixteen, still misses her deeply. Their mother perished in a car crash, and Sage's stepfather, Alan, resents being burdened by a responsibility he never wanted. Yet despite living as near strangers in their Staten Island apartment, Sage is stunned to discover that Alan has kept a shocking secret: Rosemary didn't die. She was committed to Willowbrook State School and has lingered there until just a few days ago, when she went missing.

Sage knows little about Willowbrook. It's always been a place shrouded by rumor and mystery. A place local parents threaten to send misbehaving kids. With no idea what to expect, Sage secretly sets out for Willowbrook, determined to find Rosemary. What she learns, once she steps through its doors and is mistakenly believed to be her sister, will change her life in ways she never could imagined...

**KENSINGTON**

**384 pages**

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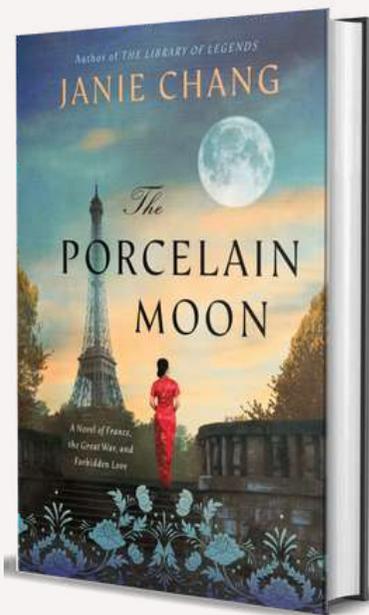
Spain, Portugal and Brazil

**Sold Rights**

Czech Republic, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, and Turkey

## Key Selling Points

- The Orphan Collector was #1 in WWI Fiction on Amazon and #4 in Historical Fiction. It has sold more than 300,000 copies and Ellen Marie Wiseman has over a million copies sold across her titles.
- "Powerful. Grounded in historical fact, it ends like a fast-paced thriller." - *Historical Novel Society*
- Instant New York Times and USA Today bestseller!



# The Porcelain moon

— Janie Chang —

**Set against the little-known history of the 140,000 Chinese workers brought to Europe as non-combatant labor during WWI, The Porcelain Moon is a tale of forbidden love, identity and belonging, and what we are willing to risk for freedom.**

France, 1918. In the final days of the First World War, a young Chinese woman, Pauline Deng, runs away from her uncle's home in Paris to evade a marriage being arranged for her in Shanghai. To prevent the union, she needs the help of her cousin Theo, who is working as a translator for the Chinese Labour Corps in the French countryside. In the town of Noyelles-sur-Mer, Camille Roussel is planning her escape from an abusive marriage, and to end a love affair that can no longer continue. When Camille offers Pauline a room for her stay, the two women become friends. But it's not long before Pauline uncovers a perilous secret that Camille has been hiding from her. As their dangerous situation escalates, the two women are forced to make a terrible decision that will bind them together for the rest of their lives.

**TARYN FAGERNESS AGENCY**

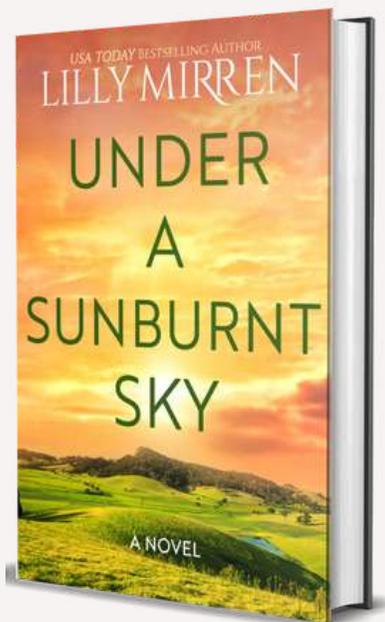
**352 pages**

**Available Rights**

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

## Key Selling Points

- From the critically acclaimed author of The Library of Legends comes a vividly rendered novel set in WWI France about two young women—one Chinese, one French—whose lives intersect with unexpected, potentially dangerous consequences.



**TARYN FAGERNESS  
AGENCY**

### Available Rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

## Under a Sunburnt Sky

**Lilly Mirren**

**Inspired by the true story of an overlooked hero of World War II, *Under a Sunburnt Sky* is the unforgettable tale of one boy's heroism when faced with evil and the unbreakable bonds of love.**

When the Nazis invade Poland and round up the Jews to force them into a ghetto in Warsaw, Jan Kostański, a Polish Catholic teenager, doesn't let the Nazi warnings of executions for those caught helping Jewish people stop him. With his neighbours now living in the ghetto, he joins a group of smugglers to take them food. And it isn't long before he finds love in the dark shadows of the ghetto walls.

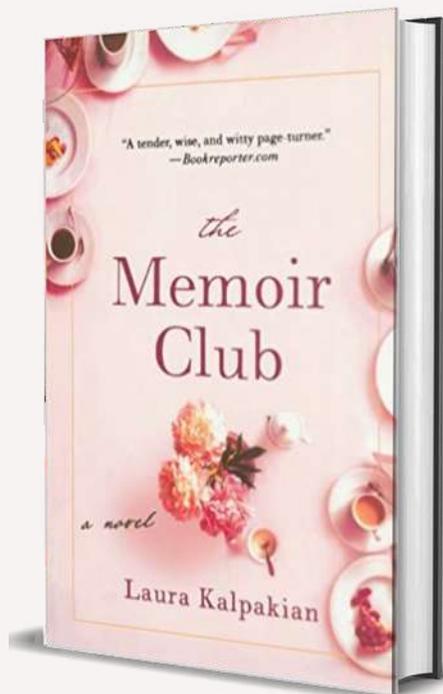
Nacha Wierzbicka has a normal life in the Old Town when the nazis invade Poland. After months of heavy shelling, they think things can't get any worse. Then Warsaw falls, she and her family find themselves faced with an anti-semitism they've never experienced before. When they're locked into the ghetto, she's certain they'll never see freedom again

### Key Selling Points

- Hit #1 Amazon, Historical Australian & Oceanian Fiction with Beyond *The Crushing Waves*.
- Hit top 5 Amazon, Historical British Fiction, and Historical European Fiction *The Crushing Waves*.
- USA Today bestselling author.



# Literary Fiction



**JENIFFER LYONS AGENCY**

288 pages

### Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

## The Memoir Club

— Laura Kalpakian —

**Six women, each with her own goals and misgivings, join a university extension night class in Writing Your Memoir. In the course of revealing their pasts to one another, they become friends.**

When the class finally ends, they continue to meet privately at the gracious home of one of the participants. The memoir class becomes the Memoir Club. Grief-stricken Dr. Caryn Henley only goes to the class at the insistence of her longtime friend and colleague, Nell, a woman so loyal that behind her back people call her the St. Bernard. Rusty Meadows wants to write a memoir for the daughter she gave up at birth. Mrs. Francine Hellman wants her memoir to laud her late husband, the scientist Dr. Marcus Hellman -- only to find he had a past unknown to her. Elderly, unconventional Sarah Jane Perkins writes to come to terms with the cruelties her rigid mother inflicted on her artistic, bootlegging father. And Korean born Jill McDougall comes to the memoir class to find out who she is, and why she's living in a warehouse with a man who loves ice cream. These students of the memoir achieve what they set out to do, but discover what they never expected. Along the way, the disparate women come together, reveal themselves to each other and support each other. As they render their pasts in memoirs, they forge a new present and a new future.

### Key Selling Points

- "The moral of the story remains clear: we all have a story to tell—of loss, regret and yearning—and in telling it, we are all connected" - *Publishers Weekly*.
- "Kalpakian writes with a verve that leaves you laughing and contemplating your own ideas of family." - *Chicago Tribune*.
- "Kalpakian's observations are sharp, her humor is sweet." -- *London Observer*.

## The African Samurai

— Craig Shreve —

***The African Samurai* is based on the true-life story of Yasuke, history's first foreign born samurai. It is an incredible work of literary fiction.**

**NO COVER YET**

**WESTWOOD CREATIVE  
ARTISTS**

288 pages

### Available rights

Spain, Portugal

### Sold Rights

Canada (Simon & Shuster)

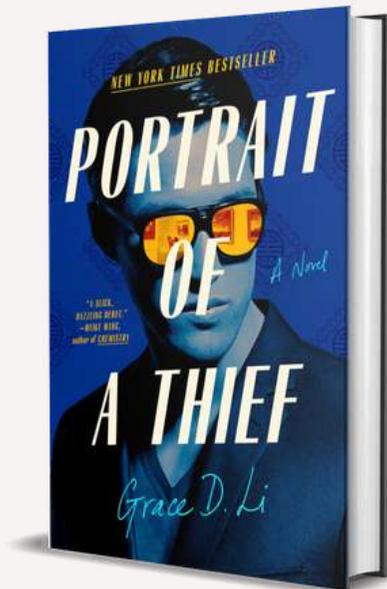
In 1579, a Portuguese trade ship sails into port at Kinchotsu, Japan, loaded with European wares and weapons. Also aboard is an enormous East African slave named Yasuke. Taken from his village as a boy, sold as a slave to mercenaries and forced to fight in Indian wars that meant nothing to him, he is a young but experienced soldier. Serving as the protector for a highranking Italian priest, Yasuke joins an expedition pushing inland towards the capital city of Kyoto.

In central Japan, Oda Nobunaga, the land's most powerful warlord, is preparing a campaign to complete the unification of a nation that's been torn apart by over a hundred years of civil war.

At the center of these complex political machinations rises the most unlikely of heroes: the great warrior Yasuke, who against all odds becomes Japan's first foreign samurai, and the only one of African descent. His moral preoccupation is not a question of power, as it is for Nobunaga, but one notably and poignantly of freedom.

### Key Selling Points

- *The African Samurai* is based on the true life story of Yasuke, history's first foreign born samurai, and the only samurai to ever be of African descent.
- It is an incredible work of literary fiction; a magnificent reconstruction and moving study of a lost historical figure; and a truly enthralling narrative, thrilling in its dramatization.



**KT Literary**

320 pages

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal

**Sold Rights**

Uk, Italy

## Portrait of a Thief

— Grace D. Li —

***Ocean's Eleven* meets *The Farewell* in *Portrait of a Thief*, a lush, lyrical heist novel inspired by the true story of Chinese art vanishing from Western museums; about diaspora, the colonization of art, and the complexity of the Chinese American identity.**

History is told by the conquerors. Across the Western world, museums display the spoils of war, of conquest, of colonialism: priceless pieces of art looted from other countries, kept even now. Will Chen plans to steal them back.

A senior at Harvard, Will fits comfortably in his carefully curated roles: a perfect student, an art history major and sometimes artist, the eldest son who has always been his parents' American Dream. But when a mysterious Chinese benefactor reaches out with an impossible—and illegal—job offer, Will finds himself something else as well: the leader of a heist to steal back five priceless Chinese sculptures, looted from Beijing centuries ago.

His crew is every heist archetype one can imagine—or at least, the closest he can get. A con artist: Irene Chen, a public policy major at Duke who can talk her way out of anything. A thief: Daniel Liang, a premed student with steady hands just as capable of lockpicking as suturing. A getaway driver: Lily Wu, an engineering major who races cars in her free time. A hacker: Alex Huang, an MIT dropout turned Silicon Valley software engineer. Each member of his crew has their own complicated relationship with China and the identity they've cultivated as Chinese Americans, but when Will asks, none of them can turn him down.

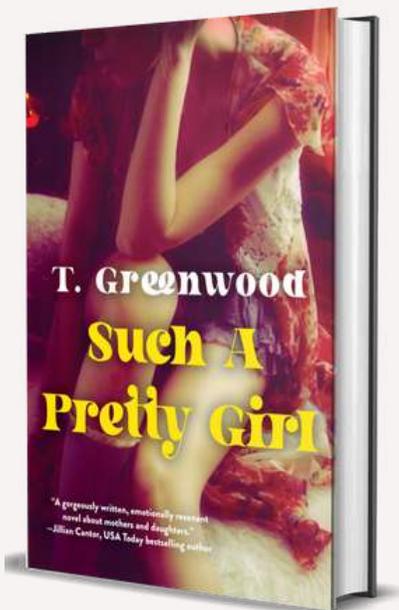
Because if they succeed? They earn fifty million dollars—and a chance to make history. But if they fail, it will mean not just the loss of everything they've dreamed for themselves but yet another thwarted attempt to take back what colonialism has stolen.

### Key Selling Points

- Equal parts beautiful, thoughtful, and thrilling, *Portrait of a Thief* is a cultural heist and an examination of Chinese American identity, as well as a necessary critique of the lingering effects of colonialism.



Contemporary



**KENSINGTON**  
304 pages

**Available Rights**

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

**Rights sold**

Czech Republic

## Such a Pretty Girl

— T. Greenwood —

Against the nostalgic grit of 1970s New York City, the precarious lines between girl and woman, art and obscenity, fetish and fame flicker and ignite for a young girl on the brink of stardom and a mother on the verge of collapse in this vividly lyrical drama from the award-winning author T. Greenwood.

living peacefully in Vermont, Ryan is shocked when a text from her oldest friend alerts her to a devastating news article. A controversial photo of her as a pre-teen has been found in the possession of a wealthy investor recently revealed as a pedophile and a sex trafficker—with an inscription to him from Ryan’s mother on the back.

Memories crowd in, providing their own distinctive pictures of her mother Fiona, an aspiring actress, and their move to the West Village in 1976. Amid the city’s gritty kaleidoscope of wealth and poverty, high art, and sleazy strip clubs, Ryan is discovered and thrust into the spotlight as a promising young actress with a woman’s face and a child’s body. Suddenly, the safety and comfort Ryan longs for is replaced by auditions, paparazzi, and the hungry eyes of men of all ages. Forced to reexamine her childhood, Ryan begins to untangle her young fears and her mother’s ambitions, and the role each played in the fraught blackout summer of 1977.

### Key Selling Points

- Ideal for fans of *Daisy Jones and the Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.
- “Magnetic...This knotty story leaves readers reflecting on the limits of family obligations.” – *Publishers Weekly*

## June, Reimagined

— Rebekah Crane —



**AMAZON**  
304 pages

**Available Rights**

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

From the writer who brought you the Irish romance *The Upside of Falling Down* comes a new novel about secrets, friendship, reinvention, and unexpected love in the Scottish Highlands.

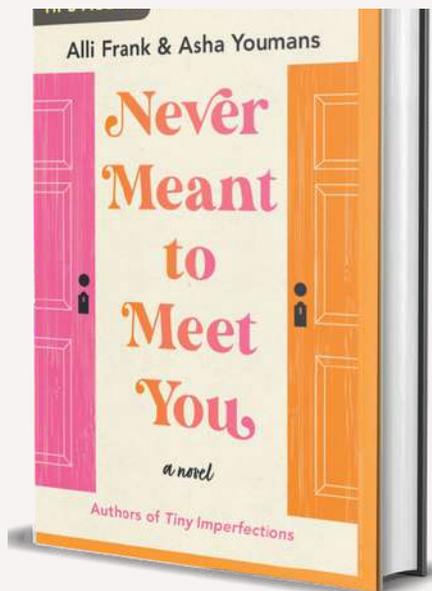
June Merriweather is on the run—from her own life. Her brother is dead, her parents are liars, and her college major is a joke. Apart from her best friend, Matt, June is desperate for reinvention. And a one-way ticket out of Cincinnati to the Scottish Highlands is a good place to start.

With a backpack, an urn, and a secret, June begins again. She snags a job at a café and finds lodging at a quaint inn with a quirky cast of housemates. The only problem: the inn’s infuriatingly perceptive (and sexy) owner, Lennox. He’s suspicious of June. After all, no one comes to Scotland in the winter unless they’re running from something. From rocky start to sizzling temptation, June’s new world is exhilarating...and one detour away from disaster.

With her past and her future both vying for attention, June can’t begin to picture where her reimagined life is headed next. And falling in love with the last person she expected is only the beginning.

### Key Selling Points

- “The real love story here is between the protagonist and her authentic life...A sincere story about navigating life and love.” — *Kirkus Reviews*
- Rebekah Crane is the author of several critically acclaimed young adult novels, including *Only the Pretty Lies*, *Postcards for a Songbird*, *The Infinite Pieces of Us*, *The Upside of Falling Down*, *The Odds of Loving Grover Cleveland*, *Aspen*, and *Playing Nice*.



# Never Meant to Meet You

Alli Frank and Asha Youmans

**Never Meant to Meet You** explores the power of humor and friendship to weather the rituals of grief and celebrates two women who, together, find the strength to remake their lives—whether they want to or not.

Self-appointed fixer of other people’s woes Marjette Lewis is uncharacteristically determined to keep to her side of the driveway when it comes to her flawless neighbor Noa Abrams. Professionally, Marjette has her hands full as she prepares for a new class of kindergarteners and her first year of teaching without her best friend, Judy, as campus “Black-up.” And at home, her son’s budding manhood challenges her expectations, and her vexing ex-husband continues to be a thorn in her side.

But when tragedy strikes Marjette’s street, and an unexpected child shows up on the first day of school with an uncle who has all the class moms aflutter, Marjette is forced to contend with both her neighbor and her own heartache over losing the life she once thought was guaranteed. Through laughter, tears, and the gift of found family, Marjette and Noa navigate the rituals of loss together and discover the strength to remake their lives—whether they meant to or not.

AMAZON

320 pages

### Available Rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

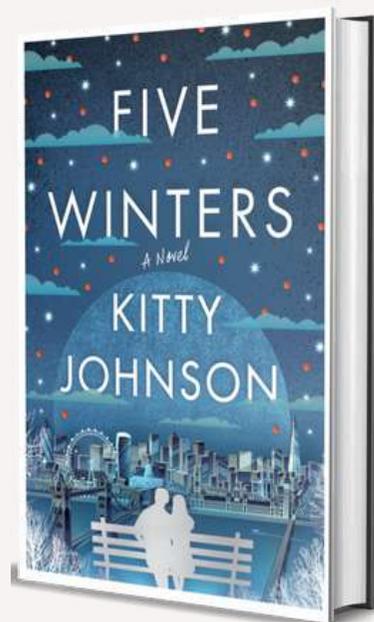
## Key Selling Points

• From the authors of *Tiny Imperfections* comes a riotously funny, emotionally real look at race and religion, love and heartache, and the realities of parenting through it all.

• “[A] sparkling story of unlikely friendship.” — *Booklist*

# Five Winters

Kitty Johnson



**A bighearted novel about motherhood, friendship, moving on, and love of all kinds.**

Ever since Beth Bailey was a girl, she’s been in love with her best friend’s older brother, Mark. She’s continued to hold out hope that maybe, someday, he’ll love her back. But now Beth is thirty-five years old, and on the day of Mark’s wedding to another woman, she finally accepts the wake-up call she needs to move on.

Beth’s dream of marrying her first love may be over, but her other biggest desire is still within reach: becoming a mother. Having lost her own parents very young, there’s nothing Beth wants more in life, and nothing she’ll stop at to make her wish come true.

Over the course of five years, and with unexpected twists along the way, Beth will come to startling realisations about family, friendship, the meaning of love, and most importantly, herself on the winding path to happiness and, she hopes, to motherhood.

TARYN FAGERNESS AGENCY

320 pages

### Available Rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

## Key Selling Points

• “This book is such a tonic. Entertaining characters, a heartwarming story line, and an ending guaranteed to make you smile.” — Imogen Clark, bestselling author of *Impossible to Forget*.



**KENSINGTON**

304 pages

**Available Rights**

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

## Someone Else's Bucket List

— Amy Matthews —

**Matthews' wryly funny and bittersweet novel puts an uplifting twist on life after loss, showing how a strong sister bond can be timeless.**

Jodie is a shy 25-year-old, completely unsure what to do with her life. Her older sister, Bree, is an adventurous, globe-trotting, hugely successful influencer. She's the most alive person Jodie knows—up until Bree's unfathomable, untimely death. The Boyds are devastated - but Bree thought of everything and soon, Jodie is shocked by a new post on her sister's Instagram feed.

The first of many Bree recorded in secret, the post foretells a jaw-dropping challenge for Jodie: to complete Bree's very public bucket list. From "Fly over Antarctica," to "Perform a walk-on cameo in a Broadway musical," if Jodie does it—and keeps all Bree's followers—a corporate sponsor will pay off the staggering medical debt. So, despite the whole world watching, Jodie plunges in, never imagining that in death, her sister will teach her how to live, and that the last item on the list—"Fall in love"—may just prove to be the easiest

### Key Selling Points

- Perfect for fans of *Rebecca Serle*.
- It is fiction in the vein of Josie Silver's *The Two Lives of Lydia Bird* - a contemporary novel that shows how joy and levity are a part of the grieving and healing process, with a bit of romance thrown in as well.

# Thriller & Suspense

# Keep It in the Family

— John Marris —

**A young couple's house hides terrible secrets—and not all of them are confined to the past.**

Mia and Finn are busy turning a derelict house into their dream home when Mia unexpectedly falls pregnant. But just when they think the house is ready, Mia discovers a chilling message scored into a skirting board: I WILL SAVE THEM FROM THE ATTIC.

Following the clue up into the eaves, the couple make a gruesome discovery: their dream home was once a house of horrors. In the wake of their traumatic discovery, the baby arrives and Mia can't shake her fixation with the monstrous crimes that happened right above them. Haunted by the terrible things she saw and desperate to find answers, her obsession pulls her ever further from her husband. Secrecy shrouds the mystery of the attic, but when shards of a dark truth start to emerge, Mia realises the danger is terrifyingly present. She is prepared to do anything to protect her family—but is it already too late?



**AMAZON**

290 pages

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

## Key Selling Points

- John Marris is an ITW award finalist with *THE GOOD SAMARITAN*.
- Netflix released a ten-part dramatization of the author's title *THE ONE*, in 2020.

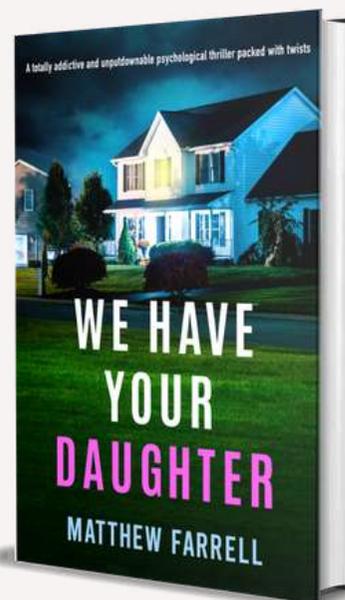
# We have your daughter

— Matthew Farrell —

**This unbelievably twisty, unputdownable psychological thriller will keep you guessing right up to the final page! Fans of *Freida McFadden*, *My Lovely Wife*, and *The Couple Next Door* will be hooked.**

"Mom, they took me. You have to do what they tell you. I'm so scared."

When I pick up the call from an unknown number my worst fears are realized: someone has kidnapped my daughter Nelle. In an instant, the blissful life I've built is shattered. Distraught, I plead with them to let me speak to my darling daughter, until the voice on the line says a name that makes my blood run cold: Betty Hamms. Suddenly my past and present are colliding. My heart pounds harder in my chest, the memories flooding my head. How do they know about Betty? And what else do they know? I picture Nelle's beautiful green eyes and freckled cheeks, knowing that I have a choice to make. Just how far am I willing to go to protect my beloved family—and my secrets? Racing to the address they gave me in a tiny lake town upstate, I'm terrified I will never see Nelle again. But I've been hiding behind my lies for twenty years. If the truth finally comes out, will my daughter ever forgive me? And is there any hope of her surviving?



**TARYN FAGERNESS AGENCY**

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**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

## Key Selling Points

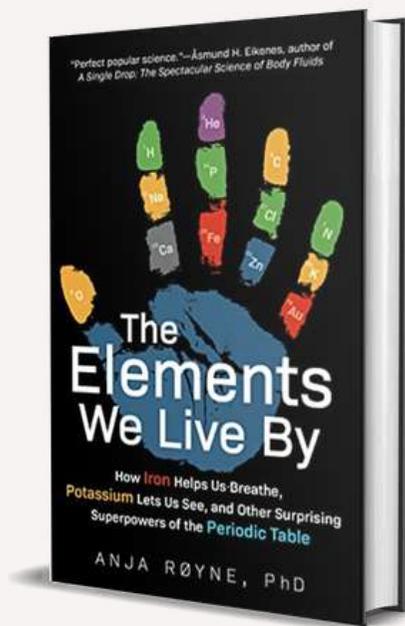
- Matthew Farrell is a Washington Post and Amazon Charts bestseller of four previous thrillers with Thomas & Mercer. His books have sold over 400,000 copies (and counting) and have been widely praised.

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# Non-Fiction



SANDRA BRUNA  
AGENCIA LITERARIA



## STILTON LITERACY AGENCY NORWAY

239 pages

### Available Rights

Spain, Portugal

### Sold Rights

(The Experiment) US/N-A. (Rok Media) Korea, (Alma Littera) Lithuania (Muza) Poland (Vallardi) Italy (Ambo Anthos) Netherlands (Little Brown) UK+British Commonwealth (United Sky) China (Orenda) Turkey (Buchet Chastel) World French

## Key Selling Points

- "Physicist Røyne explains the role played by different elements within the human body, and visits various sites around the world where these elements can be found."—*Publishers Weekly*
- "An excellent book about the elements . . . Physicist Anja Røyne has achieved the feat of producing a popular science heavyweight that wears its knowledge lightly."—Mari Grydeland, Aftenposten
- Winner of the prestigious Brage Prize for best popular science book in Norway 2018.

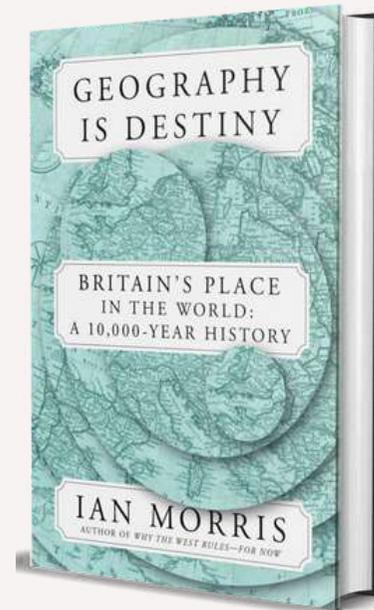
## The Elements We Live By

— Anja Røyne —

**Where do the elements come from and could we use them up?**

Physicist Anja Røyne takes an original approach, writing a book about the building blocks from which we humans – and the whole of the world – are made. By asking questions like “could we run out of iron?” and “is there enough sand?”, she leads the reader into discussions about the world’s resources at both the micro and macro level, and about how the universe fits together. Røyne writes in clear language and demonstrates throughout a fearless ability to tackle the big questions that concern us all, which lifts the book up to an existential level; at the same time, she connects physics to the reader’s everyday life.

The book starts and ends with outer space, where the elements originated and where we may perhaps be able to obtain resources sometime in the far future. Yet at the same time, the book is firmly anchored in our own planet, and its message is to explain how we need to protect the planet with its existing elements. In this way, physics becomes directly relevant to the reader, making this a book that elegantly links the tiniest particles with the biggest questions.



## SANDRA DIJKSTRA LITERARY AGENCY

576 pages

### Available Rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

### Sold Rights

Germany (Campus) Netherlands (Spectrum) China (Citic)

## Key Selling Points

- Ian Morris teaches classics, history, and archaeology at Stanford University. Born in Stoke-on-Trent in 1960, he now lives in the Santa Cruz Mountains in California. He has published many books, including *Why The West Rules.. for Now* which has been translated into 14 languages.
- "Sparkling . . . Written with verve and wit, this compulsively readable overview of British history is full of fascinating lore and incisive analysis."—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

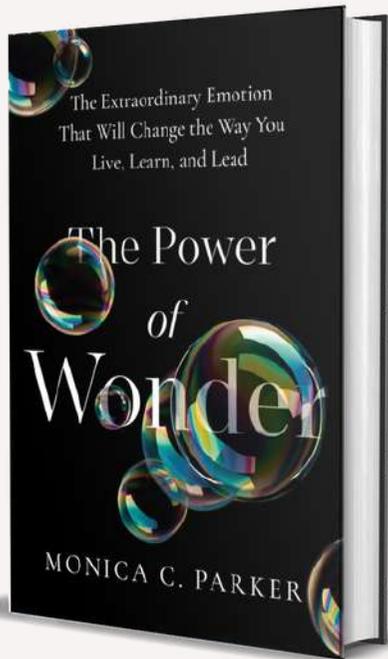
## Geography is Destiny

— Ian Morris —

**Ian Morris chronicles the eight-thousand-year history of Britain's relationship to Europe as it has changed in the context of a globalizing world.**

Ian Morris, the critically acclaimed author of *Why the West Rules—for Now*, describes how technology and organization have steadily enlarged Britain's arena, and how its people have tried to turn this to their advantage. For the first seventy-five hundred years, the British were never more than bit players at the western edge of a European stage, struggling to find a role among bigger, richer, and more sophisticated continental rivals. By 1500 CE, however, new kinds of ships and governments had turned the European stage into an Atlantic one; with the English Channel now functioning as a barrier, England transformed the British Isles into a United Kingdom that created a worldwide empire.

Since 1900, however, thanks to rapid globalization, Britain has been overshadowed by American, European, and—increasingly—Chinese actors. But in trying to find its place in a global economy, Britain has been looking in all the wrong places. The eight-thousand-year story bracingly chronicled by *Geography Is Destiny* shows that the great question for the coming century is not what to do about Brussels; it's what to do about Beijing.



**TARYN FAGERNESS  
AGENCY**

400 pages

**Available Rights**

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

**The Power of  
Wonder:  
The Science and Soul of  
an Extraordinary Emotion**

— **Monika Parker** —

**From the first tinkle of curiosity to the epiphanic lightning bolt of a stroke of genius, there isn't a person who hasn't felt wonder, craved wonder, or pursued wonder, and yet so little is understood about this profoundly beneficial and magical emotion.**

In vivid, illustrative language, *The Power of Wonder* takes readers on a multidisciplinary journey through psychology, neuroscience, philosophy, literature, and business to share some of the surprising secrets of this little-understood emotion. Readers will learn about the components and elicitors of wonder, examples of how wonder transforms bodies and brains, and practical tips and tools to become more wonderprone. Tackling some of the most relevant issues of our time such as overwork, resiliency, ethics, and empathy, this book shares with readers the science and soul of the most positively impactful emotion, wonder, and how people can use it to lead happier, healthier, and more meaningful lives.

**Key Selling Points**

- Parker is a globally recognized speaker who spoke to over 50,000 people across 33 events in 2020.
- "Monica Parker has taken an undervalued emotion — and demonstrated its capacity to transform our lives. This book is precisely what we need to cultivate curiosity, empathy, and open-mindedness in our world."  
- Daniel H. Pink, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *THE POWER OF REGRET, WHEN, and DRIVE*.

**Being Heumann**

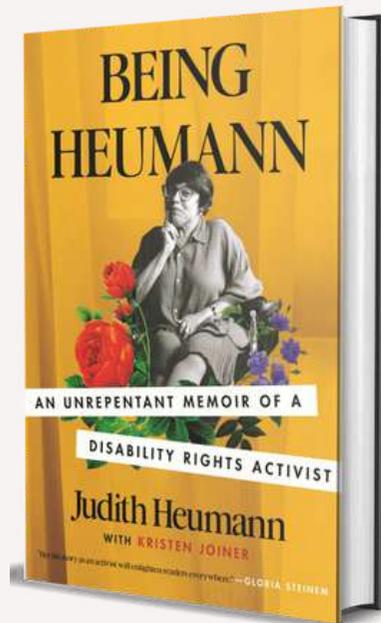
— **Judith Heumann and  
Kristen Joiner** —

**One of the most influential disability rights activists in US history tells her personal story of fighting for the right to receive an education, have a job, and just be human.**

A story of fighting to belong in a world that wasn't built for all of us and of one woman's activism—from the streets of Brooklyn and San Francisco to inside the halls of Washington—*Being Heumann* recounts Judy Heumann's lifelong battle to achieve respect, acceptance, and inclusion in society.

Paralyzed from polio at eighteen months, Judy's struggle for equality began early in life. From fighting to attend grade school after being described as a "fire hazard" to later winning a lawsuit against the New York City school system for denying her a teacher's license because of her paralysis, Judy's actions set a precedent that fundamentally improved rights for disabled people.

As a young woman, Judy rolled her wheelchair through the doors of the US Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in San Francisco as a leader of the Section 504 Sit-In, the longest takeover of a governmental building in US history. Working with a community of over 150 disabled activists and allies, Judy successfully pressured the Carter administration to implement protections for disabled peoples' rights, sparking a national movement and leading to the creation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.



**SANDRA DIJKSTRA  
LITERARY AGENCY**

240 pages

**Available Rights**

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

**Key Selling Points**

- An unrepentant memoir of a disability rights activist.
- Candid, intimate, and irreverent, Judy Heumann's memoir about resistance to exclusion invites readers to imagine and make real a world in which we all belong.

NO COVER YET

WESTWOOD  
CREATIVE ARTIST

Not pages yet

Available Rights

Spain, Portugal

Sold Rights

Canada (Penguin Random House Canada)

## Her Space, Her time

— Shohini Ghose —

**How Trailblazing Women in Physics and Astronomy Decoded the Hidden Universe.**

Women physicists from around the world have transformed science and society. So why haven't we heard of these remarkable women who made indelible marks in physics? *Her Space, Her Time*, authored by award-winning quantum physicist Dr. Shohini Ghose, seeks to correct the injustice of these scientists' anonymity by bringing them to the fore and giving credit where credit is long overdue.

In each chapter of the book, Ghose addresses a particular aspect of women's experiences in physics using a common physics theme to connect the featured women in that chapter: in the chapter on time, for instance, we learn of Henrietta Leavitt and Margaret Burbidge, who helped discover the big bang and the cosmic calendar; in the chapter on space exploration, we learn of the hundreds of Navajo (Diné) women of Shiprock who built the silicon microchips critical to the moon landings; and in the chapter on subatomic particles, we learn of Marietta Blau, Hertha Wambacher, and Bibha Chowdhuri, who contributed to the discovery of the building blocks of the universe, and, in doing so, played a crucial role in determining who gets to do physics today.

### Key Selling Points

- The inspiring stories of the long-overlooked women physicists who discovered the fundamental rules of the universe—and reshaped the rules of society.
- Engaging, accessible, and timely, *Her Space, Her Time* is a collective story of scientific innovation, inspirational leadership, and overcoming invisibility that will leave a lasting impression on any reader curious about the rule-breakers and trendsetters who illuminated our understanding of the universe.

GABAL VERLAG  
GMBH

200 pages

Available Rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

## What We Can Learn from Other Cultures

— Gundula Gwenn Hiller —

**Using cross-cultural perspectives to rise to the challenges of the future.**

Health, good interpersonal relationships, mutual respect for others and sustainable behaviour are increasingly prioritised above more traditional concerns. More and more of us are seeking a better work-life balance; society is crying out for greater cohesion; our economy is in desperate need of innovation, diversification and flexibility. The problem is that our current value system – and the cultures that currently prevail within education, business and society – are in many ways counterproductive to achieving these goals.

Living in an individualistic society, there is much we can learn from other cultures about improving our social togetherness, leading more joyful and meaningful lives and, ultimately, guiding our own culture towards a healthier and more sustainable way of thinking and acting. This book shows how it's done. Gundula Gwenn Hiller, a renowned expert on interculturality and diversity, invites us to explore what we can learn from other cultures and offers solutions for individual and societal challenges.

### Key Selling Points

- How global wisdom can aid your pursuit of a better future.
- Fascinating insights into your own cultural identity.
- What you can learn from other cultures to help you rise to the challenges of today.



**GABAL VERLAG  
GMBH**

230 pages

### Available Rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

## Female Finance

**Karolina Decker, Rica Klitzke,  
Leitha Matz**

**Plan ahead. Invest successfully.  
Be financially independent.**

Today, women pursue careers, found businesses, manage teams, raise children and deal with a multitude of family re-sponsibilities. Their own needs and interests often fall by the wayside – especially when it comes to money matters.

High time, then, for women to take their financial security into their own hands. There is a plethora of life events – divorce, bereavement, disability and more – that can throw a seemingly certain life plan into disarray. In addition, it has never been more vital to plan early for retirement. With this in mind, this comprehensive financial guide shows how women can act to claim their financial independence. The expert authors foster a positive, open attitude towards the subject of money, answer key questions on investing with confidence and address many of the life situations women typically face.

### Key Selling Points

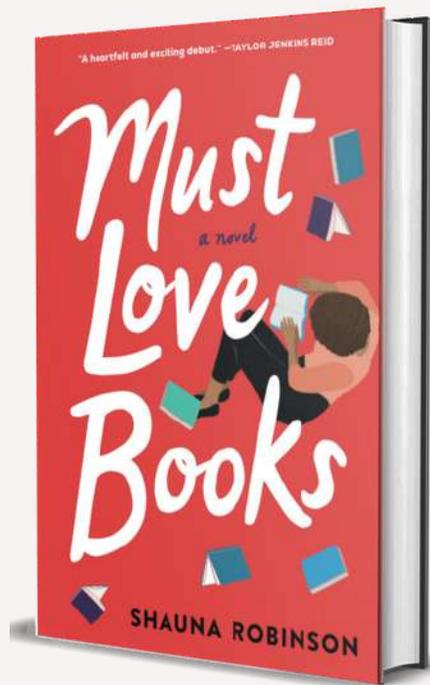
- **Calling all women: take your finances into your own hands!**
- **Get to know the basics of investing and put together a successful, self-selected portfolio.**
- **Achieve complete confidence in the financial realm.**

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# New Adult



SANDRA BRUNA  
AGENCIA LITERARIA



**JILL GRINBERG**  
**LITERARY MANAGEMENT**

336 pages

**Available Rights**

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

**Sold Rights**

US (Sourcebooks), UK (Harper Collins), Rusia (Eksmo)

Required: Must love books

## Must Love Books

— Shauna Robinson —

**A sharp, swoony debut pitched as *The Bookish Life of Nina Hill* meets *Such a Fun Age*, perfect for fans of *Younger*.**

Applicant: Nora Hughes—the overworked, underpaid, last assistant standing. At least for now.

Experience: Five years too many. When Nora landed an editorial assistant position at Parsons Press, it was her first step towards The Dream Job. But after five years of lunch orders, finicky authors, and per my last emails, Nora has come to one grand conclusion: Dream Jobs do not exist.

Salary Expectations: Abysmal. With her life spiraling and the Parsons staff sinking, Nora gets hit with even worse news. Parsons is cutting her already unlivable salary. Unable to afford her rent, Nora decides to moonlight for a rival publisher...and maybe poach some Parsons authors along the way.

References: None. Well...maybe one? But when Andrew Santos, a bestselling Parsons author no one can afford to lose is thrown into the mix, Nora has to decide where her loyalties lie. Her new Dream Job, ever-optimistic Andrew, or...herself and her future.

### Key Selling Points

- Sold in a two-book deal to Sourcebooks, with two more books to follow.
- A novel for every person who has struggled through their twenties, and for those who have realized their dream job was not nearly as satisfying as they'd anticipated.

"A book for book lovers...It's impossible not to root for Nora!" - Jesse Q Sutanto, national bestselling author of *Dial A for Aunties*.



AMAZON

360 pages

**Available Rights**

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

### Key Selling Points

- "Pitched as a version of the acclaimed TV Series *THIS IS US*".
- Highlights the multigenerational dynamics of a family and follows four Mexican-American cousins-love and losses-.

## Big Chicas Don't Cry

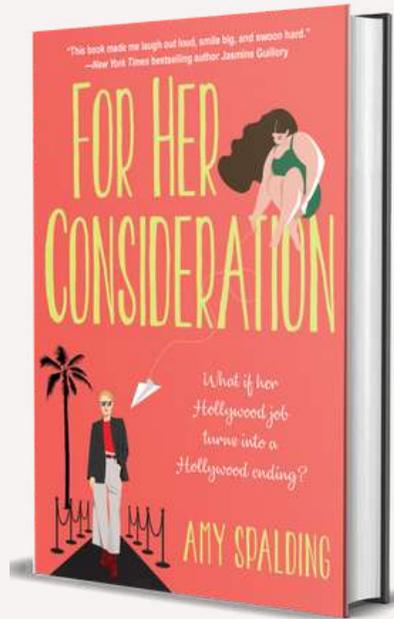
— Annette Chavez Macias —

**Four cousins navigate love, loss, and the meaning of family over the course of one memorable year in this heartfelt family drama.**

Cousins Mari, Erica, Selena, and Gracie are inseparable. They aren't just family but best friends—sharing secrets, traditions, and a fierce love for their abuelita. But their idyllic childhood ends when Mari's parents divorce, forcing her to move away. With Mari gone, the girls' tight-knit bond unravels.

Fifteen years later, Mari's got the big house and handsome husband, but her life is in shambles. Erica's boyfriend just dumped her, and her new boss hates her. Selena can't seem to find her place in the world—not Mexican enough for her family, not white enough for her colleagues. And Gracie is a Catholic school teacher with an all-consuming crush, but she can't trust herself when it comes to romance.

As rocky as the cousins' lives have become, nothing can prepare them for the heartbreaking loss of a loved one. When tragedy reunites them, will they remember their abuelita's lessons about family and forgiveness—or are fifteen years of separation too much to overcome?



KENSINGTON

320 pages

## Available Rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

## For Her Consideration

— Amy Spalding —

**When an aspiring L.A. scriptwriter falls head-over-heels for a bossy and beautiful movie star after a devastating break-up, the two take a risk on love and cast themselves as the leading ladies of their own star-struck romance in this sweet and spirited love story from critically-acclaimed writer Amy Spalding in her adult debut.**

Since a crushing breakup three years ago, Nina Rice has written romance, friends, her dreams of scriptwriting for TV, and even L.A. proper out of her life. Instead, she's safely out in the suburbs in her aunt's condo working her talent agency job from home, managing celebrity email accounts, and certain that's plenty of writing—and plot—for her life. But a surprise meeting called by Ari Fox, a young actress on everyone's radar, stirs up all kinds of feelings Nina thought she'd deleted for good...

Ari is sexy, out and proud, and a serious control freak, according to Nina's boss. She has her own ideas about how Nina should handle her emails—and about getting to know her ghostwriter. When she tells Nina she should be writing again, Nina suddenly finds it less scary to revisit her abandoned life than seriously consider that Ari is flirting with her. Between reconnecting with her old crew and working on a new script, a relationship with a movie star seems like something she'll definitely mess up—but what could be more worth the risk?

### Key Selling Points

- Spalding is the author of several YA novels, including the *The Summer of Jordi Perez* (and the Best Burger in Los Angeles), which was named a best book of 2018 by NPR, the Boston Globe, Kirkus. This is her adult debut.

## To Gaze Upon Wicked Gods

— Molly X. Chang —

***Shadow and Bone* meets *The Poppy War* in this gripping anti-colonial fantasy trilogy from Molly X. Chang.**

NO COVER YET

Ruying lives in an empire occupied by Romans, whose advanced science and military might make them Gods. But these Gods are not kind. Blessed with the power of Death and able to pull qi from anyone, Ruying wants only to survive. When her magic is discovered by an enemy prince she must decide if saving her family is worth betraying her country.

Featuring a cast of morally grey characters, incisive prose, a slow-burn enemies-to-lovers-to-enemies-again romance, and a world besieged by a colonial power, Chang's novel pulls no punches.

KT LITERARY

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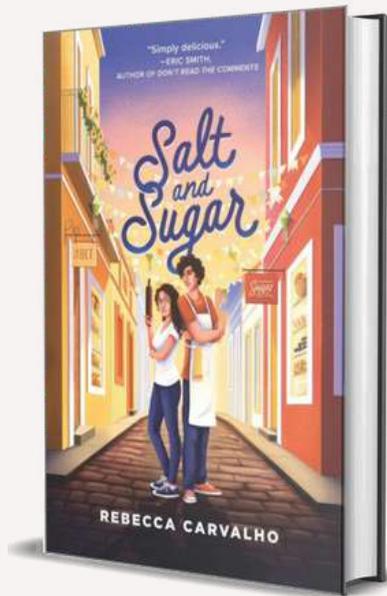
Spain, Portugal

## Sold Rights

US (Del Rey)

### Key Selling Points

- Pre-empted by Del Rey US in a major deal for three books for World English.
- Sold to PRH Puffin UK for six figures.
- Author of the international bestseller *Dark and Dangerous Love* under the name Molly Knight.



**SANDRA DIJKSTRA  
LITERARY AGENCY**

400 pages

#### Available rights

Spain, Portugal

#### Rights sold

Brazil (Record)

## Salt and Sugar

— Rebeca Carvalho —

**The grandchildren of two rival Brazilian bakeries fall in love despite their families' feud in this delicious debut rom-com perfect for fans of Nicola Yoon and Gloria Chao.**

Lari Ramires has always known this to be true. In Olinda, Brazil, her family's bakery, Salt, has been at war with the Molinas' bakery across the street, Sugar, for generations. But Lari's world turns upside down when her beloved grandmother passes away. On top of that, a big supermarket chain has moved to town, forcing many of the small businesses to close.

Determined to protect her home, Lari does the unthinkable—she works together with Pedro Molina to save both of their bakeries. Lari realizes she might not know Pedro as well as she thought—and she maybe even likes what she learns—but the question remains: Can a Ramires and a Molina truly trust one another?

### Key Selling Points

- "A spectacularly heartwarming story about food, family, and finding your person, with the kind of lush prose you wish you could sink your teeth into. Simply delicious." Eric Smith, author of *Don't Read the Comments*.
- "A sweet, charming story that sets its perfectly seasoned enemy-to-lovers tale in the diverse region of northeastern Brazil...A delectable rom-com debut." Kirkus Reviews, starred review

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# Young Adult



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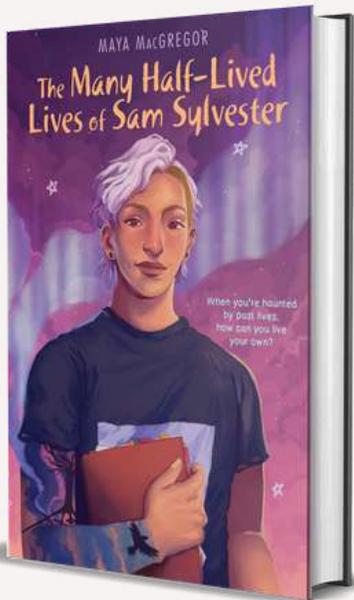
# The Many half-Lived Lives of Sam Sylvester

— Maya MacGregor —

***The Many Half-Lived Lives of Sam Sylvester* explores healing in the aftermath of trauma and the fullness of queer joy.**

Sam Sylvester has long collected stories of half-lived lives—of kids who died before they turned nineteen. Sam was almost one of those kids. Now, as Sam’s own nineteenth birthday approaches, their recent near-death experience haunts them. They’re certain they don’t have much time left. . . .

But Sam’s life seems to be on the upswing after meeting several new friends and a potential love interest in Shep, their next-door neighbor. Yet the past keeps roaring back—in Sam’s memories and in the form of a thirty-year-old suspicious death that took place in Sam’s new home. Sam can’t resist trying to find out more about the kid who died and who now seems to guide their investigation. When Sam starts receiving threatening notes, they know they’re on the path to uncovering a murderer. But are they digging through the past or digging their own future grave?



**KT LITERARY**  
360 pages

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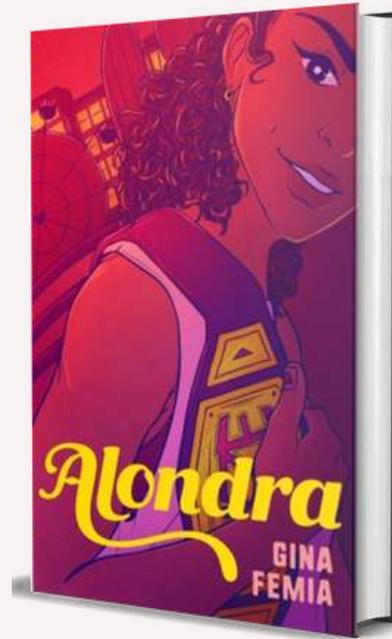
## Key Selling Points

- In this queer contemporary YA mystery, a nonbinary autistic teen realizes they must not only solve a 30-year-old mystery but also face the demons lurking in their past in order to live a satisfying life.
- “Look no further for your next favorite read, because *The Many Half-Lived Lives of Sam Sylvester* has it all: a gripping murder mystery that will keep you turning pages, ghosts, romance, and a treasure trove of queer characters with depth and heart. Here’s something rare—a suspenseful story that also feels like a hug.” —Sarah Glenn Marsh, author of the *Reign of the Fallen* series

# Alondra

— Gina Femia —

**A fresh contemporary YA debut about a bisexual Puerto Rican teenager who finds friendship, fame, and love on the streets of Coney Island when she befriends a group of teen wrestlers.**



**MACMILLAN**  
320 pages

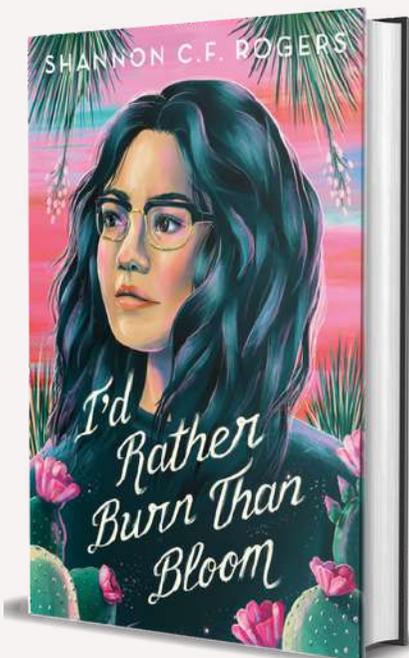
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Every day this summer Alondra has been watching the same group of teens wrestling on the playground from the window of her Coney Island apartment. She’s always been the type of kid to keep her head down and study hard, especially since the heat makes her guardian, Teresa, even more short-tempered.

One day she summons the courage to walk up to the group and, when she shares her impressive grasp of wrestling history, joins their ragtag team as they work toward wrestling fame. She becomes Alondra—the Fearless One. All the while, Alondra struggles with increasing tension at home, and with conflicting feelings for King, the handsome leader of the group, and Lexi, the girl with the beautiful smile.

## Key Selling Points

- Gina Femia is a bisexual award-winning playwright and performer. She's written more than thirty plays that have been produced all over the country. She still lives in her hometown of Brooklyn, New York with her husband, Freddy. Alondra is her first novel.



**MACMILLAN**

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## I'd Rather Burn than Bloom

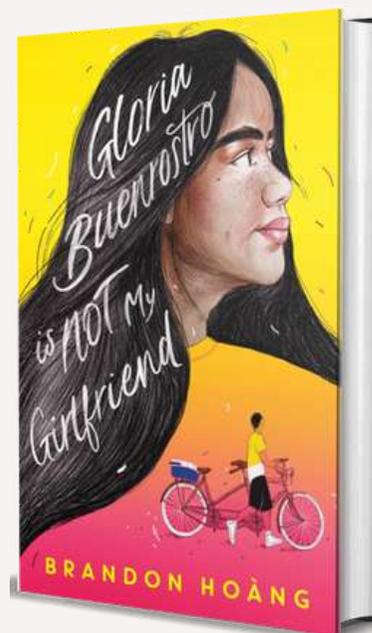
— Shannon C. F. Rogers —

***I'D Rather Burn Than Bloom* is perfect for fans of *I'm Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter* and *The Astonishing Color of After*.**

Some girls call their mother their best friend. Marisol Martin? She could never relate. She and her mom were forever locked in an argument with no beginning and no end. Clothes, church, boys, no matter the topic, Marisol always felt like there was an unbridgeable gap between them that they were perpetually shouting across, one that she longed to close. But when her mother dies suddenly, Marisol is left with no one to fight against, haunted by all the things that she both said and didn't say. Her dad seems completely lost, and worse, baffled by Marisol's attempts to connect with her mother's memory through her Filipino culture. Her brother Bernie is retreating further and further into himself. And when Marisol sleeps with her best friend's boyfriend? and then punches said best friend in the face? she's left alone, with nothing but a burning anger, and nowhere for it to go. And Marisol is determined to stay angry, after all, there's a lot to be angry about? her father, her mother, the world. But as a new friendship begins to develop with someone who just might understand, Marisol reluctantly starts to open up to her, and to the possibility there's something else on the other side of that anger? something more to who she is, and who she could be.

### Key Selling Points

- Packed with voice, this is a powerful coming of age YA novel about a Filipina-American teen who tries to figure out who she really is in the wake of her mother's death.



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304 pages

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## Gloria Buenrostro is not My Girlfriend

— Brandon Hoang —

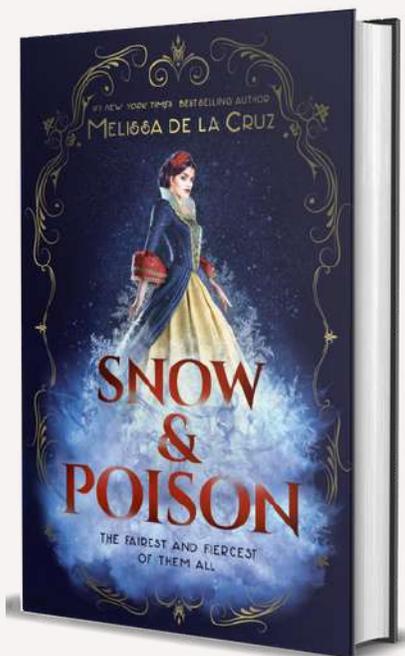
**From a prolific and exciting creator comes a contemporary YA debut for fans of *David Yoon*, *Field Guide to the North American Teenager*, and *Don't Date Rosa Santos*.**

As one of only two Asian American kids in his high school, Gary might as well be invisible. So when the most popular boy in his grade offers him the opportunity to break into their inner circle, he jumps at the chance. All he needs to do is steal the prized possession of the most beautiful and untouchable girl they know—Gloria Buenrostro.

But as Gary gets to know Gloria, he's taken in by her authenticity and genuine interest in who he really is. Soon, they're best friends. Being part of the "in crowd" has always been Gary's dream, but as he comes closer to achieving infamy, he risks losing the first person who recognizes his true self. Gary must consider if any amount of popularity is worth losing a true friend.

### Key Selling Points

- A contemporary YA debut about a boy who tries to attain popularity by befriending the most beautiful girl in school, inspired by the Vietnamese American author's teen experience.
- Brandon Hoang creates a thoughtful and emotional story of teen friendship with a cinematic, commercial touch. He tackles ideas of toxic masculinity without being too heavy handed and weaves together a vibrant cast of diverse characters that you quickly come to love.



## Snow & Poison

— Melissa de la Cruz —

**Love is stronger than poison in this lush retelling of “Snow White” by #1 New York Times bestselling author Melissa de la Cruz.**

Known as Snow White, Lady Sophie has led a sheltered life in the mountains of Bavaria. Until now. Her father, the widowed Duke Maximilian, is at last remarrying, and on the day of his historic wedding, Sophie is making her high-society debut.

At the ball, Sophie charms the dashing Prince Philip, heir to the Spanish throne. But as Philip and Sophie start falling deeply in love, the king of Spain loses his temper. His wish is that Philip would marry a princess. And now, his command is Sophie’s death.

In a quest for survival, Sophie seeks refuge in the home of seven orphans, the counsel of a witch, and the safety of her blade. With the looming threat of war upon her duchy, Sophie must ponder: Can she do right by her home and honor her heart’s desire?

**PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE**

288 pages

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal

### Key Selling Points

- *Snow and Poison* comes on the heels of *CINDER & GLASS*, a retelling of Cinderella.
- Melissa de la Cruz is the #1 New York Times, #1 Publisher’s Weekly and #1 IndieBound bestselling author of many critically acclaimed and award-winning novels for readers of all ages.

## When You Wish Upon a Lantern

— Gloria Chao —

**Acclaimed author Gloria Chao creates real-world magic in this luminous romance about teens who devote themselves to granting other people’s wishes but are too afraid to let themselves have their own hearts’ desires—each other.**



**TARYN FAGERNESS AGENCY**

352 pages

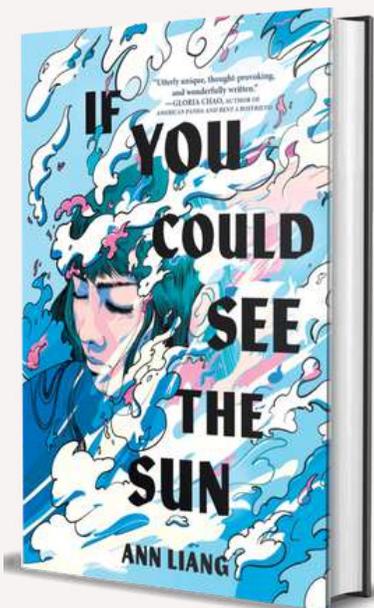
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Liya Huang’s family owns the When You Wish Upon a Lantern store in Chicago’s Chinatown, and their signature item is a Chinese paper lantern that customers write a wish on and send into the air. Their wishing lanterns have an uncanny success rate. The shop shares an alley with the Once Upon a Mooncake bakery known for baking secret notes into their mooncakes. Despite their families disagreeing over trash, smells, and general courtesies, Kai and Liya have been best friends since they were kids. More recently, Liya has been pining for Kai in secret, but she’s certain he sees her only as a good friend and nothing more. When Liya discovers that When You Wish Upon a Lantern is on the verge of closure, she vows to save the store. She hopes to do that by bringing back the store’s secret sauce—by making customer’s wishes come true from behind the scenes. Liya and her grandmother used to do this together, but since her grandmother’s death six months ago, Liya hasn’t been able to carry on the tradition. Now, she teams up with Kai. But Liya has only ever granted everyone else’s wishes. Will she be able to find a way to make her dreams—all of them, including Kai— come true?

### Key Selling Points

- Sold at auction.
- The Best YA Books To Gift This Holiday Season, According to YA Authors.
- “A delightful and enchanting page-turner from start to finish. When You Wish Upon a Lantern is officially one of my favorite romances.” – Kerri Maniscalco, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Kingdom of the Wicked*



**TARYN FAGERNESS  
AGENCY**

352 pages

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## If You Could See the Sun

— Ann Liang —

**In this genre-bending YA debut, a Chinese American girl monetizes her strange new invisibility powers by discovering and selling her wealthy classmates' most scandalous secrets.**

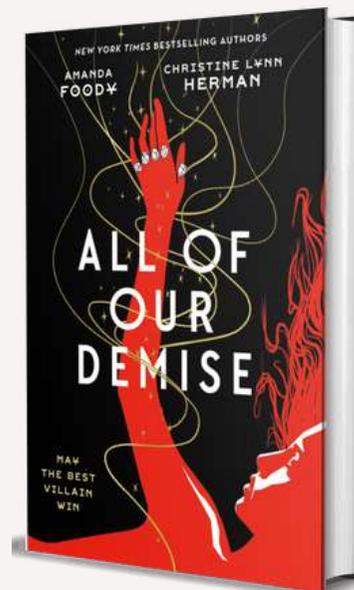
Alice Sun has always felt invisible at her elite Beijing international boarding school, where she's the only scholarship student among China's most rich and influential teens. But then she starts uncontrollably turning invisible—*actually* invisible.

When her parents drop the news that they can no longer afford her tuition, even with the scholarship, Alice hatches a plan to monetize her strange new power—she'll discover the scandalous secrets her classmates want to know, for a price.

But as the tasks escalate from petty scandals to actual crimes, Alice must decide if it's worth losing her conscience or even her life.

### Key Selling Points

- "Utterly unique, thought-provoking, and wonderfully written... a thrilling ride that hooked me from start to finish." — Gloria Chao, author of *American Panda* and *Rent a Boyfriend*.



**TARYN FAGERNESS  
AGENCY**

480 pages

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### Key Selling Points

- **The All of Us Villains Duology:**
  - #1) All of Us Villains
  - #2) All of Our Demise
- "Nuanced, exceptionally well-drawn characters and a carefully considered mythology." — *Publishers Weekly*
- "So bespeaking that the cliffhanger ending will feel like a painful curse." — *Kirkus Reviews*

## All of Our Demise

All of Us Villains, book 2

**Amanda Foody &  
Christine Lynn Herman**

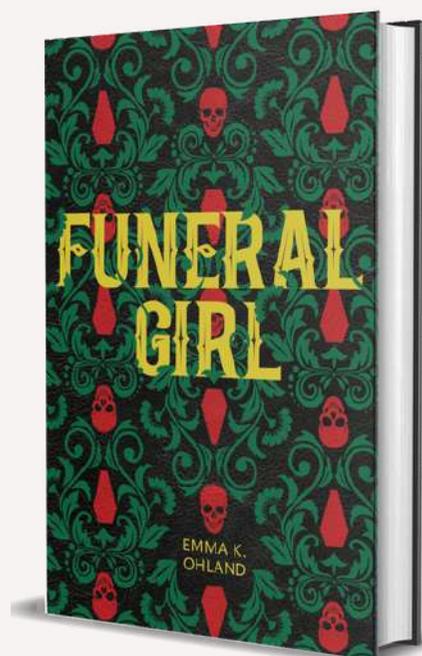
**The epic conclusion to Amanda Foody and Christine Lynn Herman's New York Times bestselling *All of Us Villains* duology that's *The Hunger Games* with magic.**

"I feel like I should warn you: this is going to be absolutely brutal."

For the first time in this ancient, bloodstained story, the tournament is breaking. The boundaries between the city of Ilvernath and the arena have fallen. Reporters swarm the historic battlegrounds. A dead boy now lives again. And a new champion has entered the fray, one who seeks to break the curse for good... no matter how many lives are sacrificed in the process.

As the curse teeters closer and closer to collapse, the surviving champions each face a choice: dismantle the tournament piece by piece, or fight to the death as this story was always intended.

Long-held alliances will be severed. Hearts will break. Lives will end. Because a tale as wicked as this one was never destined for happily ever after.



**LERNER**

272 pages

**Available rights**

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## Funeral Girl

— Emma K. Ohland —

**Sixteen-year-old Georgia Richter feels conflicted about the funeral home her parents run—especially because she has the ability to summon ghosts.**

With one touch of any body that passes through Richter Funeral Home, she can awaken the spirit of the departed. With one more touch, she makes the spirit disappear, to a fate that remains mysterious to Georgia. To cope with her deep anxiety about death, she does her best to fulfill the final wishes of the deceased whose ghosts she briefly revives.

Then her classmate Milo's body arrives at Richter—and his spirit wants help with unfinished business, forcing Georgia to reckon with her relationship to grief and mortality.

### Key Selling Points

- Offers a profoundly compassionate portrait of teen anxiety; Georgia's emotional turmoil will be relatable to many readers.
- The story has great LGBTQIA+ representation: Georgia is asexual, and her best friend is nonbinary.
- Leavens the serious subject matter with dry wit and a hint of the absurd.

## The Karma Map

— Nisha Sharma —

**A youth group's temple road trip through India is a liberating escape for a former mean girl and sunshine boy to explore their past and their feelings for each other in the much-anticipated novel about self-discovery by the award-winning author of *My So-Called Bollywood Life*.**

Born and raised in the US, Tara Bajaj hides her family secrets. With beautiful clothes, a popular social media presence, and a spot on the Rutgers High Bollywood dance team, she does it well—until her carefully cultivated image shatters. Shut out by friends and with her future in flux, Tara accepts a guide position for a youth group's temple tour through North India. Rediscovering the heart of her ancestry is as good a place as any to start over.

Silas D'Souza-Gupta is an aspiring photojournalist retracing the journey his two mothers took when they fell in love. The last thing he expects on this road trip through his roots is a girl with a history of her own. As Tara and Silas embark on remote pilgrimage sites from Punjab through the Himalayas, they discover what it means to be a child in the Indian diaspora, the significance of karma, and the healing power of love.

### Key Selling Points

- Nisha Sharma is the author of critically acclaimed YA and adult contemporary romances including *My So-Called Bollywood Life*, *Radha* and *Jai's Recipe for Romance*, the *Singh Family Trilogy*, and *Dating Dr. Dil* in the *If Shakespeare Was an Auntie* series. Her writing has been praised by NPR, Cosmopolitan, Teen Vogue, BuzzFeed, Entertainment Weekly, and more.

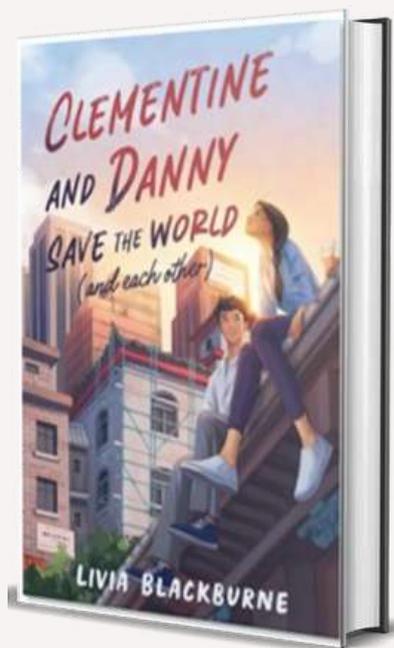
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## Clementine and Danny Save the World (And Each Other)

— Livia Blackburne —

his book captures all the tension, drama, and conflict that come with the online-enemies-to-IRL-lovers arc—a must-read for fans of Emma Lord's *Tweet Cute!*

*You've Got Mail* gets a fresh YA twist in this funny, empowering rom-com following two teens who fall in love while working together to protect their Chinatown community from a destructive gentrification project, only to discover their respective anonymous internet alter egos have been clashing for years.

**HARPER COLLINS**

272 pages

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### Key Selling Points

- From hilarious tea discourse and sparkly banter to more pointed jabs and disagreements about how to best help their Chinatown community, *Clementine and Danny's* adversarial yet affectionate online dynamic will have readers shipping them even before they start falling for each other in person.
- The story emphasizes that activists' goals should always prioritize and adapt to the evolving needs of the community and not center their own desires.



## She is a Haunting

— Trang Thanh Tran —

This deliciously spooky, yearningly romantic ghost story from a brilliant debut author will thrill fans of Kalynn Bayron and *Wilder Girls* by Rory Power.

Jade Nguyen has always lied to fit in. She's straight enough, Vietnamese enough, American enough – at least for this summer with her estranged father in Vietnam. Just five weeks of ignoring the quietly decaying French colonial house he's fixing up, then college and freedom are hers.

But soon Jade begins waking up every morning certain that something has clawed down her throat ... from the inside. Then the ghost of a beautiful bride visits her with a cryptic warning: DON'T EAT.

**JILL GRINBERG LITERARY  
MANAGEMENT**

288 pages

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

**Sold Rights**

US (Bloomsbury)

When her father and little sister don't believe her, Jade decides to scare them into leaving by staging some haunting events of her own. She recruits Florence, the daughter of her dad's business associate (and more of a distraction than Jade bargained for) to help.

But the house has other plans. It's hungry. A home, after all, is only as powerful as those who breathe new life into its bones. And this one is determined never to be abandoned again ...

### Key Selling Points

- Sold at auction in a two-book deal to Bloomsbury.
- A rich exploration of place, history, family, and what it means to belong.
- This exquisitely disturbing tale of identity and colonialism and intergenerational trauma will eat its way under your skin and live there forever. Read this one with the lights on. I'm ready to be haunted by whatever Trang Thanh Tran writes next." — Emily X.R. Pan, New York Times bestselling author of *The Astonishing Color of After*



## Lakesedge

— Lyndall Clipstone —

**Lush, lyrical writing and a swoony, slow-burn romance make this Gothic fantasy perfect for fans of Naomi Novik, S. Jae-Jones, and Brigid Kemmerer.**

Violeta Graceling has spent her life in an isolated cottage, trying to protect herself and her beloved younger brother Arien from their mother's twisted cruelty. Lately, their mother has become even crueler as she tries to snuff out the mysterious shadows that unwillingly spill from Arien's hands and infiltrate his dreams, spelling dark magic associated with an even darker underworld. Desperate to escape their abusive home, Violeta and Arien take positions at the haunted estate of Rowan Sylvanan—the so-called Monster of Lakesedge—who comes seeking Arien's dark magic. The monster who stalks the halls and shores of the blackened, cursed lake.

But as Violeta investigates Lakesedge's tragic history, she discovers that prickly, standoffish Rowan is far from a monster. He is just a boy, sensitive and shy, not much older than she is. As their friendship turns to romance, Violeta learns the painful truth about Rowan's curse and his fateful bargain with the Lord Under—an evil being who rules over the dark underworld—that sealed his fate and stole away everything he knew and loved. Now Violeta must make her own impossible bargain to break Rowan's curse, or else lose him and her newfound home forever.

### JILL GRINBERG LITERARY MANAGEMENT

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### Key Selling Points

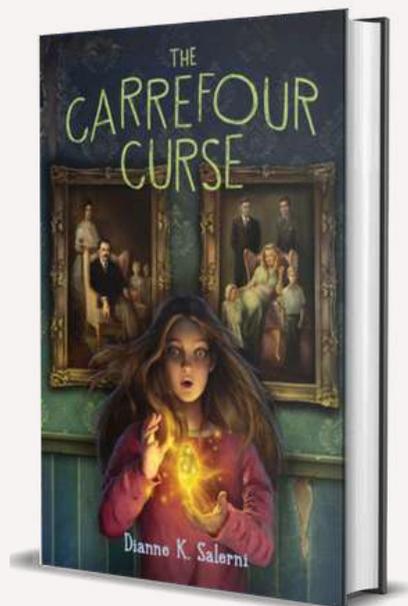
- OwlCrate, a popular subscription box, has picked up more than 18,000 copies!
- "Clipstone's *Lakesedge* drips with romance and mystery. It's bloody, sumptuous, and as timeless as a fairy tale." – April Genevieve Tucholke, author of *The Boneless Mercies*.

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# Middle Grade



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## The Carrefour Curse

— Dianne K. Salerni —

***The Addams Family* meets *The Westing Game* in this exhilarating mystery about a modern magical dynasty trapped in the ruins of their once-grand, now-crumbling ancestral home.**

Twelve-year-old Garnet regrets that she doesn't know her family. Her mother has done her best to keep it that way, living far from the rest of the magical Carrefour clan and their dark, dangerous mansion known as Crossroad House.

But when Garnet finally gets summoned to the estate, it isn't quite what she hoped for. Her relatives are strange and quarrelsome, each room in Crossroad House is more dilapidated than the last, and she can't keep straight which dusty hallways and cobwebbed corners are forbidden.

Then Garnet learns the family secret: their dying patriarch fights to retain his life by stealing power from others. Every accident that isn't an accident, every unexpected illness and unexplained disappearance grants Jasper Carrefour a little more time. While the Carreffours squabbles over who will inherit his role when (if) he dies, Garnet encounters evidence of an even deeper curse. Was she brought to Crossroad House as part of the curse . . . or is she meant to break it?

PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE

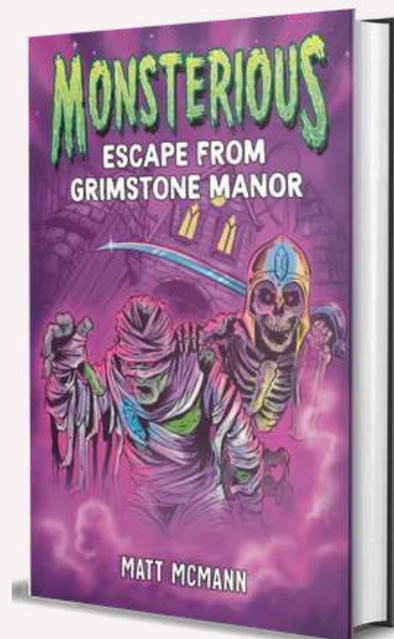
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Spain, Portugal

### Key Selling Points

- A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection.
- "Spooky, dark, and enthralling. I couldn't put it down until every mystery had been solved." —Cassie Beasley, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Circus Mirandus*



## Monsterious

Escape from Grimstone Manor  
series book 1

— Matt MacMann —

**Here's the first book in a new series of spinechilling tales that combine monsters + mysteries, perfect for fans of *Goosebumps*.**

In a mansion on a hill,  
lived a man no one could kill.  
Raised the dead with magic dark  
to rule the world and make his mark.

Zari has always been fascinated by creepy stories about Hezekiah Crawly, the real-life inspiration behind her local amusement park's haunted house attraction, so she's thrilled when her friends Mateo and Taylor agree to go on the last ride of the day before the park closes.

But when the ride breaks down, the three get trapped inside the haunted house for the night! As if that weren't scary enough, the kids stumble onto a hidden staircase leading to a dark, cobwebbed crypt that doesn't seem like part of the ride—and by the looks of it, they aren't alone down there. Is it possible the stories about Hezekiah Crawly and his monstrous experiments are true? And if so, can Zari, Mateo and Taylor make it through the night in one piece?

SEE LESS

PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE

196 pages

Available rights

Spain, Portugal

### Key Selling Points

- Matt McMann is the author of the *Monsterious* series. He lives with his wife, *New York Times* bestselling author Lisa McMann, in Tempe, AZ.
- Prepare your selfe for a real spooky lecture. Perfect for fans of Neil Gaiman's middle grade stories.

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TARYN FAGERNESS AGENCY

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## Grumbones

— Jenn Bennett —

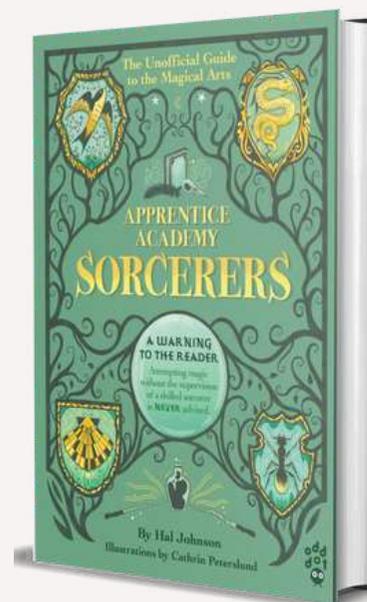
**Neil Gaiman's *Graveyard Book* meets *Beetlejuice* with the creep factor of *Doll Bones* by Holly Black.**

Budding sleuths of all things spooky, Helena Novak and her best friend Ben, spend most of their free time in Whispering Pines Cemetery. Everyone knows their town is full of ghosts, but Helena hasn't seen proof of her late grandmother, Babi, yet no matter how many gifts she leaves on her grave. She can't shake the feeling that someone is following her and, when all Babi's grave gifts disappear, Helena knows something is wrong. A messenger in the form of an eyeless vulture named Fizzle appears to open a hidden crypt door that leads to a gothic subterranean city, and Helena jumps at the chance to see her grandmother again.

The underworld is nothing like the pair of sleuths would have expected. It's a place where the living can mingle with the dearly departed—if you don't get lost...or run into the Nightmare. But Helena and Ben are lucky when an eccentric underworld guide named Grumbones offers to help them find their way. Sure, he looks like Santa's skinny evil brother and Helena and Ben end up in more danger than should be allowed on a sanctioned tour and—wait, are those the mementos from Babi's grave in his pocket? Helena's sure that her grandmother is in danger somehow here in this strange and mixed up place, so she'll put up with anything to see her again. All she has to do is stop asking pesky questions and trust their guide. You do trust old Grumbones...don't you?

### Key Selling Points

- Jenn Bennett is the author of over a dozen books, including the young adult titles: *Alex, Approximately, Serious Moonlight, Starry Eyes,* and *The Lady Rogue*. She also writes romance and fantasy for adults. Her books have earned multiple starred reviews, been Goodreads Choice Award Nominees, and have been included on annual Best Books lists from Kirkus and Publishers Weekly.



MACMILLAN

160 pages

Available rights

Spain, Portugal

### Key Selling Points

- As a new series, *Apprentice Academy* opens the door on an exciting new world of magic and myth, chivalry and royalty, with the second book in the series—*Knights*—scheduled for Spring 2024 and an upcoming book on *Royals* in the works for Spring 2025!
- Inspired by folklore and mythology from around the world, *Apprentice Academy* is a rich, multicultural exploration and celebration of magic from Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and the Americas.

## Apprentice Academy: Sorcerers

The Unofficial Guide to the  
Magical Arts

— Hal Johnson —

**Everything You Need for Studying  
Magic!**

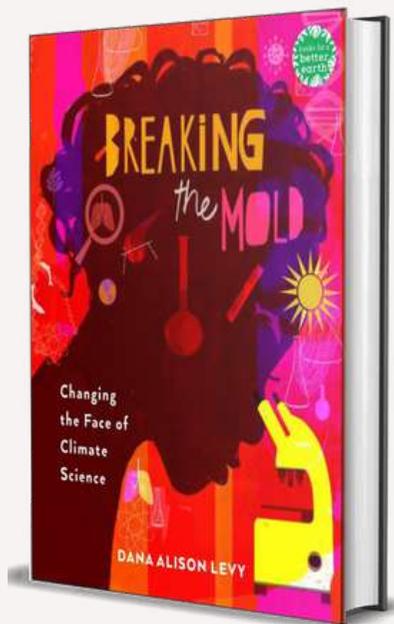
Welcome to the Apprentice Academy. Congratulations on your acceptance to one of the world's finest institutions for sorcery. Your course of study here will be long and perilous, but this book of sorcery skills and fascinating tales from the world of magic will help you along the way—ideally with all your limbs and wits intact.

Learn how to:

- Read minds!
- Prophesize!
- Perform a love spell!
- Choose an animal familiar!
- Turn anything into gold!
- Summon demons!
- Find a lair!

But most of all learn to cheat, or, rather, to weasel through without actually cheating.

Please follow all instructions carefully, as one wrong move can transform your hands into forks or serpents, and then you will have a hard time turning the page.



## HOLIDAY HOUSE

224 pages

### Available rights

Spain

## Breaking the Mold

— Dana Alison Levy —

**Sixteen scientists. Protecting our planet. Making science more equitable.**

Scientists who collect microbes from surfers' skin, who use radar sensors to gather data miles away, who combat inequality by pushing for cleaner air policies. Each with their own story, all working to make life better for future generations.

Celebrated author Dana Alison Levy profiles 16 people, all studying different elements of the earth's landscape, animals, and climate, who defy stereotypes of who can be a scientist. From analytical chemists to volcanologists, from global experts to recent graduates, these scientists share what they were like as young people, how they got where they are now, and what they—and the rest of us—can do to help the planet.

Based on extensive interviews and featuring infographics and personal photos, *Breaking the Mold* offers a snapshot of the people and organizations fighting to make science more equitable. Back matter includes advice for readers interested in science careers, DIY projects, paths to community involvement, and more.

## Key Selling Points

- *Breaking the mold* is part of Books for a Better Earth an initiative designed to inspire children to become active, knowledgeable participants in caring for the planet they live on.
- Dana Alison Levy writes novels and nonfiction for kids and teenagers. Her books for elementary age readers, such as the *Family Fletcher* novels and *It Wasn't Me*, received accolades from the American Library Association, Bank Street College of Education, The New York Times, NPR, and others.



## JILL GRINBERG LITERARY MANAGEMENT

432 pages

### Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

### Sold Rights

US (Levine Querido)  
UK (Guppy Books)  
Australia & NZ (Allen & Unwin)

## The Astonishing Chronicles of Oscar from Elsewhere

— Jaclyn Moriarty —

**A delightfully clever adventure about a non-magical boy called Oscar who finds himself caught up in a surprisingly urgent quest in an even more surprising world.**

*The Astonishing Chronicles of Oscar from Elsewhere* is the account of Monday through Friday of last week. That's when Oscar found himself on a quest to locate nine separate pieces of a key, held by nine separate people, in order to unlock a gluggy silver spell that had trapped the Elven city of Dun-sorey-lovay-lo-hey. The quest was an urgent one. Friday at noon, the spell would become permanent, the Elves would be crushed to death and Oscar would be trapped in this magical world forever. (The account, it should be noted, has been written at the request of a small public school's Deputy Principal. She wants to know exactly what Oscar considered more important than coming to school last week.)

From the award-winning Jaclyn Moriarty comes an enchanting tale of cryptic challenges, breathtaking danger and 360 kickflips.

## Key Selling Points

- Jaclyn Moriarty's previous middle grade books have been shortlisted for the Prime Minister's Literary Award and Aurealis Award.
- "Jaclyn Moriarty makes me laugh, hysterically—and cry, unexpectedly... Startlingly original fantasy." – E. Lockhart, New York Times bestselling author of *We Were Liars*.

# Sinister Summer

— Kiersten White —

**Meet the Sinister-Winterbottom twins, who solve mysteries at increasingly bizarre summer vacation destinations in the hopes of being reunited with their parents!**

Twelve-year-old twins Theodora and Alexander and their older sister Wilhelmina Sinister-Winterbottom don't know how they ended up with their Aunt Saffronia for an entire summer. She's not exactly well equipped to handle children. The twins are determined to make it a good vacation, though, so when Aunt Saffronia suggests a waterpark, they hastily agree. But Fathoms of Fun is not your typical waterpark. Instead of cabanas, guests rent mausoleums. The waterslides are gray tongues extending from horrible gargoyle faces. The few people they encounter are very, very odd. And the owner disappeared under bizarre circumstances, lost to the Cold, Unknowable Sea—the wave pool. When Wil goes missing, rule following, cautious Alexander and competitive, brave Theo will have to work together to solve the mystery of Fathoms of Fun. But are they out of their depth?

**TARYN FAGERNESS AGENCY**

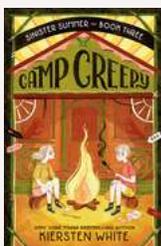
256 pages

### Available rights

Portugal, Brazil

### Sold Rights

Spain (Urano)



**Check out the next books in the series!**

## Key Selling Points

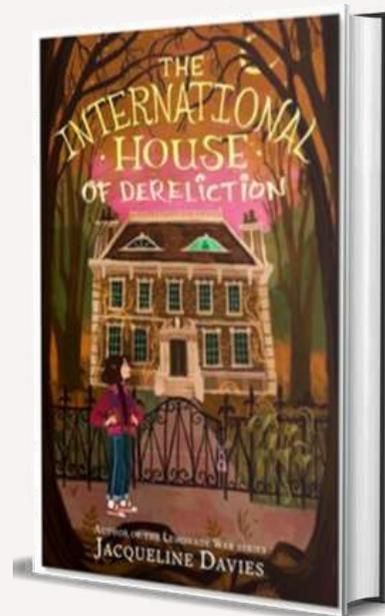
- “An absolute delight. If I have to die in a waterpark, I want to die in this one.” —Holly Black, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Cruel Prince*
- “Wickedly weird. . . Will appeal to anyone who loved *A Series of Unfortunate Events*.” —The New York Times

# The International House of Dereliction

— Jacqueline Davies —

**his spooky yet heartwarming and funny tale delivers just the right amount of spine tingling scares. Perfect for fans of *Mary Downing Hahn* and *The Vanderbeekers series*.**

In this not-so-scary ghost story from Jacqueline Davies, bestselling author of the *Lemonade War series*, quirky, tool-wielding Alice Cannoli-Potchnik begins to repair the dilapidated mansion next door—only to discover the old house is home to ghosts, and they need mending, too!



**HARPER COLLINS**

288 pages

### Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

### Sold Rights

German (HarperCollins Germany)

## Key Selling Points

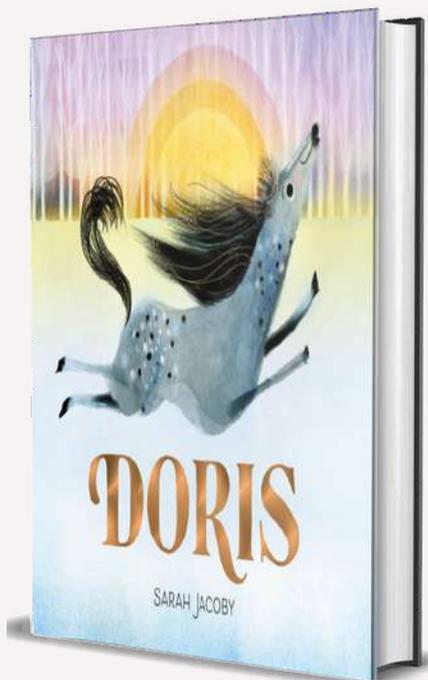
- A motley crew of ghosts, some friendly and others curmudgeonly, bring comic relief as Alice repairs the House. **HEART-RACING MYSTERY:** This suspenseful, action-packed mystery will keep readers guessing as Alice uncovers the secrets of the House and its ghosts.
- Over three million copies have been sold of Davies' beloved series, the *Lemonade War!* Davies is a popular presenter in schools with extensive industry connections.

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# Picture Book



SANDRA BRUNA  
AGENCIA LITERARIA



MACMILLAN

40 pages

Available rights

Spain, Portugal

## Doris

— Sarah Jacoby —

**Award-winning author and illustrator Sarah Jacoby's *Doris* dances to her own tune in this whimsical and emotionally resonant tale about finding the courage to be yourself.**

*Doris has always reveled in the warmth of a spotlight.*

Her whole life, she's danced the nights away,

With friends from the only home she's ever known.

But one day, Doris twirls...

Out

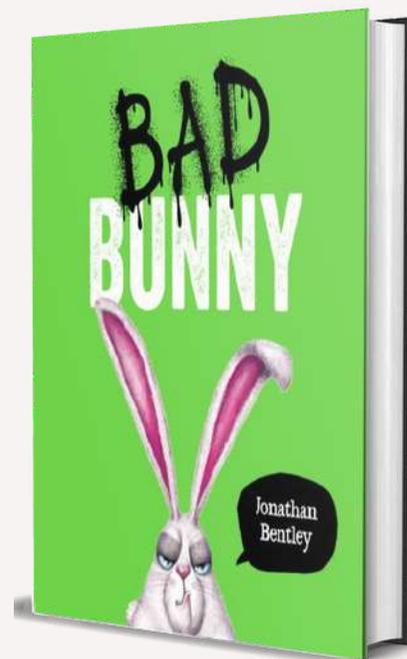
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...Until she stumbles across a whole new kind of spotlight.

### Key Selling Points

- This gorgeous tale, filled with breathtaking art, is a classic in the making, reminiscent of favorites such as *Ferdinand* and *Peter Rabbit*. It will surely melt your heart and might even make you want to dance in the moonlight!
- In this simple yet beautiful and layered picture book, readers will delight in a modern-day Ferdinand who with a little courage and curiosity, goes on a journey of self discovery.



SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA

24 pages

Available rights

Spain, Portugal

## Bad Bunny

— Jonathan Bentley —

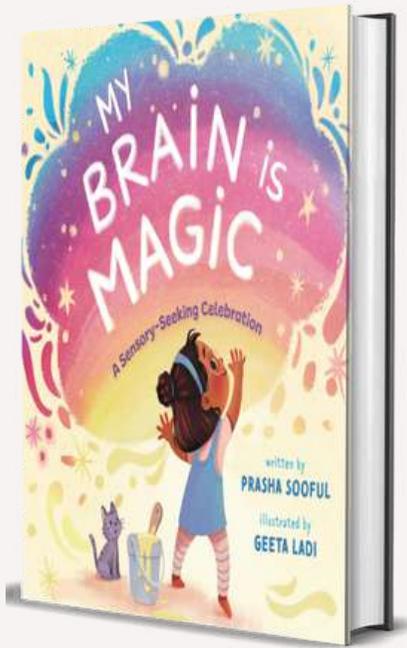
**Laugh along with a very naughty bunny in this hilarious new picture book from Jonathan Bentley!**

Bad Bunny likes to play tricks, put spicy sauce on vegetables, and bathe in slime.

But when a fox comes into the woods, can Bad Bunny save the day and use his mischief for good?

### Key Selling Points

- Perfect for fans of *Pig the Pug* and *The Bad Seed*!
- With a laugh-out-loud rhyming text and bright, comic illustrations, this book is a can't-miss for the younger set.



# My Brain Is Magic

Prasha Sooful,  
illus. Geeta Ladi

A Sensory-Seeking Celebration

Is your brain magic? Does it turn into a bee or a lion? This sensory-seeking celebration shines a light on Sensory Processing Disorder in an accessible and upbeat way for all children to enjoy.

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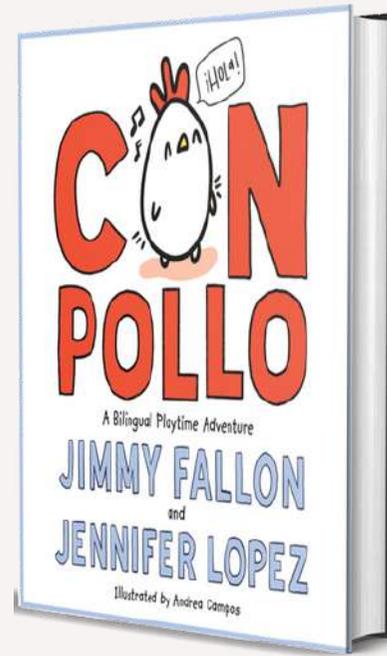
32 pages

Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

## Key Selling Points

- A lively comparison of animals to every day sensory-seeking behaviors.
- Features a diverse, loving multigenerational family.
- Includes a note to parents.



# Con Pollo

A Bilingual Playtime Adventure

Jimmy Fallon and Jennifer Lopez  
Illus. Andrea Campos

*Con Pollo: A Bilingual Playtime Adventure* is an engaging and hilarious picture book that serves young readers as an introduction to basic Spanish vocabulary, brought to life by superstar team-up Jimmy Fallon and Jennifer Lopez.

MACMILLAN

48 pages

Available rights

Spain, Portugal

## Key Selling Points

- Adorable illustrations.
- Funny and eye-catching.

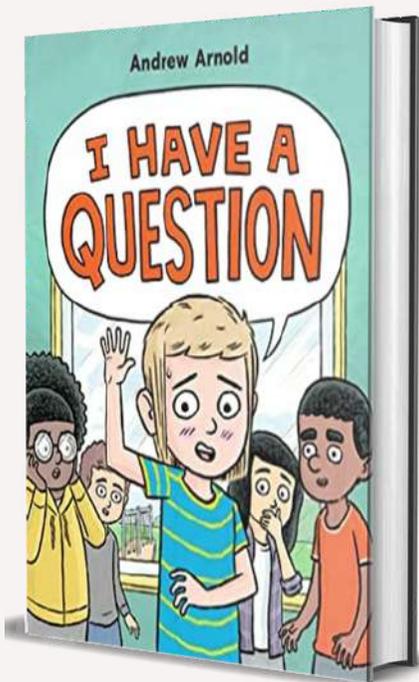
Meet Pollo, a friendly little chicken who just wants to play. And play, and play, and play all day!

Pollo makes any activity more fun. Why just go to the beach when you could go to la playa con Pollo?

Do you want to play soccer, or play fútbol con Pollo?

Do you want to go dancing, or bailar con Pollo?

Whatever you decide to do, you're in for a busy, adventurous day with your new friend, Pollo!



MACMILLAN

40 pages

Available rights

Spain, Portugal

## I Have a Question

— Andrew Arnold —

**From rising picture-book star Andrew Arnold comes a book for anyone who's ever felt too shy, too afraid, or too silly to raise their hand and ask a question.**

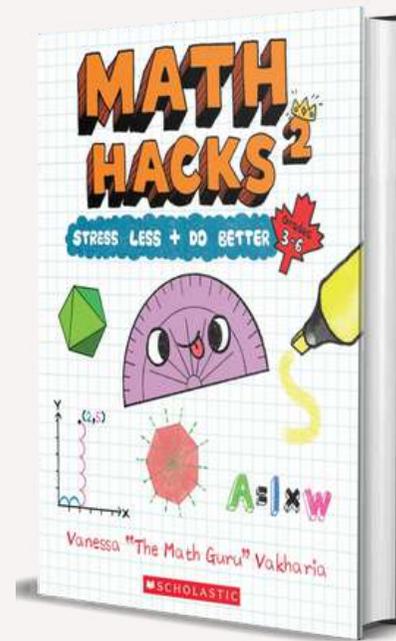
For Stevie, speaking up in class can be scary. So when Ms. Gail asks, "Are there any questions?" Stevie looks around the classroom, hoping someone will raise their hand. But no one does. No one has a single question. Except Stevie.

"I can't ask, can I? If I do, I know just what will happen," Stevie thinks, beginning a journey of worried imagination. Everyone will certainly laugh, they'll think the question is silly, they'll think Stevie is silly.

But Stevie has to know. Stevie has to ask

### Key Selling Points

- Written with humor, empathy, and tenderness, Andrew Arnold's *I Have a Question* is wonderfully funny and mightily empowering-inspiring anyone who has ever felt too shy, too silly or too afraid to raise their hand.



SCHOLASTIC CANADA

152 pages

Available rights

Spain, Portugal

## Math Hacks 2: Stress Less and Do Better

— Vanessa Vakharia, illus. —  
Hyein Lee

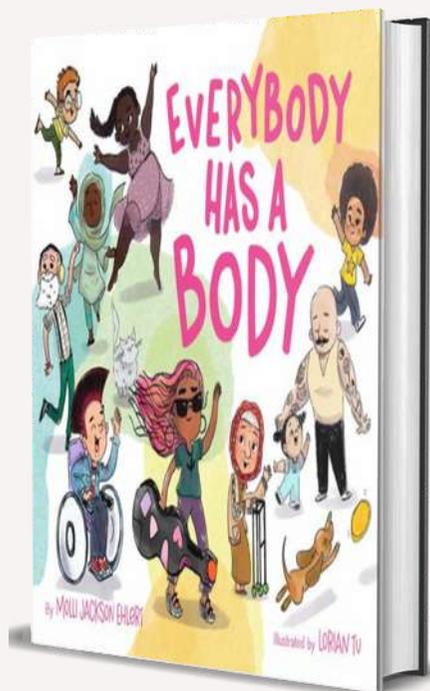
**Feeling jinxed by geometry? Messed up by measurement? Antagonized by angles? Don't worry — help is here!**

Written in The Math Guru's signature super-friendly style, *Math Hacks 2* is packed with all-new advice on reducing math anxiety, de-stressing, self-care, test preparation strategies and how to make math your new BFF!

This full-colour book tackles Measurement, Lines, Angles, Coordinates, Shapes, Perimeter and Area, Time, Money and more! Peppered throughout are pointers on avoiding common mistakes and awesome tricks and tips for maximizing marks.

### Key Selling Points

- Math positivity advocate Vanessa Vakharia also puts the FUN in fundamentals with refresher tips on the basics.
- Commended, Best Books for Kids and Teens, Canadian Children's Book Centre, 2022.



**MACMILLAN**

**40 pages**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal

## Everybody Has a Body

**Molli Jackson Ehlert,  
illus. Lorian Tu**

**In this body neutral picture book, debut author Molli Jackson Ehlert and illustrator Lorian Tu show us all of the different ways bodies can look and all of the things they can do.**

Everybody has a body. Whether you're short, tall, fat, thin, hairy, bald, whether you use a wheelchair or have a limb difference, we all rely on our bodies to take us through the world.

From hiking a mountain to playing baseball to exploring an aquarium, debut author Molli Jackson Ehlert and illustrator Lorian Tu show us all the different ways that bodies can look and the things they can do, with representation of all different types of bodies. With a body neutral approach – your body isn't good or bad, it just is – this is an accessible and fun read that's perfect for kids who have questions about the different bodies they encounter every day.

### Key Selling Points

- A fun, educational and empathy-building book.
- With beautiful and striking illustrations.



**TARYN FAGERNESS AGENCY**

**32 pages**

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

## The dreams We Made

**— Lisa Bentley —**

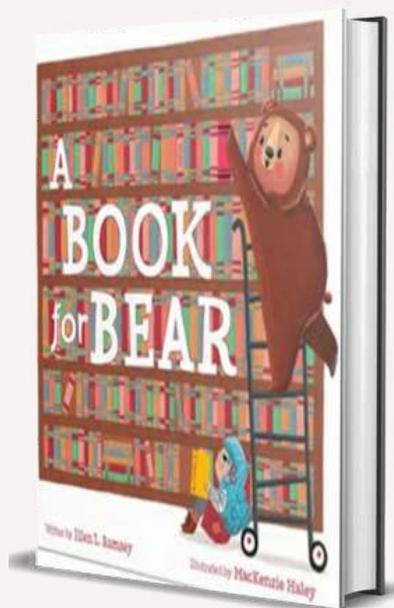
**In this moving, hope-filled story about family, loss, and grief, a little girl discovers that we can take the loved ones we've lost with us on all our future journeys.**

Every night a little girl and her daddy build dreams out of paper, scissors, and glue. Every morning the little girl asks, "Take me with you?" And every time, Daddy tells her they'll keep building when he gets home from work. Until the one night when Daddy doesn't come home. When Mommy tells her that Daddy died, the little girl feels confused and sad and even mad. How can she keep building without Daddy?

But with some time and help from Mommy, the little girl begins building dreams again and finds a way to take her daddy with her everywhere she goes. In this moving, hope-filled story about family, loss, and grief, a little girl discovers that we can take the loved ones we've lost with us on all our future journeys.

### Key Selling Points

- A beautiful, touching and gripping story for everyone who has a shared dream with someone special.
- Based in the UK, Lisa Bentley studied illustration with animation at the University of Loughborough. She incorporates various media in her art and uses whatever she can find to help describe texture, form, and emotion.



## A Book For Bear

**Ellen L. Ramsey; Illustrated  
by MacKenzie Haley**

**How will the bear manage to read his  
favorite book?**

Bear loves books. Every day, Bear sits at the edge of the woods and listens to Ellen read. When Bear decides he wants a book of his very own—a book the color of ripe red raspberries and delicious to read—these best friends hatch a plan. But sneaking a bear into school, the library, and a bookstore, proves to be harder than they thought. Will Bear ever find a book of his very own?

**PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE**

32 pages

### Available rights

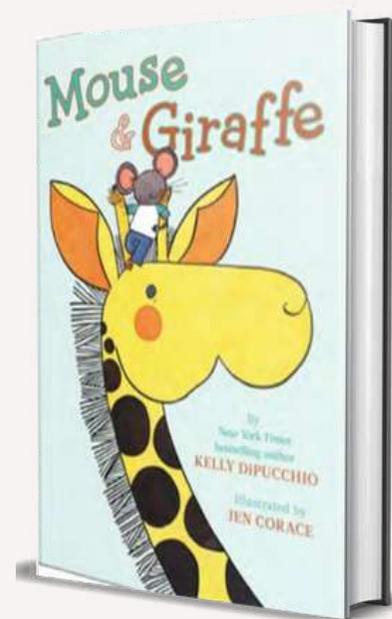
Spain, Portugal

### Sold Rights

UK (Flamingo Books)

### Key Selling Points

- A funny, charming and gripping book that grips you to the last page.
- It has a beautiful illustration that catches the attention of any child.



## Mouse & Giraffe

**Kelly DiPucchio; Illustrated by  
Jen Corace**

**A beautiful book about empathy,  
friendship and solidarity.**

Mouse and Giraffe are neighbors on the same street, but their experiences are very different. On sunny days, Mouse is comfortable in the shade while Giraffe is so tall, he overheats near the sun. On rainy days, Giraffe can see above the clouds, while Mouse gets stuck in the storm. However, when Mouse needs a little help, Giraffe knows just what his friend needs. It's not always about who's right or wrong, it's how you look at the situation when wearing someone else's shoes.

**PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE**

40 pages

### Available rights

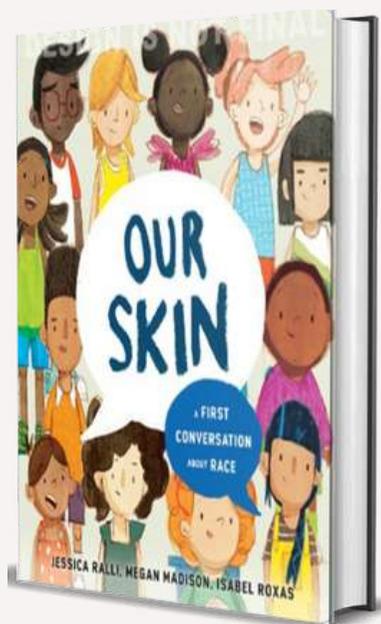
Spain, Portugal and Brazil

### Sold Rights

Hebrew (S. Simson)

### Key Selling Points

- Kelly DiPucchio has written over twenty books for children, including the New York Times bestsellers *Grace for President* and *The Sandwich Swap*. And Jen Corace is the bestselling illustrator behind books by Mac Barnett and Amy Krouse Rosenthal.
- Two characters who see the world very differently learn how to use empathy and see the other side, which results in a lasting friendship.



**PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE**

40 pages

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal

## First Conversation Series

**Megan Madison & Jessica Ralli**

**Developed by experts in the fields of early childhood and activism against injustice, this topic-driven board book offers clear, concrete language and beautiful imagery that young children can grasp and adults can leverage for further discussion.**

Based on the research that race, gender, consent, and body liberation should be discussed with toddlers on up, this read-aloud series offers adults the opportunity to begin important conversations with young children in an informed, safe, and supported way. Developed by experts in the fields of early childhood and activism against injustice, this topic-driven series offers clear, concrete language, and beautiful imagery that young children can grasp, and adults can leverage for further discussion.

**First Conversation is a series of books that deals with themes such as love, the body, gender and consent.**

### Key Selling Points

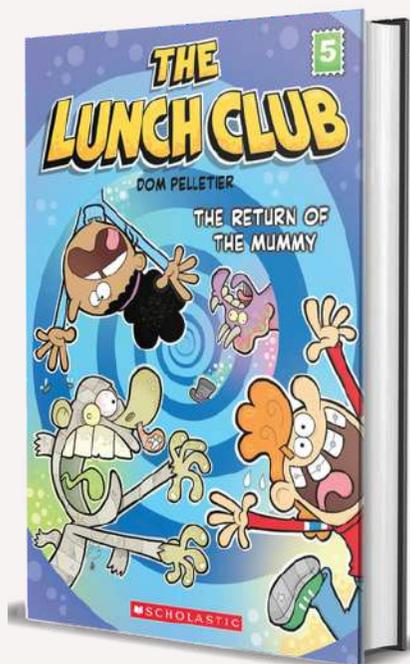
- Jessica Ralli, educator and coordinator of Early Literacy Programs at the Brooklyn Public Library, and Dr. Megan Madison, early childhood educator facilitating workshops for teachers on race, gender, and sexuality, bring credentials, experience, and authentic authority to this instrumental board book series.
- Parents of young children are eager to support their child's development of empathy, self-esteem, and resilience, which begins with the very topics explored in this series.

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# Graphic Novel



SANDRA BRUNA  
AGENCIA LITERARIA



**SCHOLASTIC CANADA**

136 pages

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal

## The Return of the Mummy (The Lunch Club #5)

— Dom Petellier —

**The Lunch Club is back (in time) in their latest adventure!**

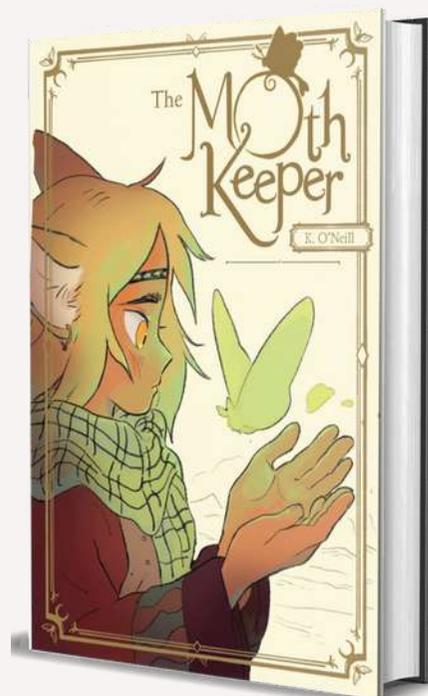
It's history week at Pleasant Valley Elementary. Mr. Peabody has organized some very cool AND educational events. But Leo and Tia haven't seen him since he vanished into a weird portal, along with the villainous McSticky.

When Mr. Peabody suddenly reappears, he comes bearing bad news: McSticky, has a dangerous space-time ray and he's not afraid to use it . . . to change the course of history!

Will the Lunch Club gang be able to stop him in time?

### Key Selling Points

- Praise for *It Came from the Basement* (*The Lunch Club* #1):
- Top Recommended Selection for the 2021 TD Summer Reading Program
- "Kids will laugh themselves silly over *The Lunch Club: It Came from the Basement*." — CanLit for Little Canadians



**NANCY GALLT**

272 pages

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

**Sold Rights**

France (Bliss Editions), US  
(Penguin House Graphic)

## The Moth Keeper

— K.O Neill —

**K. O'Neill brings to life a beautifully illustrated fantasy world about responsibility to yourself and your community. *The Moth Keeper* is filled with magic, hope, and friendship**

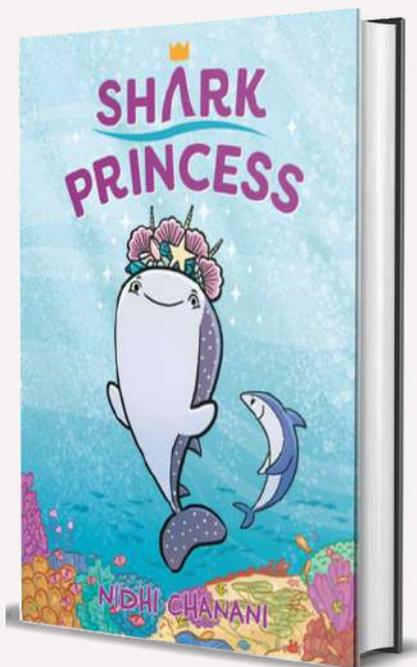
Being a Moth Keeper is a huge responsibility and a great honor, but what happens when the new Moth Keeper decides to take a break from the moon and see the sun for the first time? A middle grade fantasy graphic novel about passion, duty, and found family.

Anya is finally a Moth Keeper, the protector of the lunar moths that allow the Night-Lily flower to bloom once a year. Her village needs the flower to continue thriving and Anya is excited to prove her worth and show her thanks to her friends with her actions, but what happens when being a Moth Keeper isn't exactly what Anya thought it would be?

The nights are cold in the desert and the lunar moths live far from the village. Anya finds herself isolated and lonely. Despite Anya's dedication, she wonders what it would be like to live in the sun. Her thoughts turn into an obsession, and when Anya takes a chance to stay up during the day to feel the sun's warmth, her village and the lunar moths are left to deal with the consequences.

### Key Selling Points

- K. O'Neill is an Eisner and Harvey Award-winning illustrator and graphic novelist from New Zealand. They are the author of *Princess Princess Ever After*, *Aquicorn Cove*, *The Tea Dragon series* and *Dewdrop*, all from Oni Press. Their books reflect their interest in tea, creatures, things that grow, and the magic of everyday life.



## Shark Princess

— Nidhi Chanani —

**Nidhi Chanani's signature artwork brings this underwater series to life in a spunky tale about friendship and redefining who and what a princess can be.**

Meet Kitana—a Shark Princess and the first of her kind. Her allergy-ridden, best friend, Mack, wants to be one too, but he worries that his sharp teeth and big sneezes make him too dangerous to be a princess. With Kitana's help, Mack realizes his unique shine.

**PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE**

80 pages

### Available rights

Spain, Portugal

### Sold Rights

USA & UK (Viking Books for Young Readers)

### Key Selling Points

- A touching story that shows that everyone has their own brilliance.
- A spunky tale about friendship and redefining one's identity.
- Full color illustrations made by the author himself

## Star Knights

— Kay Davault —

**A simple frog who wants to become a legendary knight finds himself on a magical journey.**



What makes a hero?

Brave Star Knights are heroes who go on adventures. But Tad is just a frog, and frogs can't save the day. Can they? Determined to out-hop his mud-dweller fate and pursue his dream of being a knight, Tad finds himself on a quest with a surprise group of adventurers, including the Star King!

It's a race against time as Tad searches for a way to take the Star King to the moon so that he can bring peace to the forest—and prove that anybody can be a hero.

Even a frog.

**TARYN FAGERNESS AGENCY**

240 pages

### Available rights

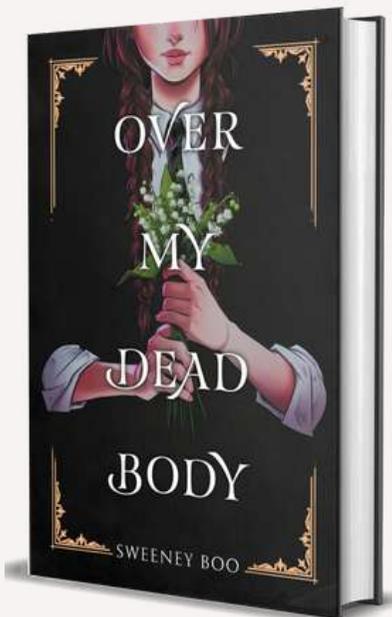
Spain, Portugal, Brazil

### Sold Rights

France (Editions Kinaye)

### Key Selling Points

- This graphic novel is perfect for fans of delightful characters, hilarious hijinks, and stories about being true to you who are.
- From the comic artist behind *Oddity Woods*.
- "Plot twists will keep kids reading... and [Tad's] struggles will help them question how their own internal prejudices might be holding them back." — *Entertainment Weekly*



# Over My Dead Body

— Sweeney Boo —

**A rich, witchy tale of magic and betrayal from beloved comic artist Sweeney Boo.**

One day, everything was exactly as it was supposed to be. And the next, the closest thing Abby ever had to a sister, Noreen, was just... gone.

Distracted by the annual preparations for the Samhain festival, Abby's classmates are quick to put Noreen's disappearance aside. The Coven will find her, Abby's friends say. They have it under control.

But Abby can't let it go. Soon a search for answers leads her down a rabbit hole that uncovers more secrets than Abby can handle. As mounting evidence steers her toward the off-limits woods that surround the academy, she begins to see that Noreen's disappearance mysteriously has a lot in common with another girl who went missing all those years ago...

**TARYN FAGERNESS**  
**AGENCY**

204 pages

**Available rights**

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

**Sold Rights**

British (Titan)

## Key Selling Points

- Amazon.com Best Books of the Month.
- Fans of *Chilling Adventures of Sabrina* will love diving into the mysterious and witchy world of award-nominated creator Sweeney Boo. Enchanting full-color illustrations will be sure to charm readers as they explore the halls of Younwitz's Institute of Magic and the forbidden forest that lies beyond.

*“The most important thing is not to be the biggest, but being the one who works harder, with honesty, enthusiasm and following a strategy.  
And we’ll keep working this way.”*

- Sandra Bruna

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