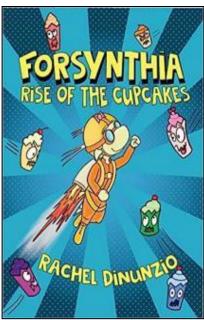


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2024 YOUNG ADULT CONTEMPORARY



WHEN HARU WAS HERE

Dustin Thao (Wednesday Books, September 2024)

We Are Okay meets Wandavision in this novel about loss and learning to let go.

After the death of his best friend, Eric Ly creates imaginary scenarios in his head to deal with his grief. Until one of them becomes real when a boy he met last summer in Japan finds his way back into his life. When he least expects it, Haru Tanaka walks into the coffee shop and sits down next to him. The only thing is, nobody else can see him.

In a magical turn of events, Eric suddenly has someone to connect with, making him feel less alone in the world. But as they spend more and more time together, he begins to question what is real. When he starts losing control of the very thing that is holding him together, Eric must finally confront his reality. Even if it means losing Haru forever.

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Also by Dustin Thao



YOU'VE REACHED SAM

If I Stay meets Your Name in this heartfelt novel about love and loss and what it means to say goodbye.

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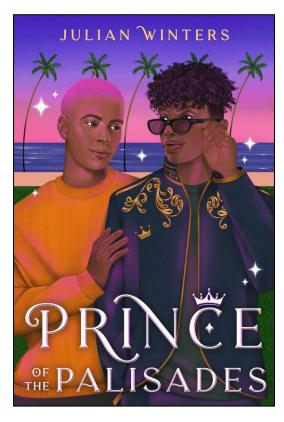
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Czech: Euromedia
Greece: Dioptra
Poland: Proszynski
Serbia: Vulkan
Turkey: Yabanci

Vietnam: Kim Dong



UK: PanMac

Dustin Thao is a Vietnamese-American writer based in New York. He graduated from Amherst College with a B.A. in Political Science, and is in a PhD program at Northwestern University. He writes contemporary young adult fiction. You've Reached Sam is his YA debut.



PRINCE OF THE PALISADES

Julian Winters (Viking, August 2024) Translation only

Young Royals meets Red, White, and Royal Blue in this heartpumping romance by award-winning author Julian Winters!

When roguish Prince Jadon of Îles de la Rêverie is left in America to clean up his image after a horribly public break-up gone viral, romance is not on the table. Carefully planned photo ops with puppies? Yes. Scheduled appearances with the Santa Monica elite Absolutely. Rendezvous with a pink-haired, film-obsessed hottie from the private school where he's currently enrolled? Uhhhh . . . Together with his entourage—a bitingly witty royal guard, Rêverie's future queen (and Jadon's brilliant older sister), and a quirky royal liaison—Jadon's on a mission to turn things around and show his parents, and his country, that he's more than just a royal screw-up. If he doesn't prove that he's the prince Rêverie deserves? Well, he may not be allowed home . . . But falling for a not-so-royal American boy has Jadon redefining what it means to be a leader. If he can be someone's Prince Charming just

by being himself, maybe that's all it takes to win over a nation. Or at least a prince can dream . . .

Also by Julian Winters





AS YOU WALK ON BY Translation only **UK:** PRH

The Breakfast Club meets Can't Hardly Wait with an unforgettable ensemble cast in another swoony YA contemporary from award-winning author Julian Winters!

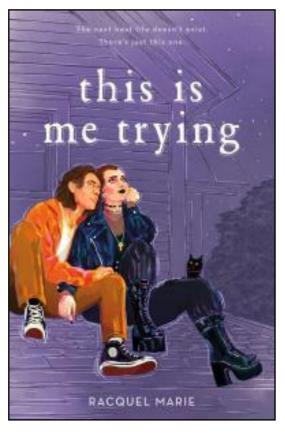
RIGHT WHERE I LEFT YOU Translation only UK: PRH

Kacen Callender meets Becky Albertalli in this geeky best friends-to lovers romance.



Julian Winters is a bestselling and award-winning author of contemporary young adult fiction. His novels *Running with Lions*, *How to Be Remy Cameron*, and *The Summer of Everything* (Duet, 2018, 2019, 2020, respectively) received accolades for their positive depictions of diverse, relatable characters. A former management trainer, Julian currently lives outside of Atlanta, where he can be found reading, being a self-proclaimed comic book geek.

2024 YOUNG ADULT CONTEMPORARY



THIS IS ME TRYING

Racquel Marie (Feiwel & Friends, April 2024)

Perfect for fans of Nina LaCour, *This is Me Trying* is a profound and tender YA contemporary novel exploring grief, love, and guilt.

Growing up, Bryce, Beatriz, and Santiago were inseparable. But when Santiago moved away before high school, their friendship crumbled. Three years later, Bryce is gone, Beatriz is known as the dead boy's girlfriend, and Santiago is back.

Santiago is surprised to find the once happy-go-lucky Bea is now the gothic town loner, though he's unsurprised she wants nothing to do with him. But he can't fix what he broke between them while still hiding what led him to cut her off in the first place, and it's harder to run from his past when he isn't states away anymore.

Inevitably drawn back together by circumstance and history, Beatriz and Santiago navigate grief, love, mental illness, forgiveness, and what it means to try to build a future after unfathomable loss.

Praise:

"Grabbed me from the very first page and didn't let go once, and I never want it to. This book does a beautiful job of taking care of the reader while not shying away from the incredibly raw and real topics of grief, mental health, and healing. Many grief books will break your heart. This one will piece it back together." —National Book Award finalist Sonora Reyes

Also by Racquel Marie:





YOU DON'T HAVE A SHOT

A queer YA romance about rival soccer players from author Racquel Marie, perfect for fans of *She Drives Me Crazy*.

OPHELIA AFTER ALL

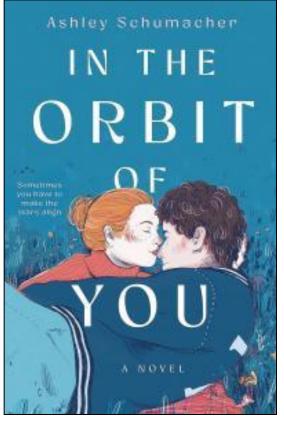
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"Debut author Marie. . .shows a wonderful knack for creating sweetly complex relationships...
"—Publishers Weekly

Racquel Marie received a B.A. in Creative Writing and a minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies from the University of California, Irvine. Racquel primarily writes YA contemporaries starring

queer Latin characters like herself.

2024 YOUNG ADULT CONTEMPORARY/ROM COM



IN THE ORBIT OF YOU

Ashley Schumacher (Wednesday, March 2024)
Translation only

In the Orbit of You is a YA story of enduring love from acclaimed author Ashley Schumacher, where a personality test reunites two friends and makes them second guess their careful plans.

It's been years since Nova Evans last saw Sam. She was too young then to understand why he had to move away, and what it had to do with the cuts and bruises he got from home and never wanted to talk about. All she knew is that they promised to find each other when they were older, something she thought was impossible thanks to her and her mom moving around constantly. Until she bumps into Sam in her new school, and realizes he has clearly forgotten their childhood promise.

When a school-wide personality test reveals Nova and Sam to be each others' top matches with 99%, the highest in the school, they begin to remember why they were such close friends, all those

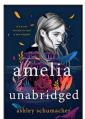
years ago. As well as the myriad of reasons this new-yet-familiar, magnetic, sparkling thing between them will never, ever work out.

Reviews:

"Schumacher expertly captures the acute experiences of childhood nostalgia, deep romantic longing, and the stressors of teetering on the precipice of adulthood." — *Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

"With Schumacher's signature voice full of emotion and depth, In The Orbit of You is a beautiful, heart rending story full of hope. And what it means to love someone who knows the most honest version of you, and the cost of that vulnerability." — **Kristin Dwyer, critically acclaimed author of** *Some Mistakes Were Made*

Also by Ashley Schumacher:







FULL FLIGHT Sold to: Germany: Arctis **Russia:** Alpina **UK:** Wednesday *Kirkus,* **Starred Review and Best Books of 2022**

AMELIA UNABRIDGED Sold to: Czech: Albatros UK: Wednesday

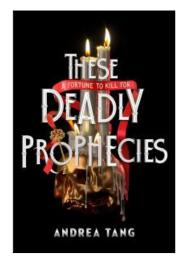
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*Winner of Czech Republic Humbook Awards Best Contemporary category!



Ashley Schumacher is a young adult author with a degree in creative writing from the University of North Texas. She lives in a small town with her antisocial but lovable husband and more books than is strictly necessary. *Amelia Unabridged* is her first novel. She lives in Dallas, Texas.

2024 YOUNG ADULT FANTASY



THESE DEADLY PROPHECIES

Andrea Tang (Razorbill, January 2024)

A teenage sorcerer's apprentice must solve her boss's murder in order to prove her innocence in this twisty, magic-infused murder mystery perfect for fans of *Knives Out* and *The Inheritance Games*.

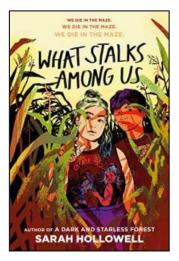
Being an apprentice for one of the world's most famous sorcerers has its challenges; Tabatha Zeng just didn't think they would include solving crime. But when her boss, the infamous fortuneteller Sorcerer Solomon, predicts his own brutal death—and worse, it comes true—Tabatha finds herself caught in the crosshairs.

Barnes & Noble YA Book Club pick for February 2024!

"A twisty mystery starring an endearing cast and infused with magic, told in a voice so witty and refreshing that it's impossible to stop reading. An incredibly fun thrill-ride by a masterful storyteller." — Marie Lu, #1 New York Times Bestselling author of Stars And Smoke

"Wry humor, zippy pacing, and witty banter. Moments of keen character insight lend heft to this lively and madcap mystery." —*Publisher's Weekly*

2023 YOUNG ADULT FEATURE



WHAT STALKS AMONG US - YA Horror

Sarah Hollowell (HMH, September 2023) All rights

From Sarah Hollowell, author of *A Dark and Starless Forest*, comes a spinetingling, deliriously creepy YA speculative thriller about two best friends trapped in a corn maze with corpses that look just like them.

"Via Sadie's insightful first-person narration, Hollowell (*A Dark and Starless Forest*) skillfully entwines atmospheric prose bursting with 2010s pop-culture references, and disturbing scenes of body horror with sensitive explorations of neurodivergence, misogyny, internalized anti-fat bias, and emotional abuse. Sadie and Logan's friendship serves as a strong and passionate anchor, giving heft to both

the physical and interpersonal stakes of this twisted ma(i)ze of surreal psychological horror." —*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

"A horrific read sure to hook many with its sinister setting, sickening mystery, strong friendship, and teen introspection." —*School Library Journal*

Sold to: France: Ed Auzou UK: Razorbill

2024 MIDDLE GRADE



BUMPS IN THE NIGHT

Amalie Howard (Delacorte Press, February 2024) Translation only

The creepy middle grade debut from *USA Today* bestselling author Amalie Howard in which a girl stays with her grandmother in Trinidad for the summer and discovers that she comes from a long line of powerful witches.

Darika "Rika" Lovelace is the kind of trouble that sends her to her grandmother's estate in Trinidad for the whole summer. As soon as she steps off the plane, strange things start happening! Rika meets a group of kids called Minders, who seem to have elemental powers. Even worse, she can sense jumbies lurking in the shadows. Thrust into a magical adventure involving bloodcurdling monsters, a supernatural silk cotton tree, and an endless twisted maze to escape, Rika must

defeat the fearsome jumble king to save her family and new friends.

Reviews:

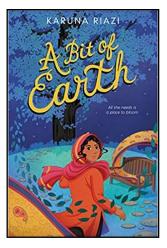
"Combined with fantastical, climate-conscious scenarios and vivacious and illuminating Black Indo-Trinidadian diaspora folklore that springs from the pages, this beguiling read is one to savor." —**PW** starred review

"Popular with adults and teens, Howard fills her first middle-grade fantasy with Trinidadian folklore. She smoothly intertwines environmental issues and romance into the story for more depth. An excellent read for those who crave adventure with a touch of spookiness." — **Booklist**



Amalie Howard is a USA Today and PW bestselling author of historical romance, including *Always Be My Duchess*, and has penned several critically acclaimed young adult novels. She is an AAPI, Caribbean-born writer whose has been featured in Ent. Weekly and Oprah Daily. She lives in Colorado with her family.

2023 MIDDLE GRADE



A BIT OF EARTH

Karuna Riazi (Greenwillow, March 2023) Translation only

"A contemporary re-envisioning of The Secret Garden . . . Found family is a central theme as Maria struggles to find a place she can truly call home. . . . Her Desi identity is represented authentically via foods, scents, clothing/dupatta, prayers, and mehndi, and the . . . hybrid prose/verse format provides a narrative that feels genuine, raw, and allows readers into the minds of the characters. . . . Destined to be a new classic, this refreshing of the canon is long overdue." — School Library Journal (starred review)



COOKIE TIME (S&S, Sept 2024) Translation only

From the New York Times bestselling creator of Not Quite Narwhal comes a tasty picture book about two kids who get into time travel shenanigans while trying to skip waiting for cookies to bake!

Kat and Ari love cookie time, their special tradition with Grandpa and his dog, Biscuit. It's always fun and oh, so delicious! But waiting for the cookies to be ready is so hard. What better way to skip to the good part than a time machine?

The two plan to jump a little into the future, to when the cookies are out of the oven, but they overshoot and go way too far ahead! And when Kat and Ari try to return, they still can't get the timing right. They have fun meeting prehistoric dinosaurs, futuristic robots, and even past versions of themselves...but just wish they could get back to Grandpa.

Could they have been wrong about the best part of cookie time?

Also by Jessie Sima



NOT QUITE NARWHAL Second season ON NETFLIX!!

Nearly 400,000 in print!

Told with heartwarming illustrations and spare, sweet text, Jessie Sima's debut picture book is about fitting in, standing out, and the all-encompassing love of family.

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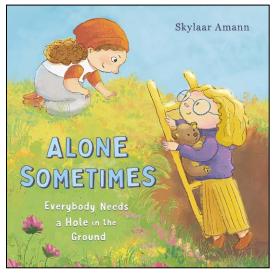
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Jessie Sima is an author/illustrator living and working in New York City. They grew up in a small town in southern New Jersey, unaware that they were a storyteller. Once they figured it out, they told their family and friends, who took it quite well. They are the author of Not Quite Narwhal, Spencer's New Pet, Hardly Haunted, Weather Together, Cookie Time, and Love, Z. You can visit them at JessieSima.com.

2024 PICTUREBOOK

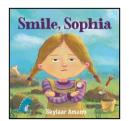


ALONE SOMETIMES Everybody Needs a Hole in the Ground Skylaar Amann (Fiewel & Friends, March 2024) All rights

In Skylaar Amann's gentle, beautifully illustrated picture book, two best friends learn that sometimes everyone needs a quiet, safe space to just be.

Ren and Kit are the best of friends, always doing everything together. But when Ren needs some quiet time to herself, she chooses to hide away in an unlikely place. Kit doesn't understand, but she's willing to listen and learn. And in the end, they both realize that sometimes, everybody needs a hole in the ground.

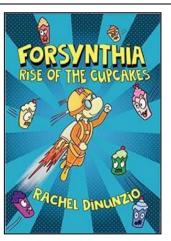
Alone Sometimes speaks directly to the need we all occasionally have for a safe space where we can hide away from the frustrations of the world.



Also by Skylaar Amann **SMILE, SOPHIA** All rights

"Sophia doesn't feel the need to fake emotions for the benefit of others, and she delivers a self-assured clapback to the constant commands to put on a happy face... An empowering picture book about being true to yourself." -- **Booklist**

GRAPHIC NOVEL



FORSYNTHIA: Rise of the Cupcakes

Rachel DiNunzio (Paw Prints, March 2024) Translation w/o Spanish

In Forsynthia: Rise of the Cupcakes, the first installment in a brand new funny and fun-loving early reader graphic novel series starring Forsynthia, a young dragon, and her family, and puts them in all sorts of adventures that blend science, fantasy, mystery, and fun.

Forsynthia and her little sister get more than they bargained for when a birthday cupcake merges with the magical artifact Mom has been studying and a villainous mega-cupcake forms, multiplies, and then attempts to take over their town of New

Harmony! Will Forsynthia and family capture Megacupcake, save mayor Loren, put stop to the chaos, and save the day?

Reviews: "Action-packed! Cupcake-packed!! Jetpack-packed!!! It's better than '*Great Things to Do in 1982*.' Way better!!!! You'll see!" – **Tom Angleberger**, **author-illustrator of NYT bestselling Origami Yoda series**