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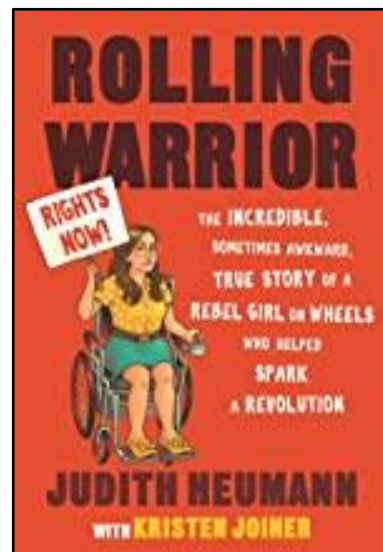
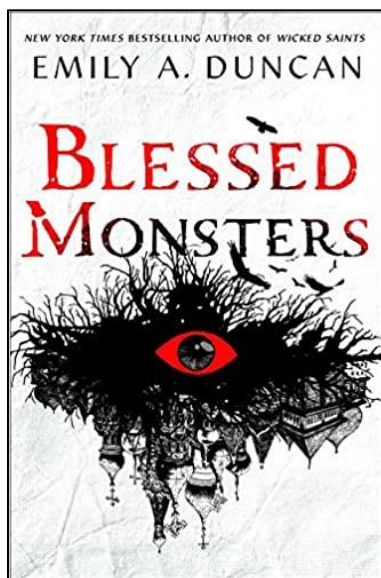
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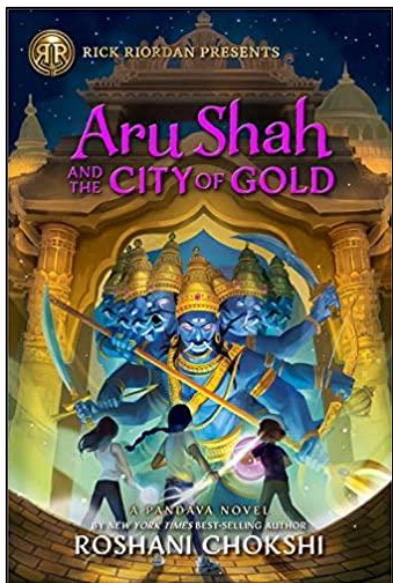
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NEW FROM ROSHANI CHOKSHI



ARU SHAH AND THE CITY OF GOLD: The Pandava Series (Book #4) Roshani Chokshi (Rick Riordan Presents, April 2021)

Time Magazine has selected *Aru Shah and the End of Time* as one of the “100 Best Fantasy Books of All Time”

“Aru commands the spotlight.” – ***Publisher’s Weekly*, Starred Review**

“Touching, riotously funny, and absolutely stunning.”
--***Kirkus*, Starred Review**

Best-selling author Rick Riordan Presents the penultimate book in the Pandava series by best-selling author Roshani Chokshi.

Aru Shah and her sisters--including one who also claims to be the Sleeper's daughter--must find their mentors Hanuman and Urvashi in Lanka, the city of gold, before war breaks out between the devas and asuras.

Aru has just made a wish on the tree of wishes, but she can't remember what it was. She's pretty sure she didn't wish for a new sister, one who looks strangely familiar and claims to be the Sleeper's daughter, like her.

Aru also isn't sure she still wants to fight on behalf of the devas in the war against the Sleeper and his demon army. The gods have been too devious up to now. Case in point: Kubera, ruler of the city of gold, promises to give the Pandavas two powerful weapons, but only if they win his trials. If they lose, they won't stand a chance against the Sleeper's troops, which will soon march on Lanka to take over the Otherworld.

Filled with wondrous magic, unforgettable creatures, manipulative gods, and laugh-out-loud dialogue, this fourth book in the Pandava series, a fantasy adventure loosely based on mythology, will leave readers wishing they could read the finale right now.

Series sold to:

Brazil: Vergara & Riba (1-3)	Bulgaria: Iztok (1-2)	China: Jeili (1-4)	Czech: Albatros (1)
Denmark: Staarup (1-3)	France: Albin Michel (1-2)	Indonesia: Mizan (1)	Israel: Modan (1-4)
Japan: Thousand Books (1)	Netherlands: Van Goor (1)	Norway: Vigmostad & Bjorke (1-2)	
Poland: Galeria Ksiaski(1-4)	Portugal: 2020 Editora (1-2)	Romania: Art Grupul (1-2)	
Russia: AST (1-2)	Slovak: Albatros (1)	Spain: Hidra (1-3)	
Taiwan: Yuan-Liou(1)	Turkey: Ithaki/Penguin Kitap (1-4)	UK: Scholastic (1-4)	

Roshani Chokshi is the author of commercial and critically acclaimed books for middle grade and young adult readers that draws on world mythology and folklore. Her work has been nominated for the Locus and Nebula awards, and has frequently appeared on Best of The Year lists from Barnes and Noble, Forbes, BuzzFeed and more. Her New York Times bestselling series includes *The Star-Touched Queen* duology, *The Gilded Wolves*, and *Aru Shah and The End of Time*, which was recently optioned for film by Paramount Pictures.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION



YOU'VE REACHED SAM

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Dustin Thao Wednesday/ SMP Fall 2021

"If you like your contemporaries with a tiny piece of magic, this emotional YA is perfect for you."
—BuzzFeed

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

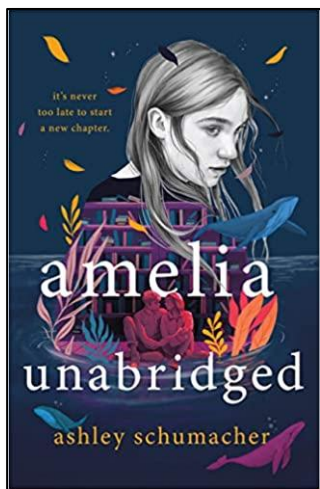
Seventeen-year-old Julie has her future all planned out—move out of her small town with her boyfriend Sam, attend college in the city, spend a summer in Japan. But then Sam dies. And everything changes. Heartbroken, Julie skips his funeral, throws out his things, and tries everything to forget him and the tragic way he died. But a message

Sam left behind in her yearbook forces back memories. Desperate to hear his voice one more time, Julie calls Sam's cellphone just to listen to his voicemail.

And Sam picks up the phone.

Sold to: Brazil: Globo **Canada:** L'Homme **France:** Hachette **Russia:** AST **Spain:** Kiwi

Dustin Thao is a Vietnamese-American writer based in Southern California. He graduated from Amherst College with a B.A. in Political Science, and is starting a PhD program at Northwestern University. He writes contemporary YA.



AMELIA UNABRIDGED

Translation

Ashley Schumacher (Wednesday Books, February 2021)

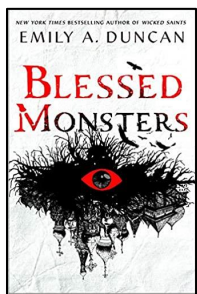
"Schumacher centers storytelling as a means of expression, connection, and keeping the dead alive in this emotionally immersive debut... Employing expressive prose that communicates the emotion and tumult that can accompany the death of a loved one at any age, Schumacher leaves characters—and readers—with a sense of hope." --*Publishers Weekly*

"Schumacher's lovely debut will have romantics swooning... [Amelia and Nolan] have endured loss and family trauma, but both have found acceptance and family elsewhere, and bring out the best in each other. ...An ode to the love of reading and how books can provide the magic and comfort needed during difficult times."
--*School Library Journal*

Sold to: Czech: Albatros **Russia:** Exmo **Slovak:** Iskar

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.

YOUNG ADULT HISTORICAL FICTION/ SCI FI/FANTASY



BLESSED MONSTERS: Something Dark and Holy Trilogy (Book #3)

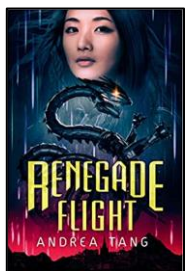
Emily A. Duncan (Wednesday Books, April 2021)

Translation

"As a reader, you can always tell when you're reading an excellent trilogy when you're simultaneously excited to see how the story ends and loathe to leave the universe it's created behind. The third and final book in Duncan's series is headed our way next spring, and we should really start preparing our emotions for it now. (Because it's probably going to destroy us.)" **—Culturess**

Series sold to: Czech: Dobrovsky **Germany:** Piper **Poland** Zysk **Russia:** Exmo **Spain:** Hidra **Turkey :** Yabancı

Emily A. Duncan is the New York Times bestselling author of *Wicked Saints* and *Ruthless Gods*. They work as a youth services librarian and received a Master's degree in library science from Kent State University, which mostly taught them how to find obscure Slavic folklore texts through interlibrary loan systems. They live in Ohio.



RENEGADE FLIGHT

Andrea Tang (Razorbill, March 2021)

UK only

Viola Park's life is over, all because she made one tiny, not-altogether-legal maneuver on the prestigious GAN Academy's entrance exam, and she got caught cheating. It's probably the worst thing Vi could imagine. Still, there are perks that come with Vi's family legacy at the school, and when Vi learns that recent Peacekeeper pilot disappearances have left the Academy desperate for recruits, she uses her connections to wiggle her way back in. Now she has to work twice as hard to prove herself worthy of a place in the cockpit of one of the legendary dragon mechs.

Andrea Tang grew up in Princeton, NJ, currently resides in Washington, DC, where she pens fiction by night and collects geopolitical gossip by day. A graduate of Bryn Mawr College and the University of Oxford, she's a Fulbright grantee, former pentathlete, and serial dabbler in various martial and movement arts. Andrea is also the author of *Rebelwing*.



THE SHADOW WAR

Lindsay Smith (Philomel Books, February 2021)

Translation

"An action-packed historical novel with a science fiction twist, Smith has crafted a novel where *Stranger Things* meets Nazi hunting." **--School Library Journal**

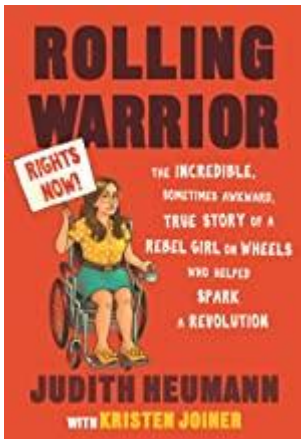
Five teenagers team up in the forests of WW II Germany, determined to make a mark. Daniel and Rebeka seek revenge against the Nazis who slaughtered their family; Simone is determined to fight back against the oppressors who ruined her life and corrupted her girlfriend; Phillip aims to prove that he's better than his worst mistakes; and Liam is searching for a way to control the portal to the shadow world he's uncovered, and the monsters that live within it--before the Nazi regime can do the same.

Lindsay Smith is the author of *Sekret* and other YA novels. Her comics and short stories have appeared on Tor.com and in the anthologies *Shout Out! an LGBTQ YA Anthology*, *A Tyranny of Petticoats*, *Toil & Trouble*, and *That Way Madness Lies*. She lives in Washington, DC, where she works in cybersecurity.

JUDY HEUMANN

Adaptation of BEING HEUMANN for Young Readers

Translation



ROLLING WARRIOR: The Incredible, Sometimes Awkward, True Story of a Rebel Girl on Wheels Who Helped Spark a Revolution

Judith Heumann, with Kristen Joiner (Beacon, June 2021)

This young readers edition of her memoir, *Being Heumann*, introduces young readers to the disability rights movement through the lens of Judy Heumann's life. It centers on the universal yearning for connection and belonging that all young people experience as they navigate the trials of adolescence. Judy's wry personality leaps off the page in this fast-paced and engaging memoir that shows young readers that they have the power and strength to demand equal access in an unequal world.

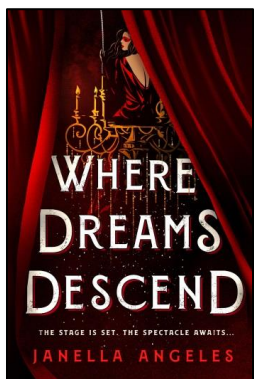
Judith Heumann is an internationally recognized leader in the Disability Rights Independent Living Movement. She has served in the Clinton and Obama administrations and as the World Bank's first adviser on disability and development. Heumann is the author of her memoir, *Being Heumann*, and her story was featured in the Netflix documentary *Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution* (2020).

Kristen Joiner is an award-winning entrepreneur in the global nonprofit and social change sector. She coauthored Judith Heumann's memoir, *Being Heumann*.



Adult book sold to: **Japan:** Gendai Shokan **Korea:** Sakeyjul Pub

2020 highlights YA /Crossover /Fantasy



WHERE DREAMS DESCEND

Translation

Janella Angeles (St. Martin's Press, June 2, 2020)

"[A] spellbinding melody of a book, and the true magic is how Angeles puts all the best parts of an enrapturing theatrical performance onto paper and ink. From the gripping twists in the first pages all the way to the final, heartbreaking crescendo, *Where Dreams Descend* will surge you to your feet in a standing ovation."

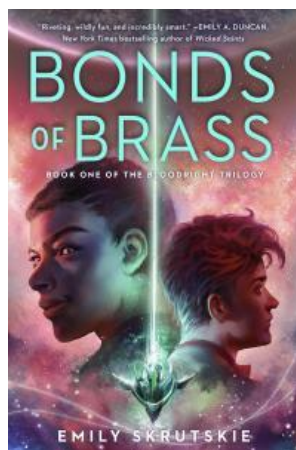
—Sara Raasch, *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Snow Like Ashes* trilogy

In a city covered in ice and ruin, a group of magicians face off in a daring game of magical feats to find the next headliner of the Conquering Circus, only to find themselves under the threat of an unseen danger striking behind the scenes.

Where Dreams Descend is the startling and romantic first book in Janella Angeles' debut Kingdom of Cards fantasy duology where magic is both celebrated and feared, and no heart is left unscathed.

Sold to: Russia: AST

Janella Angeles is a Filipino-American writer who works in children's publishing by day while penning novels by night. She graduated summa cum laude from Emerson College with a B.A. in Writing, Literature, and Publishing, but found the most valuable way of learning to write was in creating glorious Harry Potter fanfiction and reading obscene amounts of books. She currently resides in Massachusetts



BONDS OF BRASS

Translation

Emily Skrutskie (Penguin Random House, April 7, 2020)

"A fast-paced space opera with heart and style, *BONDS OF BRASS* had me screaming KISS ALREADY on every page." —Delilah S. Dawson, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Star Wars: Phasma*

"An exciting space opera full of action and adventure that explores the bonds of loyalty and love and what happens when they are stretched to their limits."

—Rebecca Roanhorse, *Nebula and Hugo Award*-winning author of *Trail of Lightning*

A young pilot risks everything to save his best friend—the man he trusts most and might even love—only to learn that he's secretly the heir to a brutal galactic empire. But when dozens of classmates spring an assassination plot on Gal, a devastating secret comes to light: Gal is the heir to the UMBER Empire. Does he save the man who's won his heart and trust that Gal's goodness could transform the empire? Or does he throw his lot in with the brewing rebellion and fight to take back what's rightfully theirs?

Emily Skrutskie is the author of *The Abyss Surrounds Us* and *The Edge of the Abyss*. She was born in Massachusetts, raised in Virginia, and forged in the mountains above Boulder, Colorado. She holds a B.A. in Performing and Media Arts from Cornell University, where she studied an outrageous and demanding combination of film, computer science, and game design. Her short fiction has been published by HarperTeen.

2020 highlights Middle Grade



STAND UP, YUMI CHUNG!

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Jessica Kim (Kokila/ Penguin Random House, March 2020)

"With wonderful supporting characters, strong pacing, and entertaining comedy bits, debut author Kim has woven a pop song of immigrant struggle colliding with comedy and Korean barbecue... Readers will cheer the birth of this comedian." —

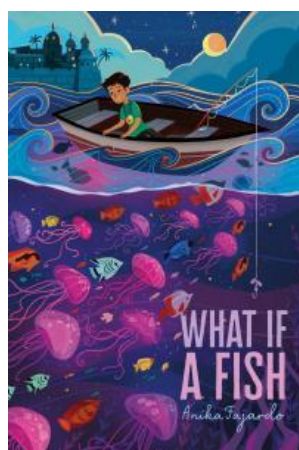
Kirkus (starred)

"Being your true self can be tough, but with guts, gumption, and a whole lot of heart, Yumi Chung rises to the challenge and shows us all who she really is—a bonafide star." —Booki Vivat, *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Frazzled* series

"Charming, funny, real, and overflowing with heart." —**Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich**, author of *8th Grade Superzero*, *Two Naomis*, and *Naomis Too*

One lie snowballs into a full-blown double life in this irresistible story about an aspiring stand-up comedian.

Jessica Kim writes about Asian American girls finding their way in the world.



WHAT IF A FISH

Translation

Anika Fajardo (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2020)

A whimsical and unflinchingly honest generational story of family and identity where hats turn into leeches, ghosts blow kisses from lemon trees, and the things you find at the end of your fishing line might not be a fish at all.

Half-Colombian Eddie Aguado has never really *felt* Colombian. Especially after Papa died. And since Mama keeps her memories of Papa locked up where Eddie can't get to them, he only has Papa's third-place fishing tournament medal to remember him by. He'll have to figure out how to be more Colombian on his own.

As if by magic, the perfect opportunity arises. Eddie—who's never left Minnesota—is invited to spend the summer in Colombia with his older half-brother. But as his adventure unfolds, he feels more and more like a fish out of water.

Figuring out how to be a true colombiano might be more difficult than he thought.

Anika Fajardo was born in Colombia and raised in Minnesota. Her writing has been published in the anthologies *Brief Encounters: A Collection of Contemporary Nonfiction* and *Sky Blue Water: Great Stories for Young Readers* (Minnesota, 2016). She has earned awards from the Jerome Foundation, the Minnesota State Arts Board, and the Loft Literary Center. The manuscript for *Magical Realism for Non-Believers* was a finalist for the Bakeless Literary Prize in Creative Nonfiction.