

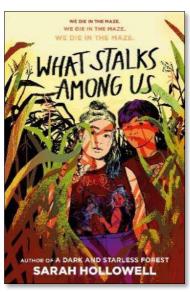
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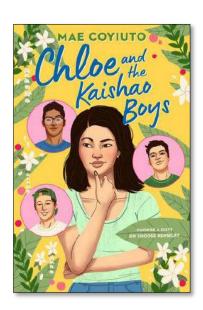
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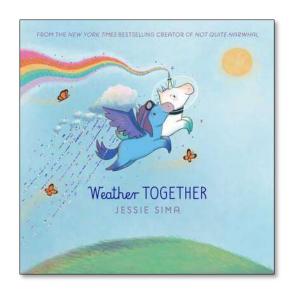
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## **WEATHER TOGETHER**

Jessie Sima

Simon & Schuster, May 2023

Sold to: France: Circonflexe

Nimbus learns how to weather her cloudy moods and accept help from her best friend, Kelp, in this charming and gently encouraging picture book companion to the New York Times bestselling Not Quite Narwhal.



Nimbus has so much fun being Kelp's friend!

Their days are filled with games, sunshine, and a whole lot of rainbows. Only, Nimbus can't stay sunny all the time; in fact, some days she's downright cloudy.

And when Nimbus's cloud turns into a storm, there's no way to keep it from others anymore. But maybe getting to know her cloud could make it a little less scary...and maybe friends like Kelp are there to share the weather together.



**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.

# **NOT QUITE NARWHAL**

Now a Netflix series by Dreamworks!

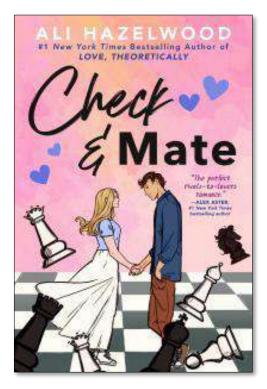
Nearly 400,000 English copies sold

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<sup>&</sup>quot;Adorable characters trigger smiles throughout" – Publisher's Weekly

<sup>&</sup>quot;Sima's bubbly, adorable artwork is nearly irresistible...This endearing tale will warm many a heart." – **Booklist** 



## Kirkus Reviews, starred review

#### **CHECK & MATE**

Ali Hazelwood Putnam, November 2023

**Sold to: Brazil:** Arqueiro /Sextante **Bulgaria:** Soft Press

Catalan: Fan Books/Planeta Czech: Euromedia

Denmark: GutkindFinland: WSOYFrance: GallimardGermany: HeyneGreece: DioptraHungary: MaximIsrael: KinneretItaly: SperliNether: Van GoorPoland: MuzaPortugal: Presenca Romania: LiteraraRussia: MIFSlovak: AlbatrosSpain: AnayaSweden: Bon.CarlsenTurkey: NemesisUK: Little Brown

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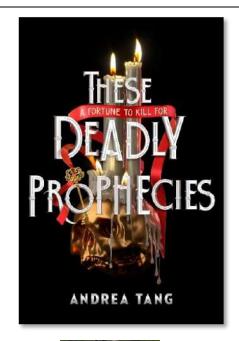
"Filled with the author's signature humor, well-developed characters, and realistic conflicts, plus the fully realized setting of competitive chess, this captivating romance will delight teen readers as well as Hazelwood's adult fans." —

"Ali Hazelwood brings her signature wit to YA and the result is nothing short of delightful! *Check & Mate* stole my heart from the first page — it's at once an irresistible romance, compelling character study, and fascinating peek into the world of chess. I couldn't put it down!" —Rachel Lynn Solomon, *New York Times* bestselling author of *We Can't Keep Meeting Like This* 

"Ali Hazelwood is a known master of deeply clever, ridiculously satisfying 'JUST KISS ALREADY!!' slow burns, and this book is all of that and so much more. Readers are going to ship Mallory and Nolan hard enough to break their sails. If you're not ready to **swoon and gasp and cackle** in front of strangers, read this book in public at your own risk." —**Emma Lord, New York**Times bestselling author of When You Get the Chance



**Ali Hazelwood** is a multi-published author—alas, of peer-reviewed articles about brain science, in which no one makes out and the ever after is not always happy. Originally from Italy, she lived in Germany and Japan before moving to the U.S. to pursue a Ph.D. in neuroscience. She recently became a professor, which absolutely terrifies her. When Ali is not at work, she can be found running, crocheting, eating cake pops, or watching sci-fi movies with her two feline overlords (and her slightly-less-feline husband



#### THESE DEADLY PROPHECIES

Andrea Tang Razorbill, February 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*.

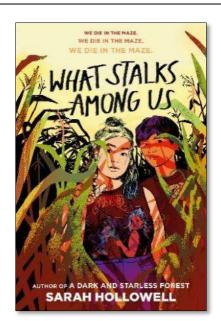
Being an apprentice for one of the world's most famous sorcerers has its challenges; Tabatha Zeng just didn't think they would include solving crime. But when her boss, the infamous fortuneteller Sorcerer Solomon, predicts his own brutal death—and worse, it comes true—Tabatha finds herself caught in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

Nothing is as it seems in this quick-witted and fantastical murder



mystery.

**Andrea Tang** grew up in Princeton, New Jersey, and currently lives, writes, and works in the Washington, DC area. She loves martial arts in general and Brazilian jiu-jitsu in particular, and in her spare time, enjoys learning new sports and checking out live theater.



#### WHAT STALKS AMONG US

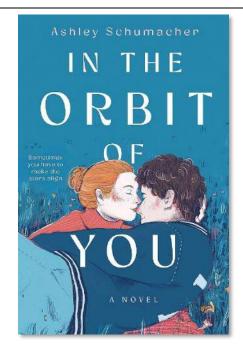
Sarah Hollowell HMH, September 2023

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

Deeply unnerving, clever, and atmospheric, this time-bending, mind-bending speculative horror is a poignant meditation on the lasting effects of trauma and the healing powers of connection and forgiveness—all while delivering more surprise twists and turns than a haunted corn maze.



**Sarah Hollowell** is a queer, fat Hoosier writer aiming to up the magic quotient of Indiana. She spends a lot of her nonwriting time listening to podcasts, needle felting cryptids, and replaying the same five video games.



## IN THE ORBIT OF YOU

## By Ashley Schumacher

Wednesday Books, March 2024

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.

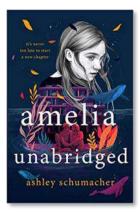
Sam Jordan has a plan for his life: accept his college football scholarship, date his girlfriend Abigail, and—most importantly—hide how much he wants to do something, anything other than The Plan™ his parents and coaches have set before him. It doesn't matter if sometimes he finds himself thinking about the new girl he met in the cafeteria, a girl who reminds him of a past that hurts to remember.

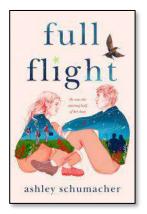
When a school-wide personality test reveals Nova and Sam to be each others' top matches, they begin to remember why they were such close friends, all those years ago. As well as the myriad of reasons this new-yet-familiar, magnetic, sparkling thing between them will never, ever work out.

Praise: "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:



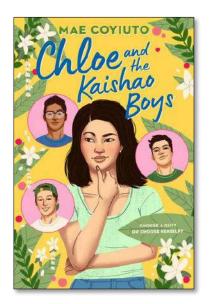




AMELIA sold to: Czech Albatros Germany Arctis Russia Eksmo Slovak Ikar

**FULL FLIGHT sold to: Germany** Arctis

# YOUNG ADULT/ MIDDLE GRADE



#### CHLOE AND THE KAISHAO BOYS

Mae Coyiuto
Putnam Young Readers, March 2023

When Dimple Met Rishi meets Loveboat, Taipei in this hilarious YA rom-com about a Chinese-Filipina girl in Manila whose father sets her up on a marathon of arranged dates in hopes of convincing her to stay close to home for college.

"An endearing story from a fresh voice of family, first love, and taking chances." — *Kirkus Reviews* 



**Mae Coyiuto** is a Chinese-Filipino writer, born and raised in the Philippines. Mae earned her BA in Psychology from Pomona College and her Master's Degree in Writing for Young Adults/Children from The New School. If she's not writing, she's usually fangirling over Beyoncé, tennis, Gilmore Girls, or all of the above. She currently lives in Manila.



## MAKE A MOVE SUNNY PARK

Jessica Kim Penguin September 2023

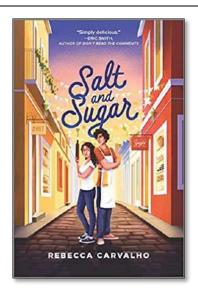
From the author of *Stand Up, Yumi Chung!* comes a funny and utterly charming novel that fans of BTS and K-pop will be sure to love. *Make a Move Sunny Park is about friends*—how to make them, how to let go of them, and how to be your own BFF.

"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." — *Kirkus Reviews*, starred review



**Jessica Kim** writes about Asian American girls finding their way in the world. Before she was an author, Jessica studied education at UC Berkeley and spent ten years teaching third, fourth, and fifth grades in public schools. She now lives in Southern California with her family.

# **2022 YOUNG ADULT/MIDDLE GRADE**



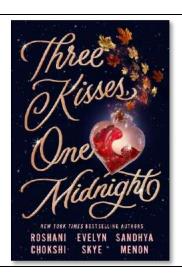
# **SALT AND SUGAR**

Rebecca Carvalho Inkyard November 2022

Sold to: Brazil: Record Russia: Eksmo

A *Kirkus Reviews* Best Teen & YA Romance Book of the Year. *Salt and Sugar* is a modern-day *Romeo and Juliet* that takes place in Brazil. The grandchildren of two rival Brazilian bakeries fall in love despite their families' feud in this delicious debut rom-com.

**Rebecca Carvalho** is a Recifense writer based in Berkeley, California. She loves crafting stories filled with close-knit neighborhoods, Brazilian food, and telenovela-esque settings.



#### THREE KISSES ONE MIDNIGHT

Roshani Chokshi, Evelyn Skye, & Sandhya Menon Macmillan, August 2022

Sold to: UK: Hodder Spain: Hidra

Three Kisses One Midnight is like Gilmore Girls meets Halloween.

Three New York Times bestselling authors craft a delicious concoction of storytelling about best friends who discover that love is the most powerful magic of all.



#### MEET ME HALFWAY

Anika Fajardo Simon & Schuster, September 2022

Sold to: Germany: Magellan

When new classmates Mattie and Mercedes meet and realize they have the same Colombian dad, the two team up in a *Parent Trap*—inspired misadventure to meet him for the first time in this sharp and poignant middle grade novel about the bonds that make a family.

**Anika Fajardo** was born in Colombia and raised in Minnesota. Her debut middle-grade novel *What If a Fish* (Simon & Schuster, 2020) was awarded the 2021 Minnesota Book Award.

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