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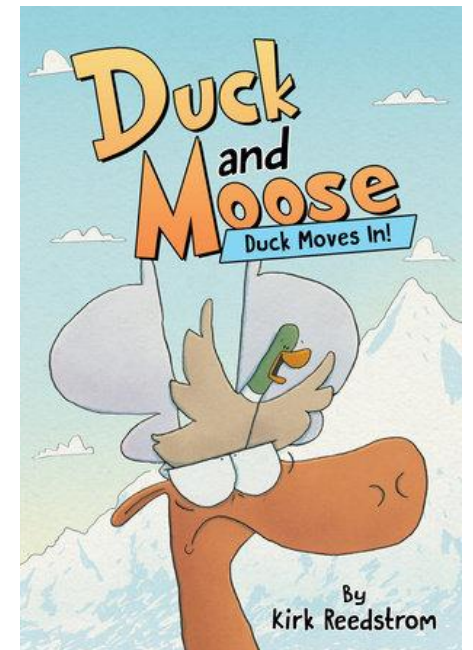
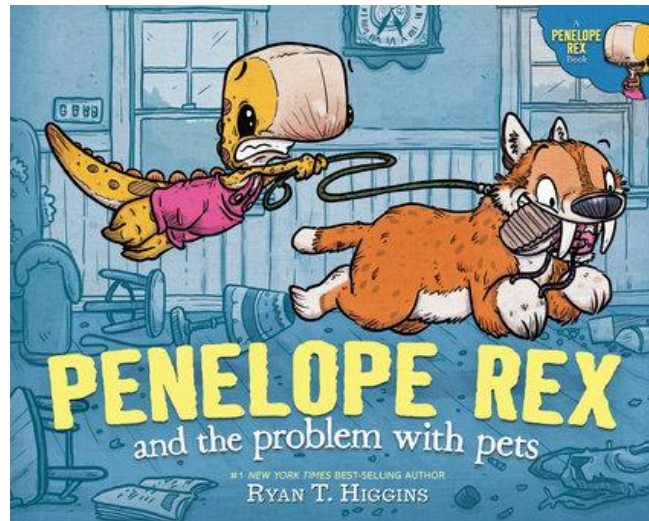
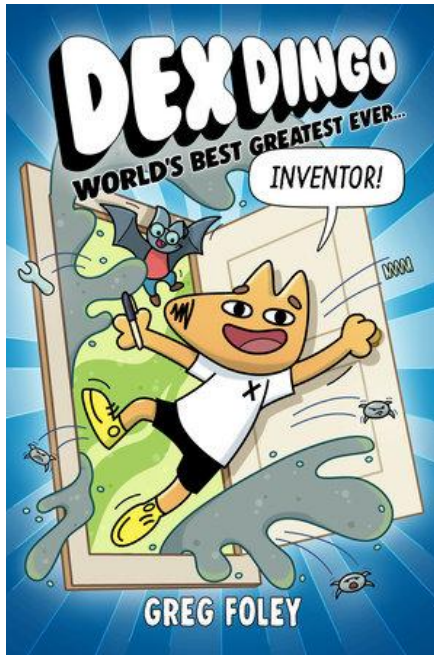


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## PICTURE BOOKS/EARLY READERS



# NORMAN AND THE SMELL OF ADVENTURE

Ryan T. Higgins

Disney Hyperion, Fall 2025

New York Times best-selling creator Ryan T. Higgins follows up the much-lauded **NORMAN DIDN'T DO IT!** with this hilarious sequel about answering the call (and smell) of adventure.

Norman is a porcupine.

Norman's best friend is Mildred.

Mildred is a tree.

They have favorite things they do together, day after day.

When Norman wakes one morning and wants to try something new, he's frustrated to learn that Mildred has *other plans*.

So Norman storms off. On his own. Without Mildred.

Can their friendship survive?

With his signature humor and heart, Ryan T. Higgins explores the joy of independence and the power of best friendship.

*Ages*

3-5

*Material:*

PDF, 48 pages

**Ryan T. Higgins** is the author and illustrator of the #1 *New York Times* best-selling *We Don't Eat Our Classmates*; the *New York Times* best-selling *Mother Bruce*, which received the E. B. White Read Aloud Award and the Ezra Jack Keats New Illustrator Honor; *Hotel Bruce*; *BE QUIET!*; *Bruce's Big Move*; and others. He lives in Maine with his wife and kids and a menagerie of pets.

# BRUCE SAVES THE PLANET

Ryan T. Higgins

Disney Hyperion, February 2025

NEW!

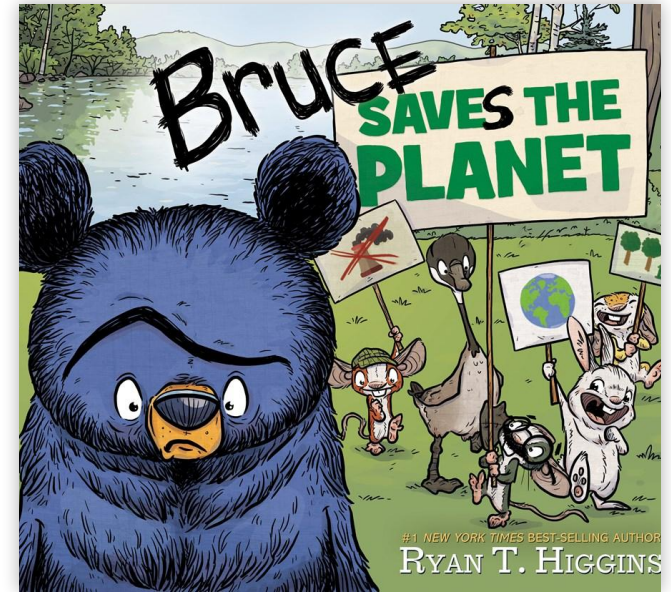
**From unwitting mother to unwitting . . . environmental activist?**

**Save the planet with #1 *New York Times* best-selling author-illustrator Ryan T. Higgins's beloved Mother Bruce.**

Bruce was a bear who liked to be by himself. But that wasn't easy for him, as mother to four geese and three mice. Luckily, he could enjoy a day of peace and quiet while fishing.

But his quiet haven is full of beetles stealing his lunch. And protestors loudly trying to save the forest from the construction of a factory. Will Bruce and the residents of Soggy Hollow manage to save the planet?

**This book is part of the Disney Planet Possible Books program, aiming to inspire and empower young readers to take care of planet Earth through amazing stories and kid-friendly environmental activities.**



*Ages* 3-5  
*Material:* PDF, 48 pages

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# DUCK AND MOOSE: DUCK IN THE DARK

Kirk Reedstrom

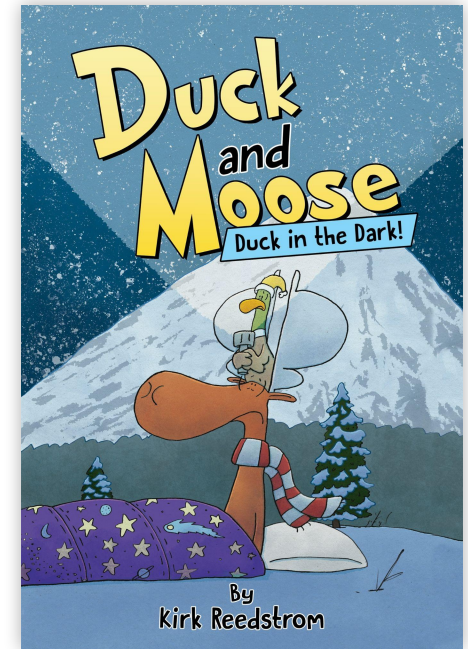
Disney Hyperion, December 2024

NEW!

The third book in a laugh-out-loud early graphic novel series perfect for fans of Narwhal and Jelly! Quiet-loving Moose's life is turned upside down by free-wheeling Duck. The two will need to put their differences aside if they're ever going to be neighbors...or friends!

It's time for a best-friends-slash-roommates sleepover! Duck is prepared for everything: he's got snacks, his karaoke machine, and a stack of movies for Moose and him to watch. But is Duck ready for how early it gets dark now that it's winter in Denali? Moose sheds some light on the situation and shows Duck that sometimes things aren't as scary as you imagined.

Filled with zany hijinks and slapstick humor, Kirk Reedstrom's Duck and Moose series showcases unlikely friendships and the power of compromise.



*Ages*

6-8

*Material:*

PDF, 64 pages

**Kirk Reedstrom** has spent most of his adult life surrounded by books—he currently works at a public library, and he used to be a bookseller at Blue Willow, an independent bookstore in Houston, TX. He has led children's art workshops at The Kimball Museum and interned with William Joyce at the Moonbot Studios. And he mixes all his past experiences with traditional and digital mediums to develop fun-filled characters with a little bit of mayhem. Kirk enjoys creating books that make people laugh. Find out more about Kirk and his work at [www.kirkreedstrom.com](http://www.kirkreedstrom.com).



# DUCK AND MOOSE: MOOSE BLASTS OFF

Kirk Reedstrom

Disney Hyperion, March 2024

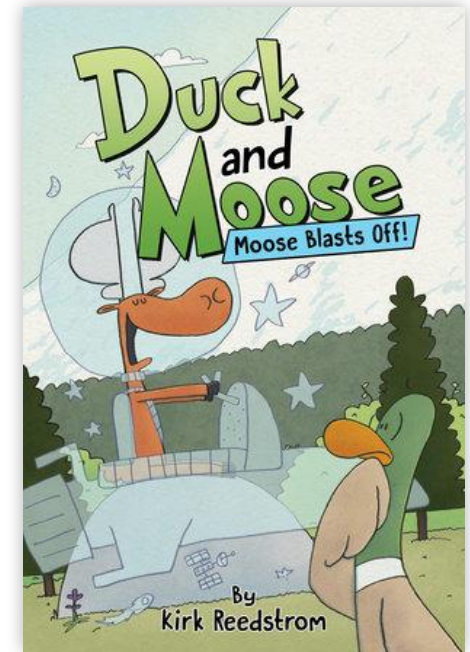
"Not only will this be a book series kids gravitate towards, but it has extensive opportunities for social-emotional lessons on communication, friendship, flexibility, and emotions. VERDICT A must-have series that is among the best that graphic novels have to offer." —*School Library Journal*, starred review

"A worthy proposition that effortlessly achieves liftoff." —*Kirkus*

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Moose loves playing astronaut. Imagining his helmet, his seatbelt, and rocketing off into space are his favorite things to do! One day, Moose invites Duck to play with him. But there's just one problem—Duck doesn't know how to use his imagination! Moose teaches him but soon becomes frustrated because Duck doesn't play astronaut the "right" way. How will these friends learn how to work—and imagine—together?

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# DUCK AND MOOSE: DUCK MOVES IN

Kirk Reedstrom

Disney Hyperion, March 2024

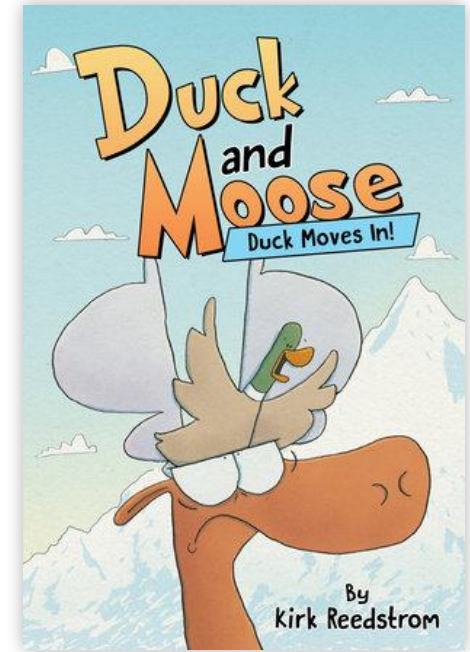
The chapter structure mixed with occasional full-page art will be an instant hit with students who are just beginning their reading journey, as well as with kids who are just getting to know and love graphic novels. VERDICT A perfect addition to any library, and the start of a beautiful friendship. – *School Library Journal*, starred review

"...[T]his title is a strong choice for those new to comics. Odd couple animal bros, firmly set in the grand tradition of Frog and Toad." —*Kirkus*

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Moose loves peace and quiet, relaxing, living alone, and spring! He can't wait for the arrival of sun, flowers, and...a new neighbor?! Duck just landed himself a new home. He loves parties, karaoke, and living with—and on—Moose's head. Moose tries everything he can to send Duck away, but he soon finds that this persistent neighbor might just be the best thing spring could bring.

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# IGGY WHO BREATHES FIRE

Carrie Kruck, illustrated by Erika Meza

Disney Hyperion, October 2024

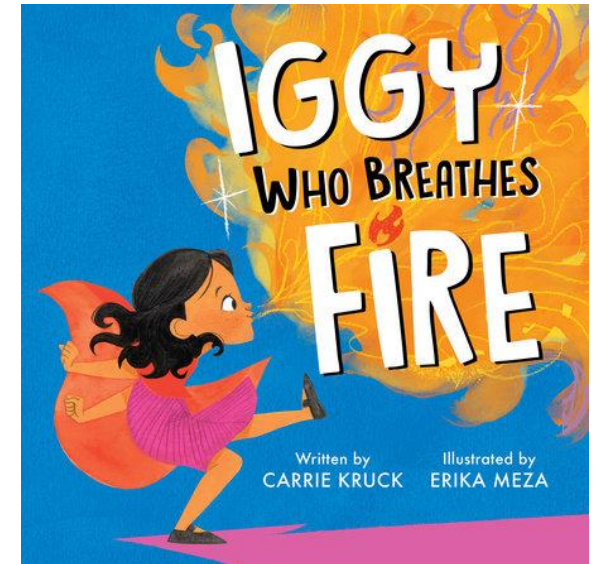
NEW!

Meet Iggy, a fiery new hero who knows exactly what she's about—no matter what others think.

This hilarious picture book celebrates self-awareness and is perfect for fans of *Imogene's Antlers* and *The Paper Bag Princess*.

Iggy was born to set the world on fire—literally. Her parents aren't so sure. They bring in the experts—a professor, fire chief, librarian, and doctor—who suggest everything from eating ice cream to sitting in a cold room, but none can help her tame her fire.

Hilarious and heartwarming (get it?) in equal measure, *IGGY WHO BREATHES FIRE* celebrates that kids are the true experts when it comes to their own identity, and it's up to them to decide when and how to share themselves with the world.



Ages 3-5  
Material: PDF, 40 pages

**Carrie Kruck** was born and raised in Canada, studied and worked as a psychologist in Australia, and now lives in a cozy house at the edge of the woods in New England. Her home is filled with laughter and love and a lot of Lego, and has a room with built-in bookshelves that she calls “the library,” so she has pretty much everything she needs! Learn more at [CLKruck.com](http://CLKruck.com).

**Erika Meza** is the author-illustrator of *To the Other Side*, which was called “gorgeously rendered” by *Kirkus* in a starred review. She has illustrated many other books for young readers, including *My Two Border Towns* (written by David Bowles) and *Balloons for Papa* (written by Elizabeth Gilbert Bedia). She grew up in Mexico, studied illustration in France, and now resides in the United Kingdom, with her blue cat. Learn more at [ErikaMeza.com](http://ErikaMeza.com)



# IMPOSSIBLE POSSUMS

Justin Colón

Disney Hyperion, October 2024

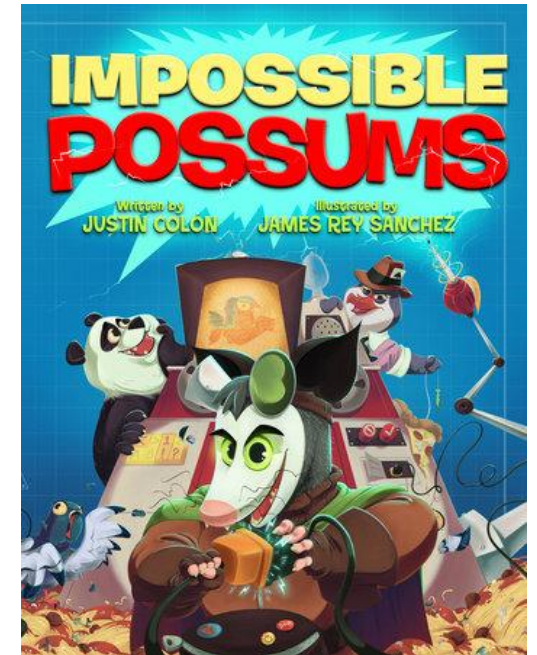
NEW!

Carl is bad. Bad to the bone. The only thing that would make being this *bad* even better would be someone to share it with. Cue the Possum Populator and a whole bunch of bad guys.

Perfect for fans of *Despicable Me* and *Lilo & Stitch*, this exceptionally goofy picture book stars aspiring villain Carl the possum, who is on a mission to create a like-minded conspirator.

Life as an aspiring villain is lonely for Carl the possum, so he's on a mission to create a like-minded conspirator. But when his Possum Populator arrives, it requires assembly (and villains don't have time for that). So, Carl tosses the instructions, leading to a series of outlandish mishaps and mounting frustration as the contraption pops out all the wrong creations.

Hilarious and imaginative, this picture book will have readers laughing and eager for more diabolical misadventures with Carl at the helm.



Ages

3-7

Material:

PDF, 40 pages

**Justin Colón** is a professional actor and children's book author. This is his second picture book, joining his debut, *The Quacken*. Like Carl, the star of *Impossible Possums*, Justin lives in New York. Unlike Carl, Justin does not live in a sewer or have an evil lair. He invites you to visit him at [justincolonbooks.com](http://justincolonbooks.com).

**James Rey Sanchez's** love for art came from many hours of reading comics, playing video games, and watching '90s Saturday morning cartoons. He has illustrated books on subjects ranging from Irving Berlin to trucks, but this is his first about a villainous possum. He lives in Detroit, Michigan. Learn more at [JamesReyArt.com](http://JamesReyArt.com).

# GREEN JOLENE AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD SWAP

Wendy Mass, illustrated by Billy Young

Disney Hyperion, February 2025

NEW!

Meet Green Jolene: a green, clean, climate-conscious heroine.

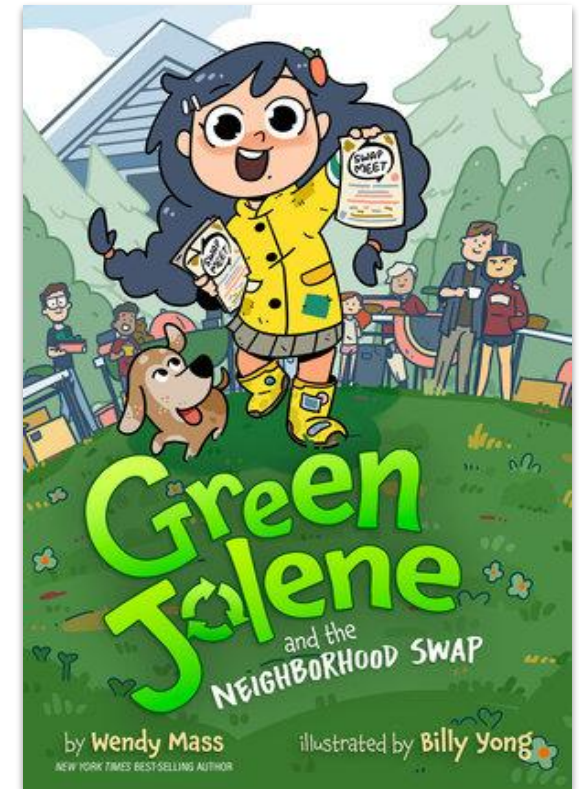
This illustrated chapter book series by *New York Times* best-selling author Wendy Mass is perfect for kids who are inspired by Greta Thunberg and other classics like *Ivy & Bean* and *Clementine*.

It all began (as the best stories do) with a very stinky backpack!

Jolene wouldn't have guessed that the first day of summer vacation would start with her trying to figure out if the squishy object smelling up her backpack was a half-eaten tuna sandwich or a six-month-old plum! (It was both!) While dumping old food in the trash and bringing out the recycling, Jolene sees the huge boxes of stuff her new neighbors got delivered. She realizes how many of her own belongings she doesn't use anymore.

Horrified by the idea of contributing to overflowing landfills and trash-filled oceans, Jolene hatches a big plan to not only deal with her own stuff, but her whole neighborhood's unwanted items as well. Of course, big plans never work out quite the way we think they will!

Clad in her favorite rain boots, Jolene is ready to save the world. Or, at least, to tackle her own neighborhood's stuff and find some surprising new allies along the way. For fans of *Ivy & Bean* and *Clementine* comes Jolene, a can-do new hero who is discovering how to take an Earth-first approach to every problem she encounters.



Ages 6-8  
Material: 112 pages

**Wendy Mass** is the *New York Times* bestselling author of thirty novels for young people, including *EVERY SOUL A STAR*, *PIE IN THE SKY*, and *A MANGO-SHAPED SPACE*. Her books have been translated into 26 languages and nominated for 91 state book awards. She lives with her family in northwest New Jersey. Visit her at [WendyMass.com](http://WendyMass.com).

**Billy Young** lives in Singapore, where he loves drawing the sweet, the brazen, and the nonsensical. When he's not doodling around, he's busy surviving parenthood or fighting against his addiction for bubble tea. Find him online at [www.billyyongdraws.com](http://www.billyyongdraws.com) or on Instagram @billyyongdraws.

# THE TOP SPOT

Frank Weber

Disney Hyperion, September 2024

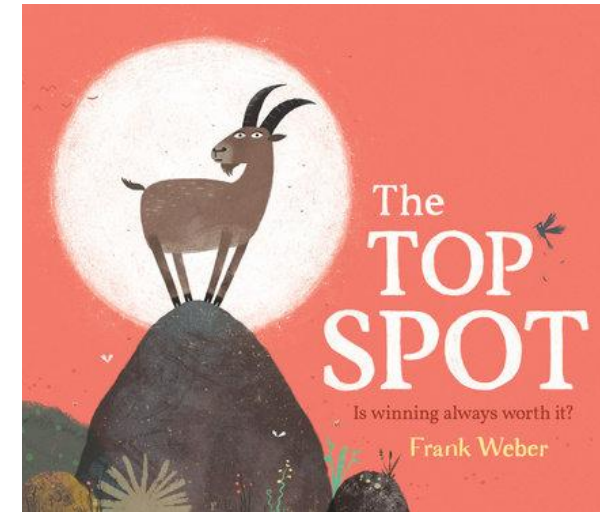
NEW!

“A quirky, inspired parable.” –*Kirkus Reviews*

For fans of *MR. TIGER GOES WILD* and *I WANT MY HAT BACK*, author-illustrator Frank Weber presents style, stunning illustrations, and sly humor in *THE TOP SPOT*, which explores themes of happiness and the why of competing in the rat race called life.

A little ibex is challenged to compete against the bigger ibexes for the top spot in the herd, a contest the little ibex stands no chance of winning. With the help of a wise mountain goat, the little ibex returns home, outsmarts his rivals, and claims the top spot. But is it everything he thought it would be?

Frank Weber’s debut, *More Dung!* combined scatological humor with existential angst. *The Top Spot* continues the existential tradition, inviting young readers to continue asking their favorite question: why?



*Ages* 3-5  
*Material:* PDF, 48 pages

**Frank Weber** is an animator and director who specializes in design and animation. He's based in London but originally hails from South Africa, which inspires his work. More examples of his art can be found on [newmonday.tv](http://newmonday.tv).

# MORE DUNG! A BEETLE TALE

Frank Weber

Disney Hyperion, May 2024

NEW!

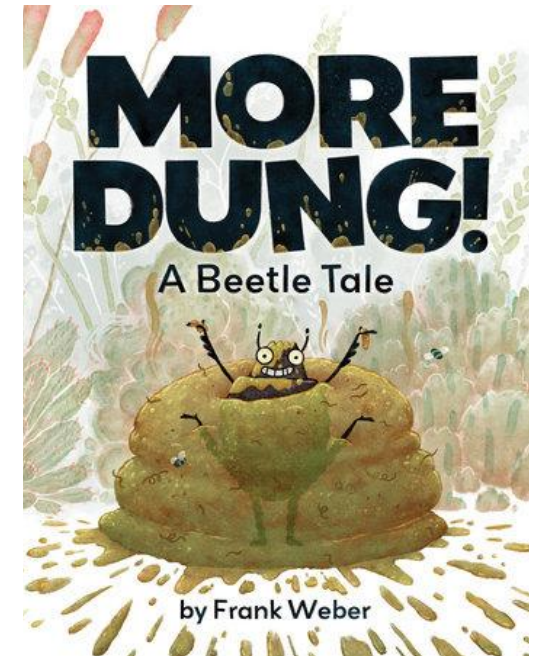
“A sure storytime hit.” —*Kirkus* (starred review)

“The combination of absurd humor and clever social commentary gives the book broad appeal, making it an easy choice for a giggly storytime or a discussion on what and how we decide to commodify things.”  
—*The Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books*

“South Africa–born animator and director Weber makes a visually comic picture book debut with this fable about the power of appreciation . . . The moral—knowing when enough truly is enough—underscores the folly of greed while playfully reassuring that one mistake doesn’t have to last a lifetime.” —*Publishers Weekly*

“The efficient text and strong page design result in a briskly paced story, yet subtle narrative flourishes throughout the illustrations will surely be discovered and appreciated through unhurried viewing.” —*Horn Book Magazine*

For fans of Jon Klassen and Peter Brown comes **MORE DUNG!**, a slyly funny and stunningly illustrated picture book about a greedy dung beetle by debut author-illustrator Frank Weber.



The dung beetle thinks he has everything he needs: the warmth of the sun, a gurgling river, and as much dung as he could ever want. But when a leopard tells him of a farm with even MORE dung, the beetle’s world suddenly looks small. And so he sets off to the farm, accruing more and more dung, building a veritable DUNG EMPIRE! But a tower of dung comes with a tower of risk, and soon our insect hero finds himself buried in his greed. (Yes, he’s buried in poop.)

Frank Weber seamlessly blends philosophical questions about greed with scatological humor and truly gorgeous artwork to create this special debut.

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# IF YOU FIND A FAWN

Kellie DuBay Gillis, illustrated by Wazza Pink

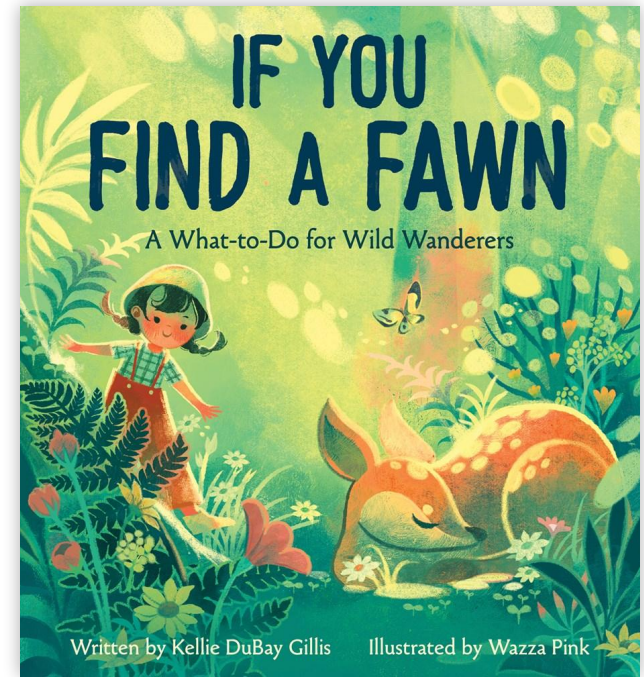
Disney Hyperion, February 2025

When you wander in the wild, you might find . . . a baby animal. Would you know what to do?

Perfect for nature lovers and curious kids, *If You Find a Fawn* pairs instructive text with lush illustrations for a beautiful picture book adventure.

When we find someone we think is in trouble, our instinct is to help. But the baby animal you find might not be in trouble at all. Come along, wild wanderer, and learn through this lyrical journey and informative backmatter.

This book is part of the Disney Planet Possible Books program, aiming to inspire and empower young readers to take care of planet Earth through amazing stories that celebrate advocacy, conservation, and stewardship, kid-friendly environmental activities, and books manufactured with care in the United States.



Ages 3-5  
Material: PDF, 40 pages

**Kellie DuBay Gillis** grew up in Bay City, Michigan, with kids who loved to make things and to share neighborhood adventures on an old purple tandem bike. She writes stories about things you find in nature, things you might not find in nature unless you know the magical places to look, things that happen to most kids, and things most kids wish would happen. Kellie is an environmental scientist and communications specialist with over 25 years of experience blending her passion for protecting the planet with storytelling. She lives just outside of Cleveland, Ohio, with her family.

**Wazza Pink** lives in Ha Noi, Vietnam. She's loved to read comics and picture books ever since she was a kid, and learned to draw by mimicking the styles of her favorite comic book artists. She kept practicing and learning through books, the internet, and her artist friends. Wazza likes to listen to music while working. It helps her focus, and some tunes really inspire great ideas for her art pieces. She love cats and has two kitties at home. She believes that having a pet is truly a way to perfect your life.



# HARD HAT HANK AND THE SKY-HIGH SOLUTION

Charlotte Gunnufson, illustrated by Brian Biggs

Disney Hyperion, February 2025

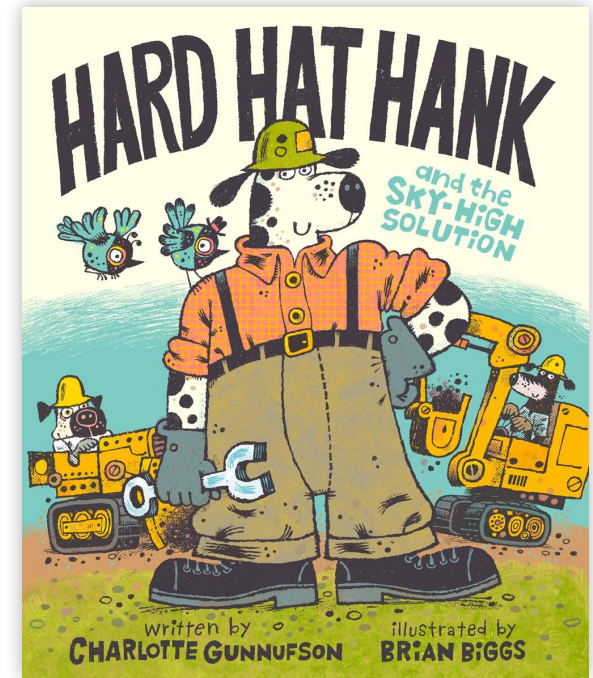
*Mighty Mighty Construction Site* meets *The Best Nest* in this rollicking, rhyming celebration of teamwork, and the ways we can live in harmony with the natural world.

Hard Hat Hank and his hardworking crew are ready to build!

With blueprints in hand, Hank knows just what to do, but it isn't long before the plans go awry. Fortunately, Hank has solutions for just about everything—until two birds decide to make their home on the construction site. There's no nest in the plan! The birds need to go!

But after several humorous attempts to get the birds to leave, Hank realizes that it's time for a new plan—one in which builders and birds can *both* enjoy their new home.

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Ages

3-5

Material:

PDF, 40 pages

**Charlotte Gunnufson** is the author of *Halloween Hustle* (Two Lions, 2013) and *Prince and Pirate* (Putnam, 2017), which *Kirkus* called “a godsend to pirate-themed storytimes” in its starred review. Her lyrical ocean-themed bedtime book, *DREAM SUBMARINE*, is forthcoming from Candlewick in Spring 2024.

**Brian Biggs** is an author, illustrator, and designer in Philadelphia. He’s currently writing and illustrating books, constantly drawing pictures, and teaching illustration at Tyler School of Art/Temple University. He has written or illustrated more than seventy books, some of them *New York Times* bestsellers. The books he has written and illustrated have been read by many imaginative adults and clever children all around the world. Find him online at [www.BrianBiggs.com](http://www.BrianBiggs.com).

# PARTY ANIMALS

Tara Lazar, illustrated by Anna Raff

Disney Hyperion, March 2025

**Any time is party time with the Party Animals!**

**A delightful picture book that is equal parts silly and thoughtful, perfect for read-aloud parties and library-going parties and learning-to-be-friends parties.**

Meet Beatrix, Theodore, and Phoebe: the Party Animals!

They can make a party out of *anything*.

Sour milk? PARTY!

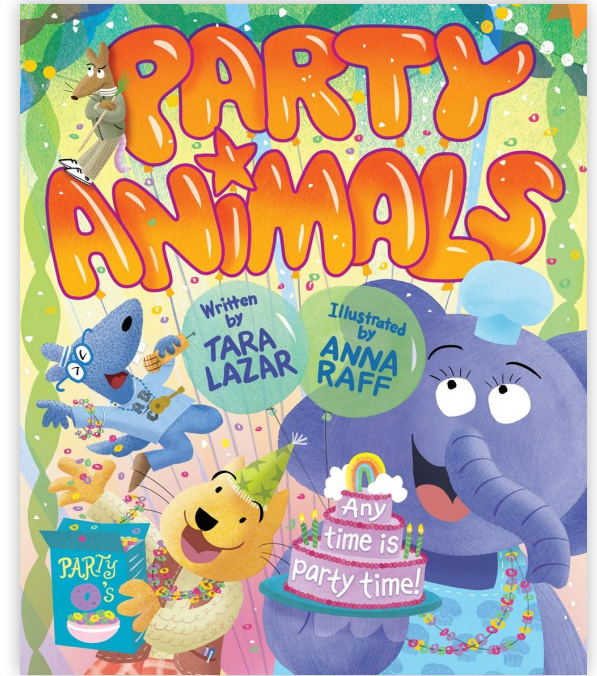
Hole in your pants? PARTY!

Now meet Horace. He's a party pooper. "You can't have so many parties!" he says.

SCREEEECH.

Could Horace be right?

**Join the Party Animals in this whimsical celebration of friendship and empathy.**



Ages 3-5  
Material: PDF, 48 pages

**Tara Lazar** is the author of many celebrated picture books, including *Flat Cat*, *7 Ate 9*, *The Monstore*, and *Little Red Gliding Hood*. Tara is also the creator of Storystorm, a writing event for picture book authors. Tara loves throwing parties to celebrate the arrival of the mail. She lives in New Jersey with her family. Learn more at [www.TaraLazar.com](http://www.TaraLazar.com).

**Anna Raff** is an award-winning illustrator of many picture books, including *World Rat Day*, *If I Were a Kangaroo*, *You Make Me Sneeze!*, and *The Day the Universe Exploded My Head*—a *Kirkus* Best Book of the Year and New York Public Library Best Book—as well as a series of science picture books with author David A. Adler. A descendant and longtime friend of party animals, Anna lives, works, and parties in New York City. Learn more at [www.AnnaRaff.com](http://www.AnnaRaff.com).

# THE GOBBLING GOBLINS

Maika Llanaez, illustrated by Ara Villena

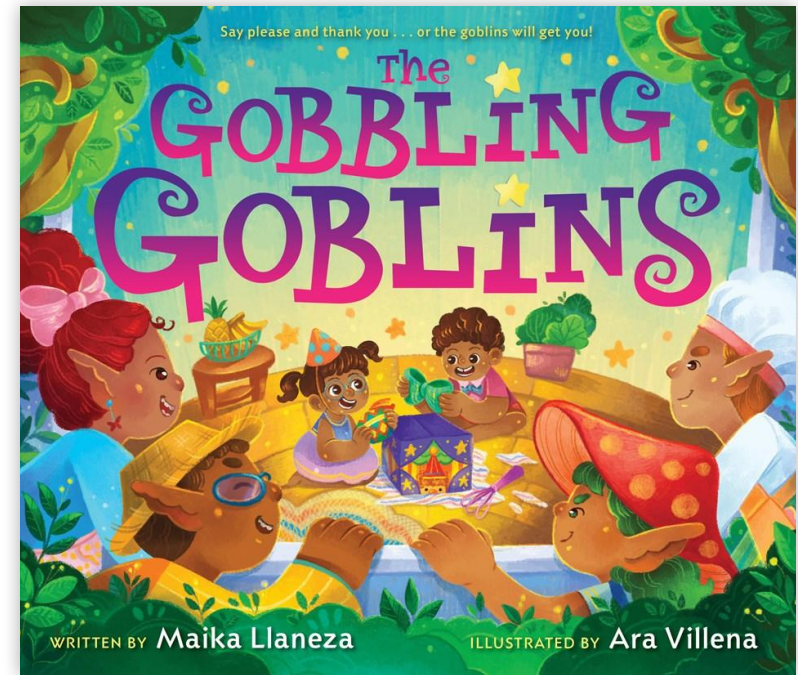
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**Gobble up this new picture book inspired by Filipino mythology featuring trinket-stealing goblins whose knack for thievery just might save the day.**

**Mind your manners; hang on to your toys (and pineapples?)**

When Caden and Cailyn forget to say thank you to Lola Mi for their gifts, the famous gobbling goblins come to take the children's treasures. *Gobble gobble gobble*. It's all in a day's work.

But then a band of mischievous elves swipes some curious VIPs (Very Important Pineapples) from the house . . . pineapples that look suspiciously like Caden and Cailyn. Not saying thank you is one thing, but turning children into fruit? Talk about impolite! Now the goblins are on a rescue mission to get those pineapple-kids back from the elves. Can their latest gobble save the day?



*Ages* 3-7  
*Material:* PDF, 40 pages

**Maika Llanaez** is a 1.5 generation Filipina American whose interests include pre-Philippine history and folklore monsters in the Philippines. She has worked with students with disabilities and is currently a special education teacher in New Orleans. Her work can be found in *Sojourners* magazine, *Inheritance* magazine, on the website *HelloGiggles*, on the *Stories With Sapphire* podcast, and more. She was a 2018–2019 State of Formation Writing Fellow and has presented at the Biennial Filipino American National Historical Society Conference. She is an avid reader, writer, and monster fanatic.

**Ara Villena** is a freelance illustrator and art director, specializing in children's book illustrations. She has created children's books and related content for Save the Children Philippines, the Department of Education, and USAID. From time to time, she also creates illustrations for motion graphic videos and animated films.



# NO CAT LIKE TAC

Alliah L. Agostini, illustrated by Charles Santoso

Disney Hyperion, March 2025

Meet Tac, an unusual cat! Her pounce shakes the house, her zoomies are a doozy, and her hairballs are . . . well, *fireballs*. But she'll always be family. Right?

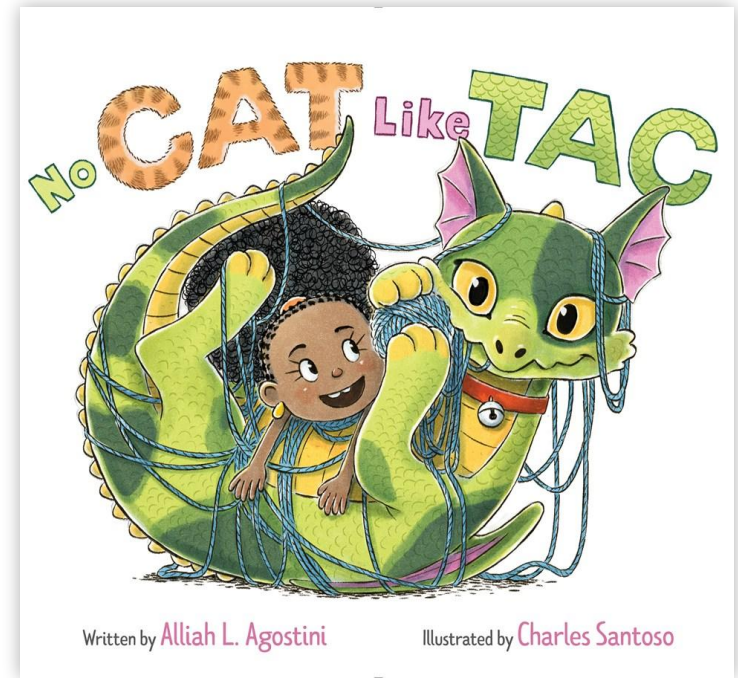
Perfect for fans of dragons and in the tradition of *Not Quite Narwhal*, this laugh-out-loud picture book shows that love can overcome even the biggest, most unlikely differences!

When Tyra finds a box labeled “free kittens,” Dad says she can pick just one to adopt. So Tyra chooses Tac: a BIG kitten who’s a *little* different from other cats.

Tyra makes sure Tac has tons of toys to play with, lots of cozy places to cuddle, and plenty of love and affection. But everything about Tac, from her zoomies to her hairballs, is bigger, louder, and *fierier* than other cats.

Then one day, Tac’s mischief gets out of control, and Dad says “ENOUGH!” Can Tyra find a way to prove Tac is part of the family, differences and all?

With spare, sweet text and humorous illustrations that tell another, more dragon-y side of the story, *No Cat Like Tac* sends the funny but heartfelt message that family is about being yourselves, but choosing each other.



Ages 3-7  
Material: PDF, 40 pages

**Alliah L. Agostini** has marketed everything from beauty to tech, but motherhood helped her return to her first love: children’s literature. She is the author of Junior Library Guild Selection *Big Tune: Rise of the Dancehall Prince*, *Oprah Winfrey: A Little Golden Book Biography*, *Great Idea Malia*, *The Juneteenth Story*, *The Juneteenth Cookbook*, and more joyful books for children and families. A Buffalo, NY, native, Alliah now lives in New Jersey with her husband and children but, sadly, no cuddly, fire-breathing pets. Join Alliah online at [www.AlliahAgostini.com](http://www.AlliahAgostini.com) and @alliago on Instagram and X.

**Charles Santoso** is the creator of *Happy Hippo* and has illustrated many books, including *Dandy* by Ame Dyckman, *Dear Unicorn* by Josh Funk, the *New York Times* bestseller *Odder* and *Wishtree* books by Katherine Applegate, and *Ida, Always* by Caron Levis, which was mentioned in the *New York Times* as “an example of children’s books at their best.” He moves around between different countries to live and work. He is currently working in sunny Singapore. You can visit him at [www.CharlesSantoso.com](http://www.CharlesSantoso.com).

# WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE-NOSAUR!

Kon Tan

Disney Hyperion, April 2025

"A delightful tale of impending doom!" —**John Patrick Green**, *New York Times* best-selling author of *InvestiGators*

Pterry the pterodactyl has lots of nightmares—and they always come true! Can Pterry face his fear of flying? If not . . . we're all gonna DIE-nosaur!!!

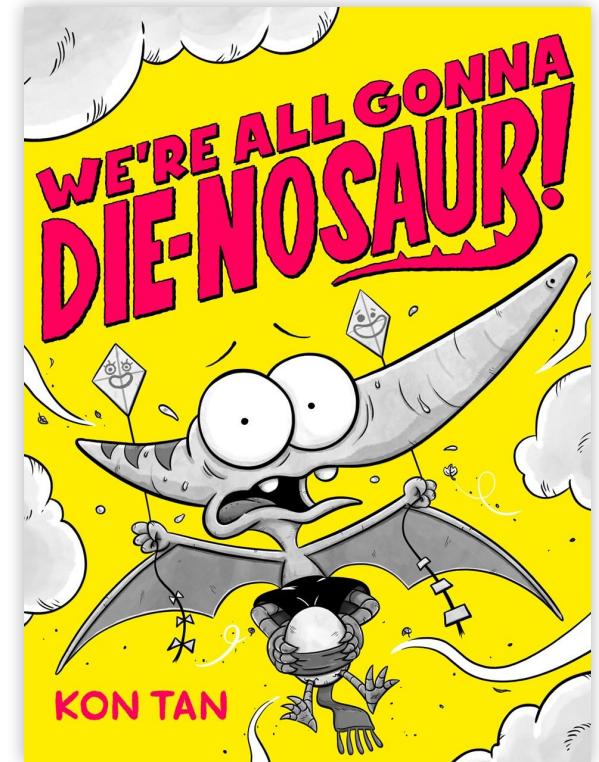
With exciting black-and-white illustrations on every page, this subversively hilarious chapter book series debut is perfect for young fans of *The Bad Guys*, *Dog Man*, and *Captain Underpants*.

Pterry the pterodactyl has the sc-sc-scariest dreams—the kind that come true!

Last night, Pterry dreamed that dinosaurs will go *extinct*.

Pterry's parents tell him that there's no danger a pterodactyl can't fly away from. But Pterry doesn't know *how* to fly! Will Pterry learn in time to protect himself and his family? Or will the smell of his nervous farts be all he leaves behind?

Kon Tan's children's book debut kicks off a hilarious, heart-filled early graphic novel series that shows kids it's okay to be scared—and that fears can be overcome.



**Ages** 5-8  
**Material:** PDF, 160 pages

**Kon Tan** was raised in the Bronx and from an early age he was obsessed with dinosaurs, monster movies, and superheroes. Unfortunately, one day he grew up, but he was lucky to find work as a teacher, bookseller, and animator. He is afraid of the ocean but proud to have conquered his fear of heights and riding a bike. He lives and dreams in Los Angeles with his wife and chihuahua mix. You can see more of his art on his website [www.KonsComics.com](http://www.KonsComics.com) or follow him on Instagram @KonsComics.



# OUT COLD

## A LITTLE BRUCE BOOK

**Ryan T. Higgins**

Disney Hyperion, October 2023

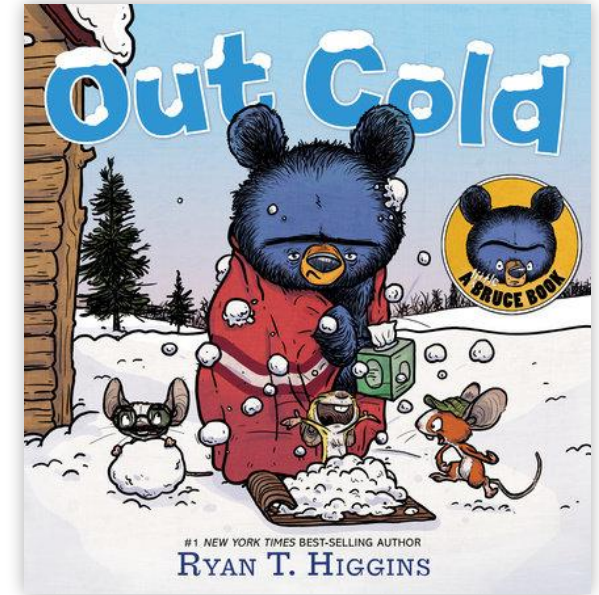
“As always, Higgins’ signature cartoon illustrations are a delight, using exaggerated expressions and body language to convey a range of emotions. (This book was reviewed digitally.) Silly mix-ups for the younger set are sure to bring a smile.” – *Kirkus*

**#1 *New York Times* best-selling author Ryan T. Higgins celebrates the joys of winter in this bite-sized Little Bruce Book perfect for fans of the Mother Bruce board books.**

It’s wintertime in Soggy Hollow and the mice are doing all their favorite outdoor things, like ski jumping, building a snow family, and ice skating. But not Bruce. He’s inside with a cold. So the mice decide to bring the winter fun indoors! Lucky Bruce!

Read the other Little Bruce Books!

- *Spring Stinks*
- *Thanks for Nothing!*



Ages 3-5  
Material: PDF, 48 pages

**Ryan T. Higgins** is the author and illustrator of the #1 *New York Times* best-selling *We Don't Eat Our Classmates*; the *New York Times* best-selling *Mother Bruce*, which received the E. B. White Read Aloud Award and the Ezra Jack Keats New Illustrator Honor; *Hotel Bruce*; *BE QUIET!*; *Bruce's Big Move*; and others. He lives in Maine with his wife and kids and a menagerie of pets.

# PENELOPE REX AND THE PROBLEM WITH PETS

Ryan T. Higgins

Disney Hyperion, March 2024

Clad in her trademark pink overalls, Penelope experiences a range of emotions (disgust when Mittens uses the bathtub as a litter box, anger over a torn backpack, remorse at losing her temper) in exaggerated, snout-quivering style. A first-pet tale bursting with personality. —

*Kirkus Reviews*

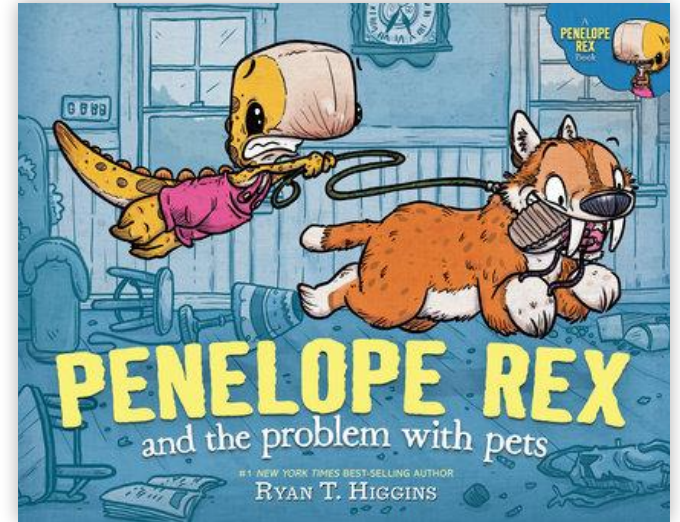
**Penelope Rex might finally have bitten off more than she can chew—a pet saber tooth tiger!—in this companion to the #1 *New York Times* bestselling *We Don't Eat Our Classmates* by Ryan T. Higgins.**

Most kids have dogs and cats and fish and guinea pigs. Penelope Rex has Mittens.

Penelope wasn't sure she even wanted a pet when Mittens came into her life. But now that he's here, she is determined to make the best of it.

Pets, however—especially ones that are six hundred pounds with six-inch-long teeth—can cause very big, very messy problems.

In this companion to *We Don't Eat Our Classmates*, Penelope Rex discovers the challenges and rewards (but mostly challenges) of pet ownership.



Ages

3-5

Material:

PDF, 48 pages

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# BEACH BUMMER

A LITTLE BRUCE BOOK

Ryan T. Higgins

Disney Hyperion, March 2024

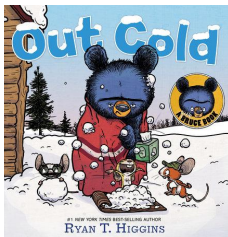
Delightful illustrations capture emotion with great humor... Fans of the “Mother Bruce” series will not be disappointed, and newcomers will want to read more of the adventures of this grouchy bear and his friends. –**John Scott**, *School Library Journal*

“Young readers will enjoy the antics of the expressive mice and geese, and adults will recognize (and sympathize with) Bruce’s tireless schlepping and entertaining. Hilarious proof that a caregiver’s work is never done.” – *Kirkus*

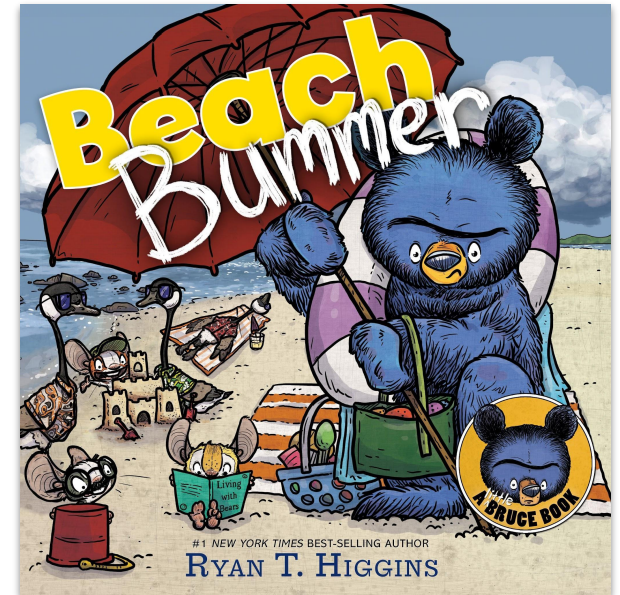
**#1 New York Times best-selling author Ryan T. Higgins celebrates the delights of summer in this bite-sized Little Bruce Book perfect for fans of Mother Bruce.**

It’s beach day in Soggy Hollow! Everyone is enjoying fun in the sun – everyone, that is, except for Bruce. It’s too hot, too sandy, and too windy! Bruce’s favorite thing about summer? Doing nothing. In the shade. Where it’s cool. Bruce’s second favorite thing about summer? When it turns to fall.

**ALSO AVAILABLE: OUT COLD**



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Ages

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Material:

PDF, 48 pages

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# WE DON'T LOSE OUR CLASS GOLDFISH

Ryan T. Higgins

Disney Hyperion, March 2023

"Another hugely successful outing with Penelope and highly recommended for purchase."

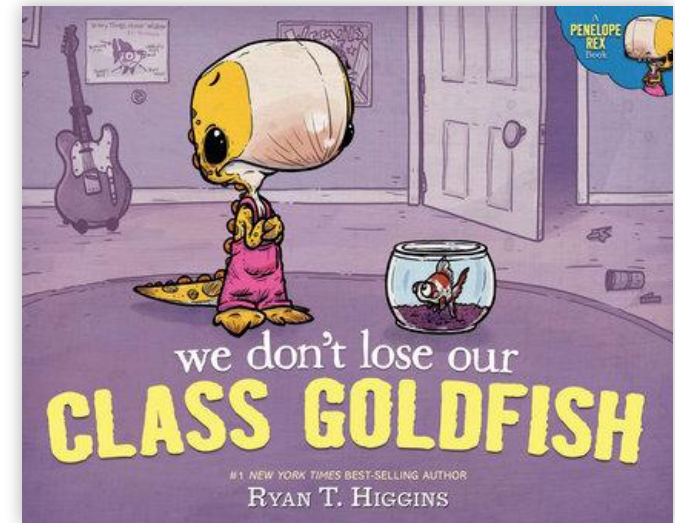
—*School Library Journal*

"Higgins . . . knows how to make big, scary animals seem vulnerable, lovable and funny."

—*The New York Times Book Review*

**Penelope Rex faces her biggest (and fishiest) fear in this companion to the #1 *New York Times* best-selling *We Don't Eat Our Classmates* by Ryan T. Higgins.**

Penelope Rex has one fear: Walter, the class goldfish. So when Mrs. Noodleman tells the kids that they'll be taking turns bringing Walter home, Penelope gets carried away by her anxious imagination. The weekend has a rocky start—from Walter ominously licking his lips to a sleepless night where the fish's bowl appears to move closer and closer to Penelope's bed. But then Walter goes missing! Penelope must face her fear to find him and realizes along the way that there's more to Walter than his chomping jaws.

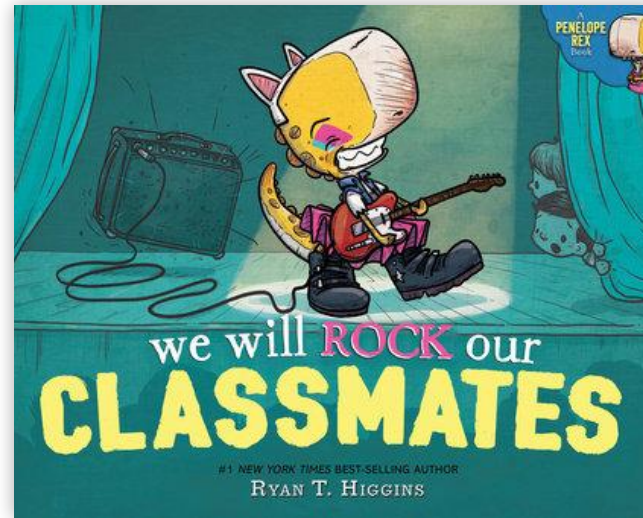
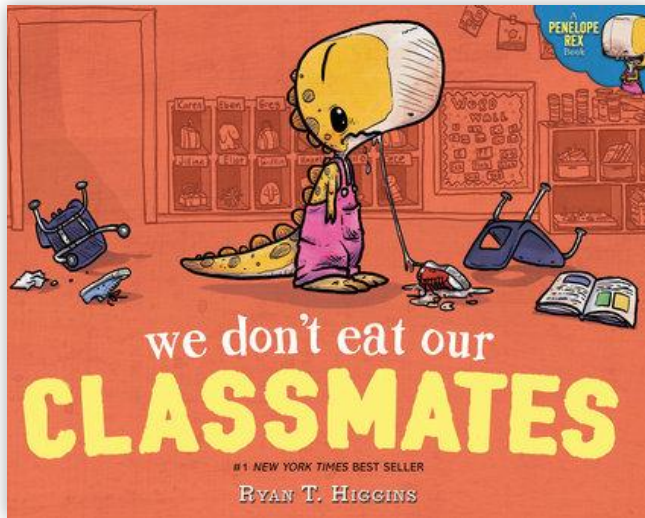


Ages	3-5
Material:	PDF, 48 pages
Sold to:	Albin Michel ( <b>North American French</b> )

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# WE DON'T EAT OUR CLASSMATES WE WILL ROCK OUR CLASSMATES



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WE WILL ROCK OUR CLASSMATES: Albin Michel Jeunesse (**French**), Windy Verlag (**German**), Sefer Lakol (**Hebrew**), RBA Libros (**Spanish**)

## WE DON'T EAT OUR CLASSMATES

It's the first day of school for Penelope Rex, and she can't wait to meet her classmates. But it's hard to make human friends when they're so darn delicious! That is, until Penelope gets a taste of her own medicine and finds she may not be at the top of the food chain after all.

## WE WILL ROCK OUR CLASSMATES

Penelope is a T. rex, and she's very good at it. She also likes to rock out on guitar! With the school talent show coming up, Penelope can't wait to perform for her classmates. But sharing who you are can be show-stoppingly scary, especially when it's in front of the whole school.

Praise for WE WILL ROCK OUR CLASSMATES:

Higgins perfectly captures Penelope's seesawing emotions, the highest highs and the lowest lows.—*Kirkus (starred review)*



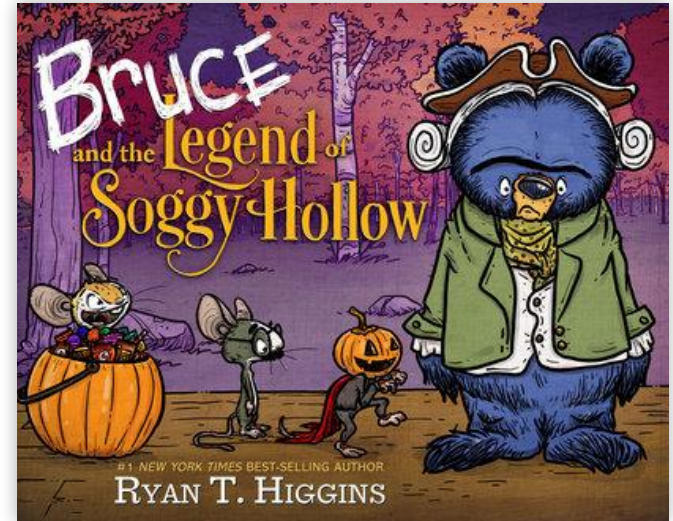
# BRUCE AND THE LEGEND OF SOGGY HOLLOW

Ryan T. Higgins

Disney Hyperion, July 2023

“Higgins’ quirky sensibility is as comical and appealing as ever, and his illustrations are full of kid-friendly and engaging details. Bruce’s unwilling foray into acting—which involves a meetup with a possible ghost and an attempt to escape the amorous moose playing his love interest—will have readers dissolving into giggles. They’ll delight in the humor of Bruce’s less-than-enthusiastic participation, and the story wraps up with a ghostly—but fun—twist. This is a feel-good and funny choice, perfect for Halloween or any time of the year. Laughter abounds in this spirited tale with a sprinkle of spookiness.” – *Kirkus*

This tongue-in-cheek retelling of Washington Irving’s “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” is cleverly faithful to the source material and an excellent addition to the Mother Bruce series. Amusing speech-bubble dialogue, animated character reactions, and seasonally-hued action-packed panels help build Higgins’s story to a spirited ending for all involved, including readers. –*The Horn Book Magazine*



**Celebrate all things spooky with #1 *New York Times* best-selling author Ryan T. Higgins's beloved Mother Bruce.**

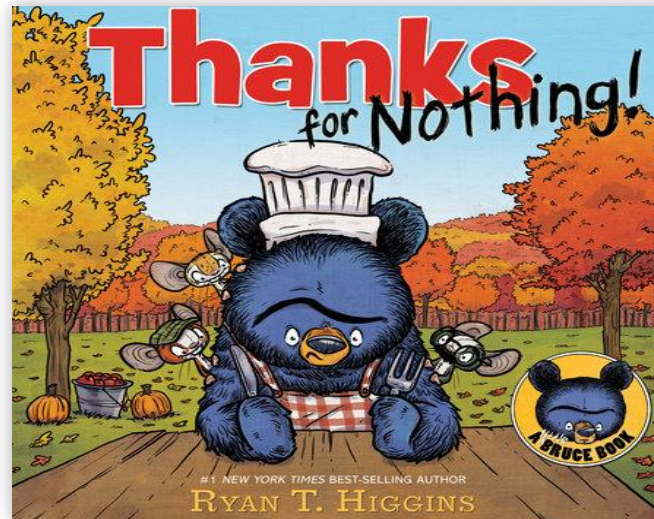
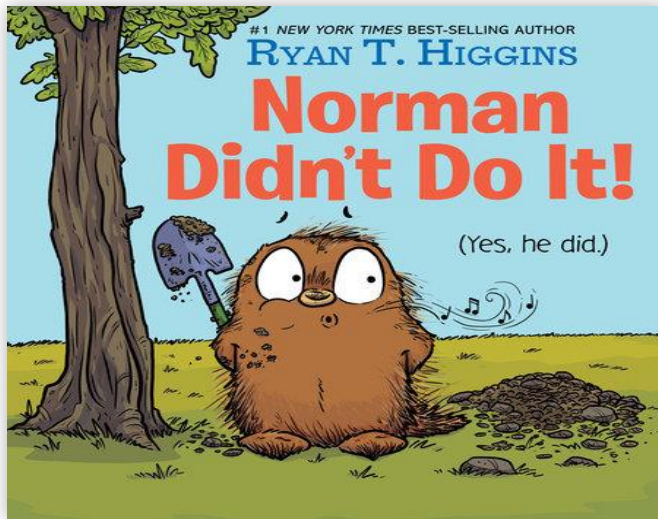
Bruce is a bear who does not like holidays, and he *really* doesn't like Halloween. His family of mice and geese decide the only way to get Bruce excited about Halloween is to tell a scary story.

But their campfire tale takes a turn when a ghostly visitor appears. Will Bruce get in the Halloween spirit? Or will the Halloween spirit get Bruce?

Ages	3-5
Material:	PDF, 48 pages
Sold to:	Albin Michel ( <b>North American French</b> )

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# NORMAN DIDN'T DO IT THANKS FOR NOTHING



**A delightful story that delivers a contemporary tale of friendship.**

Norman is a porcupine. Mildred is a tree. Norman and Mildred are best friends. Just the two of them. And only the two of them. But when a surprise pops up, life will never be the same again.

**Ryan T. Higgins' signature wit, whimsy, and humor brilliantly explore the depths and complexities of friendship.**

<i>Ages</i>	3-5
<i>Material:</i>	PDF, 48 pages
<i>Sold to:</i>	PS-Kustannus ( <b>Finnish</b> ), Albin Michel Jeunesse ( <b>French</b> ), Edizioni, Gribaudo ( <b>Italian</b> ) Totobook Publishing ( <b>Korean</b> )

It's autumn in Soggy Hollow, and the mice have a lot to be thankful for. But Bruce the bear is not so thankful for all the thanking.

**This bite-sized Little Bruce Book is perfect for fans of the Mother Bruce board books.**

<i>Ages</i>	3-5
<i>Material:</i>	PDF, 32 pages

# RIGHTS SOLD ON RYAN T. HIGGINS BACKLIST TITLES

## BE QUIET!

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## BRUCE'S BIG MOVE

Grupo Anaya, S.A. (**Catalan**); Beijing Green Beans Book Co., Ltd (**Chinese-Simplified**); Forlaget Carlsen (**Danish**); PS-kustannus (**Finnish**); Albin Michel Jeunesse (**French**); Grupo Anaya, S.A. (**Spanish**)

## HOTEL BRUCE

Grupo Anaya, S.A. (**Catalan**); Beijing Green Beans Book Co., Ltd (**Chinese-Simplified**); Forlaget Carlsen (**Danish**); PS-kustannus (**Finnish**); Albin Michel Jeunesse (**French**); Windy Verlag (**German**); Grupo Anaya, S.A. (**Spanish**)

## MOTHER BRUCE

Grupo Anaya, S.A. (**Catalan**); Beijing Green Beans Book Co., Ltd (**Chinese-Simplified**); Forlaget Carlsen (**Danish**); PS-kustannus (**Finnish**); Albin Michel Jeunesse (**French**); Windy Verlag (**German**); Sefer Lakol (**Hebrew**); Totobook Publishing Co. (**Korean**); Act si Politon (**Romanian**), Grupo Anaya, S.A. (**Spanish**); Beyaz Balina Yayin (**Turkish**)

## PEEK-A-BRUCE

Forlaget Carlsen (**Danish**)

## SANTA BRUCE

Grupo Anaya, S.A. (**Catalan**); Beijing Green Beans Book Co., Ltd (**Chinese-Simplified**); Forlaget Carlsen (**Danish**); PS-Kustannus (**Finnish**); Albin Michel Jeunesse (**French**); Grupo Anaya, S.A. (**Spanish**)

## THE BRUCE SWAP

Beijing Green Beans Book Co., Ltd (**Chinese-Simplified**); Forlaget Carlsen (**Danish**); PS-Kustannus (**Finnish**); Albin Michel Jeunesse (**French**)

## WE DON'T LOSE OUR CLASS GOLDFISH

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## BRUCE'S BIG STORM

Beijing Green Beans Book Co., Ltd (**Chinese**); Forlaget Carlsen (**Danish**); PS-Kustannus (**Finnish**); Albin Michel Jeunesse (**French**)

## GRUMPY BRUCE

Forlaget Carlsen (**Danish**)



# RYAN T. HIGGINS BACKLIST TITLES

## Picture Books



## Readers

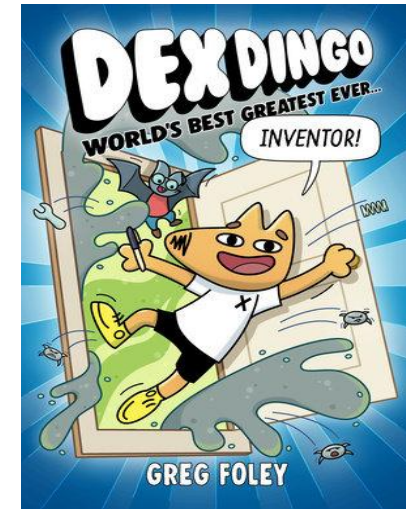
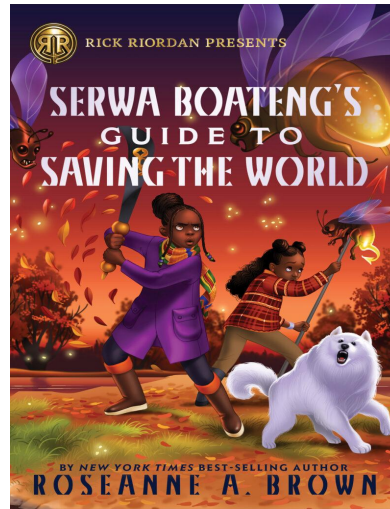
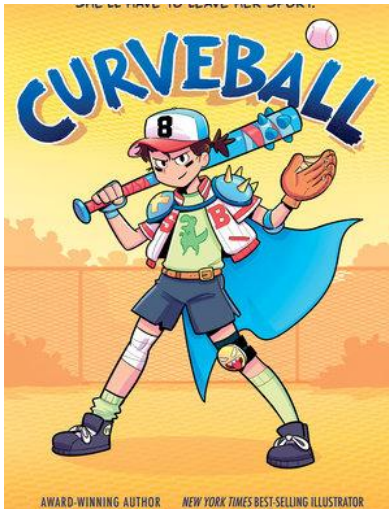


## Board Books





## MIDDLE GRADE



## Melissa de la Cruz Studio

With the MDLC Studio, *New York Times* bestselling author Melissa de la Cruz acts as an incubator to develop original content, working together with diverse new and established authors to create high concept books and create big platforms for writers of color and up-and-coming talent. The MDLC Studio core audience ranges from picture book to middle grade to YA and Adult/Crossover titles (18+).

## Rick Riordan Presents

Rick Riordan Presents is a line of books that is curated, edited, and promoted by internationally best-selling author Rick Riordan. Our goal is to publish great authors from underrepresented cultures and backgrounds and to let them tell their own stories inspired by the mythology and folklore of their heritage.

# THE GIRL AND THE ROBOT

Claribel A. Ortega, Oz Rodriguez

Disney Hyperion, March 2025

NEW!

An out-of-this-world story about friendship, empowerment, and . . . running from federal agents?

*E.T.* meets cult classic *The Iron Giant* in this middle grade light sci-fi from Emmy Award-winner Oz Rodriguez and *New York Times* best-selling author Claribel A. Ortega, perfect for fans of *Witchlings*.

*With a little heart, you can fix anything.*

Mimi Perez fixes things. Phones, tablets, speakers, printers. She gets it from her dad—helping him at the family e-repair shop was always one of Mimi’s favorite things to do. But ever since Papi was deported, there’s a lot more than electronics that need fixing in Mimi’s world. Things too big for any twelve-year-old to handle on her own.

Mimi hustles around her Brooklyn neighborhood trying to earn enough money to finally fix her family. There’s no time for school or friends, but Mimi knows it will all be worth it the day Papi comes home. Then her ex-friends approach her with a proposition: enter a robotics competition with them, and they could win \$50,000. It could be her chance.

Not part of the plan? A mysterious robot crashing to earth. From space.

The robot is scared, alone, and broken, and federal agents are after her. Mimi does what any street-smart electronics repair person would do: she takes the robot home, fixes her up, and in the process, makes herself a friend.

Suddenly, Mimi is anything but alone. She’s part of a robotics team. She’s sheltering a robot. She’s dodging federal agents. And keeping all of it a secret from her mom.

**Join a girl and a robot on their life-changing sci-fi adventure in this coming-of-age story that celebrates kids in STEM, first-gen communities, and the power of friendship.**



**Ages** 8-12  
**Material:** Manuscript, 320 pages

Emmy-winning director **Oz Rodriguez** has written and directed video shorts since he got his start at *Funny or Die*. As a creative force in the sketch comedy world, Oz worked his way up to segment director and producer at *Saturday Night Live* and has been with the show for nearly a decade. He also wrote and directed the Netflix original film *Vampires vs. the Bronx*. This is his debut novel.

*New York Times* best-selling and award-winning author **Claribel A. Ortega** is a former reporter who writes middle-grade and young adult fantasy inspired by her Dominican heritage. When she's not busy turning her obsession with eighties pop culture, magic, and video games into books, she's co-hosting her podcast *Bad Author Book Club*. Claribel is a

Marvel contributor and has been featured on *Buzzfeed*, *Bustle*, *Good Morning America* and *Deadline*. You can find her on *Twitter*, *Instagram* and *Tiktok* @Claribel\_Ortega, on *Twitch*

# JAX FREEMAN AND THE PHANTOM SHRIEK

*Freedom Fire*

**Kwame Mbalia**

Disney Hyperion, October 2024

**NEW!**

"Jax Freeman is my new best friend. I loved everything about this book—the characters, the humor, the page-turning adventure. I'm glad Kwame Mbalia is such a prolific writer because I will be bugging him for the sequel immediately."—**Rick Riordan**, New York Times #1 best-selling author of the *Percy Jackson and the Olympians series*

"Funny, fast-paced, and full of heart and adventure. You'll be laughing and cheering and racing through the pages—and guessing right up to the end."—**Shannon Messenger**, New York Times best-selling author of the *Keeper of Lost Cities series* and *Sky Fall series*

**The award-winning author of the best-selling Tristan Strong trilogy has created a secret world where kids can wield magic by summoning the power of their ancestors.**

What do you get when you combine Kwame Mbalia's incredible imagination and world-building talent with trains, history, and ghosts? Nothing less than middle grade magic.

On his twelfth birthday, Jackson "Jax" Freeman arrives at Chicago's Union Station alone, carrying nothing but the baggage of a scandal back in Raleigh. He's been sent away from home to live with relatives he barely knows. But even worse are the strangers who accost him at the train station, including a food vendor who throws dust in his face and a conductor who tries to steal his skin.

At his new school, Jax is assigned to a special class for "summoners," even though he has no idea what those are . . . until he accidentally unleashes an angry spirit on school grounds. Soon Jax is embroiled in all kinds of trouble, from the disappearance of a new friend to full-out war between summoning families.

When Jax learns that he isn't the first Freeman to be blamed for a tragedy he didn't create, he resolves to clear his own name and that of his great-grandfather, who was a porter back in the 1920's. By following clues, Jax and his schoolmates unlock the secrets of a powerful Praise House, evade vengeful ghosts, and discover that Jax may just be the most talented summoner of all.

A unique magic-school fantasy from the best-selling and award-winning author of the Tristan Strong trilogy has just pulled into the station.

<b>Ages</b>	8-12	<i>Tristan Strong series</i>	Art Editura ( <b>Romanian</b> ), Ravensburger ( <b>German</b> ), Beta
<b>Material:</b>	PDF, 480 pages	<i>sold to:</i>	( <b>Turkish</b> ), Galeria Ksiazki ( <b>Polish</b> )



**Kwame Mbalia** is a #1 *New York Times* best-selling author and the publisher of Freedom Fire, an imprint of Disney Hyperion devoted to stories about the Black diaspora by Black creators. His debut middle-grade novel, *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky*, was awarded a Coretta Scott King Author Honor, and it was followed by *Tristan Strong Destroys the World* and *Tristan Strong Keeps Punching*. Kwame lives with his wife and children outside Raleigh, North Carolina, where he is currently working on the next Jax Freeman adventure. For more information, go to [www.KwameMbalia.com](http://www.KwameMbalia.com).



# THE SUPER-SECRET MISSION TO THE CENTER OF THE MOON (PIE)

## Melissa de la Cruz

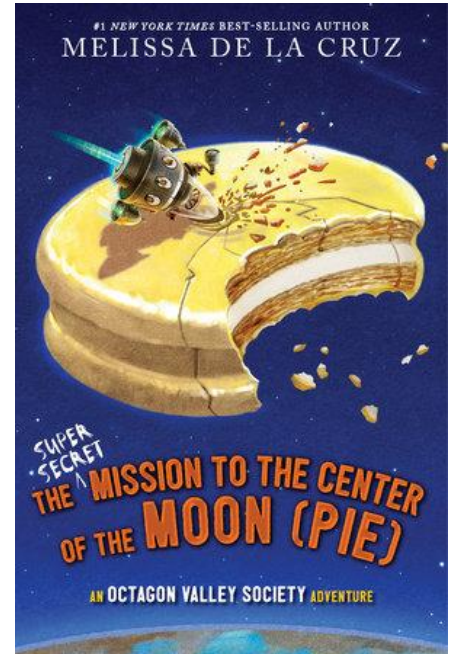
Disney Hyperion, February 2025

**In the second book in Melissa de la Cruz’s wacky new middle grade adventure series, the Octos find themselves on a mission to the moon. Which might not be made out of cheese after all.**

After discovering in book one that they had every reason to feel a little bit different than their peers, Edwin Edgefield and the rest of his alien-on earth crew are primed and ready to learn all they can about their home planet. Unfortunately, that planet has been destroyed, and the one person who can help them find out where they came from—Maureen (yuck)—has no intention of helping. In fact, she has just taken off in a rocket ship bound for the moon, where the enemy Yaks awaits with a new version of her planet-destroying machine, this time aimed at earth.

It will take every bit of Edwin, Julie, Kimmy and Dilip’s super abilities—both mental and physical—to stop Maureen this time. Can they pass through the gauntlet of tests Maureen has set for them and infiltrate the Yaks’ secret moon base before the bad guys can power up their earth-blaster, or will Maureen and the Yaks succeed in their vengeful mission?

Grab a moon pie and cuddle up with this unputdownable sequel to the book PW called “energetic” “fast-paced” and “imaginative!”



*Ages* 8-12  
*Material:* PDF, 304 pages

**Melissa de la Cruz** ([www.melissa-delacruz.com](http://www.melissa-delacruz.com)) is the author of the #1 *New York Times* best-selling *Descendants* series, as well as many other best-selling novels, including *Alex & Eliza*, the *Never After* series and the *Blue Bloods* series. She recently launched her own imprint, Melissa de la Cruz Studio, which publishes fun, fabulous, feel-good stories for children. She lives in Los Angeles, California, with her husband and daughter.



# THE (SUPER-SECRET) SOCIETY OF OCTAGON VALLEY

Melissa de la Cruz

Disney Hyperion, September 2023, paperback September 2024

"A series opener that successfully combines emotional intelligence and page-turning adventure."—*Kirkus Reviews*

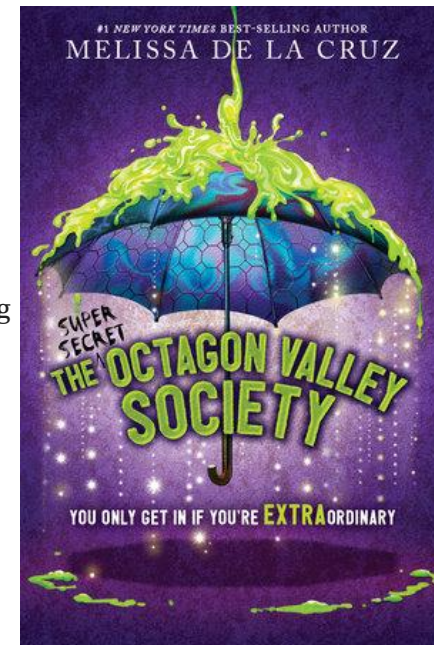
"De la Cruz (the Chronicles of Never After series) marries a Charlie and the Chocolate Factory plot with a Nickelodeon adventure vibe in this entertaining series opener. ... With its fast pace and imaginative scenarios, this novel has plenty of appeal."—*Publishers Weekly*

"Diverse in race, culture, and family situation, the young folk, behind reluctant brainiac leader Edwin, throw off years of being variously ostracized, bullied, and coddled to survive fire, flood, piranhas, ninjas, a siren (of the singing sort), and other trials by learning how to be friends and teammates—and, not to be sneezed at, discovering that besides being smart or at least athletic, they all have actual superpowers.— *Booklist*

**This new series from #1 New York Times best-selling author Melissa de la Cruz is *The Mysterious Benedict Society* for reluctant readers, chockful of humor, adventure and mischief, and set at an exclusive, secluded, high-tech institute everyone wants to get into.**

A handful of sixth-graders have been chosen to attend an exclusive weekend at the Octagon Valley Institute, the mysterious, high-tech lab of the uber famous multimillionaire, genius, recluse Onassander Octagon. What will they do there? No one is telling. Which just makes everyone want to get in.

Edwin has high hopes for the weekend—hopes he'll meet other kids like him—kids who will accept him even though he's got a photographic memory, genius level math skills and some very specific personality quirks. But when he meets the other kids, he starts to wonder if they're all in the right place. There's amateur rapper Kimmy, who's obsessed with TikTok, violin-player Julie, who has zero social skills, and surfer dude Dilip, who's well, a surfer dude. And then, strange things start to happen. An escape room challenge, a zero-gravity chamber, a river full of piranhas and . . . some ninjas? Octagon Valley is all about using teamwork to make the dream work, and these normally isolated kids might not all survive. But those who do will be treated to the greatest prize—and the biggest surprise—of their lives—a chance to be truly EXTRAordinary.



Ages 8-12  
Material: PDF, 320 pages

**Melissa de la Cruz** ([www.melissa-delacruz.com](http://www.melissa-delacruz.com)) is the author of the #1 *New York Times* best-selling *Descendants* series, as well as many other best-selling novels, including *Alex & Eliza*, the *Never After* series and the *Blue Bloods* series. She lives in Los Angeles, California, with her husband and daughter.

# DEX DINGO: WORLD'S BEST GREATEST EVER INVENTOR

Greg Foley

Disney Hyperion, September 2024

## Praise for *Dex Dingo: World's Best Greatest Ever Inventor*:

"Full of imagination and inventiveness, Dex Dingo is a blast!" —John Patrick Green, author of the *New York Times*-bestselling *InvestiGators* series

"An inspired graphic novel series bursting at the seams with fun ideas and creativity...just like its relatable hero, Dex Dingo himself!" —Dave Roman, creator of *Unicorn Boy*

"*Strega Nona* meets the singularity in this zany comic...[E]nergetic illustrations and off-the-wall story brim with action and humor; kids will be eager for more of Dex. Frenetic, funny, fantastic, relatable—this dingo is a wild dog!" —*Kirkus*

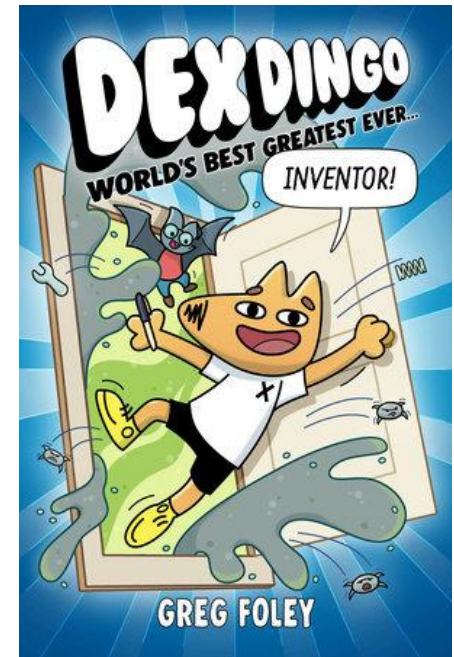
"An all's-well-that-ends-well resolution sows anticipation for the next installment of this brightly hued graphic novel series opener." —*Publishers Weekly*

Dex Dingo isn't the BEST at anything. He's not the SMARTEST, the FUNNIEST, the STRONGEST, or the NICEST. But he wants to be the WORLD'S BEST GREATEST EVER...at something. So when Dex's teacher asks, "If you could be anything when you grow up, what would you be," Dex decides that he's going to be the best at one of the "best jobs ever."

First on his list: an inventor! Dex is able to create an awesome lab and an amazing team of nanobots, but things immediately go wrong when the nanobots start to multiply and form a gray goo that threatens to take over his neighborhood. It'll take some quick thinking and a rogue nanobot named Nono for Dex to stop the nanobots, save his best friend, and become the WORLD'S BEST GREATEST INVENTOR.

Filled with clever humor and touching insight, this chapter book graphic novel series follows Dex's misadventures as his attempts at the "coolest jobs" go awry.

Category:	Middle Grade Graphic Novel	Sold to:	Susaeta Hellas ( <b>Greek</b> )
Ages	8-12		
Material:	PDF, 320 pages		



Book 2 coming Fall 2025

**Greg Foley** is the designer and creative director of Visionaire, V, and VMAN. Born in the Philippines, raised in Texas, and now living in New York City, Foley's intention is to make books for children worldwide. And clearly it's working; *Thank You Bear* won the prestigious Charlotte Zolotow Award.

# SIMON SORT OF SAYS

Erin Bow

Disney Hyperion, January 2023, paperback September 2024

A Newbery Honor Book  
Longlisted for the National Book Award for Young People's Literature

Simon O'Keeffe's biggest claim to fame should be the time his dad accidentally gave a squirrel a holy sacrament. Or maybe the alpaca disaster that went viral on YouTube. But the story the whole world wants to tell about Simon is the one he'd do anything to forget: the one starring Simon as a famous survivor of gun violence at school.

Two years after the infamous event, twelve-year-old Simon and his family move to the National Quiet Zone—the only place in America where the internet is banned. Instead of talking about Simon, the astronomers who flock to the area are busy listening for signs of life in space. And when Simon makes a friend who's determined to give the scientists what they're looking for, he'll finally have the chance to spin a new story for the world to tell.

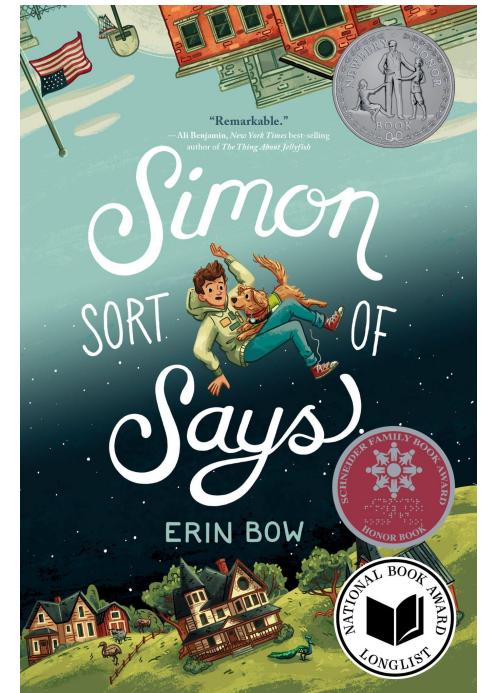
Simon Sort of Says, the Newbery Honor-winning novel by Erin Bow, is a breathtaking testament to the lasting echoes of trauma, the redemptive power of humor, and the courage it takes to move forward without forgetting the past.

This paperback includes discussion questions and an interview with the author.

Erin Bow's previous books have been licensed to (not complete list): Rocco (**Brazil**), Shanghai Education Technology and Yilin Press (**Simplified Chinese**), Yuan-Liou (**Complex Chinese**) Mondadori (**Italian**), Editions Lumen and Les Editions Malins (**French**), Planeta (**Spanish and Catalan**), Pegasus (**Turkish**)

<i>Ages</i>	8-12	<i>Sold to:</i>	Reihe Hanser bei DTV ( <b>German</b> ), Balgeunmirae ( <b>Korean</b> ), Grupul Editorial Art ( <b>Romanian</b> ), Thinkingdom Media ( <b>simplified Chinese</b> )
<i>Material:</i>	PDF, 320 pages		

**Erin Bow** was trained as a physicist, so naturally now spends her days writing children's fiction in a tiny (heated) garden shed in Ontario, Canada. Her books—which include the Governor General's Award-winning *Stand on the Sky*, *Plain Kate*, *Sorrow's Knot*, and the science fiction duology *The Scorpion Rules* and *The Swan Riders*—have won a fistful of awards. Erin lives with her husband (also a novelist), two teenage kids, a dangerously smart small tabby, and an agreeably stupid labradoodle. Visit her online at [ErinBow.com](http://ErinBow.com) and [@ErinBowBooks](https://www.instagram.com/ErinBowBooks).



# PRAISE FOR SIMON SORT OF SAYS

***A Junior Library Guild Selection***  
***An Amazon Editors' Best Book of 2023***  
***An Indie Next Selection***  
***A National Education Association's Read Across America Recommendation***  
***A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of 2023***  
***A Publishers Weekly Best Book of 2023***  
***A School Library Journal Best Book of 2023***  
***A Shelf Awareness Best Book of 2023***  
***A Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books Blue Ribbon Book***  
***An Amazon Editors' Pick January 2023***

"A perfectly paced, layered novel that never speaks down to its readers and handles difficult situations with remarkable sensitivity. Bow hits all the right chords and delivers a story that is funny, poignant and—most important—hopeful." —***The New York Times***

"Adroit, sensitive, horrifying, yet hilarious." —***Kirkus Reviews, starred review***

"Funny and heartfelt in equal measure, this book tackles some tough topics, but the humor keeps readers engaged." — ***School Library Journal (SLJ)***

"A compassionate and refreshingly hopeful novel." —***Publishers Weekly, Starred Review***

"Bow's storytelling brims with vitality." —***The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books (BCCB), starred review***

"A tribute to the power of friendship and the courage it takes to pursue joy in a world of violence." —**National Book Foundation, National Book Award for Young People's Literature Longlist**

"A perfect balance of fun and meaning. A remarkable achievement." —**Ali Benjamin, *New York Times* best-selling author of *The Thing About Jellyfish***

"A near-perfect novel that features quirky friendships, wild astronomy exploits (that almost work!), zany animal capers and plenty of humor amidst the darkness." —**Shelf Awareness**

"Blunt as trauma, delicate as healing, and hilarious and tragic as middle school can be—each piece of *Simon Sort of Says* snaps together like the most satisfying jigsaw puzzle. This book is as close to everything as one book can be." —**Kyle Lukoff, *Newbery Honor*-winning author of *Too Bright to See***

"Fast-paced and full of quirky characters, *Simon Sort of Says* presents a tragedy stitched up with humor, sensitivity, and rare humanity." —**Jack Gantos, *Newbery Award*-winning author of *Dead End in Norvelt***



# CURVEBALL

Pablo Cartaya, illustrated by Miguel Diaz Rivas

Disney Hyperion, May 2024

NEW!

“A solid story of sports and emotional growth in an unexpected, imaginative package.” – *Booklist*, **starred review**

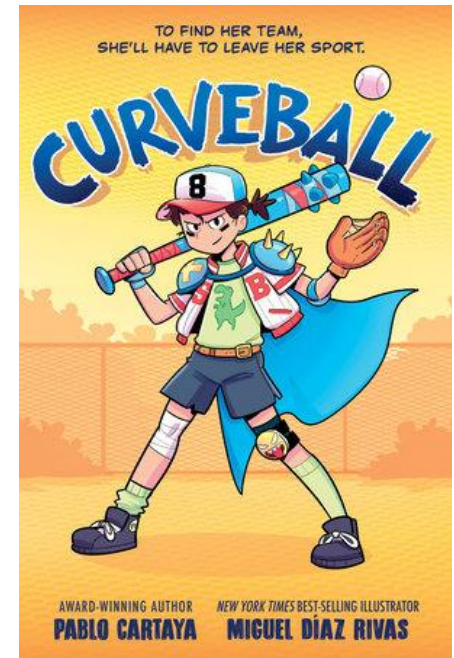
“A moving take on the struggles of growing up surrounded by the pressure to succeed and lacking the opportunity to explore different facets of oneself. [With] vibrant color and kinetic movement, this grounded tale of self-discovery transcends a rote sports narrative.” —*Publisher's Weekly*

“*Curveball* is certainly just that: readers will think they are in for a story about baseball, and before they know it, they're in the middle of a family drama with some terrific role-playing game action thrown in... [*Curveball* has] something for every reader.” —*School Library Journal*

**Roller Girl meets Cardboard Kingdom in this original, contemporary graphic novel from award-winning author Pablo Cartaya and New York Times best-selling illustrator Miguel Díaz Rivas.**

Baseball is Elena Rueda's entire life: She may be the only girl on her team, but she's the best player and everyone knows it. Except . . . Elena has stopped having fun, and it's time to leave the sport behind.

The problem is, Elena has no idea who she is without a bat in her hand. Can a summer spent with her brother's quirky friends in an empty sandlot that offers a world of possibility show Elena who she is—and teach her to love to play again?



Category:

Middle Grade Graphic Novel

Sold to: PRH Grupo Editorial USA (**World Spanish**)

Ages

8-12

Material:

PDF, 192 pages

**Pablo Cartaya** is an internationally acclaimed author, screenwriter, speaker, and educator. His work has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, NBC, and on Oprah's Booklist. Pablo has worked with Disney, Apple TV+, and *Sesame Street* on projects adapted from television series and movies. In 2021, he served as a judge for the National Book Award in Young People's Literature and has taught creative writing workshops and spoken at various universities and conferences throughout the world. He calls Miami home and Cuban American his cultura.

**Miguel Díaz Rivas** is a freelance illustrator from Cabra, Spain. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Media and Communications and studied illustration and animation at ESDIP in Madrid.

Rick Riordan Presents

NEW!

# SERWA BOATENG'S GUIDE TO SAVING THE WORLD

*Serwa Boateng Book 3*

**Roseanne A. Brown**

Disney Hyperion, April 2025

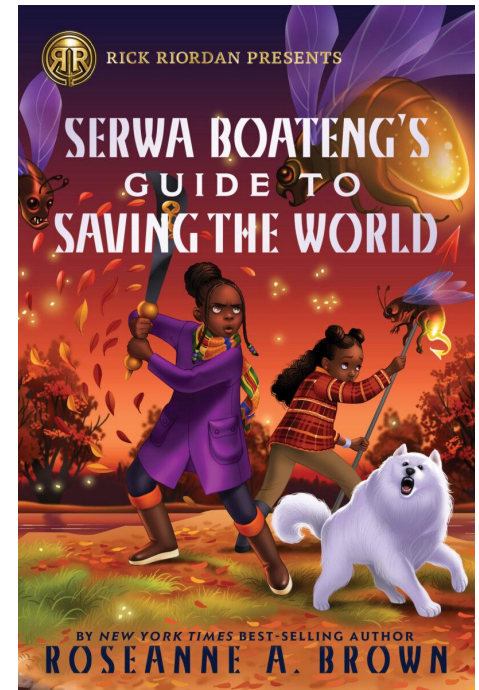
"Rosie writes her characters with such lyrical power, wit, and empathy that you can't help falling in love with Serwa Boateng, her family, and her friends." —**Rick Riordan**, *New York Times* best-selling author of the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series

**Serwa Boateng has gone head-to-head with vampires, witches, and even a death god. But now, with the fate of the magical world at stake, she'll have to face her toughest foe yet: her own grandmother.**

Finally free after decades of being trapped inside the Midnight Drum, the dreaded obayifo Nana Bekoe seeks the destruction of the Abomofuo. Even worse, she has Serwa's father under her thrall. Now, the hunters have become the hunted, as the Slayers' defenses are powerless in the face of an enemy who has access to all their secrets.

Serwa's only chance of saving her father might just lie with the Keepers, an organization whose powers exist outside the normal rules of magic. But the Keepers are even more secretive than the Abomofuo, and finding them will require Serwa to trek across the United States. At least she has her friends by her side for the journey . . . friends who currently hate her guts. The survival of everything and everyone Serwa has ever loved hinges on her completing this final hunt without losing herself in the process. Serwa Boateng has been a Slayer. She's been a vampire. But now, it's time for her to become something else entirely: a hero.

SERWA BOATENG'S GUIDE TO VAMPIRE HUNTING and SERWA BOATENG'S GUIDE TO WITCHCRAFT AND MAYHEM sold to: Mondadori (**Italian**)



*Ages* 10-14  
*Material:* PDF, 400 pages

**Roseanne "Rosie" A. Brown** was born in Ghana and immigrated to the wild jungles of central Maryland as a child. Writing was her first love, and she knew from a young age that she wanted to use the power of writing to connect the different cultures she called home. She worked as an assistant teacher, journalist, and editorial intern before writing her first two young adult novels, *A Song of Wraiths and Ruin*, an instant *New York Times* best-seller, and *A Psalm of Storms and Silence*. Rosie currently lives outside Washington, D.C., where she can usually be found explaining memes to her elderly relatives or thinking about Star Wars. She can neither confirm nor deny if she has ever been possessed by a vampire. Follow her on Twitter @rosiesrambles.

# SERWA BOATENG'S GUIDE TO WITCHCRAFT AND MAYHEM

*Serwa Boateng Book 2*

**Roseanne A. Brown**

Disney Hyperion, September 2023, paperback March 2025

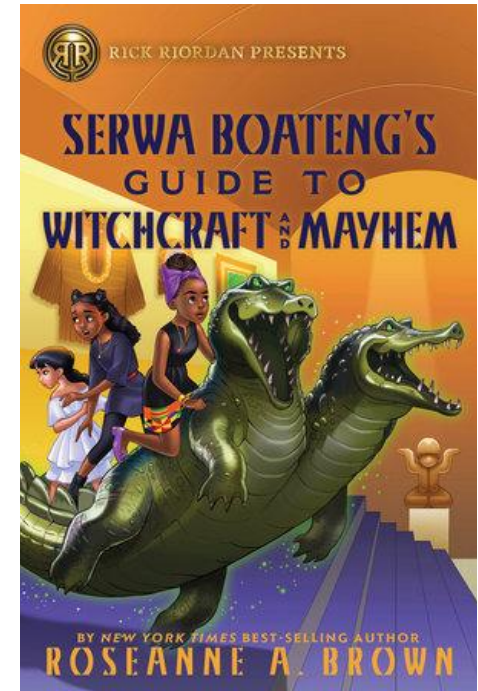
"This sequel to Brown's explosive Ghanaian contemporary fantasy brings all the action and heart of the first book and turns it up to an eleven."—*Booklist*

"Serwa continues to be a humorous narrator and an accessible guide to life, reluctant middle school crushes, the joys of tasting mumbo sauce for the first time, and return trips to the underworld of Asamando. Joyful, unexpected reunions give Serwa firmer footing for a high-stakes deal with Owuo, the god of death ... Family means everything in this thrilling, heart-wrenching sequel."—*Kirkus*

**Best-selling author Rick Riordan presents the highly anticipated sequel to Rosanne A. Brown's explosive novel about a preteen vampire slayer, inspired by Ghanaian folklore**

After accidentally unleashing a storm of black magic on her town, Serwa's only ally is her aunt Boahinmaa, an obayifo who urges Serwa to embrace her vampire side. Boahinmaa is on the hunt for the Midnight Drum, from which she hopes to free Serwa's powerful grandmother. When the forces of black magic learn that the Abomofuo have hidden the Drum deep within the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC, what do they do? Stage a heist to steal it, of course. Joining in might just force Serwa to confront truths about herself she's tried hard to deny.

Endorsed by Rick Riordan, author of Percy Jackson and the Olympians, now a hit series on Disney+.



*Ages*

10-14

*Sold to:*

Mondadori (**Italian**)

*Material:*

PDF, 304 pages

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# PRAISE FOR SERWA BOATENG'S GUIDE TO VAMPIRE HUNTING

**Also available: *SERWA BOATENG'S GUIDE TO VAMPIRE HUNTING (Book 1)***

**Rights sold: Mondadori (Italian)**

"This textured, richly mythological story will keep the pages turning as readers are drawn into Serwa's world. A superb, action-packed series starter"—*Kirkus, starred review*

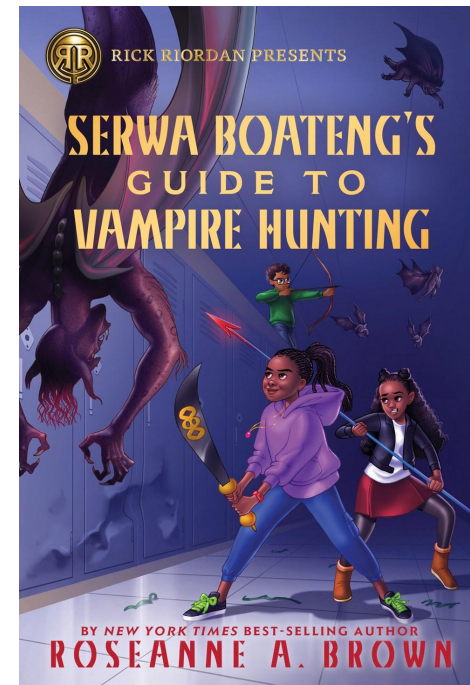
"Via Serwa's savvy narration, *Brown (A Song of Wraiths and Ruin)* melds Ghanaian folklore, smart action, thoughtful commentary about liminal spaces, and a healthy dose of tween hijinks, making for an exhilarating introduction to Serwa Boateng's magic-filled world.—*Publishers Weekly, starred review*

"Despite her unconventional life, Serwa's struggles with feelings of powerlessness, abandonment, and an overwhelming emotion that she refers to as the "Big Feeling" will resonate with many young readers, as will her attempts to understand who she is and where she came from. Her diverse, ragtag group of friends simultaneously provide depth and levity to the story."--*Booklist*

"*Serwa Boateng's Guide to Vampire Hunting* is a thrilling middle grade adventure with a fresh take on vampires and characters that you will not only root for but love with all your heart. This novel had a hold on me from page one. Roseanne really knocked it out of the park!"—*Claribel A. Ortega, New York Times best-selling author of Witchlings*

"Move over, Buffy! Slide aside, Van Helsing! There's a new slayer in town. Sharp wit and sharp swords will have readers rooting for Serwa!"—*Kwame Mbali, New York Times best-selling author of Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky*

"Rosie writes her characters with such lyrical power, wit, and empathy that you can't help falling in love with Serwa Boateng, her family, and her friends."—*Rick Riordan, New York Times best-selling author of the Percy Jackson series*





## BILLIONS TO BURN

Taylor Banks

Disney Hyperion, May 2025

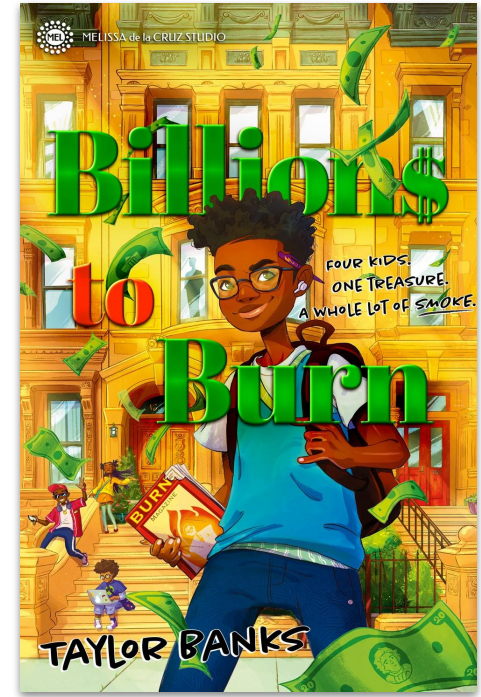
***National Treasure* gets a Harlem Renaissance twist in this epic adventure through New York City, filled with history, humor, and heart**

Twelve-year-old Zeus Jones is just about the only person in the world who believes in his grandfather’s stories about the Harlem Renaissance. To be fair, they are a bit far-fetched. After all, what are the chances that there was a renowned magazine called *Burn!* whose headquarters literally burned down, destroying almost every single copy? And who would believe that a secret page was actually hidden amongst the ashes, said to be the key to unlocking a lost fortune? No one, that’s who.

But when Zeus accidentally stumbles upon the secret page on the same day that his grandfather disappears without a trace, he finally has proof that his grandfather’s stories are more than just stories—they’re real. And now he knows that the secret page is more than just a secret page—it’s a treasure map, leading to a prize beyond all imagining.

Follow the map, find the treasure, save his grandfather. Seems simple enough. But as Zeus and his friends work to solve the riddles of the map, long-buried secrets about the Harlem Renaissance, Black history, and Zeus’s own family are unraveled. And what’s more, they aren’t the only ones intent on seizing this prize. . .

*Filled with interactive clues and puzzles, young readers will love solving this mile-a-minute mystery right alongside Zeus!*



Ages 8-12  
Material: PDF, 336 pages

**Taylor Banks** is a recent graduate of the New Writers Project at UT Austin where she received her MFA and worked under the tutelage of Elizabeth McCracken and Claire Vaye Watkins. Her short fiction has received awards from both the L. Ron Hubbard Writers of the Future contest and Glimmer Train’s Fiction Open Contest. She is currently part of the Futurescapes Writers Workshop where she has worked with author Elizabeth Bear and agent/editor Deidre Knight.

# Rick Riordan Presents

## THE LAST FALLEN REALM

*The Gifted Clans Book 3*

**Graci Kim**

Disney Hyperion, June 2023, paperback April 2025

**Best-selling author Rick Riordan presents the thrilling conclusion to Graci Kim's best-selling Gifted Clans trilogy.**

Riley Oh wasn't born into her family. Instead, as she recently discovered, she tumbled down to the earth many years ago as the last fallen star. Riley Oh also wasn't born to be a witch. Like, at all—even her status as a divine celestial being comes with *zilch* in the magical powers department. And Riley Oh *definitely* wasn't born to be a leader. But now the entire magical community thinks she and her soul-twin, Dahl, are meant to lead the world into the Age of the Final Eclipse (or whatever it is that the Haetae keeps saying they're "destined" to do). Greeeat.

But ever since Riley killed the Cave Bear Goddess, she's been a bit preoccupied with one thing: waiting for the goddess's sisters to get their revenge. And it looks like her wait is finally over—because as witches from around the world prepare for war, it seems as though the goddesses are preparing for something much worse. Something that will lure Riley and her friends deep into the realm of the gods. Into a world of humongous, talking moon bunnies; life-or-death mini-golf competitions; and...magical gummy candies?

And in order to save the world, Riley must do the one thing she was born to do: believe in herself.

### Also Available:

***THE LAST FALLEN MOON (Book 2)***

***THE LAST FALLEN STAR (Book 3)***



<i>Ages</i>	10-14	<i>Sold to:</i>	Edel Kids ( <b>German</b> ) - Books 1 & 2 , Beta Publishing ( <b>Turkish</b> ) - Books 1 & 2, Galeria Ksiazki ( <b>Polish</b> ), Gallucci ( <b>Italian</b> ) - Books 2 & 3
<i>Material:</i>	PDF, 320 pages		

**Graci Kim** is the national best-selling author of *The Last Fallen Star*, the first book in the Gifted Clans trilogy. A Korean-Kiwi diplomat turned author, Graci writes about the magic she wants to see in the world. In a previous life she used to be a cooking show host, and she once ran a business that turned children's drawings into cuddly toys. When she's not lost in her imagination, you'll find Graci drinking flat whites, eating ramyeon, and most likely hugging a dog (or ideally, many). She lives in New Zealand with her husband and daughter. Find her at [www.gracikim.com](http://www.gracikim.com) and follow her on Twitter @gracikim and Instagram @gracikimwrites

# PRAISE FOR THE GIFTED CLANS SERIES

## PRAISE FOR THE LAST FALLEN STAR

"[In this] fast-paced adventure, unique clan identities are cleverly imagined, and Riley's emotional arc and journey to self-acceptance shine through."—*Publishers Weekly*

"Exploring familial bonds, belonging, and community, this is a fast-paced urban fantasy drawing on Korean mythology. Complications and twists keep the plot engaging and snappy. A fun, new magical world that promises more adventures to come."—*Kirkus Reviews*

"Full of humor and thrills, this bewitching fantasy blends Korean mythology into an empowering adventure."—*School Library Journal*

"From a compelling and endearing supporting cast to the rich and tantalizing Korean cuisine explored in its pages, this pays homage to traditional Korean magic and mythos while infusing it with a contemporary story line and characters readers will fall in love with in an instant. Riley's unmistakable voice and her relatable search for and exploration of her identity will connect with readers at their cores, offering a truly promising start to a fantastical series."—*Booklist (starred review)*

"Reading *The Last Fallen Star* is like taking a course in Korean mythology taught by your favorite teacher ever--while riding a gigantic roller coaster beneath a sky filled with shooting stars! I loved following Riley's thrilling adventure, and pass the bulgogi tacos, please."—*Linda Sue Park, Newbery Medalist for A Single Shard*

"*The Last Fallen Star* folds Korean culture as well as diaspora feelings into a magical adventure. The way Graci Kim takes traditions and lore and incorporates them into an exciting contemporary fantasy setting makes my heart soar as a Korean reader. This fantastical story is filled with heart and humor. Readers who love magical adventures, complex family relationships, and sisterhood--not to mention food!--should pick up *The Last Fallen Star* immediately!"—*Kat Cho, internationally best-selling author of Vicious Spirits*

*New York Times* Bestsellers  
Optioned by The Disney Channel for a series!

## PRAISE FOR THE LAST FALLEN MOON

"Folklore enthusiasts will rejoice at the return to monster-filled lands and new whimsical worlds where anything can happen, and Riley's signature fun attitude and relatable voice will captivate readers who are just meeting her here, as she continues to search for a sense of belonging in a world that constantly challenges her identity."

—*Booklist (starred review)*

"With dry humor and rough-and-tumble theatrics, Riley's story continues as she grapples with guilt, belonging, and her own identity and self-confidence. The novel deftly balances the fun and the serious. The stakes are high, though Riley simply wants to do the right thing for her family and her community. A nonstop, Korean-inspired fantasy adventure that also tackles darker emotions." —*Kirkus Review*

## PRAISE FOR THE LAST FALLEN REALM

"The worlds-shattering conclusion to the Gifted Clans trilogy... With higher stakes, even more creatures from Korean mythology, and plot points from earlier installments finally addressed, this is an intense, satisfying series finale. Funny and heartfelt; a compelling tale featuring a sympathetic cast of characters." —*Kirkus Reviews (Starred)*





# RICK RIORDAN PRESENTS

## FOX SNARE

*A Thousand Worlds Novel*

**Yoon Ha Lee**

Disney Hyperion, October 2023, paperback October 2025

“Beloved characters from the first two books come together one last time in this Thousand Worlds trilogy closer ... A grand space opera grounded in Korean culture.” –**Kirkus**

“This story is as captivating as its predecessors, incorporating a blend of science fiction and Korean mythology. Fans of this series won’t want to miss the epic conclusion to this space adventure.” –**Michelle Ortega, Booklist**

While on a mission to cement peace between the Sun Clans and the Thousand Worlds, Min the fox spirit and her ghost brother Jun get stranded on a death planet with Haneul the dragon spirit and Sebin the tiger spirit. To survive, the young cadets will have to rely on all their wits, training, and supernatural abilities. And let’s not forget the Dragon Pearl ...

This thrilling conclusion of the Thousand Worlds trilogy, told in alternating points of view, will put you under a delightful spell as it transports you to worlds full of both danger and wonder.

**Also available:**

**DRAGON PEARL (Book 1) – Please contact The Gernert Company.**

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Ages 10-14  
Material: PDF, 256 pages



**Yoon Ha Lee** is a *New York Times* best-selling author, winner of the Locus Award and the Mythopoeic Award. He has also published several books for adults, including a stand-alone fantasy entitled *Phoenix Extravagant* and the Machineries of Empire space opera trilogy: *Ninefox Gambit*, *Raven Stratagem*, and *Revenant Gun*. Yoon draws inspiration from a variety of sources, such as Korean history and mythology, fairy tales, higher mathematics, classic moral dilemmas, and genre fiction.



# RICK RIORDAN PRESENTS

## TIGER HONOR

*A Thousand Words Novel*

**Yoon Ha Lee**

Disney Hyperion, January 2022

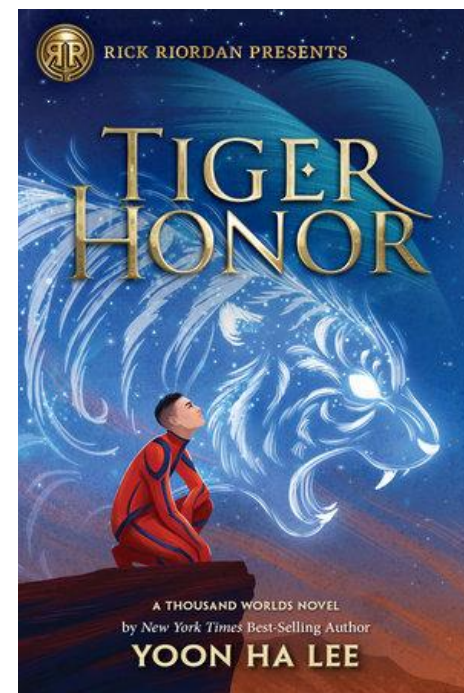
"With a delightful mix of Korean mythology and science fiction, Lee expands on the intriguing world of his previous novel to create another exhilarating adventure with a new precocious protagonist." *–Booklist*

"With crisp dialogue, a winning protagonist and a propulsive plot, this tale is enormously entertaining." *–New York Times Book Review of DRAGON PEARL*

Sebin, a young tiger spirit from the Juhwang Clan, wants nothing more than to join the Thousand World Space Forces and, like their Uncle Hwan, captain a battle cruiser someday. But when Sebin's acceptance letter finally arrives, it's accompanied by the shocking news that Hwan has been declared a traitor. Apparently the captain abandoned his duty to steal a magical artifact, the Dragon Pearl, and his whereabouts are still unknown. Sebin hopes to help clear their hero's name and restore honor to the clan.

Nothing goes according to plan, however. As soon as Sebin arrives for orientation, they are met by a special investigator named Yi and Yi's assistant, a girl named Min. Yi informs Sebin that they must immediately report to the ship Haetae and await further instructions. Sebin finds this highly unusual, but soon all protocol is forgotten when there's an explosion on the ship, the crew is knocked out, and the communication system goes down. It's up to Sebin, three other cadets, and Yi and Min to determine who is sabotaging the battle cruiser. When Sebin is suddenly accused of collaborating with the enemy, the cadet realizes that Min is the most dangerous foe of all...

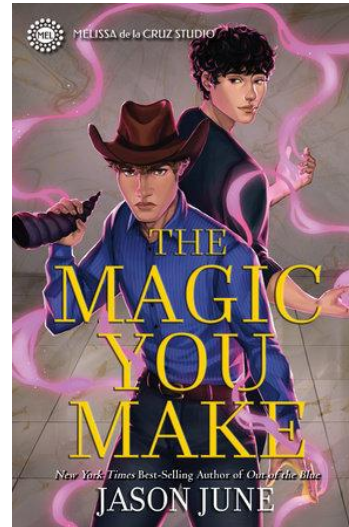
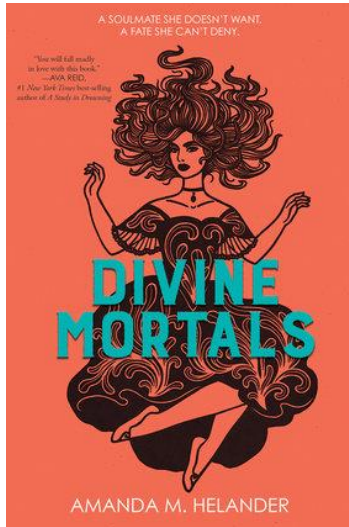
Yoon Ha Lee brilliantly turns the tables on DRAGON PEARL in another unputdownable sci-fi adventure about what honor really means.



<i>Ages</i>	10-14	<i>Sold to:</i>	Changbi Publishers ( <b>Korean</b> ), Beta Publishing Co.
<i>Material:</i>	PDF, 248 pages		( <b>Turkey</b> )

**Yoon Ha Lee** is a *New York Times* best-selling author, winner of the Locus Award and the Mythopoeic Award. He has also published several books for adults, including a stand-alone fantasy entitled *Phoenix Extravagant* and the *Machineries of Empire* space opera trilogy: *Ninefox Gambit*, *Raven Stratagem*, and *Revenant Gun*. Yoon draws inspiration from a variety of sources, such as Korean history and mythology, fairy tales, higher mathematics, classic moral dilemmas, and genre fiction.

## YOUNG ADULT



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# DIVINE MORTALS

Amanda M. Helander

Disney Hyperion, October 2024

NEW!

“Fans of Rebecca Yarros and Sarah J. Maas need look no further for their next big read.” —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

**Mona can name anyone’s soulmate—but she’ll do anything to avoid being matched with her own. Especially when she learns he’s the king.**

This debut romantasy perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas and Rebecca Yarros delivers sizzling romance, cutthroat competition, a lush fantasy world, and an unforgettable heroine.

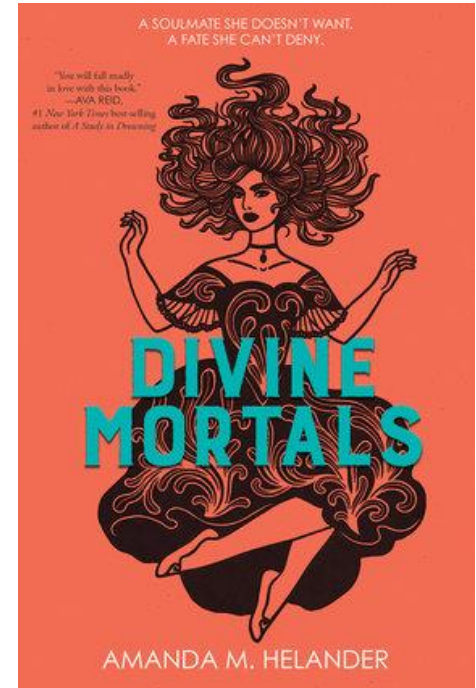
“Fans of Rebecca Yarros and Sarah J. Maas need look no further for their next big read.” —Kirkus Reviews, starred review

“You will fall madly in love with this book!” —Ava Reid, #1 New York Times best-selling author of *A Study in Drowning*

Blessed by the gods, Mona Arnett has the unique ability to divine soulmates, but she refuses to seek out her own—until she learns the king is dying without an heir, threatening the royal line and the world’s access to magic. Tasked with naming his future queen, Mona discovers the king’s soulmate is . . . her.

A royal match is the last thing Mona wants—especially when she starts falling for the king’s closest advisor—so she lies, cheats, and contends with scheming gods to hide the truth. But when this high-stakes game of thrones leads to murder, survival and the fate of the kingdom will depend on her finding the courage to face her destiny.

Delightful wit, spellbinding prose, and a flawed, funny protagonist you’ll love from page one make this debut fantasy a must-read.



**Ages** 12-18  
**Material:** PDF

**Amanda M. Helander** is a fantasy author and paralegal from Seattle, Washington. When she’s not writing, Amanda can be found watching horror movies, learning to crochet, or eating entire blocks of parmesan in one sitting. Visit her online at [www.amandahelander.com](http://www.amandahelander.com) or @helander\_amanda on Instagram.

## THE MAGIC YOU MAKE

Jason June

Disney Hyperion, October 2024

**What Nigel and Ori know could change the magical world. But first they have to survive it.**

In this propulsive sequel to *The Spells We Cast*, sunshine/grump soulmates Nigel and Ori must overcome magical corruption and an evil force inside Nigel.

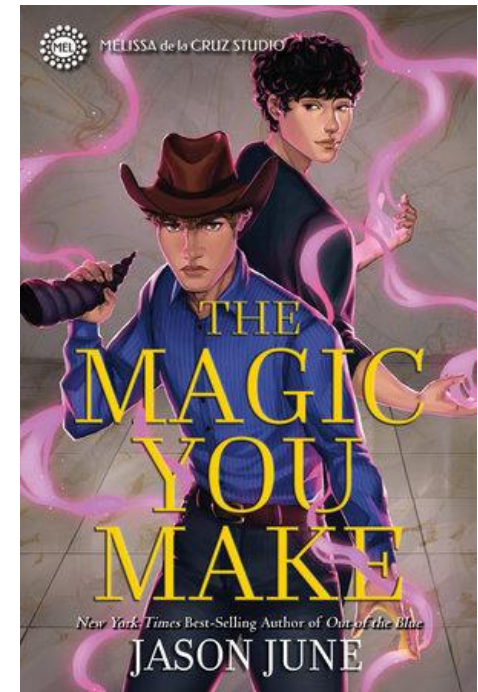
Still reeling from their deadly encounter with the Knife and the revelation that the Culling was unnecessary, soulmates Nigel and Ori have been thrust into a resistance movement overnight.

They'll do whatever it takes to end the tradition of greedy elites taking power from teen magicians. But with Alister rallying the Guild against them, a mysterious spell erasing the memories of every ally they recruit, and a dark force threatening to take control of Nigel, the road ahead is treacherous. Can Nigel and Ori's newfound love protect them as they fight for justice—and their lives?

The action-packed follow-up to *The Spells We Cast* will make readers laugh, swoon, cheer, and hold their breath right down to the stunning conclusion.

*Previous titles sold to:* Foksal (**Polish**), DeSaxus (**French**), Molino (**Spain**)

Also available: THE MAGIC WE MAKE



*Ages* 12 and up  
*Material:* PDF, 352 pages

**Jason June** is a *New York Times* bestselling author from Austin, Texas, who as of this writing has no magical powers. Bummer. He's a big fan of Pomeranians, stories that center the power of queer love, and Torchy's Tacos, "trashy" of course. His novels include *Out of the Blue*, *Jay's Gay Agenda*, and *Riley Weaver Needs a Date to the Gaybutante Ball*. Visit him on social media @HeyJasonJune, or on his website at [www.HeyJasonJune.com](http://www.HeyJasonJune.com).



# RICK RIORDAN PRESENTS

## THE DARK BECOMES HER

### Judy I. Lin

Disney Hyperion, October 2024

NEW!

Perfect for fans of Ryan LaSala and Trang Thanh Tran: a sinister tale of the supernatural, sisterhood, and the shadows that rule our darkest desires, *New York Times* best-selling author Judy I. Lin takes her first foray into horror.

Ruby Chen has always played the part of the dutiful eldest daughter: excelling in school; excelling in piano lessons; excelling at keeping her younger sister, Tina, focused on extracurriculars meant to impress college admissions officers.

But when a ghost from the spirit world attacks Ruby in the middle of Vancouver's Chinatown neighborhood, her life is plunged into a darkness that no amount of duty can free her from. Overnight, Ruby's sister seems to change. There are strange noises coming from her bedroom at all hours; and the once sweet, funny Tina has been replaced by something dark and unnatural.

As Ruby races to save her sister from demonic possession, she is thrown into an ancient battle over the gateway to the underworld. On one side, an evil traveling temple known for making dark wishes come true has returned to Chinatown after many years—intent on breaking down the gateway and unleashing the evil within. On the other side, the guardians who must stop them.

And in order to survive, Ruby must not only face the horror taking over her community, but must also confront the horror within herself.

Chinese and Taiwanese mythology get the Junji Ito treatment in this bone-chilling, propulsive story that takes the horrors of the Asian diaspora experience to a whole new level.



**Ages** 12 and up  
**Material:** PDF, 368 pages

**Judy I. Lin**, #1 *New York Times*-bestselling author of the Book of Tea duology (*A Magic Steeped in Poison* and *A Venom Dark and Sweet*), was born in Taiwan and immigrated to Canada with her family at a young age. She grew up with her nose in a book and loved to escape to imaginary worlds. She now works as an occupational therapist and still spends her nights dreaming up imaginary worlds of her own. She lives on the Canadian prairies with her husband and daughters. You can find her online at [www.JudyILin.com](http://www.JudyILin.com).

# Melissa de la Cruz Studios

## RISE

Freya Finch

Disney Hyperion, July 2024

“The contemporary setting combined with Norse mythological elements is fresh without being overwhelmed by too much godly interference, leaving room for Bryn to contend with all sorts of magical creatures and make plenty of mistakes along the way...A well-balanced story of both teenage and godly dramas.” –*Kirkus Reviews*

“The boldly drawn, white-cued cast is feisty and funny. Coupled with Bryn’s snarky first-person-present narrative, Finch unveils a rollicking, twist-filled plot, which puts a modern spin on ancient folklore while sensitively exploring issues of identity and fate.” – *Publishers Weekly, starred review*

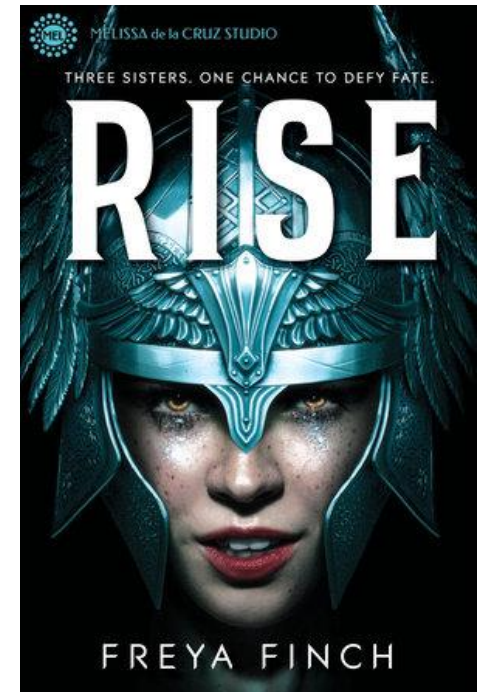
**The action and adventure of *Percy Jackson* meets the complex heroines of *The Cruel Prince* as a family of valkyries fight to stop Ragnarök.**

For seventeen-year-old Bryn, being the youngest, messiest, most rebellious sister in a family of valkyries isn’t easy. Especially considering home is a Renaissance faire in Chicago full of costumed workers who see her as nothing more than a nuisance. When her mother disappears on a mission for Odin, Bryn begins having strange visions about the impending Ragnarök. Bryn senses their mother is in great danger, but her annoyingly perfect older sisters refuse to take her seriously. Their mother is, after all, captain of the valkyries.

Things only take a turn for the worse when a half human, half giant named Juniper crashes the party with a violent zombie in tow, confirming Bryn’s worst fears—her visions of Ragnarök are real. If that wasn’t enough, the faire’s mysterious new addition, Wyatt the Black Knight, just so happens to have a ferocious secret that threatens everyone around him. Determined to survive Ragnarök, Bryn, Juniper, and Wyatt team up to combat the horde of monsters that keeps appearing throughout the faire. But after Bryn ignores the call to deliver Wyatt to Odin’s eternal warriors in Valhalla, choosing to save his life instead, she starts to wonder if she’ll ever get this valkyrie thing right.

Whispers of divine interference—including sightings of the mischievous Loki—reach Bryn’s ears. Soon everyone at the faire becomes a suspect, leaving Bryn, her sisters, and their newfound friends the only ones who can stop the war to end all realms. Whether she’s ready or not, Bryn is about to learn how the ties between fate and choice are as interwoven and unbreakable as the bonds between sisters.

**Ages** 12-18  
**Material:** PDF, 384 pages



**Freya Finch** writes about myths, magic, and mischief-makers. Born and raised in Michigan, she earned her MA in writing and publishing from DePaul University in Chicago. Now she lives in the mountains of Poland, where you can find her hiking with her German shepherd or lounging at home with her husband watching their favorite movies. Rise is her first novel. Find her on Instagram @FreyaFinchAuthor or at her website FreyaFinchBooks.com.

# Praise for RISE

“A natural pick for fans growing out of Rick Riordan's Magnus Chase books.” —**Booklist**

“A fierce, action-packed debut that keeps you hook until the very last page.” —**Alex Aster**, #1 *New York Times* best-selling author of *Lightlark*

“Thrilling, magical, and full of heart, this breathtaking Norse fantasy is impossible to put down, with a cast you can't help but adore.” —**Marie Lu**, #1 *New York Times* best-selling author of *Stars and Smoke*

# WISH UPON A K-STAR

Kat Cho

Disney Hyperion, April 2025

NEW!

A spin-off to the *New York Times* best-selling *Once Upon a K-Prom*, a K-pop idol and an up-and-coming K-drama star must fake date in this fresh and funny romcom that Korean pop culture fans will absolutely swoon over!

Moon Minseok—or Moonster as this WDB fans know him—wasn't born to lead. Even as part of the world's most popular K-Pop group, he found comfort in his role as the jokester, the sidekick, the unserious one (with the cutest smile). But now WDB is drowning in dating scandals, and it's time for Moonster to take charge of the group's image.

Shin Hyeri has been dealing with some scandals of her own. An up-and-coming K-Drama actress, she's been labeled a "nepo baby" (with a famous idol as a big brother) and now, a bully (which couldn't be further from the truth). Desperate to show the world that she's earned her spot, Hyeri is determined not to let her rising star crash and burn.

When these two childhood enemies get caught up in yet another scandal while co-hosting a K-Pop festival, there's only one solution that will save both of their reputations: appear on one of Korea's most popular variety shows, *Our Celebrity Marriage* (where celebrities pretend to get married and compete in 'newlywed' challenges).

The plan is simple—pretend to get along, win back the fans, then go their separate ways. But what happens when a fake marriage leads to real feelings? Will Moonster and Hyeri bow to the pressures of their famous realities, or will they decide their love is something worth fighting for?



*Ages*

12-18

*Material:*

PDF, 336 pages

**Kat Cho** is a *New York Times* best-selling YA author who loves to incorporate her Korean heritage in her writing, especially if it involves describing food. She's the author of *Wicked Fox* and *Vicious Spirits*. Kat lives and works in New York City. Find her online at Twitter @KatCho, Instagram @KatChoWrites, and KatChoWrites.com



# ONCE UPON A K-PROM

Kat Cho

Disney Hyperion, May 2022, paperback May 2023

"*Once Upon a K-Prom* is a fun, swoony, fresh romance. Readers are sure to fall in love with Elena and Robbie!"—**Gloria Chao, author of *American Panda* and *Rent a Boyfriend***

"A relentlessly charming tale of finding love and finding yourself—this scrumptious blend of sweet romance and tart pop culture commentary is the perfect book-shaped treat!"—**Sarah Kuhn, author of *From Little Tokyo, With Love***

"A love song to first love and second chances, *Once Upon a K-Prom* is a delightful romcom filled with adorable banter and heart-stopping moments. This book should come with a warning: prepare to swoon!"—**Axie Oh, *New York Times* best-selling author of *The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea***

"This book is a total win-win! It has two of my all time favorite things—K-Pop and a prom! What more can you really ask for?! Super fun and totally charming!!"—**Jenny Lee, author of *Anna K* and *Anna K Away***

**What would you do if the world's biggest K-pop star asked you to prom? Perfect for fans of Jenny Han and Sandhya Menon, this hilarious and heartfelt novel brings the glamour and drama of the K-pop world straight to high school.**

Elena Soo has always felt overshadowed. Whether by her more successful older sisters, her more popular twin brother, or her more outgoing best friend, everyone except Elena seems to know exactly who they are and what they want. But she is certain about one thing - she has no interest in going to prom. While the rest of the school is giddy over corsages and dresses, Elena would rather spend her time working to save the local community center, the one place that's always made her feel like she belonged.

So when international K-pop superstar Robbie Choi shows up at her house to ask her to prom, Elena is more confused than ever. Because the one person who always accepted Elena as she is? Her childhood best friend, Robbie Choi. And the one thing she maybe, possibly, *secretly* wants more than anything? For the two of them to keep the promise they made each other as kids: to go to prom together. But that was seven years ago, and with this new K-pop persona, pink hair, and stylish clothes, Robbie is nothing like the sweet, goofy boy she remembers. The boy she shared all her secrets with. The boy she used to love.

Besides, prom with a guy who comes with hordes of screaming fans, online haters, and relentless paparazzi is the last thing Elena wants - even if she can't stop thinking about Robbie's smile...right?



<b>Ages</b>	12-18	<b>Sold to:</b>	Alta Books ( <b>Brazilian Portuguese</b> ), Cross Cult ( <b>German</b> ), Konyvmolykepzo ( <b>Hungarian</b> ), Euro Libris SRL ( <b>Romanian</b> ) Beta Publishing ( <b>Turkish</b> )
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# MAYA IN MULTICOLOR

Swati Teerdhala

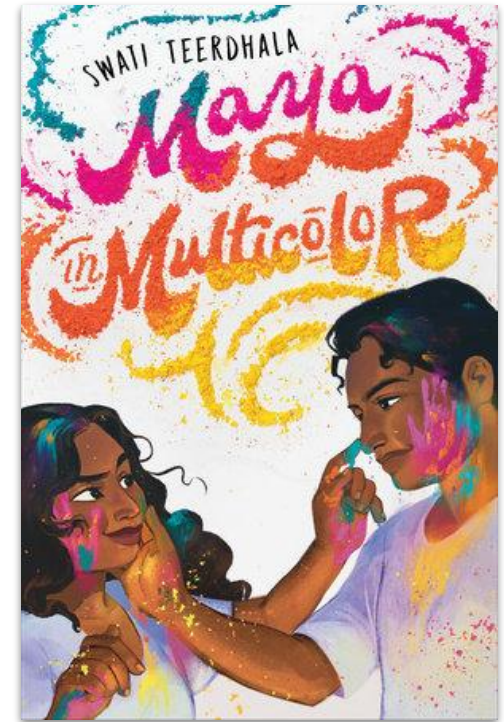
Disney Hyperion, March 2025

NEW!

**Fans of *When Dimple Met Rishi* will love this charming, slow-burn YA romance about all the ways you can honor tradition while still giving it a modern flair.**

When it comes to romance, Maya still believes in meet-cutes, but she's done with boys wasting her time. After her freshman romance refuses to put a label on their relationship, Maya decides to reclaim her life and completely turnaround her college experience. She's got big plans to throw the most spectacular Holi—a colorful Hindu festival symbolizing rebirth, which Maya feels she desperately needs.

Enter college heartthrob Nishant Rai, an upperclassman, notorious playboy, and well-connected DJ. After the student council makes him Maya's co-planner, she finds herself working closely with the one guy on campus she can't have and definitely doesn't want. He plans to turn the event into #HoliFest, a flashy EDM festival blending old traditions with the fresh new twist of a music festival. As the two grow closer, Maya realizes Nishant is so much more than a pretty face. Is he just wasting her time, or has she finally found her meet-cute?



*Ages* 12 and up  
*Material:* PDF, 304 pages

**Swati Teerdhala** is the author of *The Tiger at Midnight* series, which has appeared on both Barnes and Noble and Book Riot's Most Anticipated Novels lists. After graduating with a BS in finance and BA in history, she tumbled into the marketing side of the technology industry. She's passionate about many things, including how to make a proper cup of tea, the right ratio of curd-to-crust in a lemon tart, and diverse representation in the stories we tell. She currently lives in New York City.

# WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS

Brianna Craft

Disney Hyperion, July 2024

"Powerful messages about community activism and the power of youth voices. . . A refreshing romance with substance." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"One undeniable thing about the climate crisis: we will only solve it if we manage to work *together*, which this fine novel makes wonderfully clear." —Bill McKibben, author of *The End of Nature*

***Lemonade Mouth* meets climate change activism in this enemies-to-lovers YA romance. A tied election throws two rival teen activists together to lead their school's environmental justice club, and they are taken by surprise when their clashes reveal deeper feelings hidden beneath their antagonism.**

*What's more romantic than saving the earth?*

Two presidents. One club. A sizzling connection.

Isa Brown wishes her life would slow down. She doesn't want to leave for college. Not now that her dad finally gets to spend some time at home. Not now that she's finally been in one place for longer than a year. But nothing lasts forever. With wildfires ravaging her community and a new natural gas pipeline threatening her dad's job, the last thing Isa can do is relax. The school's environmental justice club seems like a promising way to make real change. If only her annoying co-president Darius would stop being such a control freak.

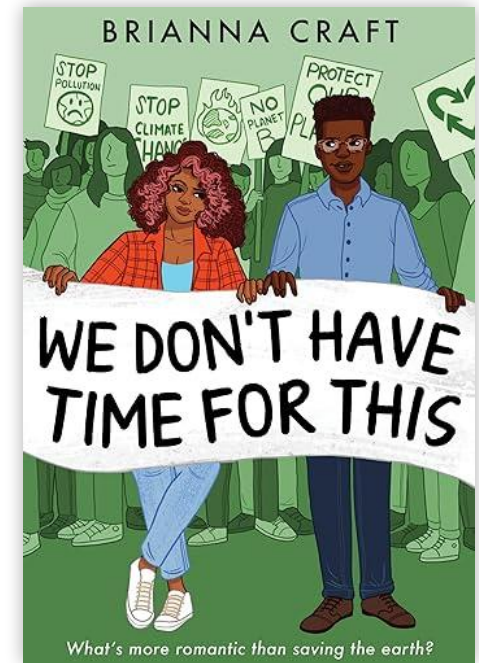
Darius Freeman can't stop hustling. If he does, how will he beat the other honors kids to be valedictorian?

How will he get into the top schools in the country? How will he launch his political career? No. Darius can't stop, and the next step in his plan is leading the environmental justice club this year—putting on a policy summit and rounding out his college applications with a leadership role. But then Isa joins the club and becomes co-president. Is she the stumbling block on his road to success?

As Isa and Darius clash over the best way to lead the environmental justice club, deeper feelings emerge. About what's at stake for their communities if they can't figure out how to work together. And about the sparks they feel between them.

**Will Darius and Isa figure out how to burn brightly together? Or will their flames leave nothing but ashes behind?**

*Ages* 12-18  
*Material:* PDF, 272 pages



From a small town in Washington State, **Brianna Craft** lives in London. When she's not writing justice-focused climate stories, Brianna works as a Senior Researcher at the International Institute for Environment and Development. Brianna holds a master's degree in environmental studies from Brown University and is an alumna of the University of Washington. Brianna loves peanut butter.

# BRIARCLIFF PREP: SOPHOMORE YEAR

*Briarcliff Prep Book 2*

**Brianna Peppins**

Disney Hyperion, November 2024

**NEW!**

***Amelia Westlake Was Never Here* meets an empathetic exploration of anxiety at historically Black boarding school Briarcliff Prep. Love triangles, friendship breakups, and slice-of-student-life are balanced with a thoughtful discussion about mental health, all in a love letter to Black girls.**

Avielle LeBeau is beginning her second year at Briarcliff Prep, and she's got big dreams. Top of the list? Starting her own student life magazine and rooming with her besties Rhyon and Zazie. But a housing mix-up splits Avi from her friends—and to make matters worse, she's rooming with her rival, Fallon Walsh, instead.

How does one girl juggle school, a fracturing friendship, living with a mean girl and getting caught in a potential love triangle between the ex she can't move on from and a friend who's becoming something more? It's a lot. Made even harder by the panic attacks Avi has been experiencing lately.

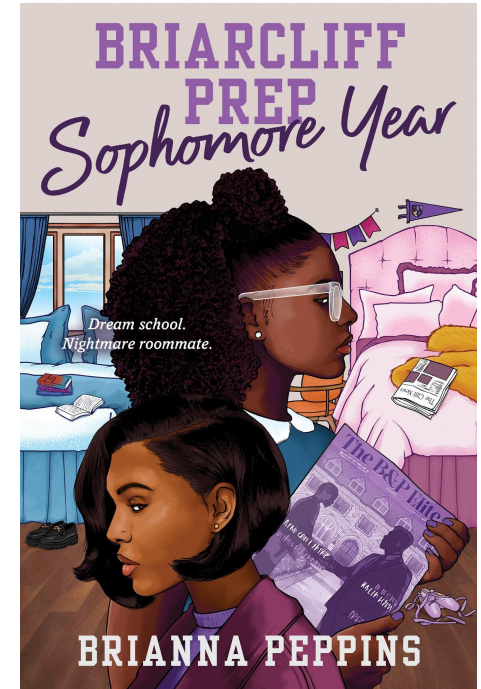
If one thing is true about the LeBeau family, it's that they're always there for each other. But with her older sister Belle away at college and her brothers preoccupied chasing their own dreams, Avi must learn how to find support in new (unlikely) places.

**Will Avi finally find her voice? Or will her dreams be drowned out by everyone else?**

Also available: **BRIARCLIFF PREP**

"Peppins treats her characters and topic carefully, gracefully taking on the themes and using the boarding school's classes to emphasize the importance of Black writers and icons in helping young people bolster their own understanding of the strength of their identity and community. A fresh and thoughtful take on the boarding school setting." *-Booklist, starred review*

"Brimming with a wealth of pop culture references... and told via a limited omniscient viewpoint that renders Avi's life and the people around her in expertly nuanced detail, this powerful debut compassionately tackles themes of class privilege and domestic violence." *-Publisher's Weekly, starred review*



*Ages* 12 and up  
*Material:* PDF, 368 pages

**Brianna Peppins** ([www.BriannaPeppins.com](http://www.BriannaPeppins.com)) was raised in Maryland and spent most of her childhood consuming books. She graduated from Spelman College in Psychology and shortly after began writing her debut novel, *Briarcliff Prep*.



# Melissa de la Cruz Studio

## LIE UNTIL IT'S TRUE

Jessie Weaver

Melissa de la Cruz Studio/Disney Hyperion, May 2024

"A twisty murder mystery chock-full of tropes I adore: found family, an old, creepy hotel with a haunted past, and a friends-to-lovers romance. But best of all are Weaver's characters, who are so well-rounded that even when you're mad at them, you still love them. Readers be warned: once you open up this book, you're not going to be able to put it down." --**Liz Lawson**, New York Times bestselling author of *The Agathas*, *The Night in Question* and *The Lucky Ones*

"Weaver packs a lot into this page-turner, interspersing flashbacks and online speculations about the various cases and leaving readers guessing throughout. An engrossing, sprawling whodunnit." – **Kirkus Reviews**

"For fans of Weaver's first novel, especially those who enjoy a complex mystery à la *Knives Out* with a hint of the paranormal." – **Publishers Weekly**

"Weaver dives into another magnetic true-crime mystery. Chapters interspersed with social media posts and alternating POVs lend flair to the story." –**Booklist**

**A *Good Girl's Guide to Murder* meets *Knives Out* in this haunting YA thriller. To redeem herself, true crime TikToker Amanda Pruitt spends the summer in Colorado investigating a murder that seems open and shut. But when two crimes—one past, one present—intertwine, Amanda becomes the main suspect.**

Amanda Pruitt needs redemption. She is the one, after all, who turned her sister in for murder and anonymously broadcasted her trial to millions on TikTok. And she was wrong. Her sister is innocent, making Amanda the villain—not the hero—all along.

So when her childhood best friend's mom is arrested for murder and refuses to give a statement, Amanda decides to help solve the crime. This could be her second chance. If she can use her TikTok to get the public on her friend's side, the police will have to reopen the investigation.

The plan? Stay the summer with her aunt who is the concierge at the Summit, a historic (read: haunted) hotel in the mountains that also happens to be the scene of the crime. Investigate the billionaire's murder. Win back her estranged bestie Vincent. Not the plan? See a ghost. Fall for Vincent. Black out and lose 15 minutes of her life. Wake up to find the dead body of a frenemy.

Amanda and Vincent must work together to find the killer, or Amanda risks going down for a murder she isn't quite sure she didn't commit. Set in a possibly haunted hotel and including TikTok interstitials, this is the perfect follow up to *Live Your Best Lie*.

**Ages** 12-18  
**Material:** PDF, 320 pages

Before writing about flawed, funny teens with big hearts, **Jessie Weaver** spent ten years teaching them English. She completed the Stanford University online novel writing program in 2019. Though she's an East Coast girl at heart, she currently lives in Colorado with her husband and two daughters.



# Melissa de la Cruz Studio

## LIVE YOUR BEST LIE

Jessie Weaver

Melissa de la Cruz Studio/Disney Hyperion, January 2023

A must-read for those who love well-crafted whodunits, true crime, and juicy secrets. —*School Library Journal*

A debut that keeps throwing curveballs with lies to piece together and mysteries to unravel. —*Kirkus Reviews*

Rapid-fire, wickedly biting dialogue and an almost suffocating air of uncertainty and stratagem cultivate a gossipy debut, which capitalizes on present-day social media obsession and one's ability to take control of their own narrative. —*Publisher's Weekly*

I could not put down Jessie Weaver's timely, hilarious, thrilling read—twisty and snarky in all the best ways, like *One of Us is Lying* meets *Gossip Girl*! Pack your beach bags with this Instagram-ready beauty and get ready to live your best lie online! —*Melissa De La Cruz, New York Times bestselling author*

*One of Us is Lying* meets *Pretty Little Liars* in this YA thriller that confronts toxic influencer culture with killer twist. ***Sometimes the prettiest Instagram feeds mask the darkest, and bloodiest, secrets.***

Social media influencer Summer Cartwright leads a very charmed life: millions of followers, the hottest designer and vintage clothes at her fingertips, a newly minted book deal, the coolest friends, and, until recently, the hottest boyfriend at her über-elite prep school. Every moment of her life has been carefully planned and cultivated to complement her “imperfectly perfect” social media persona. She is truly #LivingHerBestLife.

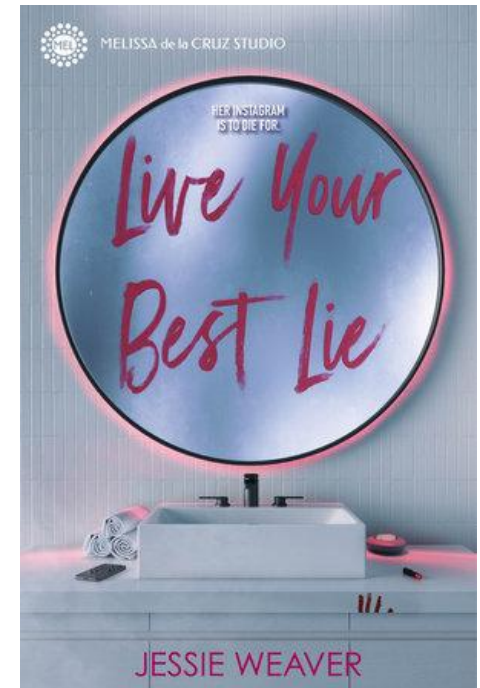
But when Summer goes missing during her annual Halloween party and then an unscheduled post appears on her feed stating that she'll be dead within the next five minutes, those closest to Summer know something isn't quite right—or on-brand. Grace, Summer's camera-shy best friend; Adam, Summer's gamer ex-boyfriend; Laney, Summer's moody camp roommate; and Cora, an influencer wannabe, all decide to investigate. And when they come upon Summer's lifeless body, they soon realize that no filter is strong enough to mask the lies we tell ourselves.

**Told in multiple POVs interspersed with social media posts and flashbacks, *Live Your Best Lie* has twists and turns that will keep readers turning the page and no one will be able to guess the ending.**

*Ages* 12 and up

*Sold to:* Guinti (Italian)

*Material:* PDF, 320 pages



Before writing about flawed, funny teens with big hearts, **Jessie Weaver** spent ten years teaching them English. She completed the Stanford University online novel writing program in 2019. Though she's an East Coast girl at heart, she currently lives in Colorado with her husband and two daughters. *Live Your Best Lie* is her first novel.

# MAKE ME A LIAR

Melissa Landers

Disney Hyperion, December 2023,

“A satisfactorily escapist page-turner enhanced by its sarcastic humor.” *–Kirkus*

“An engrossing, twisty mystery paired with the wise-cracking narration of a teenage girl makes this novel an easy recommendation for Veronica Mars enthusiasts who crave something that lives up to the tone and humor of the show... Landers plants plenty of clues and red herrings for readers to make guesses that feel genuinely satisfying when Tia finally faces down the culprit.” *–The Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books (BCCB)*

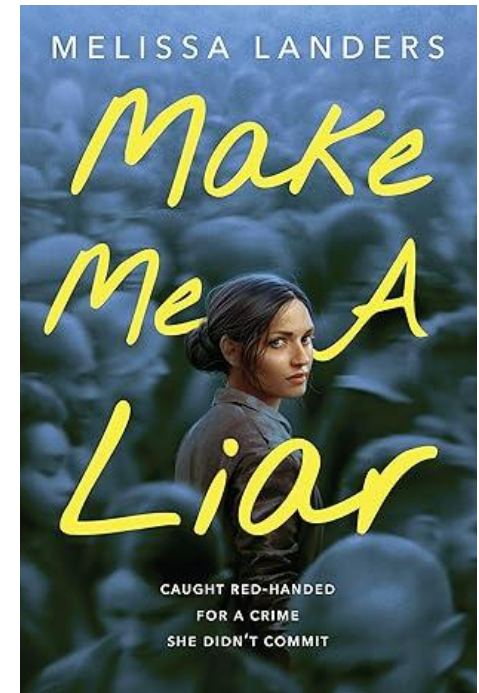
“Landers (*Lumara*) imbues Tia’s first-person perspective with wit and brash humor reminiscent of Veronica Mars. Thriller elements involving international mobs and secret supernatural organizations, as well as weighty themes surrounding criminal injustice, propel this jam-packed roller coaster to a climactic finish. Nash is described as having dark skin; most other characters read as white.” *–Publishers Weekly*

Tia is conversational, funny, and a bit rough around the edges, which makes her a protagonist to root for as well as laugh with; she’s absolutely a modern Veronica Mars with a sci-fi twist. Between this and her YA fantasy *Lumara* (2022), Landers will be developing an eager fan base.— *Booklist*

**The thriller gets a fantastical twist in this novel about a girl with a transferrable consciousness, who uses her power for good, only to have it turned on her when someone uses her body to commit murder. Now she must solve the crime before the killer comes after her.**

Within the secret circles of Harvey Davis High School, everyone knows Tia Dante is worth her weight in hall passes. Using her genetic gift of transferable consciousness, she can slip inside your mind and do your dirty work—humiliate your cheating boyfriend, bring a bully to his knees, tell your boss where to stick it—and then return your body with no one the wiser. No task is too awkward, and unlike the competition, she takes care of business without peeking at your goods.

But while Tia is occupied during a routine payback mission, someone uses her body for a few dirty deeds of their own...like murdering the town prosecutor. With the crime caught on camera and no concrete alibi, Tia is forced to ask her infuriatingly gorgeous ex—Nash Brock—to help unravel the mystery. The heat is on, in more ways than one, and a few stray bullets later, Tia is in a frantic race against the clock to find the killer before they find her.



*Ages* 12-18  
*Material:* PDF, 240 pages

**Melissa Landers** is a former teacher who left the classroom to pursue other worlds. A proud sci-fi geek, she isn't afraid to wear her Princess Leia costume in public--just ask her embarrassed kids. She lives outside Cincinnati in the small town of Milford Ohio, where she writes romantic space adventures for teens and the young at heart.

# WHEN WE HAD SUMMER

Jennifer Castle

Disney Hyperion, April 2023

“A bittersweet tale of friendship surviving and growing amid heartbreak and change.” — *Kirkus*

“Comparisons to the Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants books are inevitable but accurate. This update offers a dose of reality and a rich cast.” — **Stacey Comfort**, *Booklist*

This novel takes a familiar plot and elevates it with strong, introspective character development and a realistic look at the many forms grief can take. Chapters alternate third-person perspectives among Penny (white), Lainie (Colombian) and Daniella (biracial Black and Italian). **VERDICT** This novel, which perfectly captures the joy of summer, the heartbreak of sudden loss, and the resilience of friendship, is recommended for general purchase, and is ideal for fans of Morgan Matson or Ashley Woodfolk. — **Elizabeth Giles**, *SLJ*

**The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants meets 13 Little Blue Envelopes in this new young adult novel about a tight-knit, daring, and eclectic group of friends who dedicate every summer to completing their #SummerSistersBucketList together – that is until one of their own passes away.**

Every year since they can remember, Daniella, her cousin Carly, and their friends Penny and Lainie (the #SummerSisters) have spent their summers together at the Jersey Shore in the town of Ocean Park Heights, creating and completing a summer bucket list. With Carly as the mastermind, the list ranges from the silly to the practically impossible, and it’s the highlight of the summer for these four best friends.

But this summer, everything is going to be different, because last winter, Carly—their leader, their glue, their everything—passed away.

As the remaining #SummerSisters try to wrap their heads around their best friend’s death, life seems determined to throw more curveballs at them, threatening to split them up for good. Daniella is accepted at a prestigious music academy in New York City, Lainie learns her family is moving out of Ocean Park Heights, and Penny is distracted by a new job and a new boyfriend.

Then Daniella uncovers a treasure like no other—a bucket list for this summer tucked away in Carly’s signature seashell purse. And just like that, the #SummerSisters have an opportunity to unite and fulfill Carly’s last adventure for them all. But will the list be enough to hold them together for one final summer?

**Ages** 12-18  
**Material:** PDF, 368 pages

**Jennifer Castle** is the author of numerous books for young people. Her YA novels include *TOGETHER AT MIDNIGHT*, *WHAT HAPPENS NOW*, *YOU LOOK DIFFERENT IN REAL LIFE*, and *THE BEGINNING OF AFTER*, which was a 2013 YALSA Best Book for Young Adults selection. Besides writing, Jennifer also loves beach-combing, geeking out on theatre and sci-fi, and animal rescue work. She lives in New York’s Hudson Valley with her family of humans and cats.





# KING CHEER

Molly Horton Booth, Stephanie Kate Strohm, and Jamie Green

Disney Hyperion, February 2024

"Highly recommended for fans of Crystal Frasier and Val Wise's *Cheer Up* (2021), other cheerleading dramas, modern Shakespeare interpretations, or heartwarming stories of friends supporting each other." — *Booklist, Starred Review*

"Booth and Strohm are just as wholeheartedly committed to goofiness and fun as in the previous outing, with the interpersonal drama inspired by *King Lear* playing out against a slightly fantastical backdrop. That play might not seem like the most obvious choice to adapt for this particular setting, but the authors satisfyingly shift the original text while still telling a story that can be enjoyed even by those unfamiliar with the original." — *Kirkus Reviews*

"Fans of the first book will not be disappointed, as this sequel delivers gorgeous, candy-colored art and whole new cast of appealing characters with diverse body types, along with the delightful return of Tanya and Ron, Arden High's perennially feuding King and Queen of the fairies..." — *The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

**Heartstopper meets *Bring It On* in this contemporary graphic novel that reimagines Shakespeare's *King Lear* as a queer dramedy!**

When cheer captain Leah steps down months before graduation, the team is shocked. Waitlisted by her dream college, questioning her identity, and suffering from senioritis, Leah needs to hand the captain's poms off and focus on her future.

But when the competition for captaincy goes awry, power-hungry twins take command of the squad and immediately pit the cheerleaders against the basketball team in a fight for glory. Balls fly, pom-poms shake, hearts are broken—and only one person can heal the rift between the teams. But first she'll have to heal herself.

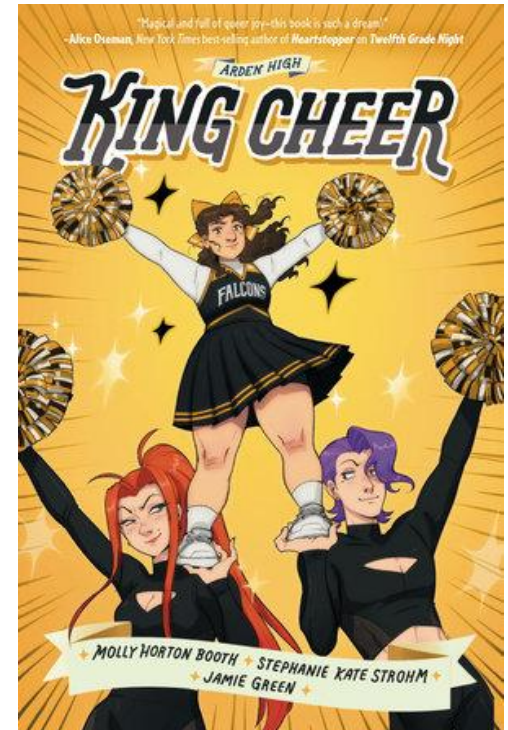
**As full of heart as it is backflips and three-pointers, *King Cheer* is a warm and witty story of self-discovery, friendship, and finding the courage to face your future.**

**Also available: TWELFTH GRADE NIGHT**

Sold to: Albatros Media (**Czech**), Hachette Livre (**French**), Vigmostad & Bjorke (**Norwegian**), Ediciones ASA II (**Portuguese**)

**Ages:** 12-18  
**Material:** PDF, 160 pages

**Sold to:** Hachette Livre (**French**), Vigmostad & Bjorke (**Norwegian**), Ediciones ASA II (**Portuguese**)



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# Praise for KING CHEER

“Readers of the first installment will enjoy the same quirky characters depicted in illustrations by Green, who gets the cheerleading motif just right, along with a realistic portrayal of contemporary high school students who happen to attend class with fairies. LGBTQIA+ representation is ubiquitous in the story. VERDICT This graphic novel will fit nicely into the collection that already has graphic novels with LGBTQIA+ characters and where the previous volume is popular.” – *School Library Journal*

## Praise for Twelfth Grade Night

A School Library Journal Best Book of 2022

"Magical and full of queer joy—this book is such a dream!" —**Alice Oseman**, *New York Times* best-selling author of *Heartstopper* and *Loveless*

"Twelfth Grade Night is a heartfelt and expressive graphic novel with memorable characters, emotive art, and an engaging story. I loved it!" —**Kevin Panetta**, author of *Bloom*

"Twelfth Grade Night cast a spell on me! A winning combination of fantasy, fun, humor, and heart." —**Faith Erin Hicks**, *New York Times* best-selling co-creator of *Pumpkinheads*

"High school pranks, youthful dialogue, and a bright color palette make for a fun and inviting comedy to dive into, and a charismatic supporting cast offers plenty of material for more Shakespearean hijinks in future volumes." —*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*, starred review

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