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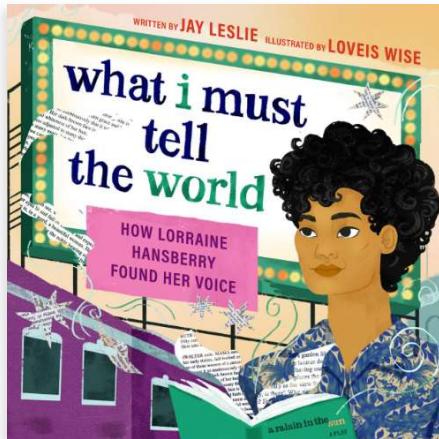
Recommended Reading

What I Must Tell the World

How Lorraine Hansberry Found Her Voice

JAY LESLIE

ILLUSTRATED BY LOVEIS WISE



A luminous picture book biography about artist and activist Lorraine Hansberry, who was the playwright of *A Raisin in the Sun*, the first play by a Black woman to be produced on Broadway.

Lorraine Hansberry soared to fame when her play *A Raisin in the Sun* debuted on Broadway, and her work would go on to influence generations of artists. But before the spotlight, Lorraine was a little girl who walked everywhere with a notebook, eager to capture the sights, sounds, and stories of the people around her.

What I Must Tell the World vividly follows Lorraine's journey to finding her voice and her determination to bring Black stories to the stage. Jay Leslie's text and Loveis Wise's artwork capture the experiences that inspired Lorraine, from her childhood in the segregated south side of Chicago to her adult years in Harlem creating alongside other legends like James Baldwin. Lyrical, vibrant, and empowering, this picture book is a celebration of Lorraine Hansberry's life and legacy and an ode to the power of theater and storytelling.

AUTHOR BIO

Jay Leslie has always loved to write. Everywhere she goes, she carries a notebook just in case she gets a new idea—most of all, she loves to write the books that she wishes she'd had as a child. Jay grew up in the United States, but now lives in Berlin, Germany, where she spends her time writing novels, learning new languages, and backpacking through the Schwarzwald. Jay's picture books include *Who Did It First? 50 Politicians, Activists, and Revolutionized the World* and *Game, Set, Sisters! The Story of Venus and Serena Williams*.

Loveis Wise is a multidisciplinary artist and capricorn drawing reimagined futures and playfulness in Los Angeles. They are best known for illustrating picture book titles such as *Magnolia Flower* by Zora Neale Hurston and Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, *Ablaze With Color: A Story of Painter Alma Thomas* by Jeanne Walker Harvey, *Becoming Charley* by Kelly DiPucchio, and notably the Coretta Scott King Award honoree, *The People Remember* by Ibi Zoboi.

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October 22, 2024

IMPRINT

Hillman Grad Books

FORMAT

Picture Book

PAGE COUNT

48

AGE

4 to 8

TRIM SIZE

11" x 11"

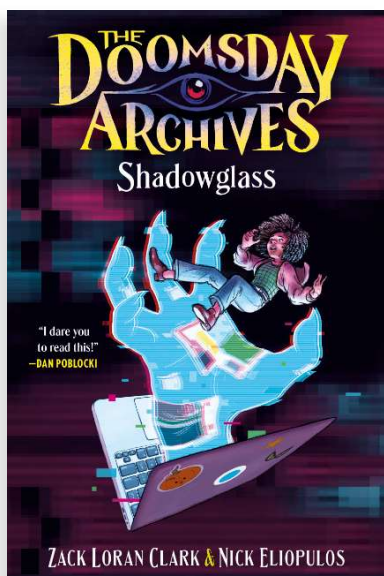
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UK & Translation

The Doomsday Archives

Shadowglass

**ZACK LORAN CLARK AND
NICK ELIOPULOS**



“A superb choice for fans of Jonathan Stroud’s Lockwood & Co. series, Tom Booth’s Eerie-on-Sea books, and creepypastas.”

—Booklist, Starred Review

The third installment in The Doomsday Archives brings back an old occult relic with a new twist—it has evolved to hunt its victims via online spaces.

Of the three young members of the Order, Serena is the most sensitive to otherworldly forces. It’s a “gift” she regards dubiously. But when a student at her school dies after posting a disturbing online rant—one that appears uncharacteristic with his character—she begins to sense that something is amiss. Her search leads her to a mysterious online streamer who seems to attract promising young people just before they suffer very public breakdowns.

Could the streamer somehow be causing their declines? Things go from bad to worse when Serena discovers the stream’s newest target: her brother, Dom. Serena must face off against the Shadowglass before she loses someone she loves.

AUTHOR BIO

Zack Loran Clark is a writer and editor of books for young readers. He is the author of *The Lock-Eater* and co-author of *The Adventurers Guild* trilogy with Nick Eliopoulos. A lifelong fantasy nerd, avid Dungeons & Dragons player, and aspiring sorcerer, he lives with his husband and their dog in Brooklyn, NY.

Nick Eliopoulos is an author, editor, teacher, and game designer. His writing credits include the shop-simulator video game *Potionomics*; more than a dozen officially licensed Minecraft books; and, with co-author Zack Loran Clark, *The Adventurers Guild* trilogy. Nick lives with his husband in Upstate New York.

PUB DATE

August 26, 2025

IMPRINT

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FORMAT

Hardcover

CATEGORY

Juvenile Fiction

PAGE COUNT

240

TRIM SIZE

8.3" x 5.5"

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UK & Translation

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French (Gallimard)

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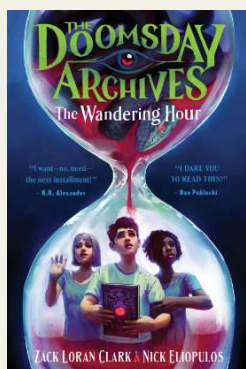
THE WANDERING HOUR

Dutch (Condor), French (Gallimard), Danish (Carlsen), Italian (Il Castoro)

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THE HEART-STEALER MASK

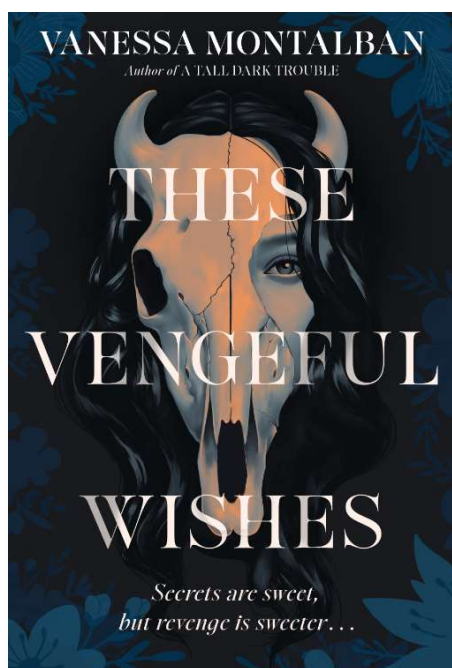
French (Gallimard), Danish (Carlsen)



The Doomsday Archives: The Wandering Hour
JANUARY 30, 2024



The Doomsday Archives: The Heart-Stealer Mask
SEPTEMBER 24, 2024



These Vengeful Wishes

VANESSA MONTALBAN

A teen girl moves to a small town and discovers a mysterious wishing well possessed by La Cegua, a vengeful female spirit with the face of a horse skull, in Vanessa Montalban's new YA fantasy standalone.

When her stepfather is arrested, aspiring artist Ceci moves back to her mother's hometown of Santa Aguas, an eccentric small town steeped in the legend of La Cegua, the specter of a wronged witch who appears on lonely roads at night, luring untrustworthy men to their deaths.

Ceci and her mother take up residence in the abandoned manor of the Sevilla family, rumored to have been cursed by La Cegua, where she begins to uncover a past that seems to be connected to her mother. The more she learns of the Sevillas, the more Ceci finds herself forming a strange affinity with the feared Cegua, who she suspects is the one inspiring her paintings of a mysterious door in the forest.

When the very door Ceci has been painting appears in the woods, she decides to venture through it with her new friend, Jamie. Together, they discover a well, guarded by the statue of a veiled woman. A well for granting wishes. The well of La Cegua.

What starts off as harmless fun quickly escalates into something sinister when Ceci realizes that the wishes are putting the people she loves in danger and testing her own penchant for vengeance. After learning others are also searching for the well, Ceci must confront the truth of her mother's past and prevent La Cegua's wishes from being used for the wrong reasons. Ceci knows too well how much people will sacrifice for power. Every wish has its price, and La Cegua never forgets the ones who have wronged her.

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February 4, 2025

IMPRINT

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FORMAT

Hardcover

CATEGORY

Young Adult

PAGE COUNT

384

AGE

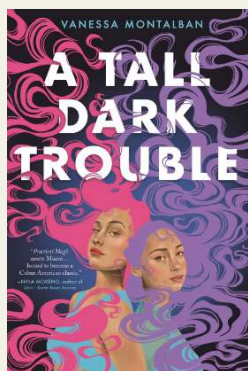
14 & up

TRIM SIZE

6" x 9"

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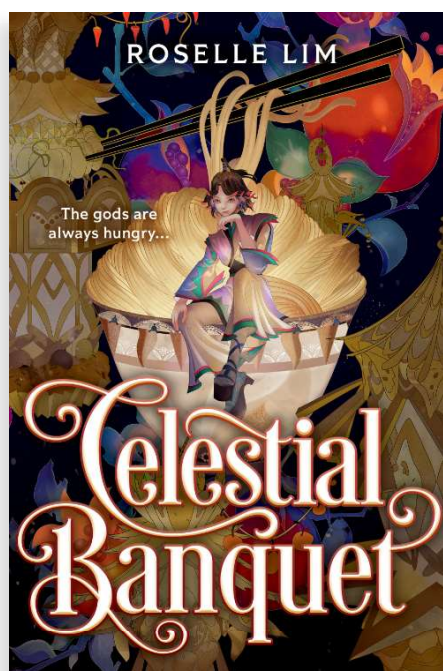
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A Tall Dark Trouble
AUGUST 28, 2023

AUTHOR BIO

Fueled by the magic of espresso, Miami-born **Vanessa Montalban** channels her wanderlust for far-off worlds into writing speculative fiction for teens. She's a first-gen graduate from the University of Central Florida where she received her bachelor's in creative writing with summa cum laude honors. *A Tall Dark Trouble* was her debut YA novel.



Celestial Banquet

ROSELLE LIM

In Roselle Lim's YA fantasy debut, a young noodle chef competes in a cutthroat cooking competition for the gods in a vibrant world inspired by Chinese and Southeast Asian folklore.

Once every generation, the Major Gods hold a Celestial Banquet, inviting chefs from all over the Continent to prepare mouthwatering fantastical feasts. The winner is awarded the fabled Peaches of Immortality, along with a lifetime of fame and fortune. The losers perish per the whims of the fickle gods.

Hot-headed noodle chef Cai enters the competition with dreams of owning her own restaurant and supporting her impoverished Peninsula town. Along with the drunken Minor God Kama, her childhood crush-turned-friend Bo, and dreamy noble Seon, Cai must now compete against the Continent's finest culinary masters in trials that range from hunting and serving up mystical sea serpents to preparing a magical omurice from the eggs of the legendary Jian bird.

Battling impossible odds and inconvenient feelings for both Bo and Seon, Cai is determined to prepare a feast fit for the gods—even if she loses her life. In this spectacular debut YA fantasy, *Iron Chef* meets *The Hunger Games* in a high-stakes cooking competition for the gods.

AUTHOR BIO

Roselle Lim was born in the Philippines and immigrated to Canada as a child. She lived in north Scarborough in a diverse, Asian neighborhood. She found her love of writing by listening to her lola (paternal grandmother's) stories about Filipino folktales. Growing up in a household where Chinese superstition mingled with Filipino Catholicism, she devoured books about mythology, which shaped the fantasies in her novels. Roselle Lim is the critically acclaimed author of *Natalie Tan's Book of Luck and Fortune*, *Vanessa Yu's Magical Paris Tea Shop* and *Sophie Go's Lonely Hearts Club*. She lives on the north shore of Lake Erie and always has an artistic project on the go.

PUB DATE

June 3, 2025

IMPRINT

Sweet July Books

FORMAT

Hardcover

CATEGORY

Young Adult

PAGE COUNT

320

AGE

12 & up

TRIM SIZE

6" x 9"

RIGHTS AVAILABLE

UK & Translation



Recommended Reading

PAUL COCCIA

In this opposites-attract YA rom-com inspired by *Emma*, a failed romantic gesture puts a damper on a queer teen bookseller's summer of book matching and matchmaking until a handsome lifeguard and romance skeptic waltzes into his bookstore. Sometimes you get a second chance at happily ever after when you least expect it . . .

Curvaceous, clever, and an avid reader, seventeen-year-old Bobby Ashton never misses a main character moment. So when it comes to asking out his crush, he plans a romantic gesture grand enough to go down in local history. Unfortunately, though, his extensive knowledge of every rom-com trope ever doesn't prepare him for how tragically he misreads the situation. Suddenly Bobby's very public romantic gesture turns into an ordeal so embarrassing it could be a villain origin story.

Having masterfully shattered every plan for his perfect summer before college, Bobby's last resort is working at his uncle's sleepy bookstore. Soon, Bobby is expertly recommending books for customers to perfectly cure what ails them. Attempting to rebound after a breakup? There's a book for that. Trying to tame your crochety coworker? There's a book for that too. Then a plot twist Bobby never saw coming walks through the door in the form of Luke, an unfairly attractive and staunchly anti-romantic lifeguard.

Bobby's blossoming connection with Luke reminds him of some of his favorite tropes: grumpy-sunshine, quippy banter, and even forced proximity. But after his last romantic disaster, should Bobby use all the tricks in his arsenal to turn Luke's head? Or is he misreading all the signs again? Do grand gestures really need to be so . . . grand?

Perfect for fans of Becky Albertalli, Kacen Callender, and Jason June, *Recommended Reading* is a big-hearted rom-com about discovering love beyond what's in the books . . . but hey, the perfect recommendation can get you pretty far!

AUTHOR BIO

Paul Coccia is the award-winning author of several acclaimed titles for young readers. Paul has a specialist in English Literature from the University of Toronto and a master of fine arts in creative writing from the University of British Columbia. He lives in Toronto with his nephew, three dogs, and a small grey parrot. When not writing glitterature, he's often found cooking but prefers baking. You can find out more at paulcoccia.com or on Instagram and Twitter: @pauljcoccia.

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