

CLYDEO VERSUS PEANUT BUTTER

The first I Can Read in global superstar and everyone's F-R-I-E-N-D Jennifer Aniston's series starring her food-loving dog, Clydeo!

Primary agent

Cait Hoyt

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Rights sold

World English (HarperCollins • Nancy Inteli)

Publication

30 December 2025 (USA)

Clydeo is making peanut butter cookies when his mouth gets stuck shut with peanut butter. He seeks the help of his family, but no one can understand him. What will it take for Clydeo to get unstuck?

Find out in this hilarious Level 1 I Can Read book by global superstar Jennifer Aniston. *Clydeo versus Peanut Butter* is perfect for children learning to sound out words and sentences. Whether shared at home or in a classroom, the short sentences, familiar words, and simple concepts of Level One books support success for children eager to start reading on their own.

For more fun with Jennifer Aniston and Clydeo, check out:

Clydeo Takes a Bite Out of Life

Cook with Clydeo: A Cookbook for Kids

Clydeo Makes a Friend, Level 1 I Can Read, coming March 2026

Jennifer Aniston is an American actress and film producer. She is the recipient of various accolades, including a Primetime Emmy Award, a Golden Globe Award and two Screen Actors Guild Awards. She is known for playing Rachel Green on the TV show *Friends* among many more blockbuster roles such as *Murder Mystery, Cake, Horrible Bosses, We're The Millers, Just Go With It, Marley & Me, The Break-Up, The Good Girl* and more. She is the recipient of a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, is the co-founder of the production company Echo Films and founded the hair care company LolaVie in 2021. *Clydeo Takes a Bite Out of Life* is her debut picture book.

Rights sold

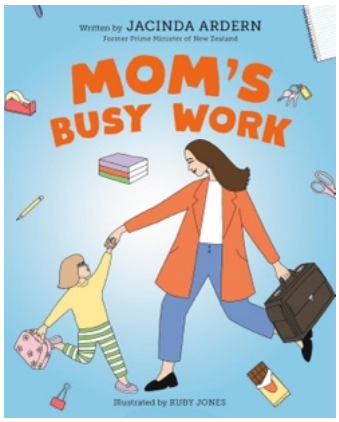
Bulgarian (Era Media)

Options

Brazilian Portuguese (V&R), French (Michel Lafont), German (Community Editions), Greek (Papadopoulous), Hungarian (Mano Konyvek), Polish (Sonia Draga), Serbian (Laguna), Ukrainian (The Old Lion)







MOM'S BUSY WORK

An inspiring and heartwarming book about the relationship between a working mum and her daughter by the former prime minister of New Zealand, Jacinda Ardern.

Today I got out of bed and asked Mum
what day it was. 'Monday,' she said.
I asked if that was a day care day.
She said yes. I stomped my feet.

Primary agent

Mollie Glick, David Larabell

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Rights sold

North America (Philomel Books • Jill Santopolo) | UK & Commonwealth (Macmillan Children's Books • Ruth Redford) | Australia, New Zealand (Penguin Random House Australia • Belinda Connors)

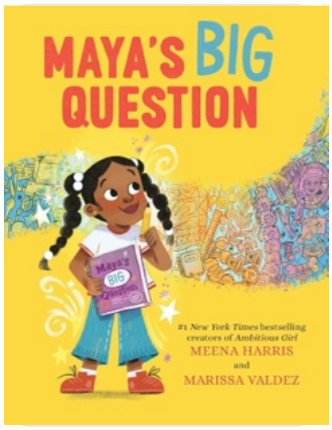
Publication

23 September 2025 (USA)

Even though daycare is fun, it's still hard not to miss Mom throughout the week! But despite her busy job, there's always time for stories, time for games; time for hugs and time for love.

Based on real conversations Dame Jacinda Ardern had with her young daughter while she was Prime Minister of New Zealand, this book celebrates the relationship between working moms and their children. With striking art by Ruby Jones, *Mom's Busy Work* shows how, even when apart during the day, the love between a parent and their child is unquestionable.

The Right Honourable Dame **Jacinda Ardern** was elected the 40th Prime Minister of New Zealand at the age of thirty-seven, becoming the country's youngest Prime Minister in more than 150 years. Since leaving office, Ardern has established the Field Fellowship on empathetic leadership. She is a Senior Fellow at Harvard University, continues to work on climate action, and is the Patron of the Christchurch Call to Action to eliminate terrorist and violent extremist content online. Ardern also works on a number of projects that support women and girls, but considers her greatest roles to be those she will hold for life, including that of mum and proud New Zealander.



MAYA'S BIG QUESTION

A young girl is determined to celebrate the women in her community and beyond in this inspiring book by #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Ambitious Girl*, Meena Harris.

Primary agent

Cait Hoyt

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Film & TV

Austin Denesuk

Rights sold

World English ("Little, Brown Books for Young Readers" • Deirdre Jones)

Publication

03 March 2026 (USA)

Maya is proud of who she is: a curious kid who loves to ask questions. When her class takes a trip to Washington, DC, and only visits monuments dedicated to men, Maya asks: "Where are all the women?" With help from a park ranger who knows that asking questions is one of the most powerful things you can do, Maya decides to celebrate the women in her community with a monument of their own. But how can a kid build something so big? It takes creativity, community, and ambition—and Maya is the right person for the job!

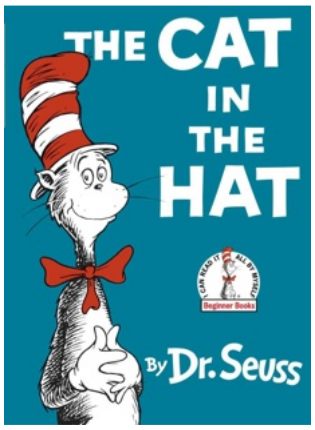
Inspired by real-life park ranger Betty Reid Soskin, this latest book from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Meena Harris encourages kids to question the status quo, and to embrace their part in writing the next chapter of history.

Don't miss the other Ambitious Girl books:

Ambitious Girl

A Is for Ambitious

Meena Harris was born into a family of ambitious women whose legacy continues to inspire her. Meena herself is a lawyer and entrepreneur, as well as the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Ambitious Girl.* In 2017 she founded Phenomenal, a female-powered organization that brings awareness to social causes. She currently resides in San Francisco with her partner and two daughters.



THE CAT IN THE HAT

COMING IN 2026 AS A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE STARRING BILL HADER AS THE CAT IN THE HAT

#1 *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLER • A *Horn Book* Children's Classic • The classic picture book that introduced the world to the iconic, mischievous Cat in the Hat and the beloved characters Thing One and Thing Two! Dr. Seuss makes reading fun for kids of all ages.

Primary agent

Sloan Harris

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Rights sold

North America (Random House Books for Young Readers) | UK & Commonwealth (HarperCollins)

Publication

12 March 1957 (USA)

Series

THE CAT IN THE HAT SERIES

"I know some new tricks," said the Cat in the Hat. "A lot of good tricks. I will show them to you. Your mother will not mind at all if I do."

A rainy day turns into a wild romp when the Cat in the Hat and his troublemaking friends, Thing One and Thing Two, unexpectedly appear! A favorite among kids, parents, and teachers, this story uses simple words and basic rhyme to encourage and delight young readers.

Explore more from the world of Dr. Seuss here!

Dr. Seuss, also known as Theodor Seuss Geisel, is one of the most beloved children's book authors of all time. From *The Cat in the Hat* to *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*, his iconic characters, stories, and art style have had a lasting influence on generations of children and adults. The books he wrote and illustrated under the name Dr. Seuss (along with others he wrote but did not illustrate, under the pseudonyms Theo. LeSieg and Rosetta Stone) have been published in fifty languages. Hundreds of millions of copies have found their way into homes and hearts around the world. Dr. Seuss's long list of awards includes Caldecott Honors, the Pulitzer Prize, and eight honorary doctorates. Works based on his original stories have won three Oscars, three Emmys, three Grammys, and a Peabody.

Translation rights sold

Afrikaans (Protea Boekhuis), Bosnian (Malik Books), Brazilian Portuguese (Companhia das Letras), Croatian (IBIS Grafika), Dutch (Gottmer Kinderboeken), Estonian (Draakon & Kuu), French (Huginn Muninn - Quilinn), Greek (Psichogios Publications), Hebrew (Keter Books), Hungarian (Kolibri), Italian (Giunti Editore), Kazakh (Steppe and World), Korean (Book Bank), Simplified Chinese (Jieli), Slovak (Verbarium), Spanish (Beascoa)



MS. RACHEL AND BEAN AND THE BEDTIME ROUTINE

Encouraging a Calm and Comforting Good Night

Ms. Rachel makes bedtime the best time! Full of songs and tips, this calming and gentle story helps littles and their grown-ups create and follow a nighttime routine that everyone will love. Includes a tear-out poster with Ms. Rachel's special bedtime-routine checklist!

Primary agent

Cait Hoyt

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Rights sold

World English (Random House Books for Young Readers • Chris Angelilli)

Publication

28 October 2025 (USA)

Series

Books by Ms. Rachel

Bean had a great day, but now he needs to rest.

Why do we need to rest? So that we have energy to play tomorrow!

It's bedtime for Bean! And Ms. Rachel knows exactly how to get him settled down and ready for a restful sleep. Follow along as Ms. Rachel and Bean say good night to the day with their tried-and-true bedtime routine.

First, they put away toys. Next comes bathtime and pajamas. Then Bean brushes his teeth and uses the potty. Finally, Ms. Rachel and Bean will read a wonderful bedtime story together and sing a song!

Young readers will discover how easy and rewarding it is to follow a routine to end the day and prepare for an exciting tomorrow!

Ms. Rachel is a passionate educator who creates research-based videos to help toddlers and their families learn, bond, and thrive. Her videos infuse songs, games, and nursery rhymes with strategies from experts to help children reach key milestones in the crucial early years of learning. Rachel believes all children are capable, brilliant, and important. She loves learning from them and being around their contagious joy and wonder. Rachel holds dual master's degrees in early childhood development and music education. She is an advocate for children's rights and works to ensure that all kids have access to high-quality early childhood education. Her wonderful little boy inspired the show and continues to inspire her work every day! Her husband and creative partner for the show is Mr. Aron, aka HERBIE!

















DECOY SAVES OPENING DAY

From Los Angeles Dodgers all-star Shohei Ohtani comes a fast-paced and heartwarming fictional story about his real-life dog Decoy's first pitch on Opening Day of the baseball season.

Primary agent

Cait Hoyt

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Rights sold

World English (HarperCollins • David Linker)

Publication

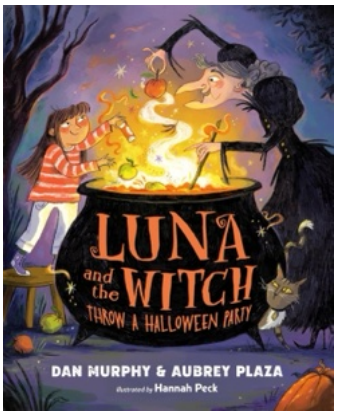
03 February 2026 (USA)

Decoy can't wait to throw the first pitch on Opening Day of the new baseball season! The stadium has hot dogs, the biggest backyard he's ever seen, and thousands of his best human friends. It's going to be the best day ever, but—*oh, no!*—Decoy forgot his lucky baseball at home! Can he get his ball and make it back to the stadium before it's too late?

Shohei Ohtani is the biggest name in baseball and a proud sponsor of animal rescue organizations. Shohei and Decoy hope to use the publication of *Decoy Saves Opening Day* to support the work these amazing nonprofits do helping dogs find their forever homes. While their fictional counterparts are saving opening day, Shohei and Decoy are working to help real-life animals in need.

Step up to the plate with LA Dodger, all-star, and MLB MVP Shohei Ohtani in his adorable debut story about his even more adorable pup, Decoy.

Shohei Ohtani is the most recognizable name in Major League Baseball. He's the first player in MLB history to unanimously win three MVP awards, in 2021, 2023, and 2024. In his first season with the Dodgers, he helped lead the team to their eighth World Series Championship and became the first full-time designated hitter to win the MVP award. Beyond being a star-player on the field, Shohei is a loving husband and father and a dog dad to Decoy.



LUNA AND THE WITCH THROW A HALLOWEEN PARTY

From award-winning actress Aubrey Plaza and writer Dan Murphy comes the story of a feisty celebration from award-winning actress and producer Aubrey Plaza and co-author Dan Murphy.

Primary agent

Cait Hoyt

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Rights sold

World English (Viking Books for Young Readers • Margaret Rosenthal)

Publication

29 July 2025 (USA)

Luna Lopez wants to be a witch.

Pheenie the witch wants to throw a Halloween party.

Together this unlikely pair strikes a deal: If Luna helps her pull off the best, most spectacular soiree in the neighborhood, Pheenie will teach her the secrets to her potions and spells.

There's only one problem: Getting this party on track is harder than Luna expected. She'll have to curb every one of the frazzled witch's creepy, crawly instincts to make sure the evening is full of both tricks and treats . . . and not a festive flop!

From goblins and ghouls to kids and cats, all are invited to party in this Halloween celebration from award-winning actress and producer Aubrey Plaza and co-author Dan Murphy.

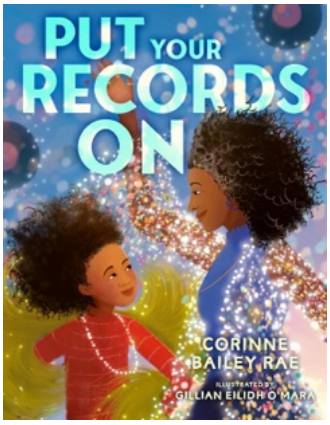
Aubrey Plaza is an award-winning actress who has been critically praised for her performances in drama and comedy. Lately, Plaza can be seen starring in two films - Francis Ford Coppola's *Megalopolis* and Megan Parks' Sundance breakout, *My Old Ass*. Additionally, she stars in Marvel's television series, *Agatha All Along* on Disney+. Previously, she starred in the second season of Mike White's *The White Lotus*, which garnered her Emmy and Golden Globe Award nominations, an Imagen Award, and a Screen Actors Guild Award as part of the ensemble cast. Plaza starred in and produced the acclaimed feature, *Emily the Criminal,* and was nominated for an Independent Spirit Award and a Gotham Award. Additionally, she was honored by the Latino Entertainment Journalists Association. Plaza is the author of two children's books, *The Legend of the Christmas Witch* and *The Return of the Christmas Witch*, which she co-wrote with Dan Murphy. In 2023, she was recognized as one of *Time Magazine*'s "100 Most Influential People," and in 2024, she was named as one of *Time*'s "Latino Leaders."

Dan Murphy is a writer and producer who lives in Los Angeles, California. Originally from Delaware, he is a graduate of the Tisch School of the Arts at NYU and has been creative partners with Aubrey for over fifteen years.

Options

Ukrainian (Zhorzh)

Corinne Bailey Rae



PUT YOUR RECORDS ON

Inspired by Corinne Bailey Rae's award-winning hit song, this picture book celebrates music's unique power to soothe or energize us when we need it most.

Primary agent

Cait Hoyt

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Rights sold

World English (Rocky Pond Books)

Publication

03 March 2026 (USA)

"Today I'd like to do something I've never done before," Bea tells her great aunt Portia during one of their Sunday visits. And before she knows it, she's being led upstairs to an attic room she didn't know existed—a wonderful haven full of Portia's cherished items, including shelf after shelf of records. "There's a song here for every emotion—for the whole rainbow of feelings," Portia tells Bea. Then they listen together, dancing to a celebration song, laughing along with a circus-happy song, and feeling held by a song that comforts them during a thunderstorm. Bea heads home at the end of the day, excited to continue learning about herself and her world through music.

Corinne Bailey Rae's "Put Your Records On" is a multi-platinum anthem about freedom and joy. Now, in this beautiful storybook, the Grammy Award-winning musician brings that empowerment and exuberance to children.

British singer/songwriter/musician **Corinne Bailey Rae** was born and still lives in Leeds, England. She shot to stardom with her self-titled #1 debut album in 2006, featuring the global hits "Put Your Records On" and "Like A Star." Over the course of her career she has released four critically acclaimed studio albums and earned two Grammy Awards, two MOBOS, an NAACP Image Award, and been nominated for multiple awards including the BRITs, Mercury Music Prize, and BET Awards. She has collaborated with a wide range of artists including Mary J. Blige, Al Green, Herbie Hancock, Paul McCartney, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Questlove, RZA, Stevie Wonder, Tracey Thorn, Pharrell, and many more. She and her husband have two daughters.



COCO AND STEPHEN, TOGETHER FOREVER

From *New York Times*-bestselling author, proud animal foster parent, and spokesperson for the world's largest no-kill rescue and adoption organization Beth Stern comes the heartwarming story of an abandoned bunny and a discarded kitten who each found their forever home and became best friends.

Primary agent

Cait Hoyt

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Film & TV

Adam Nettler

Rights sold

World English (Random House Studio • Farrin Jacobs)

Publication

05 May 2026 (USA)

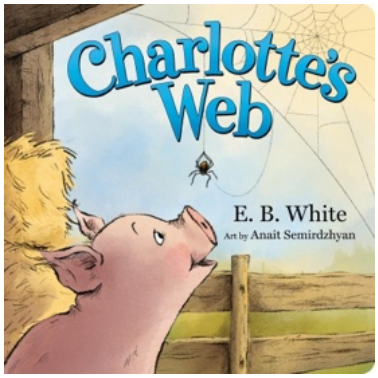
Coco is a kitten who was surrendered to a shelter. Stephen is a bunny who has been abandoned in the forest. All they both want is a forever home. When the two see each other for the first time through a glass door in Beth's foster room – Coco has never seen ears so fuzzy, and Stephen's never seen eyes so golden! – it's friendship love at first sight.

Soon their days are filled with hide and seek, the zoomies, and snuggling in the sunlight. They have found not only their forever home, but also a forever friend.

This sweet and simple meet-cute is inspired by the unlikely friendship between a heartbroken kitten and an optimistic bunny whose love captured the attention of thousands of people on Instagram. *New York Times*-bestselling illustrator Joanie Stone fills every page with warmth as this adorably irresistible pair find each other against all odds.

In the back matter, Beth shares her story of rescuing animals and educates little readers about the responsibility of caring for animals. She will create a checklist of the things you need to be ready for when you bring a pet into your house.

Beth Stern's love for animals is her passion in life. She is a proud foster parent and the national spokesperson for North Shore Animal League America, the world's largest no-kill rescue and adoption organization. In addition to her animal rights activism, Beth has hosted shows for National Geographic, HGTV, and Hallmark Channel as well as the *Great American Rescue Bowl*. Beth lives with her husband, Howard, and their seven rescue cats and two rescue bunnies– and, of course, litter after litter of foster kittens! Follow her on Instagram at @bethostern.



CHARLOTTE'S WEB BOARD BOOK

The beloved American novel *Charlotte's Web,* now adapted into a board book for the youngest readers!

Primary agent

Amanda Urban

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Rights sold

World English (HarperCollins • Courtney Stevenson)

Publication

02 September 2025 (USA)

Some Pig. Humble. Radiant.

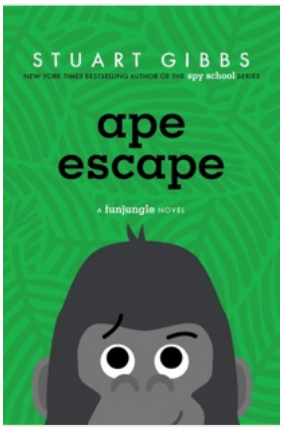
Wilbur the pig wants to make a friend in the barn. Charlotte the spider wants a friend too! And with the words she makes in her web, she will make sure that everyone knows what a special pig Wilbur is.

For the last eight decades, *Charlotte's Web* has been one of the most beloved American stories about friendship, love, and life. This gentle retelling of the text of E. B. White's classic novel, paired with the tender artwork of illustrator Anait Semirdzhyan, will be the perfect addition to little libraries.

E. B. White, the author of such beloved classics as *Charlotte's Web, Stuart Little*, and *The Trumpet of the Swan*, was born in Mount Vernon, New York. He graduated from Cornell University in 1921 and, five or six years later, joined the staff of *The New Yorker* magazine, then in its infancy. He died on October 1, 1985, and was survived by his son and three grandchildren. Mr. White's essays have appeared in *Harper*'s magazine, and some of his other books are: *One Man's Meat, The Second Tree from the Corner, Letters of E. B. White, Essays of E. B. White,* and *Poems and Sketches of E. B. White*. He won countless awards, including the 1971 National Medal for Literature and the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award, which commended him for making a "substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children." During his lifetime, many young readers asked Mr. White if his stories were true. In a letter written to be sent to his fans, he answered, "No, they are imaginary tales . . . But real life is only one kind of life—there is also the life of the imagination."

Translation rights sold

Brazilian Portuguese (HarperCollins Brasil)



APE ESCAPE

In the tenth novel in *New York Times* bestselling author Stuart Gibbs's FunJungle series, resident sleuth Teddy Fitzroy is on the case to rescue an abducted young gorilla!

Primary agent

Jennifer Joel

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Film & TV

Josie Freedman, Michelle Weiner

Rights sold

North America (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)

Publication

24 March 2026 (USA)

Series

FUNJUNGLE

Instalment no.

10

When a baby gorilla is stolen from an orphanage in Rwanda, Teddy, his parents, and an old family friend find themselves in a race against time to save it. Teddy has to piece together clues to figure out where the little ape is being taken while traveling through some of the most incredible—and dangerous—terrain in the world.

At the same time, he's long-distance consulting with Summer to help solve another mystery back at FunJungle. Between facing down lions on the Serengeti and chasing poachers through the bazaars of Zanzibar, will Teddy be able to find the baby gorilla before it's too late?

Stuart Gibbs is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the Charlie Thorne series, FunJungle series, Moon Base Alpha series, and Spy School series. He has written screenplays, worked on a whole bunch of animated films, developed TV shows, been a newspaper columnist, and researched capybaras (the worlds largest rodents). Stuart lives with his family in Los Angeles.

Micah Johnson



JOURNEY TO IBRA

When 12-year-old daydreamer Aku inherits an astronaut helmet from his dead grandmother, he gains the power to transport himself throughout the metaverse. Now, he has no choice but to become the space hero he always wanted to be.

Primary agent

Cindy Uh

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Rights sold

World English (Random House Books for Young Readers • Sara Sargent)

Publication

03 March 2026 (USA)

Series

AKU

Instalment no.

1

Aku loves space. He loves playing space-themed role-playing games with his best friends, Benji and Trae, and he dreams of becoming an astronaut. Otherwise insecure—especially at school, where he's bullied—Aku is most comfortable at the local planetarium. So, when his grandmother dies and leaves him an astronaut helmet, Aku thinks it's the coolest thing ever.

...scratch that...

Discovering that the helmet can transport him through space is the coolest thing ever.

The helmet lets Aku travel back and forth between Earth and the planet Ibra, where he meets extraterrestrial friends and explores their fascinating planet. On Ibra, there are no bullies. On Ibra, Aku can be his most Aku self. Benji and Trae come along, too, and the three friends find their happy place.

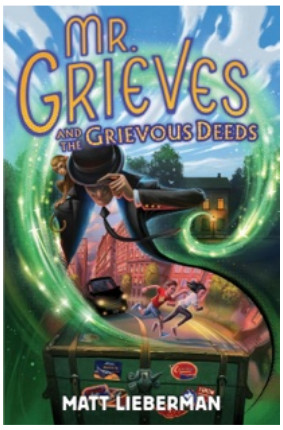
But their joy is short lived.

Aku's visits open a rift in the universe, allowing space soldiers to invade Ibra and steal its most precious resource: the lunaberry. If Aku doesn't figure something out quickly, his joyful adventures could spell doom for an entire planet.

This dazzling first book in a series is the origin story of cultural phenomenon Aku, a 3D character and NFT that has graced the cover of Time Magazine and inspired metaverse lovers everywhere.

Micah Johnson, a former Major League Baseball player turned artist, is the creator of the phenomenon that is Aku. After overhearing a young boy ask his mom if astronauts could be Black, Micah was inspired to create Aku, a 3D animated boy wearing an oversized astronaut helmet. That same year, Micah created a fine art piece that catapulted him from retired athlete to creator of the "2020 NFT of the Year." *Aku: Journey to Ibra* is Aku's origin story and Micah's first book. He lives in Maine with his wife and daughter.

Matt Lieberman



MR. GRIEVES AND THE GRIEVOUS DEEDS

Part Lemony Snicket, part *Adventures in Babysitting*, and all sorts of fun, *Mr. Grieves and the Grievous Deeds* is the debut novel from the writer behind the hit Ryan Reynolds movie *Free Guy*, screenwriter Matt Lieberman.

Primary agent

Cait Hoyt

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Film & TV

Joe Mann

Rights sold

World English (Harper • David Linker)

Publication

30 September 2025 (USA)

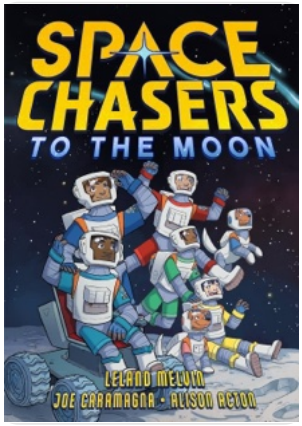
When Victoria and Ozzy's mom, the famous child behavioralist Anna Gray, leaves without a word, Victoria can't help but think it's all her fault. So, Victoria commits herself to being perfect in the hope that her excellent behavior will win her mother back. And Victoria knows the best way to show her mom just how good she's become is to get into the extra-elite Wheaton Prep School. Then mom will have to return!

Victoria's plan feels foolproof—until Mr. Grieves arrives. Donning a bowler hat and accompanied by a lock-picking capuchin monkey named Kevin, Mr. Grieves is anything but your usual babysitter. He has the most backward ideas about right and wrong, drives a van that's anything but street legal, listens to music designed to make your ears bleed, and can convince anyone to do anything in the blink of an eye. And before she knows what's happening, Victoria and her younger brother, Ozzy, have stolen a priceless Egyptian artifact, barely survived a high-speed police chase, joined a killer biker gang, and waged an epic pillow fight for their lives.

Matt Lieberman has had seven screenplays produced by major studios, including *Free Guy*, *The Christmas Chronicles* and its sequel, and *The Addams Family*. Originally from New Jersey, Matt is a graduate of NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, daughter, and two dogs.

Translation rights sold

Dutch (Uitgeverij Kok), Italian (De Agostini)



TO THE MOON

Perfect for fans of *Hilo!*

Created by real-life astronaut Leland Melvin!

The action-packed space adventure continues!

Primary agent

David Larabell

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Rights sold

World English (First Second • Robyn Chapman)

Publication

03 February 2026 (USA)

Series

SPACE CHASERS

Instalment no.

2

The team of kids-turned-astronauts are back again and this time they are heading farther than any kid has traveled before...to the moon!

But ever since Steven got back from being injured and going through physical therapy, his friends are acting a little strange. They are extra courteous to him, almost tripping over themselves to help, and stuttering over the wrong words. They mean well but Steven just wants to be treated like a regular member of the team. Plus the moon is an unstable environment, and when moonquakes keep shaking things up, the lives of the entire team are danger. It'll be up to the kids to trust each other's wits, capabilities and strengths in order to get through the crisis and get each other home safely.

Crafted by the visionary minds of astronaut Leland Melvin, Joe Caramagna, and Alison Acton, dive into this riveting space odyssey, where the vastness of space tests the bounds of friendship and courage.

Leland Melvin is an engineer, educator, author, former NASA astronaut and NFL wide receiver. He served on board the Space Shuttle Atlantis as a mission specialist on mission STS-122 (2008) and STS-129 (2009), helping to construct the International Space Station. He led NASA Education and co-chaired the White House's Federal Coordination in STEAM Education Task Force, developing the nation's 5-year STEM education plan. After 24 years with NASA as a researcher, astronaut and Senior Executive Service leader, he shares his life story as an athlete, astronaut, scientist, engineer, photographer, and musician to help insp



THE NOTWITCHES

Brimming with loathsome villains, unexpected heroes, extraordinary set pieces and an almost-talking cat. The first in a series, this is Gary Panton's fiction debut, and is illustrated by talented newcomer, Dotty Sutton.

Primary agent

Rachel Mann

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Rights sold

World English (Chicken House • Rachel Leyshon)

Publication

13 February 2025 (UK)

Series

THE NOTWITCHES

Instalment no.

1

Melanda Notwitch's three horrible aunts treat her more like a servant than a niece. Her life seems hopeless, and her only escape is secretly (and quickly, because Aunt Claggy has a taste for ink) writing scary stories when the aunts aren't watching.

A chance for adventure and freedom comes knocking when she is visited by a young (and slightly unconvincing) witch named Mitch and her sort-of-talking cat. Together, they embark on an incredible adventure to find the one thing that will free Melanda from her aunts forever: a mermaid's scale. But can either of them actually cast a spell? And what have a gang of (vegan) hairy bikers without bikes got to do with anything?

Gary Panton's guffaw-out-loud, madcap adventure will entertain children and parents alike, and Melanda Notwitch is the first book of a perfectly pitched series from an exciting new talent.

A big-hearted and funny adventure in the spirit of Roald Dahl, perfect for ages 7–11.

In the second adventure in this sparkling comic series, Melanda Notwitch plans to break out her parents from the Dark and Horrible and Disgusting Prison for Witches. But first, she and Mitch have got to break in. All they need is a spell that will get them arrested...

Gary Panton is a children's author, editor and doodler whose work has appeared in numerous books, magazines and websites. Some of his more recently authored work includes *The Ultimate Challenge Book* and *The Best Would You Rather Book*, and he has written and illustrated two children's art books for Tate Publishing. He has also written for hit kids' brands including *The Beano*, *Hey Duggee*, *Bluey* and many others. In previous lives Gary has been a movie reviewer, a football reporter and a presenter on local TV. After living in London for much of his career, he is now based back in his hometown of Perth in Scotland.



SHIM JUNG TAKES THE DIVE

A tween finds herself on an epic adventure across an underwater kingdom in this inventive middle-grade fantasy inspired by Korean folklore—based on the viral TikTok musical by composer-lyricist and rising star Julia Riew.

Primary agent

Cindy Uh

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Film & TV

Jiah Shin

Rights sold

North America (Quill Tree • Jennifer Ung)

Publication

28 April 2026 (USA)

Jung doesn't believe in magic—not the powerful dragons, mystical sea creatures, or any of the other fantastical stories whispered by the elders of her hometown. That is, until one horrible mistake sends her falling into the ocean during a raging storm…

…down to a magical underwater kingdom that she never believed existed.

Now, trapped in a realm of secrets, spirits, and a vengeful queen bent on destroying her world, Jung must journey across the Dragon Queendom—teaming up with a mischievous runaway prince—to uncover the truth about her past and save her people before it's too late.

Inspired by the Korean folktale Shim Jung, *Shim Jung Takes the Dive* is a royal adventure about friendship, belonging, and finding the courage to take the leap.

Julia Riew is a composer-lyricist, librettist, and author known for her Korean-folktale inspired musical *Dive* and her *New York Times* bestselling young adult fantasy novel *The Last Tiger*, which she co-authored with her brother Brad Riew. In addition to winning the 18th Annual Fred Ebb Award, Julia has been Playbill's Featured Songwriter of the Month, a Woman to Watch on Broadway, and a Princess Grace Award Honoraria recipient. *Shim Jung Takes the Dive* is her first middle grade novel.

Nic Stone



DASIA (FOREVER)

Primary agent

Mollie Glick

UK agent

Sarah Mitchell

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Film & TV

Berni Vann

Rights sold

North America (Crown Books for Young Readers • Phoebe Yeh)

Publication

04 October 2026 (USA)

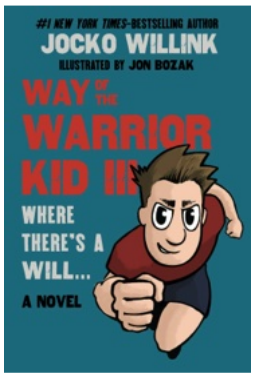
Dasia Riley hasn't had it the easiest, but she's always kept on swinging... Until life throws a curveball she could've never prepared for: shortly after her thirteenth birthday, she's diagnosed with *acute lymphoblastic leukemia*.

On her nineteenth night of chemo, a girl she's never met shows up at her hospital bedside. Her name is Jimmy, she's a year older than Dasia, and she's got cancer, too. At first Dasia freaks—oncology wards keep patients separate for a reason. But as Dasia and Jimmy chat the night away, an unexpected friendship blooms.

The girls learn that their lives are very different—Jimmy's so rich, she owns a horse, whereas Dasia's frequently hungry and has never seen one. But they also discover that they've got far more in common than an incurable disease... like older brothers who are gone, baby brothers who need them, and struggles with school friends.

Over the course of one lifechanging night, two girls who are at their lowest fight to keep one another uplifted. And as Dasia comes to discover: no matter how much nor how little we have, the one thing we'll always need is each other.

Nic Stone was born and raised in a suburb of Atlanta, GA. After graduating from Spelman College, she worked extensively in teen mentoring and lived in Israel for a few years before returning to the US to write full-time. You can find her on her website: nicstone.info.



WHERE THERE'S A WILL

Soon to be a Major Motion Picture!

Retired Navy SEAL and #1 *New York Times*-bestselling author Jocko Willink takes on one of the biggest issues Warrior Kids have to face - their own egos! - in this compelling and relatable illustrated middle grade novel.

Primary agent

Jennifer Joel

UK agent

Jennifer Joel

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Rights sold

World English (Square Fish)

Publication

28 May 2019 (USA)

Series

WAY OF THE WARRIOR KID

Instalment no.

3

A new summer brings new challenges...

Marc shouldn't have a single complaint as he finishes seventh grade. He's done really well in his classes, his friends Kenny and Nathan have joined him at jiu-jitsu, and most important, he's been staying on the Warrior Kid path.

There's just one problem and that problem is named Danny Rhinehart. It seems like every thing Marc does, Danny does better. Danny runs faster, can do more pull-ups, has jiu-jitsu moves that Marc can't solve, and is even awesome in school. On top of all that, Danny is too nice—he smiles at everything and it drives Marc CRAZY. Marc doesn't know what to do.

Luckily, there is some good news: Marc's Navy SEAL Uncle Jake is back to visit for the summer. Maybe Uncle Jake can help Marc learn to handle a kid like Danny—a kid who is good at everything! But it won t be easy. Marc will have to work hard, train hard, and learn to deal with a brand new kind of problem: his own ego.

It's going to be a tough summer, but where there's a will, there's a way...

Jocko Willink was a Navy SEAL for 20 years, rising through the ranks to become commander of Task Unit Bruiser—the most decorated Special Operations unit of the Iraq War. After retiring, Willink continued on the disciplined path of success, co-founding Echelon Front, a premier leadership and management consulting company, writing the #1 *New York Times* bestsellers *Extreme Ownership; Leadership Strategy and Tactics; Discipline Equals Freedom*; and The Way of the Warrior Kid children's series. He created and hosts the top-rated podcast, Jocko Podcast, and is also a principal at several highly successful companies, including JOCKO FUEL and Origin USA.

Translation rights sold

Estonian (Combat Ready Kids)

Options

Bulgarian (Locus Publishing), Lithuanian (Alma Littera), Spanish (Ediciones Obelisco)

Tomi Adeyemi



THE SIRENS

The *New York Times* bestselling author of the West African-inspired Legacy of Orïsha fantasy series returns with a brand-new standalone novel with the dark allure of *The Secret History.*

Primary agent

Mollie Glick

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Film & TV

Michelle Weiner

Rights sold

North America (Henry Holt and Co. • Jean FeiwelAnn Marie Wong) | UK & Commonwealth (Macmillan Children's Books)

Publication (tentative)

Q4 (Oct-Dec) 2026

The only thing Emery wants out of her arrival at Dartmouth College is a fresh start. She's not exactly the social type, and the stereotypical "college experience" doesn't inspire her. She's content with focusing on her grades, staying out of trouble, and keeping her eyes forward. Whatever it takes to steer her far away from the chaos of her past. But there's one distraction she didn't anticipate: Roux. There's a mystifying aura to Roux and the other six girls she keeps in her close company – her Sirens.

After stumbling across them dancing wildly by a bonfire in the woods one night, Emery finds herself captivated, desperately wanting to join their ranks and feeling as though perhaps she might finally find some semblance of belonging within their illustrious cohort. But as she descends deeper into the world of the Sirens, Emery discovers a dark power hidden deep beneath the glamor of their lavish existence. A power she quickly decides she will take for herself, no matter the cost.

Tomi Adeyemi is a Nigerian-American writer and creative writing coach based in San Diego, California. After graduating Harvard University with an honours degree in English literature, she studied West African mythology and culture in Salvador, Brazil. When not writing novels or watching *Scandal*, Tomi teaches and blogs about creative writing on her website, named one of the 101 best websites for writers by *Writer's Digest*. *Children of Blood and Bone* is her debut novel.

Translation rights sold

Brazilian Portuguese (Editora Rocco), Dutch (HarperCollins Holland), French (Denoel), German (Heyne), Greek (Iviskos), Hungarian (Maxim), Ukrainian (Knigolove)

Alexandra Brown Chang



BY INVITATION ONLY

An instant *New York Times* bestseller

A hard-working teen hoping to land a college scholarship and a nepo baby looking to prove herself collide at the world's most high-profile debutante ball in Paris in this young adult romance perfect for fans of *American Royals* and *Better Than the Movies*.

Primary agent

Mollie Glick

UK agent

Sarah Mitchell

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Film & TV

Berni Vann

Rights sold

North America (Margaret K. McElderry • Kate Prosswimmer)

Publication

02 September 2025 (USA)

Every year, a hand-selected group of young women travel to Paris to make their debuts into high society at La Danse des Débutantes, the most exclusive debutante ball in the world. Being wealthy, royal, or famous gets you into the pool of potential debutantes, but only La Danse decides who is truly worthy of attending.

Chapin Buckingham, the daughter of two Hollywood legends, is one of the lucky few chosen to attend. Chapin's not usually a society girl, but she has her reasons for wanting to be crowned Debutante of the Year. Her chances seem good…until a fellow debutante creates a PR nightmare that has the eat-the-rich cohort calling for La Danse's cancellation.

Enter Piper Woo Collins. As the daughter of an EMT and winner of the International Science Fair Prize with a profile in *Teen Vogue*, Piper is the perfect, down-to-earth person who could restore La Danse's reputation. But Piper isn't interested in becoming a debutante—until they offer her a college scholarship…if she wins Debutante of the Year.

In competition for the crown, Piper and Chapin have every reason to clash. But at La Danse, everyone wants something. Piper and Chapin might just need each other to go from pawns in a game to ruling the board…

Alexandra Brown Chang is the founder of *The Zeitgeist*, a lifestyle website and clothing brand. Fans of *The Zeitgeist* include Kaia Gerber, Gracie Abrams, Yara Shahidi, Charlotte Lawrence, and Maddie Ziegler. Alexandra spoke on the panel "Gen Z: The Next Power Brokers" at SXSW and has been featured on *Refinery29* and *HuffPost*. She grew up in Los Angeles in a family of four daughters and four rescue dogs.

Lucy Cuthew



FILTHY

Filthy is a vital, funny, moving novel about the confusing, conflicting reality of sex for young people today, and the impact porn can have on healthy sexualities.

Primary agent

Rachel Mann

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Rights sold

UK & Commonwealth (UCLan • Hazel Holmes)

Publication (tentative)

Q4 (Oct-Dec) 2026

Joss has never had sex. But she thinks about it, quite a lot. Not least because she's suddenly aware that her beloved nature documentaries are actually full of shagging – dolphins, bonobos, her older sister Edith, everyone seems to be doing it. Though she's not sure how exactly.

Joss's interest grows when she meets Griff, the extremely hot out-of-towner who seems not to think that she's 'vanilla'. In the absence of any David Attenborough documentaries about the mating habits of humans, Joss decides that porn sites are the next best thing. But her viewing habits get her into some tricky situations…and nearly cost her Griff.

Lucy Cuthew has published over thirty children's books, including picture books, educational titles and non-fiction, and she regularly speaks on the subject of children's books for the BBC. She was a children's editor for over ten years, both in-house and freelance, and graduated from the MA in Writing for Young People at Bath Spa in 2019, with an exceptionally high distinction grade. Lucy likes TV written by funny women, science podcasts, mountains and croissants. She lives in Cardiff with her husband and young twins.

Teri Dederer

HOOF AND BLADE

The love child of Fourth Wing and Maggie Stiefvater's The Scorpio Races, Hoof and Blade blends elite magic-school drama, heart-pounding romance, and deadly competition, in a story of a girl willing to risk everything to rewrite her destiny.

Primary agent

Alexandra Machinist

UK agent

Sarah Mitchell

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Film & TV

Michelle Weiner

Rights sold

North America (Scholastic Press • Mallory Kass) | UK & Commonwealth (HarperFire • Tom Bonnick)

Publication (tentative)

Q4 (Oct-Dec) 2026

Welcome to Oculus Dei, the empire's most prestigious school of magic. Here, the brightest Imperial mages learn to master their burgeoning powers. Beyond the classroom, students partake in hunts for immortal creatures and sword fighting, against the backdrop of the school's glittering social scene. Students forge life-long friendships on campus, and for the truly lucky, an anima par awaits—the one person whose magic harmonizes perfectly with their own, amplifying their power and, inevitably, their hearts.

But for Epona, Oculus Dei is no dream—it's a battlefield. Born in the Gutters among the non-magical Valefolk, where weapons are forbidden and survival isn't guaranteed, Epona was raised to serve, not to wield power. That changes when she miraculously heals a flightless Pegasus, revealing a magic she never knew she had, one that shocks the empire and grants her an impossible choice: attend Oculus Dei or have her newfound power stripped away forever. The catch? She must finish first in her class—beating students who have spent years mastering magic—or lose her magic permanently.

At Oculus Dei, where enemies lurk behind courtly smiles and failure is not an option, Epona must fight to rise in the rankings. She can't afford distractions, least of all Lord Iolo, the magnetic first-ranked golden boy of the empire—the one person standing between her and victory. He is infuriating, his family has sworn to eliminate her, and he is everything she was raised to despise. But as competition turns deadly, Epona must decide what she's truly fighting for: survival, power, or a future she never dared to dream.

Teri Dederer has an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from Bowling Green State University and lives in California with her husband and their huskies.

Translation rights sold

Spanish (Editorial Hidra), Spanish (Bookavivo)

Stef Ferrari



PINING FOR YOU!

A delightful YA debut that will appeal to fans of *Dash and Lily's Book of Dares*, *Let It Show* and *I Kissed Shara Wheeler.*

Primary agent

Mollie Glick

UK agent

Rachel Mann

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Film & TV

Berni Vann

Rights sold

North America (Simon & Schuster US • Alexa Pastor)

Publication (tentative)

Q4 (Oct-Dec) 2026

Bennie Bosley has Christmas spirit on lock. Her borderline psychic ability to always give the perfect gift, encyclopedic knowledge of Christmas movies, and skill as a baker making delicious treats for a literal Christmas tree farm mean she's the de facto authority on all things merry. So, when Bennie sees actual sparkles after bumping into a seriously stunning girl on the farm who also shares her love of baking, her friends Cash, Diya, and Izaac are all shocked when Bennie doesn't seem to realize what this is: real holiday magic at work and the perfect opportunity for her first kiss.

Bennie's mystery girl, Eve, lives in Brooklyn, but that should be no problem—showing up unexpectedly to make a big romantic gesture is a classic holiday trope for a reason, right? But when Eve's bakery unexpectedly closes early because of the biggest snowstorm of the decade, what was supposed to be a quick Christmas adventure turns into a scramble. Will Bennie and crew be able to track Eve down for a happily ever after and still beat the blizzard back for their last Cooper Farm Christmas Eve party, or is their Christmas classic destined to go awry?

Stef Ferrari is a three-time Emmy-winning, James Beard Award-nominated producer on the PBS docuseries *The Migrant Kitchen*. She served as Senior Editor at *Life & Thyme*, and is the author/co-author of several books, including *Ice Cream Adventures*, Aaron Sanchez' *Where I Come From*, and *Voracious*' own *A Woman's Place*. A Certified Cicerone (beer sommelier), she has spent the last 2 years in Italy, sampling the best of regional stuzzichini.

Lygia Day Peñaflor



BEAUTIFUL TO SEE YOU (AGAIN)

When love is pulling you back, how do you move forward?

Primary agent

Hillary Jacobson

UK agent

Rachel Mann

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Film & TV

Berni Vann

Rights sold

North America (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers • Sarah Barley)

Publication (tentative)

Q4 (Oct-Dec) 2026

Tia Cruz Aldon is sleep-walking through life. Once an aspiring actress, she's now unable to move her life forward, dragging herself to her dog-walking job and dodging calls from her concerned parents. Until she follows the sound of a mysteriously ringing bell to a tunnel in Central Park, a tunnel that can transport her back in time. Back to the summer of Natty.

Tia and Natty didn't interact very much during high school. But after awkward, MIT-bound Natty Poole delivers the graduation speech of a lifetime, capturing the hearts of the peers he spent the last four years avoiding, Tia can't help but take notice. Despite their looming departures for college, they fall hard for each other. But their perfect summer comes to a tragic end, separating Tia and Natty seemingly forever.

Every time Tia enters the tunnel in Central Park, she can revisit her summer with Natty, but Natty can't see or hear her. Even as her continued visits to the tunnel start to physically weaken her, Tia remains obsessed with finding a way to change the past. So obsessed she's ignoring her present, which includes the handsome and persuasive film student, Razor Ford, who is dead set on having Tia star in his student film.

Every moment spent with Razor feels like a betrayal of Natty, but there's something about Razor that keeps pulling her in. Torn between altering the past for Natty or embracing her future with Razor, how can Tia possibly move on when her heart and the tunnel won't let her?

As heart-rending and powerful as *You've Reached Sam* with the gorgeous sophistication of Jandy Nelson and crossover appeal of Mary H.K Choi, this is a knock-out YA novel that will simply take your breath away. Told through a then/now timeline, *Beautiful to See You (Again)* is a rare tribute to that uncertain time that immediately follows high school, a love letter to New York City and a heart-breaking, mind-bending spin on a love triangle.

Lygia Day Peñaflor is the author of *Creep: A Love Story, All of This is True,* and *Unscripted Joss Byrd*. She also teaches child stars on television and movie sets. She lives on Long Island with her husband, where she rides horses and flies from a trapeze.

Translation rights sold

French (Univers Poche | Pocket Jeunesse), Polish (Wydawnictwo Otwarte)

Tom Ramsay



SHOWSTOPPER

Joyous, feel-good, queer romance set in the world of musical theatre.

Primary agent

Charlotte Colwill (Colwill & Peddle)

Translation

Sarah Mitchell

Rights sold

UK & Commonwealth (Firefly • Penny Thomas)

Publication

07 May 2026 (UK)

Larger than life Olly is back at the UK's most prestigious competition for teen performers to prove he has what it takes to be a leading man. After being sabotaged last year, he is determined to stand out ahead of his drama school auditions.

Nervous newbie Tarun was nominated after stepping in from the chorus to a leading role. This is his week to explore if his secret hobby could be something more serious. But imposter-syndrome is real, and his dad's derisive comments threaten to derail him.

When the two boys are paired together, Olly can't comprehend being with someone who doesn't get his niche musical references, whilst Tarun thinks Olly is 'way too much'. But they soon discover they've more in common than the opening number might reveal.

Amidst the drama of rehearsals, could two boys be falling in love?

A life-affirming read for all those searching for their place and their people.

Tom Ramsay works for a West End Producer as Literary Manager and Dramaturg, looking after new work and writers of theatre for the company. This role has included working on an Olivier-nominated play and helping to translate a musical about the life of Marie Curie from Korean to English. In his own writing, he is passionate about telling queer stories with the hope and optimism that he longed to find on bookshelves growing up, with a touch of theatrical magic for good measure.

Lila Riesen



RAINSONG

In a small town haunted by unsolved disappearances, a teen with a secret ability must unravel a deadly mystery—before she becomes the next victim.

Primary agent

Mollie Glick

UK agent

Sarah Mitchell

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Film & TV

Berni Vann

Rights sold

North America (Knopf Books for Young Readers • Nancy Siscoe)

Publication

23 June 2026 (USA)

Mendocino is not the quaint coastal California town Zayn Pereira imagined. It's shrouded in a fog that never lets up. Posters of a missing teen girl are plastered everywhere, and just offshore is an island called Rainsong, rumored to be haunted.

At her new school, everyone is tense and suspicious of each other. So when charismatic Ollie takes Zayn under her wing, it's a relief—but is her charm hiding something? People assume brooding Tiago, the missing girl's ex-boyfriend, is responsible for her disappearance… but Zayn can't keep her eyes off him. Is he really who everyone says he is?

Besides, Zayn has a secret of her own. And when Tiago is struck by a car one night, she is forced to reveal it to save him. In doing so, Zayn discovers her connection to a generations-old feud that still rages today. Can she break herself from the grip of Mendocino's past tragedy? Or will she become the next girl on the missing poster?

Filled with angsty romance, supernatural powers, murder, and vengeance, this is a chilling and propulsive read.

Lila Riesen is the author of *Free Radicals*, which *Publishers Weekly* called "an emphatic and empathetic debut." The daughter of Afghan and Australian immigrants, she lives in Irvine, California with her husband and son.

Julia Riew, Brad Riew



THE LAST TIGER

INSTANT *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLER • Inspired by true stories from the authors' grandparents' lives during one of the darkest periods in Korean history, *The Last Tiger* is a debut young adult fantasy novel about the power of love to give voice to a silenced people.

Primary agent

Cindy Uh

UK agent

Sarah Mitchell

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Film & TV

Jiah Shin

Rights sold

North America (Kokila • Zareen Jaffery)

Publication

29 July 2025 (USA)

In a colonized land where tigers are being hunted to extinction and ancient magic stirs, two star-crossed teens—Lee Seung, a servant yearning for freedom, and Choi Eunji, a noble girl defying tradition—join forces to try and reshape their respective fates.

But their relationship evolves from begrudging accomplices to bitter adversaries as they soon find themselves on opposite sides of a battle over the last tiger, a symbol of their people's lost freedom and key to the liberation of their country. As the ties between Seung and Eunji are complicated by their conflicting loyalties, tensions rise—especially when a charming princeling of the empire begins to rival for Eunji's affection.

In this friends-to-enemies-to-lovers story of forbidden romance, antagonists turned allies, oppression and liberation, neither Seung nor Eunji can abandon their mission—or each other. And as they embark on separate quests to find the elusive creature, each must also find the power within themselves to make their own destiny.

Julia Riew is a composer-lyricist, librettist, and author known for her Korean-folktale inspired musical *Dive* and her *New York Times* bestselling young adult fantasy novel *The Last Tiger*, which she co-authored with her brother Brad Riew. In addition to winning the 18th Annual Fred Ebb Award, Julia has been Playbill's Featured Songwriter of the Month, a Woman to Watch on Broadway, and a Princess Grace Award Honoraria recipient. *Shim Jung Takes the Dive* is her first middle grade novel.

Brad Riew is an M.F.A. candidate in Fiction at NYU's Creative Writing Program and co-author, with sister Julia Riew, of *The Last Tiger*, a YA novel. He is also co-author of *20 States on Wheels*, a disability-friendly travel guide to the United States which was featured in Lonely Planet. Brad has studied creative writing under Joyce Carol Oates, Jonathan Safran Foer, Claudia Rankine, David Lipsky, Jennifer Clement, and others. He graduated from Harvard College in 2018 with a B.A. in Psychology, where he won the Ecker Short Story Prize.

Translation rights sold

German (S. Fischer), Hungarian (Kossuth), Korean (Trojan Horse Books), Polish (Swiat Ksiazki)



ASK ME ANYTHING

A gorgeously sassy campus-set romcom, where problem pages and parties turn enemies to lovers

Primary agent

Rachel Mann

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Rights sold

World English (Hot Key Books • Jenny Jacoby)

Publication

06 November 2025 (UK)

As Mary-Elizabeth starts her second year at university in London, she has set her sights on Felix Balfour, the charming, very sexy and outwardly feminist editor of the university magazine. This is where she writes 'Ask M-E Anything' - a column full of perky, optimistic advice for the lovelorn. As for her own love-life, she only wants a little no-strings fling with Felix, and of course she'll be able to pull that off. Fun times ahead!

Meanwhile, annoying grump Laurie from the uni newspaper (the university's more highbrow and serious publication) just seems to be a thorn in her side. After mocking her at a Quad Media mixer party, he seems to be continuing to mock her from the newspaper's own problem page - an idea they've stolen from the magazine and made much less fun. Mary-Elizabeth is sure the newspaper's brutal responses to the same problems she's tackling could only be penned by Laurie.

Mary-Elizabeth is certainly prejudiced against proud-seeming Laurie. But when Mary-Elizabeth loses her way, and the fun times with Felix start to sour, Laurie is always there to pick her up, and not asking for anything in return ... But surely *Laurie* isn't the answer to her problems?

Bethany Rutter is a writer, podcaster, and jewellery maker. She writes books about women, bodies and clothes. She lives in Southeast London.

Sasha Peyton Smith



THE THORN QUEEN

Wed to one brother.

In love with the other.

***Bridgerton, The Selection,* and *The Cruel Prince* collide in this Victorian-inspired romantasy; the sequel to the instant *New York Times* bestseller *The Rose Bargain*.**

Primary agent

Hillary Jacobson

UK agent

Sarah Mitchell

Translation

Sarah Mitchell, Filipa Vaz

Film & TV

Berni Vann, Josie Freedman

Rights sold

North America (HarperTeen • Erica Sussman) | UK & Commonwealth (Electric Monkey • Sarah Levison)

Publication

14 April 2026 (USA)
23 April 2026 (UK)

Series

THE ROSE BARGAIN

Instalment no.

2

Having won the hand of the faerie King Bram, Ivy is now Queen of England.

But with his ascension to the throne, Bram unleashed the fae into the human world. After hundreds of years of being kept from their favorite playthings, the Others are looking to make up for lost time—and they do, with wicked revelry that sweeps through the country.

To survive, Ivy acts the sweet, devoted wife. Behind the smile, she plots to banish her husband, save her sister Lydia, and reunite with the love of her life, Emmett.

Yet Emmet and Lydia are trapped in the Otherworld, where fae games are deadlier than ever—and a queen must play most viciously of all. Or see herself dethroned.

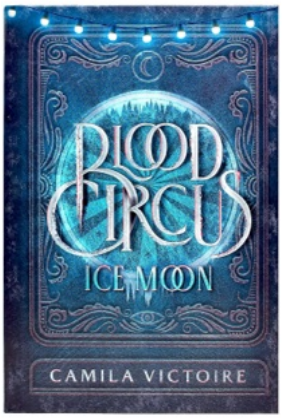
Forbidden romance, deceptive bargains, and lethal court intrigue intertwine in this mesmerizing, fae romantasy sequel that will captivate fans of *Once Upon a Broken Heart* and *Belladonna*.

Sasha Peyton Smith is the *New York Times* best-selling author of fantasy novels for young adults including *The Witch Haven* and *The Rose Bargain*. Her work has been translated into more than a dozen languages world-wide. She lives in a 100-year-old house in the mountains of Utah, with her husband and (allegedly) two ghosts, though she has yet to see them.

Translation rights sold

Brazilian Portuguese (Companhia das Letras), Bulgarian (Orange International), Czech (Albatros Media CZ), Danish (Carlsen Egmont), Dutch (HarperCollins Holland), French (Bayard Jeunesse), German (Ravensburger), Greek (Psichogios Publications), Hebrew (Keter Books), Hungarian (Maxim), Italian (Mondadori Libri), Lithuanian (Alma Littera), Polish (Wydawnictwo Otwarte), Portuguese (Marcador), Romanian (Corint), Serbian (Balans Knjige), Slovak (DOT), Spanish (Ediciones Urano), Turkish (Diyojen), Ukrainian (Ranok)

Camila Victoire



ICE MOON

Return to the untamed wilderness where survival demands sacrifice in the gripping sequel to the dark, seductive world of *Blood Circus*.

Primary agent

Abby Walters, Mollie Glick

Translation

Sarah Mitchell

Film & TV

Berni Vann

Rights sold

North America (Blackstone Publishing • Daniel Ehrenhaft)

Publication

23 September 2025 (USA)

Series

THE BLOOD CIRCUS SERIES

Instalment no.

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Ava may have survived the deadly Blood Race at Circo, but on human soil, she is a fugitive, hiding her true identity for fear of being hunted. If she can't complete the Klujn Blood Race—the real one, in the wild—before the Ice Moon rises, she faces permanent exile.

On the run, she learns that Grouse, the ruthless autocrat, holds her adoptive mother captive. Ava's only chance at true freedom and to save those she loves is to bring Grouse the heart of Warwick, Circo's king—the same mad king who enslaved her and who has terrorized humanity for decades.

Aided only by the intimidating but ailing Diablo, Ava embarks on an epic journey into the frozen wilds, where danger lies around every corner--and in her own mind. For survival is only the beginning. Ava must also impress the gods, because they are everywhere, and they are watching.

Dazzling and grotesque, horrifying and hopeful, Ice Moon pulls readers deeper into a world of primal rituals, sentient plants, earth magic, and savage beauty. Ava's fight for home, belonging, and love becomes a powerful journey of healing--one that shows us we cannot heal the earth until we first heal ourselves.

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Kyla Zhao



HEIRS OF INFAMY

West Side Story meets Portrait of a Thief in Kyla's young adult debut about the teenage heirs of two rival gangs set in post-WWII San Francisco Chinatown.

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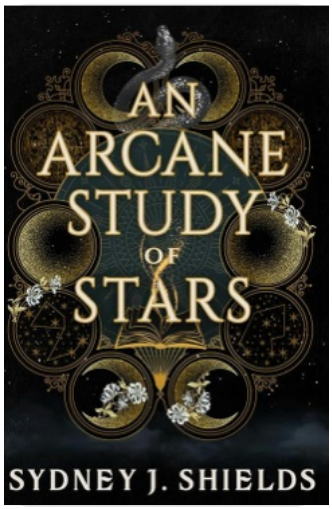
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Beneath the neon glow of San Francisco Chinatown in the late 1940s, two powerful crime families rule: the East Phoenixes, known for their cunning schemes, and the West Dragons, notorious for their brutal tactics. But the fragile peace that exists between them is crumbling day by day as both families find themselves on the brink of financial ruin in the aftermath of World War II and rising suspicion of Chinese communism.

Alexis Sung, daughter of the Phoenix boss, yearns to prove herself in a world where women are meant to be seen, not heard. Unlike Zachary Ren, raised by the Dragons after tragedy struck his family, she lacks the freedom to rise through the ranks. When the opportunity to pull off a daring heist presents itself, promising salvation for both families, their paths collide, and sparks fly between the two rivals in more ways than one.

With pressure mounting not just from scrutinizing authorities but also from within their own families, the duo must learn to set aside their differences for their scheme to succeed. And as dangers escalate and true colors reveal themselves, Alexis realizes that just maybe, the person she hated most was also the only one she could trust…

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AN ARCANE STUDY OF STARS

From Sydney Shields, the breakout author of *The Honey Witch*, comes *An Arcane Study of Stars,* a historical dark academia fantasy filled with ancient secret societies, swoon-worthy rivals-to-lovers romance, and dangerous deals made after dark. Perfect for fans of *The Atlas Six* and *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*.

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When Claudia Jolicoeur is rejected from Cygnus University, a devilish stranger named Dorian appears in her nightmares and offers her a bargain: he will get her into Cygnus if she learns how to free him from a prison of stars. He takes a bite of her soul to seal the deal, and Claudia wakes to a letter from the High Sage of Cygnus stating she will take the place of Odette Dufort, a Rhetoric student who passed away.

Her arrival raises suspicions, and Cassius MacLeod, the High Sage's apprentice and fellow Rhetoric student, spins the rumor that Claudia had a hand in Odette's death. Hellbent on clearing her name, she searches for any evidence that could prove her innocence. When someone—or something—starts slipping her pieces of Odette's diary, Claudia uncovers a horrifying truth: over the last century, celestial witches at Cygnus have been murdered. Odette was one of them, and Claudia could be next. For her own protection, Claudia needs to free Dorian—and fast.

By night, she studies the stars, slowly unraveling the mystery of Dorian's prison. By day, she and Cassius wage rhetorical war as debate partners in class. What begins as a fierce rivalry devolves into something deeper, darker, and dangerously sensual.

But her research into Cygnus's shadowy past leads her to suspect that Cassius may be the celestial witch killer she's been desperately trying to evade. As Claudia inches closer to the truth, she must decide: would trusting him be the last mistake she ever makes?

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