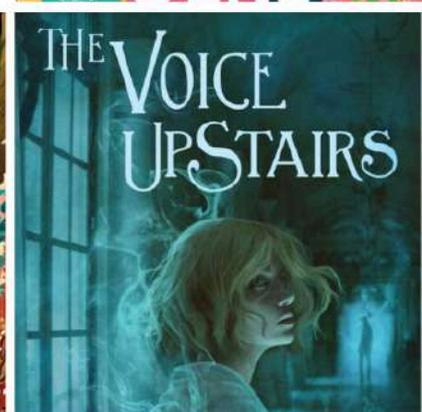
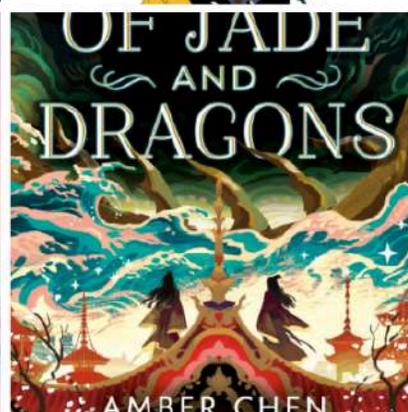
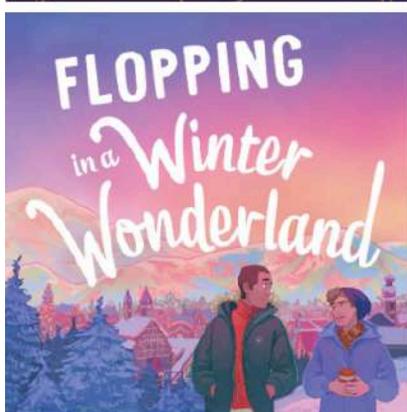
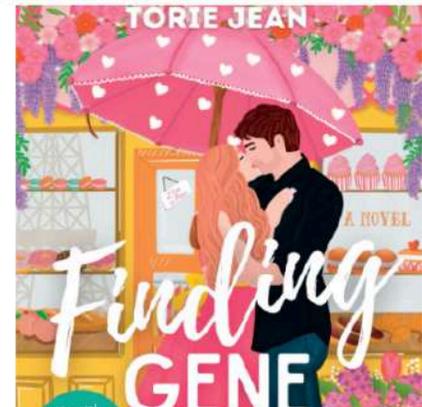
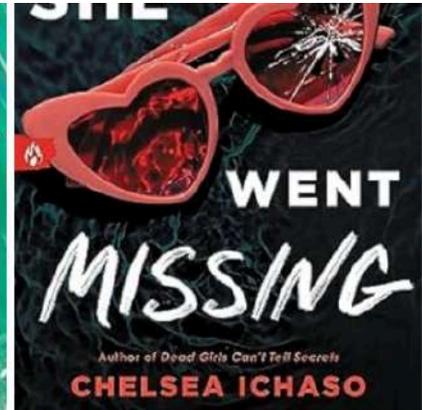
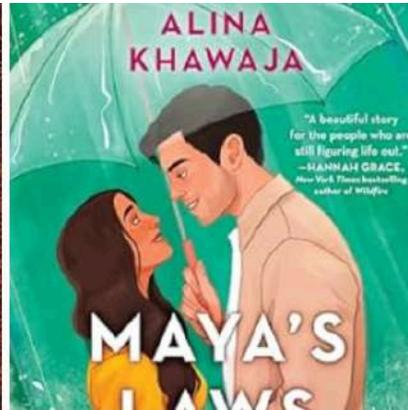
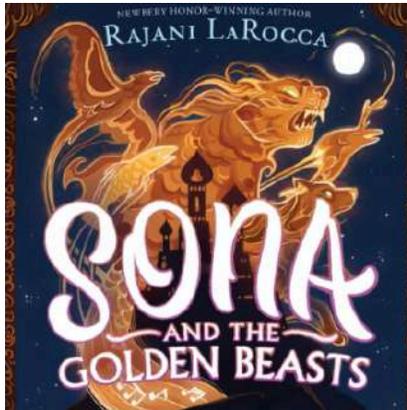


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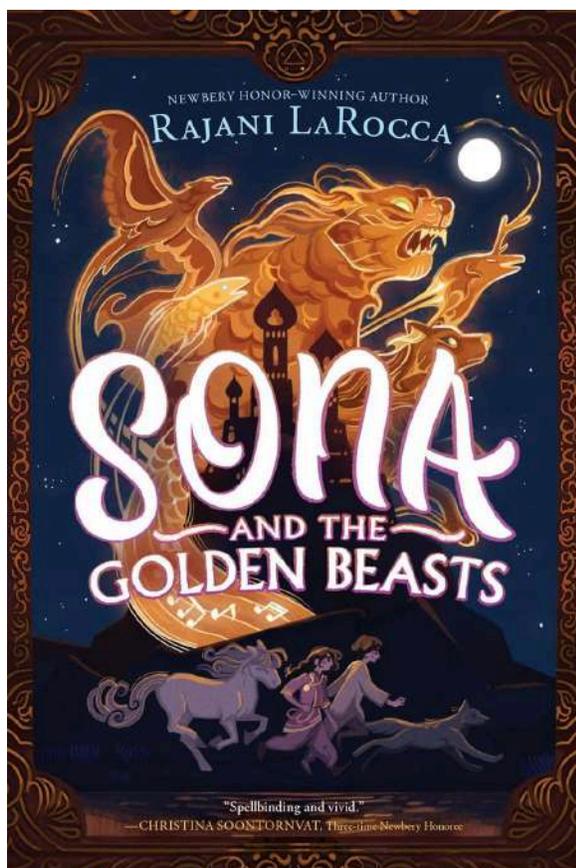
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## SONA AND THE GOLDEN BEASTS

Rajani LaRocca

Quill Tree Books

March 2024

Middle Grade Fantasy

From Newbery Honor and Walter Award-winning author Rajani LaRocca comes a gripping middle grade fantasy perfect for fans of *The Serpent's Secret* and *The Last Mapmaker*.

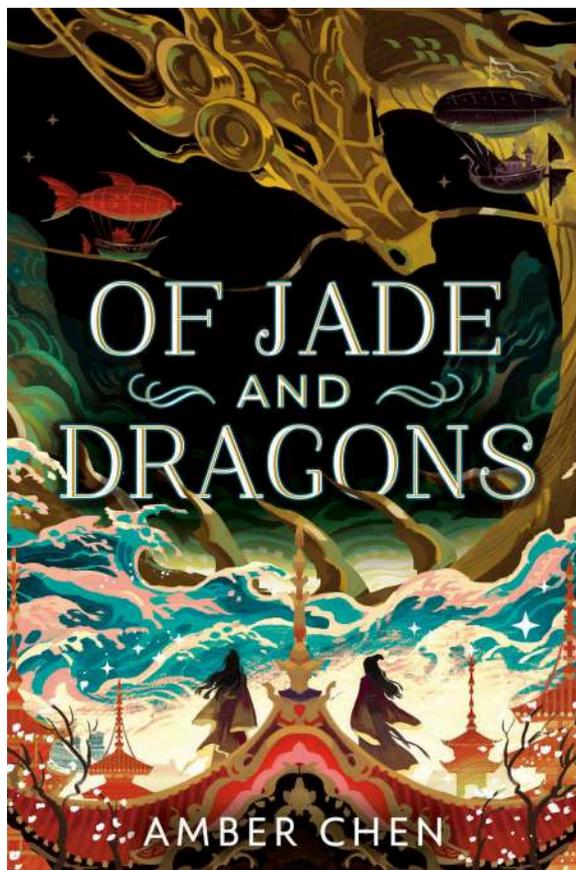
Though music is outlawed in the land of Devia, Sona hears it everywhere. Sona is a Malech, a member of the ruling class that conquered Devia centuries ago. Malechs forbade music to prevent the native Devans from using their magic, and Sona hides her abilities lest they put her in danger.

Then Sona discovers an orphaned wolf pup. She believes the pup, with its golden ears, might be related to one of the five sacred beasts of Devia, and she vows to keep it safe. That means bringing the pup in tow when Sona embarks on a perilous quest, along with a Devan boy, to secure the nectar of life for a loved one who has fallen gravely ill. On the journey, as Sona uncovers secrets about the Malechian empire and her own identity, she realizes that the fate of the sacred beasts, and the future of Devia, just might come down to her.

This captivating fantasy novel by award-winning author Rajani LaRocca will sweep readers into Sona's quest across the land of Devia as she grapples with the lasting impact of colonial rule and learns to fight for what she knows is right.

**Rights sold: [World English](#) to [HarperCollins](#) in a six-figure deal.**

**Ask us about *Rajani LaRocca's MIRROR TO MIRROR* and Newbery Honor *RED, WHITE, AND WHOLE*, also available for translation. See page 19 for covers.**



## OF JADE AND DRAGONS

### Amber Chen

Book 1: *Fall of the Dragon* duology

Viking BFYR (US) / Puffin (UK)

June 2024

YA Fantasy

***Mulan* meets *Iron Widow* in this thrilling silkpunk fantasy about a girl who must disguise herself as a boy and enter the famed and dangerous Engineer's Guild trials to unravel the mystery of her father's murder.**

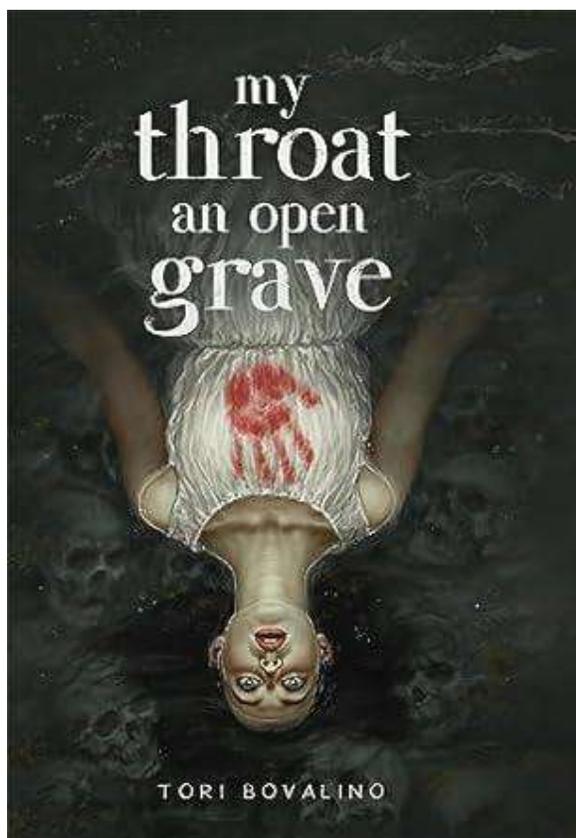
Eighteen-year-old Aihui Ying dreams of becoming a world-class engineer like her father, but after his sudden murder, her life falls apart. Left with only a journal of her father's engineering secrets and a jade pendant snatched from the assassin, a heartbroken

Ying follows the trail to the capital and the prestigious Engineers Guild—a place that harbors her father's hidden past—determined to discover why anyone would threaten a man who ultimately chose a quiet life over fame and fortune.

Disguised as her brother, Ying manages to infiltrate the guild's male-only apprenticeship trial with the help of an unlikely ally—Aogiya Ye-yang, the taciturn eighth prince of the High Command. With her father's renown placing a target firmly on her back, Ying must stay one step ahead of her fellow competitors, the jealous guild masters, and the killer still hunting for her father's journal. Complicating everything is her increasingly tangled relationship with the prince, who may have mysterious plans of his own.

The secrets concealed within the guild can be as deadly as the weapons they build—and with her life and the future of her homeland at stake, Ying doesn't know who to trust. Can she avenge her father even if it means going against everything he stood for, or will she be next in the mastermind's line of fire?

**Rights Sold:** World English to [Penguin Random House](#); Russian to [Mann, Ivanov and Ferber](#); German to [Cross Cult](#); Turkish to [Artemis](#).



## MY THROAT AN OPEN GRAVE

Tori Bovalino

Page Street Books

February 2024

YA Horror

**Labyrinth meets folk horror in this darkly romantic tale of a girl who wishes her baby brother away to the Lord of the Wood.**

Growing up in the small town of Winston, Pennsylvania feels like drowning. Leah goes to church every Sunday, works when she isn't at school, and takes care of her baby brother, Owen. Like every girl in Winston, she tries to be right and good and holy. If she isn't the Lord of the Wood will take her, and she'll disappear like so many other girls before her.

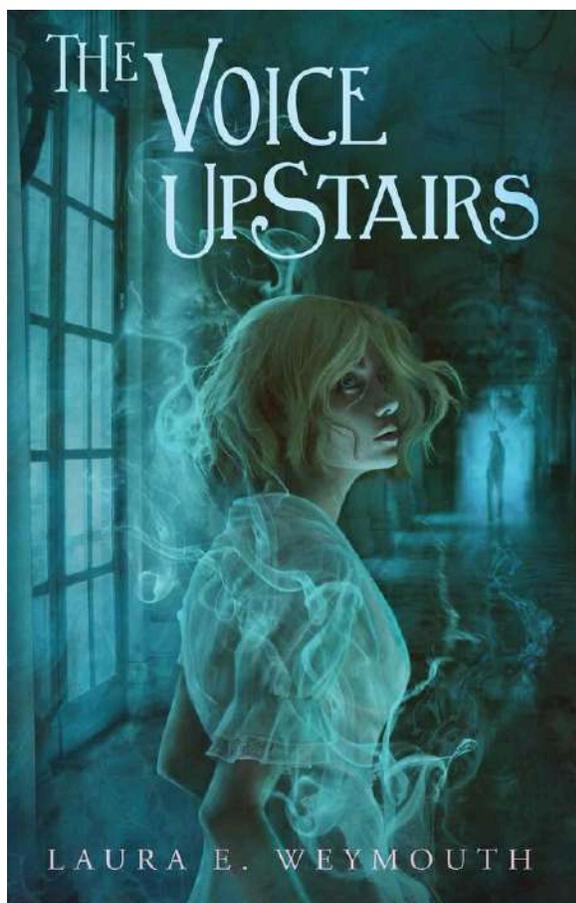
But living up to the rigorous standards of the town takes its toll. One night, when Owen won't stop screaming, Leah wishes him away, and the Lord listens. The screaming stops, and all that's left in the crib is a small bundle of sticks tied with a ribbon.

Filled with shame and the weight of the town's judgment, Leah is forced to cross the river into the Lord of the Wood's domain to bring Owen back. But the devilish figure who has haunted Winston for generations isn't what she expects. He tells her she can have her brother back—for the price of a song. A song that Leah will have one month to write.

It's a bargain that will uncover secrets her hometown has tried to keep buried for decades. And what she unearths will have her questioning everything she's been taught to fear.

**Rights sold: North American to Page Street; UK to Titan; Turkish to Artemis.**

*Ask us about Tori Bovalino's **THE GATHERING DARK**, **THE DEVIL MAKES THREE**, and **NOT GOOD FOR MAIDENS**, also available for translation. See page 19 for covers. See also Tori's gothic romantasy, **THE SECOND DEATH OF LOCKE** (page 16).*



## THE VOICE UPSTAIRS

Laura E. Weymouth

Margaret K. McElderry Books

October 2023

YA Fantasy Mystery

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**In 1920s England, a working-class girl who can see spirits works with a lord's son to solve mysterious deaths at the local manor home in this eerie historical mystery perfect for fans of *The Haunting of Bly Manor* and *Downton Abbey*.**

Wilhelmina Price has a dubious reputation in the village of Thrush's Green. Ever since her mother's untimely death, she has been able to see a person's spirit leaving their body days or hours before they die. Wil has never been able to prevent these deaths, so her unusual skill has made her an outsider to most except her lifelong friend, Edison, the youngest son of

Lord Summerfield. But when a maid at the Summerfield's estate dies in the same mysterious way as Wil's own mother, Wil takes on a housemaid's position to investigate whether these women might, in fact, have been murdered.

There is nothing Ed Summerfield values more than his friendship with Wil, which is why he's desperate to disguise how hopelessly in love with her he's become—and his belief that he may be haunted by the ghost of his older brother, Peter. Because if Wil, with her supernatural powers, can't see the same evidence of hauntings that Ed does, he worries he may actually be losing his mind.

Together, Wil and Ed must dig deeper into the Summerfields' hoard of secrets, though the truth won't give itself up without a fight that could prove deadly to the both of them, as they face cunning adversaries among the living and the dead.

**Rights sold:** [World English](#) to [Simon & Schuster](#).

*Ask us about **Laura E. Weymouth's A RUSH OF WINGS and A CONSUMING FIRE**, also available for translation. See page 19 for covers.*



## FLOPPING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Jason June

HarperTeen

Fall 2024

YA Romance

**This adorable rom-com from bestselling author Jason June unwraps the healing power of love and the magic of the Christmas season.**

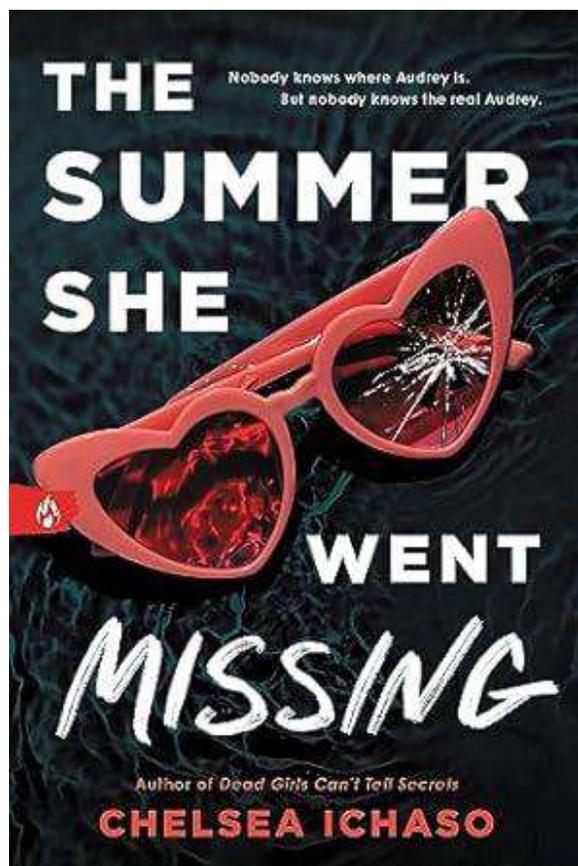
All Aaron wants for Christmas is for his brother Casey to get over his ex, Raquel. He'd prefer not to be at Winter Wonderland, the island north of Alaska that's home to a year-round Christmas theme park. But Casey loves Christmas, and so, here they are.

All Kris wants for Christmas is for his uncle to move back to Winter Wonderland to be the first gay Santa. And so, he needs to win the Race, his grade's annual competition to see who can get a guest to fall in love with them first. Winning means a trip to New York, where Kris would be able to plead his case for his uncle to the founder of Winter Wonderland himself.

Then Aaron and Kris flop into each other during a flash mob and Kris agrees to help Aaron with his plan to keep Casey single. Soon, both can't stop thinking about kissing the other, and it's not just because of the mistletoe around every corner. Too bad true love isn't on either of their Christmas lists...

**Rights sold:** [World English](#) to [HarperCollins](#).

*Ask us about Jason June's **JAY'S GAY AGENDA**, **OUT OF THE BLUE**, and **RILEY WEAVER NEEDS A DATE TO THE GAYBUTANTE BALL**, also available for translation. See page 19 for covers.*



## THE SUMMER SHE WENT MISSING

Chelsea Ichaso

Sourcebooks Fire

March 2024

YA Thriller

**Last summer, they searched for Audrey Covington.**

**This summer, they'll search for the truth.**

Paige Redmond has always felt lucky to spend her summers in Clearwater Ridge, with lazy days sunning at the waterfalls and nights partying at the sprawling houses of the rich families who vacation there. The Covingtons are one of these families, and beautiful, brilliant Audrey Covington is Paige's best friend. And last year, when Audrey's crush-worthy brother

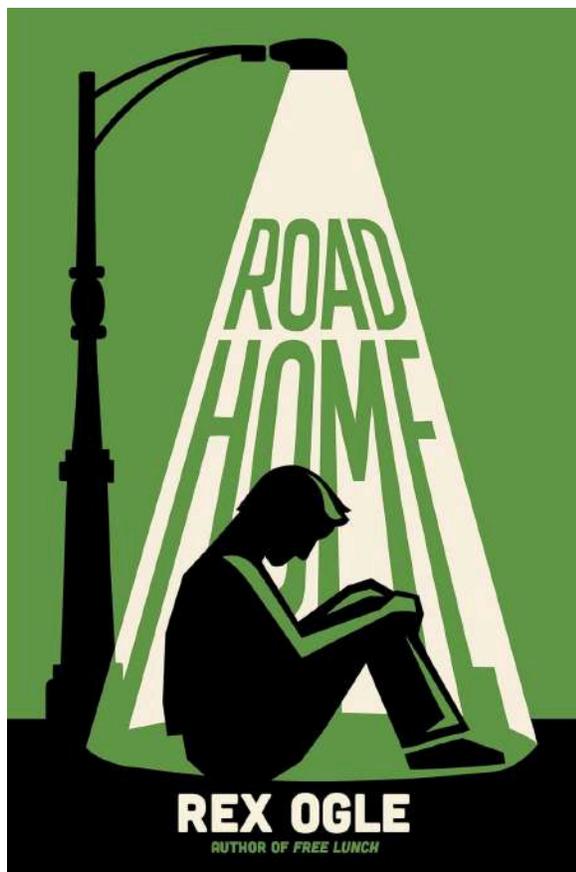
Dylan finally started noticing Paige, she was sure it would be the best summer ever.

Except Audrey didn't seem quite like herself. Then one night, she didn't come home. Though Audrey wasn't the first girl to disappear in Clearwater Ridge, she left behind more lies than clues. Now, one summer later, her case has gone cold, and nobody, least of all Paige, can make sense of what happened.

When Paige stumbles across a secret hidden in Audrey's room, however, it changes everything she thought she knew about last summer. She and Dylan set out on their own investigation, discovering things even the police don't know about the people of Clearwater Ridge. But tracking down missing girls—girls who might be beyond saving by now—means entering a world far darker than Paige has ever imagined. And if she isn't careful, she'll become the next girl to vanish.

**Rights sold:** [World English](#) to [Sourcebooks](#).

Ask us about **Chelsea Ichaso's** *THEY'RE WATCHING YOU*, also available for translation. See page 19 for covers.



## ROAD HOME

Rex Ogle

Norton Young Readers

May 2024

YA Memoir

**This final, essential chapter in Rex Ogle’s memoir trilogy recounts being forced from his home and living on the streets after his conservative father discovered he was gay.**

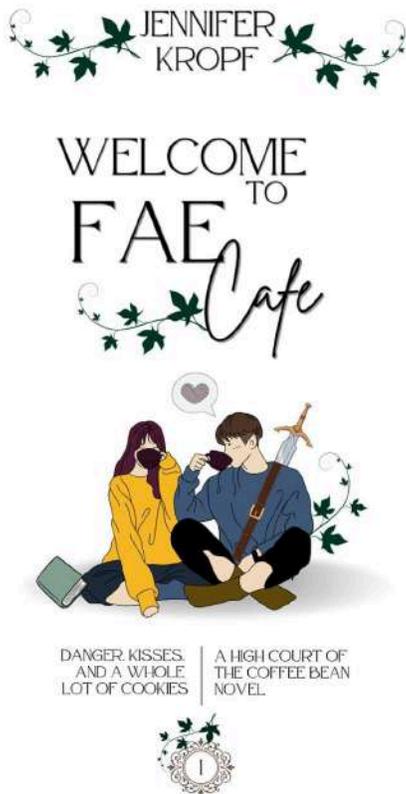
When Rex was outed the summer after he graduated high school, his father gave him a choice: he could stay at home, find a girlfriend, and attend church twice a week, or he could be gay—and leave. Rex left, driving toward the only other gay man he knew and a toxic relationship that would ultimately leave him homeless and desperate on the

streets of New Orleans.

Here, Rex tells the story of his coming out and his father’s rejection of his identity, navigating abuse and survival on the streets. *Road Home* is a devastating and incandescent reflection on Rex’s hunger—for food, for love, and for a place to call home—completing the trilogy of memoirs that began with the award-winning *Free Lunch*.

**Rights sold:** [World English](#) to [WW Norton](#).

*Ask us about Rex Ogle’s FREE LUNCH and PUNCHING BAG, also available for translation. See page 19 for covers.*



## WELCOME TO THE FAE CAFE

### Jennifer Kropf

Book 1: *High Court of the Coffee Bean* series  
 Self-Published  
 October 2023  
 Crossover/New Adult Cozy Fantasy

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Fans of Holly Black's tricky **FOLK OF THE AIR** schemes and the cozy atmosphere of Heather Fawcett's **EMILY WILDE** series will enjoy this twist on fae fantasy—with a sweet and comical romance, relatable slice-of-life moments, manipulative fairy games, and deathmatches, this book puts a spin on the typical fae stories readers know and love.

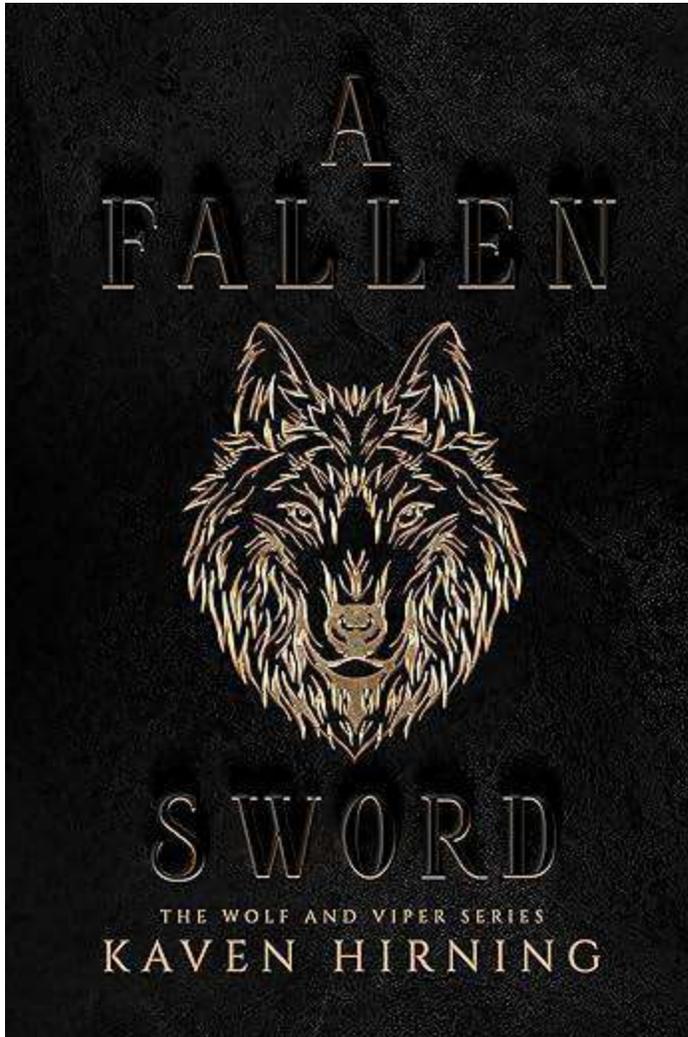
On a cozy fall morning, Kate Kole is nestled in a coffee shop in Toronto reading her favourite novel when she accidentally kills a guy who's being rude to the coffee shop's cashier.

Unfortunately for Kate, the person she killed was a fae assassin of the North Corner of Ever, visiting the human realm in secret.

Four fae assassins come to the human realm to hunt her down for breaking a fairy law and killing one of their own. Leading them is Prince Cressica Alabastian, the most feared fae assassin of the North and heir to the North Corner of Ever. But to Prince Cressica's horror, his assassins are roped into running a cozy café on Kate Kole's behalf. To blend in to human society, the assassins learn how to clean up after themselves, drive without road rage, read popular fantasy books at book club without getting into alpha male fights over what they're reading, and in general, be nice.

Prince Cressica seeks to get revenge on Kate Kole. But as he aims to strike where it will hurt her the most, the Prince finds himself enchanted by his human target in more ways than one. And when the darkness of the Ever Corners comes knocking at the human realm's door, he needs to make a choice that could cost him everything.

**Rights sold:** Polish to Jaguar; Russian to Exem; Italian to Mondadori; French to Pygmalion.



## A FALLEN SWORD

### Kaven Hirning

Book 1: *The Wolf & Viper* series  
 Self-Published  
 December 2023  
 Adult Romantasy

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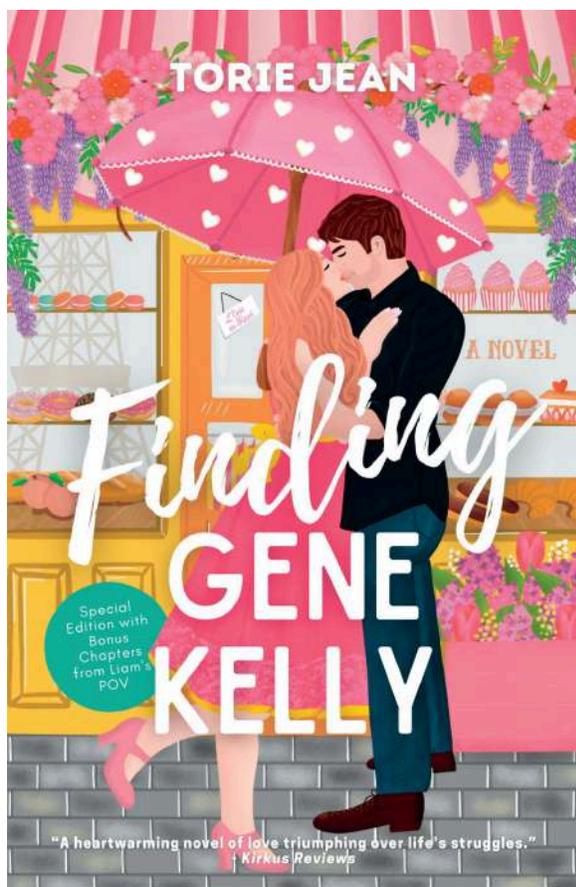
**A book written entirely off the roll of dice, A FALLEN SWORD puts the fates of each character in the hands of chance and how well they can put their differences aside and work together as a team.**

Estellian is made up of myriad guilds; assassins, mercenaries, champions and vigilantes. Magic runs deep through the earth and the bones of men.

When a terrible force threatens the existence of their world, a guild of criminals and a group of heroes are

forced to come together to try and thwart it.

Join Mirevra, the snarky assassin with no time for love or small talk, and the handsome, pesky hero that is constantly at her side, as she leads her troupe of lawbreakers on a perilous quest to find the only weapon that can save them all: the holy blade, a fallen sword.



## FINDING GENE KELLY

Torie Jean

Self-published  
September 2022  
Adult Romance

At twenty-six, Evie O'Shea lives in Paris, balancing precariously close to her Charlotte Lucas birthday: a burden to her parents, with no prospects and no money. Evie's humdrum life needs a shake-up.

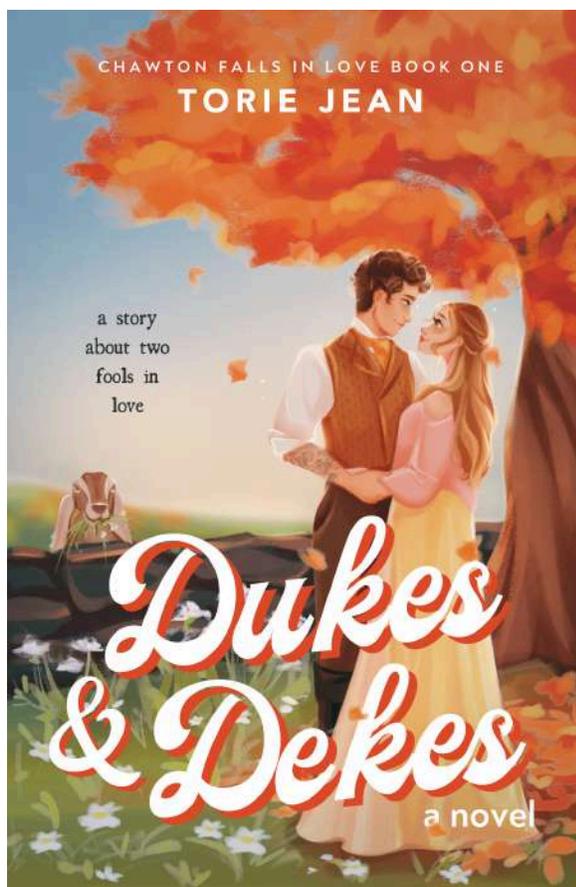
Enter Liam Kelly, the man Evie married at the age of five and promptly divorced at seven when he had the audacity to throw a muddy football at her while she was reading *Eloise in Paris*. Clad in a Henley and equipped with toned forearms and eye crinkles that rival Gene Kelly himself, Evie is determined to keep her ultimate temptation at a distance

while she flails wildly navigating life, love, and endometriosis on the banks of the Seine.

But when a family announcement shakes up Evie's world weeks before her brother's wedding, Evie seeks Liam's help to get through the wedding with some semblance of sanity intact. Her request? Fake date.

Making a deal with the Devil always comes with a cost, though, and when Liam's conditions reignite passions her endometriosis diagnosis smothered long ago, Evie has to learn to fight for her dreams and break free from her life measured in ibuprofen pills and heating pad settings. Or else risk being alive but never truly living.

“Jean’s portrayal of the easy, relaxed relationship between the two longtime friends intermingles effectively with Evie’s frustrations [with endometriosis]. [...] A heartwarming novel of love triumphing over life’s struggles.” —*Kirkus Reviews*



## DUKES & DEKES

Torie Jean

Book 1: *Chawton Falls in Love* series

Self-published

November 2023

Adult Romance

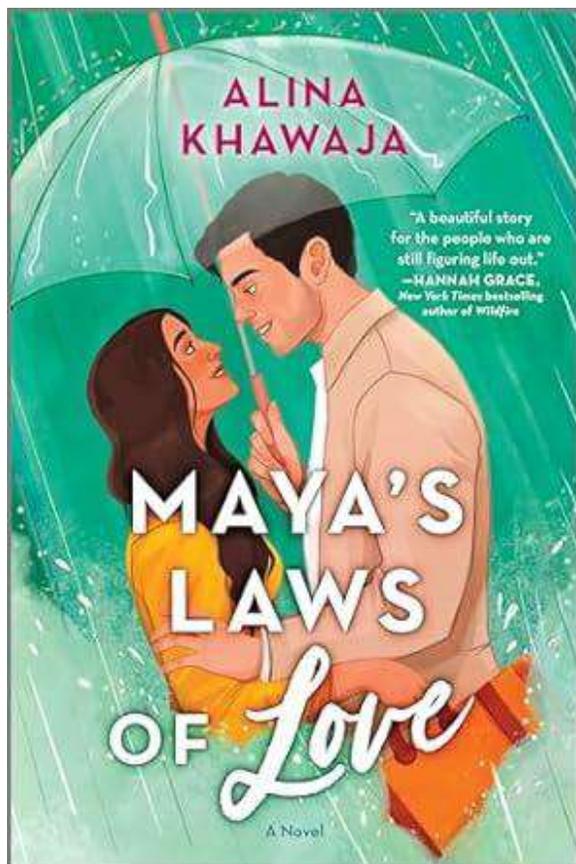
**Nestled between rocks and mountains, the slumbering town of Chawton Falls, New Hampshire, blinks alive every autumn when the Wentworth Estate hosts the Jane Austen Regency Fair.**

For event coordinator Aulie Desfleurs, fall is a dizzying season full of bonnets, muslin, bicorn hats—and, unfortunately, this year, playing the role of the foolish Lydia Bennet. A sensible woman to her core, she has no time to worry about her mysterious chronic illness or love life. So what if a spicy photo of her

best friend Jack Parker in a penalty box threatens to reignite a spark from years ago? If she maintains her distance—an easy feat during hockey season—she’ll be fine.

Jack Parker, the bad boy of the American professional hockey league, is suspended...again. Forced to flee to Chawton Falls, New Hampshire, Jack comes face to face with a swell of repressed emotions...and a goat. Seeking a distraction, he soon finds himself in the fair cast as the infamous rake, George Wickham. Wearing breeches isn’t exactly on brand, but after five years of harboring unrequited feelings for Aulie, Jack’s willing to sport the high-waisted pants if it means convincing her he can be the dashing hero she deserves.

With a less than stellar dating history, and a suspension deadline looming, Aulie knows falling for Jack would be foolish. But when he kisses her like a man possessed one day, and takes care of her like a saint the next, Aulie’s forced to choose: either embrace Jane Austen’s signature truth, “we are all fools in love,” or risk living like the author without a happily ever after of her own.



## MAYA'S LAWS OF LOVE

Alina Khawaja

Mira

March 2024

Adult Romance

**A bride-to-be convinced she's cursed in romance finds her luck changing—at exactly the wrong time.**

Maya Mirza is so convinced she's unlucky in love that she's come up with a list of laws to explain it. Most importantly...*Maya's Law #1: Anything that can go wrong will go wrong.*

But that's about to change. Maya's headed to Pakistan for an arranged marriage with a handsome, successful doctor who ticks all the right boxes. First comes marriage, then

comes love—she's sure of it. Except...*Law #4: When you think you're lucky, think again.*

From the start, Maya's journey is riddled with disaster, and the cynical lawyer seated next to her on the plane isn't helping. When a storm leaves them stranded in Switzerland, she and Sarfaraz become unlikely travel companions through bus breakdowns and missed connections. *Law #6: Trips are never smooth sailing.*

And before long, Maya's wondering whether she's just experienced the ultimate in misfortune—finally meeting the right man a few days before she marries someone else. And Maya might just be the worst person to keep a secret. *Law #18: If you're overtired, you'll always spill your guts.*

But maybe, if she's willing to bend some laws, this detour could take her somewhere totally—and wonderfully—unexpected.

**Rights sold: North American to Harlequin; UK to Simon & Schuster.**



## VILEST THINGS

Chloe Gong

Book 2: *Flesh & False Gods* trilogy

Saga Press

September 2024

Adult Fantasy

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***The follow-up to New York Times, Sunday Times, and USA Today bestseller Immortal Longings by Chloe Gong, the second book in her Flesh & False Gods trilogy.***

Calla Tuoleimi has succeeded in the impossible. Despite the odds, she has won San-Er's bloody games and eliminated King Kasa, her tyrant uncle and the former ruler of Talin. She serves now as royal advisor to Kasa's adopted son, August Shenzhi, who has risen to the throne.

Only Calla knows it isn't really August.

Anton Makusa is still furious about Calla's betrayal in the final round of the games. In an impossible feat, he took over August's body to survive, and has no intention of giving up this newfound power. But when his first love, the beautiful, explosive Otta Avia, awakens from a years-long coma and reveals a secret that threatens the monarchy's authority over Talin, chaos erupts. As tensions come to a boiling point, Calla and Anton must set their conflicts aside and head to the kingdom's far reaches to prevent anarchy...even if their empire might be better off burning.

**Rights sold:** North American to **Simon & Schuster**; UK/ANZ to **Hodder & Stoughton**; Polish to **MAG**; Spanish to **Hidra**; Brazilian to **Alta Books**; Russian to **Eksmo**; French to **DeSaxus**.

Ask us about **Chloe Gong's IMMORTAL LONGINGS and Secret Shanghai series**, also available for translation. See page 19 for covers.



## THE SECOND DEATH OF LOCKE

VL Bovalino

Orbit UK

Fall 2025

Adult Fantasy

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As announced in *The Bookseller*: “Orbit UK has acquired V.L. Bovalino’s fantasy *The Second Death of Locke*, described as ‘*Gideon the Ninth* meets *Shadow and Bone* by way of *The Six Deaths of the Saint*, a gothic and devastatingly romantic fantasy about the unbreakable bond between a mage and their paladin.’ The author has previously published YA horror under the name Tori Bovalino.”

Grey Flynn will never have magic of her own; as a well, her job is to keep her mage (and childhood best friend), Kier, whole and hale, supplying the power for his own magic. But what Grey does have is a dangerous secret only Kier knows: Grey is the last daughter of the decimated Isle of Locke, the powerful birthplace of all wells, and the only one who can revive the Isle. With the nation-states that make up Idistra fighting to maintain its waning power, there is a new frenzy to find Locke’s lost heir... who’s finally come forward.

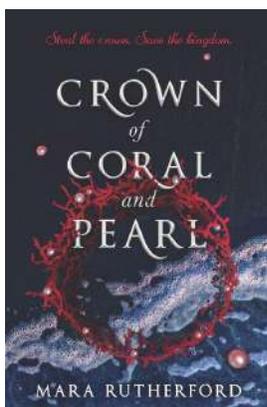
When Grey and Kier, desperate to protect each other, are assigned a quest to deliver the girl claiming Grey’s title to the High Lord, they realize that Grey’s position is more precarious than they thought. If they flee, they will be found and executed as deserters. If they deliver the imposter safely, she will be caught in her lie, and Grey’s proximity to the court will put her at immediate risk if the High Lord recognizes her or one of his mages senses the abnormal depths of her power. So, Grey must make a choice: if she does not take Locke herself, someone will find her and force her to claim it under another nation’s banner; or, if she dies before Locke is resurrected, Idistra will lose all magic—forever.

**Rights sold:** UK and Commonwealth to Orbit UK in a 3-book deal; Italian to Il Castoro.

Ask us about **Tori Bovalino’s MY THROAT AN OPEN GRAVE** (page 5) and her YA standalones, also available for translation. See page 19 for covers.

## Mara Rutherford Backlist

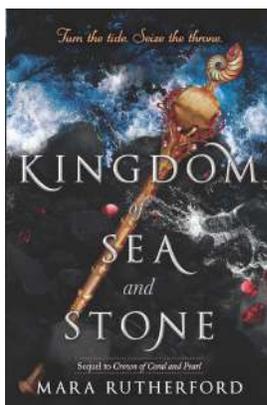
Mara Rutherford's action-packed romantasy novels are perfect for fans of Erin Craig. Mara has a robust publishing pipeline in the next few years in romantasy, dark academia, and cozy fantasy. We at Triada are convinced that Mara will break out as a big bestseller in the future and we're thrilled to share her backlist titles with publishers who may have not encountered them in the past.



**Rights sold:** Serbian, Bulgarian, German, Turkish, French, Russian

*“A fabulous interweaving of fantasy, politics, and sisterhood—this unusual, tense tale will have you on the edge of your seat!”—#1 New York Times bestselling author Tamora Pierce*

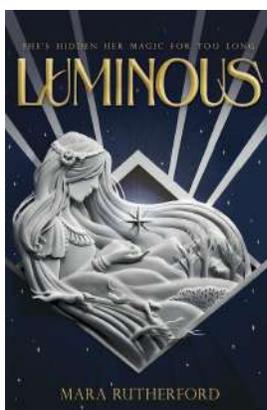
*Red Queen meets House of Salt and Sorrow* in Mara Rutherford's debut YA fantasy *Crown of Coral and Pearl*, which follows a young woman from a village on the sea who must impersonate her twin on land to save everyone she loves from a tyrannical prince.



**Rights sold:** Bulgarian, French, Russian

*The Cruel Prince* meets *Ash Princess* in this thrilling fantasy, the much-anticipated sequel to *Crown of Coral and Pearl*.

As an old enemy resurfaces more powerful than ever, Nor will have to keep the kingdom from falling apart with the help of Prince Talin and Nor's twin sister, Zadie. There are forces within the world more mysterious than any of them ever guessed—and they'll need to stay alive long enough to conquer them...



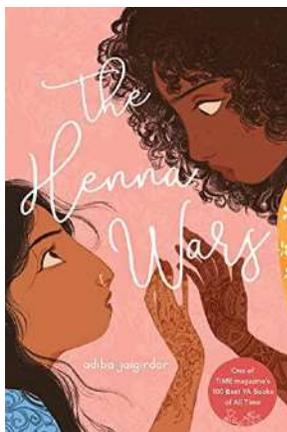
**Rights sold:** Russian, Romanian

*A witch must learn to harness her power—or risk losing her loved ones forever.*

To find her friend and to save her sister, Liora must embrace the power she has always feared. But the greatest danger she'll face is yet to come, for the king's warlock has plans in motion that will cause the world to fall into chaos—and Liora may be the only one who can stop him.

## Adiba Jaigirdar Backlist

Adiba Jaigirdar's YA contemporary romances are perfect for fans of Becky Albertalli and Casey McQuinston. From award winners and starred reviews to joyful, pun-filled humor, Adiba's robust publishing career will make her a household name in modern YA. We are excited to share her backlist titles with publishers eager to expand their contemporary romance offerings.

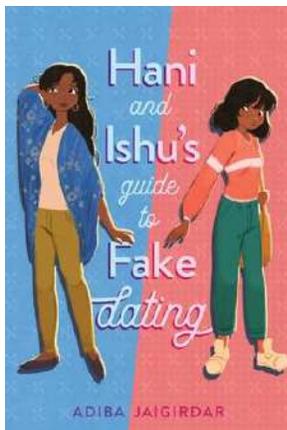


**Rights sold:** French, Polish

*Named one of TIME Magazine's 100 Best YA Books of All Time*

*"Impossible to put down." —Kirkus Reviews, starred review*

When a school competition invites students to create their own businesses, both Flávia and Nishat decide to showcase their talent as henna artists. In a fight to prove who is the best, their lives become more tangled. As the competition heats up, Nishat must decide to hide from her family, or give love a chance.



**Rights sold:** Polish

*Nominated for the Lambda Literary Award for YA Fiction.*

Hani is beloved by everyone, but no one believes her when she says she's bisexual. Ishu is an academic overachiever, with hopes of becoming head girl to boost her college applications. When Hani blurts to her friends she's dating Ishu to prove she's bi, Ishu agrees to help Hani if Hani will help her become more popular. Despite their mutually beneficial pact, they start developing real feelings for each other. But relationships are complicated, and some people will do anything to stop two Bengali girls from achieving happily ever after.

## Spring Catalog Backlist

Ask about these featured authors' backlist titles available for translation.

### Rajani LaRocca



### Chelsea Ichaso



### Tori Bovalino



### Rex Ogle



### Laura E. Weymouth



### Chloe Gong



### Jason June



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**AZANTIAN**  
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# **AZANTIAN LITERARY AGENCY**

*Spring 2024 Catalog*

## FIRST YEAR ORIENTATION

Edited by Lauren Gibaldi & Eric Smith

**Publisher:** Candlewick

**Age Range/Genre:** Young Adult Anthology

**Pub Date:** April 4, 2023

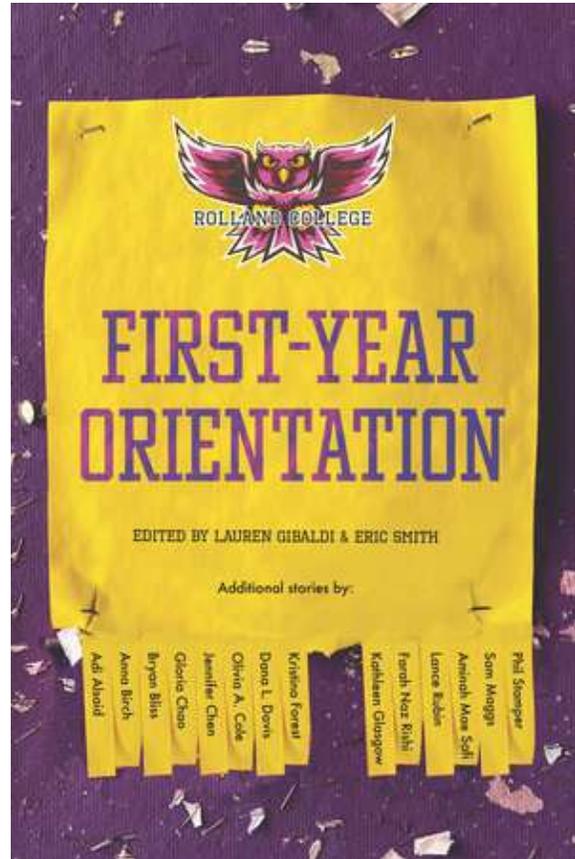
**Details:** World English deal

Sixteen acclaimed authors—including a National Book Award nominee, a *New York Times* best-selling novelist, and a beloved actress—join forces for a cross-genre YA anthology of linked short stories about the first days of college.

Jilly cannot *believe* her parents keep showing up at all of her orientation events. (Except, yes, she can totally believe that.) Isaac wants to be known as someone other than the kid who does magic and has an emotional support bunny. Lilly is stuck working at the college bookstore during orientation (but maybe new friends are closer than they appear). Hira, meanwhile, just wants to retire from ghost hunting once and for all, but a spirit in the library's romance section has other ideas. For their sophomore effort, the contributing editors behind the critically acclaimed *Battle of the Bands* admit us to opening day at a fictional college, with a collection that makes an ideal high school graduation gift or “summer-before” read. This colorful array of stories spans genres and moods—from humorous to heartfelt to ghostly—tackling with sensitivity, humor, and warmth what it feels like to take those first shaky steps into adulthood.

**With stories by:** Adi Alsaid \* Anna Birch \* Bryan Bliss \* Gloria Chao \* Jennifer Chen \* Olivia A. Cole \* Dana L. Davis \* Kristina Forest \* Lauren Gibaldi \* Kathleen Glasgow \* Sam Maggs \* Farah Naz Rishi \* Lance Rubin \* Aminah Mae Safi \* Eric Smith \* Phil Stamper

★ **Charming. . . The stories explore the push and pull of moving into a new, more independent life stage with humor and compassion, and they portray a wide range of experiences and identities. . . There's an effortlessness to the representation, with fully fleshed-out characters grappling with their sense of self that isn't defined by identity politics. . . . By turns realist and surrealist, funny and tender, these stories have something for any teen starting to think about college and will leave them with the reassurance that there's plenty of magic ahead.** —*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books* (starred review)



## RUBI RAMOS'S RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

Jessica Parra

**Publisher:** Macmillan, Wednesday Books

**Age Range/Genre:** Young Adult Contemporary

**Pub Date:** May 16, 2023

**Details:** North American, two-book deal, sold at six-figure auction

Graduation is only a few months away, and Rubi Ramos's "recipe for success" to get into prestigious Alma University is already off track.

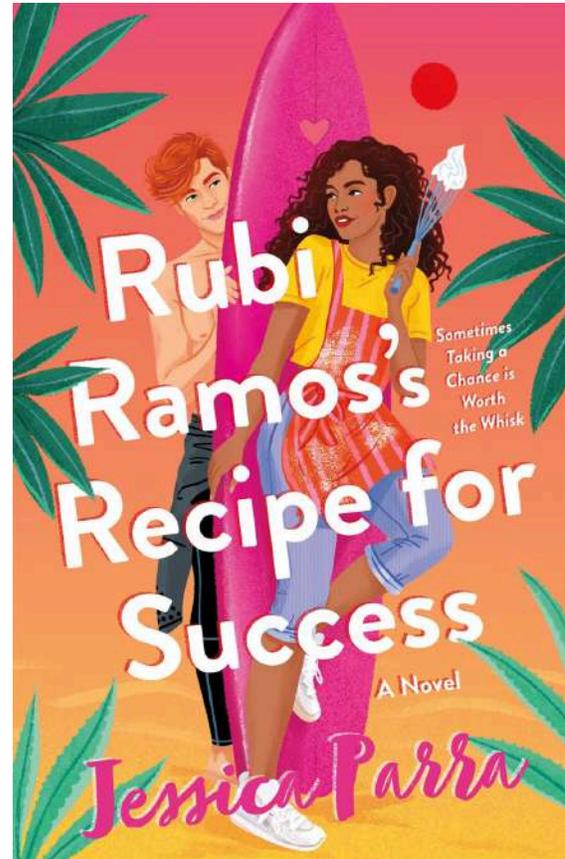
When Alma waitlists Rubi's application, Rubi will need to be distraction-free to make the grade and keep her parents—who have wanted this for her for years—from finding out. Which means falling for her cute surfer-slash-math tutor, Ryan, definitely won't work. And neither will breaking her mother's ban on baking—her parents didn't leave Cuba so she could bake just like them. But some recipes are begging to be tampered with...

When the First Annual Bake Off comes to town, Rubi's passion for baking goes from subtle simmer to full boil. Add to the mix her crush on Ryan may be turning into a full-fledged relationship and Rubi's life is suddenly so different from what it was. She's not sure if she has what it takes to win the Bake Off, or where the relationship with Ryan is going, but there's only one way to find out—even if it means going against her parents' priorities.

Now Rubi must differentiate between the responsibility of unfulfilled dreams she holds and finding the path she's meant for. A joyful novel of first romance, new possibilities, and the chance to define yourself, *Rubi Ramos's Recipe for Success* will find its way into your heart.

**"[A] thoughtful, joyful coming-of-age story...beautifully written and brimming with love and acceptance." - Kirkus**

**"An earnest, charming coming-of-age story that will come for your heart and your appetite." —New York Times bestselling author Emma Lord**



## THE JASAD HEIR

Sara Hashem

**Publisher:** Macmillan, Orbit

**Age Range/Genre:** Adult Romantic Fantasy

**Pub Date:** July 18, 2023

**Details:** World English, two book deal

**Foreign rights sold:** Germany (Piper), Ukraine (Family Leisure Club), Turkey (Olimpos), France (City Editions), Italy (Il Castoro), Russia (AST)

A fugitive queen strikes a bargain with her greatest enemy that could resurrect her scorched kingdom or leave it in ashes forever in this unmissable Egyptian-inspired epic fantasy debut.

Ten years ago, the kingdom of Jasad burned. Its magic was outlawed. Its royal family murdered. At least, that's what Sylvia wants people to believe. The Heir of Jasad escaped the massacre, and she intends to stay hidden, especially from the armies of Nizahl that continue to hunt her people.

But a moment of anger changes everything. When Arin, the Nizahl Heir, tracks a group of Jasadi rebels to her village, Sylvia accidentally reveals her magic—and captures his attention. Now Sylvia's forced to make a deal with her greatest enemy: Help him hunt the rebels in exchange for her life.

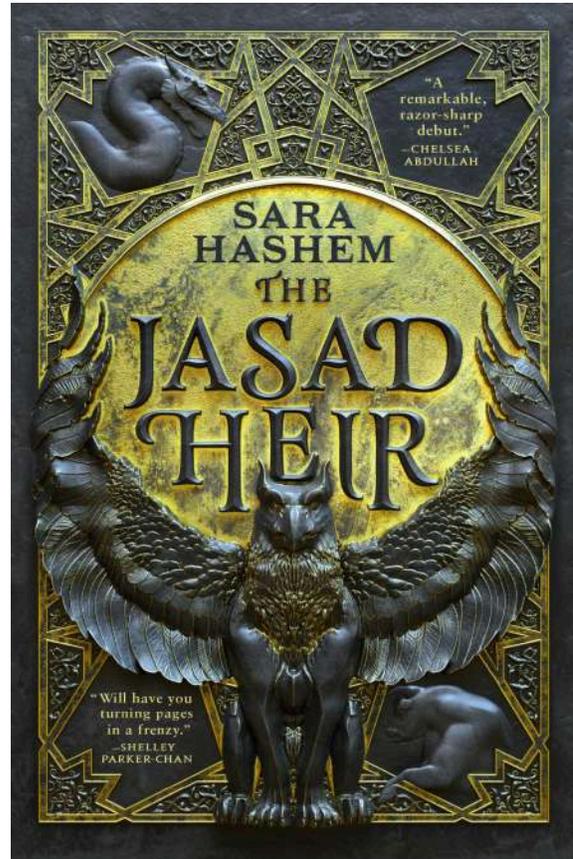
A deadly game begins. Sylvia can't let Arin discover her identity, even as hatred shifts into something more between the Heirs. And as the tides change around her, Sylvia will have to choose between the life she wants and the one she abandoned.

*The scorched kingdom is rising, and it needs a queen.*

**"A remarkable, razor-sharp debut that cuts straight to the heart."** —Chelsea Abdullah, author of *The Stardust Thief*

**"Hashem weaves a complex tapestry of magic, danger, and violence set against some vividly atmospheric worldbuilding in her mesmerizing debut."** —*Publishers Weekly*

**"The type of mythological and romantic tale you would bargain your last breath for... A book that coils you into its serpentine grasp."** —*Observer*



## SIR CALLIE AND THE CHAMPIONS OF HELSTON

Esme Symes-Smith

**Publisher:** Penguin Random House, Labyrinth Books

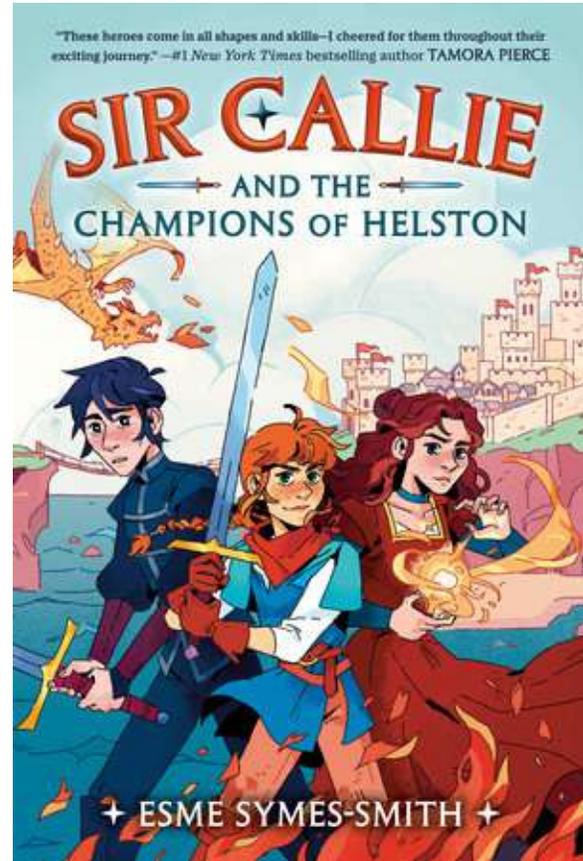
**Age Range/Genre:** MG Fantasy Action & Adventure

**Pub Date:** August 8, 2023

**Details:** World English, four-book deal

In a magical medieval world filled with dragons, shape-shifters, and witches, a twelve-year-old nonbinary hopeful knight battles for the heart of their kingdom. A thrilling middle-grade series opener that explores identity and gender amid sword fights and magic, and proves anyone can be a hero.

When their ex-hero dad is summoned back to the royal capital of Helston to train a hopeless crown prince, Callie lunges at the opportunity to finally prove themselves worthy to the kingdom's "great and powerful."



Except the intolerant great and powerful look at nonbinary Callie and only see *girl*. But Callie has always known exactly what they want to be, and they're not about to let anything stand in their way.

Trapped in Helston's rigid hierarchy where girls learn magic and boys train as knights, Callie discovers they aren't alone—there's Elowen, the chancellor's brilliant daughter, whose unparalleled power is being stifled; Edwyn, Elowen's twin brother desperate to win his father's approval; and Willow, the crown prince who was never meant to be king.

In this start to an epic series packed with action, humor, and heart, Callie and their new friends quickly find themselves embedded in an ancient war—and their only hope to defeat the threats outside the kingdom lies in first defeating the bigotry within.

★ **"Tenacious, vulnerable, and gritty, Sir Callie is a hero that belongs on every library shelf. The writing is empowering, expertly creating an inclusive tale that affirms everyone's right to define themselves....A must-have for every library. This is an important book that will capture every reader's heart and imagination."** —*School Library Journal*, starred review

★ "In this uplifting debut, Symes-Smith skillfully crafts an emotionally rich adventure starring an intersectionality inclusive cast of courageous characters." —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

★ "A can't-miss, one-of-a-kind (for now!) page-turner, bursting with heart as it beautifully reorients classic fantasy tropes to center on queer kids (and grown-ups) and their struggles and triumphs. Among the best of the year—and a debut, no less." —*Booklist*, starred review

"Everything you could possibly want from a middle grade fantasy....A love letter to found family, inclusivity and magical fairy tales [and] above all, a tale of finding your place in the world—and helping others claim theirs. Fierce, sharp-witted and unapologetically queer." —*The Nerd Daily*

"Sir Callie and the Champions of Helston is fierce; transmuting beloved classic fairy-tale elements with the fiery conviction that every person deserves an authentic expression of self. Symes-Smith has forged a razor-sharp story of bravery, emotional resilience, deep honor, and adventure!" —Ash Van Otterloo, author of *Cattywampus*

"This warm hug of a book is a love letter to classic fantasy novels and a joyous celebration of found families, finding your place, and making your way in the world on your terms (and with your chosen pronouns). It's thoughtful, inclusive, and an absolute joy." — Jamie Pacton, author of *The Life and (Medieval) Times of Kit Sweetly* and *Lucky Girl*

"A groundbreaking, magical story about fighting for who you are, Symes-Smith's debut paves the way for nonbinary characters to shine in their own adventures. Callie is a character every middle grade reader deserves to have on their shelves." — Nicole Melleby, author of *Hurricane Season*, *In the Role of Brie Hutchens*, and *How to Become a Planet*

"[A] nuanced exploration of identity rarely seen in tales about brave knights and fearsome dragons. Symes-Smith has created a groundbreaking story with engaging, unforgettable characters, whose personal journeys will mean the world to so many young readers." — A. J. Sass, author of *Ana on the Edge* and *Ellen Outside the Lines*

"[A] debut that balances lush prose with all-too relatable characters... Sir Callie is the hero I needed while growing up, and I am so grateful this story exists for kids today." —H.E Edgmon, Author of *The Witch King*

"Fierce, heartfelt and determined....Callie and their friends refuse to give up or stop questioning the discrimination within their society." —*Kirkus*

## SIR CALLIE AND THE DRAGON'S ROOST

Esme Symes-Smith

**Publisher:** Penguin Random House, Labyrinth Books

**Age Range/Genre:** MG Fantasy Action & Adventure

**Pub Date:** November 7, 2023

**Details:** World English, four-book deal

The battle is won, but the war is far from over. In this thrilling sequel, a twelve-year-old nonbinary hopeful knight fights for the heart of their kingdom in a magical medieval world filled with dragons, shape-shifters, and witches.

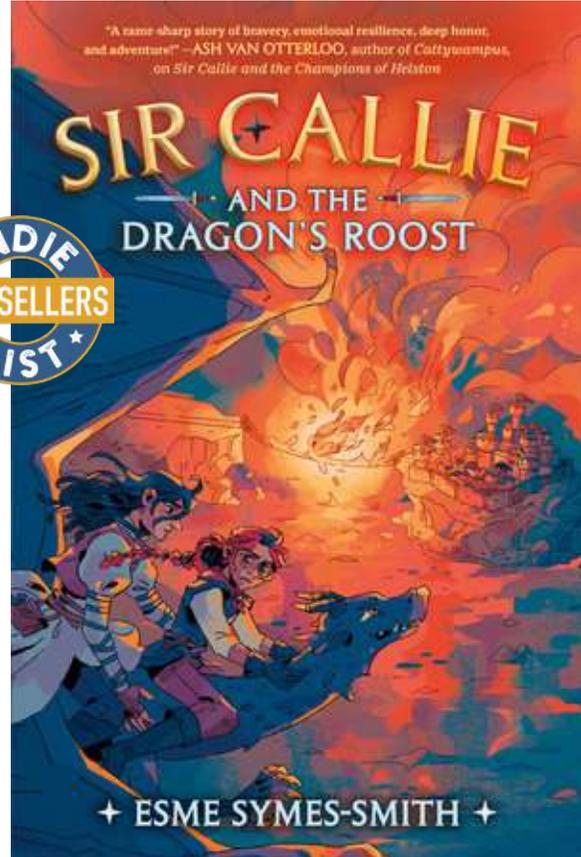
Thanks to Callie and their friends, Helston seems to be changing for the better: Boys are allowed to explore their magic, and girls are permitted to train as warriors. Callie is an official Helston page, Willow is on track to become king, and Elowen and Edwyn are finally safe and free of their father. Everything is...perfect.

Except it isn't.

Not in Helston, where every step forward is accompanied by a storm of opposition. Even Queen Ewella and Sir Nick are struggling against the wave of fear and anti-magical sentiment growing daily, while the encroaching threat from across the bridge looms.

Callie isn't foolish; they notice the suspicious glances thrown Neal's way and hear the doubtful murmurs following Willow. They know what people think about them, too. Tolerance is not the same as acceptance, and when the fragile peace finally shatters, Callie and their friends have no choice but to leave their home and run.

On the other side of the bridge, old secrets are revealed and new allegiances are formed that will throw into question everything Callie thought they knew about their world. Including what it means to be a hero.



## EXTINCTION (WHISPERING PINES #4)

Heidi Lang and Kati Bartowski

**Publisher:** Simon & Schuster; Margaret K. McElderry

**Age Range/Genre:** Middle Grade Fantasy

**Pub Date:** September 12, 2023

**Details:** North American, four-book deal (optioned for film)

In this spine-tingling final book in the Whispering Pines middle grade series that's *Stranger Things* meets *The X-Files*, Caden searches for a way to destroy the creatures from the Other Place for good while Rae tries to free her father from the sinister Green On!.

After more than a year of searching, Rae finally has a lead on her missing father: he's being kept prisoner by the shady alternative energy company, Green On!. Now all she has to do is rescue him—even though that means battling her way through the alien-infested Watchful Woods to reach him. But her father isn't the only secret they have locked up, and if Rae wants to free him, she'll first have to make a deal with someone who has betrayed her in the past.

With the Other Place gone and all the aliens sealed within the Watchful Woods, Caden believes his family's worries are over at last—until he discovers that the magical seal keeping the creatures contained is near collapse. If they manage to escape the woods, there will be no stopping them from ravaging the town and the world beyond. Caden only has one choice: he must find a way to destroy the creatures once and for all. Even if it means destroying everything in the woods. Including his friends.

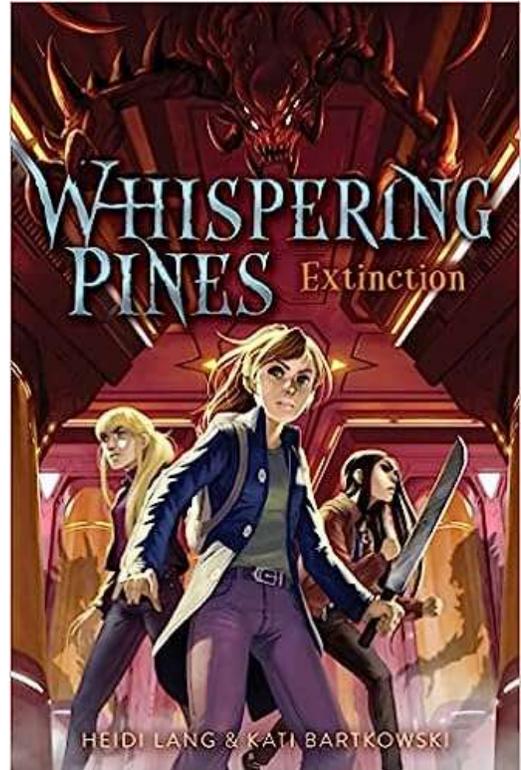
With the fate of Whispering Pines hanging by a thread, it's a desperate race against the clock as Rae and Caden fight to save the people they love—and the strange, wonderful town they call home.

★“A thrilling novel perfect for fans of *Stranger Things* and stories filled with mystery and suspense.”

– *Booklist*, starred review

“Perfect for reading under a blanket with a flashlight.” – *Kirkus*

“Like ‘Goosebumps,’ but for an older audience, this book seems custom made for kids who like a good scare.” – *School Library Journal*



## SHAD HADID & THE FORBIDDEN ALCHEMIES

George Jreije

**Publisher:** HarperCollins Children's

**Age Range/Genre:** MG Fantasy

**Pub Date:** October 17, 2023

**Details:** World English, three-book deal, sold at six-figures

George Jreije delivers another thrilling and action-packed middle grade fantasy adventure in this sequel to *Shad Hadid and the Alchemists of Alexandria*.

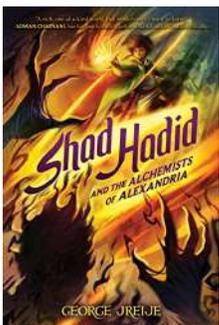
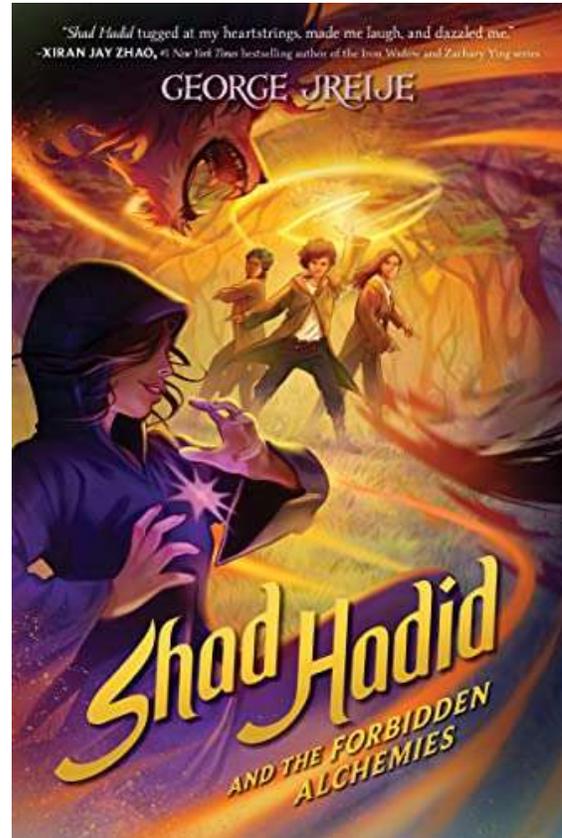
After defeating the necromancers and bringing alchemy back to the Alexandria Academy, Shad Hadid is ready for an exciting second term at school. It doesn't hurt that he's being called a hero, but the new lessons are harder than he expected and his mentor, Kahem, is nowhere to be found.

When Shad intercepts a letter from an informant with a possible clue for thwarting the necromancers' evil plans once and for all, he's determined to help. Joined by his friends, Shad embarks on a perilous journey across Lebanon to track down this secretive stranger.

But shadowy forces lurk around every corner, eager to take revenge on the Alexandria Academy's young heroes—and not everyone is as they seem. Unable to tell who they can trust, will Shad and his friends be able to find what they seek and save their school?

### ***PRAISE FOR SHAD HADID & THE ALCHEMISTS OF ALEXANDRIA***

**“Shad Hadid and the Alchemists of Alexandria is a heart-warming, mouth-watering tale packed to the brim with humor, action, and culinary delights. Alchemizing the magic school trope with traditional Lebanese culture, author George Jreije creates a rich one-of-a-kind world that readers won't want to leave. Like a delicious home-cooked meal, this book is straight from the heart, a touching tale about family and friendship that is sure to resonate with children and parents alike.”** — Soman Chainani, author of *The School for Good and Evil*



**A heartfelt adventure rooted deeply in culture, Shad Hadid tugged at my heartstrings, made me laugh, and dazzled me with the ultra cool magic-science of alchemy!”** — Xiran Jay Zhao, #1 NYT Bestselling Author of the Iron Widow and Zachary Ying series

# **2024 TITLES**

## THE LONGEST AUTUMN

Amy Avery

**Publisher:** Macmillan, Flatiron

**Age Range/Genre:** Adult Fantasy

**Pub Date:** January 16, 2024

**Details:** North American deal

**Foreign rights sold:** UK (Rebellion), France (DeSaxus)

For fans of *Ariadne*, a spellbinding debut fantasy about a human who gets trapped with the god of Autumn, who brings with him life-threatening danger and a forbidden romance.

Under the right circumstances, would even a god fall?

Tirne is one of four humans rigorously selected to usher the turn of the seasons into the mortal world. Every year, she escorts the taciturn god Autumn between the godly and human realms. Autumn's seasonal stay among mortals brings cooler weather, changing leaves, and the harvest of apples and gourds until Winter takes his place.

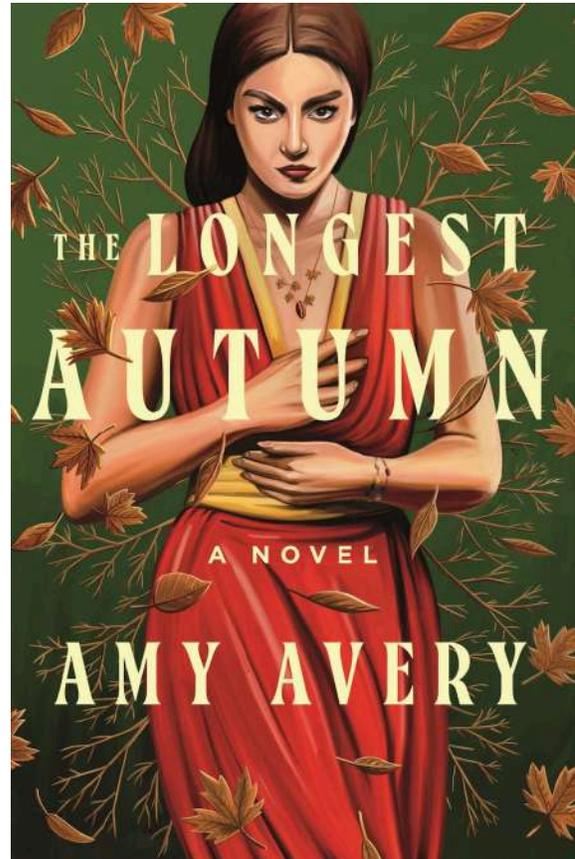
This year, the enchanted Mirror that separates their worlds shatters after Tirne and Autumn pass through, trapping both of them in the human realm. As the endless autumn stretches on, crops begin to fail and the threat of starvation looms. Away from the magic of the gods' home, Tirne's debilitating headaches return with a vengeance. Worse, Autumn's extended stay in the human realm turns him ever more mortal and vulnerable, stirring a new, forbidden attraction to Tirne.

While the priesthood scrambles to find a way to reassemble the Mirror, Tirne digs into the temple's secrets and finds an unlikely ally—or enemy—in the enigmatic sorcerer and master of poisons, Sidriel. Thrown into a world of mystery, betrayal, and espionage as she searches for the truth, might Tirne lose her morals, her hard-earned position, and the illicit spark between her and Autumn?

**A Gizmodo Highly Anticipated SFF Book!**

**Most Anticipated 2024 Debut** – *Geek Girl Authority and The Nerd Daily*

**"[T]he mystery is compelling and Tirne's world is richly drawn. A whodunit in fantasy form makes for a complex, original tale."** —*Kirkus Reviews*



**"The Longest Autumn is an absorbing and immersive novel set in a beautifully crafted fantasy world: rich in myth and magic, and woven with intrigue and passion."** —Jennifer Saint, internationally bestselling author of *Ariadne*, *Elektra*, and *Atalanta*

**"Intricately plotted, atmospheric, and propulsive. Avery deftly weaves a web of complicated characters—both gods and mortals, all painfully human—tangled in a complex mystery which keeps you unsure who to trust until the last page."** —Genoveva Dimova, author of *Foul Days*

**"An utterly beautiful and unique fantasy debut! I was engrossed immediately in the fascinating and complex world... Tirne is such a fantastic character—inherently relatable in her desperation to hold onto her position as Herald, against all odds and at all costs, and her relationships with Autumn and Sidriel were deeply touching in their own ways."** —Christy Healy, author of *Unbound*

**"[M]any fantasy readers will enjoy the satisfying personification of the seasons and their heralds, the blossoming romances and attractions, and the slow unspooling of the mystery of the shattered portal."**  
—*Booklist*

**"Where Avery really excels is world building, which is original throughout... The Longest Autumn will appeal to fans of Jennifer Saint's *Elektra* or fantasy readers looking for something quiet and character-driven."** - *BookPage*

**"... a spellbinding debut."** - *The Nerd Daily*

## ANIMAL CLIMATE HEROES

Alison Pearce Stevens

**Publisher:** Macmillan, Godwin Books

**Age Range/Genre:** Middle Grade Nonfiction

**Pub Date:** March 5, 2024

**Details:** World English deal, sold at auction

In our left corner we have the meanest villain that's ever existed. Responsible for rising seas and loss of biodiversity, it's climate change ready to wreak havoc on the Earth. But in our right corner? We have four superheroes ready to save the day!

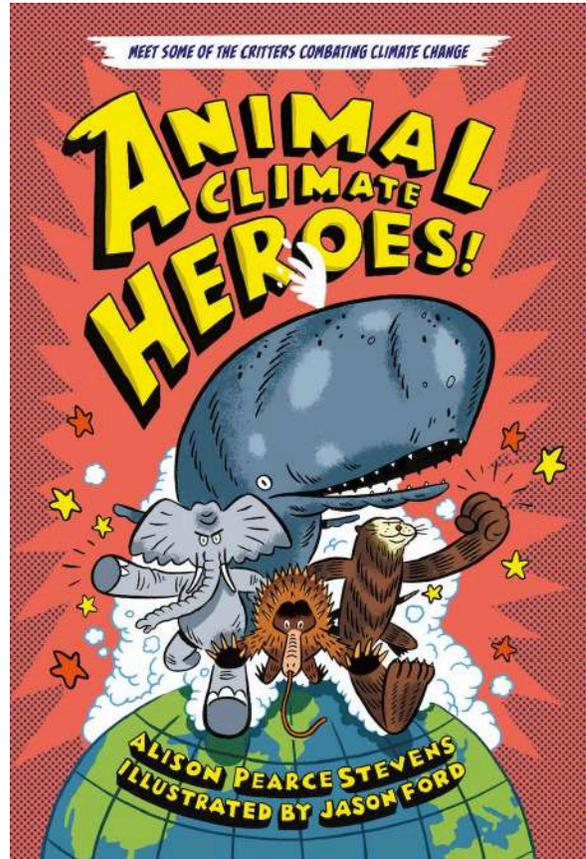
Forest elephants protect our forests by trampling trees.

Whales boost ocean health with their massive poo-nados.

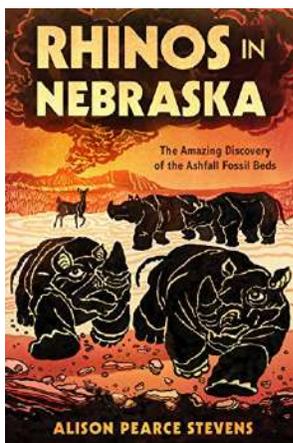
Sea otters defend kelp forests from purple invaders.

And echidnas bury tons of soil to stop climate change.

But we can't leave them in this fight alone. We need to protect our heroes who, in return, defend our planet. Get ready to learn all about these four legged, and two-flipperred, creatures and how YOU can be a climate hero too!



## *PRAISE FOR RHINOS IN NEBRASKA*



*Engaging science content for older readers who love paleontology. - School Library Journal*

## THE QUINCE PROJECT

Jessica Parra

**Publisher:** Macmillan, Wednesday Books

**Age Range/Genre:** Young Adult Contemporary

**Pub Date:** May 28, 2024

**Details:** North American, two-book deal, sold at six-figure auction

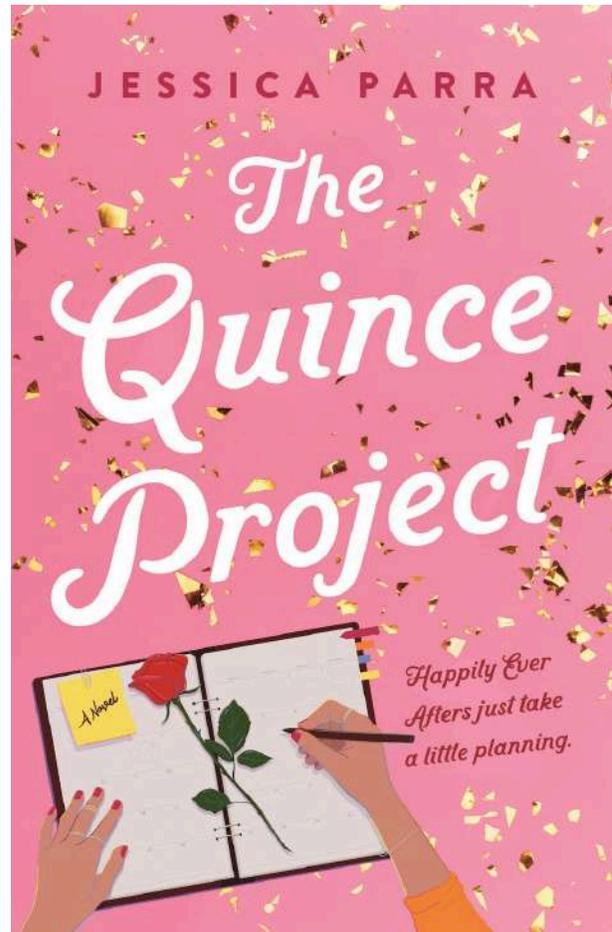
Castillo Torres, Student Body Association event chair and serial planner, could use a fairy godmother. After a disastrous mishap at her sister's quinceañera, all of Cas's plans are crumbling. So when a local lifestyle-guru-slash-party-planner opens up applications for the internship of her dreams, Cas sees it as the perfect opportunity to learn every trick in the book so that things never go wrong again.

The only catch is that she needs more party planning experience before she can apply. When she books a quinceañera for a teen Disneyland vlogger, Cas thinks her plan is taking off...until she finds that real life is more complicated than a fairy tale. Cas soon discovers that the party is just a publicity stunt, and she catches feelings for the chambelán. It's clear that her agenda is about to go way off-script.

But maybe Happily Ever Afters aren't just for the movies. Can Cas go from planner to participant in her own life? Or will this would-be princess turn into a pumpkin at the end of the ball?

**"A spectacularly moving nerdy romp full of heart, *The Quince Project* reads like a warm hug to geeks everywhere. I've joined a new fandom, and it's Jessica Parra."** - Eric Smith, author of *Don't Read the Comments* and *With Or Without You*

**"*The Quince Project* is the perfect read for anyone who believes in fairy tales! With laughter, lists, and lots of spectacular Disney references, Jessica Parra shows that even if there are serious bumps along the way, you get to shape your Happily Ever After."** - Jason June, New York Times best-selling author of *Out of the Blue*



**"Jessica Parra perfectly weaves vivid imagery and fiercely authentic characters to create a story that is as magical as it is real, hilarious as it is heartfelt, and irreverent as it is deeply meaningful. As with *Rubi Ramos's Recipe For Success*, *The Quince Project* masterfully and insightfully highlights the importance of family, heritage, and culture with wit, nuance, and charm!"** - James Ramos, author of *The Wrong Kind of Weird* and *Daniel, Deconstructed*

**"A fun, quirky story touching on perfectionism, grief, and searching for a happily ever after in the real world, *The Quince Project* reminds readers that the magic of love is always with us and never completely out of reach."** -Racquel Marie, author of *OPHELIA AFTER ALL* and *YOU DON'T HAVE A SHOT*

**"I adored this quirky and delightful teenage romp. I loved reading Cas's journey and was charmed by her tenaciousness and heart. A coming of age story with valuable lessons, strong friendships, and a full serving of swoony romance to boot. *The Quince Project* is a delight."** -Adriana Herrera, USA Today bestselling author of *An Island Princess Starts a Scandal*

## **IN REPAIR**

A.L. Graziadei

**Publisher:** Macmillan, Godwin Books

**Age Range/Genre:** Young Adult Contemporary

**Pub Date:** May 14, 2024

**Details:** World English

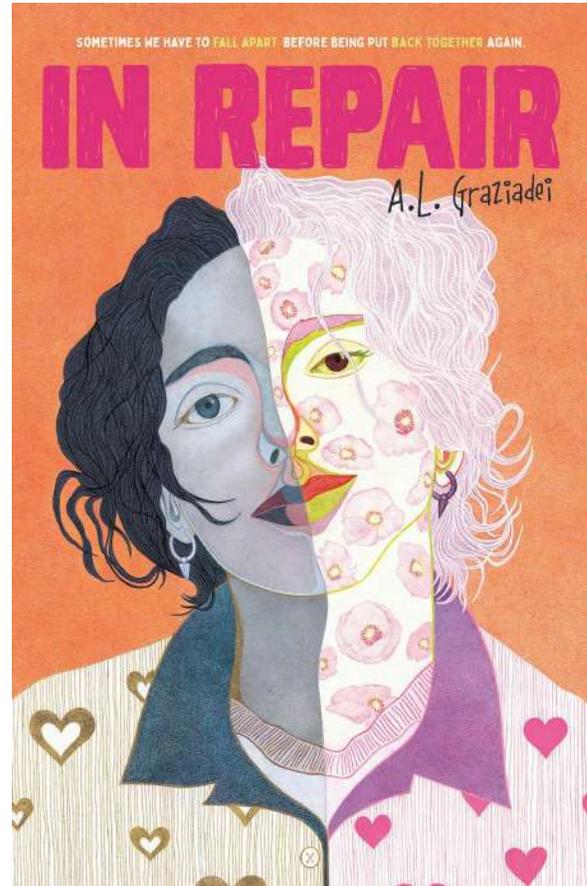
Nathaniel Conti doesn't feel real when he's alone. Maybe that's why he has a reputation as a troublemaker—he'll do just about anything to have everyone's eyes on him.

But things are about to change. Nathaniel is in his first year of college, flung into new circumstances with new people to meet. There are public speaking classmates, lacrosse players—and then there's the aspiring photographer who asks Nathaniel to be their model, who's interested in more than what's on the surface. Nathaniel feels like he's moving forward—until a former friend shows up, someone who reminds him of habits and hurts he thought he'd left behind.

From the author of *Icebreaker* comes a deeply felt, gorgeously told story about confronting what's buried, coming into your own, and finding your people.

### **PRAISE FOR IN REPAIR**

**The sharp, fluid prose propels readers further into Nathaniel's complex frame of mind as the story is uplifted by its touching characters. - *Kirkus***



## THE WORD

Mary G. Thompson

**Publisher:** Page Street Books

**Age Range/Genre:** Young Adult Novel

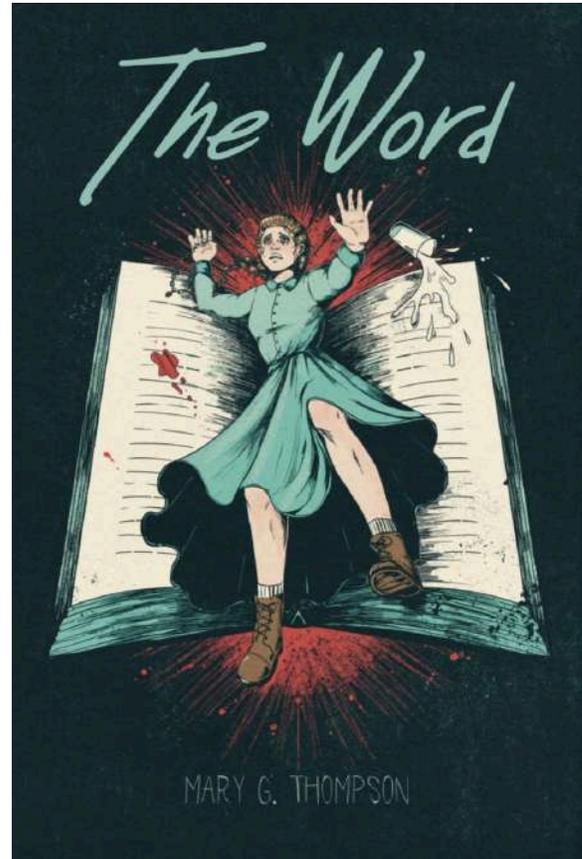
**Pub Date:** May 21, 2024

**Details:** World English deal

After her parents split up, seven-year-old Lisa's father convinces her to leave out the window in the middle of the night. After all, according to their religion, she belongs to him, and it is her duty to obey him. Ever the dutiful daughter, at least on the outside, and confused about the sinful changes in her mother (she's cut her hair, there's a new man around, she's had a baby with him), Lisa complies.

She spends the next nine years on the run before the police finally catch up with her father, and she is returned to a mother who is "dead" in the eyes of their religion. But her father always had a plan for when the law came and took what was his—a plan that was set in motion the moment the police arrived at their home.

Now Lisa must make a follow the plan and go home again with the hope that she'll see her brother and father again, or risk everything to figure out what life could be when she makes her own choices.



## THE MISTRESS OF LIES

K.M. Enright

**Publisher:** Hachette Book Group; Orbit & Orbit UK

**Age Range/Genre:** Queer Adult Romantic Fantasy

**Pub Date:** June 20, 2024

**Details:** World English deal

**Foreign rights sold:** Spain (Hydra)

The daughter of a powerful but disgraced Blood Worker, Shan LeClaire has spent her entire life perfecting her blood magic, building her network of spies, and gathering every scrap of power she could. Now, to protect her brother, she assassinates their father and takes her place at the head of the family. And that is only the start of her revenge.

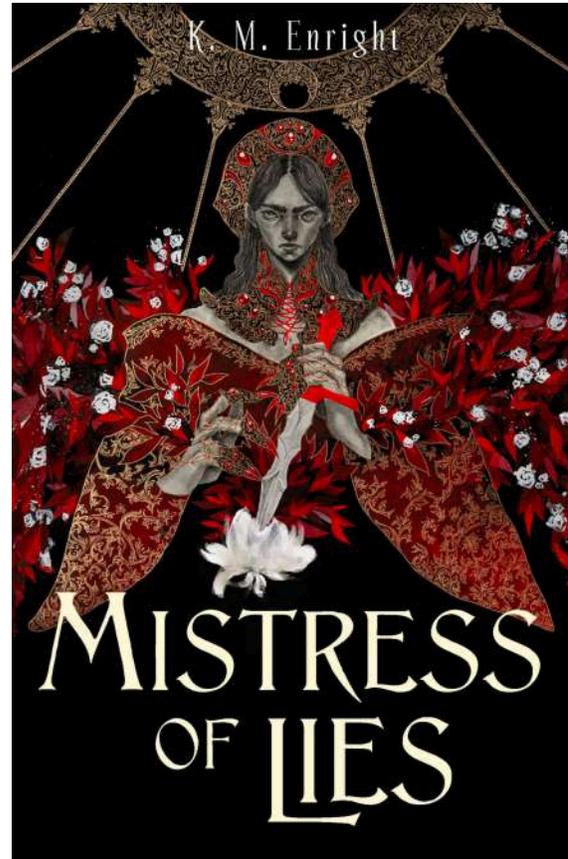
Samuel Hutchinson is a bastard with a terrible gift. When he stumbles upon the first victim of a magical serial killer, he's drawn into the world of magic and intrigue he's worked so hard to avoid – and is pulled deeply into the ravenous and bloodthirsty court of the vampire king.

Tasked by the Eternal King to discover the identity of the killer cutting a bloody swath through the city, Samuel, Shan and mysterious Royal Bloodworker Isaac find themselves growing ever closer to each other. But Shan's plans are treacherous, and as she lures Samuel into her complicated web of desire, treason and vengeance, he must decide if the good of their nation is worth the cost of his soul.

**“A stunning tale ripe with political scheming, fascinating magic, and deliciously complicated characters you can't help but root for. A decadent story that won't let you go.”** -- Sara Hashem, author of *The Jasad Heir*

**“Glittering darkly with facets of magic, romance, and deep lore, K. M. Enright's *Mistress of Lies* is a seductive and blood-soaked jewel of a debut.”** - Lyra Selene, author of *A Feather So Black*

**“*Mistress of Lies* is dark, sexy, and twisty, the plot as winding and eerie as the streets of Aeravin itself. With compelling characters and a fresh take on blood magic, this book will seize you by the throat and hold your attention to the very end”** – Andrea Stewart, author of *Bone Shard Daughter*



## THE WEST PASSAGE

Jared Pechacek

**Publisher:** Macmillan, Tor.com

**Age Range/Genre:** Medieval Adult Fantasy

**Pub Date:** July 16, 2024

**Details:** North American Deal

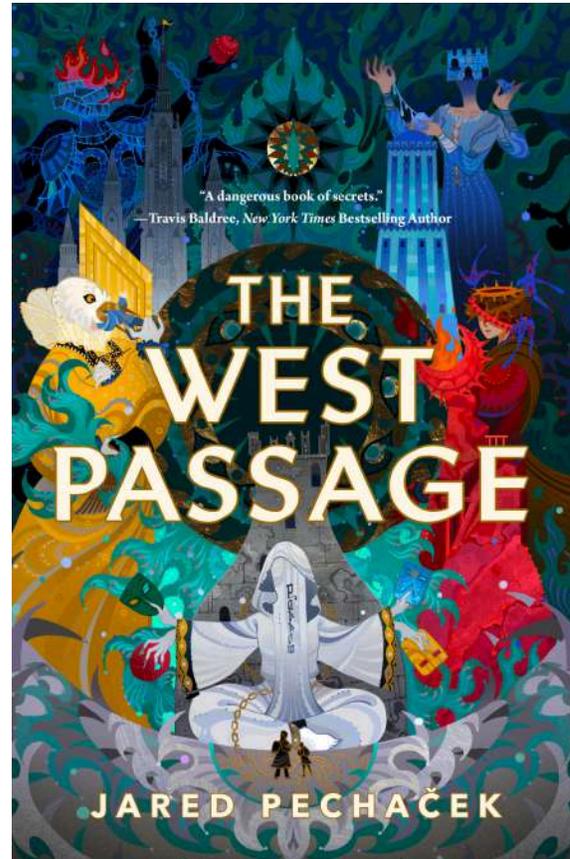
A palace the size of a city, ruled by giant Ladies of unknowable, eldritch origin. A land left to slow decay, drowning in the debris of generations and bound by rituals long-since obsolete. Tordotcom Publishing is proud to announce that all this and more awaits you within *The West Passage* by Jared Pechaček, a delightfully mysterious and intriguingly weird medieval fantasy unlike anything you've read before.

When the Guardian of the West Passage died in her bed, the women of Grey Tower fed her to the crows and went back to their chores. No successor was named as Guardian, no one took up the fallen blade; the West Passage went unguarded.

Now, snow blankets Grey in the height of summer. Rats erupt from beneath the earth, fleeing that which comes. Crops fail. Hunger looms. And none stand ready to face the Beast, stirring beneath the poisoned soil.

The fate of all who live in the palace hangs on narrow shoulders. The too-young Mother of Grey House sets out to fix the seasons. The unnamed apprentice of the deceased Grey Guardian goes to warn Black Tower. Both their paths cross the West Passage, the ancient byway of the Beast. On their journeys they will meet schoolteachers and beekeepers, miracles and monsters, and very, very big Ladies. None can say if they'll reach their destinations, but one thing is for sure: the world is about to change.

*"The West Passage is a dangerous book of secrets. It is the singular agony of a delicious dream half-recalled. Its shadows are colonized with the gorgeous, the grotesque, and the forgotten — and now you are a vital link in their remembrance."* —Travis Baldree, New York Times bestselling author of *Legends & Lattes*



**“A weird and wonderful tale, rich with imagination and utterly unique; Pechaček has crafted a literary gem of a novel.”** —Sunyi Dean, author of *The Book Eaters*

**“Emotionally tender, thematically rich, and creatively stunning, *The West Passage* is a singular achievement in fantasy writing.”** —J.T. Greathouse, author of the *Pact and Pattern* series

**“This is one of the finest fantasies of this decade, a sweeping storm of fiercely human creativity to drown the pallid temptations of our era's algorithmic storytelling.”** —Indrapramit Das, author of *The Devourers*

**“Underneath *The West Passage's* pretty exterior is an utterly strange and alien landscape that is captivating, capricious, and full of dark places. Endlessly fascinating, beautifully written, and sublimely weird.”** —Jenn Lyons, author of the *Chorus of Dragons* series

**“A deep and meditative fantasy that fans of the weird and wild will thoroughly enjoy.”** —R.R. Viridi, author of *The First Binding*

## SIR CALLIE AND THE WITCH'S WAR

Esme Symes-Smith

**Publisher:** Penguin Random House, Labyrinth Books

**Age Range/Genre:** MG Fantasy Action & Adventure

**Pub Date:** October 29, 2024

**Details:** World English, four-book deal

In the third book of this thrilling fantasy series a twelve-year-old nonbinary knight-in-training, a reluctant crown prince, a fierce young witch, and her troubled twin brother fight for the heart of their kingdom in a medieval world of dragons and magic.

Being a hero is nothing like the ballads promised it would be. Scattered across the realm, Callie, Willow, Elowen and Edwyn have learned that when the fate of their world is at stake, choices are hard and the consequences are harder, even when striving for good.



Hunted by both Helston and Dumoor, Callie and Willow flee to the walled city of Fairkeep in a last ditch effort to find allies. Meanwhile, Elowen grapples with a battle between her heart and her ambition at Alis's side as the Witch Queen's new protégé, and Edwyn, desperate to prove himself as brave as his friends, accepts a mission that take him back to the source of his nightmares: Home. Helston.

Faced with the reality of an impossible war, each are forced to confront the very parts of themselves they fear the most, and each must do it alone. But how can the four champions find the truth within a kingdom founded on lies?

# **2025 TITLES**

## WANDERING WILD

Lynette Noni

**Publisher:** Penguin Random House Australia

**Pub Date:** 2025

**Details:** Australian Rights, six-figure deal

**Foreign rights sold:** Australian/New Zealand

Lynette Noni's *Wandering Wild*, a swoony YA contemporary adventure perfect for fans of *Geekerella*, *Starry Eyes*, and *Highly Suspicious and Unfairly Cute* (and the TV shows *Survivor* and *Running Wild with Bear Grylls*!)

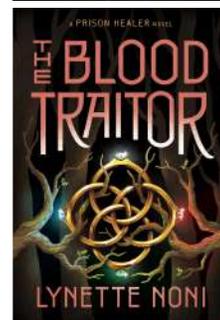
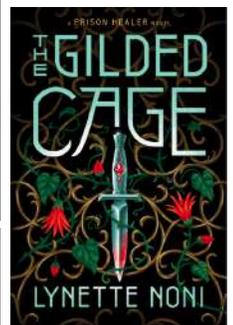
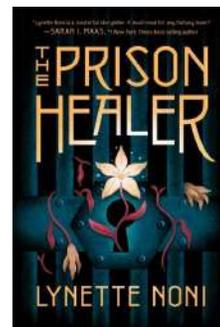
Young Hollywood star Zander Rune was the darling of the acting world until he fell from glory and was labeled a problematic bad boy. A recent stint in rehab has endangered his next role—the opportunity of a lifetime—with the studio threatening to terminate his contract if he doesn't fix his public image, stat.

Charlie Hart is a regular teenage girl who, after suffering a profound tragedy six months ago, despises everything Zander represents. But thanks to her scheming best friend, a social media competition leaves Charlie stuck helping to improve Zander's image by joining him as a "fan" on a four-day reality TV adventure led by renowned survivalist Rykon Hawke.

When their trip goes horribly awry, Charlie and Zander become separated from Hawke and his film crew, leaving them lost in the wilderness. The only way they'll survive is if they put their enmity aside long enough to trust each other. But in order to do so, both will have to let go of the ghosts of their pasts, and just maybe find themselves—and one another—in the process.

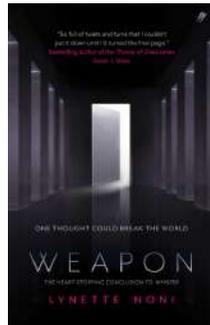
*The Prison Healer* series has sold into the following territories:

- UK – **Hodder & Stoughton**
- Brazil – **Intrinseca** (Editor/Publisher contact: Talitha Perisse)
- Italy – **Sterling & Kupfer** (Editor/Publisher contacts: Paola Confalonieri, Laura Casonato, Grazia Rusticali)
- Croatia – **Znanje** (Editor/Publisher contact: Silvia Sinkovic)
- Hungary – **Maxim, Szeged** (Editor/Publisher contact: Luca Sari)
- Germany – **Loewe Verlag** (Editor/Publisher contact: Cara Berg)
- Russia – **Eksmo, Moscow** (Editor/Publisher contact: Alexey Burov)



- Czech Republic – **Albatros/Fragment** (Editor/Publisher contacts: Romana Bartakova, Jana Olivia)
- Netherlands – **De Boekerij** (Editor/Publisher contact: Roselinde Bouman)
- France – **Hachette Romans** (Editor/Publisher contact: Cecile Terouanne)
- Romania – **Litera Editura** (Editor/Publisher contact: Alexandra Dram)
- Poland – **Media Rodzina** (Editor/Publisher contact: Joanna Nowakowska)
- Turkey – **Alfa Kitap/Artemis Milenyum** (Editor/Publisher contact: Rana Oztarsu)
- Ukraine – **Ranok** (Editor/Publisher contact: Maria Pankratova)
- Spain – **Ediciones Urano** (Editor/Publisher contact: Leonel Teti)

The *Whisper* duology was sold into the following territories:



- Poland – **Grupa Wydawnicza Foksal**
- Germany – **Verlagsgruppe Oetinger**
- Russia (book 1 only) – **Rosman**