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Will You Be My Flower Girl? Activity and Sticker Book

by Lulu Hart, illustrated by Lesley Breen Withrow

A great gift for any flower girl or young wedding guest - a full-color activity and sticker book filled with all of the fun events of a wedding day and more than 300 reusable stickers!

Being a flower girl is a very special job! This activity and sticker book will help flower girls get ready for the big day. What does a flower girl do? What fun will she have before, during, and after the wedding?

Moving through all the wedding events - from invitations, fancy dress-up preparations, flower selection, the ceremony, photos, and through the reception - this activity book has everything a flower girl will need to prepare for her big role at the wedding, and will help entertain her through every moment of the big day!

Inside, find over 300 reusable stickers as well as fun activities such as designing a dress, decorating the cake, matching flowers to bridesmaid dresses, and using stickers to create the bouquets.

Author Bio

Lulu Hart lives in New York City with her family, which includes a wild and sweet daughter and a snuggly dog.

Lesley Breen Withrow is the illustrator of several picture books, including *You're My Boo* by Kate Dopirak and *Bunny Bus* by Ammi-Joan Paquette. Her artwork can also be seen on many products, including stationery collections and children's games, toys, and apps. Lesley lives on beautiful Cape Cod with her family, a couple of crazy cats, and her daughters' large and ever-growing collection of stuffed animals. www.lesleybreenwithrow.com

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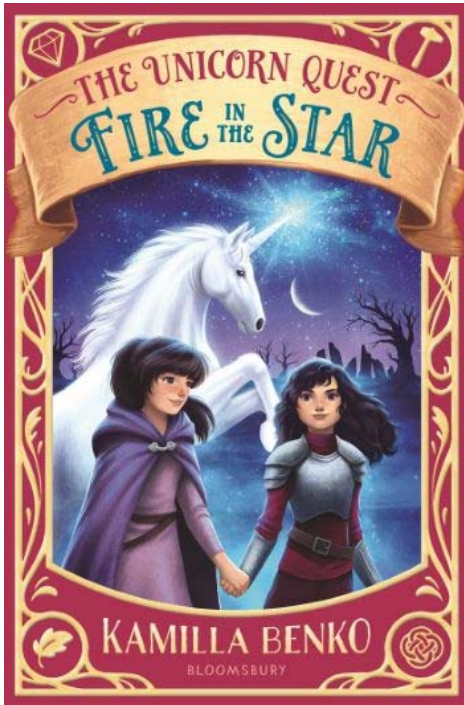
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Series: Unicorn Quest

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B L O O M S B U R Y

Fire in the Star

by Kamilla Benko

After a lifetime of being the younger sister to headstrong Sophie, it's finally Claire's turn to lead. And she'll do anything to keep her big sister safe: resist the wraiths' cold shadows, experiment with new and dangerous magic, become a thief in disguise.

When Claire discovers that "only a queen can defeat a queen," she knows she must steal and reforge the ancient Crown of Arden to stand a chance against Queen Estelle - who will stop at nothing to reclaim her power, even if it means killing the last unicorn. Claire will need every friend she's made to help her as the fate of Arden hangs in the balance . . .

Does Claire have what it takes to ignite the long-buried magic of this world and wake the fire in the stars? Or will the true salvation of Arden rest on one final and heartbreaking sacrifice?

Picking up in the midst of danger that never withdraws, this continuation dives deeper into the mysterious legends that make Arden magical." - *Kirkus Reviews on SECRET IN THE STONE*

"Hand this series to any fantasy adventure lover." - *Booklist on SECRET IN THE STONE*

"Fans of magic and fantasy, especially those who love Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time* . . . [or] Neil Gaiman's *Coraline*, can't miss this debut." - *Booklist, starred review, on THE UNICORN QUEST*

"Hand to readers who love Narnia." - *School Library Journal on THE UNICORN QUEST*

"Rich worldbuilding and high stakes make this a quest worth taking with a protagonist who grows by facing her fears." - *Kirkus Reviews on THE UNICORN QUEST*

"Enter and be transported to a lush land full of intrigue, danger, and thrilling magic! Benko's sharp storytelling will (...)

Author Bio

Kamilla Benko spent most of her childhood climbing into wardrobes, trying to step through mirrors, and plotting to run away to an art museum. Now, she visits other worlds as a children's book author. She currently lives in New York with her bookshelves, teapot, and hiking boots. In addition to the Unicorn Quest trilogy, she is the author of *Forest of Shadows*, a *Frozen II* original tale. www.kamillabenko.com • @kkbenko



B L O O M S B U R Y

AMERICA: My Country 'Tis of Thee by Charly Palmer

An illustrated presentation of the familiar patriotic song, showing a diverse and inclusive tapestry of modern-day American life.

Author Bio

Charly Palmer is a graphic designer, illustrator, and the Coretta Scott King John Steptoe New Talent Award winner for *Mama Africa!* As a child, he was fascinated by Ezra Jack Keats's illustrations for *The Snowy Day*, which inspired Charly's own use of color and geometric shapes. He studied art and design at the American Academy of Art and the School of the Art Institute, both in Chicago.

charlypalmer.com

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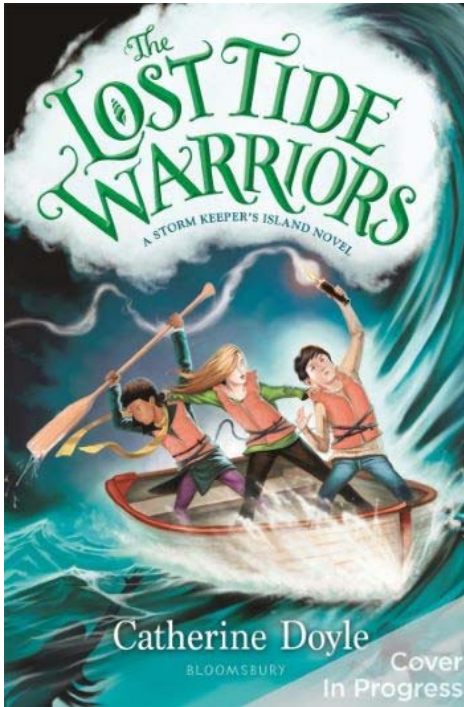
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B L O O M S B U R Y

The Lost Tide Warriors

by Catherine Doyle

There is magic deep within Arranmore Island, and Fionn Boyle is discovering how much it's woven its way through generations of his family's history. But Arranmore is in trouble; illness has swept across the land, giving rise to widespread fear and suspicion. Fionn wants to help, but the Storm Keeper magic passed down from his grandfather seems to have deserted him. When evil sorceress Morrigan's soul stalkers return, Fionn must find a way to protect the island. But how can he call upon a vast number of ferocious sea creatures without any magic or the faintest idea of where to look for them? The race to save Arranmore has begun.

This gorgeously written, magical tale of family, bravery, and self-discovery is perfect for fans of Orphan Island and A Snicker of Magic.

Author Bio

Catherine Doyle grew up beside the Atlantic Ocean in the west of Ireland. Her love of reading began with great Irish myths and legends, and fostered in her an ambition to one day write her own. The Storm Keeper's Island is her debut middle-grade novel and was inspired by her real-life ancestral home of Arranmore Island (where her grandparents grew up), and the adventures of her many sea-faring ancestors. catherinedoylebooks.com • [@doyle_cat](https://twitter.com/doyle_cat)

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Series: Storm Keeper's Island

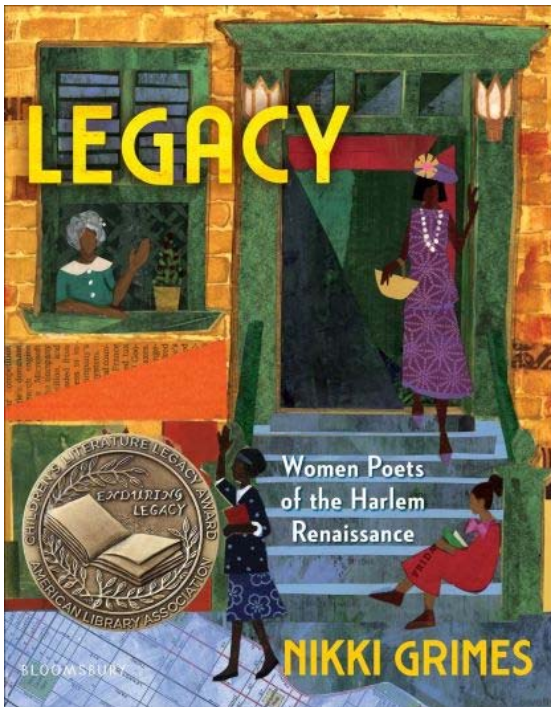
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B L O O M S B U R Y

Legacy: Women Poets of the Harlem Renaissance

by Nikki Grimes

For centuries, accomplished women have fallen out of historical records. The same is true for gifted women poets of the Harlem Renaissance.

In this poetry collection, bestselling and Children's Literature Legacy Award–winning author Nikki Grimes uses "The Golden Shovel" method to create wholly original poems based on the works of these groundbreaking women. With powerful language and rich imagery, this collection shows readers of all ages the struggles and victories, the pain and joy experienced by women across generations.

Each poem is paired with unique art from African-American women illustrators to create a thought-provoking book with timely themes for today's readers.

A foreword, author's note, poet biographies, and index makes this a wonderful resource and a book to cherish.

"One Last Word is the work of a master poet." - Kwame Alexander, Newbery Medal-winning author of THE CROSSOVER, on ONE LAST WORD

"Gorgeous." - The New York Times Book Review on ONE LAST WORD

"Timely and thought-provoking." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review, on ONE LAST WORD

"Grimes powerfully transposes the original poems' themes of racial bias, hidden inner selves, beauty, and pride into the here and now." - Publishers Weekly, starred review, on ONE LAST WORD

"Innovative and powerful . . . a beautiful new homage to the Harlem Renaissance but also a moving reflection on the African American experience and the resilience of the human spirit." - School Library Journal, starred review, on ONE LAST WORD

"Between the covers of this compact volume lies artistic, literary, sociocultural, and curricular gold . . . Mothers and elders exhort and reflect while young boys and girls plead and dream, reimagining the (...)

Author Bio

Nikki Grimes is a New York Times bestselling author and the recipient of the Children's Literature Legacy Award, the Virginia Hamilton Literary Award, and the NCTE Award for Excellence in Poetry for Children. Her distinguished works include the NAACP Image Award nominee Planet Middle School; Coretta Scott King Award winner Bronx Masquerade; Coretta Scott King



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American • Ages 10 to 14

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B L O O M S B U R Y

Reckless, Glorious, Girl

by Ellen Hagan

Beatrice Miller adores her mom and mamaw, the family who give her every bit of wisdom and love they have. But the summer before seventh grade, Bea has more questions than they can answer as she wants more than she has, aches for what she can't have, and wonders what the future will bring.

This novel in verse follows Bea through the ups and downs of seventh grade friendships, puberty, and identity, as she asks: Who am I? Who will I become? And will my outside ever match the way I feel on the inside?

A gorgeous, inter-generational story of Southern women and a girl's path to growing into her sense of self, *Reckless, Glorious, Girl* is about riding through the ups, downs, wildness of emotions, and blooming in messy and beautiful ways.

A highly needed work for the #MeToo movement. . . . Watson and Hagan do not disappoint in this powerful story of two girls who take a stand against injustice while learning how to navigate a world that seeks to silence them." - *SLJ*, starred review, on *WATCH US RISE*

"A manifesto for budding feminists. . . . An inspiring look at two strong-willed teens growing into even stronger young women ready to use their voices and take on the world." - *Kirkus Reviews*, starred review, on *WATCH US RISE*

"This intersectional, layered novel . . . covers a wide breadth of topics - institutionalized racism, how we undermine young women, feminism in the modern age - with a clear message: Girls are going to come out on top." - *Marie Claire* on *WATCH US RISE*

"This stunning book is the story I've (...)

Author Bio

Ellen Hagan is a writer, performer, and educator. She is the co-author with Renee Watson of *Watch Us Rise*. Her poetry collections include *Hemisphere* and *Crowned*. Her work can be found in *ESPN Magazine*, *She Walks in Beauty*, and *Southern Sin*. Ellen is the Director of the Poetry & Theatre Departments at the DreamYard Project and directs their International Poetry Exchange Program with Japan, South Korea and the Philippines. She co-leads the Alice Hoffman Young Writer's Retreat at Adelphi University. Raised in Kentucky, she now lives in New York City with her family. www.ellenhagan.com • @ellenhagan

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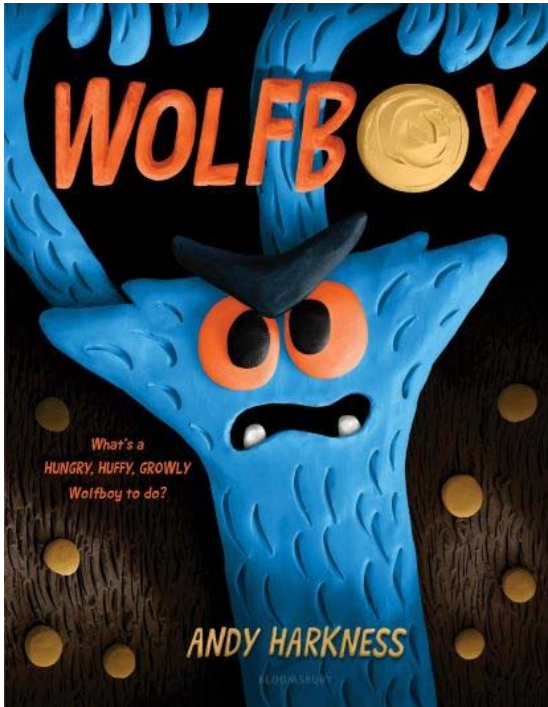
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B L O O M S B U R Y

Wolfboy

by Andy Harkness

Wolfboy is hungry!

He's drooly and growly and fussy!

As he stomps through the forest looking for rabbits, he grows hungrier and growlier by the minute! What will happen if Wolfboy can't find those rabbits? And what will happen if he does?

With bold illustrations and energetic storytelling, Wolfboy perfectly captures the big feelings that come with being very hungry! Engaging for young readers and parents, this funny and fresh picture book is perfect for fans of Grumpy Monkey and The Bad Seed and will be an instant favorite.

Author Bio

Andy Harkness is an award-winning art director who has worked on Moana, Frozen, and Wreck-it-Ralph, among other movies. After twenty-five years at Disney, he recently moved to Sony Pictures Animation. Andy's first book, Bug Zoo, was published by Disney as an Artist Showcase Book in 2016. He lives in California with his family. www.andyharknessart.com • @andyharknessart (Instagram) • @andybugzoo (Twitter)

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B L O O M S B U R Y

The Book of Not Entirely Useful Advice

by A.F. Harrold, illustrated by Mini Grey

From acclaimed writer A.F. Harrold comes a riotous poetry collection--perfect for fans of Shel Silverstein!

Packed with silly rhymes and witty wordplay, A.F. Harrold's poetry is positively bursting with fun - and advice. But it's not always the most useful. . . Never apologize to a door you've walked into, unless it's a really special door. / Don't serve a cat soup when the cat wants jelly. Tomato soup won't fill a feline belly. / Don't put a rock in a roll, unless you hate having teeth. Among the seemingly nonsensical stanzas on onions, sausages, and kilted koalas are exercises in critical thinking - what advice should readers follow, and what should they dismiss? Harrold's short, clever poems work seamlessly alongside Mini Grey's vibrant art to create visual gags that will have readers in stitches. Both silly and poignant, this book is perfect for curious readers, poets, and cabbages everywhere!

Author Bio

A.F. Harrold is an English poet (1975 - present). He writes and performs for adults and children, in cabaret and in schools, in bars and in basements, in fields and indoors. He was Glastonbury Festival Website's Poet-In-Residence in 2008, and Poet-In-Residence at Cheltenham Literature Festival in 2010. He won the Cheltenham All Stars Slam Championship in 2007 and has had his work on BBC Radio 4, Radio 3 and BBC7. He is active in schools work, running workshops and slams and doing performances at ungodly hours of the morning, and has published several collections of poetry. He is the owner of many books, a handful of hats, a few good ideas and one beard.

Mini Grey studied sequential design at Brighton University before launching her first picture book, *Egg Drop*, in 2002. Trained in puppet making, set design, welding and carpentry, Mini's style has an unconventional flare and instantly recognizable quirkiness. Mini has now published thirteen picture books.

www.minigrey-blog.com

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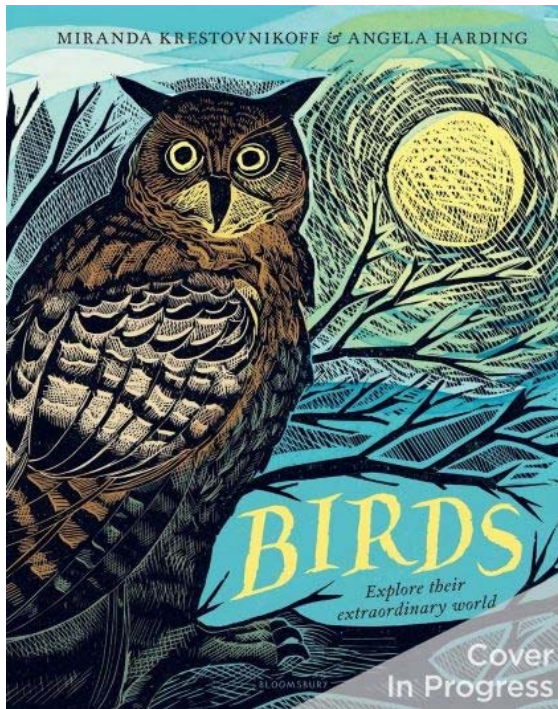
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B L O O M S B U R Y

Birds

Explore Their Extraordinary World

by Miranda Krestovnikoff, illustrated by Angela Harding

A heavily designed and stunning look at the many birds of the sky?perfect for fans of Botanicum.

From the bitter cold polar regions to the lush tropics, birds have found incredible ways to adapt and survive anywhere. White-winged diuca finches nest high upon freezing glaciers and mighty peregrine falcons circle skyscrapers in busy cities. Look up!

Birds can do extraordinary things. The golden eagle spots prey from miles away. You can tell what time of day an owl hunts by looking at the color of its eyes. With its long, muscular legs, the secretary bird has a powerful kick that is enough to kill large prey like snakes and hares.

Discover which bird is the fastest, the smallest, the smartest, the most colorful and more in this nonfiction compendium, complete with descriptions from wildlife expert Miranda Krestovnikoff and stunning linocuts from artist Angela Harding.

Author Bio

Miranda Krestovnikoff has always loved to be outdoors. She studied Zoology at Bristol University and has served as a host for BBC's Coast. She is currently president of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. She is also the author of *The Ocean: Exploring Our Blue Planet*. She lives in Bristol, England. www.mirandak.co.uk/ ? @MirandaKnature

Angela Harding is a fine artist specializing in nature and wildlife screen-prints as well as lino- and vinyl cuts. Her prints appear in a huge range of galleries and have also been featured in *Gardens Illustrated*, *BBC Countryfile* and *Country Living Magazine*. She lives in Rutland, England. www.angelaharding.co.uk

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B L O O M S B U R Y

The Queen Bee and Me

by Gillian McDunn

Meg has always found comfort in her best friend Beatrix's shadow. Self-assured Beatrix is the one who makes decisions, and the girls have been a pair since kindergarten. But middle school has brought some changes in Beatrix, especially when Meg tries to branch out on her own.

A special science elective is Meg's first step away, but when she's paired with quirky new girl Hazel, Meg is taken aback at how mean Beatrix can be - and how difficult it is to stand up to her friend. But as Meg gets to know Hazel while working on their backyard beehive project, she starts to wonder: Is being Beatrix's friend worth turning down the possibility of finding her own voice? This pitch-perfect exploration of middle-school friendship dynamics brims with heart and hope, and will resonate with readers of all ages.

McDunn portrays the intertwined emotional lives of middle-school kids with sensitivity and precision. . . . An insightful story of friendship and change." - *Booklist, starred review*

"Meg's first-person narration is emotive and candid. . . . Refreshingly genuine." - *Kirkus Reviews*

"The dynamics of shifting middle school friendships ring true, and readers will recognize themselves and their friends in Meg's struggle with her loyalty to Beatrix, her budding friendship with Hazel, and her need to be true to herself." - *School Library Connection*

"McDunn deftly sketches Meg's struggles amid seventh grade's unspoken social order. . . . Readers will identify with the pitch-perfect middle school dynamics." - *Publishers Weekly*

"Fully realized characters and high-stakes yet realistic middle school dilemmas with real-world applications make this a royal addition to shelves." - *School Library Journal*

"An engaging, honest book - I love Cat, and you will (...)

Author Bio

Gillian McDunn is the author of *These Unlucky Stars*, *The Queen Bee and Me*, and *Caterpillar Summer*, which received two starred reviews, and was selected for the Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List and *Parents* magazine Best Books of the Year. She has lived in three time zones and has never met an ocean she doesn't love. When she isn't reading or writing, she is probably cooking, traveling, or spending time with her family. She lives near Raleigh, North Carolina, with her husband and children, and a very silly dog named Friday. www.gillianmcdunn.com

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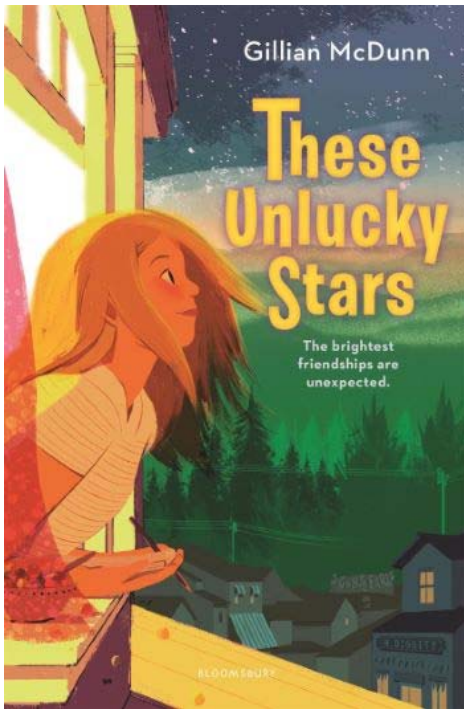
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B L O O M S B U R Y

These Unlucky Stars

by Gillian McDunn

Annie has always been the odd one out in her family. Her practical dad and brother just don't understand the way she thinks. Ever since her mother left a few years ago, Annie has been reluctant to get close to anyone. When a poor decision lands Annie in hot water, she must make amends by watching her elderly neighbor's weird dog all summer. As Annie begins to connect with her neighbor Gloria, it becomes clear that Gloria won't be able to live on her own for much longer. But it's this brief and important friendship that gives Annie the confidence to let people in, and see how rich life can be when you decide to make your own luck and chart your own path to happiness. Perfect for fans of Lynda Mullaly Hunt, Gillian McDunn has crafted another touching story that will remain in readers' hearts.

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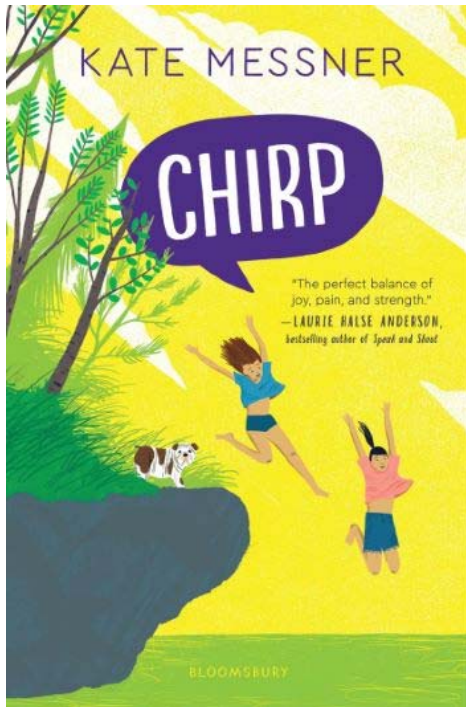
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B L O O M S B U R Y

Chirp

by Kate Messner

When Mia moves to Vermont the summer after seventh grade, she's recovering from the broken arm she got falling off a balance beam. Packed away in the moving boxes under her clothes and gymnastics trophies is a secret she'd rather forget.

Mia's change in scenery brings day camps, new friends, and time with her beloved grandmother. But Gram is convinced someone is out to destroy her cricket farm. Is it sabotage or is Gram's thinking impaired from the stroke she suffered months ago? Mia and her friends set out to investigate, but can they uncover the truth in time to save the farm? And will solving one mystery empower Mia to confront the secret she's been hiding?

In a compelling story rich with friendship, science, and summer fun, a girl finds her voice while navigating the joys and challenges of growing up.

Kate Messner strikes the perfect balance of joy, pain, and strength in this deftly layered mystery about family, friendship, and the struggle to speak up." - *Laurie Halse Anderson, bestselling author of SPEAK and SHOUT*

" *Chirp* is so many things: a mystery, a family story, and a story of the power of friendship. It's about learning to speak out when it seems the whole world would rather you shut up. Sure to be passed from kid to kid to kid" - *Laura Ruby, National Book Award Finalist and author of the York Trilogy*

"Once again, Kate Messner has written a book that will be a dear and important friend to her readers. A loving and compelling ode to the joy of friendship, the many kinds of strength, and the everyday bravery of girls." - *Anne Ursu, author (...)*

Author Bio

Kate Messner is a former middle-school English teacher and the author of E. B. White Read Aloud Award winner *The Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z.* and its companion, *The Exact Location of Home*; *Sugar and Ice*; *Eye of the Storm*; *Wake Up Missing*; *All the Answers*; *The Seventh Wish*; *Breakout*; *Capture the Flag*; *Hide and Seek*; the *Marty McGuire* chapter book series; the *Ranger in Time* chapter book series; and several picture books. She lives on Lake Champlain with her husband and two kids. When she's not reading or writing, she loves hiking, kayaking, biking, and watching thunderstorms over the lake. www.katemessner.com • @KateMessner

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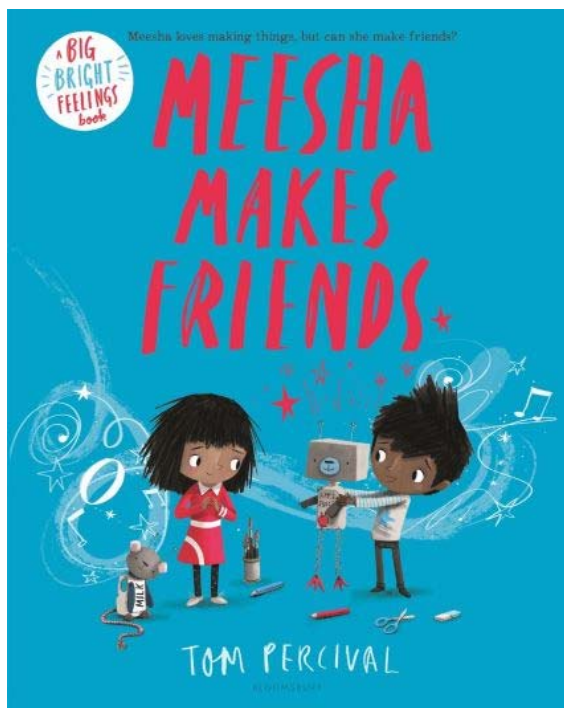
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B L O O M S B U R Y

Meesha Makes Friends

by Tom Percival

Meesha loves making things . . . but there's one thing she finds difficult to make - friends. She doesn't know quite what to do, what to say, or when to say it, and she struggles reading and responding to social cues. But one day, she discovers that she has a special talent that will help her navigate challenging social situations and make friends.

A warm and affectionate look at the joys and difficulties of making and keeping friends, relating to others, and finding your place in the world, Meesha Makes Friends is an empowering and resonant new title from the author of Ruby Finds a Worry and Ravi's Roar.

A priceless lesson for any child - or adult - conveyed in a beautifully child-friendly manner . . . A valuable asset to the library of a child who experiences anxiety and a great book to get children talking about their feelings." - *Kirkus Reviews, starred review, on RUBY FINDS A WORRY*

"Percival treats worry like a natural part of life, including the idea that sharing worries with others is a good way to ensure 'they never hung around for long.'" - *Publishers Weekly on RUBY FINDS A WORRY*

"A captivating tale about happiness, being yourself, and the magic of learning to spread your wings and fly." - *Foreword Reviews, starred review, on PERFECTLY NORMAN*

"The message of acceptance . . . is presented in a child-appropriate and thoughtful manner." - *Booklist on PERFECTLY NORMAN*

"An ideal selection for storytimes." - *School Library Journal on PERFECTLY NORMAN*

"Percival's message is emphasized through the canny use of color as a storytelling mechanism: Norman's world is in greyscale . . . As the wings come out, Norman and everything he's near turns technicolor." - *Publishers Weekly on (...)*

Author Bio

Tom Percival is the author and illustrator of the Big Bright Feelings picture books - including Ravi's Roar, Ruby Finds a Worry, and Perfectly Norman - in addition to Herman's Letter, Herman's Vacation, and Bubble Trouble. He is also the author of Goat's Coat. He writes and illustrates in his native United Kingdom where he lives in a town called Stroud with his family. tom-percival.com



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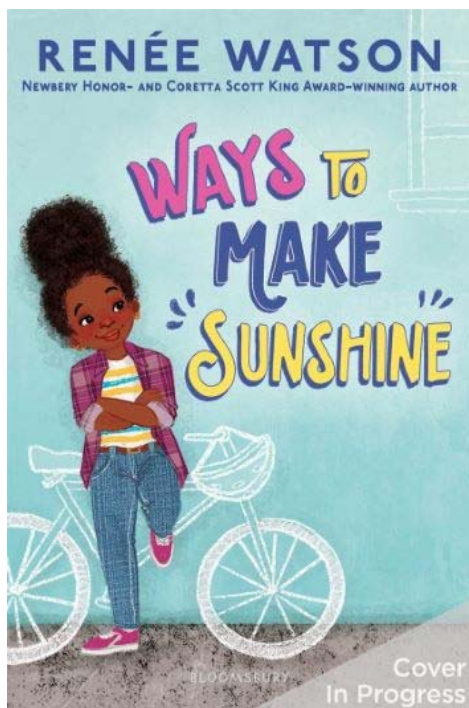
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B L O O M S B U R Y

Ways to Make Sunshine

by Renee Watson, illustrated by Nina Mata

Ryan Hart has a lot on her mind - school, self-image, and especially family. Her dad finally has a new job, but money is tight. That means some changes, like selling their second car and moving into a new (old) house. But Ryan is a girl who knows how to make sunshine out of setbacks. As her brother says when he raps about her, *she's got the talent that matters most: it's a talent that can't be seen, she's nice, not mean!*

Ryan is all about trying to see the best in people, to be a good daughter, a good sister, a good friend. But even if her life isn't everything she would wish for, when her big brother is infuriating, her parents don't quite understand, and the unexpected happens, she always finds a way forward, with grace and wit. And plenty of sunshine.

Acclaimed author Renee Watson writes her own version of Ramona Quimby, one starring a Black girl and her family, in this start to a charming new series.

Intermittently funny, frustrating, and touching. . . . Allows black readers to see themselves and all readers to find a character they can love. Move over Ramona Quimby, Portland has another neighbor you have to meet!" - *Kirkus Reviews, starred review*

"Adroitly captures the uncertainty of growing up amid change through the eyes of an irrepressible black girl." - *Publishers Weekly, starred review*

"A beautifully rendered series of vignettes a la Beezus and Ramona featuring a Black girl developing into her own personhood, this is a strong start to a new middle-grade series. Ryan Hart is a (...)

Author Bio

Renee Watson grew up in Portland Oregon, came to New York for her degree in writing, and now teaches poetry in the New York City Schools. Her books include *Betty Before X*, *Harlem's Little Blackbird: The Story of Florence Mills*, *A Place Where Hurricanes Happen*, and *What Momma Left Me* which debuted as the New Voice for 2010 in middle grade fiction by The Independent Children's Booksellers Association.

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Series: Ryan Hart Novel

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B L O O M S B U R Y

Ways to Wish on a Star

by Renee Watson, illustrated by Nina Mata

Award-winning author Renée Watson continues her charming young Ramona-esque series starring Ryan Hart and her lovable family.

Ryan Hart and her family are back in another installment of stories about a Black girl finding her way and her voice as she grows through change and challenges. In this book, Ryan finds herself wishing for lots of things--like for her new sister to be born healthy, for her new recipes to turn out right, for that camping trip to go better than she fears! And of course Ryan is facing these new challenges and new experiences in her classic style--with a bright outlook and plenty of spirit!

Inspired to write her own version of Ramona, Newbery Honor- and Coretta Scott King Award-winning author Renée Watson continues her delightful series.

Author Bio

Renee Watson grew up in Portland Oregon, came to New York for her degree in writing, and now teaches poetry in the New York City Schools. Her books include *Betty Before X*, *Harlem's Little Blackbird: The Story of Florence Mills*, *A Place Where Hurricanes Happen*, and *What Momma Left Me* which debuted as the New Voice for 2010 in middle grade fiction by The Independent Children's Booksellers Association. Renée lives in New York City. www.reneewatson.net; [@harlemportland](https://www.instagram.com/harlemportland) (Instagram); [@reneewauthor](https://twitter.com/reneewauthor) (Twitter)

Nina Mata is the New York Times bestselling illustrator of *She's Got This* by gymnast Laurie Hernandez. Nina's family emigrated from the Philippines when she was 6 years old. Her after school activities usually involved watching Bob Ross, Reading Rainbow and looking for adventures in the library. She studied Illustration at The Fashion Institute of Technology of NY. During her editorial internship at Sesame Workshop, Nina discovered her love of children's books. She now creates illustrations for children's publishing and is passionate about representing the beauty and diversity of the world. She currently lives in New Jersey with her husband, their daughter and Tabi, the cat. Learn more about Nina and her work at www.beautifulique.org, on Instagram at [@ninabonina](https://www.instagram.com/ninabonina), and Twitter at [@msbeautifulique](https://twitter.com/msbeautifulique).

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Series: Ryan Hart Novel

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B L O O M S B U R Y

Send a Girl!

The True Story of How Women Joined the FDNY
by Jessica M. Rinker, illustrated by Meg Hunt

Firefighters are brave and strong! But there was a time when only men were allowed to do that job . . . until a woman, Brenda Berkman, changed everything.

When the FDNY finally allowed women to take the firefighters' exam in 1977, Brenda jumped at the chance. But some people didn't think women should be firefighters. In fact, the FDNY made a new exam that was so difficult that women wouldn't be able to pass it - and many men couldn't either!

Brenda knew that was unfair, so she took the FDNY to court. In 1982, they finally made a fair test. Brenda and 41 other women passed, and Brenda went on to save countless lives in her 25-year career.

Send a Girl! is a vibrant and heart-warming true story that shows readers if the rules aren't fair, you shouldn't be afraid to take a stand and change them.

Author Bio

Jessica M. Rinker has a BA in social welfare from Bloomsburg University and an MFA in writing for children and young adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts. She's a freelance writer and the author of several award-winning essays, poems, and short stories. She has three kids and currently lives in New Jersey with her husband, also a children's author. @jm_rinker

Meg Hunt is the illustrator of Reading Beauty and Interstellar Cinderella and is a printmaker, educator, and all-around maker of things. She was also the recipient of the 2015 Society of Illustrators Gold Medal Award for her contribution to the Illustrators 58 exhibition. She lives and works in Portland, Oregon. www.meghunt.com • @meghunto

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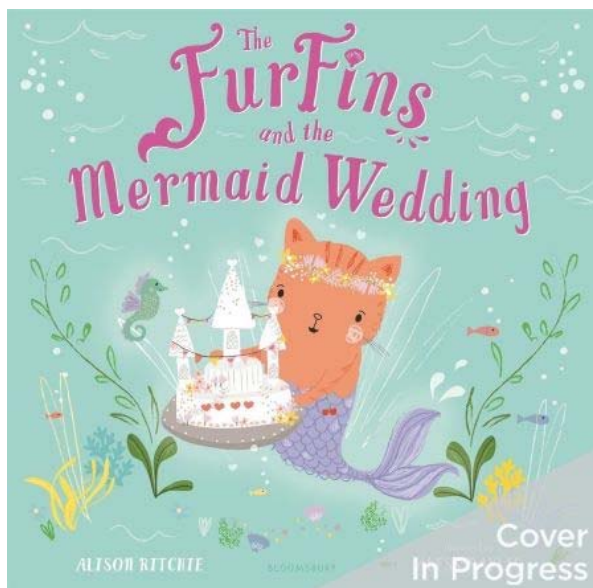
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B L O O M S B U R Y

The FurFins and the Mermaid Wedding

by Alison Ritchie, illustrated by Aless Baylis

Deep beneath the silvery waves, in a kaleidoscope of colorful coral, lies the magical kingdom of Coralia. This is where the FurFins live and play. Today is a VERY special day . . . the mermaid princess is getting married!

CherryTail, the best baker in all of Coralia, is making the Royal Wedding Cake. Everything is ready, then disaster strikes - the cake has VANISHED! Luckily, CherryTail's best friends are there to help problem-solve. Can they save the day in time for the mermaid wedding?

With delightful color illustrations, this underwater adventure about friendship and teamwork comes to life with the FurFins and their glittery tails and adorably furry faces!

Author Bio

Alison Ritchie works as a freelance editor and writer, and has published several children's books. She lives in an Oxfordshire village in the UK.

Aless Baylis is an illustrator and print & pattern designer based in Brighton. She has collaborated with companies worldwide to create books, clothing and home decor for children. She lives in the UK. @alessbaylis

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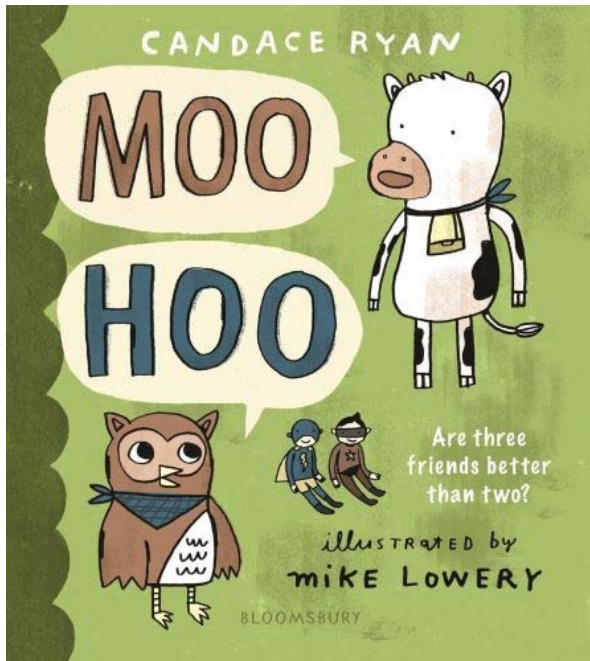
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B L O O M S B U R Y

Moo Hoo

Are three friends better than two?

by Candace Ryan, illustrated by Mike Lowery

This adorable story full of onomatopoeia, about making new friends and keeping the old will have readers saying, WOO HOO!"

Cow and Owl are best friends. MOO HOO! They do everything together, like make music (TWO COO) and go trick-or-treating together (BOO! BOO!). But when a strange playmate shows up (ROO NEW), they will discover that three is better than two (NEW TRUE CREW).

From the team that brought you the adorable hit *Ribbit Rabbit*, *Moo Hoo* combines another spare and effortlessly clever text with retro and eye-catching illustrations, and is sure to delight young readers and their parents alike.

"A winning display of finding the high ground and paved with particularly sweet verbal compression." - *Kirkus reviews on MOO HOO*

"The rhythmic, onomatopoeic text is a pretty music, the kind of song you'd sing in the dark to lift your spirits. Equally joyful and engaging-and that's a tall order-is Lowery's artwork. . . . A mingling of the ridiculous with the sublime for a spellbinding effect." - *Kirkus Reviews, starred review of RIBBIT RABBIT*

"This economy of language makes it ideal for reading aloud or for beginning readers. However, the illustrations marry well with the text, and fill in the narrative where the writing leaves it open." - *SLJ on RIBBIT RABBIT*

"Ryan has so much fun coming up with increasingly ridiculous wildlife . . . this book will stand up to multiple rereadings." - *Kirkus Reviews on ANIMAL HOUSE*

"The use of portmanteau (...)

Author Bio

Candace Ryan is also the author of *Animal House*, *Zoo Zoom!*, *Moo Hoo*, *Ribbit Rabbit*, *Red Light*, *Green Lion*, and *Ewe and Eye*. She spent nine years as a special education teacher and now lives in Southern California with her husband and son.

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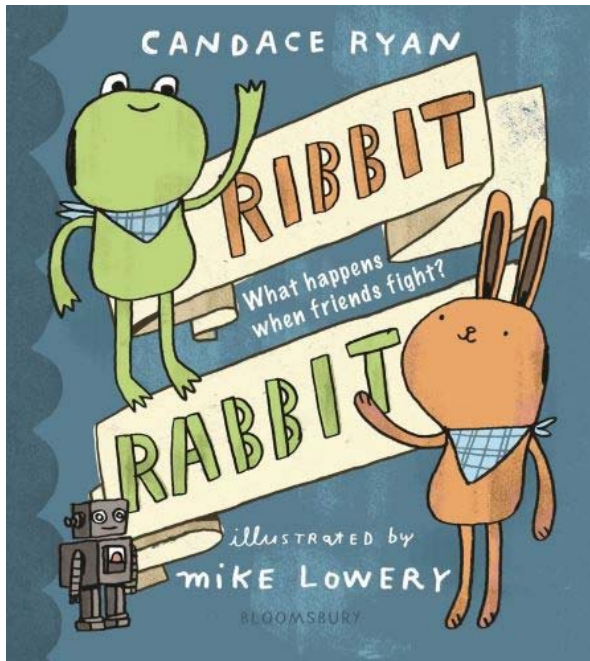
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B L O O M S B U R Y

Ribbit Rabbit

by Candace Ryan, illustrated by Mike Lowery

RIBBIT RABBIT, GRIP IT, GRAB IT! Don't miss the board book edition of this endearing, tongue-twisty story that celebrates the ups and downs of friendship.

Frog and Bunny are best friends. RIBBIT, RABBIT! They do everything together, like fight monsters (ZIP IT, ZAP IT!). And even though they get in fights sometimes-YIP IT, YAP IT!-they always make up in the end.

Ribbit Rabbit features an effortlessly clever text that, in less than 150 words, captures the ups and downs of young friendships. Combined with adorably fresh illustrations by the prolific Mike Lowery, *Ribbit Rabbit* is the perfect choice to read aloud with youngest of readers.

The rhythmic, onomatopoeic text is a pretty music, the kind of song you'd sing in the dark to lift your spirits. Equally joyful and engaging-and that's a tall order-is Lowery's artwork. . . . A mingling of the ridiculous with the sublime for a spellbinding effect." - *starred review, on RIBBIT RABBIT*

"This economy of language makes it ideal for reading aloud or for beginning readers. However, the illustrations marry well with the text, and fill in the narrative where the writing leaves it open." - *SLJ on RIBBIT RABBIT*

"Ryan has so much fun coming up with increasingly ridiculous wildlife . . . this book will stand up to multiple rereadings." - *Kirkus Reviews on ANIMAL HOUSE*

"The use of portmanteau is clever, and the large, acrylic illustrations are imaginative, bringing each part of the animal house to (...)

Author Bio

Candace Ryan is also the author of *Animal House*, *Zoo Zoom!*, *Moo Hoo*, *Ribbit Rabbit*, *Ewe and Eye*, and *Red Light, Green Lion*. She spent nine years as a special education teacher and now lives in Southern California with her husband and son.

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Mike Lowery is an illustrator, fine artist, and graphic designer. He is the illustrator of Jo Nesbo's novel *Doctor Proctor's Fart Powder*, the Gingerbread Man Loose series, and Ken Jennings' Young Genius Guides. He is also a professor of illustration at the Savannah College of Art and Design. He lives in



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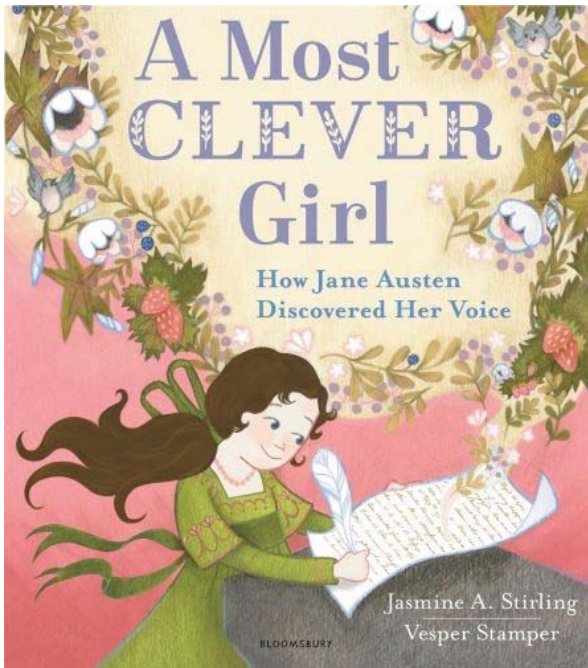
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B L O O M S B U R Y

A Most Clever Girl: How Jane Austen Discovered Her Voice

by Jasmine A. Stirling, illustrated by Vesper Stamper

Smart and witty young Jane Austen has always been a storyteller, making her family laugh by poking fun at the popular books of her time. One day she decides to write her own, spinning stories inspired by the personalities of her friends and neighbors and the peculiarities of daily life she's always found fascinating.

A Most Clever Girl follows Jane's path from a relatable, clever young girl to the writer of books that would capture readers' hearts and minds for centuries to come. As she hones her craft and finds her place in the world amid life's joys and sorrows, she realizes that her writing will not truly be her own until she finds her unique writing voice. Young readers will be inspired to do the same.

Author Bio

Jasmine Stirling is a writer, speaker, and marketer. She is also the author of *We Demand an Equal Voice: Carrie Chapman Catt & Votes for Women*. This is her first picture book. She lives in San Francisco.

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Vesper Stamper was born in Nuremberg, Germany and raised in New York City. She has a BFA in Illustration from Parsons and an MFA in Illustration as Visual Essay from the School of Visual Arts. She is also the author and illustrator of *What the Night Sings* and *A Cloud of Outrageous Blue*. She lives with her husband and two children in the Northeast. vesperstamperillustration.com

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YA Fic / Fantasy / Contemporary • Ages 14 to 18

Series: Havenfall

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Havenfall

by Sara Holland

Hidden deep in the mountains of Colorado lies the Inn at Havenfall, a sanctuary that connects ancient magical worlds together. For generations, the inn has protected all who seek refuge within its walls.

This summer, Maddie Morrow is determined to prove to her uncle, the Innkeeper, that she's ready to become his apprentice. But when a dead body is found, her uncle is gravely injured, and her longtime crush is missing, Maddie suddenly finds herself responsible for the safety of everyone in Havenfall. With everything she loves at stake, Maddie must confront shocking truths about the dangers lurking beneath Havenfall - and herself.

This sweeping new series for fans of Melissa Albert and Holly Black by New York Times bestselling author Sara Holland is sure to enthrall readers

Twisting plot threads intersecting with tantalizing glimpses of fully realized other realms, *Havenfall* creates a vibrant world where magic is closer and more dangerous than we know. Maddie is a delightfully messy and real teenager and I adored following her as she tried to untangle the mysteries around her." - *Emily A. Duncan, New York Times bestselling author of WICKED SAINTS and RUTHLESS GODS*

"Sara Holland weaves an enchanting and thrilling contemporary fantasy full of dark family secrets, heart-wrenching betrayal, and enticing magic. Readers will feel utterly transported." - *Brigid Kemmerer, New York Times bestselling author of A CURSE SO DARK AND LONELY*

"Rife with secrets, danger, and magic, *Havenfall* is a delightful read that blends a fantastical new world with ours in the most seamless and enthralling of ways." - *Hafsah Faizal, New York Times bestselling author of WE HUNT THE FLAME*

" *Havenfall* is contemporary fantasy at its finest, a (...)

Author Bio

Sara Holland is the author of the New York Times bestsellers *Everless* and *Evermore*. She grew up in small-town Minnesota, but also in the countless fictional worlds of books. She graduated from Wesleyan University and worked in a tea shop, a dentist's office, and a state capitol building before heading to New York to work in publishing. These days, she can be found exploring the city's bookstores or finding new ways to put caffeine in her bloodstream. www.sarahollandwrites.com • @Sara__Holland



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Series: Havenfall

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B L O O M S B U R Y

Phoenix Flame

by Sara Holland

A vibrant world where magic is closer and more dangerous than we know." - Emily A. Duncan, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Wicked Saints* and *Ruthless Gods*, on *Havenfall*

***New York Times* bestselling author Sara Holland continues her blockbuster contemporary fantasy series with this unforgettable sequel to *Havenfall*.**

Maddie Morrow thought her problems were over. She saved the Inn at Havenfall - a sanctuary between magical worlds hidden deep in the mountains of Colorado - from the evil Silver Prince. Her uncle the Innkeeper is slowly recovering from a mysterious spell that has left him not quite human. And there are still a few weeks of summer left to spend with her handsome, more-than-just-a-friend Brekken, even though she can't stop thinking about Taya.

But Maddie soon realizes there's more work to be done to protect the place her family has run for centuries. She must embark on a dangerous mission to put an end to the black-market trading of magical objects and open the Inn's doors to Solaria, the once feared land of shapeshifters.

As she tries to accomplish both seemingly impossible tasks, Maddie uncovers family secrets that could change everything. What if saving everyone means destroying the only home she's known?

This next breathtaking fantasy from *New York Times* bestselling *Everless* author Sara Holland is perfect for fans of Melissa Albert and Holly Black.

Includes a bonus chapter featuring Taya!

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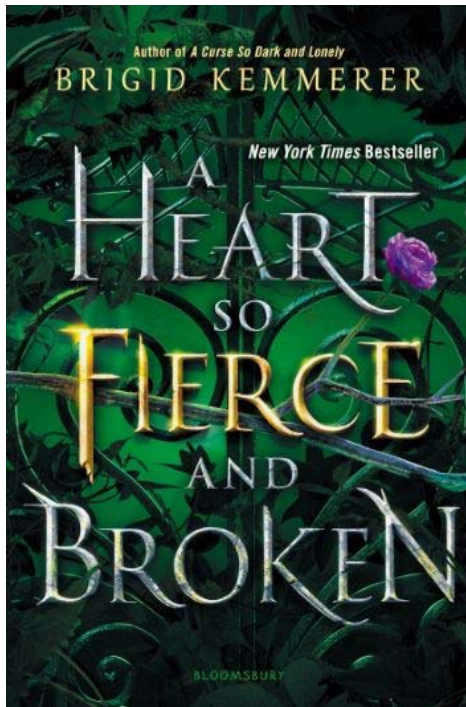


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Series: Cursebreaker

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B L O O M S B U R Y

A Heart So Fierce and Broken

by Brigid Kemmerer

Find the heir, win the crown. The curse is finally broken, but Prince Rhen of Emberfall faces darker troubles still. Rumors circulate that he is not the true heir and that forbidden magic has been unleashed in Emberfall. Although Rhen has Harper by his side, his guardsman Grey is missing, leaving more questions than answers.

Win the crown, save the kingdom. Rumored to be the heir, Grey has been on the run since he destroyed Lilith. He has no desire to challenge Rhen - until Karis Luran once again threatens to take Emberfall by force. Her own daughter Lia Mara sees the flaws in her mother's violent plan, but can she convince Grey to stand against Rhen, even for the good of Emberfall? The compulsively readable saga continues as loyalties are tested and new love blooms in a kingdom on the brink of war.

This sweeping, romantic epic repeatedly turns the tables on the fantasy tropes that readers might be expecting." - *Starred Review, Kirkus Reviews*

"Brigid Kemmerer blends magic, romance, and the growing specter of war in. . . a white-knuckle fantasy begging to be read in one sitting." - *Foreword Reviews*

"Political intrigue, swoony romance, and nuanced character development make for a breathless read, and a twist ending guarantees readers will line up for the next installment." - *BCCB*

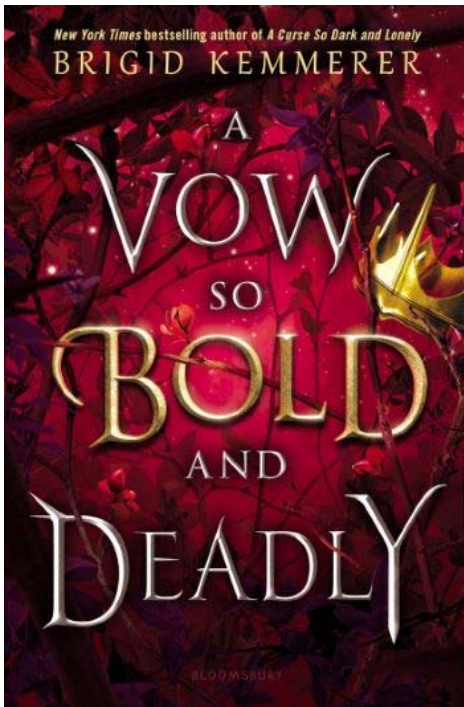
"Action packed, deeply romantic, and . . . keep[s] readers eagerly on the hook for the next installment." - *Booklist Online*

" *A Heart So Fierce and Broken* is a perfectly paced story that fuses all the best elements of fantasy and contemporary YA, blending romance, magic, adventure and struggles with morality in a way that makes readers care about the characters. And if (...)

Author Bio

Brigid Kemmerer is the New York Times bestselling author of *A Curse So Dark and Lonely*, *Call It What You Want*, *More Than We Can Tell*, *Letters to the Lost*, and the *Elementals* series. She was born in Omaha, Nebraska, though her parents quickly moved her all over the United States, from the desert in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the lakeside in Cleveland, Ohio, and several stops in between, eventually settling near Annapolis, Maryland. www.brigidkemmerer.com • [@BrigidKemmerer](https://twitter.com/BrigidKemmerer)





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B L O O M S B U R Y

A Vow So Bold and Deadly

by Brigid Kemmerer

Face your fears, fight the battle.

Emberfall is torn between those who follow Rhen and those who are eager to begin a new era under the true heir, Grey. Grey has agreed to wait two months before attacking Rhen, and in that time, Rhen has sought the assistance of a spy despite Harper's doubts.

Fight the battle, save the kingdom.

Meanwhile, Lia Mara struggles to rule Syhl Shallow with a gentler hand than her mother. But some of her subjects aren't happy that Lia Mara has an enchanted prince and magical scriver by her side. As Grey's deadline draws nearer, Lia Mara is forced to question whether or not she can remain allied to his cause.

This compulsively readable saga continues as two kingdoms come closer to conflict - and an old enemy resurfaces who could destroy them all.

This sweeping, romantic epic repeatedly turns the tables on the fantasy tropes that readers might be expecting." - *Kirkus Reviews, starred review, on A HEART SO FIERCE AND BROKEN*

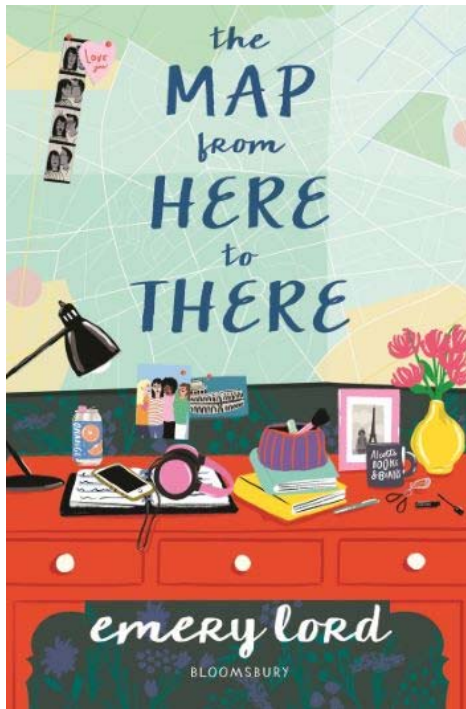
"Has everything you'd want in a retelling of a classic fairy tale: a finely-drawn fantasy world, a heroine rarely seen in fiction, and a tortured hero with a secret. I have only one complaint: I wish the sequel were already available!" - *Jodi Picoult, New York Times bestselling author of A SPARK OF LIGHT and SMALL GREAT THINGS, on A CURSE SO DARK AND LONELY*

"Absolutely spellbinding." - *Stephanie Garber, #1 New York Times bestselling author of CARAVAL and LEGENDARY on A CURSE SO DARK AND LONELY* (...)

Author Bio

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B L O O M S B U R Y

The Map from Here to There

by Emery Lord

It's senior year, and Paige Hancock is finally living her best life. She has a fun summer job, great friends, and a super charming boyfriend who totally gets her. But senior year also means big decisions. Feeling the weight of "the rest of her life," Paige starts to panic. How can she leave all this behind next year? In her head, she knows there is so much more to life after high school. But in her heart, is it so terrible to want everything to stay the same forever? Emery Lord's signature storytelling shines with loveable characters and heartfelt exploration of life's most important questions. There will be breakups, makeups, a road trip, and even a wedding. Through it all, can Paige figure out the after part of happily ever after?

What a gift Emery Lord has given us with *The Map from Here to There*. Gut-bustingly funny and exquisitely tender, full of characters to fall in love with and writing that sings out loud, this is a book about figuring out what the rest of your life is going to look like. It's a book about learning to be a person in the world." - *Katie Cotugno, New York Times bestselling author of 99 DAYS*

"Lord spends time developing her side characters with depth and maturity, calling out stereotypes and using the characters to explore less common topics in teen literature. An engaging novel." - *School Library Connection*

"Engrossing and engaging." - *Kirkus Reviews*

"Lord hits the agonizing and comforting beats of the end of high school, capturing the nostalgia of old friendships and hard choices." - *Booklist*

"A relationship-focused romance with some solid and authentic dynamics.

Author Bio

Emery Lord is the author of *Open Road Summer*; *The Start of Me and You*; *When We Collided*, which is a Schneider Family Book Award Winner, a YALSA-ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers, and a YALSA-ALA Best Fiction for Young Adults Books; and *The Names They Gave Us*, which is also a YALSA-ALA Best Fiction for Young Adults Books. She lives in Ohio with her family and several shelves of books that she considers friends. www.emerylord.com • @emerylord

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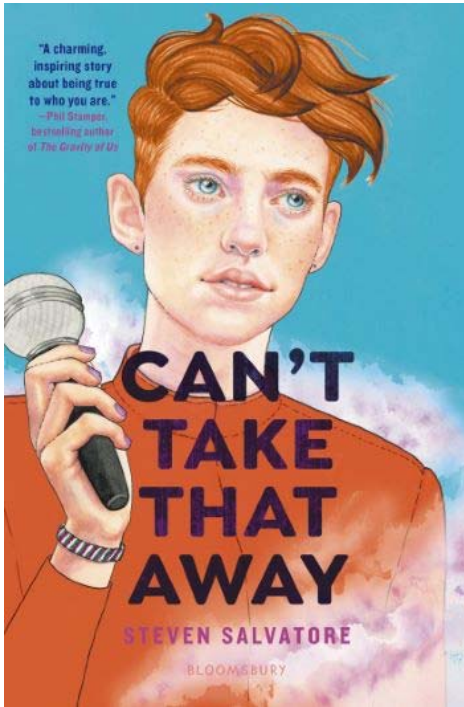
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B L O O M S B U R Y

Can't Take That Away

by Steven Salvatore

All Carey Parker wants is to be a star. But the world sees Carey as a guy, not a Mariah, Beyonce, or Gaga. Despite the support they have from friends and family, it's hard for Carey to find their voice when no one else seems to hear them.

Enter Cris, who understands Carey in ways nobody has before. With Cris's support, Carey finds the confidence to rise above the pain of past trauma to audition for the school musical. . . and lands the female lead. But when a homophobic teacher gets wind of the "non-traditional" casting, Carey is ousted from the show.

Except Carey won't be silenced. They will defend their right to the role and fight the injustices of the school administration. . . and they'll stop at nothing to rally their school to do it in this powerful and uplifting novel from a talented new YA author.

Author Bio

Steven Salvatore is a queer writer with an MFA in Creative Writing from The New School. His writing has appeared on HyperReality, Topsy Lit, Teen Writer's Bloc, and been linked to on BBC News, Backlot, and Adam Lambert's official website. Steven's article "Sam Smith and the Gay Male Body Archetype" went viral, reaching nearly half a million unique views. He is currently a full-time Assistant Professor of Composition and the Director of the Writing Center at The College of New Rochelle, where he is also the faculty advisor of the college's all-inclusive diversity club and literary magazine. stevensalvatore.com • [@StevenSSWrites](https://twitter.com/StevenSSWrites)

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YA Fic / Social Themes / Prejudice & Racism • Ages

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B L O O M S B U R Y

As Far As You'll Take Me

by Phil Stamper

Marty arrives in London with nothing but his oboe and some savings from his summer job, but he's excited to start his new life - where he's no longer the closeted, shy kid and is free to explore his sexuality without his parents' disapproval.

From the outside, Marty's life looks like a perfect fantasy: he's made new friends, he's getting closer with his first ever boyfriend, and he's even traveling around Europe. But Marty knows he can't keep up the facade. He hasn't spoken to his parents since he arrived, he's tearing through his meager savings, and his homesickness and anxiety are getting worse and worse. Will Marty be able to finally find a place that feels like home?

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Author Bio

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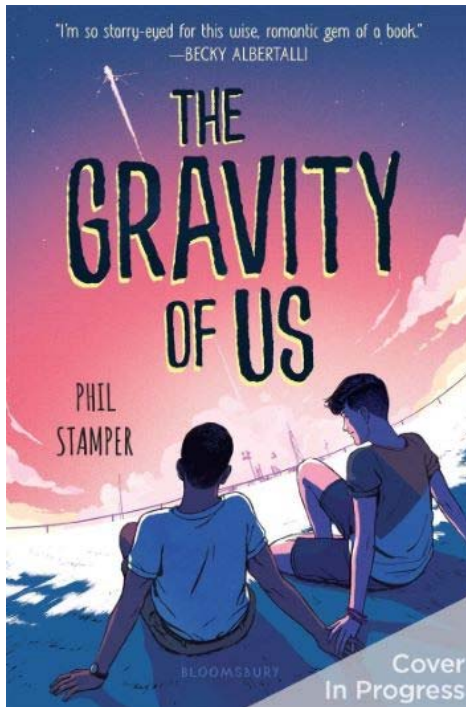
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B L O O M S B U R Y

The Gravity of Us

by Phil Stamper

As a successful social media journalist with half a million followers, seventeen-year-old Cal is used to sharing his life online. But when his pilot father is selected for a highly publicized NASA mission to Mars, Cal and his family relocate from Brooklyn to Houston and are thrust into a media circus. Amidst the chaos, Cal meets sensitive and mysterious Leon, another "Astrokid," and finds himself falling head over heels - fast. As the frenzy around the mission grows, so does their connection. But when secrets about the program are uncovered, Cal must find a way to reveal the truth without hurting the people who have become most important to him. Expertly capturing the thrill of first love and the self-doubt all teens feel, debut author Phil Stamper is a new talent to watch.

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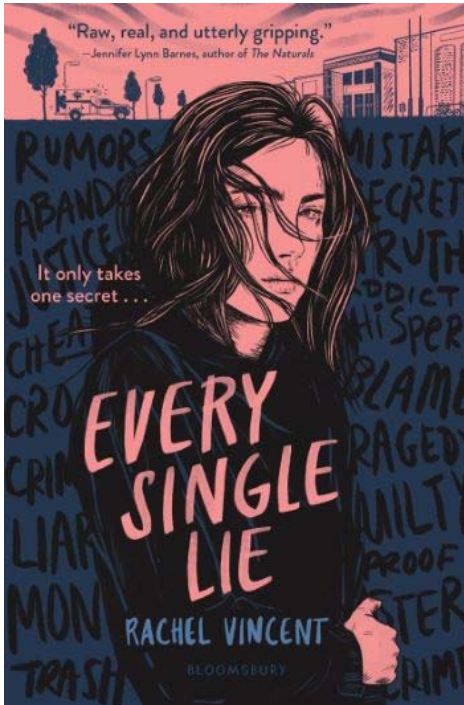
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Every Single Lie

by Rachel Vincent

Raw, real, and utterly gripping." - Jennifer Lynn Barnes, author of *The Naturals*

In this gripping YA novel about social media bullying and half-truths, one girl's shocking discovery of a dead baby in her high school locker room rocks an entire community.

Nobody in sixteen-year-old Beckett's life seems to be telling the whole story. Her boyfriend Jake keeps hiding texts, which could mean he's cheating on her. Her father lied about losing his job and so much more before his shocking death. And everyone in school seems to be whispering about her and her family behind her back.

But none of that compares to the day Beckett finds the body of a newborn baby in a gym bag - Jake's gym bag - on the floor of her high school locker room. As word leaks out, rumors that Beckett's the mother take off like wildfire in a town all too ready to believe the worst of her.

Beckett soon finds herself facing threats and accusations both heartbreaking and dangerous. Nobody believes her side of the story, and as the police investigation unfolds, she discovers that everyone has a secret to hide and the truth could alter everything she thought she knew.

A page-turning thriller set in a small Southern community, *Every Single Lie* is a (...)

Author Bio

Rachel Vincent is the *New York Times* bestselling author of several pulse-pounding series for teens and adults. A former English teacher and a champion of the serial comma, Rachel has written more than twenty novels and remains convinced that writing about the things that scare her is the cheapest form of therapy. Rachel shares her home in Oklahoma with two cats, two teenagers, and her husband, who's been her number one fan from the start.

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B L O O M S B U R Y

Love Is a Revolution

by Renee Watson

When Nala Robertson attends an open mic night for her cousin Imani's birthday, she finds herself falling in instant love with Tye Brown, an activist who is spending the summer putting on events for the community. Nala would rather watch movies and try out new flavors at the local creamery. In order to impress Tye, Nala tells a few tiny lies to have more in common with him. When they spend time together, some of the lies get harder to keep up. But as Nala falls deeper into keeping up her lies and into love, she'll learn all the ways love is hard, and how self-love is revolutionary.

In *Love Is a Revolution*, plus size girls are beautiful and get the guys, the girl clique is not shallow but has convictions, and the ultimate love story is showing radical love to the people in your life, including to yourself.

This stunning book is the story I've been waiting for my whole life; where girls rise up to claim their space with joy and power. I resolve to give a copy to every teenager I know!" - *Laurie Halse Anderson, New York Times bestselling and award-winning author of SPEAK and SHOUT on WATCH US RISE*

"An extraordinary story of two indomitable spirits, the power of friendship, and what leadership looks like in the hands of young people today, *Watch Us Rise* is the novel we all need right now." - *Brendan Kiely, New York Times bestselling co-author of ALL AMERICAN BOYS and TRADITION on WATCH US RISE*

"Timely, thought-provoking, and powerful. *Watch Us Rise* is an immediate young adult classic." - *Julie Murphy, New York Times(...)*

Author Bio

Renee Watson is a New York Times bestselling author. Her novel *Piecing Me Together* received a Newbery Honor and Coretta Scott King Award. Her books include *Watch Us Rise*, co-written with Ellen Hagan, *Piecing Me Together*, *This Side of Home*, and *What Momma Left Me*, as well as the middle grade novels *Ways to Make Sunshine*, *Some Places More Than Others*, and *Betty Before X*, co-written with Ilyasah Shabazz. She is also the author of two picture books: *Harlem's Little Blackbird* and *A Place Where Hurricanes Happen*. She lives in New York City. www.reneewatson.net • @harlemportlanc (Instagram) • @reneewauthor (Twitter)

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How We Fall Apart

by Katie Zhao

Nancy Luo is shocked to learn that her former best friend Jamie Ruan, top ranked junior at Sinclair Prep, is missing. She's even more shocked when word of her mysterious death starts to spread, and thanks to The Proctor - someone anonymously incriminating them via the school's social media app - Nancy and her friends, Krystal, Akil, and Alexander, are the prime suspects. Jamie knew secrets about each of them, of course, and somehow so does The Proctor. The group must uncover the true killer before The Proctor exposes more than they can bear and costs them more than they can afford, like Nancy's full scholarship. Soon, Nancy can't help but suspect that one of her friends is lying. Or is there a missing piece in her own memory that could expose the truth - not just about Jamie's fate, but also about herself?

In this page-turning debut, Zhao weaves an exhilarating tale that shimmers with adventure, love, and loyalty. Readers will be enthralled up to the incredible and absolutely breathless end." - *J.C. Cervantes, New York Times bestselling author of THE STORM RUNNER, on THE DRAGON WARRIOR*

"Zhao seamlessly incorporates Chinese terms and themes into the fast-paced plot." - *Kirkus Reviews on THE DRAGON WARRIOR*

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"Perfect for fans of mythology-based fiction!" - *Avery Peregrine, Third Place Books, on THE DRAGON WARRIOR*

Author Bio

Katie Zhao is the author of the middle grade fantasy *The Dragon Warrior* and its sequel, *The Fallen Hero*. She grew up in Michigan, where there was little for her to do besides bury her nose in a good book or a writing journal. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a BA in English and a minor in political science; she also completed her master's in accounting there. In her spare time, Katie enjoys reading, singing, dancing (badly), and checking out new photo-worthy restaurants. She now lives in Brooklyn, New York. www.katiezhao.com • @ktzhaoauthor

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Your Life Has Been Delayed

by Michelle I. Mason

Jenny Waters boards her flight in 1995, but when she lands, she and the other passengers are told they disappeared . . . 25 years ago. Everyone thought they were dead.

Now contending with her family and friends fast-forwarding decades, Jenny must quickly adjust to smartphones and social media while being the biggest story to hit the internet. She feels betrayed by her once-best friend and fights her attraction to a cute boy with an uncomfortable connection to her past. Meanwhile, there's a growing group of conspiracy theorists determined to prove the whole situation is a hoax. Will Jenny figure out how to move forward, or will she always be stuck in the past?

For fans of Julie Buxbaum, Michelle Mason offers a smart and funny debut about big life changes . . . and the parts that, surprisingly, always stay the same.

Author Bio

Michelle Mason lives in St. Louis, Missouri, with her family. She worked in public relations for ten years before she became a novelist; this is her debut. She also reviews middle grade and young adult books on her blog and social media. michelleimason.com • @MichelleIMason • Instagram: @vesperstamperillustration

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