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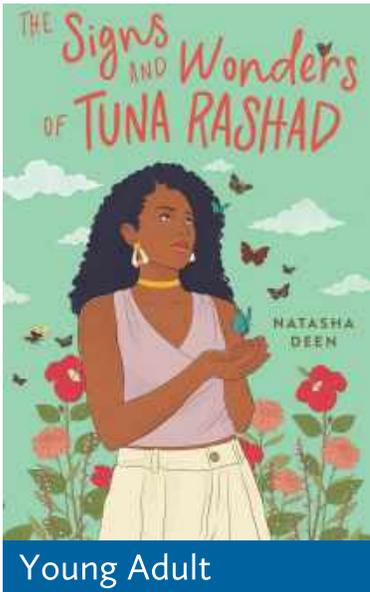
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Young Adult

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Running Press Teens

**Film/TV:**

Available

**Materials:**

Books

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Running Press Teens

# The Signs and Wonders of Tuna Rashad

Natasha Deen

**A ticking clock, a grief-stricken brother, and a crush who doesn't believe in signs and wonders. What could possibly go wrong?**

Let's be clear. No matter what her older brother, Robby, says, aspiring screenwriter Tuna Rashad is not "stupidstitious." She is, however, cool with her Caribbean heritage, which means she is always on the lookout for messages from loved ones who have passed on. At least, following the family's traditions was cool until Robby became a widower. Now, all he does is hang out at the house, mock Tuna for following in their ancestors' traditions, and meddle in her life.

Tuna needs to break free from her brother's loving but overbearing ways and get him a life (or at least, get him out of hers!). Based on the signs, her ancestors are on board with getting Robby out the door. They also seem to be on board with helping Tuna win over her crush, Tristan Dangerfield. The only hiccup? She's got to do it before she leaves for college in the fall.

*Natasha Deen is the author of the YA novel In the Key of Nira Ghani (Running Press, 2019) and seventeen other books for young readers. In the Key of Nira Ghani was shortlisted for the Red Maple Award in the OLA Forest of Reading, named a Best Book of 2019 by the Canadian Children's Book Centre, was on Barnes & Noble's Top 25 Most Anticipated Own Voices Novels list, a Junior Library Guild selection, and won the Amy Mathers Teen Book Award at the Canadian Children's Book Centre Awards.*

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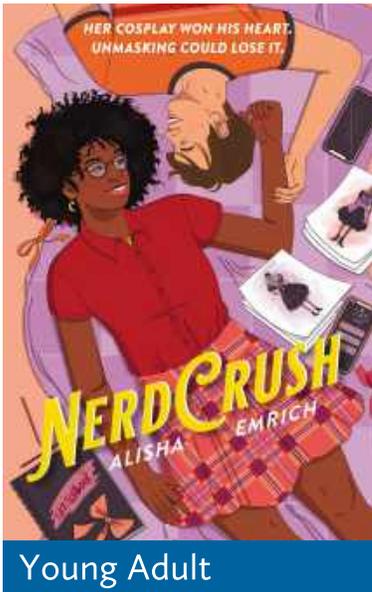
**A Junior Library Guild Selection**

**An Ontario Library Association's Forest of Reading White Pine Reading List Pick**

"DEEN HANDILY NAVIGATES SUDDEN LOSS AND ELUSIVE LOVE BY BLENDING ART, SCIENCE, AND SPIRITUALITY IN THIS BREEZY ROMANCE."  
—PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

"GENUINE GROWTH IS HARD TO SCRIPT BUT EASY TO FIND HERE."  
—KIRKUS REVIEWS

"EFFERVESCENT AND IRREPRESSIBLE, TUNA RASHAD WILL LEAP OFF THE PAGE AND STRAIGHT INTO YOUR HEARTS."  
—NAFIZA AZAD, AUTHOR OF THE CANDLE AND THE FLAME, THE WILD ONES



# NerdCrush

Alisha Emrich

**An homage to nerd culture and a charming teen romance for anyone who's ever felt misunderstood, pitched as *You Should See Me in a Crown* meets *You've Got Mail*.**

Life-affirming and tender, NERDCRUSH is a story about being honest even if it might mean getting rejected, and finding the courage to be yourself when it feels like no one else understands who that is.

Sixteen-year-old Ramona Lambert has a crush on Caleb Woolf, the cute boy in her history class. But they've never spoken—in fact, Ramona is pretty sure that Caleb has no idea she even exists. But when Ramona becomes Rel, her cosplay character, she can do anything—even work up the courage to email Caleb from Rel's account and tell him how she really feels. Ramona is ecstatic when he replies, but their cyber romance threatens to implode when Caleb starts working with Ramona at Tomlin's Diner and they strike up a real-life friendship. Ramona has to decide whether she'll hide behind Rel forever or take a chance that Caleb might actually like her for who she really is.

*Alisha writes YA fiction about awkward Black girls finding their happily ever afters. She has always loved stories of all kinds, but especially ones where the nerdy girl gets the cute guy. Alisha holds a B.A. in English from Armstrong Atlantic University, and an M.A. in English and an M.A. in Creative Writing from Southern New Hampshire University where she has just completed her MFA in Young Adult fiction. Alisha lives in Richmond Hill, Georgia with her family where she is at work on her next book.*

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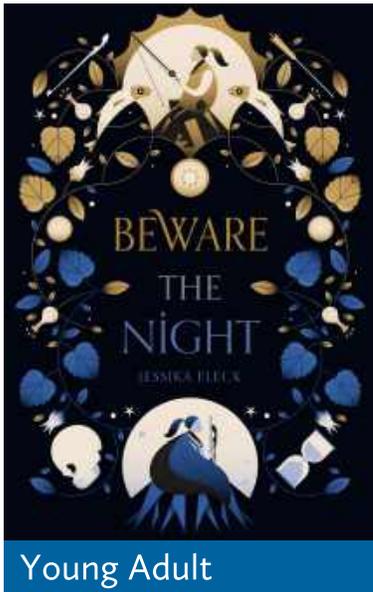
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*"WITH A LIGHT TOUCH, HUMOR, AND HONESTY, ALISHA EMRICH'S NERDCRUSH DELVES INTO ISSUES OF FAMILY EXPECTATIONS, THE MISTAKES WE MAKE IN THE NAME OF FIRST LOVE, AND THE BIG CHANCES WE TAKE TO WIN THE HEART OF OUR CRUSHES. LOVERS OF COSPLAY AND BIG ROMANTIC GESTURES WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED."* —NATASHA DEEN, AUTHOR OF THE SIGNS AND WONDERS OF TUNA RASHAD



# Beware the Night

Jessika Fleck

**On the island of Bellona, they worship the sun.**

Seventeen-year-old Veda understands that keeping the sun content ensures plentiful crops, peace and harmony, and a thriving economy. But as a member of the Basso class, she never reaps those benefits.

Life as a Basso is one fraught with back-breaking work and imposing rules. Her close friendship with Nico is Veda's one saving grace in a cruel world where the division between her people and the ruling Dogio is as wide and winding as the canals that snake through their island.

But when Veda's grandfather is chosen as the next sacrificial offering to keep the sun's favor, Veda is forced to see the injustice of her world. Turning away from the sun means she must join the night—and an underground revolution she's been taught to fear all her life.

This is an unputdownable story in a superb fantasy world. The romance is light, convincing and suitable for younger readers.

*Jessika Fleck's YA debut, The Castaways (Entangled TEEN), is now available. As is her YA fantasy, BEWARE THE NIGHT (Swoon Reads/Macmillan) and the sequel, Defy The Sun. Her first MG book, Molly And The Twin Towers: A 9/11 Survival Story was published by Capstone. More at [www.jessikafleck.com](http://www.jessikafleck.com).*

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"THIS FANTASY IS QUICKLY PACED WITH SURPRISES AT EVERY TURN AND AN ENDING THAT WILL LEAVE TEENS BREATHLESS AND AWAITING MORE. FLECK HAS CRAFTED A FULLY REALIZED WORLD COMPLETE WITH ITS OWN HISTORY AND MYTHOLOGY TO IMMERSE HER READERS. FINELY TUNED AND MASTERFULLY WRITTEN, THIS IS A MUST-PURCHASE FOR ALL FANTASY SHELVES."  
-SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL (STARRED).

"FLECK HAS AN ATMOSPHERIC STYLE, NOTING LITTLE DETAILS IN EVERY PASSAGE. VEDA IS A SCRAPPY HEROINE SEEMINGLY FOREVER CAUGHT BETWEEN EXTREMES. THE STORY IS ENGROSSING AND THE BOOK IS RECOMMENDED." - BOOKLIST



# Tell Me When You Feel Something

Vicki Grant

**One of us is dying ...**

It seemed like a cool after-school program – being a simulated patient for med school students to practice on. But now vivacious, charismatic Viv lies in a very real coma.

CCTV footage just leads to more questions. What REALLY happened? All of the other kids suspect it was not an intentional overdose – but each has a reason why they can't tell the truth.

Through intertwining and conflicting narratives, a twisted story unfolds of trust betrayed as we sift through the seemingly innocent events leading up to the tragic night.

And perhaps simulated patients aren't the only people pretending to be something they're not...

TELL ME WHEN YOU FEEL SOMETHING is an unusual commercial YA medical thriller. Tender, funny, twisty and compelling, this page-turner exposes the dark reality of #MeToo in the world of medicine.

*Vicki Grant's international bestseller 36 Questions That Changed My Mind About You sold in 22 territories and is optioned for TV.. She was shortlisted for an Edgar award by the Mystery Writers of America, won major Canadian awards including the Ontario Library Teen Choice award, and declared 'best book' by the New York Public Library, Bank Street College, and The Canadian Children's Book Centre. She has written over 100 episodes of children's network TV and is working on her third documentary. The Globe and Mail said of a recent book, "What Don Draper's daughter would have read at 13."*

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Manuscript

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Penguin Random House



# Echoes of Grace

Guadalupe García McCall

**A Mexican-American gothic psychological ghost story featuring sisters whose relationship is fractured after a terrible tragedy. Moving between the present and two years earlier, this nouveau gothic tale has roots as deep as mesquite and a heart as wide as the Texas sky.**

While waiting for her sister, Mercy, and taking care of her two-year-old nephew, Alexander, Grace has a strange vision, an echo, as she calls the gift of second sight she inherited from her deceased mother. On the porch, a fuzzy, black caterpillar dies, withers, and decomposes in her nephew's hand. Horrified, Grace slaps the dreadful thing away. However, because she is helping her grandmother, Grace loses track of Alexander and he is run over by a car. Their new neighbor, a young man the girls haven't met yet, rushes over to help, but they are too late. Alexander passes away at the emergency room.

This incident sets off a chain of events in which Grace flounders to restore her relationship with her sister, Mercy, while swimming against a current of strange, bewildering echoes. Flashbacks, premonitions, and visitations from the other side all weave a mysterious tapestry that weighs heavily on Grace's shoulders as she tries to navigate memories of a time three years earlier when she ran away from home and lost a week of her life. In the present—amidst the mundanities of college homework and dating—Grace tries to figure out if the things happening in her world are memories or premonitions, warnings of things yet to unfold. As she recovers time lost, Grace comes closer to reconciling with Mercy, even as she remembers, bit by bit, the horrible thing that happened to her when she spent a week with her maternal grandmother in Mexico—a grandmother she had been told was long gone. The things her regained memory reveals shed light on old family secrets. *ECHOES OF GRACE* explores how the generational abuse, violence, and femicide that have plagued and haunted women of color for centuries transcend and reverberate through time and place in our world, regardless of race, culture, or social standing.

*Guadalupe García McCall is the author of several critically acclaimed novels including Under the Mesquite which received the Pura Belpre Author Award, was a William C. Morris Finalist, the Lee Bennett Hopkins/International Literacy Promising Poet Award, the Tomas Rivera Children's Book Award, and was a Kirkus Review Best Teen Book of 2011. Her second novel, Summer of the Mariposas, won a Westchester Young Adult Fiction award, was a finalist for the Andre Norton Award for Young Adult Science Fiction and Fantasy, and was a 2012 School Library Journal's Best Books of the Year. Her most recent novel, All The Stars Denied, is a Writers' League of Texas Finalist.*

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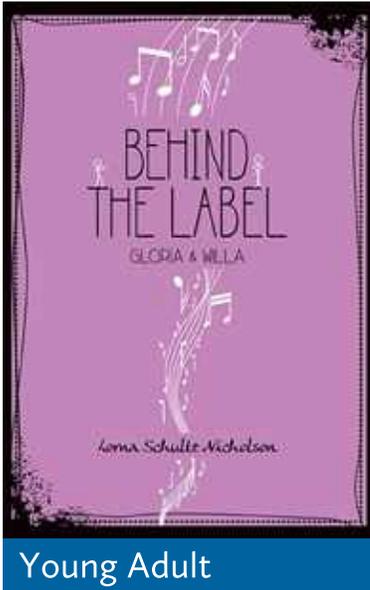
*\*DARK FOREBODING AND DEEP LOVE MINGLE, BUT THE MYSTERY OF HOW THEY ARE CONNECTED TO GRACE DRIVES THE PAGE-TURNING PLOT. RICH WITH SYMBOLISM, ALLUSIONS, AND HAUNTED PSYCHES, THERE IS A GOTHIC EDGE TO MCCALL'S MAGICAL REALISM. ...THIS IS A BREATHTAKING STORY OF SISTERHOOD, FAMILIA, FIGHTING THE DEMONS OF GENERATIONAL TRAUMA AND FEMICIDE, AND MOVING FORWARD WITH FRESH DREAMS DESPITE THE SCARS.*

*A NOUVEAU GOTHIC TALE WITH ROOTS AS DEEP AS MESQUITE AND A HEART AS WIDE AS THE TEXAS SKY.*

*\*IN THIS ELABORATELY PLOTTED GOTHIC MYSTERY SET IN MODERN-DAY SOUTH TEXAS, GARCÍA MCCALL EXPERTLY WEAVES TOGETHER THE PERSONAL AND FAMILY HISTORY OF AN 18-YEAR-OLD WITH AN INHERITED ABILITY KNOWN AS ECHOES—"A KIND OF WOMAN'S INTUITION WITH SIGHTS AND SOUNDS AND SMELLS" ... GARCÍA MCCALL CRAFTS A HAUNTING, INTRIGUE-LADEN UPDATE ON THE GENRE THAT—THROUGH CRITIQUES OF GENERATIONAL TRAUMA CYCLES WROUGHT THROUGH FEMICIDE AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE—DEMANDS ACCOUNTABILITY AND ACTION. -- STARRED REVIEW, PUBLISHERS WEEKLY*

--STARRED REVIEW, KIRKUS REVIEWS

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# Behind the Label

Gloria & Willa

Lorna Schultz Nicholson

**The 5th book in the One-2-One series about a diverse group of fictional teens connected through a Best Buddies high-school program.**

Gloria, an impulsive, naïve and likeable teen with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), tries to keep her family together while their mother's addictions threaten a move to foster care. Willa, an older teen with a learning disability, wants to play in a rock band where her gifts truly shine, but her mother's controlling and perfectionistic personality—and Willa's increasingly abusive boyfriend—cause her unhappiness.

When Gloria and Willa are partnered in a school club, they soon come to appreciate and depend on each other in a world that at times seems counter to their dreams.

*Lorna Schultz Nicholson is the author of 50 books for young people. The first four titles in the One-2-One series were all nominated for the Red Maple Forest of Reading award. She is also the author of the recent novels, When You Least Expect It and Taking the Ice. A frequent presenter in schools, Lorna also speaks at writing workshops and conferences. She lives in Edmonton with her husband, and the quirky dog she rescued from Mexico.*

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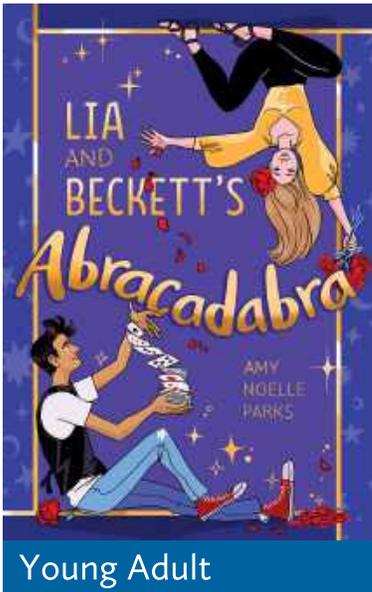
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*"ANOTHER MASTERFULLY WOVEN STORY, LORNA SCHULTZ NICHOLSON SHINES IN THIS AUTHENTIC PORTRAYAL OF TWO YOUNG PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES AND EXPERIENCES CANNOT POSSIBLY FIT TOGETHER. UNLESS THEY CAN." — VALERIE SHERRARD, AUTHOR OF MORE THAN 30 BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS*

*"NAVIGATING HIGH SCHOOL IS NO WALK IN THE PARK, PARTICULARLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO GROW UP WITH LEARNING DIFFERENCES, OR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, OR A STRESSFUL HOME LIFE, OR INSENSITIVE PEERS, OR ALL OF THE ABOVE THROWN IN TOGETHER. LORNA SCHULTZ NICHOLSON DOES A MASTERFUL JOB IN DRAWING HER CHARACTERS GLORIA AND WILLA, WITH THEIR OWN GIFTS AND CHALLENGES, AND SHOWS US THAT WHO YOU ARE IS A BEAUTIFUL CORNUCOPIA OF HUMAN BEING -- ALL WORTH LOVING, AND CAPABLE OF MEETING THIS CRAZY MIXED-UP WORLD AND COMING OUT ON TOP. THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU FOR THIS WONDERFUL BOOK." —PAMELA PORTER, GOVERNOR GENERAL'S LITERARY AWARD WINNER*



# Lia and Beckett's Abracadabra

Amy Noelle Parks

**This romantic comedy, set in a magic-themed resort town, is a Romeo-and-Juliet love story, with illusions instead of duels and a happy ending instead of death.**

Despite her family's objections, seventeen-year-old Lia Sawyer is thrilled to get a mysterious invitation from her grandmother to compete in a magic contest.

To keep the classic Starlight Theater in her family and secure her own future as a magician, Lia needs to unlock the secrets to a series of magic tricks from her grandmother's old act and use what she learns to craft a contest-winning performance. Trouble is, she's going to be judged by a bunch of old-school magicians who think that because she's a girl, her only magical talents lie in wearing sparkly dresses, providing distractions, and getting sawed, crushed, or stretched.

Lia can't rely on her grandmother for help because she's disappeared, leaving behind only a few obscure clues and an order to stay away from Blackwell boys, the latest generation of a rival magic family. Lia totally plans to follow her grandmother's rule — until the cute boy she meets on the beach turns out to be Beckett Blackwell.

*Amy Noelle Parks is an associate professor at Michigan State University. When she's not using One Direction lyrics as a writing prompt, she's helping future teachers recover from the trauma of years of school mathematics. She lives in Michigan with her husband and two daughters. Amy is also the author of the YA novel, The Quantum Weirdness of the Almost Kiss which is published by Abrams in the US, Rowohlt in Germany, Wydawnictwo Literackie in Poland, Piter in Russia, and Ren Kitap in Turkey.*

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"THE ROMANCE SIZZLES WITH SLOW-BURN LONGING. . .THE AUTHOR CRAFTS CAPTIVATING DESCRIPTIONS OF THE VARIOUS MAGIC ACTS AND ENSURES THAT EVEN THE SUPPORTING CHARACTERS HAVE FLESHED-OUT STORYLINES. . .AN ENCHANTING ENEMIES-TO-LOVERS ROMANCE."  
—KIRKUS REVIEWS, STARRED

"THE ROMANCE BETWEEN LIA AND BECKETT IS FULL OF EXCELLENT BANTER AND SLOW-BURN CHEMISTRY. . .THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES PEEK INTO THE WORLD OF ILLUSIONS AND STAGE MAGIC WILL DELIGHT EVEN READERS WITHOUT A STRONG INTEREST IN MAGIC."  
—SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

"LIA AND BECKETT'S CHEMISTRY IS NO ILLUSION; PARKS DEFTLY MERGES THEIR GENTLE BLOSSOMING ROMANCE WITH THE MYSTIQUE OF CONJURING, MIND GAMES, AND CARD TRICKS TO DELIVER AN INTRIGUING LOOK INTO THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES WORLD OF STAGE MAGIC, COUCHED IN A PLAYFUL ROMANTIC COMEDY."  
—PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

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Dağıtım Ltd.



# The Grimmer

Naben Ruthnum

A YA thriller with elements of the supernatural that you will not soon forget, **THE GRIMMER** is in the tradition of Neil Gaiman's *The Graveyard Book* and for readers of *Cemetery Boys* by Aiden Thomas, by screenwriter and award-winning writer Naben Ruthnum.

Meet Vish Maurya. Vish lives in Kelowna B.C., a small Western city famous for its gorgeous lake and idyllic California-style summer climate. For Vish, Kelowna should really be known for its total lack of culture, 90% white population, and absence of other 13-almost-14-year-olds who like heavy metal and books as much as he does.

But this July, it's not only tourists visiting the lake. A rift between dimensions has opened in the watery depths, and Vish is about to find out that only a gentle membrane and a ticking clock separate the people he loves most and reality from an invasion of beings who exist at a blurring point where time and space blend to become terrifying, demonic life.

In **THE GRIMMER**, the small-town supernatural mysteries of John Bellairs are updated via the fraught emotional relationships of *Stranger Things*, in a story where the blurring point between kid and adult means being open to what needs to be done and what the people you love need from you most, even if it means scaring yourself more than you thought possible.

*Award-winning author and screenwriter Naben Ruthnum's first novel Find You in the Dark, was an instant bestseller, an Arthur Ellis Awards finalist for Best First Novel and optioned for TV by eOne and sold in the UK/ANZ, Germany, Spain, and Azerbaijan. His latest thriller, Your Life Is Mine, also an instant bestseller, was recently optioned by Markham Street Productions. Ruthnum is cowriting his original series in development with Sphere Media called The Cuckoo Treatment. He is the author of the narrative nonfiction bestseller, Curry: Eating, Reading, and Race and his debut literary fiction novel A Hero of Our Time is forthcoming in 2022 from M&S Penguin Random House Canada. THE GRIMMER is his debut YA thriller, he is at work on his next thriller.*

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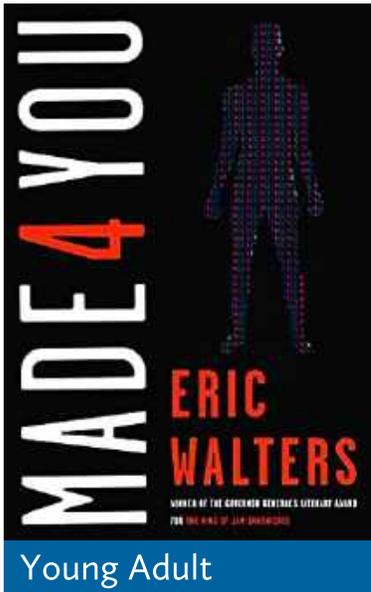
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ECW Press



# Made 4 You

Eric Walters

**It's all in the genes.**

Becky Lawrence lives in a small town where nothing much ever happens. Padding her college applications with good grades and volunteer work — while also managing the boys' basketball team and playing in the school band — is her main focus, so when her guidance counsellor asks her to show a new student around, she agrees. It'll be great fodder for a reference letter.

But there's something very different about the new student, Gene Newman. He's been homeschooled his entire life and he's as brilliant academically as he is socially awkward. Gene also proves to be a gifted saxophone player and makes the school band, and his rapidly developed basketball skills allow him to play for the school team. Embarrassingly, Becky suspects he's never played the sax or basketball before, and just wants to spend more time with her. But nobody could possibly learn new things that quickly ... Right?

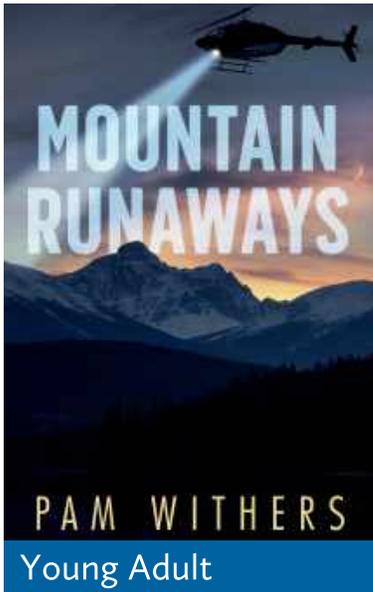
With Becky's help, Gene also quickly develops his social skills and learns to fit in. He's certainly different from anybody Becky has ever known. In fact, Gene is like nobody else. As they become closer, Gene confides in Becky that he has a secret. More than that, he IS a secret. And, apparently, it's a secret worth killing for.

*Eric Walters is the author of over 100 books for young readers, including the popular Rule of Three post-apocalyptic adventure series. His recent middle grade novel The King of Jam Sandwiches won the 2020 Governor General's Award for a children's novel. He was nominated twice for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, and his books have been published in fourteen languages.*

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*"MADE 4 YOU IS A PERFECT MIXTURE OF MYSTERY, ROMANCE, AND PULSE-POUNDING ACTION, BUT IT'S ALSO A TIMELY AND COMPASSIONATE LOOK AT HOW WE DEFINE OUR IDENTITIES. WALTERS HAS CREATED A PROTAGONIST WE CAN RELATE TO AND A LOVE INTEREST WE WANT TO MEET ... GENE IS TALENTED AND AWKWARD AND ENDLESSLY EARNEST, AND READERS WILL ROOT FOR HIM AS HE TRIES TO FIND HIS OWN VERSION OF NORMAL. THE PLOT IS FUELED BY THE MYSTERY OF GENE'S ORIGINS, AND WALTERS EXPERTLY UNRAVELS THAT CENTRAL MYSTERY WHILE MAINTAINING THE ANGST AND SELF-DOUBT AND BURSTS OF JOY OF A BRAND-NEW TEENAGE RELATIONSHIP. AT ITS HEART, THE STORY SUGGESTS THAT EVEN IF WE WERE AMAZING AT EVERYTHING WE TRIED, THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE WOULD STILL BE THE PEOPLE WE LOVE AND THE CONNECTIONS WE FORGE WITH THEM. THAT'S THE REAL MESSAGE BEHIND MADE 4 YOU, AND IT'S ONE WORTH SHARING." — WESLEY KING, #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF OCDANIEL AND A WORLD BELOW*



# Mountain Runaways

Pam Withers

**Will their wilderness skills be enough to survive the dangerous Rocky Mountains?**

First an avalanche in the Canadian Rocky Mountains kills their parents. Then Children's Services threatens to separate them. That's when the three Gunnarsson kids decide to run away into the mountains and fend for themselves until the oldest turns eighteen and becomes their legal guardian. Not many would dare. But Jon, Korka, and Aron's parents ran a survival school.

Turns out their plan is full of holes. When food and equipment go missing and illness and injury strike, things get scary. They're even less prepared for encounters with dangerous animals and a sketchy woods dweller on their journey. On top of that, grief, cold, hunger, and sibling infighting threaten to tear them apart, and the search parties are closing in on them. Do the feisty three really have what it takes to survive?

*Pam Withers writes award-winning, best-selling outdoor sports and adventure books – which are particularly popular with boys. They're riveting; so is their author as a speaker. What else would you expect of a former journalist and editor who was also an outdoor guide? She's a three-time Ontario Library Association Red Maple Award nominee (for Stowaway, Tracker's Canyon, and First Descent), and a Silver Nautilus Book Awards winner for First Descent.*

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"A SATISFYING, ACTION-PACKED STORY OF SURVIVAL AND HOPE." —KIRKUS REVIEWS

"DETAILS ABOUT THEIR SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES ARE ABUNDANT AND ILLUMINATING....THE NARRATIVE BALANCES SCENES OF ACTION WITH QUIETER MOMENTS OF INTROSPECTION." —FOREWORD REVIEWS

"A BREATHLESS, HEART-POUNGING ALPINE TALE ABOUT THE BONDS OF FAMILY AND THE CALL OF ADVENTURE." —ALISHA SEVIGNY, AUTHOR OF THE SECRETS OF THE SANDS SERIES



# Two Can Play That Game

Leanne Yong

*Always Be My Maybe x Dimple Met Rishi*

Sam Khoo doesn't want to sacrifice her dream of developing a video game that's her magnum opus to go to university like her parents want her to. But when she ends up competing with Jay Chua for a ticket to a con that'll launch her career, she starts to wonder if success is all that matters.

TWO CAN PLAY THAT GAME is a contemporary coming of age/romantic comedy set in the world of indie video games. Samantha Khoo has spent the last year of high school laboring over her magnum opus: a video game called Vinculum. As an honors student who's won a scholarship to university, Samantha is the pride of her family and her Australian-Malaysian community. The only problem is, she doesn't want to go to university and end up coding for Silicon Valley bros. She dreams of striking out on her own as an indie game developer, and creating games of art that inspire others like her.

If Sam can get a super-rare ticket to a convention run by the developers of a wildly popular indie game, she'll have the opportunity to pitch her own game to them and kickstart her career. But when family acquaintance Jaysen Chua pulls a fast one on Sam to grab the last tickets for himself, she issues him an ultimatum: Put the tickets on the line in a one-on-one competition of classic indie games, or become a social pariah in their Malaysian community when she broadcasts his duplicity to all the aunties and uncles.

The rules are simple: Five games. Five rounds. One winner.

With university enrollment deadlines looming, Sam needs to defeat her nemesis, Jay the Jerk, and prove to her traditional parents that her game is worth dropping a free ride to a stable career. She definitely doesn't need to be distracted from the only goal she's spent all high school working towards, by having a good time and enjoying Jay's company while they scheme against each other. But when their competition comes to their families' attention, Sam and Jay find themselves swarmed by overjoyed relatives who think they make a great match.

Except Sam isn't looking for love right now. All she wants is to find success, and prove she can make it on her own. Or is that all? When her dreams come crashing down, that's when she finds out that going it alone may not be the only way to win.

*Leanne Yong is the owner of an escape room in Sydney, Australia. This is her debut novel.*

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Allen & Unwin Australia

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Manuscript

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# Miracle

Karen Chow

**In this beautifully-rendered story reminiscent of *Sumerlost*, an Asian-American girl struggles to find herself through friendship and music after her beloved father's death.**

Eleven-year-old Amie Cheung struggles with everything she used to love once her beloved father dies. She and her mom decide to take up new hobbies to find out who they are without Ba-ba. But the further Amie moves from her old routine, the more she leaves behind her father's memory. Soon, headaches begin to affect everything she does.

Afraid to tell anyone about them, they escalate when she even thinks about picking up the violin. As pain and frustration with herself drive her from the people and things she once loved, Amie will need to find herself and her music again—but it may take nothing short of a miracle.

Eleven-year-old Amie Cheung has spent her life perfectly in tune with everything her cancer-ridden father wanted for her. She played violin, Ba-ba's favorite instrument, and read his favorite books. After he dies, Amie cannot seem to find the music again. The violin that she played every day for Ba-ba, and that formerly sang at her touch, is halting and flat just like Amie and her mother feel.

Amie tries playing video games with the new girl next door and composing music with her friend Rio—all the while forcing herself to keep practicing the violin. But the further Amie moves from her old routine, the more she leaves behind her father's memory. Soon, headaches begin to affect everything she does.

Headaches could mean cancer, so she doesn't tell anyone about them but they escalate when she even thinks about picking up the violin. As pain and frustration with herself drive her from the people and things she once loved, Amie will need to find herself and her music again—but it may take nothing short of a miracle.

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"MIRACLE IS A BEAUTIFULLY WRITTEN DEBUT ABOUT FAMILY, FRIENDSHIP, AND LIFE AFTER LOSS. ANY READER WHO'S LOST A LOVED ONE WILL BE ABLE TO RELATE TO AND FIND COMFORT IN AMIE'S STORY OF GRIEF AND HEALING. MIRACLE WILL BE A MIRACLE FOR THE READERS WHO NEED IT." -- DUSTI BOWLING, AUTHOR OF INSIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF A CACTUS

## Publication:

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Christy Ottaviano/Little  
Brown Books for Young  
Readers

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Available

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# The Big Sting

Rachelle Delaney

A visit to Leo's grandfather's farm turns upside down when his grandmother's bee hives are stolen. A light-hearted and funny middle-grade novel for fans of Rebecca Stead and Lynda Mullaly Hunt.

Eleven-year-old Leo is an “armchair adventurer.” This, according to Dad, means he’d choose adventures in books or video games over real-life experiences. And while Leo hates the label, he can’t argue with it. Unlike his little sister Lizzie, Leo is not a risk-taker.

So when he, Lizzie, Mom and Dad leave the city to visit Grandpa on Heron Island, Leo finds all kinds of dangers to avoid — from the deep, dark ocean to an old barn on the verge of collapse. But nothing on the island is more fearsome than Grandpa himself — Leo has never met anyone so grumpy! According to Mom, Grandpa is still grieving the recent death of his wife, a beekeeper beloved by everyone on the island.

Despite Leo’s best efforts to avoid it, adventure finds him anyway when Grandma’s beehives go missing in the dead of night. Infuriated, Grandpa vows to track down the sticky-fingered thieves himself ... with risk-averse Leo and danger-loving Lizzie (plus a kitten named Mayhem) in tow.

*Rachelle Delaney is the author of several middle grade novels, including Alice Fleck's Recipes for Disaster, which was shortlisted for the 2022 Silver Birch Fiction Award. When she's not writing novels or teaching creative writing, Rachelle is most likely outside on a hiking or biking trail, or planning her next adventure. Her travels have taken her tree-climbing in Costa Rica, searching for pygmy elephants in Borneo, horse-riding with gauchos in Chile, and tracking down stray dogs in Russia. She lives in Vancouver.*

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PRAISE FOR ALICE FLECK'S RECIPES FOR DISASTER:

“GENEROUS PORTIONS OF YUM FOR FANS OF MYSTERIES AND MILLE- FEUILLE.” —KIRKUS REVIEWS

“DETAILING FASCINATING FOOD HISTORY AND DELECTABLE DISHES, DELANEY SERVES A TOOTHsome CULINARY CAPER AMID A GENTLE, WELL-BALANCED PORTRAIT OF ONE PRETEEN'S JOURNEY TOWARD ACCEPTING ADAPTABILITY AND CHANGE.” —PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

“DELANEY TAKES READERS ON AN ADVENTURE THAT FEELS LIKE A CROSS BETWEEN KIDS BAKING CHAMPIONSHIP AND SCOOBY DOO IN ALL THE BEST POSSIBLE WAYS, ALONG WITH A FEW BEHIND-THE-SCENES GLIMPSES OF REALITY TV AND SOCIAL MEDIA. RECOMMENDED FOR FANS OF COOKING SHOWS AND SWEET FAMILY STORIES.” —SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

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# A Green Velvet Secret

Vicki Grant

Letters from beyond the grave and a green velvet dress reveal a secret to Yardley's beloved grandmother; for fans of *The Parker Inheritance* and *The List of Things That Will Not Change*.

Yardley and her grandmother, Gidge, are best friends. Sharing a love of vintage clothing and quirky jewelry, Yardley and Gidge spend a lot of time together, which suits Yardley just fine.

Kids her own age aren't that interesting, and her parents are often busy with their small theatre company. So when Gidge reveals to Yardley and her parents that she has been diagnosed with terminal cancer, Yardley is devastated. Gidge, on the other hand, seems to embrace her last days with vigor, writing goodbye letters and selling off her expansive wardrobe to Over Easy Vintage Emporium. Yardley finds solace at Over Easy, befriending the owner, Con, and, begrudgingly, his nephew, Harris, a boy her age. And when a strange woman walks into the store claiming to win a prize — Gidge's green velvet dress — in a contest she doesn't remember entering, Yardley starts to believe her grandmother may have come back to life. Reluctantly accepting Harris' offer to help, Yardley sets out in search of this mysterious woman — only to discover there's much more to her — and to her grandmother — than she ever imagined.

*Vicki Grant is the author of fourteen books including 36 Questions That Changed My Mind About You which was sold into 22 territories. They have consistently garnered her recognition from the American Library Association, the Canadian Library Association and The Canadian Children's Book Centre. (For a complete list of awards and nominations, please see Vicki's website here.) Vicki is also an award-winning television scriptwriter. She has written almost 100 episodes of children's TV and is set to begin work on her third documentary soon.*

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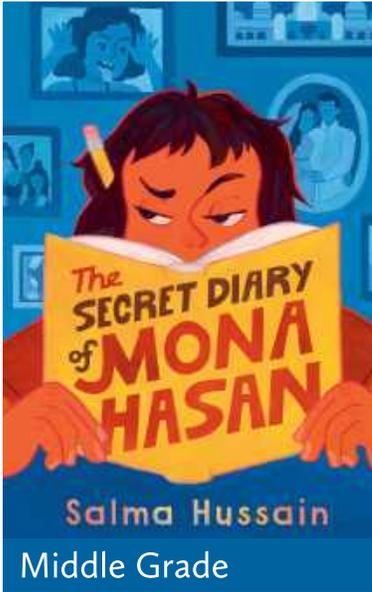
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# The Secret Diary of Mona Hasan

Salma Hussain

**Funny and heartfelt, Mona's story will charm the reader with its unforgettable voice and unique perspective. For fans of *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang.**

Mona Hasan is a young Pakistani Muslim girl growing up in Dubai, U.A.E. when the first Gulf War breaks out in 1991. The war isn't what she expects "We didn't even get any days off school! Just my luck" she reflects when the ground offensive is over in two days and her family peels the masking tape off their windows. Her parents, however, know there is no peace in the region, and it sparks a major change in their lives.

Over the course of one year, Mona falls in love, speaks up to protect her younger sister, loses her best friend to the new girl at school, has summer adventures with her cousins in Pakistan, immigrates to Canada, and pursues her ambition to be a feminist and a poet. THE SECRET DIARY OF MONA HASAN is about what it means to be a girl, a woman, and a heroine. It's also about evolution, immigration, standing up, and growing up. The structure and spirit of the novel is an homage to Sue Townsend's Adrian Mole books, but Mona's story is a true original.

*Like Mona, Salma Hussain grew up in the U.A.E., and her debut novel, THE SECRET DIARY OF MONA HASAN, is an authentic portrayal of what growing up female in the Middle East felt like in the early 1990s. She was inspired to write this novel when her first born asked her "You were born outside Canada, right, Mama? Were you a regular kid just like us?". She lives with her family in Toronto.*

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"MONA'S DIARY ENTRIES AND POEMS ARE OFTEN QUITE MOVING AND UNINTENTIONALLY HILARIOUS ... AN AMBITIOUS NOVEL THAT IS BOTH HEARTFELT AND TONGUE-IN-CHEEK."  
—KIRKUS REVIEWS

"UPPER ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE GRADE READERS WILL IDENTIFY WITH THIS SPUNKY, THOUGHTFUL, 12-YEAR-OLD HEROINE . . . THE SHORT VIGNETTES OF THIS BOOK ARE PERFECT FOR RELUCTANT READERS AND MAY SPARK CONVERSATIONS ABOUT WAR, OPERATION DESERT STORM, IMMIGRATION, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, THE MUSLIM RELIGION, AND SCHOOL EQUALITY FOR GIRLS."  
—SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

"MONA IS A WELL-DEVELOPED, BELIEVABLE PROTAGONIST. . . AN IMPORTANT STORY, DELIVERED WITH A LIGHT TOUCH."  
—CM: CANADIAN REVIEW OF MATERIALS



# What the Dog Knows

Sylvia McNicoll

**Naomi's dog Diesel returns from the afterlife with one mission, and Naomi can hear his thoughts. Can he save her?**

It's the hottest, worst month of 13-year-old Naomi's life. Dad's lost his job, Mom kicked him out, and then Diesel, her dog, is run over by a Smart Car. But when Naomi dives off a dock and hits her head on a rock, she wakes up six days earlier to a whole new chance at life, one where Diesel is back offering such sage advice as "with more members in our pack we can bring down a moose," and where her nemesis, Morgan, wants to be her bestie and help them both improve their social lives before high school starts in September.

Naomi has six days until she visits her destiny again. Can she learn to swim and keep Diesel out of the street? Is it possible to bring her parents back together? Does adorable Simon actually like her? Or is it all a hallucination? But if it is, why is her watch stopped at the exact time that she drowned in that previous lifetime? Diesel knows why, and will share what he knows only after they are both safe.

*Sylvia McNicoll is the author of over thirty novels. Bringing up Beauty, her guide dog story, won the Silver Birch Award, and Crush.Candy.Corpse was shortlisted for the Red Maple and Arthur Ellis awards. Her books have been translated into many languages, including Finnish, German, Hungarian, Korean, Norwegian, Russian, Spanish and Swedish. Sylvia lives in Burlington, Ontario where she writes, keeps up a busy schedule of school visits, and teaches writing for children part-time.*

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"ANXIETY AND ANTICIPATION ARE BALANCED WITH HOPE AND ACTION. NAOMI IS UNCERTAIN AND TREADS CAREFULLY THROUGH HER SECOND CHANCE AT WHAT MAY BE THE LAST WEEK OF HER LIFE. DIESEL, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS SURE OF BOTH HIMSELF AND NAOMI. WHAT THE DOG SEEMS TO KNOW IS THAT NAOMI IS STRONG AND CAPABLE." —QUILL & QUIRE

"A LOVELY STORY ABOUT THE MESSINESS OF FAMILIES AND LEARNING TO TRUST AND BELIEVE IN YOURSELF. MOST OF ALL, IT'S A STORY ABOUT FRIENDSHIP — BOTH THE TWO- AND FOUR-LEGGED KIND." —SUSIN NIELSEN, AUTHOR OF TREMENDOUS THINGS

"SYLVIA MCNICOLL HAS ONCE AGAIN CRAFTED A STORY FILLED WITH HEART. AN ENTERTAINING STORY ABOUT FINDING FRIENDS — HUMAN AND FURRY — WHO SEE THE REAL YOU." — COLLEEN NELSON, AUTHOR OF HARVEY COMES HOME



Middle Grade

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**Film/TV:**

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**Materials:**

Manuscript

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Cormorant Books

# Up for Grabs

Michelle Mulder

**Thirteen-year-old artist Frida uncovers an art heist.**

Frida and her older brother, Zac, have lived all over the world since they were orphaned when Frida was a baby. Now their last relative, their grandmother, has died and they've returned to the Pacific northwest city where they were born to clear out her house over the summer.

To Frida's surprise, Grandma lived in a castle – and it's packed with treasures! Treasures that Zac is carefully selling off, piece by piece, while Frida explores the neighbourhood. She soon meets Hazeem, another temporary summer resident, who has experienced his own recent losses and is excited to have a new friend. When Frida discovers a painting hidden in secret compartment in an old desk, she and Hazeem team up to find out where it came from. As their investigation unfolds, Frida starts to suspect that someone might be after the castle's treasures, and she uncovers some decades-old family secrets.

*Michelle Mulder is the author of 17 books for young people, including the novels The Vegetable Museum, Out of the Box, Not a Chance, and After Peaches. Their non-fiction has won the Children's Literature Roundtable of Canada Information Book Award (Pedal It!, 2014) and has been chosen as a Library Guild Selection (Pocket Change, 2016). Their books have been shortlisted for numerous other honors, too, including the Silver Birch, Hackmatack, Green Earth, Rocky Mountain, and Red Cedar Book Awards, and been translated into Korean, French, Brazilian Portuguese, German, Finnish, Swedish, Norwegian, and Hungarian. When not writing, Michelle can be found speaking at schools, traveling, foraging wild foods with their daughter, gardening, or walking along the beach near their home in Victoria, BC.*

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*PRAISE FOR MICHELLE MULDER:*

*"A DEEPLY SATISFYING STORY ABOUT FAMILY, FRIENDSHIP AND THE POWER OF COMMUNITY." –THE GLOBE AND MAIL, REVIEWING THE VEGETABLE MUSEUM*

*"MULDER'S SPARE PROSE NEITHER MAKES LIGHT OF A DELICATE ISSUE NOR PAINTS IT WITH A BROAD BRUSH. QUIETLY PERCEPTIVE AND PROVOCATIVE." –KIRKUS REVIEWS, STARRED REVIEW FOR NOT A CHANCE*



# The Odd 1s Out Journal

James Rallison

Over one million The Odd 1s Out books sold! Over 18 million subscribers to The Odd 1s Out channel on YouTube! Netflix series Oddballs coming later this year in 192 markets worldwide!

A worldwide phenomenon, James Rallison's The Odd 1s Out is a juggernaut that has spawned two New York Times bestselling books, The Odd 1s Out: How to Be Cool and Other Things I Definitely Learned from Growing Up and The Odd 1s Out: The First Sequel, The Odd 1s Out Doodle Book, and now The Odd 1s Out Journal. With more than one million copies sold, and mega-hits in both the United States and Australia, fans simply cannot get enough.

It's time to get personal in the first ever interactive journal from The Odd 1s Out!

In this one-of-a-kind journal, fans of the New York Times bestselling Odd 1s Out series can share, create, and bare it all. With prompts ranging from choosing your desert island snack fave and doodling your childhood imaginary friends to divulging your deepest darkest secrets (and then wildly scribbling over them in marker), both serious journalers and journaling newbies will have a blast filling this in.

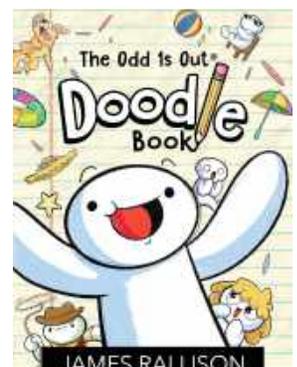
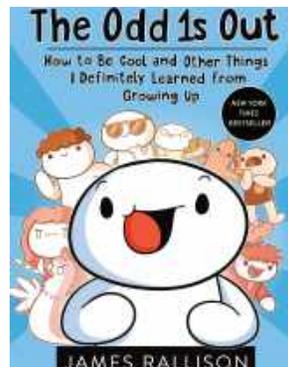
Get ready to get real, because it's time to write about the oddest one of all: YOU!

*JAMES RALLISON has been drawing comics since he was eight years old. At age sixteen, James created the webcomic The Odd 1s Out, which now comprises hundreds of comics and which expanded into the number one animation channel on YouTube with more than eighteen million subscribers around the world. His first animated series, Oddballs, based on The Odd 1s Out, which James co-created and co-wrote with veteran showrunner Ethan Barville, and in which he stars, debuts on Netflix in October 2022.*

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IN THESE HIGHLY-ILLUSTRATED FULL-COLOR COLLECTIONS, RALLISON SHARES HIS HARD-EARNED ADVICE AND HILARIOUS STORIES ABOUT THE UPS AND DOWNS OF GROWING UP AS THE "ODD ONE OUT" IN THE FUNNY, RELATABLE VOICE HIS FANS LOVE. EACH STORY IS FILLED WITH THE LITTLE LESSONS HE PICKED UP ALONG THE WAY, SERIOUS AND OTHERWISE. FILLED WITH ORIGINAL, NEVER-BEFORE-SEEN MATERIAL, THESE TONGUE-IN-CHEEK STORIES TAKE ON SOME OF THE WEIRDEST, FUNNIEST PARTS OF LIFE. PERFECT FOR BOTH AVID FOLLOWERS AND NEW CONVERTS.

Draw, color, and create with The Odd 1s Out Doodle Book! In this official, one-of-a-kind activity book, fans of the New York Times bestselling Odd 1s Out series can step into the world of James Rallison to draw, create, and put yourself into the scene. Draw the future in James' crystal ball, scribble all over the walls like baby James, sketch out the lifecycle of Harry the Moth, come up with some entirely original phrases that no one has ever said out loud before, and so much more!



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Middle Grade

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# The Boy, the Cloud, and the Very Tall Tale

Heather Smith

**A fantasy novel for fans of Jonathan Auxier and Roald Dahl, filled with magic, folklore and adventure.**

When eleven-year-old Ewan and his little sister Flora visit The Notion Shop, they expect to find a regular, run-of-the-mill sewing supply store. Instead, they find the magical and eccentric Mr. So-and-So, The Notion Shop's owner. While their grandfather browses the wall-to-wall drawers filled with sewing notions – buttons, snaps, grommets, and hooks – Mr. So-and-So invites the children into the shop's secret wing where they browse notions that have nothing to do with haberdashery and everything to do with life. Each drawer in the secret wing, they quickly discover, holds a slip of paper containing a unique – and sometimes humorous – thought, idea, view, or impression.

One notion in particular inspires the usually timid Ewan to set out on an expedition across their rugged island in search of their father who had disappeared two years earlier. Before long, he is joined by Flora and Mr. So-and-So and thus begins an emotion-filled journey as the travellers open up to one another, all the while unravelling the secrets of the father's disappearance.

Set in rural Newfoundland in 1924, *THE BOY, THE CLOUD, AND THE VERY TALL TALE* is a story filled with history, magic, folklore, and adventure. With the colorful – and sometimes infuriating – Mr. So-and-So by his side, Ewan comes to understand that even grownups struggle with their feelings sometimes and that showing compassion to others is how we can begin to show compassion to ourselves.

*Heather Smith is the author of four published YA novels, the most recent of which, Barry Squires, Full Tilt, was longlisted for the Dublin Literary Award; the middle grade verse novel Ebb & Flow, which won the TD Canadian Children's Literature Award; and five published picture books (Angus All Aglow, A Plan for Pops, The Phone Booth in Mr. Hirota's Garden, Slowpoke the Bell Island Mine Horse, and Annie's Cat is Sad). The books in her body of work have either won or been shortlisted for virtually every Canadian children's literature prize, and been translated into Basque, Complex Chinese, Italian, Korean, Persian, Portuguese (Brazil), Simplified Chinese, and Spanish.*

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PRAISE FOR BARRY SQUIRES, FULL TILT:

"BARRY'S QUEST FOR FOOTLOOSE FAME INSTEAD TAKES HIM ON A GRAND TOUR OF HUMANITY. . . . OFFBEAT, QUIRKY, AND FULL OF HEART." —KIRKUS REVIEWS

"[T]HIS IS ONE FOOT-STOMPINGLY ENJOYABLE, WHILE ALSO HEART-RENDING, READ." —QUILL & QUIRE



# The Grover School Pledge

Wanda Taylor

**THE GROVER SCHOOL PLEDGE** novel follows Arlaina, a young Black girl, and her diverse classmates who band together to right a systemic wrong in their school and speak truth to power.

THE GROVER SCHOOL PLEDGE is a mesmerizing and honest narrative that tackles subtle yet painful racial taunts. This story is told from the point of view of a young, inspirational, go-getter, Arlaina Jefferson.

Arlaina Jefferson is eager to prove herself. Tasked with caring for her cousin's rabbit Obeena, Arlaina knows all that stands between her and the grown-up world of middle school is one year of staying out of trouble and making sure to clean up Obeena's turds. It would be easy—if growing up didn't also mean growing wiser.

Having faced thoughtless comments from fellow students, Arlaina is already struggling to explain the hurt she feels to her best friend, Tina. But when her teacher, Mr. Matthews, asks an ignorant question of Nadia's headscarf, Arlaina has the confirmation that she needs: Mr. Matthews is part of a larger problem that plagues Grover School. All those comments that Arlaina—and several other students—once brushed off, suddenly smolder under the light of truth. Some things just can't be fixed by Obeena's warm and fuzzy charms.

Bolstered by her father's experience in the Million Man March, Arlaina teams up with no-nonsense Nadia and a host of other Grover School students to right a systemic wrong. After all, proving you're grown doesn't always mean staying out of trouble!

*Wanda Taylor is a journalist, educator, filmmaker, and author of seven books of fiction and nonfiction. Her MG nonfiction book, Birchtown and the Black Loyalists (Nimbus Publishing) is listed as one of the top Black History Month books for youth by the Canadian Children's Book Center. Wanda's magazine features, essays and poems can be found in various publications and anthologies across Canada, the US, and the UK.*

*Wanda teaches college courses in Journalism, Communications, and Story Writing for Media, and is a Faculty/Mentor in the MFA Creative Non-Fiction Program at King's College. She also serves as a Mentor in the Writers Union of Canada's BIPOC Connects program, providing mentorship to emerging writers of color. She was recently longlisted for the BC Writers Federation's short story prize and shortlisted for the poetry prize. Wanda has won awards for her body of work, including a Canadian Association of Journalists Award, and the Women of Excellence Award for Arts and Culture. She is currently writing Black Girls Rowing, about how a crew of Black female rowers overcame rampant discrimination in the sport, to win the biggest race of their careers.*

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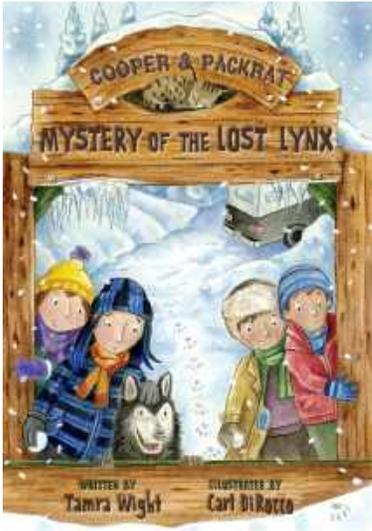
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Manuscript

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Canada



# Mystery of the Lost Lynx

Book 5 of the Cooper & Packrat Series

Tamra Wight with illustrations by Carl DiRocco

It's wintertime at Wilder Family Campground when Cooper and Packrat find themselves in the middle of another eco-adventure

Their favorite campground is opening for winter break, so Cooper, Packrat, Roy, and Summer are excited for snowy fun while helping to plan a winter festival. But when they see a lynx kit wearing a pet collar, watch a reckless snowmobiler dash across the ice, and are warned about a dangerous poacher, the young detectives and some cool new friends set off on their most exciting adventure yet. Can they solve the mystery and protect the camp's wildlife from poachers before it's too late?

Tamra Wight returns with her fifth installment in the Cooper and Packrat series and this time she introduces readers to a whole new season of fun, more excitement than ever, and even a hint of young romance at the Wilder Family Campground. Featuring black and white line illustrations by Carl DiRocco

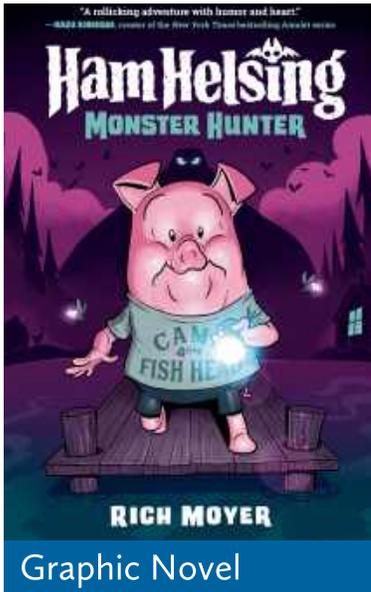
*Tamra Wight's love of nature and family has always played a big part in her life and her writing. For twenty-eight years, she owned and operated a Maine campground with her husband and two children. Wildlife watching from the camp's trails, kayaking Lower Range Pond, and her day-to-day camp chores inspired the Cooper and Packrat series.*

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"FANS OF ASPIRING GAME WARDEN COOPER WILDER AND HIS FRIEND PACKRAT—WHOSE USEFUL COLLECTION OF MISCELLANY RESIDES IN HIS JACKET'S MANY POCKETS—WILL ENJOY FOLLOWING THE BOYS AS THEIR ATTENTION TURNS FROM SETTING UP (WITH FRIENDS ROY AND SUMMER) THE PREMIER WINTER FESTIVAL AT THE WILDER FAMILY'S CAMPGROUND TO LEARNING ABOUT A PROBABLE FUR POACHER NEARBY. PART OF THE FUN FOR READERS IS TRYING TO OUTGUESS COOPER'S CHANGING ASSESSMENTS AS THE CLUES PILE UP. STYLIZED, GRAYSCALE SPOT ART IS APPROPRIATELY LIGHTHEARTED AND REASSURING...SNOWY FUN AND SUSPENSE" —KIRKUS REVIEWS







# Ham Helsing: Monster Hunter

Rich Moyer

**The uproarious next installment of the Ham Helsing graphic novel series sees Ham and his crew back to fight monsters at mysterious Camp Fish Head Lake!**

Reluctant hero Ham Helsing returns with his (mostly) fearless crew, with ninja tree pig Ronin, and socially anxious Malcolm by his side. Ham continues to stumble into one ridiculous scrape after another. Following the adventures in *Ham Helsing: Vampire Hunter* the fun continues at a mysterious summer camp where anything that could go wrong will!

After an invitation to “peaceful” Camp Fish Head Lake, Ham and his buddies arrive expecting to be guests of honor. But there are no staff to be seen, and with kids (and their overprotective parents) arriving, they decide to just go with the flow. How hard can it be to keep a few kids out of trouble?

But the camp turns out to be not so monster-free—and definitely not the kind of lake you want to go fishing in! Ham and his friends have their hands full as campers start to go missing and will have to work together and trust each other to figure out what’s going on—especially when old foes return.

*Rich Moyer specializes in the offbeat and irreverent as a syndicated cartoonist and an award-winning animator. Ham Helsing: Vampire Hunter is his first children’s graphic novel series. Rich lives in Denver, CO with his wife and children. <http://richmoyer.com/>*

**Publication:**

June 2022  
Crown

**Film/TV:**

Available

**Materials:**

Books

**Rights Sold:**

English (NA): Crown  
English (ANZ): Scholastic  
Australia (books 1 & 2)  
Polish: Virtualo (books 1 & 2)  
Tabletop game: Fireside Games

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"[W]ITH A HIGH-ENERGY ANIMATED SENSIBILITY, MOYER'S SILLY ROMP WILL DELIGHT FANS WITH ITS ABUNDANT SILLINESS AND VISUAL GAGS.... WHILE HUMOR REIGNS SUPREME, FAST PACING, CLEVER CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT, AND A SURPRISE ENDING (THAT BOTH TIES UP ONE ARC AND LEAVES A TANTALIZING CLIFFHANGER FOR SUBSEQUENT ADVENTURES) ADD UNEXPECTED DEPTH." —KIRKUS REVIEWS

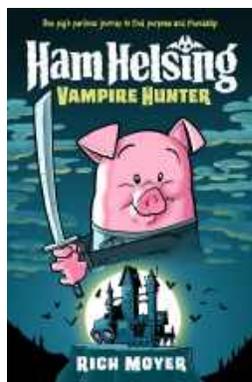
"HAM HELSING IS A WINNER!" — LINCOLN PEIRCE, ARTIST-AUTHOR OF NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES BIG NATE

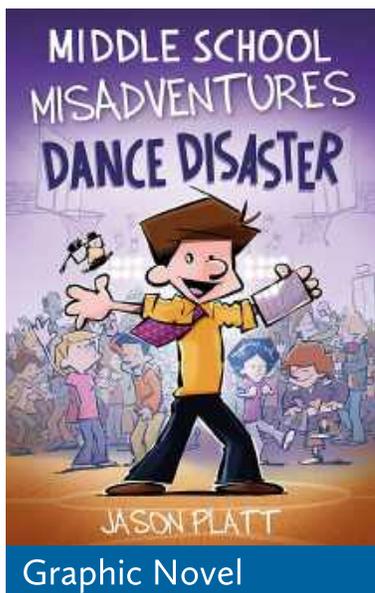
"THIS GLEEFULLY ABSURD GRAPHIC NOVEL HITS ALL THE RIGHT NOTES OF MIDDLE-GRADE HUMOR, FROM SNARKY ASIDES TO PUNNY WORDPLAY TO GROSSOUT GAGS, AND HAPLESS HAM IS AN EASY EVERYPIG TO ROOT FOR AS HE STUMBLES HIS WAY TOWARD HEROISM." —THE BULLETIN

"A ROLLICKING, SIDE-SPLITTING GOOD TIME WITH ITS SILLY ADVENTURES, APPEALING CHARACTERS, AND ABUNDANT ACTION." —KIRKUS REVIEWS

"AN HYSTERICAL STORY OF DANGER, FAMILY LEGACY, FRIENDSHIP, AND (TRUE) BRAVERY." —TERRI LIBENSON, ARTIST-AUTHOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES EMMIE & FRIENDS

"A BOOK FOR READERS OF ALL AGES (AND BACON LOVERS) TO SINK THEIR TEETH INTO." —SEAN PARKES, ASSISTANT ANIMATION DIRECTOR, BOB'S BURGERS





# Middle School Misadventures

## Dance Disaster

Jason Platt

**Ferris Bueller meets Big Nate in this international hit graphic novel series about fast-talking, daydreaming Newell, an everyday hero who succeeds despite his clumsiness and insecurities with a little help from his friends.**

In Jason Platt's third fun and imaginative Middle School Misadventures graphic novel, Newell's perfectly comfortable life is turned upside down when Mrs. Hendricks announces the upcoming school dance (Fart.) and he discovers his dad is dating his math teacher (Double Fart!), sending Newell on another desperate mission to keep his life from changing too much, but ultimately forcing him to embrace change and grow.

Newell is excited when Mrs. Hendricks announces a school dance! The seventh grade dance last year was awesome, and Newell used it to invent his signature move: The Shake and Slide. But when Newell realizes this dance is for the entire school, not just the eighth grade, he starts to stress about his friends coupling up and the dance ultimately breaking up the gang. Things go from bad to worse when Skyler jinxes Newell: he stubs his toe and breaks his arm. And if that wasn't enough, Newell's dad has started dating again...and specifically starts dating Newell's math teacher, Miss Tanner!

When Newell learns of a plot to RUIN the dance, he's launched into another madcap adventure to save the dance and his best friends.

*JASON PLATT, a graduate of the Savannah College of Art and Design, wanted to be an artist from a young age. With influences like Jim Davis, Berkeley Breathed, Charles M. Schulz, and Mort Drucker, his first education in cartooning was as simple as opening up a newspaper or magazine. While illustrating for an educational publishing company, Jason first developed his online comic, Mister & Me, which ultimately gave birth to Middle School Misadventures. In 2016, Jason was accepted into the National Cartoonists Society by a unanimous vote. He and his family live in Davenport, Iowa. [www.plattinumpictures.com](http://www.plattinumpictures.com).*

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### Publication:

April 2022  
Little, Brown

### Film/TV:

Available

### Materials:

Books

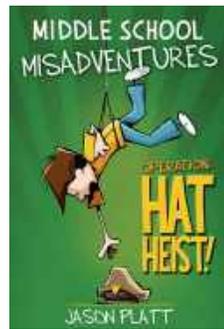
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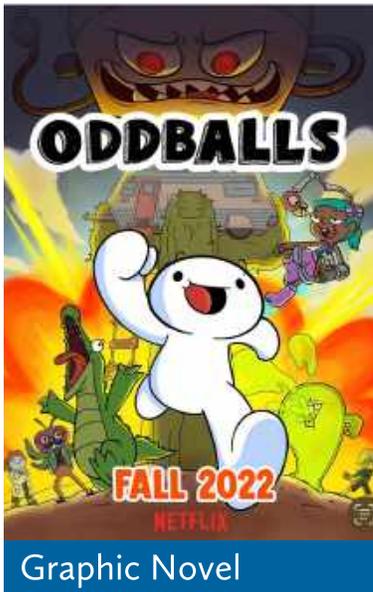
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Finnish: Otava — Books 1, 2, 3  
Hebrew: Steimatzky-Tchelet — Books 1, 2  
Norwegian: Gyldendal — Books 1, 2, 3  
Polish: Empik/Virtualo — Books 1, 2, 3  
Portuguese (Portugal): Edições ASA-LeYa — Books 1, 2  
Turkish: Ithaki Cocuk — Books 1, 2, 3

"THIS HILARIOUS GRAPHIC NOVEL IS A GREAT READ FOR ANYONE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL OR FOR ADULTS WHO KNOW SOMEONE THAT AGE." —SCHOOL LIBRARY CONNECTION

"NEWELL'S STORY IS FILLED WITH A BUILDING ANXIETY THAT WILL FILL MIDDLE-SCHOOLERS WITH URGENT SUSPENSE AND THE SWEET RELIEF OF RECOGNITION." —BOOKLIST

"TWEENS WILL FIND THEMSELVES EFFORTLESSLY INVOLVED IN THIS STORY OF A YOUNG MAN WHO MUST LEARN TO ACCEPT CHANGE AND FIND HIS OWN ROLE WITHIN IT." —SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL





# Oddballs

## The Graphic Novel

James Rallison & Ethan Banville

The must-have graphic novel companion to the global hit series *Oddballs!*

You've watched James and Max's adventures on Netflix, but the fun doesn't stop there! *ODDBALLS: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL* brings you even more rant fueled stories where something annoys James and he just can't let it go! Join James, Max, Echo and the people of Dirt on these original odd adventures!

Inspired by James Rallison's incredibly popular YouTube channel *The Odd Is Out*, *ODDBALLS* follows James, his best friend Max (an anthropomorphic crocodile), and Echo, a girl who claims to be from the future. Much like on *TheOddIsOut* YouTube channel, James can't help but share his views and observations on things we all know and have been annoyed by. Like toasters! Why has no one created a smart toaster? And participation trophies. Those things devalue all trophies! Featuring five original stories, *ODDBALLS: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL* continues James' madcap misadventures with Max, Echo, and the whole town of Dirt!

*James Rallison has been drawing comics since he was eight years old. At age sixteen, James created the webcomic The Odd Is Out, which has expanded into a YouTube channel with more than 18 million subscribers. His Netflix animated series Oddballs, co-created with Ethan Banville, debuts in 192 countries in October 2022.*

*Ethan Banville is the co-creator of Oddballs and a writer-producer with over fifteen years of experience in television and film. He has created action sports programming for FUEL TV and written for hit shows like iCarly, Drake & Josh, and Johnny Test. He is currently teaching at the Los Angeles Film School. In his spare time, he enjoys skateboarding, trail running, and hanging out with his wife and their two cats who refuse to let them get a full night's sleep.*

### Publication:

Spring 2023  
TarcherPerigee — Penguin

### Materials:

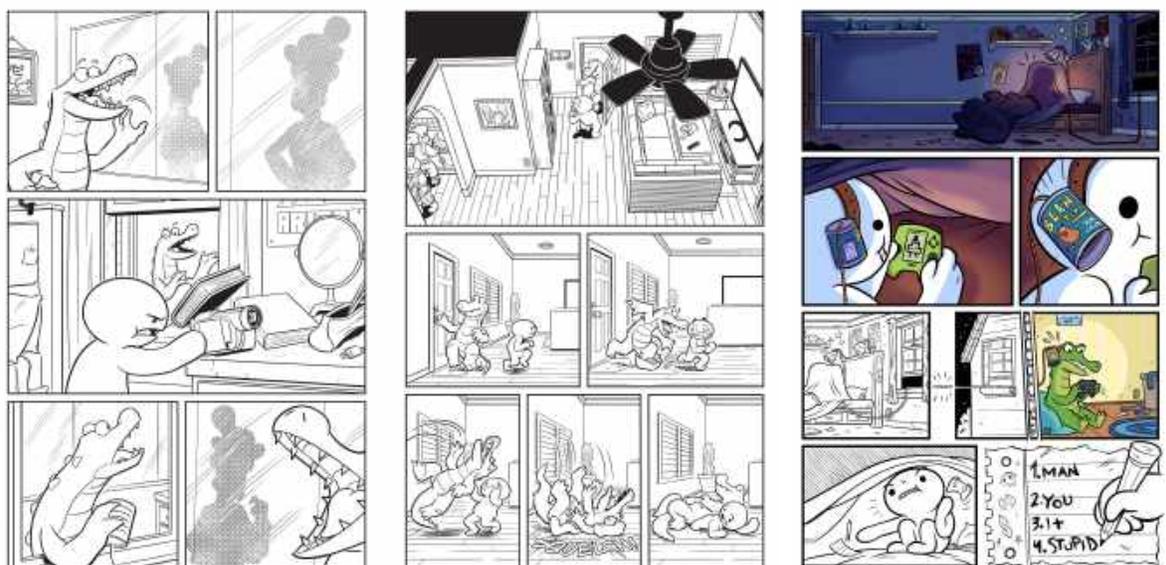
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### Rights Sold:

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TarcherPerigee/Penguin  
English (UK/ANZ/  
Commonwealth): Scholastic  
Australia & Scholastic UK

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# Your Pal Fred

Michael Rex

From the author/illustrator of *Fangbone!* and *Goodnight Goon* comes a zany and hilarious graphic novel that shines a light on the humanity inside all of us—even if you're a robot.

YOUR PAL FRED is a comedy adventure with a heart of gold. Fred is a lifelike robot programmed to be your friend, teach you manners, how to be polite—he's an indefatigable source of positivity and encouragement. Our hero, however, awakens to a Mad-Max-like post-apocalyptic world where the necessity of survival has hardened even the most average people into gruff, mean-spirited ruffians.

In book one, even the lowliest person is being conscripted into a senseless ongoing battle between Lord Bonkers and Papa Mayhem; and Fred is determined to make friends of these two mortal enemies. Played for laughs and filled with non-stop action, YOUR PAL FRED is set in a visually-rich, over-the-top environment, populated by wild characters, but it could not be a more timely story. It's ultimately about the courage of kindness and hope in the face of selfishness and meanness. Fred is an inspiring protagonist to fall in love with; Pinocchio with a conscience; as unstoppably optimistic as SpongeBob; a stranger in a strange land; Mr. Rogers of the Wasteland; and, frankly, a hero for our times.

Michael Rex has written and illustrated over 45 books for children, including the New York Times #1 bestseller *Goodnight Goon*, & the New York Times bestseller *The Runaway Mummy*. *Goodnight Goon* spent nine weeks on the New York Times bestseller list, finishing in the #1 slot for two weeks. *Goon* has nearly one million copies in print. He is also the creator of *Fangbone: Third Grade Barbarian*, which became the award-winning animated series *Fangbone!*

## Publication:

May 2022  
Viking

## Film/TV:

Available

## Materials:

Books

## Rights Sold:

English (North America):  
Viking

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"IN REX'S BIG-HEARTED COMIC ... FRED'S GENTLENESS PROVES HEALING IN THIS HUMOROUS VOLUME ABOUT THE POWER OF KINDNESS." — PUBLISHERS WEEKLY, STARRED REVIEW

"[T]HE BUOYANT PROTAGONIST, GOOFY CHARACTER DESIGNS, AND SLAPSTICK COMEDY OFFSET THE SERIOUSNESS BEHIND THE IDEA OF THE WRECKED WORLD. A GRAPHIC NOVEL WITH HEART ABOUT MEDIATION AND GOOD RELATIONS THAT WILL APPEAL TO THOSE WHO ENJOY KOOKY CHARACTERS." —SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

"FRED WEATHERS SCORN, SLIME, AND WORSE TO MAKE FRIENDS, REUNITE LONG-SEPARATED SIBLINGS, AND SHOW EVEN FIERCE RIVALS A WAY TO PEACE AND FORGIVENESS. A WINNING EXHORTATION, EARNEST IN ITS UNDERPINNINGS AT LEAST, TO BE THE CHANGE." —KIRKUS REVIEWS

"IN A WORLD OF CHAOS AND CARNAGE, THIS ROBOT CARRIES A SECRET WEAPON . . . REWARD STICKERS! ANOTHER GENIUS IDEA FROM ONE OF MY FAVORITE GRAPHIC NOVELISTS." — TOM ANGLEBERGER, BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF GERONIMO STILTON AND ORIGAMI YODA

"REX COMBINES A SILLY, ADVENTUROUS ROMP WITH A MESSAGE ABOUT LOVE AND KINDNESS. THE ILLUSTRATIONS CAPTURE THE STORY'S ENERGY; THE ACTION-PACKED SPREADS AND JAGGED PANELS MAKE FOR QUICK TRANSITIONS DURING ACTION SEQUENCES, AND THE CARTOONISH VISUAL STYLE TURNS MEAN CHARACTERS INTO HARMLESS GOOFBALLS." —BOOKLIST





# Star Beasts

Stephanie Young and Allyson Lassiter

**Wanna know the real reason Pluto isn't a planet anymore? In this lively middle grade graphic novel, *Zootopia* crashes *Star Trek*, so it's basically animals in space saving humans... you know, like they do!**

A secret order of animals, including a librarian goldfish and a tech iguana, engage in a cosmic space race to stop Pluto's Khaos Krill, who is enraged when Pluto is declared not to be a planet and in revenge is building the Beast of Destruction and plans to wipe out the creatures of Earth.

Bandit is a pup who leaves his family on Earth to join the secret order of the Star Beasts—cosmic creatures sworn to protect Earth and spread goodness throughout the universe. Only thing is, he's having trouble fitting in. When powerful galactic relics are suddenly stolen, the Star Beasts must band together to find the deadly fossils before Pluto's evil emperor, Khaos Krill, meanwhile, wants to build the Novataur, an ancient monster that could wipe out all of Earth's species!

Captain Bandit leads the crew on a kick-asteroid space race to collect all the relics. Flashtista, the warrior turtle; Clio, the goldfish historian; Karma, the healing tiger; Pep, the techie iguana, and the rest of Star Beasts risk their lives to learn that true family is never really lost, and that protecting love is the greatest duty of all.

*The creators met at Hallmark where Stephanie is editorial director for digital content and Allyson designs gift products for kids. Stephanie also writes concepts and scripts for Amazon Skills and VR content, while Allyson worked as an online games designer.*

## Publication:

Spring 2022  
Lionforge/Oni Press

## Film/TV:

Available

## Materials:

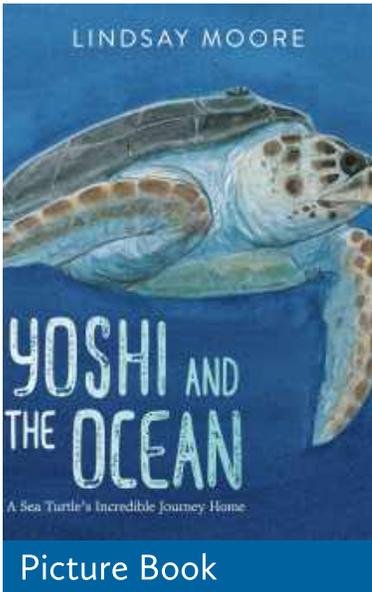
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## Rights Sold:

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Lionforge/Oni Press

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# Yoshi and the Ocean

## A Sea Turtle's Journey Home

Lindsay Moore

**Inspired by the extraordinary true story of a turtle who was released into the wild after 20 years of captivity and swam for days, weeks, years across the wide ocean to finally find home.**

In 1997, a small injured loggerhead turtle was rescued by Japanese fishermen, given the name Yoshi by the crew and taken to an aquarium in South Africa to heal. She lived at the aquarium, getting bigger and stronger, making many friends and fans, until she was released back into the ocean in 2017.

Scientists attached a satellite tracker to her shell and were able to follow her incredible journey. Yoshi travelled for 982 days  
Yoshi swam 24, 862 miles  
Yoshi navigated the Indian and the Atlantic Ocean  
Yoshi sent 21, 167 satellite messages

Her journey was filled with danger, beauty, adventure, mystery, discovery, science and surprise. Her journey was wide like the wild, curving over the surface of the earth, between two continents, in darkness and daylight.

This stunningly original heart-warming story is illustrated with breathtaking art from a gifted creator who understands both the magic and the science of the deep.

*Author and illustrator Lindsay Moore is an artist and marine biologist. Her acclaimed debut, Sea Bear was described by SLJ as "an artful and expressive take on the effects of global warming", while her illustrations for Rosanne Parry's Whale of the Wild earned indie bestseller status. It was translated into several languages. Lindsay studied marine biology and fine art at Southampton College, Long Island, and earned her master of science in medical and scientific illustration at Augusta University.*

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### Publication:

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### Film/TV:

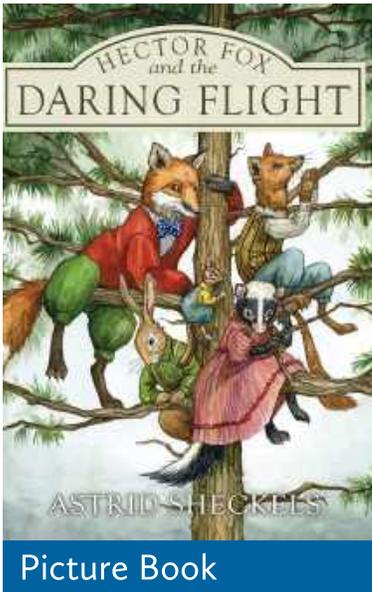
Available

### Materials:

Books

### Rights Sold:

English (North America)  
HarperCollins  
Germany:



# Hector Fox and the Daring Flight

Book 3 in the Hector Fox Series

Astrid Sheckels

On a lazy summer day, Hector Fox and his friends watch a kite soar on the afternoon breeze and get a crazy idea: they also want to fly like a bird.

Can the friends work together to design and build a flying machine? Can they find a brave pilot? And what happens if something goes wrong in the skies above Owl Hill? As their latest adventure unfolds, Hector Fox and his woodland friends realize it will also take a little bravery to save the day.

HECTOR FOX AND THE DARING FLIGHT is the third book in a four-book series of charmingly illustrated picture books about Hector and his friends. *Hector Fox and the Giant Quest* was published in 2021, *Hector Fox and the Raven's Revenge* was published in spring 2022, and *Hector Fox and the Map of Mystery* is forthcoming in 2023.

Astrid Sheckels is the author/illustrator of *Nic and Nellie* (Islandport Press), which won the Moonbeam Award for Best Picture Book. She is the illustrator of *The Scallop Christmas* (Islandport Press) and *The Fish House Door* (Islandport Press).

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**Hector Fox and the Giant Quest was the winner of the Northern Lights Book Award best author/illustrator category 2021**

"SHECKELS' PAINTERLY WATERCOLOR ILLUSTRATIONS ARE RICHLY DETAILED AND ATMOSPHERIC: THE NATTILY DRESSED ANIMALS ARE OUTFITTED IN DAPPER EDWARDIAN WAISTCOATS WITH BUSHY TAILS PEEKING OUT, WHILE HECTOR'S COZY HOME INSIDE A TREE TRUNK IS LINED WITH BOOKSHELVES AND WARMED BY A ROARING FIREPLACE. WITH A CLASSIC FAIRY-TALE FEEL, THIS IS A SUSPENSEFUL, WELL-PACED PICTURE BOOK OF FRIENDSHIP, BRAVERY, AND ACCEPTANCE." — BOOKLIST

"ARTFUL WATERCOLORS DEPICT POUNDING RAIN AND GILDED TREASURES IN THIS TALE ABOUT MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND UNLIKELY FRIENDS." — FOREWORD REVIEWS

"WHEN IT COMES TO KIDS' BOOKS, IT'S HARD TO GO WRONG WITH ANTHROPOMORPHIC ANIMALS. COUPLE THAT WITH SOME LUSTROUS ILLUSTRATIONS OF WOODS AND FIELDS, ADD IN AN ADVENTURE, AND YOU'VE GOT A POTENTIAL WINNER." — GREENFIELD RECORDER





Middle Grade

## Eat Bugs 2: Pitch Partners

Heather Alexander with Laura D'Asaro and Rose Wang

The second book in the sensational series inspired by the true story of two friends who landed a deal on Shark Tank. Sixth-grade students-turned-entrepreneurs are on a mission to save the world, one bug at a time!

Also available: *Eat Bugs: Project StartUp*, the first book in the series which introduces Hallie and Jaye — two strong-willed girls who come together to start a buzz-worthy business for their school's pitch competition.

**Publication:**  
Fall 2021

Publisher:  
English (World): Penguin  
Workshop  
Korean (Book 1): Charliebook  
Film/TV: Sesame Workshop



Picture Book

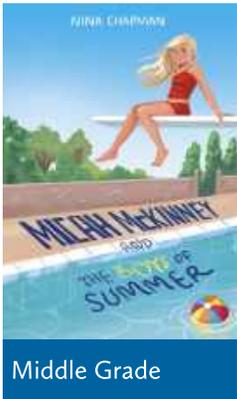
## Little Lunch Truck

Charles Beyl

Ride along with Little Lunch Truck as he drives through town delivering Chef Nina's food to the library, the hospital and even the construction site!

**Publication:**  
May 2021

Publisher:  
English (World): Feiwel &  
Friends/Macmillan



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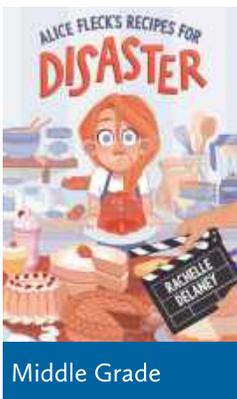
## Micah McKinney and the Boys of Summer

Nina Chapman

Micah hopes to undergo a miracle transformation this summer — one that will bring with it new friends and a fresh start. If that happens then maybe she can finally forget about the disaster she'd become in 6th grade. A modern day *Are You There God It's Me, Margaret*.

**Publication:**  
Spring 2020

Publisher:  
English (World): Capstone  
Hungarian: Manó Könyvek  
Kiadó Kft



Middle Grade

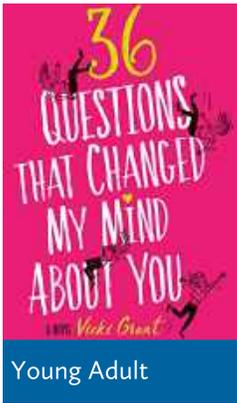
## Alice Fleck's Recipes for Disaster

Rachelle Delaney

When Alice agreed to appear in a reality cooking show with her father, she had no idea she'd find herself in the middle of a mystery! Will Alice and her new friends be able to save the show?

**Publication:**  
May 2021

Publisher:  
English (North America):  
Puffin Canada



## 36 Questions That Changed My Mind About You

Vicki Grant

Two random strangers. Two heart-breaking secrets. 36 questions to make them fall in love.

### Publication:

Publisher:  
World Rights Available Ex:  
World English, Running Press  
(U.K. & Commonwealth, Hot  
Key/Bonnier Zaffre; U.S.  
Audio, Hachette Audio);  
Brazilian Portuguese, Record  
Galera; Bulgarian, Egmont;  
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DHX; French, Michel Lafon;  
German, Random House;  
Hebrew, Yedioth; Hungarian,  
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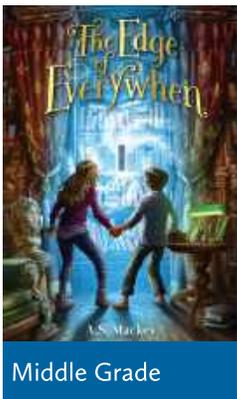
## Almost American Girl

Robin Ha

Introducing the touching true story of NYT bestselling author Robin Ha's childhood experience of moving to Huntsville, Alabama from Seoul, South Korea without knowing a drop of English. With the emotional resonance of *American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang **ALMOST AMERICAN GIRL** rips your heart out and reminds us all how terrifying childhood relationships can be, especially when you're the new kid who looks different and can't speak American.

### Publication:

Publisher:  
North America: Balzer & Bray/  
HarperCollins for Spring 2020,  
Korean Gilbutschool  
Books Available



## The Edge of Everywhen

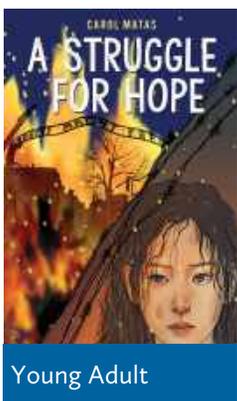
Allison Mackey

*The Chronicles of Narnia* meets *A Series of Unfortunate Events*.

Narrated by a book with magical powers this is the story of Piper, a 13-year-old self-proclaimed book nerd whose world has been upended after the death of her mother and her autistic little brother (and best friend) Phoenix who are forced to move a thousand miles away from everything familiar and live with their rich, estranged aunt.

### Publication: Spring 2020

Publisher:  
English (North America): B&H  
Kids/Lifeway  
Russian: Phoenix



## A Struggle for Hope

Carol Matas

A gripping story of survival and hope from acclaimed author Carol Matas.

Ruth Mendenberg survived the Holocaust; now she finds herself in a war zone once more, as Israel struggles for its existence. Injured and unable to fight, Ruth uses stories to calm orphaned and wounded children at a hospital behind the front lines. And those stories take her back to her time in the concentration camp -- the horrors she saw, the quiet heroism of fellow prisoners, and the friends she made and lost.

### Publication: October 2021

Publisher:  
English (World): Scholastic  
Canada  
French (Canada): Scholastic  
Canada



## Fragile Bones: Harrison & Anna

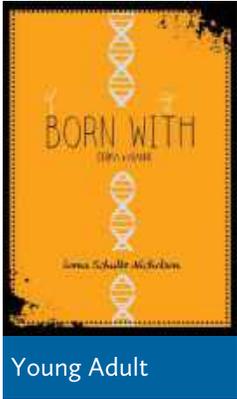
Lorna Schultz Nicholson

Meet Harrison and Anna. One is a fifteen-year-old boy with an uncanny ability to recite every bone in the skeletal system whenever he gets anxious — and that happens a lot.

Told in the alternating voices of Harrison and Anna, FRAGILE BONES is the story of two teens whose lives intertwine in unexpected ways. Each one-to-one novel tells the story of a different pair of teens participating in the Best Buddies program at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School.

**Publication:**  
**Fall 2015**

Publisher:  
English (North America): Red  
Deer Press



## Born With: Erika & Gianni

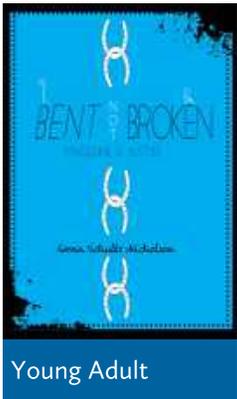
Lorna Schultz Nicholson

The second book in the One-2-One series.

Meet Erika and Gianni: One is a fifteen-year-old girl who loves to dance and sing and make people laugh. She tells people that she was born with an extra gene, but her sister has to buy hers at the mall (ha, ha!!).

**Publication:**  
**Winter 2016**

Publisher:  
English (North America): Red  
Deer Press



## Bent Not Broken: Madeline & Justin

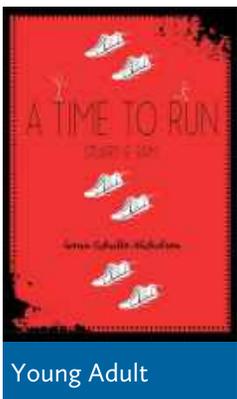
Lorna Schultz Nicholson

The third book in the One-2-One series.

Meet Madeline and Justin. Before Madeline's bike accident left her with a traumatic brain injury, she and her twin sister were inseparable. So were her parents. But now, Madeline's parents are divorced and Becky has become rebellious, angry, and sneaky. Even worse, she doesn't seem to want Madeline around anymore.

**Publication:**  
**Spring 2017**

Publisher:  
English (North America): Red  
Deer Press



## A Time to Run: Stuart & Sam

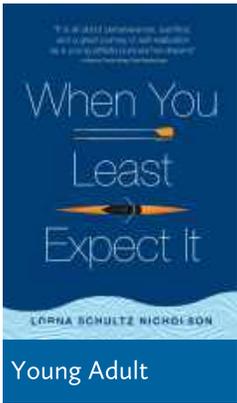
Lorna Schultz Nicholson

The fourth book in the One-2-One series.

Stuart can run like the wind. It's a skill that has come in handy for him all his life. Born with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD), Stuart has learned to run away from all kinds of trouble — at least, if he can recognize it. Sometimes it's hard for him to know when a friend really is a friend or when he's just bad news.

**Publication:**  
**Spring 2018**

Publisher:  
English (North America): Red  
Deer Press



## When You Least Expect It

Lorna Schultz Nicholson

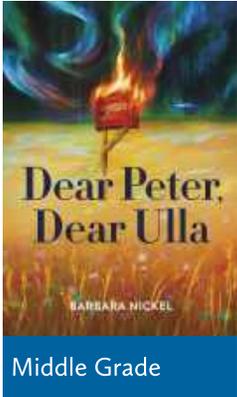
**Life is coming, whether Holly wants it to or not.**

Winner of the R. Ross Annett Award for Children's Literature.

Avid competitive rower Holly is seventeen. There is nothing she wishes for more than to compete in the Olympics. When she fails to make the rowing team that is going to Europe she is shattered. Her dream has exploded and she is left dealing with the disappointment. She is also confronting a new reality at home: she and her mother have moved in with her mother's boyfriend and his two sons.

**Publication:**  
**November 2021**

Publisher:  
English (World): Red Deer Press



## Dear Peter, Dear Ulla

Barbara Nickel

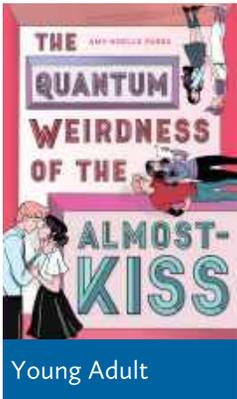
**An imaginative and beautifully crafted historical novel for fans of *The Book Thief*.**

Shortlisted for the BC and Yukon Book Prizes, the MYRC Awards, and the High Plains Book Award.

Ulla lives in Danzig, a city that has just been occupied by the Nazis, and Peter lives on a farm in a Mennonite community in Saskatchewan. What had been an easy and entertaining connection between Peter, a talented pianist, and Ulla, who is gifted at drawing, becomes fraught with unthinkable questions. Are they supposed to consider each other enemies now that Canada and Germany are at war? What makes a person your enemy? What makes a person your friend? Is violence ever a good solution to conflict?

**Publication:**  
**September 2021**

Publisher:  
English (World): ThistleDown Press



## The Quantum Weirdness of the Almost-Kiss

Amy Noelle Parks

**Caleb has always assumed that when she was ready for romance, Evie would choose him. Because he is her best friend, and he loves her, and he has almost kissed her 17 times...**

Caleb knows the girl never falls for the funny best friend when there's a mysterious stranger around, he decides to use an online forum to capture Evie's interest. Now, he's got Evie wondering if it's possible to fall in love with a boy she's never met.

**Publication:**  
**January 2021**

Publisher:  
English (World): Abrams  
German: WJB/Rowohlt  
Polish: Wydawnictwo Literackie  
Russian: Piter  
Turkish: Ren Kitap  
Film/TV: Shay Rudolph



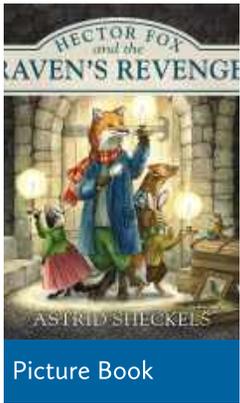
## Hector Fox and the Giant Quest

Astrid Sheckels

**Giants are very good at hiding**

**Publication:**  
**September 2021**

Publisher:  
English (North America):  
Islandport Press  
Greek (Books 1-4): Dioptra  
Hungarian (Books 1 & 2):  
Centrá  
Italian (Book 1): Il Castoro  
Romanian (Books 1-4):  
Didactica Publishing House  
Russian (Book 1): Career Press  
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## Hector Fox and the Raven's Revenge

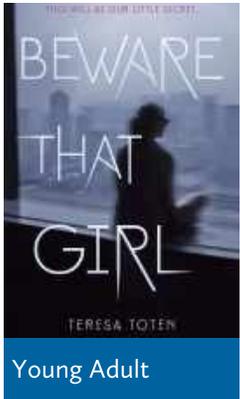
Astrid Sheckels

Long ago, an old raven came seeking shelter from a terrible storm...

**Publication:**  
**May 2022**

Publisher:  
English (North America):  
Islandport Press  
Greek (Books 1-4): Dioptra  
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Picture Book



## Beware That Girl

Teresa Toten

This powerful psychological thriller with multiple mysteries is set against the backdrop of the mega-wealthy elite of New York City. Toten delves into the mesmerizing yet dysfunctional world of those who manipulate but seem ever so charming. With its gripping pace and Hitchcockian twists, BEWARE THAT GIRL will keep readers guessing until the very last line.

**Publication:**

Publisher:  
World Rights Available Ex:  
U.S., Delacorte, Spring 2016;  
Canada English, Doubleday  
Canada, Spring 2016; UK/AUS/  
NZ: Hot Key; German, Fischer,  
Spring 2017; Spanish, Penguin  
Random House, Spring 2015;  
French, Hachette Jeunesse;  
Portuguese in Brazil, Record;  
Dutch, Gottmer; Russian, AST  
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Audio, Random Audio

Young Adult

Korea, Golden Time  
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## Eight Days

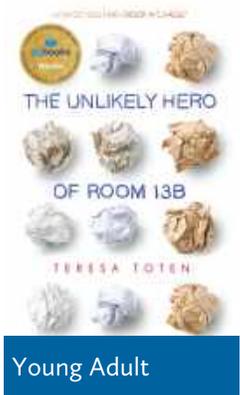
Teresa Toten

For fans of *Wonder* and *After Eli* comes EIGHT DAYS, a story about a funny and smart 14-year-old girl named Samantha who finds out the mother she thought had died years ago, has actually just passed away.

**Publication:**  
**2022**

Publisher:  
Canada (English): Scholastic

Middle Grade



## The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B

Teresa Toten

Hope, happiness, healing...and a whodunit too: Eleanor & Park fans take note!

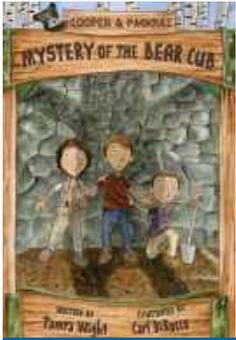
When Adam meets Robyn at a support group for kids coping with obsessive-compulsive disorder, he is drawn to her almost before he can take a breath. He's determined to protect and defend her whatever the cost. But when you're fourteen and the everyday problems of dealing with divorced parents and step-siblings are supplemented by the challenges of OCD, it's hard to imagine yourself falling in love. How can you have a "normal" relationship when your life is so fraught with problems?

**Publication:**  
**August 2013**

Publisher:  
World Rights Available Ex:  
English Canada exclusive and  
Open Market nonexclusive:  
Random House  
US: Delacorte  
US Audio: Listening Library  
World German: Bertelsmann  
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Simplified Chinese: Uni-  
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Young Adult





Middle Grade

## Cooper & Packrat Books 1-4

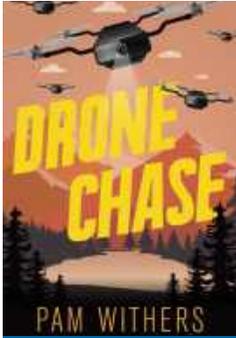
Tamra Wight with illustrations by Carl Dirocco

### Welcome to the Wilder Family Campground

*Mystery on Pine Lake, Mystery of the Eagle's Nest, Mystery of the Missing Fox, and Mystery of the Bear Cub.*

**Publication:**  
TBD 2013-2019

Publisher:  
English (North America):  
Islandport Press  
Simplified Chinese (Books 1-3):  
Beijing Publishing Group Ltd.



Young Adult

## Drone Chase

Pam Withers

**Ray will need every ounce of his drone skills and outdoor smarts to recover his missing bear cub before poachers get to it first.**

When his orphan bear cub goes missing, sixteen-year-old drone enthusiast Ray McLellan decides to use his airborne spying skills to find it. Little does he know that a bear-poaching gang operating in the surrounding forest has drones too — and a cold welcome for those who would attempt to take them down.

**Publication:**  
January 2021

Publisher:  
English (World): Dundurn  
Press

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