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YA Romance & LGBTO+

Trailblazing pop star, actor and director, Hayley Kiyoko debuts her first novel, a coming-of-age romance based on her breakthrough hit song and viral video, Girls Like Girls

GIRLS LIKE GIRLS by Hayley Kiyoko (Wednesday Books, May 2023)

Editor: Sara Goodman; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

It's summertime and seventeen-year-old Coley has found herself alone, again. Forced to move to rural Oregon after just losing her mother, she is in no position to risk her already fragile heart. But when she meets Sonya, the attraction is immediate. Coley worries she isn't worthy of love. Up until now, everyone she's loved has left her. And Sonya's never been with a girl before. What if she's too afraid to show up for Coley? What if by opening her heart, Coley's risking it all? They both realize that when things are pushed down, and feelings are forced to shrivel away, Coley and Sonya will be the ones to shrink. It's not until they accept the love they fear and deserve most, that suddenly the song makes sense. Based on the billboard-charting smash hit song and viral music video *Girls Like Girls*, Hayley Kiyoko's debut novel is about embracing your truth and realizing we are all worthy of being loved back.

Foreign sales: **Brazil**/Intrinseca, **Czech Republic**/Euromedia, **Germany**/DTV, **Poland**/Dolnoslaskie, **Spanish World**/Océano, **UK**/Penguin Random House Children's

Hayley Kiyoko has 1.9 million followers on <u>Instagram</u> and 2 million followers on <u>TikTok</u> with hundreds of thousands of followers on both Facebook and Twitter. The Girls Like Girls <u>music</u> <u>video</u> was released in 2015 and has over 150 million views!

See more on our marketing and positioning <u>here</u>!





YA Contemporary Romance & LGBTO+

Dash & Lily meets Ferris Bueller's Day Off in this heartfelt rom-com about two teens who spend one life-changing day lost in New York City

THIS DAY CHANGES EVERYTHING by Edward Underhill (Wednesday Books, February 2024)

Editor: Sarah Grill; Material: manuscript; Page count: 288

Abby Akerman believes in the Universe. After all, her Midwest high school marching band is about to perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City—if that's not proof that magical things can happen, what is? But the big performance isn't the only thing on her mind. New York City is the setting for her favorite book—and the perfect place for Abby to finally tell her best friend Kat that she's in love with her (and, um, gay). She's carefully annotated a copy of the book as a gift, and she's hoping the Universe will provide an Epic Scene worthy of her own romance novel. Leo Brewer, on the other hand, just wants to get through this trip without falling apart. He doesn't believe the Universe is magical at all, mostly because he's about to be outed to his entire extended family on national television as the awkward trans boy he really is. He's not excited for the parade, and he's even less excited for an entire day of sightseeing with his band the day before Thanksgiving. However, the Universe has other ideas. When fate throws Abby and Leo together on the wrong subway train, they suddenly find themselves lost in a big, strange city. When Leo accidentally causes Abby to lose her book, the Epic Gift for Kat, they come up with a new mission: find a souvenir from every location mentioned in the book that Abby can give to Kat instead. But as Leo and Abby traverse the city, their quest taking them from Chinatown to holiday markets to the top of the Empire State Building, their initial expectations for the trip—and each other—start to shift. If they let it, this just might be the day that changes everything, for both of them.

"Exuberant...building nuanced characters with relatable problems, high emotional stakes, and earnest first love, Underhill delivers a delightful triumph."—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review) on *Always the Almost*

"Underhill nails every element here, from the wit to the romance to the fun and supportive cast, and you'll definitely be cheering by The End."—*Buzzfeed* on *Always the Almost*

Previous title's foreign sales: Poland/Proszynski

Also available: Always the Almost (2023)

See more terrific praise for Always the Almost *here*!



Non-Exclusive Territories: Japan: English Agency



YA Contemporary Romance & LGBTQ+

The Princess Diaries meets Red, White & Royal Blue in this delightful queer romance about two princes of neighboring nations who fall in love

THE RULES OF ROYALTY by Cale Dietrich (Wednesday Books, Summer 2024)

Editor: Lisa Bonvissuto; Material: manuscript due April; Page count: 352

American-raised Jamie has just found out that he's the prince of a small country, and now he's being thrown head first into the world of royalty with no idea how to navigate it. Erik, the reluctant "spare" prince of the country next door, who's dealing with family drama of his own, agrees to show him the royal ropes after they meet at an event. In the following months, between archery lessons, balls, a ski trip, and even a royal wedding, they must find out what they each want from their future as royals and if that future can include the two of them together.

"If This Gets Out will suck you in from Page 1...[and] stick with you beyond the finale."—Associated Press

"Dietrich and Gonzales keep the tension high and Ruben and Zach's voices distinct in this friends-to-lovers romance that shines with passion and verve."—*Booklist* on *If This Gets Out*

Previous title's foreign sales: **Brazil**/Companhia das Letras, **France**/Pocket Jeunesse, **Germany**/Carlsen, **Hungary**/Könyvmolyképző, **Israel**/S. Simson, **Italy**/Sperling & Kupfer, **Poland**/Kobiece, **Poland**/Muza, **Russia**/AST, **Spanish World**/V&R, **UK**/Hodder Children's Books

Also available: If This Gets Out (with Sophie Gonzales; 2021)



Non-Exclusive Territories: Japan: Japan Uni Agency Korea: Imprima Agency



YA Contemporary Romance & LGBTO+

A YA rom-com where a fanfic writer brings her favorite TV character to life but has to turn to her former best friend-turned-enemy to deal with the unexpected consequences

THE PERFECT GUY DOESN'T EXIST by Sophie Gonzales (Wednesday Books, March 2024)

Editor: Lisa Bonvissuto and Eileen Rothschild; Material: manuscript due April; Page count: 336

While her parents are away for the week, Ivy McIntosh plans on binge-watching her favorite fantasy TV show, *H-MAD*, hanging out with her best friend, Henry, and avoiding her former best friend-turned-enemy (and neighbor), Mack. But things quickly go awry when Ivy wakes up on the first morning to find Weston, the gorgeous lead character of *H-MAD*, in her bedroom. And, oh yeah, he thinks that they're soul mates. Ivy realizes that her fanfic writing has somehow brought Weston—as she's imagined him—to life, and now he's living out her fanfiction dreams. But this quickly starts creating some issues in the real world. Henry and (against her better judgment) Mack get involved, and the three of them have to figure out why Weston is here and what to do with him. As Ivy and Mack get closer again, they also have to deal with the fallout of their broken friendship and the realization that they might actually want something more.

"Employing hilariously biting alternating perspectives and a cast populated by strongly characterized female heroines and deliciously despicable reality TV villains, Gonzales expertly taps into contemporary society's Bachelor obsession to deliver a smart rom-com with a twist."—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review) on *Never Ever Getting Back Together*

Foreign sales: UK/Hodder Children's Books

Previous titles' foreign sales: Brazil/Companhia das Letras, France/Pocket Jeunesse, France/Slalom (only *Perfect on Paper*), Germany/CBJ, Germany/Carlsen (only *If This Gets Out*), Hungary/Könyvmolyképző, Israel/S. Simson, Italy/Sperling & Kupfer (only *If This Gets Out*), Poland/Kobiece, Poland/Muza (only *If This Gets Out*), Portugal/Desrotina, Russia/AST, Spanish World/V&R, Spanish World/ Wonderbooks (only *Only Mostly Devastated*), Vietnam/Bloom Books, UK/Hodder Children's Books

Also available: Only Mostly Devastated (2020), Perfect on Paper (2021), If This Gets Out (with Cale Dietrich; 2021), Never Ever Getting Back Together (2022)

See more terrific praise for Sophie's books <u>here</u>!



Non-Exclusive Territories: Japan: Japan Uni Agency Korea: Imprima Agency



The Summer I Turned Pretty *meets* People We Meet on Vacation *in this sparkling and timeless romance from* New York Times *bestselling author Emma Lord*

THE GETAWAY LIST by Emma Lord (Wednesday Books, January 2024)

Editor: Alexandra Sehulster; Material: manuscript due March; Page count: 320

When Riley graduates high school with nothing much planned for her future, she does what they all say to do—packs her bags and heads for New York City. Her plan is a little loose, but her main goal is to find Tom—her childhood best friend and co-creator of The Getaway List. Years ago, they made a list of all the adventures they wanted to have together, but Tom has been increasingly distant ever since he moved to New York with his famous scriptwriter mom four years ago. When Riley arrives in New York, her reconnection with Tom is as effortless as it was when they were young—except with one, unexpected complication that will pull Riley's feelings in a direction she didn't know they could take. As she, Tom, and their newfound friends work their way through the items on The Getaway List, Riley learns that sometimes the biggest adventure is not one you take but one you feel in your heart. Inescapably romantic and brimming with Emma Lord's signature cheer, *The Getaway List* is an uplifting and romantic read that will settle into your heart and never leave.

"If you haven't read a novel by Emma Lord before, you've been missing out on something spectacular." — Paste

Previous title's foreign sales: Brazil/V&R, Czech Republic/Albatros, Germany/ONE, Hungary/Könyvmolyképző, Israel/Yedioth, Italy/Piemme, Japan/ShoPro Books, Poland/Kobiece, Romania/Storia, Russia/AST, Spanish World/V&R, Turkey/Epsilon, UK/Macmillan Children's Books

Also available: Tweet Cute (2020), You Have a Match (2021), When You Get the Chance (2022), Begin Again (2023)

See more terrific praise for Emma's books <u>here</u>!



Non-Exclusive Territories: Japan: Tuttle-Mori Agency Korea: Imprima Agency



BOOKS

Seventeen-year-old high school senior Arya Khanna's life gets a Bollywood spin when her older sister, Alina, gets engaged

ARYA KHANNA'S BOLLYWOOD MOMENT by Arushi Avachat (Wednesday Books, January 2024)

Editor: Vicki Lame; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

Shaadi preparations are in full swing, which means lehenga shopping, taste testing, dance rehearsals, and best of all for Arya: that her sister is finally home after three years in New York. But along with the celebrations, out comes the deeper family conflict that pushed Alina to leave home in the first place. Meanwhile, at school, Arya struggles to navigate the aftermath of a bad breakup between her two best friends, Lisa and Andy, and a tense partnership with her rival, student body president (and obnoxiously attractive) Dean Merriweather. Arya is determined to keep the peace at home and at school, but this shaadi season teaches Arya new realities: Alina won't always be in the bedroom down the hall; Mamma's sadness isn't mendable; friendships must evolve; and life doesn't always work out like the Bollywood movies Arya loves so dearly. But sometimes, the person you least expect will give you a glimpse of your dream sequence just when you need it most. Structured like a Bollywood film (with an entertaining Intermission of course!) *Arya Khanna's Bollywood Moment* will make you swoon, laugh, cry, think, nod your head in agreement, and quite possibly, make you get up and dance.

"A tender coming-of-age story that navigates fraught friendships, first loves and the thorny love of family. Avachat is a fresh and sparkling voice, and sure to be a star on the rise."—Roshani Chokshi, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Gilded Wolves*

"Avachat's debut is an endearing slice of life story that explores how relationships evolve as we come of age: with our friends, our families, and maybe even our rivals. Bubbly and endlessly charming, *Arya Khanna's Bollywood Moment* is a cozy contemporary to warm the soul."—Jesmeen Kaur Deo, author of *TJ Powar Has Something to Prove*

"A sweet, culturally rich story about first love, forgiveness, and realizing people aren't always what they seem."—Lillie Vale, author of *Beauty and the Besharam, The Decoy Girlfriend*, and *The Shaadi Set-Up*

YA Coming of Age & Romance, LGBTO+

A debut about a trans boy struggling to come out and date in his conservative midwestern town

OUT OF BLUE COMES GREEN by M.E. Corey (Page Street YA, January 2024)

Editor: Tamara Grasty; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

Kay, a midwestern trans boy, wants what every other teenage boy wants—a girlfriend and a successful rock band—but when a new girl assumes he is cis and asks him out, he accepts without correcting her. In between dates and classroom flirting, Kay discovers more of who he is and who he wants to be. From working on his setlist to win the competition to become the prom band to posing as a different male volunteer at the local animal shelter, Kay keeps finding ways to be seen and make space for himself in his small town. As his confidence grows, Kay works up the courage and support to confront his bullies and his unsupportive mother. But it's going to be harder than he thought to play the show, get the girl, and keep everyone from telling her what Kay is short for.



YA Contemporary Romance & Coming of Age

Erin Hahn's newest YA rom-com is a heartfelt romance with plenty of horses, hijinks, and sweet Texas charm, along with two teens finding out that sometimes the hardest part of discovering what you want is getting the courage to pursue it

EVEN IF IT BREAKS YOUR HEART by Erin Hahn (Wednesday Books, February 2024)

Editor: Vanessa Aguirre and Vicki Lame; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

The only thing keeping nineteen-year-old Case Michaels together after the death of his best friend, Walker, is a list Walker left behind, a list of things he wants Case to do because he wouldn't be able to. Case hasn't even been able to continue bull riding in the rodeo circuit, balking at the thought of competing for the buckle at the National Finals Rodeo that he and Walker used to dream about. But the list, Case can follow—and he follows it all the way to Winnie Sutton. Eighteen-year-old Winnie Sutton just wants to keep her family together. She graduated high school early to work long shifts at the Michaels family ranch so she can support her younger siblings and a father who's more interested in playing cards than raising kids. If she sometimes takes the horses out for a ride, loses herself in the feeling of wind on her face, in the rush of the race—well, that's no one's business but her own. A career in horse riding isn't practical when it's so expensive. But then she crashes headfirst into Case Michaels, who sees her riding skills and immediately ropes her into representing the ranch at competitions. Winnie and Case couldn't be more different, but Case can't help but be inspired by Winnie's badly-hidden passion for riding. And there's something about Case that makes Winnie want to try grasping something for herself, whether that's a shot at the barrel riding trophy or the annoyingly handsome rancher's son who won't leave her alone. Or both.

"Erin Hahn has created a powerful exploration of grit, grief, and resilience through two beautifully drawn characters to root for, and a world that leaps off the page. A moving tribute to people who have been lost, and sparkling hope for those seeking the courage to find themselves again."—Laura Taylor Namey, *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Cuban Girl's Guide To Tea and Tomorrow*

Previous titles' foreign sales: Romania/Euro Libros, Spain/Libros de Seda, Turkey/Ren Kitap

Also available: You'd Be Mine (2019), More Than Maybe (2020), Never Saw You Coming (2021)

See more terrific praise for Erin Hahn's titles <u>here</u>!



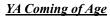
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Japan: Japan Uni Agency

Korea: Eric Yang Agency



BOOKS



Two half-siblings who have never met embark on a search together for the Iranian immigrant father they never knew in this powerful novel of identity, healing, and family

THE SEARCH FOR US by Susan Azim Boyer (Wednesday Books, October 2023)

Editor: Alexandra Sehulster; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

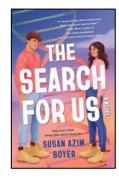
Samira Murphy will do anything to keep her fractured family from falling apart, including caring for her widowed grandmother and getting her older brother into recovery for alcohol addiction. With attendance at her dream college on the line, she takes a long shot DNA test to find the support she so desperately needs from a father she hasn't seen since she was a baby. Henry Owen is torn between his well-meaning but unreliable bio-mom and his overly strict aunt and uncle, who stepped in to raise him but don't seem to *see* him for who he is. Looking to forge a stronger connection to his own identity, he takes a DNA test to find the one person who might love him for exactly who he is—the biological father he never knew. Instead of finding their father, Samira and Henry find each other. As their search slowly unravels the difficult truth of their shared past, they form a connection that only siblings can have and recover precious parts of their past that have been lost. Brimming with emotional resonance, *The Search for Us* beautifully renders what it means to find your place in the world through the deep and abiding power of family.

"A sharp-witted and illuminating, [an] impressive sophomore novel."—Isaac Blum, author of the award-nominated *The Life* and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen

"Packs an impressive number of ups and downs, including everyday high-school and family drama, [and] remains grounded in its historical setting and committed to cultural domestic touches, particularly around food, which truly makes it a win."—Booklist on Jasmine Zumideh Needs a Win

Also available: Jasmine Zumideh Needs a Win (2022)

See more terrific praise for Jasmine Zumideh Needs a Win here!





Non-Exclusive Territories: Japan: Tuttle-Mori Agency Korea: Imprima Agency



In the tradition of Jenny Han and Emma Lord, Jennifer Chen's debut is a story of love, art, and finding your way when everything you know has changed completely

ARTIFACTS OF AN EX by Jennifer Chen (Wednesday Books, November 2023)

Editor: Vicki Lame; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

When Chloe Chang gets dumped through the mail after moving across the county from NYC to L.A., her first instinct is to throw her box of memories in the garbage. Instead, she starts buying up other teenagers' break-up boxes to create an art exhibit, Heartifacts. Opening night is going great until she spots Daniel Kwan illicitly filming his best friend's reaction to his ex's box. When she tries to stop him, an intense discussion ends up launching a creative partnership and friendship...and a major crush for Chloe. There's just one problem: Daniel is dead set on not being another rebound. Five times he's been the guy who makes the girl he is dating realize she wants to get back with her ex. And he refuses for there to be a sixth. Chloe insists she's over her ex, but when he shows up unexpectedly with his new girlfriend, it turns out Daniel was right. She isn't ready for a new relationship. Instead, she throws herself into making Heartifacts successful, but in the flashiness of influencers and social media, she starts to lose her original vision for the exhibit. To create the exhibit she's always wanted, Chloe needs to go back to the basics, learn to work with artists in a more collaborative way, and discover what love can be. Only then will she convince Daniel she's truly ready for everything they could be to one another.

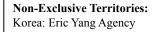
"Adorable Alert! Artifacts of an Ex is sure to delight YA romance lovers with well-drawn characters, a rich cultural backdrop, and a sweet love story to root for. A charming debut."—Laura Taylor Namey, New York Times bestselling author of A Cuban Girl's Guide to Tea and Tomorrow

"A wonderfully unique and moving romance about staying true to yourself, *Artifacts of an Ex* will do exactly what Jennifer Chen's bold protagonist Chloe sets out to do...and that's capture your whole heart."—Eric Smith, author of *You Can Go Your Own Way*

Foreign sales: Brazil/Ediouro

See more on our marketing and positioning <u>here</u>!







A magical 50 First Dates meets Love and Gelato in this enchanted companion novel to The Charmed List, set in Tokyo, about destiny, the impact of the choices we make, and the magic of true love

OUR CURSED LOVE by Julie Abe (Wednesday Books, December 2023)

Editor: Tiffany Shelton; Material: manuscript; Page count: 304

Remy Kobata has always wished she was destined to be with her best friend, Cam Yasuda. From growing up neighbors to mixing up magical prank potions together, nothing's a secret between Remy and Cam—except for how much she is in love with him. Remy is trying to work up the courage to confess her feelings during their senior high school winter break trip to Japan when they stumble upon a secret magical apothecary in the back alleys of Tokyo. Remy and Cam are offered an ancient soulmate elixir, created before all love potions were banned by the magical government. They each have their reasons for wanting to take it, and what could go wrong with finding your soulmate? Except, after they drink up, their trip flips into the worst vacation ever: Cam has forgotten who she is. Cam's got a feeling that this girl who's a stranger is important to him—they have thousands of photos together—but he doesn't have a single memory. If Remy can't help Cam remember her by midnight on New Year's Eve, they'll both be cursed to forget each other. To unravel their past and rewrite the future, Remy and Cam must travel through Tokyo to rediscover Cam's memories and make new ones—and maybe even fall in love all over again.

"Abe's sophomore YA novel *Our Cursed Love* is pure magic. It's so easy to fall in love with Remy and Cam as they do a whimsical dance of will-they-or-won't-they against the gorgeous backdrop of Tokyo and the Tokyo Magical University."—Roselle Lim, author of *Sophie Go's Lonely Hearts Club*

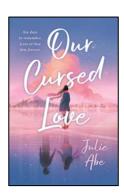
Previous title's foreign sales: Poland/Slowne, Turkey/Artemis

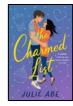
Also available: The Charmed List (2022)

See more on our marketing and positioning <u>here</u>!

Non-Exclusive Territories: Japan: Japan Uni Agency Korea: Eric Yang Agency







From the acclaimed author of adult rom-coms like A Brush With Love comes a YA debut about two neurodivergent teens who form a connection on a whirlwind summer trip through Europe

TILLY IN TECHNICOLOR by Mazey Eddings (Wednesday Books, August 2023)

Editor: Eileen Rothschild; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

Tilly Twomley is desperate for change. White-knuckling her way through high school with flawed executive functioning has left her burnt out and ready to start fresh. Working as an intern for her perfect older sister's startup isn't exactly how Tilly wants to spend her summer, but the required travel around Europe promises a much-needed change of scenery as she plans for her future. The problem is, Tilly has no idea what she wants. Oliver Clark knows exactly what he wants. His autism has often made it hard for him to form relationships with others, but his love of color theory and design allows him to feel deeply connected to the world around him. Plus, he has everything he needs: a best friend that gets him, placement into a prestigious design program, and a summer internship to build his resume. Everything is going as planned. That is, of course, until he suffers through the most disastrous international flight of his life, all turnoil stemming from lively and exasperating Tilly. Oliver is forced to spend the summer with a girl that couldn't be more his opposite—feeling things for her he can't quite name—and starts to wonder if maybe he doesn't have everything figured out after all. As the duo's neurodiverse connection grows, they learn that some of the best parts of life can't be planned and are forced to figure out what that means as their disastrously wonderful summer comes to an end.

"A tender, heartfelt, and effortlessly inclusive feel-good YA romance with one of the best (read: hilarious) disaster-cutes I've ever witnessed, *Tilly in Technicolor* captures the giddy thrill of finding the person who sees you, who gets you, and who, ultimately, adores you exactly as you are. I loved Mazey Edding's YA debut—the equivalent of a firm bear hug—from the very first page, and by the time I reached the last, I felt loved back. This is an affirming and joyful novel about rediscovering yourself outside of boxes, expectations, and comfort zones."—Lillie Vale, author of *Beauty and the Besharam*

Foreign sales: Brazil/Pensamento, Poland/Czarna Owca, Spain/Anaya, UK/Headline Eternal

See more terrific praise *here* and more on our marketing and positioning *here*!

Non-Exclusive Territories: Japan: Tuttle-Mori Agency Korea: Eric Yang Agency



YA Coming of Age

A heartfelt coming-of-age story about overcoming grief and toxic masculinity by embracing vulnerability, love, and friendship

DON'T ASK IF I'M OKAY by Jessica Kara (Page Street YA, May 2023)

Editor: Tamara Grasty; Material: manuscript; Page count: 336

A year ago, Gage survived a car accident that killed his best friend, Hunter. Without the person who always brought out the best in him, Gage doesn't know who he is. He likes working as a fry cook and loves his small-town friends and family, but they weren't in the wreck and he can't tell them how much he's still hurting. He just wants to forget all his pain and move on. So when his stepdad shows him a dream job opening in one of his idol's restaurants, Gage knows this is his chance to convince everyone and himself that he's fine. To try to push past his grief once and for all, Gage applies for the job, asks out a crush, and volunteers to host a memorial for Hunter. But the more Gage tries to ignore his grief, the more volatile it becomes. When his temper finally turns on the people he loves, Gage must decide what real strength is—holding in his grief until it destroys him, or asking for help and revealing his broken heart for all to see.

"This poignant, character-driven novel meditates on themes of grief, loss, trauma, masculinity, vulnerability, and healing...A tender and honest coming-of-age tale."—*Kirkus*

"Don't Ask If I'm Okay deftly explores guilt and grief, hope and healing, forgiveness and found family. Evocative and heartbreaking, readers should have a box of tissues nearby!"—Becky Wallace, author of Far From Normal

"Wise, gentle, funny, and incisive all at once, *Don't Ask If I'm Okay*, is an absolutely enthralling book that tackles grief, friendship, male vulnerability, and the many unpredictable ways we move on after tragedy."—Jamie Pacton, author of *The Vermilion Emporium, Lucky Girl*, and *The Life and (Medieval) Times of Kit Sweetly*

Also available: A Furry Faux Paw (2022)





Non-Exclusive Territories: Korea: Imprima Agency



YA Contemporary

The next gut-punching, compulsively readable Kate McLaughlin novel about a girl with Dissociative Identity Disorder finding strength in not being alone

PIECES OF ME by Kate McLaughlin (Wednesday Books, April 2023)

Editor: Vicki Lame; Material: manuscript; Page count: 368

When eighteen-year-old Dylan wakes up, she's in an apartment she doesn't recognize. The other people there seem to know her, but she doesn't know them—not even the pretty, chiseled boy who tells her his name is Connor. A voice inside her head keeps saying that everything is okay, but Dylan can't help but freak out. Especially when she borrows Connor's phone to call home and realizes she's been missing for three days. Dylan has lost time before, but never like this. Soon after, Dylan is diagnosed with Dissociative Identity Disorder and must grapple not only with the many people currently crammed inside her head, but the fact that a secret from her past so terrible she's blocked it out has put them there. Her only distraction is a budding new relationship with Connor. But as she gets closer to finding out the truth, Dylan wonders: will it heal her or fracture her further? Kate McLaughlin's *Pieces of Me* is a raw but hopeful look at a girl finding strength in not being alone.

"[An] empathetic portrait of a mental health condition. McLaughlin deftly integrates and fleshes out the various alters [in this] respectful and well-researched exploration of one teenager's experience living with Dissociative Identity Disorder."—*Publishers Weekly*

"Pieces of Me is a chilling, yet empathetic, look into Dissociative Identity Disorder. With her calm, pure voice, Kate McLaughlin delves deep into the crevices of this misunderstood disorder and a young woman's mind. I had to keep reading not only to understand Dylan, the main character—but to understand all of the people inside Dylan's head."—Hayley Krischer, author of Something Happened to Ali Greenleaf and The Falling Girls

Foreign sales: **Romania**/Euro Libros Previous title's foreign sales: **Brazil**/Melhoramentos

Also available: Daughter (2022)

See our animated cover <u>here</u>!





Non-Exclusive Territories: Japan: English Agency Korea: Imprima Agency



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YA Contemporary - Anthology

This diverse, asexual anthology highlights the ace spectrum experience in a collection of fourteen unique stories, flash fiction, and poetry

BEING ACE: An Anthology of Queer, Trans, Femme, and Disabled Stories of Asexual Love and Connection edited Madeline Dyer (Page Street YA, October 2023)

Editor: Tamara Gratsy; Material: manuscript; Page count: 352

From a wheelchair user racing to save her kidnapped girlfriend and a little mermaid who loves her sisters more than suitors, to a slayer whose virgin blood keeps attracting monsters, the stories in this anthology are anything but conventional. Whether adventuring through space, outsmarting a vengeful water spirit, or surviving haunted cemeteries, no two aces are the same in these fourteen unique works that highlight asexual romance, aromantic love, and identities across the asexual spectrum.

Contributors include: Linsey Miller, Rosiee Thor, Moniza Hossain, Akemi Dawn Bowman, Emily Victoria, S.J. Taylor, RoAnna Sylver, Kat Yuen, K. Hart, Jas Brown, Lara Ameen, S.E. Anderson, and Anju Imura with an introduction by Cody Daigle-Orians.

"With highs, lows and everything wondrously between, *Being Ace* is an essential YA anthology. It's a perfect palette that paints the richness of asexuality, in all its many shades and hues. Young people are ravenous for stories that reflect their experiences, and this is the first anthology I've read that really gets what it means to be authentically, honestly ace. Fantastic!"—Saundra Mitchell bestselling editor of *All Out, Out Now*, and *Out There*

See more terrific praise <u>here</u>!



Non-Exclusive Territories: Japan: Tuttle-Mori Agency Korea: Imprima Agency



YA Horror Thriller

Kristen Simmons's masterful breakout novel, the first in a duology, is "Jumanji but Japanese-inspired" (Kendare Blake) about estranged friends playing a deadly game in an eerie folkloric underworld

FIND HIM WHERE YOU LEFT HIM DEAD by Kristen Simmons (Tor Teen, September 2023)

Editor: Ali Fisher; Material: manuscript; Page count: 272

Four years ago, five kids started a game. Only four survived. Now, at the end of their senior year of high school, the survivors—Dax, Maddy, Emerson, and Owen—have reunited for one strange and terrible reason: they've been summoned by the ghost of Ian, the friend they left for dead. Together they return to the tunnel where their friendship ended with one goal: find Ian and bring him home. So they restart the deadly game they never finished—an innocent card-matching challenge called Meido. A game without instructions. As soon as they begin, they're dragged out of their reality and into an eerie hellscape of Japanese underworlds, more horrifying than even the darkest folktales that Owen's grandmother told him. There, they meet Shinigami, an old wise woman who explains the rules: They have one night to complete seven challenges or all of them, even Ian, will be stuck in this world forever. Once inseparable, the survivors now can't stand each other, but the challenges demand they work together, think quickly, and make sacrifices—blood, clothes, secrets, memories, and worse. And once again, not everyone will make it out of Meido alive.

"Kristen Simmons's *Find Him Where You Left Him Dead* throws the reader into an intense horror-action game—like Jumanji but Japanese-inspired and really disturbing."—Kendare Blake, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Anna Dressed in Blood* and the Three Dark Crowns series

"Heart-pounding, immersive, and chilling. I couldn't put this book down, and can't get it out of my head!"—Margaret Rogerson, *New York Times* bestselling author of *An Enchantment of Ravens*

See more terrific praise <u>here</u>!

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YA Horror

With shades of Scooby-Doo turned on its head, this hair-raising horror explores friendship, queer love, and mental illness in a haunted Dominican theme park full of mythic evils

MALICIA by Steven dos Santos (Page Street YA, Spring 2024)

Editor: Tamara Gratsy; Material: manuscript due March; Page count: 320

High school friends Ray, Sophia, Joaquin, and Isabella embark on a perilous Halloween weekend to Malicia, a now defunct horror theme park off the coast of the Dominican Republic. Ray enlisted his friends to help him make a documentary of the park where his mother and brother were murdered in a mass killing. But what Ray doesn't know is that Joaquin, his crush, was the sole survivor of that massacre all those years ago. With an impending hurricane and horrors around every corner, they all struggle to survive the park while discovering secrets about each other as their weekend adventure goes off the rails. The group must not only face the deadly storm and their own inner demons but also the ancient malignant presence on the island, threatening to plunge them into madness, and destroy them one by one.



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Introducing a dark and magickal world filled with incredible danger and irresistible romance, this is the first in an exciting new duology from New York Times bestselling authors P.C. and Kristin Cast

DRAW DOWN THE MOON by P.C. and Kristin Cast (Wednesday Books, April 2024)

Editor: Tiffany Shelton; Material: manuscript due April; Page count: 336

On her eighteenth birthday, Wren Nightingale starts to glow. Until then, she thought she was an aberration—born of magickal parents but not under a moon sign, she should never exhibit any powers. Although she's unsure of what her newfound powers mean, the signal that she is indeed a Magick and not a Mundane grants her summer entry and enrollment at Moon Isle Academy. Luckily, she'll have Zaire, her competitive and ambitious friend to keep her company. At Moon Isle, Wren and Zaire build close friendships with Sam, Ruby, and Lily and even create ties with a mysterious Elemental, all under the watchful eye of Dean Rottingham and the backdrop of magickal classes and the competitive Summer Games. While Wren is still unsure of her magickal abilities, Zaire assists her in discovering her true power, and they both begin to discover that their relationship goes beyond friendship. But after a series of strange and deadly occurrences, the group realizes all is not what it seems at Moon Isle—especially not Dean Rottingham. When Sam tragically dies, leaving behind a clue meant only for Wren, and an Elemental is blamed for her accident, Wren is forced to question everything she believes is true. Danger is everywhere, and the walls are closing in. It's only a matter of time until the devastating truth is uncovered.

"Switching viewpoints among several characters, the mother-daughter collaborators also provide exciting cliffhangers that their fans will enjoy."—*Publishers Weekly* on *Spells Trouble*

"This series features some really intriguing twists on the Salem story as well as witchcraft with modern teens...An engaging third book in a creative and fast-paced YA fantasy series."—YA Books Central on Hex You

Previous series' foreign sales: Czech Republic/Dobrovský, Poland/Jaguar, Russia/Eksmo, Turkey/Epsilon

Also available: Spells Trouble (2021), Omens Bite (2022), Hex You (2023)



Non-Exclusive Territories: Japan: Tuttle-Mori Agency Korea: Imprima Agency



YA Fantasy

This gorgeous fractured fairytale debut deconstructs the traditional Snow White and Rose Red story in a queer young adult retelling in which two sisters struggle with the limited choices afforded to them and rebel against any life that is not of their own making

ROSES IN THE WOOD by Markelle Grabo (Page Street YA, Winter 2024)

Editor: Lauren Knowles; Material: manuscript due April; Page count: 336

Though the western wood is rumored to be home to wicked faeries, sixteen-year-old Roisin forages without fear until the night she saves a red fox from a bear and that bear turns on her. Ro and her sister survive the attack, but the forest isn't finished with them yet, for the seemingly ordinary bear is truly a boy who's been cursed by faeries and forced to partake in a deadly competition. While the boy takes shelter in the sisters' cottage, Ro pursues a romance with a local village girl—who, unbeknownst to Ro, is the same red fox she saved. Between the bear and the fox only one is meant to survive, but Ro and her sister are determined to break the curse before tragedy strikes, and their fight forever alters their ties to the western wood and to each other. With shades of *Girls Made of Snow and Glass* by Melissa Bashardoust and *Echo North* by Joanna Ruth Meyer, this fantasy will entrance you, will make you unafraid of the cold of snow, and will leave you dreaming of Ro, her sister, the bear boy, and the fox girl.



<u>YA Fantasy</u>

The first book in a YA contemporary fantasy duology in which a teen, Gem, finds out they're a reincarnated god from another world

GODLY HEATHENS by H.E. Edgmon (Wednesday Books, November 2023)

Editor: Tiffany Shelton; Material: manuscript; Page count: 352

Gem Echols is a nonbinary, Seminole teen living in a tiny town in Georgia. Known for being their peers' queer awakening, Gem leans hard on charm to disguise the anxious mess they are beneath the surface. The only person privy to their authentic self is another trans kid, Enzo, who's a thousand long, painful miles away in Brooklyn. But even Enzo doesn't know about Gem's dreams, haunting visions of magic and violence that have always felt too real. So how the hell does Willa Mae Hardy know about them? The strange new girl in town acts like she and Gem are old companions and seems to know things about them they've never told anyone else. When Gem is attacked by a stranger claiming to be the Goddess of Death, Willa Mae saves their life and finally offers some answers. She and Gem are reincarnated gods who've known and loved each other across lifetimes. But Gem—or at least who Gem used to be—hasn't always been the most benevolent deity. They've made a lot of enemies in the pantheon—enemies who, like the Goddess of Death, will keep coming. It's a good thing they've still got Enzo, but as worlds collide, and the past catches up with the present, Gem will discover that everyone has something to hide.

"This is the kind of book that changes young lives. The kind readers will force into their friends' hands and shout, 'Read this now!'. The kind where readers will fall in love with every character who is messy and sexy and terrible in their own way. The worldbuilding is fun and creative, the twists are satisfying, and it is super queer in the best way. There is plenty here to love. If only all the villain stories in YA could be this good!"—Rebecca Roanhorse, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Black Sun*

Foreign sales: UK/Daphne Press

The Ouroboros duology will conclude with Merciless Saviors in April 2024!

Check out a video from the author <u>here</u>!



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<u>YA Fantasy</u>

In this lush, Italian-inspired fantasy debut, an orphan out to find the truth within a warped religion turns his poetry into prayer—a prayer that awakens a cursed girl hungry for revenge.

A PRAYER FOR VENGEANCE by Leanne Schwartz (Page Street YA, September 2023)

Editor: Tamara Gratsy; Material: manuscript; Page count: 368

Centuries after a miracle vanquished Tresttato's monsters and turned the soldiers fighting them to stone, Milo lovingly tends to the statues of those who protected the city. Raised with templars and devout monks, autistic temple ward Milo wants nothing more than to be accepted into their ranks. When his prayers admiring her heroic sacrifice accidentally free Gia from stone, she wakes with a fury to kill the man Milo owes his life to, Primo Sanct Ennio. Gia claims that the immortal holy leader Milo lives to serve is the same man who betrayed her and transformed her into a statue—and what Milo always believed was a miracle was actually a curse that Gia will stop at nothing to break. Even if she has to kill his followers to do it. Even if she must kill the boy who woke her.

"A refreshing fantasy debut about vicious girls and the boys who love them, *A Prayer for Vengeance* is as compelling and unapologetic as its characters. A vital addition to the genre."—M. K. Lobb, author of *Seven Faceless Saints*

"As sweeping as a Roman epic, *A Prayer for Vengeance* combines high-stakes action with the intimacies of small moments."—Lyndall Clipstone, author of The World at the Lake's Edge duology and *Unholy Terrors*

Check out more terrific early praise <u>here</u>!

Leanne Schwartz will return with a new standalone fantasy, To a Darker Shore, in April 2024!



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YA Fantasy

The exciting conclusion to P.C. Cast's Tales of a New World series, an epic fantasy set in a world where humans, their animal allies, and the earth itself has been drastically changed. A world filled with beauty and danger and cruelty...

EARTH CALLED: Tales of a New World by P.C. Cast (Wednesday Books, May 2023)

Editor: Monique Patterson; Material: manuscript; Page count: 480

Mari, Nik, their newly formed Pack and the Wind Riders are in danger as the God of Death and his terrifying army march ever closer in Death's quest to rule the Wind Rider Plains—and to kill or enslave anyone who stands in their way. The Pack and the Wind Riders must find a way to stop the God of Death before he poisons their world and all is lost. There is one hope: Ralina, Death's Storyteller. The woman Death has forced to travel at his side, recording every atrocity he commits. But Ralina heeds the call of the Goddess of Life, the only being who can defeat Death, and escapes to warn the Pack and the Wind Riders with the knowledge she has accumulated during her harrowing journey. But will it be enough? Is there any way to truly stop the God of Death? In this last installment of the Tales of a New World series, love and goodness are put to the ultimate test as gods, humans, and animals come together to save everything they hold dear.

"While many fantasy series style themselves as epic, this one may actually be worthy of the description. Fantasy lovers who are fans of Cinda Williams Chima's 'Seven Realms' novels will fall in love with Mari and Nik."—*School Library Journal* on *Moon Chosen*

"Cast's fans should find much to be pleased with in this new venture"—Kirkus on Moon Chosen

Previous titles' foreign sales: Australia/Pan Macmillan, Brazil/Novo Seculo, Czech Republic/Euromedia, France/Bayard, Germany/Fischer, Portugal/Alfaguara, Russia/AST, Spain/Alfaguara, Turkey/Pegusus

Also available: Moon Chosen (2016), Sun Warrior (2017), Wind Rider (2018)



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Middle Grade

The third and final intergalactic Emperor of the Universe adventure from award-winning author David Lubar

THE EMPEROR'S LAST STAND: Emperor of the Universe by David Lubar (Starscape, September 2023) *Editor: William Hinton; Material: manuscript; Page count: 192; Ages: 8-12*

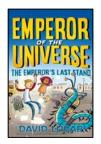
Nicholas, Jeef, and Henrietta the gerbil face their most existential crisis yet when the universe is attacked by beings from a parallel universe intent on conquering every other parallel universe. If Nicholas fails in his mission to defend the universe, it'll mean the end of life itself. . .

"A cosmically comic caper, no matter how you slice it."-Booklist on Emperor of the Universe

"This book is ridiculous! Ridiculous crazy fun...and deep truth."—Jon Scieszka, bestselling author of the Time Warp Trio series, on *Emperor of the Universe*

"David Lubar's *Emperor of the Universe* is *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* for middle school!"—Alan Gratz, bestselling author of *Refugee*

Also available: Emperor of the Universe (2019), The Clone Catastrophe (2021)





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Photography & Art - Fairytales

CROWNED: Magical Folk and Fairy Tales from the Diaspora by Kahran Bethencourt and Regis Bethencourt with a foreword by Salamishah Tillet (St. Martin's Press, June 2023)

Editor: Monique Patterson; Material: final .pdf; Page count: 272

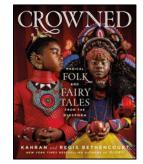
From the *New York Times* bestselling authors of *GLORY: Magical Visions of Black Beauty* and creators of CreativeSoul photography, which has been featured in *The New York Times, Glamour*, Popsugar and more, comes a completely reimagined collection of classic fairy and folk tales. Filled with stunning photography that accompany fairy and folk tales from around the world, Kahran and Regis Bethncourt have completely reimagined how we see our favorite and most beloved childhood tales. The collection covers classic fairy tales ("Childhood Reimagined"), African and African American folklore ("Our Stories Retold") and exciting "New Classics," which are stories completely created by Kahran and Regis. This collection is a must-have for children and parents everywhere and is a joyous expression and celebration of Black beauty and imagination.

"An exquisite pictorial love letter to Black children around the world."—Kirkus (starred review) on GLORY

"But hardly any photo collection compares to the magic that is *GLORY*. A must for our home. A must for Black children, for all children."—Ibram X. Kendi, *New York Times* bestseller and National Book Award-winning author of *Stamped from the Beginning* and *How to Be An Antiracist*

Also available: GLORY: Magical Visions of Black Beauty (2020)

Check out sample pages *here* and the press kit *here*!







Cookery

FANTASTIC VEGAN RECIPES FOR THE TEEN COOK: 60 Incredible Recipes You Need to Try for Good Health and a Better Planet by Elaine Skiadas (Page Street Publishing, April 2023)

Material: final .pdf; Page count: 168; Ages: 13-18; Recipe count: 60

With her fresh, friendly voice and easy-to-follow instructions, teen recipe developer Elaine Skiadas shares helpful vegan cooking tips, tricks and techniques and mouthwatering recipes for showstopping vegan dishes. Elaine's recipes help the modern teen cook be more environmentally-conscious and develop healthy habits while also proving that easy vegan cooking doesn't need to be bland or boring. With just a few simple techniques and a handful of quality ingredients, it's easy as can be to whip up a restaurant-quality meal for your family and friends. Even if you're new to cooking, you can easily make delicious Zucchini Bread Pancakes to fuel your morning or a Spinach Artichoke Quesadilla for a quick lunch or midafternoon snack. Dinnertime features exciting takes on favorite dishes like Roasted Red Pepper Pasta, Indian Butter Tofu and Butternut Mac and Cheese. No matter your skill level or where you are on your journey with veganism, Elaine is here to make vegan cooking easy, fun and flavorful.

"This book will inspire teen cooks with straightforward, clear directions and the excitement we all want for making fabulous, healthy, delectable food to share."—Maureen Abood, author of *Rose Water & Orange Blossoms*

THE ULTIMATE TEEN COOKBOOK: Easy, Delicious Recipes to Cook and Share with Friends by Lisa Burns (Page Street Publishing, September 2023)

Material: early .pdf due March; Page count: 168; Ages: 12-18; Recipe count: 60

Lisa Burns' newest cookbook is the ultimate cooking guide for young adults to help them master easy-to-prepare meals they will absolutely love. Teens will be inspired to get creative in the kitchen and whip up fantastic meals for their friends and family. Lisa has designed this cookbook with input and inspiration from her teen son who loves to cook and regularly prepares meals for his siblings and the whole family. Readers get the perfect combination of fundamental techniques and the foods and flavors teens want to cook (and eat!) every day. Teens will love to pack their plates with Mexican flavor and all their favorite toppings with 30-Minute Skillet Enchilada Bake w/ Fresh Pico de Gallo; they'll discover the secrets of the all-star burger with Build a Burger Three Ways: Smashed, Pan Fried and Sliders; and they will be sure to impress their friends on movie night with Salty & Sweet White Chocolate Potato Chip Bark or Party Popcorn! Help the young adult in your life learn independence and important life skills with these delicious recipes they will be proud to serve to those around them.



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Cookery

KID KITCHEN: Fun & Easy Recipes You Can Make All by Yourself! (or With Just a Little Help) by Heather Staller (Page Street Publishing, March 2023)

Material: finished copies; Page count: 168; Ages: 7-14; Recipe count: 60

Kid Kitchen empowers children to cook their favorite foods their own way and all by themselves, fostering independence, confidence and a lifetime of healthy eating habits! As a mom, food blogger and kids cooking class instructor, Heather Staller is experienced in guiding children of all ages through the joys of learning to cook. In this book she shares creative ways to make the foods they love using wholesome, nutritious ingredients. Heather also provides tips and ideas to set kids up for success in the kitchen, including tutorials for safely using knives, the stove, the oven and more. From making their own five-minute snacks and sweets after school to special weekend breakfasts and family meals, this collection of creative, simple recipes equips kids with the knowledge and encouragement to have fun in the kitchen.

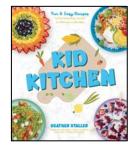
"A must for anyone with budding young chefs! Heather puts the fun and passion into cooking for and with children. I've got three kids and they all went nuts for the book!"—Catherine McCord, founder of Weelicious and One Potato, cookbook author and mom

THE TOTALLY AWESOME ULTIMATE KIDS COOKBOOK: Simple Recipes & Fun Skills to Cook Fabulous Meals for Your Family by Tiffany Dahle (Page Street Publishing, May 2023)

Material: early .pdf; Page count: 248; Ages: 6-14; Recipe count: 90

Originally published in 2018, this updated version expands on the best features of the original book with twenty new, delightful recipes and pictures that kids will eat up. It also gets a fresh design makeover to make it a more natural pairing to the author's title, *The Ultimate Kids Baking Book*, which has been very successful. Like the earlier edition, this cookbook is a fantastic way to fuel a child's desire to learn how to cook as well as create special memories as families cook together. Recipes include classic kid-favorite meals but enhances them with exciting ingredients to allow kids to put a new spin on their favorite foods. This edition also adds a menu index sharing ideas for meals to make at fun occasions throughout the year.

"This is a must-have book for parents who wish to help their kids learn to cook with simple and fun real-food recipes."—Laura Fuentes, author and founder of MOMables on the original edition







Activity Books

108 AWESOME YOGA POSES FOR KIDS: Stomp Like a Dinosaur, Flutter Like a Butterfly, Breathe Like the Sun by Lauren and Brian Chaitoff (Page Street Publishing, July 2023)

Material: early .pdf; Page count: 144; Ages: 3-12

Wiggle and giggle your way through these amazing yoga poses that will help you feel good! Inside this book, you'll find tons of playful yoga positions that will show you how moving your body can be fun. Let your imagination soar as you become a bouncing Frog, a magical Mermaid or a soaring Rocket Ship with these simple, silly stretches. Plus, learn how to slow your breathing and calm down when you're mad or sad with poses like Lion's Breath or Sun Breath. So, get ready to twist, scoot, stretch, bend and become a yoga pro! You'll love these yoga poses and how awesome you feel after!

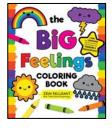
"108 Awesome Yoga Poses for Kids is colorful, fun and beautiful to page through, with pose themes that feel fresh and whimsical, like Start Your Engines and Home Sweet Home. I love its ease of use for children and grownups alike: For quick reference, each pose is not only clearly demonstrated, but marked with its recommended age range, anatomical focus and an affirmation, like 'I am beautiful.'"—Kira Wiley, award-winning children's music artist and author

Check out sample pages <u>here</u>!



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THE BIG FEELINGS COLORING BOOK: A Fun and Soothing Social-Emotional Coloring Book for Toddlers and Preschoolers! by Erin Falligant, M.S., Child Clinical Psychology (Castle Point Books, October 2023) Material: early .pdf due June; Page count: 96; Ages: 1-4

Sometimes feelings are red and angry and sometimes they're yellow and full of sunshine! Whatever a child's feelings may be, learning to name them is the first step in emotional regulation. This toddler-friendly coloring book makes it fun for kids to start to identify their feelings and find calm—all while letting their creativity soar. With large engaging shapes, objects, and animals perfect for big crayons and little hands, kids are set up for fun and success. Art therapy has never been cuter or simpler. Designed to give toddlers' strong emotions a safe and creative outlet, *The Big Feelings Coloring Book* is mega fun for little ones with mega feelings! Encourage them to honor their feelings in the most artful way with this uniquely engaging social-emotional activity book that's perfectly suited for classroom and homeschool use and to keep kids busy and happy at home and on the go.

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SUPER SIMPLE SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS FOR CURIOUS KIDS: 100 Awesome Activities Using Supplies You Already Own by Andrea Scalzo Yi (Page Street Publishing, July 2022) Page count: 192; Ages: 3-10

"Andrea's ability to create captivating and engaging experiments using items commonly found around the house is simply amazing."—Myriam Sandler, creator of Mothercould

Foreign sales: Greece/Metaixmio, Israel/Tchelet Books, Korea/Solbitkil

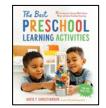
CUT & COLOR CRAFTS FOR KIDS: 35 Super Cool Activities That Bring Recycled Materials to Life by Kimberly McLeod (Page Street Publishing, September 2022) Page count: 120; Ages: 6-11

"This book is jam-packed with creative and beautiful projects you can make with ease—no stress, no mess. Just cut, color and paste!"—Agnes Hsu, creator of Hello, Wonderful and author of *Recycle and Play*

THE BEST PRESCHOOL LEARNING ACTIVITIES: 75 Fun Ideas for Literacy, Math, Science, Motor and Social-Emotional Learning for Kids by Katie T. Christiansen (Page Street Publishing, July 2022)

Page count: 176; Ages: 3-5

"When families ask me what they can do to be kindergarten-ready, I'll be recommending this book."—Virginia Stewart, M.Ed., NBCT



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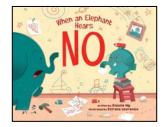
WHEN AN ELEPHANT HEARS NO by Dazzle Ng; illustrated by Estrela Lourenço (Page Street Kids, January 2024) Material: early .pdf; Page count: 32; Ages: 4-8

When an elephant hears NO, a tantrum may follow, and a steaming, stomping elephant blowing up is BIG trouble. But what every little one must understand is that NO can mean an enormity of things. It can be a PLEASE when Mommy's in the bathroom, or a surprised OH MY at a stupendous magic trick. NO holds enormous power to fight for a better world or to ask firmly for some personal space. Lively illustrations portray the many different instances at which a little elephant (or a little reader) might hear NO—and the BIG emotions that often precede and follow the word. Along the way, young readers will learn that no matter what NO an elephant faces, instead of answering with flaring ears and a steaming trunk, they may use another word: why? A whole elephant's worth of fun, this romp of encounters with the trickiest of tiny words will stamp out NO's mysteries and trumpet its virtues. Young readers will delight in and relate to elephant's experiences, and adults will appreciate this exuberant roadmap of NO's many uses and meanings.

PIANO WANTS TO PLAY by Colleen Kong-Savage (Page Street Kids, March 2024)

Material: early .pdf; Page count: 40; Ages: 4-8

Piano and Amy share a special bond. Piano loves to play music with Amy. And Amy loves Piano, too. "Play me, Amy! Play me!" Piano calls. And they do. Every day they play and practice, testing notes and strengthening fingers. From notes to scales to warm, rippling melodies, together they make a joyful noise. Making beautiful music takes time, and as Amy grows she has less time to play with Piano, until one day, she disappears entirely, leaving Piano abandoned and lonely. Longing to sing but growing less hopeful for Amy's return, Piano fears the worst when moved to a strange new home. But this new home, Piano finds, is a school, and Amy is now a music teacher. Following a surprise reunion that is sure to delight young readers, they share the joy of music with the next generation. With its portrayal of the lasting connection between instrument and musician, this heartfelt story will bring joy to the huge audience of young piano players and all who have known the uplifting power of music highlighting the ways music brings us together and composes bonds that, like timeless melodies, endure and evolve.







OLLIE, THE ACORN, AND THE MIGHTY IDEA by Andrew Hackett; illustrated by Kaz Windness (Page Street Kids, April 2024)

Material: early .pdf; Page count: 32; Ages: 4-8

Ollie Alexander Kandersteen, successful amateur gardener, longs to be a tree: Strong. Tall. And mighty enough to stand up to Everett, the bully next door. Ollie is rather short for his age, and when things are too heavy or too high to reach, Everett is sure to point it out. Ollie wilts, he withers. Inside and out, he feels small. But when Everett, feeling jealous of Ollie's gardening skills, steals Ollie's sapling, an idea takes root... "I couldn't. I shouldn't." But he does! Ollie SWALLOWS an acorn. He waits, wonders, and rumbles... Burp! With a little care and cultivation, a tree-mendous transformation begins! Ollie's feet root, his arms branch, his locks leaf, and his limbs stretch to the clouds. He's finally strong and tall enough to confront Everett. But when he does, he finds out that being the biggest doesn't always mean you're the mightiest and getting even with a bully might just make you feel smaller than ever. Readers of all ages will root for and relate to Ollie in this whimsical story about working together despite differences, the power of kindness, and what it truly means to be mighty.







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SAVING THE SUN by Emma Pearl; illustrated by Sara Ugolotti (Page Street Kids, September 2023)

Material: early .pdf; Page count: 32; Ages: 4-8

After an especially sweltering day, the ocean sparkles and twinkles so invitingly that instead of slipping beneath the horizon, the sun plunges into the ocean itself. When the sun sinks and loses its fire, Luna and Poppa's yearly vacation on Summer Island suddenly goes dark. Luna knows the sun needs their help—the sky looks all wrong, and it's neither day nor night! But it's a big job to do all on their own. To bring back daylight, they must think of creative solutions, seeking help from the local dolphins, monkeys, birds, and more. With the power of teamwork and imagination, can they find a way to return the sun to its rightful place, and set it ablaze once more? This imaginative tale will enchant readers as Luna, Poppa, and their new friends of the sea, beach, and air rise to the challenge of fixing the sky once more and—literally—save the day.

"[A] magical story reminiscent of beloved folk tales."—Foreword Reviews (starred review) on Mending the Moon

Foreign sales: China/Jiangsu Phoenix Previous title's foreign sales: China/Jiangsu Phoenix

Also available: Mending the Moon (2022)

A CLOUD IN A JAR by Aaron Lewis Krol; illustrated by Carlos Vélez Aguilera (Page Street Kids, October 2023) Material: early.pdf; Page count: 32; Ages: 4-8

It's just after midnight on Walton Wharf West, but there's no time for sleeping—adventure awaits! Get dressed, grab your oars, let's not delay. Lou Dozens is here, and we're sailing to Firelight Bay! In this modern, young, bold, and inventive adventure, Lou drags her more cautious friend on a daring voyage across the sea. Though their destination is a glorious land of year-round summers, long slides, and picnics a hundred yards wide, the children there have never seen rain, even once. The mission is simple: bring Firelight Bay a cloud in a jar. But the journey is anything but. Readers will delight in the story's twists, turns, and unexpected solutions—from a sail of patchwork handkerchiefs to a net crafted from recycled cell phone chargers that saves a beached whale. It'll take every knick-knack in Lou's pockets and all the cleverness the pair can muster to safely deliver their gift. With captivating illustrations and whimsical yet delightfully intricate rhyming text reminiscent of classic children's poetry, this seafaring quest is one young readers will not soon forget.

A DOLLAR'S GRAND DREAM by Kimberly Wilson; illustrated by Mark Hoffmann (Page Street Kids, July 2023) Material: final .pdf; Page count: 32; Ages: 4-8

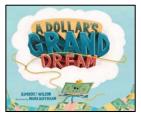
Big Bill the dollar loves his one-derful life of tippin', payin', and donatin' at restaurants, farmers markets, and collection jars...until Hundred pays a visit, telling tales of large bills living in the lap of luxury. Then Bill's dreams turn to mega mansions, fancy cars, and superstars. With the magical help of his friend Penny, Bill's wish for wealth comes true. Suddenly he's a ten thousand dollar bill—the biggest bill in history! But when glamorous Thousand steps in to show him how the world's most fortunate really behave, he begins to worry that the grand life he was banking on might be counterfeit. The one and only change-wranglin' buckaroo stars in a hilarious adventure rich with puns that reminds us to be careful what we wish for and to value what we already have.

"Filled with clever and chucklesome wordplay, Wilson's spry narrative is engaging but also educational, providing a solid, accessible introduction to basic money equivalents."—*Kirkus* on *A Penny's Worth*





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PIRATE & PENGUIN by Mike Allegra; illustrated by Jenn Harney (Page Street Kids, May 2023)

Material: final .pdf; Page count: 32; Ages: 4-8

What happens when a pirate, hoping for a parrot, stumbles upon a bird of a duller plumage? Pirate doesn't know that Penguin is a penguin. But any bird can sit on a shoulder and squawk "shiver me timbers"...right? Laugh along with Pirate and Penguin in this high seas tale of mistaken identity and find out whether they'll find friendship before somebody walks the plank. With a classic sketch comedy feel, with Pirate doing all the talking and Penguin as a silent straight man, this hilarious tale of seafaring mishaps will have kids reveling in this silly and heartwarming unconventional friendship.

"An amusing romp that will have landlubbers and scurvy sea dogs alike giggling."—Kirkus Reviews

PIRATE PAUL MAKES A BOOTY CALL by Peggy Plank; illustrated by Chiara Galletti (Castle Point Books, May 2023) *Material: final .pdf; Page count: 32; Ages: 4-99!*

When a swashbuckling pirate and his faithful parrot, Louise, find themselves marooned on an island, they make the most of it. Paul takes up sunset yoga, learns to knit, and bakes like a pro. But who will appreciate his handmade sweaters and his perfect scones? When loneliness sets in, Paul starts to wonder if booty is the answer. Imagine his surprise when a clipper full of friendly pirates washes ashore looking for the very same thing! It's not long before Paul is on the hunt. In the tradition of naughty-titled, sincerely-childish stories such as *Hookers and Blow Save Christmas* and *Dee's Big Nuts*, *Pirate Paul Makes a Booty Call* is the surprisingly wholesome adventure of a pirate who learns to put aside his pride and call out for the treasure of companionship.

TANGLE-KNOT by Loretta Ellsworth; illustrated by Annabel Tempest (Page Street Kids, June 2023)

Material: final .pdf; Page count: 32; Ages: 4-8

Tangle-knot is not a word, but it is Fia's hair. And Fia thinks it's perfect, which is why she refuses to brush it, even though her mom always complains it's a mess. In fact, it's more than a mess—it's a nest for a mother bird and her three colorful eggs! Fia takes excellent care of her birds and shows off her tangle-knot everywhere she goes, attracting lots of attention. As the spectacle grows, so does Mom's disapproval. But Fia's commitment to being herself just might be powerful enough to change her mother's mind. This whimsical story shines with lighthearted relatability, reminding us that even when our parents just don't get it, they always want us to be happy.



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SLEEPY HAPPY CAPY CUDDLES by Mike Allegra; illustrated by Jaimie Whitbread (Page Street Kids, October 2022)

"The animals in Whitbread's oil-paint illustrations have wonderfully expressive faces and body language that suit the story's lighthearted tone...High Fives for a title you'll want to embrace."—*Kirkus*



PAYDEN'S PRONOUN PARTY by Blue Jaryn; illustrated by Xochitl Cornejo (Page Street Kids, October 2022)

"[A] wonderful celebration of gender diversity...The cartoonish illustrations, filled with comic details, make this relatable search story extra engaging."—*Booklist* (starred review)

"Jaryn's reassuring language shows that gender exploration doesn't have to be painful, instead emphasizing the 'skin-tingling, warm sense of wholeness' that self-discovery can bring."—*Publishers Weekly*



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WATCH OUT FOR THE LION! by Brooke Hartman; illustrated by Anna Süßbauer (Page Street Kids, February 2023)

"Adorable and humorous...the text is chock-full of lively alliteration, making it a pleasure to read aloud. A sure winner for story times as well as one-on-one settings."—*School Library Journal* (starred review)



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THE BEST KIND OF MOONCAKE by Pearl AuYeung (Page Street Kids, October 2022)

"A compelling story of generosity in a delightful, cacophonous setting, this deftly told story introduces how a single choice improves the future. Children will pore over this one."—*School Library Journal*



Picture Books - Nonfiction

SWIMMING TOWARD A DREAM: Yusra Mardini's Incredible Journey from Refugee to Olympic Swimmer by Reem Faruqi; illustrated by Asma Enayeh (Page Street Kids, September 2023)

Material: early .pdf, Page count: 40; Ages: 4-8

Growing up in Damascus, the pool was Yusra Mardini's happy place. She learned to swim before she could walk. And with swimming came a dream—to compete in the Olympic games. But when war came to Syria, Yusra's home—and her pool—were no longer safe. Yusra and her sister set out on a harrowing journey, crossing the sea in search of safety. In the inspirational tale that follows, Yusra's courageous spirit shines. Crammed on a too-small refugee boat, disaster strikes when the boat's motor breaks! Scared but determined, Yusra plunges into the water and starts swimming. Infused with hope, Yusra's story encourages readers to pursue their own dreams, revealing how she met waves of danger with strength and perseverance. One breath at a time. Readers will dive into this courageous tale of an athlete, refugee, and hero who inspired the world with her resolve to pursue her Olympic dream.

Yusra Mardini is now the subject of a movie, The Swimmers, available on Netflix! See more here!



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ALONG CAME A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER: Strange Steve Ditko and the Creation of Spider-Man by Annie Hunter Eriksen; illustrated by Lee Gatlin (Page Street Kids, August 2023)

Material: early .pdf; Page count: 32; Ages: 4-8

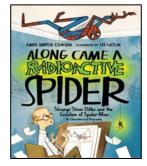
Spider-Man's web of stories began far before the first drawing of nerdy teenager Peter Parker. They started with Steve Ditko, a kid who loved comics so much that he would brave blizzards to get new issues. Steve was strange—he was introverted, his art was shadowy, and his characters didn't fit the mold of handsome heroes like those crafted by Marvel legends Stan Lee and Jack Kirby. But it's not so strange that the traits that made Steve different were what made his characters stand out. Swing into the life of Steve Ditko and discover how he transformed a brawny, super-powered Spiderman into the perpetually awkward teenager who we know and love: Spider-Man, a character who relies on his inner strength more than super strength, who got his powers not through magic but through the bite of a radioactive spider...This biography takes the mask off the famously reclusive artist and shares the story of how his wall-crawling hero became a friendly neighborhood icon.

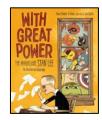
"The frenetic pace is often genuinely thrilling, and the illustrations are enormously appealing, stretching and squashing anatomy as though Gatlin had taken Silly Putty to the funny pages."—*Kirkus* on *With Great Power*

"Eriksen...inks [Stan Lee] as an irrepressibly creative role model...Gatlin brightens this sunny picture further with exuberant cartoon scenes of the skinny, square-browed impresario amid a burgeoning crowd of MCU superheroes and a thoroughly diverse crowd of costumed fans."—Booklist on With Great Power

Previous title's foreign sales: China/Citic, Korea/Badugi, Turkey/Mega Kids Lab

Also available: With Great Power: The Marvelous Stan Lee (2021)





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CHASE THE MOON, TINY TURTLE: A Hatchling's Daring Race to the Sea by Kelly Jordan; illustrated by Sally Walker (Page Street Kids, March 2021)

"Rhyming couplets describe a sea turtle's suspenseful journey from egg to ocean...An appealing addition to a nature collection."—*Kirkus*

Foreign sales: Arabic World/Dar Asfar, Turkey/Okuyan Koala



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COURAGE IN HER CLEATS: The Story of Soccer Star Abby Wambach by Kim Chaffee; illustrated by Alexandra Badiu (Page Street Kids, January 2023)

"Chaffee and Badiu vibrantly relay soccer star Abby Wambach's career, emphasizing her persistence and devotion to the game...A fun and inspiring picture book for children who admire athletes or love soccer."—*Booklist*



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HELLO, OPPORTUNITY: The Story of Our Friend on Mars by Shaelyn McDaniel; illustrated by Cornelia Li (Page Street Kids, September 2022)

"This simply written, visually appealing picture book introduces an intrepid space traveler."—*Booklist*



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MISTER ROGERS' GIFT OF MUSIC by Donna Cangelosi; illustrated by Amanda Calatzis (Page Street Kids, August 2022)

"Young fans will be tickled by the familiar lyrics and swirling colors, and their grownups will delight in gentle nostalgia. An affectionate tribute to both the remarkable man and his musical legacy."—*Booklist* (starred review)



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