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## KPL Teen Spotlight January 2017

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### **Serpent King**

by Jeff Zentner

Published 2016 by Crown Books for Young Readers

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780553524024

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#### **Jacket Notes:**

**A William C. Morris Award Finalist**

**A *New York Times* Notable Book**

**An Amazon Best Book of the Year**

**A *Kirkus Reviews* Best Book of the Year**

**A *Publishers Weekly* Best Book of the Year**

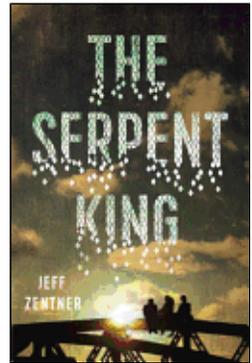
**A *Shelf Awareness* Best Teen Book of the Year**

**Named to BuzzFeed's "Best YA Books of 2016" list!**

**Named to Mashable's "Best YA Book of the Year" list!**

**"Move over, John Green; Zentner is coming for you." The New York Public Library**

**Will fill the infinite space that was left in your chest after you finished *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*. BookRiot.com**



Dill has had to wrestle with vipers his whole life at home, as the only son of a Pentecostal minister who urges him to handle poisonous rattlesnakes, and at school, where he faces down bullies who target him for his father's extreme faith and very public fall from grace.

The only antidote to all this venom is his friendship with fellow outcasts Travis and Lydia. But as they are starting their senior year, Dill feels the coils of his future tightening around him. Dill's only escapes are his music and his secret feelings for Lydia neither of which he is brave enough to share. Graduation feels more like an ending to Dill than a beginning. But even before then, he must cope with another ending one that will rock his life to the

core.

In this William C. Morris Award Finalist, debut novelist Jeff Zentner provides an unblinking and at times comic view of the hard realities of growing up in the Bible belt, and an intimate look at the struggles to find one's true self in the wreckage of the past.

**A story about friendship, family and forgiveness, it's as funny and witty as it is utterly heartbreaking. [PasteMagazine.com](#)**

**A brutally honest portrayal of teen life . . . [and] a love letter to the South from a man who really understands it. [Mashable.com](#)**

**I adored all three of these characters and the way they talked to and loved one another. *New York Times*"**

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Publishers Weekly 12/14/2015

Forrestville, Tenn., named after Ku Klux Klan founder Nathan Bedford Forrest, isn't exactly a welcome place for slightly outside-the-mainstream folks like friends Dillard, Lydia, and Travis. Dill is a high school senior whose snake-handling preacher father is currently incarcerated; Lydia, a successful fashion blogger, plans on attending NYU after graduation; and Travis, large of body and gentle of soul, loses himself (and the pain of his father's physical and emotional abuse) in a fantasy series called Bloodfall. While Dill finds comfort and beauty in music, Travis's innate kindness belies his circumstances, and Lydia's incandescent, gleefully offbeat personality draws them together. As the novel, Zentner's debut, builds to a shocking act of violence that shatters the friends' world, this sepia-toned portrait of small-town life serves as a moving testament to love, loyalty, faith, and reaching through the darkness to find light and hope. Zentner explores difficult themes head on including the desire to escape the sins of the father and the fragility of happiness while tempering them with the saving grace of enduring friendship. Ages 14a up. "Agent: Charlie Olsen, Inkwell Management. (Mar.)" Copyright 2015 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

## **Black Moon** **(Third book in the Zodiac series)**

by Romina Russell

Published 2016 by Razorbill

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781595147455

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### **Jacket Notes:**

**One final secret stands between Rho and the enemy. But will the devastating truth destroy her first?**

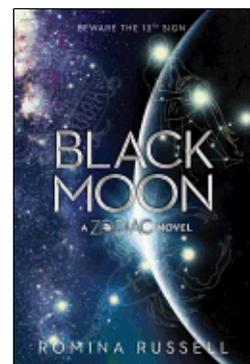
Rho, the courageous visionary from House Cancer, lost nearly everything when she exposed and fought against the Marad, a mysterious terrorist group bent on destroying balance in the Zodiac Galaxy. Now the Marad has disappeared without a trace, and an uneasy peace has been declared.

But Rho is suspicious. She believes the Master is still out there in some other form. And looming over all are the eerie visions of her mother, who died many years ago but is now appearing to Rho in the stars.

When news of a stylish new political party supported by her best friend, Nishi, sends Rho on another journey across the Galaxy, she uses it as an opportunity to hunt the hidden master and seek out information about her mother. And what she uncovers sheds light on the truth--but casts darkness upon the entire Zodiac world.

**Book 3 in the breathtaking sci-fi space saga inspired by astrology that will stun fans of the Illuminae Files and Starbound series."**

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## Cat King of Havana

by Tom Crosshill

Published 2016 by Katherine Tegen Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780062422835

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### Jacket Notes:



Lolcats. Salsa dancing. Unrequited love. Tom Crosshill's smart and witty debut teen novel treads a colorful coming-of-age journey from New York City to Havana that will appeal to fans of books by Matthew Quick and Junot Diaz.

When Rick Gutierrez known as "That Cat Guy" at school gets dumped on his sixteenth birthday for uploading cat videos from his bedroom instead of experiencing the real world, he realizes it's time for a change. So Rick joins a salsa class . . . because of a girl, of course. Ana Cabrera is smart, friendly, and smooth on the dance floor. He might be half Cuban, but Rick dances like a drunk hippo. Desperate to impress Ana, he invites her to spend the summer in Havana. The official reason: learning to dance. The hidden agenda: romance under the palm trees.

Except Cuba isn't all sun, salsa, and music. As Rick and Ana meet his family and investigate the reason why his mother left Cuba decades ago, they learn that politics isn't just something that happens to other people. And when they find romance, it's got sharp edges.

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Publishers Weekly 06/27/2016

Cat video entrepreneur Rick Gutierrez seeks change after his girlfriend dumps him on his 16th birthday. Rick joins a salsa band and meets dancer and filmmaker Ana, who is dealing with complicated family problems. Eager to spend more time with Ana and to explore his deceased mother's Cuban heritage, Rick invites Ana for a summer of salsa lessons in Havana. Living with his aunt and two cousins, Rick and Ana learn that communism is not as equitable as Aunt Juanita believes. When cousin Yolanda asks the two to help a kidnapped blogger, they are threatened, endangering themselves and Rick's family, even as Rick attempts to search for his mother's first love and uncover the truth behind her defection during the 1980 Mariel boatlift. Breaking the fourth wall, Rick speaks directly and engagingly to readers, infusing Crosshill's first YA novel with wry, self-effacing humor. The breezy pace and descriptions of Cuban culture soften the serious issues at hand: supply shortages, imprisonment, and secret police. Despite an improbable ending worthy of a viral video itself, Crosshill's big-hearted novel shines. Ages 13+ up. "Agent: Ammi-Joan Paquette, Erin Murphy Literary. (Sept.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

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## Stalking Jack the Ripper

by Kerri Maniscalco

Published 2016 by Jimmy Patterson

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780316273497

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### Jacket Notes:

**A #1 New York Times Bestseller!**



Presented by James Patterson's new children's imprint, this deliciously creepy horror novel has a storyline inspired by the Ripper murders and an unexpected, blood-chilling conclusion...

Seventeen-year-old Audrey Rose Wadsworth was born a lord's daughter, with a life of wealth and privilege stretched out before her. But between the social teas and silk dress fittings, she leads a forbidden secret life.

Against her stern father's wishes and society's expectations, Audrey often slips away to her uncle's laboratory to study the gruesome practice of forensic medicine. When her work on a string of savagely killed corpses drags Audrey into the investigation of a serial murderer, her search for answers brings her close to her own sheltered world.

The story's shocking twists and turns, augmented with real, sinister period photos, will make this dazzling, #1 *New York Times* bestselling debut from author Kerri Maniscalco impossible to forget.

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Publishers Weekly 06/13/2016

Maniscalco's debut isn't for the squeamish: it starts with 17-year-old Audrey Rose Wadsworth deeply immersed in opening up and analyzing a corpse under the supervision of her Uncle Jonathan, with no detail or scalpel cut spared. Audrey Rose is a proper Victorian with the unladylike aspirations of understanding crime scenes, blood spatter, the brutality of murder, and exactly how a killer tears into his victim. Luckily for her, Jack the Ripper is on the hunt, and Audrey Rosea alongside Thomas, a handsome aspiring coroner is determined to catch him. In taking on the subject of this famous 19th-century serial killer, Maniscalco is treading well-worn fictional territory, but she has created a serious, sharp-minded, and forward-thinking protagonist in Audrey Rose, whose fearlessness in the face of the decaying and the dead while still navigating the social norms of the day will endear her to readers looking for an engaging historical thriller. Abundant red herrings and a dash of romance round out this gruesome but engrossing story. Ages 15+ up. Agent: Barbara Poelle, Irene Goodman Literary. (Sept.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

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## Female of the Species

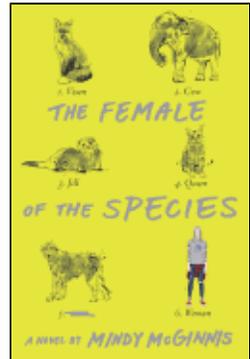
by Mindy McGinnis

Published 2016 by Katherine Tegen Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780062320896

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### Jacket Notes:



Edgar Award winning author Mindy McGinnis delivers a dark and riveting contemporary YA novel that blends the unflinching honesty of Laurie Halse Anderson's *Speak* with the relentless pacing and alternating perspectives of *Gone Girl*. A stunning, unforgettable page-turner.

Alex Craft knows how to kill someone. And she doesn't feel bad about it.

Three years ago, when her older sister, Anna, was murdered and the killer walked free, Alex uncaged the language she knows best: the language of violence. While her own crime goes unpunished, Alex knows she can't be trusted among other people. Not with Jack, the star athlete who wants to really know her but still feels guilty over the role he played the night Anna's body was discovered. And not with Peekay, the preacher's kid with a defiant streak who befriends Alex while they volunteer at an animal shelter. Not anyone.

As their senior year unfolds, Alex's darker nature breaks out, setting these three teens on a collision course that will change their lives forever.

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Publishers Weekly 07/04/2016

Three high school seniors come together in McGinnis's harrowing rumination on and the power of friendship in a small town. Three years ago, Alex Craftas' older sister, Anna, was raped and murdered, but there wasn't enough evidence to convict the killer. Someone took matters into his or her own hands and killed the perpetrator, and McGinnis ("A Madness So Discreet") doesn't make it hard to guess who. Once a girl on the periphery, Alex attracts the attention of jock Jack Fisher, who's more than just a guy who can put a ball through a net. Despite differing personalities, Alex and Peekaya shorthanded for preacher's kid, though her real name is Clairea bond while volunteering at the local animal shelter, with Peekay in awe of Alex's stoicism. McGinnis gracefully avoids the pitfalls of creating a teenage vigilante, instead maintaining a sense of piercing realism. Alex is a pained girl in dangerous free fall, whose fierce independence is challenged by newfound friendships, even love, though neither may be enough to stave off the inevitable. Ages 14a up. "Agent: Adriann Ranta, Foundry Literary + Media. (Sept.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

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## Pasadena

by Sherri L. Smith

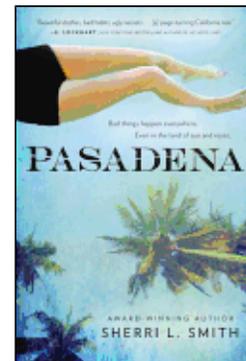
Published 2016 by G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781101996256

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### Jacket Notes:

"Beautiful clothes, bad habits, ugly secrets: Sherri L. Smith probes the vulnerable underbellies of a lot of toothy sharks in this page-turning California noir." E. Lockhart, *New York Times* bestselling author of *We Were Liars*



### Bad things happen everywhere. Even in the land of sun and roses.

When Jude's best friend is found dead in a swimming pool, her family calls it an accident. Her friends call it suicide. But Jude calls it what it is: murder. And someone has to pay.

Now everyone is a suspect family and friends alike. And Jude is digging up the past like bones from a shallow grave. Anything to get closer to the truth. But that's the thing about secrets. Once they start turning up, nothing is sacred. And Jude's got a few skeletons of her own.

In a homage to the great noir stories of Los Angeles, award-winning author Sherri L. Smith's *Pasadena* is a tale of love, damage and salvation set against the backdrop of California's City of Roses."

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Publishers Weekly 07/25/2016

With her best friend dead in an apparent suicide, a 17-year-old girl with demons of her own sets out to uncover what really happened in Smith's deeply tragic and darkly humorous tale. Jude isn't even in California when she learns that Maggie Kim is dead, found floating in the family pool, full of pills. When she arrives back in Pasadena, Jude is enveloped in the cloud of loss that hangs over Maggie's friends, who scramble to claim a spot as number one mourner. Positive that her friend wouldn't commit suicide, Jude—who, through Smith's keen narrative voice, is a sharp and often biting observer of human nature—tries to reconstruct Maggie's final days, pulling from her own memories of a friend who knew her like no one else. Turns out, Maggie played that role for several people, yet no one truly knew her, an often heartbreaking paradox of teenage friendship that Smith ("Orleans") explores deftly. The answers Jude seeks matter far less than the painful journey of a tough character who comes to terms with something deeper than grief. Ages 14a up. "Agent: Kirby Kim, Janklow & Nesbit. (Sept.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

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## Nemesis

by Anna Banks

Published 2016 by Feiwel & Friends

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781250070173

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#### Jacket Notes:

### **The princess didn't expect to fall in love--with her nemesis.**

Princess Sepora of Serubel is the last Forger in all the five kingdoms. The spectorium she creates provides energy for all, but now her father has found a way to weaponize it, and his intentions to incite war force her to flee from his grasp. She escapes across enemy lines into the kingdom of Theoria, but her plans to hide are thwarted when she is captured and placed in the young king's servitude.

Tarik has just taken over rulership of Theoria, and must now face a new plague sweeping through his kingdom and killing his citizens. The last thing he needs is a troublesome servant vying for his attention. But mistress Sepora will not be ignored. When the two finally meet face-to-face, they form an unlikely bond that complicates life in ways neither of them could have imagined.

Sepora's gift could save Tarik's kingdom from the Quiet Plague. But should she trust her growing feelings for her nemesis, or should she hide her gifts at all costs?

A thrilling futuristic fantasy in which the fate of the world's energy source is in the hands of a prince and princess who are rivals, by the *New York Times*-bestselling author of the Syrena Legacy.

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Publishers Weekly 09/05/2016

Sepora, princess of Serubel, is the last of the Forgers, who have the hereditary ability to expel spectorium, a prized element, from their skin. With silver eyes and a defiant spirit, she escapes her father's grasp, hoping to avoid a war among the five kingdoms, but is captured by traders who sell her into the harem of neighboring King Tarik of Theoria. Although Theoria and Serubel are rivals, Sepora finds 18-year-old Tarik intelligent and good-looking. Staying incognito, she wins his favor by brokering a deal with the flesh-eating Parani and fashioning weapons to fight her father's impending attack. But with the Quiet Plague killing Theoria's citizens and King Tarik's impending marriage to a Hemutian princess, Sepora leaves, only to discover an even more perilous situation. Banks's *Joyride* worldbuilding is thorough and vivid, yet the intricate customs of the kingdoms and Sepora and Tarik's inner thoughts, shown through alternating viewpoints, cause the story to lag. The instant infatuation between the two main characters drives the story, but can be shopworn and syrupy (aEvery time he touches me I feel melted in placea) at times. Ages 12a up. Agent: Lucy Carson, Friedrich Agency. (Oct.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

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### **Understanding Suicide: A National Epidemic**

by Connie Goldsmith

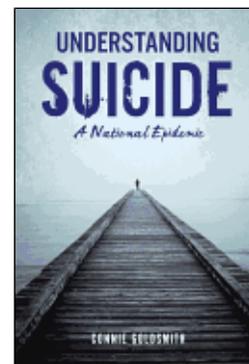
Published 2016 by Twenty-First Century Books (CT)

Library Binding, English. ISBN: 9781467785709

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#### Jacket Notes:

What causes people to take their lives? How can suicides be prevented? Looking beyond common myths and misconceptions, *Understanding Suicide* examines common risk factors including mental illness, substance abuse, domestic abuse, and bullying.



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## Certain Dark Things

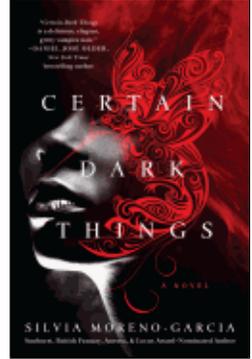
by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Published 2016 by Thomas Dunne Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781250099082

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### Jacket Notes:



## Welcome to Mexico City An Oasis In A Sea Of Vampires

Domingo, a lonely garbage-collecting street kid, is busy eeking out a living when a jaded vampire on the run swoops into his life.

Atl, the descendant of Aztec blood drinkers, must feast on the young to survive and Domingo looks especially tasty. Smart, beautiful, and dangerous, Atl needs to escape to South America, far from the rival narco-vampire clan pursuing her. Domingo is smitten.

Her plan doesn't include developing any real attachment to Domingo. Hell, the only living creature she loves is her trusty Doberman. Little by little, Atl finds herself warming up to the scrappy young man and his effervescent charm.

And then there's Ana, a cop who suddenly finds herself following a trail of corpses and winds up smack in the middle of vampire gang rivalries.

Vampires, humans, cops, and gangsters collide in the dark streets of Mexico City. Do Atl and Domingo even stand a chance of making it out alive?

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Publishers Weekly 08/22/2016

Moreno-Garcia's action-packed second standalone novel (after *Signal to Noise* brings myths from multiple cultures into focus as different, coexisting types of vampires get tangled up in the drug wars of near-future Mexico, setting the stage for a bloody and engrossing story of rival families. Mexico City has done its best to ban vampires from entry, but 17-year-old Domingo, a trash picker, manages to find one: 23-year-old Atl. She pays Domingo to let her briefly feed on him; struck by her beauty, he works his way further into her life. Domingo and Atl grow closer while trying to protect each other from the vicious Godoy family, who killed Atlas family and are now after her. Few of the characters would be considered likable, but they are more interesting for their flaws. A bittersweet, satisfying ending confirms that Moreno-Garcia is an author to watch. *Agent: Eddie Schneider, JABberwocky Literary. (Nov.)* Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

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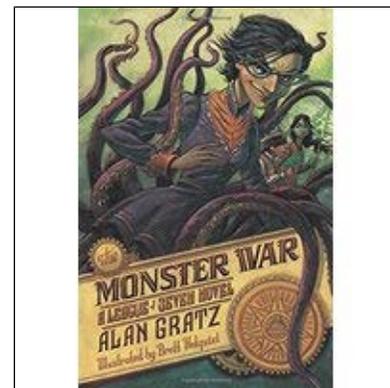
## Monster War (Third book in the League of Seven series)

by Alan Gratz  
Published 2016 by Starscape Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780765338242

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**Jacket Notes:**



*The Monster War* is the third book in the action-packed, steampunk League of Seven series by acclaimed author Alan Gratz.

Having discovered the monstrous secret of his origins, Archie Dent is no longer certain that he is worthy to be a member of the League of Seven. But with new enemies to face, he realizes that he may not have the luxury of questioning his destiny.

Wielding the Dragon Lantern, the maniacal Philomena Moffett has turned her back on the Septemberist Society, creating her own Shadow League and unleashing a monster army on the American continent. Archie and his friends must race to find the last two members of their league in time to thwart Moffett's plan and rescue humanity once more.

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**Forgetting**

by Sharon Cameron  
Published 2016 by Scholastic Press

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780545945219

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**Jacket Notes:**



What isn't written, isn't remembered. Even your crimes. Nadia lives in the city of Canaan, where life is safe and structured, hemmed in by white stone walls and no memory of what came before. But every twelve years the city descends into the bloody chaos of the Forgetting, a day of no remorse, when each person's memories -- of parents, children, love, life, and self -- are lost. Unless they have been written.

In Canaan, your book is your truth and your identity, and Nadia knows exactly who hasn't written the truth. Because Nadia is the only person in Canaan who has never forgotten.

But when Nadia begins to use her memories to solve the mysteries of Canaan, she discovers truths about herself and Gray, the handsome glassblower, that will change her world forever. As the anarchy of the Forgetting approaches, Nadia and Gray must stop an unseen enemy that threatens both their city and their own existence -- before the people can forget the truth. And before Gray can forget *her*.

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Publishers Weekly 06/13/2016

The Forgetting, a consequence-free night of lawlessness and bloodshed accompanied by a total loss of memory, comes to the walled city of Canaan every

12 years, and its citizens rely on their books to remember who they are afterward, unless they decide to start new lives. Teenage Nadia isn't like the others: she remembers everything, and has been scaling the city's walls for some time. When the charming Gray catches her and demands that she take him over the wall, she can't refuse for fear of being reported to the Council. The setting is kept vague until the second half of the novel, when it truly finds its legs and a world-shattering twist is revealed. The sweet romance between Nadia and Gray is hard-earned and realistic, and Cameron ("Rook" mines Nadia's relationships with her family (including her heartbreak over her father's abandonment) while steadily building tension as the Forgetting draws closer. Memory and how it shapes identities and futures is at the heart of this absorbing adventure, and the satisfying conclusion leaves an opening for further novels. Ages 12+ up. "Agent: Kelly Sonnack, Andrea Brown Literary. (Sept.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

## Someone I Wanted to Be

by Aurelia Wills

Published 2016 by Candlewick Press (MA)

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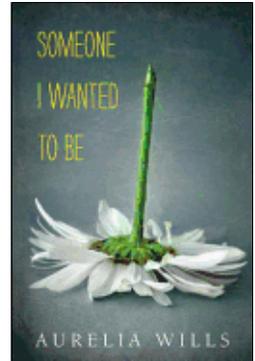
**When an insecure teen starts impersonating someone else, her life spirals dangerously out of control in a realistic, relatable novel about finding yourself and discovering your true friends.**

Leah Lobermier dreams of becoming a doctor, but it's hard to stay focused on getting good grades when boys make oinking sounds at her in school and her mother spends every night on the couch with a bottle of wine. Leah's skinny and popular "friends," Kristy and Corinne, aren't much better and can hardly be counted on for support. When the girls convince a handsome older man to buy them beer, Leah takes his phone number and calls him, pretending to be Kristy's coy and confident and they develop a relationship, talking and texting day after day. But as the lie she created grows beyond her control, can Leah put a stop to things before she or Kristy is seriously hurt?"

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Publishers Weekly 10/03/2016

When she isn't dreaming about Bruno Mars, overweight 15-year-old Leah Lobermier longs to be a doctor, despite her alcoholic mother's warnings not to "fly too high." Fielding bullies and name-calling from classmates and her friend Kristy, whose mother is dying of cancer, Leah maintains good grades and a low profile until an encounter with "Mr. Corduroy," an older man who frequents the Hilton, Colo., 7-Eleven. On the phone with Mr. Corduroy, Leah escapes her reality and invisibility by pretending to be Ashley, a version of Kristy. When she makes friends with Anita, an artist who lost her mother in a car accident, just as Leah lost her father, Leah experiences unconditional friendship and support for the first time. With help from Anita and a possible boyfriend, Leah knows she must confront Mr. Corduroy, now stalking Kristy; when she does, it turns ugly, resulting in a situation that changes Leah and those who love her. Debut author Wills empathetically illustrates Leah's predicament, immobilized in poverty and relentlessly bullied. Notwithstanding stirring minor character portrayals, though, Leah's personality and distinct voice never surface completely. Ages 14+ up. Agent: Duvall Osteen, Aragi, Inc. (Sept.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.



## Color Blind

by Sheila Sobel

Published 2016 by Merit Press

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781440597466

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### Jacket Notes:

April is alone in the world. When she was only a baby, her teenage mother took off and now, unbelievably, her dad has died. Nobody's left to take April in except her mom's sister, a free spirit who's a chef in New Orleans--and someone who April's never met. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, April is suddenly supposed to navigate a city that feels just like she feels, fighting back from impossibly bad breaks. But it's Miles, a bayou boy, who really brings April into the heart of the Big Easy. He takes her to the cemetery where nineteenth-century voodoo queen Marie Laveau is buried, and there, April gets a shocking clue about her own past. Once she has a piece of the puzzle, she knows she will never give up. What she doesn't know is that finding out the truth about her past and the key to her future could cost her everything--maybe even her life.



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## Bounce

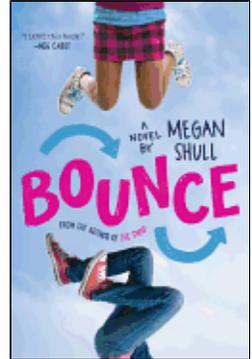
by Megan Shull

Published 2016 by Katherine Tegen Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780062311726

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### Jacket Notes:



The author of *The Swap*, which is now a Disney Channel Original Movie, delivers another hilarious, heartwarming, and empowering story about a girl who relives the same day over and over again each time as someone new. Megan Shull's new novel is perfect for fans of Wendy Mass, Holly Goldberg Sloan, and Meg Cabot.

Seventh grader Frannie Hudson wonders what it would be like to trade in her family for a new one. Her big brother ignores her. Her mean older sister can't stand her. And her parents have just announced they're going on a last-minute vacation *without her*.

When Frannie makes one desperate, crazy wish *BOOM!* she magically bounces into a whole new life, with a totally different family. *And. It. Is. Amazing!* There's only one catch: waking up as someone else keeps happening. Plunged into lives and adventures she's only imagined from being a pop star to meeting one *super-cute* boy Frannie finds courage in the unforgettable friends and families she meets along the way. But as her new life spins out of control, Frannie begins to worry if she'll ever get back home.

A celebration of the power of love and connection, Megan Shull's extraordinary new novel captures one girl's journey to find her voice, heal her heart, and discover the joy of bouncing back.

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## Last of the Giants: The Rise and Fall of Earth's Most Dominant Species

by Jeff Campbell

Published 2016 by Zest Books

Paperback, English. ISBN: 9781942186045

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"Smelcer's work has a touch of the classical, combining good old-fashioned adventure and survival themes with heart-tugging moments of clarity and poignancy that recall Jean Craighead George's *Julie of the Wolves*." *Booklist*

Praise for *The Trap*

"A gripping and poignant story, made even more so because of its basis in historical fact." *Horn Book* (starred review)

Four Indian teenagers are kidnapped from different regions, their lives immutably changed by an institution designed to eradicate their identity. And no matter what their home, their stories are representative of every story, every stolen life. So far from home, without family to protect them, only their friendship helps them endure. This is a work of fiction. Every word is true.

John Smelcer is the author of over forty books, including essays, story collections, poetry, and novels, and five YA novels."

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## Last True Love Story

by Brendan Kiely

Published 2016 by Margaret K. McElderry Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781481429887

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### Jacket Notes:

From the critically acclaimed author of *The Gospel of Winter* and the coauthor of *All American Boys* comes a cool, contemplative spin on hot summer nights and the classic teen love story as two teens embark on a cross-country journey of the heart and soul.

*The point of living is learning how to love.*

That's what Gpa says. To Hendrix and Corrina, both seventeen but otherwise alike only in their loneliness, that sounds like another line from a pop song that tries to promise kids that life doesn't actually suck. Okay, so: love. Sure.

The thing about Corrina her adoptive parents are suffocating, trying to mold her into someone acceptable, predictable, like them. She's a musician, itching for any chance to escape, become the person she really wants to be. Whoever that is.

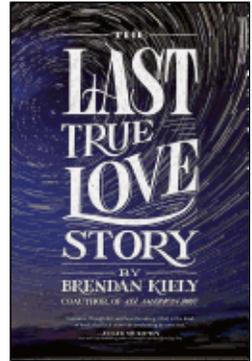
And Hendrix, he's cool. Kind of a poet. But also kind of lost. His dad is dead and his mom is married to her job. Gpa is his only real family, but he's fading fast from Alzheimer's. Looking for any way to help the man who raised him, Hendrix has made Gpa an impossible promise that he'll get him back east to the hill where he first kissed his wife, before his illness wipes away all memory of her.

One hot July night, Hendrix and Corrina decide to risk everything. They steal a car, spring Gpa from his assisted living facility, stuff Old Humper the dog into the back seat, and take off on a cross-country odyssey from LA to NY. With their parents, Gpa's doctors, and the police all hot on their heels, Hendrix and Corrina set off to discover for themselves if what Gpa says is true that the only stories that last are love stories."

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Teddy Hendrix's grandfather, a Gpa, raised him but now has early-stage Alzheimer's; his greatest fear is forgetting his late wife. Teddy writes down Gpa's stories, but what his grandfather really wants is to see the church he was married in one more time. It means a cross-country trip, and although



Teddy doesn't drive, there's a girl from school who's looking to leave town. Singer-songwriter Corrina bonds with Gpa over music, and she and Teddy (an aspiring poet) move slowly toward romance as they cope with Gpa's mood swings and the inevitable delays, detours, and revelations of a road trip. Their destination is Ithaca, N.Y., with its echoes of the "Odyssey" and if Kiely ("All American Boys" leans a bit hard on Teddy's poetic sensibilities and the sheer American weirdness they pass through, he wisely splits the bard and quester roles across his characters (Corrina dreams of a career in music; Teddy wants to know more about his long-dead father). As Gpa tells Teddy, you have to respect the road trip, and Kiely does in a quirky, romantic, and satisfying story. Ages 14+ up. "Agent: Rob Weisbach, Rob Weisbach Creative Management. (Sept.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

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by Norah McClintock

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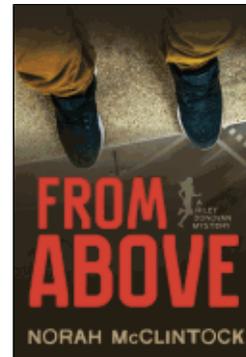
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When a football player from Riley Donovan's school falls to his death from the top of a recreation center, a hunch makes her wonder if he was pushed. But who would do such a thing, and why? Riley's detective aunt tells Riley to leave it alone, but that's not in Riley's nature. When her friend Charlie is accused of the murder, Riley is determined to clear his name, even if it means confronting vicious junkyard dogs, forming an alliance with an old enemy, and putting her own life in danger.

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by Natalie Richards

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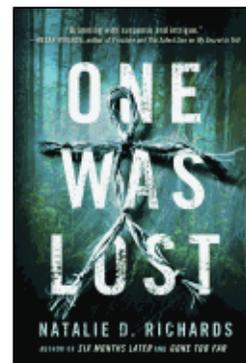
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by Ryan Graudin

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