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KPL Teen Spotlight December 2016

Mark of the Plague (Second book in the Blackthorn Key series)

by Kevin Sands

Published 2016 by Aladdin

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781481446747

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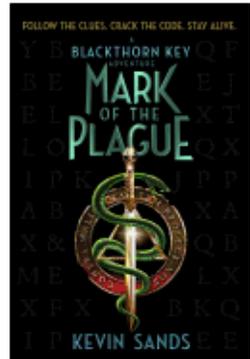
Jacket Notes:

Christopher Rowe is back and there are more puzzles, riddles, and secrets to uncover in this follow-up to the Indie Next pick *The Blackthorn Key*, which was called a spectacular debut by *Kirkus Reviews* in a starred review.

The Black Death has returned to London, spreading disease and fear through town. A mysterious prophet predicts the city's ultimate doom until an unknown apothecary arrives with a cure that actually works. Christopher's Blackthorn shop is chosen to prepare the remedy. But when an assassin threatens the apothecary's life, Christopher and his faithful friend Tom are back to hunting down the truth, risking their lives to untangle the heart of a dark conspiracy.

And as the sickness strikes close to home, the stakes are higher than ever before "

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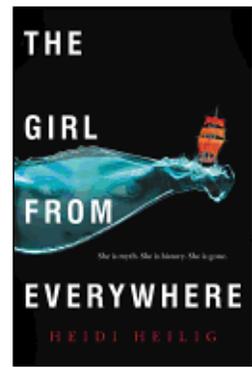
Girl from Everywhere

by Heidi Heilig

Published 2016 by Greenwillow Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780062380753

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Jacket Notes:

Heidi Heilig's debut teen fantasy sweeps from modern-day New York City, to nineteenth-century Hawaii, to places of myth and legend. Sixteen-year-old Nix has sailed across the globe and through centuries aboard her time-traveling father's ship. But when he gambles with her very existence, it all may be about to end. *The Girl from Everywhere*, the first of two books, blends fantasy, history, and a modern sensibility. Its witty, fast-paced dialogue, breathless adventure, multicultural cast, and enchanting romance will dazzle readers of Sabaa Tahir, Rae Carson, and Rachel Hartman.

Nix's life began in Honolulu in 1868. Since then she has traveled to mythic Scandinavia, a land from the tales of *One Thousand and One Nights*, modern-day New York City, and many more places both real and imagined. As long as he has a map, Nix's father can sail his ship, *The Temptation*, to any place, any time. But now he's uncovered the one map he's always sought 1868 Honolulu, before Nix's mother died in childbirth. Nix's life her entire existence is at stake. No one knows what will happen if her father changes the past. It could erase Nix's future, her dreams, her adventures . . . her connection with the charming Persian thief, Kash, who's been part of their crew for two years. If Nix helps her father reunite with the love of his life, it will cost her her own.

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Publishers Weekly 02/08/2016

Debut author Heilig sets this swashbuckling time-travel adventure primarily in 19th-century Hawaii, when the islands were colonized but still had a king. Sixteen-year-old Nix Song is a resourceful and multilayered heroine who navigates a tall ship across enchanted maps that lead to particular moments and places in time some real and some mythological, depending on the map. Her father, Slate, captains the *Temptation* through time, in hopes of returning to the days before Nix's mother died giving birth to Nix in 1868 Honolulu; when a map from 1981 fails them, they instead land in modern-day New York City. Nix lives under the shadow of Slate's loss, and their relationship suffers for it not to mention that Nix's life may be at stake if Slate succeeds in saving her mother. Heilig's writing is richly immersive, and a mature exploration of complicated love, both familial and romantic, underlies the story. A riveting and far-reaching fantasy that crosses seamlessly across the centuries, posing questions about fate, loyalty, and belonging. Ages 13a up. Agent: Molly Ker Hawn, Bent Agency. (Feb.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Like a River Glorious (Second book in the Gold Seer Trilogy series)

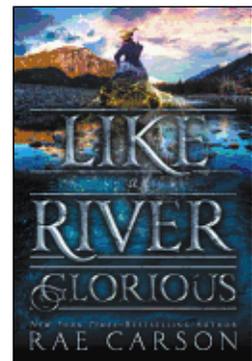
by Rae Carson

Published 2016 by Greenwillow Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780062242945

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Jacket Notes:



The sequel to the *New York Times* bestselling and National Book Award longlisted *Walk on Earth a Stranger*.

After her harrowing journey west to California, Lee Westfall has finally found a new home one rich in gold, thanks to her magical power, a power that seems to be changing every day. But this home is rich in other ways, too: with friends who are searching for a place to be themselves, just as she is, and with love. Jefferson her longtime best friend hasn't stopped trying to win her heart. And Lee is more and more tempted to say yes.

But her uncle Hiram hasn't given up his quest to get Lee and her power under his control. When she's kidnapped and taken to him, Lee sees firsthand the depths of her uncle's villainy. Yet Lee's magic is growing. Gold no longer simply sings to her, it listens. It obeys her call. Is it enough to destroy her uncle once and for all?

Rae Carson, acclaimed author of the *Girl of Fire and Thorns* series, takes us deep into the gold fields as she continues this sweeping saga of magic and history, and an unforgettable heroine who must come into her own. *Like a River Glorious* is the second book in the Gold Seer trilogy.

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And the Trees Crept in

by Dawn Kurtagich

Published 2016 by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780316298704

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Jacket Notes:

A stunning, terrifying novel about a house the color of blood and the two sisters who are trapped there, by *The Dead House* author Dawn Kurtagich

When Silla and Nori arrive at their aunt's home, it's immediately clear that the "blood manor" is cursed. The creaking of the house and the stillness of the woods surrounding them would be enough of a sign, but there are secrets too--the questions that Silla can't ignore: Who is the beautiful boy that's appeared from the woods? Who is the man that her little sister sees, but no one else? And why does it seem that, ever since they arrived, the trees have been creeping closer?

Filled with just as many twists and turns as *The Dead House*, and with achingly beautiful, chilling language that delivers haunting scenes, *AND THE TREES CREPT IN* is the perfect follow-up novel for master horror writer Dawn Kurtagich.

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Publishers Weekly 06/27/2016

After Silla Daniels and her mute younger sister, Nori, escape their abusive father and a London on the brink of World War III, they make their way to the blood-red family manor where their estranged aunt Cath takes them in. When Cath's grasp on reality falters and she retreats to the attic, the sisters are left with the sound of her constant pacing and a fear of the encroaching woods, home to the ever-hungry Creeper Man, whom Cath warned is coming for the sisters. Creaks, footsteps, and giggles echo through the decrepit manor while Nori, unbeknownst to Silla, spends her nights playing with an eyeless, long-limbed friend in the basement. Kurtagich follows "The Dead House" with a thought-provoking exploration of familial legacy and the sibling bond. The isolated and decaying manor setting creates an immediate sense of unease, and the villain is both physically and psychologically eerie; typographic manipulations and facsimiles of burned and torn notebook excerpts play into the psychologically unstable atmosphere. Readers will find it hard to look away from this genuinely frightening story as the sisters' sanctuary becomes a nightmare. Ages 15a up. "Agent: Sarah Davies, Greenhouse Literary. (Sept.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.



As I Descended

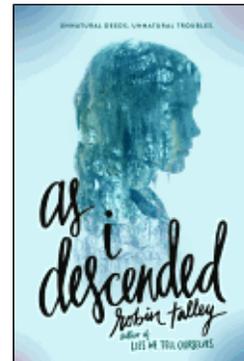
by Robin Talley

Published 2016 by Harper Teen

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780062409232

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Jacket Notes:



From the acclaimed author of *Lies We Tell Ourselves*, Robin Talley, comes a Shakespeare-inspired story of revenge and redemption, where fair is foul, and foul is fair.

Maria Lyon and Lily Boiten are their school's ultimate power couple but one thing stands between them and their perfect future: campus superstar Delilah Dufrey. Golden child Delilah is a legend at exclusive Acheron Academy, and the presumptive winner of the distinguished Cawdor Kingsley Prize. But Delilah doesn't know that Lily and Maria are willing to do anything absolutely anything to unseat Delilah for the scholarship. After all, it would lock in Maria's attendance at Stanford and assure her and Lily four more years in a shared dorm room.

Together, Maria and Lily harness the dark power long rumored to be present on the former plantation that houses their school. But when feuds turn to fatalities, and madness begins to blur the distinction between what's real and what's imagined, the girls must attempt to put a stop to the chilling series of events they've accidentally set in motion."

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Publishers Weekly 07/11/2016

Talley ("What We Left Behind" creates a dark and twisted gothic boarding school setting replete with vengeful spirits, drugs, and suicide in this Shakespeare-inspired tragedy. Maria Lyon and Lily Boiten, roommates at Virginia's exclusive Acheron Academy, are also secretly in love. The girls plan on attending Stanford after graduation, far from disapproving parents and peers. Standing in their way is Delilah Dufrey, the school's golden girl, who is poised to win the coveted Cawdor Kingsley Prize, which guarantees the winner full tuition to the college of their choice. Lily uses a Ouija board and Maria's belief in the paranormal to persuade her that they should expose Delilah's drug use, but her plans go horribly awry when the girls inadvertently release angry ghosts. Third-person narration shifts among multiple characters, revealing more to readers than they do to each other. As Talley adeptly weaves elements of horror into the narrative, she creates an ominous yet comfortable boarding school environment that lulls readers into a false sense of security while setting them up for the next chilling event. Ages 14+ up. Agent: Jim McCarthy, Dystel & Goderich Literary Management. (Sept.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Tell Me Something Real

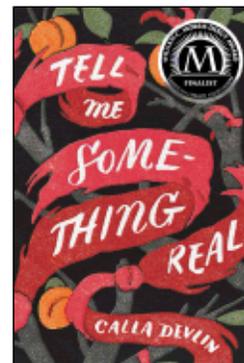
by Calla Devlin

Published 2016 by Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781481461153

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Jacket Notes:



Three sisters struggle with the bonds that hold their family together as they face a darkness settling over their lives in this masterfully written debut novel.

There are three beautiful blond Babcock sisters: gorgeous and foul-mouthed Adrienne, observant and shy Vanessa, and the youngest and best-loved, Marie. Their mother is ill with leukemia and the girls spend a lot of time with her at a Mexican clinic across the border from their San Diego home so she can receive alternative treatments.

Vanessa is the middle child, a talented pianist who is trying to hold her family together despite the painful loss that they all know is inevitable. As she and her sisters navigate first loves and college dreams, they are completely unaware that an illness far more insidious than cancer poisons their home. Their world is about to shatter under the weight of an incomprehensible betrayal "

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Publishers Weekly 08/22/2016

In a story of betrayal and unsettling change, set in the 1970s, debut novelist Devlin introduces Vanessa, a middle child who feels as though her sisters outshine her and whose mother is dying of cancer. Vanessa and her sisters regularly travel back and forth from their home in San Diego to Mexico with their mother as she undergoes experimental cancer treatments involving Laetrile, a controversial cyanogenic drug illegal in the U.S. Soon, Vanessa's mother invites Caleb, a teenage boy with lymphoma, and his mother to move into the family's home, joining them in the commute for Laetrile. Writing through Vanessa's intimate and perceptive perspective, Devlin unspools the teenager's story languidly as she copes with loss, new love, and the ways her family is falling apart, especially after disturbing revelations about her mother's condition come to light. It's transporting reading, with a powerfully evoked 1970s setting, and readers will eagerly sink into Devlin's richly detailed writing, accompanying Vanessa on a journey marked by moments of deep connection and equally profound pain. Ages 14a up. Agent: Faye Bender, the Book Group. (Aug.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Spontaneous

by Aaron Starmer

Published 2016 by Dutton Books for Young Readers

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780525429746

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Jacket Notes:

"Aaron Starmer skillfully welds sharp humor, deep loss, and roaring escapades. Truly the smartest and funniest book about spontaneous combustion you will ever read." John Green, #1 bestselling author of *The Fault In Our Stars*

A darkly funny and spectacularly original exploration of friendship, goodbyes and spontaneous combustion.

Mara Carlyle's senior year is going as normally as could be expected, until *wa-bam!* fellow senior Katelyn Ogden explodes during third period pre-calc.

Katelyn is the first, but she won't be the last teenager to blow up without warning or explanation. As the seniors continue to pop like balloons and the national eye turns to Mara's suburban New Jersey hometown, the FBI rolls in and the search for a reason is on.

Whip-smart and blunt, Mara narrates the end of their world as she knows it while trying to make it to graduation in one piece. It's an explosive year punctuated by romance, quarantine, lifelong friendship, hallucinogenic mushrooms, bloggers, ice cream trucks, Snooze Button, Bon Jovi, and the filthiest language you've ever heard from the President of the United States.

Aaron Starmer rewrites the rulebook with *Spontaneous*. But beneath the outrageous is a ridiculously funny, super honest, and truly moving exemplar of the absurd and raw truths of being a teenager in the 21st century . . . and the heartache of saying goodbye.

"A blood-soaked, laugh-filled, tear-drenched, **endlessly compelling** read." *Kirkus*, starred review

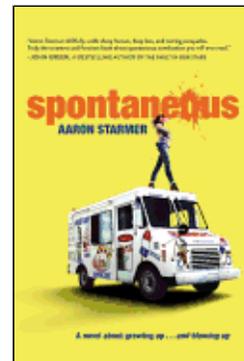
"A wholly original YA tale of identity, friendship, love, lust, and gory, grisly death." *SLJ*, starred review

"Bursting with heartache and gore, Mara's narration appeals directly to readers

senses of horror and humor." *Horn Book*"

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Publishers Weekly 06/06/2016



Seniors at Covington High School are spontaneously combusting in one gloriously gory explosion after another, and it doesn't take long for the FBI to descend on the New Jersey town to figure out what is going on. Is it terrorism? A curse? At the heart of Starmer's story is Mara Carlyle, a senior who witnesses the first combustion up close in precalc. Mara's blunt, sarcastic narration is well-matched to the absurdity of the plot, and while it's tempting to think of it as a defense mechanism in response to an unbelievable situation, it seems clear that this is just who Mara is. Her lengthy internal monologues, while entertaining, can frustrate the story's momentum and make Mara seem more like an observer and chronicler of the mayhem, rather than a participant, despite her proximity to several of the explosions. This aside, Starmer (the Riverman trilogy) adeptly uses his bloody, madcap premise to heighten just how much of life is out of our control, and how important it is to seize whatever time we're given. Ages 14+ up. "Agent: Michael Bourret, Dystel & Goderich Literary Management. (Aug.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Georgia Peaches and Other Forbidden Fruit

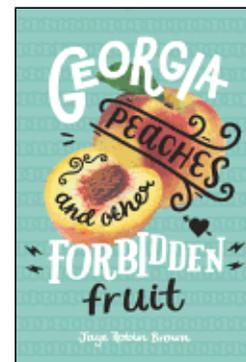
by Jaye Robin Brown

Published 2016 by Harper Teen

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780062270986

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Jacket Notes:



Joanna meets the perfect girl for her and must decide whether to break a promise that could change everything for her and her family or lose out on love in this charming young adult romance that's perfect for fans of Julie Murphy's *Dumplin* and Becky Albertalli's *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda*.

Joanna Gordon has been out and proud for years, but when her popular radio evangelist father remarries and decides to move all three of them from Atlanta to the more conservative Rome, Georgia, he asks Jo to do the impossible: to lie low for the rest of her senior year. And Jo reluctantly agrees.

Although it is (mostly) much easier for Jo to fit in as a straight girl, things get complicated when she meets Mary Carlson, the oh-so-tempting sister of her new friend at school. But Jo couldn't possibly think of breaking her promise to her dad. Even if she's starting to fall for the girl. Even if there's a chance Mary Carlson might be interested in her, too. Right?

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Publishers Weekly 05/23/2016

Joanna has always been out as a lesbian to her minister father, but now that he is remarrying and moving them from tolerant Atlanta to a small Georgia town, he asks her to lie low. Initially, it doesn't seem so bad: it's only a year until she graduates from high school, and it turns out that finding friends who share her Christian faith is kind of great. Then one of Jo's new friends reveals that she has feelings for her, and that she isn't interested in hiding. Brown ("No Place to Fall") ably depicts Jo's conundrum: if she tells the truth, she breaks her promise to her father; if she doesn't, she risks losing the first girl she's been serious about. Faith matters in this book, but so do family, friends, and being funny. The dialogue is snappy; Joanna is sharp-tongued and sometimes bratty, and the characters aren't types. Rather, they're individuals navigating a complicated world, which makes for a rich and satisfying read. Ages 14+ up "Agent: Alexandra Machinist, ICM. (Aug.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

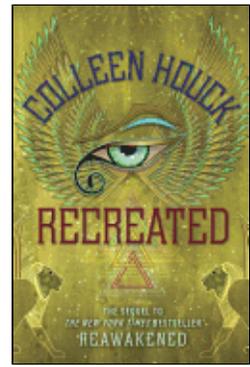
Recreated

by Colleen Houck

Published 2016 by Delacorte Press

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780385376600

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Jacket Notes:

From Colleen Houck, "New York Times" bestselling author of "The Tiger's Curse," comes "Recreated," the second book in the epic Egyptian-inspired Reawakened series, in which a seventeen-year-old must literally go to hell to save the love of her life.

Lily Young thought traveling across the globe with a reawakened sun prince was a grand adventure. Now she's about to embark on the journey of a lifetime.

When Amon and Lily part tragically, he transports himself to the Netherworld what mortals call hell. Tormented by the loss of his one true love, he'd rather suffer in agony during Lily's mortal years than fulfill his duty to protect humanity.

Heartbroken, Lily seeks refuge on her grandmother's farm. Yet she can feel Amon's pain, and she has been having dreams dreams of Amon continually suffering.

For before he departed, Amon gave Lily something very special, an item that connects them even though they are worlds apart. Now Lily must use this object to free him, and to free their realms from darkness and utter chaos. She will do whatever it takes.

"Fans of mythological fantasy, as well as those who enjoy take-charge female protagonists, will enjoy spending time with Lily and her companions."--VOYA"

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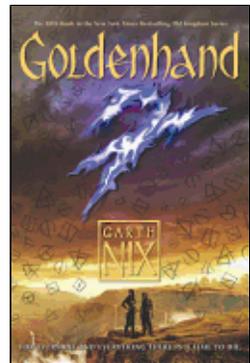
Goldenhand (Fifth book in the Old Kingdom series)

by Garth Nix

Published 2016 by HarperCollins

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780061561580

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Jacket Notes:

Lirael is no longer a shy Second Assistant Librarian. She is the Abhorsen-in-Waiting, with dead creatures to battle and Free Magic entities to bind. She's also a Remembrancer, wielder of the Dark Mirror. Lirael lost one of her hands in the binding of Orannis, but now she has a new hand, one of gilded steel and Charter Magic. When Lirael finds Nicholas Sayre lying unconscious after being attacked by a hideous Free Magic creature, she uses her powers to save him. But Nicholas is deeply tainted with Free Magic. Fearing it will escape the Charter mark that seals it within his flesh and bone, Lirael seeks help for Nick at her childhood home, the Clayr's Glacier. Even as Lirael and Nick return to the Clayr, a young woman from the distant north braves the elements and many enemies in a desperate attempt to bring a message to Lirael from her long-dead mother, Arielle. Ferin brings a dire warning about the Witch With No Face. But who is the Witch, and what is she planning? Once more a great danger threatens the Old Kingdom, and it must be forestalled not only in the living world, but also in the cold, remorseless river of Death.

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Publishers Weekly 07/18/2016

Nix returns to the Old Kingdom with a solid addition to his popular series. Lirael is now Abhorsen-in-Waiting, a far cry from the lowly Second Assistant Librarian she once was. Her older sister, the Abhorsen Sabriel, has trained her in the use of the dangerous magical bells that control the dead. She has been to the land of Death, survived losing a hand, received a magical replacement, and fallen in love. Now the Old Kingdom seems peaceful, just the time for Sabriel and King Touchstone to take a vacation, leaving Lirael in charge. Unfortunately, the ancient, evil Chlorr of the Mask has secretly raised a sorcerous army and is poised to strike. Only by leaving the Kingdom and crossing the Great Rift to a place with neither Charter Magic nor air, can Lirael and her new crush destroy the descending evil. Lirael is a complex character, both bold warrior and lovesick teenager, and the Old Kingdom remains a fascinating fantasy realm. Longtime readers will appreciate cameo appearances by Mogget and the Disreputable Dog, two of the series' oddest and most endearing characters. Ages 13a up. Agent: Jill Grinberg, Jill Grinberg Literary Management. (Oct.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Everland

by Wendy Spinale

Published 2016 by Scholastic Press

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780545836944

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Jacket Notes:

London has been destroyed in a blitz of bombs and disease. The only ones who have survived are children, among them Gwen Darling and her siblings, Joanna and Mikey. They spend their nights scavenging and their days avoiding the ruthless Marauders -- the German army led by Captain Hanz Otto Oswald Kretschmer.

Unsure if the virus has spread past England's borders but desperate to leave, Captain Hook hunts for a cure, which he thinks can be found in one of the survivors. He and his Marauders stalk the streets snatching children for experimentation. None ever return. Until the day they grab Joanna. As Gwen sets out to save her, she meets a daredevil boy named Pete. Pete offers the assistance of his gang of Lost Boys and the fierce sharpshooter Bella, who have all been living in a city hidden underground. But in a place where help has a steep price and every promise is bound by blood, it will cost Gwen. And are she, Pete, the Lost Boys, and Bella enough to outsmart Captain Hook?



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Publishers Weekly 03/07/2016

Zeppelins dot the sky and Marauders roam the bombed-out streets of Everland, formerly London, in this darkly imaginative take on Peter Pan. Fifteen-year-old Gwen Darling and her siblings Joanna and Mikey are struggling to survive since their parents failed to come home after the war started. A virus set free when Capt. Hanz Otto Oswald Kretschmer (aka Hook) conquered London has moved beyond its borders. Hook aims to find a cure using children who are immune, but Pete, his Lost Boys, and Lost Girl Bella have no plans to get themselves captured. When Joanna goes missing, Pete offers to help find her. What follows is a fast-paced adventure set in and under a ruined city where steam-powered weaponry collides with the ingenuity of the Lost Children. In an exemplary debut, Spinale uses Gwen and Hook's voices to offer glimpses into the psyche of a man desperate to please his cruel mother and a girl intent on saving the only family she has left. This is a magical, wondrous treat, with a conclusion that is nothing less than epic. Ages 12a up. "Agent: Thao Le, Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency (May)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Midnight Star

(Third book in the Young Elites Novel series)

by Marie Lu

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

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780399167850

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Jacket Notes:



The thrilling finale to the *New York Times* bestselling Young Elites series from hit factory Marie Lu

There was once a time when darkness shrouded the world, and the darkness had a queen.

Adelina Amouteru is done suffering. She's turned her back on those who have betrayed her and achieved the ultimate revenge: victory. Her reign as the White Wolf has been a triumphant one, but with each conquest her cruelty only grows. The darkness within her has begun to spiral out of control, threatening to destroy all she's gained.

When a new danger appears, Adelina's forced to revisit old wounds, putting not only herself at risk, but every Elite. In order to preserve her empire, Adelina and her Roses must join the Daggers on a perilous quest though this uneasy alliance may prove to be the real danger.

#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Marie Lu concludes Adelina's story with this haunting and hypnotizing final installment to the Young Elites series.

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Cloudwish

by Fiona Wood

Published 2016 by Poppy Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780316242127

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Jacket Notes:

Award-winning author Fiona Wood delivers a thought-provoking story of self-discovery and first love-one that will resonate with anyone who has ever realized that the things that make you different are the things that make you...you.

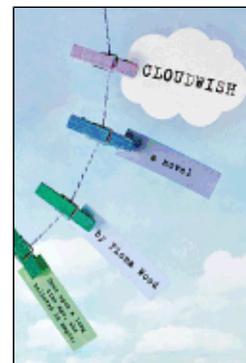
For Van Uoc, fantasies fall into two categories: nourishing or pointless. Daydreaming about attending her own art opening? Nourishing. Daydreaming about Billy Gardiner, star of the rowing team who doesn't even know she's alive? Pointless.

So Van Uoc tries to stick to her reality-keeping a low profile as a scholarship student at her prestigious Melbourne private school, managing her mother's PTSD from a traumatic emigration from Vietnam, and admiring Billy from afar. Until she makes a wish that inexplicably (possibly magically) comes true. Billy actually notices her. In fact, he seems to genuinely *like* her. But as they try to fit each other into their very different lives, confounding parents and confusing friends, Van Uoc can't help but wonder why Billy has suddenly fallen for her. Is it the magic of first love, or is it magic from a well-timed wish that will eventually, inevitably, come to an end?"

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Publishers Weekly 08/22/2016

Van Uoc Phanas hardworking parents, refugees from Vietnam, have a dream for her in Australia: they want her to become a doctor and expect her to focus



on her studies at her prestigious Melbourne school. She wants to be an artist, however, and spends a great deal of time fantasizing about her crush, athletic ladies man Billy Gardiner. When her wish to be noticed by him mysteriously comes true, she suspects that magic is afoot, especially after Billy seems to want more than friendship. The question of whether Billy is actually spellbound or truly falling in love creates suspense throughout the novel, as Van Uoc begins to enjoy being swept off her feet. Besides tracing the excitement and anxiety associated with first love (real or imagined), Wood (*Six Impossible Things*) offers insight into conflicts emerging from the clash of old and new values, the traumas refugees face, and the struggles of the children of first-generation immigrants. It's an inspiring story with a sympathetic heroine, who will especially appeal to those who feel pressured to follow paths they don't want to travel. Ages 12+ up. *Agent: Cheryl Pientka, Jill Grinberg Literary Management.* (Oct.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Something in Between

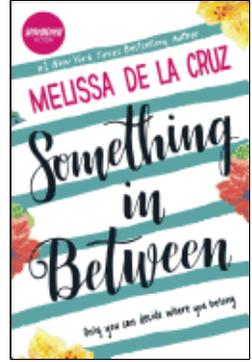
by Melissa De La Cruz

Published 2016 by Harlequin Teen

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780373212385

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Jacket Notes:



Be the first to read the thought-provoking new novel from Melissa de la Cruz, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Isle of the Lost* and *Return to the Isle of the Lost*.

She had her whole life planned.

She knew who she was and where she was going.

Until the truth changed everything.

Jasmine de los Santos has always done what's expected of her. She's studied hard, made her Filipino immigrant parents proud and is ready to reap the rewards in the form of a full college scholarship to the school of her dreams.

And then everything shatters. Her parents are forced to reveal the truth: their visas expired years ago. Her entire family is illegal. That means no scholarships, maybe no college at all and the very real threat of deportation.

As she's trying to make sense of who she is in this new reality, her world is turned upside down again by Royce Blakely. He's funny, caring and spontaneous basically everything she's been looking for at the worst possible time and now he's something else she may lose.

Jasmine will stop at nothing to protect her relationships, family and future, all while figuring out what it means to be an immigrant in today's society.

“A great read! Rachel Cohn, *New York Times* bestselling coauthor of *Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist*

“We're obsessed and you will be too. The Editors of *Seventeen* magazine

“Heartbreaking and bursting with hope, this is the book we all need. Marie Lu, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Young Elites* and *Legend* series

“This book will change you. A must-read. Dhonielle Clayton, coauthor of *Tiny Pretty Things* and *Shiny Broken Pieces*, and the forthcoming *The Belles*

“A must-read! Ally Condie, author of the #1 *New York Times* bestselling *Matched* trilogy

“An immigrant herself, de la Cruz succeeds in presenting a complicated and multifaceted topic in a manner that is light enough to keep readers engaged. *Kirkus Reviews*

“[A] great choice for younger teens This book belongs in every middle school library. *School Library Journal*

“De la Cruz presents a timely and thought-provoking look at the complex reality of being young and undocumented in the United States Readers will root for Jasmine as she fights for her future and finds the power of her own voice. *Publishers Weekly*

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Publishers Weekly 08/15/2016

The future is bright for high school senior and all-American girl Jasmine de los Santos: the daughter of Filipino immigrants, she has spent her high school years focused on being a well-rounded and academically successful student, as well as a model Filipino daughter. When Jasmine receives the National Scholar Award, a highly competitive scholarship that covers college tuition, her dream of attending Stanford is within reach. To her surprise, her parents don't share her excitement and reveal a long-kept secret: the de los Santos family is in the United States illegally. After her family's status is discovered and they face deportation, Jasmine's perception of herself is thrown into question. De la Cruz (the Blue Bloods series) presents a timely and thought-provoking look at the complex reality of being young and undocumented in the United States; Jasmine is painfully aware of the anti-immigrant forces she's up against, especially after she starts a relationship with the son of a congressman working against an immigration reform bill. Readers will root for Jasmine as she fights for her future and finds the power of her own voice. Ages 14+ up. "Agent: Richard Abate, 3 Arts Entertainment. (Oct.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Flip Side

by Shawn Johnson

Published 2016 by Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

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Jacket Notes:

From gold medalist and reality TV star Shawn Johnson comes a debut YA novel inspired by her own experiences as an elite teenage gymnast just in time for the Summer 2016 Olympic games.

Charlie Ryland has a secret.

She may "seem" like your average high school sophomore but she's just really good at pretending.

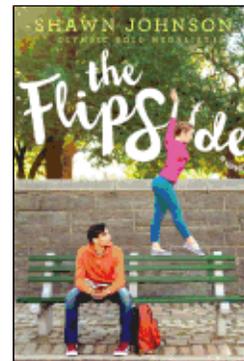
Because outside of school Charlie spends all her waking hours training to become one of the best gymnasts in the world. And it's not easy flying under the radar when you're aiming for Olympic gold especially when an irresistible guy comes along and threatens to throw your whole world off balance.

Inspired by her own experiences as a fifteen-year-old Olympic gymnast, gold medalist Shawn Johnson writes a delightfully entertaining novel about chasing big dreams and falling in love, all while trying to keep it real."

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Publishers Weekly 04/11/2016

Johnson, an Olympic gold-medalist gymnast and memoirist ("Winning Balance", segues into fiction with this YA debut. Sophomore Charlie Ryland, who's contending for a spot on the U.S. women's Olympic gymnastics team, is keeping her athletic life a secret from her classmates: "In order to maintain some semblance of normality in my life, I perform a balancing act." That balance topples when she severely sprains her ankle while attending



prom with her crush, against the wishes of her protective parents. The accident is doubly devastating, as it jeopardizes Charlie's Olympic dreams and makes public her status as an elite gymnast. Writing with Sonnichsen ("Red Butterfly", Johnson offers crisp accounts of Charlie's grueling gymnastic training and physical and mental fortitude, while also credibly conveying her anguish at maintaining dual identities and her remorse at the hurt that her deceptions cause. Though there's little doubt that Charlie will stick the landing, so to speak, in the novel's exhilarating finale, readers will be drawn into her passionate devotion to both spheres of her life. Ages 12+ up. Agent: Jennifer Keene, Octagon. (June) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Metro 2033

by Dmitry Glukhovsky

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Jacket Notes:

The novel that gave birth to the video games 'Metro 2033' and 'Metro: Last Light' The breathtaking original story that inspired both the METRO 2033 and METRO: LAST LIGHT video games! An international bestseller, translated into 35 languages. Set in the shattered subway of a post apocalyptic Moscow, Metro 2033 is a story of intensive underground survival where the fate of mankind rests in your hands. In 2013 the world was devastated by an apocalyptic event, annihilating almost all mankind and turning the earth's surface into a poisonous wasteland. A handful of survivors took refuge in the depths of the Moscow underground, and human civilization entered a new Dark Age. The year is 2033. An entire generation has been born and raised underground, and their besieged Metro Station-Cities struggle for survival, with each other, and the mutant horrors that await outside. Artyom was born in the last days before the fire. Having never ventured beyond his Metro Station-City limits, one fateful event sparks a desperate mission to the heart of the Metro system, to warn the remnants of mankind of a terrible impending threat. His journey takes him from the forgotten catacombs beneath the subway to the desolate wastelands above, where his actions will determine the fate of mankind. BURIED. ALIVE. It is now two decades since the planet was convulsed by the Final War, which flashed across the continents, engulfing all of them in an instant, to close the final chapter in our history. Deployed in this war, the most advanced inventions and greatest discoveries of the human genius drove the human race back into caves, submerging civilization forever in the impenetrable gloom of a final Dark Age. Nowadays, in the year 2033, no one can recall any longer what triggered the hostilities. Absurd. But if you think for a moment, what does it matter who started it? Those who unleashed the war were the first to die... And the inheritance they left to us was a smoldering ember that used to be called the Earth. The entire world lies in ruins. The human race has been almost completely exterminated. Even cities that were not totally demolished were rendered unfit to live in by the radiation. And the rumors say that beyond the city limits lie boundless expanses of scorched desert and dense thickets of mutated forest. But what really is there, no one knows. The airwaves are empty, and when the few radio operators who are left tune in for the millionth time to the frequencies on which New York, Paris, Tokyo and Buenos Aires once used to broadcast, all they hear is a dismal howl. More than twenty years have passed since the day when the final plane took off. Railroad tracks, corroded and pitted with rust, now lead nowhere. The great construction projects of the age were transformed into ruins without ever being completed and the skyscrapers of Chicago and Frankfurt were reduced to rubble. The historic districts of Rome lie smothered in moss and fungus, the Eiffel Tower, gnawed through by reddish-brown leprosy, has snapped in half. And the weeds of fiction and fantasy are flourishing on the memory of humankind's former glory. It is only twenty years since the war ended before it had even begun. But in those twenty years the world has changed beyond all recognition. The planet has new masters now, and the human race is condemned to huddle in burrows, consoling itself with memories. The radiation and viruses with which some human beings attempted to eradicate others have brought new creatures into the world. And now they rule by right over the desolate Earth. The mutants are far better adapted to this new world than human beings. The human era is almost over. There are not many of us left, only a few tens of thousands, out of seven billion human beings. We don't know if there were others who survived in some other place, on the other side of the world, or if we are the last humans on the planet. We live in the Moscow Metro.



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Alive

by Chandler Baker

Published 2015 by Disney-Hyperion

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781484706831

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Jacket Notes:

Stella Cross's heart is poisoned. After years on the transplant waiting list, she's running out of hope that she'll ever see her eighteenth birthday. Then, miraculously, Stella receives the transplant she needs to survive.



Determined to embrace everything she came so close to losing, Stella throws herself into her new life. But her recovery is marred with strange side effects: Nightmares. Hallucinations. A recurring pain that flares every day at the exact same moment. Then Stella meets Levi Zin, the new boy on everyone's radar at her Seattle prep school. Stella has never felt more drawn to anyone in her life, and soon she and Levi can barely stand to be apart.

Stella is convinced that Levi is her soul mate. Why else would she literally ache for him when they are apart?

After all, the heart never lies...does it?

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When

by Victoria Laurie

Published 2015 by Disney-Hyperion

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Jacket Notes:

Maddie Fynn is a shy high school junior, cursed with an eerie intuitive ability: she sees a series of unique digits hovering above the foreheads of each person she encounters. Her earliest memories are marked by these numbers, but it takes her father's premature death for Maddie and her family to realize that these mysterious digits are actually deathdates, and just like birthdays, everyone has one.



Forced by her alcoholic mother to use her ability to make extra money, Maddie identifies the quickly approaching deathdate of one client's young son, but because her ability only allows her to see the when and not the how, she's unable to offer any more insight. When the boy goes missing on that exact date, law enforcement turns to Maddie.

Soon, Maddie is entangled in a homicide investigation, and more young people disappear and are later found murdered. A suspect for the investigation, a target for the murderer, and attracting the attentions of a mysterious young admirer who may be connected to it all, Maddie's whole existence is about to be turned upside down. Can she right things before it's too late?

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Everything, Everything

by Nicola Yoon

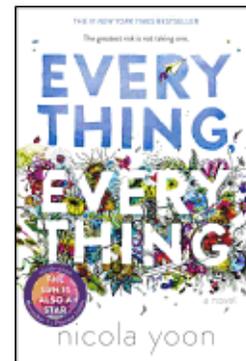
Published 2015 by Delacorte Press

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Jacket Notes:

The Instant #1 *New York Times* Bestseller--soon to be a major motion picture!



If you love *Eleanor and Park*, *Hazel and Augustus*, and *Mia and Adam*, you'll love the story of Maddy, a girl who's literally allergic to the outside world, and Olly, the boy who moves in next door . . . and becomes the greatest risk she's ever taken. This innovative and heartfelt debut novel unfolds via vignettes, diary entries, illustrations, and more.

My disease is as rare as it is famous. Basically, I'm allergic to the world. I don't leave my house, have not left my house in seventeen years. The only people I ever see are my mom and my nurse, Carla.

But then one day, a moving truck arrives next door. I look out my window, and I see him. He's tall, lean and wearing all black black T-shirt, black jeans, black sneakers, and a black knit cap that covers his hair completely. He catches me looking and stares at me. I stare right back. His name is Olly.

Maybe we can't predict the future, but we can predict some things. For example, I am certainly going to fall in love with Olly. It's almost certainly going to be a disaster.

And don't miss *The Sun Is Also A Star*, the breathtaking and romantic new novel from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Nicola Yoon in which two teens are brought together just when it seems like the universe is sending them in opposite directions."

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Publishers Weekly 06/15/2015

Madeline Whittier, a biracial 18-year-old, has severe combined immunodeficiency, a rare condition that renders her allergic to nearly everything and requires her to live inside a carefully sealed environment. Madeline's contact is limited to her physician mother and her full-time nurse, until handsome Olly moves in next door. Madeline falls for him from her window and begins disobeying the rules that keep her from the outside world. Despite the serious dangers posed by Madeline's medical condition and Olly's violently alcoholic father, Yoon's debut reads breezily. Many chapters consist of single, short paragraphs, as well as emails, chat exchanges, and Madeline's pithy book reviews (of "Lord of the Flies" a Spoiler alert: Boys are savages). Yoon's husband provides diagrams, cartoons, and other illustrations that reflect Madeline's claustrophobia, whimsical longings, excitement over Olly, and sense of humor. The main conflict is resolved in a few brief pages and reflects an overall tendency for things to happen a bit too easily. Even so, this is an easy romance to get caught up in. Ages 12+ up. "Agent: Sara Shandler and Joelle Hobeika, Alloy Entertainment. (Sept.)" Copyright 2015 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Game of Love and Death

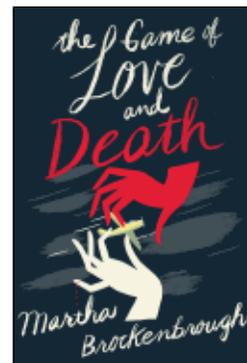
by Martha Brockenbrough

Published 2015 by Arthur A. Levine Books

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Jacket Notes:



Flora and Henry were born a few blocks from each other, innocent of the forces that might keep a white boy and an African American girl apart; years later they meet again and their mutual love of music sparks an even more powerful connection. But what Flora and Henry don't know is that they are pawns in a game played by the eternal adversaries Love and Death, here brilliantly reimagined as two extremely sympathetic and fascinating characters. Can their hearts and their wills overcome not only their earthly circumstances, but forces that have battled throughout history? In the rainy Seattle of the 1920's, romance blooms among the jazz clubs, the mansions of the wealthy, and the shanty towns of the poor. But what is more powerful: love? Or death?

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Publishers Weekly 02/16/2015

The odds against Henry and Flora becoming a couple are significant: Henry is white, Flora is black, and this is Depression-era Seattle. But their similarities outweigh their differences; at 17, they are both orphans, musicians, and unbeknownst to them the current players in the centuries-old contest between Love and Death. Death as player, Flora, is a singer and aspiring aviatrix; Henry, chosen by Love, plays bass and baseball. Airplanes and music bring Henry and Flora together, and though they feel something immediately, Flora, with a pessimism born of experience, is sure it can't work. Love and Death are on the scene in human guises, manipulating people and events, and the book is really a tale of two couples: Henry and Flora, as well as the ultimate opposites-attract pair, Love and Death. Brock-enbrough ("Divine Intervention" never sugarcoats the obstacles facing Henry and Flora as love or whether human prejudices or supernatural manipulations in this inventive and affecting novel, and the ending in which Flora, who has seen too many people die, realizes how love and death intertwine, is beautiful. Ages 12+ up. "Agent: Sarah Davies, Greenhouse Literary Agency. (Apr.)" Copyright 2015 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

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