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KPL Teen Spotlight April 2017

Lumberjanes Friendship to the Max (Second book in the Lumberjanes series)

by Noelle Stevenson

Published 2015 by Boom Box

Paperback, English. ISBN: 9781608867370

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Jacket Notes:

Friendship to the max!

Jo, April, Mal, Molly and Ripley are five best pals determined to have an awesome summer together...and they're not gonna let any insane quest or an array of supernatural critters get in their way! But having stumbled onto a mysterious force wreaking havoc in the camp, it's a race through the woods as the Lumberjanes work together to save not only their friends, but maybe even the whole world!

It's Buffy the Vampire Slayer meets Gravity Falls and features five butt-kicking, rad teenage girls wailing on monsters and solving a mystery with the whole world at stake. And with the talent of acclaimed cartoonist Noelle Stevenson, talented newcomer Grace Ellis writing, and Brooke Allen on art, the spectacular series that took the internet by storm continues!

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Lumberjanes Band Together (Fifth book in the Lumberjanes series)

by Shannon Watters

Published 2016 by Boom Box

Paperback, English. ISBN: 9781608869190



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Jacket Notes:

The Lumberjanes meet rock n' roll mermaids!

Excited for the annual Bandicoot Bacchanal, Ripley recruits her friends to help her get ready for the dance. But before the Lumberjanes know it, something mysterious begins to bubble to the surface of the lake near camp! Will the Lumberjanes be able to bring peace to the lake in time for the Bacchanal?

This *New York Times* Best Seller and multiple Eisner Award-winning series written by Shannon Watters with Kat Leyh, and illustrated by Carolyn Nowak (*Rungs*), follows the Lumberjanes as they face new challenges in their friendships and embark on fantastical adventures! And ever wonder how the Lumberjanes first met? Find out in the story written by Noelle Stevenson (*Nimona*, *Runaways*), and illustrated by Brooke Allen (*A Home for Mr. Easter*), when they take a trip back to the first day of camp and witness how the Lumberjanes "friendship to the max" began!

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**Lumberjanes a Terrible Plan
(Third book in the Lumberjanes series)**

by Shannon Watters

Published 2016 by Boom Box

Paperback, English. ISBN: 9781608868032

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Jacket Notes:

This New York Times Bestselling series continues with Jo, April, Mal, Molly, and Ripley as they take on everything that goes bump in the night. From scary stories to magical portals that lead to a land untouched by time, it's definitely not your average summer. Written by awesome all-star Noelle Stevenson (*Nimona*, *ADVENTURE TIME*(TM)) and brilliant newcomer Grace Ellis, and illustrated by the tremendously talented Brooke Allen (*A Home for Mr. Easter*).

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**Lumberjanes Out of Time
(Fourth book in the Lumberjanes series)**

by Shannon Watters

Published 2016 by Boom Box

Paperback, English. ISBN: 9781608868605

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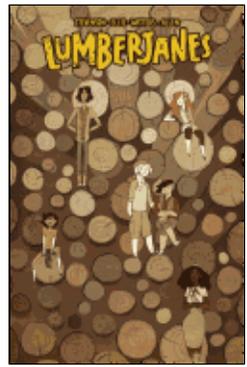
Jacket Notes:

The mystery of history!

Jen just wants to have a normal lesson with her cabin, teaching Jo, April, Mal, Molly, and Ripley the basic survival skills needed without any supernatural intervention when a blizzard hits camp! Separated from her girls, Jen finds herself in more trouble than ever...until a mysterious stranger swoops in to save the day. Who is this taxidermist? What is her relationship to Rosie? Join Jen as she finds a way back to her girls, and a way to save the day!

This New York Times Bestseller and Eisner Award-Nominated series is written by the amazingly talented Noelle Stevenson (Nimona, ADVENTURE TIME(TM)), and LUMBERJANES co-creator Shannon Watters, and illustrated by the insanely talented Brooke Allen (A Home For Mr. Easter).

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King's Cage
(Third book in the Red Queen series)

by Victoria Aveyard

Published 2017 by Harper Teen

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780062310699

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Jacket Notes:

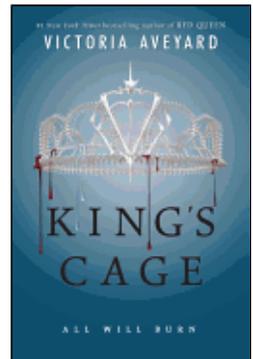
In this breathless third installment to Victoria Aveyard's bestselling Red Queen series, allegiances are tested on every side. And when the Lightning Girl's spark is gone, who will light the way for the rebellion?

Mare Barrow is a prisoner, powerless without her lightning, tormented by her lethal mistakes. She lives at the mercy of a boy she once loved, a boy made of lies and betrayal. Now a king, Maven Calore continues weaving his dead mother's web in an attempt to maintain control over his country--and his prisoner.

As Mare bears the weight of Silent Stone in the palace, her once-ragtag band of newbloods and Reds continue organizing, training, and expanding. They prepare for war, no longer able to linger in the shadows. And Cal, the exiled prince with his own claim on Mare's heart, will stop at nothing to bring her back.

When blood turns on blood, and ability on ability, there may be no one left to put out the fire--leaving Norta as Mare knows it to burn all the way down.

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Leashed like an animal and trotted out as a trophy of war, Mare Barrow passes her 18th birthday imprisoned by King Maven and turned into a puppet of a propaganda machine bent on destroying the Scarlet Guard. In this third installment of the Red Queen series, Aveyardas frenetic action sequences initially take a backseat to the patient study of Mareas captivity. But there are still plenty of schemes amid royal fissures and ill-fated rescues, an assassination attempt, and raging battles on multiple fronts to help this story keep pace with the previous installments. A newblood struggling with her deadly abilities and a princess begrudgingly betrothed to Maven narrate a few chapters of their own, but the majority of the tale is again seen through the eyes of Aveyardas a little lightning girl, a who remains a relatable and deeply flawed heroine. Concluding as hope dwindles that the Reds will ever be free of the Silver crown, Aveyard adeptly sets the scene for a fourth book to follow, amid a war not yet won. Ages 13a up. *Agent: Suzie Townsend, New Leaf Literary & Media.* (Feb.) Copyright 2017 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Silver Stars (Second book in the Front Lines series)

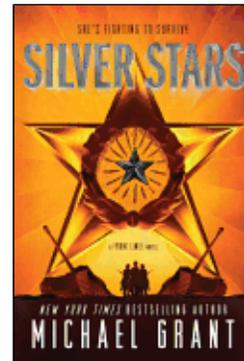
by Michael Grant

Published 2017 by Katherine Tegen Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780062342188

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Jacket Notes:



For fans of *Girl in the Blue Coat*, *Salt to the Sea*, and *The Boy at the Top of the Mountain*, the second book of *New York Times* bestselling author Michael Grant's epic alternate history is a coming-of-age story about three girls who are fiercely fighting their own personal battles in the midst of the greatest war of all time.

The summer of 1943, World War II. With heavy memories of combat, Frangie, Rainy, Rio and the rest of the American army are moving on to their next target: the Italian island of Sicily.

The women won't conquer Italy alone. They are not heroes for fighting alongside their brothers they are soldiers. But Frangie, Rainy, Rio, and the millions of brave females fighting for their country have become a symbol in the fight for equality. They will brave terrible conditions in an endless siege; they will fight to find themselves on the front lines of WWII; and they will come face-to-face with the brutality of war until they win or die.

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Archie, Volume 2 (Second book in the Archie series)

by Mark Waid

Published 2016 by Archie Comic Publications

Paperback, English. ISBN: 9781627387989

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Jacket Notes:



The all-new ARCHIE adventure continues! Superstar writer Mark Waid teams up with the best and brightest artists in comics to bring a modern take to the legendary Riverdale cast of characters. The book will captures the bite and hilarious edge of Archie's original tales in a modern, forward-looking manner, while still retaining the character's all-ages appeal. If classic Archie is a Saturday morning cartoon, this new series is prime time!

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Wires and Nerve: Volume 1 (First book in the Wires and Nerve series)

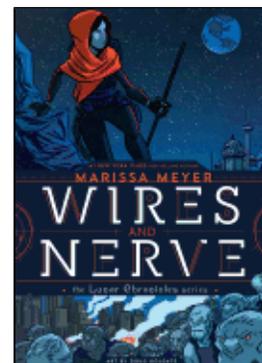
by Marissa Meyer

Published 2017 by Feiwel & Friends

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781250078261

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Jacket Notes:



The first graphic novel from #1 *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestseller Marissa Meyer!

In her first graphic novel, bestselling author Marissa Meyer extends the world of the Lunar Chronicles with a brand-new, action-packed story about Iko, the android with a heart of (mechanized) gold. When rogue packs of wolf-hybrid soldiers threaten the tenuous peace alliance between Earth and Luna, Iko takes it upon herself to hunt down the soldiers' leader. She is soon working with a handsome royal guard who forces her to question everything she knows about love, loyalty, and her own humanity. With appearances by Cinder, Cress, Scarlet, Winter, and the rest of the Rampion crew, this is a must-have for fans of the bestselling series.

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Publishers Weekly 02/13/2017

A muted palette of black and denim blue lends a bleak, sooty undertone to the world of Meyer's Lunar Chronicles in this graphic novel spinoff. This time, Meyer focuses on Iko, Cinder's cheeky sidekick and an assassin agent sent to hunt down the wolf-soldier hybrids that are plaguing Earth. Unlike some of the previous novels, this story doesn't require preexisting knowledge of the series, easily catching up fans and new readers alike with capsule introductions to Cress and other members of the *Rampion* crew in a prologue. Iko is an entertainingly flippant yet formidable heroine, a former servant droid who now inhabits an escort's body and takes on bloodthirsty enemies as though she were invincible. (And compared to her other fairytale friends, she is.) Yet, Iko is left questioning her own humanity, misreading romantic tension with a royal guard and perhaps finding disturbing commonality with the wolf-soldiers who have one goal in mind: to force Cinder to cure the mutations that turned them into monsters. Holgate's dynamic, stylized artwork

handily balances the story's action and humor while bringing Meyer's world to vivid life. Ages 12+ up. (Jan.) Copyright 2017 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Love and First Sight

by Josh Sundquist

Published 2017 by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780316305358

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Jacket Notes:

In his debut novel, YouTube personality and author of *We Should Hang Out Sometime* Josh Sundquist explores the nature of love, trust, and romantic attraction.

On his first day at a new school, blind sixteen-year-old Will Porter accidentally groped a girl on the stairs, sat on another student in the cafeteria, and somehow drove a classmate to tears. High school can only go up from here, right?

As Will starts to find his footing, he develops a crush on a charming, quiet girl named Cecily. Then an unprecedented opportunity arises: an experimental surgery that could give Will eyesight for the first time in his life. But learning to see is more difficult than Will ever imagined, and he soon discovers that the sighted world has been keeping secrets. It turns out Cecily doesn't meet traditional definitions of beauty--in fact, everything he'd heard about her appearance was a lie engineered by their so-called friends to get the two of them together. Does it matter what Cecily looks like? No, not really. But then why does Will feel so betrayed?

Told with humor and breathtaking poignancy, *Love and First Sight* is a story about how we related to each other and the world around us.

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Publishers Weekly 10/17/2016

At the start of this engaging novel from motivational speaker and memoir writer Sundquist (*We Should Hang Out Sometime*, 16-year-old Will Porter enrolls at Toano High School. Blind since birth, Will knows that if he is going to become a journalist, he must prove that he can live independently in the sighted world. His first day is a fiasco, but Will acclimates quickly and befriends a girl named Cecily. Romance seems destined until Will undergoes a cornea transplant and discovers that Cecily hasn't been entirely forthcoming about her appearance. Will's trust in Cecily is shattered, and he's left wondering whether their relationship is worth salvaging. The plot's beats are predictable, and the interpersonal conflicts can ring false, but Sundquist writes eloquently about what it might be like for someone who was born blind to be given sight. He explores the physical, emotional, and psychological ramifications of Will's change in a thoughtful and evocative manner, providing readers with a fresh perspective on how humans interact with each other and the world around them. Ages 12+ up. Agent: Lucy Carson, Friedrich Agency. (Jan.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Truth of Right Now

by Kara Lee Corthron

Published 2017 by Simon Pulse

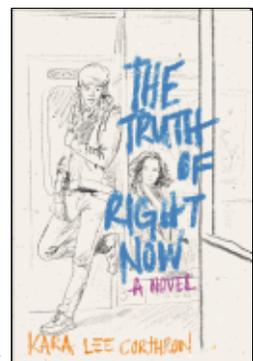
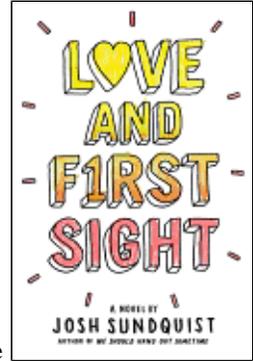
Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781481459471

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Jacket Notes:

Two isolated teens struggle against their complicated lives to find a true connection in this heartwrenching debut novel about first love and the wreckage of growing up.

Lily is returning to her privileged Manhattan high school after a harrowing end to her sophomore year and it's not pretty. She hates chemistry and her spiteful lab partner, her friends are either not speaking to her or suffocating her with concerned glances, and nothing seems to give her joy anymore. Worst of all, she can't escape her own thoughts about what drove her away from everyone in the first place.



Enter Dari (short for Dariomauritius), the artistic and mysterious transfer student, adept at cutting class. Not that he'd rather be at home with his domineering Trinidadian father. Dari is everything that Lily needs: bright, creative, honest, and unpredictable. And in a school where no one really stands out, Dari finds Lily's sensitivity and openness magnetic. Their attraction ignites immediately, and for the first time in what feels like forever, Lily and Dari find happiness in each other.

In twenty-first-century New York City, the fact that Lily is white and Dari is black shouldn't matter that much, but nothing's as simple as it seems. When tragedy becomes reality, can friendship survive even if romance cannot?"

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Publishers Weekly 10/31/2016

In this engrossing debut novel set in New York City, Corthron takes readers back and forth between the perspectives of two high school loners who are beginning the school year with a lot of baggage. Lily Rothstein, a white musician, is the school pariah, abandoned by even her best friends, though Corthron doesn't immediately reveal why. Dariomauritius aDaria Gray, who is black, has an abusive father and his own history of rage, which he tries to escape by focusing on drawing and keeping to himself. Sparks fly when the two meet, and their conversations about family, race, and their difficult backgrounds light up the pages. Corthron carefully builds trust between Dari and Lily, but as the teenagers' pasts catch up with them, some late-breaking and scandalous developments, including the revelation of what has made Lily such an outcast, undermine the still-new romance and tenuous intimacy between them. While some of these dramatic twists feel rushed, Corthron marks herself as a writer unafraid of taking up difficult topics relevant to teens' lives. Ages 14a up. Agent: Laurie Liss, Sterling Lord Literistic. (Jan.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Under Rose-Tainted Skies

by Louise Gornall

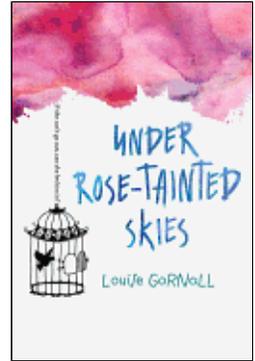
Published 2017 by Clarion Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780544736511

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Jacket Notes:

Norah has agoraphobia and OCD. When groceries are left on the porch, she can't step out to get them. Struggling to snag the bags with a stick, she meets Luke. He's sweet and funny, and *he just caught her fishing for groceries*. Because of course he did. Norah can't leave the house, but can she let someone in? As their friendship grows deeper, Norah realizes Luke deserves a normal girl. One who can lie on the front lawn and look up at the stars. One who isn't so screwed up. Readers themselves will fall in love with Norah in this poignant, humorous, and deeply engaging portrait of a teen struggling to find the strength to face her demons.



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Publishers Weekly 10/24/2016

Seventeen-year-old Norah has incapacitating OCD and agoraphobia: she hasn't been outside of her home, except to see her therapist, in nearly four years. After a cute boy named Luke moves in next door and takes an interest in her, Norah manages to fight her urges to hide away, slowly befriend him and showing him who she really is, phobias and all. Norah's unease permeates the pages (aMusings, meanderings, conversations that haven't even happened run in one continuous loop around my head), leaving readers with a deep understanding of the limitations of her conditions. While Luke's almost-too-good-to-be-true patience and persistence help spur Norah to push herself in new ways, Gornall doesn't minimize the role of therapy in the progress she makes nor the difficult work that still lies ahead for the teenager. Through Norah's poetic internal monologue, Gornall, whose own experience with mental illness helped inform Norah's story, provides an intimate glimpse into the mind of a young woman battling some very real demons. Ages 12a up. Agent: Mandy Hubbard, Emerald City Literary. (Jan.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

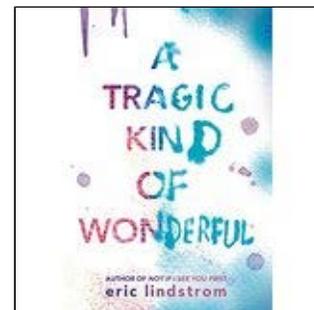
Tragic Kind of Wonderful

by Eric Lindstrom

Published 2017 by Poppy Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780316260060

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Jacket Notes:

In the vein of *It's Kind of a Funny Story* and *All the Bright Places*, comes a captivating, immersive exploration of life with mental illness. For sixteen-year-old Mel Hannigan, bipolar disorder makes life unpredictable. Her latest struggle is balancing her growing feelings in a new relationship with her instinct to keep everyone at arm's length. And when a former friend confronts Mel with the truth about the way their relationship ended, deeply buried secrets threaten to come out and upend her shaky equilibrium.

As the walls of Mel's compartmentalized world crumble, she fears the worst--that her friends will abandon her if they learn the truth about what she's been hiding. Can Mel bring herself to risk everything to find out?

In *A Tragic Kind of Wonderful*, Eric Lindstrom, author of the critically acclaimed *Not If I See You First*, examines the fear that keeps us from exposing our true selves, and the courage it takes to be loved for who we really are.

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Publishers Weekly 11/21/2016

Sixteen-year-old Mel Hannigan attends school, spends time with friends Holly and Declan, and works at Silver Sands Suites, a retirement home, all while doing her best to appear ordinary. Privately, however, Mel is struggling to keep several things under wraps: her bipolar disorder, her late older brother, and the way she betrayed and drove away her best friend. When a new Silver Sands resident and her grandson enter Mel's life, she begins to cycle ever faster through mania and depression, and the things she's tried to hide begin to surface. Lindstrom (*Not If I See You First*) deftly addresses life with bipolar disorder, as well as the internalized shame often felt by individuals with mental illness. Each chapter begins with a notation of Mel's emotional state, with various internal forces illustrated by animals (a hamster for her head, a hummingbird for her heart, etc.), which offer insight into Mel's thoughts and actions. Details about Mel's deceased brother and estranged best friend are revealed slowly, providing tension and mystery. Emotions run high as Lindstrom's story confronts mental illness, grief, and shame, but the optimistic resolution provides balance. Ages 15+ up. Agent: Jennifer Weltz, Jean V. Naggar Literary. (Feb.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

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