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KPL Teen Spotlight May 2017

Code Name Verity

by Elizabeth E Wein

Published 2013 by Disney-Hyperion

Paperback, English. ISBN: 9781423152880

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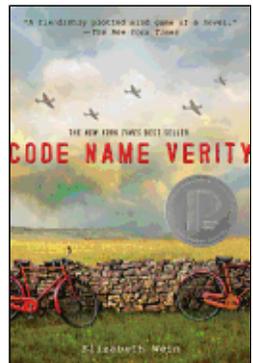
Jacket Notes:

Oct. 11th, 1943-A British spy plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France. Its pilot and passenger are best friends. One of the girls has a chance at survival. The other has lost the game before it's barely begun.

When "Verity" is arrested by the Gestapo, she's sure she doesn't stand a chance. As a secret agent captured in enemy territory, she's living a spy's worst nightmare. Her Nazi interrogators give her a simple choice: reveal her mission or face a grisly execution.

As she intricately weaves her confession, Verity uncovers her past, how she became friends with the pilot Maddie, and why she left Maddie in the wrecked fuselage of their plane. On each new scrap of paper, Verity battles for her life, confronting her views on courage, failure and her desperate hope to make it home. But will trading her secrets be enough to save her from the enemy?

A Michael L. Printz Award Honor book that was called "a fiendishly-plotted mind game of a novel" in The New York Times, Code Name Verity is a visceral read of danger, resolve, and survival that shows just how far true friends will go to save each other.



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Frogkisser!

by Garth Nix

Published 2017 by Scholastic Press

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781338052084

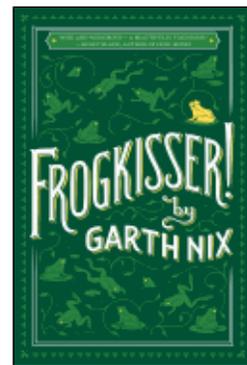
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Jacket Notes:

Poor Princess Anya. Forced to live with her evil stepmother's new husband, her evil stepstepfather. Plagued with an unfortunate ability to break curses with a magic-assisted kiss. And forced to go on the run when her stepstepfather decides to make the kingdom entirely his own.

Aided by a loyal talking dog, a boy thief trapped in the body of a newt, and some extraordinarily mischievous wizards, Anya sets off on a Quest that, if she plays it right, will ultimately free her land-and teach her a thing or two about the use of power, the effectiveness of a well-placed pucker, and the finding of friends in places both high and low.

With *Frogkisser!*, acclaimed bestselling author Garth Nix has conjured a fantastical tale for all ages, full of laughs and danger, surprises and delights, and an immense population of frogs. It's 50% fairy tale, 50% fantasy, and 100% pure enjoyment from start to finish.



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Publishers Weekly 11/14/2016

Princess Anya just wants to be left alone to study magic, but her feckless older sister, Morven, keeps falling madly in love with visiting princesa until their aeivil stepstepfather, a Duke Rikard, transforms the suitors into frogs. Now Rikard is threatening to usurp the crown and send Anya off to a boarding school from which sheas unlikely to return. Whatas a princess to do? In this rollicking comic fantasy from Old Kingdom creator Nix, Anya sets off on a quest to find allies and revert the transformed royals by assembling the ingredients for aFairly Reliable Transmogification Reversal Lip Balm, a accompanied by her sistersas most recent suitor, Prince Denholm (currently a frog); her faithful if overzealous dog, Ardent; and a boy-turned-newt named Shrub. Along the way, sheas dogged by Rikardas weasel assassins and a series of journalists, all named Gerald the Herald, who constantly shout headlines like aThe Frogkisser Sets Forth! Herald Detained by Druid Accomplice! More News to Come!a Well-developed characters, an unfailing sense of humor, and polished prose make Nixas uproarious adventure a pleasure to read. Ages 12a up. *Agent: Jill Grinberg, Grinberg Literary Management. (Feb.)* Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Denton Little's Still Not Dead

by Lance Rubin

Published 2017 by Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

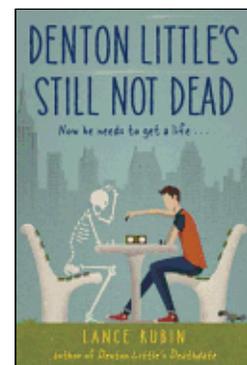
Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780553497007

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Jacket Notes:

"Denton and his quirky friends are laugh-out-loud funny, even as their riotous adventures raise deeper questions about science, government control, life, and death." -- SLJ

You only live once--unless you're Denton Little!



Denton Little lives in a world exactly like our own except that everyone knows the day on which they will die. The good news: Denton has lived through his deathdate. Yay! The bad news: He's being chased by the DIA (Death Investigation Agency), he can never see his family again, and he may now die anytime. Huh. Cheating death isn't quite as awesome as Denton would have thought. . . .

Lance Rubin's debut novel, *Denton Little's Deathdate*, showed readers just how funny and poignant imminent death could be. Now in this sequel, he takes on the big questions about life. How do we cope, knowing we could die at any time? Would you save someone from dying even if they were a horrible

person? Is it wrong to kiss the girl your best friend is crushing on if she's really into you instead? What if she's wearing bacon lip gloss?

Praise for *Denton Little's Deathdate*:

"Highly original, fantastically entertaining, and laugh-out-loud funny, *Denton Little's Deathdate* is a wild romp through a night like no other." --Jennifer E. Smith, author of *The Geography of You and Me*

"Let's all pray the grim reaper is even half as witty (and wise) as the deadly talented Lance Rubin. Till then: skip this book at your own peril." --Tim Federle, author of *Better Nate than Ever* and *The Great American Whatever*

"Rubin is really funny, but like John Green, he manages to be poignant. . . . In other words, it's a keeper." --*Bustle*

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Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team

by Steve Sheinkin

Published 2017 by Roaring Brook Press

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781596439542

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Jacket Notes:

"Sheinkin has made a career of finding extraordinary stories in American history, researching them exhaustively and recounting them at a nimble pace for readers aged 10 and up . . . Thorpe's greatness may be aspirational, but Sheinkin's brisk and forthright delivery makes it seem entirely possible." --*The New York Times Book Review*

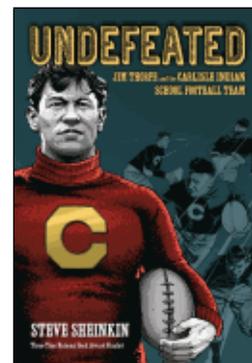
Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team is an astonishing underdog sports story--and more. It's an unflinching look at the U.S. government's violent persecution of Native Americans and the school that was designed to erase Indian cultures. Expertly told by three-time National Book Award finalist Steve Sheinkin, it's the story of a group of young men who came together at that school, the overwhelming obstacles they faced both on and off the field, and their absolute refusal to accept defeat.

Jim Thorpe: Super athlete, Olympic gold medalist, Native American

Pop Warner: Indomitable coach, football mastermind, Ivy League grad

Before these men became legends, they met in 1907 at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania, where they forged one of the winningest teams in American football history. Called "the team that invented football," they took on the best opponents of their day, defeating much more privileged schools such as Harvard and the Army in a series of breathtakingly close calls, genius plays, and bone-crushing hard work.

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Loving vs. Virginia: A Documentary Novel of the Landmark Civil Rights Case

by Patricia Hruby Powell

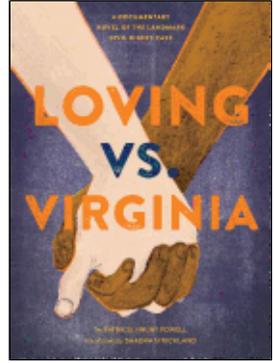
Published 2017 by Chronicle Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781452125909

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Jacket Notes:

From acclaimed author Patricia Hruby Powell comes the story of a landmark civil rights case, told in spare and gorgeous verse. In 1955, in Caroline County, Virginia, amidst segregation and prejudice, injustice and cruelty, two teenagers fell in love. Their life together broke the law, but their determination would change it. Richard and Mildred Loving were at the heart of a Supreme Court case that legalized marriage between races, and a story of the devoted couple who faced discrimination, fought it, and won.



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Publishers Weekly 11/14/2016

Powell (*Josephine* delivers a well-researched novel in verse, set over 15 years, about Mildred and Richard Loving, the interracial couple whose marriage led to the United States Supreme Court decision to overturn Virginia's anti-miscegenation statute. Amid photographs, interludes that touch on relevant topics (school segregation, the Freedom Riders, etc.), and Strickland's editorial-style two-color artwork, Powell explores the personal and emotional story of a young couple whose only desire is to raise a healthy and happy family in the state where they were both born. Powell's verse alternates between Mildred and Richard's perspectives, concisely revealing their fears and mutual dedication, particularly after Mildred becomes pregnant, they marry, and are arrested (aFrom high school/ to wedding/ to prison./ After two days/ my mama comes to visit./ I try not to cry, but I cry real easy/ these daysa). This is an excellent starter book for those interested in learning the basics of the civil rights movement as Powell thoughtfully traces the events leading up to the Lovings' case. Ages 12+ up. Agent: Anna Olswanger, *Olswanger Literary*. (Jan.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Geekerella: A Fangirl Fairy Tale

by Ashley Poston

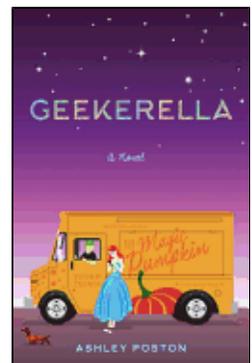
Published 2017 by Quirk Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781594749476

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Jacket Notes:

Cinderella goes to the con in this fandom-fueled twist on the classic fairy tale.



Part romance, part love letter to nerd culture, and all totally adorbs, *Geekerella* is a fairy tale for anyone who believes in the magic of fandom. Geek girl Elle Wittimer lives and breathes *Starfield*, the classic sci-fi series she grew up watching with her late father. So when she sees a cosplay contest for a new *Starfield* movie, she has to enter. The prize? An invitation to the ExcelsiCon Cosplay Ball, and a meet-and-greet with the actor slated to play Federation Prince Carmindor in the reboot. With savings from her gig at the Magic Pumpkin food truck (and her dad's old costume), Elle's determined to win...unless her stepsisters get there first.

Teen actor Darien Freeman used to live for cons--before he was famous. Now they're nothing but autographs and awkward meet-and-greets. Playing Carmindor is all he's ever wanted, but the *Starfield* fandom has written him off as just another dumb heartthrob. As ExcelsiCon draws near, Darien feels more and more like a fake--until he meets a girl who shows him otherwise.

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In this thoroughly enjoyable, pop- culture-saturated Cinderella retelling, 17-year-old Elle Wittimer, unhappy with her social climbing stepfamily, pins her hopes on winning a cosplay contest at a science fiction convention. Raised by her late father on the cult TV show *Starfield* Elle anonymously blogs about the show and has expressed her lack of faith in Darien Freeman, the Hollywood heartthrob who has been cast as Prince Carmindor in an upcoming film adaptation. As the cosplay contest approaches, Elle teams up with Sage, her friend/coworker at a vegan food truck, to redesign her father's Carmindor costume, while texting with a mystery boy. Actor Darien grew up loving SF conventions and *Starfield* but has avoided them since his uncomfortable ascension to the hit list. *We Own the Night* builds an endearingly nervous text-based romance between Elle and Darien, and she gives her secondary characters dimension and agency: Sage is a lesbian fashion maven who gets her own happy ending, and Elle's stepfamily, though still mostly terrible, is complex. A celebration of fandom and happily ever afters, this feel-good reimagining hits all the right notes. Ages 14+ up. *Agent: Holly Root, Waxman Leavell Literary. (Apr.)* Copyright 2017 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Cruel Crown

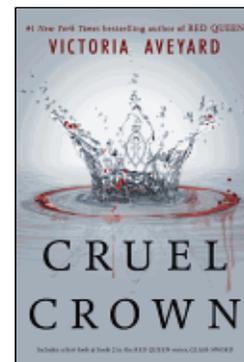
by Victoria Aveyard

Published 2016 by Harper Teen

Paperback, English. ISBN: 9780062435347

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Jacket Notes:



Two women on either side of the Silver-Red divide tell the stories no one else knows.

Discover the truth of Norta's bloody past in these two revealing prequels to #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Red Queen*.

Also includes an exclusive excerpt of the hotly anticipated second book in the Red Queen series! *Glass Sword* transports readers to the world of Silver tyranny, a Red dawn rising, and one girl's resolve to break down the system that will hold her back no longer.

Queen Song

Queen Coriane, first wife of King Tiberias, keeps a secret diary--how else can she ensure that no one at the palace will use her thoughts against her? Coriane recounts her heady courtship with the crown prince, the birth of a new prince, Cal, and the potentially deadly challenges that lay ahead for her in royal life.

Steel Scars

Captain Farley exchanges coded transmissions with the resistance as she travels the land recruiting black market traders, smugglers, and extremists for her first attempt at an attack on the capital. She was raised to be strong, but planting the seeds of rebellion in Norta is a tougher job than expected--until she stumbles upon a connection that may prove to be the key to the entire operation: Mare Barrow.

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Sun Is Also a Star

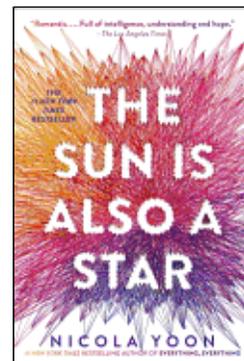
by Nicola Yoon

Published 2016 by Delacorte Press

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780553496680

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Jacket Notes:



The #1 *New York Times* Bestseller

A National Book Award Finalist

A 2017 Michael L. Printz Honor Book

The dazzling new novel from Nicola Yoon, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Everything, Everything* (in theaters May 19 2017!), will have you falling in love with Natasha and Daniel as they fall in love with each other!

Natasha: I'm a girl who believes in science and facts. Not fate. Not destiny. Or dreams that will never come true. I'm definitely not the kind of girl who meets a cute boy on a crowded New York City street and falls in love with him. Not when my family is twelve hours away from being deported to Jamaica. Falling in love with him won't be my story.

Daniel: I've always been the good son, the good student, living up to my parents' high expectations. Never the poet. Or the dreamer. But when I see her, I forget about all that. Something about Natasha makes me think that fate has something much more extraordinary in store--for both of us.

The Universe: Every moment in our lives has brought us to this single moment. A million futures lie before us. Which one will come true?

A *New York Times* Notable Book

A BuzzFeed Best YA Book of the Year

A POPSUGAR Best Book of the Year

A *Publishers Weekly* Best Book of the Year

A *Kirkus Reviews* Best Book of the Year

A *Booklist* Editor's Choice

A New York Public Library Best Book for Teens

An Amazon Best Book of the Year

Recipient of the John Steptoe New Talent Award

A Walter Award Honor Book

"**Beautifully crafted.**"--*People Magazine*

"A book that is very much about the many factors that affect falling in love, as much as it is about the very act itself . . . fans of Yoon's first novel, *Everything Everything*, will find **much to love**--if not, more--in what is easily an even stronger follow up." --*Entertainment Weekly*

"**Transcends the limits of YA** as a human story about falling in love and seeking out our futures." --POPSUGAR.com

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Publishers Weekly 09/12/2016

Is it fate or chance that brings people together? This is the question posed in this impressively multilayered tale of a one-day romance featuring practical Natasha, whose family is facing deportation to Jamaica, and Daniel, a first-generation Korean American with a poet's sensibility. The teens' eventful day begins at a New York City record store, where they see someone shoplifting. It's the first of many significant moments that occur as Natasha desperately seeks aid to stay in America and Daniel prepares for a college interview with a Yale alum. Drawn together, separated, and converging again, both teens recognize with startling clarity that they are falling in love. With a keen eye for detail and a deep understanding of every character she introduces, Yoon (*Everything, Everything*) weaves an intricate web of threads connecting strangers as she delves into the personal histories of her protagonists, as well as the emotions and conflicts of others who cross their paths. A moving and suspenseful portrayal of a fleeting relationship. Ages 12-up. Agent: Sara Shandler and Joelle Hobeika, Alloy Entertainment. (Nov.)

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Frostblood

(First book in the Frostblood Saga series)

by Elly Blake

Published 2017 by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

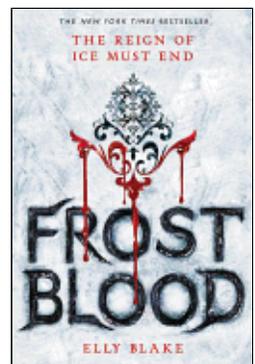
Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780316273251

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Jacket Notes:

This *New York Times* bestseller is perfect for fans of *Red Queen*.

Seventeen-year-old Ruby is a Fireblood who has concealed her powers of heat and flame from the cruel Frostblood ruling class her entire life. But when her mother is killed trying to protect her, and rebel Frostbloods demand her help to overthrow their bloodthirsty king, she agrees to come out of hiding, desperate to have her revenge.



Despite her unpredictable abilities, Ruby trains with the rebels and the infuriating--yet irresistible--Arcus, who seems to think of her as nothing more than a weapon. But before they can take action, Ruby is captured and forced to compete in the king's tournaments that pit Fireblood prisoners against Frostblood champions. Now she has only one chance to destroy the maniacal ruler who has taken everything from her--and from the icy young man she has come to love.

Vivid and compelling, *Frostblood* is the first in an exhilarating series about a world where flame and ice are mortal enemies...but together create a power that could change everything.

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Publishers Weekly 12/05/2016

Seventeen-year-old Ruby Otrera is a Fireblood with a poorly controlled ability to create and control flame, but her kind have been outlawed and persecuted by the cold-wielding Frostbloods, who rule her land. After her true nature is discovered and her mother killed, Ruby is imprisoned, then freed by members of a rebellion seeking to defeat the tyrant Frost King. Ruby hones her skills with the aid of a sullen Frostblood named Arcus, only to be captured again, this time sent to fight as a gladiator for the king's entertainment. This is a strong debut for Blake, though the overall structure and plot points will be familiar to fans of stories in which a specially skilled young woman is manipulated into overthrowing a corrupt regime, alongside untrustworthy allies and a sexy-yet-mysterious guy. But while the story hits some predictable beats, the overall execution is solid, and as the kickoff to Blake's Frostblood Saga, it succeeds in laying down intriguing framework for the books to come. Ages 12-up. *Agent: Suzie Townsend, New Leaf Literary & Media. (Jan.)*

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Girl Code: Gaming, Going Viral, and Getting It Done

by Andrea Gonzales

Published 2017 by HarperCollins

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780062472502

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Jacket Notes:



Perfect for aspiring coders everywhere, *Girl Code* is the story of two teenage tech phenoms who met at Girls Who Code summer camp, teamed up to create a viral video game, and ended up becoming world famous. The book also includes bonus content to help you start coding!

Fans of funny and inspiring books like Maya Van Wagenen's *Popular* and Caroline Paul's *Gutsy Girl* will love hearing about Andrea "Andy" Gonzales and Sophie Houser's journey from average teens to powerhouses. Through the success of their video game, Andy and Sophie got unprecedented access to some of the biggest start-ups and tech companies, and now they're sharing what they've seen. Their video game and their commitment to inspiring young women have been covered by the Huffington Post, BuzzFeed, CNN, *Teen Vogue*, Jezebel, the *Today* show, and many more.

Get ready for an inside look at the tech industry, the true power of coding, and some of the amazing women who are shaping the world. Andy and Sophie reveal not only what they've learned about opportunities in science and technology but also the true value of discovering your own voice and creativity.

A Junior Library Guild selection

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Publishers Weekly 01/23/2017

In this impressive debut, Gonzales and Houser enthusiastically and sympathetically recount how they met as high school students and created a stigma-cracking video game during a seven-week Girls Who Code course in 2014. A lighthearted attack on the menstrual taboo, their game, Tampon Run, had roots in a quest for social impact; this book, told in alternating voices, extends that by encouraging more girls to learn how to code. Houser originally hoped that coding would enable her to share great ideas without public speaking, while Gonzales wondered if she really wanted to become an engineer, as her Filipino immigrant parents hoped. Successful beyond their wildest imaginings, their game drew Houser and Gonzales further into the tech world, where over the next year, they competed with college students, learned to promote and adapt their product, interned at venture-capital-backed start-ups, and wrestled with their self-images. Their accomplishments (including this narrative, written while they attend college), intelligence, humanity, creativity, seriousness of purpose, and humor will stick with readers, and inspire them. Ages 13a up. Agent: Mackenzie Brady Watson, New Leaf Literary & Media. (Mar.) a Copyright 2017 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Carve the Mark

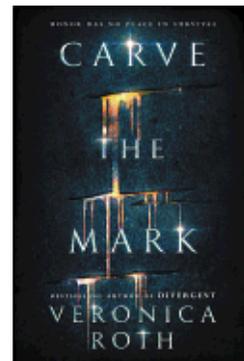
by Veronica Roth

Published 2017 by Katherine Tegen Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780062348630

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Jacket Notes:



Fans of Star Wars and *Divergent* will revel in internationally bestselling author Veronica Roth's stunning new science-fiction fantasy series.

On a planet where violence and vengeance rule, in a galaxy where some are favored by fate, everyone develops a currentgift, a unique power meant to shape the future. While most benefit from their currentgifts, Akos and Cyra do not--their gifts make them vulnerable to others' control. Can they reclaim their gifts, their fates, and their lives, and reset the balance of power in this world?

Cyra is the sister of the brutal tyrant who rules the Shotet people. Cyra's currentgift gives her pain and power--something her brother exploits, using her to torture his enemies. But Cyra is much more than just a blade in her brother's hand: she is resilient, quick on her feet, and smarter than he knows.

Akos is from the peace-loving nation of Thuvhe, and his loyalty to his family is limitless. Though protected by his unusual currentgift, once Akos and his brother are captured by enemy Shotet soldiers, Akos is desperate to get his brother out alive--no matter what the cost. When Akos is thrust into Cyra's world, the enmity between their countries and families seems insurmountable. They must decide to help each other to survive--or to destroy one another.

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Publishers Weekly 12/05/2016

Roth (the *Divergent* series) returns with a gripping space opera about two individuals who share a planet but come from very different worlds. Cyra belongs to the ruling family of the Shotet, a people wrestling for planetary power against the gentle, prophetic Thuvhesit. Like all people, Cyra has a "currentgift" bestowed by the galactic current that connects all living things, but hers is darker than most: she lives in debilitating pain, eased only when she unleashes it on another--a fearsome spectacle that her cruel, power-hungry brother often forces her to employ. Akos, raised among the Thuvhesit and kidnapped by the

Shotet, has a similarly singular currentgift: his touch relieves Cyra of her pain. Forced together, the two become hesitant friends and unlikely allies as the simmering tension between their two nations reaches new heights. Roth's worldbuilding is commendable; each nation is distinct, interacting with the current in ways that give insight into her characters' motivations. Amid political machinations and forays into space, Roth thoughtfully addresses substantial issues, such as the power of self-determination in the face of fate. Readers will eagerly await a second installment. Ages 14-up. *Agent: Joanna Volpe, New Leaf Literary & Media. (Jan.)*

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Heartless

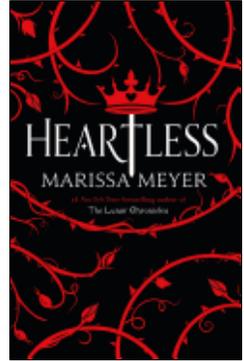
by Marissa Meyer

Published 2016 by Feiwel & Friends

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781250044655

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Jacket Notes:



Long before she was the terror of Wonderland--the infamous Queen of Hearts--she was just a girl who wanted to fall in love.

Long before she was the terror of Wonderland, she was just a girl who wanted to fall in love. Catherine may be one of the most desired girls in Wonderland, and a favorite of the unmarried King of Hearts, but her interests lie elsewhere. A talented baker, all she wants is to open a shop with her best friend. But according to her mother, such a goal is unthinkable for the young woman who could be the next queen.

Then Cath meets Jest, the handsome and mysterious court joker. For the first time, she feels the pull of true attraction. At the risk of offending the king and infuriating her parents, she and Jest enter into an intense, secret courtship. Cath is determined to define her own destiny and fall in love on her terms. But in a land thriving with magic, madness, and monsters, fate has other plans.

In her first stand-alone teen novel, the *New York Times*-bestselling author dazzles us with a prequel to *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

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Publishers Weekly 09/12/2016

Before she was the Queen of Hearts in Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* she was Catherine, the spirited daughter of royalty, destined to wed the King of Hearts but determined to set up shop as a baker with her best friend and longtime maid. In this whimsical standalone tale, readers follow Catherine's simultaneous courtships with the jovial king and his court joker, Jest, whose earnest boyishness makes him far more charming than his royal boss. Caught between her own desires and her mother's stop-at-nothing goal to make her daughter queen, Catherine must decide how much she will risk for a future with Jest. Meyer's Wonderland is a fun and more refined version of Carroll's, and readers will enjoy the obvious parallels. Jest and Catherine have a playfully clandestine relationship, but it's a slow build-up to the inevitable clash between what Catherine wants and what reality demands. Meyer's worldbuilding is extensive and impressive, and the persistent threat of a destructive Jabberwock lends tension, but the story lacks the high-stakes danger that fans of the Lunar Chronicles have come to expect. Ages 12+ up. *Agent: Jill Grinberg, Jill Grinberg Literary Management. (Nov.)* Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Moon Chosen: Tales of a New World (First book in the Tales of a New World series)

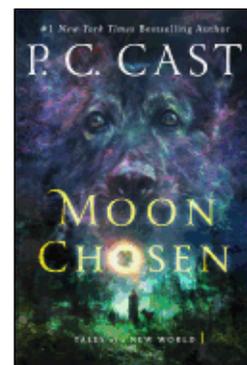
by P C Cast

Published 2016 by St. Martin's Griffin

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Jacket Notes:



#1 New York Times bestselling author of the *House of Night* series, P.C. Cast, brings us a new epic fantasy set in a world where humans, their animal allies, and the earth itself has been drastically changed. A world filled with beauty and danger and cruelty...

Mari is an Earth Walker, heir to the unique healing powers of her Clan; but she has cast her duties aside, until she is chosen by a special animal ally, altering her destiny forever. When a deadly attack tears her world apart, Mari reveals the strength of her powers and the forbidden secret of her dual nature as she embarks on a mission to save her people. It is not until Nik, the son of the leader from a rival, dominating clan strays across her path, that Mari experiences something she has never felt before...

Now, darkness is coming, and with it, a force, more terrible and destructive than the world has ever seen, leaving Mari to cast the shadows from the earth. By forming a tumultuous alliance with Nik, she must make herself ready. Ready to save her people. Ready to save herself and Nik. Ready to embrace her true destiny...and obliterate the forces that threaten to destroy them all.

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Publishers Weekly 08/01/2016

In this sprawling epic fantasy, set in a postapocalyptic world where the destruction of civilization led to giant mutated insects and deadly fungal blights, several tribes compete for resources with little understanding of and empathy for their rivals. Mari, the product of a forbidden union between the Earth Walkers and the Companions, inherits the traits of both--the ability to heal through the power of the moon, and the potential to bond with a specially bred dog. Always on the outskirts of the Earth Walker tribe, Mari is reluctant to embrace her destined role as Moon Woman, or healer. When a Companion attack scatters Mari's tribe, she has to accept unlikely allies from both sides of her heritage. Cast (the House of Night series) conjures up an intriguing world full of constant danger, but the rules are ill-defined: for instance, it's never fully explained why Earth Walker women suffer from depression if not healed regularly, while the men devolve into savage rapists. An obligatory romantic subplot and cliffhanger ending may leave readers unfulfilled, despite engaging characters and a fast-paced narrative. Ages 12-up. *Agent: Meredith Bernstein, Meredith Bernstein Literary. (Oct.)*

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Stranger Than Fanfiction

by Chris Colfer

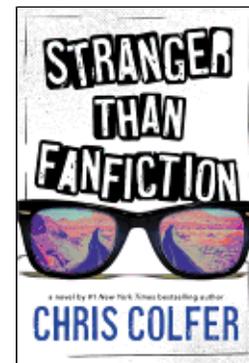
Published 2017 by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780316383448

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Jacket Notes:

From #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Chris Colfer comes a funny, heartbreaking, unforgettable novel about friendship and fame.



Cash Carter is the young, world famous lead actor of the hit television show *Wiz Kids*. When four fans jokingly invite him on a cross-country road trip, they are shocked that he actually takes them up on it. Chased by paparazzi and hounded by reporters, this unlikely crew takes off on a journey of a lifetime--but along the way they discover that the star they love has deep secrets he's been keeping. What they come to learn about the life of the mysterious person they thought they knew will teach them about the power of empathy and the unbreakable bond of true friendship.

In this touching novel, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Chris Colfer takes us on a journey full of laughter, tears, and life-changing memories.

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Publishers Weekly 02/20/2017

In Colfer's (the Land of Stories series) first YA novel, four Illinois teens join the 20-something star of their favorite TV show, *Wiz Kids* on a road trip. Topher Collins never expected Cash Carter to respond to his invitation to accompany him and three friends on their post-graduation tour of tourist attractions between Illinois and California, and he certainly didn't expect Cash to be so reckless and candid. As the five veer from their carefully planned itinerary, hidden truths emerge, threatening to ruin their friendship, but eventually bringing them closer. Colfer touches on sexuality, identity, familial expectations, and acceptance through his characters, but many discussions feel rushed and deserving of deeper consideration, including when one character comes out as transgender. Attempts to make the characters relatable can turn cringe-worthy; during a confession while high, Topher confesses that he once dosed his younger brother, who has cerebral palsy, with cough medicine in order to sneak out and watch an episode of *Wiz Kids*. The book succeeds as offbeat escapism, but it doesn't adequately address the serious topics it introduces. Ages 15a up. (Feb.) Copyright 2017 Publishers Weekly. Used with permission.

Caraval
(First book in the Caraval series)

by Stephanie Garber

Published 2017 by Flatiron Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781250095251

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Jacket Notes:



Instant *New York Times* bestseller

#1 IndieNext Pick

***Entertainment Weekly* Must List (Grade: A-)**

Whatever you've heard about Caraval, it doesn't compare to the reality. It's more than just a game or a performance. It's the

closest you'll ever find to magic in this world . . .

Scarlett has never left the tiny island where she and her beloved sister, Tella, live with their powerful, and cruel, father. Now Scarlett's father has arranged a marriage for her, and Scarlett thinks her dreams of seeing Caraval, the far-away, once-a-year performance where the audience participates in the show, are over.

But this year, Scarlett's long-dreamt of invitation finally arrives. With the help of a mysterious sailor, Tella whisks Scarlett away to the show. Only, as soon as they arrive, Tella is kidnapped by Caraval's mastermind organizer, Legend. It turns out that this season's Caraval revolves around Tella, and whoever finds her first is the winner.

Scarlett has been told that everything that happens during Caraval is only an elaborate performance. But she nevertheless becomes enmeshed in a game of love, heartbreak, and magic with the other players in the game. And whether Caraval is real or not, she must find Tella before the five nights of the game are over, a dangerous domino effect of consequences is set off, and her sister disappears forever.

Welcome, welcome to Caraval . . . beware of getting swept too far away.

-The Hunger Games meets The Night Circus. Grade: A- -*Entertainment Weekly*

-Impressive, original, wondrous. -*USA Today*

-Spellbinding. -*US Weekly*

-Magnificent. -*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

-I lost myself in this world. -*Sabaa Tahir*, author of *An Ember in the Ashes*

-Beautifully written. -*Renee Ahdieh*, author of *The Wrath and the Dawn*

-Shimmers with magic. -*Marie Rutkoski*, author of *The Winner's Curse*

-Darkly enchanting. -*Kiersten White*, author of *And I Darken*

-Decadent. -*Roshani Chokshi*, author of *The Star-Touched Queen*

-Like stepping into a living dream. -*Stacey Lee*, author of *Outrun the Moon*

-Destined to capture imaginations. -*Kirkus Reviews*

-Ideal for fans of The Night Circus, Stardust, and The Hunger Games. -*School Library Journal*

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Publishers Weekly 10/17/2016

At the start of Garber's magnificent debut novel, the mysterious Master Legend invites sisters Scarlett and Donatella Dragna to attend Caraval--a magical multiday event that is part spectacle, part treasure hunt. Although their tyrannical father has threatened death if they leave home without his permission, Tella strikes a deal with a roguish sailor named Julian for transport to Legend's private island--a plan that essentially involves kidnapping the conflicted Scarlett, who is weeks away from marrying a man she's never met. Upon arrival, Tella is taken, and it's revealed that she is the subject of this year's hunt. Scarlett and Julian join forces to find her, but in a game in which secrets are currency and appearances deceive, Scarlett has no way of knowing whether she's a Caraval player or Master Legend's pawn. Intriguing characters, an imaginative setting,

and evocative writing combine to create a spellbinding tale of love, loss, sacrifice, and hope. While the search for Tella drives the narrative, Scarlett's quest for self-empowerment is equally captivating. Scarlett and Julian's chemistry intoxicates, and Garber's tantalizing conclusion will leave readers hungry for a sequel. Ages 13-up. *Agent: Jenny Bent, Bent Agency. (Jan.)*

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Red Queen (First book in the Red Queen series)

by Victoria Aveyard

Published 2016 by Harper Teen

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Jacket Notes:



Victoria Aveyard's internationally beloved #1 *New York Times* bestseller is now in paperback!

Mare Barrow's world is divided by blood--those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities. Mare is a Red, scraping by as a thief in a poor, rural village, until a twist of fate throws her in front of the Silver court. There, before the king, princes, and all the nobles, she discovers she has an ability of her own.

To cover up this impossibility, the king forces her to play the role of a lost Silver princess, and betroths her to one of his own sons. As Mare is drawn further into the Silver world, she risks everything and uses her new position to help the Scarlet Guard--a growing Red rebellion--even as her heart tugs her in an impossible direction. One wrong move can lead to her death, but in the dangerous game she plays the only certainty is betrayal.

This sweeping story of palace intrigue, class hierarchy, and deception will keep readers hurtling along, desperate to find out Mare's fate. Her honesty and determination, quick wit, and no-holds-barred attitude will surely make readers fall in love with her.

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Things I Should Have Known

by Claire LaZebnik

Published 2017 by Houghton Mifflin

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780544829695

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Jacket Notes:

An unforgettable story about autism, sisterhood, and first love that's perfect for fans of Jenny Han, Sophie Kinsella, and Sarah Dessen. *New York Times* bestselling author of *Tell Me Three Things* Julie Buxbaum raved: -I couldn't put it down.-

Meet Chloe Mitchell, a popular Los Angeles girl who's decided that her older sister, Ivy, who's on the autism spectrum, could use a boyfriend. Chloe already has someone in mind: Ethan Fields, a sweet, movie-obsessed boy from Ivy's special needs class.

Chloe would like to ignore Ethan's brother, David, but she can't--Ivy and Ethan aren't comfortable going out on their own so Chloe and David have to tag along. Soon Chloe, Ivy, David, and Ethan form a quirky and wholly lovable circle. And as the group bonds over frozen yogurt dates and movie nights, Chloe is forced to confront her own romantic choices--and the realization that it's okay to be a different kind of normal.

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Publishers Weekly 12/19/2016

High school senior Chloe is well liked, gets good grades, and has a nearly perfect boyfriend, but she worries about her older sister, Ivy, who has autism. When it dawns on Chloe that Ivy might be lonely, she arranges a date for her with Ethan, a boy in Ivy's special needs class. But Ethan's brother (and chaperone) turns out to be Chloe's despicable classmate, David, who only talks in class to attack what someone else has said. In this insightful account of misconceptions, family conflict, and the ironies of love, LaZebnik (*Wrong About the Guy*) examines the evolution of several relationships, including the foundering romance between Ivy and Ethan, and the unexpected bond that forms between Chloe and David. During the weeks that follow, Chloe is happily surprised to discover a greater depth to her stepfather's devotion to Ivy but saddened to realize that her boyfriend and closest girlfriend will never truly understand her complicated home life. Writing with honesty and wit, LaZebnik offers a thought-provoking portrayal of how people can come together despite, or perhaps because of, their differences. Ages 12a up. Agent: Alexis Hurley, Inkwell Management. (Mar.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.



Lifeblood

by Gena Showalter

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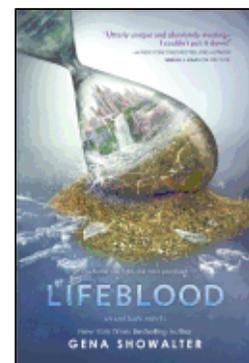
Jacket Notes:

-My Firstlife is over, but my Everlife is only now beginning.-

With her last living breath, Tenley -Ten- Lockwood made her choice and picked her realm in the Everlife. Now, as the war between Troika and Myriad rages, she must face the consequences.

Because Ten possesses a rare supernatural ability to absorb and share light, the Powers That Be have the highest expectations for her future--and the enemy wants her neutralized. Fighting to save her Secondlife, she must learn about her realm from the ground up while launching her first mission: convincing a select group of humans to join her side before they die. No pressure, right?

But Ten's competition is Killian, the boy she can't forget--the one who gave up everything for her happiness. He has only one



shot at redemption: beating Ten at a game she's never even played. As their throw-downs heat up, so do their undeniable feelings, and soon, Ten will have to make another choice. Love...or victory.

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Archie, Volume 1

by Mark Waid

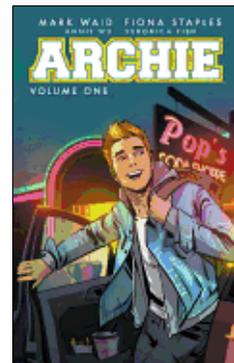
Published 2016 by Archie Comic Publications

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Jacket Notes:

ARCHIE, one of the longest-running titles in comic book history, is rebooted here in this full-color collection that brings together two of the most talented creators in comics, Mark Waid and Fiona Staples. Together they create a surprising and definitive take on Archie's origin--a story that has never been told. 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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Publishers Weekly 05/23/2016

There's a lot that's new about everybody's favorite freckled, love-tossed Riverdale teen in this contemporary relaunch. To start, Staples's (Saga) art is bright, snappy, and crisply dramatic, not to mention three-dimensional. Also, Riverdale High is as multiethnic and sharply attired as a CW series. Jughead sports ripped jeans and a goth pout, Veronica is a "jillionaire" reality-show star, and the whole thing is rated "Teen" for some barely risqué innuendo and dialogue like "Oh, hell no." The writing from Waid (Kingdom Come) balances winsomely romantic (Archie says Betty "smells like flowers and motor oil") and honestly funny, like something that a PG-rated Kevin Smith could have pulled off. It would seem risky to mess with the tried-and-true Archie formula, but this heartfelt collection is less a tearing-down of the old order than an exuberant exploration of its possibilities. Staples and Waid keep the characters' foundations in place--Archie's still a lovable goof who can't decide between girl-next-door Betty and vampish Veronica--while building a wonderfully new Riverdale for them to explore. (Mar.)

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Width of the World

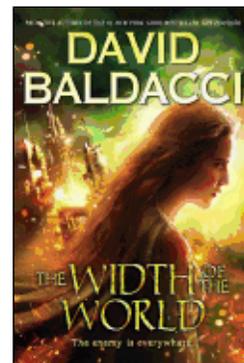
(Third book in the Vega Jane series)

by David Baldacci

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Jacket Notes:

This is it. Vega Jane's time. She's been lied to her whole life, so she breaks away from Wormwood, the only home she's ever known, in search of the truth. She battles horrors to fight her way across the Quag with her best friend, Delph, and her mysterious canine, Harry Two. Against all odds, they survive unimaginable dangers and make it through.

And into a new world that's even worse. Not because deadly beasts roam the cobblestones, but because the people are enslaved but don't even know it. It's up to Vega, Delph, Harry Two and their new comrade, Petra, to take up the fight against a foe that's unrivaled in savagery and cunning. Not only is Vega's life and the lives of her friends on the line, but whether she triumphs or fails will determine whether a whole world survives.

Beloved author David Baldacci delivers a shockwave of destruction and shattering revelations in *The Width of the World*, book three in his instant #1 global bestselling Vega Jane series.

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