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KPL Teen Spotlight June 2017

Struck by Lightning: The Carson Phillips Journal

by Chris Colfer

Published 2012 by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780316232951

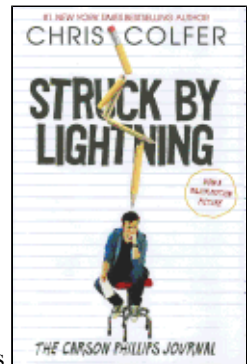
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Jacket Notes:

"Struck By Lightning: The Carson Phillips Journal" follows the story of outcast high school senior Carson Phillips who blackmails the most popular students in his school into contributing to his literary journal to bolster his college application; his goal in life is to get into Northwestern and eventually become the editor of "The New Yorker."

At once laugh-out-loud funny, deliciously dark, and remarkably smart, "Struck By Lightning" unearths the dirt that lies just below the surface of high school.

The film "Stuck By Lightning" features Colfer's own original screenplay. Colfer also stars in the film alongside Allison Janney, Christina Hendricks, Dermot Mulroney, Sarah Hyland, and Polly Bergen.



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Stars Above: A Lunar Chronicles Collection

by Marissa Meyer

Published 2016 by Feiwel & Friends

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781250091840

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Jacket Notes:

The #1 *New York Times* Bestselling Series!

The enchantment continues. . . .

The universe of the Lunar Chronicles holds stories - and secrets - that are wondrous, vicious, and romantic. How did Cinder first arrive in New Beijing? How did the brooding soldier Wolf transform from young man to killer? When did Princess Winter and the palace guard Jacin realize their destinies?

With nine stories - five of which have never before been published - and an exclusive never-before-seen excerpt from Marissa Meyer's novel, *Heartless*, about the Queen of Hearts from *Alice in Wonderland*, *Stars Above* is essential for fans of the bestselling and beloved Lunar Chronicles.

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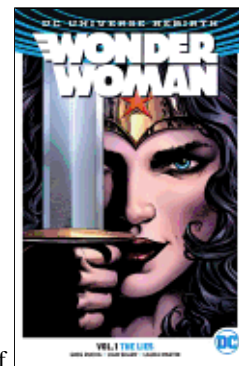
Wonder Woman Vol. 1: The Lies

by Greg Rucka

Published 2017 by DC Comics

Paperback, English. ISBN: 9781401267780

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Jacket Notes:

Heroic. Iconic. Unstoppable. Armed with her Lasso of Truth and imbued with the power of the gods themselves, Princess Diana of Themyscira--known to the world as Wonder Woman--is one of the greatest superheroes in history.

But who is she...really? Not even Wonder Woman herself knows for sure. Diana's links to both the Amazons and the Gods of Olympus have been severed. Her memories are a tangle of contradictions that even her lie-detecting lasso cannot untangle.

To solve the riddle of her origin, she must embark on her greatest quest of all: finding a way back to her vanished home. To get there, she must team up with her greatest enemy, the feral beast-woman, Cheetah. Will this unlikely alliance shine the light of truth on Diana's darkest secrets, or bury them--and her--forever?

Find out in *WONDER WOMAN VOL. 1: THE LIES*--exploding from the blockbuster DC Rebirth event! Legendary Wonder Woman writer Greg Rucka (*BATWOMAN: ELEGY*) makes his triumphant return to the character for the first time in years and joins renowned fantasy artist Liam Sharp (*2000 AD*) for one of the most momentous stories in Diana's history! Collects *WONDER WOMAN* #1, #3, #5, #7, #9, #11 and the *WONDER WOMAN: REBIRTH* one-shot.

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Eisner-winner Rucka tries to uncover who Wonder Woman is as a person, beyond her powers and her association with fellow superheroes. Rucka is a Wonder Woman veteran, having written the character off and on for more than a decade. Rebirth, a massive reboot that redefined every DC Comics superhero, theoretically gives Rucka the opportunity to rebuild the character from the ground up; unfortunately, like many other writers, he fails to make Wonder Woman an interesting personality. Rucka's narrative follows her as she attempts to reconcile her erratic memories and track down the suddenly missing Themyscira, the island where she's from. Unlike Batman or Spider-Man, Wonder Woman's motivation for superheroism isn't clear, and consequently her quest lacks urgency. Sharp's (Testament) rich art, which wonderfully depicts Wonder Woman's battles against monsters and demons deep in the jungle, slightly redeems the book. (*Feb.*)

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Legend of Wonder Woman Vol. 1: Origins

by Renae De Liz

Published 2016 by DC Comics

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781401267285

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Jacket Notes:

THE BEGINNING OF A LEGEND!

On the hidden island of Themyscira, the Amazons, led by Queen Hippolyta, live in a kingdom of peace, protected by the gods. But the balance is upset when Hippolyta is granted what no immortal may have: a child, given life from the clay of the island. She is the princess Diana, who alone can sense the evil that is infesting the Amazon's home.

But when a man from the outside world is brought to Themyscira as part of a conspiracy to overthrow its queen, Diana will risk everything to save his innocent life...and lose everything in the process. Soon, the Amazon princess finds herself in a world she never knew existed--America, a land of untold wonders that also finds itself threatened by a great war abroad.

In order to get back home, Diana and her new friends Steve Trevor and Etta Candy must head into the war zone and find the Nazi agent known as the Duke of Deception, who wields a powerful artifact that belongs to Hippolyta. And in order to defeat this powerful enemy, the princess of peace must become the hero she was meant to be. She must become Wonder Woman!

With gorgeous art, a period setting and contemporary flair, writer/artist Renae De Liz (*The Last Unicorn*), with help from artist Ray Dillon (*Noble Causes*), stunningly retells the origin of the greatest superheroine the world has ever known! Collects THE LEGEND OF WONDER WOMAN #1-9.



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Missing

by Kelley Armstrong

Published 2017 by Crown Books for Young Readers

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780399550324

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Jacket Notes:

Fans of Jennifer Donnelly will flock to the new romantic thriller from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Kelley Armstrong.

The only thing Winter Crane likes about Reeve's End is that soon she'll leave it. Like her best friend did. Like her sister did. Like most of the teens born in town have done. There's nothing for them there but abandoned mines and empty futures. They're better off taking a chance elsewhere.

What Winter will miss is the woods. Her only refuge. At least it was. Until the day she found Lennon left for dead, bleeding in a tree.

But now Lennon is gone too. And he has Winter questioning what she once thought was true. What if nobody left at all? What if they're *all* missing?

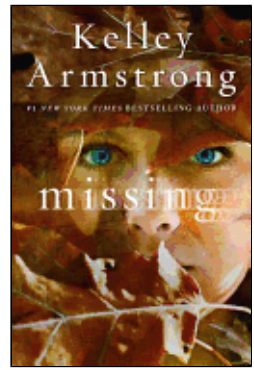
"Like Stephen King, who manages an under-the-covers, flashlight-in-face kind of storytelling without sounding ridiculous, Armstrong not only writes interesting page-turners, she has also achieved that unlikely goal, what all writers strive for: a genre of her own." --*The Walrus*

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Publishers Weekly 02/13/2017

In this atmospheric thriller, Winter Crane knows that Reeve's End, Ky., is the kind of place that doesn't let go once it gets its hooks in you. She's determined to break free and go to medical school, far away from her father, who hits both her and the bottle hard, which makes Winter more comfortable living in a backwoods shack. It's near there that she finds Lennon Bishop, battered but obviously from the nicer side of the tracks. He's evasive about who hit him but lets slip that he's in Reeve's End to see Winter's friend Edie, who has disappeared. Then Lennon is gone, too, quickly replaced by his taciturn older brother, Jude, who believes that Winter knows what happened. Armstrong (the *Age of Legends* trilogy) imbues her teenage characters with a realistic mixture of adult grit, earned by difficult circumstances, and youthful charm, especially the flinty Winter. There are enough twists to keep any suspense fan happy, but it's the deeper theme of trying to disentangle oneself from the place society says you belong that resonates strongest. Ages 14-up. *Agent: Sarah Heller, Helen Heller Agency. (Apr.)*

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Girl with a Camera: Margaret Bourke-White, Photographer: A Novel

by Carolyn Meyer

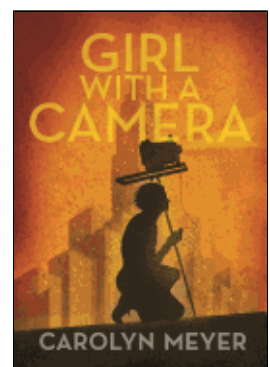
Published 2017 by Calkins Creek Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781629795843

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Jacket Notes:

In this historical novel, noted writer Carolyn Meyer deftly captures the daring and passionate life of photographer Margaret Bourke-White. Growing up, young Peggy White was interested in snakes and caterpillars and other unfeminine things. She intended to become a herpetologist, but while she was still in college, her interest in nature changed to a fascination with photography. As her skill with a camera grew, her



focus widened from landscapes architecture to shots of factories, trains, and bridges. Her artist's eye sharpened to see patterns and harsh beauty where others saw only chaos and ugliness. Totally dedicated to her work, and driven by her ambition to succeed, Margaret Bourke-White became a well-known and sought after photographer, traveling all over the United States and Europe. She was the first female war photojournalist in World War II and the first female photographer for *Life* magazine, which featured one of her photographs on its very first cover. A comprehensive author's note provides additional information to round out readers' understanding of this fascinating and inspiring historical figure.

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Heart of the Storm: Undertow Trilogy Book 3

by Michael Buckley

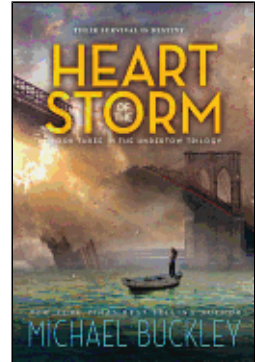
Published 2017 by Houghton Mifflin

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780544348677

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Jacket Notes:

After seven months as a captive of Minerva, the insane Alpha queen, Lyric Walker has escaped to the surface. Her only goal is to warn the world about the Great Abyss. When she finally arrives back in Coney Island, she discovers a world she never expected, one where humans and Alpha are finally working hand in hand to rebuild the country. But she soon discovers that an old enemy allied with an old friend may kill them all before the monsters get their turn. Where will Lyric's loyalties, and her heart, lead her? With nail-biting action and romance, Michael Buckley's epic trilogy draws to a stunning conclusion.



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Beck

by Mal Peet

Published 2017 by Candlewick Press (MA)

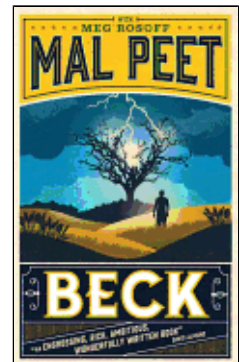
Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780763678425

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Jacket Notes:

From Carnegie Medal-winning author Mal Peet comes a sweeping coming-of-age adventure, both harrowing and life-affirming.

Born of a brief encounter between a Liverpool prostitute and an African soldier in 1907, Beck finds himself orphaned as a young boy and sent overseas to the Catholic Brothers in Canada. At age fifteen he is sent to work on a farm, from which he eventually escapes. Finally in charge of his own destiny, Beck starts westward, crossing the border into America and back, all while the Great Depression rages on. What will it take for Beck to understand the agonies of his childhood and realize that love is possible?



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Publishers Weekly 02/27/2017

A gritty and inspiring survival story, Peetas final novel, completed by Rosoff after his death, has the stoic quality and soul of a Steinbeck tale. Set in the 1920s and early a30s, it traces the saga of Beck, a British youth born out of a tryst between his destitute mother and a visiting sailor from West Africa. After Beckas mother dies just before his 11th birthday, he is brought to a adire and loveless orphanage. From there, he is shipped to Canada, where heas subjected to severe sexual abuse in an establishment run by the Christian Brotherhood, then sent to a farm where he is put in charge of livestock. Tired of being underfed and overworked, Beck runs off: his arduous travels coincide with an inner journey to understand where he fits in, and the kindnesses shown by bootleggers and an older woman of mixed Scottish and Siksika heritage lead him to draw conflicting conclusions about the world and its inhabitants. Harrowing but hopeful, itas a memorable portrait of a boy struggling to love, be loved, and find his way against overwhelming odds. Ages 16a up. (Apr.) Copyright 2017 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

This Is the Part Where You Laugh

by Peter Brown Hoffmeister

Published 2016 by Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780553538106

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Jacket Notes:

"So real it hurts."--David Arnold, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Kids of Appetite*



Fans of Andrew Smith and Matt de la Pena will be captivated by this summer-in-the-life of a teenage guy growing up in a trailer park in Eugene, Oregon.

Travis plans to spend the summer as follows:

- Working on his basketball game with his friend, Creature.
- Reading excerpts from Creature's novel-in-progress: *The Pervert's Guide to Russian Princesses*.
- Canoeing around the lake, trying to catch a glimpse of the beautiful girl who just moved in.
- Not getting into trouble, not going back to juvie . . .
- Searching the homeless camps for his mother, with a jar full of cash to help her get back on her feet.

From a powerful new voice in YA literature comes an unforgettable account of growing up, making mistakes, and growing out of the shadow of drug abuse.

"A raw offbeat novel with an abundance of honesty and heart." --*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"Hoffmeister crushes it. **There is blood and truth on every page.**" --Estelle Laure, author of *This Raging Light*

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Publishers Weekly 02/29/2016

In this tragicomic YA debut from adult author Hoffmeister ("Let Them Be Eaten by Bears", a young man contends with anger, family troubles, and romance over a few increasingly chaotic months. Travisas summer goals are simple: improve his basketball skills, stay out of trouble, and try to cheer up his grandmother, whoas dying from cancer. He also hangs out with his best friend Creature, spends time with a mercurial girl named Natalie, and searches for his drug-addicted mother in the homeless camps around the area. But the harder Travis tries, the more things spiral out of control, and when Creature runs afoul of a vindictive gang member, it puts everything into a new perspective. Hoffmeisteras coming-of-age story is both profane and profounda as Travis eloquently puts it early on, aFuck being here in this trailer park and waiting to die. Fuck cancer.a Excerpts from Creatureas work in progress, a

combination history/erotic romance entitled "The Pervertas Guide to Russian Princesses" give the story a surreal yet poignant edge. The result is a raw, offbeat novel with an abundance of honesty and heart. Ages 14a up. "Agent: Adriann Ranta, Foundry Literary + Media. (May)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Body Market (Second book in the Unplugged series)

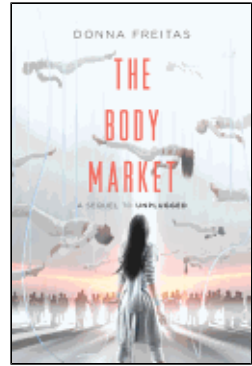
by Donna Freitas

Published 2017 by Harper Teen

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780062118639

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Jacket Notes:



In the tradition of M. T. Anderson's *Feed* and Scott Westerfeld's *Uglies*, this heart-pounding sequel to *Unplugged* continues the series that Kass Morgan, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The 100*, called -chilling and addictive.-

Skylar Cruz found her sister in the Real World--only to learn that her sister has betrayed her and put everyone in the App World in danger. The Body Market is now open for business and everyone still plugged into the App World is for sale.

Shaken by the betrayal of everyone she trusted, Skylar is through being a pawn. She may be the only one who can stop what her family started. And she has to do it before the App World runs out of time.

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Whisper to Me

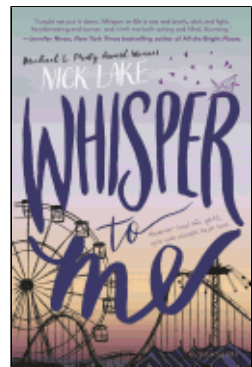
by Nick Lake

Published 2016 by Bloomsbury U.S.A. Children's Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781619634565

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Jacket Notes:



A remarkable story of strange beauty and self-discovery from Printz Award winner Nick Lake.

Cassie is writing a letter to the boy whose heart she broke. She's trying to explain why. Why she pushed him away. Why her father got so angry when he saw them together. Why she disappears some nights. Why she won't let herself remember what happened that long-ago night on the boardwalk. Why she fell apart so completely.

Desperate for his forgiveness, she's telling the whole story of the summer she nearly lost herself. She's hoping that love-love for your family, love for that person who makes your heart beat faster, and love for yourself-can save both of them after all.

Awards for *There Will Be Lies*

A *Boston Globe* Best YA Book of 2015

A Texas TAYSHAS Pick

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Publishers Weekly 03/07/2016

Cassandra, 17, is already carrying a deep emotional scar when she finds a severed human foot in her Jersey Shore town, where a serial killer is suspected in the disappearance of 14 sex workers. The shocking discovery jars loose guilt and sadness over her mother's violent death in the form of a disturbing voice that harangues Cassie to harm herself in many ways, including by sabotaging her summer romance with the boy to whom the story is addressed (in what would surely be the world's longest email). Cassie's conversational narration continually telegraphs impending doom, which keeps the pages turning as readers race to find out what horrible fate will befall the characters, especially Paris, a stripper who befriends Cassie at a psychiatric hospital. Cassie is a deeply sympathetic figure, due in no small part to the terrifying and violent demands of the voice she hears. Part romance, part crime story, part meditation on mental illness, Lake's (*There Will Be Lies*) story covers a lot of ground but leaves several threads hanging, which may frustrate some readers. Ages 14-up. *Agent: Caradoc King, United Agents. (May)*

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Archie Vol. 3 (Third book in the Archie series)

by Mark Waid

Published 2017 by Archie Comic Publications

Paperback, English. ISBN: 9781682559932

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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 capture 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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Raging Sea

by Michael Buckley

Published 2017 by Houghton Mifflin

Paperback, English. ISBN: 9780544938823



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Jacket Notes:

In the first book of Michael Buckley's Undertow trilogy, the Alpha arrived and the world was never the same. At the start of the second book, most of south Brooklyn is in ruins and the nation is terrified. Nearly everyone that Lyric Walker loves is either missing or presumed dead, including the mesmerizing prince Fathom. It's up to Lyric to unite the Alpha before the second wave of a cataclysmic invasion wipes out mankind for good. The Undertow trilogy is an unforgettable reading experience that author E. Lockhart calls, "Allegorical and romantic, the book nevertheless reads like an action movie with especially awesome CGI."

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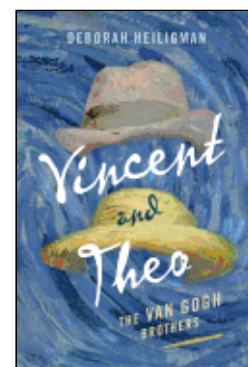
Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers

by Deborah Heiligman

Published 2017 by Henry Holt & Company

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780805093391

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Jacket Notes:

From the author of **National Book Award finalist** *Charles and Emma* comes an incredible story of brotherly love.

The deep and enduring friendship between Vincent and Theo Van Gogh shaped both brothers' lives. Confidant, champion, sympathizer, friend--Theo supported Vincent as he struggled to find his path in life. They shared everything, swapping stories of lovers and friends, successes and disappointments, dreams and ambitions. Meticulously researched, drawing on the 658 letters Vincent wrote to Theo during his lifetime, Deborah Heiligman weaves a tale of two lives intertwined and the extraordinary love of the Van Gogh brothers.

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Publishers Weekly 01/30/2017

As teenagers, the Van Gogh brothers, Vincent and Theo, pledged to "be companions in the search for meaning in life and meaning in art." In this intensive exploration of their turbulent lives, Heiligman (*Charles and Emma*) focuses on their complex relationship and anchoring mutual bond. Writing in present tense, she follows them from their childhood closeness as two of six children of a Protestant pastor in the heavily Catholic Dutch village of Zundert into their contrasting adulthoods in France: painter Vincent's life was precarious and erratic, while art dealer Theo's was more stable and decorous, if often

lonely. Heiligman tells the brothers' story in short chapters, sometimes just scenes, and occasionally offers what she calls "croquis" (sketches) to give a better sense of "someone whose whole being cannot be captured on paper in one steady view. Like Theo." She also recounts, in exhaustive detail, Vincent's frequent cycles of descent into mental illness and subsequent rebounds, as well as the way the brothers alternately clashed with and clung to each other. Extensive back matter includes a character list, timeline, bibliography, endnotes, and author's note. Ages 14-up. *Agent: Susan Ginsberg, Writers House. (Apr.)*

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Bang

by Barry Lyga

Published 2017 by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780316315500

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Jacket Notes:

"Fans of *13 Reasons Why* will find a lot to like in Lyga's latest." --*Entertainment Weekly*

This is Where it Ends, *Hate List*, and *Forgive Me*, *Leonard Peacock* readers will appreciate this heartbreaking novel about living with your worst mistake, from *New York Times* bestselling author Barry Lyga.

A chunk of old memory, adrift in a pool of blood.

Sebastian Cody did something horrible, something no one--not even Sebastian himself--can forgive. At the age of four, he accidentally shot and killed his infant sister with his father's gun.

Now, ten years later, Sebastian has lived with the guilt and horror for his entire life. With his best friend away for the summer, Sebastian has only a new friend, Aneesa, to distract him from his darkest thoughts. But even this relationship cannot blunt the pain of his past. Because Sebastian knows exactly how to rectify his childhood crime and sanctify his past. It took a gun to get him into this.

Now he needs a gun to get out.

Unflinching and honest, *Bang* is the story of one boy and one moment in time that cannot be reclaimed, as true and as relevant as tomorrow's headlines.

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Publishers Weekly 02/27/2017

Ten years after accidentally shooting and killing his baby sister, 14-year-old Sebastian is haunted by the loss to the point of considering suicide. When he meets Aneesa, a new neighbor whose brown skin and headscarf also make her an outcast, their friendship challenges his views of his self worth. Suddenly, Sebastian is making pizzas for their YouTube channel and not solely focusing on feeling like a pariah, "the kid who killed." But he can't outrun his past, and a climactic revelation is a gut punch, returning to the agonized and primal feelings that are essential to this gripping story. Lyga (*The Secret Sea*) expertly scatters reminders of Sebastian's burden in benign, tossed-off phrases (of friends with siblings: "half the time it's like they just wish they could kill them"), the prominence of first-person shooter games, and his best friend's father's prized gun collection, each of which reveals another facet of his trauma. It's a raw exploration of persistent social stigmas, a beautiful study of forgiveness, and an unflinching portrait of a parent's worst nightmare. Ages 12-up. *Agent: Kathleen Anderson, Anderson Literary Management. (Apr.)*

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