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THE KNOCKOUT

by Sajni Patel

NEW!

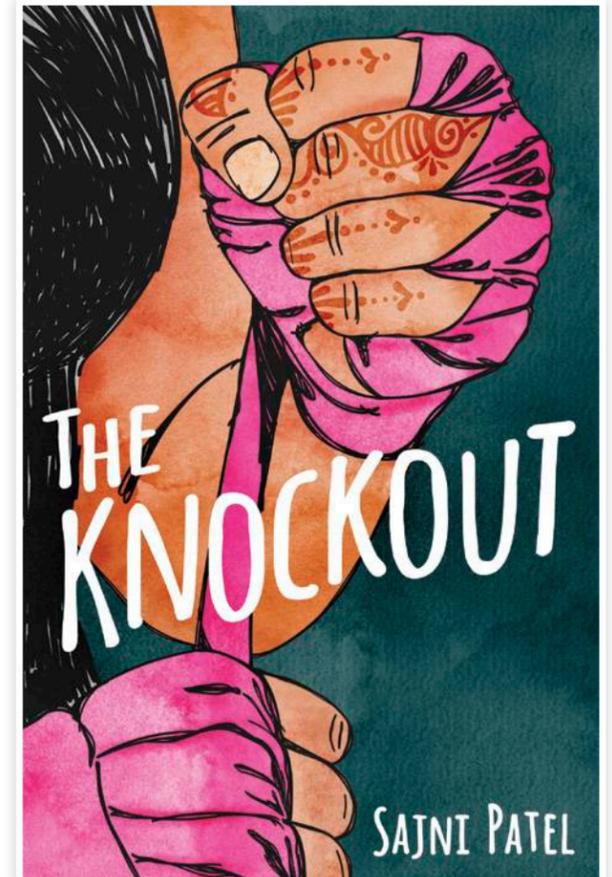
A rising star in Muay Thai figures out what (and who) is worth fighting for in this #ownvoices YA debut full of heart.

If seventeen-year-old Kareena Thakkar is going to alienate herself from the entire Indian community, she might as well do it gloriously. She's landed the chance of a lifetime, an invitation to the US Muay Thai Open, which could lead to a spot on the first-ever Olympic team. If only her sport wasn't seen as something too rough for girls, something she's afraid to share with anyone outside of her family. Despite pleasing her parents, excelling at school, and making plans to get her family out of debt, Kareena's never felt quite Indian enough, and her training is only making it worse.

Which is inconvenient, since she's starting to fall for Amit Patel, who just might be the world's most perfect Indian. Admitting her feelings for Amit will cost Kareena more than just her pride—she'll have to face his parents' disapproval, battle her own insecurities, and remain focused for the big fight. Kareena's bid for the Olympics could very well make history—if she has the courage to go for it.

"Patel paints a badass female athlete who is stubborn and proud but yearns to be accepted by a community she isn't sure she identifies with."—Kirkus Reviews

See back cover for more praise!



Warehouse Date: December 26, 2020
Publication Date: January 26, 2021

ISBN: 978-1-63583-059-0
Format: Hardcover
360 pages
Price: \$17.99 US
Imprint: Flux
Age: 14-18
Trim: 5.25 x 8

Ebook ISBN: 978-1-63583-060-6
Ebook Price: \$9.99 US
BISAC Code: YAF014000
YOUNG ADULT FICTION / Diversity & Multicultural
Rights: English Language Only
Selling Territory: US; CA; PH

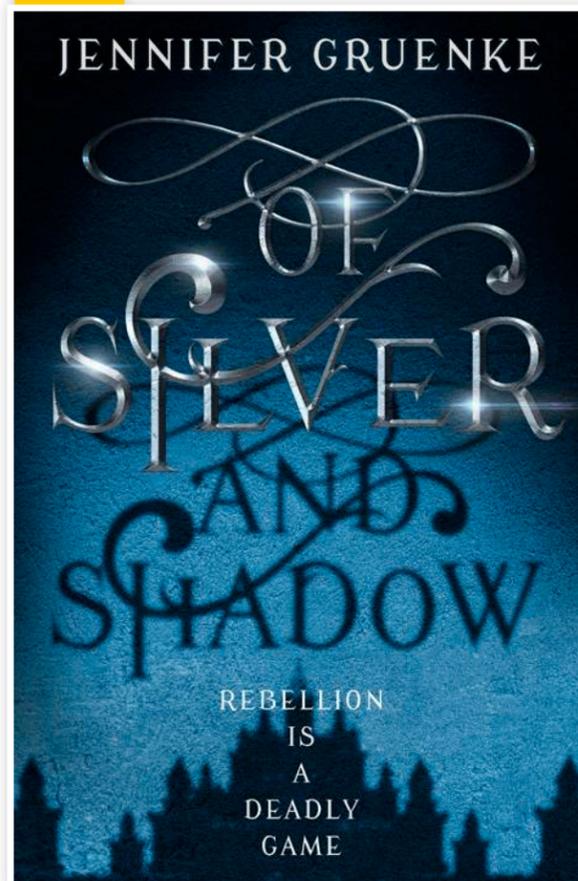
Sajni Patel was born in vibrant India and raised in the heart of Texas, surrounded by a lot of delicious food and plenty of diversity. She draws on personal experiences, cultural expectations, and southern flair to create worlds that center around strong Indian women. Once in MMA, she's now all about puppies and rainbows and tortured love stories.

Home State: Texas

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flux **OF SILVER AND SHADOW**
by Jennifer Gruenke

NEW!



Ren Kolins is a silver wielder—a dangerous thing to be in the kingdom of Erdis, where magic has been outlawed for a century. Ren is just trying to survive, sticking to a life of petty thievery, card games, and pit fighting to get by. But when a wealthy rebel leader discovers her secret, he offers her a fortune to join his revolution. The caveat: she won't see a single coin until they overthrow the king.

Behind the castle walls, a brutal group of warriors known as the King's Children is engaged in a competition: the first to find the rebel leader will be made King's Fang, the right hand of the king of Erdis. And Adley Farre is hunting down the rebels one by one, torturing her way to Ren and the rebel leader, and the coveted King's Fang title.

But time is running out for all of them, including the youngest prince of Erdis, who finds himself pulled into the rebellion. Political tensions have reached a boiling point, and Ren and the rebels must take the throne before war breaks out.

"Characters meet in disguise, alliances shift, and romances blossom under Gruenke's skilled balancing act."
—*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

"The adventure story is gripping, and the plot threads come together well."
—*School Library Journal*

See back cover for more praise!

Warehouse Date: January 17, 2021
Publication Date: February 16, 2021

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Format: Trade Paperback Original
480 pages
Price: \$14.99 US
Imprint: Flux
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Trim: 5.25 x 8

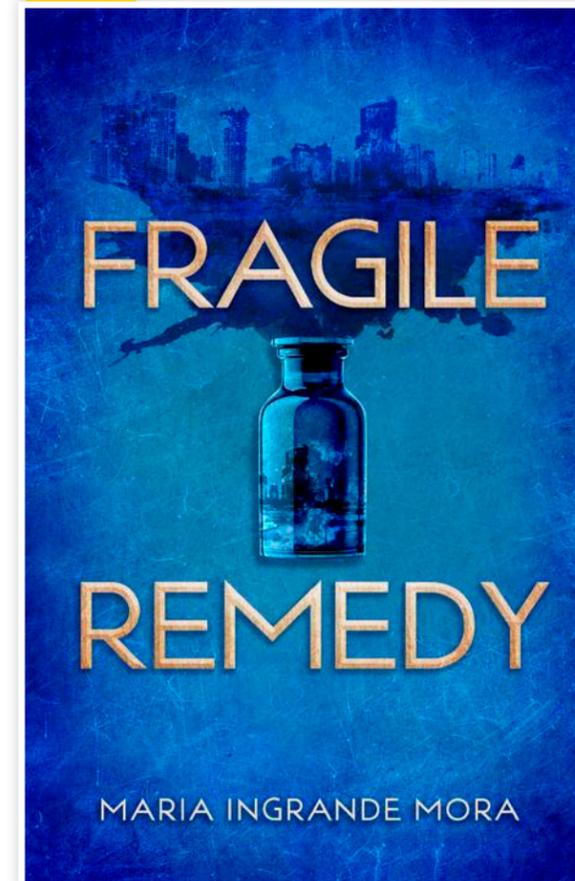
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Ebook Price: \$9.99 US
BISAC Code: YAF019020
YOUNG ADULT FICTION / Fantasy / Dark
Fantasy
Rights: English Language Only
Selling Territory: World

Jennifer Gruenke is a graduate of UC Santa Barbara, where she studied communication and writing. She grew up among the redwoods of Northern California and now lives in Charlotte with her books and the houseplants she hasn't killed yet. If she's not writing or reading, you're most likely to find her in a cafe, music venue, or the aisles of Trader Joe's.

Home State: North Carolina

flux **FRAGILE REMEDY**
by Maria Ingrande Mora

NEW!



Sixteen-year-old Nate is a GEM—a Genetically Engineered Medical Surrogate—created by Gathos City scientists as a cure for the elite from the fatal lung rot ravaging the population. As a child, Nate was smuggled out of the laboratory where he was held captive and taken into the Withers—a quarantined, lawless region. He manages to survive by becoming a Tinker, fixing broken tech in exchange for food or a safe place to sleep. When he meets Reed, a kind and fiercely protective boy who makes his heart race, and his misfit gang of scavengers, Nate finds the family he's always longed for—even if he can't risk telling them what he is.

But Gathos created a genetic fail-safe in their GEMs—a flaw in their DNA that causes their health to rapidly deteriorate as they age unless they are regularly dosed with medication controlled by Gathos City. When violence erupts across the Withers, Nate's illegal supply of medicine is cut off, and a vicious attack on Reed threatens to expose his secret. With time running out, Nate is left with only two options: work for a shadowy terrorist organization that has the means to keep him alive, or stay—and die—with the boy he loves.

"A boy-loves-boy dystopian fantasy for anyone needing a heartbreaking thrill."
—*Kirkus Reviews*

"Readers will respond to the warmth, caring, and romance between young people living on the very edge."
—*Booklist*

See back cover for more praise!

Warehouse Date: February 7, 2021
Publication Date: March 9, 2021

ISBN: 978-1-63583-056-9
Format: Trade Paperback Original
400 pages
Price: \$14.99 US
Imprint: Flux
Age: 14–18
Trim: 5.25 x 8

Ebook ISBN: 978-1-63583-057-6
Ebook Price: \$9.99 US
BISAC Code: YAF031000
YOUNG ADULT FICTION / LGBT
Rights: Audio, Translation, Dramatic,
All Languages
Selling Territory: World

Maria Ingrande Mora is a marketing executive and a brunch enthusiast. Her love languages are snacks, queer joy, and live music. A graduate of the University of Florida, Maria lives near a wetlands preserve with two dogs, two cats, two children, and two billion mosquitoes. She can often be found writing at her stand-up desk, surrounded by houseplants. Unless the cats have already destroyed them.

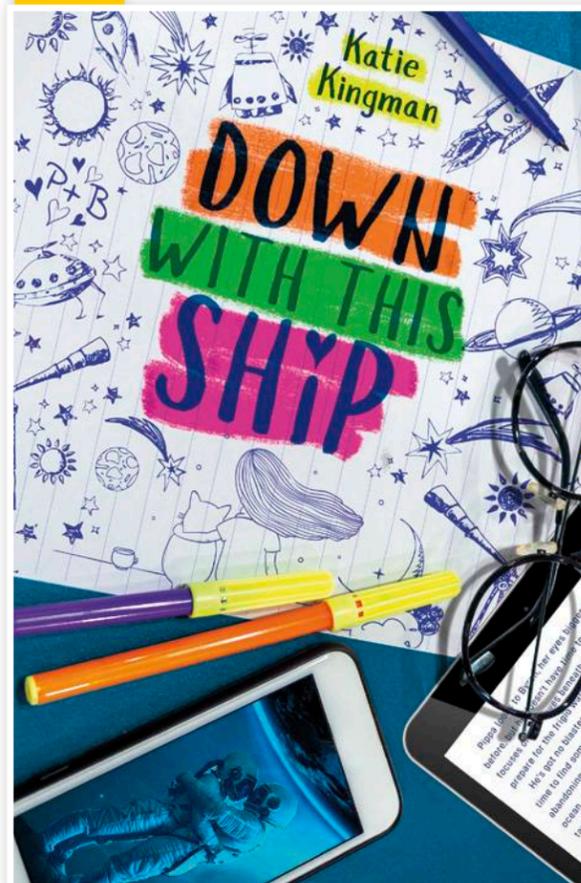
Home State: Florida

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flux[®] DOWN WITH THIS SHIP

by Katie Kingman

NEW!



Kole Miller is the best writer at the prestigious Crystal Lake High. But no one knows it—not her creative writing classmates, or even her academic arch nemesis Colin (aka Mr. Valedictorian). That's because Kole's best work is a secret fanfic based on *The Space Game*, her favorite show.

When Kole's fanfic wins a major contest, her readership skyrockets. Suddenly, Kole finds herself stuck in the heated ship wars, as her new readers pair characters from the show together as romantic couples. Worse yet, Kole's classmates discover that she's the fanfic's author. Now it isn't just *The Space Game* everyone is arguing about: they start shipping Kole with her classmates.

With her romantic life in shambles and her anxiety through the roof, Kole must face both her inner demons and the ones at her school. She has one chance to reclaim her fanfic—and the guy that Kole now realizes she's shipped herself with since episode one of the school year.

Warehouse Date: May 3, 2021
Publication Date: June 8, 2021

ISBN: 978-1-63583-067-5
 Format: Trade Paperback Original
 352 pages
 Price: \$9.99 US
 Imprint: Flux
 Age: 14–18
 Trim: 5.25 x 8

Ebook ISBN: 978-1-63583-068-2
 Ebook Price: \$9.99 US
 BISAC Code: YAF052060
 YOUNG ADULT FICTION / Romance / Romantic Comedy
 Rights: English Language Only
 Selling Territory: World

Katie Kingman has wanted to be a writer since freshman year when her English teacher read her story out loud. The experience was mortifying, but it led to a lifelong love of classic literature and writing fiction. She now lives, teaches, and geeks in Phoenix, Arizona, with her husband, two kids, and five cats. When not writing, she can be found gardening and scrolling Netflix for a new OTP.

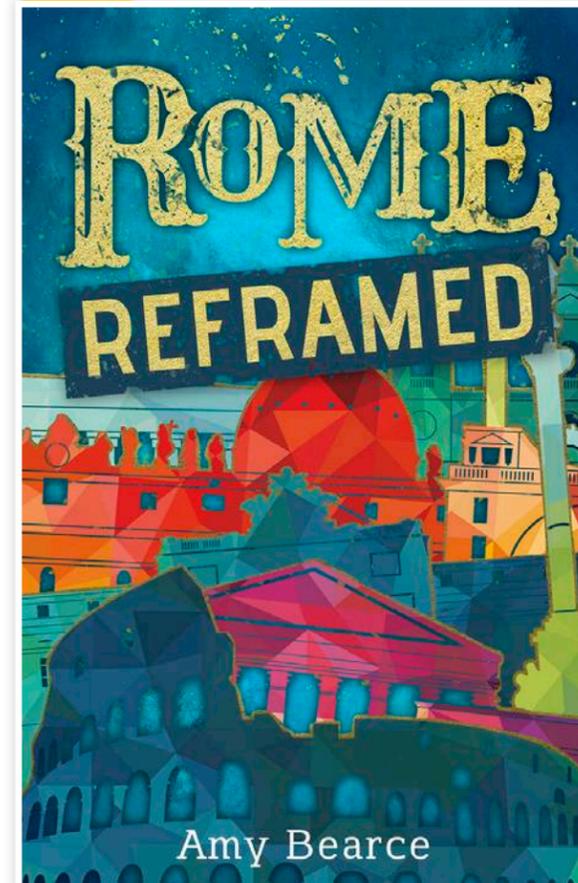
Home State: Arizona



ROME REFRAMED

by Amy Bearce

NEW!



A Wish & Wander Book

Lucas Duran has been on the trip of a lifetime—six months traveling through Europe with his parents and two younger brothers. That is, the trip of a lifetime for someone else. Lucas wants nothing more than to be home in Austin, Texas, with his friends, and it shows in his schoolwork that he's been emailing to his teachers. He can't wait to get out of Rome, the last stop on their trip.

When his teachers give him an ultimatum—either turn in a phenomenal last project or you'll fail the eighth grade—Lucas is going to have to decide whether to give up or to give in to the mystery of Rome. And after a cryptic palm reader hands him a weird-looking coin to throw in the Trevi Fountain, Lucas finds himself transported to ancient Rome at each new tourist destination. As his hops back through time become more personal, it seems the magic of Rome is determined to help Lucas gain more than an A+ project, too. Can he fix his future before his time in the past is over?

Warehouse Date: January 5, 2021
Publication Date: February 2, 2021

ISBN: 978-1-63163-516-8
 Format: Trade Paperback Original
 256 pages
 Price: \$11.99 US
 Imprint: Jolly Fish Press
 Age: 10–14
 Trim: 5.25 x 8

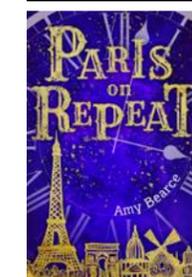
Ebook: 978-1-63163-517-5
 Price: \$9.99 US
 BISAC Code: JUV068000
 JUVENILE FICTION / Travel
 Rights: Audio, English Language Only
 Selling Territory: North America

Amy Bearce writes magical escapes for young readers and the young at heart. She is the author of the World of Aluvia series, *Shortcuts*, and *Paris on Repeat*. She is also a former reading teacher and school librarian. As a military kid, she moved eight times before she was eighteen, so she feels especially fortunate to be married to her high school sweetheart. Together they are raising two daughters in San Antonio. A perfect day for Amy involves rain pattering on the windows, popcorn, and every member of her family curled up in one cozy room reading a good book. You can find Amy online at www.amybearce.com, as well as on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook.

Home State: Texas

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Also by the author



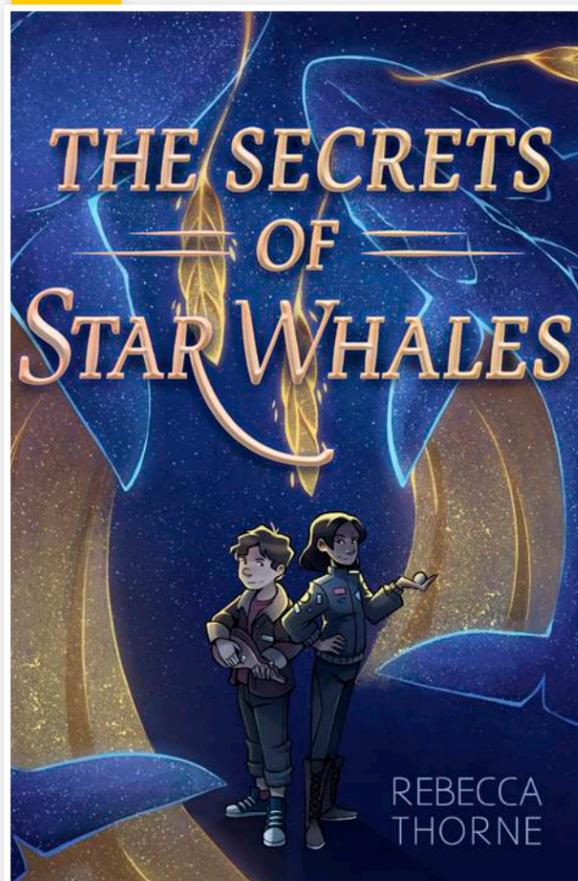
Praise for *Paris on Repeat*

"A great read for military children, kids of divorce, or any middle grade reader who needs encouragement and a reminder that they are capable of more than they realize." —*School Library Journal*

THE SECRETS OF STAR WHALES

by Rebecca Thorne

NEW!



On the small space station Azura, Maxion Belmont is constantly torn between his two passions—engineering and music. Both are hobbies handed down from his father, which is bittersweet since his death two years ago. While his hydrodriver is great for repairing starship parts, his father's old string instrument tugs at the latent grief Max hides from his mom and classmates with each chord he strums.

When a foreign starship appears on the horizon, Azura welcomes their first tourist in years. But there's something weird about Mr. Hames, the stranger-turned-substitute teacher. He has no idea how to teach and keeps raving about the existence of alien creatures in the vacuum of space: star whales.

As Max and the rest of Mr. Hames's class-turned-starship crew begin to uncover the mysteries of the star whales, they discover they aren't the only ones looking for the elusive creatures—and not every whaler has good intentions.

Warehouse Date: February 22, 2021
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ISBN: 978-1-63163-441-3
 Format: Trade Paperback Original
 240 pages
 Price: \$11.99 US
 Imprint: Jolly Fish Press
 Age: 8-14
 Trim: 5.25 x 8

Ebook: 978-1-63163-442-0
 Price: \$9.99 US
 BISAC Code: JUV053020
 JUVENILE FICTION / Science Fiction / Space
 Exploration
 Rights: English Language Only
 Selling Territory: World

The wild **Rebecca Thorne** can be found in her natural habitat: the local coffee shop. She is rarely more than an arm's length from her laptop and her "Becky's" coffee mug. When not in pursuit of caffeine or cracking puns as a flight attendant for Southwest, she prefers to relax with her two dogs, ensconced in her butt-cloud beanbag sofa. Find her online at rebeccathorne.net.

Home State: Arizona

SEA OF KINGS

by Melissa Hope

NEW!



Thirteen-year-old Prince Noa has hated the ocean since the day it caused his mother's death. But staying away from the sea isn't easy on his tropical island home, where he's stuck trying to keep up with his dim-witted and overconfident younger brother Dagan—the brawn to Noa's brains.

When a vengeful pirate lays siege to their home, Noa and Dagan narrowly escape with their lives. Armed with a stolen ship, a haphazardly assembled crew, and a magical map that makes as much sense as slugs in a salt bath, the brothers set sail for the realm's other kingdoms in search of help.

But navigating the sea proves deadlier than Noa's worst fears. To free his home, Noa must solve the map's confusing charts and confront the legendary one-eyed pirate before an evil force spreads across the realm and destroys the very people Noa means to protect.

Warehouse Date: March 29, 2021
Publication Date: April 27, 2021

ISBN: 978-1-63163-443-7
 Format: Trade Paperback Original
 344 pages
 Price: \$12.99 US
 Imprint: Jolly Fish Press
 Age: 8-14
 Trim: 5.25 x 8

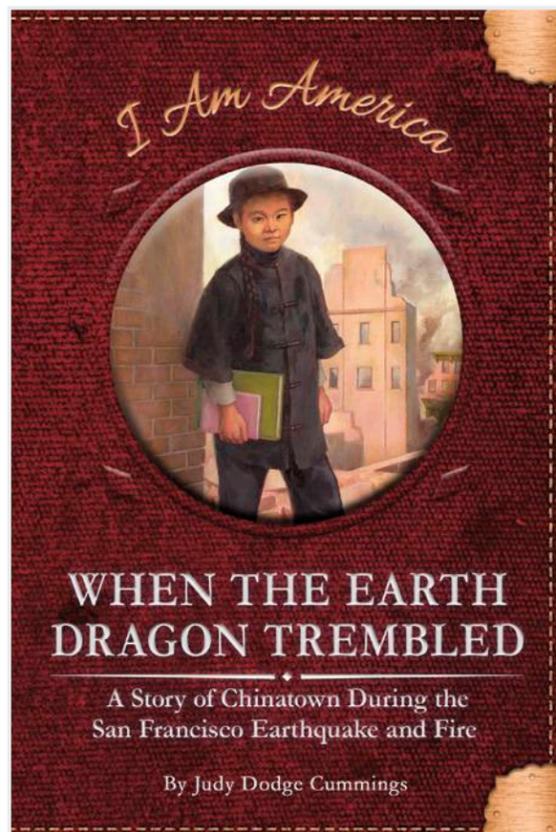
Ebook: 978-1-63163-444-4
 Price: \$9.99 US
 BISAC Code: JUV001020
 JUVENILE FICTION / Action & Adventure /
 Pirates
 Rights: Translation and Audio, All Languages
 Selling Territory: World

Melissa Hope earned her degree in English and is passionate about sharing her knowledge to help writers improve their craft and connect with the writing community. She escaped the frostbite normalcy of Canadian winters to live in Florida with her family, bipolar cat, and growing collection of scuba gear. Visit her website www.authormelissahope.com to watch free writing tutorials.

Home State: Florida

I Am America

by Maya Chhabra and Judy Dodge Cummings | illustrated by Eric Freeberg



It's the storytellers that preserve a nation's history. But what happens when some stories are silenced? The I Am America series features fictional stories based on important historical events from people whose voices have been underrepresented, lost, or forgotten over time.



2 NEW TITLES!

TITLE	LIBRARY BOUND ISBN	PAPERBACK ISBN	EBOOK ISBN	BISAC CODE	CATEGORY
Stranger on the Home Front	978-1-63163-486-4	978-1-63163-487-1	978-1-63163-488-8	JUV016150	JUVENILE FICTION / Historical / United States / 20th Century
When the Earth Dragon Trembled	978-1-63163-490-1	978-1-63163-491-8	978-1-63163-492-5	JUV016150	JUVENILE FICTION / Historical / United States / 20th Century

Hardcover Library Bound: \$19.99 US Library / \$28.50 US List | Paperback: **\$8.99 US**

Ebook: **\$8.99 US** | Trim: 5 x 7.5 | Pages: 160 | Age: 8–12

Rights: Audio, Translation, Dramatic, All Languages | Selling Territory: World

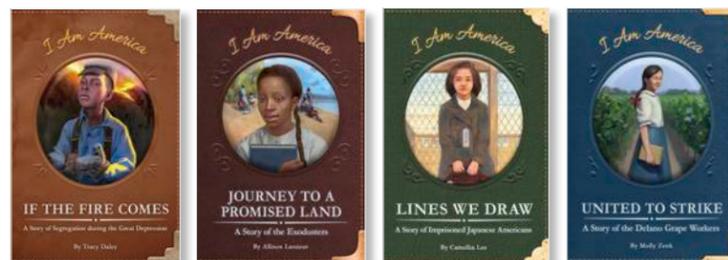
Hardcover Library Bound Set of 2 (978-1-63163-483-3): \$39.98 US Library / \$57.00 US List

Paperback Set of 2 (978-1-63163-484-0): \$17.98 US

Warehouse Date: December 1, 2020

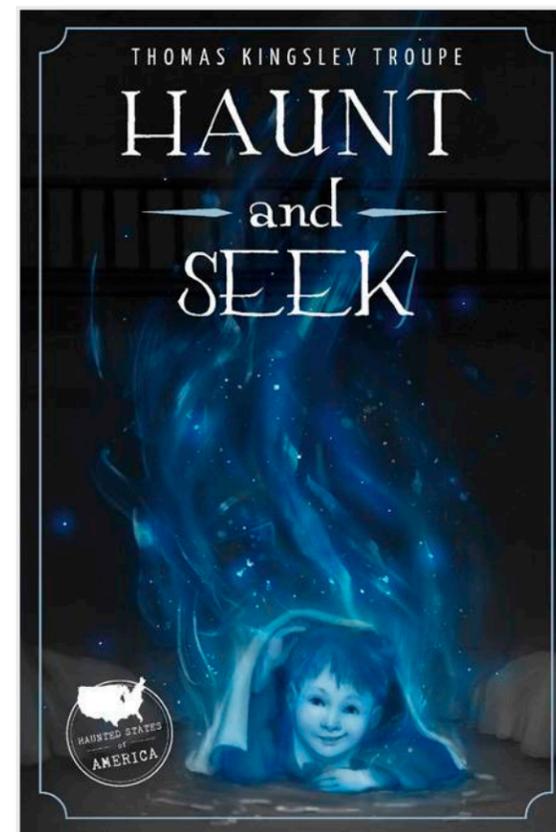
Publication Date: January 1, 2021

More in this series

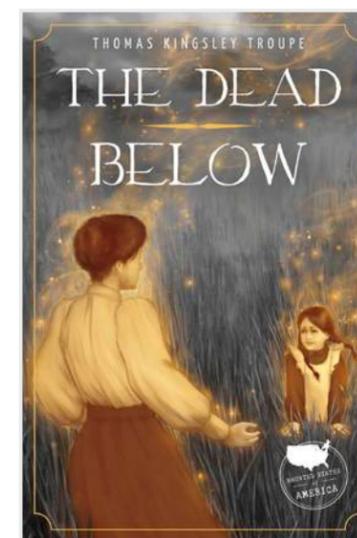


HAUNTED STATES OF AMERICA

by Thomas Kingsley Troupe | illustrated by Maggie Ivy



Every state has its own spine-tingling stories of ghosts and mysterious hauntings grounded in its regional history. The Haunted States of America series uses real-life ghost lore as jumping-off points to new, chilling tales. An author's note provides historical origins and fascinating facts, but beware: sometimes real life is stranger than fiction.



2 NEW TITLES!

TITLE	STATE	LIBRARY BOUND ISBN	PAPERBACK ISBN	EBOOK ISBN	BISAC CODE	CATEGORY
Haunt and Seek	Illinois	978-1-63163-475-8	978-1-63163-476-5	978-1-63163-477-2	JUV069000	JUVENILE FICTION / Ghost Stories
The Dead Below	Pennsylvania	978-1-63163-479-6	978-1-63163-480-2	978-1-63163-481-9	JUV069000	JUVENILE FICTION / Ghost Stories

Hardcover Library Bound: \$18.99 US Library / \$27.13 US List | Paperback: **\$7.99 US**

Ebook: **\$7.99 US** | Trim: 5 x 7.5 | Pages: 136 | Age: 8–12

Rights: Audio, Translation, Dramatic, All Languages | Selling Territory: World

Hardcover Library Bound Set of 2 (978-1-63163-472-7): \$37.98 US Library / \$54.26 US List

Paperback Set of 2 (978-1-63163-473-4): \$15.98 US

Warehouse Date: December 1, 2020

Publication Date: January 1, 2021

More in this series



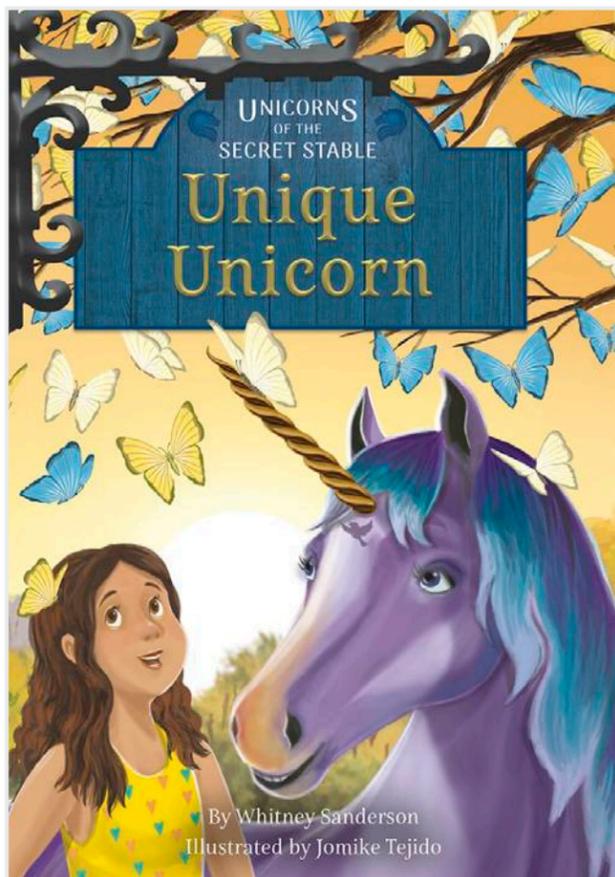


NEW! EARLY CHAPTER BOOKS

Interest Age 6-8

UNICORNS OF THE SECRET STABLE

by Whitney Sanderson | illustrated by Jomike Tejido



There are unicorns behind Magic Moon Stable, but no one except Iris and Ruby knows they exist. As Unicorn Guardians, it is their job to protect the unicorns and their magic to keep them safe from the outside world.



4 NEW TITLES!

Warehouse Date: December 1, 2020

Publication Date: January 1, 2021

TITLE	LIBRARY BOUND ISBN	PAPERBACK ISBN	EBOOK ISBN	BISAC CODE	CATEGORY
Unique Unicorn	978-1-63163-500-7	978-1-63163-501-4	978-1-63163-502-1	JUV002270	JUVENILE FICTION / Animals / Dragons, Unicorns & Mythical
Starberry Magic	978-1-63163-504-5	978-1-63163-505-2	978-1-63163-506-9	JUV002270	JUVENILE FICTION / Animals / Dragons, Unicorns & Mythical
Shadow Stallion	978-1-63163-508-3	978-1-63163-509-0	978-1-63163-510-6	JUV002270	JUVENILE FICTION / Animals / Dragons, Unicorns & Mythical
The Great Unicorn Race	978-1-63163-512-0	978-1-63163-513-7	978-1-63163-514-4	JUV002270	JUVENILE FICTION / Animals / Dragons, Unicorns & Mythical

Hardcover Library Bound: \$18.99 US Library / \$25.32 US List | Paperback: **\$4.99 US**

Ebook: **\$4.99 US** | Trim: 5.25 x 7.5 | Pages: 72 | Age: 6-8

Rights: Audio, Translation, Dramatic, All Languages | Selling Territory: World

Hardcover Library Bound Set of 4 (978-1-63163-496-3): \$75.96 US Library / \$101.28 US List

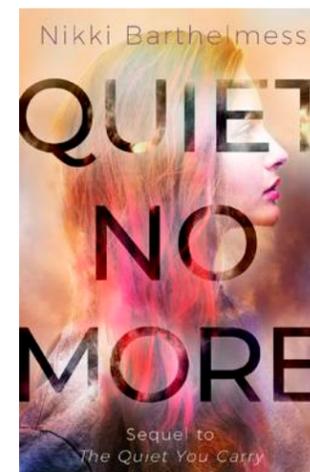
Paperback Set of 4 (978-1-63163-497-0): \$19.96 US

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Quiet No More

Nikki Barthelmess

978-1-63583-063-7 • \$14.99

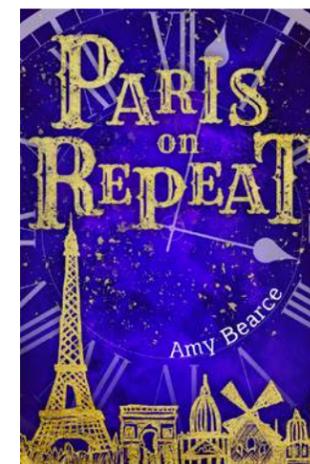
Trade paperback original • 5.25 x 8 • 360 pages

College freshman Victoria Parker is moving on with her life after surviving her father's sexual abuse and six months of foster care. She's navigating the adult sphere for the first time and balancing old friendships with new adventures. But when Victoria's long-lost aunt shows up, asking Victoria to lie about her father's assault so he'll get a lighter sentence, Victoria's fractured past collides with campus politics as she figures out whether and how to share her truth as a survivor.

"A sensitive and satisfying story of surviving sexual abuse."—Kirkus Reviews



Also by the author



Paris on Repeat

Wish & Wander

Amy Bearce

978-1-63163-437-6 • \$11.99

Trade Paperback Original • 5.25 x 8 • 224 pages

Stuck in a time loop in Paris, fourteen-year-old Eve Hollis has to take big risks to discover what trapped her there, or she'll have to live the most awkwardly painful day of her life over and over again, forever.

"A great read for military children, kids of divorce, or any middle grade reader who needs encouragement and a reminder that they are capable of more than they realize."—School Library Journal



Skycircus

The Cogheart Adventures

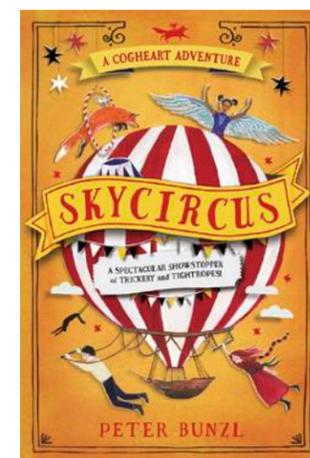
Peter Bunzl

978-1-63163-431-4 • \$12.99

Trade Paperback Original • 5 x 8 • 432 pages

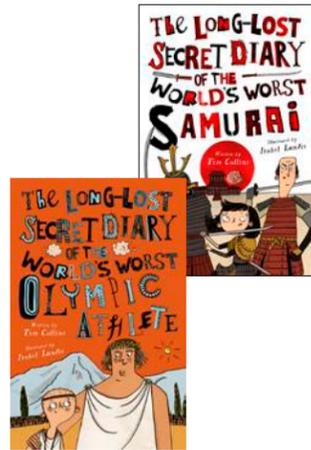
When a traveling skycircus arrives in town, Lily and Robert can't wait to step aboard. But something sinister lurks there. And before Lily and Robert can do anything, they're captured and whisked off in the mysterious flying circus to somewhere far, far away...

★ "Full of dark thrills and derring-do... a rollicking adventure story."—Foreword Reviews



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Long-Lost Secret Diaries

Tim Collins

The Long-Lost Secret Diary of the World's Worst Olympic Athlete • 978-1-63163-446-8

The Long-Lost Secret Diary of the World's Worst Samurai • 978-1-63163-450-5

Trade Paperback Original • 5x7.8 • 208 pages

Meet Alexander—a boy living in Athens, Greece, in 380 BC. And meet Suki—a fourteen-year-old girl in sixteenth-century Japan. The hilarious Long-Lost Secret Diary series puts readers inside the heads of unlucky people in unfortunate situations. The accessible, irreverent stories will keep young readers laughing as they learn the importance of not being afraid to learn from their mistakes.



The Unwritten series, Books 1 and 2

Tara Gilboy

Unwritten • 978-1-63163-177-1 • \$11.99

Rewritten • 978-1-63163-433-8 • \$11.99

Trade paperback original • 5.25 x 8

Twelve-year-old storybook character Gracie Freeman lives in the real world but longs to discover what happened in the story she came from. When she finally gets her chance, the truth isn't what she was expecting.

"Gilboy carefully balances tension with thoughtfulness, creating an intriguing tale that explores our desire to be the heroes of our own stories."—*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books* review of *Unwritten*

"Gilboy skillfully depicts Gracie's fears . . . as she strives to do the right thing in the surprisingly complex continuation of this ongoing series. Recommended."—*School Library Journal* review of *Rewritten*



Story Magic

Laurel Gale

978-1-63163-439-0 • \$11.99

Trade Paperback Original • 5.25 x 8 • 224 pages

Twelve-year-old Kaya must harness the power of story magic—confronting her society's bias against female magic wielders and her own internalized fear that her magic will cause bad luck—to save her brother and find herself.

"Gale quickly creates a fantastical world . . . maintains focus and ensures that the story is easy for young readers to follow. Recommended."—*School Library Journal*

"A coming-of-age adventure whose heroine may have to grow up fast, but does so on her own terms."—*Foreword Reviews*



Doggie Daycare Set 2

Carol Kim

Barking Bella • 978-1-63163-457-4

Muddy Mutt • 978-1-63163-461-1

One Trick Puppy • 978-1-63163-465-9

Tank's Forever Home • 978-1-63163-469-7

Trade Paperback Original • 6x9 • 48 pages

Doggie Daycare is open for business. Join siblings Shawn (9) and Kat (7) Choi as they start their own pet-sitting service out of their San Francisco home. Every dog they meet has its own special personality, sending the kids on fun (and furry) adventures all over the city!



Finding Balance

Kati Gardner

978-1-63583-052-1 • \$ 11.99

Trade Paperback Original • 5.25 x 8 • 344 pages

Teenage cancer survivors Jase and Mari learn how to move on with their lives after cancer as they struggle to understand their differing experiences.

★ "Plenty of heartbreak and joy shape this compelling story, as well as reminders to find balance in our own lives."—*Booklist*

"Gardner, an amputee and cancer survivor, realistically tackles such tough issues as the massive costs of health care, the fear of relapse, and pressure to appear nondisabled."—*Kirkus Reviews*



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The Vinyl Underground

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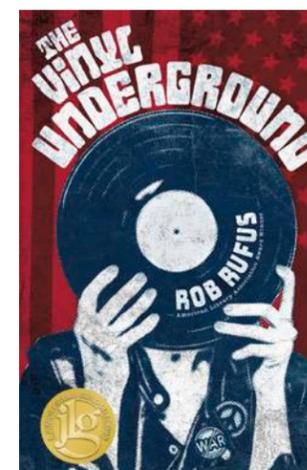
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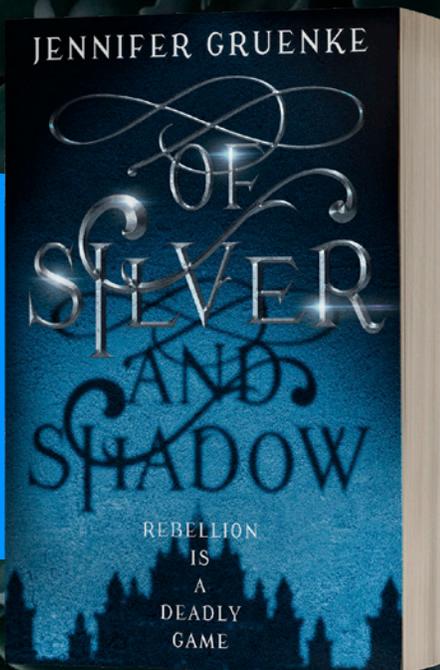
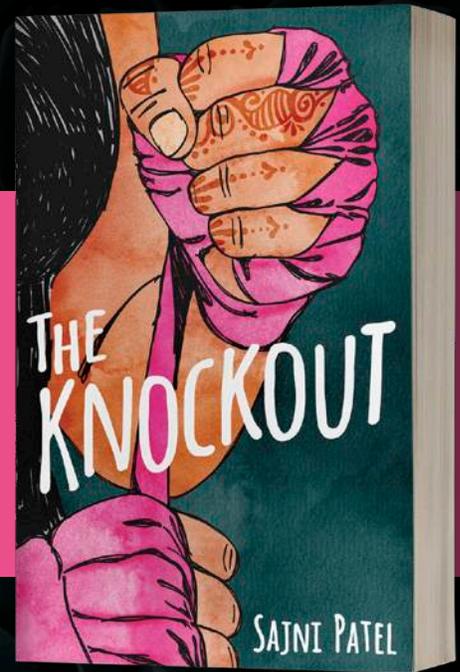
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