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YA/MIDDLE GRADE FANTASY: HIGHLIGHTS

THE DARK TIMES OF NIMBLE NOTTINGHAM

Ryan James Black

Set during World War II, a twelve-year-old orphan who accidentally unleashes a shadow monster onto the streets of London must team up with unlikely allies to hunt it down.

Surviving on the streets of World War II London alone certainly hasn't been easy, but NIMBLE NOTTINGHAM has perfected the art of going it alone—and that's just how he likes it. The only friend he needs is his beloved dog, WINNIE. To pass the time between rolling blackouts and bombs falling through the air, Nim spends his days fence-climbing, roof-jumping, and gargoyle-perching... that is when he's not scrounging for food to stave off the ever-present hunger the war has brought to London.

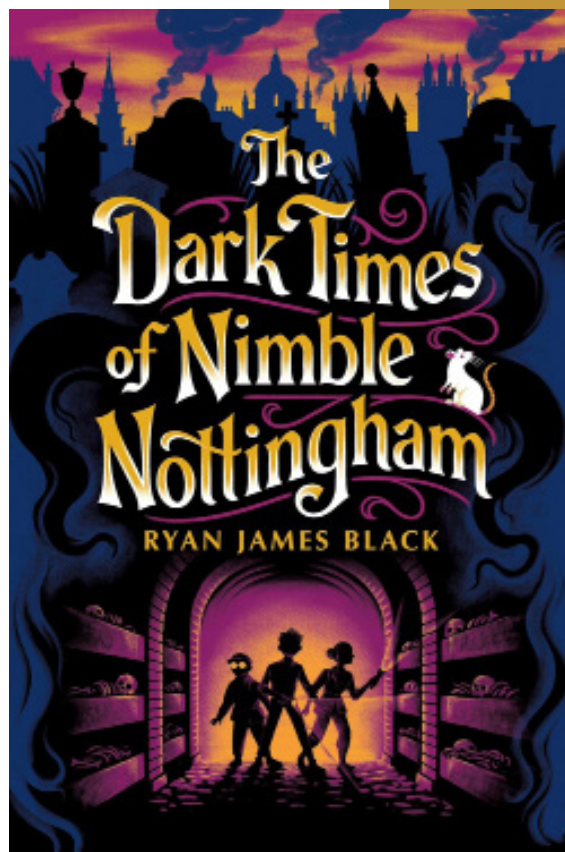
So when opportunity strikes in the form of a bomb falling onto the notoriously creepy Gravenhurst Manor, Nim knows he has to get inside and find whatever spoils he can get his hands on to sell for food. Get in. Get out. Quick as a flash. At least, that was the plan until Mouse—a member of a local street gang called the Dead End Kids—shows up and invites himself along for the heist. Inside, Mouse and Nim encounter far more than just crumbling walls and shattered windows. Beneath Gravenhurst Manor lies a secret room and inside that room is a locked safe. Nim, inspired by the Hardy Boys adventures he used to read at Waifs and Strays orphanage, knows that something this protected has to be valuable, and so he cracks the safe and unknowingly unleashes a monster. A shadow creature is now loose on the streets of London, and it's up to Nim, Mouse, and a band of unattended children to end its reign of terror.

Praise for THE DARK TIMES OF NIMBLE NOTTINGHAM:

"The twists and surprises just keep on coming. My kind of book!"— R.L. Stine, author of Goosebumps and Fear Street



Ryan James Black is a writer from Manitoba, Canada, where he lives with his wife, two children, and a Jumanji's worth of pets. When not writing or reading, Ryan enjoys travelling, watching scary movies with all the lights on, and exploring the Great Outdoors with his family.



Publisher: PRH/Nancy Paulsen Books

Release Date: August 26, 2025

Genre: YA/MG Fantasy

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HOLLY

Adalyn Grace

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Adalyn Grace comes a mysterious and magical holiday novella set in the romantic, Gothic-infused world of BELLADONNA.

Something strange is happening at Wisteria Gardens, the manor that BLYTHE and ARIS call home. All they want is a peaceful holiday season with their family, but a group of restless spirits is determined to threaten their festivities. With a new mystery to solve, Signa, Death, Blythe, and Fate must uncover what happened to Wisteria's ghostly inhabitants and help the spirits move on...before it's too late.

Praise for the BELLADONNA series:

"Darkly twisted and deliciously gothic, BELLADONNA is the kind of wicked fairy tale I've loved for most of my life. Grace's world is vivid and sexy." —Renée Ahdieh, #1 NYT bestselling author of THE WRATH & THE DAWN

"A deliciously deadly gothic romance. Full of poisonous deeds, spectacular secrets, and dark mysteries. BELLADONNA is a hauntingly atmospheric read, with an absolutely fantastic ending that will leave readers begging for more." —Stephanie Garber, #1 NYT bestselling author of ONCE UPON A BROKEN HEART

"Decadently atmospheric. This gothic romance is filled with desire, betrayal, and of course, Death." —Kerri Maniscalco, NYT bestselling author of KINGDOM OF THE WICKED



US Publisher: **Little, Brown Books for Young Readers**

UK Publisher: **Gollancz**

Release Date: **September 30, 2025**

Genre: **YA Romance Fantasy**

Book 4 in BELLADONNA Series

Territories Sold: **Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain, Turkey**

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Adalyn Grace is the #1 New York Times, USA Today, and internationally bestselling author of the BELLADONNA series and the ALL THE STARS AND TEETH duology. Prior to becoming a writer, Adalyn studied storytelling as an intern on Nickelodeon Animation's popular series The Legend of Korra. Local to San Diego, she spends her nonwriting days watching too much anime and playing video games with her two dorky dogs.

ADIA KELBARA AND THE HIGH QUEEN'S TOMB

Isi Hendrix

The second book in a fast-paced, witty, and bighearted debut Afrofantasy trilogy about a twelve-year-old apprentice in the kitchens at the prestigious Academy of Shamans who must ally with a snarky goddess and a knife-wielding warrior to save her kingdom.

ADIA KELBARA may have defeated the power-hungry god Olark and saved Zaria, but now she must face something even more terrifying: her first semester as a student at the Academy of Shamans. As her abilities are tested during orientation, a mysterious affliction causes everyone except for Adia and Thyme to pass out—and a reanimated corpse appears, with a horrifying message.

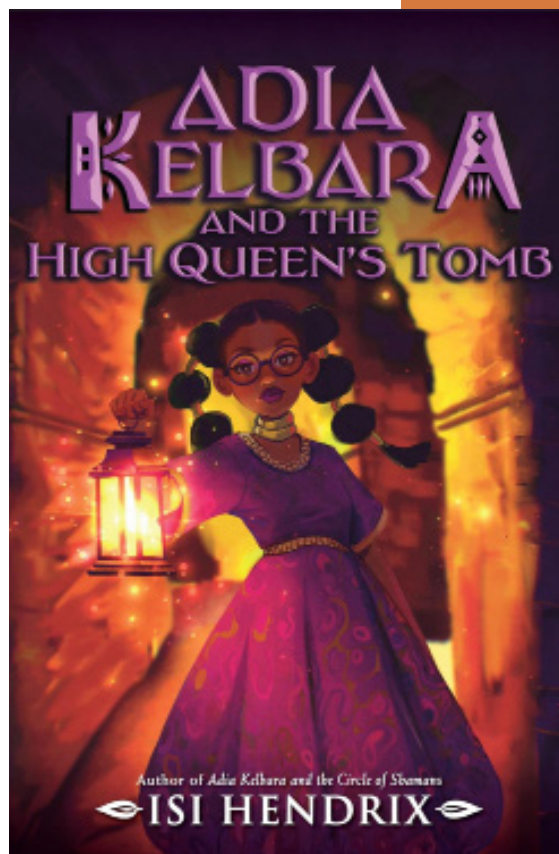
As if that wasn't bad enough, EMPEROR DARIAN sends news that the same phenomenon is happening across the kingdom and that someone is siphoning energy from the living to resurrect corpses, creating cracks between the realms of the living and the dead.

Now it will be up to Adia to push her powers to their limit and journey to the tomb of the ancient High Queen in search of answers and a cure for the sleeping sickness besieging Zaria. But rising corpses aren't the only threats that stand in her way—a new enemy looms, and if Adia can't defeat them, Zaria may soon become another realm of the dead.

Praise for ADIA KELBARA AND THE HIGH QUEEN'S TOMB:

"This book is incredible! With a dazzling cast of characters wrapped up in a rich, imaginative afrofantasy world, Adia's thrilling journey will have you eager to turn the next page!" — B.B. Alston, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Amari and the Night Brothers*

"An immersive, funny, clever fantasy with real emotional depth. I couldn't put it down!" — A.F. Steadman, New York Times bestselling author of *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief*



US Publisher: **Harper/Storytide**

UK Publisher: **Usborne**

Release Date: **June 3, 2025**

Genre: **Middle Grade Fantasy**

Book 2 in the ADIA KELBARA Series

Territories Sold: **France, Russia, Spain**

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Isi Hendrix is a children's book author who has been lucky enough to live and work all over the world, from the Himalayas to the Amazon rainforest, during her past life as an anthropologist. Now she's based in her hometown of Brooklyn, New York, where she lives with a rotating roster of foster kittens and a stubborn refusal to accept that she is highly allergic to cats. Her debut novel, *Adia Kelbara and the Circle of Shamans*, received a starred review from ALA Booklist and was nominated for an NAACP Image Award.

THE SUN AND THE STARMAKER

Rachel Griffin

From the New York Times bestselling author of *THE NATURE OF WITCHES* comes a whimsical and sweeping romantic fantasy. Nestled deep in the snowy mountains of the Lost Range, the village of Reverie is a small miracle. Beyond the reach of the Sun, Reverie is dependent upon the magic of the mysterious Starmaker: every morning, he trudges across a vast glacier and pulls in sunlight over the peaks, providing the village with the light it needs to survive.

AURORA FINCH grew up on tales of the Starmaker's magic, never imagining she'd one day meet him. But on the morning of her wedding, a fateful encounter in the frostbitten woods changes everything. The Starmaker senses a powerful magic within her and demands she come study under his guidance. With her newfound abilities tied to the survival of the village, Aurora is swept away to his ice-covered castle and far from everything she's ever known.

The Starmaker is as cold and distant as the mountain itself, leaving Aurora to explore his enchanted castle alone. Yet the more she discovers about the sorcerer, the stronger their attraction grows, pulling her closer to the secrets he refuses to share. But a deadly frost approaches and Aurora must uncover what the Starmaker is hiding before she is left in an endless winter that even the Sun cannot touch.

Praise for *THE SUN AND THE STARMAKER*:

"A whimsical and wondrously clever fairytale with a brightly burning romance that will leave you breathless."
— Stephanie Garber, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Once Upon a Broken Heart*

"Utterly enchanting. Rachel Griffin's latest is a spell spun from whimsy." — Adalyn Grace, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Belladonna*

"Aching romantic, undeniably swoony, and completely enchanting, Griffin has spun a fairytale for a new generation." — Sasha Peyton Smith, New York Times bestselling author of *The Rose Bargain*



Publisher: **Sourcebooks**

Release Date: **February 17, 2026**

Genre: **YA Romance Fantasy
Standalone**

Territories Sold: **Spain**

Rights Contact: **Kathryn Toolan**



Rachel Griffin is the New York Times bestselling author of *THE NATURE OF WITCHES*, *WILD IS THE WITCH*, and *BRING ME YOUR MIDNIGHT*. When she isn't writing, you can find her wandering the Pacific Northwest, reading by the fire, or drinking copious amounts of coffee and tea. She lives in the Seattle area with her husband, dog, and growing collection of houseplants.

BREAK WIDE THE SEA

Sara Holland

In New York Times bestselling author Sara Holland's new novel, **BREAK WIDE THE SEA**, a young woman cursed with a fatal heartbreak-induced sickness must race against time to find a cure and protect her family legacy from the ancient finfolk that would destroy it, the fiancé that would kill her for it, and the boy who would love her if she forsook it.

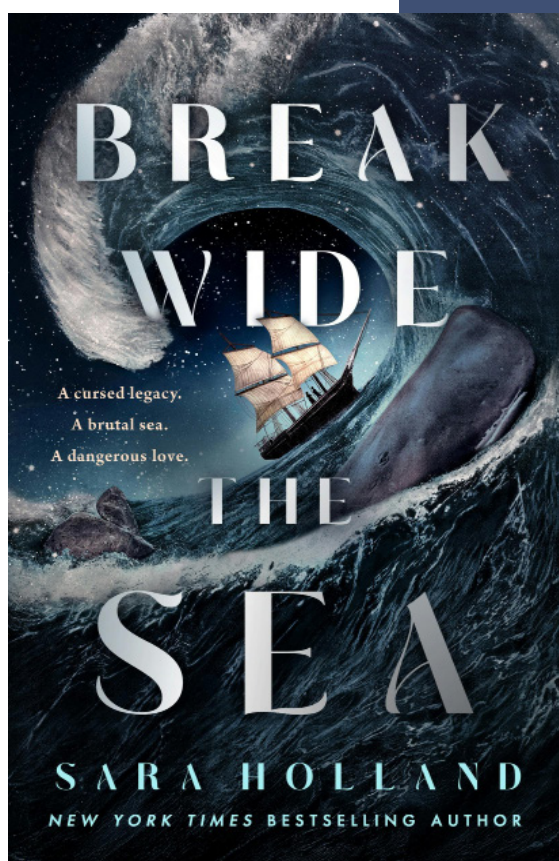
In the treacherous waters surrounding Kirkrell, sailors hunting magic whales live in fear of the finfolk—bloodthirsty sea fae who sink ships and curse bloodlines. Nineteen-year-old ANNIE, as heir to the city's preeminent whaling company, is determined to carry on her parents' life's work. But she keeps a secret from everyone: she's cursed to transform into a monster, with scales spreading up her arms and claws growing from her fingertips.

Her fiancé AUGUST offers comfort, but their love falls apart when Annie discovers his plan to take over the company. Desperate, Annie makes a deal with SILAS PRICE, a young captain rumored to be half-finfolk. He says he knows how to break the curse—but only if Annie promises to stop the practice of whaling forever.

As Annie, August and Silas sail north, Annie wrestling with her family's legacy, the threat of the finfolk and August's ambitions increasingly force her to put her trust in Silas. Yet Silas has secrets of his own, and they might be the most dangerous of all.

Praise for BREAK WIDE THE SEA:

"BREAK WIDE THE SEA is a spellbinding nautical tale of love, grief, and decisions that make us human. With lyrical writing that is as mesmerizing as the tides, Annie's story will not only hold your heart captive and steal your breath—you'll be thinking of it long after that devastating last line."
—Rebecca Ross, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Divine Rivals*



Publisher: **Wednesday Books**
Release Date: **November 11, 2025**
Genre: **YA Fantasy**
Book 1 in the BREAK WIDE THE SEA Duology

Territories Sold: **France, Spain**

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Sara Holland is the author of *HAVENFALL* and the New York Times bestsellers *EVERLESS* and *EVERMORE*. She grew up in small-town Minnesota and has held jobs in a tea shop, a dentist's office, and a state capitol building, to name a few. She now lives in New York, where she can be found exploring bookstores or finding new ways to put caffeine in her bloodstream.

QUEEN OF FACES

Petra Lord

In a world where the wealthy and powerful buy and swap bodies like clothes, an impoverished girl faces an impossible choice: become an assassin for the enchanted elite or watch her decaying body draw its last breath. For fans of Leigh Bardugo, Lev Grossman, and R.F. Kuang.

ANABELLE GAGE is trapped in a male body, and it's rotting from the inside out. But Ana can't afford to escape her tattered form, even as the wealthiest in Caimor buy and discard expensive designer bodies without a thought. When she fails the entrance exam to the prestigious Paragon Academy, her last hope of earning a new body implodes. Now without options, Ana must use her illusion magic to try to steal a second chance at life.

But Ana is caught by none other than the headmaster of Paragon Academy, who poses a brutal ultimatum: face execution for her crime or become a mercenary at his command. Revolt brews in Caimor's smog-choked underworld, and the wealthy and powerful will stop at nothing to take down the rebels and the infamous dark witch at their helm, the Black Wraith.

With no choice but to accept, Ana will steal, fight, and kill her way to salvation. But her survival depends on a dangerous band of renegades: an impulsive assassin, a brooding bombmaker, and an alluring exile who might just spell her ruin. As Ana is drawn into a tangled web of secrets, the line between villain and hero shatters—and Ana must decide which side is worth dying for.

Praise for QUEEN OF FACES:

"The ruthless, remarkable world you've been waiting for."
—Chloe Gong, #1 New York Times-bestselling author of These Violent Delights

"A twisty, dark academia fantasy full of heart, with rich worldbuilding and a heroine whom you want to succeed in every way." —Marie Lu, #1 New York Times-bestselling author of Skyhunter



US Publisher: **Henry Holt Books for Young Readers**

UK Publisher: **Harper Fire**

Release Date: **February 3, 2026**

Genre: **YA Fantasy**

Book 1 in QUEEN OF FACES Trilogy

Territories Sold: **Brazil, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain, Ukraine**

Rights Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Petra Lord is a biracial trans author. She has a BFA in TV Writing from New York University, which she uses to recommend Netflix shows to her parents and predict the endings of Marvel movies. She's currently based in Los Angeles, where she feeds her addiction to Korean barbecue and sustains herself with videos of her cat. QUEEN OF FACES is her debut novel.

SONG OF THE YELLOW DRAGON

Ying Ping Low

Two children search for a legendary dragon's magic in this enchanting middle grade fantasy. There is a secret that every child knows: Magic is real. But by the time children turn thirteen, they forget that magic is anything but make-believe.

MENGYAO wants to remember. Born in a village nestled in a secluded vale, Mengyao wants to hold on to magic and become a Divine Healer. But with her thirteenth birthday fast approaching, she is losing hope.

Young emperor KAI is on the run from traitorous advisors. He's searching for the fabled Dragon's Pulse, a magic capable of defeating his enemies. On the brink of his thirteenth birthday, Kai doesn't have much longer. So when he meets Mengyao—the girl whose name is mentioned in his legend—he forces aside his instinctual distrust and recruits her to help him on his quest.

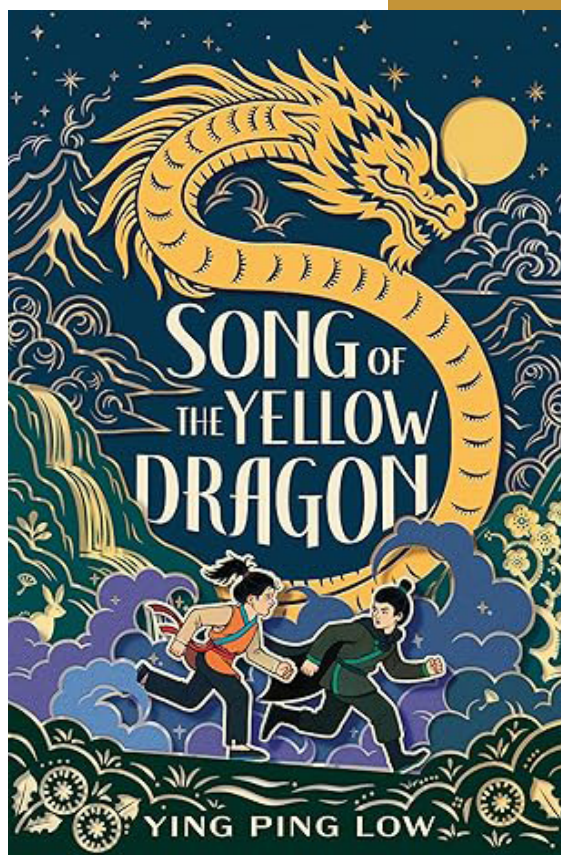
On their perilous journey, Kai and Mengyao find aid in unexpected forms like a jade hare, a moon goddess, and a handful of promises. But as enemies close in and time runs out, secrets that will reshape the fate of their kingdom forever come to light.

Praise for SONG OF THE YELLOW DRAGON:

"Low spins a tale that feels at once fresh and timeless, creating a world that readers will never want to leave."—Katie Zhao, author of *The Dragon Warrior* and *Winnie Zeng* series

"Whimsical, lyrical, and effortlessly readable." — Kyla Zhao, author of *May the Best Player Win*

"I laughed, I cried, and I gasped more than once—an absolute masterpiece!" — Isi Hendrix, author of *Adia Kelbara* and *the Circle of Shamans*



Publisher: **Putnam Books for Young Readers**

Release Date: **May 12, 2026**

Genre: **YA/MG Fantasy Standalone**

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Ying Ping Low has published multiple middle grade novels in Singapore. Her novels have won the Singapore Book Award and been shortlisted for the Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award and the Popular Readers' Choice Award. While she has also received acclaim for her poems and short stories, novels are her preferred form of writing. *Song of the Yellow Dragon* will be her first novel published into the US market. Ying Ping lives in Singapore, where she picked up crocheting just before the pandemic and has never stopped since.

GEORGIE SUMMERS AND THE SCRIBES OF SCATTERPLOT

Isaac Rudansky

THE ORIGINALLY SELF-PUBLISHED #1 AMAZON BESTSELLER, SOON TO BE RE-RELEASED. In a world where fiction is a crime, young Georgie Summers must write a story to save everyone he loves...

When twelve-year-old Georgie Summers isn't cooking dinner for his sick dad or trying to survive middle school bullies, you'll find him in his backyard, slingshot in hand, nailing soda cans from 200 feet out ... probably the only sixth grader who could pull off a shot like that.

Sure, life for Georgie is a little lonely, but at least it makes sense. That is, until a terrifying man—a man dressed in shiny black boots and bugs crawling out of a hole in his neck—climbs through a portal in midair and kidnaps Georgie's father.

Completely alone and not to mention scared out of his wits, Georgie quickly teams up with two unlikely allies: Apurva Aluwhalia, an aspiring astronomer and just about the prettiest girl in school (in all of New York as far as Georgie is concerned), and Roscoe Harris, a self-proclaimed YouTube sensation with a whopping fourteen bored subscribers. But hey, big dreams, right?

Together, they stumble into Scatterplot, a hidden realm where mysterious Scribes record the memories of everyone on Earth. Without the Scribes, people would forget everything ... they'd lose their minds. Literally. And evil Flint Eldritch plans to destroy those very memories, erasing everyone Georgie has ever loved. Armed with nothing but courage, friendship, and a magical but extremely dangerous pen, Georgie must race against time to save not just his dad ... but the minds of everyone on Earth.

... including yours.

In this exhilarating middle-grade debut, perfect for fans of PERCY JACKSON and HARRY POTTER, author Isaac Rudansky spins a heart-pounding adventure of courage, hope, and the power of friendship to lift you from the depths of loneliness and despair.



US Publisher: **Sourcebooks**
Release Date: **TBD**
Genre: **Middle Grade Fantasy**
Book 1 in the GEORGIE SUMMERS Trilogy

Rights Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Isaac Rudansky once got suspended in seventh grade for turning in a short story instead of a Social Studies report, but he never stopped writing. He and his wife live in Long Island with their quartet of little anarchists who operate on a sugar-based economy where candy is the only legal tender. Isaac's withdrawal to the realm of writing isn't just escapism; it's a tactical retreat from those pint-sized insurgents.

MAGES, MURDER, MAYHEM

James Trevino & Elizabeth Sagan

NEW BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT

Perfect for fans of Naomi Novik, Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé, and Netflix's *ELITE*, this explosive YA fantasy-thriller is **ONE OF US IS LYING** set at magic school, authored by beloved book influencers James Trevino and Elizabeth Sagan.

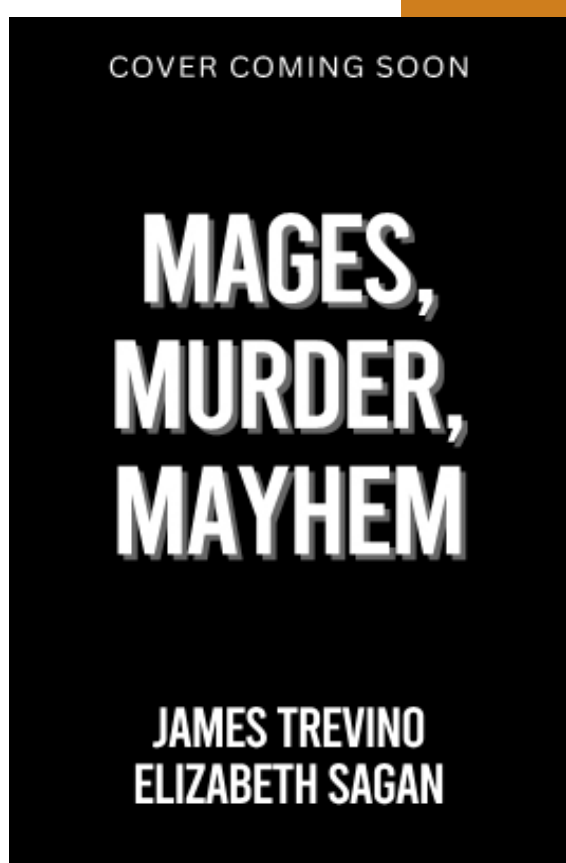
In seven days, XENA WYCOMB will be dead.

Fifteen-year-old ALICE is not popular at Deepgrove, the elite magic academy she attends, and she knows that her strange, secret premonitions will only earn her more ridicule if discovered. But when Alice tries to use her vision to cheat on a test, she instead foresees the death of her classmate Xena, and the catastrophic war that Xena's unsolved murder will ignite.

Despite Alice's warnings, Xena meets her predicted demise, leaving Alice and three other classmates to discover the grim scene of her murder. There's Christopher, the ex-boyfriend Xena cheated on and heir to MagTech, the world's biggest magical corporation; Delvy, the traitorous former best friend embroiled in a scandal of her own; Xena's new boyfriend Ben, a mage born without magic with family secrets to hide; and of course, Alice herself, the odd girl with a snake familiar.

As suspicion falls on each of them, Alice must find a way to convince the others to work with her to uncover the truth behind Xena's death—even if the investigation points to one of their own—or else risk a war that could end them all. But the more Alice works to change the future, the more sinister secrets come crawling out of the past. And with them, long brewing tensions come to a boil...between those who prefer olden magic and those who embrace magical technological progress, and between those born with magic and those born without it—Voids, like Ben.

Alice is in a race against the clock to solve a murder and stop a war—but the harder she works to prevent a ruinous future, the more she wonders if she's playing directly into its hand...



US Publisher: **Sourcebooks**
 UK Publisher: **Simon & Schuster UK**
 Release Date: **Spring 2027**
 Genre: **YA Fantasy Thriller**
Book 1 in MAGES MURDER MAYHEM Series

Territories Sold: **Brazil, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Spain**

Rights Contact: Kathryn Toolan

James Trevino was born and raised in Romania, where he earned a law degree before realizing his true passion lay in the creative field. He enjoys writing about magical societies with dark undertones and imperfect people striving to do their best in bad situations. When he's not writing, James can be found listening to creepypastas, watching fantasy and sci-fi shows, or exploring history—all in the company of his cat familiar, Wanda.

Elizabeth Sagan was born and raised in Romania, where she has been writing stories filled with magic and epic battles for as long as she can remember. On her social media pages, she promotes reading through artistic images and humorous videos inspired by her love for fantasy books. When she's not reading or writing, she rescues birds.

BONES AT THE CROSSROADS

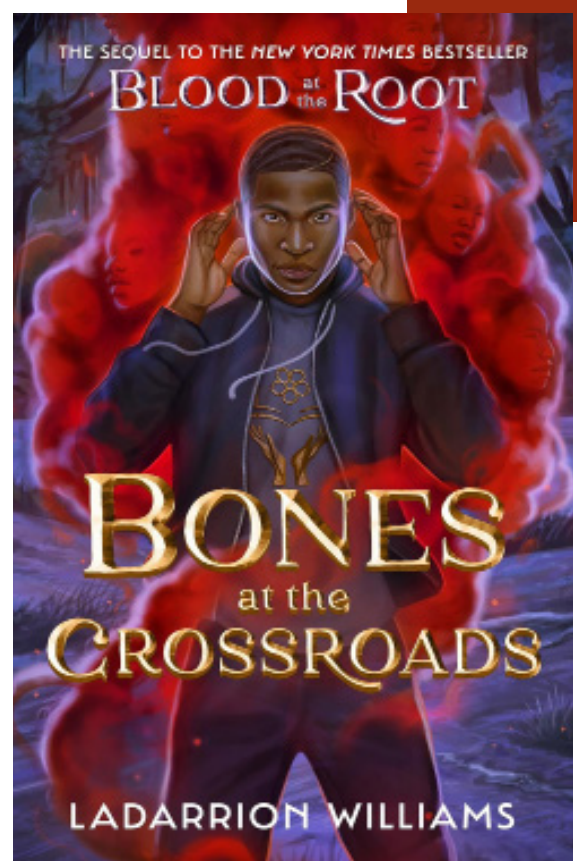
LaDarrion Williams

In the sequel to the “unforgettable” (People), New York Times bestselling fantasy debut BLOOD AT THE ROOT, a Black teenager with magical powers returns to Caiman University only to find new dangers and new secrets.

It's Homecoming season at Caiman University, and all 17-year-old MALIK BARON wants to do is be a regular college student...or as regular as he can get at a magical HBCU for young, Black Conjurers. He's ready to go to parties, hang out with his new friends, choose a major, and talk to girls. Instead, he's reeling from a summer of revelations, heartbreak and betrayal, and still uncovering the truth about his powers and his legacy.

The family he only just discovered is already fractured beyond repair, and a new relative who shows up on his doorstep brings even more questions. Then there's the mother he risked everything to find, who might be the biggest threat to the life he's trying to build. To protect his new community, Malik joins an elite secret society with roots in ancient magic.

His journey takes him even deeper into his own heritage and the history of the magical world, while bringing him closer to a classmate whose friendship might mean something more, if Malik is ready to let her in. But how can he use powers he can't even control to defend a world he's not sure will ever fully accept him? And as the pressure and danger builds, will he be able to confront the deepening cracks within the magical society, and those building within himself?



US Publisher: **PRH/Labyrinth Road**
Release Date: **July 29, 2025**
Genre: **YA Fantasy**
Book 2 in BLOOD AT THE ROOT Series

Rights Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Hailing from the small town of Helena, Alabama, LaDarrion Williams is a self-taught playwright, filmmaker, author, and screenwriter committed to shaping a new era of Black fantasy. LaDarrion has directed three short films featured on YouTube and made his mark as a debut author with BLOOD AT THE ROOT, a New York Times and USA Today Bestseller. Through storytelling across multiple mediums, he continues to craft narratives that amplify Black voices, history, and imagination.

THE DRAGON AND THE SUN LOTUS

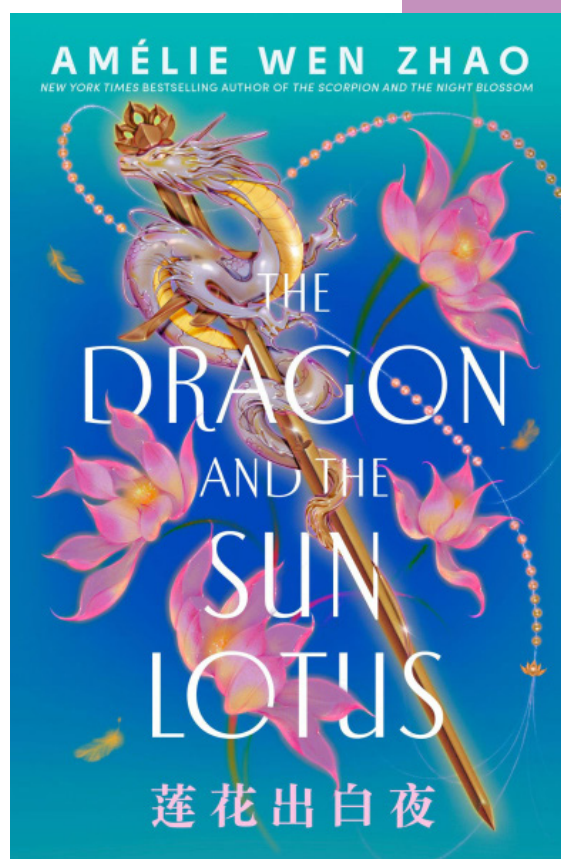
Amélie Wen Zhao

In the breathtaking sequel to *THE SCORPION AND THE NIGHT BLOSSOM*, the battle has just begun. With Àn'yīng's kingdom teetering on the brink of destruction, and amidst a budding forbidden romance, she must now risk everything to protect her world.

A decade ago, the Kingdom of Night began the war against the Kingdom of Rivers, ravaging the lands and releasing mó—beautiful, ravenous demons—to roam free, drinking the souls of mortals. Now the mó have made it beyond the magical wards of the immortal realm—the Kingdom of Sky—and will not stop until the entire world falls to darkness.

ÀN'YĪNG is determined to banish the mó to their realm and return the mortal realm to peace. But a stunning betrayal has turned the tides of this war: Her handsome rival from the Immortality Trials and the man she was falling in love with, Yù'chén, is now the enemy. Yù'chén is half mó, his mother none other than Sansiran, the Demon Queen of the Kingdom of Night... and the monster responsible for killing Àn'yīng's father.

There is one hope for the future, though. The boy in the jade—Àn'yīng's lifelong mystery guardian and heir to the last mortal Emperor—Hào'yáng. Together, Àn'yīng and Hào'yáng must join forces to rally an army that stretches across realms, from the Four Seas of the Dragons to the Phoenixes of the Golden Desert. But first she must awaken to the immortal power slumbering in her own veins.



US Publisher: **PRH/Delacorte**

UK Publisher: **Harper Voyager**

Release Date: **March 3, 2026**

Genre: **YA Fantasy**

Book 2 in the THREE REALMS Duology

Territories Sold: **France, Germany, Russia, Spain**

Rights Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Amélie Wen Zhao is the New York Times, Sunday Times, and internationally bestselling author of *THE SCORPION AND THE NIGHT BLOSSOM*, *THE SONG OF THE LAST KINGDOM* duology, and the *BLOOD HEIR* trilogy. She was born in Paris and grew up in Beijing, where she spent her days reenacting tales of legendary heroes, ancient kingdoms, and lost magic at her grandmother's courtyard house. She attended college in the United States and now resides in New York City, working as a finance professional by day and fantasy author by night. In her spare time, she loves to travel with her family in China, where she's determined to walk the rivers and lakes of old just like the practitioners in her novels do.

YA/MIDDLE GRADE THRILLERS/MYSTERIES: HIGHLIGHTS

YOUNG WORLD

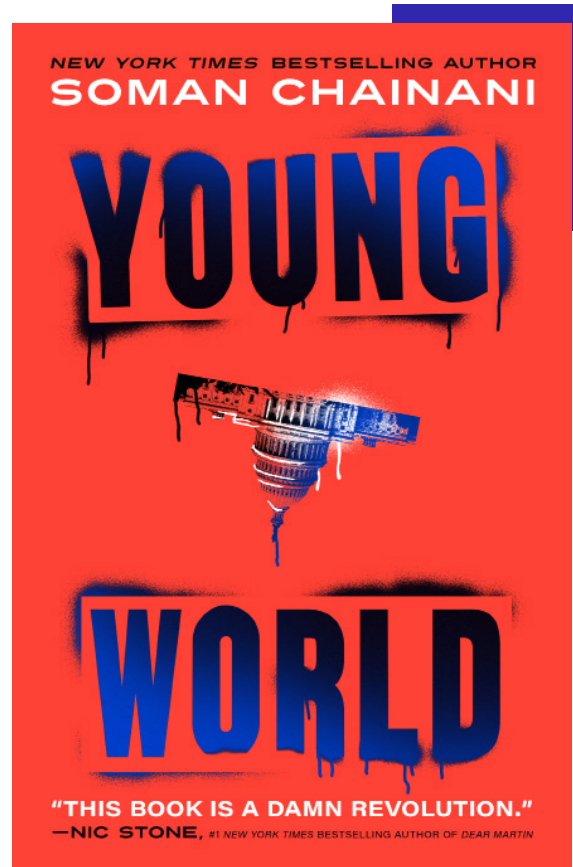
Soman Chainani

From the New York Times bestselling author of **THE SCHOOL FOR GOOD AND EVIL** series comes a renegade thriller, about a teenager elected President of the United States, sparking a global revolution of young leaders — until one of them is murdered and he's the prime suspect. Presented in brilliant neon color, with over 150 nuke-orange visuals, fizzy orange and blue stained edges, full-color designed endpapers and a neon-orange cover case.

America is on the brink of collapse and the youth have lost all faith in their leaders. As a pivotal election approaches, BENTON YOUNG, a high school senior trying to impress a girl, impulsively uploads a video, daring everyone to interfere with the vote and write him in for President. The video explodes online, igniting election chaos and a national revolt, until the Supreme Court intervenes to put Benton in the White House. Galvanized by Benton's rise, more global youth take to the streets, and more governments fall, until eight of the world's most powerful nations are led by teenagers.

When these young leaders convene at their first summit in Sweden, they face the monumental task of setting a new course for history. But the first night, their unity is shattered when a leader is murdered in cold blood... and Benton is the only suspect. Hunted by enemies young and old, he must untangle a deadly web of secrets, betrayal, and power plays — while the future of the world hangs in the balance.

With globe-spanning action, stunning twists, and an electric new brand of storytelling, **YOUNG WORLD** is a heartstopping thriller that asks: what happens when the future really does belong to the young?



US Publisher: **Random House Childrens Books**

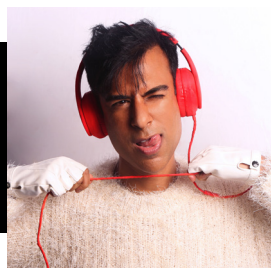
UK Publisher: **Simon & Schuster Childrens**

Release Date: **Spring 2026**

Genre: **YA Mystery/Thriller**
Standalone

Territories Sold: **Czech Republic, Spain**

Rights Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Soman Chainani's six novels in the **SCHOOL FOR GOOD AND EVIL** series each debuted on the New York Times bestseller list. The series has sold over 4.5 million copies, has been translated into 33 languages, and has been adapted into a film by Netflix that debuted at #1 in over 80 countries. His collection of retold fairy tales, **BEASTS AND BEAUTY: DANGEROUS TALES**, was also an instant New York Times bestseller and is in development to be a television series from Sony 3000. Soman is a graduate of Harvard University and received his MFA in film from Columbia University. Every year, he visits schools around the world to speak to kids and share his secret: that reading is the path to a better life.

GRIN

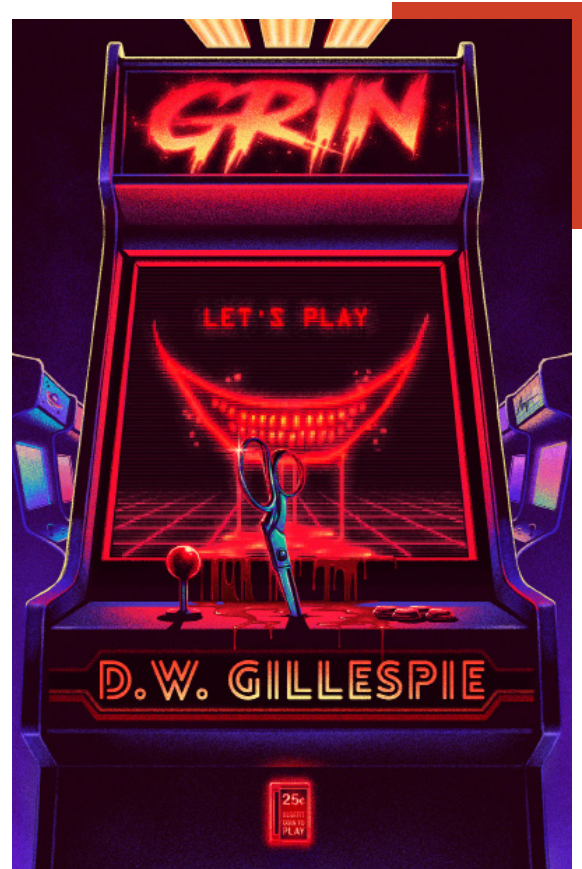
D.W. Gillespie

While spending his summer break at his beloved uncle's vintage-inspired arcade, a twelve-year-old boy crosses paths with a sinister game that has an unsettling effect on everyone who encounters it. When he and a new friend realize that this game is not only haunted by an infamous serial killer, but that this murderous spirit has taken over his uncle's body, they'll have to use all their wits—and a bit of luck—to save the day.

Twelve-year-old DANNY can hardly wait to embark on the summer vacation of his dreams: spending a week at his goofy, fun-loving uncle Bill's enormous arcade, Pixelworks. Shortly after he arrives, Bill presents his latest acquisition: a legendary, horror-themed game called GRIN. There is only one copy of Grin which has been passed among collectors for over 40 years, but never stays in one place for long, leading many to consider it cursed. The game itself is truly ominous, as a wide grin appears on the screen and a voice whispers, "you should smile..."

As Danny plays, the game seems to pull him in, and he almost believes he's become the avatar on the screen, fleeing a mysterious killer. Feeling thoroughly freaked out, Danny decides to take a break and runs into JODI, a girl he used to know in kindergarten. They're delighted to be reunited and are soon playing games and hanging around like they've been friends for years.

But strange things are happening in the arcade: fights are breaking out among anyone near the new game, and Bill begins acting strangely, lashing out and wearing a huge, sinister grin. Danny and Jodi suspect something otherworldly, and very evil, is happening and they set out to solve the mystery.



Publisher: **Delacorte Press**
Release Date: **August 26, 2025**
Genre: **Middle Grade Horror Standalone**

Rights Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Born and raised in Middle Tennessee, D.W. Gillespie has been daydreaming for as long as he can remember. His first short story was in second grade, and it involved (unsurprisingly) monsters wreaking havoc on some unsuspecting victim. Some things never change, and now D.W. writes a healthy mixture of horror, sci-fi, and supernatural fiction. He began writing seriously in 2002, and after winning the MacDougal Award for his short story "The Home", he's since been published many times in print and online. His body of work includes eight novels and dozens of short stories. He still lives in Tennessee with his wife and two kids.

THORNBIRD

E. Kennedy

NEW BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT

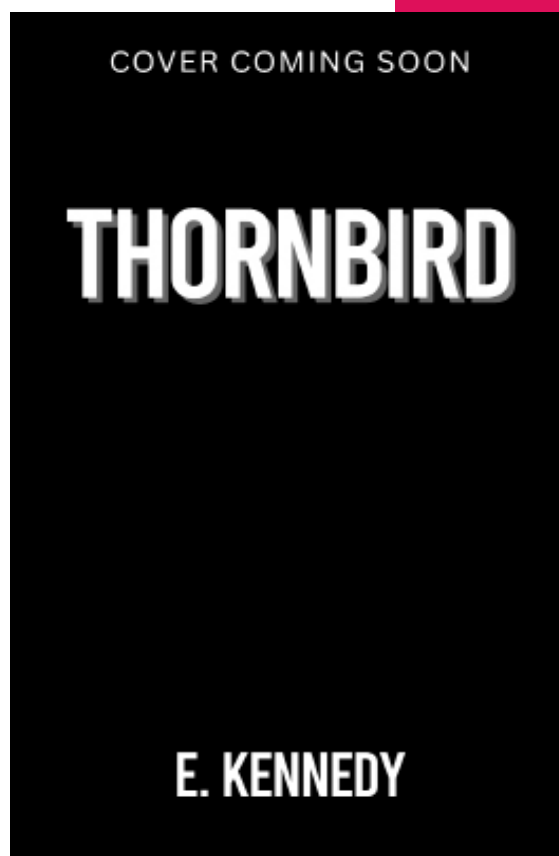
The New York Times bestselling author of **THE DEAL** makes her YA debut writing as E. Kennedy in this highly anticipated thriller about a serial killer's daughter and her race to solve the crimes of her family's past before it's too late.

The world is hunting for answers—but what if the truth leads straight to you?

Ten years after her father—the infamous serial killer Gabriel Thorn—was caught, RYAN SHIPLEY is back in Starling, Tennessee, trying to lay low. No one can know who she really is. No one can know the truth about her past.

But as fresh eyes dig deeper into the case, old secrets refuse to stay buried. Cryptic texts, eerie coincidences, and a chilling note leave everyone wondering—does Ryan know more than she's letting on? As the truth unravels, one thing becomes clear: in a town full of secrets, Ryan might be the biggest mystery of them all.

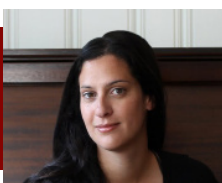
Perfect for fans of Holly Jackson and Jeneva Rose—get ready for a thriller packed with twists you won't see coming.



US Publisher: **Delacorte**
 UK Publisher: **Electric Monkey**
 Release Date: **Fall 2026**
 Genre: **YA Mystery/Thriller**
Standalone

Territories Sold: **Brazil, Bulgaria, Netherlands, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Ukraine**

Rights Contact: Kathryn Toolan



E. Kennedy is a true crime enthusiast and devoted bookworm. When she's not plotting twisty thrillers, you'll find her deep in a true crime doc rabbit hole. She lives in Toronto.

THE DEAD OF SUMMER

Ryan La Sala

Stephen King meets Holly Jackson by way of *We Were Liars* in this action-packed story of queer horror from the acclaimed author of *THE HONEYS*!

OLLIE VELTMAN is finally coming home to the quaint island of Anchor's Mercy after a year away while his mom battled cancer and he's returning with a lot of questions. Because for a place that's perfect on the outside, a secret rots inside. A secret that could explain his mom's illness, and the illness of so many other locals.

Ollie's desperate search for the truth turns life-or-death when a storm descends upon the island. In its wake, a long-sunken horror rises...

Three weeks later Ollie is being held in isolation aboard a military hospital ship in the harbor. They say he's a survivor, but they only know half the story. The truth is more dangerous than Ollie ever believed, and he suspects his saviors aren't here to save anyone. Only Ollie can stop what comes next, but that means getting back to Anchor's Mercy before it vanishes below the waves, taking with it everyone he has ever loved.

Early Praise for DEAD OF SUMMER:

"A propulsive paranormal thriller."
—Publishers Weekly (starred review)



US Publisher: **Scholastic**
Release Date: **September 16, 2025**
Genre: **YA Horror**
Standalone

Rights Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Ryan La Sala is a bestselling and award-winning author known for his genre-defying, queer-centered horror and fantasy, including *THE HONEYS* and *BEHOLDER*. His work has been featured in *The New York Times*, NPR, *Entertainment Weekly*, and more. He writes to you from New York, overseen by his cat, Haunted Little Girl. He can hold his breath for one minute and three seconds.

GIRLS WHO PLAY DEAD

Joelle Wellington

Two siblings investigate the murder of a friend only to unearth even more deadly mysteries in their small town in this page-turning young adult thriller from the acclaimed author of *THEIR VICIOUS GAMES*.

When MIKKY GRAVES left his small, stifling hometown of Prophets Lake to live with his estranged mother, he thought nothing could ever make him return for good.

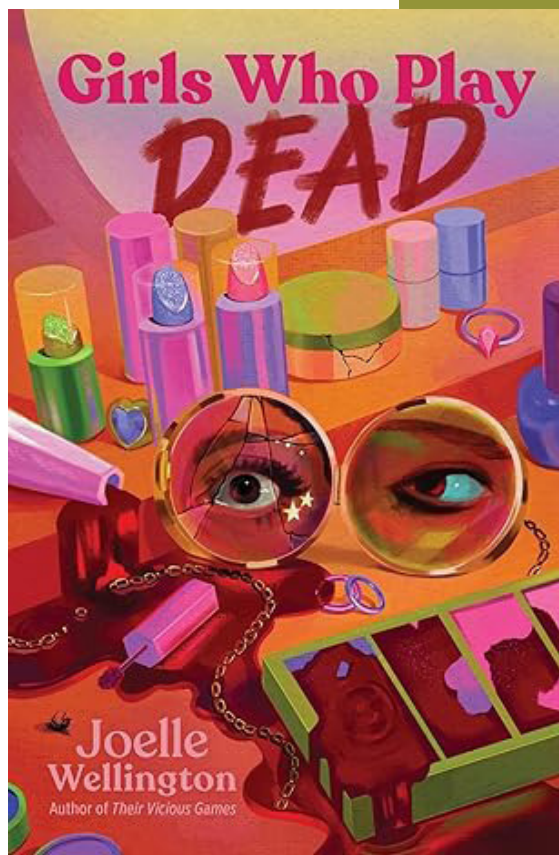
Until his sister KYLA'S best friend, Erin, is murdered.

Mikky never worried about leaving Kyla behind at their family-owned funeral home so long as she had Erin. But when Mikky heads home, determined to help Kyla grieve, the sister he encounters barely resembles the one he remembers. Mikky decides, then and there, to do the one thing that seems even more impossible than returning: stay. As Kyla spirals further into her rage and secrets, Mikky realizes the only thing that can help his sister is finding the truth about who killed Erin. But the more he investigates, the further he's pulled into other ugly mysteries of Prophets Lake and the beauty brand that is its lifeblood. The town's rot runs deep, and everyone has something to hide. Perhaps no one more than Kyla herself.

Praise for GIRLS WHO PLAY DEAD:

"With a mystery full of twists and turns, steeped in small-town secrets and the brutal politics of high school, *GIRLS WHO PLAY DEAD* is impossible to put down. The way complex characters grapple with grief, mental health, and fraught parental relationships is visceral, the prose heartfelt, and Wellington pulls it off flawlessly."
—Jamison Shea, author of *ROAR OF THE LAMBS*

"Wellington is a remarkable voice in YA horror, and she pulls no punches with *GIRLS WHO PLAY DEAD*. Addictively unnerving, Wellington's writing deftly burrows right into the cracks of this small town's foundation, revealing the gruesome truth at its core."
—Ryan La Sala, best-selling author of *THE DEAD OF SUMMER*



US Publisher: **Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers**
UK Publisher: **Harper Fire**
Release Date: **November 4, 2025**
Genre: **YA Mystery/Thriller**

Rights Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Joelle Wellington grew up in Brooklyn, New York, where her childhood was spent wandering the main branch of the Brooklyn Public Library. Her love of the written word led her to a BA in creative writing and international studies. When she isn't writing, she's reading and when she's not doing that, she's attempting to bake bread with varying degrees of success or strengthening her encyclopedia-like pop culture knowledge. She's the author of *THEIR VICIOUS GAMES*, *THE BLONDE DIES FIRST*, and *GIRLS WHO PLAY DEAD*.

YA/MIDDLE GRADE CONTEMPORARY: HIGHLIGHTS

RIGHT AS RAIN

Tashie Bhuiyan

From the author of **COUNTING DOWN WITH YOU** comes a warm, heartfelt contemporary novel with a speculative twist, perfect for fans of Ann Liang and Rachel Lynn Solomon.

"I was struck by lightning and now there's rain following me around. I was struck by lightning and now there's rain following me around."

Recent high-school graduate MEGH RASHID has plans to escape to the other side of the country for college and leave behind the stormy household she's been trapped in for years. But things are complicated when she gets struck by lightning right before the start of a prestigious summer internship that's key to her getting accepted to her dream university, and she wakes up to a storm cloud that follows her everywhere, seemingly attuned to her every emotion.

Megh's struggles with depression, fear of leaving her home and loved ones, and uncertainty about her future cause the cloud to act up, creating rainstorms that dampen her spirits and her hopes of making an impact at her internship. With the help of fellow intern Lev Osman, a boy whose warmth makes her feel less alone, Megh has to find a way to control her feelings and decide what she's willing to sacrifice in order to secure her desired future.



US Publisher: **FSG Books for Young Readers**

Release Date: **March 10, 2026**

Genre: **YA/MG Contemporary Standalone**

Rights Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Tashie Bhuiyan is the author of **COUNTING DOWN WITH YOU**, **A SHOW FOR TWO**, and **STAY WITH MY HEART**. She is a New Yorker through and through, and hopes to change the world, one book at a time. She loves writing stories about girls with wild hearts, boys who wear rings, and gaining agency through growth.

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:
YA/MIDDLE GRADE
FANTASY**

SPIRIT SERVICE

Sarena & Sasha Nanua

GHOSTBUSTERS meets **THE BABY-SITTERS CLUB** in this supremely sweet and spooky story about four seventh graders who start a small business helping their local neighborhood spirits pass on to the other side.

All RAVEENA wants is to bring back her school's beloved arts program. It's been six months since her music-loving grandmother passed, and four since Hollows' Peak Middle School cut its entire arts budget. Now Raveena has no way to practice music, and worse, no way to honor Grandmama's memory.

But Raveena's world turns on its head when she and her friends stumble upon an otherworldly discovery: an old-fashioned telephone with the ability to contact ghosts!

With her newfound possession, Raveena devises the perfect plan to raise funds for the arts program: Spirit Service, an agency that guides deceased townspeople to the afterlife by reconnecting them with their living loved ones. The best part? There are tons of spirits in need of assistance—and people willing to pay big bucks to communicate with them.

But not all spirits are interested in peacefully moving on...

To keep their neighborhood safe, Raveena and her friends must dive into the history of their town and the mysterious phone, and in the process, uncover secrets that are much closer to home.

Praise for SPIRIT SERVICE:

"A heartfelt paranormal delight, SPIRIT SERVICE offers an honest exploration of grief and loss balanced with the healing power of friendship, forgiveness, and letting go. But be warned: you'll never look at a rotary phone the same way again!"
— Jenna Lee-Yun, author of THE LAST RHEE WITCH



Publisher: **Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers**

Release Date: **April 2025**

Genre: **Middle Grade Fantasy**

Book 1 in SPIRIT SERVICE Series

Rights Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Sarena and Sasha Nanua are twin sisters who love stories about friendship, ghosts, and all things magical. Born on Diwali ten minutes apart, they began writing books together at the age of nine. They are graduates of the English and professional writing programs at the University of Toronto and are the authors of SPIRIT SERVICE, SISTERS OF THE SNAKE, and DAUGHTERS OF THE DAWN.

LIES ON THE SERPENT'S TONGUE

Kate Pearsall

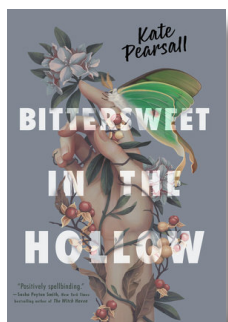
In this haunting companion novel to **BITTERSWEET IN THE HOLLOW**, a girl who can smell the lies of others uncovers the incendiary mysteries of her small Appalachian town.

As CABALL HOLLOW slowly recovers from a tumultuous summer, the James family must also come to terms with their own newly revealed secrets.

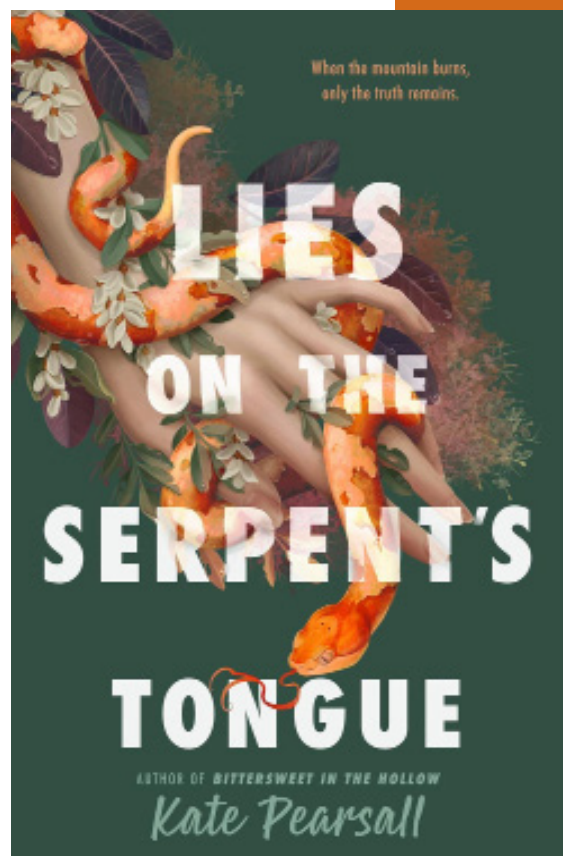
18-year-old ROWAN JAMES has spent her whole life harboring unpleasant truths— that's what happens when you can smell lies on the teller's breath—and building walls around herself to block them out. Like her younger sister, Linden, who can taste the feelings of others, Rowan has long struggled with her gift, which has taught her that everyone distorts the truth, and no one is who they seem to be. So when her old rival Hadrian Fitch shows up on her front porch—bloodied and bruised and asking for the kind of help only she can provide—her first instinct is distrust.

Except Hadrian's attack isn't the only strange occurrence. Now small items are disappearing, but rather than report the losses the owners act as if their missing things never existed. Rumors of a new monster prowling the Hollow begin to swirl. But how can Rowan smoke out the culprit in a town full of secrets? And worse, how can Rowan trust beautiful, solemn Hadrian when every other word he speaks has the distinct burnt smell of a lie?

Also from the JAMES SISTERS UNIVERSE:
BITTERSWEET IN THE HOLLOW



Kate Pearsall is a creative thinker, an award-winning copywriter, and a storyteller. She has a degree in business and public relations and has written for magazines and newspapers. **BITTERSWEET IN THE HOLLOW** and **LIES ON THE SERPENT'S TONGUE** were inspired in part by a childhood listening to her mom's stories about growing up in the Appalachian Mountains and visiting family in West Virginia.



Publisher: **G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers**

Release Date: **January 2025**

Genre: **YA Fantasy**

Part of the **JAMES SISTERS Universe**

Territories Sold: **Poland**

Rights Contact: Kathryn Toolan

THE DRAGON WAKES WITH THUNDER

K.X. Song

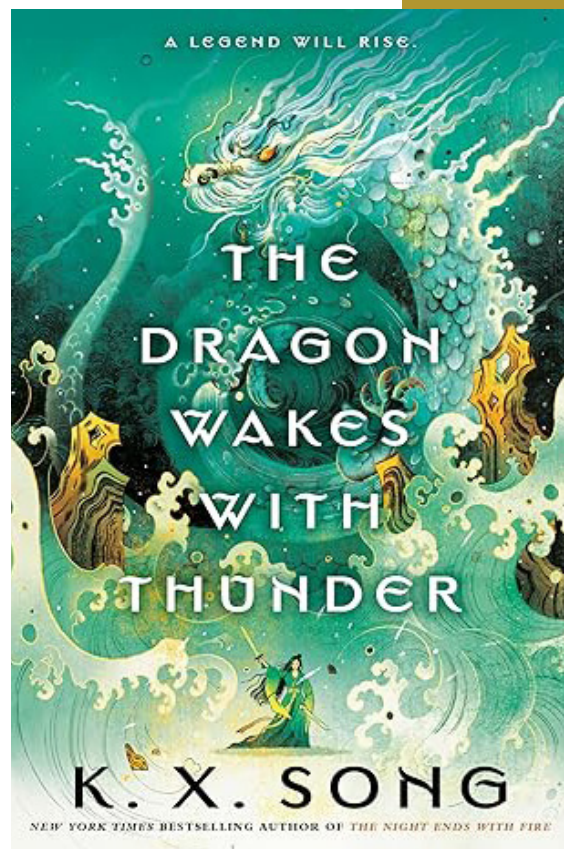
A young woman who wields the unimaginable power of a dragon spirit must decide where her loyalties lie—and where her heart belongs—in this enthralling fantasy that reimagines the legend of Mulan.

The war may be over, but HAI MEILIN is still paying a heavy toll. In spite of securing victory for the kingdom of Anlai, she is imprisoned upon her return. Her crime? Wielding a sword as a woman.

In the palace, Meilin is an outcast and a social pariah. But beyond the imperial walls, the legend of the woman warrior has taken on a life of its own. To the east, a new rebel leader needs Meilin to helm his people's revolution. In the south, a former enemy prince, now a prisoner of war, seeks Meilin's aid in restoring balance to the Three Kingdoms. And back home in Anlai, Liu Sky, Meilin's commander and first love, requires Meilin by his side in his bid for the throne.

Pulled in all directions by those who seek to use her for their own ends, Meilin vows that this time, she will not be so quick to trust. Yet there is one she cannot help but listen to—for he dwells within her.

Beyond any human machinations, the sea dragon Qinglong has his own plans for the spirit realm. During the last war, Meilin wielded his power to cheat death and attain victory for Anlai; now the dragon has come to collect his dues. Meilin's mother warned her long ago: The spirits demand blood. And Qinglong is ravenous.



US Publisher: **Ace**
 UK Publisher: **Hodder**
 Release Date: **August 19, 2025**
 Genre: **Crossover Fantasy**
Book 2 in DRAGON SPIRIT Duology

Territories Sold: **Brazil, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Russia, Turkey**

Rights Contact: Kathryn Toolan



K. X. Song is a diaspora writer with roots in Hong Kong and Shanghai. Raised between cultures and languages, she enjoys telling stories that explore the shifting nature of memory, translation, and history.

THE GLITTERING EDGE

Alyssa Villaire

A #1 Sunday Times-bestselling romantic, magical contemporary fantasy, perfect for fans of Maggie Stiefvater, Tracy Wolff, and Practical Magic.

Rumors are the lifeblood of Idlewood, Indiana. The locals whisper that the De Lucas are witches, and that decades prior they cursed the wealthy Barrion family as revenge for a love gone tragically wrong: now, if a Barrion falls in love with you, you'll die. If this isn't reason enough for wallflower PENNY EMBERLY to stay away from both families, she doesn't know what is. But when Penny's mom is in an accident that leaves her on the brink of death, Penny can't ignore the rumors anymore—because the Barrion curse is real. And her mom is its latest victim.

In order to save her mom's life, Penny must bring together two bitter enemies on either side of the feud and work with them to break the curse. For star quarterback Corey Barrion, doing so would mean finally saving his family from the magic that killed his mom. And for misfit witch Alonso De Luca, it would mean convincing everyone in Idlewood—especially Penny—that he isn't the villain they believe him to be.

But as the trio navigates Alonso's unpredictable magic, the tangled web of Barrion-De Luca history, and an increasingly chaotic group chat, it soon becomes clear that the curse is not what they expected. Did a De Luca really curse the Barrions in a fit of jealousy, or is something even more sinister afoot? Penny will have to conquer her anxiety, wrestle with her budding feelings for Alonso, and delve into dangerous, forbidden magic to find the truth and save her mom — even if it means putting her own life at risk.

Praise for THE GLITTERING EDGE:

"A brilliant combination of deadly secrets and curses, twisty romance and fast paced surprises, The Glittering Edge is everything I want in a paranormal romance!"
—Stephanie Garber, #1 New York Times Bestselling Author



US Publisher: **Little, Brown Books for Young Readers**

UK Publisher: **Penguin UK**

Release Date: **May 6, 2025**

Genre: **YA Fantasy**

Book 1 in GLITTERING EDGE Series

Territories Sold: **France, Germany**

Rights Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Alyssa Villaire is a writer of young adult fantasy. While she's based in Los Angeles, most of her stories harken back to the places where she grew up—from the woods of rural Indiana to the lakeshores of Wisconsin and Michigan. She has published short stories in Luna Station Quarterly and in an anthology titled Journeys to Uncharted Lands. When she's not writing, Alyssa is probably eating spicy food, watching horror movies, or waiting in a virtual Ticketmaster line.

YA & MIDDLE GRADE FANTASY: IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

THE SCORPION AND THE NIGHT BLOSSOM

Amélie Wen Zhao

In a world at war with demons, one girl will face the ultimate test when she is forced to enter an ancient, deadly competition for the chance to save her mother's soul... before she loses her forever. From the New York Times bestselling author of the *SONG OF THE LAST KINGDOM* series comes the beginning of a dark and opulent fantasy duology.

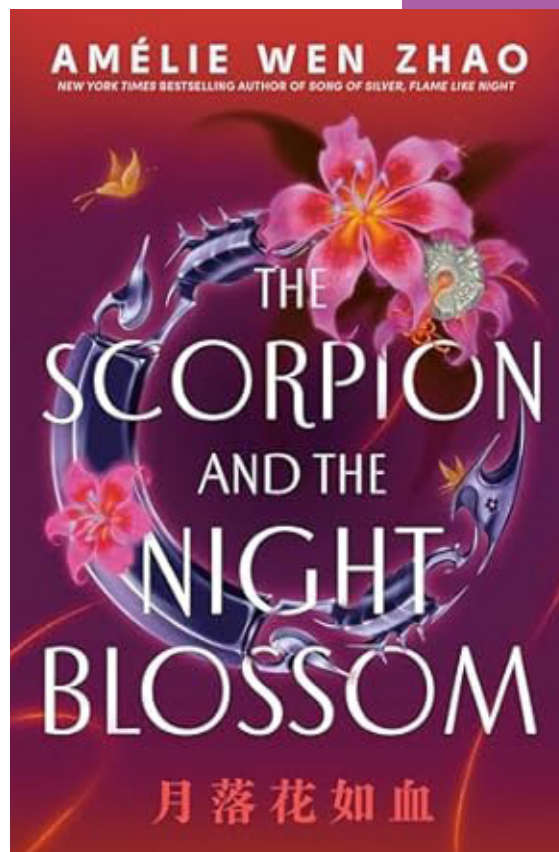
Nine years ago, the war between the Kingdom of Night and the Kingdom of Rivers tore ÀN'YING'S family apart, leaving her mother barely alive and a baby sister to fend for. Now the mortal realm is falling into eternal night, and mó—beautiful, ravenous demons—roam the land, feasting on the flesh of humans and drinking their souls.

Àn'yīng is no longer a helpless child, though. Armed with her crescent blades and trained in the ancient art of practitionering, she has decided to enter the Immortality Trials, which are open to any mortal who can survive the journey to the immortal realm. Those who complete the Trials are granted a pill of eternal life—the one thing Àn'yīng knows can heal her dying mother. But to attain the prize, she must survive the competition.

Death is common in the Trials. Yet oddly, Àn'yīng finds that someone is helping her stay alive. A rival contestant. Powerful and handsome, Yù'chén is as secretive about his past as he is about his motives for protecting Àn'yīng.

The longer she survives the Trials, the clearer it becomes that all is not right in the immortal realm. To save her mother and herself, Àn'yīng will need to figure out whether she can truly trust the stranger she's falling for or if he's the most dangerous player of all . . . for herself and for all the realms.

- **Instant NYT bestseller and #1 Sunday Times bestseller!**
- **Published in the US in a stunning first edition, featuring a beautiful flower design stenciled on the ombre sprayed edges, exclusive printed endpapers, and a foil-stamped case.**



US Publisher: **PRH / Delacorte**

UK Publisher: **HarperVoyager**

Release Date: **March 4, 2025**

Genre: **YA Fantasy**

Book 1 in the THREE REALMS Duology

Territories Sold: **France, Germany, Russia, Spain**

Rights Contact: Kathryn Toolan

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:
YA/MIDDLE GRADE
CONTEMPORARY**

I'LL PRETEND YOU'RE MINE

Tashie Bhuiyan

From the author of *COUNTING DOWN WITH YOU* and *STAY WITH MY HEART* comes a sparkling new YA contemporary novel about a young pop star trying to make a name for herself and the notorious playboy with whom she must fake a relationship to do so.

SUMMER ALI has been making a name for herself in the music industry for years, slowly but surely climbing the charts—but the world doesn't know her stage parents are the ones who molded her entire public persona. Finally eighteen, Summer breaks free of their control and focuses on creating her own path.

Upon running into writer's block, Summer grows eager to take any opportunity to shake things up—even if it means agreeing to a PR stunt with child-actor-turned-playboy, Jules Moradi, famous for his tabloid escapades.

At first, Jules keeps his distance, maintaining professional boundaries. But as time passes, his walls come down, and Summer uncovers who he is beyond his reputation, and it's someone more like her than she ever realized. As the lines blur between fake and real, Summer begins questioning who she is and what she wants—and if her dreams are worth sacrificing her heart.

Praise for I'LL PRETEND YOU'RE MINE:

"I'LL PRETEND YOU'RE MINE has it all: charismatic characters, a swoon-worthy fake-dating romance, and a tender, nuanced examination of what it means—and what it takes—to follow your heart. Tashie Bhuiyan's gift for writing beautifully earnest coming-of-age novels is undeniable." —Ann Liang, New York Times bestselling author of *I HOPE THIS DOESN'T FIND YOU*

"Yet another wildly fun, deeply tender, incredibly heartfelt novel from Tashie Bhuiyan that will make you want to re-read it the instant you finish." —Emma Lord, New York Times bestselling author of *TWEET CUTE*



US Publisher: **HarperTeen Inkward Press**

Release Date: **June 2025**

Genre: **YA Contemporary Standalone**

Rights Contact: Kathryn Toolan

LOVESICK FALLS

Julia Drake

Sometimes growing up means growing apart in this queer take on AS YOU LIKE IT featuring first loves and friend break-ups, perfect for fans of THE GRAVITY OF US and WE ARE OKAY.

Celia, Ros, and Touchstone have been best friends since childhood. Sure, Celia is in love with Ros, and Touchstone was once in love with Celia — but that's the beauty of a place like Lovesick Falls. If you fell in love, you could fall out. Unless you can change the other person's mind. Which is totally not what any of them are trying to do — especially Celia. She's just trying to have the best summer ever, as the best friend ever. Which is proof that she'd also make the best girlfriend ever.

But as they each make new friends, meet unexpected celebrity crushes, and connect with cute co-workers, Celia's dreamy summer plans of being nestled in a cabin with her two best friends begin to feel like a nightmare. They started the summer closer than ever. Will living together tear them apart?

Advance praise for LOVESICK FALLS:

"An exceptional retelling of a classic Shakespearean comedy. Drake deftly introduces a multitude of beautifully nuanced characters, weaving their stories into a queer ode to friendship, theater, and the complexities of love." — Kirkus Review, starred



Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Release Date: June 2025

Genre: YA Contemporary Standalone

Rights Contact: Kathryn Toolan



Julia Drake's debut novel THE LAST TRUE POETS OF THE SEA was published in 2019 by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers and received the 2020 New England Book Award, six starred reviews, and was named a 2019 Best Book of the Year by Kirkus, Publishers Weekly, and Booklist, among other publications. Her short fiction has appeared in The Gettysburg Review, Esopus, and McSweeney's Internet Tendency. She holds an MFA from Columbia University, and occasionally moonlights as a professor of creative and academic writing. She lives and works in Philadelphia with her partner and their rescue rabbit, Ned.

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:
YA/MIDDLE GRADE
THRILLERS**

WHEN DEVILS SING

Xan Kaur

Four unlikely allies in a small Southern town investigate a local teen's disappearance, and what they discover festering at the core of their community is far more sinister and ancient than they could've ever imagined. For fans of *SHE IS A HAUNTING* and *MEXICAN GOTHIC*.

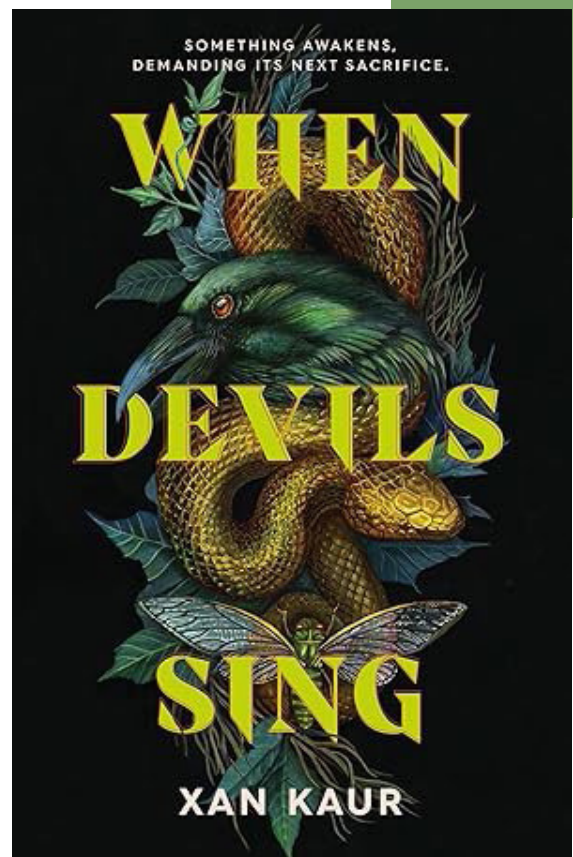
When DAWSON SUMTER goes missing, all he leaves behind is a smattering of blood in room 4 of the debt-ridden motel owned by Neera Singh's family. Disappearances like this aren't uncommon in the rural Georgia town of Carrion, especially every thirteen years when a periodical cicada brood returns from underground, shrieking their deafening screams. Neera sets out to investigate Dawson's whereabouts—if he even still lives—along with three other teens: Isaiah, son of a prominent judge and clandestine true crime podcaster; Reid, son of the wealthiest man in the region; and Sam, estranged daughter of the local hitman. How deep does the rot go in their seemingly affluent town, and can they find a way to escape its reach?

Praise for **WHEN DEVILS SING**:

"A story that truly understands no devil can ever be half as terrifying as the cruelty of a powerful man. Kaur has written a true blood-soaked Southern Gothic for the modern age."

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"Dripping with heart and voice from the very first page, *WHEN DEVILS SING* is definitely one you're going to want to read!" —Nick Brooks, Odyssey Award-winning author of *PROMISE BOYS*



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Xan Kaur is a photographer and author based out of Atlanta. Born in the "Land of Waterfalls" and raised in rural Georgia, she's moved more times than the years she's been alive. With a passion for environmentalism, a decade of veganism, and a fierce reverence for nature, Xan finds herself drawn to experiences that connect her with the earth. When not writing, you can find her behind her camera, hiking up a mountain, or swimming in the nearest ocean.

WHEN THE BONES SING

Ginny Myers Sain

From the New York Times bestselling author of *DARK AND SHALLOW LIES* comes a new southern gothic supernatural thriller about a teen girl in a small Ozark town who can hear the bones of the dead.

The past three years have been tough for Lucifer's Creek, Arkansas, a small town quietly tucked away in the Ozark mountains. More than two dozen people have disappeared on the local hiking trails; there one moment, gone the next, not a trace left behind, until their buried bodies are discovered.

17-year-old DOVIE doesn't believe in magic even though she comes from a long line of women who can hear the bones of the dead sing, and for the past few years the bones have been crooning nonstop, calling out to Dovie to dig them up.

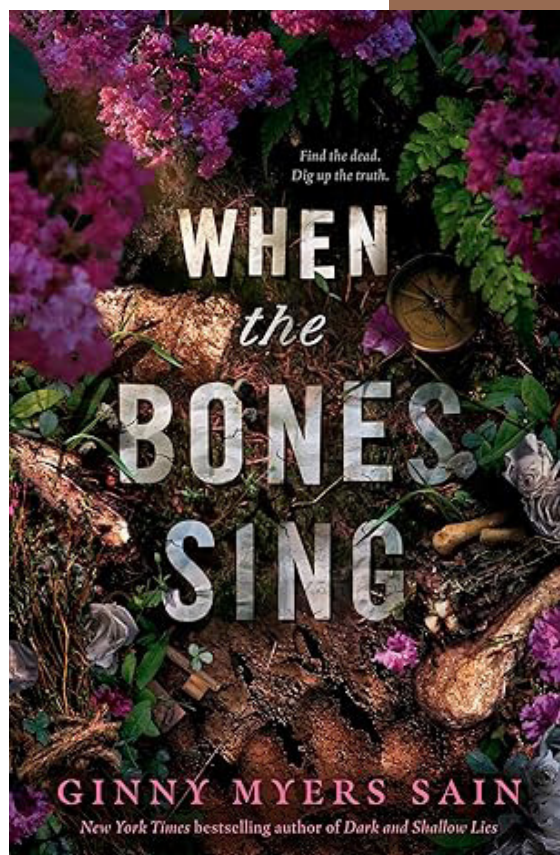
Some of the old-timers believe that it's the monstrous Ozarks howler snatching people off the Aux Arc Trail. Well Dovie doesn't believe in the howler, and she doesn't believe her best friend LO when he tells her he is being haunted by dark shadows. All she believes in is her talent that guides the local sheriff to the bones when they begin their song, then reuniting the dead with their families to give them some peace.

Lo doesn't know peace, though. The shadows follow him everywhere. He soon learns they're the murdered hikers and they want answers. But the truth of their deaths isn't buried with their bones; it's hidden somewhere deep in the hills. And Lo and Dovie must unearth it before anyone else is killed.

Praise for *WHEN THE BONES SING*:

"Hauntingly ambitious... A rural Southern gothic horror novel that will stay with readers well beyond the last page."
—PW, starred review

"Gripping and intensely atmospheric." —Kirkus



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