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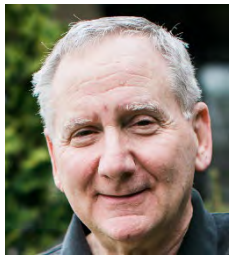
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Newbery Medalist Karen Cushman's
Catherine, Called Birdy
A GRAPHIC NOVEL
Adapted by
Scott Peterson, Heather Mann and Alyssa Lee

UNICORNDOG
BACKPACK ATTACK!
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING ILLUSTRATOR
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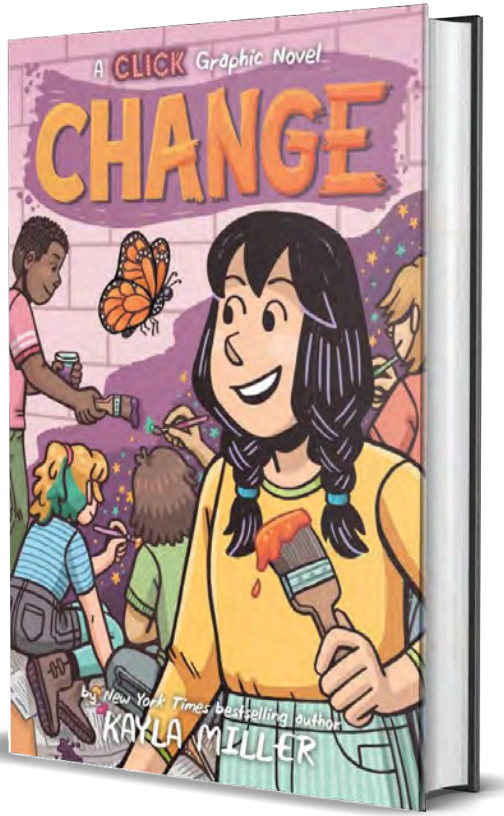
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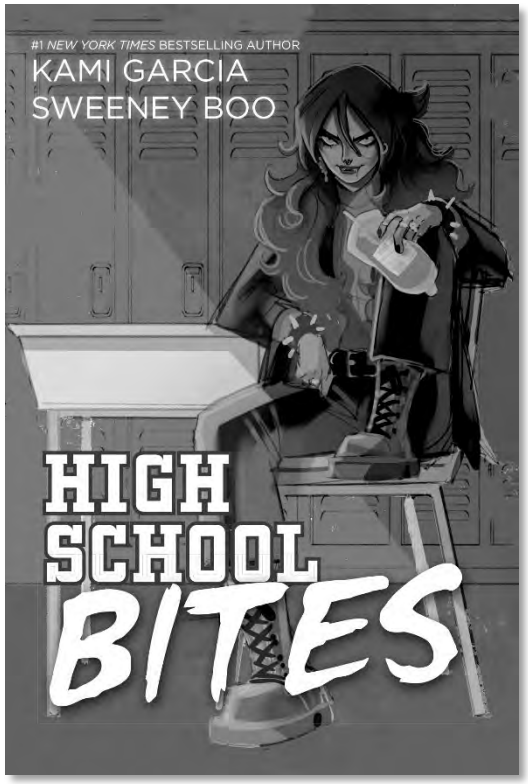

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ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS:

Kami Garcia is a #1 *NYT* bestselling author and comic book writer. She has published 20 novels, in 51 countries and 38 languages, and her books have sold more than 10 million copies worldwide. Her best-known works include *Beautiful Creatures*.

Sweeney Boo is a comic artist, illustrator and writer who works with various publishers including BOOM! Studios, Archie Comics, Dark Horse, Dynamite, IDW, Marvel, Image, DC Comics.

HIGH SCHOOL BITES

by Kami Garcia, illus. by Sweeney Boo

The New York Times BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

Ages 13 and up, 256 pages, Pub June 2027

From #1* NYT *bestselling author Kami Garcia and critically acclaimed artist Sweeney Boo comes a story about self-acceptance, the power of justice, and blood-sucking vampires.

Bex Harrow is your average high school senior with one small exception—she's a vampire. Settling into her new life hasn't been easy…It's been hard resisting her cravings for blood and avoiding her new "family", the vampires who created her. Her best friend, Fiona Kelly, is the only one who makes her feel somewhat normal. That somewhat normal life changes, though, when Bex finds Fiona in a dangerous situation with a boy who won't take 'no' for an answer. Bex springs into action, using her vampire abilities to make him pay. The incident was meant to be a one-off, until

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Bex realizes she can finally do something to protect her friends and fellow classmates from the far too many predators around them.

But if Bex doesn't learn how to control her powers, she may become the one thing she fears the most: a monster.

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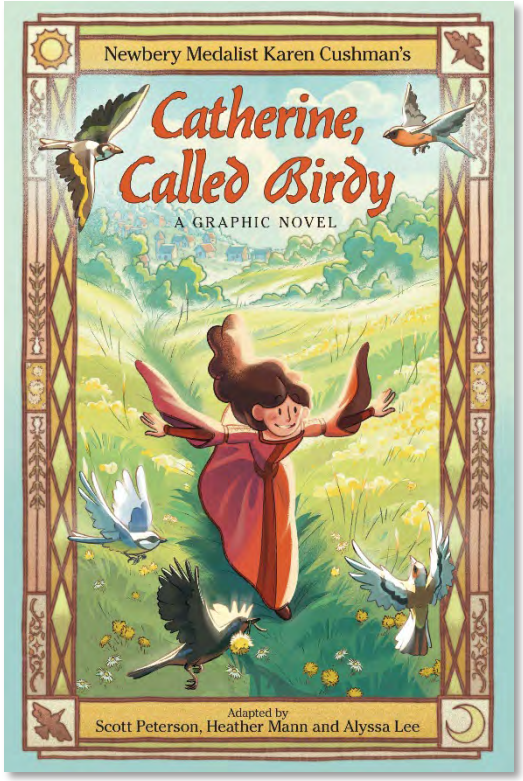

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ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS:

Karen Cushman's acclaimed historical novels include *Catherine, Called Birdy*, a Newbery Honor winner, and *The Midwife's Apprentice*, which received the Newbery Medal. Visit her at karencushman.com.

Heather Mann is a cartoonist and illustrator who started her artistic endeavors drawing My Little Pony fan art, and that evolved into a deep love of world-building and character creation. Visit her at heatherpmann.weebly.com.

CATHERINE, CALLED BIRDY GRAPHIC NOVEL

by Karen Cushman, illus. by Heather Mann

Ages 8 - 12, 192 pages, Pub June 2027

"Medieval Judy Blume." An irrepressible girl in 13th-century England resists her role in society with wry humor and determination in this graphic novel adaptation.

Catherine feels trapped. Her father is determined to marry her off to a rich man—any rich man, no matter how awful. But by wit, trickery, and luck, Catherine manages to send several would-be husbands packing. Then a shaggy-bearded suitor from the north comes to call—by far the oldest, ugliest, most revolting suitor of them all. Unfortunately, he is also the richest. Can a sharp-tongued, high-spirited young maiden with a mind of her own lose the battle against an ill-mannered, piglike lord and an unimaginative, greedy toad of a father? Not if Catherine has anything to say about it!

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A MODERN CLASSIC: With over 2 million copies sold and a 2022 film adaptation directed by Lena Dunham and starring Bella Ramsey and Joe Alwyn.

RIGHTS SOLD for CATHERINE, CALLED BIRDY: French (L'ecole des Loisirs); **Italian** (Mondadori); **Romanian** (Editorial Art); **Russian** (Piter Class)

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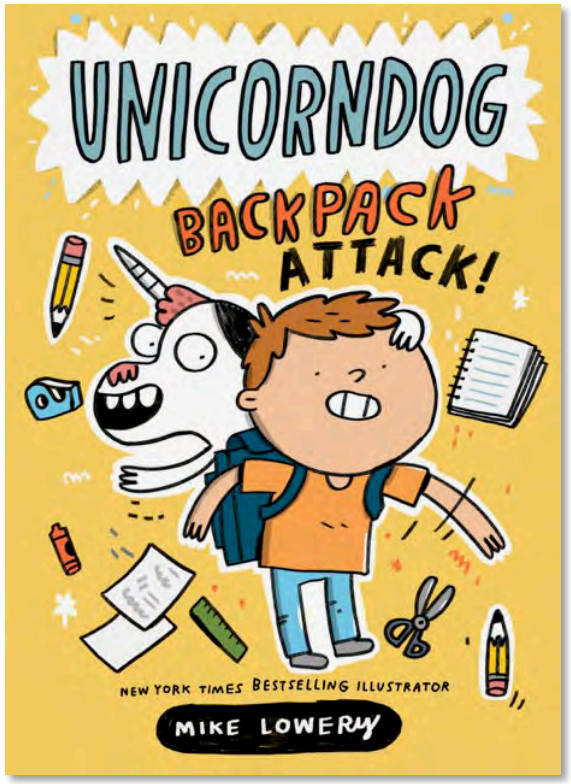

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The New York Times
BESTSELLER

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:
Mike Lowery is a *New York Times* bestselling illustrator who has worked on dozens of books for children and adults. He's also the author of many books, including Random Illustrated Facts and the Everything Awesome series.

UNICORNDOG BOOK #3 (Book 3 of 5)

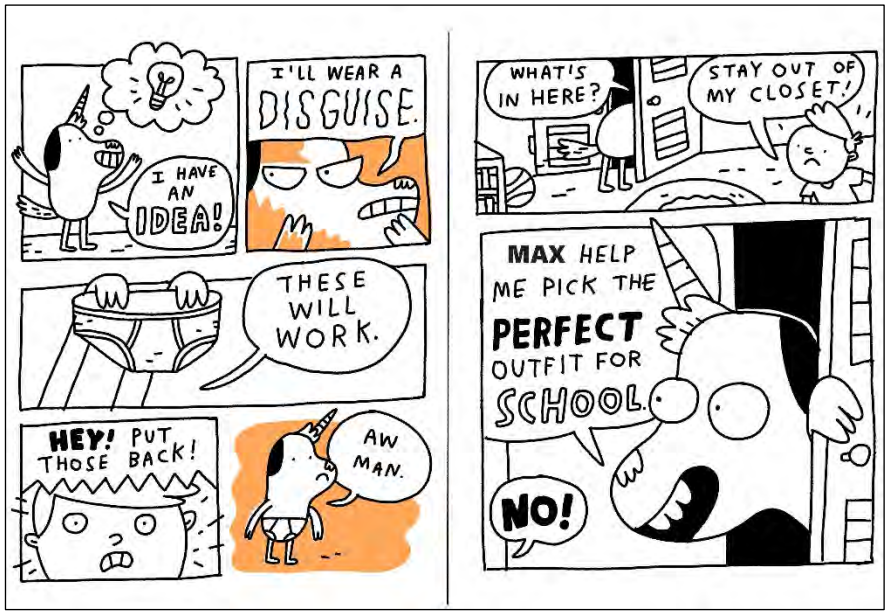
by Mike Lowery

Ages 6 - 10, 64 pages, Pub July 2027

The hilarity continues in this third book in the sweet and funny chapter book graphic novel series from* NYT *bestselling author Mike Lowery!

ADORABLE UNICORNDOG WILL STEAL YOUR HEART: Irresistibly silly and fun above all else, Unicorndog is the most lovable character since Ben Clanton's Narwhal. Her wide-eyed wonder and open heart will appeal to kids of all ages--and grownups, too!

RIGHTS SOLD: German (DTV); **Greek** (Papadopoulos)



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WON IN A COMPETITIVE AUCTION: The Harper team fell in love with Unicorndog so much that we were able to win this series in a competitive, multi-house auction.

PUBLISHING SCHEDULE:
We are publishing these on an accelerated schedule:
Book 4 – Winter 2028
Book 5 – Summer 2028

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The New York Times
BESTSELLER

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:
Kayla Miller is the *New York Times* bestselling creator of the graphic novels *Click, Camp, Act, Clash, Crunch, Break,* and *Stuck* and the coauthor of the Besties series from the World of Click.

CHANGE

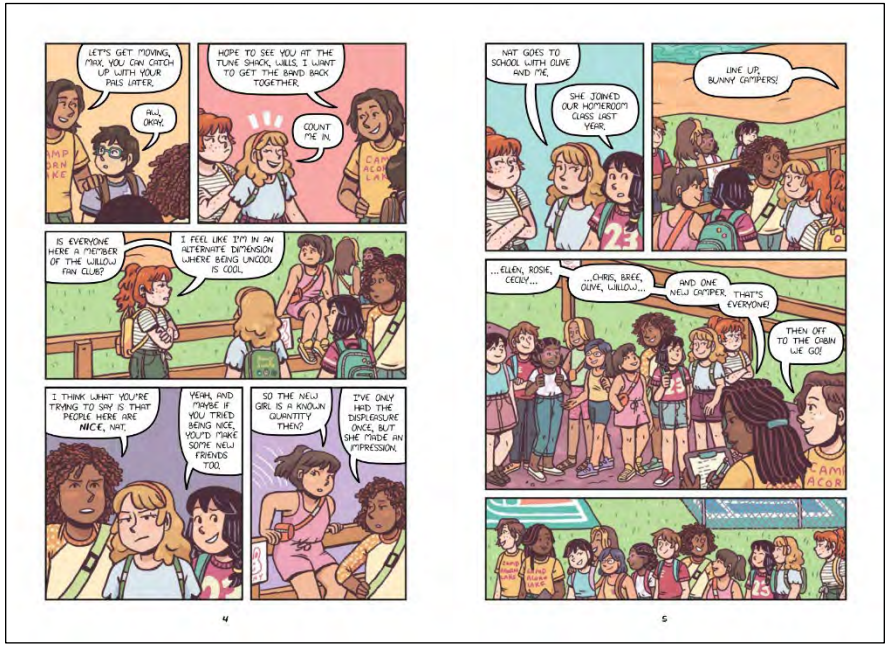
by Kayla Miller

from the world of CLICK

Ages 8 - 12, 224 pages, Pub May 2027

In this eighth and final graphic novel from the* NYT *bestselling CLICK series, seventh grade brings big changes for Olive.

It's a new school year and, for Olive, things feel different—and it's not just her new class schedule. Her family is keeping secrets from her, none of her friends are in her homeroom, and between student council and her other responsibilities it's hard to find time to just…breathe. It's a lot, but Olive is managing, as she always does—until it all becomes more than she can handle on her own. Kayla Miller brings a gentle touch to this deeply relatable story about anxiety, learning to cope with the unknown, and leaning on the ones you love.



Sample Spread from STUCK

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES: Over 2 million copies sold in the World of Click series!

MIDDLE SCHOOL EMOTIONS: Kayla Miller returns with another story about those tricky years, this time focusing on anxiety—what it looks like, how to cope, and when to ask for help.

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THE CLICK SERIES

by Kayla Miller

Ages 8–12, 352 pages, Pub April 2007 (book one)

From *The New York Times* bestselling author-illustrator Kayla Miller comes a middle grade graphic novel series about friendship and finding where you "click" in middle school, perfect for fans of *Smile* and *Real Friends.*

The New York Times
BESTSELLER

NYT BESTSELLING SERIES
Over 1.6 million books have been sold.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:
Kayla Miller is a *New York Times* bestselling author-illustrator. Visit them at kayla-miller.com.

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THE WORLD OF CLICK PIPELINE

Summer 2025: *Stuck*

Fall 2025: *Besties: Set Sail*

Fall 2026: *Besties: Crush It*

Winter 2027: *Click #8*

Summer 2027: *Besties: Willow and Hugh*

Winter 2028: *Besties: Beth and Chanda*

Summer 2028: *Besties: Willow and Hugh 2*

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ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS:

Kayla Miller is the *NYT* bestselling creator of the graphic novels *Click*, *Camp*, *Act*, *Clash*, *Crunch*, *Break*, and *Stuck* and the coauthor of the Besties series from the World of Click.

Jeffrey Canino is a writer and educator working out of New York's Hudson Valley. He is a coauthor of *Besties: Work It Out*, *Besties: Find Their Groove*, and *Besties: Prank War*.

BESTIES: CREEP OUT

by Kayla Miller, illus. by Sarah K. Turner

Ages 8 - 12, 208 pages, Pub July 2027

From the* NYT *bestselling World of Click: When Besties Willow and Hugh start a paranormal podcast their investigations quickly go from cryptid-curious to totally creepy!

From the eerie to the jump scare-y, Willow and Hugh share a love of all things spine-tingling. So when Hugh suggests they record a podcast about creatures that go bump in the night, Willow overcomes her stage fright and picks up a mic. But their "Eerie Theories" quickly expand beyond legends and lore to a maybe-haunted house right in town. Someone should investigate the strange lights and howls that begin after darkness falls, but it will probably involve bending some of Willows' parents' strict rules. Will Willow and Hugh end up facing their fears…or facing the music?

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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES: Over 2 million copies sold in the World of Click series!

THE WORLD OF CLICK PIPELINE: Fall 2026 – *Besties: Crush It*; Summer 2027 – *Change*; Summer 2027 – *Besties: Creep Out*; Winter 2028 – *Besties: Lose the Thread*; Summer 2028 – *Besties: Meet the Werewolf*

CLARION BOOKS

BESTIES *from the world of* CLICK

by Kayla Miller

Ages 8 - 12, 216 pages, October 2021 (book one)

A fun and fresh graphic-novel series spin-off of the* New York Times *bestselling Click series, featuring aspiring entrepreneurs Beth and Chanda! The girls hope the path to fashion, fame, and fortune starts with taking up as many summer jobs as two besties can find, but nothing can prepare them for a dog-sitting mishap that throws their business plan—and friendship—into chaos!

IF YOU LOVED THE *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING CLICK SERIES
A spin-off to Kayla Miller's Click series and follow-up to *Besties: Work It Out* and *Besties: Find Their Groove.*

FAN-FAVORITE CHARACTERS
Readers will love picking up Beth and Chanda's story in this third book starring the best friends and supporting cast!

NAVIGATING NEW WATERS
Against the backdrop of exploring on and off a cruise ship, the girls dive into the excitement and anxieties of growing older and shifting family dynamics.

RIGHTS SOLD for Series: Spanish (Maeva); **UK/ANZ** (Walker Books)

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BESTIES PIPELINE
Fall 2026: *Besties: Crush It*

Summer 2027: *Besties #6*

Winter 2028: *Besties #7*

Summer 2028: *Besties #8*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:
Kayla Miller is a *New York Times* bestselling author-illustrator. Visit them at kayla-miller.com.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Erin Hunter is the author of the Warriors, Seekers, Survivors, Bravelands, Bamboo Kingdom, and Renegades series.

Sammy Savos is an illustrator, writer, and storyboard artist. She illustrated and co-authored *The Girl Who Sang: A Holocaust Memoir of Hope and Survival*, winner of the 2025 Sydney Taylor Book Award and a Sibert Honor. She has also worked on shows at Cartoon Network, Titmouse Inc., and ShadowMachine.

WARRIORS GRAPHIC NOVEL: THE NEW PROPHECY
(Book 2 of 3) by Erin Hunter, illus. by Sammy Savos

Ages 8 - 12, 256 pages, Pub March 2027

RIGHTS SOLD for BOOK 1: Chinese-Simplified (Chinese Children's Press); **Korean** (Garamchild)

The next graphic novel adaptation of the* NYT *bestselling Warriors series covers the third and fourth novels of the second arc, The New Prophecy (Dawn and Starlight).

WARRIORS ANIMATED SERIES IN DEVELOPMENT: The first official animated adaptation of Warriors will be developed in collaboration with Coolabi Productions and Tencent Video. The adaptation will include the characters and storylines from the original series—WARRIORS: THE PROPHECIES BEGIN.

HUGE SALES: The first three Warriors graphic novels have already exceeded sales expectations with over 1.5 MILLION copies sold!

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MORE TO COME: We have adaptations of the third and fourth arcs in the pipeline: *Warriors Graphic Novel: Power of Three: Parts 1-3* (Winter 2028, Fall 2028, Winter 2029); *Warriors Graphic Novel: Omen of the Stars: Parts 1-3* (Fall 2029, Winter 2030, Fall 2030).

New York Times BESTSELLER

WARRIORS

GRAPHIC NOVELS
by Erin Hunter

The warrior cats leap off the page in these full-color graphic novels set in the world of Erin Hunter's #1 NYT bestselling Warriors series

Original Graphic Novels Now Fully Colorized!

RIGHTS SOLD for WARRIORS MANGA:

Chinese-Complex (Morning Star); **Chinese-Simplified** (South Booky); **Czech** (Zoner); **Dutch** (Pelckmans), **Finnish** (Hokusai Manga); **French** (Pocket); **German** (Beltz); **Greek** (Compupress); **Italian** (Edizioni Sonda); **Korean** (Garamchild); **Latvian** (ZVAIGZNE ABC); **Norwegian** (Juritzen); **Polish** (Nowa Basn); **Romanian** (SC Nemira); **Turkish** (Tudem); **Ukrainian** (Assa)

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Erin Hunter is inspired by a love of cats and a fascination with the ferocity of the natural world. Erin lives in the UK.

NEW SERIES!

WARRIORS GRAPHIC NOVEL: THE NEW PROPHECY #1
(Book 1 of 3)
by Erin Hunter,
illus. by Sammy Savos
Ages 8 - 12, 256 pages
Pub June 2026

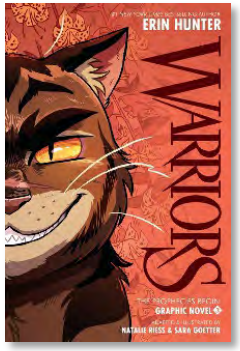
The next graphic novel adaptation of the blockbuster Warriors series covers the first two novels of the six-book series The New Prophecy (Midnight and *Moonrise).*

Graphic Novel Adaptation of 6-book middle grade series Warriors: The Prophecies Begin

6 Novels = 3 Graphic Novels – 2 stories in one!

Includes *Into the Wild* and *Fire and Ice*

Includes *Forest of Secrets* and *Rising Storm*



Includes *A Dangerous Path* and *Darkest Hour*

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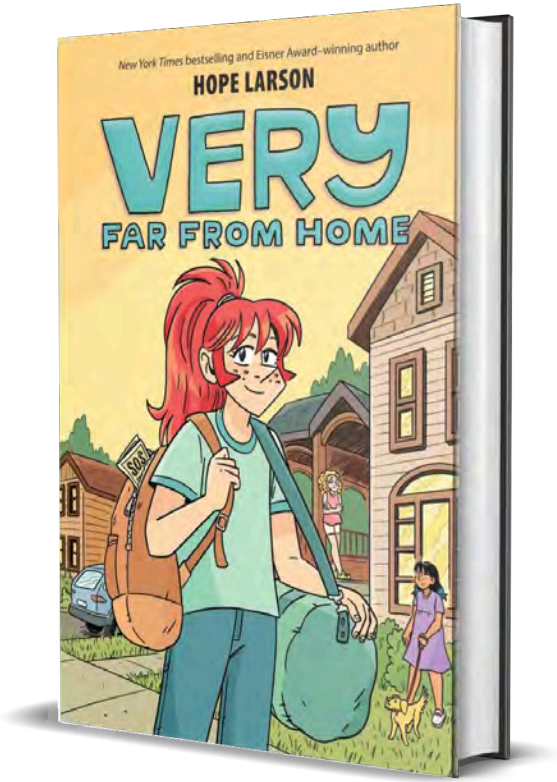

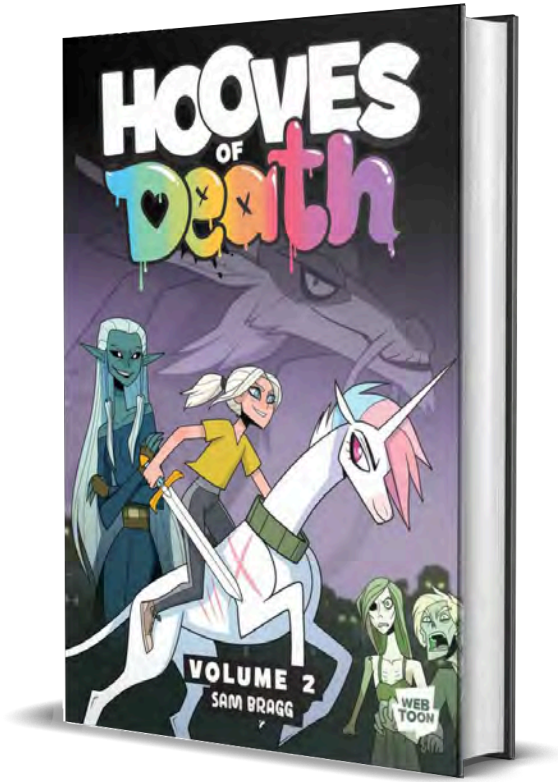

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Danie Stirling, who goes by "Whitherling" online, is the cave-dwelling gremlin creator of a handful of fantasy web comics. They're fascinated by shiny things, and can sometimes be observed leaving their cave in the company of a pair of small wizardly dogs. They are the author of Webtoon-comic-turned-graphic-novel, *Crumbs.*

TROVE

by Danie Stirling

Ages 12 and up, 272 pages, November 2026

***From the author of* Crumbs*, comes a heartfelt, funny, and unmissable graphic novel about fandom, friendship, and the adventure of chasing what matters most, perfect for fans of* The Girl from the Sea *and* Pumpkinheads.**

A FRIENDSHIP AT A CROSSROADS: Explore the poignant, funny, and relatable story of two best friends figuring out if their bond can survive big changes.

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RIGHTS SOLD for CRUMBS: **Russian** (Exem Licence); **Spanish** (Urano)

July 2022

INCLUSIVE AND AFFIRMING: A warm, welcoming story that celebrates chasing what matters most and the powerful stories that bring us all together.

GORGEOUS, EXPRESSIVE ART: Experience a visually rich world brought to life with lush colors, charming characters.

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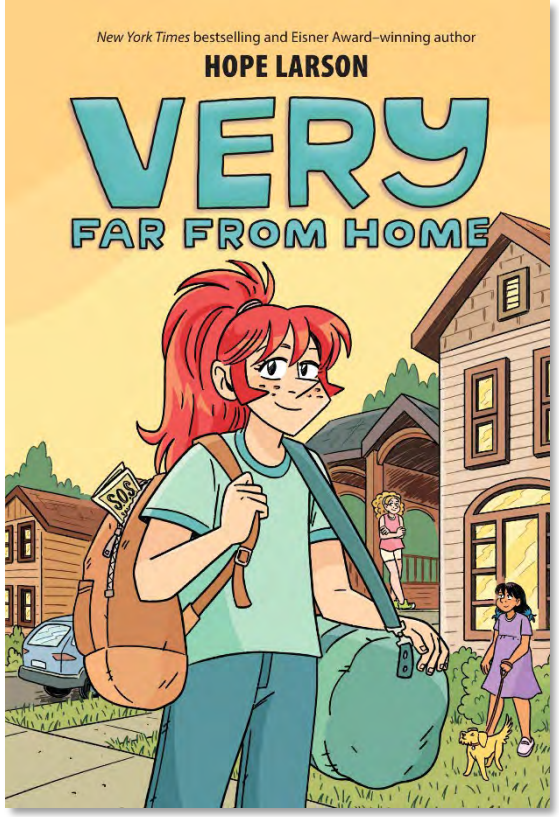

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Hope Larson is a *NYT* best-selling, multi-Eisner Award-winning cartoonist and comics writer. She has created contemporary middle grade graphic novels like *All Summer Long*, dabbled in fantasy with *Salt Magic*, adapted Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time* into a graphic novel, written *Batgirl* for DC Comics, and more.

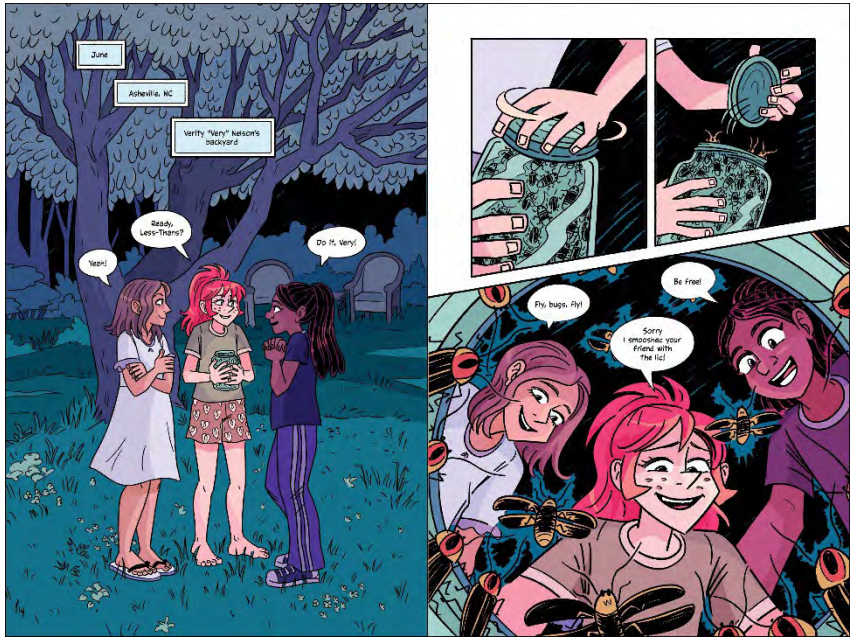
VERY FAR FROM HOME

by Hope Larson

Ages 8 - 12, 240 pages, August 2026

Verity "Very" Nelson's story continues as she teams up with her cousin and frenemy to save a community pool in this humorous, heartfelt standalone middle grade graphic novel.

GENERATIONAL CARE: Very travels to Wisconsin with her mom to help clean out her grandmother's house after her grandma moves into assisted living. With Hope's signature soft touch, Very and her mom grapple with big feelings of their matriarch's aging in a way that resonates and rings true.



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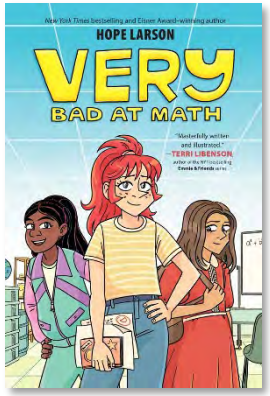

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NO ACT TOO SMALL: Despite being in a new city, states away from home, Verity "Very" Nelson is always looking for a way to stay plugged in on local affairs. Her ability to rally people behind a cause no matter her location is far-reaching and inspiring.

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ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

N. D. Wilson's bestselling novels have traveled far and wide, having been translated into dozens of languages. He is the author of ten novels. Visit him at www.ndwilson.com.

Forrest Dickison is the illustrator of *Hello, Ninja* and other children's books.

100 CUPBOARDS

by N. D. Wilson, illus. by Forrest Dickison

Ages 8 - 12, 240 pages, Pub June 2026

Re-explore* 100 Cupboards *in this graphic novel adaptation of the fantasy-adventure middle school favorite.

A BELOVED STAPLE, NOW IN A GRAPHIC NOVEL FORMAT
100 Cupboards is a long-adored part of every middle grade library, and new readers, as well as long-time fans, will be delighted by this wholly reimagined visual offering.

PRAISE FOR 100 CUPBOARDS: "A must-read series!" –***The Washington Post*** | "Well-crafted and gratifying." –***School Library Journal*** | "A highly imaginative tale." –***Kirkus Reviews***

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ILLUSTRATOR/AUTHOR BACKSTORY: Forrest Dickison has brought N. D. Wilson's work to life before with in *Hello, Ninja*.

SERIES POTENTIAL: With four bestselling books in the 100 Cupboards universe, this new format will breathe life into a property that can be easily mobilized into sequels.

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ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

Casey Lyall is the author of the acclaimed picture book *A Spoonful of Frogs*; the middle grade novels *Gnome Is Where Your Heart Is*; *Waking the Dead and Other Fun Activities*; and the popular Howard Wallace, P.I. series.

Sara Faber is the illustrator of the young middle grade graphic novel *The League of Littles*. Sara Faber lives in Germany.

THE BAND OF BIGS (Book 2 of 2)

by Casey Lyall, illus. by Sara Faber

2-Book Series!

Ages 8 - 12, 128 pages, Pub June 2026

The Band of Bigs *defends and protects the interests of oldest siblings around the globe. When a job results in agents facing off against their own little siblings, sibling rivalry is taken to a whole new level. A hilarious, action-packed sequel to the young middle grade graphic novel* The League of Littles*, perfect for fans of the* Bad Guys *and* Babymouse.

EYE-CATCHING ART: Sara Faber's artwork is expressive, beautifully colored, action-packed, and funny!

ARTIST SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWING: Sara Faber has nearly 650K enthusiastic followers on Instagram.

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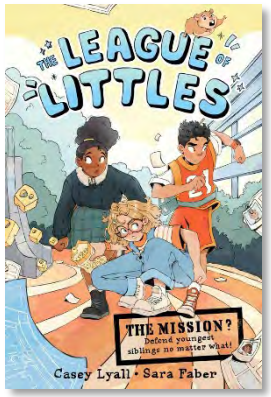

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sam Bragg was born in Utah. She enjoys spending time outdoors, particularly hiking in the wilderness, which inspires her stories. Sam has enjoyed writing ever since she was a little girl; she wrote her first picture book in kindergarten. In her spare time, she likes to oil paint and play video games with her family. Like any good otaku, she often immerses herself in manga and anime. Animals are her #1 passion.

HOOVES OF DEATH: VOLUME 2 (Book 2 of 3)

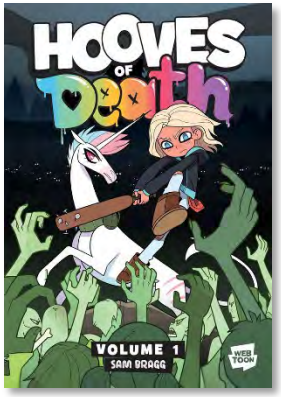
by Sam Bragg

3-Book Series!

Ages 8 - 12, 384 pages, October 2026

My Little Pony *meets* The Last Kids on Earth *in this second installment of the pulse-pounding graphic novel series that blends the fantastical with the apocalyptic, delivering a tale of unexpected heroes, epic battles, and the enduring spirit of survival.*

STRONG FEMALE PROTAGONISTS: Follow Sergeant Glitter, a fierce and determined unicorn, and Kate, a lone human survivor, as they navigate a world on the edge of collapse. Both characters are driven by resilience and courage—a powerful story of survival, teamwork, and self-discovery.



Book 1, Sept. 2025

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WEBTOON IS MASSIVE: WEBTOON is the #1 digital comic app, averaging more than 82 million monthly active users, with north of 10 million daily readers—more people read comics on WEBTOON in one day than watch most television shows.

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ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

Deborah Underwood has written numerous picture books, including the *New York Times* bestsellers *The Quiet Book*, *The Loud Book!*, and *Here Comes the Easter Cat* and the Caldecott Honor-winning *Outside In*.

The New York Times
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

Jorge Lacera is a cofounder of #LatinxPitch (latinxpitch.com). Jorge is also the illustrator of *Xo, Exoplanet* and *Pruett and Soo*.

THE FAIRY TALE FIXERS: SLEEPING BEAUTY (Book 2 of 2)

by Deborah Underwood, illus. by Jorge Lacera

2-Book Series!

Ages 6 - 10, 128 pages, Pub July 2026

In this graphic novel follow-up to the hilarious* The Fairy Tale Fixers: Cinderella*, Fairy and Mouse are back on the case as they help Sleeping Beauty try to awaken from a nightmare.

YOUNG GRAPHIC NOVELS ARE ON TREND: This series will sit nicely alongside humorous graphic novel series such as Catwad, Bird and Squirrel, and Narwhal and Jelly, while adding something new to this category with its fractured fairy tale conceit and memorable cast of characters.

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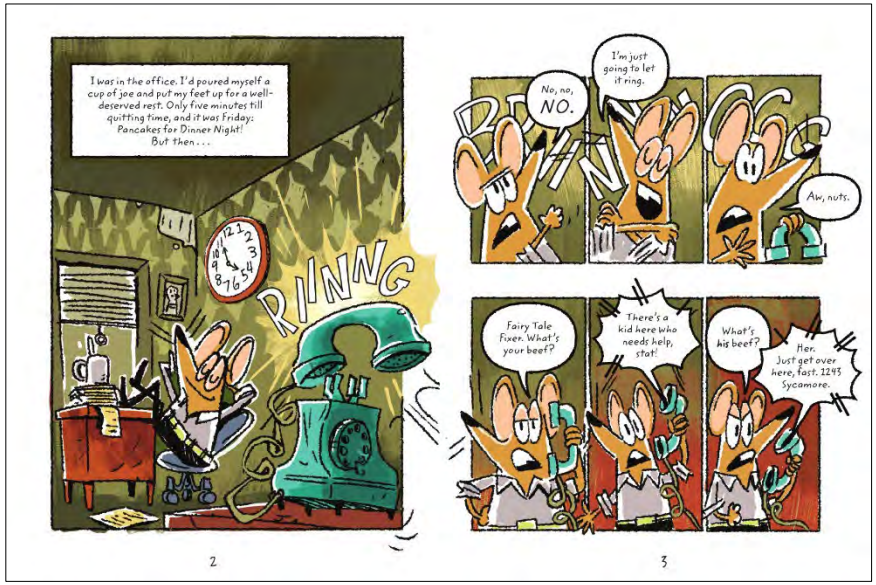

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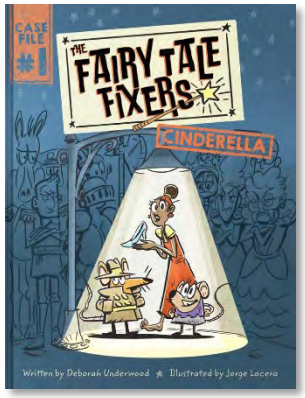

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Miles Toriko Burks is a cartoonist based in California who has been drawing his whole life. *Encore!*, based on his popular webcomic of the same name, is Miles' debut graphic novel. To keep up with Miles, visit him online at milestburks.com.

RIGHTS SOLD:

UK/ANZ (HarperCollins UK)

ENCORE!

by Miles Toriko Burks

Webtoon Adaptation!

13 and up, 240 pages, Pub May 2026

In this queer rom-com graphic novel for fans of* Heartstopper *and* Bloom*, two ex-best friends reconnect again in high school only to discover they might be more than friends.

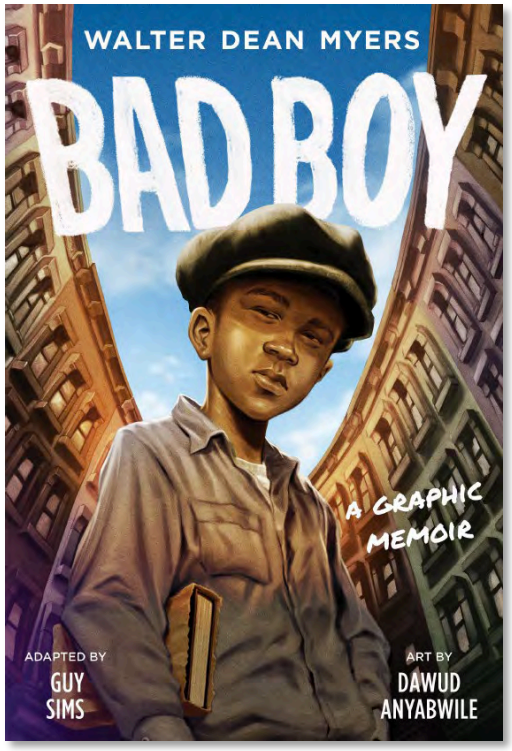
TRANS + QUEER REPRESENTATION: The cast of characters represents the expanse of the queer community. Clay is an out trans and queer; Clay's love interest comes out as gay; and their friend group has many other queer and trans characters, including nonbinary rep.

LIGHTHEARTED ROMANCE: The central romance of the book between Clay and Aron plays on some treasured romance tropes like enemies/rivals-to-lovers and second chance romance.

Sample Spread

WEBTOON SUCCESS
Miles began publishing *Encore!* on Webtoon in October 2020, and the series has over 22 million views, nearly 200K followers, and a stellar 9.71 star rating.

SHOWSTOPPING ART:
Miles' art style is incredibly commercial and bubbly, filled with humor and romance.



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Walter Dean Myers was a *NYT* bestselling author who received every major award in the field of children's literature. Myers won the first Michael L. Printz Award, authored two Newbery Honor Books and six Coretta Scott King Awardees. He received the Margaret A. Edwards Award for lifetime achievement, was a three-time National Book Award Finalist, and more.

BAD BOY: A GRAPHIC MEMOIR

by Walter Dean Myers, illus. by Dawud Anyabwile

Ages 13 and up, 128 pages, Pub September 2025 **ORIGINAL NOVEL SOLD IN 6 LANGUAGES!**

A gripping graphic memoir adaptation of iconic, multi-award-winning author Walter Dean Myers's autobiography, telling the story of his coming-of-age in Harlem, adapted by Guy A. Sims and illustrated by Dawud Anyabwile.

GORGEOUS GRAPHIC MEMOIR ADAPTATION

From the same team that brought Walter Dean Myers' award-winning *Monster* to a new generation of graphic novel enthusiasts: the brothers Guy A. Sims and Dawud Anyabwile. Memoir has become a steadfast must-have corner of the graphic novel market, and its appeal to reluctant readers will bring Myers' unforgettable story to new fans.

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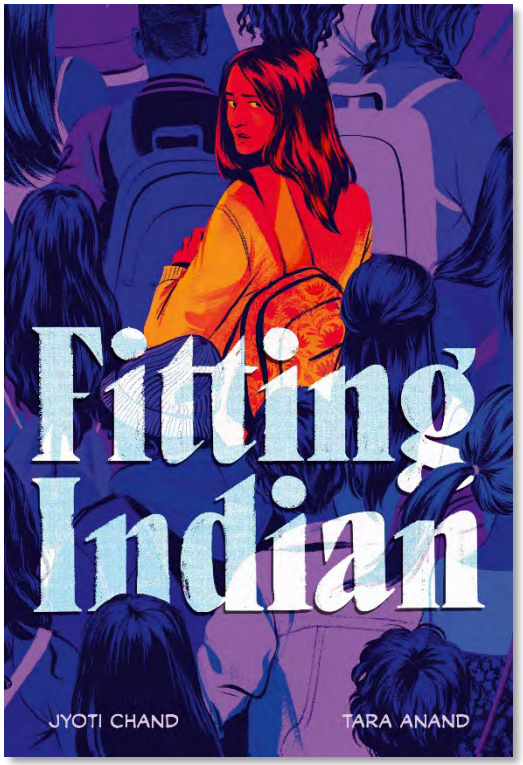
FIGURING OUT MASCULINITY AND BLACKNESS

Throughout the book, Myers touches on the messages he was receiving from the world around him about what it meant to be "manly", and also what it meant to be Black in America. As young Walter navigates these identities, the author gently and thoughtfully points out how they shaped his experience.



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ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

Jyoti Chand is a writer and advocate for self-care, self-love, and maternal mental health. With a background in stand-up comedy and improv, Jyoti guarantees a good laugh.

Tara Anand is an award-winning illustrator and visual artist from Mumbai, India, based in New York City. Her work has appeared in the *New Yorker*, the *New York Times*, the *LA Times*, on Netflix, and more. Visit her at taraanandart.com/about.

FITTING INDIAN

by Jyoti Chand, illus. by Tara Anand

Ages 14 and up, 288 pages, Pub April 2025

Social media influencer Jyoti Chand's and Tara Anand's debut YA graphic novel is Netflix's* Never Have I Ever *meets Tillie Walden's* Spinning *and follows Nitasha's journey navigating high school and her mental health issues within a traditional South Asian family.

AWARD-WINNING DEBUT ILLUSTRATOR

Tara Anand earned the Silver Medal at the Society of Illustrators Annual Show in 2022, the World Illustration New Talent Award, and the Alan Peckolick Scholarship Award for Excellence in Illustration, among others.

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INSPIRED BY THE AUTHOR'S EXPERIENCE

In a vulnerable author's note, Jyoti shares that, like the main character, she tried to take her own life when she was 18 after years of depression and self-harm. She wrote this book to shine a light on how harmful mental illness stigma is and how openly discussing mental health is the only way to recovery.

WEBTOON ADAPTATION

unORDINARY

by uru-chan

4-BOOK SERIES

Ages 14 and up, 336 pages, Pub November 2023 (book one)

From WEBTOON, the #1 digital comic platform, comes unOrdinary, the popular, action-packed series about John, an ordinary teen trying to survive high school in a world where superpowers dictate social status, and betrayal and conspiracies make up every turn.

A GLOBAL AND U.S. CONTENT LEADER

WEBTOON is the #1 digital comic app, with 82 million global users, 750,000 creators globally and global monthly page views exceeding 10.5 billion. With north of 17 million daily readers – more people read WEBTOONs in one day than watch most television shows.

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unORDINARY has

1.2 billion views

5.8 million subscribers

A rating of 9.74 on WEBTOON, the world's #1 digital comic platform

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

uru-chan (Chelsey Han) always had a love for manga and anime and taught herself how to draw and write her own stories. As a teen, she enjoyed posting short comics online for others to read.

COMMERCIAL, HIGH CONCEPT

Superpowers, high school drama, and anti-heroes are all at the forefront in this high-stakes story about a world where superpowers dictate social status and one seemingly ordinary teenager's secret that could dismantle the whole hierarchy.

Features Fan-Favorite Characters from School for Good and Evil series

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Rights Sold for School for Good and Evil Series

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

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.

Joel Gennari has illustrated over forty educational children's books. He is also an Emmy-winning puppet builder for the Jim Henson Company.

COVEN

by Soman Chainani, illus. by Joel Gennari

The New York Times
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

Ages 8 and up, 272 pages, Pub April 2025

A stand-alone upper middle grade fantasy graphic novel from* New York Times *bestselling author Soman Chainani, with art by Joel Gennari, that follows the adventures of Hester, Anadil, and Dot, the witch coven from the School for Good and Evil series.

SPECTACULAR GRAPHIC NOVEL DEBUT FROM BELOVED *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR: *Coven* is the first graphic novel from *New York Times* bestselling author Soman Chainani and is sure to pull in a wide range of new fans as well as old fans eager to see what their favorite author is up to next!

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STAND-ALONE STORY FOLLOWS FAN-FAVORITE CHARACTERS: This is a completely stand-alone story that follows the adventures of Hester, Dot, and Anadil, the witch coven from the School for Good and Evil series, as they answer a call for help from the mysterious Red Isle, where two factions are divided by much more than a river.

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ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

Rita Williams-Garcia is the author of several bestselling, award-winning young adult and middle grade books. To learn more, visit her at ritawg.com.

Sharee Miller is the bestselling creator of *Curlfriends: New in Town*. She is also known for her acclaimed picture book *Don't Touch My Hair*. Sharee loves creating picture books, graphic novels, and illustrations that depict Black joy.

ONE CRAZY SUMMER: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL

by Rita Williams-Garcia, illus. by Sharee Miller

Ages 8 - 12, 304 pages, Pub April 2025

This graphic novel adaptation of Rita Williams-Garcia's beloved award-winning novel is perfectly captured in Sharee Miller's artwork. She brings to life the three sisters and their historic summer away from home in vibrant color and engaging art.

A BELOVED, AWARD-WINNING CLASSIC NOW IN A GRAPHIC NOVEL FORMAT

This beloved Newbery Honor Book, National Book Award finalist, and Coretta Scott King Award.

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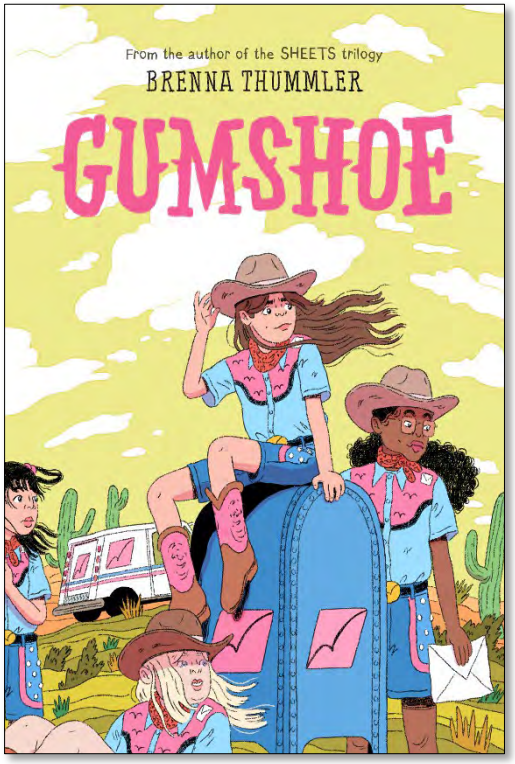
CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED ILLUSTRATOR

Sharee Miller, the creator of *Curlfriends*, is a powerhouse illustrator whose work for children has reached bestselling status and acclaim.



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Brenna Thummler has never robbed a mailbox or run away from home. She has far better things to do, like making soups and performing in local musical acts. She sometimes considers running away, of course, but when this thought occurs, she instead nestles away in her library and writes a story. She highly recommends this approach. It is how she was able to create the Sheets series as well as a couple of one-act plays and not get caught up with the likes of an outlaw.

GUMSHOE

by Brenna Thummler

Ages 8 - 12, 320 pages, Pub January 2026

***From the visionary creator of the Sheets trilogy comes a never-before-seen contemporary middle grade graphic novel about a spunky group of girls set against the backdrop of the Arizona countryside, perfect for fans of* Paper Girls *and* This Was Our Pact.**

STRENGTH IN SHYNESS

Though Willa is a character of few words, her great listening skills and aptitude to connect people is celebrated, especially when she joins the Gumshoe Gang. It's only through Willa's observation skills that the characters finally unveil just who Two Gum Tilly is.

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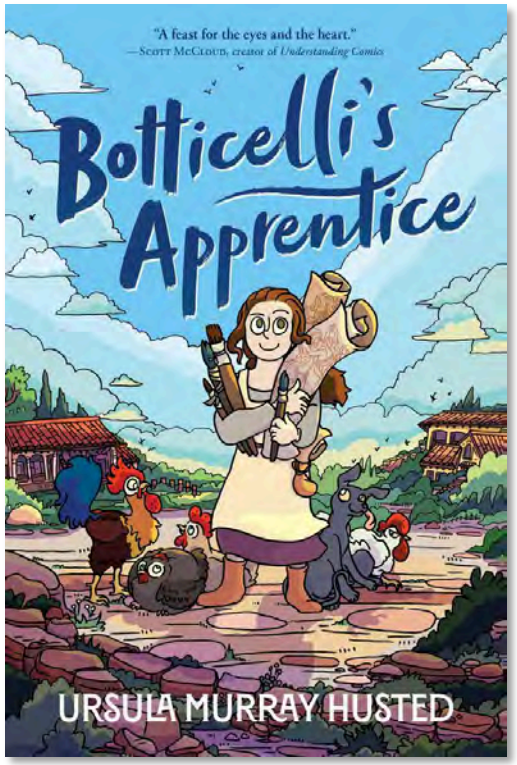
GORGEOUS, IMMERSIVE ART

The world of Stony Lonesome comes to life through Brenna's vulnerable linework and bold colors.



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ursula Murray Husted lives in a small house with a big garden in Minneapolis with her partner, their daughter, three cats, and many, many books. She received her PhD from the University of Minnesota, MFA from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, and BFA from Marshall University. She is the author of *A Cat Story* and *Botticelli's Apprentice*.

BOTTICELLI'S APPRENTICE

by Ursula Murray Husted

Ages 8 - 12, 272 pages, Pub March 2025

This funny, empowering graphic novel from rising star Ursula Murray Husted is a gorgeously illustrated glimpse into the forgotten history of Renaissance Italy, following an ambitious young girl's quest to become an apprentice to the famous Sandro Botticelli.

EMPOWERING COMING-OF-AGE STORY

With its vibrant Italian Renaissance setting, a fierce and ambitious heroine, and her silly and loyal dog companion, this book has all the makings of a pitch-perfect middle grade story, perfect for fans of accessible historical fiction in the vein of *Catherine Called Birdy*.

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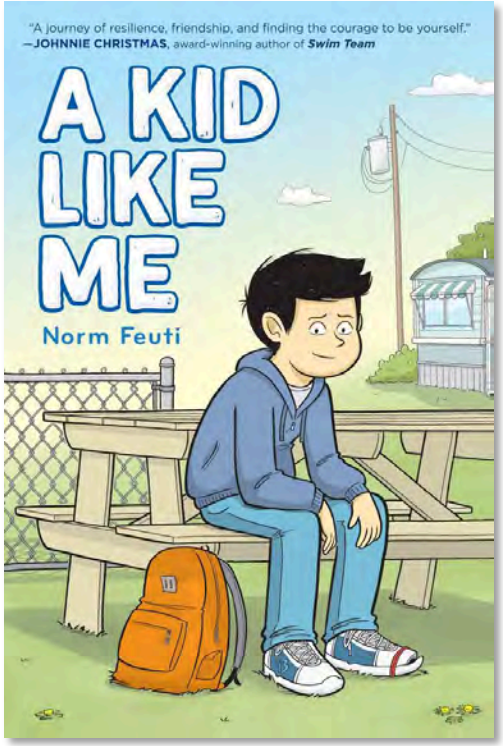
FEMINIST ANGLE

Mella's journey to demand the recognition she deserves shines a much-needed light on the systemic challenges women face in male-dominated spaces, and also offers a blueprint for how to forge a meaningful path in spite of that.



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A KID LIKE ME

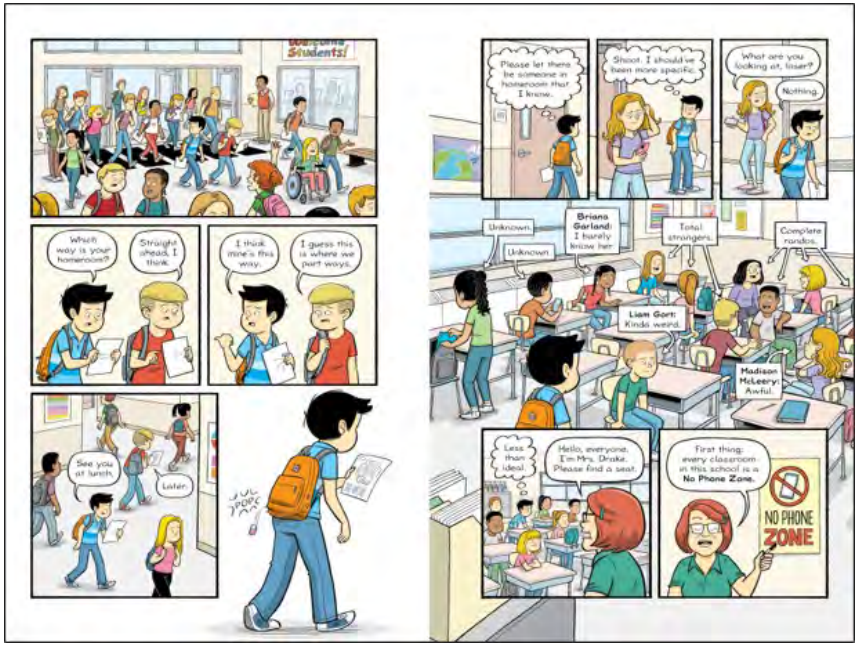
by Norm Feuti

Ages 8 - 12, 272 pages, Pub February 2026

Perfect for fans of Jeff Kinney and Terri Libensen,* A Kid Like Me *is a timely exploration about finding your place in the ever-evolving social landscape that is middle school, written and illustrated by award-winning graphic novelist Norm Feuti.

UNDEREXPLORED TOPIC

Through accessible artwork and authentic characters, Feuti's dive into a complicated, personal topic feels immediate and vulnerable. *A Kid Like Me* is an emotionally nuanced and compelling story that explores subject matter we don't often find on the middle-grade graphic novel shelf.



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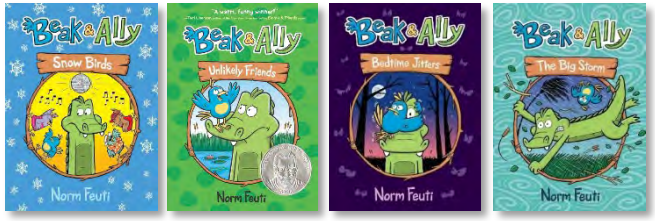
A STANDOUT IN THE EVERGREEN MIDDLE GRADE GRAPHIC NOVEL MARKET

The demand for contemporary realistic fiction continues in the middle grade graphic novel market, and Norm's inviting and accessible artwork is sure to stand out in this proven space.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Norm Feuti is the award-winning author, illustrator, of Beak & Ally, which won a Theodore Seuss Geisel Honor in 2022, and Hello, Hedgehog!



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dani Jones is an artist and writer who has illustrated children's books, comics, games, and magazines. When not drawing, she is most likely making a pie or watching a superhero movie. She currently resides in New Hampshire with her very hyper cat, Charles. Learn more about her work at danijones.com.

MY SISTER, THE FREAK

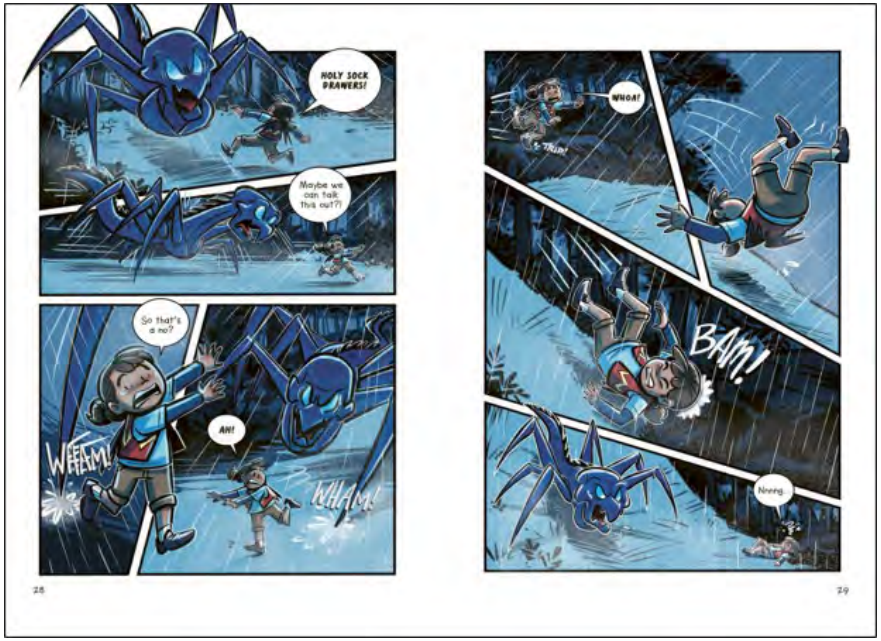
by Dani Jones

Ages 8 - 12, 272 pages, Pub April 2026

For fans of Raina Telgemeier's* Ghost *and Sophie Escabasse's* Witches of Brooklyn*, the* New York Times *bestselling illustrator of the PopularMMOs series, Dani Jones, comes with her debut, original graphic novel in this heartfelt and hilarious exploration of sisterhood, forgiveness, and alien invasions.

SCI-FI AND ALIENS

With one of the sisters being a secret alien, and the other being obsessed with all-things sci-fi, fans of the genre will have plenty of moments to obsess over.



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DEBUT FROM ESTABLISHED ARTIST

As the *New York Times* bestselling illustrator for the PopularMMOs series, Dani is no stranger to the publishing world. But with My Sister, The Freak, she brings her own point of view and voice to the middle grade graphic novel space for the first time ever.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Raúl the Third is the *New York Times* bestselling, three-time Pura Belpré Award–winning author-illustrator of the ¡Vamos! Series. He illustrated Schneider Family Book Award honoree *Stuntboy, in the Meantime*, by Jason Reynolds, and the Lowriders series, by Cathy Camper.

The New York Times
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

TOUGH TIMES

by Raúl the Third

Ages 6 - 10, 56 pages, Pub January 2026

From* New York Times *bestselling, Pura Belpré Award–winning author-illustrator Raúl the Third, Tough Times finds everyone's favorite young luchador fighting a losing streak in an action-packed, graphic novel-style El Toro & Friends paper-over-board reader from the World of ¡Vamos!

AWARD-WINNING, ACCLAIMED SERIES FROM VERSIFY

The first eleven World of ¡Vamos! titles have sold over 300K net copies and received two Pura Belpré Medals, two Eisner Award nominations, a Pura Belpré Honor, and 18 total starred reviews!

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ESSENTIAL FOR RELUCTANT READERS

For readers of Jeff Kinney, Dav Pilkey, and Dan Santat, these funny and action-packed stories are sure to delight! And Raúl the Third's winning style will be familiar to young fans of his illustrations for *Stuntboy, in the Meantime*.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Aphmau (aka Jessica Bravura) has over 20 million YouTube subscribers and an average of well over 1 million views per video, so calling Aphmau popular is an understatement. She is the most popular female *Minecraft* YouTuber, and one of the most streamed girl gamers ever. Considering so many gaming YouTube accounts are geared towards boys (or run by boys), Aphmau is a standout star in a sea of men.

APHMAU: SEARCHING FOR HOME

by Jessica Bravura

Ages 8 - 12, 208 pages, Pub May 2025

From the #1 female YouTube gamer Aphmau (over 20 million subscribers), this middle grade graphic novel blends* Minecraft*-inspired storytelling with relatable lessons in friendship and being true to oneself.

Aphmau is the new girl in town, and after a rough first day at school—thanks, Stacy—she's not sure anyone will come to her birthday party. Thankfully, the super cute and mysterious Aaron comes through and brings the party with him. But after Stacy sprinkles the cake with magic dust, Aphmau's birthday wishes don't only come true, they come to life! Soon Aphmau and her friends find that the world has become just like Aphmau's video games! Will they be able to turn everything back to normal? Or will Stacy's evil plan reign supreme?

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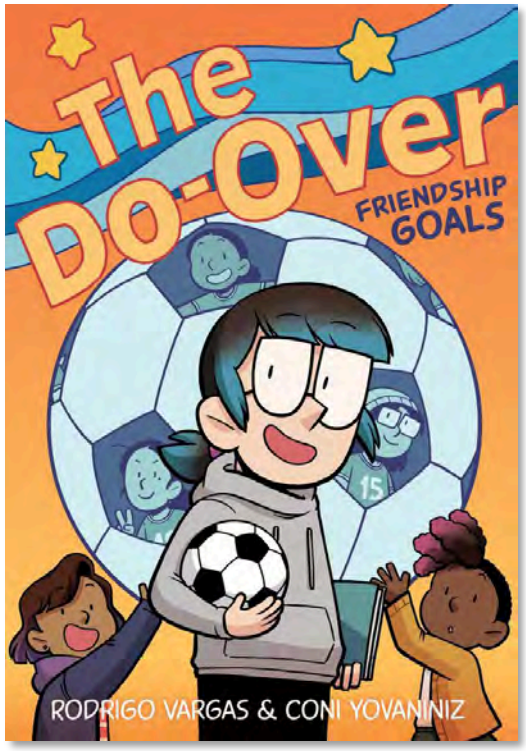
BUILT-IN PROMOTION
Aphmau will promote her book on YouTube and social media, ensuring that all 20 million of her fans will know about the book.



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rodrigo Vargas is a comic artist and writer. His work explores counterculture, adventures, and humor. His previous works include Everything Will Be Okay (written by Matt D. Wilson) and the webcomic *Walking to Do*.

Coni Yovaniniz is a comic artist and astronomy MSc. They love making comics with feelings, jokes, and fun characters. Their previous works include Team Avatar Tales and the webcomics *Postcards in Braille* and *Walking to Do*.

THE DO-OVER: FRIENDSHIP GOALS (Book 2 of 2)

by Rodrigo Vargas, Coni Yovaniniz

Ages 8 - 12, 224 pages, Pub October 2025

Does Zoe have to choose between the soccer team and her friends? Find out in the second book in this bright, emotionally touching graphic novel series about three friends who start their own styling business, perfect for fans of Kayla Miller and the Baby-Sitters Club.

GIRL BOSSES IN TRAINING

As the three main characters start their own business, they must problem-solve as a group, from dealing with tough customers to disagreements about bandwidth. Many kids today have dreams of entrepreneurship and will appreciate the youthful take on the ups and downs of running a business.

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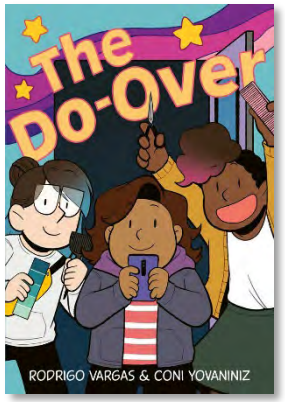

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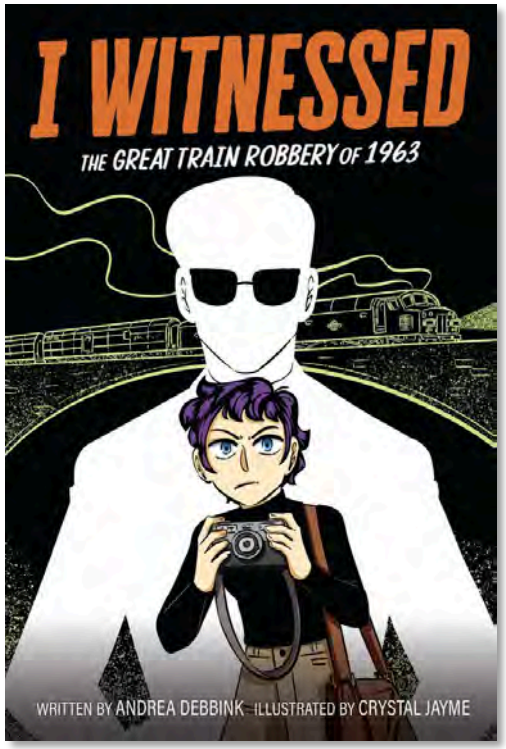

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Andrea Debbink is a former American Girl editor and the author of more than a dozen books for children and adults including The Wild World Handbook series and If the Rivers Run Free.

Crystal Jayme is a comic artist based in Texas. She's currently drawing three webcomics and has five very needy cats. She also loves stories that combine elements of horror and drama. I Witnessed: The Lizzie Borden Story was her graphic novel debut.

I WITNESSED: THE GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY (Book 2 of 3)

by Andrea Debbink, illus. by Crystal Jayme

Ages 8 - 12, 208 pages, Pub March 2026

I Survived meets Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales with a true crime twist! Aspiring investigative reporter Marilyn witnesses one of the greatest money heists in history…but will she be able to collect enough evidence for anyone to believe what she saw?

FICTIONAL MYSTERY ROOTED IN TRUE STORIES

Inspired by the true event and one of the largest money heists in history, Marilyn's story offers a fiction kid POV rooted in historical facts about the heist itself, the crew, the trial and the aftermath. "Case Fact" sidebars offer additional nonfiction elements to the story.

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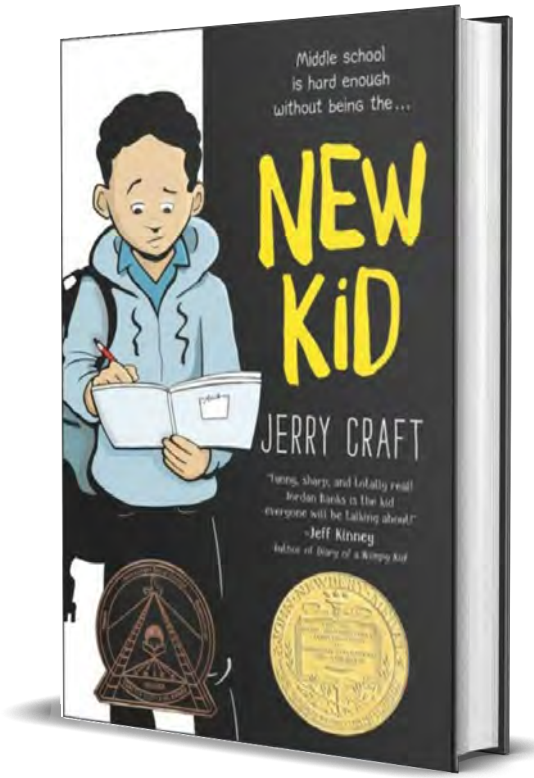

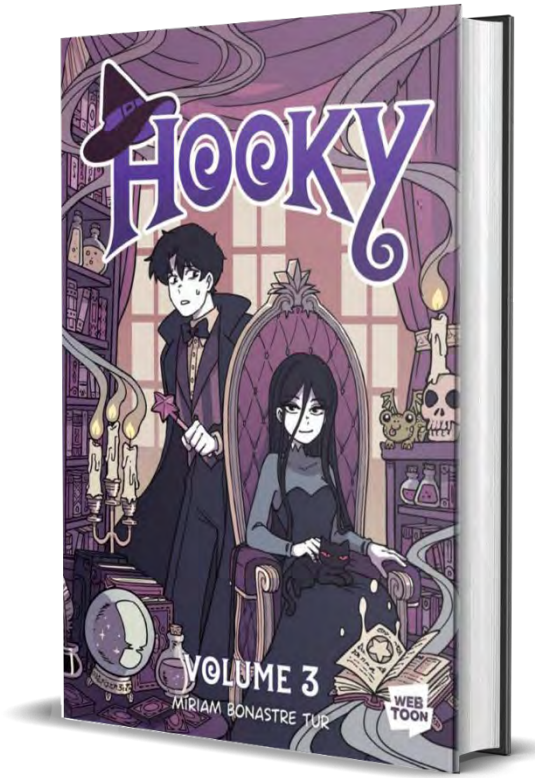

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Best Book

LIGHTFALL

by Tim Probert

Ages 8–12, 256 pages, Pub Sept. 2020 (book one)

For fans of* Amulet *and middle grade readers who love sweeping worlds like Star Wars, two unlikely Friends who get swept up in an epic quest to save their world from falling into eternal darkness.

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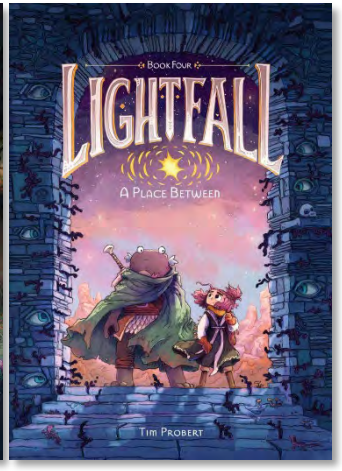

ABOUT THE AUTHOR
Tim Probert is an author, illustrator and art director at Aardman Nathan Love, working on projects for Nickelodeon, Kellogg's, Coca-Cola, Candy Crush, and more. Visit him at timprobert.com.

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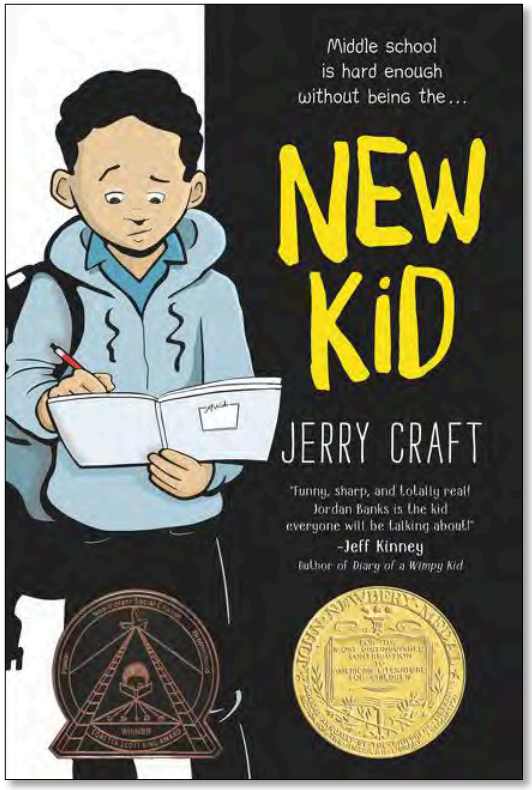

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NEW KID (Book 1 of 3)

by Jerry Craft

Book 1: Ages 8 - 12, 224 pages, Pub November 2022

3-Book Series!

The New York Times
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

Perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier and Gene Luen Yang,* New Kid *is a timely, honest graphic novel about starting over at a new school where diversity is low and the struggle to fit in is real, from award-winning author-illustrator Jerry Craft.

Winner of the Newbery Medal,
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and Kirkus Prize for Young Readers' Literature!

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Over 1 million copies sold in the U.S.!

HOOKY

by Míriam Bonastre Tur

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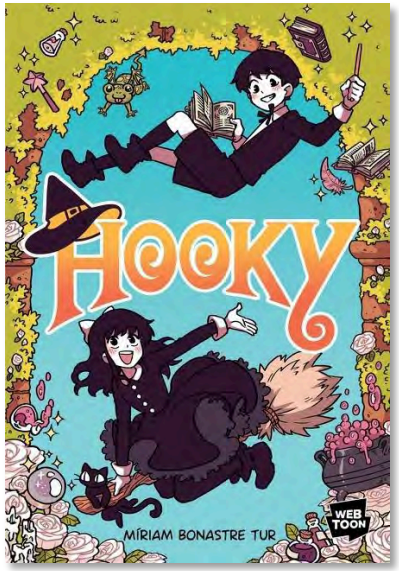
PW PUBLISHERS WEEKLY *Bestseller*

Two twins, one prophecy, and a whole lot of hijinks. Join Dani and Dorian on an unputdownable adventure to save their kingdom from evil witches.

MANGA LOOK AND GORGEOUS, DETAILED ART stand out from the MG market and give this title tons of shelf appeal as well as all-ages crossover interest.



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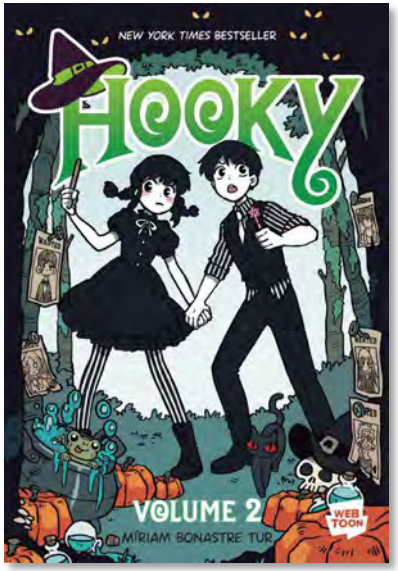

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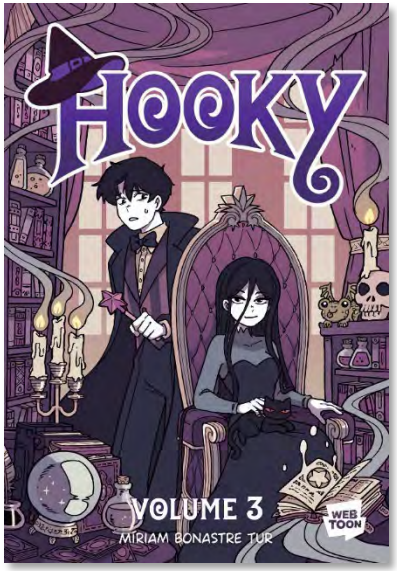

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Míriam Bonastre Tur is the *NYT* bestselling author of the HOOKY series and the popular MARIONETTA series on WEBTOON. She studied comics at Escola Joso Art School and now works as a character designer in the animation field. She lives in Spain.

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ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley married the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, and that summer traveled with him and a host of other Romantic intellectuals to Geneva. Her greatest achievement was piecing together one of the most terrifying and renowned stories of all time: *Frankenstein*.

Gris Grimly's best-known works include *Gris Grimly's Frankenstein*, *Edgar Allan Poe's Tales of Mystery and Madness* and *Edgar Allan Poe's Tales of Death and Dementia*, and Neil Gaiman's bestselling picture book *The Dangerous Alphabet*.

GRIS GRIMLY'S FRANKENSTEIN: A GRAPHIC NOVEL

by Mary Shelley, illus. by Gris Grimly

Ages 13 and up, 208 pages, Pub February 2015

A stunningly original remix of Mary Shelley's classic work of gothic horror, brought to life by its modern master, Gris Grimly. Beautifully terrifying and terrifyingly beautiful, this is Frankenstein as you've never seen it before.

Gris Grimly's Frankenstein is a twisted, fresh, and utterly original full-length, full-color graphic-novel adaptation of Mary Shelley's original text, brought to life by acclaimed illustrator Gris Grimly. The first fully illustrated version to use the original 1818 text, this handsome volume is destined to capture the imagination of those new to the story as well as those who know it well.

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New York Times bestselling illustrator Gris Grimly has long considered *Frankenstein* to be one of his chief inspirations. From the bones and flesh of the original, he has cut and stitched Mary Shelley's text to his own artwork, creating something entirely new: a stunningly original remix, both classic and contemporary, sinister and seductive, heart-stopping and heartbreaking.

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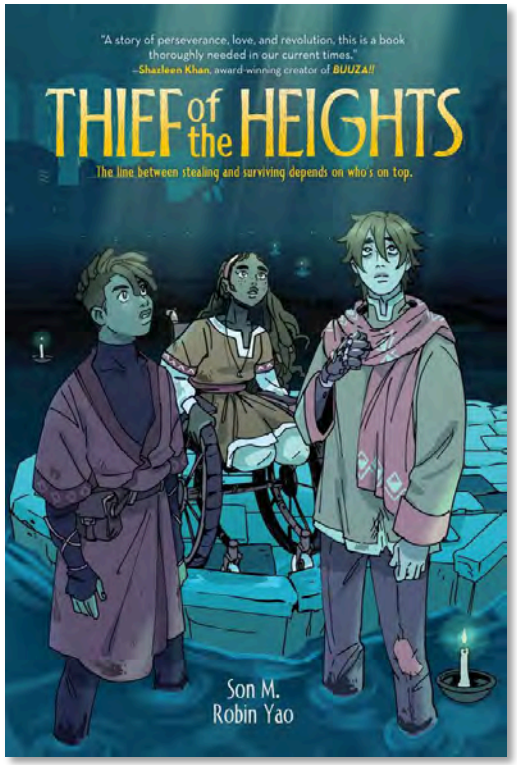

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Son M. is an Algerian Amazigh Muslim writer who enjoys creating narratives in both prose and visual mediums. She specializes in horror, science fiction, action, thriller, and mystery. Visit her at theboglands.com.

Robin Yao is a queer Chinese American illustrator who loves to tell stories through environments and world-building. Visit them at robinyao.com.

THIEF OF THE HEIGHTS

by Son M., illus. by Robin Yao

Ages 13 and up, 240 pages, Pub October 2024

Squire *meets* Parasite *in* Thief of the Heights*, where three friends hope their inventions will propel them to the top of their vertically stacked city and away from disease ridden waters of the lower level. But when all is not what it appears, they must decide whether to fight for those they grew up with or fall in line to achieve everything they've dreamed.*

PERFECT FOR FANS OF SQUIRE and ON A SUNBEAM

With SWANA/MENA-identifying readers clamoring for more stories, *Thief of the Heights* is sure to make a splash with fans of science fiction. Perfect for readers of ND Stevenson and Tillie Walden!

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TIMELY THEMES TAILORED FOR GEN Z

Set in a fantasy world where one's economic stasis defines their access to clean water, medical care, and other basic needs, *Thief of the Heights* is tackling real-world issues through a science fiction lens, while centering BIPOC characters and communities.

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THE OTHER SIDE OF TOMORROW

by Tina Cho, illus. by Deb JJ Lee

Ages 8 - 12, 224 pages, Pub October 2024

Illegal *meets* When Stars Are Scattered *in* a story that *follows Yunho and Myunghee as they flee North Korea and face many dangers—poisonous jungle snakes, corrupt soldiers, the daily fear of being found out and sent back—in order to reach for a brighter future.*

A TIMELY CRITIQUE OF SOCIETY

A one-of-a-kind refugee story, *The Other Side of Tomorrow* combines social commentary with emotional visual storytelling and poetry that is reminiscent of unforgettable graphic novels such as *They Called Us Enemy* and *When Stars Are Scattered.*

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Italian (Tunue);
Turkish (Timas)

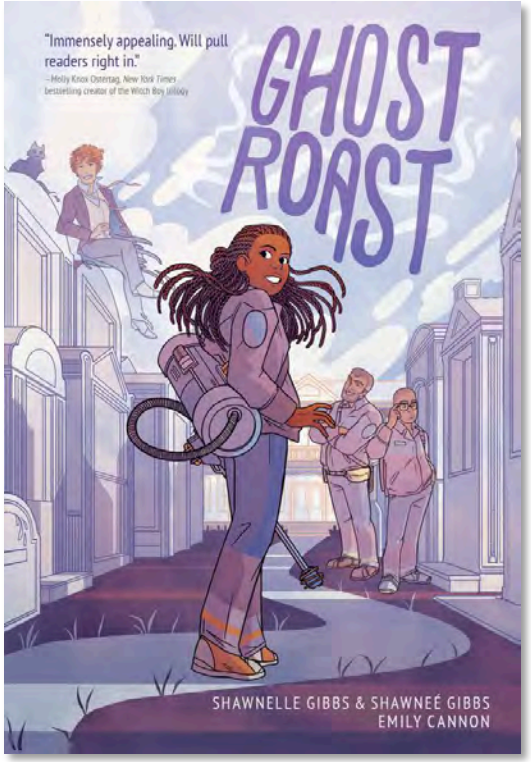
A REALISTIC BUT HOPEFUL ASIAN REFUGEE STORY

Equal parts emotional and action-packed, this shows readers the true threats and arduous journey faced by North Koreans who seek freedom beyond the border.

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

Tina Cho is the author of *Rice from Heaven: The Secret Mission to Feed North Koreans*, *Korean Celebrations*, *My Breakfast with Jesus: Worshipping God around the World*, and more.

Deb JJ Lee (they/them) is a trans nonbinary artist whose work has appeared in the *New Yorker*, *New York Times*, NPR, Google, Radiolab, and more. They are known for their award-winning graphic memoir, *In Limbo,* about mental illness and difficult relationships with trauma.



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Shawneé and Shawnelle Gibbs are the creators of *Ghost Roast* and the Glyph Award–nominated adventure series The Invention of E.J. Whitaker They have served as a staff writers for Warner Bros. Animation and written for DreamWorks Animation, Mattel Studios, and Disney.

Emily Cannon studied at the Rhode Island School of Design for a BFA in illustration. *Ghost Roast* is her first graphic novel.

GHOST ROAST

by Shawneé and Shawnelle Gibbs, illus. by Emily Cannon

Ages 14 and up, 336 pages, Pub May 2024

Ghost Roast delivers a paranormal adventure full of first crushes, lost histories, and the impossible task of fitting in when Dad's a ghosthunter, all in one standalone YA graphic novel from authors Shawneé and Shawnelle Gibbs and debut artist Emily Cannon!

A Harvey Award Nominee!
An NAACP Image Awards Nominee!
A *Mary Sue* Best YA Graphic Novel!
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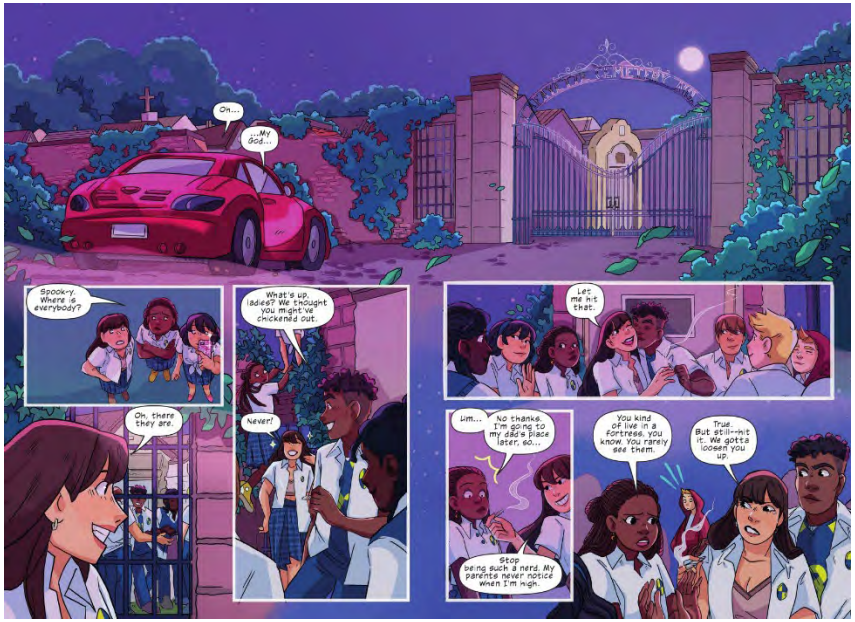

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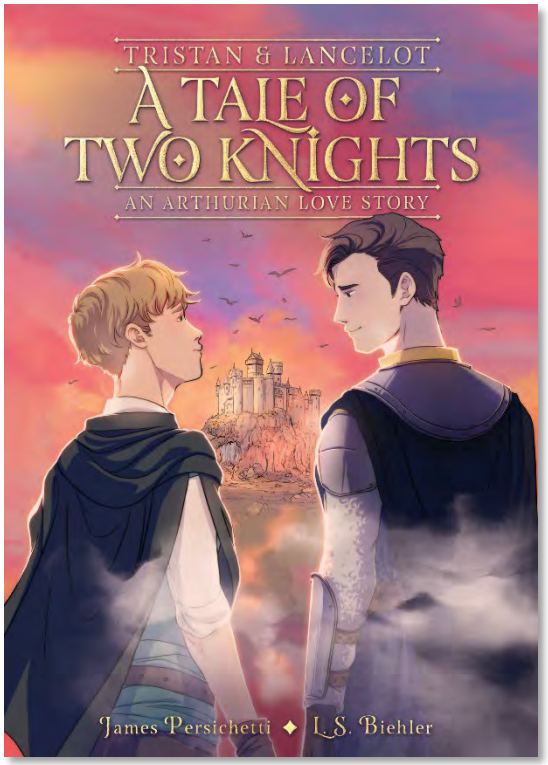
French (Jungle)

***BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER* MEETS *GHOSTBUSTERS* WITH A BLACK PROTAGONIST:** This unique entry in the popular paranormal teen drama genre features a hero who'd rather be popular than follow in her father's ghost-hunting footsteps.



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

James Persichetti is a writer, freelance editor, and language enthusiast who enjoys writing about queer characters going on adventures. He earned an English degree and studied Arthurian legends, where he drew inspiration for his debut graphic novel, *A Tale of Two Knights*. He lives with his husband in Denver, Colorado.

TRISTAN AND LANCELOT: A TALE OF TWO KNIGHTS

by James Persichetti, illus. by L. Biehler

Ages 13 and up, 336 pages, Pub June 2024

In this queer reimagining of Arthurian legend, Knights of the Round Table Lancelot and Tristan set out on a quest to find the missing magician Merlin, but instead discover an unexpected romance. An inclusive, magical twist on the enduring legend of Arthur.

A QUEER REIMAGINING OF ARTHURIAN LEGEND

Debut team Persichetti and Biehler have added a rich thread to the Arthurian tapestry, interpreting Knights of the Round Table Lancelot and Tristan as queer love interests. Fans of the BBC's *Merlin,* Tracy Deonn's *Legendborn*, and the world of Arthurian retellings will love this new romantic entry.

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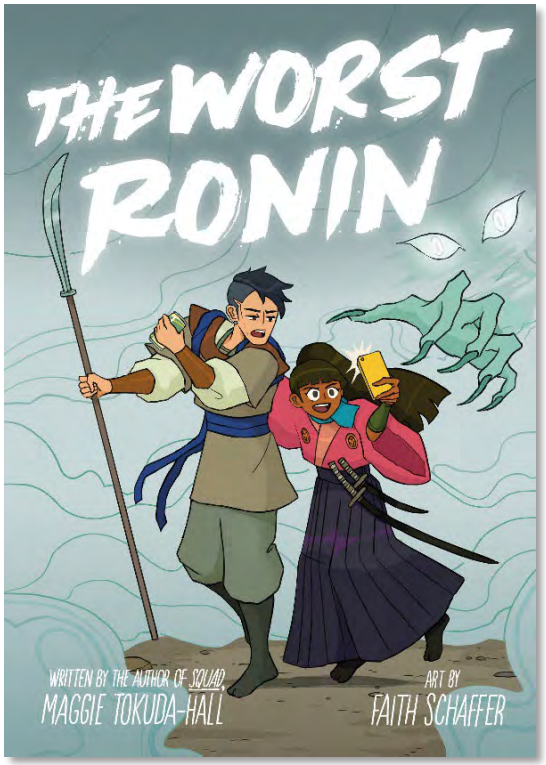
ROMANCE TO DELIGHT IN

Lancelot and Tristan are seemingly not meant for each other, with Tristan bound to the lady Isolde. But as the two travel on their knightly quest, the tension becomes unbearable and will have readers screaming "KISS ALREADY!"



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ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

Maggie Tokuda-Hall is the author *Also an Octopus*, illustrated by Benji Davies, *The Mermaid, The Witch and The Sea*, *Squad*, illustrated by Lisa Sterle, and *Love in the Library* illustrated by Yas Imamura.

Faith Schaffer is a designer and visual development artist for animation. Her art has been featured in *Disenchantment, Amphibia*, *The Owl House*, and more.

THE WORST RONIN

by Maggie Tokuda-Hall, illus. by Faith Schaffer

Ages 14 and up, 336 pages, Pub May 2024

When an unlikely pair of female samurai join forces, what begins as your run-of-the-mill quest for glory and revenge evolves into something much more complicated. Turns out fighting actual demons doesn't mean you're not running from your own internal ones.* Nimona *meets* Attack on Titan *in this edgy, unexpectedly hilarious, genre-defying YA.

TOUGH THEMES WITH A MAGIC TOUCH

Themes of grief, revenge, and perseverance are tackled with the deft hand as Chihiro and Tatsuo's quest to defeat a monster overtaking village has them facing the demons of their past.

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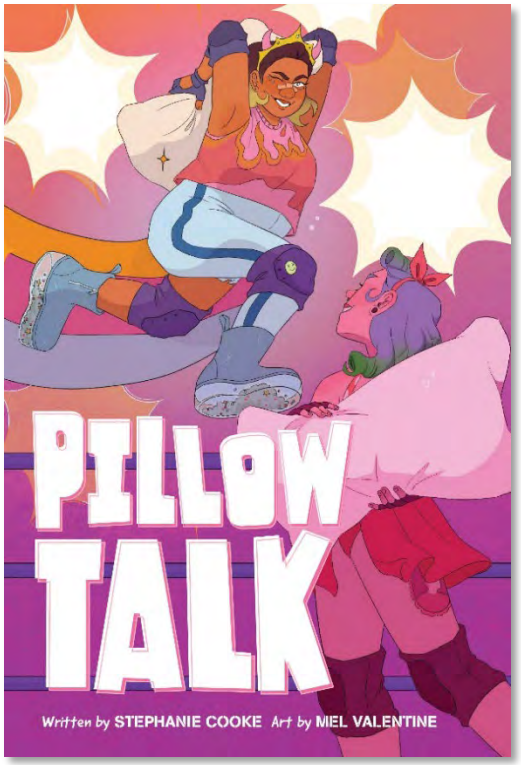
ACTION-PACKED

Set in world where samurai and cellphones co-exist and filled with thrilling fight scenes in the vein of manga favorites like *Bleach* and *Attack on Titan*, this action-packed graphic novel will enthrall readers with its electrifying world building and dynamic storytelling.



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ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

Stephanie Cooke is an award-winning writer and editor. *Oh My Gods!* and *ParaNorthern* are out now. *Pillow Talk* is her debut YA graphic novel.

Mel Valentine Vargas is a Latinx comic creator and illustrator. Mel loves drawing minorities and art that their younger self needed while growing up, including Hispanic main characters, non-binary characters, and bodies of all shapes.

PILLOW TALK

by Stephanie Cooke, illus. by Mel Valentine Vargas

Ages 14 and up, 304 pages, Pub November 2023

***Grace Mendes a.k.a. Cinderhella, is a fierce competitor in the PFF, a pillow fight federation that's part roller derby, part professional wrestling. In this fresh, coming-of-age YA, Grace must learn to overcome her biggest enemy: herself. For fans of* Check, Please *and* Bloom.**

INSPIRED BY A REAL SPORT LEAGUE

Yes, there is a real pillow fight league based in Toronto, Canada. The author, Stephanie Cooke, participated in the league (we have video proof!). While the PFF in *Pillow Talk* is a cross between the spectacle and drama of professional wrestling and the tough, punny personas of roller derby, it maintains the rules of the real league—all first point of contact must be made through pillows!

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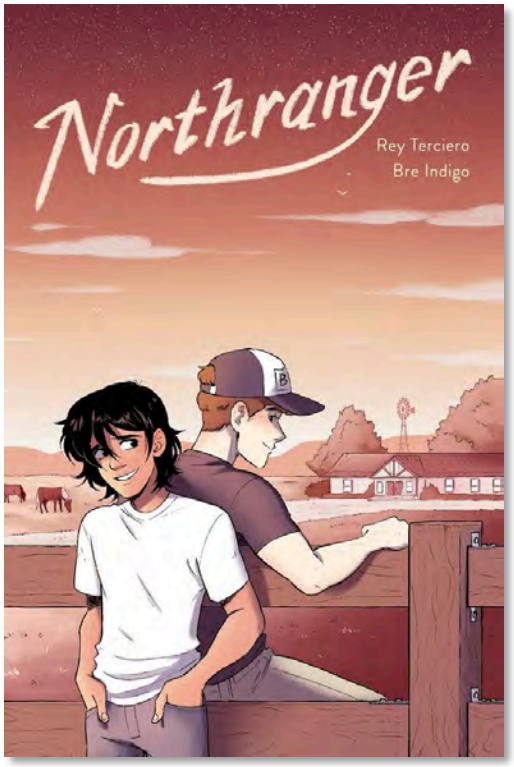
COMMERCIAL APPEAL

For fans of *Glow*, *Whip It*, and WWE, with bright, accessible art and dynamic fight scenes, *Pillow Talk* fuses fun with depth as protagonist Grace wrestles with body image, insecurity, the toxicity of social media and her changing relationships.



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ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

Rey Terciero has written and edited hundreds of books and comics for children and young adults. He is a queer writer who has always been drawn to strong female protagonists, including Elizabeth Bennet, Princess Leia, Jean Grey, and Hermione Granger.

Bre Indigo is a queer black artist who loves to tell stories about gentle boys, strong girls, the great folk in between and those outside completely. Bre is the author-illustrator of the successful webcomic *Jamie.*

NORTHRANGER

by Rey Terciero, illus. by Bre Indigo

Ages 13 and up, 240 pages, Pub June 2023

In this swoony and spooky teen summer romance graphic novel set on a ranch, sixteen-year-old Cade Muñoz finds himself falling for the ranch owner's mysterious and handsome son, only to discover that he may be harboring a dangerous secret.

SEASONED TEAM

Rey Terciero and Bre Indigo are the dynamite team behind modern-day *Little Women* adaptation *Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy*, which published in 2019 and has netted over 116,000 copies.

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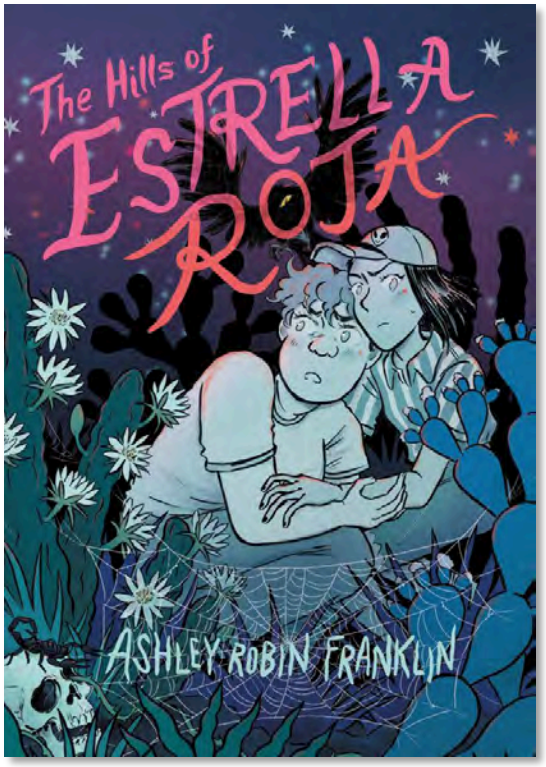
GORGEOUS SETTING

The wide-open fields and endless skies of rural Texas serve as the beautiful backdrop for *Northranger* and a stark contrast to Cade's pinned-in feelings of loneliness and secrecy with his friends and family.



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ashley Robin Franklin is a queer cartoonist and illustrator based in Austin, Texas, where she lives with her girlfriend and their goofy tiny dogs. Ashley makes sweet and spooky comics with horror and fantasy elements. Her most recent in-print comics are *One Million Tiny Fires (2020)* and *That Full Moon Feeling (2021)*. She has also published several short comics with the *New Yorker*, the *Nib*, and Pome press. *The Hills of Estrella Roja* is her YA graphic novel debut.

THE HILLS OF ESTRELLA ROJA

by Ashley Robin Franklin

Ages 14 and up, 400 pages, Pub August 2023

In this spooky, queer YA graphic novel debut, a paranormal podcaster visits small-town Texas and teams up with a cute outsider with secrets to unearth the truth behind the haunting red lights that float above its hills. But something hungry lurks beneath the strange stars and the two teens discover that some things should stay buried.

A NEW AGE OF CRYPTIDS

Move over vampires, werewolves, bigfoot, and even moth man, this project is focused on regional cryptids like chupacabras and lechuzas (witches who take the shape of an owl and eats children).

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LGBTQ+ ROMANCE / QUEER REPRESENTATION

Mari and Kat are slow to act on their crushes, but the longing glances, the accidental touches are part of the thrill. Beyond that, many other characters also identify as queer in the story.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sunmi is a cartoonist whose body of work explores emotional distances and gender deviant fantasies, within a framework of queer + Korean histories and mythologies.

PRAISE

"Gripping and thoughtful." —***Kirkus Reviews***
"…artfully captures the trials and tribulations of one teen's experience wrestling with who she's always been and who she wants to be…" —***PW***
"A beautiful coming-of-age story."—***Booklist***

FIREBIRD

by Sunmi

Ages 13 and up, 320 pages, Pub August 2023

In their gorgeous two-color graphic novel debut, Sunmi tells a blazing coming-of-age story of unexpected bonds at the crossroads of queerness and Asian immigrant experience that examines who you are when you're alone and who you are when you're with others.

CROSSOVER APPEAL
With a sophisticated story and gorgeous, nuanced artwork, *Firebird* is sure to appeal to both teens and adults.

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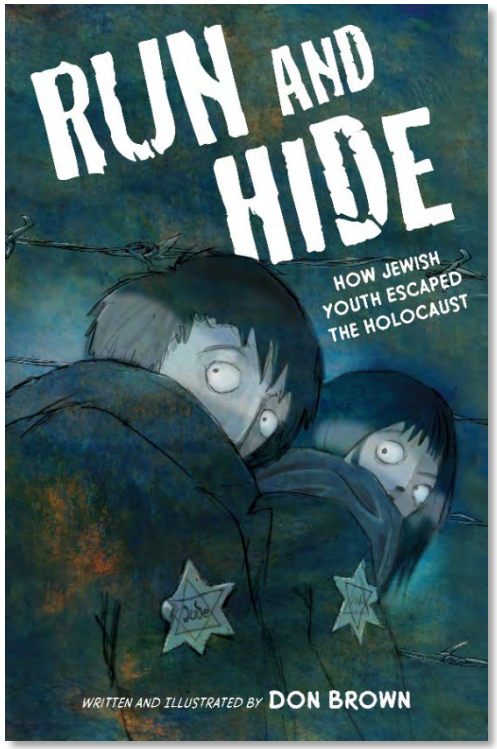
BREAKOUT TALENT
Firebird is talented cartoonist Sunmi's author-illustrator debut.

CLOSE TO HOME
Writing from their own experiences as the child of Asian immigrants growing up in the San Francisco Bay Area, authenticity and specificity leap off every page.



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RUN AND HIDE

by Don Brown

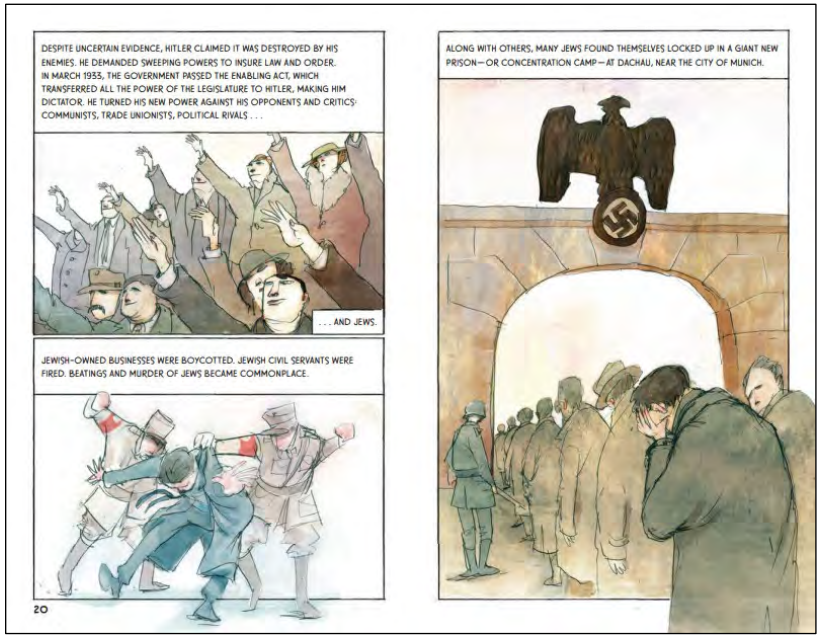
Non-Fiction

Ages 13 and up, 192 pages, Pub October 2023

***Run and Hide* will be a nonfiction book in the graphic novel style of *In the Shadow of the Fallen Towers* and *The Unwanted*. *Run and Hide* will follow the stories of Jewish children, separated from their parents, who *escaped* the horrors of the Holocaust.**

HIGHLY DECORATED CREATOR

Don Brown's young adult nonfiction graphic novels have garnered accolades, including the YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Award, two Sibert Honor Awards, the Orbis Pictus Award, an Eisner Award nomination, and have been named to Best Of lists from *Kirkus Reviews*, *The Horn Book*, *School Library Journal*, *Publishers Weekly*, ALA *Booklist*, and more.



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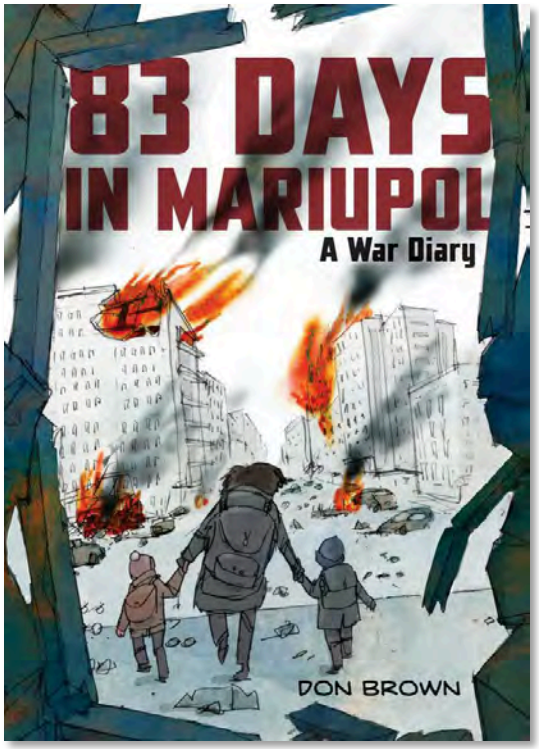
EXCELLENT TOOL FOR CLASSROOMS AND PARENTS

Holocaust education is mandatory in twenty-three states. With curricula tie-in potential, Don's visual narrative makes accessible what can be an overwhelming topic. Includes back matter to enhance classroom discussions.



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83 DAYS IN MARIUPOL: A WAR DIARY

by Don Brown

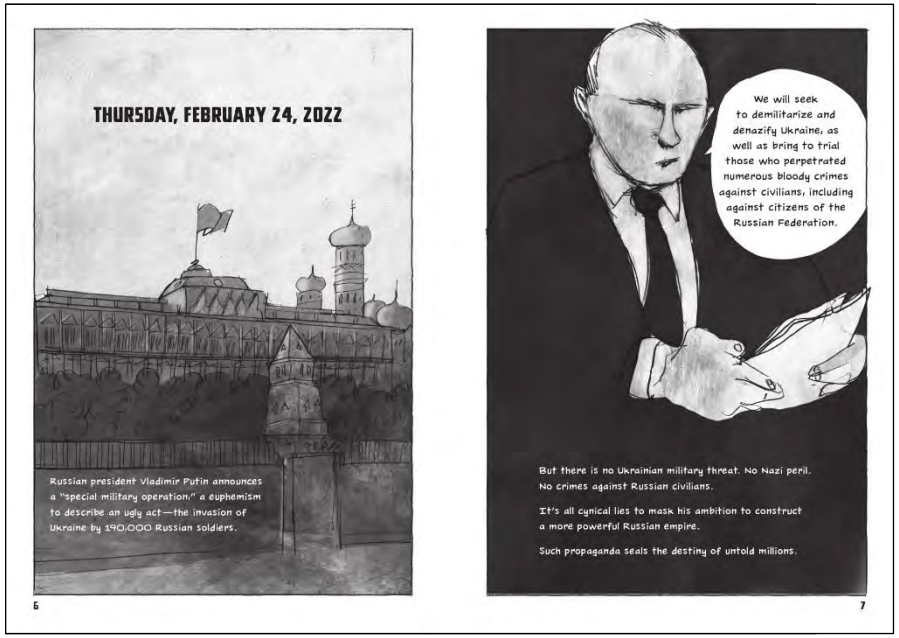
Ages 13 and up, 128 pages, Pub May 2023

Non-Fiction

A young adult graphic novel that will capture the complexities of the war in Ukraine, focusing on the siege of Mariupol (Feb–May 2022) and the brave people who stayed to defend their city against Russian forces as well as the resulting effects on global politics.

AS-IT-HAPPENS STORYTELLING ABOUT AN IMPORTANT, TIMELY SUBJECT

Publishing just a little over a year after Russia's invasion of Ukraine began, Don's finely researched narrative will help readers better understand current events. With curriculum tie-in potential, this is an excellent educational resource for teachers and classrooms, as Don's visual narrative makes accessible what can be a confusing, dense, or convoluted topic.



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DON'S SIGNATURE, HUMAN-FOCUSED NARRATIVE treats difficult historic events and their continued political fallout with sensitivity and a keen journalistic eye while never turning away from the everyday realities of individuals across the globe.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Johnnie Christmas is a #1 *New York Times* Best Selling graphic novelist. Best known for co-creating the series *Angel Catbird* with celebrated writer Margaret Atwood, he has adapted William Gibson's lost screenplay for *Alien 3* into a critically acclaimed graphic novel.

SWIM TEAM

by Johnnie Christmas

Ages 8 - 12, 256 pages, Pub April 2022

Bad News Bears *meets* New Kid *in this masterful middle-grade debut from cartoonist Johnnie Christmas, longlisted for the National Book Award: Young People's Literature! A young girl named Bree must face her fear of swimming head on, while at the same time confronting the long-standing barriers of systemic racism set within the public pool system.*

POWERHOUSE CARTOONIST

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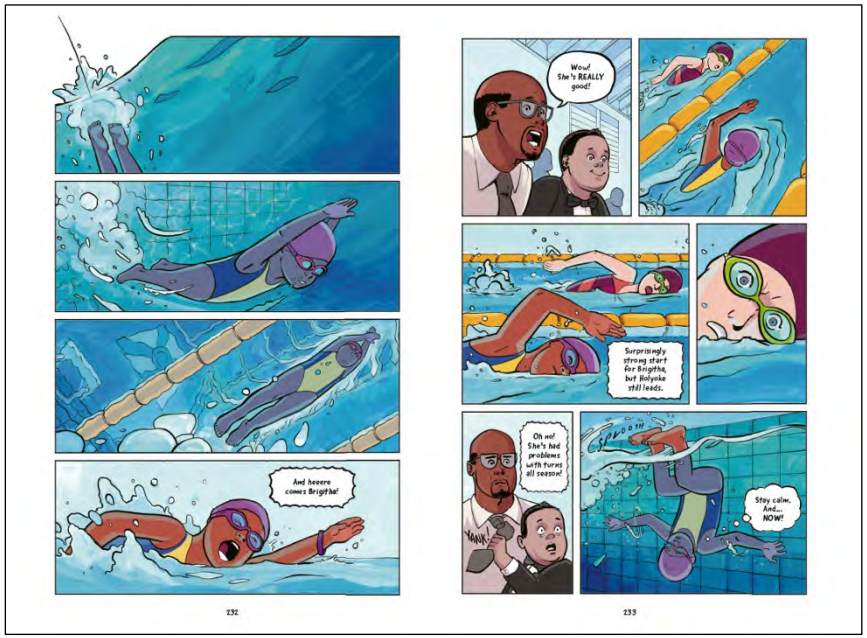

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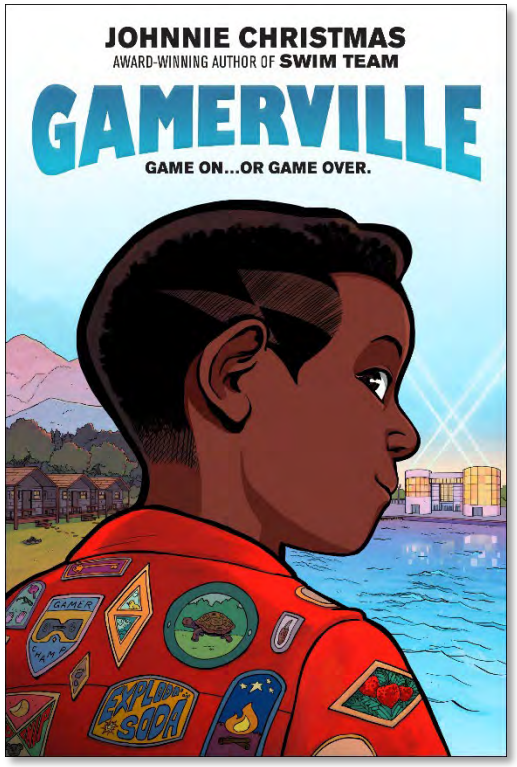
TOPICAL SUBJECT MATERIAL

Learning to swim is a serious issue in the Black community. Long-standing issues of race and class have meant restricted access to pools. Johnnie's inspiration was to encourage young Black children to get in the pool and learn to swim.



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GAMERVILLE

by Johnnie Christmas

Ages 8 - 12, 256 pages, Pub April 2024

In Johnnie Christmas's newest offering, a video gamer's championship aspirations are dashed when his parents send him to Camp Refresh, a summer camp where electronics are forbidden and you're forced to socialize, eat healthy, and spend time outside.* Gamerville *is a timely and vulnerable exploration of the importance of human connection and what it means to run in a pack.

MORE TO COME FROM JOHNNIE

We have another stand-alone graphic novel signed up with Johnnie, publication date to come.

Sample Spread

TOPICAL SUBJECT MATERIAL

Tapping into complex feelings of isolation and escapism inherent in an increasingly virtual world, Johnnie tackles how we balance technology, gaming culture, and the great outdoors in this timely tale.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Joanna Cacao is a Canadian-Filipino author, and illustrator that lives in Winnipeg with her grumpy Pomeranian, Danny. Joanna is the illustrator of *The Tryout* and *The Secret of the Ravens* is her author-illustrator debut. She loves working on magical and fantastical stories.

THE SECRET OF THE RAVENS

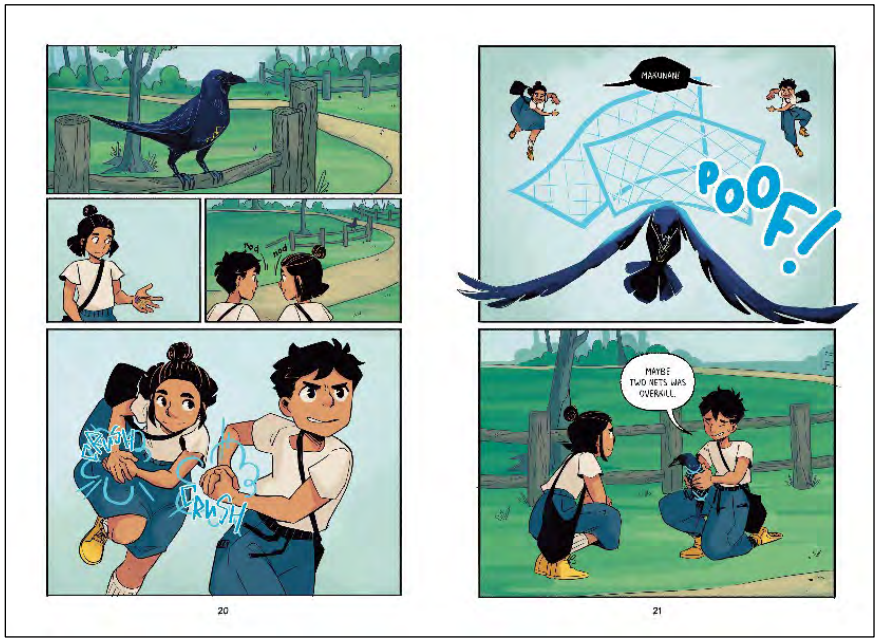
by Joanna Cacao

Ages 8 - 12, 272 pages, Pub October 2023

In this charming Filipino-inspired middle grade graphic novel, a young orphan must join forces with a mysterious and ancient mage to save his twin sister from a deadly poison after the two are swept up in a series of magical ravens' quests.

A RISING STAR IN THE WORLD OF COMICS

Author and illustrator Joanna Cacao is a rising star in the comics space. Joana is the illustrator of two-time Newbery Honoree and Kirkus Prize winner Christina Soontornvat's debut graphic novel *The Try Out*, an instant #1 Indie Bestseller, receiving a starred review from *School Library Journal*.



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FOR FANS OF *Hooky*, *Witch Boy*, *Tidesong*, and readers looking for fantasy stories with intricate world building and an exciting cast of characters.

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ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

Trevor Bream wants want to tell stories that appeal to all, especially the queer community. *Another Kind* is their debut into the world of comics writing.

Cait May is obsessed with cryptozoology, D&D, ghost stories, and all things that go bump in the night. She has worked with the McElroy family and Critical Role, and has been published in the *Atlantic*, *Vengeful Ghost*, and *Cryptid Culture* magazine.

ANOTHER KIND

by Trevor Bream & Cait May

Ages 10 & up, 288 pages, Pub October 2021

Six kids search for a new place to call home in this middle grade graphic novel debut by comic creators Cait May and Trevor Bream, for fans of* Marvel's Runaways *and* The Witch Boy *by Molly Knox Ostertag. Another Kind is not your average monster story.

MONSTER MASH-UP

With monster kids and superpowers aplenty, this is a genre-bending adventure story, but it's the character relationships and strong themes of found family that sit at the heart of this striking debut.

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QUEER REPRESENTATION

The story features several characters in the queer community. Additionally, one of the main characters, Newt, begins to explore nonbinary identities in a thoughtful #ownvoices subplot.

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ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

SJ Sindu is a Tamil diaspora writer whose works include the novels *Marriage of a Thousand Lies* and *Blue-Skinned Gods*. Sindu holds a PhD in English and creative writing from Florida State University and is an assistant professor of creative writing at Virginia Commonwealth University. Learn more at sjsindu.com.

Nabi H. Ali is a Tamil American illustrator who is passionate about being a voice for representation in children's media.

SHAKTI

by SJ Sindu, illus. by Nabi H. Ali

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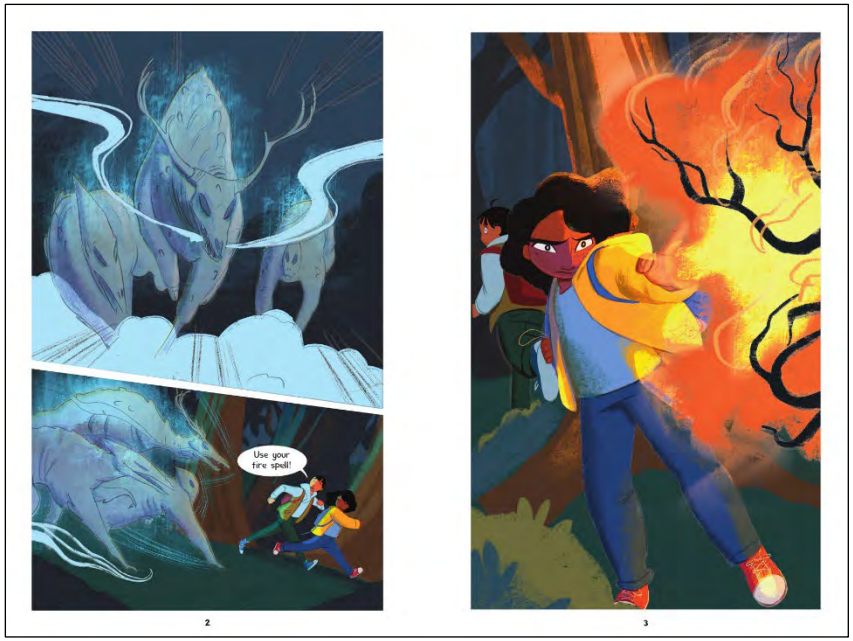
Ages 8 - 12, 256 pages, Pub May 2023

A fierce, feminist, and fun middle grade fantasy graphic novel about a twelve-year-old Indian-American girl named Shakti who must learn the power of her ancestral magic if she wants to save her family and town from a curse. Written by Stonewall Honor Book recipient and Lambda Literary Fellow, SJ Sindu and illustrated by Nabi H. Ali.

FIERCE, FEMALE WITCHES

Shakti and her moms, Terri and Rita are witches, who tap into the magic that exists all around us. Middle grade readers will love seeing how Shakti taps into her ancestral magic to save the day.



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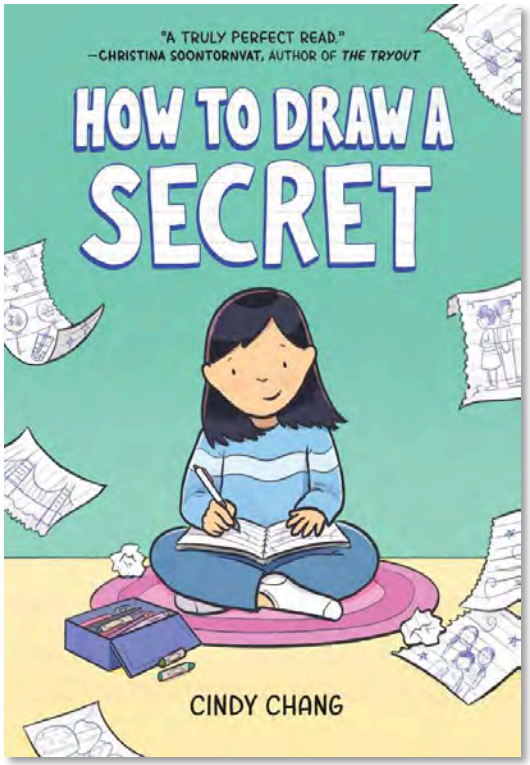
INDIAN-INSPIRED FANTASY ELEMENTS

SJ Sindu draws elements of her culture into the story with Shakti's practice of ancient Indian magic. Shakti seeks the aid of Durga Ma, a beneficent goddess. But she accidentally unleashes Durga Ma's dangerous twin, Kali Ma, the destroyer—threatening Shakti, her friends, and their town.



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Cindy Chang was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, where she lives today. She received degrees in computer science and education from Stanford University and currently works as a digital product designer in addition to writing and illustrating children's books. *Secrets* is her first book.

HOW TO DRAW A SECRET

by Cindy Chang

Ages 8-12, 240 pages, Pub April 2023

For fans of* Sisters *and* Stargazing *comes the empowering autobiographical story of a young Taiwanese American artist striving to find her voice to save what matters most.

THE CASE AGAINST PERFECTIONISM
Tweens pressured to be perfect will cheer Cindy's newfound resolution to embrace imperfection.

RELATABLE SEARCH FOR VOICE
Like most tweens, Cindy must figure out how to express herself—vocally and artistically.

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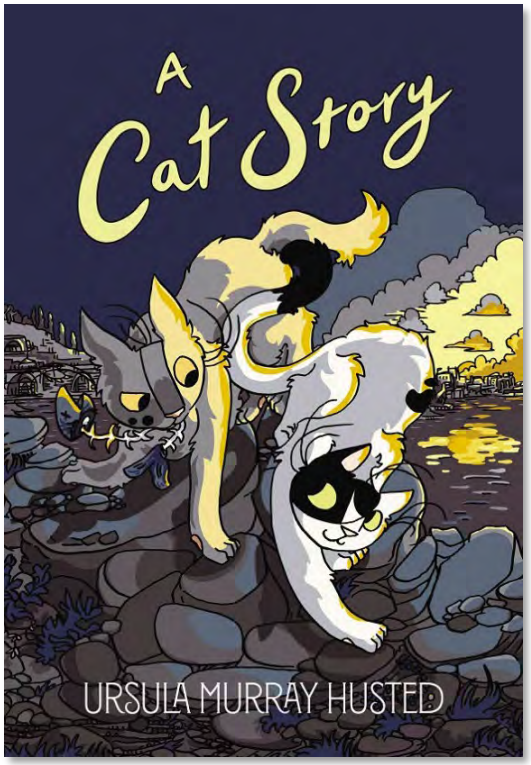
EXCITING DEBUT WON AT MULTI-HOUSE AUCTION
Cindy Chang's polished and poignant debut reveals her deep connection to middle grade emotions, her study of graphic novel masters, and her own genius for combining words and images.



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ursula Murray Husted lives in a small house with a big garden in Minneapolis with her partner, their daughter, three cats, and many, many books. She received her PhD from the University of Minnesota, MFA from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, and BFA from Marshall University. She is the author of *A Cat Story* and *Botticelli's Apprentice*.

A CAT STORY

by Ursula Murray Husted

Ages 8 - 12, 192 pages, Pub September 2020

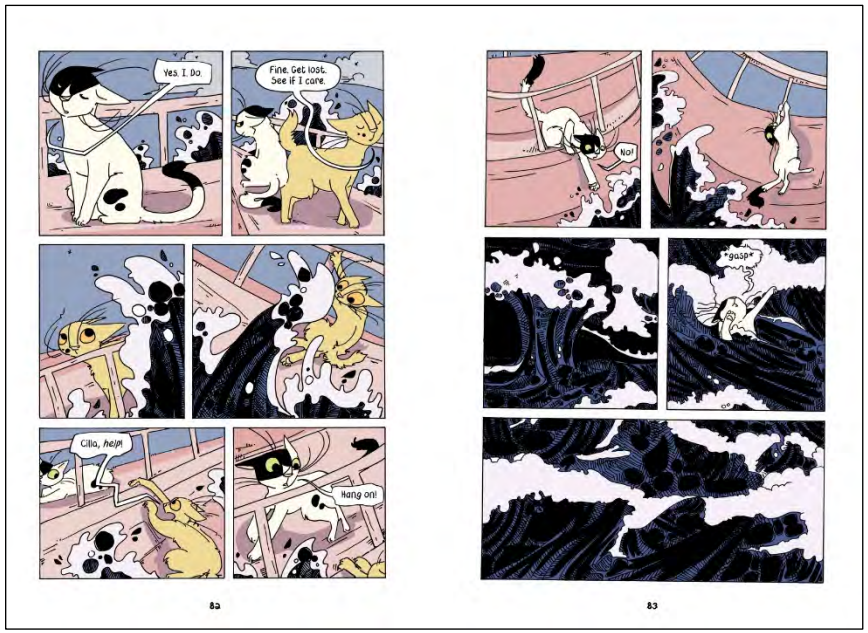
A vibrant, heartwarming graphic novel about two irresistible cat friends on a journey to find their forever home—a journey inspired by the magic of art and storytelling.

ART ALLUSIONS

Ursula cleverly alludes to several classic works of art, including *Hokusai's The Great Wave off Kanagawa* and Gérôme's *The Duel After the Masquerade*, which are all explained in the backmatter.

UNIQUE, ACCESSIBLE ART

Ursula's art style is both sweeping and sophisticated, light and detailed.



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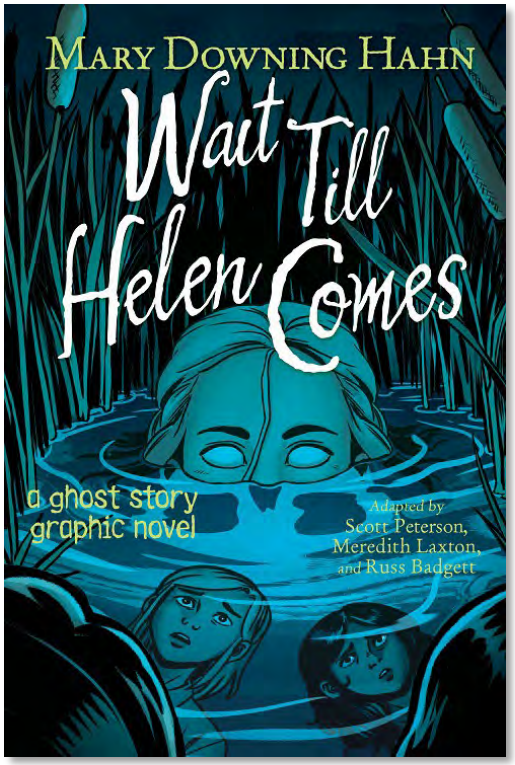
DOORS AS A METAPHOR

While Cilla and Betto are looking for a physical garden with a door that never latches, doors in the story also represent new opportunities and beginnings as well as the figurative doors being closed on kittens in need of love and compassion.



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Meredith Laxton has worked in the indie gaming scene with companies like Puny Human Games and InXile entertainment. As a comic artist, Meredith has had sequential work published by IDW, Humanoids, and Comics Experience.

WAIT TILL HELEN COMES

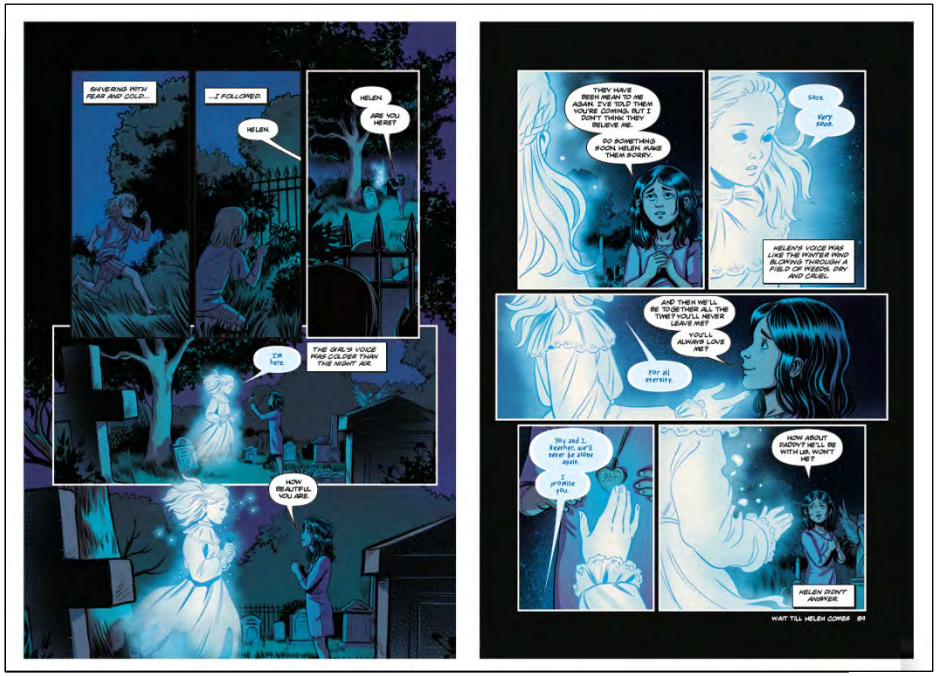
by Mary Downing Hahn, illus. by Meredith Laxton

Ages 8 - 12, 160 pages, Pub September 2022

Two siblings must save their stepsister from the clutches of a vengeful ghost in this graphic novel adaptation of master horror storyteller Mary Downing Hahn's spookiest and most popular tale!

A NEW SCENE FOR THE QUEEN OF TWEEN SCREAMS

The Old Willis Place is one of Mary Downing Hahn's most popular novels and is a favorite of kids and gatekeepers alike, with over half a million copies sold. Now in graphic novel format for the first time!



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SPOOKY AND SUBSTANTIAL

In addition to the chills and thrills, deeper themes of blended family and belonging keep readers engaged.

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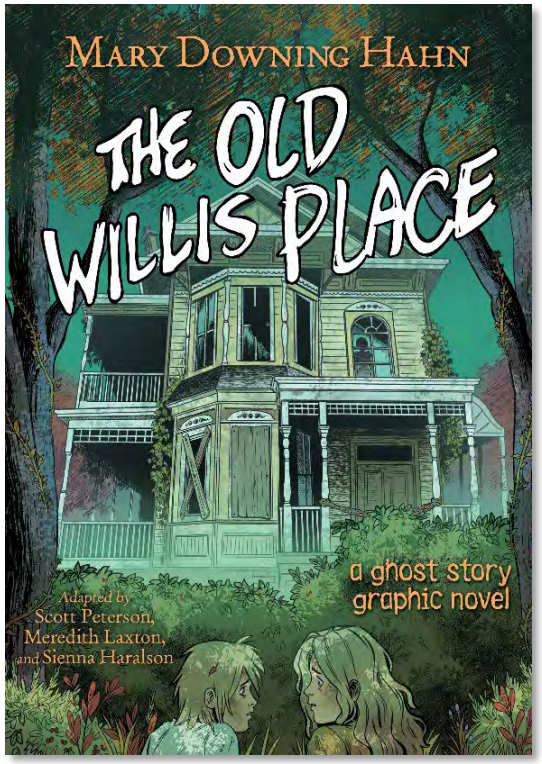

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THE OLD WILLIS PLACE GRAPHIC NOVEL

by Mary Downing Hahn, illus. by Meredith Laxton

Ages 8 - 12, 160 pages, Pub June 2024

This full-color graphic novel adaptation of one of award-winning author Mary Downing Hahn's most popular ghost stories weaves a spine-tingling tale of two children bound to a decaying Victorian mansion by a mysterious set of rules.

BELOVED, TOP-SELLING GHOST STORY IN GRAPHIC NOVEL FORMAT FOR THE FIRST TIME

Wait Till Helen Comes has sold over 542,000 copies across formats, and is beloved by both kids and gatekeepers alike. Its 2016 film adaptation is currently available for streaming on IMDb TV and on Amazon Prime.

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AN EAGER AUDIENCE

Fans of Molly Knox Ostertag's popular Witch Boy series, readers of R. L. Stine's Goosebumps graphic novels who want a bigger scare, and gamers drawn to creepy worlds like *Five Nights at Freddy's* will all love this.

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ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

Rey Terciero has written and edited hundreds of books and comics for children and young adults. He is a queer writer who has always been drawn to strong female protagonists, including Elizabeth Bennet, Princess Leia, Jean Grey, and Hermione Granger.

Megan Kearney is a Toronto-based cartoonist. Her work has appeared in publications from Dark Horse, Bedside Press, Fairylogue Press and in various anthologies.

SWAN LAKE

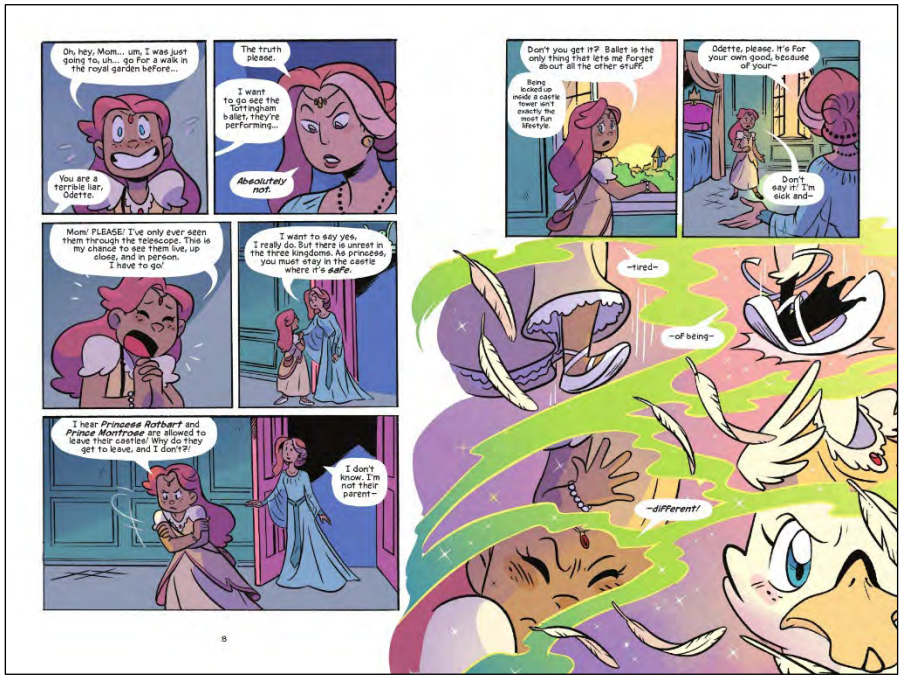
by Rey Terciero, illus. by Megan Kearney

Ages 8 - 12, 256 pages, Pub April 2022

Frozen *meets* The Wizard of Oz *in this middle grade fantasy graphic novel where two princesses from enemy kingdoms must team up to break a curse and save the world.*

RETELLINGS ARE PERENNIAL

Across ages and genres, we continue to see a warm reception for fresh retellings of classic stories, and Rey's success with his *Little Women* retelling shows that he's well positioned to take on this tale as well.



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FUN READ FOR ALL DEMOGRAPHICS

While the traditional *Swan Lake* ballet narrative might skew to a female audience, this is a swashbuckling quest story that will appeal to anyone who loves an exciting fantasy romp.

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ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

Amparo Ortiz's short story comic, "What Remains in The Dark," appears in the Eisner Award-winning anthology PUERTO RICO STRONG. Follow her shenanigans at www.amparoortiz.com.

Eisner winning artist **Ronnie Garcia** is a queer Puerto Rican illustrator with a range of storytelling experience. They have illustrated several anthologies and books.

SAVING CHUPIE

by Amparo Ortiz, illus. by Ronnie Garcia

Ages 8 - 12, 224 pages, Pub June 2023

Nidhi Chanani's* Pashmina *meets* Encanto *in* Saving Chupie*, a heartwarming middle grade graphic novel adventure about Violeta Rubio and her friends' mission to protect their local monster from international smugglers, set in a recovering town within Puerto Rico.

FUN TWIST ON MONSTER LORE

Everyone's read the stories about vampires, werewolves, and witches, *Saving Chupie* takes a Latinx myth and brings it to center stage in a thrilling story. Perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier and Nidhi Chanani, Saving Chupie captures the friendship and supernatural elements beloved by middle graders.

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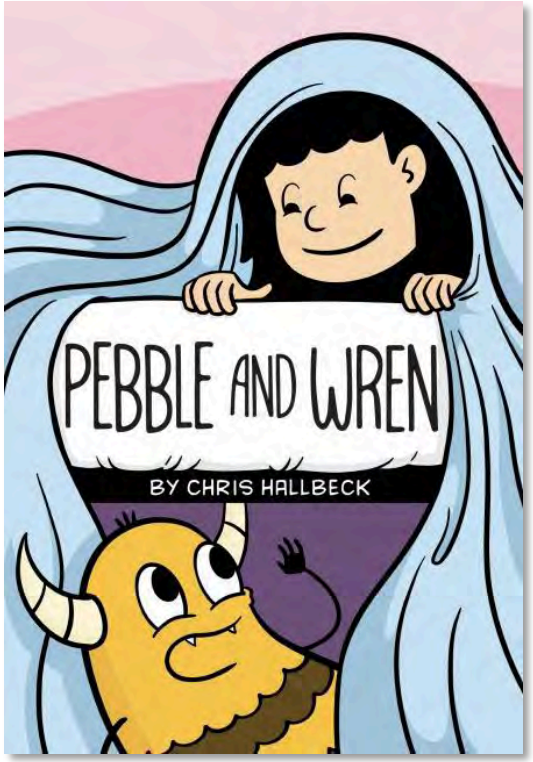
AN ENTIRELY DIVERSE ENSEMBLE

With an entirely Puerto Rican cast of characters, *Saving Chupie* shares many elements of the Latinx experience and culture with the reader, without making it the singular point of the narrative.



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Chris Hallbeck has been publishing comics on the internet since 2006 with his single panel comic *The Book of Biff*, followed by his multi-panel strip *Maximumble*. He was the co-writer and artist for *Unshelved* at the end of it's run which led to co-creating the similarly themed Library Comic. His comics have found an audience of over two million followers across TikTok, YouTube, and Instagram.

PEBBLE AND WREN

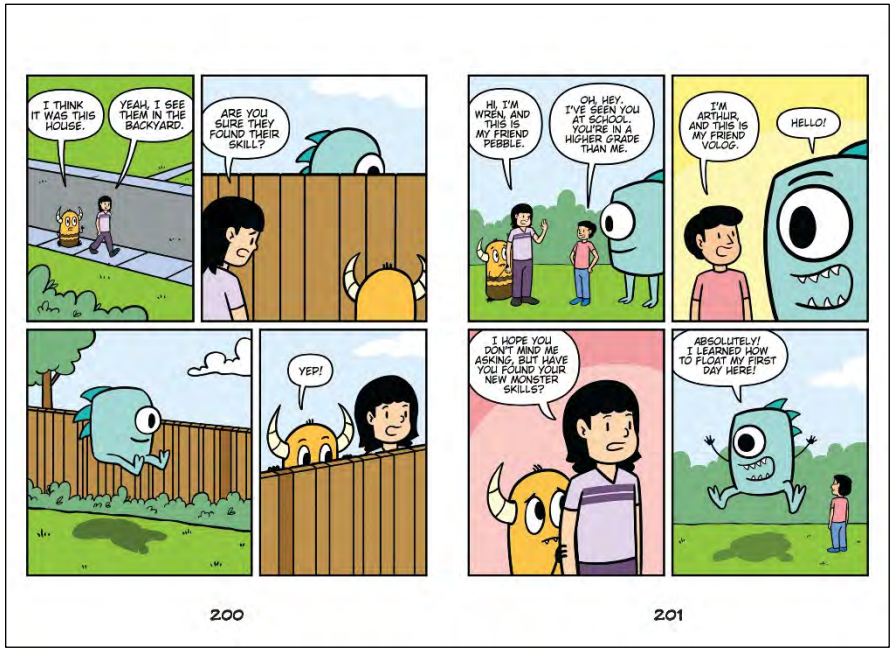
by Chris Hallbeck

Ages 8-12, 240 pages, Pub April 2023

Based on Chris Hallbeck's webcomic of the same name,* Pebble and Wren *follows human girl Wren and her live-in monster, Pebble, as she teaches them all about how the human world works while trying to unlock special abilities without which Pebble will have to return to the monster forest. A silly, sweet, and sometimes gross tribute to friendship for fans of* Calvin and Hobbes *and* Catwad*.

MAJOR ONLINE PRESENCE

Chris Hallbeck has over **2.3 million followers** on his social media platforms.



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A GREAT SELECTION FOR RELUCTANT READERS

With simple line art and few panels per page, this is a quick and fun read for fans of Dav Pilkey's *Dog Man*, John Patrick Green's *InvestiGators*, and Aaron Blabey's *The Bad Guys*.

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THE LEMONADE WAR GRAPHIC NOVEL

by Jacqueline Davies, illus. by Karen De La Vega

Ages 8 to 12, 208 pages, April 2025

The first book in the beloved Lemonade War series—a clever blend of humor, math wizardry, and business know-how—has sold more than 1.5 million copies and is now available in a full-color graphic novel.

The New York Times
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

GRAPHIC ADAPTATION OF MODERN CLASSIC

With more than 1.5 million copies sold since it was first published in 2007, the Lemonade War series has become a classic, read by thousands of children in classrooms and libraries each year.

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ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

Jacqueline Davies is the bestselling author of the Lemonade War series, which has inspired millions of young. Visit her at jacquelinedavies.net.

Karen De La Vega is an illustrator and character designer from Mexico. She's illustrated several bestselling graphic novels.

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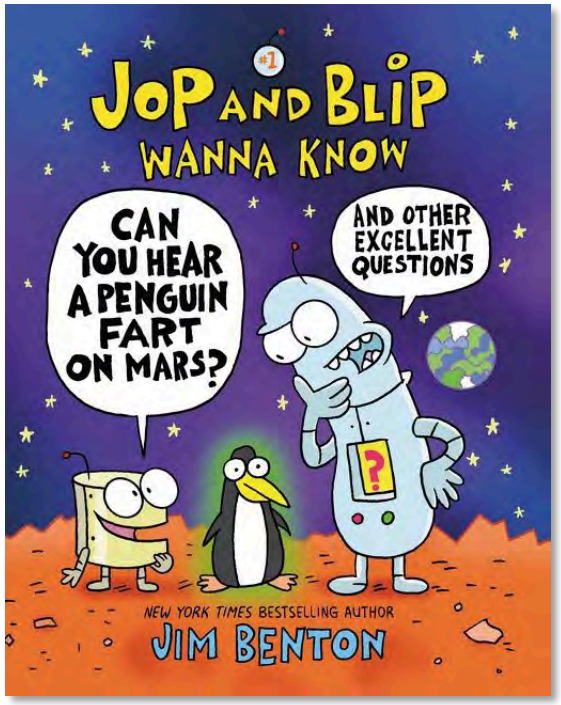

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jim Benton is a *New York Times* bestselling author and the creator of many licensed properties, including *It's Happy Bunny*. He's created a kids' TV series, designed clothing, and written the bestselling series Dear Dumb Diary, as well as Catwad and Franny K. Stein. Jim lives in Detroit with his spectacular family.

JOP AND BLIP WANNA KNOW (Book 1 of 2)

by Jim Benton

2-Book Series!

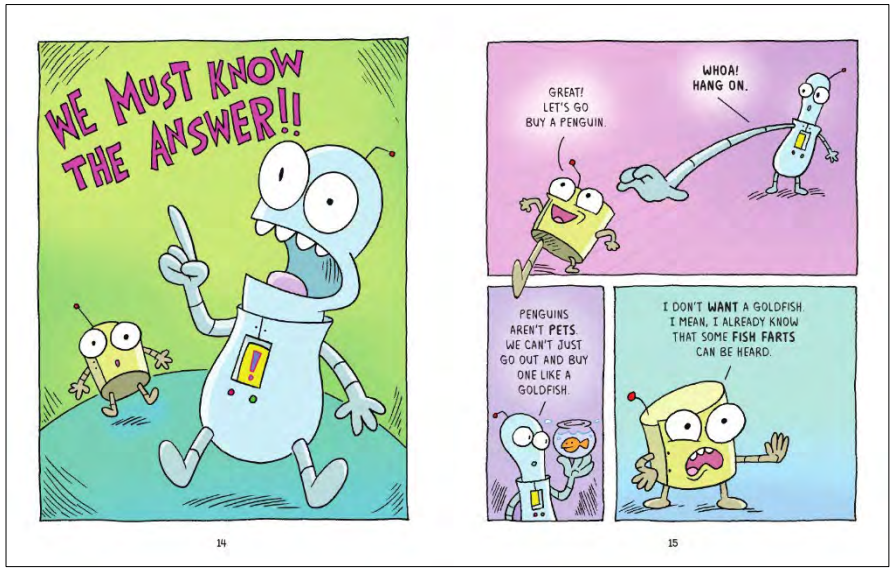
Ages 8-12, 240 pages, Pub April 2023

Winner of the 2022 Pop Culture Classroom Excellence in Graphic Literature Award for Best Children's Nonfiction!

Two curious robots seek the answers to life's most pressing—and hilarious—questions in this full-color graphic novel series written and illustrated by New York Times bestselling author Jim Benton, the creator of Franny K. Stein and Catwad!

MODELS SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY

No question is too weird for Jop and Blip! The format of each chapter imitates a child-led style of learning where the child's interest guides where the lesson goes—no matter how outlandish.



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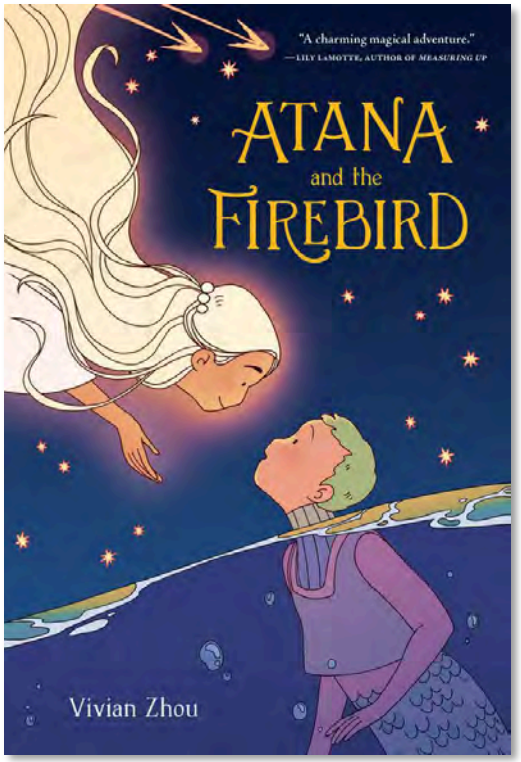
DEVELOPS CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

Using humor to model critical thinking skills, impart STEM knowledge, and spark curiosity, Jop and Blip will ensure that kids never get tired of learning!



ATANA AND THE FIREBIRD (Book 1 of 2)

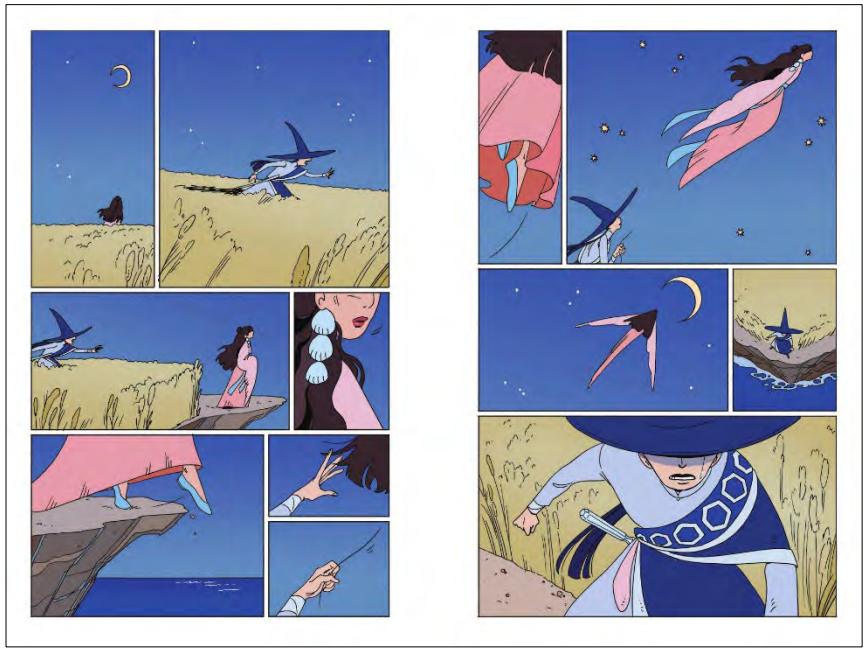
by Vivian Zhou

2-Book Series!

Ages 8 - 12, 256 pages, Pub November 2022

Hildafolk meets Wingbearer in* Atana and the Firebird*, the first book in a middle grade graphic novel duology by debut author Vivian Zhou, which follows the adventures of a mermaid, a firebird, and a witch as they become entangled with the mysterious and powerful Witch Queen, who may hold the key to Atana's past.

CHINESE MYTH–INSPIRED FANTASY GRAPHIC NOVEL
This book is inspired by Chinese mythology while adding fresh new twists and rich, original world-building that centers around the value of found family.



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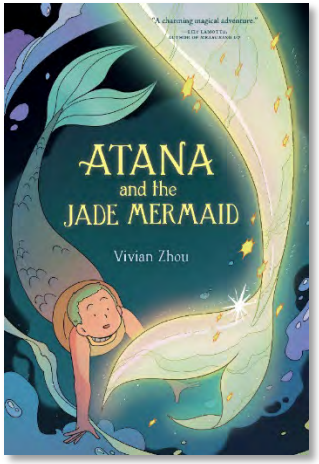
AN IMMERSIVE AND ENCHANTING WORLD
The intricately and charmingly rendered world of Atana is filled with thoughtful details, beautiful natural scenes, and awe-inspiring magical sights.



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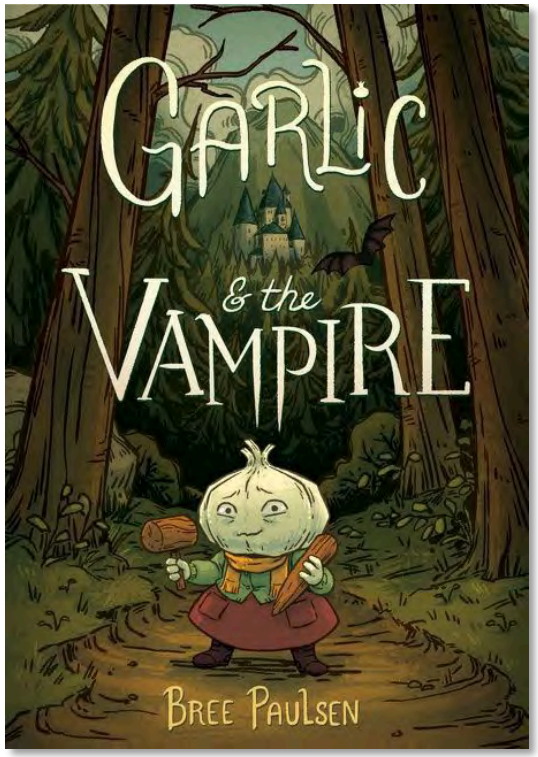
After working on animated shows and award-winning short films, **Vivian Zhou** is now following her dream of creating her own comic. Visit her at vivianzhou.ca.



GARLIC AND THE VAMPIRE (Book 1 of 2)

by Bree Paulsen

2-Book Series!

Ages 8 - 12, 256 pages, Pub May 2025

With humor, heart, and an unusual heroine who is braver than she realizes, Bree Paulsen's colorful and cozy debut graphic novel is a farm-fresh tale that reminds readers to believe in themselves—and that strangers are not always as scary as they seem.

AN UNUSUAL CAST OF CHARACTERS

Witches and vampires aren't uncommon in children's books, but this will probably be the first book kids read starring a community of vegetables! Uncertain Garlic, her best friend Carrot, judgmental Celery, and kindly Witch Agnes are fresh, charming characters that will win over graphic novel fans.

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FIRELIGHT APPRENTICE

by Bree Paulsen

Ages 10 & up, 224 pages, Pub October 2024

In a steampunk-inspired city fueled by electric magic, Ada agrees to let her younger sister, Safi, take an apprenticeship with a pair of magicians to help harness her magic, but she fears for her sister's safety at the news that there is a sinister force about.

TOUCHING SISTER STORY

Big sister Ada does everything she can to look after little sister Safi, even while carrying her family's worries on her shoulders. When the sisters are separated—and Safi may be in danger—Ada does everything she can to protect her.

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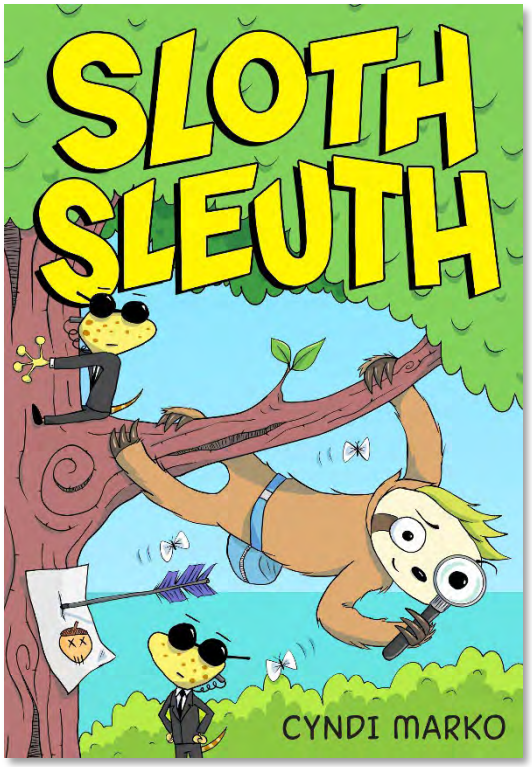
FANTASTICAL MAGIC BUT GROUNDED WORLD

Ada and Safi live in a city where magic is not common but is used to fuel the kingdom and defend it in wars. While details like lightbulbs will feel familiar, this fresh system of magic will spark readers' imaginations.



SLOTH SLEUTH (Book 1 of 2)

by Cyndi Marko

2-Book Series!

Ages 8 - 12, 192 pages, Pub June 2022

On an island crawling with crime, everyone's a suspect. Luckily, its resident sloth can solve crimes in her sleep (and often does!). Meet Paz, the world's first sloth sleuth. She may be slow . . . but she's always one step ahead of the bad guys. This hilarious graphic novel mystery is perfect for fans of The Bad Guys and InvestiGators series.

LAUGH-OUT-LOUD HUMOR
Cyndi Marko's spot-on humor will have readers of all ages laughing as they turn pages. And humor always works with this age group!

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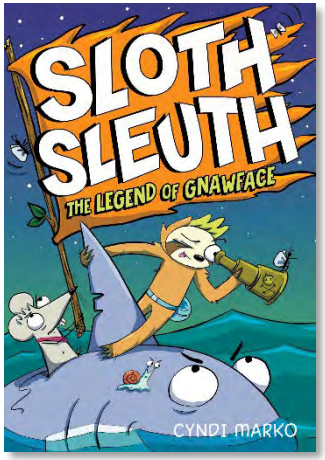
PERFECT FOR RELUCTANT READERS
The fast pace and humor make this a great choice for reluctant readers.

SIMILAR TO POPULAR GRAPHIC NOVELS
Kids are devouring funny graphic novels like Bad Guys, Dog Man, and InvestiGators, and *Sloth Sleuth* is a perfect choice for those insatiable fans.



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR
Cyndi Marko is the award-winning author-illustrator of the Kung Pow Chicken series and *This Little Piggy: An Owner's Manual*.

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Beth Ferry is the *New York Times* bestselling author of numerous picture books, including *Stick and Stone*, *The Scarecrow*, and *The Nice Dream Truck*.

The New York Times
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

Kristen Cella has been drawing since she could hold a pencil, though these days she usually uses a digital stylus. She has illustrated a small but diverse collection of books and is excited to add this one to the list.

STICK AND STONE Graphic Novels

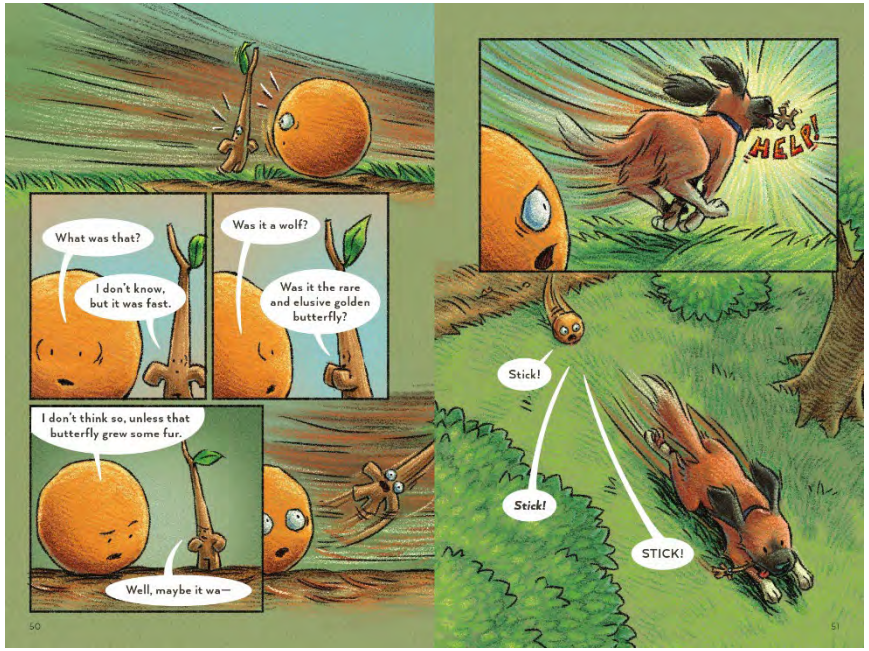
by Beth Ferry, illus. by Kristen Cella

Ages 6 - 9, 96 pages, Pub February 2023

Each book includes two stories in one graphic novel, perfect for beginning readers and based on the bestselling Stick and Stone series by Beth Ferry and Tom Lichtenheld. Go on a scavenger hunt, set out on a trip for ice cream, and even visit the beach with these lovable best buddies.

HEARTWARMING, HUMOROUS FRIENDSHIP STORY

Buoyant banter makes for fun, sparkly text with tons of adventure and just enough peril to raise the stakes. But at its heart, holds a message of stalwart friendship and teamwork.



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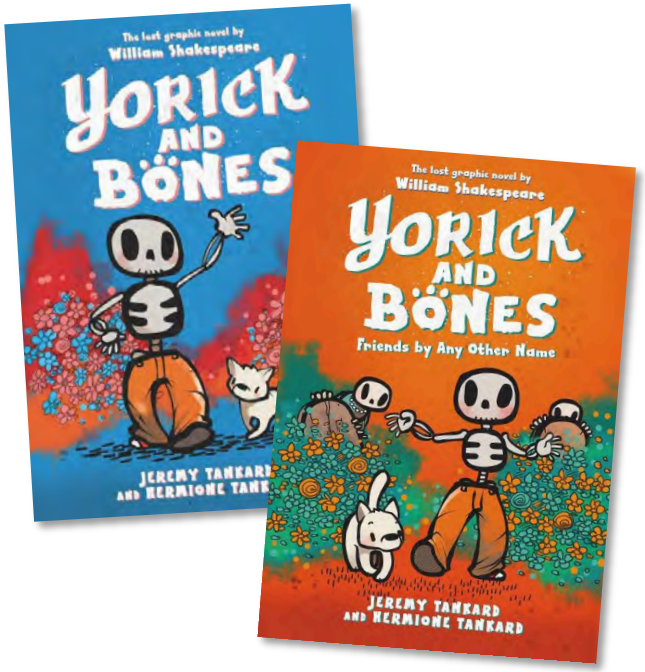

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jeremy Tankard is the bestselling authorstrator of the Grumpy Bird picture books. He has always loved comics and planned to make a career of them when he was about nine years old. He discovered the joys of Shakespeare in high school when his drama teacher cast him in a production of The Tempest. He has loved all things Shakespeare ever since. His book Yorick and Bones sees these two interests collide in the most unexpected ways. He lives in Vancouver with his wife and two children.

YORICK AND BONES Graphic Novels

by Jeremy Tankard

Ages 8 - 12, 144 pages, Pub May 2020

A rib-tickling and heartfelt young graphic novel series about the unlikely friendship between an Elizabethan-era skeleton and the dog who digs him up, written and illustrated by a dynamic father-daughter team.

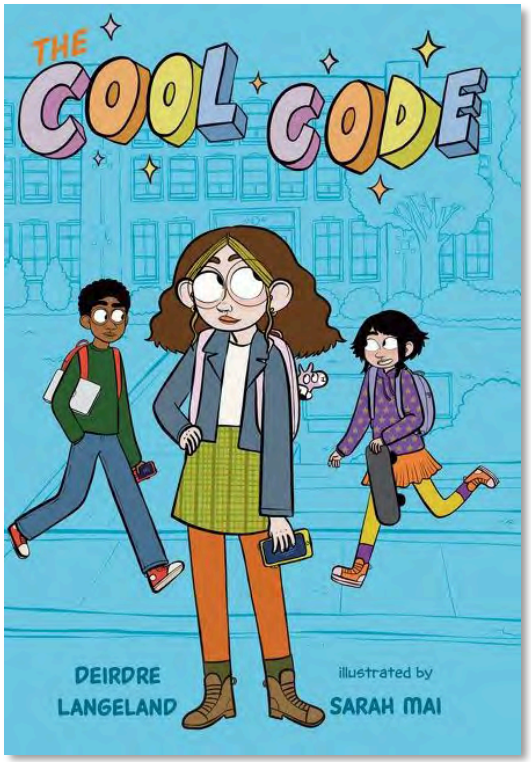
IF SHAKESPEARE WROTE A GRAPHIC NOVEL…

It would read like this. The Tankards have honored William Shakespeare's work and memory by having Yorick speak in (very accessible) iambic pentameter. And they've made sure that the text is just as kid-friendly as the art.

Sample Spread Book 1

BEING DIFFERENT IS OKAY

During his quest for companionship, Yorick realizes that everyone in town is afraid of him because he's a skeleton and because he doesn't look like everyone else. This story teaches readers that it's okay to be different and that good friends will accept your weaknesses as much as your strengths.



THE COOL CODE (Book 1 of 2)

by Deirdre Langeland, illus. by Sarah Mai

2-Book Series!

Ages 8 - 12, 224 pages, Pub November 2022

In this funny and heartfelt slice-of-life graphic novel for fans of Raina Telgemeier and Kayla Miller, when coding whiz Zoey goes from home-schooled to new school, she develops an app to help her make friends. Will the Cool Code help Zoey fit in? Or will it completely crash her social life?

EVERGREEN MIDDLE GRADE SUBJECT MATTER
Popularity is evergreen in this middle grade space, and in this graphic novel format we get to literally *see* how all of the cool codes play out in a super visual way.

Sample Spread

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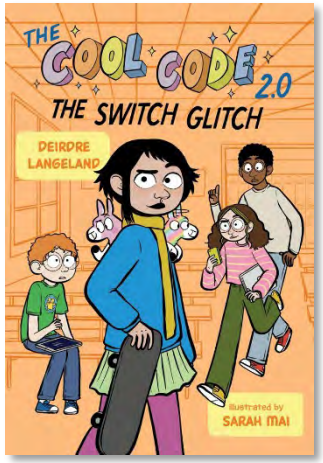
Spanish (Anaya)

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL STRENGTH
Navigating friendships, a bit of bullying, a new school, family life, and growing up are all perennial socio-emotional topics.



Book 2

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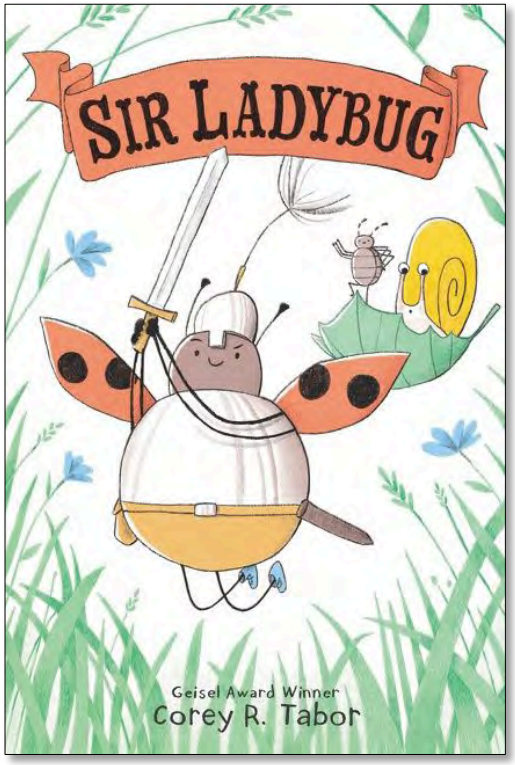
ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS
Deirdre Langeland has been a children's book editor and writer for over 20 years.

Sarah Mai is an illustrator, cartoonist, and writer.



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SIR LADYBUG (Book 1 of 3)

by Corey R. Tabor

3-Book Series!

Ages 6 - 10, 72 pages, Pub March 2022

From Caldecott Honoree and two-time Geisel Award–winning author-illustrator Corey R. Tabor, this is a fresh and funny young graphic novel series sure to delight readers. Perfect for fans of the Catwad, Bird & Squirrel, and Narwhal & Jelly series.

AGE-APPROPRIATE THEMES
Woven seamlessly into this hilarious and surprising story are the themes of friendship, bravery, teamwork, creative thinking, and helping others.

Sample Spread

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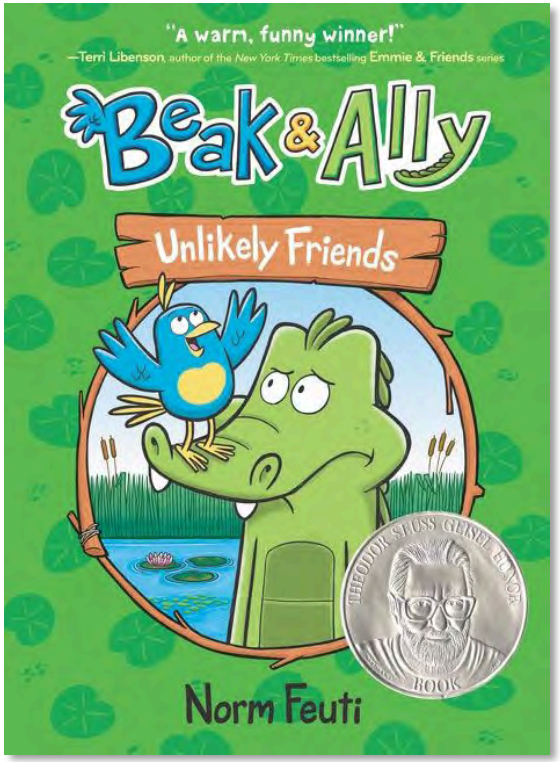
ABOUT THE AUTHOR
Corey R. Tabor is the creator of the Caldecott Honor-winning *Mel Fell* and is the three-time Geisel Award winner for the Fox the Tiger books, and other acclaimed titles. Visit him at coreyrtabor.com.

GREENWILLOW BOOKS



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BEAK & ALLY: UNLIKELY FRIENDS (Book 1 of 4)

by Norm Feuti

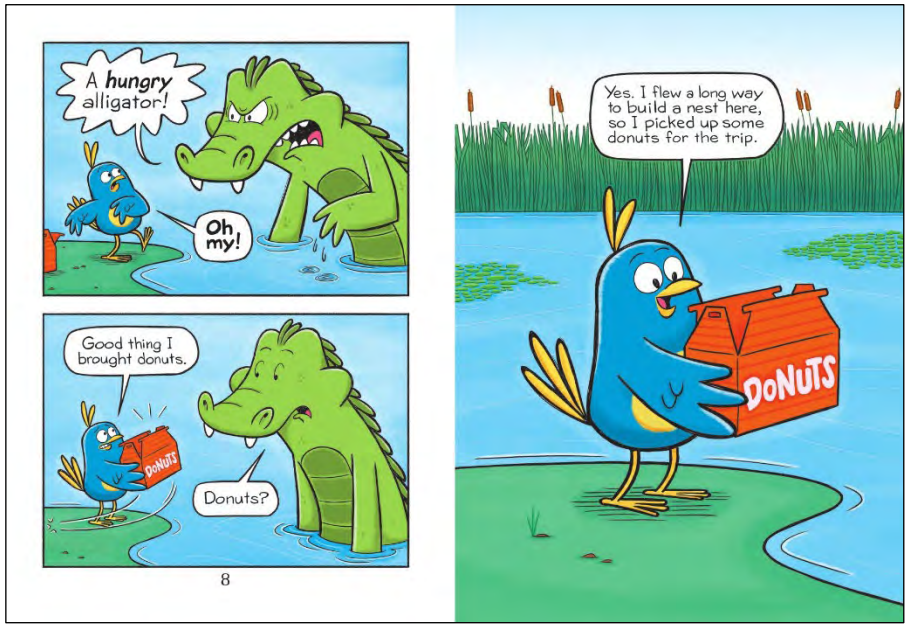
4-Book Series!

Ages 6 - 10, 64 pages, Pub January 2021

In the first book of a series by Norm Feuti, an outgoing bird is determined to befriend a reluctant alligator. Beak & Ally is a new early reader graphic novel series perfect for fans of Narwhal and Jelly.

VISUAL HUMOR = VISUAL LITERACY
The expressive facial features and hilarious wordless moments in this book are great for kids learning to read.

SQUAD GOALS
The infectiousness of this series is based around how, despite their differences, Ally and Beak have each other's backs.



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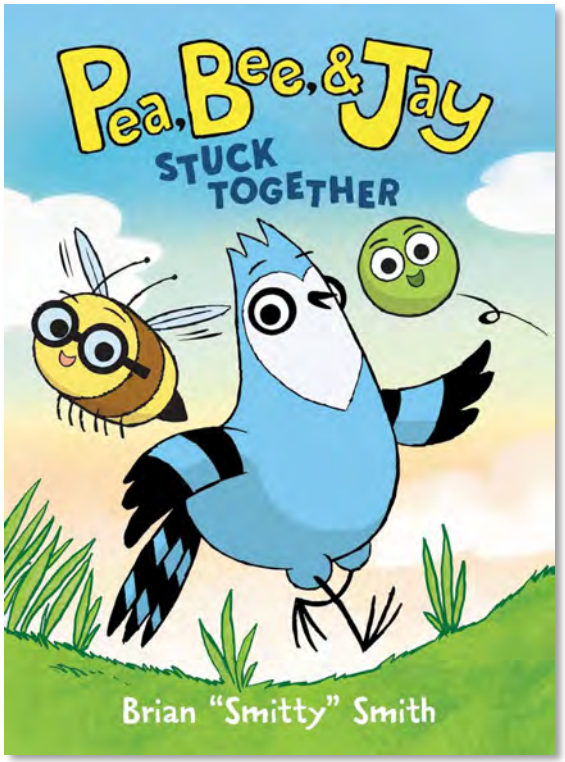
ABOUT THE AUTHOR
Norm Feuti is a nationally syndicated cartoonist, author, and freelance illustrator.



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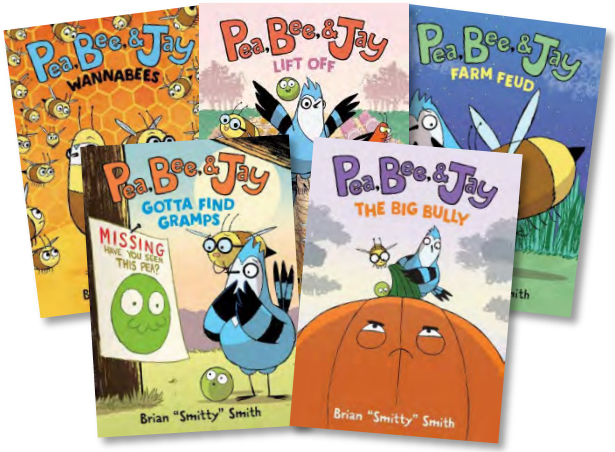

PEA, BEE, AND JAY: STUCK TOGETHER (Book 1 of 6)

by Brian "Smitty" Smith

4-Book Series!

Ages 6 - 10, 64 pages, Pub September 2020

Three unlikely heroes who join forces to find their way back to the farm. Pea, Bee, & Jay is a new graphic early reader series perfect for fans of Narwhal and Jelly.

GRAPHIC NOVELS FOR EMERGING READERS

Like the Narwhal and Jelly series (also 64 pages), Pea, Bee, & Jay is perfect for the emerging reader interested in comics. With bright, straightforward art and text, these books are the right fit for kids learning to read and will sharpen their visual literacy skills at the same time.

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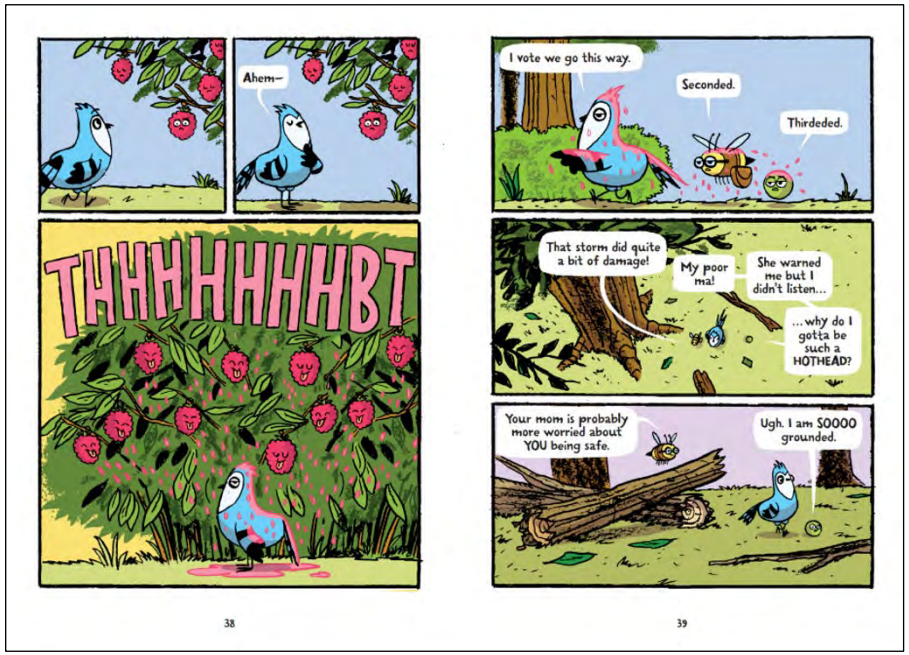

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Brian "Smitty" Smith is a former Marvel Comics and DC Comics editor. He is the cocreator and writer behind the *New York Times* bestselling graphic novel *The Stuff of Legend*, the cartoonist of *Tree Mail*, and the winner of the Kids Read Comics "Most Epic Adventure" award.

THE CLICK SERIES

by Kayla Miller

Ages 8 - 12, 352 pages, Pub April 2007 (book one)

From *The New York Times* bestselling author-illustrator Kayla Miller comes a middle grade graphic novel series about friendship and finding where you "click" in middle school, perfect for fans of *Smile* and *Real Friends.*

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR
Kayla Miller is a *New York Times* bestselling author-illustrator. Visit them at kayla-miller.com.

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THE WORLD OF CLICK PIPELINE

Summer 2025: *Stuck*

Fall 2025: *Besties: Set Sail*

Fall 2026: *Besties: Crush It*

Winter 2027: *Click #8*

Summer 2027: *Besties: Willow and Hugh*

Winter 2028: *Besties: Beth and Chanda*

Summer 2028: *Besties: Willow and Hugh 2*

4-BOOK SERIES

TEAM UNIHORN And WOOLLY

by Alexis Frederick-Frost

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Spanish (Anaya)

Ages 6 - 10, 96 pages, Pub April 2024 (book one)

A woolly mammoth—the last of his kind—longs to join Team Unihorn, the new superhero group in town. This is the first installment of a funny, action-packed graphic novel chapter book series for enthusiasts of Dog Man and Catstronauts.

A SOLID CREW OF SUPERHEROES
Team Unihorn and Woolly is a group of four friends (a horseshoe crab, a narwhal, a rhino, and a woolly mammoth) who suddenly got superpowers after a blood moon eclipse. They've been protecting their home, Burlap Beach, in the most unique ways that keep the good times coming.

FUN WISH FULFILLMENT
Who hasn't dreamed of finding a treasure map in a bottle? Team Unihorn and Wolly's new adventure dives right in with the group finding just that in the opening scene. The map could lead to treasure or something even better…a new friend!

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Book 4 On-Sale April 2026

ABOUT THE AUTHOR
Alexis Frederick-Frost is a cartoonist whose books are distinguished by their vibrant art and whimsical humor. A graduate from the inaugural class of the Center for Cartoon Studies, he is the author and illustrator of Makers Comics: Grow a Garden and is a coauthor and illustrator of the critically acclaimed Adventures in Cartooning series of graphic novels and picture books. He has witnessed both lunar and solar eclipses but unfortunately hasn't developed any superpowers, yet.

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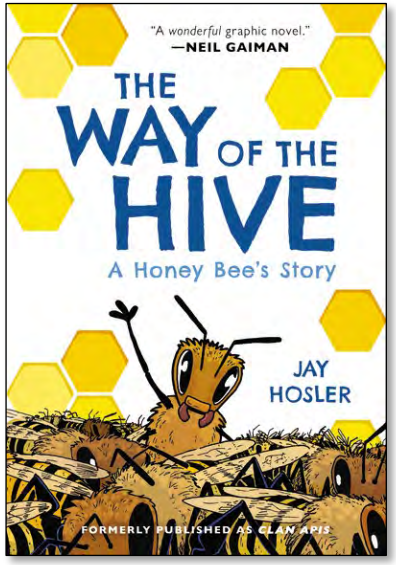
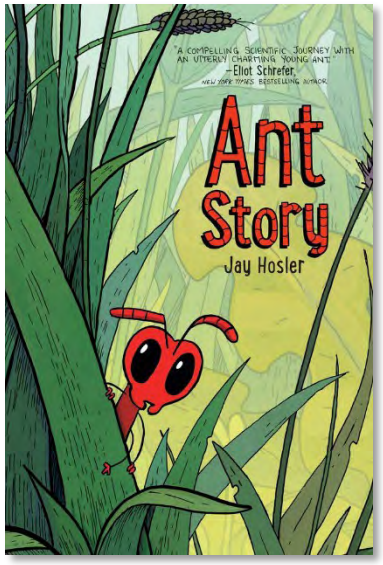


FICTION MEETS NONFICTION

Jay Hosler seamlessly integrates real-world biology facts with heartwarming storytelling in these larger-than-life explorations of the lives of the tiny creatures that live in our backyards.



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THE WAY OF THE HIVE

by Jay Hosler

Ages 8 - 12, 176 pages, Pub April 2021

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Experience the life of a honeybee in this coming-of-age story about a bee named Nyuki, in this full-color graphic novel by Jay Hosler, perfect for curious kids who are fans of the Science Comics series.

ANT STORY

by Jay Hosler

Ages 8 - 12, 160 pages, Pub March 2024

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Insect-extraordinaire Jay Hosler is back, this time exploring how we seek to understand ourselves and the world around us through the eyes of one of our world's tiniest creatures: the ant.

PERSPECTIVE, EMPATHY, AND HEART

These stories aren't afraid to challenge preconceptions about the natural world, including the characters' own understandings. The result is a highly compassionate, fresh understanding of what it means to look at the world through another's eyes.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jay Hosler is a biology professor by day and a scheming cartoonist at night.

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OLDER THAN DIRT

by Don Brown & Dr. Mike Perfit

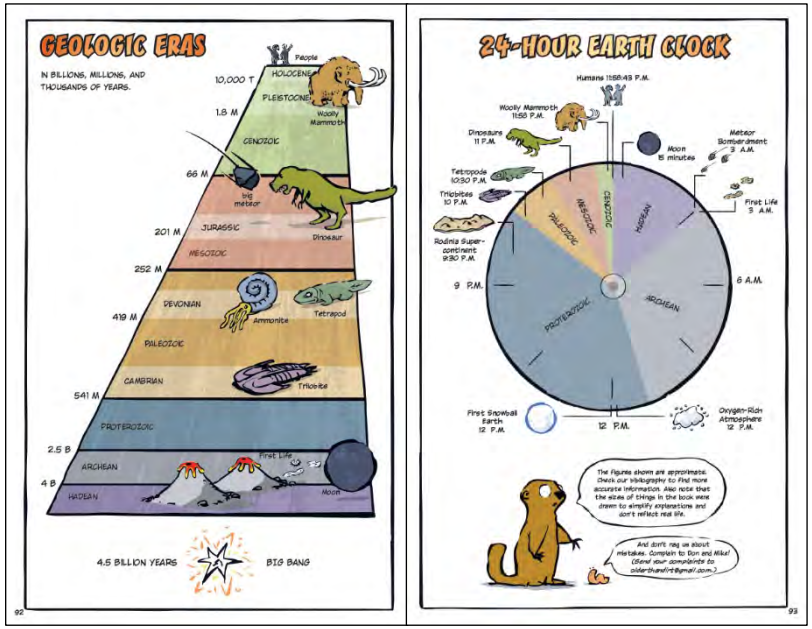
Ages 8 - 12, 112 pages, Sept. 2017

Non-Fiction

Sibert Honor winner Don Brown brings us a graphic novel about world geology. Perfect for science class as well as anyone curious about our globe, a humble groundhog guides us on a tour through the planet's natural history and describes the different stages of the Earth's evolution as well as the incredible natural forces constantly at work.

HIGHLY DECORATED CREATOR

Don Brown's graphic novels have garnered accolades including the YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction, two Sibert Honors, the Orbis Pictus Award, an Eisner Award nomination, and have made numerous "Best of" lists.



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ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

Don Brown is the YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction and Sibert Honor-winning author and illustrator of many nonfiction graphic novels for teens and picture book biographies.

Dr. Michael Perfit is Professor and Chair of Geological Sciences at the University of Florida where he has worked since 1982. He has authored or co-authored more than 100 peer-reviewed technical papers and articles in professional scientific publications.

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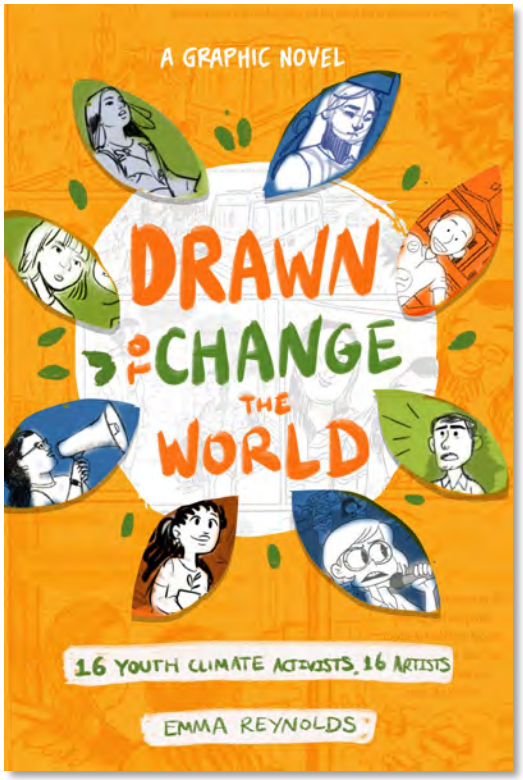

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Emma Reynolds is an illustrator and author based in Manchester, UK. Emma started #KidLit4Climate, the first global illustrated climate campaign in early 2019, bringing together thousands of children's illustrators and authors from more than fifty countries in solidarity with the youth climate strikes. Visit her at emmareynoldsillustration.com.

DRAWN TO CHANGE THE WORLD

by Emma Reynolds

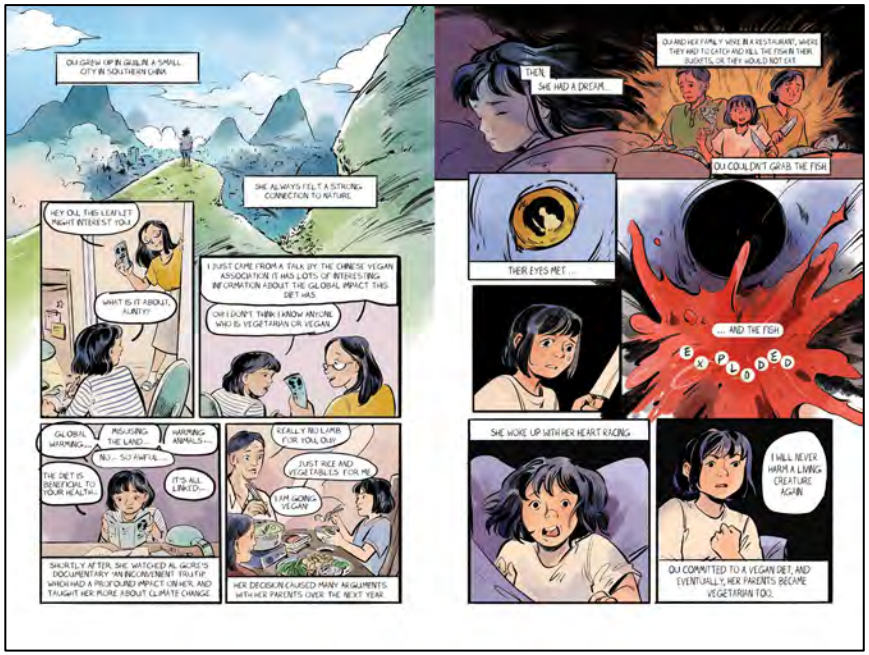
Non-Fiction

Ages 8 - 12, 144 pages, Pub May 2023

An illustrated middle grade nonfiction graphic novel anthology by #KidLit4Climate founder and author-illustrator Emma Reynolds. The book features sixteen different diverse youth climate activists who have campaigned for change all over the world, and each profile has a different illustrator, with extensive front and back matter materials.

GET INVOLVED

Each profile of the youth activists ends with what each activist is up to now, encouraging kids to take action and speak up for our planet.



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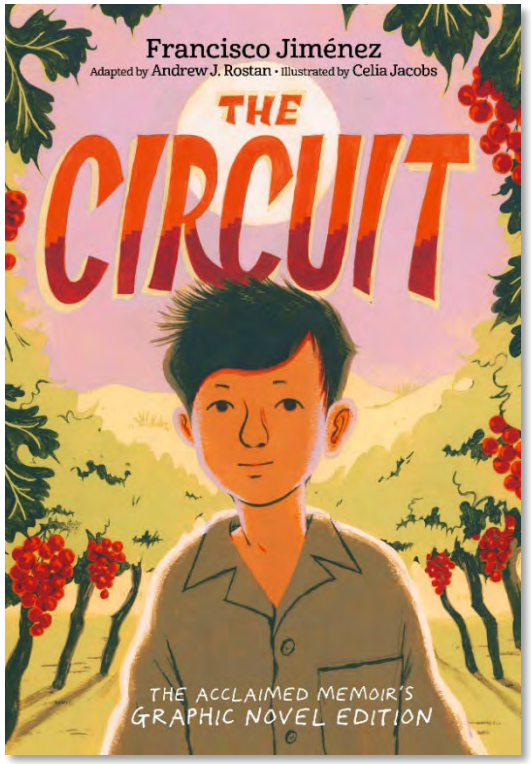
BACK MATTER FOR EDUCATORS

This graphic novel has robust back matter, including a timeline, an interview with kid activists Jamie Margolin and Melati Wijsen, additional context on major climate change events like the Paris Accords, ways to get involved, and more that will delight educators and young readers alike.



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Recipient of the John Steinbeck Award, **Francisco Jiménez** is the renowned Pura Belpre Honor-winning author of the memoir series *The Circuit*, *Breaking Through*, *Reaching Out*, and *Taking Hold*, which was included in ALA Booklist's 50 Best Young Adult Books of All Time.

THE CIRCUIT

by Francisco Jiménez, illus. by Celia Jacobs

Non-Fiction

Ages 8 and up, 240 pages, Pub September 2023

***Poignantly told from a young boy's perspective, the popular and award-winning memoir centered on a Mexican family working California's fields is now a powerful graphic novel for readers of* Illegal *and* They Called Us Enemy.**

AWARDS FOR THE CIRCUIT

Winner of the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award, A Booklist Editor's Choice, Américas Award Winner for Children's and Young Adult Literature, Jane Addams Honor Book Award, American Library Association Best Book for Young Adults, A Smithsonian Notable Book for Children.

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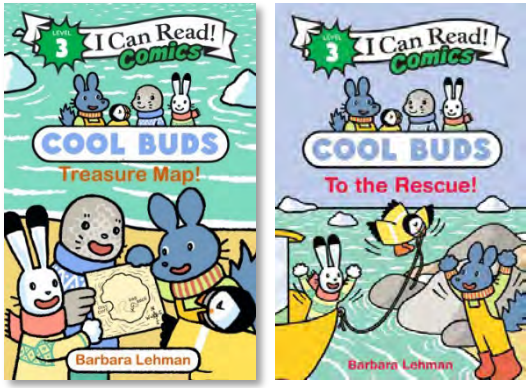
ADAPTATION AN ACCLAIMED BOOK

A Boston Globe-Horn Book Award-winner that is widely anthologized and a popular choice for one community reads, this holds enduring fascination for readers of all ages.

I Can Read! COMICS

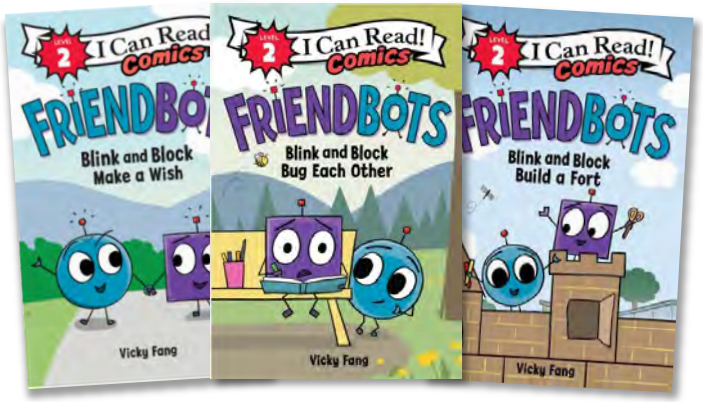
In an increasingly visual world, graphic novels offer a unique sense of visual literacy. Introduce emerging readers of all levels to the world of comics with new graphic readers, featuring a selection of classic and beloved I Can Read! characters and brand-new stories from award-winning creators.

These books are simple yet powerful stories about newfound friendships.

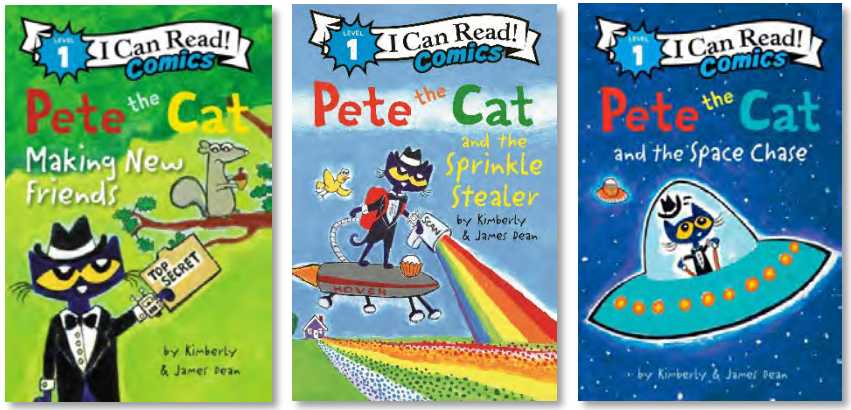


Three best friends living in the arctic—Blue, Puff, and Sealy—use their creativity and cooperation to problem solve

A little slug just wants to fit in in these Level Three I Can Read Comics.



Blink is silly and Block is logical. Together their clever ideas turn any ordinary day into the most fun ever.



When there is a mystery, Pete the Cat is always on the case.

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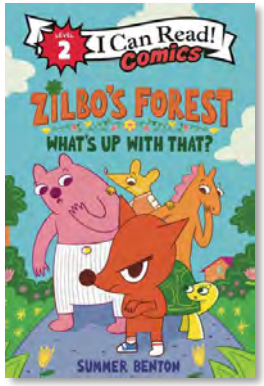
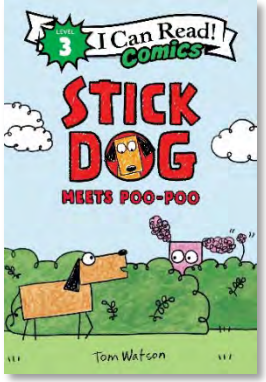


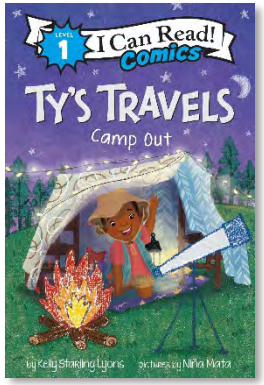
Kids will fall in love with Zilbo's Forest, *a humorous, heartfelt, vibrantly illustrated I Can Read Comic*



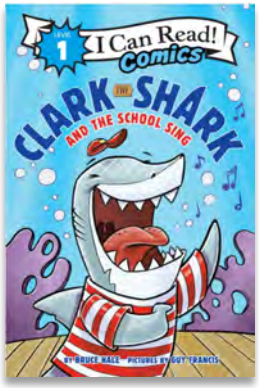
Tom Watson brings the popular Stick Dog and his signature humor, smarts, and taste for delicious food.

Meet the newest I Can Read Comics character, Chip, a lively penguin with big ideas.

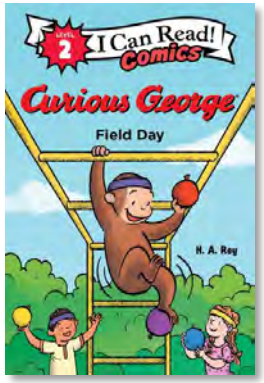
Join Ty on his camping adventure in this Level One I Can Read Comic.

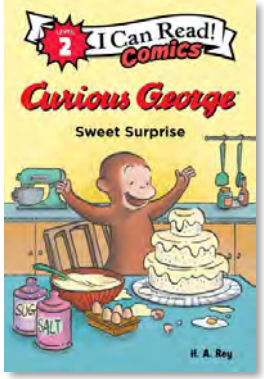


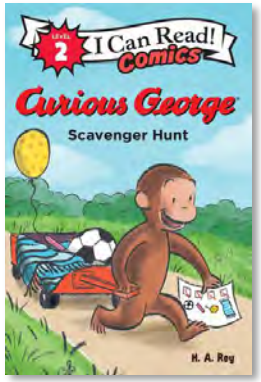
With help from friends, Clark puts on an unforgettable show.



The Fix-Its are all about finding the right tool for the job—including social and emotional tools.







Join Curious George on exciting new adventures in these I Can Read Comics.

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