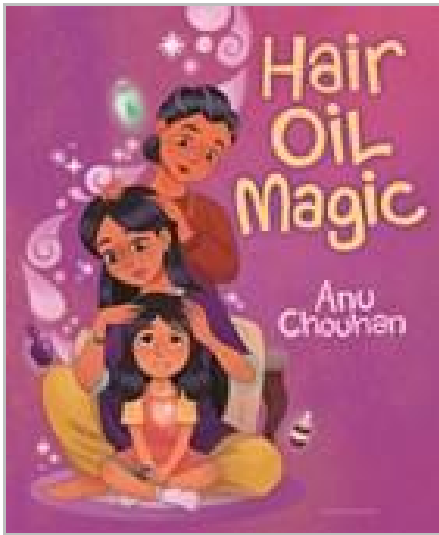


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**JUVENILE FICTION / FAMILY /
MULTIGENERATIONAL**

Bloomsbury Children's Books | 2/6/2024

9781547611041 | \$18.99 / \$24.99 Can.

Hardcover Picture Book | 40 pages | Carton Qty:

1

11 in H | 9 in W | 1 in T | 1 lb Wt

MARKETING

National media campaign
Select author appearances
Major online influencer outreach
Extensive independent bookseller
campaign
School and library promotion
Social media promotion

Hair Oil Magic

Anu Chouhan

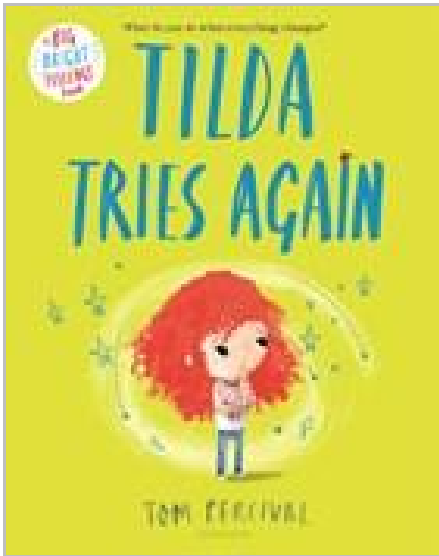
A beautiful picture book about the joyful magic in the tradition of hair oiling and a celebration of the bond between parent and child.

Meenu loves Magic Hair Days, when Mommy mixes sweet-smelling oils together and massages the potion into Meenu's scalp and hair. It always leaves Meenu with a fuzzy, magical feeling. And after bath time, when Mom washes the oils out, Meenu's hair is soft and shining.

When Meenu decides one day to mix the oils without any help, she discovers something's wrong: No matter how many oils she mixes, the magic just isn't there! What is she missing? But when Mommy comes to help, massaging Meenu's head, the fuzzy, magical feeling returns! Was it really in the oils, or something else?

Inspired by Anu Chouhan's own memories and family, this author-illustrator debut is a lovely depiction of a cultural tradition and a delightful story that emphasizes that magical bond between parents and children.

Anu Chouhan is a Canadian illustrator and art director. A trained animator with a background in video game development, Anu often combines her love of her Punjabi cultural heritage into her art, as well as drawing inspiration from anime, nature, and fashion. She is the illustrator of *A Dupatta Is...* and the graphic novel adaptation of the *New York Times* bestselling book *Aru Shah and the End of Time*. www.anumation.ca • IG: @anumation • Twitter: @anumationart



JUVENILE FICTION / SOCIAL THEMES / EMOTIONS & FEELINGS

Bloomsbury Children's Books | 2/6/2024
9781547614486 | \$8.99 / \$11.99 Can.
Trade Paperback | 32 pages | Carton Qty: 1
11.8 in H | 9.3 in W | 1 in T | 1 lb Wt
full color

Other Available Formats:

Hardcover ISBN: 9781547608225

Tilda Tries Again

Tom Percival

From the creator of *Ruby Finds a Worry*, the perfect picture book for helping children embrace change, now in paperback.

Tilda doesn't like change. Why would she, when her life is great just the way it is? But one day, Tilda's world turns completely UPSIDE DOWN. All of a sudden, everything is topsy-turvy, and nothing feels right. Things that were once easy now seem incredibly challenging. Everything is just so different and hard. Can Tilda discover a way to move forward and embrace all this change?

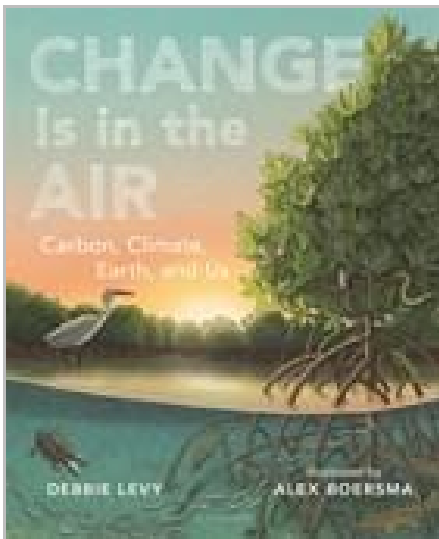
Bold, bright, and empowering, this inspiring story about coping with unexpected changes is perfect for helping children build resilience.

PRAISE

"Percival's simple, colorful illustrations pair beautifully with the author's thoughtfully worded text. Teachers . . . will embrace this title due to its subtle messages woven within the context of an engaging story that promises to be a fun read for all." —*School Library Connection*

"Percival's digital illustrations use transitions from grayscale to color to create symbolic meaning and have psychological depth. . . . An accessible entrance into the world of social-emotional skills." —*Kirkus Reviews*

Tom Percival is the author and illustrator of the Big Bright Feelings picture books—including *Finn's Little Fibs*, *Milo's Monster*, *Meesha Makes Friends*, *Tilda Tries Again*, *Ravi's Roar*, *Ruby Finds a Worry*, and *Perfectly Norman*. He writes and illustrates in his native United Kingdom where he lives in a town called Stroud with his family. www.tom-percival.com • @TomPercivalsays



**JUVENILE NONFICTION /
SCIENCE & NATURE / FLOWERS
& PLANTS**

Bloomsbury Children's Books | 3/5/2024

9781547612062 | \$18.99 / \$24.99 Can.

Hardcover Picture Book | 40 pages | Carton Qty:

1

11 in H | 8.5 in W | 1 in T | 1 lb Wt

MARKETING

National media campaign

Select author appearances

Major online influencer outreach

Extensive independent bookseller
campaign

Major school and library promotion,

including conference appearances

Social media promotion

Change Is in the Air

Carbon, Climate, Earth, and Us

Debbie Levy

A picture book about the amazing ways Earth can remove carbon from the air, offering a fresh and hopeful perspective on climate change.

The Earth has a problem: there's too much carbon in the air.

Luckily, the Earth also has amazing powers to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere—like the power of dirt, mangroves, and kelp. Although these powers alone cannot get us out of the climate crisis we're facing, Earth has one more power that can help: the power of the people! The power to change, protect, and invent, both to reduce emissions and to develop strategies for capturing carbon.

In accessible, engaging, and melodic language, this nonfiction picture book provides an encouraging yet honest picture of the problem of too much carbon in the air, while also conveying the awesomeness of Earth's ways of cleaning things up. Thanks to dirt, kelp, mangroves, and—perhaps most importantly—people, change is in the air!

PRAISE

This Promise of Change

“Powerful storytelling of a not-so-distant past.” —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

“[An] evocatively told, carefully researched memoir-in-verse.” —*School Library Journal*, starred review

I Dissent

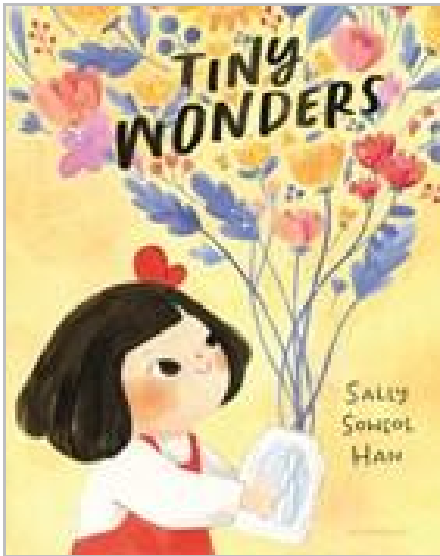
“[A] lively, inviting, and informative biography.” —*Booklist*, starred review

The Whale Who Swam Through Time

“Narrative nonfiction at its best, helping readers understand the impact of global warming or even simply wildlife from a unique perspective.” —*School Library Journal*

Debbie Levy is the acclaimed author of many books for children, including the *New York Times* bestseller *I Dissent*, the Boston Globe-Horn Book award-winner *This Promise of Change*, *The Year of Goodbyes*, and *Imperfect Spiral*. She lives in the Chesapeake Bay area. debbielevybooks.com • [@debbielevybooks](https://twitter.com/debbielevybooks)

Alex Boersma is a scientific illustrator living in Chicago. After studying geology and studio art at Vassar College in New York, Alex worked at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, conducting research on whale evolution. She now works as an independent scientific illustrator and art teacher. Her picture books include *The Whale Who Swam Through Time*. alexboersma.com • [@alexboersma_art](https://twitter.com/alexboersma_art)



**JUVENILE FICTION /
IMAGINATION & PLAY**

Bloomsbury Children's Books | 3/5/2024
9781547614561 | \$18.99 / \$24.99 Can.
Hardcover with dust jacket | 40 pages | Carton
Qty: 1
11.8 in H | 9.3 in W | 1 in T | 1 lb Wt

MARKETING

Independent bookseller campaign
Influencer outreach
National media campaign
School and library promotion

Tiny Wonders

Sally Soweol Han

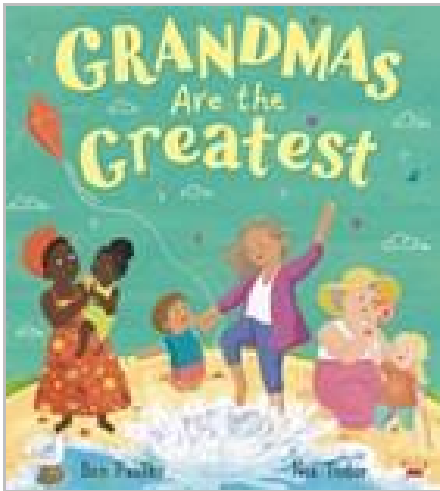
Even small efforts have the power to bring big wonder in this debut picture book about a little girl who brings the beauty of spring flowers to her neighborhood.

The world is full of wonders, if we take a small moment to look!

April's town is dull and gray, and the people there are too busy to laugh or look up at the sky, but when Grandma tells her about all the tiny wonders of the world, like the secret language of flowers, April thinks maybe dandelions can help—so she wishes for their magic. Planting seeds while the seasons shift toward spring, April watches as the dandelions and other flowers sprout, bringing joyful wonder back to their community.

A gorgeous and inspirational story about the potential of tiny things—like seeds and small children!—to bring wonder to the world, *Tiny Wonders* introduces little ones to the wonders of spring and the joy they themselves can bring.

Sally Soweol Han is a Korean-Australian artist who is passionate about creating stories and illustrating heart-warming picture books for all ages. She is fascinated with traditional techniques and most of her illustrations are hand drawn and painted. Sally was awarded a gold medal at 3x3 Illustration Awards 2017 and has recently been longlisted in World Illustration Awards. Sally is devoted to illustrating whimsical work for picture books, in the hope of delivering warmth and joy to all readers. This is her authorial debut. www.sallyhanillustration.com • IG: [@sallyhan_illustration](https://www.instagram.com/sallyhan_illustration)



**JUVENILE FICTION / FAMILY /
MULTIGENERATIONAL**

Bloomsbury Children's Books | 3/26/2024
9781547613151 | \$18.99 / \$24.99 Can.
Hardcover Picture Book | 32 pages | Carton Qty:
1
10.8 in H | 9.6 in W | 1 in T | 1 lb Wt

MARKETING

National media campaign
Online influencer outreach
School and library promotion
Social media promotion

Grandmas Are the Greatest

Ben Faulks

A delightful picture book about the special bond between grandmothers and grandchildren, perfect for gifting!

Does your grandmother love your help tending to her garden? Does she take you along when she hikes through nature? Or maybe you have a grandma who tells the best jokes and likes to be silly with you?

What makes grandmas the GREATEST? Whether your grandmother is an actor or acrobat, a master chef or a master of snuggling, there's one thing all grandmas have in common: you can always count on them to give one-of-a-kind love!

With lively text from Ben Faulks and warm art from Nia Tudor, this picture book celebrating all kinds of grandmothers is the perfect gift for grandparents and grandchildren to share.

*HOORAY for ALL the grandmas!
Three cheers from high above!
You can always count on grandmas . . .
for their marvelous grandma love!*

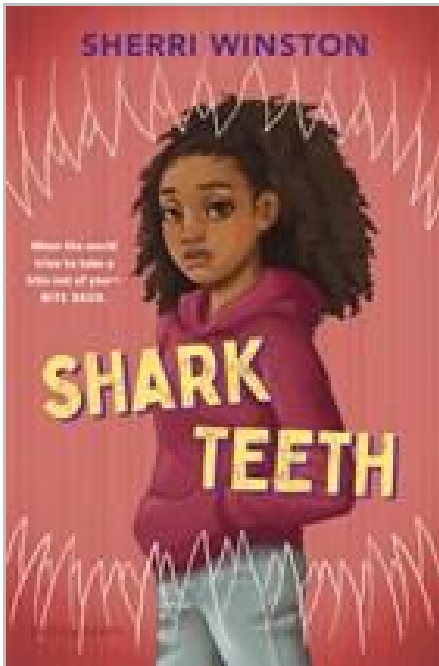
PRAISE

Grandpas Are the Greatest

“Rhyming verse [and] energetic illustrations in clear, bright colors capture . . . the details of the grandfathers’ and grandchildren’s daily lives . . . A loving tribute to grandfathers.” —Kirkus Reviews

Ben Faulks is a British actor, author, producer, and presenter. Born in Cornwall, Ben earned a degree in theatre acting from Bretton Hall School of Dance and Drama. He is best known for co-creating and starring in the award-winning television show *Mr. Bloom's Nursery*.
www.benfaulks.co.uk

Nia Tudor is a freelance illustrator living along the Welsh coast in South Wales, UK with her husband, three children, and two cats. Nia loves depicting heartfelt and intricate family relationships taking inspiration from her three children whom she unschools. Books she's illustrated include *When You Joined Our Family*, *The Queen on Our Corner*, and *Grandpas Are the Greatest*.
www.niatudor.co.uk



JUVENILE FICTION / SOCIAL THEMES / DRUGS, ALCOHOL, SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Bloomsbury Children's Books | 1/16/2024
 9781547608508 | \$17.99 / \$23.99 Can.
 Hardcover with dust jacket | 304 pages | Carton
 Qty: 1
 0.3 in H | 0.2 in W | 1 in T | 1 lb Wt

MARKETING

National trade and consumer advertising campaign
 National media campaign
 Select author appearances
 Major online influencer outreach
 Extensive independent bookseller campaign, including author appearance at Children's Institute
 Major school and library promotion, including conference appearances
 Social media promotion

Shark Teeth

Sherri Winston

National Book Award longlisted Sherri Winston's touching novel about a girl trying to keep her family together as she's falling apart.

Sharkita "Kita" Hayes is always waiting.
 Waiting for her mama to mess up.
 Waiting for social services to be called again.
 Waiting for her and her siblings to be separated.
 Waiting for her worst fear to come true.

But Mama promises things are different now. She's got a good job, she's stopped drinking, stopped going out every night—it's almost enough to make Kita believe her this time. But she still can't shake the feeling that everything could go up in flames at any moment. And when her dance coach starts asking questions, Kita is more determined than ever to make sure her family stays together—even if it means falling apart herself. But could it be that Kita's worst fear is actually the best thing that could happen to her family?

PRAISE

Lotus Bloom and the Afro Revolution

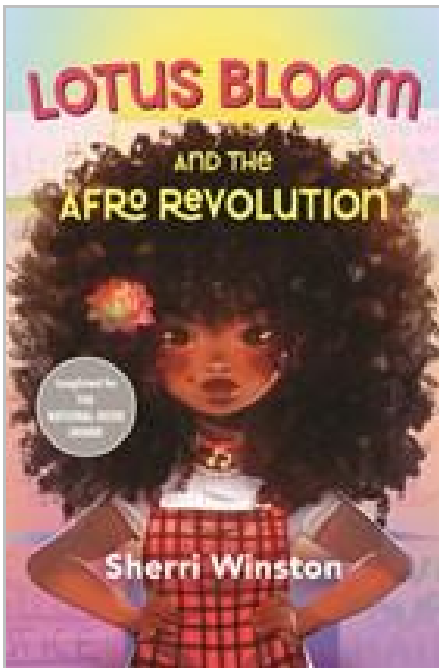
"Through the eyes of a sprightly, determined student, Winston delivers a powerful message about anti-Blackness, bullying, and institutionalized prejudice."

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"Lotus is a unique and deeply realized character . . . and the themes of inequality and racism in schools resonate." —*School Library Journal*, starred review

"Lotus is a heroine that everyone can root for. . . A great introduction to protest, activism, and how to use your voice to change the world." —*Booklist*

Sherri Winston is the author of National Book Award longlist title *Lotus Bloom and the Afro Revolution*, *President of the Whole Fifth Grade* (a Sunshine State Young Readers Award selection), *President of the Whole Sixth Grade* (a Kids' Indie Next pick), *President of the Whole Sixth Grade: Girl Code*, *The Sweetest Sound* (a Kirkus Best Book of the Year), *Jada Sly: Artist & Spy*, and *The Kayla Chronicles*. Before Sherri was an author, she was a longtime newspaper writer and columnist. She grew up in Michigan and now lives with her daughters in Orlando, Florida.
www.sherriwinston.com



JUVENILE FICTION / PEOPLE & PLACES / UNITED STATES

Bloomsbury Children's Books | 1/16/2024
 9781547608492 | \$8.99 / \$11.99 Can.
 Trade Paperback | 304 pages | Carton Qty: 1
 8.3 in H | 5.5 in W | 1 in T | 1 lb Wt

Other Available Formats:

Hardcover ISBN: 9781547608461

Lotus Bloom and the Afro Revolution

Sherri Winston

Longlisted for the National Book Award, *Lotus Bloom and the Afro Revolution* is the story of a Black girl who stands for herself against an unjust dress code.

Lotus Bloom just wants to express herself—with her violin, her retro style, and her peaceful vibe, not to mention her *fabulous* hair. She just switched from her inner-city school to a fancy arts academy. Her best friend Rebel is quick to point out the funding disparities between schools, and urges Lotus to help her protest, but Lotus isn't sure; if she's going to be in the spotlight, she'd rather it be for her music.

But when boys throw paper wads into Lotus's afro and Lotus finds *herself* in trouble for a dress code violation, she must choose whether to stay quiet or fight back.

Inspired by real Black girls fighting discriminatory dress codes, beloved author Sherri Winston introduces a memorable character who decides to stand up for what's right, no matter what it takes.

PRAISE

Lotus Bloom and the Afro Revolution

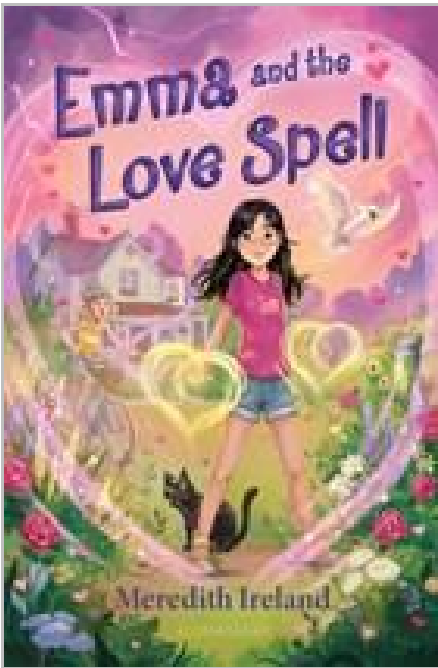
“Lotus is a unique and deeply realized character . . . and the themes of inequality and racism in schools resonate. A first purchase for public and school libraries, and an excellent choice for book clubs.” —*School Library Journal*, starred review

“A powerful message about anti-Blackness, bullying, and institutionalized prejudice.” —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

“This captivating novel raises issues of racial discrimination, educational equity, and classism in an approachable way, which will invite readers to consider multiple perspectives.” —*The Horn Book*

“Lotus is a heroine that everyone can root for. Wins...”

Sherri Winston is the author of *President of the Whole Fifth Grade* (a Sunshine State Young Readers Award selection), *President of the Whole Sixth Grade* (a Kids' Indie Next pick), *President of the Whole Sixth Grade: Girl Code*, *The Sweetest Sound* (a Kirkus Best Book of the Year), *Jada Sly: Artist & Spy*, and *The Kayla Chronicles*. Before becoming an author, she was a longtime newspaper writer and columnist. She grew up in Michigan and now lives with her daughters in Orlando, Florida. Voteforcupcakes.com • Twitter: @sherriwinston • Instagram: @iamsherriwinston



JUVENILE FICTION / FANTASY & MAGIC

Bloomsbury Children's Books | 1/23/2024
 9781547612604 | \$17.99 / \$23.99 Can.
 Hardcover with dust jacket | 288 pages | Carton
 Qty: 1
 8.3 in H | 5.5 in W | 1 in T | 1 lb Wt

MARKETING

National media campaign
 Select author appearances
 Major online influencer outreach
 Extensive independent bookseller campaign
 Major school and library promotion, including conference appearances
 Social media promotion

Emma and the Love Spell

Meredith Ireland

In this contemporary middle grade fantasy, a girl tries to use her fickle magic to keep her best friend from moving away.

Twelve-year-old, Korean-American adoptee Emma Davidson has a problem. Two problems. Okay, three:

1. She has a crush on her best friend, Evangeline, that she hasn't been able to share
2. Evangeline has to move away because her parents are getting a divorce
3. Oh, and Emma is a secret witch who can't really control her powers

It's a complicated summer between sixth and seventh grade. Emma's parents made her promise that she'd keep her powers a secret and never, ever use them. But if Evangeline's parents fall back in love, then she won't have to move. And how hard could one little love spell be?

Witchlings meets *The Parent Trap* in this fast-paced, heartfelt story about learning to embrace who you are, even when your true self is different from everyone around you.

Meredith Ireland was born in Korea and adopted by a New York librarian. Her love of books started early and, although she pursued both pre-med at Rollins College and law at the University of Miami, stories were her fate. She currently resides with her two children, and Bob, a carnival goldfish who's likely a person. She writes children's books, some of which you may like. She is the author of the YA novels *The Jasmine Project*, a JLG Gold Standard Selection, and *Everyone Hates Kelsie Miller*. She is also a contributor to *You Are Here*, a middle grade anthology, and *Adoptee to Adoptee*, a young adult anthology. meredithireland.wordpress.com • Twitter: @meredithireland • Instagram: @writermeredithireland



JUVENILE FICTION / FANTASY & MAGIC

Bloomsbury Children's Books | 2/6/2024
 9781547611980 | \$8.99 / \$11.99 Can.
 Trade Paperback | 304 pages | Carton Qty: 36
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Other Available Formats:

Hardcover ISBN: 9781547606719

A Taste of Magic

J. Elle

NYT bestselling author J. Elle enchants with this story of a young Black witch who must save her magic school—now in paperback!

Kyana Turner has found out she's a witch! This means lessons every Saturday at the magic school hidden in the back of her local beauty shop, learning spells, and a wand made to match her hair's curl pattern. The hardest part will be keeping her magic a secret from non-Magick friends.

But when the school loses funding, the students must either pay a hefty tuition at the academy across town or have their magic stripped. Determined not to let that happen, Kyana decides to enter a baking competition for the huge cash prize.

After all, Memaw taught her to make the best desserts. But as Kyana struggles with magic and regular school, the competition, and her secret, she wonders if she can save her friendships, too.

J. Elle's debut middle grade fantasy is full of humor, heart, and mouthwatering desserts.

PRAISE

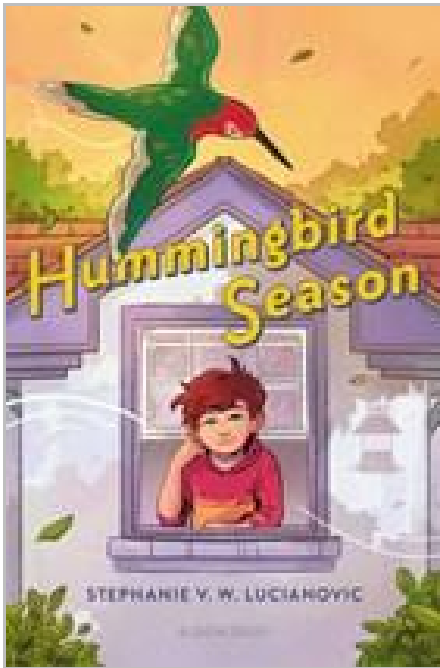
"Delightful and charming, *A Taste of Magic* bursts with adventure, mischief, and so much heart. Readers will turn ravenous for all things magic and their opportunity to enroll in Park Row Magick Academy." —Dhonielle Clayton, *NYT* bestselling author of *The Marvellers*

"*A Taste of Magic* is an enchanting adventure that will leave readers hungry for more." —Kwame Mbalia, #1 *NYT* bestselling author of *Tristian Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky*

"Successfully illustrating themes of class separation and economic opportunity across a mostly Black cast, Elle builds a story of familial love and friendship and tops it with pure culinary enthusiasm." —*Publisher...*

J. Elle is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the YA novels *Wings of Ebony* and *Ashes of Gold* and is an advocate for marginalized voices in both publishing and her community. J. is a first-generation college student with a Bachelor of Journalism and Master of Arts in Educational Administration and Human Development. In her spare time you'll find her volunteering at an alternative school, providing feedback for aspiring writers, loving on her three littles, or cooking up a dish true to her Texas and Louisiana roots.

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JUVENILE FICTION / SOCIAL THEMES / EMOTIONS & FEELINGS

Bloomsbury Children's Books | 2/13/2024
 9781547612741 | \$17.99 / \$23.99 Can.
 Hardcover with dust jacket | 274 pages | Carton
 Qty: 1
 0.3 in H | 0.2 in W | 1 in T | 1 lb Wt

MARKETING

National media campaign
 Select author appearances
 Major online influencer outreach
 Extensive independent bookseller campaign
 Major school and library promotion including conference appearances
 Social media promotion

Hummingbird Season

Stephanie V.W. Lucianovic

A poignant and necessary novel in verse about finding hope during difficult times, set in the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Archie's life—and the whole world—is turned upside down by Covid-19. Suddenly there are no Friday night dinners out, no going to school, no hanging out with friends . . . no leaving the house at all.

Even though he's inside with his family all day every day, Archie feels more alone than ever before. While everyone else seems to be adapting to their new normal just fine, it's like Archie is permanently on mute, unable to find words to describe how he feels—and unable to find someone who will listen. The bright spot of Archie's days is the hummingbirds that feed outside his window. But then California experiences its worst wildfire in history, and Archie's favorite hummingbird disappears. In a time when hope is hard to hold on to, Archie must find his voice and find hope once again.

PRAISE

"*Hummingbird Season* broke me open with its vivid portrayal of the early pandemic. Heartbreakingly relatable, everyone who lived through lockdown will find themselves in the pages of this book. Archie's emotional journey is rendered in clear, poignant verse, a balm to our scars and a reminder of the necessity of hope."
 —Joy McCullough, author of National Book Award longlist title *Blood Water Paint*

"In a world that so often wants to pretend that kids are immune to collective trauma, Stephanie V.W. Lucianovic writes stories that validate their experiences and assure them that they are not alone. *Hummingbird Season* gently, lovingly gives today's r..."

Stephanie V. W. Lucianovic is the author of *The End of Something Wonderful: A Practical Guide to a Backyard Funeral*; *Hello, Star* illustrated by Vashti Harrison; and middle grade novel *The League of Picky Eaters*. She lives in the San Francisco Bay area with a few kids, a few cats, and one husband.



JUVENILE FICTION / FANTASY & MAGIC

Bloomsbury Caravel | 2/13/2024

9781448218295 | \$18.00 / \$24.00 Can.

Hardcover with dust jacket | 208 pages | Carton Qty: 1

7.8 in H | 5.1 in W | 1 in T | 1 lb Wt

Black and white illustrations on 4 full pages and chapter headers.

MARKETING

Social media campaign at publication

Amazon A+ content

Targeted Facebook campaign for parents and grandparents of young readers

Sponsored Amazon product campaign

Outreach to kids list for opportunities re: conferences, newsletters, etc

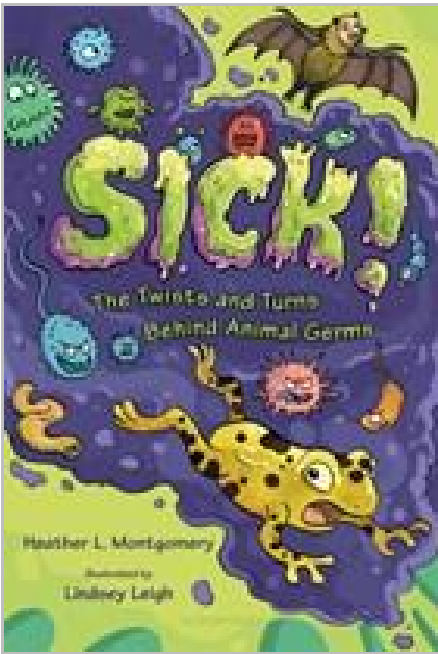
Kites and Lemonade

Yasmeen bint Ahmad

A magical journey of secrets and self discovery!

Lina has spent her life in a wheelchair and has never been friends with another differently abled person until she meets Amara, who is blind. And they both have a secret they must keep from everyone else! Together with Amara's brother Omar they solve a mystery and save the day.

Yasmeen bint Ahmad has a BA from the University of Roehampton in Early childhood studies focusing on disabled children in literature, and an MA from UCL in Sociology of Childhood and Children's Rights. She works as Education and Awareness Manager at The King Salman Center For Disability Research and is developing and producing a documentary about autistic children, looking at the difficulties and prejudices they face on a daily basis, and how best they and their families can be supported.



**JUVENILE NONFICTION /
SCIENCE & NATURE / BIOLOGY**

Bloomsbury Children's Books | 2/20/2024
9781547609857 | \$19.99 / \$26.99 Can.
Hardcover with dust jacket | 160 pages | Carton
Qty: 1
9 in H | 6 in W | 1 in T | 1 lb Wt

MARKETING

National media campaign
Select author appearances
Major online influencer outreach
Extensive independent bookseller
campaign
Major school and library promotion,
including conference appearances
Social media promotion

Sick!

The Twists and Turns Behind Animal Germs

Heather L. Montgomery

Meet scientists studying animals and the germs that infect them in this full-color nonfiction book with comic-style art.

When a super sickness lands on the land, when a parasite becomes more than a pest, when an infection ignites an epidemic, what's a body to do? *Your* body is an *animal* body, so why not ask the animals?

Follow the scientists, around the world and into their labs, who are studying animals and the pathogens that attack them. From fungus-ridden frogs with fevers to bacteria-resistant buzzards and everything in-between, animals have A LOT to teach us about germs. But—reader beware!!—the story of germs is *filled* with twists and turns.

In this fascinating, highly visual nonfiction book packed with colorful art, you'll discover not only the cool ways that animal bodies (and our bodies) fight back against pathogens, but also the amazing and surprising ways we can learn to work together with microorganisms.

PRAISE

Who Gives a Poop?

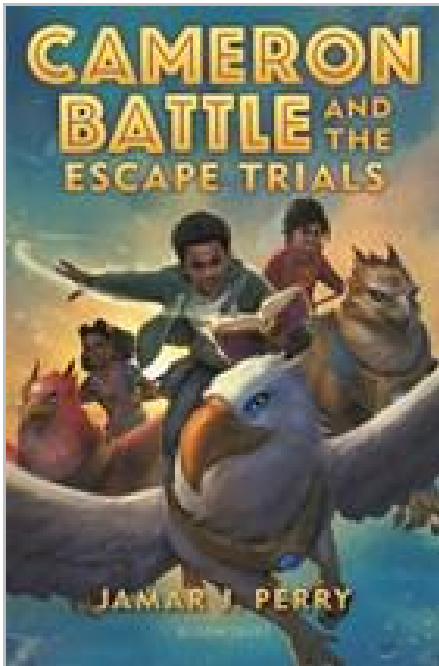
“A well-stirred slurry of facts and fun for strong-stomached ‘poop sleuths.’”

—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

“Equal parts informative and grotesquely fascinating.” —*School Library Journal*, starred review

Heather L. Montgomery has taught for over 20 years as well as directed a school-based environmental center. She has written curriculum; trained hundreds of teachers, naturalists, and librarians; and helped thousands of children make friends with the natural world. Her books include *Who Gives a Poop?*, *Something Rotten*, *What's In Your Pocket?*, and others. Heather lives in Alabama. www.heatherlmontgomery.com

Lindsey Leigh is an illustrator and designer in Boston. She grew up near Washington, D.C., fascinated by the Smithsonian Museums and the Baltimore Aquarium. Her passion for communicating scientific ideas eventually led her become a scientific illustrator. Her books include *The Deep*. www.lindseyleighart.com



JUVENILE FICTION / FANTASY & MAGIC

Bloomsbury Children's Books | 2/27/2024
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 Trade Paperback | 320 pages | Carton Qty: 1
 0.3 in H | 0.2 in W | 1 in T | 1 lb Wt

Other Available Formats:

Hardcover ISBN: 9781547607259

Cameron Battle and the Escape Trials

Jamar J. Perry

Cameron Battle continues his quest to save the world in this action-packed series that's Percy Jackson meets *Black Panther*.

After his first adventure as the Descendant, Cameron can't sit through seventh grade classes. Especially when his mother remains trapped in Chidani and his father is still missing. But he encounters a particularly nasty bully in his new school, and it doesn't take long for Cameron and his trusty friends Zion and Aliyah to realize that the troubles of Chidani won't stay away for long.

With the *Book* to guide them, Cameron and his crew end up transported to Chidani sooner than anticipated—and the gods and goddesses they encounter don't intend to make Cameron's journey easy. Can he finally outwit and outlast the villainous god set on destroying their worlds?

PRAISE

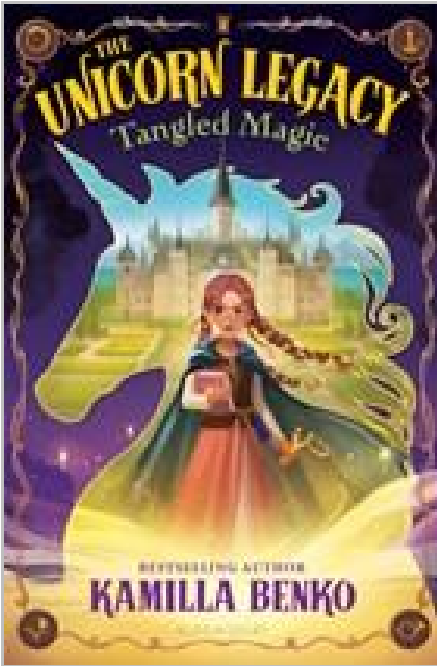
Cameron Battle and the Hidden Kingdoms

“A thrilling, imaginative adventure that kids are sure to love! As immersive as it is fun, you’ll feel you’re tagging along with Cameron, Zion, and Aliyah the whole way through.” —Claribel A. Ortega, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Ghost Squad* and the *Witchlings* series

“Perry has a gift for creating dialogue and writing fast-paced, suspenseful scenes that will both enchant readers and leave them wincing in empathy. Cliff-hanger endings abound that will have students begging for more.” —*School Library Journal*, starred review

“Perry has written an action-packed fantasy with Igbo and other African mytholo...

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**JUVENILE FICTION / ANIMALS /
DRAGONS, UNICORNS &
MYTHICAL**

Bloomsbury Children's Books | 2/27/2024
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MARKETING

Major national trade and consumer
advertising campaign
National media campaign
Select author appearances
Major online influencer outreach
Extensive independent bookseller
campaign
Major school and library promotion,
including conference appearances
Social media promotion

The Unicorn Legacy: Tangled Magic

Kamilla Benko

From the creator of The Unicorn Quest series, a new spin-off series set in the magical land of Arden, full of unicorns and mystery!

Magic pulses bright in Arden, a world where humans who craft magic have been at war and separated for hundreds of years. Now a new era has dawned, the unicorns have returned, and the prime minister has decreed that apprentices from all four guilds will learn in the newly formed Unicorn Academy. But peace is tenuous: As rumors spread of dark magic and of unicorns disappearing, twelve-year-old apprentice Olivia Hayes is caught between her joy at newfound magical abilities at the academy and proving to everyone that her older sister, Laurel, is NOT a unicorn poacher. She and her friends must untangle the truth and the secrets of the past to spin a stronger future—or else the unicorns of Arden may be lost forever. This sweeping middle grade fantasy is about friendship, choice, and the ties that truly matter.

PRAISE

The Unicorn Quest

“An adventure-quest brimming with magic and heart. Benko reaches the child in all of us who secretly hopes that a door is never just a door. Mesmerizing.” —Jennifer Lynn Alvarez, author of *The Guardian Herd* and *Riders of the Realm* series

“*The Unicorn Quest* draws you into a richly imagined alternate world, keeps you on edge with clever twists and turns, then leaves you breathless as it gallops to its sensational climax!” —Roshani Chokshi, *New York Times* bestselling author

Kamilla Benko is the bestselling author of *Frozen II: Forest of Shadows* and *The Unicorn Quest* trilogy. She spent most of her childhood climbing into wardrobes, trying to step through mirrors, and plotting to run away to an art museum. Now, she visits other worlds as an author and an editor. She currently lives in the Midwest with her husband, daughter, and cat in a house next to a friendly willow tree. @kkbenko

**JUVENILE FICTION / FAMILY**

Bloomsbury Children's Books | 4/2/2024
 9781547611003 | \$17.99 / \$23.99 Can.
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MARKETING

National trade and consumer advertising campaign
 National media campaign
 Select author appearances
 Major online influencer outreach
 Extensive independent bookseller campaign
 Major school and library promotion, including conference appearances
 Social media promotion

Trouble at the Tangerine

Gillian McDunn

Acclaimed author Gillian McDunn pens a delightfully quirky mystery that delves into the meaning of home.

Simon's family is always on the move. Every few months, they load up their van, "Vincent Van Go," and set off for a new adventure. According to his dad, you can't live an extraordinary life by staying in one place. But all Simon wants is to settle down, so he's hatched a plan: to make their latest apartment in the Tangerine Pines building his forever home.

When a priceless necklace is stolen, clues indicate the thief might actually be another neighbor. Simon worries he'll have to move *again* if the thief isn't caught. He usually doesn't go looking for trouble, but if retrieving the necklace means staying, Simon is willing to risk it. With the help of his neighbor Amaya, pet-sitter, plant-waterer, and podcaster extraordinaire, Simon is determined to crack the case and finally put down roots.

PRAISE

When Sea Becomes Sky

"A beauty of a story."—Rajani LaRocca, Newbery Honor-winning author of *Red, White, and Whole*

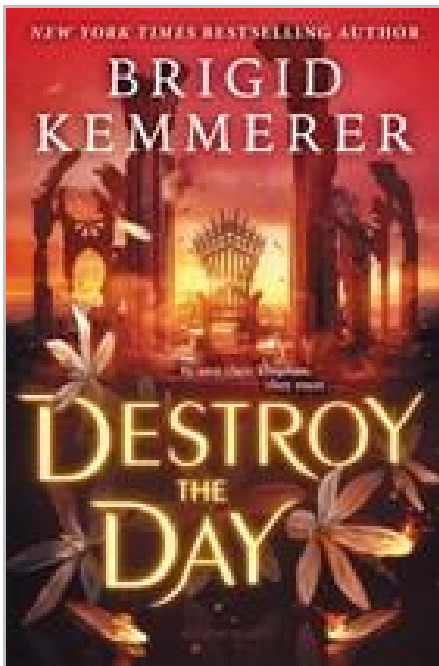
"Written with immediacy and grace. . . Fully engaging novel."—*Booklist*, starred review

Praise for *Honestly Elliott* (Schneider Family Book Honor Award winner)

"A novel full of heart, humor, and honesty. . . Elliott is an instantly lovable character, and readers will be hooked from the very first chapter."—*School Library Journal*, starred review

"McDunn has a talent for creating sympathetic characters. . . This well-paced, heartfelt chapter book offers a lovable main character, a supporting cast, and a satisfying conclusion."—*Bo...*

Gillian McDunn is the author of *When Sea Becomes Sky*, Schneider Honor winning *Honestly Elliott*, *These Unlucky Stars*, *The Queen Bee and Me*, and *Caterpillar Summer*, which received two starred reviews, and was selected for the Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List, and Kirkus Reviews and *Parents* magazine Best Books of the Year lists. When she isn't reading or writing, she is probably baking gluten-free treats, traveling, or spending time with her family. She lives near Raleigh, North Carolina, with her husband and children, and a very silly dog named Friday.
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**YOUNG ADULT FICTION /
FANTASY**

Bloomsbury YA | 1/23/2024
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MARKETING

Blockbuster national trade and consumer advertising campaign
National media campaign
National 5-city author tour
Additional select author appearances including festivals
Major online influencer outreach including pre-publication event and Bookstagram and BookTok tours
Extensive independent bookseller campaign
Major school and library promotion including conference appearances
Blockbuster social media promotion including reveals, readalongs, and author street team activation
Pre-order gift incentive
Bloom...

Destroy the Day

Brigid Kemmerer

In the thrilling conclusion to the Defy the Night series, Brigid Kemmerer will keep readers breathless to the very end.

Prince Corrick is out of options. Held captive by the vicious Oren Crane, he's desperate to reunite with Tessa, but will need to ally with the rebel leader Lochlan, who until now wished him dead.

An island away, Tessa Cade is heartbroken and angry. Grieving Corrick and unsure how to find a way back to Kandala, she doesn't know who to trust. Until Rian—the man she trusts *least*—makes an offer: help him oust Oren Crane and see what the future holds.

Meanwhile in Kandala, Harristan is dethroned and on the run. He's struggling to unite the rebels in his fractured kingdom, but he finds support—and maybe more—in unexpected places.

As outside threats loom and the fires of revolution burn from within, time is running out to save Kandala . . .

PRAISE

Defy the Night (A *New York Times* bestseller)

“A kinetic tale of the tension between duty, love and trust.” —Cassandra Clare, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Last Hours*

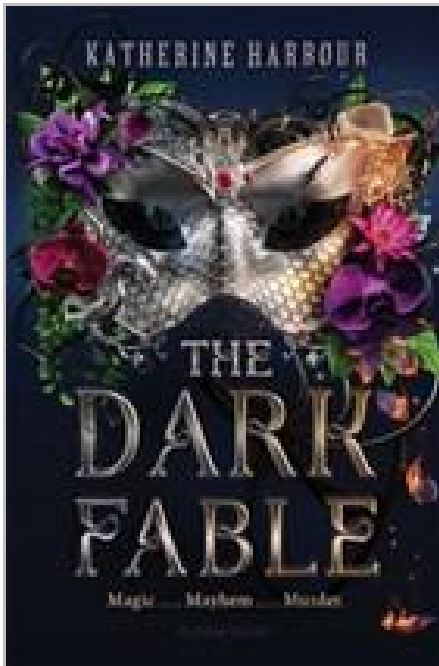
“Immersive and engaging. . . . A romantic epic that blends magic and politics with a deft hand.” —Adrienne Young, *New York Times* Bestselling author of *Fable*

“A twisty, edge-of-your-seat fantasy that has it all—outlaws, court intrigue, rebellions, and romance.” —#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Jennifer L. Armentrout

Armentrout

“A captivating combination of thrilling adventure, swoon-worthy romance, and royal intrigue.” —Stephanie Garber, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author o...

Brigid Kemmerer is the author of the *New York Times* bestsellers *Defy the Night*, *Defend the Dawn*, and *Forging Silver into Stars* and the *New York Times* bestselling Cursebreaker series, which includes *A Curse So Dark and Lonely*, *A Heart So Fierce and Broken*, and *A Vow So Bold and Deadly*. She has also written the contemporary young adult romances *Call It What You Want*, *More Than We Can Tell*, and *Letters to the Lost*, as well as paranormal young adult stories, including the Elemental series and *Thicker Than Water*. A full-time writer, Brigid lives in the Baltimore area with her family. www.brigidkemmerer.com @BrigidKemmerer



**YOUNG ADULT FICTION /
FANTASY**

Bloomsbury YA | 1/30/2024
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MARKETING

National trade and consumer advertising campaign
National media campaign
Select author appearances
Major online influencer outreach including Bookstagram and BookTok tours
Extensive independent bookseller campaign
Major school and library promotion including conference appearances
Extensive social media promotion
Bloomsbury YA consumer email outreach

The Dark Fable

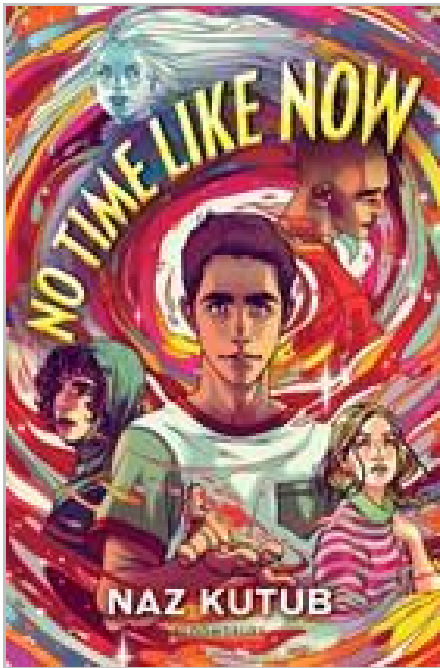
Katherine Harbour

In this captivating debut for fans of *The Gilded Wolves* and *Six of Crows*, a crew of outcasts pulls off daring magical heists.

Evie Wilder is an orphan who has gone through most of her life unnoticed. That is until *The Dark Fable* finds her for a very special reason: she can turn invisible. After accidentally getting caught up a dramatic heist, Evie earns an invitation to join the mysterious gang notorious for stealing obscure and occult artifacts. After all, a girl who can turn invisible would make an incredible asset to this legendary group of thieves. And Evie, who has never felt wanted by anyone, cannot resist their proposal.

But Evie soon learns there are a lot more skeletons in her newfound family's past than she could have imagined. Secrets that might be the answer to her own tragic past. No one is who they seem to be and the price of uncovering *The Dark Fable's* secrets could be fatal.

Katherine Harbour was born in Albany, New York, where she attended the Russell Sage Junior College of Albany and wrote while holding down jobs as a pizza maker, video store clerk, and housekeeper. She then attended the Minneapolis School of Art and Design and, after moving to Sarasota, Florida, sold her paintings in cafes and galleries. She now lives in upstate New York, where she works as a bookseller. She's a lover of nature, folklore, and ancient things. She's the author of *The Thorn Jack* series, an adult contemporary dark fantasy threaded with Celtic myth.



**YOUNG ADULT FICTION /
LGBTQ+**

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Hardcover with dust jacket | 336 pages | Carton
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MARKETING

National media campaign
Select author appearances
Major online influencer outreach including
Bookstagram and BookTok tours
Extensive independent bookseller
campaign
Major school and library promotion
including conference appearances
Extensive social media promotion
Bloomsbury YA consumer email outreach
Backlist e-book sales promotions

No Time Like Now

Naz Kutub

A teen finds himself in a race through and against time in this thought-provoking speculative romp inspired by *A Christmas Carol*.

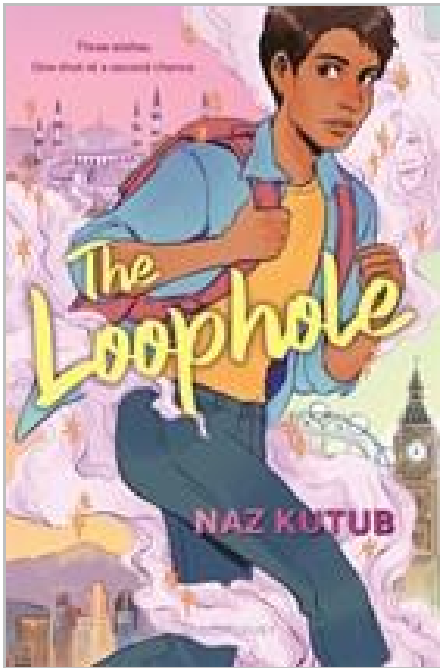
It's been a year since Hazeem's father passed away and Hazeem got his special ability: He can grant any living thing extra time. Since then, he's been granting friends and loved ones more years to live—except, turns out none of them want to spend that time with *him*. Things only get worse when Time itself appears and says Hazeem has accrued a time debt, putting the entire timeline in serious danger of collapsing. In order to fix it, Hazeem must take back the extra life he gave someone. Which unfortunately means he must go back in time to see when and why all his friendships fall apart. As he confronts the events of the past, he realizes just how much time he's wasted. Maybe when it comes to time, quality is more important to quantity—but is it too late for Hazeem to finally start living?

PRAISE

"A twisty, turny mindwarp of a soul-uplifting novel that reminds us there's no time like the present. No matter what brain bending path Kutub sends you on, it's a guarantee that all roads will lead straight to your heart!" —Jason June, author of *New York Times* bestseller *Out of the Blue* and *Riley Weaver Needs a Date to the Gaybutante Ball*

"Much like the magic in his books, Naz Kutub is an inventive storyteller, surprising the reader at every turn of the page. *No Time Like Now* effortlessly weaves adventure and wit—along with some universal growing pains—into an uplifting narrative, delivering a timely tale about living life to its fullest." —B...

Naz Kutub is a half-Indian, half-Malay immigrant from Singapore. His novels are inspired by his personal experiences growing up as a queer Muslim, and as someone raised on a calorie-dense diet of Eastern lore. Connect with him at nazkutub.com and on socials [@nazkutub](https://www.instagram.com/nazkutub).



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The Loophole

Naz Kutub

Equal parts broken-hearted love story, retold epic myth, and world-journey romp, this is YA with humor and a speculative twist.

After Sy's boyfriend, Farouk, unexpectedly leaves him to "fix the world," the timid seventeen-year-old Indian Muslim boy is stuck in a dead-end coffee shop job and all he can do is wish for one more chance.

Sy never expects his wish to be granted. But when a mysterious girl offers him three wishes in exchange for his help and proves she can grant at least one wish with an instant million-dollar deposit into his struggling bank account, a whole new world of possibility opens up. Is she magic? Or just rich? And can Sy find the courage to cross the Atlantic Ocean to lands he'd never even dreamed he could visit, all to track down his missing ex? With help from his potentially otherworldly new friend, Sy goes all the way for one last, desperate chance at rebuilding his life and refinding home.

PRAISE

"A brave debut that is sure to grant all your bookish wishes." —Dante Medema, author of *The Truth Project*

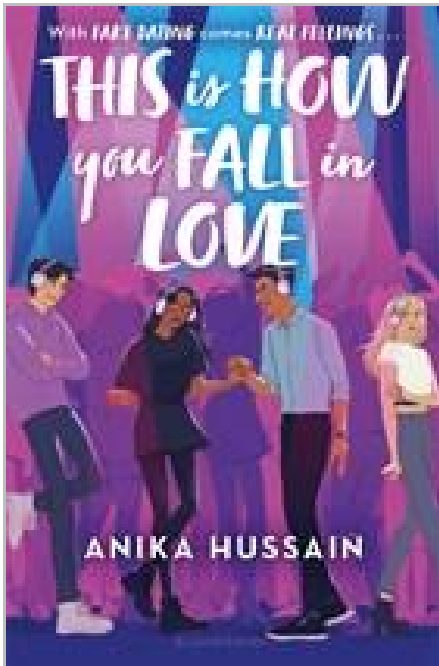
"A celebration of queer Muslim identity, and a one-of-a-kind story about finding love, family, and—most importantly—yourself." —Adiba Jaigirdar, author of *The Henna Wars* and *Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating*

"A globetrotting, madcap adventure, filled with magic and plenty of heart." —Erik J. Brown, author of *All That's Left in the World*

"A perfect balance of heart and hilarity. . . . An absolute delight of a book." —Robbie Couch, author of *The Sky Blues* and *Blaine for the Win*

"This delightful read will offer readers an ending that feels li...

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**YOUNG ADULT FICTION**

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 Bloomsbury YA consumer email outreach

This is How You Fall in Love

Anika Hussain

Best friends Zara and Adnan must navigate the twists and turns of fake dating, family dynamics and cultural stereotypes in this swoon-worthy YA Desi rom-com.

Zara loves love in all forms: rom-coms and romance novels and grand sweeping gestures. And she's desperate to have her own great love story. Crucially, a *real* one. So when her best friend Adnan begs her to pretend to date him to cover up his new top-secret relationship, Zara is hesitant. This isn't the kind of great romance she had in mind. But there's something in it for Zara too: making her parents, who love Adnan, happy just might stop them arguing for a while. She may not be getting her own love story, but she could save theirs.

After all, how different can pretending to be in a relationship with your best friend be? Turns out, very. And when a new, exciting boy turns up in Zara's life, things get more confusing than ever.

Anika Hussain was born and raised in Stockholm, Sweden but currently lives and writes in Bath, England. She is a graduate of the Bath Spa MAWYP. Not having seen herself in the books she read as a teenager, Anika writes YA novels with South Asian characters at the heart of the story. Aside from writing and working as an Operations Manager, Anika is involved with the Hawkins Project, founded by Dave Eggers, to elevate the voices of young people in the publishing industry. In her free time, Anika rewatches Love Island, listens to too many true crime podcasts, and sings pop-punk songs loudly around her apartment. www.anikahussain.co.uk • Twitter: @huanika