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The Thrashers

A Novel

Julie Soto

From bestselling author of *Forget Me Not* and *Not Another Love Song* Julie Soto comes a twisty and addictive thriller that will shock you until its final twist.

Summary

Everyone is dying to join them.

Welcome to The Thrashers, the exclusive friend group of New Helvetia High. They are everything you want to be and everyone wants to be them.

Then there's Jodi Dillion, the odd one out. The others—Julian, Lucy, Paige, and the infamous Zack Thrasher—are rich, sophisticated, and love being the center of attention; Jodi usually feels out of place. But Zack's been her best friend since elementary school, so he says she's in—and no one turns down the chance to be part of their group. Like Emily Mills. She wanted to be a Thrasher. More than anything.

But then Emily dies, and with her death, the whispers begin to circulate about The Thrashers—and what they do to people when they don't want them around anymore. As a newfound journal of Emily's comes to light, detectives begin to circle, and the media spirals out of control, putting Jodi in the impossible decision of turning on her friends, or protecting her own future.

Then a series of increasingly disturbing situations mount into a string of accidents that threaten the very lives of The Thrashers, and one thing becomes clear—Emily is not done with them yet.

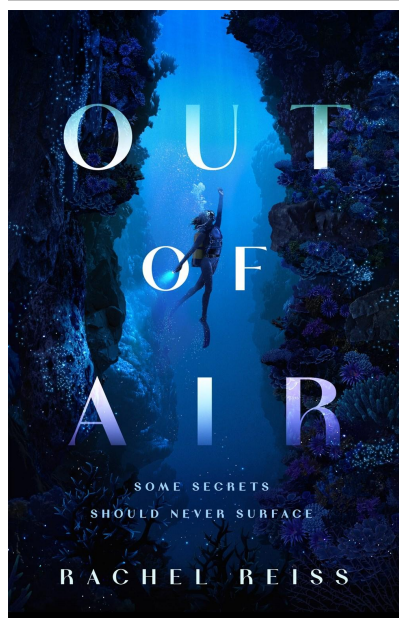
Contributor Bio

JULIE SOTO is a *USA Today* bestselling author, playwright, and actress originally from Sacramento, CA. Her musical *Generation Me* won the 2017 New York Musical Festival's Best Musical award, as well as Best Book for her script. She is a musical theater geek, fandom nerd, and the author of many spicy fan fictions. Julie now lives in Fort Bragg, CA, with her dog, Charlie. She is probably drinking coffee as you read this.

Quotes

"A deeply important book by my favorite writer. Julie Soto is a master at characterization. THE THRASHERS encapsulates the vulnerability of adolescents playing adult games. As a reader, you oscillate between playing into the mob and questioning where you land on a larger moral scale." - Ali Hazelwood

"An aching portrait of disparate friendship, high school hierarchy, and the ghosts that haunt us--figuratively and literally. This unsettling, pulse-pounding pageturner will leave you desperate for a sequel. A tour-de-force YA debut from Julie Soto and the perfect slow-burn, creeping suspense read for fans of Nova Ren Suma and Marisha Pessl." - Alexa Donne, author of *The Ivies*, *Pretty Dead Queens*, and *The Bitter End*



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Out of Air

Rachel Reiss

Wilder Girls meets *Outer Banks* where a group of scuba diving friends stumbles across lost treasure, a legendary cave, and a new type of power... that comes at a price.

Summary

***Wilder Girls* meets *Outer Banks* where a group of scuba diving friends stumbles across lost treasure, a legendary cave, and a new type of power... that comes at a price.**

Phoebe "Phibs" Ray is never more at home than when she's underwater. Six months ago, she and her four closest friends found social media fame after discovering a handful of ancient gold coins in the Florida Keys. Now, their final summer together after high school, they're taking one last trip to a distant Australian island to do what they love most – scuba dive.

While diving a local reef, Phibs discovers a spectacular underwater sea cave, rumored to be a lost cave with a buried treasure. But when Phibs and her best friend Gabe surface from the cave, they notice that they're undergoing strange changes. Oozing gashes that don't heal. Haunting whispers in their heads... Something has latched onto them, lurking beneath their skin, transforming them from the inside out.

When treasure hunters arrive, desperate to find the location of the cave and hold Phibs' group for ransom, she'll do anything to keep her friends safe. In the process she learns that, of all the dreadful creatures of the sea, she might be the most terrifying of them all.

Contributor Bio

RACHEL REISS is an experienced scuba diver who has explored marine reefs around the world. She's been published in national outlets including *The Los Angeles Times*, *Us Weekly*, *Yahoo!*, *Access Hollywood*, and *Huffington Post*, and was a Segment Producer for late night network talk shows. She currently lives in Southern California with her family and her rambunctious dog, Ozzy.

Quotes

"Like the ocean, this book is at once both beautiful and terrifying: the romance shimmers, the mystery deepens, the suspense threatens to pull you deep under. A read you won't want to surface from." —Harriet Reuter Hapgood, author of *How to Be Luminous*

"Gripping, compelling, and fantastic, *Out of Air* submerges you in an underwater thriller that will take your breath away. I couldn't put it down!" —Sarah Beth Durst, award-winning author of *The Lake House*



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Salvación

Sandra Proudman

A Latinx fantasy inspired by *El Zorro* where one girl becomes a masked heroine to stop a man from destroying her town with stolen powerful magic...if she doesn't fall in love with a boy in his company first.

Summary

Lola de La Peña yearns to be free from the societal expectations of a young Mexican lady of her station. She spends her days pretending to be delicate and proper while watching her mamá cure the sick and injured with sal negra (black salt), a recently discovered magic that heals even the most mortal of sicknesses and wounds. But by night, she is Salvación, the lady vigilante protecting the town of Coloma among the rising tension in Alta California after the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

But one night, a woman races into town, barely alive, with a horrifying tale of how her town was obliterated by the potent and deadly sal roja, a magic capable of obliterating anything it touches and the man who wields it: Damien Hernández. When Hernández arrives the next day with a party of fifty strong and promises of returning Alta California to México, Lola knows he plans to bring the region under his rule—all he needs is the next full moon and the stolen, ancient amulet he carries to mine enough sal roja to conquer the land. Determined to protect everything she loves, Lola races against time as Salvación to stop him. But she didn't count on the distracting and infuriating Alejandro, who travels with Hernández but doesn't seem to share his ambitions. With Hernández getting closer to his goals, Lola will do anything to foil his plans, even teaming up with Alejandro—who she can't help but fall in love with.

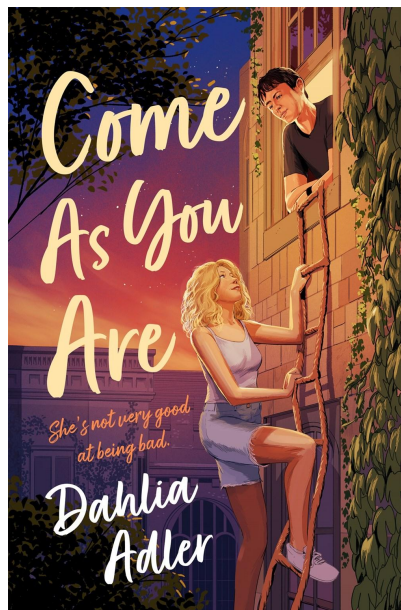
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SANDRA PROUDMAN (she/her/ella) is the editor of the YA Latinx SFF anthology, *Relit: 16 Latinx Remixes of Classic Stories* and a contributor to the YA horror anthology, *The House Where Death Lives*. *Salvación* is her first novel. She is also a literary agent. When not busily immersed in all things publishing, you can find her spending time with her amazing husband and adorable toddler, catching up on all her shows, or trying to get the perfect tortilla puff.

Quotes

"[...] Everything about *Salvación* makes it difficult to put down. As you root for Lola and her devoted family, their world, so thick with salt magic, feels as though it seeps into your bones as you read." - Raquel Vasquez Gilliland, *USA Today* bestselling and Pura Belpré Award-winning author

"[...] Filled with longing, action, high-stakes, and dangerous magic. *Salvación* swept me away with spirited characters that felt like family and a vivid world that felt like home." -- Angela Montoya, author of *Sinner's Isle* and *A Cruel Thirst*



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Come As You Are

A Novel

Dahlia Adler

In this opposites attract romance for fans of *Begin Again* and *Better Than the Movies*, a fresh start doesn't have to mean changing yourself.

Summary

Hot on the heels of a broken heart, Everett "Evie" Riley arrives at Camden Academy ready for a new beginning - one far away from her cheating ex-boyfriend, the sister who stole him, and the best friend who let it happen. But her fresh start is stopped in its tracks when she's accidentally placed in an all-boys dorm, with no choice but to stay.

When rumors and gossip about Evie's housing predicament spread like wildfire, she decides the only way to survive is to lean into her questionable new reputation... but she's definitely going to require help. Her grumpy emo dorm mate Salem Grayson isn't exactly her first choice, but he *does* need her help to repair his relationship with his parents every bit as much as she needs his to learn how to be cool. And so they make a pact - he'll teach her how to be bad, if she teaches him how to be good.

It's a flawless plan, except while Salem thrives academically, even romantically, and - annoyingly enough - even physically, Evie's quest feels like one dead end after another, and the girl she's becoming certainly doesn't feel remotely cool. But when Evie realizes what she wants more than anything, she'll have to contend with her thrice-broken heart and figure out how to become someone capable of chasing happiness.

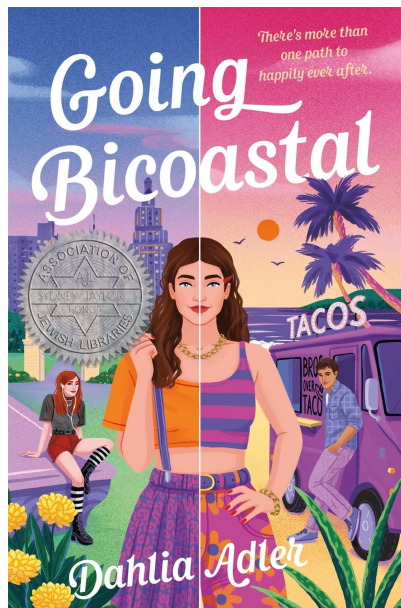
Dahlia Adler's *Come As You Are* is about refusing to accept less than you deserve, and realizing that the best relationships are with people who know exactly who you are.

Contributor Bio

DAHLIA ADLER is an editor by day, a freelance writer by night, and an author and anthologist at every spare moment in between. She's the founder of LGBTQReads; her novels include the Kids' Indie Next picks *Cool for the Summer*, *Home Field Advantage*, and *Going Bicoastal*, a Sydney Taylor Honor book; and she is the editor of the anthologies *His Hideous Heart*, *That Way Madness Lies*, *At Midnight*, and, with Jennifer Iacopelli, *Out of Our League*. Dahlia lives in New York with her family and a wall of overflowing bookcases.

Quotes

"Dahlia Adler's uplifting *Come As You Are* is full of snappy banter, personality-plus characters, and the chaos and complications that come with being sixteen. Plus, a giggle-inducing grumpy-sunshine romance. This fresh take on the boarding school story is a delightful way to spend the afternoon!" - K.L. Walther, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Summer of Broken Rules*



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Going Bicoastal

Dahlia Adler

The paperback edition of Dahlia Adler's award-winning queer *Sliding Doors* YA rom-com

Summary

In Dahlia Adler's *Going Bicoastal*, there's more than one path to happily ever after.

Natalya Fox has twenty-four hours to make the biggest choice of her life: stay home in NYC for the summer with her dad (and finally screw up the courage to talk to the girl she's been crushing on), or spend it with her basically estranged mom in LA (knowing this is the best chance she has to fix their relationship, if she even wants to.) (Does she want to?)

How's a girl supposed to choose?

She can't, and so both summers play out in alternating timelines - one in which Natalya explores the city, tries to repair things with her mom, works on figuring out her future, and goes for the girl she's always wanted. And one in which Natalya explores the city, tries to repair things with her mom, works on figuring out her future, and goes for the guy she never saw coming.

Contributor Bio

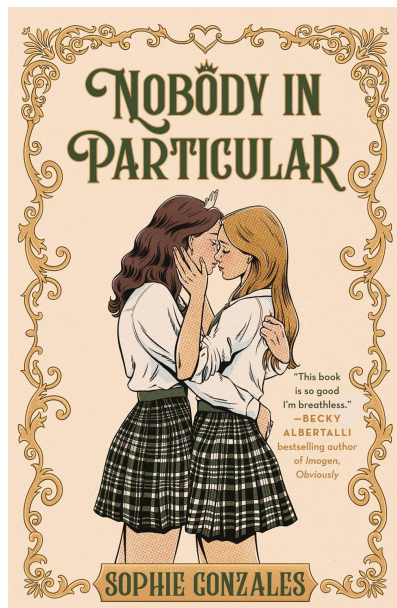
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Quotes

"Adler manages to make a tricky, high-concept premise look easy, grounding the stories in character and culture." - *Booklist* (starred review)

"A sweet and joyful romance times two." - *Kirkus*

"This is what it looks like when a brilliant high concept (bisexual *Sliding Doors*) is executed to perfection. It's got all the Dahlia Adler trademarks—romance, wry humor, specificity, and genuine emotional depth." - Becky Albertalli, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Kate in Waiting* and *Simon vs. The Homo Sapiens Agenda*



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Nobody in Particular

Sophie Gonzales

Young Royals meets *The Prince and Me* when a disgraced princess falls for a new student at their all-girls boarding school, but the two must hide their forbidden love at all costs.

Summary

Princess Rosemary of Henland can't afford distractions. She's working tirelessly to repair her image following a scandal that lost the trust of both her country and her best friend. Unfortunately, when a beautiful and funny new student joins her boarding school, Rose finds herself quite distracted indeed.

Attending Bramppath College on a music scholarship, talented pianist Danni expects to be an outcast amongst the wealthy children of the elite, but she is pleasantly surprised to be taken in by the ex-best friend of the princess. The more Danni gets to know her new classmates, the more intrigued she becomes by Rose.

When somebody sees something they shouldn't and rumors circulate throughout Henland, Rose and Danni must either find a way to deflect the ever-increasing eyes on their relationship, or end it altogether. Because one thing is clear: if Rose's fragile reputation takes any more hits, the palace will do whatever they must to separate Rose and Danni. Forever.

Contributor Bio

SOPHIE GONZALES is an internationally and nationally bestselling author of young adult queer fiction with memorable characters, biting wit, and endless heart. She is the author of *The Law of Inertia*, *Only Mostly Devastated*, *Perfect on Paper*, *If This Gets Out* (co-written with Cale Dietrich), *Never Ever Getting Back Together* and *The Perfect Guy Doesn't Exist*. When she isn't writing, Sophie can be found ice skating, singing, and practicing the piano. She currently lives in Adelaide, Australia.

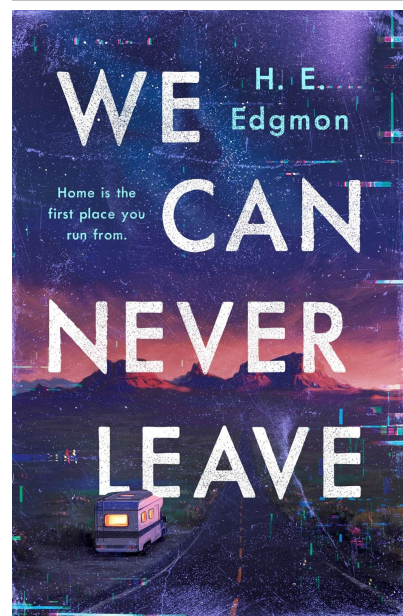
Quotes

Praise for Sophie Gonzales:

"Gonzales... will leave readers craving more." ?*PopSugar*

"Wickedly funny [and] searingly sexy... Gonzales has written an incisive reflection on the thin line between love and hate." —Kelly Quindlen, author of *She Drives Me Crazy*

"As binge-worthy as your favorite Netflix series." —Julia Lynn Rubin, author of *Trouble Girls*



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We Can Never Leave

A Novel

H.E. Edgmon

Sweet Tooth meets *The Raven Boys* in this queer young adult contemporary fantasy about what it means to belong from H.E. Edgmon.

Summary

You can never go home...

Every day, all across the world, inhuman creatures are waking up with no memory of who they are or where they came from—and the Caravan exists to help them. The traveling community is made up of these very creatures and their families who've acclimated to this new existence by finding refuge in each other. That is, until the morning five teenage travelers wake to find their community has disappeared around them overnight.

Those left: a half-human who only just ran back to the Caravan with their tail between their legs, two brothers—one who can't seem to stay out of trouble and the other who's never been brave enough to get in it, a venomous girl with blood on her hands and a heart of gold, and the Caravan's newest addition, a disquieting shadow in the shape of a boy. They'll have to work together to figure out what happened the night of the disappearance, but each one of the forsaken five is white-knuckling their own secrets. And with each truth forced to light, it becomes clear this isn't really about what happened to their people—it's about what happened to them.

Contributor Bio

H.E. Edgmon did not sleep for several years and is now the author of copious novels and short works for tweens, teens, and adults. Their kidlit line-up includes *The Witch King* duology, the *Ouroboros* duology, and *The Flicker*. *School Library Journal* has described their writing as "monstrously thrilling, deeply emotional." Across genres, H.E. hopes to find readers in their darkest moments and help them set a fire. They live in the Pacific Northwest, surrounded by chosen family and giant dogs.

Quotes

"A book for every kid who may have had to run from home, and may still be trying to run from who they are. This rich, lyrical heartbreak of a story has some gristle in its teeth, and you're going to love it." — Andrew Joseph White, *New York Times*
Bestselling author on *We Can Never Leave*

"A sharp-fanged and tender-fleshed story of isolation and belonging, love and cruelty, and the double-edged knife of family. In dreamlike prose and haunting imagery, each child of the Caravan will crawl into your heart and make a home there. A brilliantly imagined, wholly original story." — Courtney Gould, author of *Where Echoes Die*



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Rewind To Us

Molly Morris

Again, But Better meets *Maybe in Another Life* in this love story with a magical twist!

Summary

Dixie Mulligan only has one plan for her annual California vacation this summer – to tell her best friend Sawyer that she’s in love with him.

It doesn’t matter that things between them technically fell apart over spring break, and they haven’t spoken since – until Dixie arrives and realizes Sawyer has moved on (a fact made very apparent when she sees him kissing, um, someone else).

Luckily, Dixie and her family have each been gifted with a Rewind. All Dixie has to do is go back and redo the moment she thinks doomed hers and Sawyer’s relationship before it even began.

But when family secrets start pouring out, Dixie’s not so sure even her Rewind will be enough to save what she and Sawyer had. Is the damage already done, or can she turn back the clock and give them one more chance?

Contributor Bio

MOLLY MORRIS is the UK-based author of YA novels *This Is Not The End* and *Annie LeBlanc Is Not Dead Yet*. Originally from San Diego, California, Molly moved to England to study for her master’s in the University of East Anglia’s prestigious Creative Writing program, and it was only afterwards that she began writing young adult fiction—her writing and reading true love. Nowadays, she spends most of her time re-watching *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *The X-Files* while doing up her very old house.

Quotes

Praise for *Annie LeBlanc is Not Dead Yet*:

"The continual countdown to Annie’s return to the afterlife gives the story tangible stakes...This is a clever, lightly magical title." - *Booklist*

"The story is fresh and well executed, simultaneously feeling both perfectly convincing and truly bizarre." - *Kirkus Reviews*

"Morris’s deft handling of the teens’ intertwining histories and the little mythologies that make up the language of adolescent friendships imbues this speculative rom-com with well-timed comedy and plenty of angst." - *Publishers Weekly*

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You've Reached Sam

Luxe Special Edition

Dustin Thao

A GORGEOUS LUXE EDITION OF THE BLOCKBUSTER BESTSELLER, YOU'VE REACHED SAM.

Summary

How do you move forward when everything you love is on the line?

Seventeen-year-old Julie has her future all planned out—move out of her small town with her boyfriend Sam, attend college in the city, spend a summer in Japan.

But then Sam dies. And everything changes.

Heartbroken, Julie skips his funeral, throws out his things, and tries everything to forget him and the tragic way he died. But a message Sam left behind in her yearbook forces back memories. Desperate to hear his voice one more time, Julie calls Sam’s cellphone just to listen to his voicemail.

And Sam picks up the phone.

In a miraculous turn of events, Julie’s been given a second chance at goodbye. The connection is temporary. But hearing Sam’s voice makes her fall for him all over again and, with each call, it becomes harder to let him go. However, keeping her otherworldly calls with Sam a secret isn’t easy, especially when Julie witnesses the suffering Sam’s family is going through. Unable to stand by the sidelines and watch their shared loved ones in pain, Julie is torn between spilling the truth about her calls with Sam and risking their connection and losing him forever.

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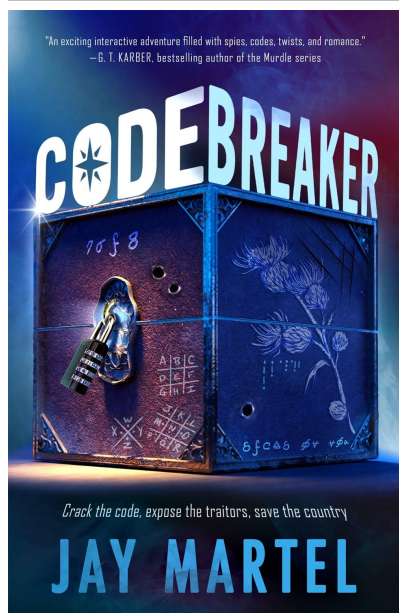
DUSTIN THAO is a Vietnamese-American writer based in New York City. He graduated from Amherst College with a B.A. in Political Science, and he is currently in a PhD program at Northwestern University. He writes contemporary young adult fiction and is the author of the instant *New York Times* bestseller *You’ve Reached Sam* and *When Haru Was Here*.

Quotes

"*You’ve Reached Sam* is a hauntingly remarkable debut. Dustin Thao gently weaves grief, regret, second chances, and the honestly beautiful moments we carry from a first love. Every tear you will shed reading this book will be worth it." —Julian Winters, award-winning author of *Running With Lions*

"A heartfelt story about love, loss, and grief, Dustin Thao’s bittersweet novel *You’ve Reached Sam* will likely make you shed some tears." —*Culturess*

"A touch of magic, first love and loss, this is the story of romance and heartache." —*SheReads*



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Codebreaker

A Novel

Jay Martel

This original, interactive thriller from debut author Jay Martel follows Mia as she races across D.C. to decode the clues her father left behind, which may just be the key to saving the country.

Summary

Mia Hayes has peaceful plans for the summer—find a part-time job at a coffee shop and work on her college applications. Those plans are shattered one night when government agents arrive unannounced at her home seeking something they believe her father has taken. When the dust settles, her mother is dead and her father is gone, a fugitive on the run.

Three weeks later, and still reeling from her father's betrayal, Mia spends her seventeenth birthday at a protest in the heart of D.C., where she meets Logan, a rebellious and charming hacker. Just as she's enjoying her first happy moment since the night her world exploded, a voicemail from her father arrives to upend everything she believed about her family, her past, and what really happened that night three weeks ago. Even more, the voicemail hides another encoded message inside which, once Mia solves it, sets her and Logan off on a mission from her sleepy suburb straight into the heart of the federal government.

With the same agents now hot on their trail, Mia and Logan must navigate their way through American history's most iconic sites and uncover its most well-hidden secrets to reveal the truth about her family and stop a deadly attack.

In this non-stop thrill ride, the reader has the chance to test their own codebreaking skills alongside Mia, lending an exciting interactive element to a story packed with action, romance, and life-changing revelations.

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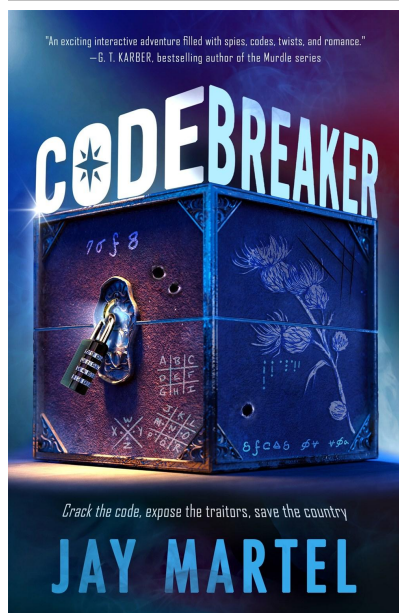
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A Fragile Enchantment

Allison Saft

The paperback edition of *New York Times* bestselling author Allison Saft's romantic fantasy of manners.

Summary

Niamh Ó Conchobhair has never let herself long for more. The magic in her blood that lets her stitch emotions and memories into fabric is the same magic that will eventually kill her. Determined to spend the little time she has left guaranteeing a better life for her family, Niamh jumps at the chance to design the wardrobe for a royal wedding in the neighboring kingdom of Avaland.

But Avaland is far from the fairytale that she imagined. While young nobles attend candlelit balls and elegant garden parties, unrest brews amid the working class. The groom himself, Kit Carmine, is prickly, abrasive, and begrudgingly being dragged to the altar as a political pawn. But when Niamh and Kit grow closer, an unlikely friendship blossoms into something more—until an anonymous gossip columnist starts buzzing about their chemistry, promising to leave them alone only if Niamh helps to uncover the royal family's secrets. The rot at the heart of Avaland runs deep, but exposing it could risk a future she never let herself dream of, and a love she never thought possible.

Transporting readers to a Regency England-inspired fantasy world, *A Fragile Enchantment* is a sweeping romance threaded with intrigue, unforgettable characters, and a love story for the ages.

Contributor Bio

ALLISON SAFT is the *New York Times* and indie bestselling author of *A Far Wilder Magic* and *Down Comes the Night*. After receiving her MA in English Literature from Tulane University, she moved from the Gulf Coast to the West Coast, where she spends her time rolling on eight wheels and practicing aerial silks.

Quotes

"Saft layers the tensions and emotions like a delicate dessert...I especially love when a romantasy refuses to shortchange either half of the portmanteau." —***The New York Times***

"Fans of Regency romances will revel in this fantastical affair." —***Kirkus***

"Saft expertly weaves together magic, political intrigue, and slow-burn romance in this evocative fantasy... Fans of both Regency romances and alternate-Earth fantasies will find much to pour over in this sweeping read." —***Publishers Weekly (starred)***

"Fans of Regency fiction with a touch of magic will enjoy this gossipy romance with plenty of secrets." —***School Library Journal***



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Soul of Shadow

Emma Noyes

A thrilling Norse mythology inspired contemporary romantasy sure to excite fans of *The Vampire Diaries* and *Atlas Six*.

Summary

Charlie Hudson just wants to get through junior year. Since the death of her twin sister two years earlier, she's drifted through life, going through the motions at school and parties and even at home. The spark that once burned so brightly within her has all but flickered out.

Until her classmate goes missing in the forest, leaving nothing behind but a pair of shoes and strange symbols carved into a tree.

Drawn to the disappearances by forces she can't explain, she finds herself investigating the mysterious, alluring newcomer in town, Elias Everhart. With piercing eyes and sharp wit, he dances around her questions, only intriguing her further. Elias has a secret. More than one.

But what Charlie doesn't know is that those secrets will lead her to a place she never imagined: a world hiding in plain sight, made of magic, gods, and monsters - and a first love fated to fall apart.

In Emma Noyes's *Soul of Shadow*, truths and temptations lurk in the darkness, and for Charlie, the only thing more dangerous than facing her past, is the boy with the power to change her future.

Contributor Bio

EMMA NOYES grew up in a suburb outside Chicago and attended Harvard University, where she studied history & literature. She writes books about love, mental health, and magic for both the young adult and adult genre. Her works have been published in 10+ languages and include *Guy's Girl*, *How to Hide in Plain Sight*, The Sunken City series, and The Soul of Shadow series. She now lives in Chicago with her Swedish husband and accident-prone Pomeranian.

Quotes

"*Soul of Shadow* swept me away—I didn't want to put it down. Noyes' heartfelt characters and the absolutely sizzling romance make this a stunning romantasy that you won't want to miss." - Betty Cayouette, author of *One Last Shot* and creator of Betty's Book List

"What happens when an ordinary teen finds herself rocketed into an overlapping world of Nordic mythology? In Noyes' case — a breakneck story and surprising twists." - Jodi Picoult, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author



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Mistress of Bones

A Novel

Maria Z. Medina

An epic and romantic debut adventure fantasy, where a necromancer trying to resurrect her sister gets embroiled in bigger, world-ending plans instead

Summary

It's been thousands of years since the gods lifted the continents into the air so humanity could thrive, chaining the lands down with their bones and turning them into Anchor.

Azul del Arroyo doesn't care about gods or Anchor; she cares about being responsible for her sister's death and getting her bones from the capital so she can bring her back to life. Again. But in her way stands the Emissary of the Lord Death, who will do anything in his power to stop her, because a necromancer like her shouldn't exist—no matter how alluring.

As Azul and the Emissary's cat-and-mouse game leads them to the dangerous Court of Cienpuentes, their fate becomes entwined with a count who begrudgingly works for a child king, a faceless witch who transforms Anchor into dreams she can peddle, and a long-lost half-brother with a secret of his own. It's a time of enlightenment, of rapiers and scientific prowess, in a country where Anchor ceased to be something worth revering a long time ago, and people have forgotten the gods' sacrifice.

But the gods haven't. Because the gods want their bones back, and they're not opposed to becoming players in their own game.

Swashbuckling, grand, and tragically romantic, *Mistress of Bones* is a can't-miss debut about love, about loss, and, of course, about death.

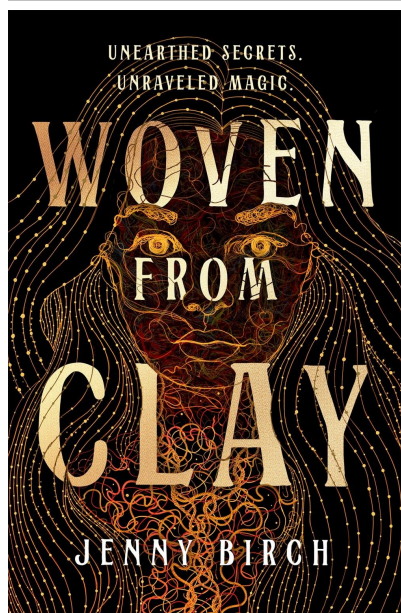
Contributor Bio

Born and raised in Spain, MARIA Z. MEDINA loves everything speculative and fantasy. She is a writer and an avid video game player who discovered the joy of making up stories at a young age, aided by her grandmother's love for books and sci-fi/fantasy TV shows. Her short fiction has appeared in various fantasy and science-fiction publications.

Quotes

"[A] breath of fresh air, with richly layered worldbuilding, complex social dynamics, and morally grey characters you can't help but root for. Intricately plotted, the enemies-to-lovers romance between Azul del Arroyo and Virel Enjul is spectacular—the tension and chemistry absolutely drips off the page. A masterful debut!" - Keshe Chow, #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Girl with no Reflection*

"With evocative worldbuilding, biting prose, and an intriguing cast of characters, *Mistress of Bones* is a transportive dark fantasy readers will eagerly devour." - Emily Thiede, author of *This Vicious Grace*



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Woven From Clay

A Novel

Jennifer Birch

In this fresh and imaginative contemporary fantasy, a golem must master the magic that binds her together and finds an unexpected ally in the mysterious boy sent to ensure her demise.

Summary

Terra Slater might not know anything about her birth family or where she comes from, but that's never stopped her, and she fully intends her senior year to be her best yet. Until the dark and mysterious Thorne Wilder—a magical bounty hunter—moves to town, bringing revelations that wreck all of her plans.

When Terra learns she is a golem, not born but crafted from mud and magic by a warlock, her world is upended. Worse, Cyrus Quill, the warlock who made her, is a fugitive, on the run from the witches who want to hold him accountable for his past crimes. But Quill's sentence is death, which would unravel the threads of magic that hold Terra—and all of the other golems that he crafted—together.

Desperate to save herself and her friends, Terra strikes a deal with Thorne and his coven to preserve the warlock's life and his magic. If she can prove her worth to the coven by mastering the magic within her, the golems will survive. If she can't, they'll perish along with Cyrus. As Thorne helps her to see and manipulate the tapestry of magic that surrounds them, their unexpected alliance evolves into something more and Terra comes to understand the depths of her magic, her humanity, and her love for the people most important to her.

Contributor Bio

JENNY BIRCH is a middle school teacher of English, French, and history, and serves as a youth theater director for students in grades 7-12. She lives in the suburbs of Pittsburgh, PA with her husband, two sons, and foster baby. Jenny holds a BA in French and an MEd in Instruction & Learning and as an adoptee herself, she is a passionate advocate for children, particularly those in the foster care and adoption communities. You can find Jenny on Twitter @TheRealMrsBirch.

Quotes

"Heartfelt and emotional. Through the fresh perspective of a high-schooler grappling with her newfound identity as a golem, Birch writes with tender care about what it means to be human." —Vanessa Le, author of *The Last Bloodcarver*

"Jenny Birch's poignant debut is a magical journey about identity, belonging, and figuring out who you truly are." —Emily Thiede, author of *This Vicious Grace*



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Guardians of Dawn: Yuli

S. Jae-Jones

The third book in the sweeping, richly imagined *Guardians of Dawn* fantasy series from S. Jae-Jones, the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Wintersong*.

Summary

Princess Yulana has a problem. Several problems, in fact. Her late grandfather, the Gommun Emperor, has died without naming an heir, throwing the Morning Realms into crisis. Civil war threatens to tear the empire apart, and on top of all that, a strange waking dreamer sickness is sweeping through the land, a plague of hungry ghosts roam the steppes, and Kho, her former best friend turned rival, is getting under her skin.

When the world is out of balance, the Guardians of Dawn are reborn.

As the Guardian of Wind, it is Yuli's responsibility to bring order to chaos, along with the Guardian of Fire and the Guardian of Wood, by finding the demonic threat and sealing the portal at the Singing Skies. But can she restore balance to the Morning Realms when she can't even win the political games being played at home? A struggle for power divides the north, and the outcome rests on the winner of the Grand Game—a competition that will determine not just the future of her people, but the course of the entire empire.

At the same time, the looming peril of the Mother of Ten Thousand Demons continues to grow. Yuli, Zhara, and Ami must uncover the demon in their midst and find the source of the waking dreamer sickness. The fate of the Morning Realms depends on the Guardians of Dawn, but can Yuli manage both the demonic and political chaos at once?

Guardian of Wind, there you are.

Contributor Bio

S. JAE-JONES (JJ) is an artist, an adrenaline junkie, and the *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Wintersong* duology and the *Guardians of Dawn* series. Born and raised in Los Angeles, she now lives on the wrong coast, where she can't believe she has to deal with winter every year. When not writing, JJ can be found working toward her next black belt degree in taekwondo, being run ragged by her twin dogs, Castor and Pollux, or indulging in her favorite hobby — collecting more hobbies.

Quotes

Praise for *Guardians of Dawn: Ami*:

"A treasure of a book that combines spellbinding fantasy with wit, charm, and a heartwarming romance...Both joyful and riveting." —Marissa Meyer, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Lunar Chronicles*

"Jae-Jones takes on Cinderella with magic and style, breathing new life into all the best parts of the story. An outstanding spin on a well-loved classic." —E.K. Johnston #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Star Wars: Queen's Shadow*



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Wish You Were Her

Elle McNicoll

An autistic YA homage to *The Shop Around the Corner* with a pinch of *Cyrano*.

Summary

Allegra Brooks is an eighteen year old actress who is secretly autistic. When a journalist publishes a scathing profile on Allegra, she decides to take the summer off in Lake Pristine, to visit her slightly estranged father. There, she befriends the booksellers of Brooks Books and decides to help them plan the popular Lake Pristine Book Festival. As she gets closer to Simon, the openly enthusiastic and neurotypical of the two, she realizes it's really Jonah, the boy she argues with constantly and finds a bit off-putting, who she's actually more and more drawn to. As the summer wraps up and the festival approaches, Allegra has to make some decisions about what she owes to others, and to herself.

Contributor Bio

ELLE MCNICOLL is a bestselling novelist. She is four-time Carnegie nominated, and was shortlisted for the Books Are My Bag Awards 2020, the Branford Boase Award and The Little Rebels Award. Her novels have been published all over the world and have been translated into multiple languages. Elle is an advocate for better representation of neurodiversity in publishing, and currently lives in North London.

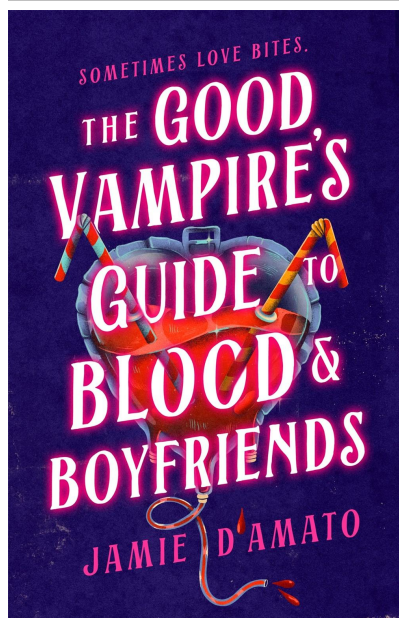
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"Achingly honest and heartfelt, this is McNicoll at her best." - Lizzie Huxley-Jones, author of *Make You Mine This Christmas*

"Throughout the book, McNicoll delivers a breathtaking story of love and joy that will keep the reader hooked until the very last page." -Anika Hussain, author of *This Is How You Fall in Love*



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The Good Vampire's Guide to Blood and Boyfriends

A Novel

Jamie D'Amato

Heartstopper meets Buffy in this queer paranormal rom-com where a college sophomore must survive becoming a vampire—and the cute boy who discovers his secret.

Summary

It's only natural nineteen-year-old Brennan's life would be upended by something as ridiculous and unexpected as turning into a vampire. But if there's one thing Brennan can do, it's pretend everything's fine when he's close to losing his mind. Brennan is nineteen and just clawed his way back to Sturbridge University after recovering from a suicide attempt, and this is not the new life he was hoping for.

Brennan's newly bloodthirsty existence gets way more complicated when Cole, the super cute librarian and everyone's campus crush, stumbles on Brennan drinking from a stolen blood bag. Luckily, adorable Cole is happy to keep Brennan's secret, and even seems to maybe *like* him? Navigating a new relationship is hard enough without the added struggles of vampire puberty, an eclectic clan of self-proclaimed "good" vampires, and growing feelings for the one person who makes Brennan feel normal. With swirling rumors of a missing student and a rise in strange "animal attacks" near campus, Brennan must uncover the secrets of the clan and figure out how to balance vampirism and humanity, or risk losing the first real friends he's ever had.

Filled with humor and heart, *The Good Vampire's Guide to Blood and Boyfriends* has a gentle bite.

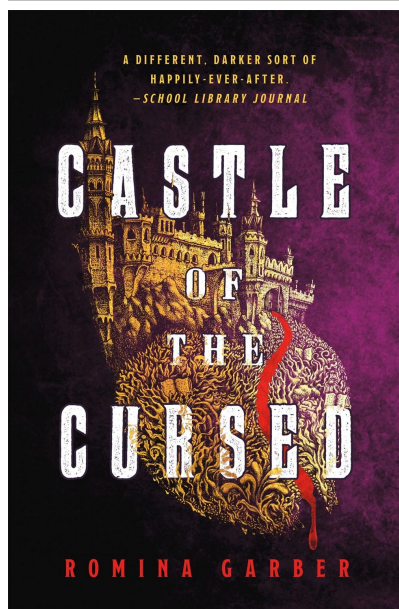
Contributor Bio

JAMIE D'AMATO (she/they) is a queer, autistic writer and sticky-note enthusiast based in Louisville, Kentucky. She writes quirky, heartfelt novels. Jamie has her BA in Communications and Design from Northeastern University and is passionate about queer and feminist issues as well as disability and neurodivergence. Outside of writing, she loves crafting and cosplay, analyzing media on Tumblr, playing so-called "casual" simulation games, and geeking out about story structure and craft.

Quotes

"I couldn't slurp this book up fast enough! *The Good Vampire's Guide To Blood and Boyfriends* has the perfect combination of biting wit, heart-fluttering romance, and blood-thirsty heroes you can't help but root for." - Jason June, *New York Times* bestselling author

"Including all the tropes that readers love about vampires and a few new twists, *The Good Vampire's Guide to Blood and Boyfriends* is charming and romantic...a heartfelt and entertaining read." —F.T. Lukens, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Spell Bound* and *So This Is Ever After*



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Castle of the Cursed

Romina Garber

A delicious and dark gothic romance from bestselling author Romina Garber, now in paperback!

Summary

THE HOUSE IS ALWAYS HUNGRY...

After a mysterious attack claims the lives of her parents, all Estela has left is her determination to solve the case. Suffering from survivor's guilt so intense that she may be losing her grip on reality, she accepts an invitation to live overseas with an estranged aunt at their ancestral Spanish castle, la Sombra.

Beneath its Gothic facade, la Sombra harbors a trove of family secrets, and Estela begins to suspect her parents' deaths may be linked to their past. Her investigation takes a supernatural turn when she crosses paths with an enthralling, silver-eyed vampire only she can see. Estela worries Sebastián is a hallucination, but he claims he's been trapped in the castle. They grudgingly team up to find answers, and as their investigation ignites, so does a romance, mistrust twined with every caress.

As the mysteries pile up, Estela suspects that everyone in the tiny town of Oscuro is lying and whoever was behind the attack has followed her to Spain. The deeper she ventures into la Sombra's secrets, the more certain she becomes that the suspect she's chasing has already found her...and they're closer than she ever realized.

Castle of the Cursed is a delicious and dark gothic romance filled with twists and turns that will keep you guessing until the very end!

Contributor Bio

ROMINA GARBER is a *New York Times* and international bestselling author whose books include *Lobizona*, *Cazadora*, and the *ZODIAC* quartet. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and raised in Miami, Florida, Romina landed her first writing gig as a teen—College She Wrote, a weekly Sunday column for the *Miami Herald* that was later picked up for national syndication—and she hasn't stopped writing since. She is a graduate of Harvard College and a Virgo to the core. www.rominagarber.com

Quotes

"Deliciously atmospheric and darkly romantic, *Castle of the Cursed* was one of my favourite novels of the year. I absolutely loved it." —Melissa Marr, *New York Times* bestselling author

"A brooding romance with a compelling, gothic setting." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"Paranormal romance readers will fall for this bloody Spanish gothic novel." —*Booklist*



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Wish You Were Her

Elle McNicoll

Elle McNicoll takes us back to the gorgeous Lake Pristine, this time for a summer romance that is a YA version of *Booklovers* meets *You've Got Mail*!

Summary

***Book Lovers* meets *Notting Hill* with a slice of *You've Got Mail* in this rivals-to-lovers romance from bestselling, award-winning author Elle McNicoll.**

18-year-old Allegra Brooks has skyrocketed to fame after starring in a hit television show, and she's the overnight success that everyone's talking about. They just don't know she's autistic. And now all she wants is a normal teenage summer.

Her destination for escape is the remote Lake Pristine and its annual Book Festival, organized by the dedicated but unfriendly senior bookseller, Jonah Thorne.

In small towns like Lake Pristine, misunderstandings abound, and before long the two are drawn into high-profile hostility that's a far cry from the drama-free holiday Allegra was craving. Thank goodness for her saving grace: the increasingly personal emails she's been sharing with a charming and anonymous bookseller who is definitely not Jonah Thorne . . .

An unforgettable romcom about finding the one person who makes you feel like yourself when the whole world is watching.

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