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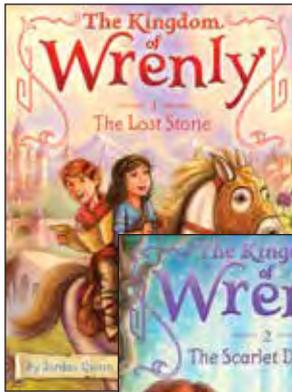
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THE KINGDOM OF WRENLY **#1: THE LOST STONE** **#2: THE SCARLET DRAGON**

By Jordan Quinn
Illustrated by Robert McPhillips
Imprint: Little Simon

Meet Lucas, the eight-year-old prince, and Clara, the daughter of the queen's seamstress. Lucas is an only child who longs to make friends and go on adventures. Clara knows the kingdom well, so she and Lucas team up and explore the lands of Wrenly!

In *The Lost Stone*, Lucas and Clara search for Queen Tasha's missing emerald. On their exciting adventure, they travel to all the main attractions of Wrenly: Primlox (the island of fairies), Burth (the island of trolls), Crestwood (the island of dragons), Hobsgrove (the island of wizards), and the beautiful Mermaid's Cove. King Caleb has promised to reward the person who finds the precious stone, and Lucas and Clara are determined to find it!

In *The Scarlet Dragon*, an unusual egg has been found on Crestwood, the island of dragons. When the egg hatches, the king, queen, and Prince Lucas are there to see what emerges . . . a scarlet dragon! Everyone is amazed to see a creature they have only heard about in tall tales.

Publication Date: April 2014

Ages: 5-7

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GREETINGS FROM SOMEWHERE **#1: THE MYSTERY OF THE GOLD COIN** **#2: THE MYSTERY OF THE MOSAIC**

By Harper Paris
Illustrated by Marcos Calo
Imprint: Little Simon

A brand-new chapter book series about mystery, travel, and adventure!

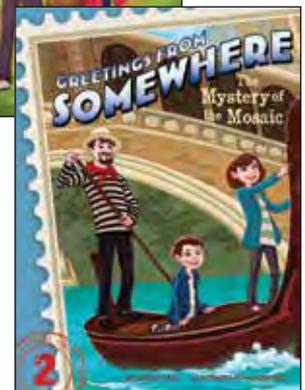
In *The Mystery of the Gold Coin*, Ethan and Ella learn that their mother has accepted the position of travel writer for *The Brookeston Times*, and they are not happy. Move away from Brookeston? Say good-bye to all their friends? What could be worse? The day before they are set to leave, their beloved grandpa Harry stops by. He gives Ella a pretty journal, and he gives Ethan a gold coin. But the morning of their departure, Ethan realizes he's lost the coin! Together, he and Ella must retrace their steps from the day before. Will they solve the mystery of the missing coin before it's time to head to the airport?

In *The Mystery of the Mosaic*, Ethan and Ella first land in Venice and they're excited to look for a five-hundred-year-old mosaic. While the twins are out getting gelato later that day, they notice someone looking around suspiciously as he unties a gondola from a dock. The next morning, the twins hear two gondoliers arguing, one of them accusing the other of stealing his beautiful boat. The gondolier begs Ethan and Ella to help him find it. Will the twins be able to find the stolen gondola and their grandpa's favorite mosaic—before dinner?

Publication Date: January 2014

Ages: 5-7

Page Extent: 128 pp



Little Simon Chapter Books Are Filling the Gap!

Easy-to-read text and illustrations on almost every page
make these chapter book series perfect for beginning readers.

GALAXY ZACK

By Ray O’Ryan
Illustrated by Colin Jack
Imprint: Little Simon

Get to know Galaxy Zack—and his new home planet—in this out-of-this-world illustrated chapter book series.

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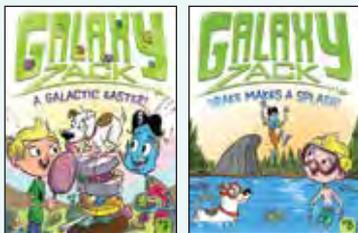
#7: January 2014;

#8: May 2014

Ages: 5–7

Page Extent: 128 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Turkish, UK



THE CRITTER CLUB

By Callie Barkley
Illustrated by Marsha Riti
Imprint: Little Simon

Four best friends. Lots of animals saved. Tons of fun along the way!

“With four likable, diverse characters and the surefire appeal of cute puppies and other pets, The Critter Club is off to a promising start.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

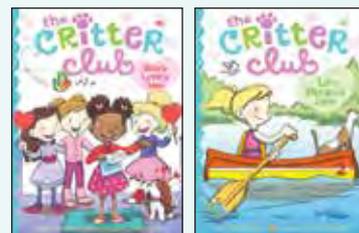
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#6: December 2013;

#7: April 2014

Ages: 5–7

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HEIDI HECKELBECK

By Wanda Coven
Illustrated by Priscilla Burris
Imprint: Little Simon

The adventures of Heidi Heckelbeck, our witch in disguise, continue!

“A good choice for new chapter-book readers.”
—*School Library Journal*

Publication Date:

#9: October 2013;

#10: January 2014

Ages: 5–7

Page Extent: 128 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Turkish



CAPTAIN AWESOME

By Stan Kirby
Illustrated by George O’Connor
Imprint: Little Simon

Bad guys beware! Eugene McGillicuddy just happens to be the most awesome superhero of all time . . . Captain Awesome. MI-TEE!

★“Easily accessible and enormously appealing, particularly to readers who have recently graduated to chapter books.”
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

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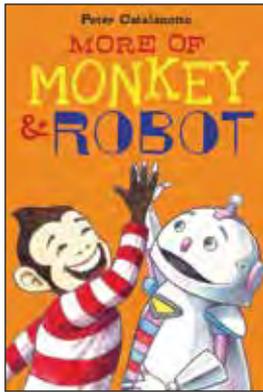
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Portuguese (Brazil), Turkish





MORE OF MONKEY & ROBOT

By Peter Catalanotto
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Monkey and Robot are at it again!

That Monkey! He's always getting himself into the wildest of messes. Luckily, he's not alone. He's never alone. Robot is never far behind . . . and always willing to save the day. After all, what are best friends for? Here are four new stories featuring these two best buds in a follow-up to *Monkey & Robot*, the first chapter book in this series for early readers from the celebrated author and illustrator Peter Catalanotto.

Publication Date: March 2014

Ages: 6–9

Page Extent: 64 pp

LULU'S MYSTERIOUS MISSION

By Judith Viorst
Illustrated by Kevin Cornell
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

The third illustrated chapter book starring Judith Viorst's Lulu is full of hilarious hijinks, delightful twists, and a top-secret mission!

Lulu has put her tantrum-throwing days behind her. That is, until her parents announce that they are going on vacation—WITHOUT LULU. Not only that, but they are leaving her with the formidable Ms. Sonia Sofia Solinsky, who says hello by bellowing, “The Eagle has landed,” and smiles with the kind of smile that an alligator might give you before eating you for dinner.

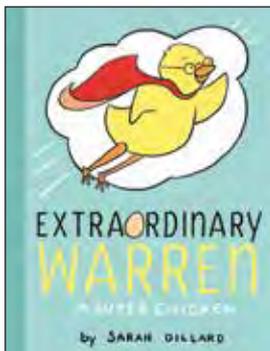
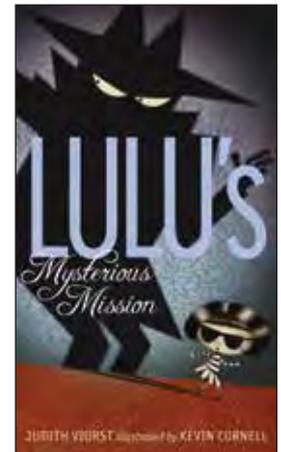
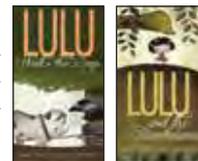
The second her parents are out of the house, Lulu tries out several elaborate schemes to bring them back. But just when she seems to be making some headway, her babysitter reveals an astonishing secret . . . one that has Lulu crossing her fingers that her parents will go on vacation *all the time*—without her!

Publication Date: April 2014

Ages: 6–10

Page Extent: 192 pp

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EXTRAORDINARY WARREN: A SUPER CHICKEN

By Sarah Dillard
Imprint: Aladdin

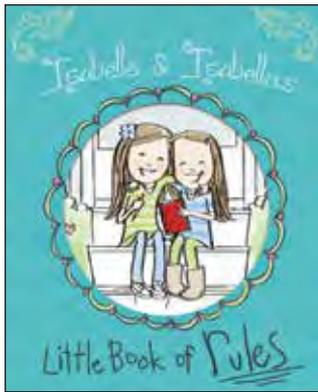
An illustrated chapter book about the adventures of Warren, an ordinary chicken who discovers what makes him super, inside and out.

Warren, a bespectacled chicken, is bored with the same old chicken routine on his small farm. All day long the chickens peck, cluck, feed; peck, cluck, feed. There must be more to life, no? Warren leaves the farm to discover what makes him special, and with the help of a friend who happens to be an unhatched egg, and the scheme of an enemy rat, he does.

Publication Date: February 2014

Ages: 6–9

Page Extent: 64 pp



ISABELLE & ISABELLA'S LITTLE BOOK OF RULES

By Isabelle Busath and Isabella Thordsen

Illustrated by Priscilla Burris

Imprint: Simon Spotlight

It's easier to follow rules if you make them yourself. This collection of kid-authored, kid-approved guidelines for living makes a great gift for the child inside of everyone.

Ten-year-old Isabelle and her eight-year-old cousin Isabella have a few tips for living life. Well, maybe more than a few. Begun as a guide for Isabelle's younger sister, the girls' list quickly grew, and soon more than 150 rules filled a secret notebook.

Some rules are simple: "Recycle." "Eat whatever your mom makes for dinner and don't complain." Others are practical: "Go to sleep early if you have soccer practice in the morning." Others are sweet: "Protect each other." And others are downright hilarious: "Color on paper, not on people." "Don't bite the dentist."

When Isabelle and Isabella lost their handwritten list in a store, they feared it was gone forever. But after a clerk found their notebook and posted about it on Facebook, Isabelle and Isabella became overnight sensations—even the staff of *Good Morning America* said, "Everyone here wants a copy of this. This is going to be a bestseller!" Because, after all, who doesn't need a little help navigating their way through life, at any age?

Publication Date: October 2013

Ages: All

Page Extent: 120 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Indonesia

MOUSEHEART

By Lisa Fiedler

Illustrated by Vivienne To

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

An epic new middle-grade animal fantasy set in the transit tunnels of Brooklyn

Hopper is just an ordinary pet-shop mouse before he escapes the confines of his cage. Soon he finds himself below the bustling streets of Brooklyn, deep within the untamed tangles of transit tunnels, and in Atlantia, a glorious utopian rat civilization.

But all is not what it seems. Though Hopper is treated as a royal guest, he misses Pinkie and Pup, his siblings that he lost in the escape attempt. Also, Atlantia is constantly threatened by the roving rebels who wish to bring the city to its knees. And there are cats everywhere in Atlantia, cats that would normally eat a rodent in a second, but leave the citizens unharmed . . . and no one knows why.

Soon, Hopper is caught in an epic battle, one that crosses generations and species. As the clashes rage, Hopper learns terrible secrets: deadly secrets about Atlantia and painful secrets about his friends. And one powerful secret about his destiny.

Bravery isn't measured by size. It's measured by heart.

Publication Date: May 2014

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 288 pp





FLY AWAY

By Patricia MacLachlan
Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

From the Newbery–winning author of *Sarah, Plain and Tall* comes a story about one brave girl who saves her family from losing everything.

Everyone in Lucy’s family sings. Opera. Rap. Lullabies. Everyone except Lucy. Lucy can’t sing; her voice just won’t come out. Just like singing, helping Aunt Frankie prepare for flooding season is a family tradition—even if Frankie doesn’t want the help. And this year, when the flood arrives, danger finds its way into the heart of Lucy’s family, and Lucy will need to find her voice to save her brother.

Publication Date: April 2014

Ages: 7 up

Page Extent: 128 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *WAITING FOR THE MAGIC*: Chinese (simplified), Japanese, Korean



THE MAP TRAP

By Andrew Clements
Illustrated by Jim LaMarche
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Maps are supposed to help—but these maps are causing nothing but trouble!

Hey! Someone stole my maps! All of them! Right out of my locker! Okay, they weren’t exactly treasure maps—but it’s even worse. Because these maps could get me in a whole boatload of trouble. You see, ever since I was little, I’ve loved maps. Reading them and drawing them. Regular ones, sure, but also ones that explain a whole lot more. Like what I really think about my friends and my teachers. Even the principal. I’ve got to get them back!

From the award-winning and bestselling author of the beloved *Frindle*, Andrew Clements’s latest standalone novel gives the phrase “uncharted territory” a whole new meaning.

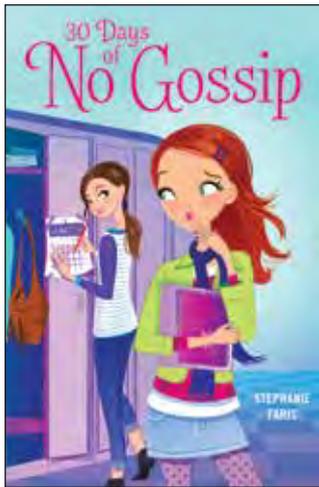
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Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 192 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *FRINDLE*: Chinese (complex), Chinese (simplified), German, Italian, Korean, Polish, Spanish, Thai, Turkish





30 DAYS OF NO GOSSIP

By Stephanie Faris
Imprint: Aladdin

In this new MIX title, can a middle-school gossip queen change her ways—or will she lose her BFF for good?

Madison “Maddie” Evans prides herself on being the gossip queen of Troy Middle School. Her best friend since birth, Vivienne “Vi” Lockwood, isn’t crazy about Maddie’s penchant for passing on rumors, but it’s never been an issue in their friendship. Until the day Maddie lets slip who Vi is crushing on—in front of her crush.

Suddenly, twelve years of sisterhood is about to go down the drain as a furious Vi confronts Maddie over breaking one of the biggest rules of BFF-ship. The only way Maddie can make it up to Vi? Stop gossiping for 30 days, or else the friendship is officially, totally over.

Desperate to hang on to her best friend, Maddie agrees. But only a week into the challenge, Maddie gets one of the juiciest pieces of gossip EVER—something that could affect the future of the school. And when she accidentally lets a few details slip, Maddie realizes the hard lesson that she needs to tame her ways—before she has no one left to hear her stories.

Publication Date: March 2014

Ages: 9–13

Page Extent: 208 pp

RUBY GOLDBERG’S BRIGHT IDEA

By Anna Humphrey
Illustrated by Vanessa Brantley Newton
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Ruby wants first prize at the fifth-grade science fair—and she thinks her quirky, creative, Rube Goldberg–esque invention is just the way to get it!

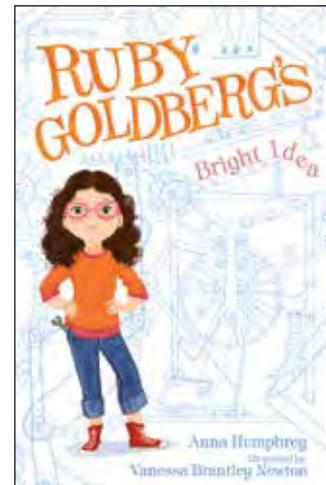
Ten-year-old Ruby Goldberg is determined to win her school science fair and beat her nemesis, Dominic Robinson. She’s snagged second place for the last two years, and she’s set on claiming first prize. The only trouble is that Ruby has no ideas. When her grandfather’s beloved basset hound dies, Ruby thinks of the perfect thing that will cheer him up and win her first place—an innovative, state-of-the-art, not-to-be-duplicated Ruby Goldberg invention!

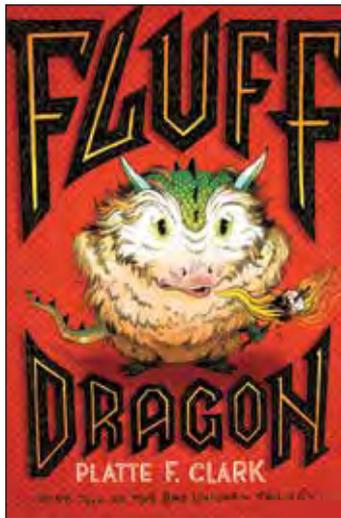
Before long Ruby is so busy working on her idea that she ignores everything else in her life, including her best friend, Penny. And what started out as simple turns into something much more complicated! Can Ruby get her priorities—and the mechanisms of her project—in order before it’s too late?

Publication Date: January 2014

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 144 pp





THE BAD UNICORN TRILOGY #2: FLUFF DRAGON

By Platte F. Clark
Imprint: Aladdin

Max Spencer is the only person who can read *The Codex of Infinite Knowability*, the most powerful book in this world—or any other. After defeating a mechanical killer unicorn and saving a universe, Max and his friends just want to go home . . . but that’s so not going to happen.

The Codex has stopped working. Max can’t use it to get himself—or his friends—home until he reboots it. The problem is that in order to do that, he’s going to have to carry it into the heart of Rezormoor Dreadbringer’s Wizard’s Tower. Since Dreadbringer has been hunting Max and the book across time and space, getting in may be easy, but getting out will be another story.

With the help of some strange allies—a tiny giant, two runaway fire kittens, and an unusual dragon—Max will have to sneak into the tower, avoid the guards, and find the exact spot inside the tower where the Codex was created. Easy, right?

Publication Date: April 2014

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 432 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Polish



IT TAKES TWO

#1: A WHOLE NEW BALL GAME #2: TWO COOL FOR SCHOOL

By Belle Payton
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

In this winning new series, twelve-year-old twins Alex and Ava Sackett have moved from the East Coast to a small town in Texas where their father is the new high school football coach. Alex and Ava are total opposites, but they’re going to have to stick together if they want to show their new town that two is much better than one!

In *A Whole New Ball Game*, the Sacketts are getting used to the fame that comes with being football’s first family—everyone knows who they are, and everyone is so friendly. Alex and Ava are both nervous about their family’s move to Texas, but for different reasons: Alex worries she’s been thrown off her track of becoming class president and Ava is scared that middle school will be a lot harder than elementary school, especially in a new place. They figure they’ll be fine as long as they’re together. But then Ava cuts her hair short, and Alex fears that Ava wants a new town to mean a new start—as an individual. Are they still the same dynamic duo they’ve always been, or has the move to Texas put them on different paths?

In *Two Cool for School*, Alex thinks she still has a shot at getting in with the popular crowd and becoming class president, but she has to decide if she’s willing to sacrifice having cute quarterback Corey as her boyfriend. Meanwhile, Ava’s worst fears are coming true: middle school is really hard, and she’s already failing English! When Alex reveals that she’s breezing through her class, they discover their test scores were switched and each was put in the other’s class.

Publication Date: May 2014

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 160 pp





SPARKLE SPA

#1: ALL THAT GLITTERS

#2: PURPLE NAILS AND PUPPY TAILS

By Jill Santopolo

Imprint: Aladdin

A shimmering new chapter-book series about sisters who open up their own mini nail salon for their friends.

In *All That Glitters*, sisters Aly and Brooke love spending time at their mom’s popular and successful nail salon—their home away from home. They go there most days after school and watch the hustle and bustle, which, to them, is loads of fun. At the end of another incredibly busy day, Mom complains she is completely overwhelmed at work, and it’s made even more so by all the kids who come to have their nails done. That’s when the sisters have a brilliant idea: Why don’t they open up a mini nail salon just for kids within Mom’s store?

In *Purple Nails and Puppy Tails*, Aly and Brooke’s Sparkle Spa goes “to the dogs” when they decide to give PET-icures to puppies. At the new nail salon, anything goes. Well, almost anything. One of their mother’s regular clients doesn’t go anywhere without her beloved dog, Sadie, who’s a canine star. One paw leads to another, and the girls not only polish Sadie’s nails but hatch up a scheme to do doggy makeovers for the Annual Pup-Adoption Day at the local shelter. But dogs aren’t exactly ideal mani-pedi customers, are they?

Publication Date: February 2014

Ages: 7–10

Page Extent: 128 pp

GIRL MEETS GHOST

#3: GHOST OF A CHANCE

By Lauren Barnholdt

Imprint: Aladdin

Kendall Williams sees ghosts. She helps them resolve any outstanding issues and sends them on their way. But right now she could use some help with issues of her own.

Her boyfriend, Brandon, broke up with her after she told him that she could see the ghost of his dead mother. He’s convinced that she lied to him and doesn’t understand why. Her best friend, Ellie, doesn’t know what’s going on, except that Kendall seems to be sneaking around with another boy. And Madison Baker, the meanest girl in school, is moving in on Brandon now that he and Kendall aren’t together. But Kendall can’t do anything about it. She told Brandon the truth and it didn’t matter. She doesn’t think she can tell Ellie the truth if they are ever going to be friends again. And she can’t do anything about Madison until she helps Madison’s sister move on to the afterlife.

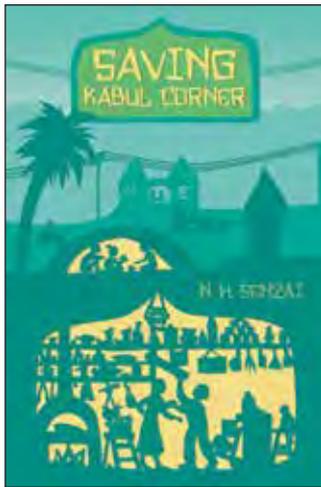
With her life in ruins, Kendall decides it’s time to go see the one person who might have answers, the one person she never really wanted to see again . . . the mother who abandoned her when she was a baby. Does her mom know the truth? Or is Kendall about to lose something more?

Publication Date: April 2014

Ages: 9–14

Page Extent: 272 pp





SAVING KABUL CORNER

By N. H. Senzai
Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

From Afghanistan to America, family matters most in this companion to the award-winning *Shooting Kabul*, which *Kirkus Reviews* called “an ambitious story with much to offer.”

A rough and tumble tomboy, twelve-year-old Arianna couldn't be more different from her cousin, Laila, who just arrived from Afghanistan with her mother and younger brother. Laila is a proper, ladylike Afghan girl, one who can cook, sew, and sing, and she is well versed in Pukhtun culture and manners. Arianna hates her. Besides sharing her bedroom in their cramped Fremont townhouse, Laila soon becomes close with Mariam Nurzai, Arianna's best friend. When a rival Afghani grocery store opens near Arianna's family store and reignites a decades-old feud tracing back to Afghanistan, the cousins, Mariam, and their new found frenemy Waleed Ghilzai must band together to help the families find a lasting peace before it destroys both businesses and everything their parents have worked for.

Publication Date: February 2014

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 288 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: German, Italian, Korean



I LIVED ON BUTTERFLY HILL

By Marjorie Agosin
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

An eleven-year-old's world is upended by political turmoil in this searing novel from an award-winning poet, based on true events in Chile.

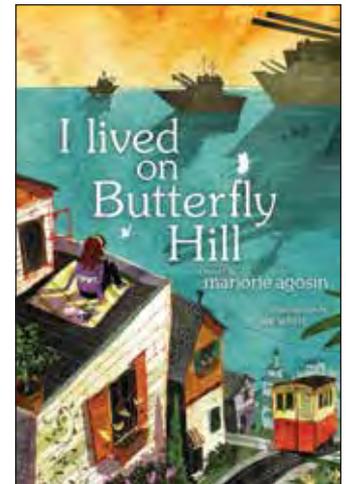
In a tranquil Chilean village, eleven-year-old Celeste Marconi lives carefree, surrounded by friends and family. But soon the rumblings of political unrest reach the home and people she loves. As Chile is taken over by a militaristic and sadistic government, it is clear that no one is safe. Celeste's parents must go into hiding, and Celeste herself is sent to New England for protection. Celeste must face exile, heartbreak, and the loss of the only home she's ever known.

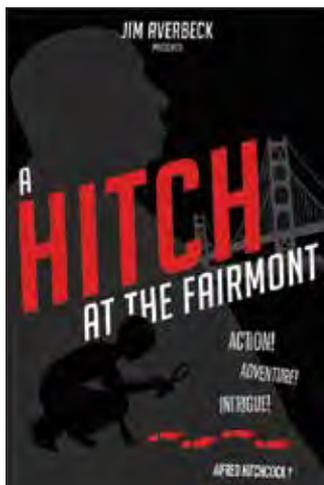
MARJORIE AGOSIN is one of Chile's most celebrated poets, who lived through the horrors of the Pinochet takeover of their country and moved to the United States to escape. She has won multiple awards for her writing, including the Letras de Oro Prize and the Latina Literature Prize.

Publication Date: March 2014

Ages: 10–14

Page Extent: 464 pp





A HITCH AT THE FAIRMONT

By Jim Averbeck
Illustrated by Nick Bertozzi
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

You'll LAUGH! You'll CRY! You'll SHAKE IN YOUR SHOES!

After the mysterious death of his mother, eleven-year-old Jack Fair is whisked away to San Francisco's swanky Fairmont Hotel by his wicked Aunt Edith. There he seems doomed to a life of fetching chocolates for his aunt and her pet chinchilla. Until one night when Aunt Edith disappears without a trace—except for a chocolate ransom note!

Suddenly, Jack finds himself all alone on a quest to discover who kidnapped Aunt Edith and what happened to his mother. Alone, that is, until he meets an unlikely accomplice—Alfred Hitchcock himself! The two embark on a madcap journey full of hidden doorways, secret societies, cryptic clues, and sinister villains . . . so buckle up, dear reader, and get ready for the adventure of a lifetime!

Publication Date: June 2014

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 304 pp

THE SECRET OF FERRELL SAVAGE

By J. Duddy Gill
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Middle school romance is hard enough, but cannibalism really gets in the way. This humorous look at first crushes and family secrets is sure to be devoured.

Ferrell Savage is finally twelve and finally eligible to compete in the Big Sled Race on Golden Hill—the perfect chance to impress Mary Vittles. Mary is Ferrell's best friend . . . and maybe, someday, something more.

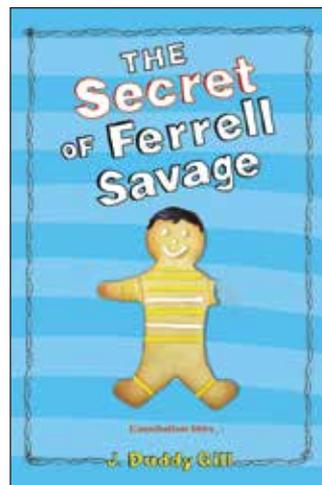
Except the “more” Ferrell first finds is more information about his family. It turns out that his great-great-great-uncle had an encounter with Mary's great-great-grandfather. And the encounter was, well, let's just say . . . edible. Sure, the circumstances were extreme, but some facts might just be romantically indigestible. At least now Ferrell understands why his family is vegan.

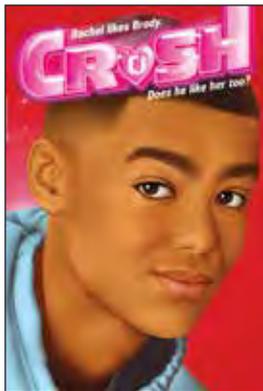
But even as Ferrell and Mary encounter blackmail, a second sled race, and a particularly enticing bag of beef jerky, Ferrell realizes that he might still have a chance with Mary. If, that is, his family secret doesn't eat them alive.

Publication Date: February 2014

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 176 pp





CRUSH

#5: RACHEL'S VALENTINE CRUSH

#6: ISABELLA'S SPRING BREAK CRUSH

By Angela Darling

Imprint: Simon Spotlight

In *Rachel's Valentine Crush*, Rachel has had a secret crush on Brody—the cute, sweet guy from her church choir—for a while now. But when Brody becomes a famous pop star and leaves school to go on tour, he becomes the object of every girl's crush. Rachel is happy for Brody, but she's also a little heartbroken that things between them might never be the same.

In *Isabella's Spring Break Crush*, Isabella isn't thrilled to be spending spring break with her twin brother and their sunscreen-obsessed, worrywart grandma in Florida. But when Grandma Miriam introduces Isabella to her friend's gorgeous grandson, Ryan, all thoughts of day trips with her grandma and brother go out the window. Will Isabella be able to get Ryan alone before spring break is over? And if she does, what then?

Publication Date: #5: December 2013; #6: March 2014

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 160 pp

SEW ZOEY

#4: STITCHES AND STONES

#5: CUTE AS A BUTTON

By Chloe Taylor

Imprint: Simon Spotlight

Zoey Webber lives a double life: her quirky homemade clothes make her a misfit at her suburban middle school, but her fashion design blog puts her on the A-list at Fashion Week.

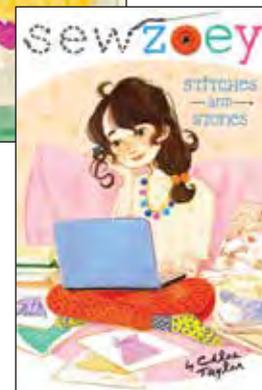
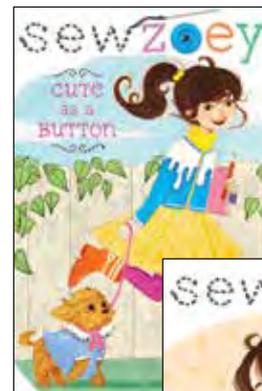
In *Stitches and Stones*, Zoey Webber is having a blast coming up with themed outfits for her school's Spirit Week . . . until her friend is the victim of a Hat Day prank. When Zoey writes about the incident on her Sew Zoey blog, she gets one nasty blog comment after another, and another, and another. At first Zoey ignores them, but soon she can't help but feel ruffled. Will she find a way to take it one stitch at a time, or will the cyberbullies crush her spirit—and her blog—for good?

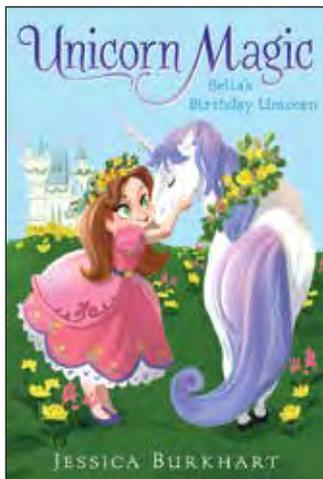
When, in *Cute as a Button*, Aunt Lulu goes out of town, Zoey's family takes care of her fourteen-year-old dog, Draper. Zoey dresses Draper in adorable homemade outfits for his daily walks, and when the fashionable doggie duds start getting attention in the neighborhood, Zoey finds herself swamped with requests to make pet clothes. How will she keep up with the demand on her small fabric budget and with limited time? With a little help from her friends, family, fans, and a cute-as-a-button puppy!

Publication Date: #4: September 2013; #5: January 2014

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 176 pp





UNICORN MAGIC

#1: BELLA'S BIRTHDAY UNICORN

By Jessica Burkhart
Illustrated by Victoria Ying
Imprint: Aladdin

A brand-new chapter book series from Canterwood Crest author Jessica Burkhart!

In the magical Crystal Kingdom, being eight years old is a big deal for a royal prince or princess—it's the birthday where you get a unicorn who becomes your friend and guardian for life. But it looks like Princess Bella's eighth birthday might not be so sweet. Her BFFs are fighting, her parents seem to be hiding something, and Bella is worried she won't get matched with a unicorn of her very own. Will Bella's birthday be a sparkling success? Or will it end up being memorable for all the wrong reasons?

Publication Date: August 2014

Ages: 6–9

Page Extent: 144 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR CANTERWOOD CREST: French, Polish, Portuguese (Brazilian)

MARGUERITE HENRY'S PONIES OF CHINCOTEAGUE

#1: MADDIE'S DREAM

#2: BLUE RIBBON SUMMER

By Catherine Hapka
Imprint: Aladdin

The first two books in a brand-new middle-grade Marguerite Henry spin-off series about four pony-loving girls, each of whom owns a pony descended from Misty of Chincoteague.

Maddie's Dream will introduce Madison "Maddie" Martinez, who is shocked when she arrives at the barn for her weekly lesson only to discover that "her" pony, Cloudy, isn't available that day. It turns out the pony's former owners have heard how well she's been doing as a lesson horse, and now they might be interested in buying Cloudy back.

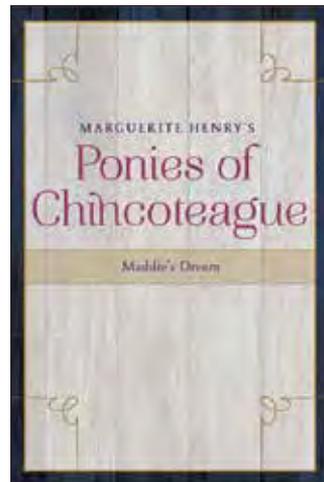
Blue Ribbon Summer features Brooke Rhodes and her pony, Foxy, who go to a sleepaway riding camp for two weeks. However, camp doesn't turn out to be quite as fun as Brooke expected. The other girls her age all know one another already, and they don't seem interested in welcoming a new rider. Besides, they're all riding tall, fancy, super well-trained show horses—not scruffy, young Chincoteague ponies. When Brooke overhears that this might be the camp's last summer, she doesn't know if she should be glad or work with the other girls to save it.

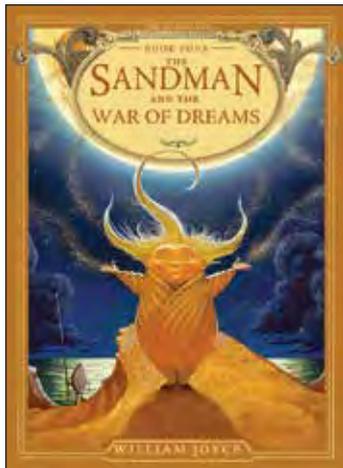
Marguerite Henry's bestselling, Newbery Honor book, *Misty of Chincoteague*, is the inspiration for this new series and continues to captivate generations of readers.

Publication Date: July 2014

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 160 pp





THE GUARDIANS CHAPTER BOOK #5 (TITLE TK)

By William Joyce

Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

There's a lot more to these childhood legends than meets the eye . . .

Now that the backstories of Nicholas St. North, E. Aster Bunnymund, Toothiana, and the Sandman have all been revealed, it's time to turn our attention to another of these legendary giants. From William Joyce, the bestselling author and illustrator of *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore* and the Guardians of Childhood series, the adventure continues with the exciting fifth chapter book in the Guardians series.

Publication Date: July 2014

Ages: 7–11

Page Extent: 240 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Catalan, Chinese (complex), Chinese (simplified), Georgian, Italian, Portuguese (Brazilian), Russian, Spanish, Turkish



THE BATTLE FOR WONDLA

By Tony DiTerlizzi

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

The final book in the *New York Times* bestselling trilogy from the fantastical mind of Tony DiTerlizzi

Eva Nine tried to stop Cadmus from going to war against the people she loves, but she failed. Now war runs rampant across Orbona. Cities are in ruins, people and aliens scatter for refuge, and Eva and her friends are on the run.

Eva realizes she is the only one left who can save Orbona from being destroyed. She and her friends now face the greatest trial of all—and this time, the future of the planet is at stake.

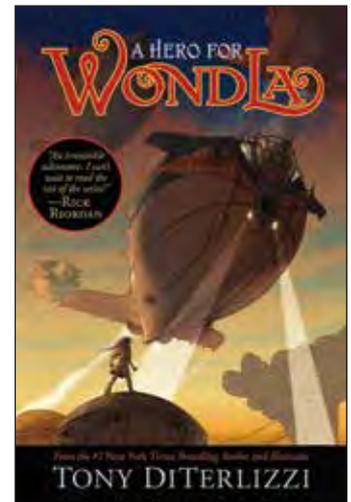
The Battle for WondLa is the epic conclusion to the trilogy that the *New York Times Book Review* praised as “reminiscent of Arthur C. Clarke.”

Publication Date: May 2014

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 464 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese, Portuguese (Brazilian), Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Thai, Turkish, UK





FURIOUS JONES AND THE ASSASSIN'S SECRET

By Tim Kehoe

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

When his dad's book turns out to contain deadly secrets, twelve-year-old Furious Jones is thrust into a web of mystery and danger.

Furious Jones, the twelve-year-old son of a famous thriller writer, lives with his grandfather after his mother was mysteriously gunned down right in front of him a year ago. Curious to know more about his estranged dad, he goes to see him speak about his upcoming novel to a packed audience—and to his shock and horror, he witnesses his father getting shot as well.

When Furious discovers that his dad's upcoming novel contains dangerous and fiercely protected secrets, he sets out to discover who killed his father, and what exactly they were trying to cover up.

Ideal for fans of Alex Rider and Theodore Boone, the action-packed exploits of Furious Jones are as thrilling as they are intriguing. Can Furious unravel this literary mystery before the death toll rises?

Publication Date: April 2014

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 336 pp

NERD CAMP 2.0

By Elissa Brent Weissman

Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Pack your bug spray. Pack your calculator. Travel back to summer dorkdom in this hilarious, heart-warming middle-grade sequel to *Nerd Camp*!

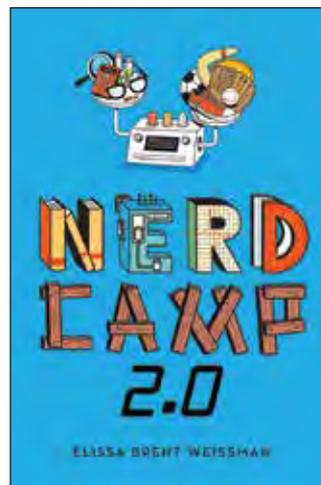
Last summer couldn't have been any more amazing for Gabe. For six glorious weeks, he was immersed in vigorous learning at the Summer Center for Gifted Enrichment, aka Nerd Camp. With summer back, so is Nerd Camp—2.0. But there's a twist this year, a curve ball no one could have ever anticipated.

Zack, Gabe's cool stepbrother, was supposed to attend a sports camp nearby, but a recent wildfire destroyed the campground and now the entire sports camp will be sharing a campground with the nerd camp. The summer of erudite fun that Gabe dreamed about for the entire year has now become a living nightmare as these two very different worlds collide. Can these two camps—and these two stepbrothers—survive the summer?

Publication Date: May 2014

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 272 pp





THE ACTUAL & TRUTHFUL ADVENTURES OF BECKY THATCHER

By Jessica Lawson

Illustrated by Iacopo Bruno

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Find out the real story of Tom Sawyer in this whip-smart retelling of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, written from the point of view of Tom's supposed love interest, Becky Thatcher.

In 1860, eleven-year-old Becky Thatcher is the new girl in town, determined to have adventures like she promised her brother, Jon, before he died. With her mama frozen in grief and her daddy busy as town judge, Becky spends much of her time on her own, getting into mischief. Before long, she joins the boys at school in a bet to steal from the Widow Douglas, and Becky convinces her new best friend, Amy Lawrence, to join her.

Becky decides that she and Amy need a bag of dirt from a bad man's grave as protection for entering the widow's house, so they sneak out to the cemetery at midnight, where they witness the thieving Pritchard brothers digging up a coffin. Determined to keep her family safe (and to avoid getting in trouble), Becky makes Amy promise not to tell anyone what they saw.

When their silence inadvertently results in the Widow Douglas being accused of the grave robbery, Becky concocts a plan to clear the widow's name. If she pulls it off, she might just get her mama to notice her again and fulfill her promise to Jon in a most unexpected way . . . if that tattle-tale Tom Sawyer will quit following her around.

Publication Date: July 2014

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 128 pp

SECRETS OF THE MANOR

#1: BETH'S STORY, 1914

#2: KATE'S STORY, 1914

By Adele Whitby

Imprint: Simon Spotlight

Historical fiction gets a fascinating genealogical twist in this brand-new middle-grade series from Simon Spotlight.

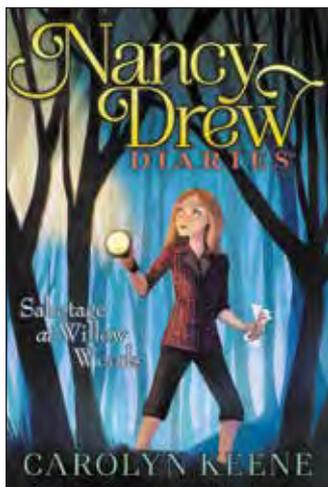
It's June 1914 and Chatswood Manor is buzzing with excitement! Beth Etheridge is about to turn twelve, and per her family's tradition, she will be receiving the heirloom "Elizabeth" necklace on her birthday. Beth is disappointed to see that her fourteen-year-old cousin, Gabby, has grown into a spoiled and shallow young lady. Gabby is extremely jealous of Beth's "Elizabeth" necklace, and wishes her own heirloom, a plain silver locket, was encrusted with beautiful gemstones like Beth's. But then Gabby's locket mysteriously disappears, and Gabby seems sure it is lost forever. Beth vows to get down to the bottom of the mystery. But as she begins searching Chatswood Manor to look for answers, she finds out there are several more secrets hidden away, just waiting to be revealed.

Publication Date: June 2014

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 160 pp





NANCY DREW DIARIES #5: SABOTAGE AT WILLOW WOODS

By Carolyn Keene

Imprint: Aladdin

The fifth book in the brand-new Nancy Drew Diaries series

Who knew a new sports field could cause so much drama? That's what Nancy and her two friends Bess and George are investigating. Ever since George's cousin Carrie Kim announced her candidacy for city council along with her platform of building a new football field and a state-of-the-art sports complex, someone has been trying to sabotage the campaign! Nancy decides she has to go undercover as a member of the Green Club: a group of environmental activists who may be behind all of this. Carrie has been getting threatening notes and even some more . . . sinister warnings. Nancy knows she needs to figure out how to stop this before someone gets hurt.

Publication Date: January 2014

Ages: 8–12

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HARDY BOYS ADVENTURES #5: PERIL AT GRANITE PEAK

By Franklin W. Dixon

Imprint: Aladdin

The next exciting mystery in the new Hardy Boys Adventures series

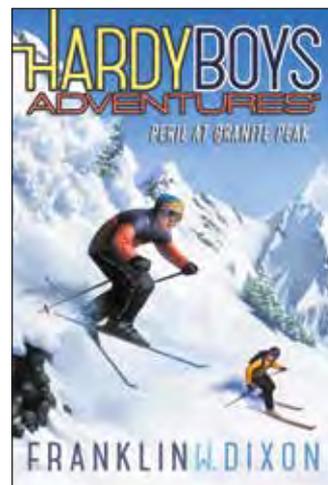
Brothers Frank and Joe are spending an action-packed week skiing and snowboarding at the Granite Peak Lodge ski resort. But the fun hits an unexpected bump when a blizzard blows in, closing the roads and leaving the boys stranded in the lodge with several others. Meanwhile, a series of deadly mishaps threatens to sabotage the resort—and the lives of its trapped guests.

First, a fellow vacationer nearly freezes solid when he's locked out during the raging storm. Then the lodge's electricity is cut off, broken glass turns up in the breakfast waffles, and a resort employee is buried in a snowdrift. Who's behind these sinister acts? Is the culprit trapped in the lodge with them? The Hardys are determined to find out—before they're caught in an avalanche of danger.

Publication Date: February 2014

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 160 pp





NOGGIN

By John Corey Whaley
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Travis Coates has a good head—but it's on someone else's shoulders. John Corey Whaley follows his Printz and Morris award-winning *Where Things Come Back* with a touching, hilarious, and wholly original coming-of-age story.

Listen—Travis Coates was alive once and then he wasn't. Now he's alive again. Simple as that.

The in-between part is still a little fuzzy, but he can tell you that, at some point or another, his head got chopped off and shoved into a freezer in Denver, Colorado. Five years later, it was reattached to some other guy's body, and well, here he is. Defying all logic, he's still 16 but everything and everyone around him has changed. That includes his bedroom, his parents, his best friend, and his girlfriend. Or maybe she's not his girlfriend anymore? That's a bit fuzzy too.

If the new Travis and the old Travis are ever going to find a way to exist together, then there are going to be a few more scars.

Oh well, you only live twice.

PRaise for *WHERE THINGS COME BACK*, WINNER OF THE MICHAEL L. PRINTZ AWARD AND THE WILLIAM C. MORRIS AWARD:

★“In this darkly humorous debut, Whaley weaves two stories into a taut and well-constructed thriller . . . as Whaley gradually brings the story's many threads together in a disturbing, heartbreaking finale that retains a touch of hope.”—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

“The characters' reactions are palpable as their grief deepens and yet they continue to hope for Gabriel's return. Cullen is an eloquent, thoughtful narrator . . . the ending is worth the wait.”—*School Library Journal*

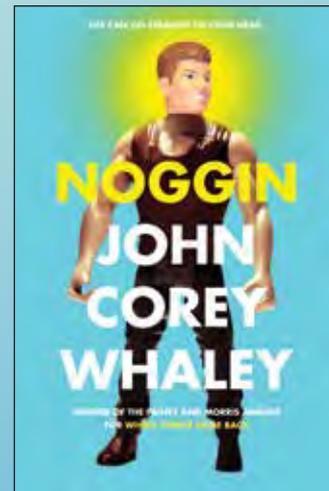
“What will hold readers most is the moving story of Cullen's beloved younger brother, who suddenly goes missing, leading to mystery, heartbreak, and an astonishing resolution on the very last page . . . An intriguing, memorable offering teens will want to discuss.”—*Booklist*

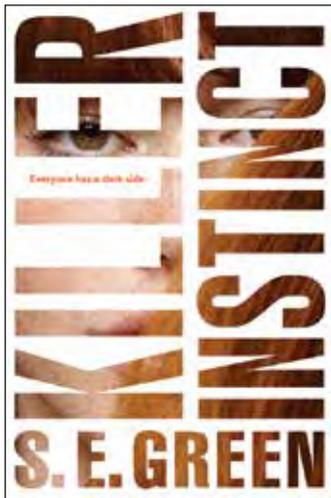
Publication Date: April 2014

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 352 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *WHERE THINGS COME BACK*: Chinese (complex), German, Korean, Portuguese (Brazilian), Spanish, Turkish





KILLER INSTINCT

By S. E. Green

Imprint: Simon Pulse

A teenage girl version of *Dexter* meets the high stakes danger and mystery of *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*—the debut of a riveting new series

She's not evil, but she has certain . . . urges. Lane is a typical teenager. Loving family. Good grades. Afterschool job at the local animal hospital. Martial arts enthusiast. But her secret obsession is studying serial killers. She understands them, knows what makes them tick. Why? Because she might be one herself.

Lane channels her dark impulses by hunting criminals—delivering justice when the law fails. The vigilantism stops shy of murder. But with each visceral rush, the line of self-control blurs. And then a young preschool teacher goes missing. Only to return . . . in parts.

When Lane gets involved in the hunt for “the Decapitator,” the vicious serial murderer who has come to her hometown, she becomes dangerously caught up in a web of lies about her birth dad and her own dark past. And once the Decapitator contacts Lane directly, Lane knows she is no longer invisible or safe. Now she needs to use her unique talents to find the true killer's identity before she—or someone she loves—becomes the next victim . . .

Publication Date: May 2014

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 272 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Italian

VISIONS

#3: GASP

By Lisa McMann

Imprint: Simon Pulse

The thrilling third and final installment of bestselling author Lisa McMann's Visions series!

After narrowly surviving two harrowing tragedies, Jules now fully understands the importance of the visions that she and people around her are experiencing. She's convinced that if it passed from her to Sawyer after she saved him, then it must now have passed from Sawyer to one of the people he saved.

But that means it's up to Jules to figure out which of the school-shooting survivors is now suffering from visions of another crisis. And once she realizes who it is, she has to convince that survivor that this isn't all crazy—that the images are of something real and imminent, and that it's on Jules and Sawyer and their friends to once again prevent disaster.

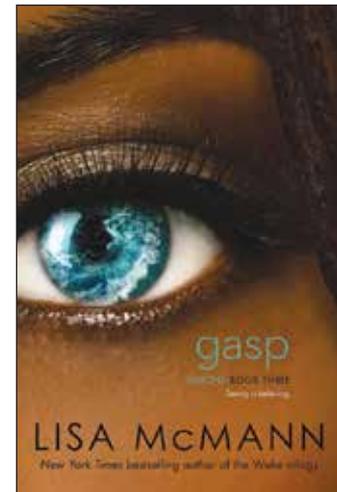
As the danger escalates more than ever before in this third installment of the series, Jules also wonders if at last she'll find an answer to why and how this is happening.

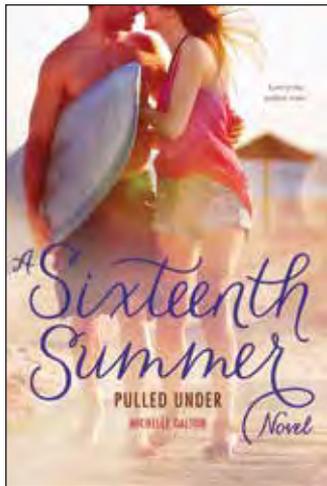
Publication Date: June 2014

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 256 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Chinese (complex)





PULLED UNDER

By Michelle Dalton
Imprint: Simon Pulse

In the tradition of *Seventeenth Summer*, *Sixteenth Summer*, and *Fifteenth Summer* comes the hardcover edition of the first spin-off book in the Sixteenth Summer series.

In small island town in Florida, Izzy Lucas only needs her surfboard and the water to be completely happy. She wants nothing to do with parties, popularity contests or showing her face around the clichéd touristy hangouts. Naturally shy, Izzy's tight group of co-workers at the local surf shop have tried relentlessly to break Izzy out of her pretty little sea shell. But Izzy will have none of it. That is, until the day Ben Barker walks into the store.

He may be from the city, but Ben is cute and charming, and he enlists Izzy's help in figuring his way around the strange beach town culture. And as the weeks of surfing lessons and multiple visits to the town's best pizza shack fly by, Izzy and Ben know their attraction goes beyond mere friendship. But Ben is only in town for three months, and Izzy wonders if this amazing guy is worth stepping out of her comfort zone for what might be the perfect summer romance.

Publication Date: May 2014

Ages: 12 up

Page Extent: 304 pp



YEAR OF MISTAKEN DISCOVERIES

By Eileen Cook
Imprint: Simon Pulse

A new novel from the author of *The Almost Truth* and *Unraveling Isobel*

As first graders, Avery and Nora bonded over a special trait they shared—they were both adopted. Years later, Avery is smart, popular, and on the cheerleading squad, while Nora spends her time on the fringes of school society, wearing black, reading esoteric poetry, and listening to obscure music. They never interact . . . until the night Nora approaches Avery at a party, saying it's urgent. She tells Avery that she thought she found her birth mom—but it turned out to be a cruel lie. Avery feels for Nora, but returns to her friends at the party.

Then Avery learns that Nora overdosed on pills. Left to cope with Nora's death and questioning her own actions, Avery decides to honor her friend by launching a search for her own birth mother. Aided by Brody, a friend of Nora's who is also looking for a way to respect Nora's legacy, Avery embarks on an emotional quest. But what she's really seeking might go far deeper than just genetics. . . .

Publication Date: February 2014

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 272 pp





LEARNING NOT TO DROWN

By Anna Shinoda
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Family secrets cut to the bone in this mesmerizing debut novel about a teen whose drug-addicted brother is the prodigal son one time too many.

There is a pecking order to every family. Seventeen-year-old Clare is the overprotected baby; Peter is the typical, rebellious middle child; and Luke is the oldest, the favorite. To their mother, they are a normal, happy family, but to Clare, they are a disaster. Clare: the ambitious striver; Peter: the angry, ticking time bomb; and Luke: a drug-addicted convicted felon.

Clare loves Luke, but life as his sister hasn't been easy. And when he comes home (again), she wants to believe this time will be different (again). Yet when the truths behind his arrests begin to surface, everything Clare knows is shaken to its core. And then Luke is arrested. Again.

Except this time is different, because Clare's mom does the unthinkable on Luke's behalf, and Clare has to decide whether turning her back on family is a selfish act—or the only way to keep from drowning along with them.

Publication Date: April 2014

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 256 pp

MY FAIRE LADY

By Laura Wettersten
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Rowena's summer job painting faces at a renaissance faire may turn into a life-changing experience.

Rowena Duncan is a thoroughly modern girl with big plans for her summer—until she catches her boyfriend making out with another girl. Heartbroken, she applies to an out-of-town job posting and finds herself somewhere she never expected: the Renaissance Faire.

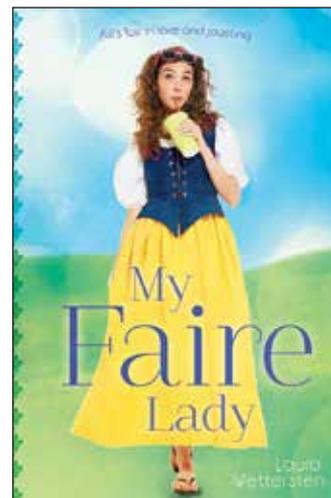
As a face-painter doubling as a serving wench, Ro is thrown headfirst into a vibrant community of artists and performers. She feels like a fish out of water until Will, a quick-witted whip cracker, takes her under his wing. Then there's Christian, a blue-eyed stunt jouster who makes Ro weak in the knees. Soon it's not just her gown that's tripping her up.

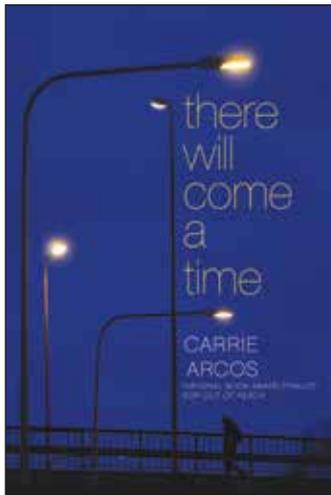
Trading in the Internet and electricity for stars and campfires was supposed to make life simpler, but Ro is finding that love is the ultimate complication. Can she let the past make way for her future?

Publication Date: June 2014

Ages: 12 up

Page Extent: 352 pp





THERE WILL COME A TIME

By Carrie Arcos
Imprint: Simon Pulse

A teen must learn to grieve for his twin before he endangers his own life in this heart-wrenching novel by the author who was a National Book Award Finalist for *Out of Reach*.

Mark knows grief. Ever since the accident that killed his twin sister, Grace, the only time he feels at peace is when he visits the bridge where she died. Comfort is fleeting, but it's almost within reach when he's standing on the wrong side of the suicide bars. Almost.

Grace's best friend, Hannah, says she understands what he's going through. But she doesn't. She can't. It's not just the enormity of his loss. As her twin, Mark should have known Grace as well as he knows himself. Yet when he reads her journal, it's as if he didn't know her at all.

As a way to remember Grace, Hannah convinces Mark to complete Grace's bucket list from her journal. Mark's sadness, anger, and his growing feelings for Hannah threaten to overwhelm him. But Mark can't back out. He made a promise to honor Grace—and it may be his one chance to set things right.

Publication Date: May 2014

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 256 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *OUT OF REACH*: German, Spanish



SUMMER OF YESTERDAY

By Gaby Triana
Imprint: Simon Pulse

***Back to the Future* meets *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* in this totally awesome romantic fantasy.**

It isn't fair. Haley's friends are enjoying their last session of summer camp back home, meeting cute boys and making memories without her. But because of a seizure she had a few months earlier, her divorced dad insists Haley go on vacation with his new family to Disney's Fort Wilderness, a campground that holds lots of childhood memories for her father, but surely nothing for her. In fact, she's certain her summer is now going to suck, until a new seizure triggers something she's never before experienced—time travel. She ends up in River Country, the campground's long-abandoned water park, during its heyday. The year? 1982.

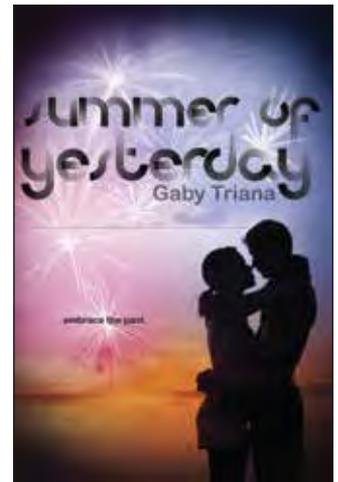
And there—with its amusing fashion, “oldies” music, and primitive technology—she runs into familiar faces: teenage Dad and Mom before they'd even met. Somehow, Haley must find her way back to the twenty-first century before her present-day parents anguish over her disappearance, a difficult feat now that she's met Jason, one of the park's summer residents and employees, who takes the strangely dressed stowaway under his wing.

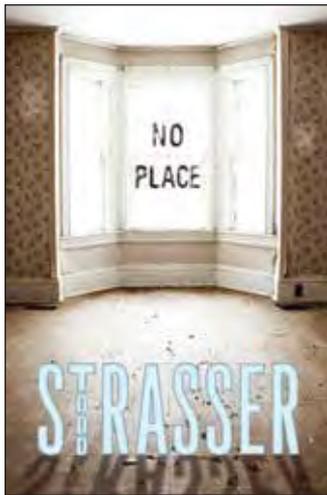
A girl who's used to having lots of control over her life, Haley has no idea how to deal with the dilemma of falling for a boy she can't possibly have a future with . . .

Publication Date: July 2014

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 256 pp





NO PLACE

By Todd Strasser

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Todd Strasser's ripped-from-the-headlines novel will make readers consider their lives in a whole new way.

Dan always seemed like the guy who had it all. Baseball star, dating the hottest girl in school, hanging with the popular crowd. But when his family loses their home and are forced to move into the town's tent city, Dan feels his world shifting. His friends try to pretend that everything's cool, but they're not the ones who have to go home to a city full of the homeless.

As Dan struggles to adjust to his new life, he gets involved with the people who are fighting for better conditions and services for the residents of the tent city. But someone wants the tent city gone, and will stop at nothing to get his way. . . .

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Ages: 12 up

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SIGNED, SKYE HARPER

By Carol Lynch Williams

Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

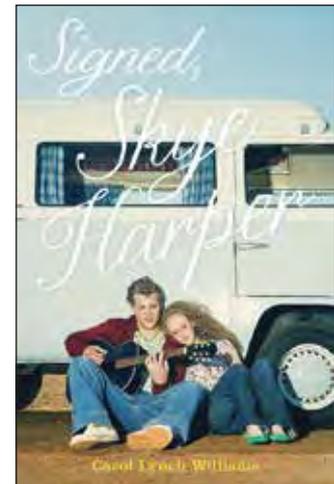
A coming-of-age novel from award-winning author Carol Lynch Williams that will tug at your heartstrings as it tells the story of how a makeshift family turns out to be the best family of all.

Winston loves her dog, Thelma, along with swimming and Mark Spitz, who is sure to win the gold for the US in the Olympics this year. So life is just fine until the letter arrives from Skye Harper, aka Judith Fletcher aka Winston's mother, asking for help. Winston hasn't heard much from her mom since she left more than ten years ago for Hollywood to find fame when Winston was four. Winston never knew her father, and her family is Nanny, who isn't really old at all. Nanny works at Simmons Fish House and is down to 1.3 packs a day and reads tons of romance novels. The Simmons are in Europe for the summer except for their son Steve. Winston can't figure why they left smart and cute Steve behind. But he seems nice and Winston can use a friend. It was Nanny's idea to borrow the Simmons Motorhome for a road trip across country to get Mama. And even though that doesn't seem like the best idea to Winston, if Steve comes along maybe that makes it okay. Nanny says this is the only way to get Mama and that's final. So the three set off across the country to get Mama. This is sure to be a summer to remember—and that doesn't even include Mark Spitz.

Publication Date: May 2014

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 352 pp





THE LAST FOREVER

By Deb Caletti
Imprint: Simon Pulse

Beginnings and endings overlap in this soaring novel of love and loss from bestselling author and National Book Award Finalist Deb Caletti.

Nothing lasts forever, and no one gets that more than Tessa. After her mother died, it's all she could do to keep her friends, her boyfriend, and her happiness from slipping away. And then there's her dad. He's stuck in his own daze, and it's so hard to feel like a family when their house no longer seems like a home.

Her father's solution? An impromptu road trip that lands them in a small coastal town. Despite all the beauty there, Tessa can't help but feel even more lost. Her most cherished possession—a rare plant of her mother's—is starting to wither, and with it, Tessa's heart and her hope.

Enter Henry Lark. He understands the relationships that matter. And more important, he understands her. Though secrets stand between them, each has a chance at healing if Tessa can find the courage to believe in forever.

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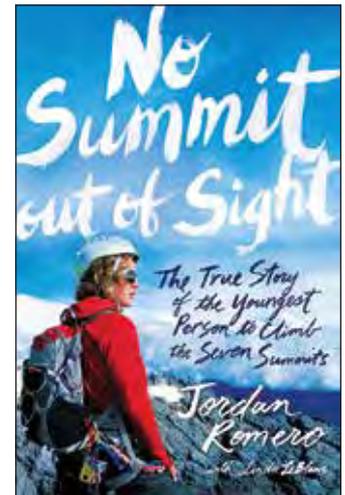
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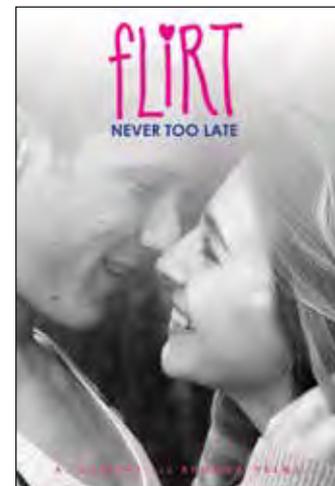
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The end of the school year is coming, as is the annual sophomore class renaissance faire and the headlining theatrical performance that Abbey will be starring as a lead. There’s only one problem: her costar, Jason Hardy. Everyone else might think Jason is perfect, but Abbey knows the truth. She remembers what he did at the school dance, and she knows he’s a total jerk. But Abbey starts to see a side to Jason she hadn’t noticed before, and he might not be as bad as she thought. Each day she’s falling for him just a little bit more, and she thinks maybe Jason feels the same. Or maybe he’s a better actor than Abbey could have guessed.

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