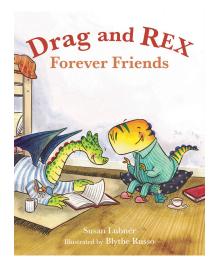


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Drag and Rex 1: Forever Friends

Susan Lubner, Blythe Russo

Summary

Meet Drag and Rex, the sweet, silly best friends who find joy and adventure in the simplest places in this charming and cheery modern *Frog and Toad*.

Drag is a dreamy, literal, impulsive, (and sometimes a little bit scatter-brained) dragon. Rex is a dapper, practical, methodical (and sometimes a little bit stuffy) T.rex. The two may have their differences, but they are both gentle and caring, and the best friends. Forever friends.

Whether it's deciding what to have for breakfast, working through those tricky zippers, buckles, and buttons to bundle up tight, how to make the best of a snowy day, or how to face down something scary, through patience, cooperation, and a good dose of silliness and humor, these buddies always figure out how to push through their challenges. Together.

Forever Friends features three stories told in short chapters, accompanied by bright, joy-filled full color illustrations, allowing developing readers to gain confidence and a sense of accomplishment as they follow the adventures of their new forever friends.

Series Overview: A dragon and T-rex who are best friends explore the joys and challenges of adventures big and small in this young chapter book series told in short, charming stories.

Contributor Bio

Susan Lubner is the author of the middle grade novels *Lizzy and the Good Luck Girl* and *The Upside of Ordinary*, as well as three picture books. Her *Noises at Night*, co-authored with Beth Glass, was featured on the Today Show as a "Best Book for Young Children."

She grew up in Bangor, Maine, and currently lives in Massachusetts.

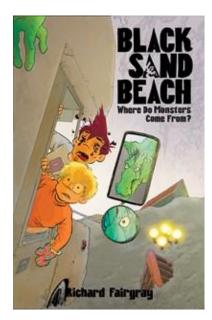
Author Residence: Wellesley, Massachusetts

Author Hometown: Bangor, Maine

Blythe Russo is an author-illustrator currently living just outside Cincinnati, Ohio. Her books include *Sloth Sleeps Over*, *Posie the Pika* by Paige Braddock, *A Flood of Kindness* by Ellen Leventhal, and *One More Wheel* by Colleen AF Venable. She holds a masters in illustration from the Savannah College of Art and Design and is an active member of SCBWI.

When she's not drawing, you can find her sewing, building puppets, or in the kitchen on a never-ending quest for the perfect chocolate chip cookie recipe.

Illustrator Residence:Loveland, Ohio



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192 Pages Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7 Juvenile Fiction / Comics & Graphic Novels JUV008130

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Black Sand Beach 4: Where Do Monsters Come From?

Richard Fairgray

Summary

As the kids struggle to rescue Andy from the Darkness, more secrets from Black Sand Beach past—and present—are revealed in the fourth installment of the dark and creepy Black Sand Beach graphic novel series. Perfect for fans of *Gravity Falls, Rickety Stitch*, and *Fake Blood*.

Andy's stuck in the Darkness, but he's not alone. Harry, aka Dash from the previous summer, is there, too, showing Andy more terrors in the world without light.

Meanwhile, Dash, Lily, and Eleanor are desperately trying to figure out how to save Andy. They get help from an unexpected source—Eleanor and Andy's odd and silent father. Frederick leads the kids into the horrific woods of Black Sand Beach, where they must battle the Not Cow monsters.

But Andy can only be saved by joining the two worlds of dark and light—and the horror that brings.

Contributor Bio

Richard Fairgray is a writer, artist, and colorist, best known for his work in comic books such as *Blastosaurus* and *Ghost Ghost*, and picture books such as *Gorillas in Our Midst* and *If I Had an Elephant*. As a child he firmly believed he would grow up and eat all the candy he wanted and stay up as late as he liked. By drawing pictures when he wasn't meant to and reading all the things people told him not to, he made his dream come true. Richard lives in Surrey, British Columbia, where he is able to work furiously, surrounded by plastic skeletons, dogs, friends, loved ones (and possibly the most comprehensive collection of Courtney Love bootlegs on the planet).

Author Residence: Surrey, British Columbia

Author Hometown: New Zealand



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336 Pages Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7 Juvenile Fiction / Mysteries & Detective Stories JUV028000

8.3 in H | 5.5 in W | 1.3 lb Wt

The Winterton Deception 1: Final Word

Janet Sumner Johnson

Summary

In this twisty middle grade mystery for fans of *Knives Out*, *The Inheritance Game*, and *The Westing Game*, twelve-year-old twins Hope and Gordon enter a spelling bee in a last-ditch effort to save their family from financial ruin, only to find themselves in a cut-throat competition to uncover a fortune and dark secrets about the wealthy relations they've never known.

Hope Smith can't stand rich people—the dictionary magnate family the Wintertons most of all. Not since she and her twin brother, Gordon, learned that their dad was one. So when Gordon enters the family into the Winterton's charity spelling bee, Hope wants nothing to do with it. But with their mom losing her job and the family facing eviction from the motel where they live, they desperately need the money, and it looks like Hope doesn't have much of a choice.

After winning the preliminary round, the Smiths are whisked to Winterton Chalet to compete in the official Winterton Bee against their long-lost relatives. Hope wants to get in and out, beat the snobbish family at their own game, and never see them again. But deceased matriarch Jane Winterton had other plans for this final family showdown. Before her death, she set up a clue hunt throughout the manor—an alternate way for Hope and Gordon to get the money that could change their lives.

Still, others are on the trail, too. With tensions at an all-time high, a fortune at stake, and long-simmering family secrets about to boil to the surface, anything could happen.

A tense, clever clue hunt unafraid to tackle the challenges and secrets often kept behind closed doors, *Final Word* is a gripping series starter sure to satisfy even the most voracious armchair detectives.

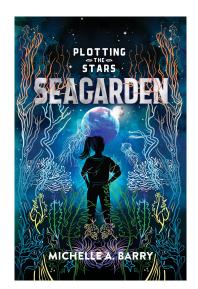
Story Locale: Oregon

Contributor Bio

Janet Sumner Johnson is the author of picture books *The Recess Genius 1: Open for Business, Braver Than Brave*, and *Help Wanted: Must Love Books*, which was the winner of the 2021 CLEL BELL Read Award and was nominated for the Colorado and Washington Children's Choice Book Awards, as well as middle grade novel *The Last Great Adventures of the PB&J Society*. She bakes a mean cinnamon twist and eats way more cookies than are good for her, which explains her running habit. Though her full-time occupation as evil tyrant/benevolent dictator (aka Mom) takes most of her time, she sneaks in writing at night when her inner funny bone is fully unleashed. She lives in Utah with her husband and three kids.

Author Residence: North Logan, UT

Author Hometown: Santa Rosa, CA



Pixel+Ink 9781645951292 Pub Date: 10/3/2023 On Sale Date: 10/3/2023 \$18.99

Hardcover

368 Pages Ages 10 And Up, Grades 5 And Up Juvenile Fiction / Science Fiction JUV053020

8.3 in H | 5.5 in W | 1.3 lb Wt

Plotting the Stars 2: Seagarden

Michelle A. Barry

Summary

Forced to hide her new-found magic or risk imprisonment or worse, Myra enrolls in an interplanetary academy exchange program to dig up more about the government's many conspiracies, but instead uproots even darker secrets that could drown everything she's grown to trust. The second book in the searing STEAM-inspired Plotting the Stars middle grade series perfect for fans of *The City of Ember* and *Divergent*.

Revolution is watered with sweat and tears.

As Myra Hodger begins her second year at the elite Scientific Lunar Academy of Magic, she should be happy. Her days of faking Number Whisperer magic are over, and she has friends she can trust with the secret of her Botan abilities. But that doesn't mean she's through pretending to be someone she's not. Mourning Bernie and the incredible Moongarden they cultivated together, she feels like she's losing herself just when she found the thing that made her feel whole. She's given a seed of hope when she runs into a teen Rep in the hallway who looks eerily familiar. But irritable Bernard, controlled by his Rep implant, is nothing like her beloved Bernie.

With the continuing interplanetary food crisis conspiracy, an anonymous tip about a community of free Reps who might be able to help save Bernard, and the hunt for more information about what really happened to the banished Botans, all routes seem to point to Venus, and an exchange program with the Vesuvian Academy of Magical Arts might provide Myra and her friends the cover they need to unearth the answers they seek.

Or it might widen the cracks already forming among them, releasing a flood of consequences that could wash away all they've worked so hard to grow.

The second book in the Plotting the Stars series, *Seagarden* blossoms with unexpected twists and heartbreaking revelations, underpinned by climate change warnings and a determination to fight against the status quo.

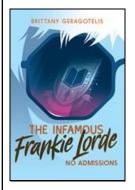
Contributor Bio

Michelle A. Barry was born and raised in Springfield, Massachusetts, though she was later cajoled over the border into Connecticut by her future husband, and she has happily resided there for many years. She holds a degree in communications from Salve Regina University and has worked as a newspaper reporter, freelance writer and editor, and marketing professional. She currently lives in Connecticut with her charming husband and their two delightful children. She is the author of *Moongarden*, the first book in the Plotting the Stars series. Visit her online at michellebarrybooks.com or follow her on Instagram @michellebarrybooks and Twitter @michelleabarry.

Author Residence: Connecticut

Author Hometown: Springfield, MA

New in Paperback



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304 Pages Ages 10 And Up, Grades 5 And Up Juvenile Fiction / Law & Crime JUV021000 Series: THE INFAMOUS FRANKIE LORDE

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The Infamous Frankie Lorde 3: No Admissions

Brittany Geragotelis

Summary

Now in paperback! A young criminal mastermind schools a group of wealthy parents looking to buy their less-deserving children into elite schools in the third book in the Infamous Frankie Lorde series, perfect for fans of Ally Carter's Gallagher Girls and Heist Society.

When Frankie discovers that a classmate's invention has been stolen the day before a school-wide competition, the once-renowned international thief figures she might as well flex her skills to steal it back. But just when Frankie's about to call her mission a success, she learns there's more to the story than she'd originally thought.

A group of wealthy Greenwich parents are using their influence—and wallets—to guarantee that their kids get into the most exclusive institutions on the East coast, no matter how undeserving their kids are, or how far they have to go to ensure success.

Easy peasy for Frankie to crack. Until she gets to know these classmates of hers. . . and their parents. . . and everyone's real motivations and issues. Frankie sets the bar higher, to take the scam down from the top. The guy who's been hired to get the kids into their desired schools: "Mr. Admissions."

Series Overview: A pre-teen international thief puts her criminal skills to good use to right wrongs when she suddenly finds herself stranded in suburban Connecticut.

Contributor Bio

Brittany Geragotelis, a former Olympic-bound gymnast and magazine editor, is a self-professed pop culture junkie turned author. Her paranormal action book *Life's a Witch* received 18 million reads on the writing site Wattpad.com. *What the Spell* is the first published book in the series, followed by *Life's a Witch* and *The Witch Is Back*. Brittany lives in Los Angeles with her awesome husband, two clever boys, one scaredy cat, and a crazy dog.

Author Residence: Los Anaeles. CA



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Plotting the Stars 1: Moongarden

Michelle A. Barry

Summary

"Moongarden blooms with heart and adventure. A stellar update of *The Secret Garden*, woven with a little science-fiction, a lot of magic, a vibrant heroine, and a plucky robot sidekick to rival R2-D2." —Victoria Aveyard, New York Times bestselling author

Now in paperback! The Secret Garden meets The City of Ember as an unlikely heroine confronts loneliness and crippling parental expectations, finding her seed of courage to weed out an intergalactic government conspiracy tied to failed climate change policy in this STEM-inspired series starter.

Centuries ago, Earth's plants turned toxic, rendering life on the planet impossible, and humanity took to space to cultivate new homes. Myra Hodger is in her first year at an elite school on the Moon to train and develop her Creer in math as a Number Whisper—like her famous Number Whisperer parents. But she's crumbling under the pressure, she doesn't fit in, and worst of all, the tattoos that signal her Creer growing aren't developing. In her heart, she knows she doesn't have a Creer, and soon, everyone else will, too.

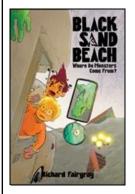
Wandering the school while cutting class one day, she discovers a secret lab hidden behind one of the unused classrooms, and beyond that, a secret garden overflowing with plants. Dangerous toxic plants.

But as Myra learns the garden isn't a threat, she begins to wonder if she does have a Creer—one that died out when the Earth did. If she wants to learn the truth about the garden and herself, she'll have to hurry. There are those who'll do anything to take these secrets to the grave.

Re-envisioning *The Secret Garden* for a new generation, *Moongarden* introduces a dynamic heroine who just might grow a revolution.

Contributor Bio

Michelle A. Barry grew up in Springfield, Massachusetts, and was later cajoled over the border into



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9 in H | 6 in W | 0.8 lb Wt

Black Sand Beach 4: Where Do Monsters Come From?

Richard Fairgray

Summary

As the kids struggle to rescue Andy from the Darkness, more secrets from Black Sand Beach past—and present—are revealed in the fourth installment of the dark and creepy Black Sand Beach graphic novel series. Perfect for fans of *Gravity Falls*, *Rickety Stitch*, and *Fake Blood*.

Andy's stuck in the Darkness, but he's not alone. Harry, aka Dash from the previous summer, is there, too, showing Andy more terrors in the world without light.

Meanwhile, Dash, Lily, and Eleanor are desperately trying to figure out how to save Andy. They get help from an unexpected source—Eleanor and Andy's odd and silent father. Frederick leads the kids into the horrific woods of Black Sand Beach, where they must battle the Not Cow monsters.

But Andy can only be saved by joining the two worlds of dark and light—and the horror that brings.

Contributor Bio

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Author Residence: Surrey, British Columbia

Author Hometown: New Zealand

DAVID FREMONT

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128 Pages
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Graphic Novels
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Series: CARLTON CRUMPLE
CREATURE CATCH
7 in H | 6 in W | 0.8 lb Wt

Carlton Crumple Creature Catcher 3: Reptoids from Space!

David Fremont

Summary

Available in paperback! An out-of-this-world adventure in a very funny graphic novel series that combines fast food, monsters, and battle! Fans of Lunch Lady and Dog Man will gobble this down.

When Carlton catches a UFO on camera, he kicks into full-on Creature Catcher mode. Sick of hearing about Carlton's heroics, his brother Milt stages an alien invasion using a remote-controlled drone disguised as a spaceship. And Carlton falls for it.

Iggy and Poof Poof think the ship's cool, so they borrow it to stage a fake alien battle. But a real UFO full of Reptoids spots the showdown and, seeing it as a threat, swoops in and abducts Iggy and Poof Poof!

Panicked, Lulu calls the Creature Catcher emergency line. Her creatures have been captured! Now it's up to Carlton to stage a rescue, and save the day!

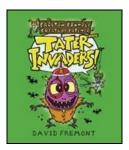
Bold artwork and otherworldly antics combine in the third installment in the Carlton Crumple Creature Catcher series. Middle grade graphic novel readers, including fans of series like Lunch Lady and Dog Man, will eat this up.

Series Overview: A determined monster hunter battles mad-cap monsters in this hilarious hi-lo graphic novel series that fans of Lunch Lady and Dog Man will love gobbling down.

Contributor Bio

The youngest of five children, David Fremont grew up in Fremont, CA (true story), where he loved drawing while watching cartoons. He is now an animated content creator who most recently created web series for DreamWorks TV. When not pitching pilots, David teaches cartoon classes to kids.

Author Residence: Los Angeles, CA



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136 Pages Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7 Juvenile Fiction / Comics & Graphic Novels JUV008040 Series: CARLTON CRUMPLE CREATURE CATCH

7 in H | 6 in W | 0.8 lb Wt

Carlton Crumple Creature Catcher 2: Tater Invaders!

David Fremont

Summary

More hilarious antics, more fast food, and more zany monsters combine in a treat middle grade graphic novel readers will devour in the second installment of the Carlton Crumple Creature Catcher series for fans of Lunch Lady and Dog Man.

Now that Carlton's an official Creature Catcher with the Shady Plains police department, he's on the hunt for a new monster.

While taking a snack break with his buddy and faithful assistant Lulu, suddenly one of their tater tots comes alive! And that little robot tot dude leads them to a whole underground world of evil potato creatures.

Holy bacon bits!

It's Carlton Crumple to the rescue, and he'll have to get to the root of the problem before everything becomes a mashed potato mess!

David Fremont bring even more rolling-on-the-floor humor and fast-food fun in the second installment in his bright and brilliant middle grade graphic novel series, which will especially appeal to fans of series like Lunch Lady and Dog Man.

Series Overview: A determined monster hunter battles mad-cap monsters in this hilarious hi-lo graphic novel series that fans of Lunch Lady and Dog Man will love gobbling down.

PIXEL INK SERIES AT-A-GLANCE!

Picture Books

Ages 4-7

STAR & STRIPE

#1 Grand Opening!

Ages 4-8

BEATRICE BLY'S RULES FOR SPIES

#1 Beatrice Bly's Rules for Spies #2 The Mystery Goo

BOOKER THE UBRARY BAT

#1 The New Guard

Younger Readers

Ages 5-7

MATHEMACHICKEN

#1 Hide and Go Beak

Ages 7-9



#1 The Triplets Get Charmed #2 Bestie Day #3 Fashionable Disaster #4 Trouble at Paw Park

TWIG AND TURTLE

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#2 Toy Store Trouble
#3 Quiet Please!
#4 Make New Friends, But Keep the Old
#5 Time for Teamwork
#6 No Hard Feelings

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Ages 8-10

CARDBOARDIA

#1 The Other Side of the Box #2 This Side Up

Ages 8-12

BLACK SAND BEACH

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#2 Do You Remember the Summer Before?
#3 Have You Seen the Darkness?

CARLTON CRUMPLE CREATURE CATCHER

#1 Catch the Munchies! #2 Tater Invaders! #3 Reptoids from Space

THE CURIOUS LEAGUE OF DETECTIVES AND THIEVES

#1 Egypt's Fire



#1 Trouble in Pizza Paradise #2 Eye of the Baloney Storm

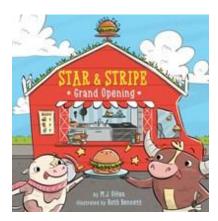


#1 When Life Gives You Lemons, Make Peach Pie #2 The Peach Pit



#1 Stealing Greenwich #2 Going Wild #3 No Admissions





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Series: Star and Stripe

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Star & Stripe 1: Grand Opening!

M. J. Offen

Summary

A brother and sister lock horns, then learn to hold hooves as they cook up a sweet new business venture in this vibrant Richard Scarry-esque picture book.

Since they were calves, Star and Stripe have dreamed of running their own restaurant. They love their mama's grassburgers and want to share them with the world, or at least the citizens of Critter City.

But agreeing on a plan for the restaurant? That's the hard part. Star wants it to be a fancy downtown restaurant. Stripe wants it to be a casual place on the beach. Butting heads, they crash into the perfect solution—a food truck!

There are so many decisions to make with their new business—how to decorate the truck, where to park it, when to open—but with Stripe at the grill and Star reeling in customers, the brother and sister realize that when they hold hooves and work together, great things happen!

Series Overview: Brother and sister pair Star and Stripe butt heads and learn to hold hooves again as they tackle challenges together in their community.

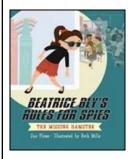
Contributor Bio

M.J. Offen is an original creator, writer, and producer. She has developed animated shows for Sesame Workshop, Nickelodeon, Disney Junior, and Cartoon Network. She lives in Los Angeles, California. *Star & Stripe: Grand Opening!* is her first book.

Author Residence: Los Angeles, CA

Ruth Bennett is an illustrator who loves creating fun, quirky characters that make kids giggle. She lives in Norfolk, England

Illustrator Residence: Norfolk, England



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32 Pages Ages 4 to 7, Grades P to 2 Juvenile Fiction / Mysteries & Detective Stories JUV028000 Series: Beatrice Bly's Rules for Spies

11 in H | 9 in W

Beatrice Bly's Rules for Spies 1: The Missing Hamster

Sue Fliess, Beth Mills

Summary

A young spy in training has to put her sneaky skills to the test when the class pet goes missing in this picture book series starter perfect for readers who love the excitement and intrigue of Tara Lazar's 7 Ate 9 and Josh Funk's Mission Defrostable.

Beatrice Bly isn't just a spy.

She's a super spy.

She knows all the rules.

She sneaks. She observes.

She follows the clues to find the culprit.

But when the class hamster, Edgar, goes missing, will Beatrice's spy training be enough to find out what happened?

Clever and determined, Beatrice Bly will win over young sleuths, teaching them problem solving and deduction skills as they scramble to figure out the case alongside her.

Contributor Bio

Sue Fliess is the author of over 35 children's books, including *The Princess and the Petri Dish*, Flash and Gleam, How to Find a Unicorn, Ninja Camp, numerous Little Golden Books, and more. As a kid, she occasionally spied on her parents, but was never as talented as Beatrice. Today she is sometimes known to sneak downstairs at night to eat the last piece of cake. Sue lives in Northern Virginia with her family and two dogs, and loves to travel, write, and read. Visit her website at www.suefliess.com.



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32 Pages Ages 4 to 7, Grades P to 2 Juvenile Fiction / Mysteries & Detective Stories JUV028000 Series: Beatrice Bly's Rules for Spies

11 in H | 9 in W

Beatrice Bly's Rules for Spies 2: Mystery Goo

Sue Fliess, Beth Mills

Summary

Young spy-in-training Beatrice Bly finds herself in a sticky mess when her latest case pulls her attention away from planning for the science fair.

After using her keen observation skills to locate the missing class hamster, Beatrice Bly is eager for a new case, and when a sticky mystery goo shows up on her desk, she's ready. What is it? Where did it come from? Beatrice is entirely focused on finding out.

Except that Beatrice is supposed to be figuring out a science fair project with her best friend Nora.

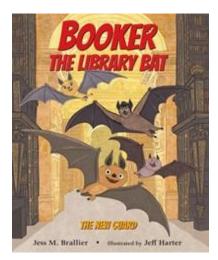
Can scientific investigation combine with spy technique to solve both problems?

Spy-in-training Beatrice Bly returns in the second book in the Beatrice Bly's Rules for Spies series, using problem solving, deduction, and STEAM skills in an exciting, fun way. Young sleuths will be eager to get in on the action.

Contributor Bio

Sue Fliess is the author of over 40 children's books, including *Beatrice Bly's Rules for Spies: The Missing Hamster, Goldilocks and The Three Engineers, Rumble and Roar, Sadie Sprocket Builds a Rocket,* numerous Little Golden Books, and more. When she was young, she got caught spying on her older sister. It didn't end well and likely turned her off of becoming a spy later. Which is probably good, as she is better at writing than spying. Sue lives in Northern Virginia with her family and two dogs, and loves to travel, write, and read. Visit her website at www.suefliess.com.

Beth Mills is an illustrator who also occasionally writes things. She is from Texas and says "y'all" and "howdy" unironically. She enjoys all kinds of art, reads voraciously, and spends as much time as possible creating or illustrating stories. Beth's favorite things to draw are quirky characters, animals in clothes, and monsters.



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Hardcover

Booker the Library Bat 1: The New Guard

Jess Brallier, Jeff Harter

Summary

The launch of a picture book series about the adventures of a book-loving bat and his buddies as they patrol and protect their library home.

Booker the bat has completed his training and he's excited to report for duty as the newest quard at the Joanina Library in Coimbra, Portugal. His job is to fly through the stacks at night, gobbling down the bugs that are in turn eating the 200,000 antique leather books. It's the perfect job for Booker, because he loves to read. And now he's saving books!

There's only one problem: how will he fit in with the other guards? They're so cool and confident, and what if they don't like him?

But when Booker spots a human attempting to steal pages from one of the valuable books, he summons his courage, (echo)locates the other bat guards, and swoops in with a plan to save the day!

Series Overview: A bat learns how to protect the books he loves from all sorts of threats in this picture book series full of fun facts and adventures.

Contributor Bio

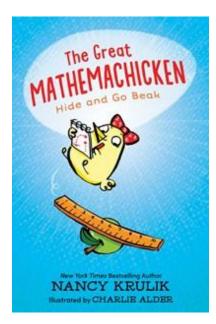
Jess M. Brailler is a publisher working in various media—books, websites, apps, and virtual worlds including Poptropica. The author of more than thirty books for children and adults, including Tess's Tree, he lives in New York City with his wife.

Author Residence: New York, NY

Jeff Harter is a freelance illustrator, character designer, and a professor of Illustration at Cleveland Institute of Art.

He worked as a staff artist for the Walt Disney Animation Studio and Disney Consumer Products, and later for American Greetings, created two animated children's comedies for Disney XD and the CBBC and won the Chairman's grand award for Creativity and Innovation. Jeff's favorite childhood stories inspired him to imagine that he might just find a white rabbit late for an important date, a Scarecrow alongside a yellow brick road, or perhaps even Santa Claus building toys in his workshop somewhere nearby. He lives in Northeast Ohio with his wonderful wife and three amazing daughters. Visit him online at www.https://www.jeffharter.com.

Illustrator Residence: Aurora, Ohio



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96 Pages Ages 5 to 8, Grades K to 3 Juvenile Fiction / Readers JUV044000

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The Great Mathemachicken 1: Hide and Go Beak

Nancy Krulik, Charlie Alder

Summary

A new young chapter book series about a chicken who loves math, science, and learning new things--by *New York Times* bestselling author Nancy Krulik for fans of Unlimited Squirrel and Bumble and Bee.

Chirpy is a young chicken stuck in the family coop. But she's not like the other chickens who just sit around peck peck pecking all day. She's intrigued by the children who come home from a place called school. They always look so happy! (Well, most days.)

So Chirpy sneaks onto the bus one morning, hides in the classroom . . . and discovers a true love of math. When she shares what she's learned with the other chickens, they think she's one kernel short of a cob.

Even so, Chirpy is determined to find a formula for fowl success by pecking away. But when a hungry fox tries to attack the coop, can she find the equation for a simple solution?

With lively two-color art throughout and a fun hands-on simple machine activity, this eggs-ellent hilarious young chapter book series starter is a Grade-A pick for emerging readers to get them eggs-ited about science and math.

Series Overview: From international bestelling author, Nancy Krulk, a chick with a love of learning uses her new math and science knowledge to solve big problems in the coop.

Contributor Bio

Nancy Krulik is the author of more than 200 books for children and young adults, three of them *New York Times* bestsellers. Her series, including How I Survived Middle School, Katie Kazoo Switcheroo, George Brown, Class Clown, Magic Bone, Project Droid, Princess Pulverizer, and Ms. Frogbottom's Field Trips are beloved around the world.

Nancy lives in Manhattan with her husband, composer Daniel Burwasser. Visit her online at www.realnancykrulik.com.

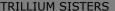
Author Residence: New York, NY

Author Hometown: Cherry Hill, NJ

Charlie Alder has written and illustrated many books for children, including *Daredevil Duck* and *Chicken Break!* She lives in Devon, England, with her husband and son. When not drawing chickens, Charlie can be found in her studio drinking coffee, arranging her crayons, and inventing more accidental animal heroes.

Visit her online at www.charliealder.com.

Illustrator Residence: Devon, England





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Twig and Turtle 1: Big Move to a Tiny House

Jennifer Richard Jacobson 9781645950219 On Sale Date: 10/20 Ages 7 to 9, Grades 2 to 4 \$14.99 USD 112 pages Hardcover Juvenile Fiction / Family / Siblings Series: Twig and Turtle

Returnable: Y

7.9 in H | 5.2 in W | 0.5 in T | 0.4 lb Wt

Family, friendship, new school challenges, and a rather large dog problem combine as sisters adjust to their new tiny house life in this charming chapter book series starter from award-winning author Jennifer Richard Jacobson. Perfect for fans of Ivy and Bean and Judy Moody.

In a tiny house, 3 shirts + 3 pants = 9 different outfits

Eight- and six-year-old sisters Twig and Turtle are excited and curious about their new small town in Colorado. And for their cool, tiny house! Their family is united in living more simply, and not stressing out the Earth's resources. But the move comes with a major problem: How do you fit a Great Dane in a tiny house?

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Twig and Turtle 2: Toy Store Trouble

Jennifer Richard Jacobson 9781645950240 On Sale Date: 10/20 Ages 7 to 9, Grades 2 to 4 \$14.99 USD 112 pages Hardcover Juvenile Fiction / Family / Siblings Series: Twig

and Turtle Returnable: Y

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A new toy store in town and a present that comes with all kinds of problems cause Twig and Turtle to question rules that don't always make sense in the second book of the Twig and Turtle chapter book series. Perfect for fans of Ivy and Bean and Judy Moody.

Having fun isn't supposed to be such hard work!

In their tiny house, the rule is Twig and Turtle are each allowed to have five toys. With a new toy store opening in town, the rule is creating a big problem--getting a new toy means giving up one they love. But when the girls realize that the owner has very old-fashioned ideas about who should play with what kinds of toys, changing her mind might be the biggest problem of all.

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Twig and Turtle 3: Quiet Please!

Jennifer Richard Jacobson 9781645950448 On Sale Date: 2/16 Ages 7 to 9, Grades 2 to 4 \$14.99 USD 112 pages Hardcover Juvenile Fiction / Family / Siblings Series: Twig

and Turtle Returnable: Y

7.9 in H | 5.2 in W | 0.5 in T | 0.4 lb Wt

Tiny house living leads to big drama as Twig tries to clock reading hours to bring her class a victory in this third installment of the Twig and Turtle series. Perfect for fans of Ivy and Bean and Judy Moody.

The tiny house is too loud!

Twig's participating in her school's read-a-thon, but it's hard to concentrate with Dad watching TV, and Turtle trying to blow gum bubbles or showing off the tiny house to curious passers-by. And when Twig's classmate Matteo starts logging more reading time than her, she's desperate to get back her lead, even if it means staying up way past her bedtime.

But when Mom and Dad find out what's been going on, it's time to make some changes to the tiny house rules. Can they find a way to make alone time in a family that's so squished together?

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Twig and Turtle 4: Make New Friends, But Keep the Old

Jennifer Richard Jacobson 9781645950530 On Sale Date: 5/18 Ages 7 to 9, Grades 2 to 4 \$14.99 USD 112 pages Hardcover Juvenile Fiction / Family / Siblings Series: Twig and Turtle

Returnable: Y

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Friendship woes and a visit from Grandma push Twig to find her voice in the fourth book in the Twig and Turtle chapter book series, perfect for fans of Ivy and Bean and Judy Moody.

Speaking up can be super hard.

Just when Twig thinks she's finally found a new best friend, Angela's former BFF, Effie, comes back to town. And to Twig, Effie is anything but friendly. With Effie hogging the spotlight and Angela's time, Twig has never felt so alone. And while Twig's little sister, Turtle, can be a lot of fun to hang out with, she doesn't replace a best friend.

Then Grandma comes to visit, bringing with too much clutter and too many strong opinions for the tiny house, and it all becomes too much. Will Twig be able to find her voice without hurting anyone's feelings?

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Twig and Turtle 5: Time for Teamwork

Jennifer Richard Jacobson 9781645950776 On Sale Date: 11/16 Ages 7 to 9, Grades 2 to 4 \$14.99 USD 112 pages Hardcover Juvenile Fiction / Family / Siblings Series: Twig

and Turtle Returnable: Y

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A handy girl business quickly becomes a headache when Twig stretches herself too thin and has to ask her friends for help in the fifth book in the Twig and Turtle chapter book series, perfect for fans of Ivy and Bean and Judy Moody.

Inspired by helping out at Sudsy's, Twig sets up her own business doing odd jobs. Little sister Turtle, Angela, David, and all of Twig's other friends want to be a part of this new venture, too, but Twig is determined that she wants to do this all on her own. And she's really good at it!

But success can be very tricky, and when Twig overpromises her services to too many people, she doesn't know where to turn. Her DYI is looking like it's destined for disaster. Thankfully, a sister and some good friends know the perfect fix for her big problem: some elbow grease and a little teamwork.

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Twig and Turtle 6: No Hard Feelings

Jennifer Richard Jacobson 9781645950806 On Sale Date: 3/29 Ages 7 to 9, Grades 2 to 4 \$14.99 USD 112 pages Hardcover Juvenile Fiction / Family / Siblings Series: Twig

and Turtle
Returnable: Y

7.9 in H | 5.3 in W | 0.5 in T | 0.4 lb Wt

Twig learns that failing doesn't make you a failure—it just opens up possibilities in the sixth book in the beloved Twig and Turtle chapter book series, perfect for fans of Ivy and Bean and Judy Moody.

Sometimes "no" is just the beginning.

Lately, Twig's been having a tough time. Her best friend is too busy to hang out with her. And then she isn't picked for a special dinner with her favorite pop star. It's all so unfair!

When Dad realizes Twig is feeling low, he tells her a way to take the sting out of rejection. You go out and look for ways to be turned down. The more you do it, the less it hurts. Soon, Twig and her whole family have turned hunting for nos into a fun game. But are some nos just too hard to face?



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Cardboardia 1: The Other Side of the Box

Lucy Campagnolo, Richard Fairgray

Summary

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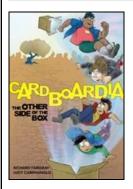
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Richard Fairgray 9781645950004 On Sale Date: 4/16 Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7 \$22.99 USD 192 pages Hardcover Juvenile Fiction / Comics & Graphic Novels / Action & Adventure

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CARLTON CRUMPLE Pixel+Ink



Carlton Crumple Creature Catcher 1: Catch the Munchies!

David Fremont 9781645950011 On Sale Date: 8/4 Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7 \$12.99 USD 128 pages Hardcover

Humorous

Series: Carlton Crumple Creature Catcher

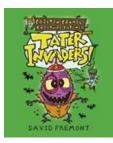
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Fast food, monsters, and super funny, madcap adventure combine in this graphic novel series starter as Carlton Crumple sets out to stop the Munchie monsters from taking over every Chubbzy Cheeseburger in America! Fans of series like Lunch Lady and Dog Man will gobble this down.

CARLTON CRUMPLE



Carlton Crumple Creature Catcher 2: Tater Invaders!

David Fremont 9781645950066 On Sale Date: 2/2 Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7 \$12.99 USD 136 pages Hardcover Juvenile Fiction / Comics & Graphic Novels /

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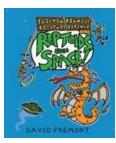
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More hilarious antics, more fast food, and more zany monsters combine in a treat middle grade graphic novel readers will devour in the second installment of the Carlton Crumple Creature Catcher series for fans of Lunch Lady and Dog Man.

CARLTON CRUMPLE



Carlton Crumple Creature Catcher 3: Reptoids from Space

David Fremont 9781645950080 On Sale Date: 10/5 Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7 \$12.99 USD 128 pages Hardcover

Juvenile Fiction / Comics & Graphic Novels /

Series: Carlton Crumple Creature Catcher

Returnable: Y

7.3 in H | 6.3 in W | 0.5 in T | 0.7 lb Wt

An out-of-this-world new adventure in a very funny graphic novel series that combines fast food, monsters, and battle! Fans of Lunch Lady and Dog Man will gobble this down.

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Carlton Crumple Creature Catcher 1: Catch the Munchies!

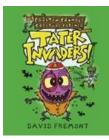
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\$7.99 USD
128 pages
Trade Paperback
Juvenile Fiction / Comics & Graphic Novels /
Humorous

Series: Carlton Crumple Creature Catcher Returnable: Y 0.8 lb Wt

David Fremont

Fast food, monsters, and an super funny, madcap adventure combine in this graphic novel series starter as Carlton Crumple sets out to stop the Munchie monsters from taking over every Chubbzy Cheeseburger in America! Fans of series like Lunch Lady and Dog Man will gobble this down.

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Carlton Crumple Creature Catcher 2: Tater Invaders!

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On Sale Date: 2/21
Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7
\$8.99 USD
136 pages
Trade Paperback
Juvenile Fiction / Comics & Graphic Novels /
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Series: Carlton Crumple Creature Catcher

Returnable: Y 0.8 lb Wt

More hilarious antics, more fast food, and more zany monsters combine in a treat middle grade graphic novel readers will devour in the second installment of the Carlton Crumple Creature Catcher series for fans of Lunch Lady and Dog Man.



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352 Pages Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7 Juvenile Fiction / Mysteries & Detective Stories JUV028000

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The Curious League of Detectives and Thieves 1: Egypt's Fire

Tom Phillips

Summary

"The Curious League of Detectives and Thieves is a great ride, but you don't have to take my word for it." —LeVar Burton

Follow the world's greatest detective you've never heard of in this madcap middle grade mystery for fans of *A Series of Unfortunate Events* and *Enola Holmes*.

After twelve-year-old John Boarhog's mom dies, the last thing he wants is to be schlepped off to the Jersey Home for Boys, where kids are forced to make skinny jeans for hipsters and are fed nothing but kale. Instead, he makes himself a snug home in the ceiling of the New York Museum of Natural History, where he reads anything he get his hands on and explores the artifacts afterhours.

But when a rare Egyptian ruby—the highlight of the museum's new exhibit—goes missing, John is accused of the crime. That is until the unpredictable Inspector Toadius McGee sweeps in to wrestle control of the case, certain that the true culprit is a notorious criminal he's been tracking for years.

John quickly becomes the Watson to Toadius's Holmes as they race from Broadway to back alleys to a speak-easy that only serves root beer. And along the way, John uncovers secrets about his own past, including that he's a lot more involved in this web of endearing ne'er-do-wells than he ever could have imagined.

A love letter to classic middle grade, *Egypt's Fire* introduces a remarkable new duo that will steal your heart as surely as it leaves you begging for their next grand adventure.

A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection

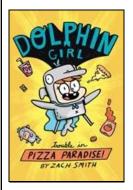
Series Overview: The Curious League of Detectives and Thieves is a quirky, voice-y, madcap mystery/adventure series perfect for fans of A Series of Unfortunate Events, The Mysterious Benedict Society, and Enola Holmes.

Contributor Bio

Despite a lifelong struggle with dyslexia, **Tom Phillips** grew up with a passion for storytelling. He writes books that kids can enjoy on their own, but also read aloud and share. He's had a long career as an editor and artist for clients such as LeVar Burton Kids, HBO, Disney, and ABC, and is currently writing a screenplay for a major studio. An armchair Sherlockian, Tom lives in Los Angeles with his lovely wife and his dog, Dr. Watson.

Author Residence: Los Angeles, California

Author Hometown: Colorado



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144 Pages
Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7
Juvenile Fiction / Comics &
Graphic Novels
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Series: Dolphin Girl
9.3 in H | 6.3 in W | 0.6 in T

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Dolphin Girl 1: Trouble in Pizza Paradise!

Zach Smith

Summary

Dive into a hilarious new middle grade graphic novel series as superhero-in-training Dolphin Girl faces off against fearsome(ish) foes to save her Midwest suburban town. Perfect for fans of Zita the Space Girl and Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur.

In small-town Deerburbia, Michigan, young superhero Dolphin Girl and her dad, Captain Dewgong, are planning their tropical-themed restaurant, Pizza Paradise. But danger is never far away.

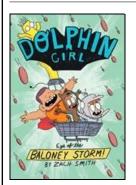
One day, while her dad is training her in signature moves (Blowhole cannon! Extreme breath holding!), they get word that their rivals are up to no good. It's time to swim into action!

But when Captain Dugong flakes on Dolphin Girl, she must summon her inner sea mammal and flip the situation. Recruiting Pizza Paradise's gamemaster Keith to help, it's time to sink the Sea Cow and save the day!

With a lot of silliness, spirit, and sea creature sass, *Trouble in Pizza Paradise!* introduces a new superhero sure to make a super splash!

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224 Pages

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Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7 Juvenile Fiction / Comics & Graphic Novels JUV008020 Series: Dolphin Girl 9.3 in H | 6.3 in W | 0.7 in T

Dolphin Girl 2: Eye of the Baloney Storm

Zach Smith

Summary

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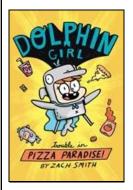
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224 Pages

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256 Pages Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7 Juvenile Fiction / Family JUV013000 Series: The Great Peach Experiment

8.6 in H | 5.7 in W | 0.9 in T | 0.7 lb Wt

The Great Peach Experiment 1: When Life Gives You Lemons, Make Peach Pie

Erin Soderberg Downing

Summary

Mix together a used food truck, a road trip that doesn't exactly go as planned, and a *lot* of pie, and you have the recipe for this sweet middle grade series starter brimming with humor, heart, and a family you'll fall in love with. Perfect for readers who gobbled down *The Penderwicks* and *The Vanderbeeks of 141st Street*.

Sweet summer has taken a rotten turn . . .

After a tough year, Lucy, Freddy, and Herb Peach are ready for vacation. Lucy wants to read all of the books on the summer reading list. Freddy wants to work on his art projects (when he isn't stuck in summer school). Herb wants to swim every day.

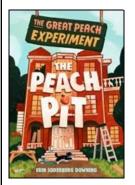
Then their dad makes a big announcement: one of the inventions their mom came up with before she passed away has sold, and now they're millionaires!

But Dad has bigger plans than blowing the cash on fun stuff or investing it. He's bought a used food truck. The Peaches are going to spend the summer traveling the country selling pies. It will be the Great Peach Experiment--a summer of bonding while living out one of Mom's dreams. Summer plans, sunk. And there's one more issue Dad's neglected: none of them knows how to bake. . . .

A perfect blend of humor, heart, and family antics, *When Life Gives You Lemons, Make Peach Pie* is a delectable treat to be gobbled down or savored slowly. (Slice of pie on the side, optional, but highly recommended.)

A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection

Series Overview: When they inherit a small fortune, the Peaches undertake all kinds of mad-cap business



Pixel+Ink 9781645950363 Pub Date: 4/26/22 On Sale Date: 4/26/22 \$17.99 USD Hardcover

320 Pages Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7 Juvenile Fiction / Family JUV013070 Series: The Great Peach Experiment

8.5 in H | 5.7 in W | 1 in T | 0.9 lb Wt

The Great Peach Experiment 2: The Peach Pit

Erin Soderberg Downing

Summary

Hammer together a mission to turn a crumbling mansion into a cozy bed-and-breakfast, a treasure map, and a family trying to figure out their new normal to build this charming middle grade bursting with humor, heart, and hope.

Much to their surprise, the Peaches had a great summer running their food truck business selling their pies across the Mid-West, but they're happy to be back home in Duluth, Minnesota, where they can settle back into a routine just in time for the new school year.

That is until Great Aunt Lucinda drops a big surprise on them: She wants to gift them her historic mansion. But there are conditions: they're to turn it into a cozy and welcoming bed-and-breakfast, something the Peach kids' mom always dreamed of before she passed away. And they only have until Thanksgiving to do the renovations and prove they can make the business work. It looks like it's a new chapter of The Great Peach Experiment.

But as the Peaches roll up their sleeves, they quickly realize the house is more of a pit than a welcoming escape. And as the family juggles builders, possible hauntings, doggie obedience training, a treasure hunt, and the demands and worries of work and school, they soon realize that there are wonderful secrets hidden within the house's walls, if only they can take the time to see them.

Interspersed with sketches, recipes, lists, and more, *The Peach Pit* is a delicious sequel to *When Life Gives You Lemons, Make Peach Pie*, combining humor, heartache, a little mystery, and a lot of love, to build another incredible read.

Series Overview: When they inherit a small fortune, the Peaches undertake all kinds of mad-cap business ventures together with varying levels of success, even as they find their way back to being a family.

Contributor Bio

Erin Soderberg Downing has written more than fifty books for kids, tweens, and young adults, including



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272 Pages Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7 Juvenile Fiction / Family JUV013000 Series: The Great Peach Experiment

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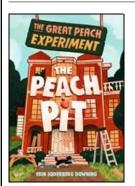
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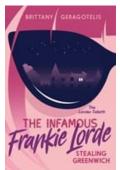
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Frankie Lorde Pixel+Ink



The Infamous Frankie Lorde 1: Stealing Greenwich

Brittany Geragotelis
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Hardcover

Juvenile Fiction / Mysteries & Detective Stories Series: The Infamous Frankie Lorde

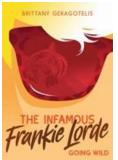
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The Infamous Frankie Lorde 2: Going Wild

Brittany Geragotelis
9781645950578
On Sale Date: 8/3
Ages 10 And Up, Grades 5 And Up
\$18.99 USD
304 pages
Hardcover
Juvenile Fiction / Law & Crime
Series: The Infamous Frankie Lorde

Returnable: Y

8.5 in H | 5.8 in W | 1 in T | 0.8 lb Wt

Tiger King meets Ocean's 8 in this slick second book in the Infamous Frankie Lorde series as potentially reformed international thief Frankie dives into the dangerous and political world of trafficking exotic animals. Perfect for fans of Ally Carter's Gallagher Girls and Heist Society.

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The Infamous Frankie Lorde 3: No Admissions

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\$18.99 USD
304 pages
Hardcover
Juvenile Fiction / Law & Crime
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Returnable: Y

1.3 lb Wt

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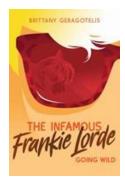


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320 Pages Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7 Juvenile Fiction / Mysteries & Detective Stories JUV028000 Series: The Swallowtail Legacy

8.5 in H | 5.7 in W | 1.1 in T | 0.9 lb Wt

The Swallowtail Legacy 1: Wreck at Ada's Reef

Michael D. Beil

Summary

A vibrant contemporary mystery with a classic feel about grappling with grief, righting past wrongs, redefining family, and finding yourself.

Twelve-year-old Lark Heron-Finch is steeling herself to spend the summer on Swallowtail Island off the shores of Lake Erie. It's the first time she and her sister will have seen the old house since their mom passed away. The island's always been full of happy memories—and with a step father and his boys and no mom, now everything is different.

When Nadine, a close family friend, tells Lark about a tragic boat accident that happened off the coast many years before, Lark's enthralled with the story. Nadine's working on a book about Dinah Purdy, Swallowtails's oldest resident who had a connection to the crash, and she's sure that the accident was not as it appeared. Impressed by Lark's keen eye, she hires her as her research assistant for the summer.

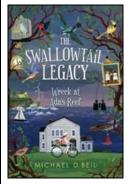
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A compelling and complex mystery with a classic feel, *Wreck at Ada's Reef* is perfect for fans of *The Parker Inheritance*, *Holes, The Westing Game*, and anyone looking for a satisfying puzzle that stretches across decades.

Series Overview: A twelve-year-old uncovers a decades-old mystery on the island where she's spending the summer in this soon-to-be-a-classic from an Edgar nominee.

Contributor Bio

In a time not long after the fifth extinction event, Edgar Award-nominated author Michael D. Beil came of age



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