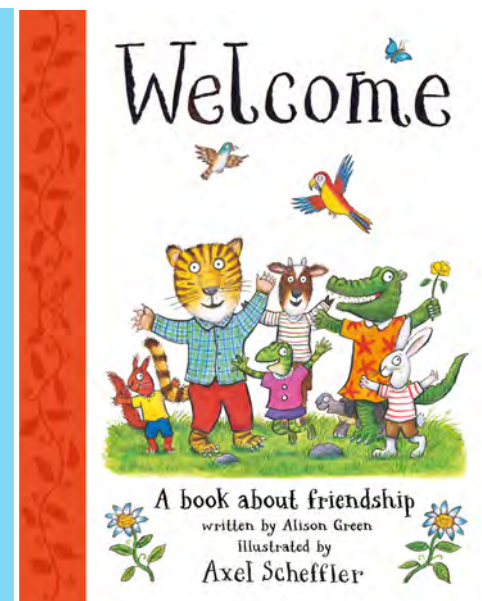


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Publication date **Thursday, June 05, 2025**
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 BIC 2.0 **Comic Strip Fiction / Graphic Novels (Children's/Ya) (YFW)**

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Pluto Rocket: Full Blast

Paul Gilligan (Illustrated By Paul Gilligan)

Keynote

Pluto Rocket and Joe Pidge return with a blast in the third book of this hilarious new early graphic novel series, for fans of Narwhal and Jelly!

Description

Pluto Rocket and Joe Pidge return with a blast in the third book of this hilarious new early graphic novel series, for fans of Narwhal and Jelly!

Pluto Rocket and her all-knowing life coach Joe Pidge are back with a blast - and this time they are leaving the safety of their neighbourhood!

But Joe is way out of his comfort zone, and it turns out that even the most daring of pigeons gets scared sometimes! So it's up to the intrepid Pluto Rocket to make him feel safe.

When the friends embark on a rocket building quest, they realise they both have a lot to learn - but are the dynamic duo up to the challenge?

Sales Points

- Full of fun jokes and colourful cartoon artwork, perfect for fans of Bunny vs Monkey and Narwhal and Jelly
- The third instalment of the graphic novel series for younger readers that follows Joe Pidge and his alien friend on their adventures
- A high-profile author who writes and draws a syndicated comic strip running in over 250 newspapers worldwide

Reviews

- '-- Praise for Pluto Rocket' - --
- 'Its saucy vibe and Pluto's boundless curiosity, optimism, and extraterrestrial wizardry will easily melt even the most streetwise bird's heart' - *Publisher's Weekly*
- 'Uncluttered, colorful cartoon art helps tell this sweetly funny story of the eager adventurer Pluto and her guide, Joe, who transforms from braggart to best friend. Humor and dynamic characters create a tale of cooperation, sharing, and friendship' - *Kirkus Reviews*
- 'Gilligan wraps lessons about sharing, friendship and community in a colourful graphic novel package full of humour and sass. . . . Readers will be clamoring to read the next installment of this new series full of heart' - *CM Reviews*

Author Biography

Paul Gilligan writes and draws the syndicated comic strip Pooch Cafe with Andrews McMeel, which runs in over 250 newspapers around the world and has been twice nominated by the National Cartoonist Society for best strip. He also has other animated shows in development with Guru Animation and The Cartoon Network. Paul lives in Toronto, Ontario.

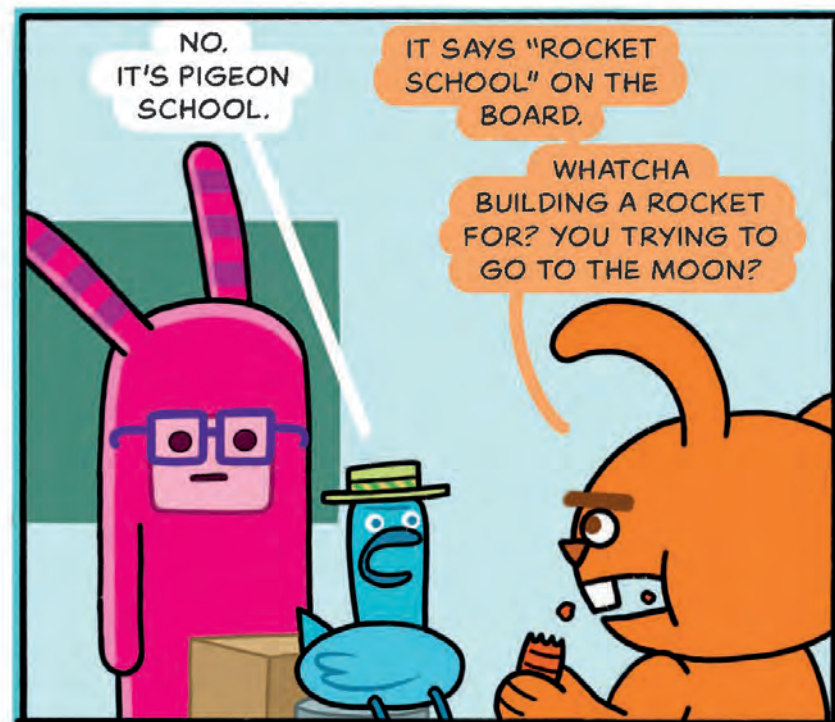
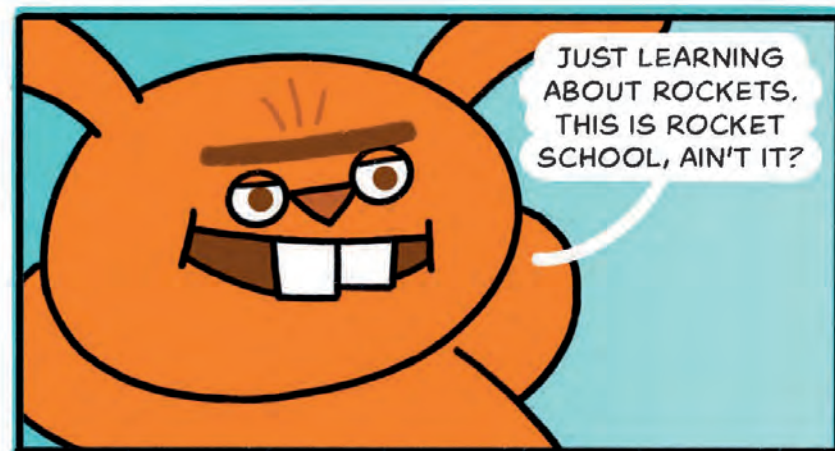
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The Invisibles

Susie Bower

Keynote

A fantastical adventure about four immortal children and the evil forces threatening their magical home

Description

Beware the Creature imprisoned in the Maze. A terrible fate awaits any child who gazes upon her...

In the Land of Magic, children never grow old. Gifted with marvellous powers, they spend their days being taught by the magical books of Library Island. But for one child, this life is not enough, and the call of the Island of Darkness is too strong to ignore.

When Grace wakes up in Wasteland, the colourless city where grown-ups live, she no longer remembers the Land of Magic. She doesn't even remember her own name. Alone and afraid, Grace discovers that Wasteland is no place for a child. A terrifying figure called the Catcher is looking for her, and the only clue to Grace's past is guarded by a group of mysteriously invisible children, who have branded her a traitor.

Can Grace uncover the secret of the invisible children, and find her way back to the Land of Magic, or will she be trapped in Wasteland for good?

Sales Points

- With echoes of *Peter Pan*, this book is perfect for fans of Katherine Rundell and Jenny McLachlan's *The Land of Roar*.
- A delightful new magical adventure from Susie Bower, author of *School for Nobodies*.
- A charmingly original world, filled with talking books, magical ballet shoes and invisible children.

Author Biography

Susie Bower has been a teacher, a tour-guide, a typist, a workshop facilitator, a PA and a painter. She wrote and directed TV programmes for children at the BBC and Channel 4, for which she won a BAFTA Award. Along with *The Invisibles*, her children's books—*School for Nobodies*, *The Three Impossibles*, *The Dangerous Life of Ophelia Bottom* and *Shoo!*—are also available from Pushkin Children's. Susie lives in Devon.

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The Darkness Within Us

Tricia Levenseller

Keynote

A new paperback edition of the darkly mesmerising YA romantasy that follows a young Duchess and the powerful heir determined to steal her inheritance

Description

Chrysantha Stathos has won.

By hiding her intelligence and ambition behind the mask of a beautiful air-headed girl, she has become a wealthy duchess. And, once her elderly husband dies, she will have all the freedom, money, and safety she's ever wanted.

Or so she thought.

A man claiming to be the estranged grandson of Chrysantha's lecherous late husband has turned up to steal her inheritance. To make matters worse, her little sister is going to be queen and is rubbing it in her face.

Chrysantha decides that the only thing to do is upstage Alessandra at her own wedding. And as for this grandson, he has to go. Never mind that he's extremely handsome and secretive with mysterious powers... No, Chrysantha wants Eryx Demos dead, and in the end, a Stathos girl always gets what she wants.

Sales Points

- Classic high fantasy rich in **romance and royal intrigue** - perfect for readers of **Sarah J. Maas, Leigh Bardugo** and **Cassandra Clare**
- A wickedly delightful companion to *The Shadows Between Us*, which has **sold over 320,000 copies** in worldwide
- An irresistible, decadent fantasy novel from Tricia Levenseller - set to be the next **must-read YA fantasy author**

Reviews

- 'Features a **clever and deadly heroine** who is **just as much a beauty as a beast**. Fans of Alessandra are sure to fall just as hard for Chrysantha' - Kathryn Purdie, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Bone Crier's Moon and The Forest Grimm
- '- - Praise for *The Shadows Between Us*' - -
- 'A **viciously satisfying romance** featuring two well-matched opponents' - *Booklist*
- '**Dark, mesmerizing, and completely addictive**. With a gripping mystery and layered characters, it's a **glittering tale of love and the pursuit of power**' - Kerri Maniscalco, author of Kingdom of the Wicked

Author Biography

TRICIA LEVENSELLER is from a small town in Oregon and now lives in Utah with her bossy dog, Rosy. When she's not writing or reading, Tricia enjoys putting together jigsaw puzzles, playing video games, and finding tasty restaurants to frequent. Her books include *Daughter of the Pirate King*, *Daughter of the Siren Queen*, *Vengeance of the Pirate Queen*, *The Shadows between Us*, *The Darkness Within Us*, *Warrior of the Wild*, *Blade of Secrets*, and *Master of Iron*, all published by Pushkin Press.

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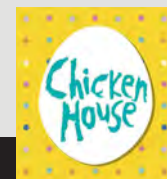
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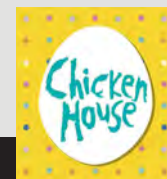
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"I love the summer,
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Sunshine,
green leaves,
blue sky. . ."

YAWN!

"Yes. Squirrel.
The days seem to
go on forever."



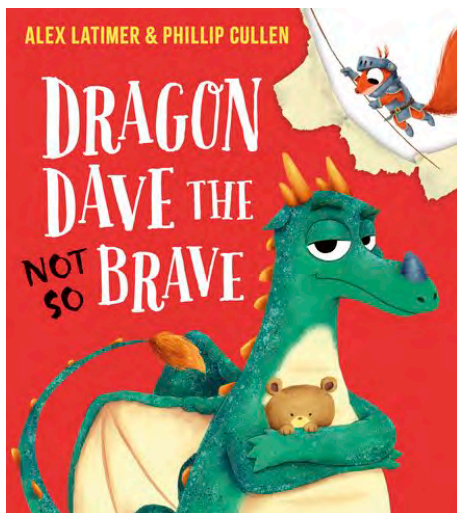
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going,
Bird?"

"I'm going home.
It's bedtime."

PICTURE & NOVELTY

DRAGON DAVE THE (NOT-SO) BRAVE (PB)

ALEX LATIMER Illustrated by PHILLIP CULLEN



Have you ever wanted to change how a story ends? Then this is the picture book for you!

Help! Dragon Dave has been stuck in this book **FOREVER**.

He **really** wants to get out. The story always has a very **sticky ending** . . .

But when Prince George shows Dave that words can be re-written, will Dave be **brave** enough to change his story?

Key selling points

- Written by master storyteller Alex Latimer, author of many picture books, including Pip & Egg.
- Illustrated by new rising talent Phillip Cullen.
- Features important messages, subtly woven into a child-friendly story, with bags of humour and fun.
- Encourages children to be brave, question often, and to embrace change when it feels right.

About the author: Alex Latimer is a South African author and illustrator based in Cape Town. His books include PIP AND EGG, THE BOY WHO CRIED NINJA, AM I YOURS? and LULA AND THE SEA MONSTER.
9780702340390

About the illustrator: Phillip is an illustrator from Dublin. He Studied Classical Animation at BCFE and has worked for over 10 years in the Youth and Community sector using creative arts to teach children and young people. He is the illustrator of THE FRIENDSHIP FAIRIES series by Lucy Kennedy. DRAGON DAVE THE (NOT-SO) BRAVE is his first picture book.
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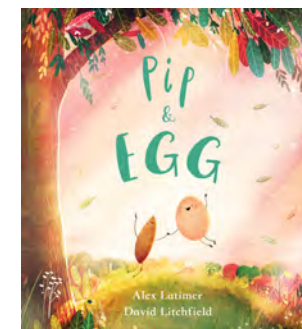
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ALEX LATIMER Illustrated by PHILLIP CULLEN

"I think we've made enough changes," said Prince George.
"Shall we head back to the beginning and see how the story goes now?"

"OOH! YES!" shouted Dave.

They could hardly wait.

They ran as fast as they could . . .

back through the book . . .

right to page one . . .



PICTURE & NOVELTY

THE UNICORN WHO CAME TO SCHOOL (PB)

LUCY ROWLAND Illustrated by MIKE BYRNE



A sparkling picture book about one girl's unforgettable first day of school with a UNICORN!

The first day of school can be worrying. But it's hard to feel scared when a unicorn is your new classmate! And what do unicorns do for FUN?

*Start a conga dance through school? YES.
Chomp up everyone's food at lunchtime? OOPS . . . YES!
Make everyone have the BEST first day ever? **OBVIOUSLY!***

Key selling points

- A mischievous, funny text by award-winning author Lucy Rowland.
- Super fun and brilliantly bright illustrations by bestselling creator Mike Byrne, the illustrator behind *The Pumpkin Who Was Afraid of the Dark*, *The Unicorn Who Came to Breakfast* and many more.
- The perfect picture book to have children giggling away and calm their nerves before their first day at school.

About the author: From a young age, **Lucy Rowland** loved reading and listening to poetry. As a children's book author, Lucy likes to create stories with quirky characters, laugh-out-loud moments and irresistible rhymes.
@lucymayrowland

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About the illustrator: **Mike Byrne** has illustrated THERE'S A TROLL ON MY TOILET, WHO POOED IN MY LOO and THERE IS A SPIDER IN THIS BOOK. Mike grew up on the Wirral near Liverpool, moved to Wales to study illustration and now lives in the countryside with his wife and sons.
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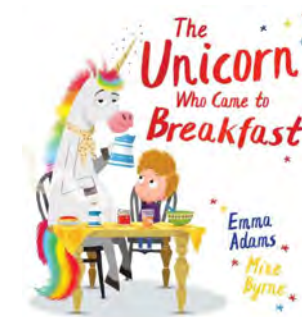
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PICTURE & NOVELTY

THE UNICORN WHO CAME TO SCHOOL (PB)

LUCY ROWLAND Illustrated by MIKE BYRNE

Then walked up to the big school gate.

But, "Who is that?"
I gave a cry.
"A UNICORN?"
He shouted, "Hi!"

"My name is Sparkle."
(Woah! So cool!)
He said, "Please can
I come to school?"

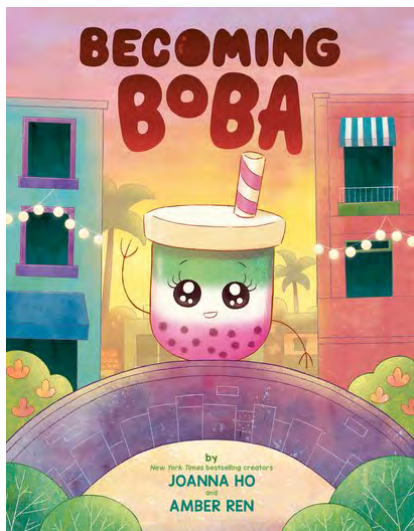
I grinned, "Of course!"
He said, "Oh, wow!"
First day of school
felt better now.



PICTURE & NOVELTY

BECOMING BOBA

JOANNA HO Illustrated by AMBER REN



A super-fun picture book about bubble tea and being yourself!

Milk Tea Town was steeped in tradition. That is, until... Mindy came along.

Worried about not being milk tea enough, Mindy decides to dive into their history so she can be less different. As she and her friends embark on this journey, they make a surprising discovery about the truth behind milk tea that could change the town forever...

Key selling points

- From New York Times bestselling creators Joanna Ho and Amber Ren!
- A charming and delightful story about self-love and being true to who you are, featuring an underlying message about identity and the immigrant experience
- Filled with adorable illustrations that will bring a smile to little ones faces, and those sharing the story with them

About the Author: Joanna Ho is an award-winning and New York Times bestselling author of many children's books, and she has also been a teacher, program designer and high school administrator. Her passion for equity in books and education is matched only by her love of homemade chocolate chip cookies, outdoors adventures and dance parties with her kids.
www.joannahowrites.com

About the Illustrator: Amber Ren is a visual development artist specializing in background paint, colour styling, and children's book illustration. Amber is currently working in the animation industry and illustrating picture books during her free time. Her debut picture book *BECAUSE* written by Mo Willems is a New York Times Best Seller.
www.amber-ren.com

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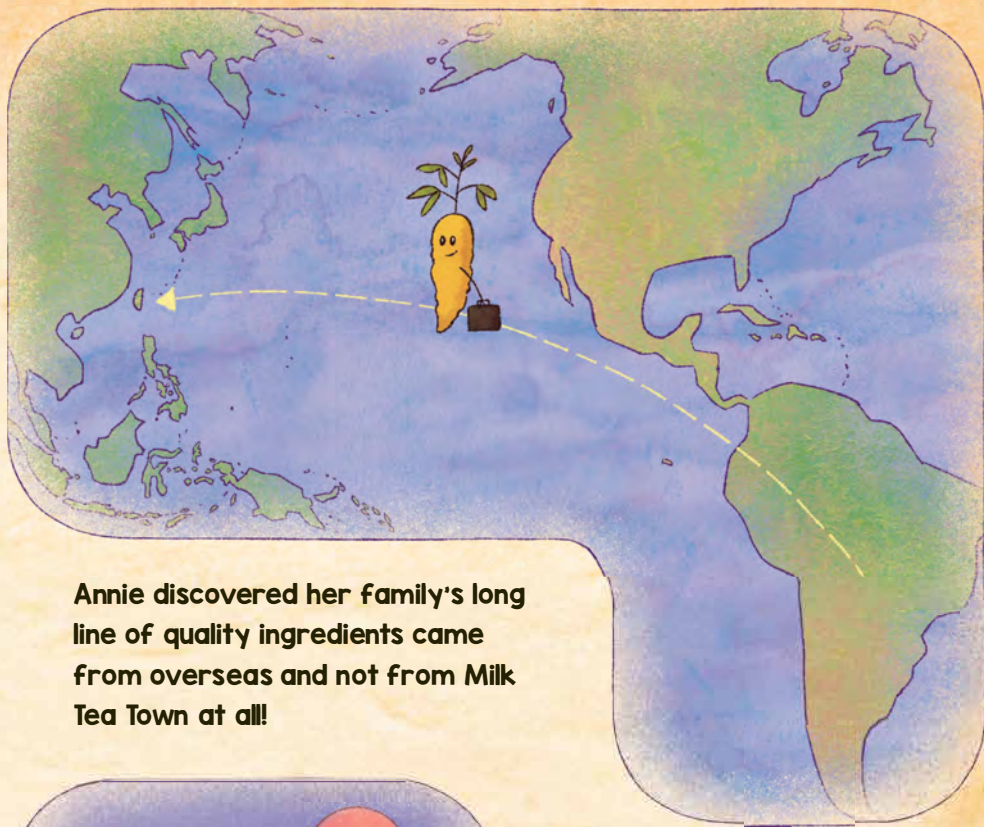
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Annie discovered her family's long line of quality ingredients came from overseas and not from Milk Tea Town at all!



Justin's great-great-great-great-great-great-grandmother was a pudding who ran off with a tea and caused quite the stir.



On and on it went until Mindy.

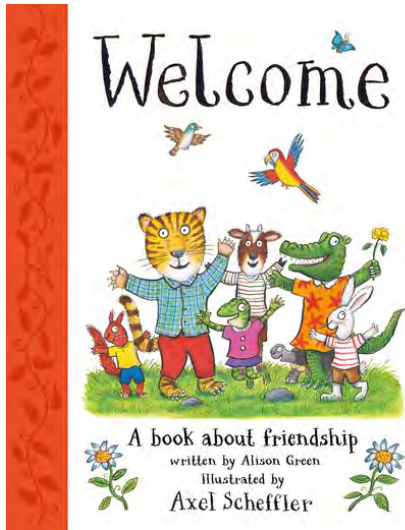
Mindy's ancestor, the very first milk tea with pearls, was abandoned on a counter in Milk Tea Town.



ALISON GREEN BOOKS

WELCOME (HB)

ALISON GREEN Illustrated by AXEL SCHEFFLER



A joyful picture book about friendship and togetherness, from international bestselling illustrator, Axel Scheffler

Would you like to come inside this book? You're very welcome. In fact, everyone is welcome here, whether you're big or small, flappy or jumpy, noisy or quiet.

With its simple text and endearing animal characters, *Welcome* shows how everyone can be a good friend, and how we can all help others to feel welcome.

Key selling points

- Axel Scheffler's fabulous, funny animals are the perfect ambassadors to show us all about friendship and togetherness: how to laugh together, play together - and, most importantly, how to make friends again after a quarrel!
- Axel is much-loved for his characters such as the Gruffalo, Stick Man and Zog
- A donation from every copy of *Welcome* sold goes to Three Peas, a charity which supports refugees who have had to flee their homes.
- *Welcome* follows Axel's picture book *Kind* which has enjoyed huge critical and international success. It has been translated into 22 languages

About the author: Alison Green is the publisher of Alison Green Books. She has edited Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's acclaimed picture books for over 20 years, and is the author of picture books including *The Fox in the Dark* and *Kind*.

About the illustrator: Axel Scheffler is one of the most celebrated illustrators in the world. He has brought to life a huge variety of characters, from dragons to gruffalos.

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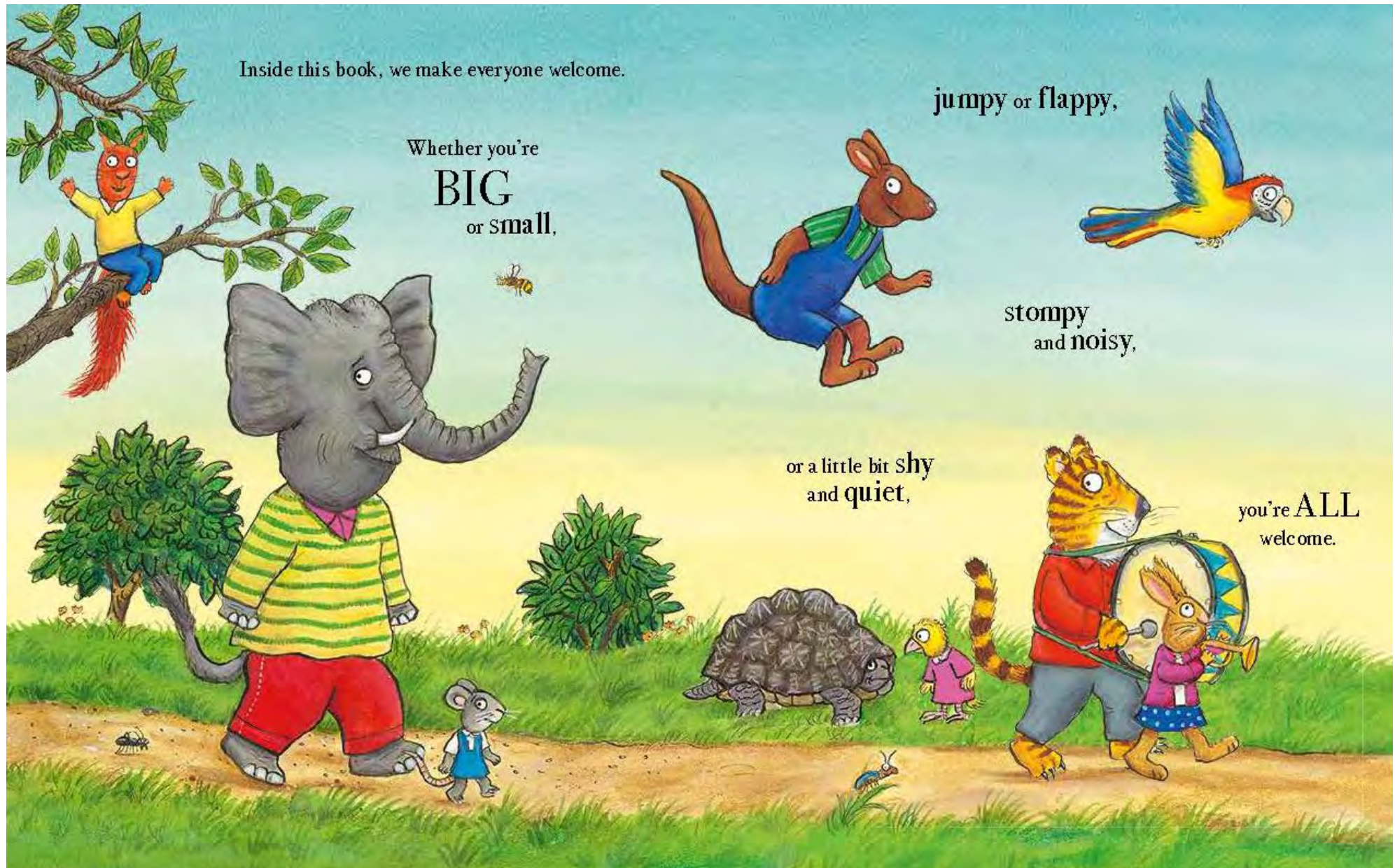
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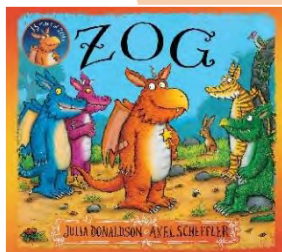
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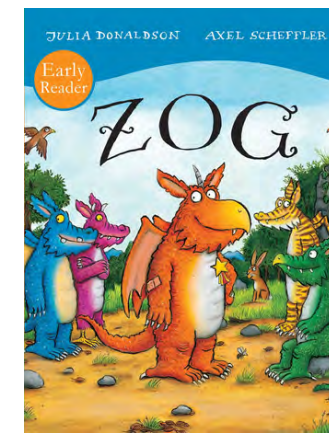




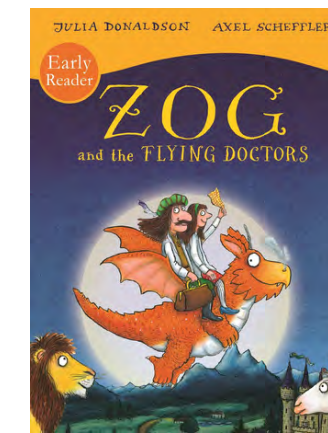
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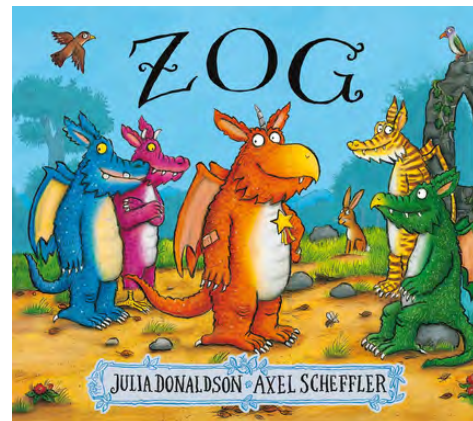
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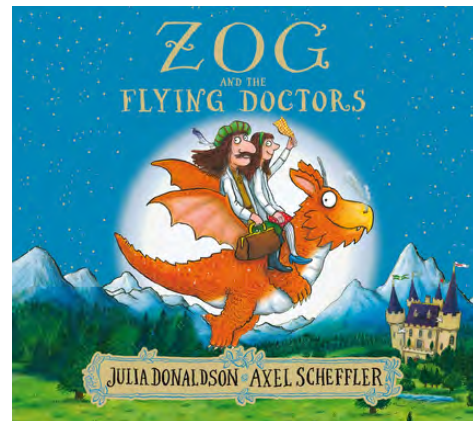
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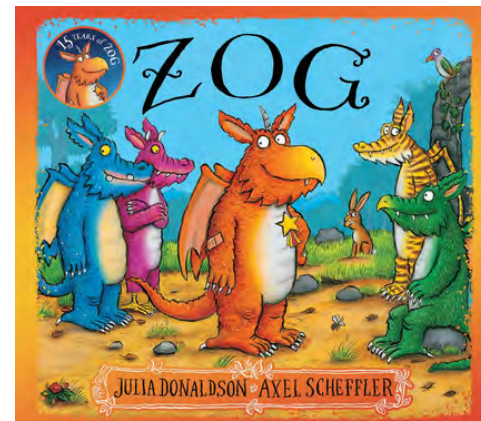
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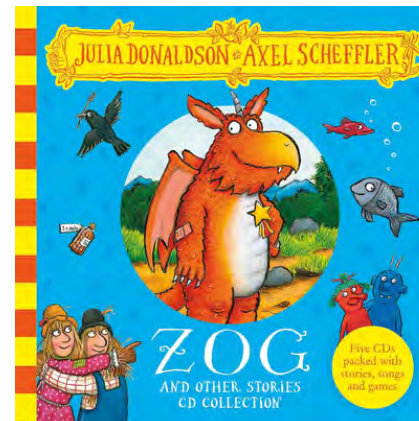
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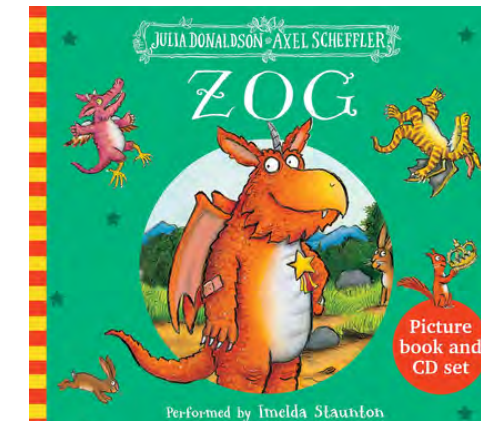
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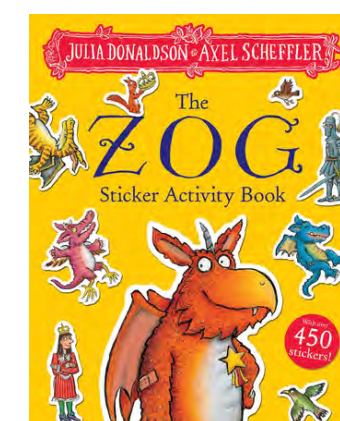
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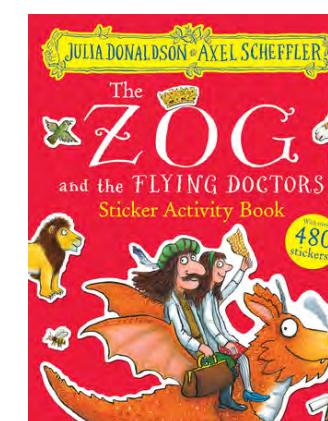
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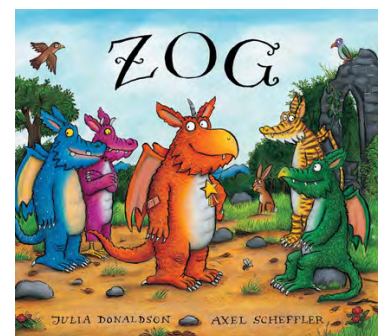
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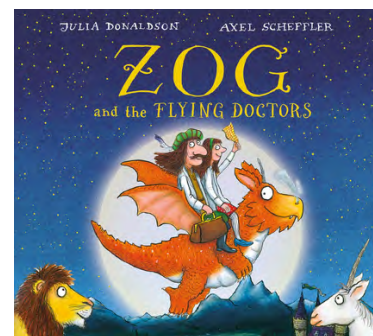
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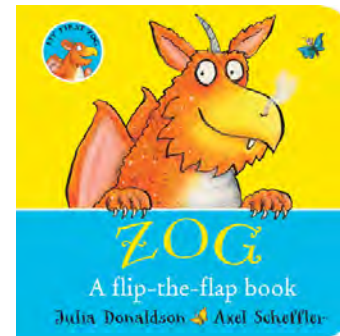
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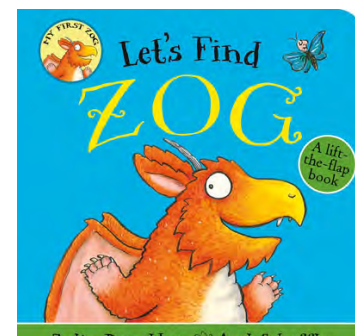
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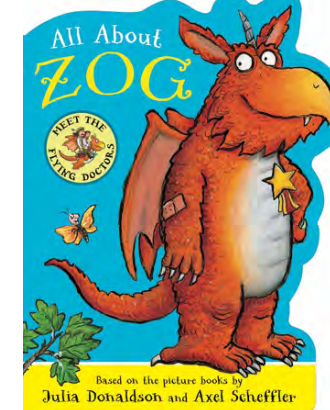


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UNICO: HUNTED (VOLUME 2)

OSAMU TEZUKA, SAMUEL SATTIN Illustrated by GURIHIRU



Still hunted by Venus, Unico befriends a sickly girl imprisoned by an evil robotic machine.

Lost in space and time, Unico awakens in an abandoned factory town. Saved by the resourceful mouse, Garapachi, Unico befriends Chiko, a human girl. But he soon learns that a sinister force is at work in the town's factory, bent on killing all living things. Meanwhile, Venus unleashes a fierce hunter who will stop at nothing to find Unico. Can Unico save Chiko? Can the West Wind save Unico?

Conceived anew by Eisner-nominated author Samuel Sattin and Eisner-winning artist team Gurihiru, and developed in collaboration with Tezuka Productions, UNICO: Hunted is the second volume in a groundbreaking reboot of a beloved manga by Astro Boy creator Osamu Tezuka, the "God of Manga." With striking full-color artwork and reading left to right in the Western comics style to match the original manga, UNICO is a brilliant series featuring storytelling at its best. Join Unico on an unforgettable journey!

Key selling points

- The second book of the incredible tale of a young unicorn, perfect for a new generation of manga readers.
- A fantastic reboot of a beloved story by Astro Boy creator Osamu Tezuka, the 'God of Manga'.
- Filled with powerful, full-colour artwork and reads left to right in the Western comics style to match the original manga.

About the author: Samuel Sattin is an American writer. His books include the multi-volume Unico series for Scholastic Graphix, Buzzing, Side Quest, The Silent End, and (as co-author) both A Kids Guide to Anime and Manga and The Essential Anime Guide: 50 Iconic Films, Standout Series, and Cult Masterpieces. He has also adapted the Academy Award-nominated films Wolfwalkers, Song of the Sea, and The Secret of Kells to the graphic novel format. He graduated with an MFA in comics from the California College of the Arts and works as a studio writer for Schulz Creative Associates, aka Snoopy Central. Samuel resides with his wife in Northern California, and travels frequently to Japan.

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NINA PEANUT: EPIC WORLD TOUR ERA (BOOK 3)

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About the author: Sarah Bowie is a writer and illustrator from Ireland. She is also an arts educator and runs workshops in schools on comic-making, visual storytelling and doodling for wellbeing.

She is co-founder of The Comics Lab and of Ireland's first Graphic Short Story Prize in partnership with the Irish Times. The first book in the Nina Peanut series has been one of the biggest-selling middle grade debuts of 2024.

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Key selling points

- The first Nina Peanut book is the biggest-selling new character launch in 2024 and the fourth bestselling all-market middle grade debut.
- Hilariously funny, with relatable themes of friendship/frenemies, big dreams, brilliant pets - this is Charles M Schultz's Peanuts for a new generation.
- Warm, offbeat wit and gorgeous, bright full colour art throughout.
- Perfect for fans of Wimpy Kid, Dork Diaries and Lottie Brooks.

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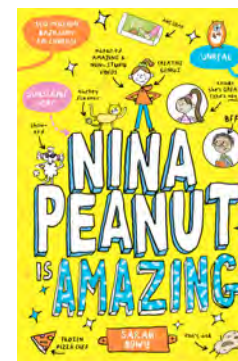
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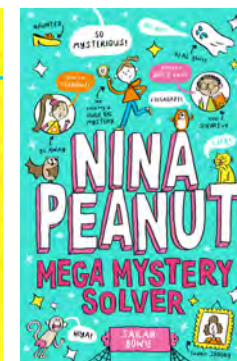
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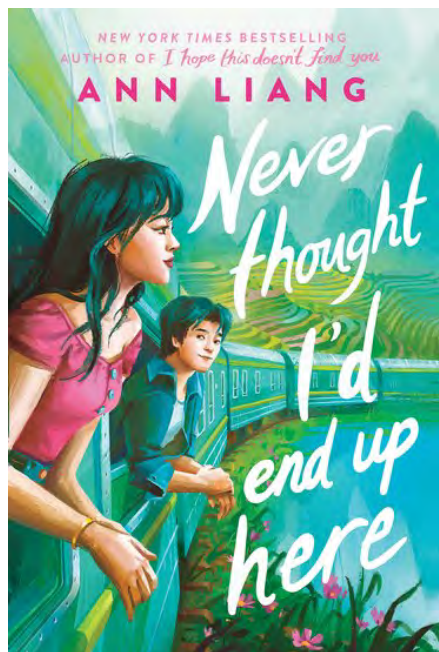
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YA FICTION

NEVER THOUGHT I'D END UP HERE

ANN LIANG



Leah Zhang has spent her whole life in LA - it's all she's ever known. That is until her parents grow tired of her broken Mandarin and zero regard for etiquette, and send her on an intensive two-week travel program across China.

There's a competition running throughout the program where the winning duo will receive a glowing letter of recommendation to the college of their dreams. Leah is forced to partner up with her former classmate and least favorite person ever: cynical, sarcastic Cyrus, who's somehow only gotten more annoyingly handsome.

But the deeper they wander into China's provinces, the deeper Leah finds herself falling in love - with the boy she thought she despised, the home she never thought she'd call her own, and the parts of herself she thought were already lost.

Key selling points

- From the author of *This Time It's Real* and *I Hope This Doesn't Find You* comes another swoony, enemies-to-lovers rom com.
- For fans of Jenny Han and *Crazy Rich Asians*.
- Perfect for BookTok, *Never Thought I'd End Up Here* explores the power of choosing your own path and embracing your authentic self.

About the Author:

Ann Liang is a 20-year-old undergraduate student at the University of Melbourne. Born and raised in Beijing's CBD, her work is heavily inspired by her own experiences as one of the only scholarship recipients at an elite Beijing international school, as well as her editorial internship at China Film Insider. She began writing her debut novel *If You Could See the Sun* during her semester abroad in California, where she studied Chinese Literature.
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YA FICTION

WISH YOU DEAD

REBECCA WESTCOTT



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Mean Girls meets manifestation and murder... A contemporary teen thriller with a sapphic romance, perfect for fans of *Heathers*, Sue Wallman and Holly Jackson.

Sixteen-year-old Morgana Merrick is all about control. She's the most feared, powerful and popular girl at Avalon Academy, while her half-brother, Art, and his chilled-out group of surfer friends reign peacefully in the year above, known for their legendary beach parties.

At one such party, an ugly encounter with one of Art's friends leaves Morgana shaken. She retrieves the box under her bed filled with crystals, charm bags and her Book of Shadows, and asks the universe for justice to be served...

As frenemy after frenemy wrongs or irritates her, Morgana manifests revenge upon them - and, to her surprise, it works. She feels invincible. Until someone ends up dead.

Is the universe bending to Morgana's will? Or is someone else behind the attacks? And can she find out who it is, before anyone else meets a deadly end...?

Key selling points

- Not supernatural, but respectfully tapping into the 'baby witch' TikTok world of Gen Z, who are interested in crystals, manifestation and spirituality.
- Places the typical villain of the story - the most popular girl in school - as the complex antihero, full of female rage. Very Taylor Swift coded!
- A teen-friendly sapphic romance between Morgana and her mysterious new friend Celeste.

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About the author:

Rebecca Westcott is an author and a teacher who has worked with children and teenagers with profound learning difficulties and SEMH (social, emotional and mental health) needs. She co-authored the bestselling novels *Can You See Me?*, *Ways to Be Me*, *Do You Know Me?* and *All the Pieces of Me* with Libby Scott, as well as writing her own novels, *Dandelion Clocks*, *Violent Ink*, *Five Things They Never Told Me* and *Like a Girl*.

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YA FICTION

KILL CREATURES

RORY POWER



Last summer, Nan's three best friends disappeared into Saltcedar Canyon. She's spent the year since grieving their loss and avoiding questions about what happened that night. Now, on the anniversary, she's ready to say goodbye, and so are the girls' families, who have reconvened to hold a memorial. But their vigil is interrupted by the shocking return of one of the missing girls—alive. Everybody is overjoyed. Everybody, that is, except Nan, who was sure they were dead.

After all, she's the one who killed them.

Key selling points

- Rory Power is the New York Times bestselling author of *Wilder Girls*, *Burn Our Bodies Down* and *In a Garden Burning Gold*.
- KILL CREATURES is a pacy, twisty and delicious thriller about jealousy, idolisation and desire - specifically the lengths one girl goes to in order to be close to the popular girls.
- A knockout hook, an unreliable narrator in the best tradition of Amy Dunne in *Gone Girl* - this is gripping YA at its absolute finest.

About the Author: Rory Power lives in Rhode Island. She has an MA in prose fiction from the University of East Anglia, and is the New York Times bestselling author of *Wilder Girls*, *Burn Our Bodies Down*, and *In a Garden Burning Gold*.

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