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We are a boutique press specializing in books that promote the social and emotional welfare of our youth.

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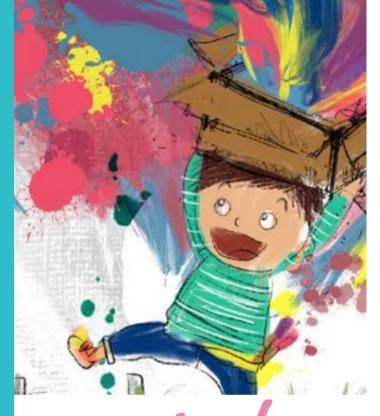
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# Picture Books





#### **RAVEN'S GIFT**

A Feathered Flight of Faith

Raven is bored. Nothing ever happens in the fields around Bethlehem until one night, a dazzling star lights up the night sky. Angels sing, "Baby Jesus is born!"

Raven now has a mission. He takes flight to spread the message to the other birds.

Owl, Dove, Rooster and Quail delight at the news and fly off with gifts for the Baby Jesus. Raven wonders, what gift could he bring? Children will enjoy the lyrical chorus and discover that gifts come from the heart.

A tale of determination,
perseverance, hope, and faith.
Based on a legend, biblical birds
hear a raven's call and join to
celebrate the birth of the Savior in a
tale of determination, perseverance,
hope, and faith.







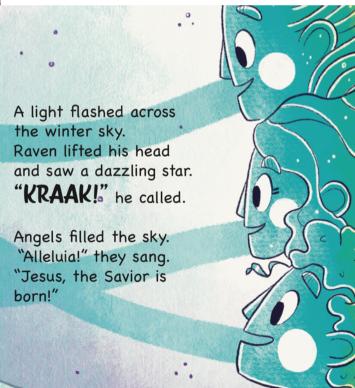
Hardcover: ISBN: 978-1-956378-15-3 18.99 Ages 4 - 8 years old





THEMES: CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP CHRISTMAS

RELEASE DATE: 10.3.23



#### **EMET'S BOX**

A picture book celebrating creativity & following your passion.

Emet loved to draw and paint.

He painted everywhere and anywhere
he possibly could.

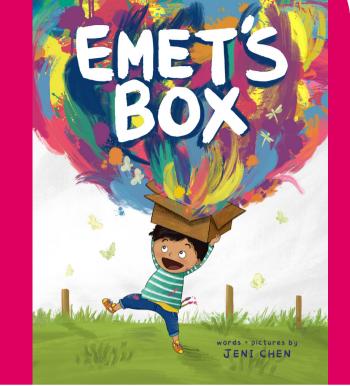
Until one day Emet's parents told him to focus less on his creativity and more on his academics. Eventually, Emet stopped making art, altogether.

When Emet stopped painting something terrible happened. His entire world went gray!

Color returns to Emet's world when he reunites with his creative passion.

An #ownvoices picture book by Asian author/illustrator Jeni Chen.



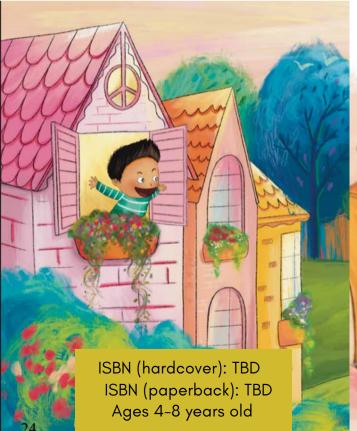






THEMES:
ART
INDIVIDUALITY
PARENTS

RELEASE DATE: 4.01.22





#### **SKRUM**

From the animator of MTV's, In Your Head, and kid's gaming channel, SPACECAT, comes SKRUM, the debut children's book by the creative brain of Bernard Gumz.

Somewhere in the desert, a busted up old geezer named Barnabus is running for his life.

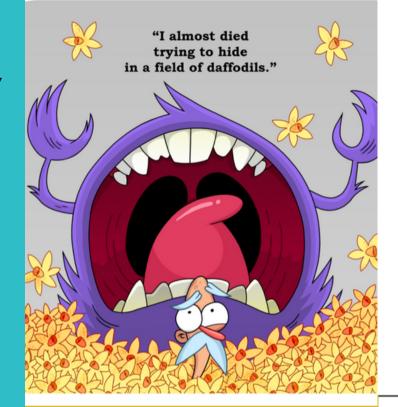
Hot on his trail is a SKRUM- monstrous purple furball with teeth like a great white shark.

But, what is a SKRUM? And what does it want with the poor old Barnabus?

Find out in this action packed globe-trotting adventure that results in some surprises and lots of silliness.

A rhyming picture book that encourages kids of all ages to face their problems head on.









RELEASE DATE: 4.01.24



ISBN (hardcover): 978-1-956378-19-1

Ages 4-9 years old



#### **MOONSONG**

A brightly illustrated lyrical tale with an old world feel about friendship, music, & natural harmony.

Fulki's village lost its moon. But Fulki knows a secret. She befriended a tiger who taught her the Moonsong.

But the townspeople forbid befriending wild beasts- with teeth and claws and no manners at all.

And, the townspeople forbid singing of any kind, for it calls the wild beasts.

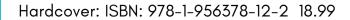
Will Fulki's friendship with a tiger and their song bring back the long lost moon?

Follow Fulki and her forbidden friendship with a wild beast, a tiger, as they learn from each other love, acceptance, and what it means to bring harmony to our natural world.







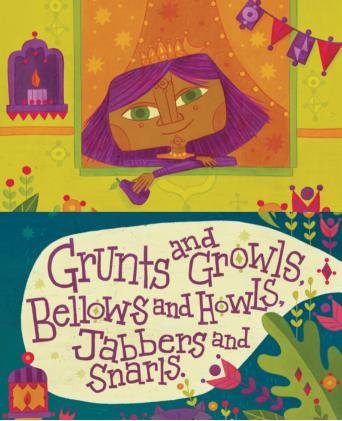


Ages 4 - 8 years old



THEMES: NATURE FRIENDSHIP FABLE

RELEASE DATE: 10.01.21



## THE GORILLA PICKED ME!

A picture book celebrating familial love & positive self-esteem.

Have you ever felt ordinary?

Moonbeam award-winning author,
Michele McAvoy, brings you THE
GORILLA PICKED ME!, a story filled
with fun, surprises, and a mystery
that all children enjoy!

The Gorilla Picked Me! is about little
Olive who felt ordinary, always
picked last for teams at recess and
never a valentine placed on her
desk. Until one day at a dance with
her daddy she is picked from the
crowd by the dancing gorilla. It is at
that moment that Olive realizes -she
is not ordinary!

This fun and sentimental story shows how one small single act of love can have a big impact.

There is a mystery in the story.

Children love finding clues as to who is in the gorilla suit?



## MY SUPERHERO GRANDPA

Children's Moonbeam Award Winner!

Top 5 in Children's Christian Fiction on

Amazon.

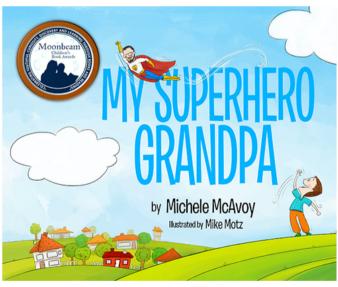
Is your little one grieving the loss of a loved one?

My Superhero Grandpa is a beautiful story of a boy and his beloved grandpa, who watches over him with superpowers, even though grandpa is in Heaven.

My Superhero Grandpa is told through the eyes of the child, who celebrates that he is never alone or scared because his grandpa is always near. There are bonuses to having your very own superhero and that bonus is – you are never alone.

This sweet, sentimental story will help to start the conversation with children who are grieving. It will help little ones understand and cope with the loss. My Superhero Grandpa is cheerfully illustrated and uplifting, a story that will bring hope in place of sadness.





ISBN (hardcover): 978-0997958003 \$17.99 Ages 4-8 years old





THEMES:
GRIEF
CHRISTIAN
GRANDPARENTS

RELEASE DATE: 02.10.16



# Early Readers & Chapter Books





#### **BELLA & BLUE**

A graphic early reader series about life's everyday struggles, silliness, & suprises

8 year old Bella can tackle anything life throws her way so long as she has her French-loving Gigi and her therapy dog, Blue, by her side.

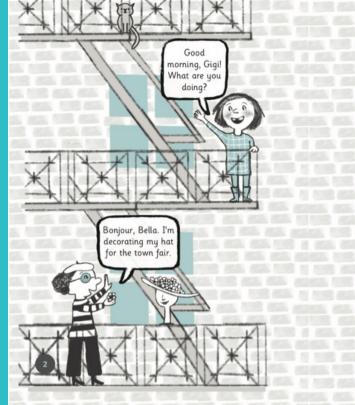
Bella is like most girls.

She pretends to be a superhero, dresses in the most dynamic thrift store finds, and has a blue dog that goes everywhere she goes. Wait, that's not like most girls? Well, like many children Bella has a bit of anxiety.

Follow Bella, her sidekicks Blue and Gigi, her maternal grandmother, through everyday's struggles, silliness, and surprises.

A unique series with unique characters, and unique relationships.





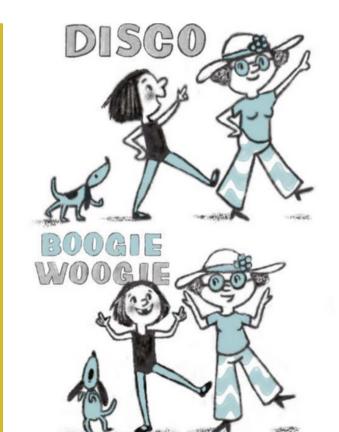


ISBN (hardcover): 978-1-956378-25-2 \$11.99 Ages 5-9 years old Graphic-novel Farly Reader



THEMES:
ANXIETY
THERAPY PET
GRANDPARENTS

RELEASE DATE: 10.01.23



## WILLA THE WEREWOLF

An illustrated early reader about the power of self-acceptance.

Willa is an ordinary piglet by day with dreams of designing for the rich & famous.

By night, she turns into a wolf.

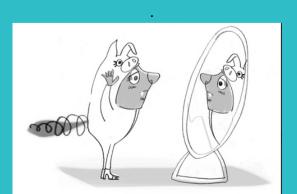
No one knows Willa's big secret.

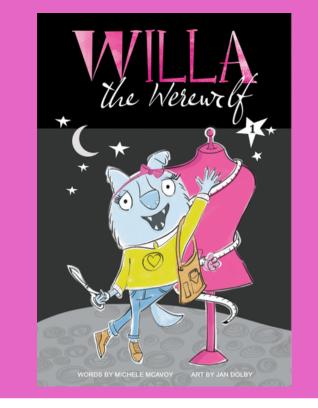
Ever since the Big Bad Wolf blew down their ancestors' houses, Willa's friends and family have been petrified of wolves.

Who could blame them?
But sometimes the most inopportune things happen at the most opportune moments.

Will Willa's secret stay a secret forever?

WILLA THE WEREWOLF is a modernday retelling of THE THREE LITTLE PIGS about self-acceptance & bravery.









THEMES: SELF-ACCEPTANCE FAIRY TALE FAMILY

RELEASE DATE: 9.15.23



#### CURLILOCKS AND THE THREE HARES

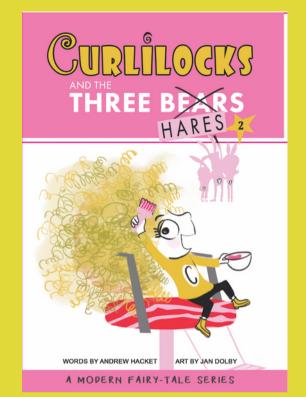
Dripping dye, sizzling styles, and excess accessories -just-right?

Curlilocks is a modern fairy-tale early reader for guaranteed fun.

Everyone far and wide loves Curlilocks' hair. Everyone except for Curlilocks, who is ready to quit her curls and discover her "just right" 'do.

With picture day fast approaching,
Curlilocks is ready to quit her curls.
When she finds the three Hares of the
local salon have hopped out,
Curlilocks chooses to take her hair into
her own hands. Dripping dye, sizzling
styles, and excess accessories lead to
'hair'larious results that leave
Curlilocks in a tangle. She will need a
curltastic idea to reclaim her mane
and her confidence before picture
day.







ISBN (hardcover): 978-1-956378-18-4 \$12.99

Ages 5-9 years old



THEMES: SELF-ACCEPTANCE HAIR LOVE FAIRY TALE

RELEASE DATE: 5.1.24



#### **ANNALISE**

An illustrated early reader celebrating Latinx culture & family through food.

When students of PS 114 are asked to bring in a dish that represents their culture, Annalise is thrilled, until she finds out that her friends are making the same dishes.

Take a walk with Annalise through her colorful, flavorful, aroma-filled neighborhood as she learns that it's love, not the ingredients, that make a dish special.

The first in this graphic early reader series by J de la Vega, author of WEPA! and other #ownvoices titles that celebrate Latinx culture.





ISBN (paperback): TBD
Ages 5-9 years old

Graphic-novel Early Reader



THEMES: LATINX FOOD FAMILY

RELEASE DATE: 9.01.24

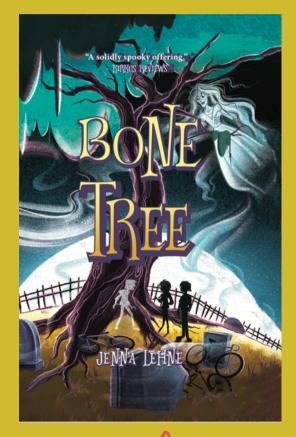


Middle-Grade



"Jenna Lehne's fast paced, propulsive story includes a healthy amount of scares, humor and pathos."

> Foreword Review





Hardcover: ISBN: 978-1-956378-16-0 \$18.99

Ages 8 - 12 years old

#### **BONE TREE**

"A solidly spooky offering."
Kirkus Reviews

A spooky middle-grade layered with loss, grief, friendship, & first crushes.

Elsie's best friend, Roman, is dying.
But Roman has a plan to escape
death. He wants to be resurrected
through the powers of the Bone Tree
and the curse of the Woman in
White, Mary Simon, whose body lies
beneath the tree.

Terrified, yet determined not to lose him. Elsie promises Roman to summon Mary's ghost and the powers of the Bone Tree to bring him back when he dies. When the Bone Tree's magic works and Roman resurrects, Elsie vows to do anything to keep him around, even if that means battling an angry, screeching banshee, with talons for fingers. But what Elsie doesn't realize is that the cost of keeping Roman around may be too high. When the Woman in White kidnaps Roman's brother, Jake, and threatens to take his life as revenge, Elsie must choose between saving the lives of many from the deadly grasp of Mary Simon, the Woman in White, or keeping her best friend.

# ABOUT THE AUTHOR



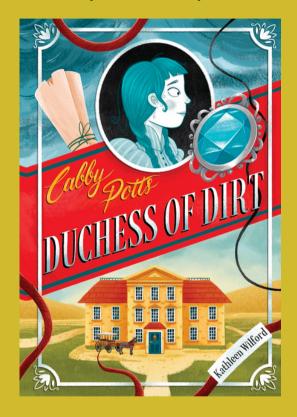
Jenna Lehne is a tea-sipping, horror-loving mom of two boys, and a kitten named Lemons, in Calgary, Alberta. She's a fourth-year Pitch Wars mentor and contributor on the blog MidnightSocietyTales.com. Her short story published in the horror anthology, Betty Bites Back. Bone Tree is her debut middle-grade novel.

THEMES: FRIENDSHIP SPOOKY ILLNESS

Release Date: 9.5.23

#### "A rousing read." Kirkus Reviews

Great historical detail and wonderful, appealing characters in this delightful story told by the clever Cabby Potts, a kindhearted Kansas prairie girl who's filled with gumption and grit. - Anne O'Brien Carelli, author of Skylark & Wallcreeper





Paperback: ISBN: 978-1-956378-04-7-1 \$9.99

Ages 8 - 12 years old

#### CABBY POTTS, DUCHESS OF DIRT

It's Little House on the Prairie meets

Downton Abbey in this historical
fiction middle-grade.

A historical fiction middle-grade novel that drops you right into 1870's Kansas, with a whole lot of drama and a little bit of romance.

Desperate to save her family's struggling homestead – and escape being a housemaid– 12 year old Cabby plays matchmaker between her older sister and a British aristocrat.

When her scheme backfires, she must use her voice to stand up for her family, a new friend, and her Kansas community.

THEMES:
SETTLEMENT AMERICA
FAMILY
NATIVE AMERICAN

Release Date: September 1, 2022

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Kathleen Wilford was born in Panama and has lived in four different countries and three different states—but never in Kansas. She studied literature at Cornell University and at Rutgers University, where she now teaches writing. Cabby Potts, Duchess of Dirt is her debut middle-grade novel. Connect with Kathleen at kathleenwilford.com and on Twitter at ekathwilford.

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Hardcover: ISBN: TBD

Paperback: ISBN: TBD

Ages 8 - 12 years old

#### MY GIRLFRIEND THE WITCH

A middle-grade graphic novel about identity & self-love.

Being an anxious kid has been hard for Levi, it turns out disappearing into fanfiction is easier than making new friends. Ever since he came out as queer his supportive parents have been failing more than usual at "getting" him. Not everything is bad because Levi has a secret, his girlfriend Latte is a witch! Fun-Loving Latte introduces Levi to a magical new world filled with possibilities. Levi could start fresh here, but the more time he spends in this new world, old anxieties creep back in and start to sabotage his opportunities.

Can Levi confront his self-doubt before he pushes Latte and her world away too?

A Middle-Grade graphic novel exploring self-love and the power of opening up to others for help.

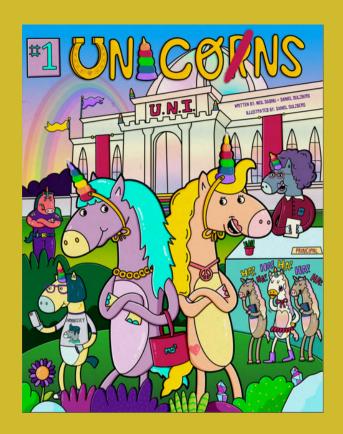
Release Date: Spring 2025

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR/ ILLUSTRATOR



Ashley Ferguson is a queer mixed media artist from Washington with a love for all things monsters and fabulous. When she isn't working as a designer or illustrator, she's busy putting together anthologies and self-publishing comix. Her stories utilize magical surrealism as a way to explore topics of sexuality, gender, and mental health.

THEMES: LGBTQ SELF-LOVE FAMILY





Hardcover: ISBN: TBD

Paperback: ISBN: TBD

Ages 8 - 12 years old

#### **UNICONS**

#### A middle-grade graphic novel about self-identity, pre-teen angst

Desperate for adventure beyond the pasture, incoming freshmen Gabby (bubbly, outgoing) and her best friend Mo-Mo (clever, loyal) wander deep inside Starflower Forest before stumbling upon the mythical U.N.I. Through their smarts and some practical magic, they manage to talk their way in. Lucky for them, right? Well, maybe not — it is middle-school, after all.

At first, Gabby and Mo-Mo do their best to fit in. But when Gabby decides that she wants to be the new "cool corn on campus," it threatens to bring their magical journey to a screeching halt.

Come along as these Uni-cons experience awkward, hilarious, and sometimes outrageous situations while they fake their way into the Hogwarts for unicorns.

Being fake never felt so real.

Release Date: Fall 2025

### ABOUT THE CREATIVES



Daniel Sulzberg is an award winning illustrator and writer. Daniel has worked as a staff writer for the CW's Smallville, and has created an animated.

series for Dreamworks Animation. His first published children's book as an illustrator was released in 2020 and is titled "Can You Spot Monster Mayhem" through Bookoli Press. Daniel is a graduate of UCLA's design program and a committed member of the Society of Illustrators, SCWBI, and the WGA.

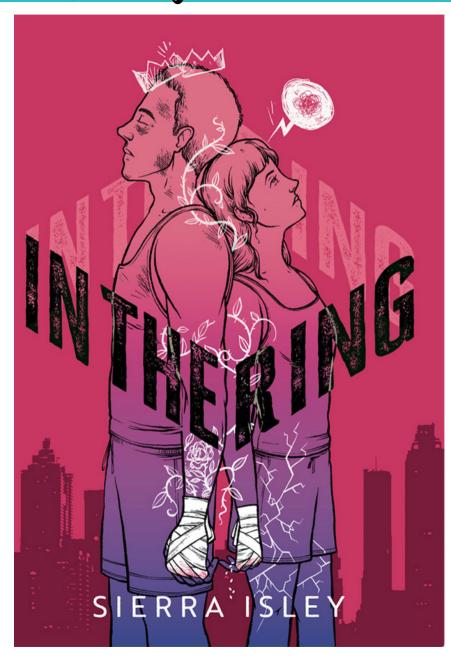


Neil Sadhu is an awardwinning writer, producer, and creative director who grew up in Southern California.

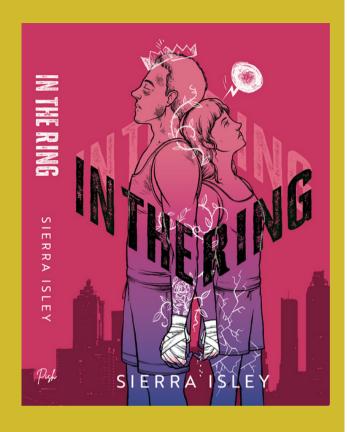
A graduate of USC film school, Neil has written for the CW's Smallville, developed multiple feature films, co-created an animated series for DreamWorksTV, and served as chair of the Asian American Writers Committee for the Writers Guild of America.

# Young adult The





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Paperback: ISBN: 978-1-956378-14-6 \$14.99

Ages 14 - 18 years old

#### IN THE RING

Young Adult novel about mental illness, finding your power, and first loves

Rose Berman is losing her mind. At least, that's what everyone at school seems to think.

Plagued by panic attacks that started after her mother's untimely death, Rose is the target of frequent teasing and rumors. But when the star quarterback takes it too far, the school's tattooed, cigarette-smoking bad boy — Elliott King — steps in.

Rose can't help but think of Elliott—
maybe if she could punch like him,
she'd feel safer... stronger. As their
worlds intertwine, Rose and Elliott
are forced to face their most
daunting opponent outside the Ring:
their growing feelings for each
other.

Surrounded by violence and destruction, Rose's anxiety begins to spiral. Will her newfound physical strength keep her grounded in reality, or is she doomed to suffer the same fate as her mother?

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

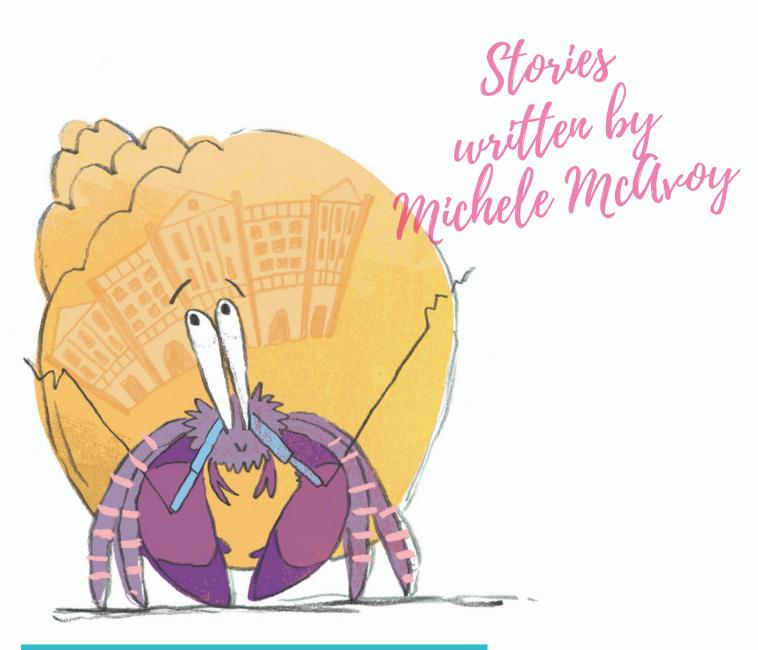


Sierra Isley is a young adult author originally from Atlanta, Georgia, but currently based in Philadelphia, PA. She graduated from Florida State University in 2021 with a degree in Editing, Writing and Media. Outside of writing, her passions include filmmaking, social media communications and drinking chailattes. IN THE RING is her debut novel.

THEMES:
MENTAL ILLNESS
LGBTQ+
BOXING
FAMILY

Release Date: September 15, 2023

# Books with other publishers



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#### **COOKIE & MILK**

"Smart, sassy, supportive girl power to the max!"

—Kirkus Reviews

Cookie is a genius—Milk, a daredevil. Cookie loves math and science while Milk loves sports and adrenaline

They are opposites. But they're also best friends.
Without Milk, Cookie couldn't imagine her best inventions. And without Cookie, Milk couldn't do the cool stuff that she loves to do. But can smart and sporty really go together?

Follow this dynamic duo through their skateboard stunts and tubular-tastic surfs to discover what lies beneath true friendship.

Celebrating diversity, STEM, blended families & breaking stereotypes. This is your perfect #girlpower story!







ISBN (hardcover): TBD ISBN (paperback): TBD

Ages 4-8 years old





THEMES: BLENDED FAMILIES FRIENDSHIP STEM

**RELEASE DATE: 10.01.10** 



#### BUCKINGHAM GETS A NEW SHELL

Unlikely friends, a bit of adversity, & a whole lot of humor.

Buckingham gets a new shell, which leads to a new home, which leads to a new friend, Princess the cat, which leads to a new problem, ACHOO!

Buckingham is allergic to cats.

Who knew?

Will Buckingham and Princess resolve their dilemma so that they can keep each other company instead of spending their days alone?

Find out if Buckingham and Princess's friendship can survive a little a a A CHOO! Adversity.

A sneeze out loud, laugh out loud story.







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Ages 4-8 years old





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