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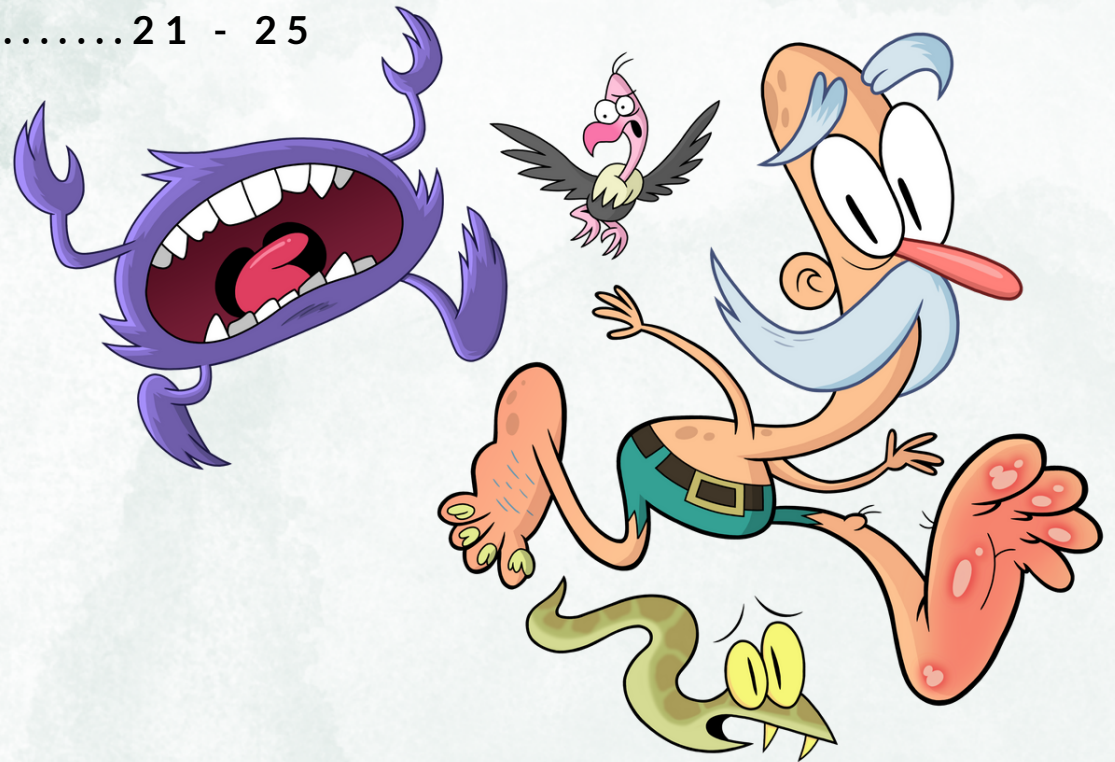
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Awards and Recognition



EMET'S BOX

978 0997958096



Winner

2023 Northern Lights Book Award,
Picture Book Category (Ages 4-8)



WILLA THE WEREWOLF

978-1-956378-13-9

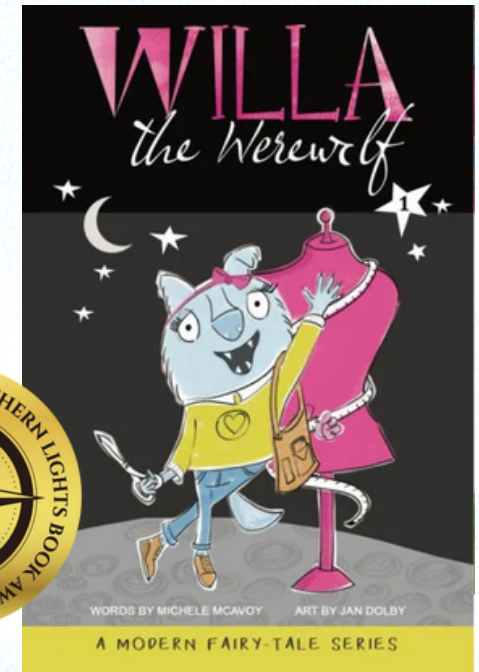
Winner

2023 Northern Lights Book Award,
Early Reader/Chapter Book Category



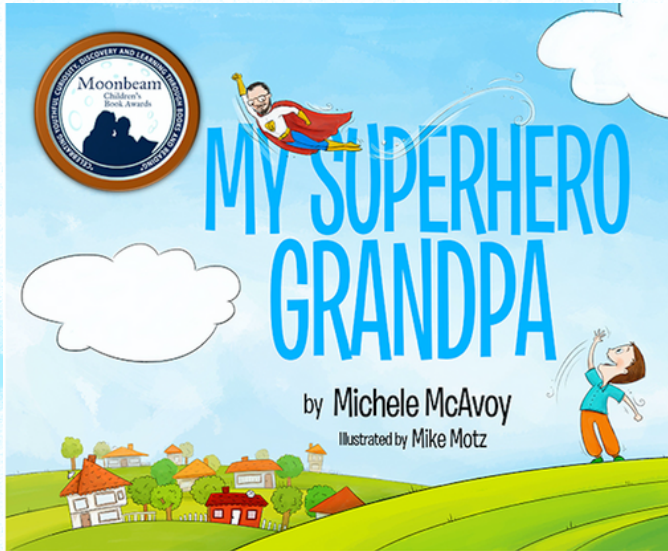
Nominee

2023 Cybils Award





Awards and Recognition



MY SUPERHERO GRANDPA

978-0997958003



Winner

2016 Children's Moonbeam Book Award,
Picture Book Category (Ages 4-8)

BELLA & BLUE

978-1956378252

2022 Cybils Award Nominee



2022 The Dog Writer's Association
of America -Runner up Early Readers



2024
8th Annual
Anna Dewdney Read-Together Award
Finalist





Awards and Recognition



MOONSONG

978-0997958072



Original Picture Book Laureate in the
2021

XIV International Illustration and Book Design Competition,
Image of the Book

RAVEN'S GIFT

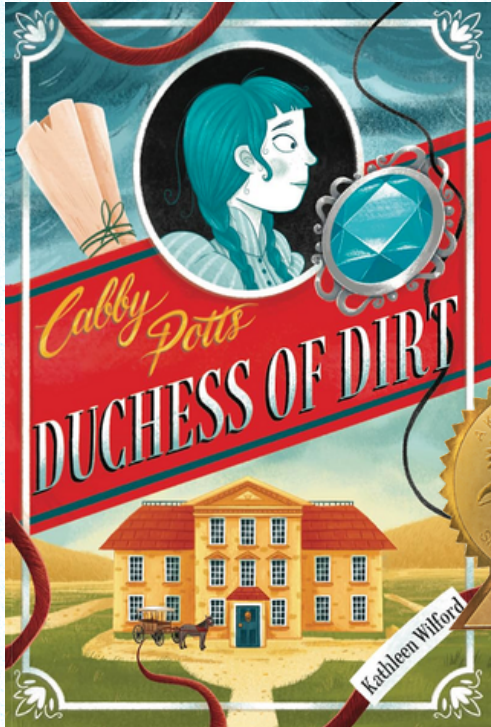
978-1956378153

2024
Silver Award Winner
Holiday Category





Awards and Recognition



CABBY POTTS, DUCHESS OF DIRT

978-1-956378-05-4



2023 Kansas Notable Book-
Kansas Center for the Book

"A rousing read."
- Kirkus Reviews

Youth selection -
Great Reads from Great Places-
the Library of Congress



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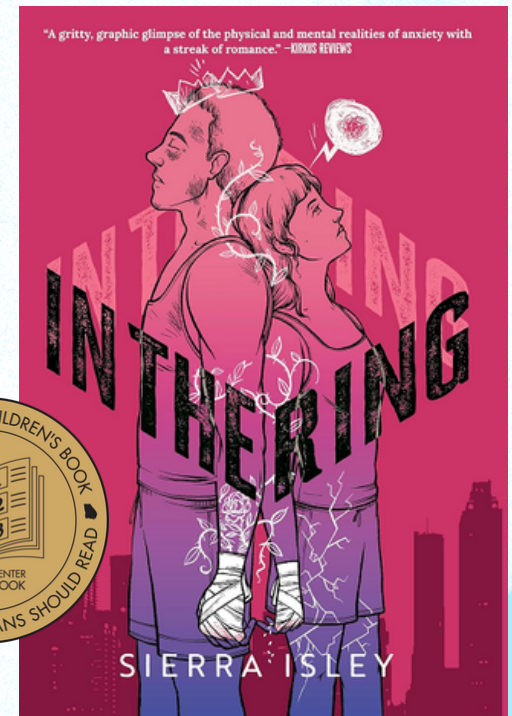
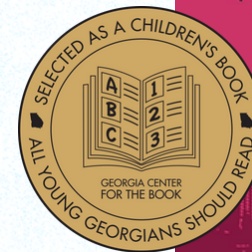
978-1-956378-14-6

2024 Books All Young Georgians Should Read
Georgia Center for the Book



"A gritty, graphic glimpse of the physical and mental
realities of anxiety with a streak of romance."
- Kirkus Reviews

"Isley's debut novel is a thrilling romance
as well as a thoughtful look at mental health and grief."
- Booklist





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CHAPTER BOOKS

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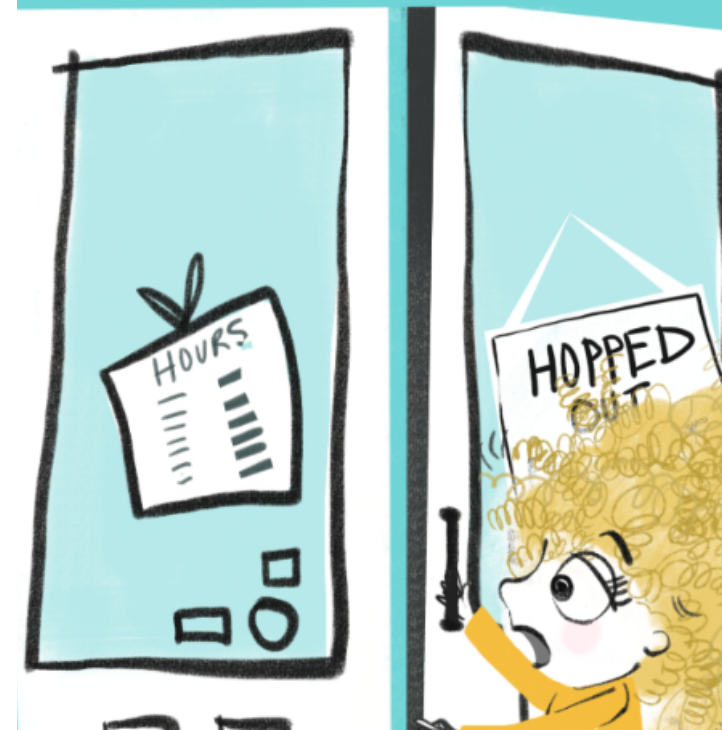
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Spring 2024 Releases



SKRUM

The big purple hairball SKRUM is going to be a
MONSTER

hit with kids! Great illustrations, a funny story told in
rhyme, what's not to love about this terrific first book
from author/ illustrator Bernard Gumz. Can't wait for
the next SKRUM adventure!"

**-Keith Chapman - Creator of Paw Patrol and Bob
the Builder.**

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?

**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.**



picture
book



**THEMES:
HUMOR
EMOTIONS &
FEELINGS**

RELEASE DATE: 4.01.24



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

\$18.99

Ages 4-9 years old



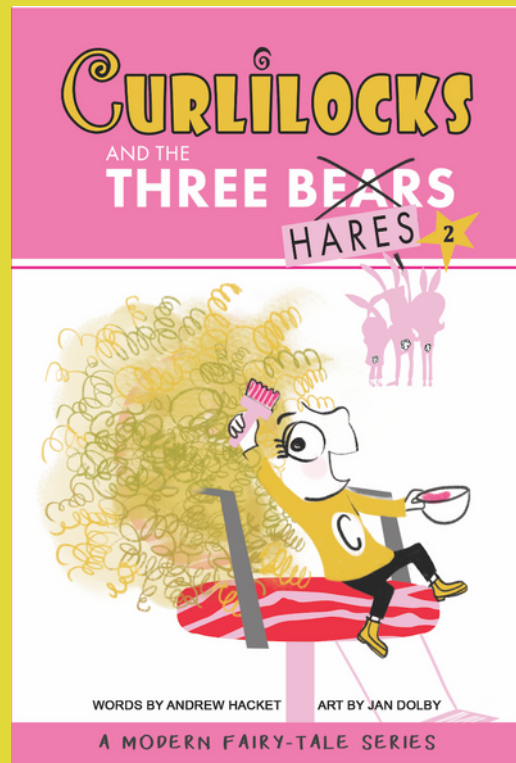
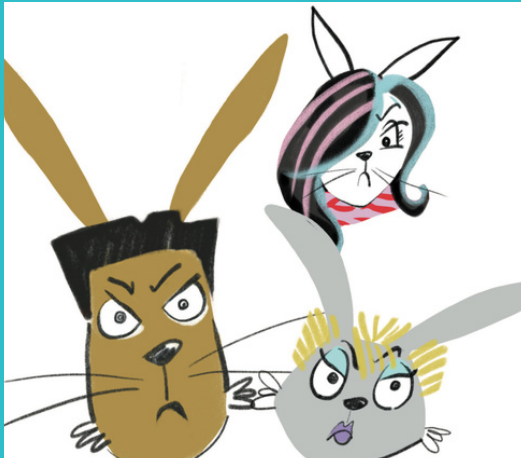
CURLILOCKS AND THE THREE HARES

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 5-10 years old

*illustrated
Early Reader*

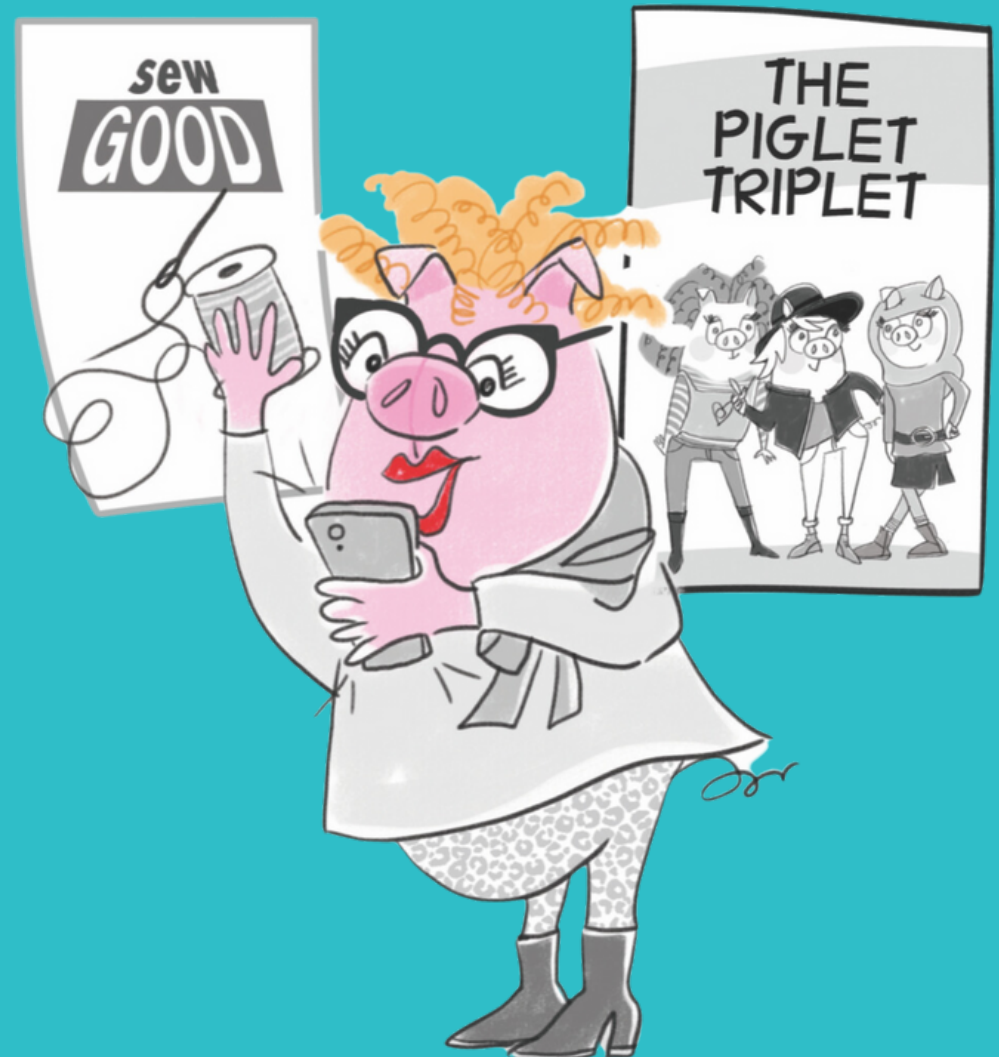


**THEMES:
SELF-ACCEPTANCE
HAIR LOVE
FAIRY TALE**

RELEASE DATE: 5.1.24



Our Full List!



Picture Books



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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

picture
book



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.



*picture
book*



**THEMES:
ART
INDIVIDUALITY
PARENTS**

RELEASE DATE: 4.01.22



Hardcover : 978 0997958096 \$18.99

Ages 4-8 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.

*picture
book*



**THEMES:
NATURE
FRIENDSHIP
FABLE**

RELEASE DATE: 10.01.21



Hardcover: ISBN: 978-1-956378-12-2 18.99

Ages 4 - 8 years old

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?



ISBN (hardcover): 978-0997958010 \$16.95
Ages 4-8 years old

picture
book



**THEMES:
SELF-ESTEEM
FATHERHOOD
POETRY**

RELEASE DATE: 04.01.19

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.

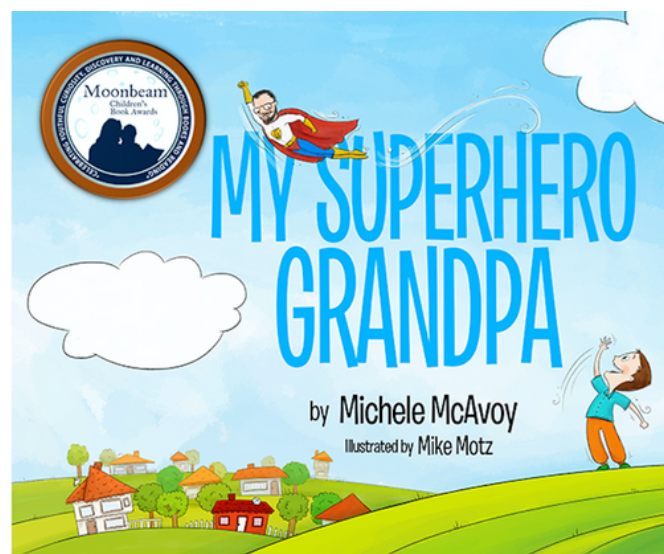


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book*



**THEMES:
GRIEF
CHRISTIAN
GRANDPARENTS**

RELEASE DATE: 02.10.16



ISBN (hardcover): 978-0997958003 \$17.99

Ages 4-8 years old



Early Readers & Chapter Books



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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.

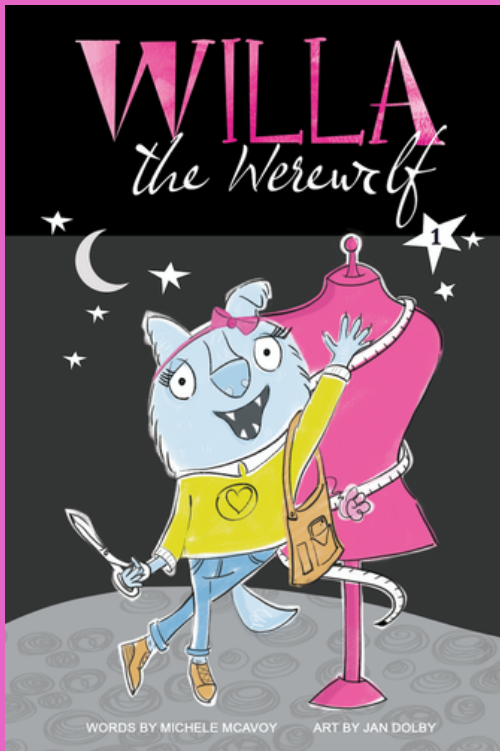
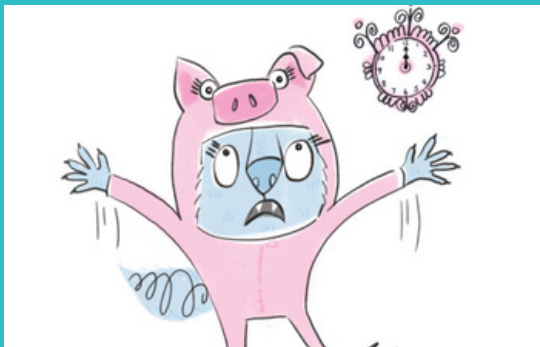
Ever since the Big Bad Wolf blew
down their ancestors' houses, Willa's
friends and family have been petrified
of wolves.

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 modern-
day retelling of THE THREE LITTLE PIGS
about self-acceptance & bravery.



ISBN (hardcover):
978-1-956378-13-9 \$12.99
Ages 5-10 years old

*illustrated
Early Reader*



**THEMES:
SELF-ACCEPTANCE
FAIRY TALE
FAMILY**

RELEASE DATE: 9.15.23



BELLA & BLUE

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

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 5-10 years old

*Graphic-novel
Early Reader*



**THEMES:
ANXIETY
THERAPY PET
GRANDPARENTS**

RELEASE DATE: 10.01.23



Middle-Grade



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

Foreword
Review



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

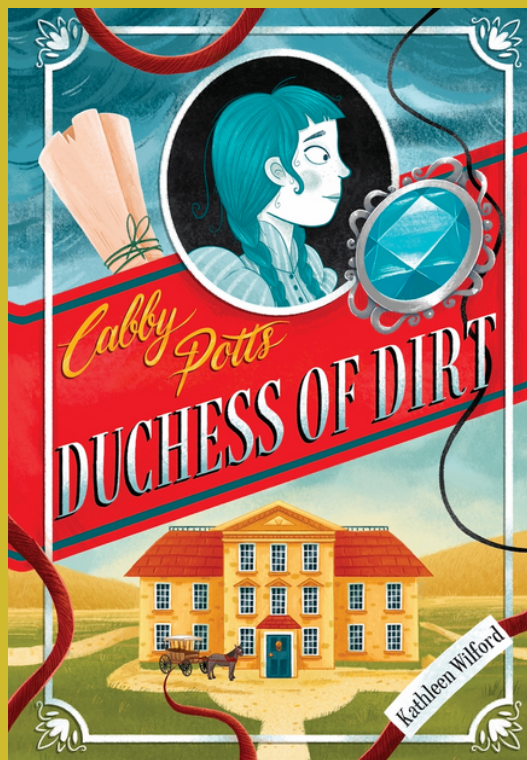
Middle-grade
THE LITTLE PRESS

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

Ages 8 - 12 years old

"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



Middle-
grade

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PRESS

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 [@kathwilford](https://twitter.com/kathwilford).

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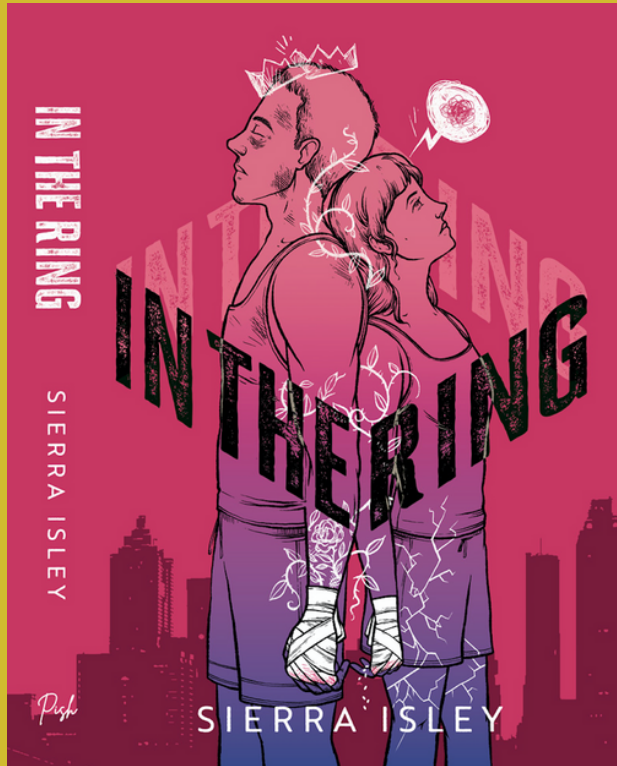
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Young Adult

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Young
Adult

THE
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Ages 14 - 18 years old

IN THE RING

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

A gritty, graphic glimpse of the
physical and mental realities of
anxiety with a streak of romance.-

Kirkus Reviews

"Isley's debut novel is a thrilling
romance as well as a thoughtful look
at mental health and grief." -

Booklist

"In the Ring gets that sometimes
learning a new sport can look a lot
like falling in love. If you like ride-or-
die besties, bad boys with heart, and
girls who can throw a punch, you'll
enjoy this debut." - **Emma Kress,**
author of Dangerous Play

"A bold and brave new writer to
watch. In the Ring will keep your
pulse elevated in all the good ways."

- **Terra Elan McVoy, author of
Criminal**

*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



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currently based in Philadelphia, PA.
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University in 2021 with a degree in
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of writing, her passions include
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communications and drinking chai
lattes. IN THE RING is her debut
novel.

**THEMES:
MENTAL ILLNESS
LGBTQ+
BOXING
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