

Titles You Shouldn't Miss This Week

July 17, 2017 - July 23, 2017



MIDDLE GRADE



What is Frontlist Report?

Every week, we review all the new releases from 13,723 children's publishers in 8 countries and introduce 20 to 30 titles you should not miss. 8 countries include US, UK, Canada, Germany, France, Spain, Italy and Netherlands.

How do we select titles?

By tracking hundreds of sources, we select books that meet the following criteria:

- ★ Recent acquisitions of other foreign publishers
- ★ Award winners / nominees
- ★ Bestsellers
- ★ Recommendation by book magazines and critics
- ★ New releases from notable authors
- ★ Noteworthy titles hand-picked by Frontlist editors

Titles that are not featured

- ★ Titles that had been already translated into your language of publication
- ★ Titles that have been previously featured in our reports

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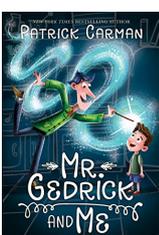
THIS WEEK'S SUMMARY

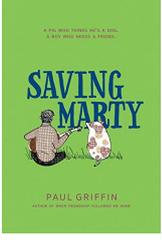
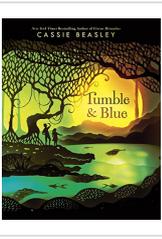
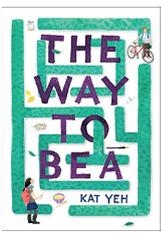
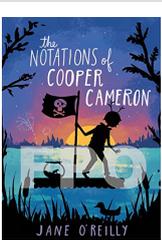
New Releases & Pre-pubs

1,956 children's books are newly published this week.

US	UK	Canada	Germany	France	Spain	Italy	Netherlands	Total
689	306	229	129	172	167	205	59	1,956

Among these new releases, the following **10 middle grades** are featured in this report.

	A World Below by Wesley King	Paula Wiseman Books / Simon & Schuster (US) Mar 6, 2018	New release from Wesley King (Notable author)
	The Land of Neverendings by Kate Saunders	Faber & Faber (UK) Oct 5, 2017	New release from Kate Saunders (Notable author)
	Ellie, Engineer by Jackson Pearce	Bloomsbury USA Childrens (US) Jan 16, 2018	New release from Jackson Pearce (Notable author)
	Mr. Gedrick and Me by Patrick Carman	Katherine Tegen Books / HarperCollins USA (US) Nov 7, 2017	New release from Patrick Carman (Notable author)
	The Adventurers Guild by Zack Loran Clark, Nick Eliopoulos	Disney-Hyperion Publishing Worldwide (US) Oct 3, 2017	Received a star from Kirkus Reviews: See review
	Paper Chains	HarperCollins USA (US)	Received a star from Kirkus

	by Sara Not	Oct 17, 2017	Reviews: See review
	Saving Marty by Paul Griffin	Dial Books / Penguin Group US (US) Sep 19, 2017	Received a star from Kirkus Reviews: See review
	Tumble & Blue by Cassie Beasley	Dial Books / Penguin Group US (US) Aug 29, 2017	Selected as School Library Journal's July 2017 Stellar Titles
	The Way to Bea by Kat Yeh	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (US) Sep 19, 2017	Selected as School Library Journal's July 2017 Stellar Titles
	The Notations of Cooper Cameron by Jane O'reilly	Carolrhoda Books / Lerner Publishing Group (US) Oct 1, 2017	Selected as School Library Journal's July 2017 Stellar Titles

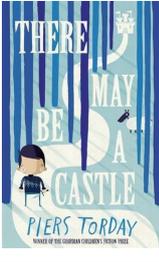
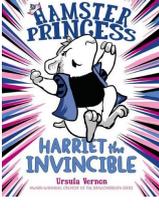
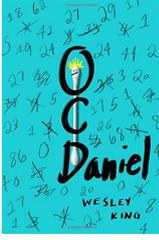
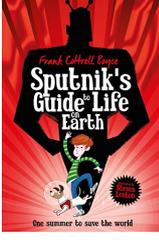
New Series

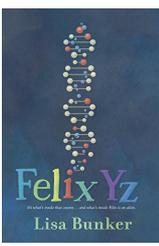
- ★ Survivors: The Gathering Darkness by HarperCollins USA
- ★ The Library Book Series by Random House Books for Young Readers
- ★ The Unintentional Adventures of the Bland Sisters Series by Amulet Books

Notable Backlist

The following **10 middle grades** have made the significant achievements or been highly recognized this week.

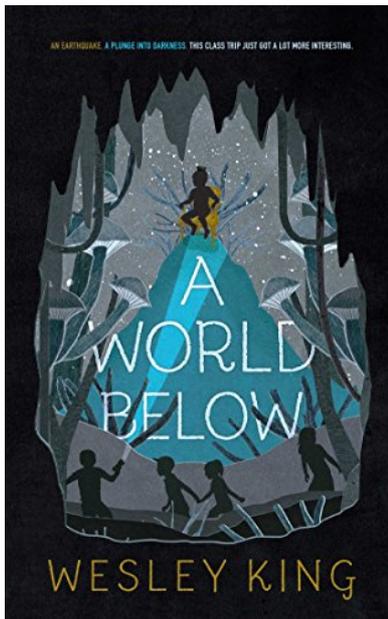
	The Best Man by Richard Peck	Dial Books / Penguin Group US (US)	Honor of Boston-Globe Horn Book Awards (Fiction)
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		<p>Sep 20, 2016</p>	
	<p>There May Be a Castle by Piers Torday</p>	<p>Quercus (UK) Oct 6, 2016</p>	<p>Recently acquired by LS Amsterdam (Netherlands)</p>
	<p>Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invincible by Ursula Vernon</p>	<p>Dial Books / Penguin Group US (US) Sep 1, 2015</p>	<p>Recently acquired by Editions Milan (France)</p>
	<p>OCDaniel by Wesley King</p>	<p>Paula Wiseman Books / Simon & Schuster (US) Apr 12, 2016</p>	<p>Recently acquired by Magellan (Germany)</p>
	<p>Timeless: Diego and the Rangers of the Vastlantic by Armand Baltazar</p>	<p>Katherine Tegen Books / HarperCollins USA (US) Oct 3, 2017</p>	<p>Recently acquired by cbj (Germany)</p>
	<p>Dark Wyng (The Erth Dragons #2) by Chris D'lacey</p>	<p>Orchard Books (UK) Oct 6, 2016</p>	<p>Recently acquired by Hachette Romans (France)</p>
	<p>Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth by Frank Cottrell Boyce</p>	<p>Macmillan Children's Books / Macmillan (UK) Feb 9, 2017</p>	<p>Recently acquired by Walden Pond Press / HarperCollins USA</p>
	<p>The Wonderling by Mira Bartók</p>	<p>Candlewick Press (US) Sep 26, 2017</p>	<p>Recently acquired by Aladin Verlag (Germany)</p>

			
	<p>The Royal Rabbits of London by Santa Montefiore, Simon Sebag Montefiore, Kate Hindley</p>	<p>Simon & Schuster Childrens Books (UK) Oct 6, 2016</p>	<p>Recently acquired by Van Holkema & Warendorf (Netherlands)</p>
	<p>Felix Yz by Lisa Bunker</p>	<p>Berkley / Penguin Group US (US) Jun 6, 2017</p>	<p>Recommended by The Horn Book Magazine: See review</p>

NEW RELEASES & PRE-PUBS

New release from [Wesley King](#) (Notable author)



A World Below by Wesley King

English | Mar 6, 2018 **PRE-PUB** | 304 pages | 9781481478229

A class field trips turns into an underground quest for survival in the latest middle grade novel from the author of Edgar Award winner *OCDaniel*.

Mr. Baker's eighth grade class thought they were in for a normal field trip to Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. But when an earthquake hits, their field trip takes a terrifying turn. The students are plunged into an underground lake...and their teacher goes missing.

They have no choice but to try and make their way back above ground, even though no one can agree on the best course of action. The darkness brings out everyone's true self. Supplies dwindle and tensions mount. Pretty and popular Silvia does everything she can to hide her panic attacks, even as she tries to step up and be a leader. But the longer she's underground, the more frequent and debilitating they become. Meanwhile, Eric has always been a social no one, preferring to sit at the back of the class and spend evenings alone. Now, he finds himself separated from his class, totally by himself underground. That is, until he meets an unexpected stranger.

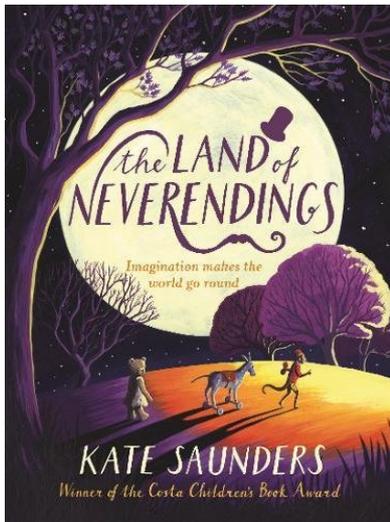
Told from three different points of view, this fast-paced adventure novel explores how group dynamics change under dire circumstances. Do the students of Mr. Baker's class really know each other at all? Or do they just think they do? It turns out, it's hard to hide in the dark.

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New release from [Kate Saunders](#) (Notable author)



The Land of Neverendings by Kate Saunders

English | Oct 5, 2017 **PRE-PUB** | 336 pages | 9780571310845

The cat flap opened. Emily thought a wild animal was coming into the house. But the muddy creature that climbed through had four little wheels and a tail. It spoke in a voice like rough sandpaper. 'Come on, you two - it's nice and warm in here.'

What if there exists a world powered by imagination?

A world of silliness, where humans and their toys live on long after they've left the Hard World... and what if the door between that world and this one was broken?

Welcome to the Land of Neverendings.

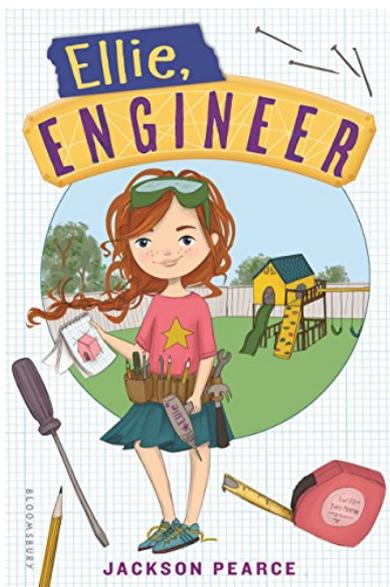
Moving, raw and funny in all the right ways, *The Land of Neverendings* is a rip-roaring adventure, but it also gives an honest portrayal of grief for young readers, and shows us that whilst sadness does exist in the world, it doesn't have to cancel out happiness, or silliness, even when you lose someone you love.

As hilarious as it is heartbreaking, another future classic from Costa Winner Kate Saunders

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New release from [Jackson Pearce](#) (Notable author)



Ellie, Engineer by Jackson Pearce

English | Jan 16, 2018 **PRE-PUB** | 192 pages | 9781681195193

Ellie is an engineer. With a tool belt strapped over her favorite skirt (who says you can't wear a dress *and* have two kinds of screwdrivers handy, just in case?), she invents and builds amazing creations in her backyard workshop. Together with her best friend Kit, Ellie can make *anything*. As Kit's birthday nears, Ellie doesn't know what gift to make until the girls overhear Kit's mom talking about her present--the dog Kit always wanted! Ellie plans to make an amazing doghouse, but her plans grow so elaborate that she has to enlist help from the neighbor boys and crafty girls, even though the two groups don't get along. Will Ellie be able to pull off her biggest project yet, all while keeping a secret from Kit?

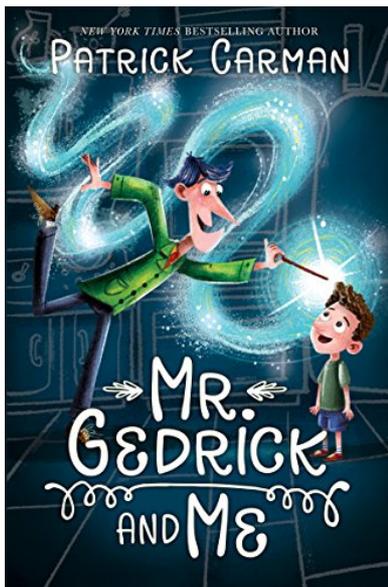
Illustrated with Ellie's sketches and plans, and including backmatter with a fun how-to guide to tools, this is a STEM- and friendship-powered story full of fun!

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New release from [Patrick Carman](#) (Notable author)



Mr. Gedrick and Me by Patrick Carman

English | Nov 7, 2017 **PRE-PUB** | 224 pages | 9780062421609

New York Times bestselling author Patrick Carman delivers a modern reimagining of the classic *Mary Poppins* tale in this story about family, grief, and healing—with a dash of magic!

Stanley Darrow isn't sure what to expect when the mysterious Mr. Gedrick appears on his doorstep. He is certain, however, that his family could use Mr. Gedrick's help: Their lives—and their house—have been a mess since Stanley's dad died.

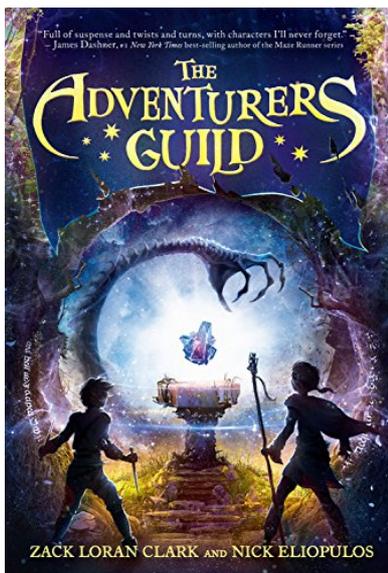
The strange new nanny quickly helps them transform their cluttered home into a sparkling and spotless version of its former self, but it's going to take more than a clean house to help the Darrow family learn to live and love again.

Can Mr. Gedrick help Stanley, his brother, Fergus, his sister, Amelia, and his mom find their way back to each other? And what secrets of his own is Mr. Gedrick hiding behind his crooked grin?

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Received a star from Kirkus Reviews: [See review](#)



The Adventurers Guild by Zack Loran Clark, Nick Eliopoulos

English | Oct 3, 2017 **PRE-PUB** | 320 pages | 9781484788011

Few ever asked to join the Adventurers Guild. . . . Their members often died young.

In one of the last cities standing after the world fell to monsters, best friends Zed Kagari and Brock Dunderfel have high hopes for the future. Zed desperately wishes to join the ranks of the Mages Guild, where his status as Freestone's only half elf might finally be an asset. Brock, the roguishly handsome son of merchants, is confident he'll be welcomed into the ranks of the Merchants Guild. But just as it seems the boys' dreams have come true, their lives take a startling turn . . . and they find themselves members of the perilous Adventurers Guild.

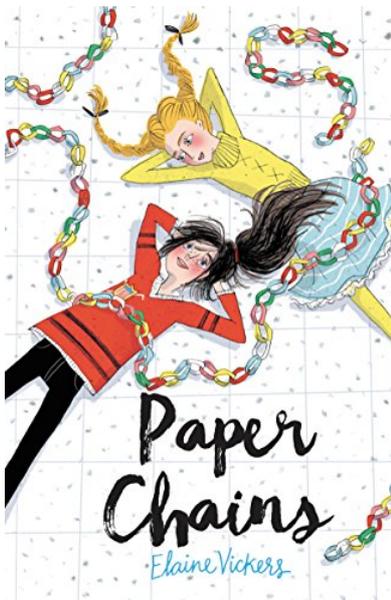
Led by the fearsome Alabasel Frond, the guild acts as the last line of defense against the Dangers-hungry, unnatural beasts from otherworldly planes. And when the boys uncover a conspiracy that threatens all of Freestone, Zed, Brock, and their new allies-Liza, a fierce noble, and Jett, a brave dwarf-must prove their worth once and for all.

This start of a thrilling new series is sure to be a hit with readers who like their fantasies clever and action-packed, with tons of humor and heart.

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Received a star from Kirkus Reviews: [See review](#)



Paper Chains by Sara Not

English | Oct 17, 2017 **PRE-PUB** | 304 pages | 9780062414342

From the author of critically acclaimed *Like Magic* comes another sweet middle grade story about friendship, family, and discovering where you fit in the world.

Katie and Ana are the kind of friends who share everything with each other. But there are some things you can't even share with your best friend.

Katie has always known she was adopted, but recently she's been wondering about her birth parents and her birthplace. She worries that saying this out loud—even to her best friend—could mess up the perfect family she has now.

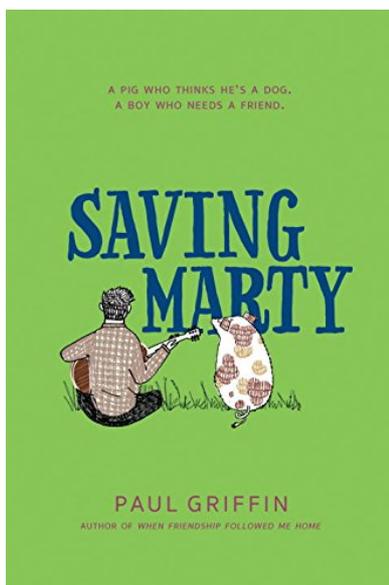
Ana's family has been falling apart ever since her dad left, and it's up to her to hold it together. But Ana fears no matter how hard she tries, her family may never be whole again.

At a time when they need each other the most, the links between the girls are beginning to break. Before they lose each other, they must work through the tangles of secrets to the shining truth underneath: friendship, just like family, is worth fighting for.

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Received a star from Kirkus Reviews: [See review](#)



Saving Marty by Paul Griffin

English | Sep 19, 2017 **PRE-PUB** | 208 pages | 9780399539077

Fans of *Because of Winn Dixie* will adore this warm and heart-wrenching story of the friendship between a boy and a pig who thinks it's a dog.

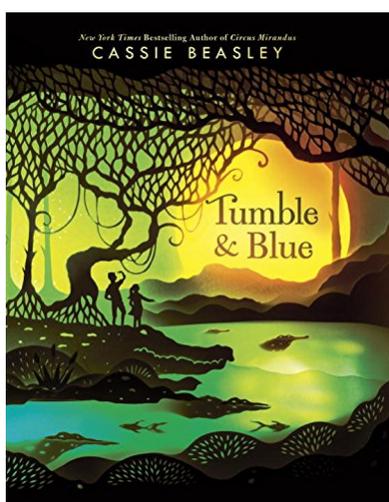
Eleven-year-old Lorenzo Ventura knows heroes are rare—like his father, who died in the war, or his friend Paloma Lee, who fearlessly pursues her dream of being a famous musician. Renzo would never describe himself as a hero, but his chance comes when he adopts Marty, a runt piglet.

Marty is extraordinary—he thinks he's a dog and acts like one too—and his bond with Renzo is truly one of a kind. At first, the family farm seems like the perfect home for Marty, but as he approaches 350 pounds, it becomes harder for Renzo to convince his mom that a giant pig makes a good pet. So when Marty causes a dangerous (and expensive) accident, Renzo knows Marty's time is up. He'd do anything and everything for his best friend, but will everything be enough to save Marty?

Paul Griffin masterfully melds the heartrending and the hopeful in this unforgettable story about the power of friendship . . . and the unsung heroes all around us.

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Tumble & Blue by Cassie Beasley

English | Aug 29, 2017 **PRE-PUB** | 400 pages | 9780525428442

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Circus Mirandus* comes the magic-infused story of a golden gator, two cursed kids, and how they take their destinies into their own hands.

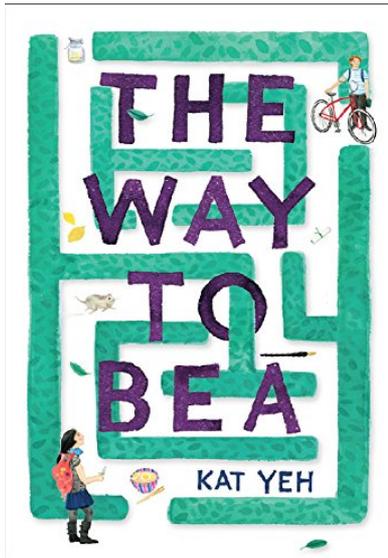
When the red moon rises over the heart of the Okefenokee swamp, legend says that the mysterious golden gator Munch will grant good luck to the poor soul foolish enough to face him. But in 1817, when TWO fools reach him at the same time, the night's fate is split. With disastrous consequences for both . . . and their descendants. Half of the descendants have great fates, and the other half have terrible ones.

Now, Tumble Wilson and Blue Montgomery are determined to fix their ancestors' mistakes and banish the bad luck that's followed them around for all of their lives. They're going to face Munch the gator themselves, and they're going to reclaim their destinies. But what if the legend of Munch is nothing but a legend, after all? Full of friendship, family, and the everyday magic and adventure that readers of *Savvy* and *A Snicker of Magic* love, Cassie

Beasley's newest middle grade book is another crowd-pleasing heart-warmer—perfect for reading by yourself, or sharing with someone you love.

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The Way to Bea by Kat Yeh

English | Sep 19, 2017 **PRE-PUB** | 352 pages | 9780316236676

With a charming voice, winning characters, and a perfectly-woven plot, Kat Yeh delivers a powerful story of friendship and finding a path towards embracing yourself.

Everything in Bea's world has changed. She's starting seventh grade newly friendless and facing big changes at home, where she is about to go from only child to big sister. Feeling alone and adrift, and like her words don't deserve to be seen, Bea takes solace in writing haiku in invisible ink and hiding them in a secret spot.

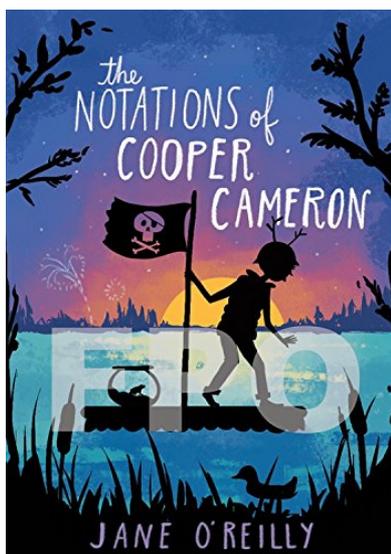
But then something incredible happens--someone writes back. And Bea begins to connect with new friends, including a classmate obsessed with a nearby labyrinth and determined to get inside. As she decides where her next path will lead, she just might discover that her words--and herself--have found a new way to belong.

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The Notations of Cooper Cameron by Jane O'reilly

English | Oct 1, 2017 **PRE-PUB** | N/A pages | 9781512404159

"Eleven-year-old Cooper Cameron likes things to be in order. When he eats, he chews every bite three times on each side. Sometimes he washes his hands in the air with invisible water. He invented these rituals after the death of his beloved grandfather to protect others he loves from terrible harm.

But when Cooper's strange behavior drives a wedge between his parents, and his relationship with his older sister, Caddie, begins to fray, his mother's only solution is to take Cooper and Caddie to the family cabin for the summer.

Armed with a collection of rocks, his pet frog, and his notebook, Cooper vows to cure himself and bring his damaged family back together."

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NEW SERIES

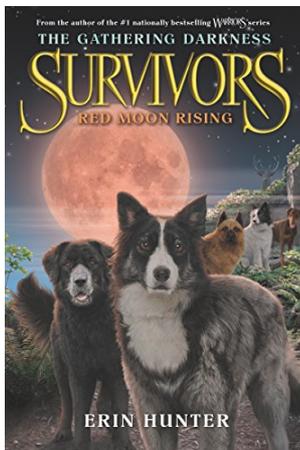
Survivors: The Gathering Darkness (4 books)

Text Language: English

Pages: 304

From Erin Hunter, #1 nationally bestselling author of Warriors, Survivors is full of “wild and wonderful adventure” (*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review) that will thrill fans of Spirit Animals and Wings of Fire.

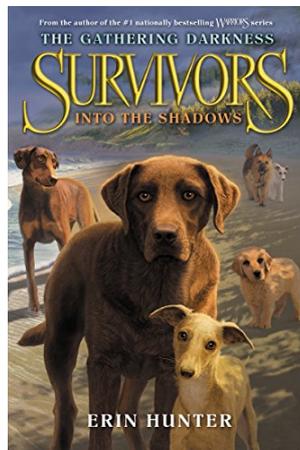
For the first time Storm can remember, she has a place in a Pack, and the world that was devastated by the Big Growl is finally at peace. But tensions are rising among the dogs of the Wild Pack—and the greatest danger they face may come from within.



Survivors: The Gathering Darkne...

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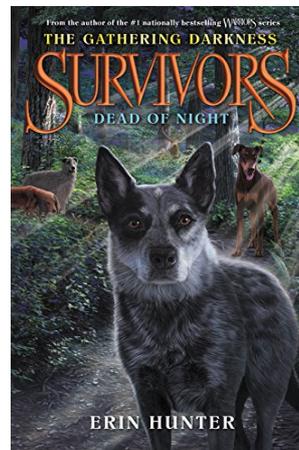
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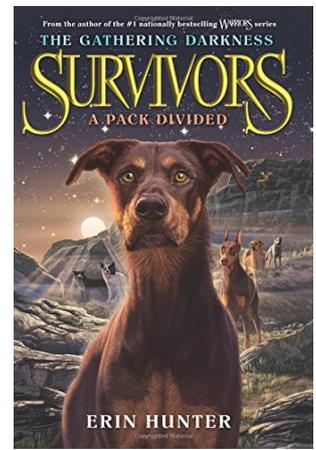
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Survivors: The Gathering Darkne...

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Survivors: The Gathering Darkne...

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The Library Book Series (2 books)

Text Language: English

Pages: 272

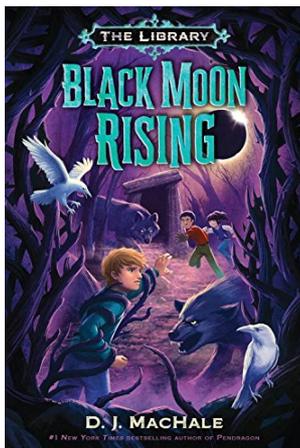
A fast-paced, thrilling series opener from bestselling author D. J. MacHale. Check out a book—and unlock an adventure!

There's a place filled with tales that don't have an ending. Puzzles that won't be solved until someone steps in to finish them.

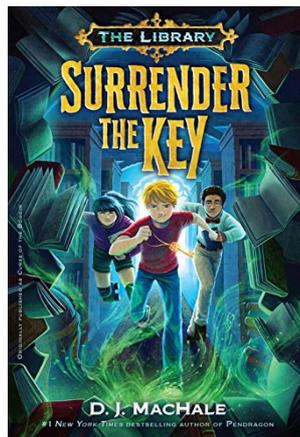
Enter the Library.

Marcus and his friends have found the key to open it. And they need to use it, because, clearly, something is up. A strange guy in a bathrobe haunts them; fires rage and flare out in an instant; a peculiar old lady keeps telling them, "Surrender the key. . . ." At first Marcus thinks he's going nuts, until the mystery gets personal. The Library may hold some answers, but the clock is running out. Because on these library shelves, the stories you don't finish might just finish *you*.

. . .



Black Moon Rising
(The Library ...
 9781101932575
 Oct 03, 2017



Surrender the Key
(The Library ...
 9781101932568
 Sep 19, 2017

Publisher | Random House Books for Young Readers (United States)

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The Unintentional Adventures of the Bland Sisters Series (2 books)

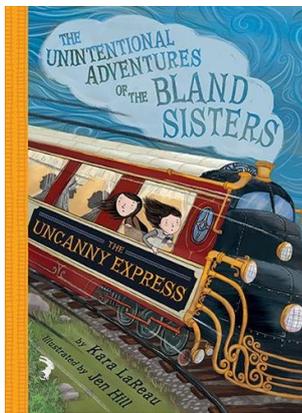
Text Language: English

Pages: 176

In the spirit of *A Series of Unfortunate Events* and the *Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place* series, *The Unintentional Adventures of the Bland Sisters* will captivate middle-grade readers looking for humor, hijinks, and a swashbuckling good time. Meet Jaundice and Kale Bland, two sisters who avoid excitement at any cost. Together, they patiently await the return of their parents, who left on an errand years ago and have never returned.

One day, the Bland sisters are kidnapped by an all-female band of pirates. They're unwillingly swept into a high-seas romp that might just lead to solving the mystery of what happened to their parents. With whimsical illustrations and Roald Dahl–esque wit, *The Unintentional Adventures of the Bland Sisters* is the visually stunning, laugh-out-loud funny start to a new series for readers who are looking for an anything-but-bland adventure.

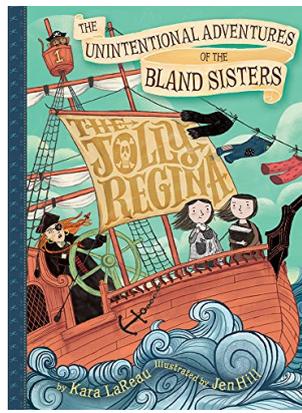
An inventive story in the tradition of Agatha Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express*, *The Unintentional Adventures of the Bland Sisters: The Uncanny Express* has all the whimsy and humor that readers who are looking for an anything-but-bland adventure will love.



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The Unintentional Adventures of...

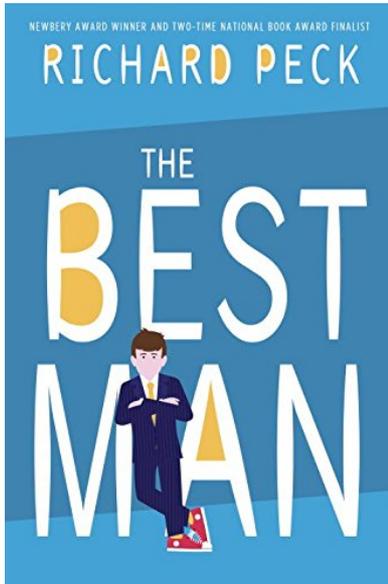
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NOTABLE BACKLIST

Honor of Boston-Globe Horn Book Awards (Fiction)**Details**

Text Language: English

Pub Date: Sep 20, 2016

ISBN: 9780803738393

Format: Hardcover

Page: 240

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The Best Man

★ 2017 Boston-Globe Horn Book Awards, Honor

Newbery Medalist Richard Peck tells a story of small-town life, gay marriage, and everyday heroes in this novel for fans of Gary Schmidt and Jack Gantos.

Archer Magill has spent a lively five years of grade school with one eye out in search of grown-up role models. Three of the best are his grandpa, the great architect; his dad, the great vintage car customizer,; and his uncle Paul, who is just plain great. These are the three he wants to be. Along the way he finds a fourth—Mr. McLeod, a teacher. In fact, the first male teacher in the history of the school.

But now here comes middle school and puberty. Change. Archer wonders how much change has to happen before his voice does. He doesn't see too far ahead, so every day or so a startling revelation breaks over him. Then a really big one when he's the best man at the wedding of two of his role models. But that gets ahead of the story.

In pages that ripple with laughter, there's a teardrop here and there. And more than a few insights about the bewildering world of adults, made by a boy on his way to being the best man he can be.

Author | Richard Peck (United States)

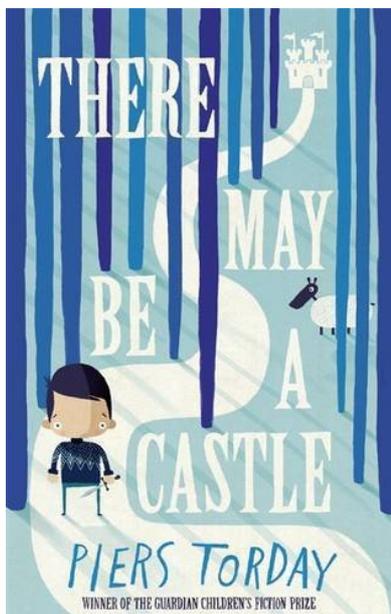
★ Won Boston-Globe Horn Book Awards

Born in Decatur, Illinois, Richard Peck has written over 41 books for young readers. He is the winner of the 1990 Margaret A. Edwards Award, a prestigious award sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association of the American Library Association in cooperation with the *School Library Journal*; the 1990 National Council of Teachers of English/ALAN Award for outstanding contributions to young adult literature; and the Mystery Writers of America Edgar Allan Poe Award. In 2001 Mr. Peck was awarded the Newbery Medal for *A Year Down Yonder*.

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There May Be a Castle

A remarkable story about love and death from the winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize

Eleven-year-old Mouse is travelling to see his grandparents on Christmas Eve with his mother and two sisters. But it's snowing, and visibility is bad, and the car goes off the road, and crashes.

Mouse is thrown from the car.

When he wakes, he's not in his world any more. He meets a sheep named Bar, who can only say Baaa, and a sarcastic horse named Nonky, who is a surprising mix of his beloved toy horse and his older sister.

So begins a quest to find a castle in a world of wonder - a world of monsters, minstrels, dangerous knights and mysterious wizards; a world of terrifying danger but also more excitement than Mouse has ever known.

But why are they looking for a castle? As the cold grows, we realise it might just have something to do with the family he's left behind; and that Mouse's quest is more important than ever.

This is a novel about love and death. It's about the power of stories to change the way we view the world - and it's about the power of a child to change their own world. Emotionally arresting but ultimately uplifting, this is a remarkable novel for our times.

Author | Piers Torday (United Kingdom)

★ **Won Guardian Children's Fiction Prize**

Piers Torday began his career in theatre and then television as a producer and writer. His bestselling first book for children, *The Last Wild*, was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Award and nominated for the CILIP Carnegie Medal as well as numerous other awards. His second book, *The Dark Wild*, won the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize. The third book in the trilogy, *The Wild Beyond*, was published

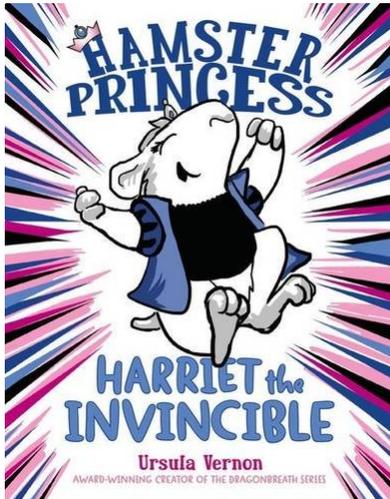
in 2015 to critical acclaim. His next book for children, *There May Be a Castle*, was published in October 2016.

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Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invincible

Sleeping Beauty gets a feisty, furry twist in this hilarious new comic series from the creator of Dragonbreath

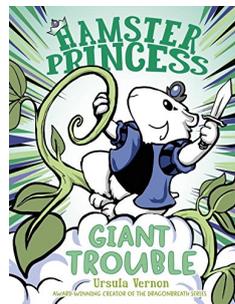
Harriet Hamsterbone is not your typical princess. She may be quite stunning in the rodent realm (you'll have to trust her on this one), but she is not so great at trailing around the palace looking ethereal or sighing a lot. She finds the royal life rather . . . dull. One day, though, Harriet's parents tell her of the curse that a rat placed on her at birth, dooming her to prick her finger on a hamster wheel when she's twelve and fall into a deep sleep. For Harriet, this is *most* wonderful news: It means she's invincible until she's twelve! After all, no good curse goes to waste. And so begins a grand life of adventure with her trusty riding quail, Mumfrey...until her twelfth birthday arrives and the curse manifests in a most unexpected way.

Perfect for fans of *Babymouse* and Chris Colfer's *Land of Stories*, this laugh-out-loud new comic hybrid series will turn everything you thought you knew about princesses on its head.

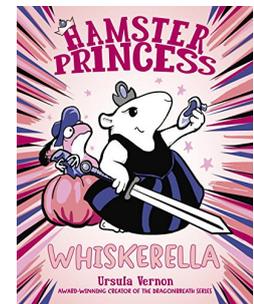
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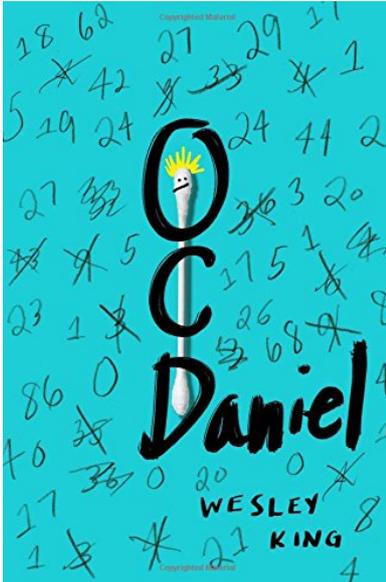
Author | [Ursula Vernon \(United States\)](#)

Ursula Vernon is an American freelance writer, artist and

illustrator. She is best known for her Hugo Award-winning graphic novel *Digger* and for the children's books *Dragonbreath* and *Nurk: The Strange, Surprising Adventures of a Brave Shrew*.

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**EDGAR AWARD WINNER FOR BEST MYSTERY
 BANK STREET BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR
 SILVER BIRCH AWARD WINNER**

"Complex and satisfying. Written from Daniel's point of view, this perceptive first-person narrative is sometimes painful, sometimes amusing, and always rewarding." —*Booklist* (starred review)

From the author of *Incredible Space Raiders from Space!* comes a brand-new coming-of-age story about a boy whose life revolves around hiding his obsessive compulsive disorder—until he gets a mysterious note that changes everything.

Daniel is the back-up punter for the Erie Hills Elephants. Which really means he's the water boy. He spends football practice perfectly arranging water cups—and hoping no one notices. Actually, he spends most of his time hoping no one notices his strange habits—he calls them Zaps: avoiding writing the number four, for example, or flipping a light switch on and off dozens of times over. He hopes no one notices that he's crazy, especially his best friend Max, and Raya, the prettiest girl in school. His life gets weirder when another girl at school, who is unkindly nicknamed Psycho Sara, notices him for the first time. She doesn't just notice him: she seems to peer through him.

Then Daniel gets a note: "I need your help," it says, signed, Fellow Star child—whatever that means. And suddenly Daniel, a total no one at school, is swept up in a mystery that might change everything for him.

With great voice and grand adventure, this book is about feeling different and finding those who understand.

Author | Wesley King (Canada)

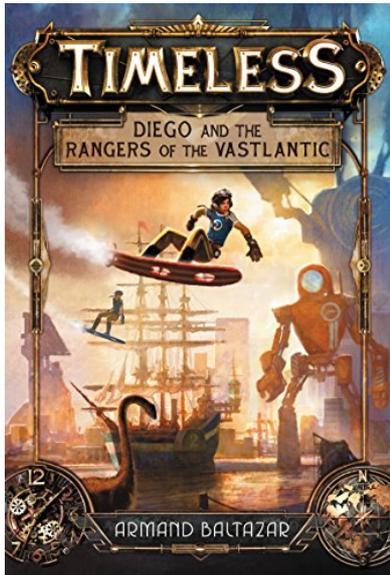
Wesley King is an award-winning Canadian author, speaker, and screenwriter. As of 24 November 2016, Wesley King has published 5 books. His works have been optioned for film and

television and translated into many different languages around the globe.

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Timeless: Diego and the Rangers of the Vastlantic

For fans of Rick Riordan and Brian Selznick, author-artist Armand Baltazar introduces *Timeless: Diego and the Rangers of the Vastlantic*, the first in a new science fiction/fantasy series that explores a world painted new by the Time Collision. Integrating art and text, this epic and cinematic adventure features more than 150 full-color illustrations.

You've never seen Earth like this before: continents reshaped, oceans re-formed, cities rebuilt, and mountains sculpted anew. Dinosaurs roam the plains alongside herds of buffalo, and giant robots navigate the same waters as steam-powered ships.

This is the world Diego Ribera was born into. The past, present, and future coexisting together. In New Chicago, Diego's middle school hallways buzz with kids from all eras of history and from cultures all over the world. The pieces do not always fit together neatly, but this is the world he loves.

There are those, however, who do not share his affection. On his thirteenth birthday, Diego learns of a special gift he has within, a secret that is part of something much bigger—something he cannot understand. When his father, New Chicago's top engineer, is taken by the Aeternum, Diego must rescue him and prevent this evil group from disrupting the fragile peace humanity has forged.

Author | Armand Baltazar (United States)

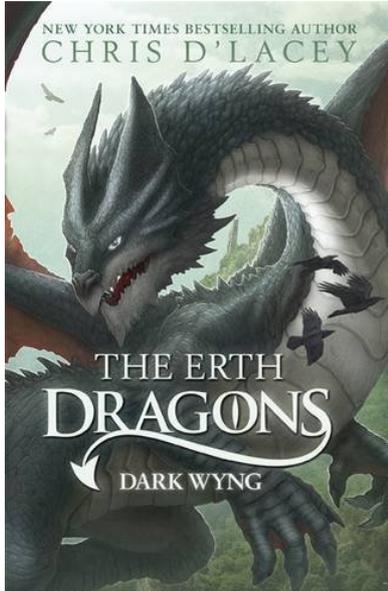
Armand Baltazar was born on Chicago's North Side, not far from the famed Wrigley Field. After attending the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, Armand began a visual storytelling career in feature animation as a background artist, visual development artist, and art director for DreamWorks Studios, Walt Disney, and Pixar Animation. He currently resides in Northern California with his family, creating the art and stories for the epic adventure series Timeless.

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Dark Wyng (The Erth Dragons #2)

The second in the stunning new fantasy series from the New York Times bestselling author, Chris d'Lacey.

*A dark stranger walks among the men.
A dark force waits in the mountains.
A dark wyng will be formed.
The dark dragon is coming...*

Ren is the first of his kind - a boy with the skills of a dragon. But as he tests his new powers, the dragons are growing wary.

Meanwhile, a strange man has joined the hom, determined to help them wreak vengeance on the skalers. He knows about the dragons, but can he be trusted?

As tensions rise between hom and dragon, both are unaware that there's a bigger battle coming... because the dark dragon will rise again...

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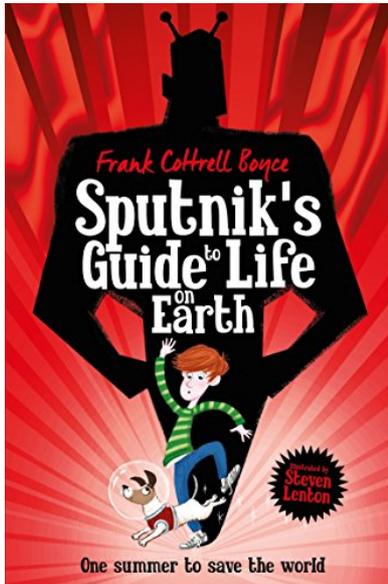
Chris d'Lacey is an English writer of children's fiction, he is best known for writing The Last Dragon Chronicles. He has

also written many other books including A Dark Inheritance

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Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth

★ 2017 Carnegie Medal, Longlist

The Blythes are a big, warm, rambunctious family who live on a small farm and sometimes foster children. Now Prez has come to live with them. But, though he seems cheerful and helpful, he never says a word.

Then one day Prez answers the door to someone claiming to be his relative. This small, loud stranger carries a backpack, walks with a swagger and goes by the name of Sputnik.

As Prez dithers on the doorstep, Sputnik strolls right past him and introduces himself to everyone in the household. Prez is amazed at the response. The family pat Sputnik on the head, call him a good boy and drop food into his mouth. It seems they all think Sputnik is a dog. It's only Prez who thinks otherwise.

But Prez soon finds himself having to defend the family from the chaos and danger unleashed by Sputnik, as household items come to life - like a TV remote that fast-forwards people: 'Anyone can do it, it's just that people don't read the instructions properly'; and a toy lightsaber that entertains guests at a children's party, until one of them is nearly decapitated by it - and Prez is going to have to use his voice to explain himself.

It turns out that Sputnik is writing a guidebook to Earth called *Ten Things Worth Doing on Earth*, and he takes Prez on a journey to discover just those ten things. Each adventure seems to take Prez nearer to the heart of the family he is being fostered by. But they also take him closer to the day that he is due to leave them forever . . .

Author | Frank Cottrell Boyce (United Kingdom)

★ Won Blue Peter Book Awards and 1 other award

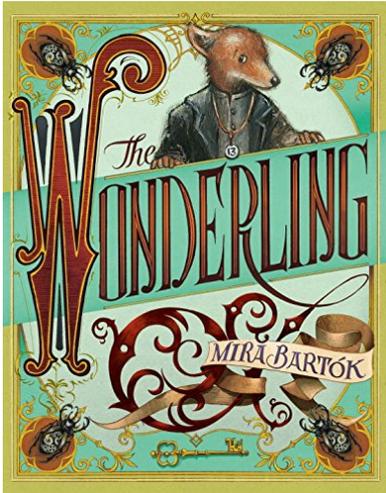
Frank Cottrell Boyce is the author of *Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth*, *The Astounding Broccoli Boy*, *Cosmic*, *Framed*, and *Millions*, the last of which was a *New York Times* bestseller and was made into a movie by Oscar-winning director Danny

Boyle. His books have won or been nominated for numerous awards, including the Carnegie Medal, the *Guardian* Children's Fiction Prize, and the Whitbread Children's Book Award. Frank is also a screenwriter, having penned the scripts for a number of feature films as well as the opening ceremony of the 2012 London Olympics. He lives in Liverpool with his family.

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The Wonderling

In this extraordinary debut novel with its deft nod to Dickensian heroes and rogues, Mira Bartók tells the story of Arthur, a shy, fox-like foundling with only one ear and a desperate desire to belong, as he seeks his destiny.

Have you been unexpectedly burdened by a recently orphaned or unclaimed creature? Worry not! We have just the solution for you!

Welcome to the Home for Wayward and Misbegotten Creatures, an institution run by evil Miss Carbunkle, a cunning villainess who believes her terrified young charges exist only to serve and suffer. Part animal and part human, the groundlings toil in classroom and factory, forbidden to enjoy anything regular children have, most particularly singing and music. For the Wonderling, an innocent-hearted, one-eared, fox-like eleven-year-old with only a number rather than a proper name — a 13 etched on a medallion around his neck — it is the only home he has ever known. But unexpected courage leads him to acquire the loyalty of a young bird groundling named Trinket, who gives the Home's loneliest inhabitant two incredible gifts: a real name — Arthur, like the good king in the old stories — and a best friend. Using Trinket's ingenious invention, the pair escape over the wall and embark on an adventure that will take them out into the wider world and ultimately down the path of sweet Arthur's true destiny. Richly imagined, with shimmering language, steampunk motifs, and gripping, magical plot twists, this high adventure fantasy is the debut novel of award-winning memoirist Mira Bartók and has already been put into development for a major motion picture.

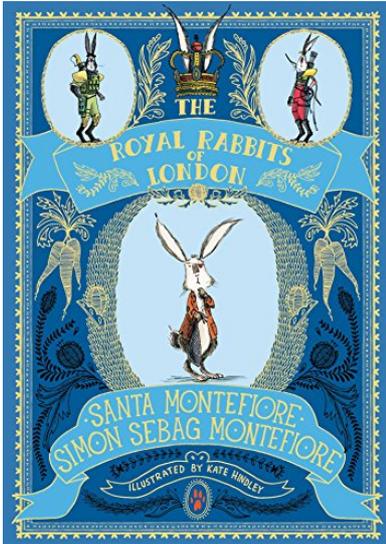
Author | Mira Bartók (United States)

Mira Bartók is a writer and artist whose *New York Times* best-selling memoir, *The Memory Palace: A Memoir*, won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Autobiography. *The Wonderling* is her first novel for young readers. She lives in Western Massachusetts.

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The Royal Rabbits of London

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH meets *Warriors* in this charming novel that proves that even the smallest rabbit can be the biggest hero from publishing power couple Santa and Simon Sebag Montefiore.

Life is an adventure. Anything in the world is possible—by will and by luck, with a moist carrot, a wet nose, and a slice of mad courage!

Shylo has always been the runt of the litter, the weakest and quietest of all of his family. His siblings spend their days making fun of him for not being like the rest of them. But when Shylo stumbles across a band of ratzis and overhears their evil plan to take a photo of the Queen in her nightie, it's up to this unlikely hero to travel to London and inform the Royal Rabbits of London about the diabolical plot! The Royal Rabbits of London have a proud history of protecting the royal family and now the secret society need to leap into action to stop the ratzis...

But can a rabbit as feeble and shy as Shylo convince them that Queen is in danger?

Author | Simon Sebag Montefiore (United Kingdom)

Simon Sebag Montefiore's bestselling and prize-winning books are now published in over forty-five languages. His new book *The Romanovs: 1613–1918* has been universally acclaimed and is already a bestseller in the UK, Australia, and the USA where it was on the *New York Times* bestseller list for eight weeks. Montefiore has won literary prizes for both fiction and nonfiction. His latest novel, *One Night in Winter* won the Best Political Novel of the Year Prize and was longlisted for the Orwell Prize. He is now writing the third novel in this trilogy.

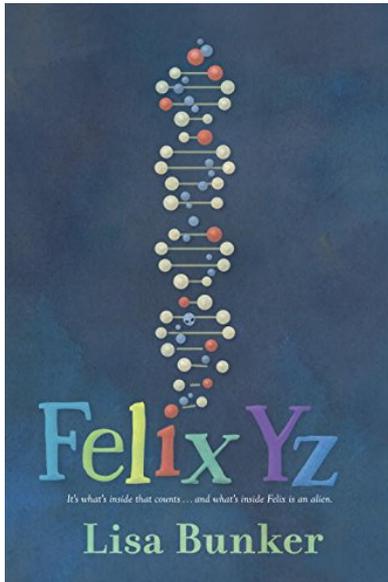
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Felix Yz

“If it wasn’t for the fused-with-Zyx thing, I suppose I would just be normal—whatever that means.”

When Felix Yz was three years old, a hyperintelligent fourth-dimensional being became fused inside him after one of his father’s science experiments went terribly wrong. The creature is friendly, but Felix—now thirteen—won’t be able to grow to adulthood while they’re still melded together. So a risky Procedure is planned to separate them . . . but it may end up killing them both instead.

This book is Felix’s secret blog, a chronicle of the days leading up to the Procedure. Some days it’s business as usual—time with his close-knit family, run-ins with a bully at school, anxiety about his crush. But life becomes more out of the ordinary with the arrival of an Estonian chess Grandmaster, the revelation of family secrets, and a train-hopping journey. When it all might be over in a few days, what matters most?

Told in an unforgettable voice full of heart and humor, *Felix Yz* is a groundbreaking story about how we are all separate, but all connected too.

★ "Acutely perceptive, disarmingly witty, devastatingly honest, and utterly captivating. Joyful, heartbreaking, completely bonkers, and exuberantly alive." —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★ "Captivating . . . Felix's story is a love letter to anyone who feels out of place and a testament to the beauty of being 'different.'" —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

★ "Lisa Bunker's clever science fiction debut is heartwarming and witty. Felix's looming high-stakes procedure creates a sense of suspense, while the push and pull between Felix and his alien guest incubates humor, compassion and ingenuity . . . The marvelously diverse cast of *Felix Yz* is certain to charm audiences and leave them eagerly anticipating what Bunker will deliver next." —*Shelf Awareness*, starred review

Author | Lisa Bunker (United Kingdom)

Lisa Bunker recently left a thirty-year career in public and community broadcasting to write full-time. She lives in Exeter, New Hampshire, and does not play chess as well as she would like, but still plays anyway.

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