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# Queen of Hearts SparkPress

2019 Foreword Indies Finalist in Adult Fiction—General 2018 IPPY Gold Medal Winner in Popular Fiction 2018 International Book Awards Finalist in Best New Fiction Twenty-five years ago, a group of ninth graders produced a Saturday Night Live—style videotape to cheer up their ailing friend. The show 's running time was only ninety minutes, but it had a lasting impact: Becca laughed her way through recovery, and the group—Jordana, Seth, Holly, and Lex—became her supporting cast for life. On the silver anniversary of Becca Night Live, the friends reunite over the Fourth of July to celebrate Becca 's good health—but nothing goes as planned. The happy holiday card facades everyone 's been hiding behind quickly crumble and give way to an unforgettable three days filled with complex moral dilemmas and lifealtering choices. Through humor, drama, and the alternating perspectives of five characters, The Cast explores the power of forgiveness, the importance of authenticity, and the immeasurable value of deep, enduring friendships to buoy us when life plays out differently than expected.

# Blonde Eskimo Penguin

Flower shop owner Abby Knight is aglow with happiness now that she's officially engaged to her longtime beau, Marco Salvare. Nothing can possibly dampen her joy-until wealthy dowager Virginia Newport is killed, and Abby's assistant Grace Bingham is the prime suspect. The plot thickens when they stumble upon mysterious stolen art and a missing cat, all part of an elaborate heist. Before Abby can throw her bouquet, she'll have to save her friend and throw a killer and a thief in jail...

#### MIRA

For every athlete or sports fanatic who knows she's just as good as the guys. This is for fans of The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen, Grace, Gold, and Glory by Gabrielle Douglass and Breakaway: Beyond the Goal by Alex Morgan. The summer before Caleb and Tessa enter high school, friendship has blossomed into a relationship . . . and their playful sports days are coming to an end. Caleb is getting ready to try out for the football team, and Tessa is training for cross-country. But all their structured plans derail in the final flag game

when they lose. Tessa doesn 't want to end her career as a loser. She really enjoys playing, and if she 's being honest, she likes it even more than running cross-country. So what if she decided to play football instead? What would happen between her and Caleb? Or between her two best friends, who are counting on her to try out for cross-country with them? And will her parents be upset that she 's decided to take her hobby to the next level? This summer Caleb and Tessa figure out just what it means to be a boyfriend, girlfriend, teammate, best friend, and someone worth cheering for. "A great next choice for readers who have enjoyed Catherine Gilbert Murdock's Dairy Queen and Miranda Kenneally's Catching Jordan."—SLJ "Fast-paced football action, realistic family drama, and sweet romance...[will have] readers looking for girl-powered sports stories...find[ing] plenty to like."—Booklist "Tessa's ferocious competitiveness is appealing."—Kirkus Reviews "[The Football Girl] serve[s] to illuminate the appropriately complicated emotions both of a young romance and of pursuing a dream. Heldring writes with insight and restraint."—The Horn Book

# The Girl Who Wrote in Silk SparkPress

When Autumn becomes the secret voice of the advice column in her middle school newspaper she is faced with a dilemma--can she give fair advice to everyone, including her friends, while keeping her identity a secret? Starting Middle School is rough for Autumn after her one and only BFF moves to California. Uncertain and anxious, she struggles to connect with her new classmates. The two potential friends she meets could not be more different: bold Logan who has big ideas and quiet Cooper who's a bit mysterious. But Autumn has a dilemma: what do you do when the new friends you make don't like each other? When Autumn is picked to be the secret voice of the Dear Student letters in the Hillview newspaper, she finds herself smack in the middle of a problem with Logan and Cooper on opposite sides. But before Autumn can figure out what to do, the unthinkable happens. Her secret identity as Dear Student is threatened. Now, it's time for Autumn to find her voice, her courage, and follow her heart, even when it's divided.

# To Catch a Leaf Penguin

Love may be blind, but obsession's a real killer. Nora Holliday is not that kind of woman. Not the kind who has an illicit affair with a married man. But Josh Landon is everything Nora's alcoholic husband isn't. And now she and Josh are so infatuated, they can't stay away from one another. Abby Landon, Josh's daughter, is home from college nursing a broken heart. She's seeking solace, not more scandal, so when she catches her dad kissing Nora, she vows to take the homewrecker down. And as for Abby's mother and Josh's wife, Gwen? To anyone on the outside looking in, the mother of two appears to be living the ideal suburban life. Until she winds up dead. The serene seaside town

of Shoreham has always been the perfect place to raise a family-not somewhere housewives are brutally murdered. So who killed Gwen Landon, and how many twisted secrets will be exposed bouquet/romance tradition holds true for... Felicity, the loveas the vindictive plot comes undone?

Queen of Hearts Simon and Schuster

thriller for readers of I Am Watching You, The Luckiest Girl Alive, and All the Missing Girls. Olivia Shaw has been missing elementary school in Hunts Point wearing a white spring jacket, blue jeans, and pink boots. I force myself to look at the face in flowers to plant seeds of love in fallow hearts? Can He create a the photo, into her slightly smudged features, and I can't bring myself to move. Olivia Shaw could be my mirror image, rewound to thirteen years ago. If you have any knowledge of Olivia Shaw's whereabouts or any relevant information, please contact... I've spent a long time peering into the faces of girls on missing posters, wondering which one replaced me in that basement. But they were never quite the right age, the right look, the right circumstances. Until Olivia Shaw, missing for one week tomorrow. Whoever stole me was never found. But since I was taken, there hasn't been another girl. And now there is.

### The Kinder Poison Wednesday Books

"A dark twist on a familiar tale that readers will have difficulty putting down." (School Library Journal) Wendy Darling has a perfectly agreeable life with her parents and brothers in wealthy London, as well as a budding romance with Booth, the neighborhood bookseller's son. But one night, while their parents are at a ball, the charmingly beautiful Peter Pan comes to the Darling children's nursery, and-dazzled by this flying boy with god-like powers-they follow him out of the window and straight on to morning into Neverland, an intoxicating island of freedom. As time passes in Neverland, Wendy realizes that this Lost Boy's paradise of turquoise seas, mermaids, and pirates holds terrible secrets rooted in blood and greed. As Peter's grasp on her heart tightens, she struggles to remember where she came from-and begins to suspect that this island of dreams, and the boy who desires her, have the potential to transform into an everlasting nightmare.

War of the Cards Simon and Schuster

The wedding bouquet symbolizes a hope: that love will sail into the life of the person who catches it. For four quests at Abby's wedding, though, love is the last thing they're looking for. Isn't it ironic, then, that when a whirling ceiling fan disintegrates the carefully crafted nosegay, its pieces fly

beyond the crowd of husband-hungry women -and parts end up in the hands of these four hardened observers? See if the worn florist who's horrified to see newspaper photos of her bouquet going to pieces. Konnie, the brokenhearted widow who's Two missing girls. Thirteen years apart. An intense psychological determined never to let love bloom in her life again. Rosie, the caterer whose dreams are crushed flatter than her wedding cake, destroyed by a clumsy groomsman. Geoff, who guickly hands his since last Tuesday. She was last seen outside the entrance of her flowers to an admiring little girl - and to her big sister, whose love for him is anything but childish. Can God use fragmented bouquet of love from the chaos in these four lives? Oueen of Hearts Complete Collection: Oueen of Hearts; Blood of Wonderland; War of the Cards (Queen of Hearts) Barbour Pub Incorporated

> Revolution is rising in Wonderland. Dinah's battle has begun. Colleen Oakes's twisted reimagining of the Queen of Hearts origin story continues in this thrilling sequel, Blood of Wonderland. Dinah has been exiled from Wonderland. The vicious father she always feared has framed her for the brutal murder of her brother and turned the kingdom against her. Now hiding in the lush and mysterious Twisted Wood with only her war steed at her side, Dinah is faced with a choice-to leave Wonderland forever, or stay and fight her father for the throne. When a chance encounter with one of her father's long-lost enemies brings Dinah more allies than she ever could have imagined, war starts to feel inevitable. But before Dinah can lead her people into combat, she must confront certain truths about her heart and her destiny-no matter how dark those truths may be.

Love, Lucas SparkPress

The sequel to "Wendy Darling: Seas" takes Wendy aboard the dreaded Sudden Night, sailed by the infamous Captain Hook. Will Wendy find shelter with Peter s greatest enemy, or is she a pawn in a much darker game, one that could forever alter her family s future but also Neverland itself?"

### Elly in Love SparkPress

Valora Rigmore understands pressure. As the Chosen One (resident telekinetic, superstar and model girlfriend) her life revolves around it. According to an ancient prophesy, Valora is destined to fight Erys, a terrifying individual with the power to control monsters. Valora is worshipped at school, in the press and by her parents, but as the battle with Erys looms near, the cracks in her perfect façade are beginning to show. Her twin, Grier Rigmore understands disappointment. A curvy bookworm perpetually in the shadow of her sister's legacy, Grier's life is one long humiliation after another. However, as Valora's fandom reaches an unbearable fever pitch, an interesting new boy and a clever teacher spark Grier's curiosity about her own powerful gifts. When Grier's star begins to rise, so do more questions: like who is truly the Chosen One, and will two sisters at odds survive long enough to understand the answer? Best described as Harry Potter meets Mindy Kaling, Sister of the Chosen One is a darkly funny, female empowered YA epic about siblings struggling to connect with each other, free themselves of labels and save the world in the process.

### The Black Coats Elly in Bloom

Colleen Oakes's twisted reimagining of the Queen of Hearts origin story comes to a thrilling conclusion in War of the Cards. Dinah has lost everyone she ever loved. Her brother was brutally murdered. The wicked man she believed was her father betrayed her. Her loyal subjects have been devastated by war. And the boy she gave her heart to broke it completely. Now a dark queen has risen out of the ashes of her former life. Fury is blooming inside Dinah, poisoning her soul and twisting her mind. All she has left is Wonderland and her crown, and her obsession to fight for both. But the war rages on and Dinah could inherit a blood-stained throne. Can a leader filled with love and rage ever be the ruler her kingdom needs? Or will her all-consuming wrath bring Wonderland to its knees? This is not a story of happily ever after. This is the story of the Queen of Hearts.

# Dear Student HarperCollins

Loved by two men a steady and handsome bookseller's son from London and Peter Pan, a dashing and dangerous charmer, Wendy realizes that Neverland, like her heart, is a wild place, teeming with dark secrets and dangerous obsessions."

#### Come Back to Me HarperCollins

A USA TODAY BESTSELLER! A historical novel inspired by true events, Kelli Estes's brilliant and atmospheric debut is a poignant tale of two women determined to do the right thing and the power of our own stories. The smallest items can hold centuries of secrets... Inara Erickson is exploring her deceased aunt's island estate when she finds end-will ascend to the throne. With all of the kingdom abuzz, an elaborately stitched piece of fabric hidden in the house. As she peels back layer upon layer of the secrets it holds, Inara's life becomes interwoven with that of Mei Lein, a young Chinese girl mysteriously driven from her home a century before. Through the stories Mei Lein tells in silk, Inara uncovers a tragic truth that will shake her family to its core—and force her to make an impossible choice. A touching and tender book for fans of Marie Benedict, Susanna Kearsley, and Duncan Jepson.

### The Dovekeepers Sparkpress

An Exiled Princess. An Ancient Tribe. A Dangerous Stranger. Dinah, the former Princess of Wonderland Palace, has been chased into the wilds of Wonderland after the murder of her brother and

the ruin of her coronation. Now, as her half-sister Vittiore sits on the throne beside her father, the brutal King of Hearts, Dinah finds herself alone in the forbidding Twisted Wood with only Morte, a homicidal beast, for company. Hunted by the King and his army of Cards, Dinah struggles to evade those who long for her head, including Cheshire, the King's clever advisor, who is slowly tightening his grasp around her. The former Princess finds herself at the center of a web of conspiracy reaching far beyond the Palace and deep into the mysterious Yurkei mountain tribes. But Dinah knows something that her allies and enemies do not: that the most dangerous conflict of all has already begun as she battles the rage inside of her, and love slips further from her grasp. But be warned...not every fairy tale has a happy ending. This is the story of a princess who became a villain.

### Wendy Darling HarperCollins

Dorothy Must Die meets Alice in Wonderland! This is not a story of happily ever after - it's the twisted YA origin story of an infamous villain... 9 Days and 9 Nights HarperCollins UK

"A DELICIOUS HIGH-STAKES ADVENTURE." -PEOPLE MAGAZINE Perfect for fans of Victoria Aveyard and Holly Black, The Kinder Poison is an enthralling fantasy adventure that follows a teenage girl chosen to be the human sacrifice in a deadly game between three heirs who will do anything for the crown. Zahru has long dreamed of leaving the kingdom of Orkena and having the kinds of adventures she's only ever heard about in stories. But as a lowly Whisperer, her power to commune with animals means that her place is serving in the royal stables until the day her magic runs dry. All that changes when the ailing ruler invokes the Crossing. A deathdefying race across the desert, in which the first of his heirs to finish—and take the life of a human sacrifice at the journey's Zahru leaps at the chance to change her fate if just for a night by sneaking into the palace for a taste of the revelry. But the minor indiscretion turns into a deadly mistake when she gets caught up in a feud between the heirs and is forced to become the Crossing's human sacrifice. Now Zahru's only hope for survival hinges on the impossible: somehow figuring out how to overcome the most dangerous people in the world.

# The Wonder SparkPress

A 2015 Whitney Award Nominee! A powerful story of loss, second chances, and first love, reminiscent of Sarah Dessen and John Green. When Oakley Nelson loses her older brother, Lucas, to cancer, she thinks she'll never recover. Between her parents' arguing and the battle she's fighting with depression,

she feels nothing inside but a hollow emptiness. When Mom suggests they spend a few months in California with Aunt Jo, Oakley isn't sure a change of Surrounded by lush flowers and neurotic brides, Elly Jordan has carved scenery will alter anything, but she's willing to give it a try. In California, Oakley discovers a sort of safety and freedom in Aunt Jo's beach florist in St. Louis. Not bad for a woman who drove away from her life house. Once they're settled, Mom hands her a notebook full of letters addressed to her-from Lucas. As Oakley reads one each day, she realizes how much he loved her, and each letter challenges her to be better and to continue to enjoy her life. He wants her to move on. If only it were that easy. But then a surfer named Carson comes into her life, and Oakley is blindsided. He makes her feel again. As she lets him in, she is surprised by how much she cares for him, and that's when things get complicated. How can she fall in love and be happy when Lucas never got the chance to do those very same things? With her brother's dying words as guidance, Oakley knows she must learn to listen and trust again. But will she have to leave the past behind to find happiness in the future? Sky Pony Press, with our Good Books, Racehorse and Arcade imprints, is proud to publish a broad range of books for young readers-picture books for small children, chapter books, books for middle grade readers, and novels for young adults. Our list includes bestsellers for children who love to play Minecraft; stories told with LEGO bricks; books that teach lessons about tolerance, patience, and the environment, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

#### Queen of Hearts HarperTeen

2016 Annual Indie Excellence Awards- Finalist in the Young Adult Fiction Category As featured in: Parade: Gifts For Your Teen Bookworm, POPSUGAR: 10 New Book Series that Recapture that Twilight Magic, Kids Book Buzz: YA Holiday Book Guide, Hypable: Must-Reads for Teen Read Week, Glitter Magazine: 10 YA Heartthrobs to Fill Your Edward/Jacob Void, SheKnows: Holiday Gifts for Book Lovers, The Reading Room: Books to Pair with Your Favorite Winter Drink Part Viking, part Eskimo, Neiva Ellis knew her family's ancestral home, the island of Spirit, Alaska, held a secret. A mystery so sensitive everyone, including her beloved grandmother, was keeping it from her. When Neiva is sent to stay on the island while her parents tour Europe she sets out on a mission to uncover the truth, but she was not prepared for what laid ahead. On the night of her seventeenth birthday, the Eskimo rite of passage, Neiva is mysteriously catapulted into another world full of mystical creatures, ancient traditions, and a masked stranger who awakens feelings deep within her heart. Along with her best friends Nate, Viv and Breezy, she uncovers the truth behind the town of Spirit and about her own heritage. When an evil force threatens those closest to her, Neiva will stop at nothing to defend her family and friends. Eskimo traditions and legends become real as two worlds merge together to fight a force so ancient and evil it could destroy not only Spirit but the rest of humanity.

#### Wendy Darling HarperCollins UK

out a sweet life for herself as the owner of Posies, a boutique two years earlier when she found her husband entwined with a redheaded artist. Sure, Elly has an embarrassingly beautiful best friend, a badly behaved sheepdog, and a sarcastic assistant she simply calls "Snarky Teenager," but overall her days are pleasantly uneventful. As a bonus, her new next-door neighbor just happens to be an unnervingly handsome musician who has an eye for curvy Elly. Just when she feels that she is finally moving on from her past, she discovers that an extravagant wedding contract, one that could change her financial future, is more than she bargained for. With the help of her friends, staff, and more than a few tasty sandwiches, Elly bravely agrees to take on the event that threatens to merge her painful history with her bright new life, and finds herself blooming in a direction she never imagined.