

## Girl Vs Superstar Robin Palmer

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### **Sealed with a Kiss** Penguin

In 1890s Cripple Creek, Colorado, when young Mary McHugh's father loses his leg in a mining accident, she tries to help, both by earning money and by encouraging her father to go back to carving wooden figurines and playing piano.

### **Doormat** Yearling

The adventure that began in Siobhan Dowd's popular and acclaimed novel *The London Eye Mystery* at long last continues with Ted, Kat, and their cousin Salim investigating a theft at the Guggenheim Museum that's been pinned on Salim's mother! When Ted and his big sister, Kat, take a trip to New York to visit their cousin Salim and their aunt Gloria, they think they're prepared for big-city adventures. But when a famous painting is stolen from the Guggenheim Museum, where Aunt Gloria works, the surprises begin to mount faster than they could have anticipated. With the police looking at Aunt Gloria as the prime suspect, Ted, Kat, and Salim become sleuthing partners, following a trail of clues across NYC to prove her innocence--and to pinpoint the real thief. Ultimately, it comes down to Ted, whose brain works in its own very unique way, to find the key to the mystery. "Fast-paced, suspenseful, but never scary, a middle-grade mystery with a singular voice and a welcome continuation of the Sparks' adventures." -- Kirkus Reviews "Swift pacing and smartly integrated clues allow readers to make connections along with the characters. Stevens's portrayal of Ted, who is on the autism spectrum, is positive and empowering" -- School Library Journal "A welcome return for this dynamic trio." -- Booklist

### **Waiting for Unicorns** Penguin

Twelve-year-old Lucy begins writing letters to a television talkshow host about the embarrassments of sixth grade, which only grow

worse when her mother becomes engaged to the father of a teen star and moves them from Massachusetts to New York City.

### **Yours Truly**, Lucy B. Parker Penguin

Siblings Maddy, Lexie, and Hudson Livingstone, who are vampire-fruit bat hybrids, struggle to adjust to living as humans in New York City while maintaining their individual vampire strengths.

### **Vote for Me!** Penguin

Lucy unexpectedly assumes the duties of the school advice columnist and offers up her best recommendations in the weeks leading up to the Sadie Hawkins dance.

### **Christopher Paul Curtis 3-Book eomni** Putnam Publishing Group

The girls: Maya, Brianna, Darcy, Renee?and popular, fascinating, dangerous Candace. Five friends ruled by one ringleader who plays games to test their loyalty?and then decides who's in the group and who's out. Each of the girls has her say in this fast-paces and absolute believable novel set in the war zone of middle school cliques. The author of the highly appraised *The Ashwater Experience*, Amy Koss has once again crafted a "truly original piece of fiction brimming with humor and insight." (Starred Horn Book Review for *The Ashwater Experience*)

### **The Secret Starling** Penguin

The ideal L.A. fairy tale for fans of *Once Upon a Time* and *L.A. Candy*, from the author of *Geek Charming*. Sophie Greene gets good grades, does the right thing, and has a boyfriend that her parents—and her younger brother—just love. (Too bad she doesn't love him.) Sophie dreams of being more like Devon Deveraux, star of her favorite romance novels, but, in reality, Sophie isn't even daring enough to change her nail polish. All of that changes when Sophie goes to Florida to visit her grandma Roz, and she finds herself seated next to a wolfishly goodlooking guy on the plane. The two hit it off, and before she knows it, Sophie's living on the edge. But is the drama all it's cracked up to be? Watch a Video

### **Geek Charming** Yearling

Sixth grade is hard enough for Lucy B. Parker, but it gets so much worse when her mom announces that sheas going to marry Laurel Mosesas dad. Yes, that Laurel Mosesathe TV-movie-music star who makes Hannah Montana look like some random kid from the sticks. Suddenly, Lucyas life is turned upside down and sideways. All Lucy wants to do is get through the day without totally embarrassing herself too much, but thatas hard to

do when youare the less-pretty, less-talented not-quite-sister of a mega superstar.

### **Lucy B. Parker: Girl vs. Superstar** Candlewick Press (MA)

WHAT WOULD YOU DO if your best friend got pregnant? Fourteen-year-old Jaime is used to her best friend, Melissa, being the center of attention. Melissa wants to be a model—she's beautiful, popular, and talented. There's just one small problem—Melissa thinks she's pregnant, and she wants Jaime's help. But there's not much Jaime can do. Melissa refuses to tell her parents; Jaime refuses to be the same old reliable doormat. She's got a lead in the school play and a new friendship with Zach. Jaime is changing, too. And she's sick of being stepped on! Fifteen-year-old Kelly McWilliams's debut novel is an inspiring story about friendship, choices, and learning how to shine.

### **Yours Truly**, Lucy B. Parker: *Sealed With a Kiss* Yours Truly, Lucy B. Parker (Q)

Lucy B. Parker is running for class president! Sure, Lucy could let her frister (friend + sister), teen superstar Laurel Moses, campaign for her, but Lucy wants to win as Lucy, not as Laurel Moses' less-pretty-less- talented stepsister. To make matters worse, Lucy's feeling totally ignored by her dad and his girlfriend, who are preparing for their new baby. How is Lucy going to manage her famous frister, a soon-to-exist baby, and the campaign of the year all at once?

### **Once Upon a Kiss** Lionstail Press

When Lucy's mother announces that she is getting married in one month, planning for the event becomes complicated by the presence of a reality television crew.

### **The Death of the Hat** Candlewick Press

Sixth grade is hard enough for Lucy B. Parker, but it gets so much worse when her mom announces that she's going to marry Laurel Moses's dad. Yes, that Laurel Moses—the TV-movie-music star who makes Hannah Montana look like some random kid from the sticks. Suddenly, Lucy's life is turned upside down and sideways. All Lucy wants to do is get through the day without totally embarrassing herself too much, but that's hard to do when you're the less-pretty, less-talented not-quite sister of a mega superstar.

### **Nicky Deuce: Welcome to the Family** Wendy Lamb

A novel about one girl's journey to the arctic, where she discovers the power of letting go of pain and opening up to second chances. When twelve-year-old Talia—still reeling from the recent death of her mother—is forced to travel with her emotionally and physically distant whale-researcher father to the Arctic for the summer, she begins to wonder if the broken pieces inside of her will ever begin to heal. Like her jar of wishes, Talia feels bottled up and torn. Everything about life in Churchill feels foreign, including Sura, the traditional Inuit woman whom Talia must live with. But when Sura exposes her to the tradition of storytelling, she unlocks something within Talia that has long since been buried: her ability to hope, to believe again in making wishes come true. A rich and poignant story about opening up—to new people, to second chances, to moving forward with life. Praise for *Waiting for Unicorns*: "Debut author Hautala's writing in this first-person narrative is lyrical and evocative; her descriptions of the landscape are vivid. Written by an author to watch, this quiet story of loss and healing will appeal to thoughtful readers." --Kirkus Reviews "This poignant story demonstrates that opening up to new experiences, places, and people can enrich life even in the aftermath of tragedy."--School Library Journal "[An] affecting exploration of grief and the hope that can come through the love of good friends. With spellbinding descriptions...this story will stay with readers."--Publishers Weekly "Contemplative writing...a thoughtful examination of loss and hope."--Booklist "Hautala mines the frigid setting for some exquisitely wrought metaphors of sadness and grief, and Tal's reflections on her situation are lyrical and yet still appropriate, given her age. Readers who were touched by Holly Goldberg Sloan's *Counting by 7s* will find this to be a similarly moving tale."--BCCB Reviews "Middle school readers will embrace Talia and her new family in the Arctic and perhaps receive the message about the power of stories to heal."--VOYA Reviews "This is a well-written tween novel that deals with growing pains, grief, and loneliness."--School Library Connection

#### *California Girls* Yearling

Lucy B. Parker has finally settled into her new life in New York City, living with her new frister (friend + sister), superstar Laurel Moses. She's got a new BFF in Beatrice, and she's spending her summer vacation off in L.A. visiting Laurel on the set of her new movie and meeting teen heartthrobs left and right. Life is good, until Lucy develops a crush—and unlike previous crushes, this one is not on a character in a book or a movie, but on a real living breathing boy, Beatrice's brother Blair.

Unfortunately for Lucy, nothing ever seems to go as she plans. Because although Lucy dreamed that Blair would be her first kiss, it seems like someone else might beat him to it!

#### *Eager's Nephew* Penguin

A fresh and funny twist on Snow White from the author of *Cindy Ella and Geek Charming!* The ideal L.A. fairy tale for fans of *Once Upon a Time* and *L.A. Candy*. Simone never saw herself as the "cute

girl"—she was always the chunky smartmouth. But after a year of avoiding her wicked almost-stepmonster through Zumba class, Simone's now sporting a whole new retro style. And people keep acting oddly. One thing: her stepmonster seems to be trying to accidentally kill her, or at least fatten her back up. And so when Simone's brother offers to let her move in with him and his six roommates for the summer, Simone jumps at the chance for some normalcy. Only living with seven very different college boys isn't exactly going to help her land her very own happily ever after . . .

#### *The Size of Your Dreams* Ballantine Books

"The most winning junior detective ever in teen lit. (Take that, Nancy Drew!)" —Midwest Children's Book Review The bad news: Sammy's made a deadly mistake. The good news: No one knows she did it. The delicious dilemma: Everyone thinks her archenemy Heather is to blame. Now Heather is in a major jam, and in some ways it's only fair—Heather has pinned more than a few crimes on Sammy. Besides, there are distractions galore to keep Sammy from confessing. Like the end of the school year. And the Farewell Dance. Especially the dance, since she's going with Heather's (dreamy) brother Casey. But Sammy knows the truth has an uncanny way of resurfacing, and when it does, the stench can be more vile than the junior high cafeteria. The Sammy Keyes mysteries are fast-paced, funny, thoroughly modern, and true whodunits. Each mystery is exciting and dramatic, but it's the drama in Sammy's personal life that keeps readers coming back to see what happens next with her love interest Casey, her soap-star mother, and her mysterious father.

#### *Little Miss Red* MIRA

A tattered ballet slipper found under the floorboards of Braithwaite Manor may be the key to Clara's sinister family secrets in this delightful, lightly Gothic mystery for fans of Maryrose Wood and Claire Legrand. Clara Starling lives a life of dull rules, deadly routine, and flavorless meals under her cold uncle's strict regime—until the day Uncle disappears, leaving Clara alone in his old mansion. When streetwise orphan Peter and his rescue cat arrive unexpectedly, the children seize the chance to live by their own rules. But when the pair's wild romps through the halls of Braithwaite Manor reveal a single, worn ballet slipper, they are hurled into a mystery that will lead to London's glittering Royal Opera House and the unraveling of twisted Starling family secrets of poison, passion, and murder. Diabolical villains, plucky orphans, and glamorous ballet stars populate this absorbing adventure with a classic feel.

#### *The Corner of Bitter and Sweet* Laurel Leaf

The award-winning creators of *A Foot in the Mouth* present a collection of poems inspired by earthly and celestial objects to reveal how poetry has been an enduring artistic form that reflects the historical periods of its writers.

#### *No Logo* Penguin

"What corporations fear most are consumers who ask questions. Naomi Klein offers us the arguments with which to take on the superbrands." Billy Bragg from the bookjacket.

#### *Take My Advice!* National Geographic Books

Lucy tries to maintain her identity while running for class president, and deal with feeling neglected by her father and his pregnant girlfriend, especially when they plan to hold the baby shower on the same week as the election.