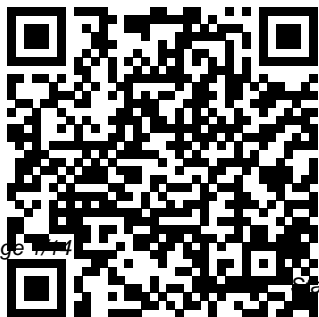


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The Arm of the Starfish  
Harlequin  
The darling of the Roman Empire is in for the fight of her life in this lush sequel to the acclaimed historical fantasy *The Valiant*. Be brave, gladiatrix... And be wary. Once you win Caesar's love, you'll earn his enemies' hate. Fallon was warned. Now she is about to pay the price for winning the love of the Roman people as Caesar's victorious gladiatrix. In this highly anticipated sequel to *THE VALIANT*, Fallon and her warrior sisters find themselves thrust into a vicious conflict with a rival gladiator academy, one that will threaten not only Fallon's heart - and her love for Roman soldier Cai - but the very heart of the ancient Roman Empire. When dark treachery and vicious power struggles threaten her hard-won freedom, the only thing that might help the girl known as Victrix save herself and her sisters is a tribe of long-forgotten mythic Amazon warriors. The only trouble is, they might just kill her themselves first.

In the Shadow of  
Blackbirds Harper  
Collins  
In this sequel to *Carrie Jones'* New York Times bestselling *Need*, Zara discovers the fight to save her hometown from a brewing war isn't quite over . . . Zara and her friends knew they hadn't solved the pixie problem for good. Far from it. The king's needs grow deeper every day he's stuck in captivity, while his control over his people gets weaker. It's made him vulnerable. And now there's a new king in town. A turf war is imminent, since the new pixie king, Astley, is moving in quickly. Nick nearly killed him in the woods on day

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one, but Zara came to his rescue. Astley swears that he and Zara are destined to be together, that he's one of the good guys. Nick isn't buying it, though Zara isn't as sure -- despite herself, she wants to trust the new king. But it's a lot more than her relationship with Nick that is at stake. It's her life -- and his. Don't miss the all of the books in the Need series: Need Captivate Entice Endure The Valiant Penguin Hardcover

Based on the real-life scheme to take down one of history's greatest monsters, this heart-pounding trilogy puts two courageous kids at the center of the plot to kill Adolf Hitler. Berlin, November

1943. With bombing raids commencing, the city is blanketed by explosions. Siblings Gerta and Max Hoffmann live a surprisingly carefree childhood amid the raids. Berlin is a city going about its business, even as it's attacked almost nightly. But one night, the air raid sirens wail, and the Hoffmanns' neighborhood is hit. A mortally wounded man comes to their door, begging to be let in. He asks for Karl Hoffmann, their father. Gerta and Max watch as Karl tries in vain to save the man's life. Before he dies, the stranger gives their father a bloodstained packet of documents, along with a message: "For the sake of humanity, the Führer must die. Finish it, Karl!" Based on real events, this is the story of two children swept up in a fight for the soul of Germany

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-- and the world.

### **How To Curse in**

**Hieroglyphics** Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

In 1918, the world seems on the verge of apocalypse.

Americans roam the streets in gauze masks to ward off the deadly Spanish influenza, and the government ships young men to the front lines of a brutal war, creating an atmosphere of fear and confusion. Sixteen-year-old Mary Shelley Black watches as desperate mourners flock to séances and spirit

photographers for comfort, but she herself has never believed in ghosts. At her bleakest moment, however, she's forced to rethink her entire way of looking at life and death, for her first love—a boy who died in battle—returns in spirit form. But what does he want from her? Featuring haunting archival early-20th-century photographs, this is a tense, romantic story set in a

past that is eerily like our own time.

*The Red Umbrella* Penguin Tom needs to be brave like his hero the Lone Ranger to save his family's dairy cows from a threatening flood.

### The Last Field Party

Bloomsbury Publishing USA  
Could an entire city really burn to the ground?

### *Glimmerglass*

Sourcebooks, Inc.

Oday is Julia Clockhouse's twenty-fifth birthday. Her long-suffering Hindu servants are frantically trying to organise a party for her, but it's hard to do so amid the havoc wreaked by her wild spirit. They think she is possessed.

Daughters of colonial tea-planters shouldn't have souls that escape their bodies, move objects with their minds, hear tongueless yogis speak. Julia Clockhouse does. As the day passes and the

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chaos mounts in the kitchen, Julia listens desperately for the return of her husband. Ben may have married her on the orders of her domineering father, but he had come to love her; together they had found the happiness they missed in childhood. But by the time the party guests are tumbling in from the rising fury of the monsoon Ben has still not come.

The Defiant Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR) Zara collects phobias the way other high school girls collect lipsticks. Little wonder, since she's had a pretty rough life. Her father left when she was a baby, and her stepfather just died. Her mother's pretty much checked out - in fact, Mom's sent her to live with her grandmother in cold and sleepy Maine to

"keep Zara safe." Whatever that means. Zara doesn't think she's in danger; she thinks her mother just can't deal. Zara's wrong. The man she sees everywhere - the tall creepy guy who points at her from the side of the road - yeh, he's not a figment of her imagination. He's a pixie. And not the cute, sweet kind with little wings. Maine's got a whole assortment of unbelievable creatures, like pixies and were-people. And they seem to need something - something from Zara... Look for the other exciting books in the Need series: Captivate, Entice, and coming next year, Endure! Conspiracy (The Plot to Kill Hitler #1) Harper Collins

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In this pulse-pounding sequel to *Starling*, Lesley Livingston delivers another electrifying blend of nonstop action and undeniable romance—perfect for fans of Cassandra Clare’s *Mortal Instruments* series. The last thing Mason Starling remembers is the train crossing a bridge. An explosion . . . a blinding light . . . then darkness. Now she is alone, stranded in Asgard—the realm of Norse legend—and the only way for her to get home is to find the Spear of Odin, a powerful relic left behind by vanished gods. The Fennrys Wolf knows all about Asgard. He was once trapped there. And he’ll do whatever it takes to find the girl who’s stolen his heart and bring

her back—even if it means a treacherous descent into the underworld. But time is running out, and Fenn knows something Mason doesn’t: If she takes up the Spear, she’ll set in motion a terrible prophecy. And she won’t just return to her world . . . she’ll destroy it.

*Unconventional Warfare (Special Forces, Book 1)*  
Bloomsbury Publishing USA  
The seventh and final book in the #1 New York Times bestselling Field Party series--a Southern soap opera filled with football, cute boys, and pick-up trucks--from USA TODAY bestselling author Abbi Glines. The couples from the previous books in the Field Party series gather for a special event ten years in the future that will impact each of their lives.

**I Survived the Great Chicago Fire, 1871 (I Survived #11)** Starling  
Sixteen-year-old grim reaper

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Lex Bartleby tries to redeem herself among her fellow Grims by finding renegade Zara, who is indiscriminately damning souls, and stopping her once and for all.

Captivate Orca Book Publishers

"Filled with tension and heart-in-your-throat suspense that kept me guessing to the very end."-Jennifer Brown, author of *Hate List* and *Thousand Words on Six Months Later*  
Send me a name. Make someone pay. Piper Woods can't wait to graduate. To leave high school-and all the annoying cliques-behind. But when she finds a mysterious notebook filled with the sins of her fellow students, Piper's suddenly drowning in their secrets. And she's not the only one watching... An anonymous text invites Piper to choose: the cheater, the bully, the shoplifter. The popular kids with their dirty little secrets. And with one text, Piper can make them pay. But the truth can be dangerous... Praise for Six

Months Later: YALSA Teens Top 10 nominee "[A] smart, edgy thriller."-Kirkus "Well paced and beautifully written...This romantic thriller will leave readers on the edge of their seats until the very last page. Recommend it to fans of Gayle Forman's *If I Stay* (Dutton, 2009) and Lissa Price's *Starters* (Delacorte, 2012)" *School Library Journal*  
"An intense psychological mystery... has the feel of a high-stakes poker game in which every player has something to hide." Publishers Weekly

*Need* Harper Collins  
Meet Cheryl and Tweed, two 12-year-old girls who are identical twins (just not with each other!), cousins, and best pals. After a mysterious "incident" involving a plane trip when they were very young left both girls orphaned and twin-less, they are raised by their grandfather, the owner/operator of the tumbledown Starlight Paradise Drive-In movie theatre in the middle-of-

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nowhere town of Wiggins Cross. The girls have bonded closer than sisters through a shared love of B movies and buttered popcorn, and they firmly believe that there must be something more out there in the world than meets the eye. Something ... weird.

*Flood Warning* Scholastic Inc.

A deadly political rivalry that ended in two brutal executions...An intricate love triangle that altered the course of history...A religious revolution that changed the world... THE TREASURE... For two thousand years, an undiscovered treasure rested in the rocky wilds of the French Pyrenees. A series of scrolls written in the first century by Mary Magdalene, these startling documents hold the power to redefine the events and characters of the New Testament. Protected by supernatural forces, the

priceless cache can only be uncovered by a special seeker, one who has been chosen for the task by divine providence - The Expected One. THE CHOSEN ONE... When journalist Maureen Paschal begins the research for a new book, she has no idea that she is stepping into an ancient mystery so complex and dangerous that thousands of people have killed and died for it. As a long buried family scandal comes to light, she can no longer deny her own role in a deadly drama of epic international consequences.

*Elegy* Grand Central Publishing

War brought them together. Love will tear them apart. Auranos has been conquered and the three kingdoms—Auranos, Limeros, and Paelsia—are now unwillingly united as



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one country called Mytica. But alluring, dangerous magic still beckons, and with it the chance to rule not just Mytica, but the world. . . . • CLEO is now a prisoner in her own palace, forced to be an ambassador for Mytica as the evil King Gaius lies to her people • MAGNUS stands to eventually inherit the new kingdom but is still obsessed with his feelings for his adopted sister, Lucia • LUCIA is haunted by the deadly outcome of her breathtaking display of magic that allowed her father to capture the kingdoms • JONAS watches at the palace gates, a troop of rebels behind him, waiting for him to tell them how he plans to overtake King Gaius When Gaius

announces that a road is to be built into the Forbidden Mountains, formally linking all of Mytica together, he sets off a chain of cataclysmic events that will forever change the face of this land. Praise for *Falling Kingdoms* “From an opening dripping with blood, magic, and betrayal through complex interweaving plots detailing treachery, deceit, and forbidden love, this novel . . . will immediately engage readers and keep them intrigued.”—Booklist “[It] will gut you emotionally . . . make you ache, cry, and beg for the sequel as you turn the last page. I absolutely loved it.”—Julie Kagawa, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Iron Queen* “This triple-layered tale of

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bloodshed, heartbreak, and tangled court intrigue kept me turning pages very late into the night.”—Lesley Livingston, author of *Wondrous Strange and Starling I Survived the Battle of D-Day, 1944 (I Survived #18)* St. Martin's Griffin

The final book in the Valiant series takes Fallon and her warrior sisters on an epic journey from the corrupt Roman Republic to the wonder of the ancient world: Alexandria, Egypt. In the wake of their victorious fight to win back the Ludus Achillea, Fallon and her gladiatrix sisters have become the toast of the Republic. However, as a consequence of his actions during the Ludus uprising, Fallon's love Cai has been stripped of his

Decurion rank and cast down to serve as one of Caesar's gladiators. Amid fighting for Cai's freedom, Fallon soon learns that Caesar's enemies are plotting against him and planning to get revenge on his fearsome gladiatrices. When Caesar is murdered by these conspirators, Fallon and the girls lose any sort of protection they once had. Fallon also realizes that the foreign queen Cleopatra is now in grave danger. Fallon rallies her war band and Cai's friends to get Cleopatra out of the city, and the group heads to the safety of Cleo's homeland, Alexandria, Egypt. Once there, the gladiatrices are promised a place of honor in the queen's elite guard, but is that what any of

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them really want?  
The Expected One  
Harper Collins  
Princess. Captive.  
Gladiator. Always a  
Warrior. Fallon is the  
daughter of a proud Celtic  
king and the younger  
sister of the legendary  
fighter Sorcha. When  
Fallon was just a child,  
Sorcha was killed by the  
armies of Julius Caesar.  
On the eve of her  
seventeenth birthday,  
Fallon is excited to follow  
in her sister's footsteps  
and earn her place in her  
father's war band. She  
never gets the chance.  
Fallon is captured and  
sold to an elite training  
school for female  
gladiators—owned by  
none other than Julius  
Caesar himself. In a cruel  
twist of fate, the man who  
destroyed Fallon's family

might be her only hope of  
survival. Now, Fallon must  
overcome vicious rivalries,  
deadly fights in and out of  
the arena, and perhaps  
the most dangerous threat  
of all: her irresistible  
feelings for Cai, a young  
Roman soldier and her  
sworn enemy. A richly  
imagined fantasy for fans  
of Sarah J. Maas and  
Cinda Williams Chima,  
The Valiant recounts  
Fallon's gripping journey  
from fierce Celtic princess  
to legendary gladiator and  
darling of the Roman  
empire.  
The Things We Cannot  
Say Harper Collins  
The Red Umbrella is a  
moving tale of a 14-year-  
old girl's journey from  
Cuba to America as part  
of Operation Pedro  
Pan—an organized  
exodus of more than

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14,000 unaccompanied children, whose parents sent them away to escape Fidel Castro's revolution. In 1961, two years after the Communist revolution, Lucía Álvarez still leads a carefree life, dreaming of parties and her first crush. But when the soldiers come to her sleepy Cuban town, everything begins to change. Freedoms are stripped away. Neighbors disappear. And soon, Lucía's parents make the heart-wrenching decision to send her and her little brother to the United States—on their own. Suddenly plunked down in Nebraska with well-meaning strangers, Lucía struggles to adapt to a new country, a new language, a new way of life. But what of her old life? Will she ever see her

home or her parents again? And if she does, will she still be the same girl? The Red Umbrella is a touching story of country, culture, family, and the true meaning of home. "Captures the fervor, uncertainty and fear of the times. . . . Compelling." —The Washington Post  
"Gonzalez deals effectively with separation, culture shock, homesickness, uncertainty and identity as she captures what is also a grand adventure." —San Francisco Chronicle  
**Waking Storms** David & Charles  
"The runes have spoken. We have our champion...Matthew Thorsen." Matt hears the words, but he can't believe them. He's Thor's

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representative? Destined to fight trolls, monstrous wolves and giant serpents...or the world ends? He's only thirteen. While Matt knew he was a modern-day descendent of Thor, he's always lived a normal kid's life. In fact, most people in the small town of Blackwell, South Dakota, are direct descendants of either Thor or Loki, including Matt's classmates Fen and Laurie Brekke. No big deal. But now Ragnarok is coming, and it's up to the champions to fight in the place of the long-dead gods. Matt, Laurie, and Fen's lives will never be the same as they race to put together an unstoppable team, find Thor's hammer and shield, and prevent the end of the world. In their middle grade debut, K.L. Armstrong and M.A. Marr begin the epic Blackwell Pages series with

this action-packed adventure, filled with larger-than-life legends, gripping battles, and an engaging cast of characters who bring the myths to life.

*Love, Lucas* Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

On top of spending most of her time in a bunkerlike safe house and having her dates hijacked by a formidable Fae bodyguard, Faeriewalker Dana Hathaway is in for some more bad news: the Erlking and his pack of murderous minions known as the Wild Hunt have descended upon Avalon. With his homicidal appetite and immortal powers, the Erlking has long been the nightmare of the Fae realm. A fragile treaty with the Faerie Queen, sealed with a mysterious

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spell, is the one thing that keeps him from hunting unchecked in Avalon, the only place on Earth where humans and Fae live together. Which means Dana's in trouble, since it's common knowledge that the Faerie Queen wants her – and her rare Faeriewalker powers – dead. The smoldering, sexy Erlking's got his sights set on Dana, but does he only seek to kill her, or does he have something much darker in mind?