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# Young Adult

#### Kelly Andrew

## I AM MADE OF DEATH

Publisher Scholastic

Adams Literary

Spring 2025

Contact Leonie Kress



## A new dark and twisted novel by the successful author Kelly Andrew.

College dropout Thomas is an interpreter for Vivienne, an heiress who hasn't spoken since she discovered that the sound of her voice is fatal. When Thomas learns that Vivienne has a plan to cure her condition — a dangerous exorcism performed by members of a nefarious secret society — he must risk everything to keep dark forces from swallowing them both whole.

Kelly Andrew lost her hearing when she was four years old. She's been telling stories ever since. Kelly lives outside of Boston with her husband, daughter, and a persnickety Boston Terrier. She has a Bachelor's in Social Work, but received her Master's in English & Creative Writing. Kelly is already well-plugged into the publishing community, with more than 18,000 followers on X (Twitter).

#### Michael Barakiva

# KEEPERS OF THE STONES & STARS

**Publisher** 

**FSG** 

Adams Literary

May 2024 432 pages

Contact Leonie Kress

Client



From the author of *One Man Guy* comes a witty, YA contemporary fantasy about a cheeky quintet of teens chosen by magical gems to save the world.

Reed is leading his best life: he's just kissed the boy of his dreams, his band is finally taking off, and he's a shoo-in as Student Council president. But he's ready to give it all up when he's chosen to go on the adventure of a lifetime. Because Reed is the first of five Stone Bearers to be chosen by magical gems and granted their powers. All he has to do is unite all five and lead them to seal a portal that will release an onslaught of chaotic magical energies, and destroy the world as we know it.

**Michael Barakiva** is an Armenian/Israeli American director and writer who was born in Haifa, grew up in New Jersey, attended Vassar College and the Juilliard School, lived most of his life in New York City, and now serves as Artistic Director of the Cleveland Play House. He also wrote ONE MAN GUY (lots of awards!) and its standalone sequel HOLD MY HAND. Michael is an avid board game player, loves to knit, Crossfit, and cook, and believes that story is an integral part of the human experience.

#### Jessica Leake

# BEYOND A DARKENED SHORE

Publisher Harper Teen

April 2010

Contact

Leonie Kress

Inked Entertainment

April 2018 448 pages





"A true medieval epic. This book is perfect for fans of Marie Lu and Kristin Cashore."

-Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA)

"Epic historical fantasy filled with deadly creatures, simmering romance, and nonstop action."

-Kirkus Reviews

"BEYOND A DARKENED SHORE is thrilling and romantic. This is a must-read for lovers of fantasy, mythology, and folklore."

 Kody Keplinger, New York Times bestselling author of *The Duff* and *Run*

## Vikings meets Frostblood in this romantic historical fantasy stand-alone.

The ancient land of Éirinn is mired in war. Ciara, princess of Mide, has never known a time when Éirinn's kingdoms were not battling for power, or Northmen were not plundering their shores.

The people of Mide have always been safe because of Ciara's unearthly ability to control her enemies' minds and actions. But lately a mysterious crow has been appearing to Ciara, whispering warnings of an even darker threat. Although her clansmen dismiss her visions as pagan nonsense, Ciara fears this coming evil will destroy not just Éirinn but the entire world.

Then the crow leads Ciara to Leif, a young Northman leader. Leif should be Ciara's enemy, but when Ciara discovers that he, too, shares her prophetic visions, she knows he's something more. Leif is mounting an impressive army, and with Ciara's strength in battle, the two might have a chance to save their world.

With evil rising around them, they'll do what it takes to defend the land they love... even if it means making the greatest sacrifice of all.

**Jessica Leake** worked for years as a psychotherapist, but even though she loved her clients, she couldn't stop writing. She lives in South Carolina with her husband, five young children, lots of chickens, and two dogs who keep everyone in line.

#### **Charlotte Page**

## THE TRIAL

Publisher Inked Entertainment

March 2021 318 pages Client Inked Entertainment

Contact Leonie Kress





Perfect for fans of V.E. Schwab, Isabel Sterling, and Holly Black.

#### No one is safe when there's a witch in town...

When Blythe Bradbury moves to Brekham, it takes less than a day for rumors of witchcraft to find their way to the town's minister. But the ravings of the town's gossip mean little to the minister's son, Caleb Walcott, who finds himself drawn to the strange, outspoken young woman. Caleb isn't the only man in Brekham entranced by her rare beauty, but he is the only one to earn her heart. Yet when the minister's daughter is found murdered in the forest, Blythe is there beside her. Covered in blood. To save Blythe from the gallows, Caleb must piece together what really happened the night of his sister's death. If he can survive long enough to uncover the real killer, Caleb will find that everyone has something to hide.

**Charlotte Page**, affectionately known as "Charlie", writes fantasy with heart. When she's not writing, Charlie can be found lost in a Netflix series, devouring audiobooks to get through housework, and wrangling her pair of adorable cats.

#### Jasmine Smith

## **DEATH CARD**

Publisher Putnam

Inked Entertainment

2025

Contact Leonie Kress



Jasmine Smith's debut DEATH CARD is a Black and queer contemporary fantasy about a New Orleanian tarot reader and secret witch who is thrown when a pretty tourist's cards foretell that she will kill her by the end of the next full moon.

Jasmine Smith has been daydreaming of new worlds and characters since she learned to hold a pen. Born and raised in North Carolina, she earned her Bachelor's degree in English from North Carolina State University. When she isn't writing, Jasmine can be found with a camera in her hand or her nose in a book.



#### Nick Amyoony (Nick Eh 30), E.C. Myers

## THE STREAM TEAM

Publisher Andrews McMeel Publishing

2025

Client Inked Entertainment

Contact

Leonie Kress



Sold in a 6-Figure 2-Book Deal

The risk initially pays off for a desperate developer when he steals classified alien tech to save his failing indie game. Young and old alike play the exciting virtual reality adventure, and the game takes off with monumental global success. Until the glitch.

As more and more people log in, a fatal bug causes players to merge with the evil characters they battle against – taking on their personality traits and abilities outside of the game. The government race to find a solution as even the developer becomes infected and merges with the villainous final boss who is set on taking over the world.

Managing to study how the tech mutated the game, the government's scientists concoct a risky yet necessary plan: To bestow handpicked abilities from the game to their best agents in an attempt to stop the developer.

The government reaches out to local budding pro-streamer Zain for advice on the gaming world, which they know little about. Zain is hesitant to get involved in something so dangerous, but when his parents become infected and join the developer's legion of monstrous goons, it gets personal.

**Nicholas Amyoony** (born March 14, 1995), better known online as Nick Eh 30, is a Canadian Twitch streamer, YouTuber and professional gamer. He is mostly known for his Fortnite content, where he is particularly known for being family-friendly. He has 5.2 million followers on Twitch and 7.5 subscribrs on YouTube.

E. C. Myers is an American writer best known as the writer of the 2012 Andre Norton Award-winning Young Adult (YA) science fiction novel *Fair Coin*, and his 2014 YA hacktivist novel *The Silence of Six*. Myers is a graduate of the Clarion West Writers Workshop.

#### Nicholas Eliopulos

## ROLL FOR DANGER

Vol. I of a Duology

Publisher
Disney Hyperion

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Client Adams Literary

Contact

Leonie Kress



Adventure awaits in this middle-grade fantasy series that invites young readers to take on the mantle of the story's hero! Combining elements table-top roleplaying and chooseyour-own-adventures, a roll of the dice determines whether they'll score a legendary win... or an epic fail.

Set in a classic high-fantasy setting, Seth is last-surviving apprentice of the great sorcerer Bristleboor. One day, Bristleboor sends Seth on a mission to find an elusive flower that grows in the tunnels under the castle they live in. Aided by an imprisoned imp named Calivore, Seth traverses the tunnels and comes upon monsters to fight and puzzles to solve while learning secrets about himself... and his master. By the end, he and the reader will need to make choices about where and with whom their loyalties lie and what kind of hero they want to become.

In this new adventure series from Nick Eliopulos, the reader becomes the character, getting to make their own choices about how the story will unfold. Or do they? Some chapters will give options while others will ask the reader to roll the dice and let fate decide. It's an interactive reading experience like no other that will allow young readers to tap into a Dungeon & Dragons style of storytelling and give them an early introduction to choose-your-own-adventures and table-top roleplaying

**Nick Eliopulos** is an editor and middle-grade fiction writer, based in New York. He is a huge fan of Dungeons and Dragons and, of course, Minecraft.

Isabelle Côté, Philippe Béha

## À QUOI RÉVES-TU, PETITE ÉTOILE?

#### WHAT ARE YOU DREAMING ABOUT, LITTLE STAR?

Publisher

La Bagnole

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Groupe Librex Inc.

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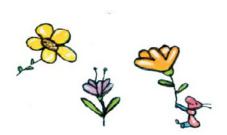
Leonie Kress



## Little Star dreams about all kinds of funny and colourful things!

In this humorous and imaginative book, little tots will have fun spotting the various shapes taken by Little Star in the illustrations... and finding out what her big wonderful dream is!





#### India Desjardins, Nathalie Dion

## GUSTAV LE CHIEN TOUT CROCHE

## GUSTAV, THE VERY CROOKED DOG

Publisher La Bagnole

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Groupe Librex Inc.

Contact

Leonie Kress



A story of determination, empathy, love, and courage, by the incredible duo who wrote *Whales and Us*, India Desjardins and Nathalie Dion.

My name is Gustav, and I'm a very special dog. I can't run. I can't jump. I can't swim. But I'm determined not to let myself get discouraged.

India Desjardins is a French-Canadian writer who lives in Montreal. Her nine-book series *Le Journal d'Aurélie Laflamme* (Kosmos) has been adapted for the big screen and sold more than 2 million copies in the francophone space. In Germany, the series has reached more than 85 000 readers. She is inspired to write about characters who find strength in their vulnerability.

**Nathalie Dion** is an illustrator based in Montreal, working as a freelancer. She graduated from Concordia University in Design Arts and works on commissioned assignments in both editorial and children's book illustration. Nathalie Dion joys switching from a long-term children's book adventure to a quick overnight newspaper assignment.





#### Roger Duvoisin

## **DAY & NIGHT**

Publisher New York Review Books

February 2024 (re-printed)

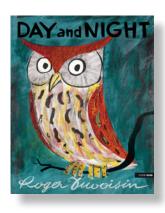


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A classic Duvoisin tale about two unlikely friends with similar interests but impossibly different lives. Day is a dog and Night is an owl – while Day the dog plays and eats and barks, Night the owl sleeps.

While Night flies and hunts and hoots, Day sleeps. Night lives alone in the forest and Day lives in a house with his family, the Pennyfeathers. Day and Night are determined to stay friends, even if they have to hoot and bark all day and night in order to communicate. But how can anyone get the sleep they need? Luckily little Bob Pennyfeathers has been watching and listening, and he has an idea that just might save the day, and the night!

For nearly half a century, **Roger Duvoisin** wrote and illustrated forty books, and illustrated over 100 more by other authors. He received the Caldecott Medal in 1947 for White Snow, Bright Snow and a Caldecott Honor in 1966 for Hide and Seek Fog. Today, his children's books continue being released in new editions.







## Florence-Léa Siry, Catherine Petit

## MA PLANÈTE FAIT DE LA FIÈVRE

#### MY PLANET HAS A FEVER

Publisher La Bagnole

Groupe Librex Inc.

March 2024 32 pages Contact Leonie Kress



## Just because you're small doesn't mean you can't look after the planet!

One day, as Arlo takes his usual detour after school through the woods near his home, Earth calls out to him to tell him a secret: she's sick and needs him! While attempting to help her, Arlo discovers that, even though he's very little, he can still look after the planet and have a positive impact on the environment. Because every action counts, no matter how small!

Florence-Léa Siry is an expert in the fight against food waste. Her mission as an educator leads her to lead around a hundred conferences a year. She supports companies, institutions and organizations by developing customized content and online training. Florence has a strong media presence and is the author of six books.

Catherine Petit was born in Montral into a family of artists. She studied visual arts and presentation design and has started her own mural painting business, which she still operates today.







#### Lily Thibeault, Francis-William Rhéaume

## DANS LE CŒUR DES KOALAS

#### IN THE HEART OF KOALA BEARS

Publisher

La Bagnole

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Contact

Leonie Kress



A wonderful book designed to help children develop their empathy and, in some cases, make them feel less lonely.

Tom is often alone at home. When she's there, his mommy doesn't want to play with him. That's why he's so excited about starting school! And he's asking himself so many questions! Will he make friends there? Will school help him feel less lonely? Could starting school change his life?







