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KINDER DER KÖNIGE

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Praise zu *Ada Liebt*

**“Luftige, frühlingshafte Prosa
über die verschiedenen
Stufen der Liebe”**

—Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

**“Nicole Balschun hat einen
heiter-melancholischen,
tragisch-traurigen, man-
chmal ein wenig grotesken
Liebesroman geschrieben.
Und der ist ihr ausgezeichnet
gelingen.”**

—Schwäbische Post

Warmherzig und klug – ein autofiktionaler Roman, der uns ins Erleben einer jungen hochfunktionalen Autistin mitnimmt.

Tris ist anders: Sie führt Listen, auf denen sie Wörter katalogisiert, um das Verhalten ihrer Mitmenschen zu verstehen; sie zählt laut Dinge in ihrer Umgebung, buchstabiert rückwärts und hält Vorträge über Lurche oder mathematische Formeln, wenn jemand ein Gespräch mit ihr versucht. Manchmal wartet sie auch mit sehr spezifischen, nicht themenverwandten Informationen auf – dass 2018 in Argentinien 51,59 Millionen mehr Rinder geschlachtet wurden als in Österreich, zum Beispiel. Blickkontakt mit ihrem Gegenüber verschiebt sie auf dessen Ellbogen und Körperkontakt mündet in Schreiattacken oder Ohnmachtsanfällen – dann tut sich Tris' innerer Marianengraben auf und zieht sie hinab. Dabei möchte sie eigentlich vor allem eins: dazugehören. Dieses Ziel verfolgt Tris hartnäckig auf ihrer skurril-komischen und mitunter tieftraurigen Reise durch eine Welt, für die sie einfach nicht gemacht zu sein scheint.

Mit viel Wärme, wunderbaren Bildern und subtilem Humor gelingt es Nicole Balschun, uns ganz nah am Erleben, Denken und Empfinden einer hochfunktionalen Autistin teilhaben zu lassen. Tris' Geschichte berührt, weil sie in einem ganz eigenen Ton erzählt wird, mit klugen Gedanken und einer großen Leichtigkeit.

In einer losen Fortsetzung, nimmt Tris ein Studium auf, beginnt ihren ersten Job in einem Bestattungsunternehmen – die Freundschaft zum uralten Eigentümer Herrn Rosenbaum ist wunderbar schräg und zart – und sie erlebt, was es heißt, verliebt zu sein...

Nicole Balschun, 1975 in Ostfriesland geboren, ist eine deutsche Schriftstellerin. Im Sommer 2024 erhielt sie das Spreewald-Literaturstipendium. Ihr Romandebüt *Ada Liebt* erschien 2011 bei Dumont. Balschun ist promovierte Literaturwissenschaftlerin und zudem seit 2005 als Lehrerin an Förderschulen für verhaltensauffällige Kinder und Jugendliche tätig. Sie lebt mit ihrer Familie in Hannover.

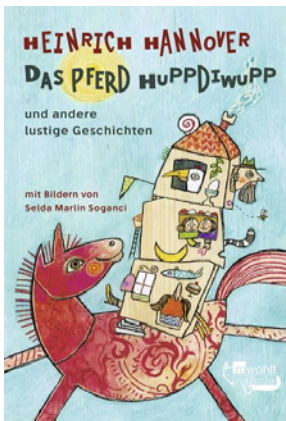
Heinrich Hannover

HUPPDIWUPP!

Ein Jahrhundert voller Geschichten

Contact

Marc Koralnik



Heinrich Hannover wäre gern 100 Jahre alt geworden. Mit 97 Jahren hat er noch mit wachem Sinn die nahe und weite Welt beobachtet und besorgt, oft zornig, kommentiert, und daneben auf wundersame Weise seine Enkel und Urenkel mit immer neuen lustigen Geschichten verwöhnt.

Nach seinem Tod begann Doris Hannover einen riesigen Fundus an unveröffentlichten Texten wieder zu entdecken und auch vergriffene Kinderbücher nach besonders schönen Geschichten zu durchforsten. Dabei fand sie nicht nur Worte, sondern auch die Essenz eines Lebens voller Abenteuer, Weisheit und Humor.

So entstand eine liebevolle Auswahl neuer und alter Geschichten, die nun anlässlich von Heinrich Hannovers 100. Geburtstag am 31. Oktober 2025 in einem Jubiläums- und Erinnerungsband veröffentlicht werden könnten.

Eine Hommage an einen außergewöhnlichen Menschen, der mit seinen Erzählungen nicht nur seine Familie sondern auch Millionen von Leserinnen und Leser über mehrere Generationen berührt hat. In diesen Seiten lebt Heinrich Hannovers Geist weiter und lädt dazu ein, die Magie des Geschichtenerzählens neu zu entdecken.



Annie Waye

BATTLING STORMS

Band 1 von 4

Contact

Leonie Kress

400 Seiten



Tropes:

He Falls First

Opposites Attract

Celebrity Romance

Grumpy (sie) vs. Sunshine (er)



Praise für *Trust in Us – Nur du und ich*:

“Ein mitreißender Roman über ein gegensätzliches und doch füreinander bestimmtes Paar.”

—Amazon Rezension

Praise für *Not Yours To Take*:

“Es gibt nicht genug Sterne für diese überraschende Geschichte!”

—Amazon Rezension

Battling Storms' Frontman Slade Henderson ist für Mia eigentlich nur ein flüchtiges Abenteuer; einer dieser unzuverlässigen Rockstars... oder?

Als die Musiklehrerin Hayley ihre beste Freundin auf ein Konzert von deren Lieblingsband begleitet, will sie sich eigentlich nur von ihrer frischen Trennung ablenken. Niemals hätte sie sich erträumt, am Ende des Abends trotz ihres angeborenen Lampenfiebers mit Frontman Slade auf der Bühne zu stehen – und ihn in sein Hotel zu begleiten.

Obwohl Slade seit langem der Erste ist, der ihr Herz berührt, sind Rockstars nicht gerade Beziehungsmaterial. Um sich selbst zu schützen, stempelt Hayley ihre gemeinsame Nacht als einmalige Sache ab. Denn in der schwärzesten Phase ihres Lebens kann sie jemanden wie Slade nicht gebrauchen. Doch leider hat dieser nicht vor, sie zu vergessen ...

BATTLING STORMS überzeugt nicht nur durch eine gut geplottete Storyline sondern verwebt auch Mental-Health-Themen gekonnt mit der Geschichte. Aufgebaut als vierbändige Reihe, begleiten wir in den folgenden Bänden bekannte Figuren aus dem ersten Band auf ihrem Weg sich selbst und dabei auch die Liebe zu finden.

Annie Waye publiziert seit Jahren erfolgreiche Self-Publishing-Projekte – bisher 23 Bücher in 8 Reihen, darunter sechs Fantasy- und zwei Romance-Reihen. Von ihren Bestsellern *Seven Hells* und *Darkest Secrets* verkaufte sie bis dato ca. 20.200 Bücher und ca. 7 Millionen Kindle-Unlimited-Seiten. Die Hörbücher zu *Seven Hells* erscheinen dieses Jahr im Winterfeld Verlag.

Annie Wayes vierbändige Fantasy-Reihe GODLESS erscheint 2026/2027 im Aufbau Verlag.

Annie Waye

RITTER UND GNADE

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Leonie Kress

262 Seiten



Ein fulminanter Ausflug in ein großes Abenteuer und eine packende Geschichte über Freundschaft, Mut und die Entdeckung der eigenen Stärke in einer Welt voller Magie und Geheimnisse.

Eden fühlt sich meist unsichtbar und findet in der Schule und bei gleichaltrigen nie so richtig Halt. Bis er eines Tages auf dem Nachhauseweg einen Kampf zwischen einem Mädchen und dem berüchtigten Rattenfänger von Hameln beobachtet. Mit einem Judogriff schreitet Eden ein und entdeckt, dass er das "dritte Auge" hat – die Fähigkeit, allbekannte Märchenwesen zu sehen, die anderen verborgen bleiben.

Als er der Einladung in ein geheimes Elite-Sportinternat folgt, welches sich als Ausbildungsstätte für Ritter gegen bössartige Märchenkreaturen entpuppt, beginnt für Eden ein gigantisches Abenteuer. Gemeinsam mit seiner Mitschülerin Vipa und dem verpeilten Millennial-Betreuer Lehmann wird er auf gefährliche Missionen geschickt, die ihn in die Tiefen einer fabelhaften Märchenwelt führen.

Aber Eden kämpft nicht nur gegen übernatürliche Wesen, sondern auch gegen die Unsicherheiten seiner eigenen Identität und die Schatten der Vergangenheit, die ihn verfolgen.

Wir treffen im Institut auf Nachfahren der Loreley, der Melusine und Frau Holle und wandern mit Eden und seinen Freunden durch dunkle Korridore und zu magischen Brunnen, die auch schon von den Gebrüdern Grimm genutzt wurden. Kinder, die vor zwei Jahren gerne Die Gesellschaft der geheimen Tiere, Grimmskrams oder Die Schule der magischen Tiere gelesen haben, werden jetzt in ihrer Lieblingsbuchhandlung mit großer Freude zu RITTER & GNADE greifen.

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John David Anderson

DIVE

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Walden Pond Press

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Adams Literary

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Leonie Kress



The author of *Ms. Bixby's Last Day* and *Posted* takes a leap with his latest upper-middle-grade novel – a powerful and poignant work.

A girl who dives for an elite private school team by day and helps to make ends meet at her family's struggling restaurant by night begins to wonder about the rules in her life that box her in – and which ones might be broken – in this powerful, poignant, and unexpected upper-middlegrade novel from the beloved author of *Posted*.

John David Anderson was born a long time ago to parents who loved him deeply and pretended to understand him sometimes. In 1983 he won the prestigious third place trophy in Little League and improved his handwriting grade from a D to a C. He is the author of critically acclaimed books for young people. He enjoys both writing and reading as a means of escape, though he's not always sure what he's running from (bills? feelings of inadequacy?). He attempts to use the Force on a daily basis, mostly to get his son to eat. As yet he is unsuccessful.



Praise for *One Last Shot*

"Anderson beautifully blends tough topics and humor, perfecting the recipe for young readers."

—School Library Journal (starred review)

"Readers will cheer when Malcolm finally comes into his own. A well-crafted, emotionally resonant book, brightened by irrepressible wit."

—Booklist (starred review)

C.R. Averett

NOT YOUR TYPICAL LOVE STORY

Publisher
Wednesday Books

Fall 2026
343 pages

Client
Trellis Literary Management

Contact
Leonie Kress



A contemporary YA romance centering an asexual and an aromantic teen at the heart of their own kind of love story, pitched as *You've Got Mail* meets *Loveless* by Alice Oseman.

Drew Eberstark is Analeigh Tate's greatest nemesis after years spent stealing her top spot in class, yet they've been online friends for years—only they don't know it. After Drew discovers his anonymous online best friend—the girl he just asked to meet IRL—is also the girl who hates his guts, he's desperate to make her see him as more than her enemy and the weird "Robot Boy" from class.

Meanwhile, when Analeigh accepts a dare to beat her perfect older sister at senior year to prove to her high-achieving family she's more than second best, she finds herself in need of a boyfriend, stat. And Drew, knowing about the dare and looking for a way to show her she shouldn't hate him, offers to be her fake boyfriend while, of course, keeping his true identity a secret. What could possibly go wrong? Soon, Analeigh is struggling with the fact that her once-mortal enemy is kind of amazing, while Drew is struggling with the growing web of lies—especially when he learns through their online friendship that Analeigh has fallen for him.

As Drew tries to find the right moment to tell her the truth before their meetup, they help each other through the difficulties of senior year, through the grief of losing someone you love, and of both identifying as asexual, with Drew also confiding that he's aromantic and somewhere on the autism spectrum, too. Yet when Drew's secret is outed and Analeigh enacts revenge in a moment of anger, both of them will have to decide if they can forgive each other, because if they can, maybe their happily ever after—minus the kissing—is still out there.

Caitlyn Averett (she/her) writes commercial YA and is a former editor at Little, Brown Books for Young Readers and the James Patterson Presents imprint, with an eye for critically acclaimed and award winning children's books. She has an MA in English/creative writing, and now works at Running Press on the production side of publishing.

Cait Jacobs

THE PRINCESS KNIGHT

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HarperCollins

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Adams Literary

Contact
Leonie Kress



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France De Saxus



From one of the founders of BookTok comes a debut romantasy novel loosely inspired by *Legally Blonde*—but instead of lawyers, they’re knights. A princess desperate to win back the prince who broke her heart follows him to his kingdom’s prestigious military academy—and in doing so, falls in love, saves the realm, and continues to look fabulous in this delightful debut fantasy.

Domhnall and Clía are an ideal match—or so everyone says. They are prince and princess of neighboring kingdoms. An alliance the gods will smile on. Until Domhnall ruins everything by refusing to propose.

Heartbroken but determined, Clía makes the perfect plan: Follow Domhnall to Caisleán Cósta, the military academy he’s attending. Show she can protect her kingdom. Secure the betrothal. Sure, the castle has a brutal reputation. But how hard can dueling really be?

Warrior Ronan promised himself he’d never lose his focus. He fought and sacrificed for his place at Caisleán Cósta, and he has no time for blonde princesses who waltz into arenas like they’re attending a ball. Even if she and her otter-like pet are...well, cute.

He doesn’t want to be intrigued by Clía. But her hunger to prove herself is something he understands. He tells himself there’s no harm training her. Even if his heart does race around her. Even if Domhnall is his best friend.

But as they say, love is a battlefield—and unfortunately for them all, a very real war is looming on the horizon. It’s a fight that will threaten all their kingdoms...and test all their hearts.

Cait Jacobs grew up somewhere between the many farms and beaches of the North Fork of Long Island, NY. There, they found escape through the fictional worlds of books. Their love of literature inspired them to found BookTok and The Bookington Book Club. When they aren’t writing or scrolling on social media, they spend their time obsessing over theater, *Dungeons and Dragons*, and caring for their many dogs and pet snake (known professionally as Jake from Snake Farm). The *Princess Knight* is their debut novel.

Young Adult

E.K. Johnston

THE MURDER AT THE END OF THIS BOOK

Publisher

Simon & Schuster

Spring 2027

Client

Adams Literary

Contact

Leonie Kress



#1 New York Times bestselling author E.K. Johnston asks the question: How do you solve a murder that hasn't happened yet?

Agatha Grey is a time traveller with no future in a hotel filled with infinite outcomes. No matter what, Agatha keeps coming back to the dead body in her bathtub, and no answers to the questions about how it got there. Time is running off without her, and the clock is ticking on whether she'll get out alive or end up in a bathtub of her own.

E.K. JOHNSTON is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of several YA novels, including the Los Angeles Times Book Prize finalist *The Story of Owen* and *Star Wars: Ahsoka*. Her novel *A Thousand Nights* was shortlisted for the Governor General's Award. The New York Times called *The Story of Owen* "a clever first step in the career of a novelist who, like her troubadour heroine, has many more songs to sing" and in its review of *Exit, Pursued by a Bear*, the Globe & Mail called Johnston "the Meryl Streep of YA," with "limitless range." E.K. Johnston lives in southwestern Ontario.

E.K. Johnston

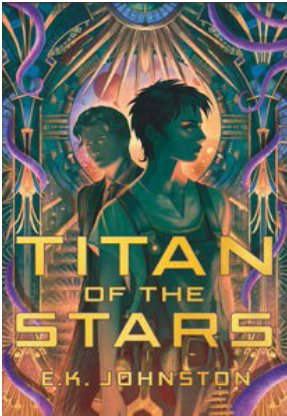
TITAN OF THE STARS

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Tundra/PRH

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268 pages

Client
Inked Entertainment

Contact
Leonie Kress



“Riveting and thoroughly enjoyable.”

—Kirkus (starred review)

Alien meets *The Titanic* in this tense YA science fiction horror series by #1 New York Times bestselling author E.K. Johnston.

Celeste knows every inch of this ship. She’s proud of her work as apprentice engineer. And as the maiden voyage of the Titan launches, she’s optimistic for the promises of this new journey from Earth to Mars — this new life.

Dominic arrives at his suite where his valet is busy unpacking his things. His chest is tight, already feeling anxious inside his dad’s precious new ship. Once it launches, he’s trapped, inside the ship and inside the life his father has chosen for him — a life that will leave his dreams of art school behind.

Discovered under melted ice caps, ancient aliens have been brought onto the Titan as well, and stored in display cases for the entertainment of the passengers . . . until an act of sabotage releases them into the ship, with zero discrimination for class, decks or human life...

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Amie Kaufman, Meagan Spooner

LADY'S KNIGHT

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393 pages

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Adams Literary

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Leonie Kress



UK Electric Monkey
ANZ A&U



“Writing that is above all else marvelously warm and at the same time witty, adventure and romance that will sweep you off your feet—a double sweep, and a triumph!”

—Sarah Rees Brennan, #1 Sunday Times bestselling author of *Long Live Evil*

“Kaufman and Spooner are auto-buy authors for me, always guaranteed to get my heart pumping with their page-turning romance and high-stakes adventure.”

—New York Times bestselling author Susan Dennard

A sapphic delight, full of jousts, jaunts, and courtly love. Lady's Knight sparkles with wit and charm and has lady knights to swoon over. Kaufman and Spooner will leave you breathless.”

—C. S. Pacat, New York Times bestselling author of *Dark Rise*

An undeniably fierce, unforgettably funny, unapologetically queer feminist romp through the England of medieval legend.

Gwen is sick of hiding—hiding the fact that she's taken over her father's blacksmithing duties, hiding her attraction to girls, hiding her yearning for glory as a knight.

Meanwhile, Lady Isobelle of Avington, queen bee of the castle, has never once considered hiding who she is—until now. She's been chosen as the grand prize in the Tournament of Dragonslayers, to be given to whichever knight can claim her hand. And for the first time in her life, she can't talk her way out of trouble.

When Isobelle discovers Gwen's knightly ambitions, they hatch a scheme together—Gwen will joust in the tournament, disguised as Sir Gawain. Winning means freedom for Isobelle, and glory for Gwen. Losing means... well, let's not go there.

One thing's for sure: Falling in love was never the plan.

But the best laid plans...are often trampled all over by dragons.

Together, Spooner and Kaufman have created a dynamic partnership, blending their unique voices to craft compelling narratives that resonate with young adult readers. Their collaborative works have garnered critical acclaim and a dedicated fanbase, making them prominent figures in contemporary young adult literature.

Amie Kaufman

RED STAR REBELS

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Knopf

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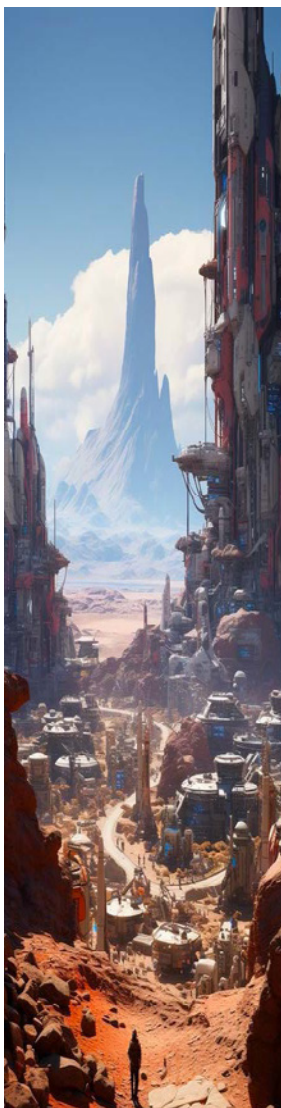


The Queen of YA sci-fi returns to space once more in RED STAR REBELS. A new duology for fans of *Illuminae*, *Aurora Rising* and Brandon Sanderson's *Skyward* series.

Fast and funny, with the ingenuity of *The Martian*, the mischief of *Home Alone*, and the heart-stopping action sequences of *Die Hard*, you're about to take a ride with four unwilling heroes—an illegal immigrant, a young scientist, a gardener's apprentice, and the heir to a multi-billion dollar corporation—who'll do whatever it takes to defend their home. They're going to make it through this together, or not at all. Probably not at all, if we're being realistic.

Amie Kaufman is a New York Times, USA Today and internationally bestselling author of science fiction and fantasy. Her multi-award winning work has been translated into nearly thirty languages, and is in development for film and TV.

Young Adult



Sunya Mara

EMBRACE THE SERPENT

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HarperCollins

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Adams Literary

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Leonie Kress



“An exquisite jewel of a book.”

—Ava Reid, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *A Study in Drowning*

“A stunning journey with unique magic, irresistible love interests, and a poignant struggle. Readers will devour this adventure with its fairytale energy and lush world.”

—Lexi Ryan, #1 New York Times Bestselling Author of *These Hollow Vows*

“A seductive, jewel-studded escape into a world of deception, power, and romance.”

—Dinesh Thiru, author of *Into the Sunken City*

In this sweeping romantic fantasy, a dangerous deal binds a young jeweler’s apprentice to the mysterious Serpent King in a marriage of convenience, thrusting her into a deadly game between the cunning, fearsome ruler and his rebellious huntsman. Perfect for fans of *The Wrath & the Dawn* and *Once Upon a Broken Heart!*

The Serpent King is the most eligible bachelor in the land: a monster with dark and terrible magic and the ruler of the last free kingdom. Riches and power await his future bride—but so does a life forever trapped in the games of court.

That fate is eighteen-year-old Saphira’s worst nightmare. Ever since the Empire made her an orphan, she’s found freedom in being invisible. So despite her rare gift for harnessing the magic in gemstones, she lets an unscrupulous jeweler take credit for her increasingly sought-after work.

But when the king sends his most clever huntsman to find the best jeweler of all, the spotlight lands on Saphira. Faced with choosing between falling into the Empire’s grasp or marrying a monster, she chooses the latter — even if it means getting increasingly caught between her cold, serpentine husband and his cunning, handsome huntsman.

Sunya Mara grew up in six different cities across five different states and now calls Los Angeles home. She studied film and business at the University of Southern California and went on to write and illustrate at Kobe Bryant’s Granity Studios. When not telling stories, she spends her time haunting old movie theaters and staring at museum walls.

Young Adult

Lio Min

THE L.O.V.E. CLUB

Publisher

Flatiron/Macmillan

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368 pages

Client

Trellis Literary Management

Contact

Leonie Kress



“Imagine a story that combines mystery, horror, sci-fi, teen angst, gaming, botany, and some of the most stunningly mind-bending visuals this side of a Miyazaki film, grounded in the emotional truth and observational powers of a poet. Only Lio Min could pull this off.”

—Sean McGinty, author of *Rainbow in the Dark*

“The L.O.V.E. Club is a beautifully written novel that will leave you with stars in your eyes and tenderness in your heart. Nostalgia personified meets generational curse in this story and no one nails this dangerous mix better than Min. Their ability to cut you to ribbons while lovingly stitching you back together in the same tale is what truly sets them apart.”

—Vincent Tirado, author of *Burn Down, Rise Up*

From the acclaimed author of *Beating Heart Baby*, an immersive novel following three estranged high schoolers who are pulled into a video game to pursue the disappearance of their friend.

Three years ago, Elle (the “E” in the self-proclaimed L.O.V.E. Club) disappeared from Calendula, an affluent Chinese American suburb in inland California. Soon afterward, Liberty and Vera (“L” and “V”) moved away, leaving O alone with her grief, abandonment, and confusion. . . until Liberty and Vera return for their senior year of high school.

Though the L.O.V.E. Club’s three remaining members once bonded as outcasts and gamers, they can’t pick up the pieces of their friendship. But the girls are drawn back to their old clubhouse, where they discover, loaded for them to play, a new game created by none other than the missing Elle. One click, and Liberty, Vera, and O are ported into Morning Glory, an ever-evolving botanical fantasy coded with their lived experiences, complicated history, and repressed insecurities. Unbeknownst to the others, O can’t remember the events surrounding Elle’s disappearance—but within the game, Elle has sent O a cryptic hint about Morning Glory’s real nature.

While Liberty and Vera defeat increasingly sinister bosses, O grapples with the secret knowledge that her deepest wish, to reunite with Elle, might just come true. But as the girls progress through Morning Glory, O begins to wonder how well she actually knew any of her former best friends and if she’s ready to confront the hard truths—and dangerous revelations—about Elle in her returning memories.

Lio Min is the acclaimed author of *Beating Heart Baby*, a longtime music reporter, a MacDowell fellow, and a fullmetal optimist. THE L.O.V.E. CLUB is their second novel. Min lives in Oakland, California, and writes toward the future.

Kathryn Purdie

THE LOVELY INVISIBLE

Publisher
Knopf

Spring 2027

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Adams Literary

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Leonie Kress



Praise for *The Forest Grimm*
**“[A] twisty yet enchanting
romantasy.”**

—School Library Journal

Praise for *The Bone Crier’s Duology*
**“Beautiful, entrancing,
deadly.”**

—Evelyn Skye, New York Times
bestselling author

Pitched as *The Bachelorette* in Ancient Greece

Cupid & Psyche reimagined as a fresh and exciting romantic fantasy—this page-turning and addictive duology from #1 New York Times bestseller Kathryn Purdie is perfect for readers who loved the marriage competition in *The Selection*, the invisible love interest in *Belladonna*, and the immersive ancient world in *The Song of Achilles*.

Kathryn Purdie is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the *Burning Glass* series, the *Bone Grace* duology, and *The Forest Grimm* duology. She lives in the Rocky Mountains with her husband and three children. Kathryn is a trained classical actress who studied at the Oxford School of Drama and was inspired to write her first novel while recovering from donating a kidney to her older brother. In her spare time, she loves writing songs on her guitar for her characters and sharing them on her website.

Kim Chi, Stephan Lee

DONUTELLA HAMACHI AND THE LIBRARY AVENGERS

Publisher

Candlewick Press/PRH

September 2025

Client

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Leonie Kress



From drag sensation and star of *RuPaul's Drag Race* Kim Chi and the acclaimed author of the *K-Pop Confidential* books comes a contemporary superhero series about a community coming together, fabulously, to save a local library.

For twelve-year-old Korean immigrant Jae Han, the library is more than a place to check out books. It's a safe space to work on his comic book featuring drag superhero Donutella Hamachi, play video games to improve his English, and befriend other outcast kids sheltering among the stacks

When the mayor announces plans to demolish the building and pave a mall parking lot, Jae Han pleads with his friend the librarian to intervene. But even if the mayor doesn't shutter the library, Ms. Henny reveals, a funding deficit will. Called to action, Jae Han rallies his ragtag group of friends to halt the destruction of their haven. Can they—with help from the sparkling Donutella Hamachi—unite long enough to defeat the slimeshooting blobfish enveloping screaming citizens in goo (i.e., ace a fundraising campaign)?

Filled with diabolical plots and empowerment aplenty, this lively foray into the heart of a town's darkness, sprinkled through with hilarious graphic panels, will delight superhero fans, comic book creators, and anyone who has felt outside the mainstream—and perfectly at home in a library.

Ari Koontz

ELSIE'S UNOFFICIAL GUIDE TO THE BIRDS AND THE BEES

Publisher

Feiweil & Friends

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214 pages

Client

Ayesha Pande Literary

Contact

Leonie Kress



Eleven-year-old Elsie is learning a lot in church – and not about Jesus. Instead of studying the Bible for Sunday School, she’s in a sex-ed class called Our Whole Lives (OWL), where they’re learning about everything from sexual orientation to masturbation.

It’s awkward, of course, especially when they start talking about the big acronym LGBTQIAP2S+, which Elsie suspects might apply to her. Even worse, the kids at Elsie’s school start making fun of her for being enrolled in a “puberty class.” Soon, she finds herself avoiding the eyes of all her schoolmates, especially Nadia Hadid, the girl who makes her feel warm and fluttery in a way that Elsie is nervous to think about.

One day, Elsie opens up her locker and finds a small folded piece of paper with a question written in wobbly handwriting: ‘When do girls usually start getting boobs?’ She stealthily figures out who the question came from, and passes back an answer. Inspired, she decides to set up her own OWL-style question and answer board on her locker, and soon she’s opening her locker up to tons of little folded papers.

Just as Elsie’s feeling good about helping her classmates, the school administration steps in to put an end to her not-so-secret operation. Discouraged, Elsie is ready to give up, but then Nadia Hadid of all people shows an interest in Elsie’s project. Elsie and Nadia, along with Elsie’s best friend Mara, join forces to fight back against the administration and stand up for their right to know more about their bodies – even if it means risking expulsion.

Ari Koontz is a queer nonbinary writer and artist currently residing on the shores of Lake Superior. They are an MFA candidate in creative nonfiction & hybrid writing at Northern Michigan University and a teacher of English composition.

E.C. Myers, Nick Amyoony

THE STREAM TEAM

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Client

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Contact

Leonie Kress



“Fortnite streamer NickEh30, making his debut, and Myers (Roman Holiday) offer a fast-paced, energetic, and good-natured start to this adventure series that promotes the virtues of teamwork and friendship while evoking the same sense of chaos and danger as the battle royale games it emulates.”

—Publishers Weekly

“Teamwork’s the name of the game in this action-packed romp.”

—Kirkus

Never back down, never give up! *Fortnite* meets *The Avengers* in this epically awesome adventure. From the creative brains of gaming star NickEh30 and New York Times bestselling author E. C. Myers!

Thirteen-year-old Teddy Habib dreams of being a pro gamer. He just never expected he’d end up in the big leagues. And no, not the big esports competitions, like NickEh30. Big leagues as in if he doesn’t win this game, the world as we know it is doomed.

When a mysterious new game developer unleashes a bug that’s turning everyone into the “Glitched,” the government’s Special Division steps in. They recruit Teddy; his best friend, Stackz; Teddy’s loyal and surprisingly cuddly German shepherd, Rocco; the indomitable TeenyTerrorPlays; and the agile Keke_Klutch to infiltrate the game

But if the Stream Team fails . . . well, it’s GAME OVER.

The Stream Team: Battle Squad is the first book in an epic new series by pro Fortnite streamer NickEh30 and New York Times bestselling author E.C. Myers. With stunning chapter header illustrations and cover art by renowned artist Ronaldo Barata (known for his cover work with *Five Nights at Freddy’s* and interior art of *Afro Unicorn: The Land of Afronia*), this series opener is action-packed, tons of fun, and definitely NOT a glitch in the system. Plus, it’s perfect for fans of Dustin Brady (*Trapped in a Video Game* and *Escape from a Video Game*), Andrea Towers (*Gamer Girls*), E.C. Myers’s own work with *RWBY* and *Five Night’s at Freddy’s*, and of course, gamers who love *Minecraft*, *Battlefront*, *Apex Legends*, *Overwatch*, *Halo*, *Call of Duty*, and *Super Smash Bros*.

Nick Eh 30, is a a Canadian-born professional gamer with over 28M followers, 6,000 wins, and is one of Fortnite’s top creators, maintaining the most family-friendly and positive community in gaming.

E.C. Myers (he/him) is a New York Times bestselling author. He won the Andre Norton Nebula Award for his first novel, *Fair Coin*, and is the author of the *SOS Thriller* series, *RWBY young adult books*, and *Five Nights at Freddy’s: The Week Before*.

Eureka O'Hara, Dan Poblocki

JACKSON BRIGHT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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Contact
Leonie Kress



From drag superstar Eureka O'Hara and bestselling author Dan Poblocki comes a beautiful, buoyant middle-grade novel about a boy who enters a local pageant—as a drag queen!

When Jackson Bright wears a dress to the last day of school, he expects to be complimented on the cute polka dot design. Instead, he gets sent to the principal's office. Jackson doesn't know why people are saying that he needs to "dress like a boy." And with all the discussions of "dressing like a boy" and "dressing like a girl," he wonders where people like his best friend Eva, who's nobinary, fit into all of this. Or why he felt so confident and happy while wearing that dress.

So when Jackson sees a flyer for the town's beloved Little Miss pageant, he comes up with a plan: dress in drag in order to compete and show the town just how fabulous he can be!

Before he knows it, he's thrust into a world of rhinestone gowns and fiercely applied makeup. With the help of Eva and Uncle Aaron, Jackson scrambles to come up with an array of dazzling costumes, a crowd-winning speech, and a killer talent act.

As he navigates the ups and downs of the competition—all while keeping his real identity a secret and hiding a growing crush on his rival's brother—Jackson will have to learn how to stand proud in a world that may not always accept him and how to stay true to himself no matter what!

Eureka O'Hara is a drag performer from East Tennessee known for her appearances on *RuPaul's Drag Race* and co-hosting HBO's *We're Here*. She wrote her debut novel, *JACKSON BRIGHT IN THE SPOTLIGHT*, to inspire others.

Dan Poblocki is a New York-based author of mystery and horror novels for young readers, including *The Magic Misfits* series co-written with Neil Patrick Harris. His works, like *The Ghost of Graylock*, have received recognition from the American Library Association

Margaret Peterson Haddix

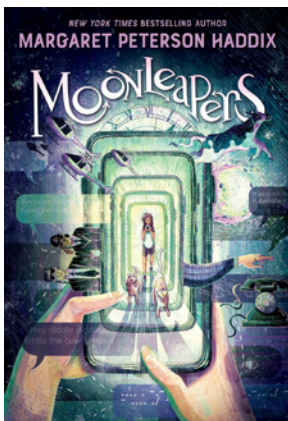
MOONLEAPERS

Publisher
HarperCollins

September 2025

Client
Adams Literary

Contact
Leonie Kress



From New York Times bestselling author Margaret Peterson Haddix comes a suspenseful duology opener about a girl whose first phone connects her to a network of time travelers who want to change the world. Perfect for fans of *The Mysterious Benedict Society* and *City Spies*!

When Maisie's mom gives her an old phone, Maisie can't believe her luck—finally, she can keep up with everyone at school! Unfortunately, her mom also tells her that the whole family will be moving to spend the summer taking care of Maisie's great-aunt Hazel. Maisie's only getting a phone because she'll be responsible for her younger siblings during the entire trip. With that, Maisie is ready to give the phone back.

Then the first puzzling text comes in.

Between the mystery texts and a not-completely-blank book from Great-Aunt Hazel, Maisie finds herself thrown into the world of moonleapers. Will she be able to learn more about the secretive group, and—gulp—help them accomplish their crucial mission in time?

Margaret Peterson Haddix is the author of many critically and popularly acclaimed YA and middle grade novels, including *the Children of Exile* series, *The Missing* series, *the Under Their Skin* series, and *the Shadow Children* series. A graduate of Miami University (of Ohio), she worked for several years as a reporter for The Indianapolis News. She also taught at the Danville (Illinois) Area Community College. She lives with her family in Columbus, Ohio. Visit her at HaddixBooks.com. 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.

David Purse, Eric Proctor

LITTLE MONSTER PET STORE

The Grand Opening (Book 1)

Publisher

Inked Entertainment

2025

57 pages

Client

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Contact

Leonie Kress



When squabbling sisters Gabby and Greta Grimm move to a new town, their biggest worry is sharing a room – until someone steals their dragon eggs!

After the recent loss of their mother, the Grimm family leaves their old life to open a pet shop with a paranormal twist. Instead of chubby hamsters and googly-eyed goldfish, you're more likely to find howling werewolf puppies and grouchy griffins at the Little Monster Pet Store.

Things seem to be looking up when Gabby and Greta's dad secures three precious dragon eggs to attract customers on opening day. But when thieves get their grubby hands on the eggs, any hope of a new beginning is lost.

Determined to fix things for their dad, Gabby and Greta must put their differences aside and track down the thieves before their new start is snatched from them. Time is running out though, and the dragon eggs are about to be sold to the highest bidder...

David Purse

THE LAND CHRISTMAS FORGOT

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Contact

Leonie Kress



When eleven-year-old Stefan tells his little brother on Christmas Eve that Santa isn't real, he totally expects to be grounded. What he doesn't expect, is for his name to land at the top of the Naughty List and for a demon named Krampus to creep down his chimney.

Narrowly escaping an attack from Krampus, Stefan falls into The Land Christmas Forgot – a dark place where wolves are made of shadow and evil snowmen roam the forests. There, Stefan meets a warrior Christmas elf who confirms three things. One, he isn't having some creepy nightmare. Two, Santa is, in fact, real. And three, Krampus plans on using Stefan and the other Naughty List kids to destroy Christmas once and for all.

Talk about a crappy Christmas present.

With the help of the warrior elf and a famous reindeer – yes that famous reindeer – Stefan realizes the extent of his wrong doings and wants nothing more than to get back home so he can make things right with his little brother. With no other way out, Stefan must find a way to defeat Krampus and his army of minions before it's too late and Christmas is destroyed. But getting home won't be easy, and Krampus has a powerful magic that could cover the world in darkness forever.

THE LAND CHRISTMAS FORGOT is a thrilling tale of friendship and bravery, and a perfect read for fans of Neil Gaiman's *Coraline*, William Joyce's *Guardians of Childhood*, and Rick Riordan's *Percy Jackson* series.

Lionel May

LE PETIT GADGET QUI N'AVAIT PAS D'ÉTIQUETTE

Publisher
La Bagnole

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32 pages

Client
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Contact
Leonie Kress



In a department store where everything is sold, there is one item that has no label.

It's a small gadget that seems to have no place anywhere. It would like to know what it's for, but it doesn't resemble anything else. One day, it decides to leave the store to explore the world.

A story about opening up to others and discovering oneself, in which a charming little gadget finds out that it is full of resources.

Lionel May likes to tell stories, and does it through illustrations, comics, product design. When he's not drawing, you can find him at his dessert restaurant in Montreal.



Margaret Wise Brown

THE DARK WOOD OF THE GOLDEN BIRDS

Publisher

McNally Editions

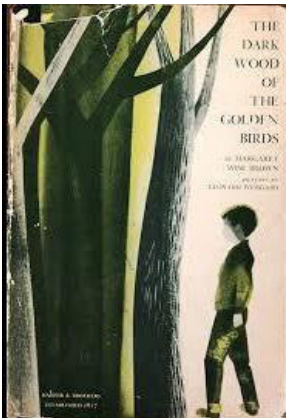
Fall 2025

Client

Frances Goldin Literary Agency

Contact

Leonie Kress



A reprint of the classic 1950 picture book with stunning new illustrations by Ofra Amit.

“As the bees come back, I will come back,” said the boy.

“And my songs will be to the old man as honey of the bees

and the smell of the wild flowers carried on the wind.

I will go into the darkness of the wood

and I will come back”

Margaret Wise Brown (1910 - 1952) is the legendary author of more than 70 children’s books, including the iconic *Goodnight Moon* and *Runaway Bunny*.



“In the decades since, the book has fallen out of print in a culture that has no room and no language for grief, and no tolerance for the darkest dimensions of life, which crack open our vastest capacity for light. It would take an act of countercultural courage and resistance for a modern publisher to bring this work of uncommon beauty and tenderness back into the fold of life.”

—Maria Popova, *The Marginalian*

Julie Eshbaugh

CROWN OF OBLIVION

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HarperCollins

November 2019
351 pages

Client
Adams Literary



Contact
Leonie Kress



“Perfect for fans of Deltora Quest and The Hunger Games, this suspenseful, action-packed adventure . . . invites conversations about dominance, oppression, and rebellion in our own world. Ambitious and provocative.”

—Kirkus Reviews

“There’s a hint of romance and fodder for discussions about bystander responsibilities, as well as the impact of emotional ties.”

—Booklist Online

“Astrid’s strong, stubborn character offers readers a magical heroine who’s fun to root for”

—Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books

In this mesmerizing YA fantasy mash-up of *The Road* meets *The Amazing Race*, one girl chooses to risk her life in a cutthroat competition in order to win her freedom.

In Lanoria, Outsiders, who don’t have magic, are inferior to Enchanted, who do. That’s just a fact for Astrid, an Outsider who is indentured to pay off her family’s debts. She serves as the surrogate for the princess—if Renya steps out of line, Astrid is the one who bears the punishment for it.

But there is a way out: the life-or-death Race of Oblivion. First, racers are dosed with the drug Oblivion, which wipes their memories. Then, when they awake in the middle of nowhere, only cryptic clues—and a sheer will to live—will lead them through treacherous terrain full of opponents who wouldn’t think twice about killing each other to get ahead.

But what throws Astrid the most is what she never expected to encounter in this race. A familiar face she can’t place. Secret powers she shouldn’t have. And a confusing memory of the past that, if real, could mean the undoing of the entire social structure that has kept her a slave her entire life.

Competing could mean death...but it could also mean freedom.

Julie Eshbaugh once produced an online video series for teens which received several honors from the Webby Awards. Now, she focuses her time on writing.

Rosalyn Eves

BLOOD ROSE REBELLION

Trilogy

Publisher
Knopf

Client
Adams Literary



Turkey Yabancı

Contact
Leonie Kress



In a world where social prestige derives from a trifecta of blood, money, and magic, one girl has the ability to break the spell that holds the social order in place. A thrilling fantasy trilogy for fans of *Red Queen* and *Six of Crows*.

Book 1 - BLOOD ROSE REBELLION (March 2017): Anna lives in an alternate 19th-century Europe where magic is tightly controlled. Struggling against her family's expectations and her own lack of magical ability, she discovers a hidden world of rebellion and intrigue. As she navigates political conspiracies Anna must confront dark forces that threaten her world.



Book 2 - LOST CROW CONSPIRACY (March 2018): Once a powerless girl in an elite magical society, Anna has upended the world order by breaking the Binding. As unleashed creatures sow chaos and the balance of power shifts, she is thrust into a dangerous game of politics, betrayal, and rebellion.



Book 3 - WINTER WAR AWAKENING (March 2019): In the thrilling conclusion Anna embraces her true potential and rallies allies to fight for freedom and justice, blending themes of empowerment, friendship, and the fight against oppression in a richly imagined setting.

Rosalyn Eves grew up in the Rocky Mountains, dividing her time between reading books and bossing her siblings into performing her dramatic scripts. As an adult, the telling and reading of stories is still one of her favorite things to do. When she's not reading or writing, she enjoys spending time with her chemistry professor husband and three children, watching British period pieces, or hiking through the splendid landscape of southern Utah, where she lives. She dislikes housework on principle.

Backlist Gems

Sunya Mara

THE DARKENING DUOLOGY

Publisher

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Client

Adams Literary

Contact

Leonie Kress

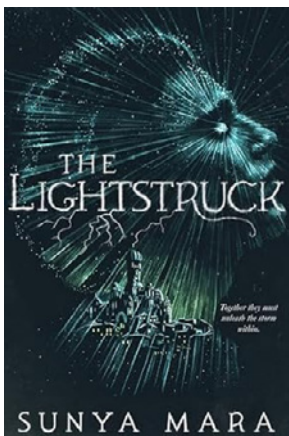


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Catalan La Galera
Turkey Indigo
UK Hodder
Poland Rebis



A gripping duology about the strength of resilience and the pursuit of justice in a world overshadowed by darkness.

Book 1 - **THE DARKENING** (July 2022): Vesper Vale is the daughter of revolutionaries. Failed revolutionaries. When her mother was caught by the queen's soldiers, they gave her a choice: death by the hangman's axe, or death by the Storm that surrounds the city and curses anyone it touches. She chose the Storm. And when the queen's soldiers—led by a paranoid prince—catch up to Vesper's father after twelve years on the run, Vesper will do whatever it takes to save him from sharing that fate.



Book 2 - **THE LIGHTSTRUCK** (August 2023): In this epic sequel and conclusion to **THE DARKENING** Duology Vesper Vale, once savior to a city plagued by cursed storms, finds herself facing an even more sinister threat when an ominous light summoned by the Great King seizes control of the city.

Sunya Mara grew up in six different cities across five different states and now calls Los Angeles home. She studied film and business at the University of Southern California and went on to write and illustrate at Kobe Bryant's Granity Studios. When not telling stories, she spends her time haunting old movie theaters and staring at museum walls.



“High-stakes action and a delicate enemies-to-lovers romance propels Mara’s duology-opening debut.”

—Publishers Weekly

“[...] enchanting and wildly clever.”

—Ayana Gray, New York Times best-selling author of *Beasts of Prey*

Kathryn Purdie

THE BONE GRACE DUOLOGY

Publisher
Harper Collins

Client
Adams Literary

Contact
Leonie Kress



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Portugese Astral Cultural



High-stakes romance meets rich world-building in this new series from #1 best-selling author Kathryn Purdie.

Bone Criers have a sacred duty. They alone can keep the dead from preying on the living. But their power to ferry the spirits of the dead into goddess Elara's Night Heavens or Tyrus's Underworld comes from sacrifice. The gods demand a promise of dedication. And that promise comes at the cost of the Bone Criers' one true love.

Book 1 - BONE CRIER'S MOON (March 2020): Aillesse has been prepared since birth to become their matriarch, but first she must complete her rite of passage: to kill the boy she's destined to love. Bastien's father was slain by a Bone Crier and he's been seeking revenge ever since. Now his vengeance must wait, as Aillesse's ritual has begun and their fates are entwined—in life and in death.

Book 2 - BONE CRIER'S DAWN (March 2021): In this thrilling sequel, Aillesse, Sabine, and Bastien battle to change the rules of life and death. Sabine struggles to lead her famille, Bastien faces vengeful spirits, and Aillesse risks everything to break her deadly bond with Bastien. A story of love, sisterhood, and defying fate.

Kathryn Purdie is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the *Burning Glass* series, the *Bone Grace* duology, and *The Forest Grimm* duology. She lives in the Rocky Mountains with her husband and three children. Kathryn is a trained classical actress who studied at the Oxford School of Drama and was inspired to write her first novel while recovering from donating a kidney to her older brother. In her spare time, she loves writing songs on her guitar for her characters and sharing them on her website.



“Brimming with rich mythology, deadly romance, and fantastically flawed characters—absolutely spellbinding!”

—Stephanie Garber, New York Times bestselling author of *Caraval*

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