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Numbers Don't Lie Oct 31 2022 "Vaclav Smil is my favorite author... Numbers Don't Lie takes everything that makes his writing great and boils it down into an easy-to-read format. I unabashedly recommend this book to anyone who loves learning."--Bill Gates, GatesNotes From the author of How the World Really Works, an essential guide to understanding how numbers reveal the true state of our world--exploring a wide range of topics including energy, the environment, technology, transportation, and food production. Vaclav Smil's mission is to make facts matter. An environmental scientist, policy analyst, and a hugely prolific author, he is Bill Gates' go-to guy for making sense of our world. In Numbers Don't Lie, Smil answers questions such as: What's worse for the environment--your car or your phone? How much do the world's cows weigh (and does it matter)? And what makes people happy? From data about our societies and populations, through measures of the fuels and foods that energize them, to the impact of transportation and inventions of our modern world--and how all of this affects the planet itself--in Numbers Don't Lie, Vaclav Smil takes us on a fact-finding adventure, using surprising statistics and illuminating graphs to challenge conventional thinking. Packed with fascinating information and memorable examples, Numbers Don't Lie reveals how the US is leading a rising worldwide trend in chicken consumption, that vaccination yields the best return on investment, and why electric cars aren't as great as we think (yet). Urgent and essential with a mix of science, history, and wit--all in bite-sized chapters on a broad range of topics--Numbers Don't Lie inspires readers to interrogate the numbers they take to be true.

Indies Unlimited: Authors' Snarkopaedia Jan 22 2022 In Volume One of the Authors' Snarkopaedia, sentences have been painstakingly crafted together using nouns, verbs and other words, bringing you paragraphs of text. These paragraphs flow into pages of expert tips, advice and information for authors at all levels of the publication food chain. Any book can claim to offer this type of information, but they can't give you what sets Indies Unlimited Authors' Snarkopaedia above the rest: the "je ne sais squat" of the high decorated staff of the Snarkology Department at the Indies Unlimited Online Academy. Their groundbreaking and empirical research over the years sheds new and snarkified light on subjects ranging from book publishing and marketing to the nuts and bolts of writing and technology. If you like information to grab you by the throat and slap you in the face, the Indies Unlimited Authors' Snarkopaedia is the reference book for you.

Look Both Ways Mar 24 2022 "A collection of ten short stories that all take place in the same day about kids walking home from school"--Our Muslim Neighbor Dec 29 2019 The American Dream is alive and well in this memoir of a Muslim immigrant from India who arrived in America planning to start a business, working so hard toward his personal goals that he even pumped gas and sold vacuum cleaners door to door. Victor Begg successfully built a thriving, regional chain of furniture stores. Along the way, he discovered that America's greatest promise lies in building healthy communities with our neighbors. "In one book, I have come to understand much more about Islam, its followers and its teachings," F. Bruce Benson writes in the book's Foreword. "I've come to realize that the challenges Muslim immigrants have faced are similar to what Jewish and many other immigrant groups have experienced as they tried to settle in America. By the end of this book, I hurt with Victor and I laugh with him because—as Americans—we share so much. We are him. His journey is our journey. This is our story." As Victor reached out to others, he used his entrepreneurial skills to co-found a new kind of ethnically diverse mosque as well as influential nonprofits designed to help others. Agreeing to serve as a regional spokesperson for Muslims, he got more than he bargained for—responding to tragedies that included 9/11 and a mass shooting at a Florida nightclub. "Person by person, friend by friend, good-hearted people change the world," Victor writes in this memoir. His greatest talent turned out to be his ongoing ability to invite all of us to open our hearts, roll up our sleeves and reach out to help each other. "We need stories of our Muslim neighbors like Victor Begg to break down the walls that separate us and to educate us about those who might seem so strange but might become heart friends if given the chance," writes the Rev. Daniel L. Buttry in the book's Preface. "Along the way, we might discover some true American heroes. Victor is just such a hero: selfless, ordinary, but willing to risk to make our nation and our world a better place. In this era when media outlets echo with extremist claims demonizing immigrants and Muslims, in particular, readers will discover how much our American families share in our diversity of faiths and ethnicities. "A lot of foggy information clouds the American brain concerning Muslims. Victor's representative story, his steady, 40-year love affair with America, blows much of it away," writes Michael Wolfe, a filmmaker and author of One Thousand Roads to Mecca. "This book's importance really is global, considering how often migrants, refugees and Muslims in particular are demonized by extremists around the world," writes Larbi Mageri, a Muslim journalist based in Algeria who is a co-founder of the International Association of Religion Journalists. "One of the biggest challenges for Muslims who have never visited the U.S. is getting a clear sense of how Muslims live there in these turbulent times. There are so many conflicting claims and stories about life in the U.S. Through reading Victor's ten stories, I was able to experience American life for Muslims—without ever leaving my home. The lasting impression I am left with, after reading Victor's memoir, is that anyone would be lucky to have a Muslim neighbor like this living next door." Ultimately, Victor invites readers to pray for him: "God bless America." As you follow him along this remarkable journey, as you catch his vision of a vibrant America—you are likely to find your own family and your own values mirrored in his story. You're likely to want to share this book with friends and join in building a better

world.

Tilda Whirl Mar 12 2021 Meet Tilda Whirl- a sparkly, spunky girl whose feelings spin and swirl. But, does Tilda show her emotions or hide them away? Does she share her thoughts or just smile and play? Is Tilda weird or really strange? Should she be herself or try to change? Discover how Tilda shows us all, that despite up-and-down moods, we're lovable just the way we are

Linkedin Marketing Techniques for Law and Professional Practitioners Mar 31 2020 "2nd Edition expands on how to manage and finesse your personal brand on LinkedIn properly, and provide broad guidance to attorneys and certain financial professionals reading this book, to be aware you should further explore the details of ever-changing ethical and compliance guidelines in your respective industries. This book is intended as a road map. In the case of legal ethics and financial industry compliance matters, it raises issues to be considered, with further investigation of your professional responsibility"--

Drive Feb 29 2020 The New York Times bestseller that gives readers a paradigm-shattering new way to think about motivation from the author of When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing Most people believe that the best way to motivate is with rewards like money—the carrot-and-stick approach. That's a mistake, says Daniel H. Pink (author of To Sell Is Human: The Surprising Truth About Motivating Others). In this provocative and persuasive new book, he asserts that the secret to high performance and satisfaction—at work, at school, and at home—is the deeply human desire to direct our own lives, to learn and create new things, and to do better by ourselves and our world. Drawing on four decades of scientific research on human motivation, Pink exposes the mismatch between what science knows and what business does—and how that affects every aspect of our lives. He examines the three elements of true motivation—autonomy, mastery, and purpose—and offers smart and surprising techniques for putting them into action in a unique book that will change how we think and transform how we live.

Anemone Enemy Sep 25 2019 The deep sea is an environment completely unfriendly to mankind; it represents one of the least explored areas of Earth. Pressures in the mesopelagic zone become too great for traditional exploration methods, demanding alternative approaches for deep-sea research. What is beneath the depths of the sea? Featuring award-winning authors including Deborah Sheldon, Liz Butcher, Gerry Huntman, and more!

How to Market a Book: Third Edition Aug 17 2021

What to Say Next Apr 24 2022 "What to Say Next reminds readers that hope can be found in unexpected places." –Bustle From the New York Times bestselling author of Tell Me Three Things comes a story about two struggling teenagers who find an unexpected connection just when they need it most. Nicola Yoon, the bestselling author of Everything, Everything, calls it "charming, funny, and deeply affecting." Sometimes a new perspective is all that is needed to make sense of the world. KIT: I don't know why I decide not to sit with Annie and Violet at lunch. It feels like one here gets what I'm going through. How could they? I don't even understand. DAVID: In the 622 days I've attended Mapleview High, Kit Lowell is the first person to sit at my lunch table. I mean, I've never once sat with someone until now. "So your dad is dead," I say to Kit, because this is a fact I've recently learned about her. When an unlikely friendship is sparked between relatively popular Kit Lowell and socially isolated David Drucker, everyone is surprised, most of all Kit and David. Kit appreciates David's blunt honesty—in fact, she finds it bizarrely refreshing. David welcomes Kit's attention and her inquisitive nature. When she asks for his help figuring out the how and why of her dad's tragic car accident, David is all in. But neither of them can predict what they'll find. Can their friendship survive the truth? Named a Best Young Adult Novel of the Year by POPSUGAR "Charming, funny, and deeply affecting all at the same time." –Nicola Yoon, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Everything, Everything and The Sun Is Also a Star "Heartfelt, charming, deep, and real. I love it with all my heart." –Jennifer Niven, New York Times bestselling author of All the Bright Places

Control Freak Jan 28 2020 The designer of Unreal and Gears of War offers an eye-opening personal account of the video game industry as it grows from niche hobby to hundred-billion-dollar enterprise. Video games are dominating the planet. In 2020, they brought in \$180 billion dollars globally—nearly \$34 billion in the United States alone. So who are the brilliant designers who create these stunning virtual worlds? Cliff Bleszinski—or CliffyB as he is known to gamers—is one of the few who've reached mythical, rock star status. In Control Freak, he gives an unvarnished, all-access tour of the business. Toiling away in his bedroom, Bleszinski created and shipped his first game before graduating high school, and at just seventeen joined a fledgling company called Epic Games. He describes the grueling hours, obscene amounts of Mountain Dew, and obsessive focus necessary to achieve his singular creative visions. He details Epic's rise to industry leader, thanks largely to his work on bestselling franchises Unreal and Gears of War (and, later, his input on a little game called Fortnite), as well as his own awkward ascent from acne-riddled introvert to sports car-driving celebrity rubbing shoulders with Bill Gates. As he writes, "No one is weirder than a nerd with money." While the book is laced with such self-deprecating humor, Bleszinski also bluntly addresses the challenges that have long-faced the gaming community, including sexism and a lack of representation among both designers and the characters they create. Control Freak is a hilarious, thoughtful, and inspiring memoir. Even if you don't play games, you'll walk away from this book recognizing them as a true art form and appreciating the genius of their creators.

Rehumanize Your Business Sep 05 2020 Accelerate sales and improve customer experience Every day, most working professionals entrust their most important messages to a form of communication that doesn't build trust, provide differentiation, or communicate clearly enough. It's easy to point to the sheer volume of emails, text messages, voicemails, and even social messaging as the problem that reduces our reply rates and our effectiveness. But the faceless nature of that communication is also to blame. Rehumanize Your Business explains how to dramatically improve relationships and results with your customers, prospects, employees, and recruits by adding personal videos to emails, text messages, and social messages. It explains the what, why, and how behind this new movement toward simple, authentic videos—and when to replace some of your typed-out communication with webcam and smartphone recordings. • Restore face-to-face communication for clarity and connection • Add personal, human touch to your emails and other messages • Meet people who've sent thousands of videos • Learn to implement your own video habit in an easy, time-saving way • Boost your replies, appointments, conversion, referrals, and results dramatically If you're ready to influence, teach, sell, or serve in a more personal way, Rehumanize Your Business is your guide.

I Can Roar! Feb 08 2021 In this clever board book, each page encourages readers to mimic the sounds and actions of a different animal. With a cut hole in the center of each illustration, readers can turn the artwork into performance art. Children, parents, teachers and librarians will be peeking through the holes to snap like a turtle, oink like a pig and stick out their tongues like a snake. Kids will roar for more!

Pirate Journey Aug 24 2019 Dave Adams is a teenager standing at a crossroads in his life. He's lonely, a bully in need of direction. Through the pages of an ancient, leather-bound journal, Dave makes contact with an ancestor, James Adams, captain of a seventeenth century sailing ship. Captain Adams is also straddling a fence, and the life of an honest sea-going merchant pales in comparison to the excitement and opportunity available for a captain willing to do what it takes to get ahead. Will the captain's decisions take him and his crew where they want to go? And will those decisions affect Dave as he makes his way through high school and finds his first summer job? Pirate Journey explores the parallels of a scurvy sea captain and a high school bully as they make decisions and face the consequences of their choices, both good and bad.

Mastering the Game Jul 24 2019 Can video games be used to teach personal and business success lessons? Mastering The Game: What Video Games Can Teach Us About Success In Life takes a look at how the same habits and principles that lead to success when playing video games can

applied to personal and business success. Principles are ideas that are truly timeless, and remain true independent of context, culture or time period. So what are the principles embedded in the most popular video games? Surprisingly, the list strongly resembles the most in demand for the workplace. * Adaptability & Managing Change* Personal Accountability* Innovation* Communication & Listening* Teambuilding & Collaboration* Knowledge Sharing* Persistence & GritMastering The Game provides analogies, examples, and lessons for connecting the dots between how gamers play and how successful professionals work. Are you ready to take your career to the next level?

Lilac Girls Sep 17 2021 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • One million copies sold! Inspired by the life of a real World War II heroine, this remarkable debut novel reveals the power of unsung women to change history in their quest for love, freedom, and second chances. "Extremely moving and memorable . . . This impressive debut should appeal strongly to historical fiction readers and to book clubs that adored Kristin Hannah's *The Nightingale* and Anthony Doerr's *All the Light We Cannot See*."—Library Journal (starred review) New York socialite Caroline Ferriday has her hands full with her post at the French consulate and a new love on the horizon. But Caroline's world is forever changed when Hitler's army invades Poland in September 1939—and then sets its sights on France. An ocean away from Caroline, Kasia Kuzmerick, a Polish teenager, senses her carefree youth disappearing as she is drawn deeper into her role as courier for the underground resistance movement. A tense atmosphere of watchful eyes and suspecting neighbors, one false move can have dire consequences. For the ambitious young German Herta Oberheuser, an ad for a government medical position seems her ticket out of a desolate life. Once hired, though, she finds herself trapped in a male-dominated realm of Nazi secrets and power. The lives of these three women are set on a collision course when the unthinkable happens: Kasia is sent to Ravensbrück, the notorious Nazi concentration camp for women. Their stories cross continents—from New York to Paris, Germany and Poland—as Caroline and Kasia strive to bring justice to those whom history has forgotten. USA Today "New and Noteworthy" Book • LibraryReads Top Ten Pick

Ghost Squad Feb 20 2022 A New York Times bestseller! Coco meets Stranger Things with a hint of Ghostbusters in this action-packed supernatural fantasy. For Lucely Luna, ghosts are more than just the family business. Shortly before Halloween, Lucely and her best friend, Sydney, cast a spell that accidentally awakens malicious spirits, wreaking havoc throughout St. Augustine. Together, they must join forces with Sydney's grandmother, Babette, and her tubby tabby, Chunk, to fight the haunting head-on and reverse the curse to save the town and Lucely's firefly before it's too late. With the family dynamics of Coco and action-packed adventure of Ghostbusters, Claribel A. Ortega delivers both a thrilling spooky and delightfully sweet debut novel.

How to Survive Middle School May 14 2021 Fans of James Patterson's Middle School series will root for David as he goes from feeling as insignificant as a hamster to becoming an Internet superstar. Perfect for back to school--no matter what that looks like! Eleven-year-old David Greenberg dreams of becoming a YouTube sensation and spends all of his time making hilarious Top 6½ Lists and Talk Time videos. But before he can get famous, he has to figure out a way to deal with: 6. Middle school (much scarier than it sounds!) 5. His best friend gone girl-crazy 4. A runaway mom who has no phone! 3. The threat of a swirlie on his birthday 2. A terrifying cousin 1. His # 1 fan, Bubbe (his Jewish grandmother) 1/2. Did we mention Hammy, the hamster who's determined to break David's heart? But when David's new best friend, Sophie, starts sending the links to everyone she knows and her friends tell their friends, thousands of people start viewing his videos.

Enrique's Journey Aug 05 2020 Documents the journey of a Honduran teen who braved hardship and peril to reunite with his mother after she was forced to leave him behind and seek migratory work in the United States.

Making YouTube Videos May 26 2022 Everything kids need to create and star in their own video! YouTube has won the hearts, minds, and eyes of kids around the globe. Young people everywhere are making their mark on this popular platform—some of them even gaining massive followings, worldwide recognition, and the paychecks that come along with it. While lots of youngsters are happy to be spectators, others are hungry to create and star in YouTube content of their own—and this book shows them how. Written for kids in a language they can understand, this book helps budding filmmakers and producers create their own videos—no matter the subject. It offers creators the insight on how to plan and shoot their videos, install and use video editing tools, and post the final product to YouTube. Apply tricks that pro filmmakers use for better shots, lighting, and sound Edit your video, add transitions, insert a soundtrack, and spice things up with effects Shoot and share your video gaming exploits finished videos with family, friends, and the world For any kid interested in joining the YouTube revolution, this book is the perfect place to start.

The Thing Lou Couldn't Do Dec 21 2021 An endearing story about a little girl who doesn't think she can. "Up there! The tree can be our ship!" Lou's friends exclaim when they decide to play pirates. "Ummm fi responds Lou. Usually she loves adventures. But this is new. Lou has never climbed a tree before. And she knows she can't do it. She doesn't even want to try. But this adventure does look fun, and when all her excitement out, Lou realizes the bravest adventurers are those who TRY. An inspiring lesson for anyone who's ever avoided something hard.

Lily and Dunkin Jul 28 2022 NAMED ONE OF THE BEST KIDS BOOKS OF THE YEAR by NPR • New York Public Library • JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD SELECTION • GOODREADS CHOICE AWARDS For readers who enjoyed *Wonder* and *Counting by 7's*, award-winning author Donna Gephart crafts a compelling story about two remarkable young people: Lily, a transgender girl, and Dunkin, a boy dealing with bipolar disorder. Their powerful journey, perfect for fans of *Wonder*, will shred your heart, then stitch it back together with kindness, humor, bravery, and love. Lily Jo McGrother, born Timothy McGrother, is a girl. But being a girl is not so easy when you look like a boy. Especially when you're in the eighth grade. Dunkin Dorfman, birth name Norbert Dorfman, is dealing with bipolar disorder and has just moved from the New Jersey town he's called home for the past thirteen years. This would be hard enough, but the fact that he is also hiding from a painful secret makes it even worse. One summer morning, Lily Jo McGrother meets Dunkin Dorfman, and their lives forever change.

Sunny Nov 19 2021 Sunny tries to shine despite his troubled past in this third novel in the critically acclaimed Track series from National Book Award finalist Jason Reynolds. Ghost. Patina. Sunny. Lu. Four kids from wildly different backgrounds, with personalities that are explosive when they clash. But they are also four kids chosen for an elite middle school track team—a team that could take them to the state championships. They have a lot to lose, but they all have a lot to prove, not only to each other, but to themselves. Sunny is the main character in this novel, the fourth book in Jason Reynolds's electrifying middle grade series. Sunny is just that—sunny. Always ready with a goofy smile and something nice to say, Sunny is the chilliest dude on the Defenders team. But his life hasn't always been sun-beamy-bright. You see, Sunny is a murderer. Or at least he thinks of himself that way. His mother died giving birth to him, and based on how Sunny's dad treats him—ignoring him, making Sunny call him Darryl, never "Dad"—it's no wonder Sunny thinks he's to blame. It seems the only thing Sunny can do right in his dad's eyes is win first place in the 100-yard sprints, just like his mom did. But Sunny doesn't like running, never has. So he stops. Right in the middle of a race. With his relationship with his dad now worse than ever, the last thing Sunny wants to do is leave the other newbies—his only friends—behind. But you can't be on a track team and not run. So Coach asks Sunny what he wants to do. Sunny's answer? Dance. Yes, dance. But you also can't be on a track team and dance. Then, in a stroke of genius only Jason Reynolds can conceive, Sunny discovers a track event that encompasses the hard beats of a hop, the precision of ballet, and the showmanship of dance as a whole: the discus throw. But as he practices for this new event, can he let go of everything that's been eating him up inside?

Hi My Name Is C.J. Nov 27 2019 Hi My Name Is C.J. is an easy to read, fun, interactive children's book. Meet 5 year-old C.J. and learn about all the things he likes and does. Enjoy the interactive pages by writing your own C.J. story and have fun drawing and coloring the characters. Have

and use your imagination.

We Hunt the Flame Jul 16 2021 An Ignyte Award Winner 2020 A TIME Magazine Top 100 Fantasy Book of All Time A BuzzFeed Pick for "YA Books You Absolutely Must Read This Spring" A Bustle's Most Anticipated 2019 YA Release A Paste Magazine's Top 10 Most Anticipated YA Novels of 2019 A Paste Magazine Best YA Book of 2019 A PopSugar Best YA Book of 2019 A TeenVogue Book Club Pick for 2019 A Barnes Noble Teen Book Club Pick for 2019 "Lyrical and spellbinding" —Marieke Nijikamp, #1 New York Times Bestselling Author Set in a richly detailed world inspired by ancient Arabia, Hafsa Faizal's *We Hunt the Flame*—first in the Sands of Arawiya duology—is a gripping debut of discovery, conquering fear, and taking identity into your own hands. People lived because she killed. People died because he lived. Zafira is the Hunter, disguising herself as a man when she braves the cursed forest of the Arz to feed her people. Nasir is the Prince of Death, assassinating those enough to defy his autocratic father, the sultan. If Zafira was exposed as a girl, all of her achievements would be rejected; if Nasir displayed compassion, his father would punish him in the most brutal of ways. Both Zafira and Nasir are legends in the kingdom of Arawiya—but neither wants to be. War is brewing, and the Arz sweeps closer with each passing day, engulfing the land in shadow. When Zafira embarks on a quest to uncover a lost artifact that can restore magic to her suffering world and stop the Arz, Nasir is sent by the sultan on a similar mission: retrieve the artifact and kill the Hunter. But an ancient evil stirs as their journey unfolds—and the prize they seek may pose a threat greater than either can imagine.

From Strength to Strength Aug 29 2022 The roadmap for finding purpose, meaning, and success as we age, from bestselling author, Harvard professor, and the Atlantic's happiness columnist Arthur Brooks. Many of us assume that the more successful we are, the less susceptible we become to the sense of professional and social irrelevance that often accompanies aging. But the truth is, the greater our achievements and attachment to them, the more we notice our decline, and the more painful it is when it occurs. What can we do, starting now, to make our later years a time of happiness, purpose, and yes, success? At the height of his career at the age of 50, Arthur Brooks embarked on a seven-year journey to discover how to transform his future from one of disappointment over waning abilities into an opportunity for progress. From *Strength to Strength* is the result, a practical roadmap for the rest of your life. Drawing on social science, philosophy, biography, theology, and eastern wisdom, as well as dozens of interviews with everyday men and women, Brooks shows us that true life success is well within our reach. By refocusing on certain priorities and habits that anyone can learn, such as deep wisdom, detachment from empty rewards, connection and service to others, and spiritual progress, we can set ourselves up for increased happiness. Read this book and you, too, can go from strength to strength.

Lily Alone Nov 07 2020 Lily isn't home ALONE - but she sort of wishes she was; looking after her three younger siblings is a lot of responsibility. When Mum goes off on holiday with her new boyfriend and her stepdad fails to show up, Lily is determined to keep the family together and they can cope without any grown-ups. But taking care of 6-year-old twins, her 3-year-old sister and the family's flat feels overwhelming and she's worried that school or social services might discover their situation and break up the family. What could be better than to take all the little things and go on a camping adventure in the park? Plenty of space to run about, no carpet to vacuum, and surely no chance anyone will guess they're there.

Her Perfect Life Oct 26 2019 It's been six years since U.S. Air Force pilot Katie Slater was shot down over Iraq and taken prisoner. Now, Katie's back home--only it's not home anymore and her perfect life has become a total mystery. Includes bonus features. Original.

The Sunbearer Trials Dec 09 2020 Welcome to The Sunbearer Trials, where teen semidioses compete in a series of challenges with the highest stakes, in this electric new Mexican-inspired fantasy from Aiden Thomas, the New York Times bestselling author of *Cemetery Boys*. "Only the most powerful and honorable semidioses get chosen. I'm just a Jade. I'm not a real hero." As each new decade begins, the Sun's power must be replenished so that Sol can keep traveling along the sky and keep the chaotic Obsidian gods at bay. Sol selects ten of the most worthy semidioses to compete in the Sunbearer Trials. The winner carries light and life to all the temples of Reino del Sol, but the loser has the greatest honor of all: they will be sacrificed to Sol, their body melted down to refuel the Sun Stones, protecting the world for another ten years. Teo, a seventeen-year-old semidiós and the trans son of the goddess of birds, isn't worried about the Trials . . . at least, not for himself. His best friend, Niya is a Gold Semidiós and a shoo-in for the Trials, and while he trusts her abilities, the odds of becoming the sacrifice is one-in-ten. But then, for the first time in a century, the impossible happens. Sol chooses not one, but two Jade competitors. Teo, and Xio, the thirteen-year-old child of the god of bad luck. Now they must compete in five trials against Gold opponents who are more powerful and better trained. Worst of all, Teo's annoyingly handsome ex-best friend and famous semidiós Hero, Aurelio is favored to win. Teo is determined to get himself and his friends through the trials unscathed—for fame, glory, and their own survival.

Be a Writing Machine Jun 02 2020 The no-nonsense, no BS guide to becoming a prolific author--available in ebook, paperback, and audiobook! Do you want to write a lot of novels, but can't improve your writing speed? Writing fast is the most important skill you can develop as a writer. It seems hard to hit high word counts, the secrets are easier than you think. In this writer's guide, prolific author M.L. Ronn pulls back the curtain on the process that he uses to write 6-8 novels a year. He has kept this pace while juggling responsibilities as a husband, father, manager at a Fortune 100 company, and a law school student. The result is a catalogue of over 40 books and counting. Create a writing habit that suits your lifestyle Use writing apps on your phone to double your word count Learn strategies to beat writer's block forever Discover how to write stories using unorthodox strategies used by the masters This book is the only thing standing between you and your writing dreams. Write faster, write smarter, beat writer's block, and be the prolific author you've always wanted to be! V1.0

The Last Voyage of Poe Blythe Oct 19 2021 The fierce new YA novel from Ally Condie, author of the bestselling *Matched* trilogy "A compelling, serpentine journey into the heart of grief, the way it can threaten to destroy, and what it looks like to survive." —Sabaa Tahir, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *An Ember in the Ashes* "With its wonderful subversion of gender tropes and achingly real characters, *The Last Voyage of Poe Blythe* takes readers on an epic journey to unearth life's true treasures. Ally Condie has knocked it out of the park." —Renée Ahdieh, bestselling author of *Smoke in the Sun* and *The Wrath & the Dawn* Who do you become when you have nothing left to lose? There is something Poe Blythe, the seventeen-year-old captain of the Outpost's last mining ship, wants far more than the gold they tear from the Serpentine River. Revenge has vowed to annihilate the river raiders who robbed her of everything two years ago. But as she navigates the treacherous waters of the river and realizes there might be a traitor among her crew, she must also reckon with who she has become, who she wants to be, and the ways change and shape you. Even—and especially—when you think all is lost. Ally Condie, the international bestselling author of the *Matched* trilogy, returns with an intricately crafted and emotionally gripping story of one young woman's journey to move beyond the grief and anger that consume her and find the inner strength to chart her own course.

Blackbird Jul 04 2020 From the author of the *Eve* trilogy comes the breathless story of a girl racing to figure out who she is—and how to survive. When a nameless girl wakes up on the subway tracks, she knows only one thing for sure: people want her dead. Can she find them before they find her down? This pulse-pounding contemporary thriller is perfect for fans of *The Maze Runner*, *The Darkest Minds*, and *Legend*. Things I Know to Be True: I am in Los Angeles I woke up on the train tracks at the Vermont/Sunset station I am a teenage girl I have long black hair I have a bird tattoo on the inside of my right wrist with the letters and numbers FNV02198 People are trying to kill me

Our Finest Hour Jun 22 2019 Two lives. One hour. A lifetime consequence. I believe in choice, not fate. I chose to nurse a broken heart at this kitschy country bar that night. I chose to let Isaac Cordova buy me a drink. I chose to spend one hour with a near stranger in an attempt to

my pain. No last names, no details about our lives, just one hour where I was allowed to forget, and then we would never see each other again. Was it a choice when I ran into him five years later? I needed help, and he was the only person equipped to give it. Our instant attraction doesn't feel like much of a choice either, but it doesn't matter. Everything has changed. Now my choices impact other people. And what will I choose? Do I keep Isaac out? Do I dare to let him in?

The Curse of the Werepenguin | Jun 26 2022 "Young Frankenstein meets The Princess Bride in the most hysterically hilarious book I've read in years." --Chris Grabenstein, #1 New York Times bestselling author All orphan Bolt Wattle has ever wanted was to find his true family. When a mysterious baron in far-off Brugaria sends for Bolt, he wonders if he's getting closer to finding his long-lost parents. But Baron Chordata appears to be a twelve-year-old boy who wears tuxedos all the time, shouts at everyone, and forbids Bolt from asking questions. Things couldn't get worse . . . until midnight, when the Baron bites Bolt and turns him into a half boy, half penguin. Then things really couldn't get worse-- nope, they get a lot worse. With the help and hindrance of a plucky girl who just might be the world's greatest bandit, a whale cult led by a man whose weapon is a stale loaf of French bread, and a sinister but friendly fortune-teller who can't stop cackling, Bolt's on a quest to reverse the curse, return to human form, and stop the Baron from taking over the country of Brugaria with his army of mind-controlled penguins in what might be the weirdest--and funniest--middle-grade novel you've ever read.

It's Up to You, Abe Lincoln | Oct 07 2020 Laugh and learn at home with this interactive and hilarious Abraham Lincoln biography. Perfect for readers of Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales and parents looking to chuckle their way through homeschool history lessons. Abraham Lincoln was one of the greatest presidents of all time. But what did it take to rise from frontier poverty? To lead his country through the Civil War? To alter the course of history forever? Father-daughter team Tom and Leila Hirschfeld's tongue-in-cheek biography explores ten crucial decisions in one amazing life. With over one hundred pieces of archival and original art, fun facts, sidebars, historical trivia, and more, this book follows Abe's footsteps through the close calls that defined his leadership and shaped America as we know it today. A KIRKUS REVIEWS BEST BOOK OF 2020. "Be a best friend and give this book to someone who has not read it." --Kirkus Reviews, starred review

I Am the Longest Dog | Jan 10 2021 Lucy introduces herself as the longest dog, displaying a gentle sense of humor but great self-confidence despite the fact that being extremely long is not easy.

It's Up to You, Ben Franklin | Apr 12 2021 History meets humor in this interactive Benjamin Franklin biography. Laugh and learn as this American hero make the toughest choices of his life. Perfect for readers of Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales. You're Benjamin Franklin: inventor, humorist, diplomat-spy, and Founding Father. To rise from humble beginnings and become an American hero, you have to weigh the facts, trust your gut, and make tough choices that will forge America's destiny. No pressure! In this tongue-in-cheek biography, father-daughter team Tom and Leila Hirschfeld explore eleven critical decisions that shaped Ben's incredible life. With over 100 pieces of archival and original art, fun facts, historical trivia, sidebars, and more, follow Ben's footsteps through the smart calls and near misses that launched his career and helped unite the United States!

Trapped in a Video Game | May 02 2020 Jesse Rigsby hates video games—and for good reason. You see, a video game character is trying to kill him. After getting sucked in the new game Full Blast with his friend Eric, Jesse starts to see the appeal of vaporizing man-size praying mantis who are cruising around by jet pack. But pretty soon, a mysterious figure begins following Eric and Jesse, and they discover they can't leave the game. If they don't figure out what's going on fast, they'll be trapped for good!

Out of Darkness | Jun 14 2021 A 2016 Michael L. Printz Honoree "This is East Texas, and there's lines. Lines you cross, lines you don't cross. They're clear?" New London, Texas. 1937. Naomi Vargas and Wash Fuller know about the lines in East Texas as well as anyone. They know the signs that mark them. They know the people who enforce them. But sometimes the attraction between two people is so powerful it breaks through even the most entrenched color lines. And the consequences can be explosive. Ashley Hope Pérez takes the facts of the 1937 New London school explosion—the worst school disaster in American history—as a backdrop for a riveting novel about segregation, love, family, and the forces that seek to destroy people.

El Deafo | Sep 29 2022 A 2015 Newbery Honor Book & New York Times bestseller! Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But what if you go to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear—a very powerful—and very awkward—hearing aid. The Phonic Ear gives Cece the ability to hear—sometimes things she shouldn't—but also isolates her from her classmates. She really just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates her as she is. After some trouble, she's finally able to harness the power of the Phonic Ear and become "El Deafo, Listener for All." And more importantly, declare a place for herself in the world and find the friend she's longed for.