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Non-
Fiction:
Memoir

WHERE EVERY GHOST HAS A NAME : A Memoir of Taiwanese Independence by Kim Liao



A MEMOIR OF TAIWANESE INDEPENDENCE

Where Every Ghost Has a Name



Photo credit: David Sanchez

About the Author:

Kim Liao's writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *Electric Literature*, *Lit Hub*, *The Rumpus*, *McSweeney's*, *The Millions*, *Salon*, *Fourth River*, *Hippocampus*, and others. A former Taiwan Fulbright Creative Research Scholar, her work has received support from the Vermont Studio Center, the Jentel Foundation, the Hambidge Center, the Anderson Center, and the Ragdale Foundation. She lives with her family near New York City and teaches writing to students of all ages.

Publisher: Rowman & Littlefield

Pub date: September 3, 2024

Rights: Translation

Foreign Sales: Taiwan (Spring Hill Publishing)

In 2010, Kim Liao traveled to Taiwan to reconstruct the lost story of her grandparents. But upon arrival, she found that four decades of Taiwanese history had been silenced by Chiang Kai-Shek's KMT Government during the White Terror period.

As the leader of the first Taiwanese Independence Movement after WWII, in 1947, her grandfather Thomas Liao became a fugitive: his family's land was seized, his relatives were arrested, and his nephew was sentenced to death. With their lives under threat, Thomas's wife Anna decided to abandon their marriage and take her children to America to start a new life. Grandma Anna never spoke of Thomas again, presiding over a hushed silence about the past to protect her family.

When Kim arrived in Taiwan six decades later, she was shocked to learn that the KMT government had erased the story of independence from the official historical record—even in a now democratic society. Many young Taiwanese citizens had been kept in the dark about their nation's own violent history. The silenced voices of Taiwanese history mirrored the silencing of Kim's family's story, making her that much more determined to find the truth and share it with the world.

Despite this suppression, the history of the Taiwanese Independence Movement was kept alive by the memories and personal archives of former independence leaders. Once Kim gained entry into this network, she discovered how her Grandpa Thomas and the Liao family played a pivotal role in achieving democratic freedom in Taiwan—becoming one of the first English-speaking witnesses to the White Terror period. As she excavated this lost chapter of Taiwanese history, Kim discovered two stories: her family's story of love and loss, as well as Taiwan's fight for freedom.

Non-
Fiction:
Anthology

WHY I LOVE HORROR AND YOU SHOULD TOO

by Becky Spratford



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Proposal Only

Publisher: Saga Press

Pub date: September 2025

Rights: Translation

From Publishers Weekly:

Librarian and horror reviewer for *Booklist* and *Library Journal* Becky Spratford's *WHY I LOVE HORROR AND YOU SHOULD TOO*, a collection of essays by the biggest names in horror detailing why they love horror and everyone else should too, featuring authors such as Stephen Graham Jones, Josh Malerman, Hailey Piper, Clay McLeod Chapman, Paul Tremblay, Brian Keene, Tananarive Due, Grady Hendrix, Gabino Iglesias, Alma Katsu, Jennifer McMahon, Rachel Harrison, Victor LaValle, Cynthia Pelayo, and more, to Joe Monti at Saga Press, for publication in September 2025.

YA
Rom-
Com

JUST ANOTHER MEET CUTE by Jenn Nguyen



Publisher: Scholastic

Pub date: May 20, 2025

Rights: Translation



"Boy saves girl stuck on a disastrous hike. What could go wrong? So. Much. Just Another Meet Cute is the joyful, funny story about what happens when you realize you're dating the wrong twin."

When seventeen-year old Nina Riley gets saved by a super cute Knight-in-Faded-Khakis just as she lands in an embarrassingly 'ahem' sticky situation during the most disastrous hike known to man, she wasn't exactly looking for that meet cute. She really just needed some peace and quiet from her complicated family.

Unfortunately, he disappears before she can properly thank him or get his number. All she has is his name (Ian Nguyen) and a navy jacket with a dog keychain, a gym card, and laundromat receipt. But a meet cute is a meet cute. And armed with years of watching Veronica Mars and a techy cousin, it should be simple enough for Nina to find the boy of her dreams, right?

But when she finally tracks him down, he's different than she thought – right down to his name. Ryan is just as cute as she remembers, but the chemistry isn't there like it was before. After a few dates, she meets Ryan's family: his sweet grandma, his enthusiastic sisters, and his twin brother—Ian.



Photo credit: Brooke Nguyen

About the Author:

Jenn P. Nguyen is the author of two young adult books, *The Walk of Shame* and *Fake It Till You Break It*. She has a degree in business administration from the University of New Orleans and still lives in the city with her husband. Jenn spends her days reading, dreaming up YA romances, and binge watching Korean dramas all in the name of 'research'.

Adult
Rom-
com

SALTY, SPICED, AND A LITTLE BIT NICE

by Cynthia Timoti



Publisher: Bramble

Pub date: May 6, 2025

Rights: Translation



Crazy Rich Asians meets *Always Be My Maybe* in this deliciously sugar-free rom-com from debut author Cynthia Timoti.

She's salty, he's spice--there's no room for sugar in this fake relationship, but it may be sweeter than they think...

About the Author:

Cynthia Timoti is a bilingual, fourth-generation Indonesian-Chinese who was born and raised in Jakarta, Indonesia. She moved to Australia to study when she was seventeen, graduating with a Commerce degree from The University of Melbourne, but her true passion has always been the written word. She has been an avid reader since primary school, and now she writes fun, sexy multicultural romcoms with plenty of heart and snark, where happy endings are always guaranteed.

Cynthia was a SmoochPit mentee in the 2022 cohort and has completed writing workshops with Writers Victoria (Australia) and Curtis Brown Creative (UK). She's also a member of RWA (Romance Writers of Australia). She has had short stories published as part of an anthology with the RWA, as well as a novelette in an Indonesian women's magazine.

When she's not writing, Cynthia is probably attempting to make a dent in her TBR pile, while adding to her collection of cute notebooks that she will never use. Cynthia hopes to help raise awareness about type 1 diabetes, a condition that her youngest child was diagnosed with in 2020. She currently resides in Melbourne with her husband and two sons.

Ellie Pang has had enough of her controlling family who has been micromanaging her life since her type 1 diabetes diagnosis. When her parents orchestrate a public proposal from their business partner's son, a proposal that goes humiliatingly viral, Ellie escapes to the other side of the country to put her dream of opening a sugar-free bakery into action. After all, she'd done her research. How hard can it be?

She hits a snag when her storefront turns out to be a dump and in need of major renovations. Worse, the only person who can help her turn things around is Alec Mackenzie, her brother's best friend and the man responsible for crushing her teenage heart ten years ago.

But Alec has a proposal of his own: he needs a pretend girlfriend in order to cement a business deal. All they need to do is feign love and affection, while trying not to maim each other. But when the thin line between hate and fake-madly-in-love starts to blur, and buried secrets resurface, Ellie must learn to trust her heart, and choose between love and family.

Adult
Fantasy

THE GRIMOIRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION by Caitlin Rozakis



Photo credit: Laura Bang

About the Author:

New York Times best-selling author Caitlin Rozakis writes fantasy with a satirical twist and a cozy heart. Her debut novel is DREADFUL, but turned out not to be dreadful at all. Her next book, THE GRIMOIRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION, is coming from Titan Books in May 2025. Previous work has appeared under the name R. Rozakis in Cast of Wonders, Daily Science Fiction, Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine, Allegory, Liquid Imagination, Bards & Sages, Weirdbook, Every Day Fiction, and the anthologies Substitution Cipher, Clockwork Chaos, Baker Street Irregulars II, and Thrilling Adventure Yarns 2022. She was nominated for a Pushcart Prize and won LUMINA's 2018 Speculative Fiction contest. She also writes romance under the name Catherine Beck. LEAH'S PERFECT CHRISTMAS has been adapted into a Hallmark channel original movie.

Publisher: Titan Books (both UK and US)

Pub date: May 27, 2025

Rights: Translation

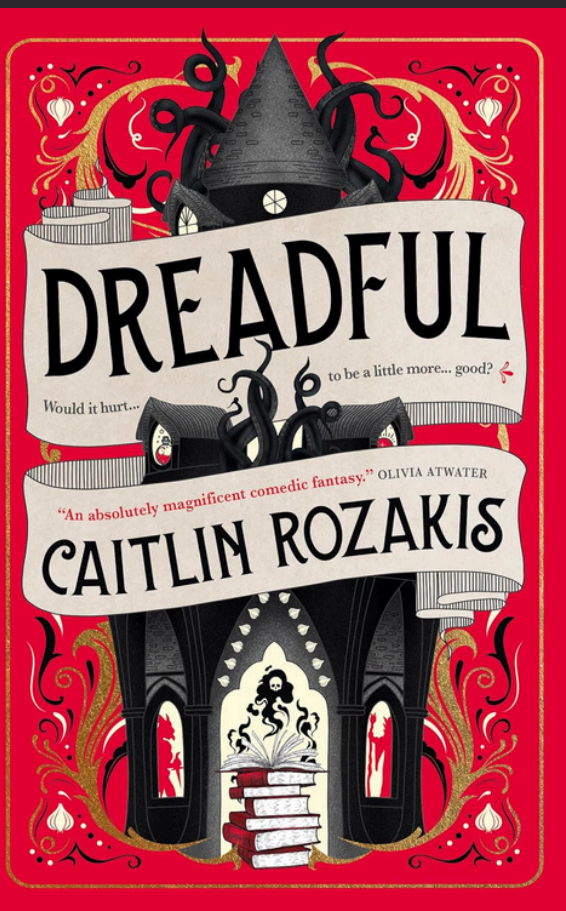
Two mundane parents and their recently-bitten-werewolf daughter try to fit into a privileged society of magic aristocracy. But deadly terrors await them – ancient prophecies, remorseless magical trials, hidden conspiracies and the PTA bake sale. Big Little Lies goes to magic school, perfect for fans of T. Kingfisher, Olivia Atwater and Heather Fawcett.

When Vivian's kindergartner, Aria, gets bitten by a werewolf, she is rapidly inducted into the hidden community of magical schools. Reeling from their sudden cross-country move, Vivian finds herself having to pick the right sacrificial dagger for Aria, keep stocked up on chew toys and play PTA politics with sirens and chthonic nymphs and people who literally can set her hair on fire.

As Vivian reels from hellhounds in the school corridors and demons at the talent show, she races to keep up with all the arcane secrets of her new society – shops only accessible by magic portal, the brutal Trials to enter high school, and the eternal inferno that is the parents' WhatsApp group. And looming over everything is a prophecy of doom that sounds suspiciously like it's about Aria. Vivian might be facing the end of days, just as soon as she can get her daughter dressed and out of the door...

Adult
Fantasy

... more from Caitlin Rozakis:



Publisher: Titan Books (US & UK)

Pub Date: May 2024

Rights: TLA has translation rights



New York Times Bestseller

"This feel-good fantasy is charming and so entertaining."
IGN

"Excellent comedic timing and [a] keen ability to keep readers guessing. This clever, high-energy fantasy is a delight."
Publishers Weekly

"With its charming cast and unique mixture of slapstick and sincerity, Dreadful is a heart-warmingly earnest story about how to grow into a better person." - BookPage Starred Review

Adult
Horror

GIRL IN THE CREEK

by Wendy Wagner

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Publisher: Tor Nightfire

Pub date: June 24, 2025

Rights: Translation



Photo credit: John Kaczanowski

About the Author:

Wendy N. Wagner is an avid hiker, trail runner, and wildlife advocate. She is the author of the horror novel *The Deer Kings* and the gothic novella *The Secret Skin*. Previous work includes the SF thriller *An Oath of Dogs* and two novels for the Pathfinder Tales series. Her short fiction has been nominated for the Theodore Sturgeon and Shirley Jackson awards, and her short stories, poetry, and essays have appeared in more than seventy venues. She serves as the editor-in-chief of *Nightmare Magazine* (for which she was nominated for the Locus award), and is part of the Hugo award-winning editorial team behind *Lightspeed Magazine*. She lives in Oregon with her very understanding family, a giant cat, and a Muppet disguised as a dog.

Girl in the Creek by Hugo Award winner Wendy N. Wagner is an atmospheric and eerie story about a Pacific Northwest forest that seems to be devouring all who enter. A perfect read for fans of T. Kingfisher and Jeff VanderMeer's cli-fi cosmic horror.

Mt. Hood National Forest has always been a sanctuary for evil—human and alien.

The shadows of looming trees and long-abandoned mines shelter poachers and serial killers alike. Then there's the ruined hotel on the outskirts of picturesque small town Faraday, Oregon, nestled in the foothills of Mt. Hood. The one drowning in mushrooms and fungus not even the local expert can identify.

Not to mention the stacks of missing persons cases.

Freelance writer Erin Harper arrives in Faraday to find out what happened to her brother, whose disappearance in the forest has haunted her for years. But someone else has gone missing. And when Erin finds her in the creek, the girl vanishes again — this time from the morgue, and days later her fingerprints show up at a murder scene. Maybe it's a serial killer, or maybe it's the spores infecting the forest and those lost inside. Erin must find answers quickly, before anyone else goes missing. But she might be next...

Adult
Horror

ALL THE HEARTS YOU EAT by Hailey Piper



Publisher: Titan Books

Pub date: October 15, 2024

Rights: Translation

A visceral and heartbreaking work of gothic horror about small town mysteries, local folklore and the things we leave behind when we're gone, from the Bram Stoker Award winning author of *Queen of Teeth*.

What really happened to Cabrina Brite?

Ivory's life changes irrevocably when she discovers the body of Cabrina Brite on the sands of Cape Morning, along with a mysterious poem. How did she die, and why does it seem she was trying to swim to Ghost Cat Island, the center of so many local mysteries?

Desperate to uncover the answers surrounding Cabrina's death, and haunted by her discovery, Ivory begins to see the pale ghost of Cabrina, only to shake it off as a mere hallucination. But Ivory is not alone. Cabrina's closest friends have also seen a similar apparition, and as they toy with occult possibilities, they begin to unravel the truth behind Cabrina's death.

Because Cape Morning isn't a ghost town, but a town filled with ghosts, and Ivory is about to discover just what happens when you let one in.

About the Author:

Hailey Piper is the Bram Stoker Award-winning author of *Queen of Teeth*, *The Worm and His Kings*, *Your Mind Is a Terrible Thing*, *Unfortunate Elements of My Anatomy*, *Benny Rose the Cannibal King*, and *The Possession of Natalie Glasgow*. She is an active member of the Horror Writers Association, with dozens of short stories appearing in *Pseudopod*, *Vastarien*, *Dark Matter Magazine*, *Daily Science Fiction*, and other publications.

www.haileypiper.com/piper-books/

Review

A PASTE MAGAZINE MOST ANTICIPATED HORROR NOVEL OF 2024

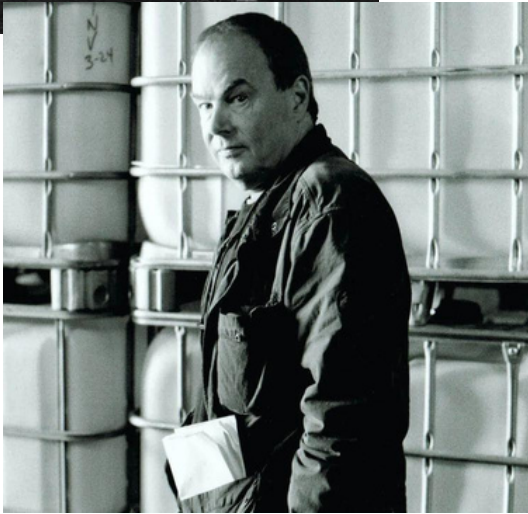
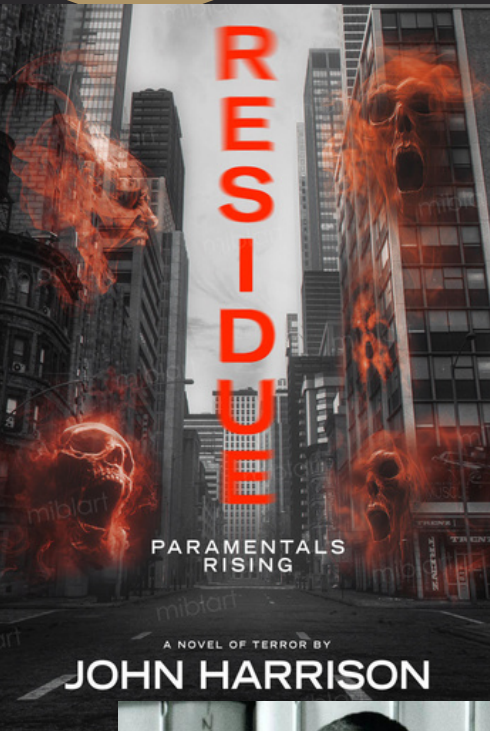
"You think you know how this haunting will go, but you don't. *All the Hearts You Eat* has a dark and powerful undertow, and it'll pull you far, far out to sea." Chuck Wendig, New York Times bestselling author of *Wanderers* and *Black River Orchard*

"*All the Hearts You Eat* is a secret spell, a starless sky, the chambers of a heart and the depths of sorrow. Hailey Piper grips us in this gorgeous yet tragic death poem and life poem, in which we're struck with the utter heartbreak of how when we are starved of friendship, love, and care we are turned into a monster. As beautiful as the sea and as unsettling as its destructive waves." Cynthia Pelayo, Bram Stoker Award®-winning author of *Crime Scene*

Adult
Horror

RESIDUE

by John Harrison



Publisher: WordFire

Pub date: February 11, 2025

Rights: Translation

“There are monsters among us. There have always been monsters among us.”—The Ominosity

A dark psychic stain left on a devastated city.

A dark stain on the souls of the survivors.

A dark stain that will only be satisfied by violence and blood.

RESIDUE

A disgruntled bus driver turns his vehicle into a weapon of mass murder in the crowded rush hour streets.

An impatient customer turns a convenience store into a bloodbath.

RESIDUE

In the aftermath of a catastrophic New Year’s Eve explosion in the heart of the city, Miki Preston embarks upon a treacherous odyssey into the devastated area known as the Quarantine Zone in search of her famous photojournalist sister, Jennifer, who has mysteriously disappeared.

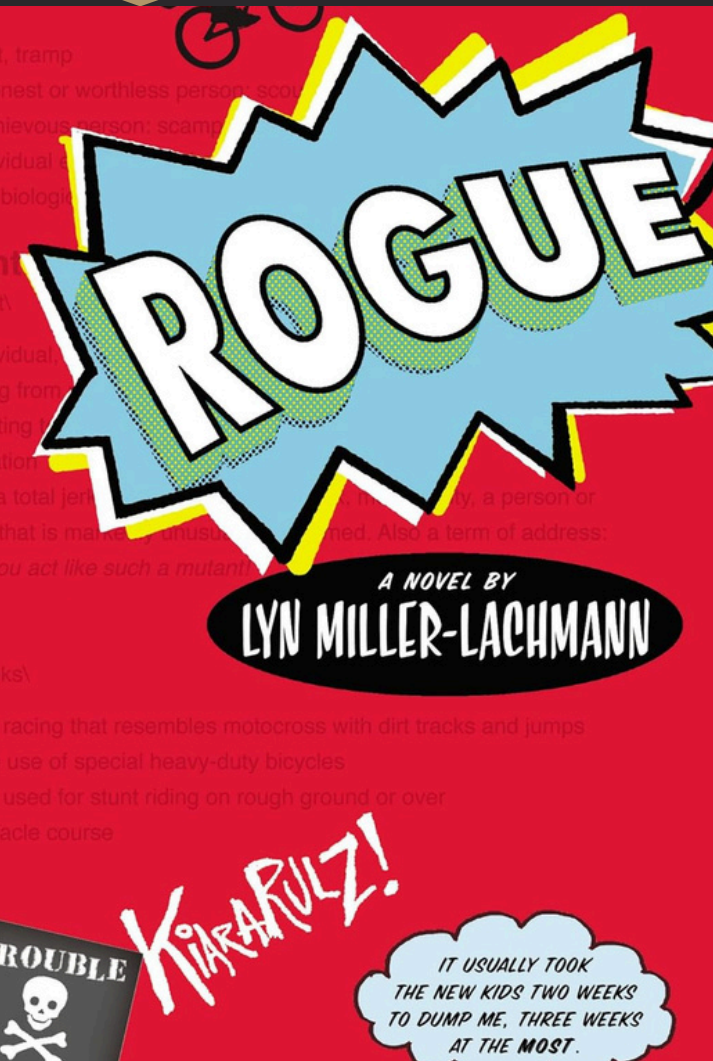
With only the help of a disgraced former homicide detective, a cagey teenage street dodger, and a set of provocative photographs her sister left behind, Miki will come face to face with the manifestations of malevolent psychic energy called Paramentals—and the sinister conspiracy that created them.

About the Author:

John Harrison is a writer, director and author with a storied career in film and television. He has written and directed multiple TV episodes for a variety of networks including the classic TV series *Tales From the Darkside*, *Tales from the Crypt* and *Creepshow*, as well as TV movies and miniseries. His miniseries adaptations of Frank Herbert’s *Dune* and *Children of Dune* were Emmy award winners. His film, *Tales From the Darkside, The Movie*, won him the Grand Priz du Festival at Avoriaz, France. He co-wrote the Disney animated feature, *Dinosaur*, and wrote and directed the movie adaptation of Clive Barker’s *Book of Blood*. His novel, *Passing Through Veils*, was published by WordFire Press in August of 2023.

ROGUE

by Lyn Miller-Lachmann



Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books

Pub Date: May 16, 2013

Rights: Translation

Kiara has Asperger's syndrome, and it's hard for her to make friends. So whenever her world doesn't make sense—which is often—she relies on Mr. Internet for answers. But there are some questions he can't answer, like why she always gets into trouble, and how do kids with Asperger's syndrome make friends? Kiara has a difficult time with other kids. They taunt her and she fights back. Now she's been kicked out of school. She wishes she could be like her hero Rogue—a misunderstood X-Men mutant who used to hurt anyone she touched until she learned how to control her special power.

When Chad moves in across the street, Kiara hopes that, for once, she'll be able to make friendship stick. When she learns his secret, she's so determined to keep Chad as a friend that she agrees not to tell. But being a true friend is more complicated than Mr. Internet could ever explain, and it might be just the thing that leads Kiara to find her own special power.

In *Rogue*, author Lyn Miller-Lachmann celebrates everyone's ability to discover and use whatever it is that makes them different.

About the Author:

Lyn Miller-Lachmann is the author of the YA historical novel *Torch* (Carolrhoda Lab, 2022), winner of the 2023 Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Young Adult Literature and a 2022 Booklist Editors' Choice, and the YA verse novel *Eyes Open* (Carolrhoda Lab 2024), chosen by Booklist as a Top 10 Historical Fiction for Youth, 2024. She wrote the picture book *Ways to Play* (Levine Querido, 2023), illustrated by Gabriel Alborozo, and co-authored with Zetta Elliott the middle grade verse novel *Moonwalking* (FSG, 2022). Her recent nonfiction includes a biography of Temple Grandin in the *She Persisted* chapter book series from Philomel and *Film Makers: 15 Groundbreaking Women Directors* (co-authored with Tanisia "Tee" Moore) from Chicago Review Press. She translates books for youth from Portuguese to English, including the 2023 YA graphic novel *Pardalita* by Joana Estrela, published by Levine Querido, which received a coveted Batchelder Honor Book in 2024.



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Publicity and Awards for other books:

Awards for TORCH (foreign rights with Lerner:
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- Winner, Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Young Adult Literature, 2023
- A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection
- Booklist Editors' Choice: Books for Youth, 2022
- Kirkus Best Books for Young Adults of 2022 + Best of 2022: Our Favorite Teen & YA Books
- 2023 Notable Books for a Global Society
- CCBC Choices, 2023
- Bank Street College of Education Best Children's Books, 2023 (Ages 14 and up) + Outstanding Merit
- Booklist Top 10 Historical Fiction for Youth, 2023
- 2023 Outstanding Books of the Year, Wisconsin Library Association



“Readers will be on the edges of their seats with fear as they follow the social, psychological, and physical fallout for this trio as they deal with the consequences of Pavol’s actions while fighting for their own brief moments of happiness and hope. The story presents an unflinching look at the toll of authoritarianism; it’s a tale that will inspire readers to examine modern politics and the need for people to stand up for personal rights before human torches are once again lit. Equally terrifying and captivating.” — Kirkus (starred review)

“Miller-Lachmann deftly balances moments of happiness and hope within an ominously rendered narrative marked by fear and potential catastrophe. This captivating political thriller is perfect for Ruta Sepetys fans.” — Publishers Weekly (starred review)

“[T]his story of revolutionary hope confronts dehumanizing forces through its resilient characters’ deeply held friendships. An astonishing and gripping read.” — Booklist (starred review)

“A masterful, taut, and emotionally rich historical novel that is heartrending and essential reading for our present political climate.” — School Library Journal (starred review)

Publicity and Awards:

EYES OPEN: (foreign rights with Lerner:
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- A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection
- Booklist Top 10 Historical Fiction for Youth, 2024

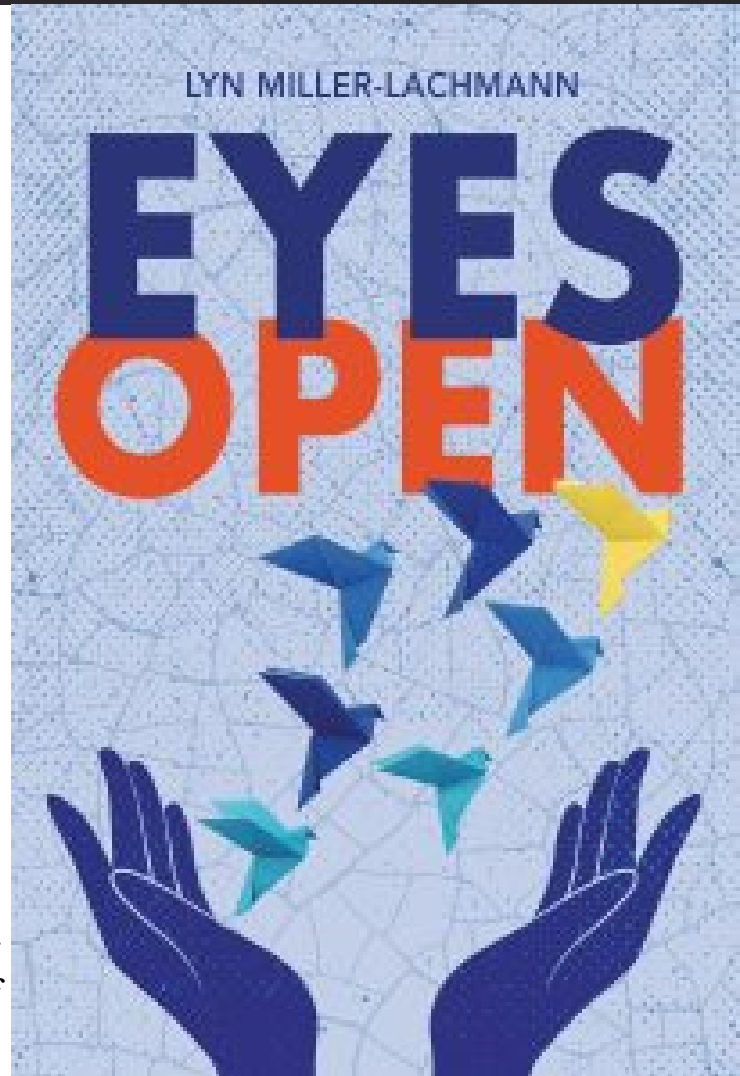
Reviews for EYES OPEN:

The verse format allows Sónia's poetic voice to shine, drawing readers into the stark reality she's dealing with. . . Conveys harshness, beauty—and lingering hope."—starred, Kirkus Reviews

"Beautifully and fluidly written, Miller-Lachmann's memorable verse novel captures the setting splendidly, dramatizing the abysmal condition of women under the dictatorship."—starred, Booklist

"Employing tightly bound poems, Miller-Lachman weaves the perils of authoritarianism into the dynamics between Sónia and her family, and highlights Sónia's activist awakening and the power of protest."—Publishers Weekly

Booklist interview:
<https://www.booklistonline.com/Talking-with-Lyn-Miller-Lachmann-Carstensen-Angela/pid=9795591>



SLEEP ALONE

J. A. W. McCarthy



Publisher: Off Limits Press LLC

Pub Date: March 18, 2023

Rights: Translation

For the past six years, Ronnie has worked selling merch for a perpetually touring band. Late nights, sweaty clubs, dingy motel rooms, endless roads-as rough as it's been, there is no other way of life for this band of hungry succubi leaving bodies in their wake.

Until she meets the enigmatic Helene.

Helene is just as restless, just as lonely, and just as full of secrets. With Helene in tow, Ronnie and the band make their way across the Pacific Northwest, trying to outrun not only their mistakes, but the mysterious disease stalking the band, a disease that devours succubi from the inside out.

The hunger is as endless as the road, but maybe Ronnie doesn't always want to sleep alone.



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About the Author:

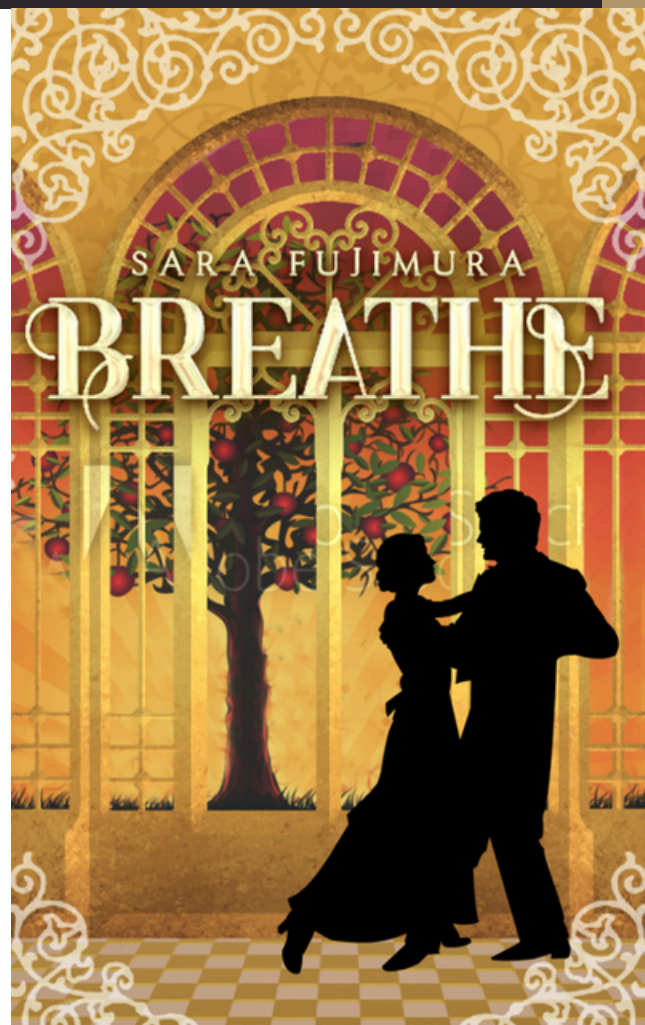
J.A.W. McCarthy is a Bram Stoker Award and Shirley Jackson Award finalist and author of *Sometimes We're Cruel and Other Stories* (Cemetery Gates Media, 2021) and *Sleep Alone* (Off Limits Press, 2023). Her short fiction has appeared in numerous publications, including *Vastarien*, *PseudoPod*, *Split Scream Vol. 3*, *Apparition Lit*, *Tales to Terrify*, and *The Best Horror of the Year Vol 13* (ed. Ellen Datlow). She is Thai American and lives with her spouse and assistant cats in the Pacific Northwest. You can call her Jen on Twitter @JAWMcCarthy, and find out more at www.jawmccarthy.com.

BREATHE by Sara Fujimura

Independently Published

Pub date: June 12, 2018

Rights: Translation



After being pressed into service as a nurse, seventeen-year-old Virginia discovers her innate talent, begins a clandestine romance with her father's Italian assistant, and learns what it truly means to be a modern woman during the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918.



About the author:

Sara Fujimura (Foo-gee-moo-rah) is the American half of her bicultural Japanese-American family and spends about a month each year in Japan. She started as a journalist, so it is no surprise that Sara's young adult books contain a lot of facts to go along with the fiction. Whether you want to know about Japan (TANABATA WISH), the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918 (BREATHE), what it's like to be an Olympic-caliber skater (EVERY REASON WE SHOULDN'T), or how unscripted television works (FAKING REALITY), Sara takes readers on swoony journeys to unusual places. She is a creative writing teacher and literacy advocate who is excited to support the next generation of authors. If you go to anime cons, you may also see Sara as her alter ego, The Obento Lady. She is an active member of SCBWI and the Chicago-North Romance Writers.

EVERY REASON WE SHOULDN'T was named an NPR Best Book of 2020.

Backlist
YA

TANABATA WISH: A Coming of Age Rom-Com by Sara Fujimura



Independently Published

Pub Date: April 17, 2017

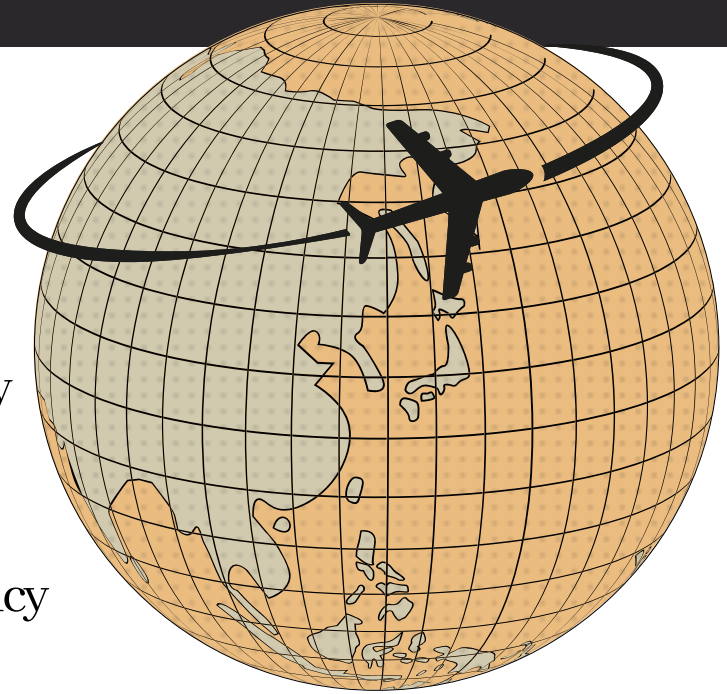
Rights: Translation

Phoenix-native Skyler Doucet's plans with her BFF are ruined when her mom and Japanese stepfather move the entire family to Nagoya, Japan for the summer before her senior year. But when David Takamatsu, a biracial Japanese-American boy, invades Skyler's space (and her heart), this fish out of water in Japan starts to wonder if it's the pond back home that might be too small.

"A delightful debut! TANABATA WISH is the perfect summer read for anyone who longs for life-altering adventure and swoon-worthy romance. My bags are packed. Prepare to fall in love: with Sky, with David, and with all of Japan!" ~Tera Lynn Childs, award-winning author of OH. MY. GODS., FORGIVE MY FINS, and DARKLY FAE.

2018 YARWA Athena Award for Excellence in Young Adult and New Adult Fiction --Winner, Best First Book --Winner, Young Adult Contemporary Category

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