

MBF Presents: The 2020 Generation Genius Author Program

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Starting Sunday, November 15, 2020

Greetings, Book-Loving Teachers!

Miami Book Fair is right around the corner, which means the beloved Generation Genius Author Days are back for another day packed with authors, books and book-based activities, and performances, for the first time virtually!

This booklet contains information on each author's presentation. All sessions have been pre-recorded. Unless otherwise noted, presentations will stay online indefinitely.

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ELEMENTARY

Author for
Pre-K – 3rd Grade



THE ALPHABETS ALPHABET

DAN SANTAT

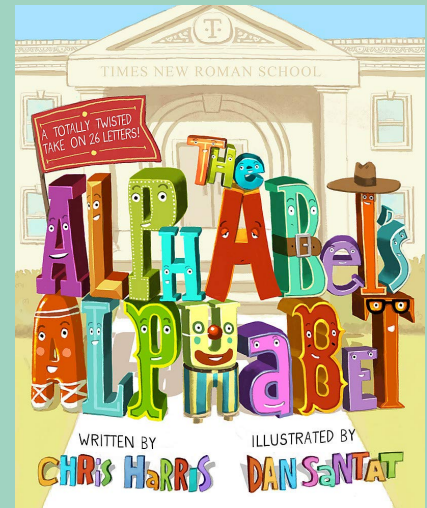
For fans of P is for Pterodactyl comes this groundbreaking spin on the ABCs from an acclaimed bestselling author and artist duo!

Here's a totally twisted take on the alphabet that invites readers to look at it in a whole new way: An A is an H that just won't stand up right, a B is a D with its belt on too tight, and a Z is an L in a tug-of-war fight! Twenty-six letters, unique from each other -- and yet, every letter looks just like one another! Kind of like...one big family.

From two bestselling masters of wordplay and visual high jinks comes a mind-bending riddle of delightful doppelgängers and surprising disguises that reveal we're more alike than we may think. You'll never look at the alphabet the same way again!

Dan Santat is the Caldecott Medal-winning and *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator of *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*, *Are We There Yet?*, and *After the Fall* as well as the illustrator of many other picture books, including *Crankenstein* by Samantha Berger. Dan lives in Southern California with his wife, two kids, and various pets.

Lower Elementary



Grade Level: Pre-K –
3rd

Fun Fact:

Dan Santat is our official 2020 Miami Book Fair poster artist!

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

Authors for
6th – 8th grade



BECOMING MUHAMMAD ALI

KWAME ALEXANDER
(in conversation with Ibi Zoboi)

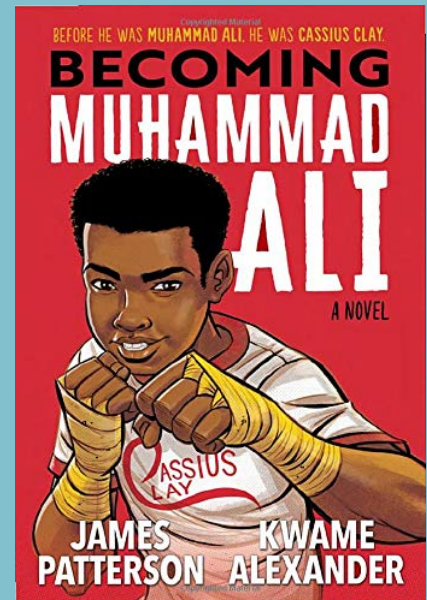
Before he was a household name, Cassius Clay was a kid with struggles like any other. Kwame Alexander and James Patterson join forces to vividly depict his life up to age seventeen in both prose and verse, including his childhood friends, struggles in school, the racism he faced, and his discovery of boxing. Readers will learn about Cassius' family and neighbors in Louisville, Kentucky, and how, after a thief stole his bike, Cassius began training as an amateur boxer at age twelve. Before long, he won his first Golden Gloves bout and began his transformation into the unrivaled Muhammad Ali.

Fully authorized by and written in cooperation with the Muhammad Ali estate, and vividly brought to life by Dawud Anyabwile's dynamic artwork, *Becoming Muhammad Ali* captures the budding charisma and youthful personality of one of the greatest sports heroes of all time.

Kwame Alexander is the *New York Times* bestselling author of more than thirty books, including his Newbery Medal-winning novel *The Crossover* and *The Undeclared*, winner of the Caldecott Medal and Newbery Honor. He is the founding editor of *Versify*, which aims to change the world one word at a time.

Conversant: Ibi Zoboi holds an MFA from Vermont College of Fine Arts. Her novel *American Street* was a National Book Award finalist and a *New York Times* Notable Book. She is also the author of *Pride* and *My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich*, a *New York Times* bestseller.

Middle School



Grade Level: 6th – 7th

IN CONVERSATION
WITH:

IBI ZOBOI



THE SCHOOL FOR GOOD AND EVIL #6:

ONE TRUE KING

SOMAN CHAINANI

In this sixth and final installment in Soman Chainani's *New York Times* bestselling epic fantasy fairy tale series, the School for Good and Evil, Camelot's crown—and the fate of the Endless Woods—are up for grabs.

Beyond Good and Evil. Beyond Ever Afters. The tale of Sophie and Agatha comes to a dramatic conclusion. Prepare yourself for the End of Ends.

Soman Chainani's first five novels in the School for Good and Evil series each debuted on the *New York Times* bestseller list. The series has sold over 2 million copies, has been translated into 29 languages across six continents, and will soon be a major motion picture from Netflix.

Middle School



Grade Level: 6th – 8th

Series: School of Good and Evil



CLASS ACT

JERRY CRAFT

(in conversation with Ismery Pavon)

***New Kid*, the first graphic novel to win the Newbery Medal, is now joined by Jerry Craft's powerful *Class Act*.**

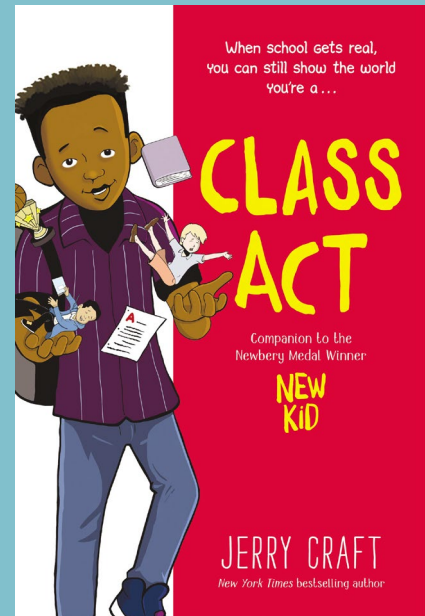
Eighth grader Drew Ellis is no stranger to the saying "You have to work twice as hard to be just as good." His grandmother has reminded him his entire life. But what if he works *ten* times as hard and still isn't afforded the same opportunities that his privileged classmates at the Riverdale Academy Day School take for granted?

To make matters worse, Drew begins to feel as if his good friend Liam might be one of those privileged kids. He wants to pretend like everything is fine, but it's hard not to withdraw, and even their mutual friend Jordan doesn't know how to keep the group together.

As the pressures mount, will Drew find a way to bridge the divide so he and his friends can truly accept each other? And most important, will he finally be able to accept himself?

Jerry Craft is the winner of the Newbery Medal for his graphic novel *New Kid*. He has worked on numerous picture books, graphic novels, and middle grade novels. Jerry is the creator of *Mama's Boyz*, an award-winning syndicated comic strip. He has won five African American Literary Awards, and he is a cofounder of the Schomburg Center's Annual Black Comic Book Festival. He received his BFA from the School of Visual Arts and now lives in Connecticut.

Middle School



Grade Level: 6th – 7th

Series: New Kid

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December 6



THE SILVER ARROW

LEV GROSSMAN

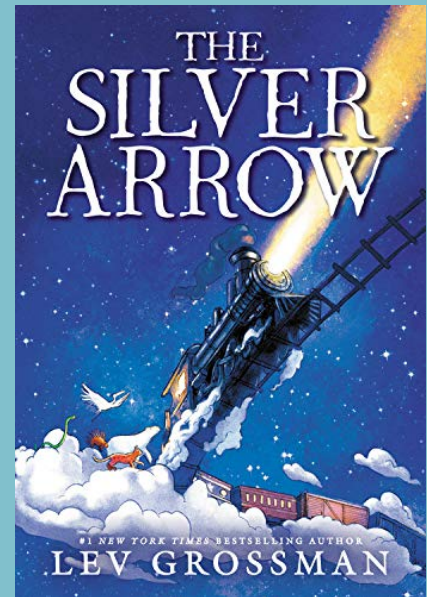
Dear Uncle Herbert,

You've never met me, but I'm your niece Kate, and since it is my birthday tomorrow and you are super-rich could you please send me a present?

Kate and her younger brother Tom lead dull, uninteresting lives. And if their dull, uninteresting parents are anything to go by, they don't have much to look forward to. Why can't Kate have thrilling adventures and save the world the way people do in books? Even her 11th birthday is shaping up to be mundane — that is, until her mysterious and highly irresponsible Uncle Herbert, whom she's never even met before, surprises her with the most unexpected, exhilarating, inappropriate birthday present of all time: a colossal steam locomotive called the Silver Arrow.

Lev Grossman is the author of five novels including the #1 *New York Times* bestselling Magicians trilogy, which has been published in thirty countries. A TV adaptation of the trilogy is now in its fifth season as the top-rated show on Syfy. Grossman is also an award-winning journalist who spent fifteen years as the book critic and lead technology writer at *Time* magazine, where he published more than twenty cover stories. In addition, he has written for the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Wired*, the *Believer*, the *Village Voice*, NPR, Salon, Slate, and BuzzFeed, among many others. He lives in New York City with his wife and three children.

Middle School



Grade Level: 6th – 8th



BILL NYE'S GREAT BIG WORLD OF SCIENCE

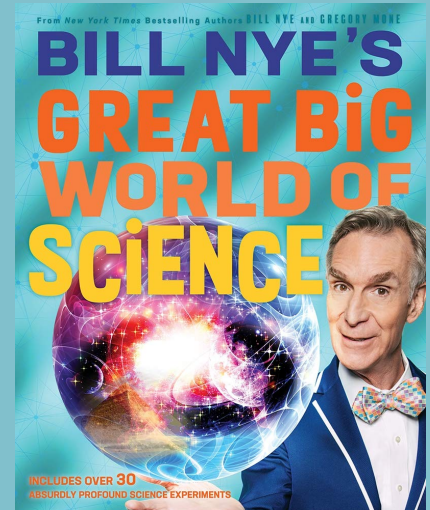
BILL NYE & GREGORY MONE

Science educator, TV host, and *New York Times*–bestselling author Bill Nye is on a mission to help kids understand and appreciate the science that makes our world work.

Featuring a range of subjects—physics, chemistry, geology, biology, astronomy, global warming, and more—this profusely illustrated book covers the basic principles of each science, key discoveries, recent revolutionary advances, and the problems that science still needs to solve for our Earth. Nye and coauthor Gregory Mone present the most difficult theories and facts in an easy-to-comprehend, humorous way. They interviewed numerous specialists from around the world, in each of the fields discussed, whose insights are included throughout. Also included are experiments kids can do themselves to bring science to life! Features photographs, illustrations, diagrams, glossary, bibliography, and index.

Bill Nye is a *New York Times*–bestselling author, mechanical engineer, and television host best known for his television show *Bill Nye the Science Guy*. He splits his time between New York and Los Angeles. **Gregory Mone** is a *New York Times*–bestselling author and science journalist who has written several books for children, including the Jack and the Geniuses series, coauthored with Bill Nye.

Middle School



Grade Level: 6th – 8th

Fun Fact:

This virtual presentation includes a science demo



CITY SPIES

JAMES PONTI

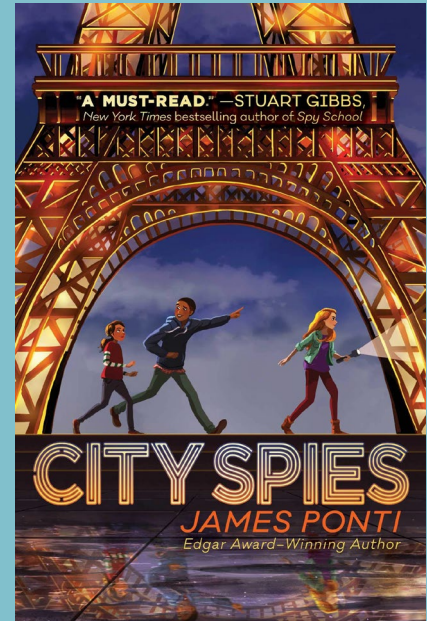
In this thrilling new series that Stuart Gibbs called “a must-read,” Edgar Award winner James Ponti brings together five kids from all over the world and transforms them into real-life spies—perfect for fans of Spy School and Mrs. Smith’s Spy School for Girls.

Sara Martinez is a hacker. She recently broke into the New York City foster care system to expose her foster parents as cheats and lawbreakers. However, instead of being hailed as a hero, Sara finds herself facing years in a juvenile detention facility and banned from using computers for the same stretch of time. Enter Mother, a British spy who not only gets Sara released from jail but also offers her a chance to make a home for herself within a secret MI6 agency.

Operating out of a base in Scotland, the City Spies are five kids from various parts of the world. When they’re not attending the local boarding school, they’re honing their unique skills, such as sleight of hand, breaking and entering, observation, and explosives. All of these allow them to go places in the world of espionage where adults can’t.

James Ponti was born in Italy, raised in Florida, and went to college in California. After receiving a degree in screenwriting from the USC Film School, he began a career writing and producing television shows for the likes of Nickelodeon, Disney Channel, PBS, Spike TV, History Channel, and Golf Channel. James loves writing, travel, and the Boston Red Sox. He lives with his family in Orlando, Florida.

Middle School



Grade Level: 6th – 8th

Series: City of Spies



WOLFPACK (YOUNG READERS EDITION)

ABBY WAMBACH

(in conversation with Michelle Kaufman)

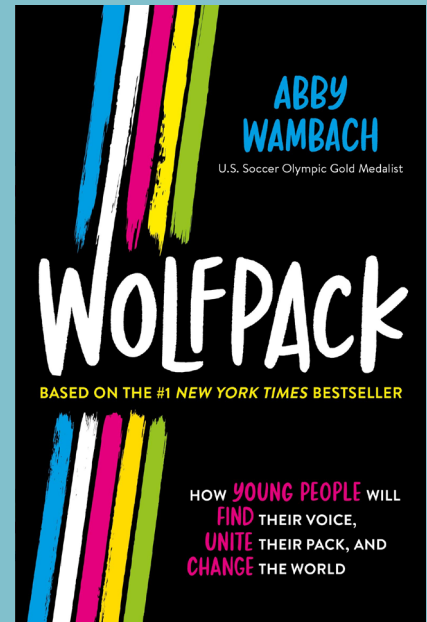
From rising young star to co-captain of the 2015 Women's World Cup Champion team, Abby Wambach's impressive career has shown her what it truly means to be a champion. Whether you're leading from the bench or demanding the ball on the field, real success comes when you harness your inner strength, forge your own path, and band together with your team.

Updated with stories that trace her journey from youth soccer to the hall of fame, this young readers adaptation of Abby's instant bestseller *Wolfpack* is for the next generation of wolves ready to change the game.

Abby Wambach is a two-time Olympic gold medalist, FIFA World Cup Champion, and six-time winner of the U.S. Soccer Athlete of the Year award. She is an activist for equality and inclusion, and the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *WOLFPACK* and *Forward: A Memoir*. Abby co-founded Wolfpack Endeavor, a training program that is revolutionizing leadership development for women in the workplace and beyond.

Conversant: **Michelle Kaufman** is an American sportswriter for the *Miami Herald*. She writes a column every Sunday on sports in general, focusing on soccer in particular. She also covers tennis, Olympic sports and college/pro sports. She previously worked at the *Detroit Free Press* and *St. Petersburg Times*.

Middle School



Grade Level: 7th – 8th

IN CONVERSATION
WITH:

MICHELLE KAUFMAN

Author Live Q&A!

**Mon, Nov. 16
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.**



BEFORE THE EVER AFTER

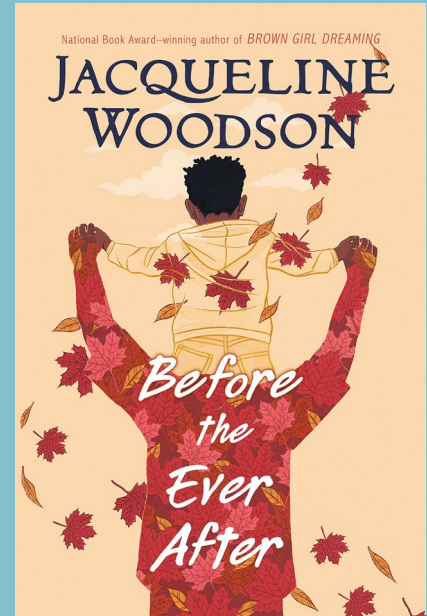
JACQUELINE WOODSON

National Book Award winner Jacqueline Woodson's stirring novel-in-verse explores how a family moves forward when their glory days have passed and the cost of professional sports on Black bodies.

For as long as ZJ can remember, his dad has been everyone's hero. As a charming, talented pro football star, he's as beloved to the neighborhood kids he plays with as he is to his millions of adoring sports fans. But lately life at ZJ's house is anything but charming. His dad is having trouble remembering things and seems to be angry all the time. ZJ's mom explains it's because of all the head injuries his dad sustained during his career. ZJ can understand that—but it doesn't make the sting any less real when his own father forgets his name. As ZJ contemplates his new reality, he has to figure out how to hold on tight to family traditions and recollections of the glory days, all the while wondering what their past amounts to if his father can't remember it. And most importantly, can those happy feelings ever be reclaimed when they are all so busy aching for the past?

Jacqueline Woodson was the 2018-2019 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. Her *New York Times* bestselling memoir, *Brown Girl Dreaming*, won a National Book Award, Coretta Scott King Award, Newbery Honor, NAACP Image Award, and Sibert Honor. She was named a 2020 MacArthur Foundation Fellow, and has also received Margaret A. Edwards Award for lifetime achievement for her contributions to young adult literature, and the Jane Addams Children's Book Award.

Middle School



Grade Level: 7th – 8th

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HIGH SCHOOL

Authors for
9th – 12th grade



ELATSOE

DARCIE LITTLE BADGER

Imagine an America very similar to our own. It's got homework, best friends, and pistachio ice cream. There are some differences. This America has been shaped dramatically by the magic, monsters, knowledge, and legends of its peoples, those Indigenous and those not. Some of these forces are charmingly everyday, like the ability to make an orb of light appear or travel across the world through rings of fungi. But other forces are less charming and should never see the light of day.

Seventeen-year-old Elatsoe ("Ellie" for short) lives in this slightly stranger America. She can raise the ghosts of dead animals, a skill passed down through generations of her Lipan Apache family. Her beloved cousin has just been murdered, in a town that wants no prying eyes. But she is going to do more than pry. The picture-perfect façade of Willowbee masks gruesome secrets, and she will rely on her wits, skills, and friends to tear off the mask and protect her family.

Darcie Little Badger is an Earth scientist, writer, and fan of the weird, beautiful, and haunting. She is an enrolled member of the Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas. *Elatsoe* is her debut.

High School



Grade Level: 9th – 12th



CHARMING AS A VERB

BEN PHILIPPE

Henri “Halti” Haltiwanger can charm just about anyone. He is a star debater and popular student at the prestigious FATE academy, the dutiful first-generation Haitian son, and the trusted dog walker for his wealthy New York City neighbors. But his easy smiles mask a burning ambition to attend his dream college, Columbia University.

There is only one person who seems immune to Henri’s charms: his “intense” classmate and neighbor Corinne Troy. When she uncovers Henri’s less-than-honest dog-walking scheme, she blackmails him into helping her change her image at school. Henri agrees, seeing a potential upside for himself.

Soon what started as a mutual hustle turns into something more surprising than either of them ever bargained for. . . .

This is a sharply funny and insightful novel about the countless hustles we have to keep from doing the hardest thing: being ourselves.

Ben Philippe is a New York-based writer and screenwriter, born in Haiti and raised in Montreal, Canada. He has a Bachelor of Arts from Columbia University and an MFA from the Michener Center for Writers in Austin, Texas. He teaches screenwriting and film studies at Barnard College. He is the author of *Field Guide to the North American Teenager*.

High School



Grade Level: 9th – 12th



WE ARE NOT FROM HERE

JENNY TORRES SANCHEZ

A poignant novel of desperation, escape, and survival across the U.S.-Mexico border, inspired by current events.

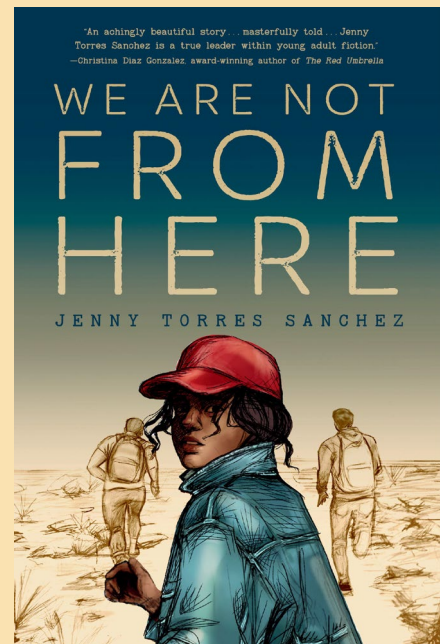
Pulga has his dreams.
Chico has his grief.
Pequeña has her pride.

And these three teens have one another. But none of them have illusions about the town they've grown up in and the dangers that surround them. Even with the love of family, threats lurk around every corner. And when those threats become all too real, the trio knows they have no choice but to run: from their country, from their families, from their beloved home.

Crossing from Guatemala through Mexico, they follow the route of La Bestia, the perilous train system that might deliver them to a better life—if they are lucky enough to survive the journey. With nothing but the bags on their backs and desperation drumming through their hearts, Pulga, Chico, and Pequeña know there is no turning back, despite the unknown that awaits them. And the darkness that seems to follow wherever they go.

Jenny Torres Sanchez is a full-time writer and former English teacher. She was born in Brooklyn, New York, but has lived on the border of two worlds her whole life. She is the author of *We Are Not From Here*; *The Fall of Innocence*; *Because of the Sun*; *Death, Dickinson, and the Demented Life of Frenchie Garcia*; and *The Downside of Being Charlie*.

High School



Grade Level: 9th – 12th



STAR WARS

POE DAMERON: FREE FALL

ALEX SEGURA

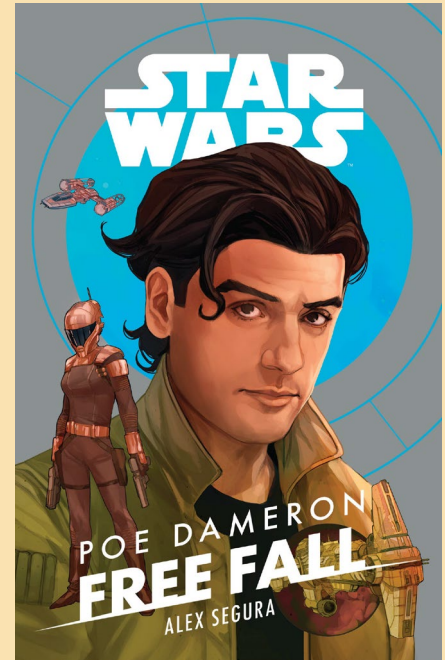
It's been a few years since Poe's mother, who was a pilot for the Rebellion, passed away, and Poe and his father have had more and more trouble connecting. Not sure what he wants to do with his life, teenage Poe runs away from home to find adventure, and to figure out what kind of man he is meant to be.

Alex Segura is the author of the Anthony Award-nominated Pete Fernandez Miami Mystery novel series. He is also the co-president of Archie Comics and has written a number of comic books for younger readers, including the best-selling and critically acclaimed THE ARCHIES, ARCHIE MEETS RAMONES and ARCHIE MEETS KISS series.

Alex is also the co-creator and co-writer of the young adult LETHAL LIT podcast, which frequently placed in the iTunes top ten and was named one of the Five Best Podcasts of 2018 by *The New York Times*.

A Miami native, he lives in New York with his wife and son.

High School



Grade Level: 9th – 12th



THIS TRAIN IS BEING HELD

ISMÉE WILLIAMS

Alex is a baseball player. A great one. His papi is pushing him to go pro, but Alex maybe wants to be a poet. Not that Papi would understand or allow that.

Isa is a dancer. She'd love to go pro, if only her Havana-born mom weren't dead set against it...just like she's dead set against her daughter falling for a Latino. And Isa's privileged private-school life—with her dad losing his job and her older brother struggling with mental illness—is falling apart. Not that she'd ever tell that to Alex.

Fate—and the New York City subway—bring Alex and Isa together. Is it enough to keep them together when they need each other most?

Ismée Williams is a pediatric cardiologist by day and an accomplished author by night. Her first book with Abrams, *Water in May*, was released in 2017 to critical acclaim. She lives in New York City.

High School



Grade Level: 9th – 12th



AVATAR, THE LAST AIRBENDER: THE SHADOW OF KYOSHI

(THE KYOSHI NOVELS BOOK 2)

F.C. YEE

(in conversation with Nancy Matos)

Kyoshi's place as the true Avatar has finally been cemented—but at a heavy cost. With her mentors gone, Kyoshi voyages across the Four Nations, struggling to keep the peace. But while her reputation grows, a mysterious threat emerges from the Spirit World. To stop it, Kyoshi, Rangi, and their reluctant allies must join forces before the Four Nations are destroyed irreparably. This thrilling follow-up continues Kyoshi's journey from a girl of humble origins to the merciless pursuer of justice still feared and admired centuries after becoming the Avatar.

Outside of writing, **F.C. Yee** practices capoeira, a Brazilian form of martial arts, and has a day job mostly involving spreadsheets. His debut YA novel, *The Epic Crush of Genie Lo*, released in August 2017 to critical acclaim. *The Shadow of Kyoshi* was written in consultation with Michael Dante DiMartino, the co-creator, executive producer, and story editor of the animated TV series *Avatar: The Last Airbender* and *The Legend of Korra*.

Conversant: Nancy Matos, Youth Services Specialist at the Miami Lakes branch of the Miami Dade Public library system.

High School



Grade Level: 9th – 12th

SERIES: The Kyoshi
Novels

IN CONVERSATION
WITH:

NANCY MATOS



SUPER FAKE LOVE SONG

DAVID YOON

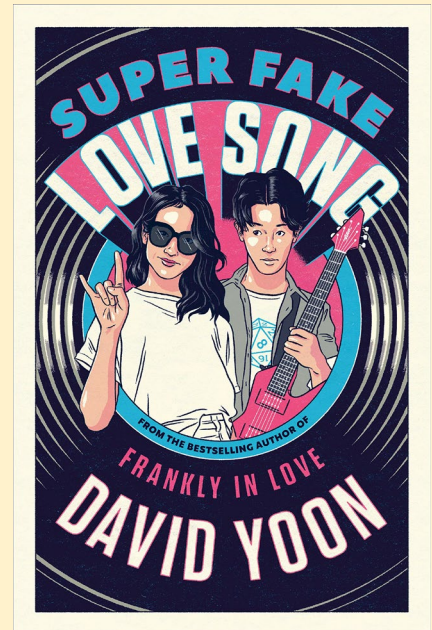
When Sunny Dae—self-proclaimed total nerd—meets Cirrus Soh, he can't believe how cool and confident she is. So when Cirrus mistakes Sunny's older brother Gray's bedroom—with its electric guitars and rock posters—for Sunny's own, he sort of, kind of, accidentally winds up telling her he's the front man of a rock band.

Before he knows it, Sunny is knee-deep in the lie: He ropes his best friends into his scheme, begging them to form a fake band with him, and starts wearing Gray's rock-and-roll castoffs. But no way can he trick this amazing girl into thinking he's cool, right? Just when Sunny is about to come clean, Cirrus asks to see them play sometime. *Gulp.*

Now there's only one thing to do: Fake it till you make it.

David Yoon grew up in Orange County, California, and now lives in Los Angeles with his wife, novelist Nicola Yoon, and their daughter. He drew the illustrations for Nicola's #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Everything, Everything*. He is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Frankly in Love*, which was a William C. Morris Award finalist and an Asian/Pacific American Award for Young Adult Literature Honor book.

High School



Grade Level: 9th – 12th



POISONED WATER: HOW THE CITIZENS OF FLINT, MICHIGAN, FOUGHT FOR THEIR LIVES AND WARNED THE NATION

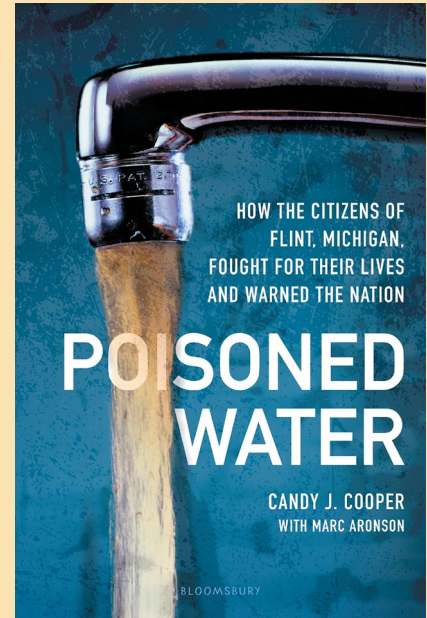
CANDY J. COOPER & MARC ARONSON

In 2014, Flint, Michigan, was a cash-strapped city that had been built up, then abandoned by General Motors. As part of a plan to save money, government officials decided that Flint would temporarily switch its water supply from Lake Huron to the Flint River. Within months, many residents broke out in rashes. Then it got worse: children stopped growing. Some people were hospitalized with mysterious illnesses; others died. Citizens of Flint protested that the water was dangerous. Despite what seemed so apparent from the murky, foul-smelling liquid pouring from the city's faucets, officials refused to listen. They treated the people of Flint as the problem, not the water, which was actually poisoning thousands.

Candy J. Cooper is a Pulitzer Prize finalist and winner of the Selden Ring Award for Investigative Reporting. Her work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Columbia Journalism Review* and *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, among other publications.

Marc Aronson earned his PhD in American history while beginning his career as an editor and author of books for children and teenagers. The first winner of the Robert L. Sibert medal from the American Library Association and the editor of the tenth winner, he is now a full-time faculty member at the Rutgers School of Communication and Information.

High School



Grade Level: 11th– 12th

Author Live Q&A!

Wed, Nov. 18
4:00 – 4:30 p.m.



PUNCHING THE AIR

IBI ZOBOI & YUSEF SALAAM

*The story that I thought
was my life
didn't start on the day
I was born*

Amal Shahid has always been an artist and a poet. But even in a diverse art school, he's seen as disruptive and unmotivated by a biased system. Then one fateful night, an altercation in a gentrifying neighborhood escalates into tragedy. "Boys just being boys" turns out to be true only when those boys are white.

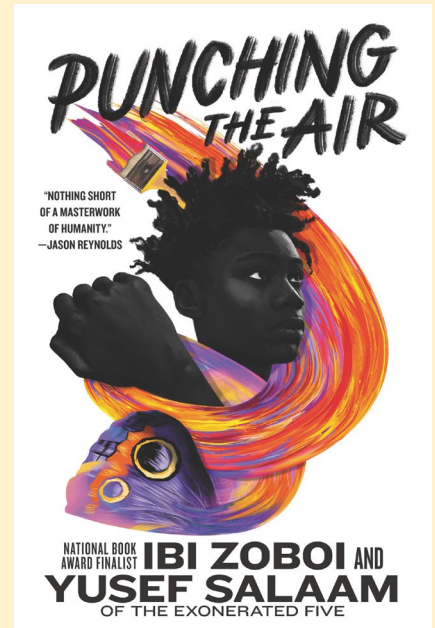
*The story that I think
will be my life
starts today*

Suddenly, at just sixteen years old, Amal's bright future is upended: he is convicted of a crime he didn't commit and sent to prison. Despair and rage almost sink him until he turns to the refuge of his words, his art. This never should have been his story. But can he change it?

Ibi Zobo holds an MFA from Vermont College of Fine Arts. Her novel *American Street* was a National Book Award finalist and a *New York Times* Notable Book. She is also the author of *Pride and My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich*, a *New York Times* bestseller.

Dr. Yusef Salaam was just fifteen years old when his life was upended after being wrongly convicted with four other boys in the "Central Park jogger" case. Yusef is now a poet, activist, and inspirational speaker. He is the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from President Barack Obama, among other honors.

High School



Grade Level: 11th – 12th

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S LITERATURE: A VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

In partnership with the National Book Foundation, Miami Book Fair will be hosting a series of online book discussions for young people, creating an opportunity for dialogue between NYC and Miami students around this year's National Book Award honorees. Each week, a moderator will facilitate open discussion among students featuring one of the ten longlisted honorees of this year's National Book Award for Young People's Literature.

Join us for a free moderated book presentation **each Saturday from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. EST.**

September 26 – December 12 (no discussion Nov. 21 or 28)

Register here: <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/virtual-book-club/register>

For any questions, please contact Ismery Pavon at ipavon@mdc.edu.

MIAMI BOOK FAIR BLOG CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Miami Book Fair will dedicate a section of the official blog to publish student responses to the ten books longlisted for the 2020 National Book Award in Young People's Literature. Students are invited to submit responses in any medium. For more info, visit miamibookfair.com

Visit the Miami Book Fair blog here: <https://www.miamibookfair.com/blog/>

Blog submissions will be reviewed and posted on a rolling bases from September through December. To submit please upload your submission here:

https://mdc.formstack.com/forms/teen_press_conference_blog_2020_submissions

For any questions, please contact Abby Nover at anover@mdc.edu

SPEAK UP: CREATIVE WRITING + PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS

Saturdays, September 14 – November 14
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EST

In this **FREE** virtual creative writing workshop mini-series, teens will partner with experienced teaching artists to empower the creative writing process, from drafting to performance to publishing, to boost literacy and empower youth in Miami through community-based writing activities.

Teaching artists include nationally established authors **Kyandreia Jones**, author of *Choose Your Own Adventure Spies: James Armistead Lafayette*, **Romina Garber**, author of *Lobizona* and the *ZODIAC* series, and **Arhm Choi Wild**, author of *Cut to Bloom*.

Special Guest on November 7:

George M. Johnson, author of *All Boys Aren't Blue: A Memoir-Manifesto*

The program is open to all teens (ages 13-19) and is as free of charge as it is free of homework. No previous experience necessary!

Register here: <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/2020-fall-speak-up/register>

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MIAMI HERALD SPELLING BEE

The Miami Herald Spelling Bee is more than just an annual competition for South Florida's elementary and middle school students. It's a learning experience that builds knowledge and teaches lessons that last a lifetime. The Miami Herald proudly partners with the Scripps National Spelling Bee to help South Florida Students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives.

<https://www.miamiherald.com/site-services/miami-herald-events/spelling-bee/>

READ TO A CHILD

Read to a Child is a national literacy and mentoring non-profit that fosters a love of reading, improves literacy skills, and empowers underserved children by inspiring adults to read aloud to them regularly. Research shows that reading aloud to children is the single most important activity for eventual success in reading, a key factor for success in school, work, and life. When an adult reads aloud to a child, both parties have a joyful, rewarding experience that instills a love of reading, improves literacy skills, and enhances a child's self-confidence. Read to a Child's Lunchtime Reading Program utilizes more than 1,800 volunteer mentors from over 150 socially-minded organizations who read one-on-one to more than 1,400 at-risk elementary school students in Greater Boston, Detroit, Hartford, Los Angeles and Miami.

<https://readtoachild.org/south-florida/>

SILVER KNIGHT AWARDS

The Silver Knight Awards program was instituted at the Miami Herald in 1959 by John S. Knight, past publisher of the Miami Herald, founder and editor emeritus of Knight-Ridder Newspapers and 1968 Pulitzer Prize winner. The program is open to high school seniors with a minimum 3.2 GPA (unweighted) in public, private, and parochial schools in Miami-Dade and Broward counties. Students may be nominated in 15 categories: Art, Athletics, Business, Drama, English & Literature, General Scholarship, Journalism, Mathematics, Music and Dance, New Media, Science, Social Science, Speech, Vocational-Technical and World Languages. Each school may nominate one student per category.

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HOW TO ACCESS THE DATABASE

Watch the author presentations for this year's Generation Genius Authors virtual presentations here according to your grade level:

Virtual Author Presentation for PreK – 2nd Grade

vimeo.com/showcase/tpcg2020

Password: mbf2020

Virtual Author Presentations for Middle School

vimeo.com/showcase/tpcms2020

Password: mbf2020

Virtual Author Presentations for High School

vimeo.com/showcase/tcphs2020

Password: mbf2020

PRE/POST SURVEYS

Please, have each student complete the pre/post-surveys individually. There are 12 questions for each survey, and the survey(s) should take no more than 12 minutes to complete.

Before watching the virtual presentation(s):

2020 Miami Book Fair Generation Genius Authors Pre-Survey:

https://mdc.formstack.com/forms/2020_miami_book_fair_gga_student_presurvey

After watching the virtual presentation(s):

2020 Miami Book Fair Generation Genius Authors Post-Survey:

https://mdc.formstack.com/forms/2020_miami_book_fair_gga_student_postsurvey

We hope you enjoyed the 2020 Miami Book Fair's Generation Genius Authors virtual presentations. We collect these anonymous data in support of our grant applications to be able to continue the children programming.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you, and we hope to see you at Miami Book Fair next year!