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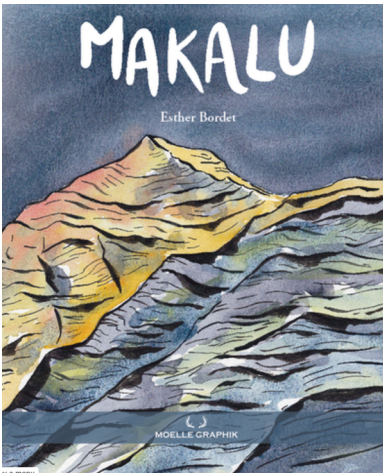
The Bookshelf Chronicles Chroniques des étagères

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A selection from the new books recently added to the library shelves

Une sélection des nouveaux livres récemment ajoutés à la bibliothèque

Makalu - Esther Bordet BD 796.52 B728



In 1954 and 1955, my great-uncle Pierre Bordet, a geologist, joined the French mountaineering expeditions to Nepal. On May 15th, 1955, the French alpinists successfully reached the summit of Makalu, fifth highest mountain in the world. Meanwhile, Pierre's was one of the first geologists to map parts of the largely unexplored Himalaya mountain range. His travels to the Makalu region initiated over 20 years of geological research and mapping expeditions across Nepal and Afghanistan.

The graphic novel "Makalu" is inspired from Pierre's journal "Mémoires de mon marteau" and from the hundreds of archive photographs he took during his travels, which are part of my family legacy. In 2019, I followed Pierre's tracks to Makalu Base Camp. This travel led me to imagine a story where we would both meet in this magical and magnificent place

on the top of the world.

En 1954 et 1955, mon grand-oncle Pierre Bordet fut invité à accompagner les expéditions françaises au Népal en tant que géologue. Le 15 Mai 1955, les alpinistes arrivaient pour la première fois au sommet du Makalu, 5e plus haute montagne du monde.

Pendant ce temps, Pierre était l'un des premiers à cartographier cette région de la chaîne himalayenne, alors complètement sous-explorée. Ses deux missions au Makalu initièrent 20 ans de de recherches géologiques à travers les montagnes du Népal et de l'Afghanistan.

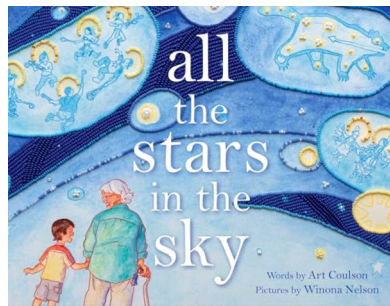
La bande dessinée « Makalu » est inspirée du journal de Pierre « Mémoires de mon marteau » et de ses centaines d'archives photographiques qui font partie de mon héritage familial. En 2019, je suis partie sur les traces de Pierre au camp de base du Makalu. À la suite de ce voyage, j'ai imaginé une histoire dans laquelle on se rencontrerait dans ce lieu magique et magnifique sur le toit du monde.





Les enquetes d'Enola Holms T.1 : La double disparition - Serena Blasco

Les enquêtes d'Enola Holmes . Quand Enola Holmes, sœur cadette du célèbre détective Sherlock Holmes, découvre que sa mère a disparu, elle pressent qu'elle seule pourra la retrouver. . Ingénieuse et rusée, elle fuit le manoir familial alors que ses deux frères décident de l'envoyer en pension. Elle se met en tête de vouloir retrouver des personnes disparues tout en continuant de suivre la piste de sa mère. Ses enquêtes la mèneront à se retrouver régulièrement en danger dans les bas-fonds de la capitale londonienne. . Enola parviendra-t-elle à s'en sortir, et à élucider la disparition de sa mère tout en échappant à ses deux frères ? . Cet album intègre le carnet secret d'Enola Holmes .

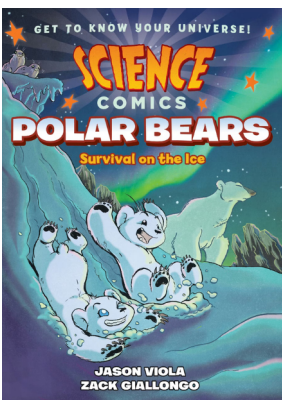


All the Stars in the Sky - Coulson

When eager Clay asks his elisi (grandmother) for help to be named star of the week at school, he's surprised by her No one person is more important than his family and his community. But is Clay still important at all? This contemplative exploration of community, individualism, and responsibility—accentuated with traditional beadwork in the art—is a moving invitation to consider an indigenous perspective of one's place in the world and how we all light up our sky, together.

The Space Station (Ladybird Read it Yourself)

Join Ladybird Class on another imaginative learning adventure. This time, the class are learning about outer space! Join Tao Meerkat and the others as they meet some friendly astronauts, go on a spacewalk and see what it is like to live on a space station.

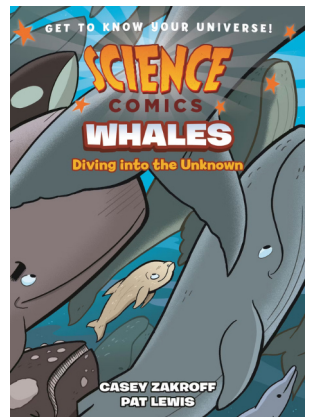


Science Comics - Polar Bears Jason Viols

Do you have what it takes to live in one of the harshest places in the world? What if you had just a couple years to gain the knowledge you'll need to survive on your own? Join two curious polar bear cubs as they play, hunt, and navigate life in the Arctic. With each season, they learn polar bear biology and behavior, as well as strategies and skills that will help them thrive in a landscape that is rapidly changing beyond their control. Living with super insulated bodies in a world that's melting? For polar bears, keeping cool is the name of the game!

Science Comics - Whales Casey Zakroff

Zip, an enthusiastic beaked whale, is eager to share everything he can about whale pods by broadcasting his very own undersea podcast! He will travel across the global ocean interviewing a diverse assortment of whales and dolphins about their amazing behaviors and habitats, as well as their interactions with the human world. Can this one small whale tell the story of the whole ocean and the interconnectivity that affects us all?





The Ending Writes Itself - Evelyn Clarke

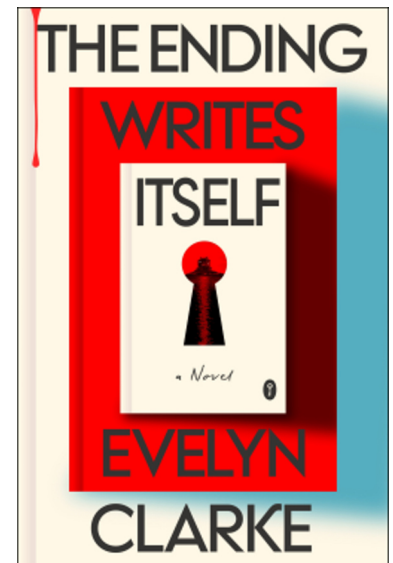
Six authors.

One private island.

Seventy-two hours to write the ending that will change their lives.

Arthur Fletch, one of the world's bestselling novelists, is a reclusive genius known for his iconic protagonists and fiendish twists. When six struggling authors are invited to spend a weekend on his private Scottish island, they arrive to discover a shocking secret: Arthur Fletch is dead . . . and his last book is unfinished.

Desperate to publish the novel, Fletch's agent and editor have summoned these writers in the hope that one of them will imagine a worthy ending for this final book. To sweeten the deal, they are offering an irresistible prize: in addition to ghost-writing the last chapter—for a mind-boggling sum—they will also help the lucky writer successfully re-launch their own career, guaranteeing future bestsellers. The catch: the writers have just seventy-two hours to finish Fletch's magnum opus.



It's the perfect plot. All it needs is a killer ending.

This is a quite splendid book - above is the publishers synopsis, and yes that does just about cover what happens during the story ... but it is beautifully put together. There was a point almost half way through when a number of fairly predicatable and repetitious scenes had passed and I was beginning to wonder where we were going when BAM : a quite unexpected twist was suddenly dropped onto the page and I realised that was exactly the effect the authors had so cleverly and deliberately built up to. Off to the races after that.

*It is not by any means "literature" but it is a great story, well told and with plenty of meaty insiders' reveals of the workings of the publishing industry. **Lots of fun.***

Comment by RG

The Authors:

It was a dark and stormy night (well, it was actually an unusually warm evening in Edinburgh when New York Times bestselling author V.E. Schwab proposed an absurd idea to longtime friend and screenwriter Cat Clarke: that they should write a book together. V had made quite a name for herself, with more than 20 books, including the Shades of Magic series, The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue, and Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil, but had sworn she'd never co-write a novel, let alone one without fantasy. While Cat, following a tumultuous career as an editor and the author of several YA novels, including Girlhood and Entangled, had fled the publishing industry to work in the even more tumultuous film industry, swearing she'd never return to books. And yet, fate—and an irresistible idea—made liars of them both. That night, as they switched from tea to something stronger, Evelyn Clarke was born.

Fauves - Melissa Da Costa ROM D118

« Je veux jouer avec le feu, trembler, sentir la morsure de la mort. Défier les instincts les plus brutaux, les plus sauvages, et les dépasser. » Comment s'échapper de sa cage ? C'est l'obsession des fauves mais aussi celle de Tony, dix-sept ans, lorsqu'il rejoint un cirque itinérant après avoir fui la violence de son père. Faire face aux bêtes, affronter ses propres démons... Le nouveau roman de Mélissa Da Costa nous propulse au cœur de l'arène, où l'ivresse du danger fait oublier la mort. Une fresque magistrale, portée par une écriture tendue et charnelle.



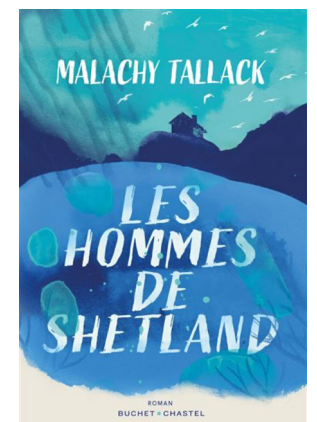
Une pension en Italie de Philippe Besson ROM B559

Milieu des années 60, en Toscane. Un été caniculaire. Une famille française en villégiature. Un événement inattendu. Des vies qui basculent irrémédiablement. Un secret qui s'impose aussitôt. Un écrivain, héritier de cette histoire, en quête de la vérité. Mêlant suspense et sensualité, Une pension en Italie est un roman solaire sur le prix à payer pour être soi, en écho à Chambre avec vue et Sur la route de Madison..



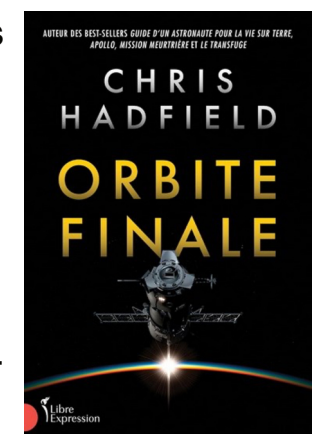
Les hommes de Shetland de Malachy Tallack ROM T147

1957. Sur un bateau de chasse à la baleine dans l'Atlantique Sud, Sonny affronte autant de tempêtes que de désespoir, face à la violence de cette vie en mer. Lorsqu'il rentre enfin chez lui, sur une île de l'archipel de Shetland, il tombe amoureux de celle qui deviendra sa femme, Kathleen. Ensemble, ils auront un fils, Jack, un garçon sensible, introverti, passionné de musique. Des années plus tard, Jack a vieilli et vit seul dans le cottage de son enfance, à l'ombre d'une colline. Sa vie tourne au rythme de la musique country, qu'il écoute et écrit sans cesse. Les Hommes de Shetland est leur histoire, mais aussi celle d'un chaton appelé Loretta, d'une petite fille en quête d'amitié, des chansons qui accompagnent notre vie, de ce que l'océan donne et prend. Un bijou d'amour, de nature et d'humanité.



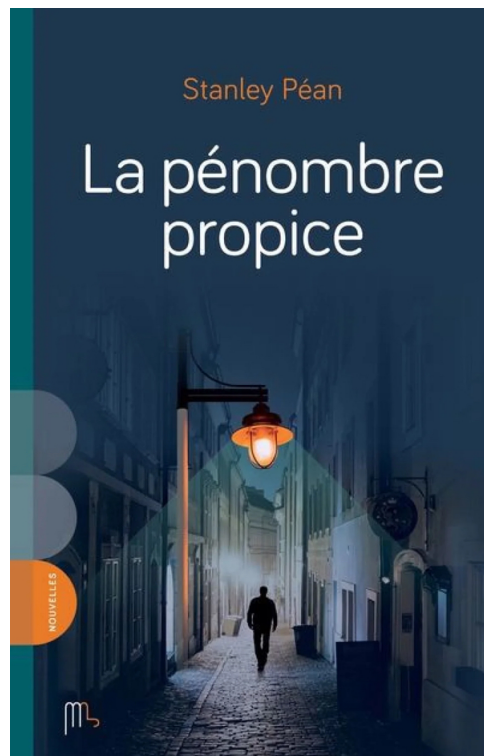
Orbite finale de Chris Hadfield ROM H129

Houston, 1975. Une nouvelle mission Apollo est envoyée en orbite, en route pour s'amarrer à un vaisseau russe Soyuz : trois astronautes de la NASA et trois cosmonautes soviétiques se réunissent pour célébrer une nouvelle ère de coopération. Mais alors que le contrôleur de vol de la NASA Kaz Zemeckis écoute depuis la Terre, un accident mortel bouleverse tout. Pendant ce temps, depuis un lieu reculé d'Asie de l'Est, un autre vaisseau spatial est lancé en secret. À son bord se trouve le premier astronaute chinois, dont la mission le fera affronter l'équipage d'Apollo. Alors que Kaz se bat contre un ennemi terrestre et cherche des réponses au-delà des cieux, la sécurité des astronautes est en péril. Fiction inspirée de faits réels et mettant en scène de vrais acteurs historiques, Orbite finale s'accélère vers une conclusion qui capte la beauté et la terreur de la survie à près de 500 km d'altitude, comme seul l'un des astronautes les plus expérimentés du monde pourrait le raconter.



La pénombre propice de Stanley Péan ROM P858

Stanley Péan arrive en force avec ces 25 nouvelles qui, comme toujours chez cet auteur, nous font voyager à travers plusieurs univers, dans un style précis, incisif, qui saura charmer autant le lecteur exigeant que celui en quête d'évasion. La pénombre propice, c'est à la fois le temps et le lieu des métamorphoses. Entre tendresse infinie et cruauté indicible, c'est la lueur vacillante des chandelles dans le loft d'un artiste peintre solitaire, célibataire endurci, qui y a ramené sa potentielle conquête, une ensorceleuse qui l'assure qu'elle saura museler ses voisins tapageurs. C'est également la clairière où se tient à la brunante la confrontation entre un cégépien paumé et cette fille qu'il semble être le seul à avoir remarquée dans ses cours. C'est aussi ce qui génère la tache informe qui assombrit les égoportraits qu'une jeune sculptrice en pèlerinage au Lac-Saint-Jean envoie à son amoureux, au silence radio des plus inquiétants. C'est, enfin, l'ambiance qui imprègne le face-à-face entre l'auteur de ces histoires et un personnage issu de ses écrits antérieurs.



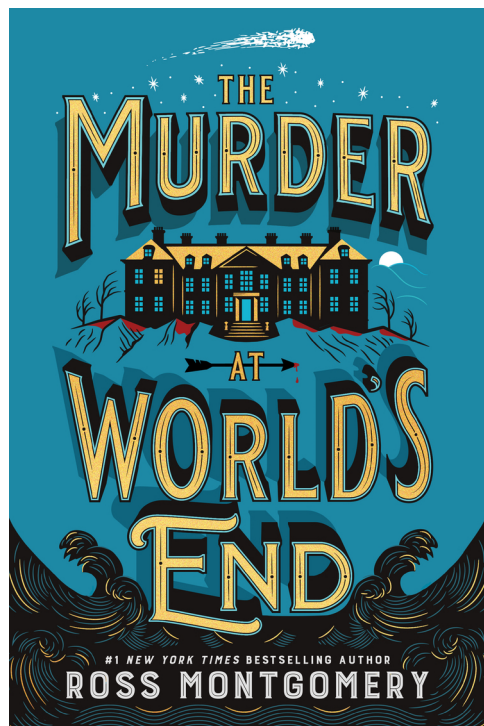
The Murder at World's End by Ross Montgomery M788

Secrets, murder, and mayhem collide as this unlikely sleuthing duo—an under-butler and a foul-mouthed octogenarian—hunt a killer in a manor sealed against the end of the world.

Cornwall, 1910. On a remote tidal island, the Viscount of Tithe Hall is absorbed in feverish preparations for the apocalypse that he believes will accompany the passing of Halley's Comet. The Hall must be sealed from top to bottom—every window, chimney, and keyhole closed off before night falls. But what the pompous, dishonest Viscount has failed to take into account is the danger that lies within... By morning, he will be dead in his sealed study, murdered by his own ancestral crossbow.

All eyes turn to Steven Pike, Tithe Hall's newest under-butler. Fresh out of Borstal for a crime he didn't commit, he is the wrong man in the wrong place at the wrong time. His unlikely ally? Miss Decima Stockingham, the foul-mouthed, sharp as a tack, eighty-year-old family matriarch. Fearless and unconventional, she relishes chaos and puzzles alike, and a murder is just the thrill she's been waiting for.

Together, this mismatched duo must navigate secret passages, buried grudges, and rising terror to unmask the killer before it's too late...

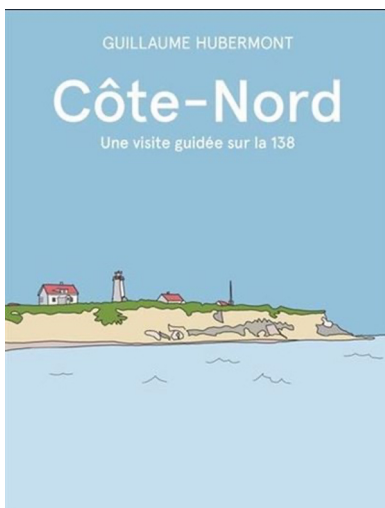




Non-Fiction Documentaires

Notre guerre de Nahlah Ayed 920 B988 FR

Sonia Butt et Guy d'Artois, deux agents d'élite, sont nés de part et d'autre de l'Atlantique. Lui est québécois, elle franco-britannique. Leur rencontre au sein de l'armée secrète de Churchill va sceller leur destin. Tandis que la guerre ravage l'Europe et le monde, Sonia et Guy s'entraînent à sauter en parachute, tuer un ennemi en silence, ou faire sauter des voies ferrées... et finissent par tomber amoureux. Peu après leur mariage précipité, les deux amants sont parachutés en pleine France occupée pour préparer le Débarquement, chacun de leur côté. Entre sabotage, résistance et séparation forcée, leur histoire éclaire les ravages de la guerre... et la force de l'amour.



Côte Nord de Guillaume Hubermont 917.14 H877

L'animateur et chroniqueur Guillaume Hubermont vous conduit de villes en villages, de Tadoussac à Kegaska. Il s'arrête ici et là pour discuter avec les Nord-Côtiers, se souvenir d'événements marquants, relever des traditions singulières et faire des recommandations culturelles, au rythme du fleuve qui s'étire et de la forêt qui devient taïga. Un guide atemporel et vivant, porté par un élan d'amour envers le territoire et les gens qui l'habitent. Une lecture parfaite pour voyager, que ce soit dans le siège passager ou votre canapé.

Planning to travel?

We have new guides to an interesting variety of countries, found in the Non Fiction section at 918.

Countries included in recent purchases are : Scotland, Portugal, Vietnam Cambodia Laos and Northern Thailand (915.9 V666), Costa Rica, Peru and Colombia.

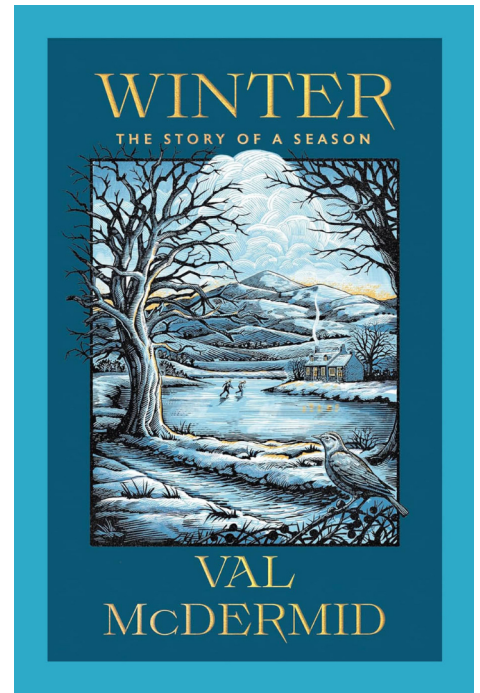
Winter by Val McDermid 828.914 M134

Winter is the time to snuggle indoors without guilt; to curl up on the sofa with a good book or a box set, a hot drink or a wee whisky to hand.

Val McDermid has always had a soft spot for winter: the bitter clarity of a crisp cold day, the vivid skies over the Firth of Forth, the crunch of frost on fallen leaves and the chance to be enveloped in big jumpers and thick socks.

In *Winter*, she takes us on an adventure through the season, from the frosty streets of Edinburgh to the windblown Scottish coast, from Bonfire Night and Christmas to Burns Night and Up Helly Aa. She remembers winters from childhood, the thrill of whizzing over a frozen lake on skates, carving a 'neep' (swede) for Halloween and being taken to see her first real Christmas tree in the town square, lights twinkling bravely in the dark Scottish winter night.

Above all, she shows us that winter is a time of rest, retreat and creativity, for scribbling in notebooks and settling in beside the fire. This is a charming and cosy celebration of the winter season from one of Scotland best-loved writers.



I enjoy Val McDermid's writing and also Winter so this was a "must have" for me. She evokes winter through reminiscences of both recent winters and those of her childhood, telling how her writing fits into the season. She grew up in Kirkcaldy, a few miles up the coast from Edinburgh where she now lives so, like us, she experiences and describes "real" winters.

I read this book in April; maybe it's better suited to be read in winter, unless you feel the need for a reminder of the cold to come, during the oppressive, steamy heat of August. A great read, whenever.

Review by JHG

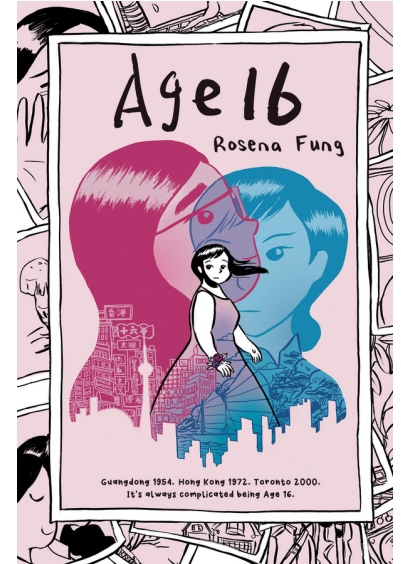




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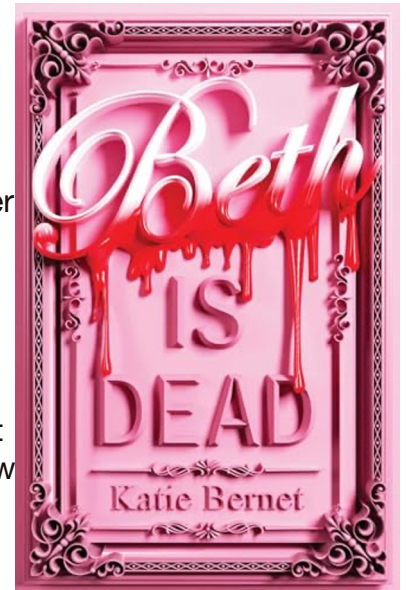
Age 16 - Rosena Fung

A powerful coming-of-age graphic novel about three generations of mothers and daughters passing down and rebelling against standards of gender, race, beauty, size, and worth, for fans of Mariko Tamaki. Sixteen-year-old Roz is preoccupied with normal teenage navigating high school friendships, worrying about college, and figuring out what to wear to prom. When her estranged Por Por abruptly arrives for a seemingly indefinite visit, the already delicate relationship between Roz and her mother is upended. With three generations under one roof, conflicts inevitably arise and long suppressed family secrets rise to the surface. Told in alternating perspectives, *Age 16* shifts seamlessly between time and place, exploring how this pivotal year in adolescence affects three women in the same family, from Guangdong in 1954 to Hong Kong in 1972, and Toronto in 2000. Award-winning creator of *Living with Viola* Rosena Fung pulls from her own family history in her YA debut to give us an emotional and poignant story about how every generation is affected by those that came before and affect those that come after.



Beth is Dead - Katie Bernet

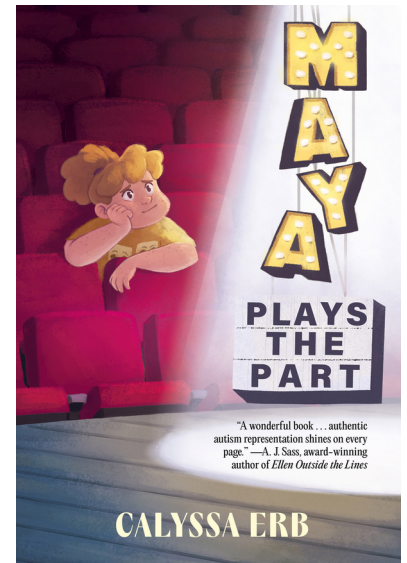
When Beth March is found dead in the woods on New Year's Day, her sisters vow to uncover her murderer. Suspects abound. There's the neighbor who has feelings for not one but two of the girls. Meg's manipulative best friend. Amy's flirtatious mentor. And Beth's lionhearted first love. But it doesn't take the surviving sisters much digging to uncover motives each one of the March girls had for doing the unthinkable. Jo, an aspiring author with a huge following on social media, would do anything to hook readers. Would she kill her sister for the story? Amy dreams of studying art in Europe, but she'll need money from her aunt—money that's always been earmarked for Beth. And Meg wouldn't dream of hurting her sister...but her boyfriend might have, and she'll protect him at all costs. Despite the growing suspicion within the family, it's hard to know for sure if the crime was committed by someone close to home. After all, the March sisters were dragged into the spotlight months ago when their father published a controversial bestseller about his own daughters. Beth could have been killed by anyone.



Beth's perspective told in flashback unfolds next to Meg, Jo, and Amy's increasingly fraught investigation as the tragedy threatens to rip the Marches apart.

May Plays the Part - Calyssa Erb

A heartwarming middle-grade debut with autism representation and a musical flair. Maya lives and breathes musicals. When her chance to finally be a part of the summer musical program at the community theater comes up, Maya is convinced she will get the lead. After all, who knows *The Drowsy Chaperone* better than she does? However, things don't turn out exactly the way Maya's planned, and the summer turns out to be jam-packed with dealing with her best friend's move, her parents' busy jobs, and—since her autism diagnosis—the ongoing puzzle of how to be Maya in Public. But perhaps most important of all, Maya has to figure out how to play the part that truly feels like her own.



The Go-Between - Jennifer Maruno

Twelve-year-old Sumi, a Japanese Canadian girl living in Vancouver in 1926, takes her older sister's place working at Gibson's Landing so that Yoshi can go summer school to become a dressmaker. Dealing with unfamiliar customs and the racism of the time makes Sumi want to give up and go home, but as she becomes involved in supporting striking workers at the local factory, she finds new courage and a will to become the journalist she knows she can someday be. Based on the true story of Eiko Kitagawa Maruno, the author's mother-in-law, this is a story of bravery, adventure, and valuable Canadian history.





Hamnet

In late 16th-century England, Agnes, a healer sensitive to the world around her, builds a home with William, a local tutor and aspiring playwright. As their lives fracture, they are tested by distance, silence, and grief.

Wicked for Good

Elphaba, the future Wicked Witch of the West and her relationship with Glinda, the Good Witch of the North. The second of a two-part feature film adaptation of the Broadway musical.

Song Sung Blue

Lightning and Thunder, a Milwaukee husband and wife Neil Diamond tribute act, experience soaring success and devastating heartbreak in their musical journey together.

Landman- Season 1

A modern-day tale of fortune seeking in the world of West Texas oil rigs.

All that Breathes

Amidst the darkening backdrop of Delhi's apocalyptic air and escalating violence, two brothers devote their lives to protect one casualty of the turbulent times: the bird known as the Black Kite.

Killers of the Flower Moon

When oil is discovered in 1920s Oklahoma under Osage Nation land, the Osage people are murdered one by one - until the FBI steps in to unravel the mystery.

