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**FEATURED AUTHOR: QURAYSH ALI LANSANA**



★ **The Skin of Dreams: New and Collected Poems, 1995-2018**

By Quraysh Ali Lansana

Although Quraysh Ali Lansana's projects range from poetry to literary criticism to children's books, they consistently provide keen observations of identity, race, and social class. In his latest poetry collection, *The Skin of Dreams: New and Collected Poems, 1995-2018*, Lansana starts with his newest poems and unspools backwards to works from the mid-nineties, reverse-chronologically charting his evolution from infatuated child to middle-aged father. Occasionally funny, often pensive, and always riveting, Lansana boldly reflects on pain and grief—in himself, in Chicago, in America. Lansana is an astute student of Gwendolyn Brooks, so his writings will naturally appeal to her fanbase; recommend his eclectic collection, included below, to thoughtful readers.

**The Whiskey of Our Discontent: Gwendolyn Brooks as Conscience and Change Agent**

**Revise the Psalm: Work Celebrating the Writing of Gwendolyn Brooks**

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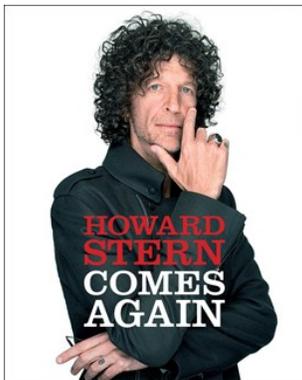
**The BreakBeat Poets: New American Poetry in the Age of Hip-Hop**

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**Southside Rain**





## Howard Stern Comes Again

By Howard Stern

It's been almost 25 years since Howard Stern came—to a library near you. His two previous books, *Private Parts* (1993) and *Miss America* (1995), were puerile, gross, outrageous, and often hysterically funny. Here, Stern takes a more measured tone. Not that there aren't gross and outrageous moments, but Stern, now in his 60s and after years of psychotherapy, wants readers to know he's matured.

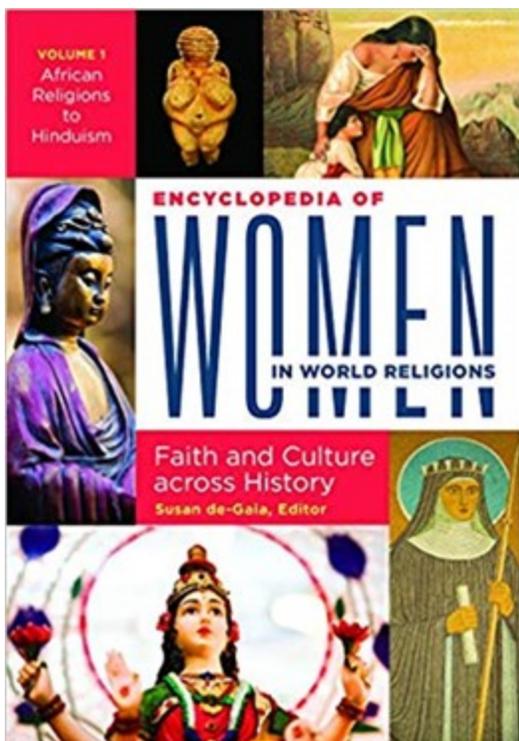
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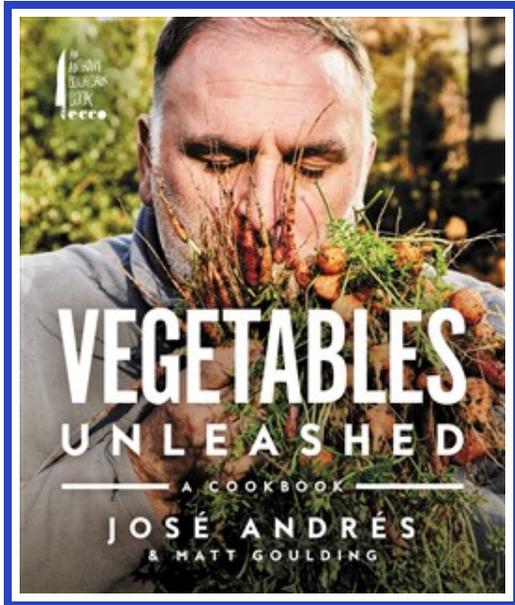
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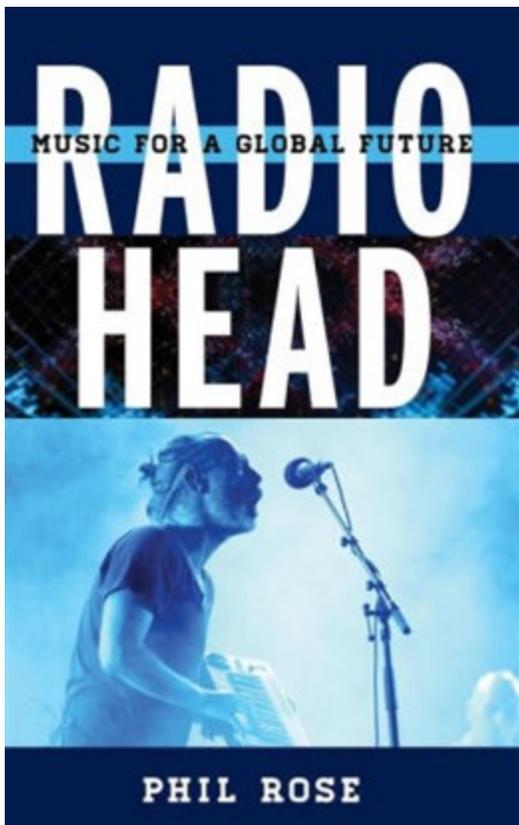
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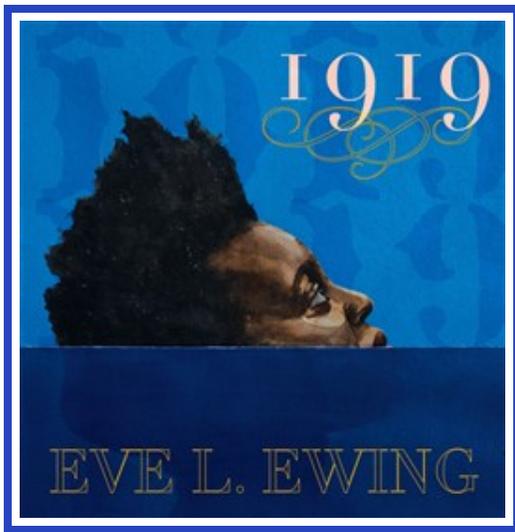


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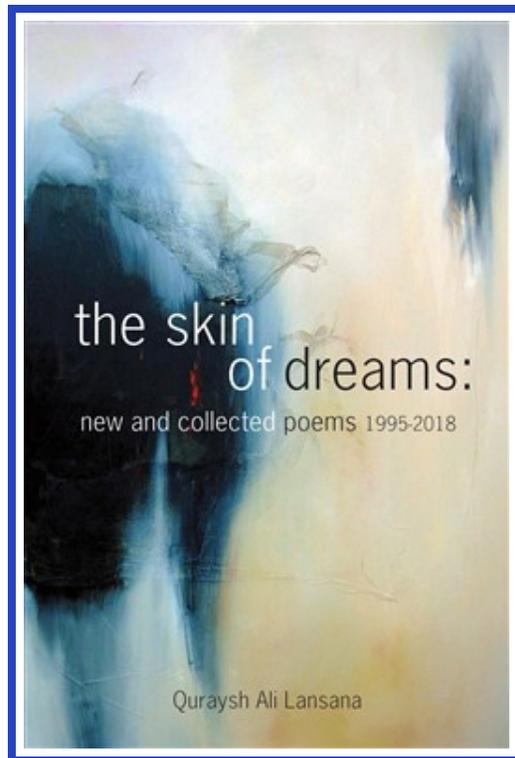


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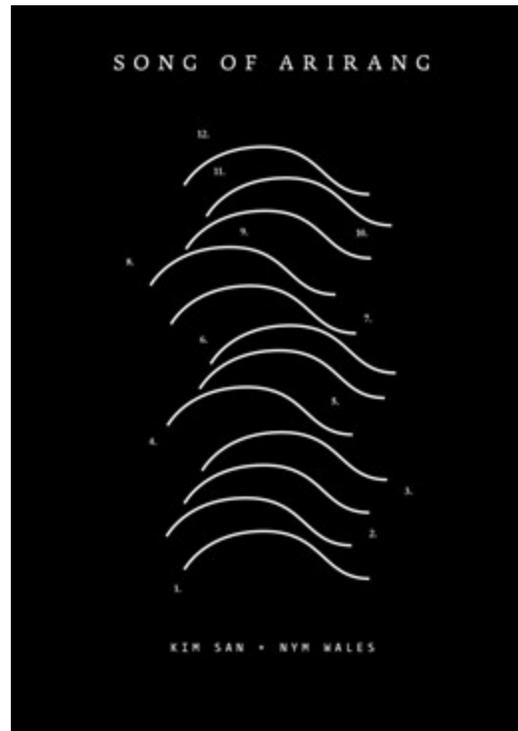
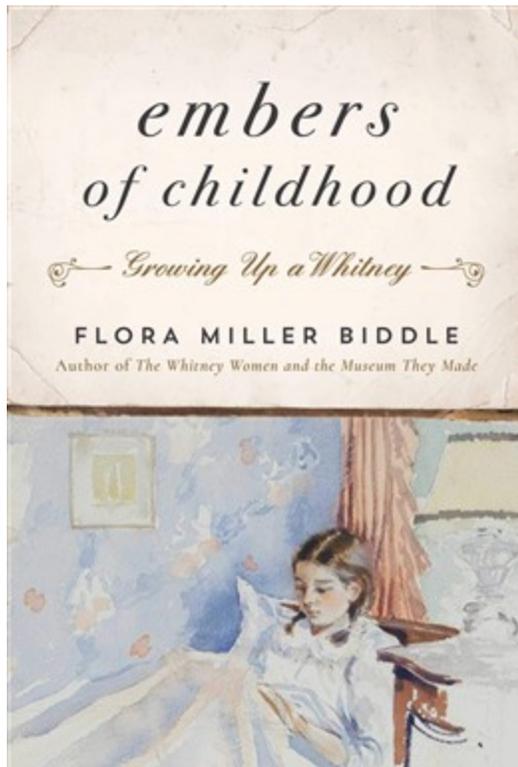


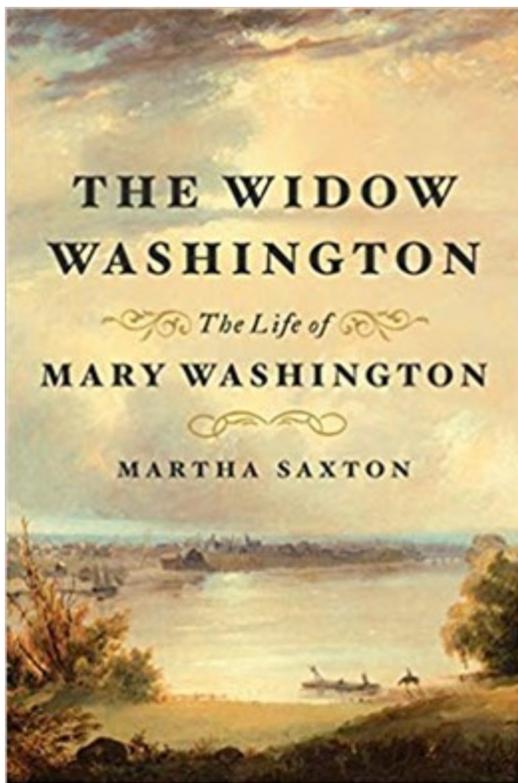
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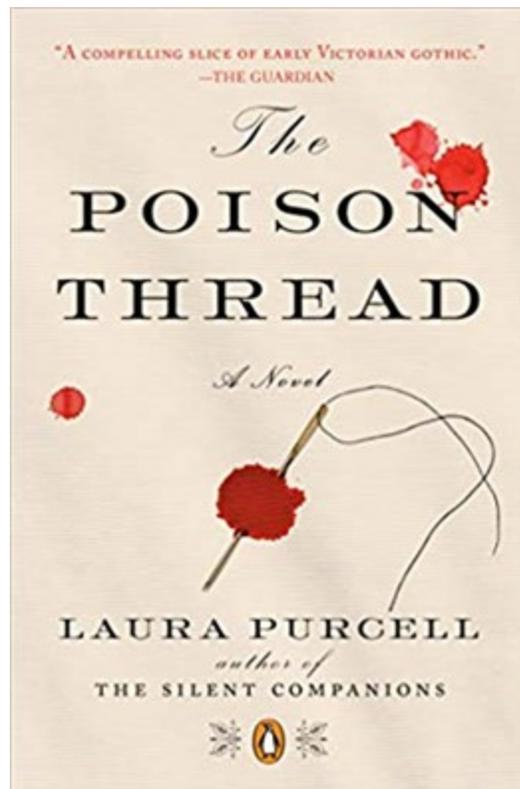
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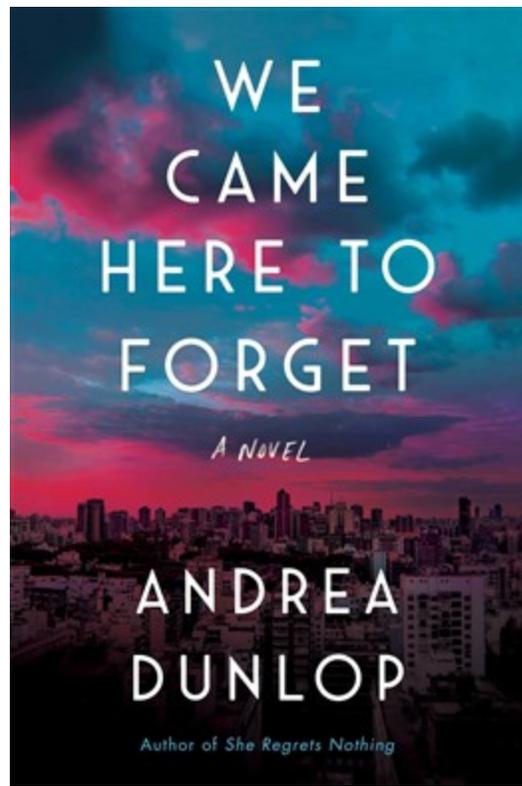
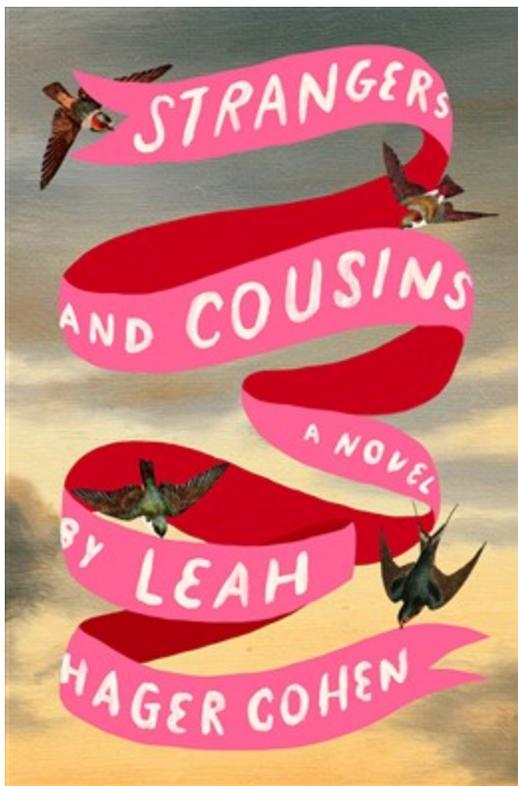
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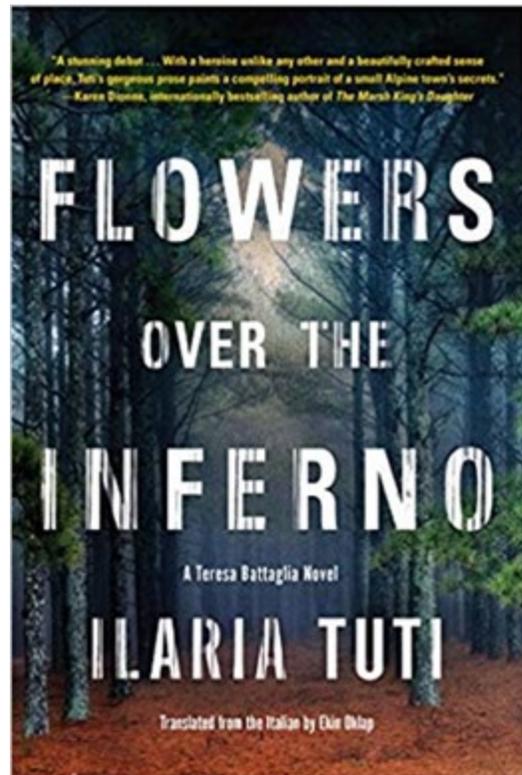
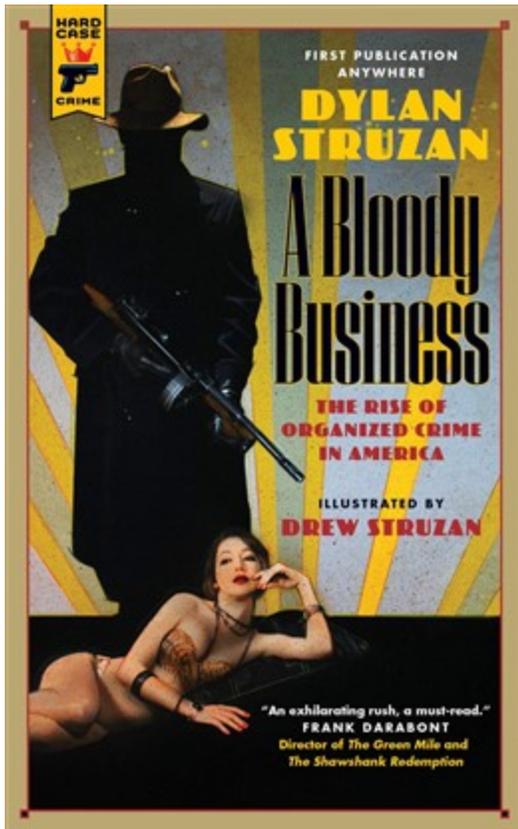


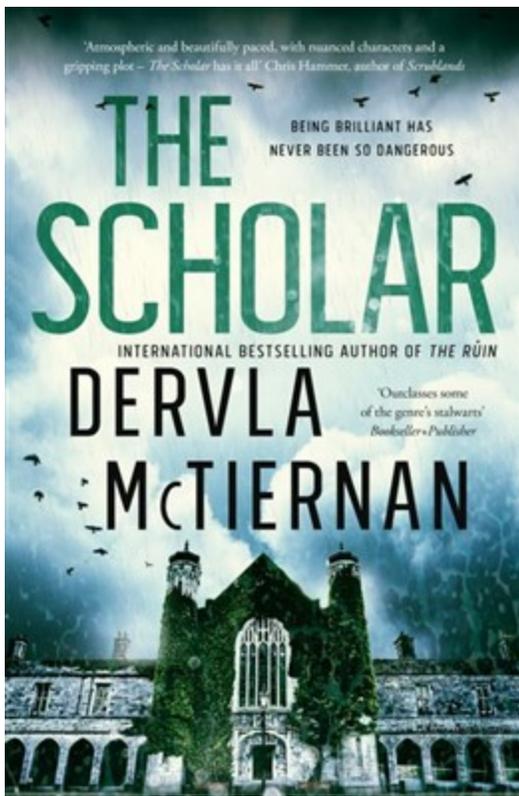
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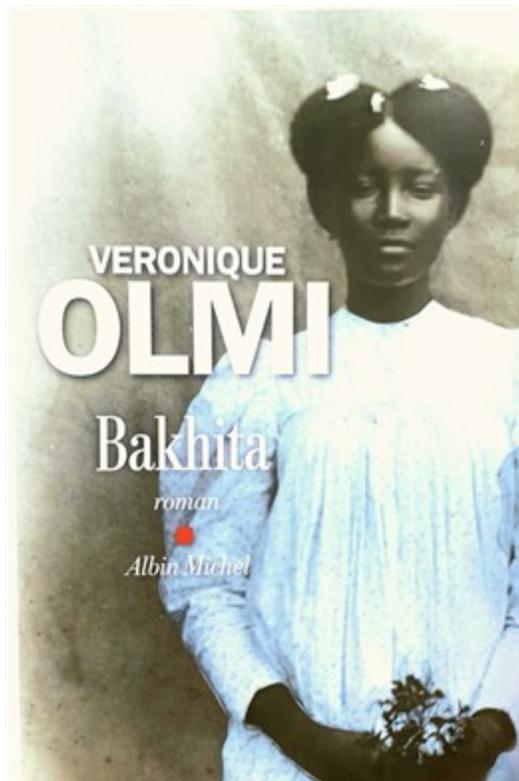


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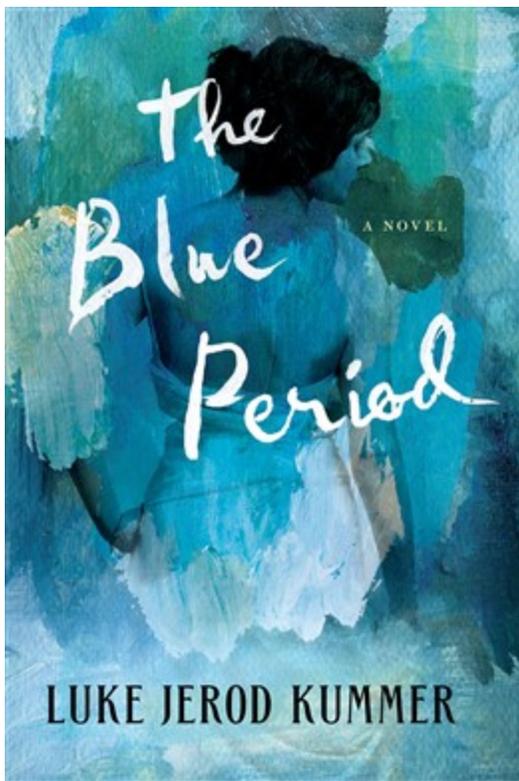




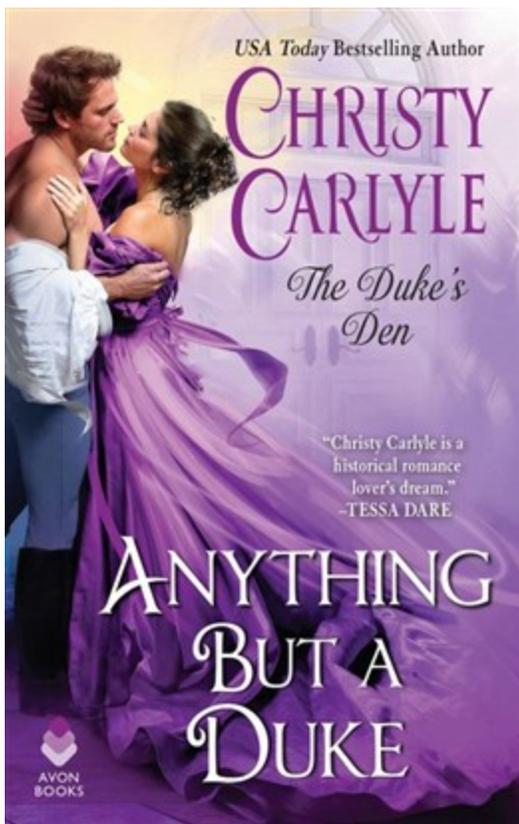
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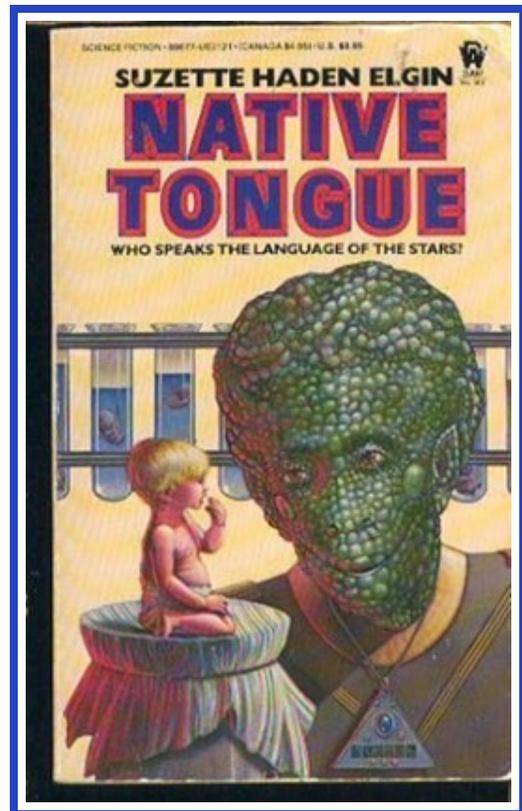
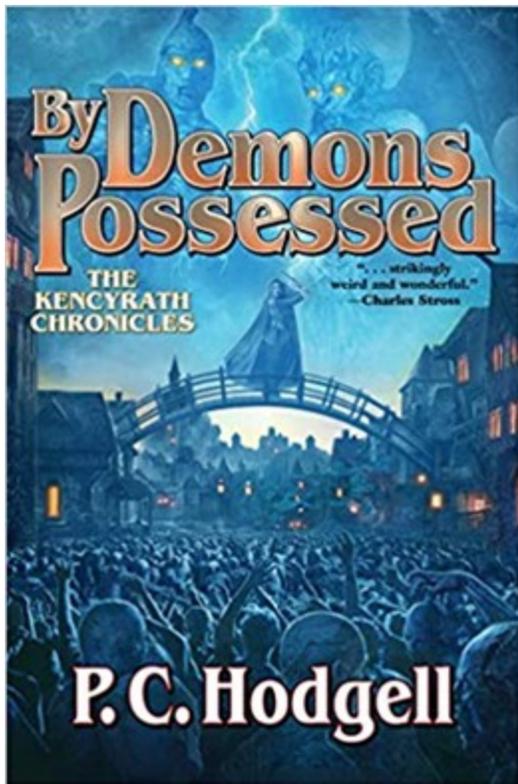
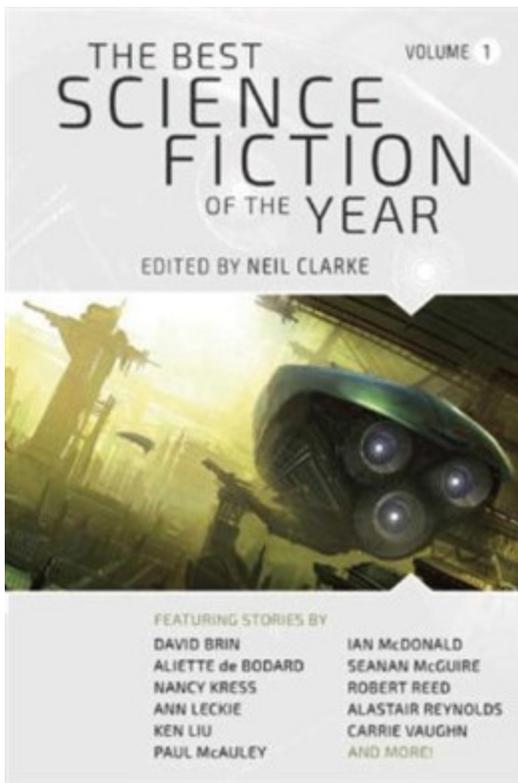
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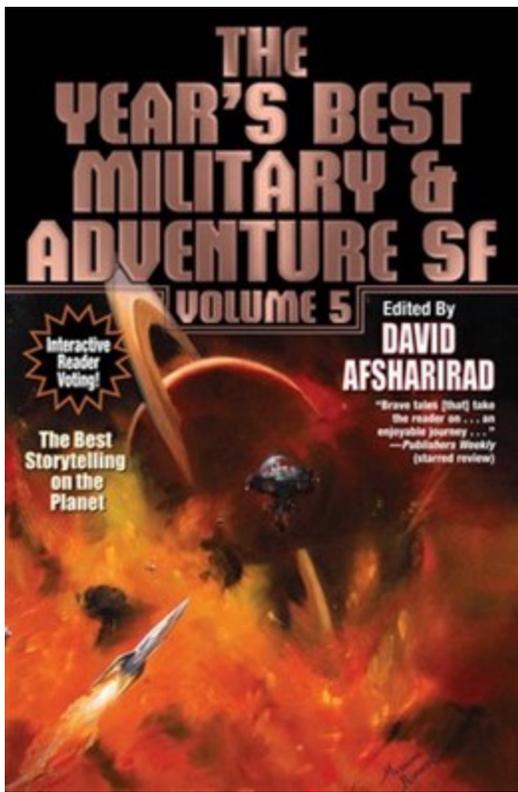
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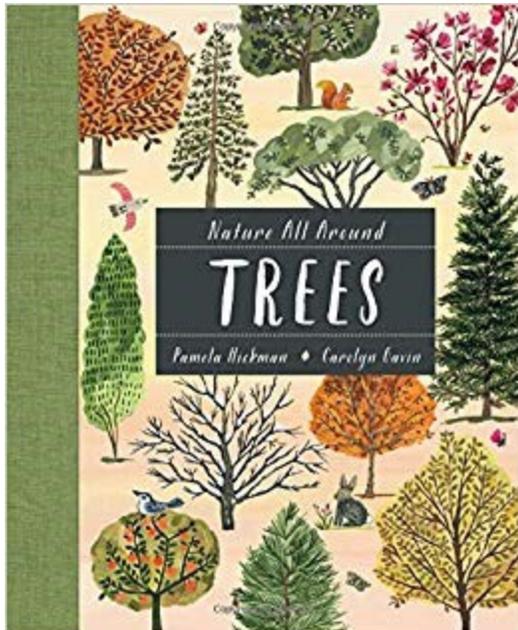
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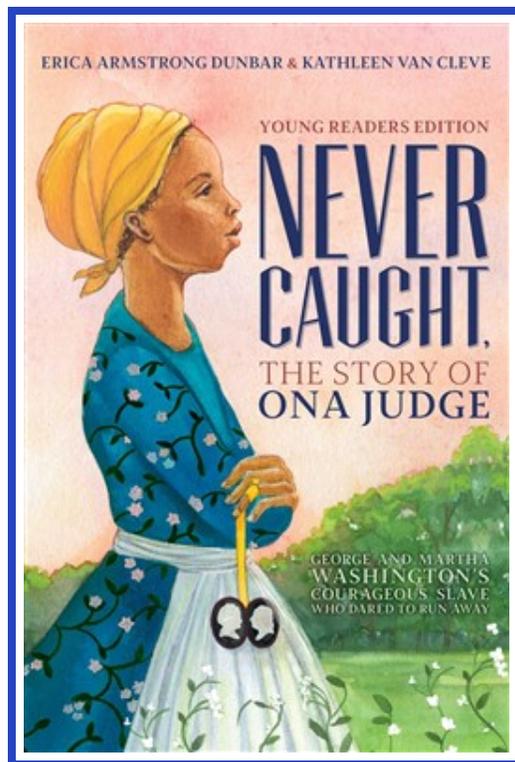
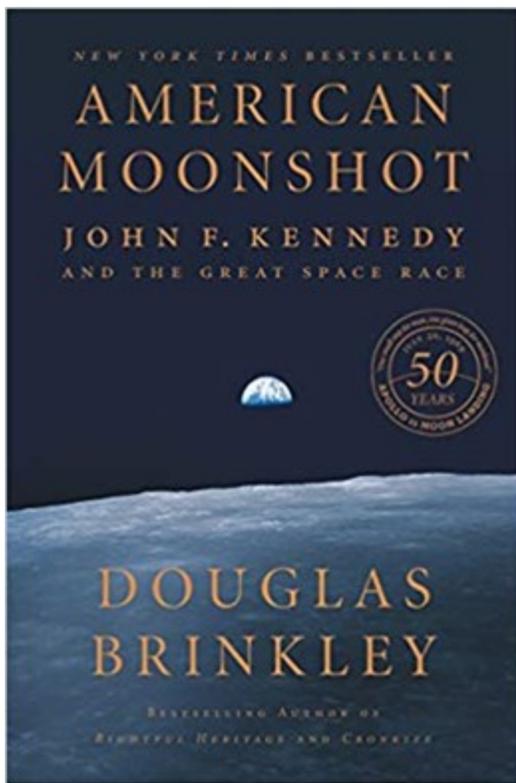
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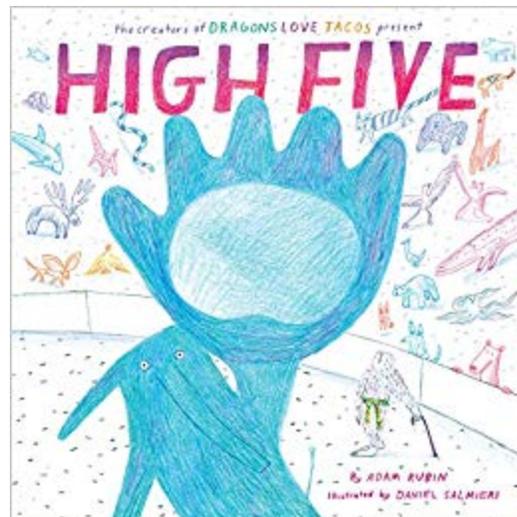
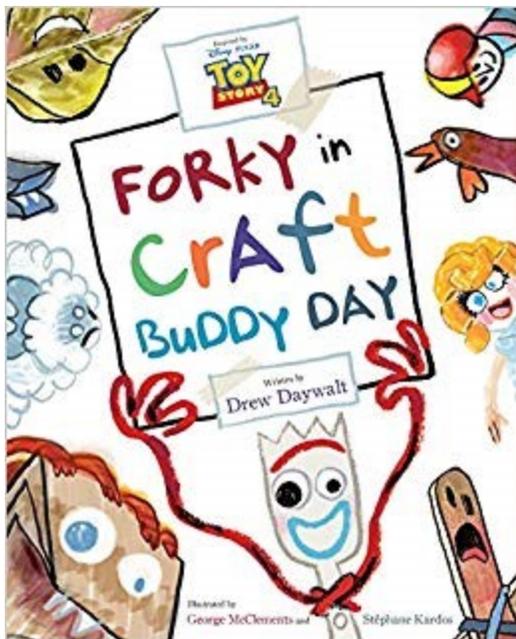


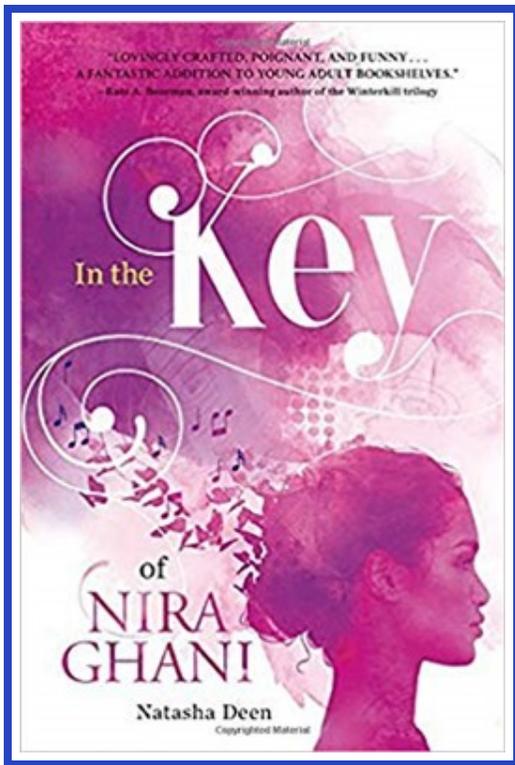
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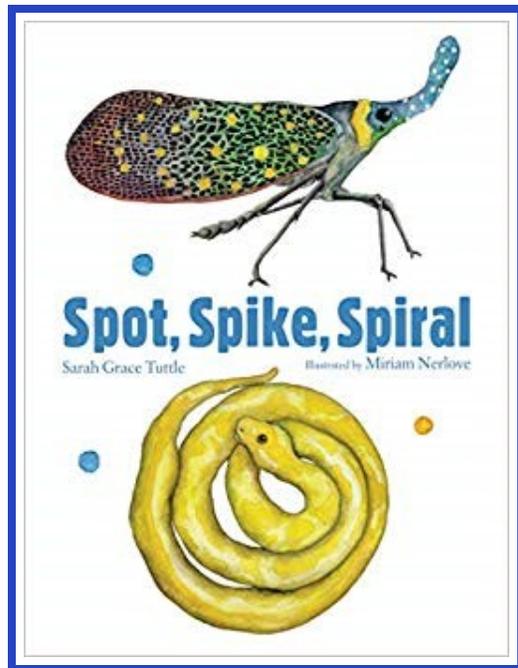
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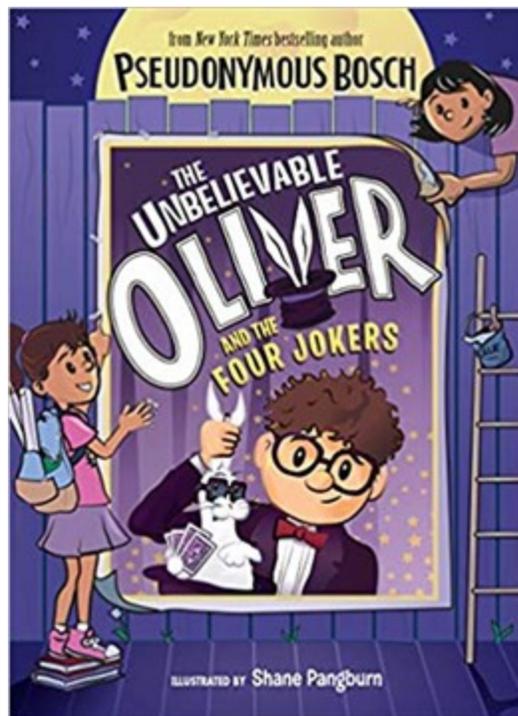
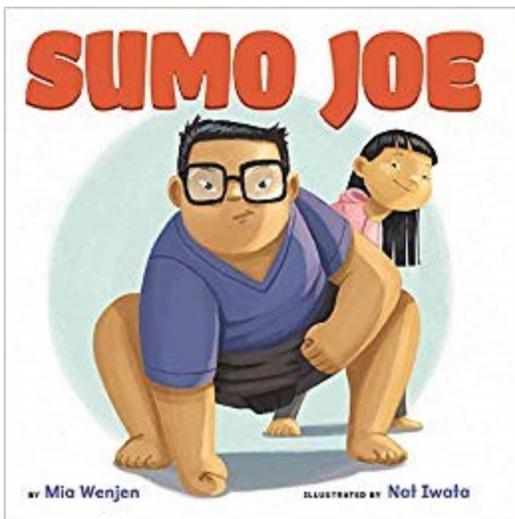




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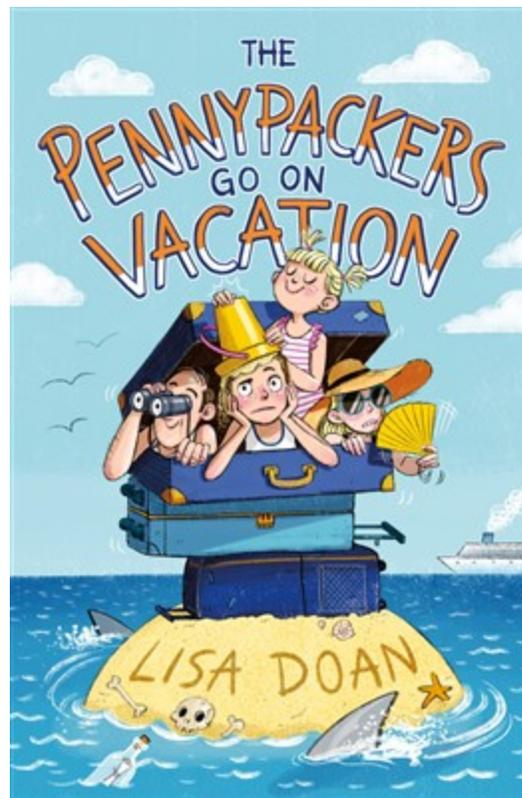


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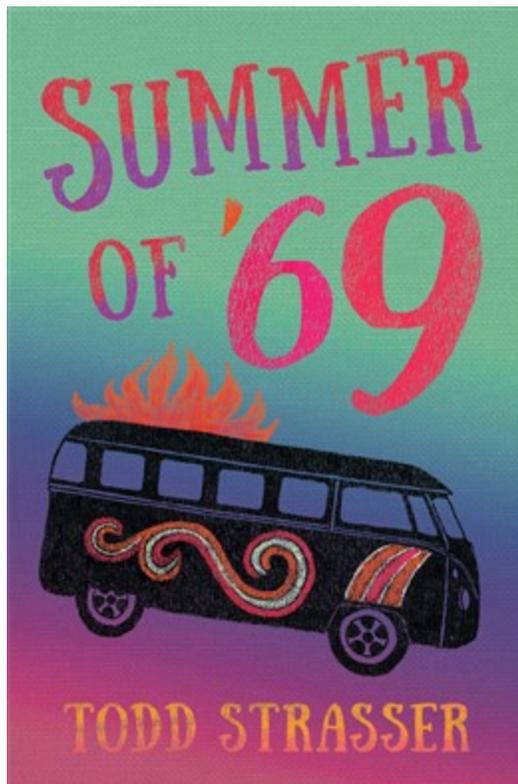
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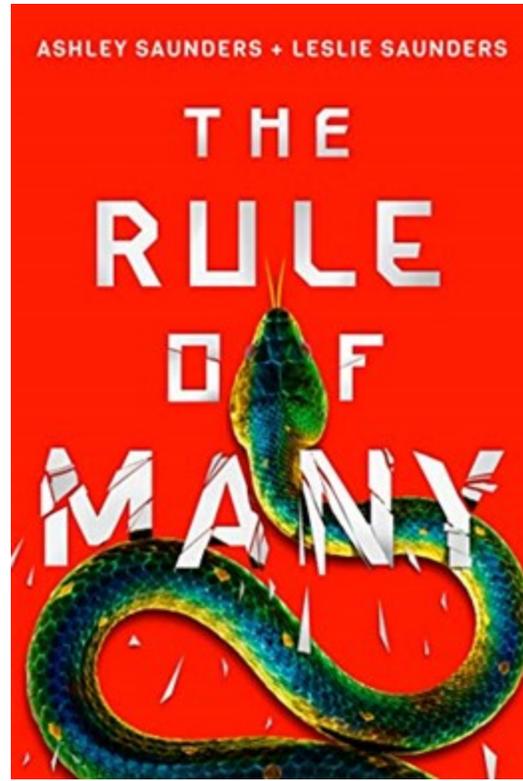
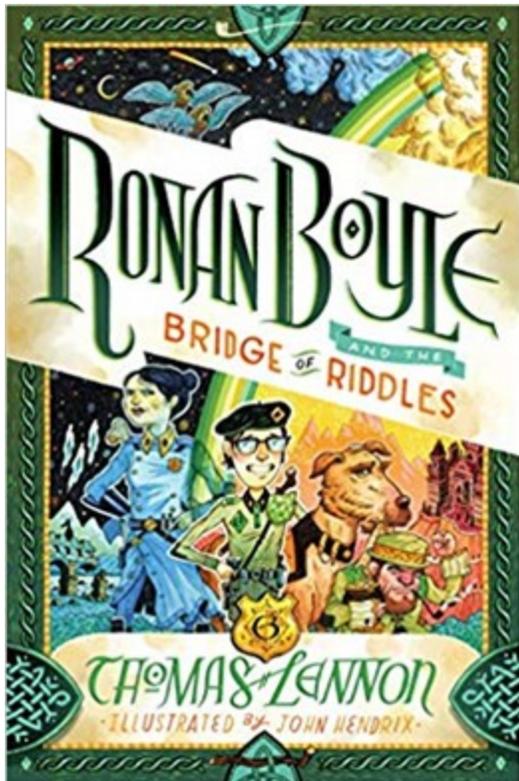
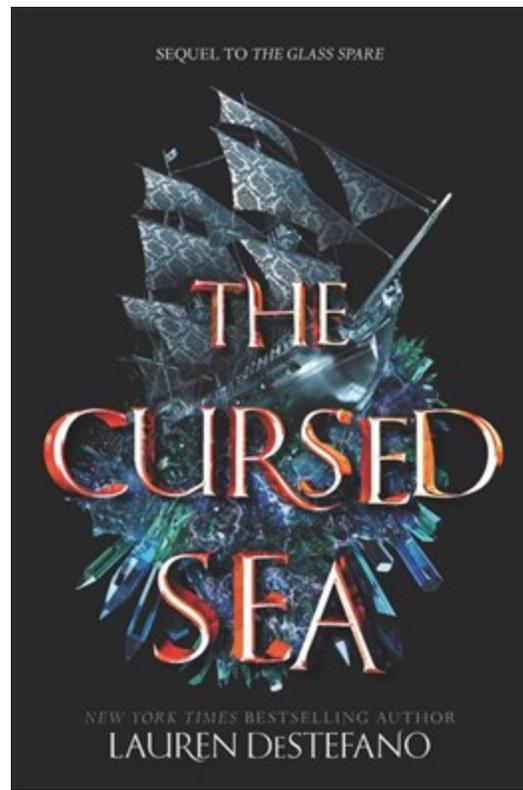
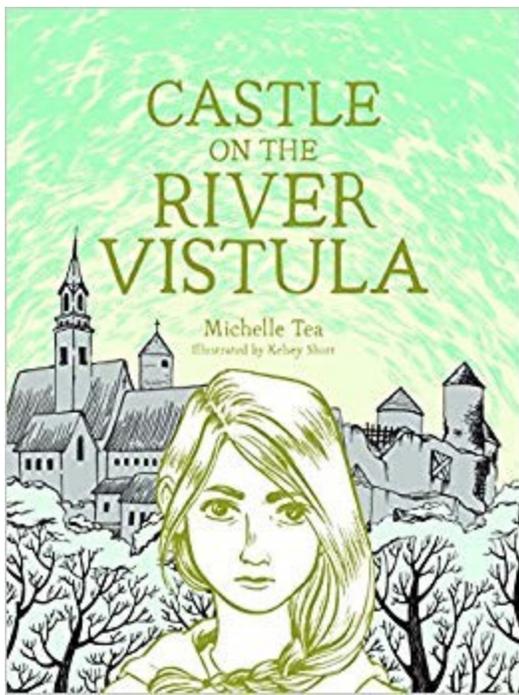
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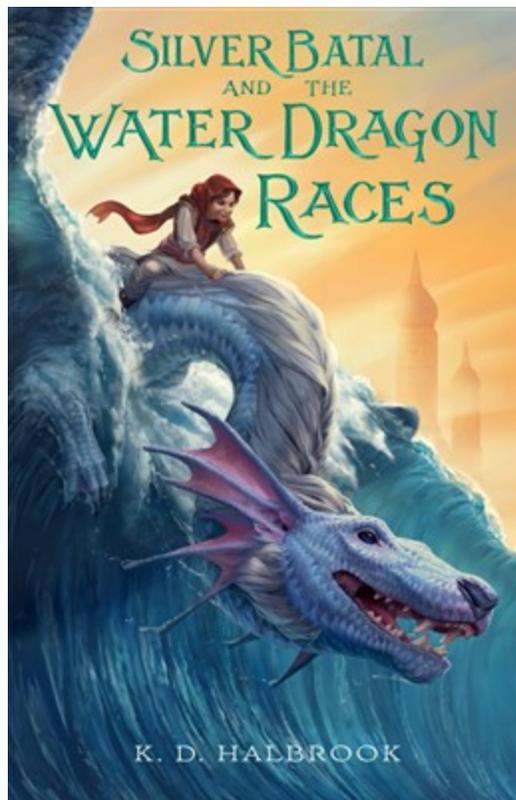
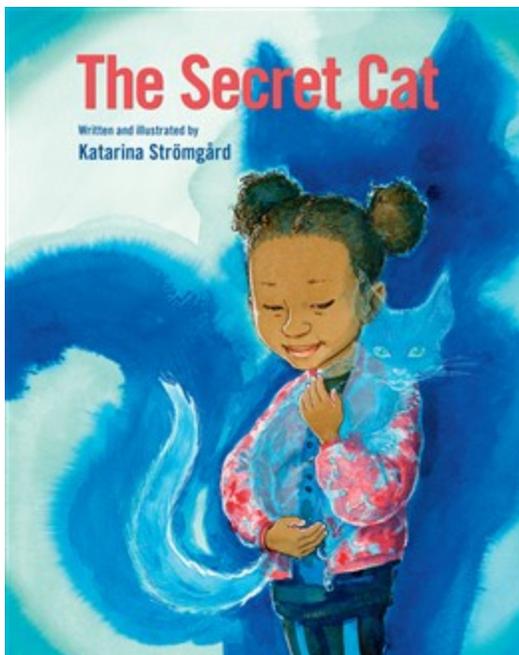


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