

The background features large, stylized, yellow letters 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', and 'E' in a cursive-like font, set against a solid red background. The letters are thick and have rounded, flowing shapes. The text 'Middle Grade & Young Adults' is centered horizontally and vertically over the letters.

**Middle Grade & Young Adults**



# Middle Grade

“Today, we’re going to be the president!”

*Josephine Kline, Little Miss President*





Tiina Kristoffersson and Vesa-Matti Toivonen  
**Mind the Germs, List Master!**  
 Hilarious middle-grade series opener with a memorable cast of wacky characters.

Elias lives in Kensington, London with his mother. One day, Elias' mother receives a phone call from the home care staff in Greentreat. They ask her to return to her hometown to help Elias' grandmother, who refuses to let the home care staff into her home. The relationship between Elias' mother and grandmother is a little strained, but you can't leave an old mother behind. So she packs her bags and leaves. Meanwhile, Elias gets a place with the widow Ophelia and her lazy cat, Mr. Butterball, who lives upstairs. Time seems to have stood still in Ophelia's home, but new winds soon blow through her life when she decides



to buy a computer. Her goal is to use the computer to find her best friend Maya, who lives in the Daisy Home, an assisted living facility. Unfortunately, Ophelia doesn't realise that there are also less respectable smugglers on the Internet, like the mysterious Prince of Zalaburg, who needs her help to save his confiscated property. Fortunately, Elias is not easily fooled.

*Mind the germs, List Master!* is the first in a new series featuring the clever and cunning Elias.

Ages: 6+ | Genre: humour | Pages: ca. 120 | Original language: Finnish | Original Publisher: Avain/Storystide | Materials available: Full English ms.

Authors **Tiina Kristoffersson** and **Vesa-Matti Toivonen** are siblings who share a creative passion for children's literature. Tiina Kristoffersson has many years of experience in the book, publishing and theatre industries. Kristoffersson has worked as a publisher for children's books and has been involved in the development of several popular children's book series. Vesa-Matti Toivonen is a children's book author and sound designer. *Mind the Germs, List Master* is his fourth children's novel.

Illustrator **Olga Pärn** is an award-winning animator, film director and illustrator who lives in Estonia with her family. She also works as a visiting professor at the Estonian Academy of Arts.

New

# TALES OF THE Quarter- lands

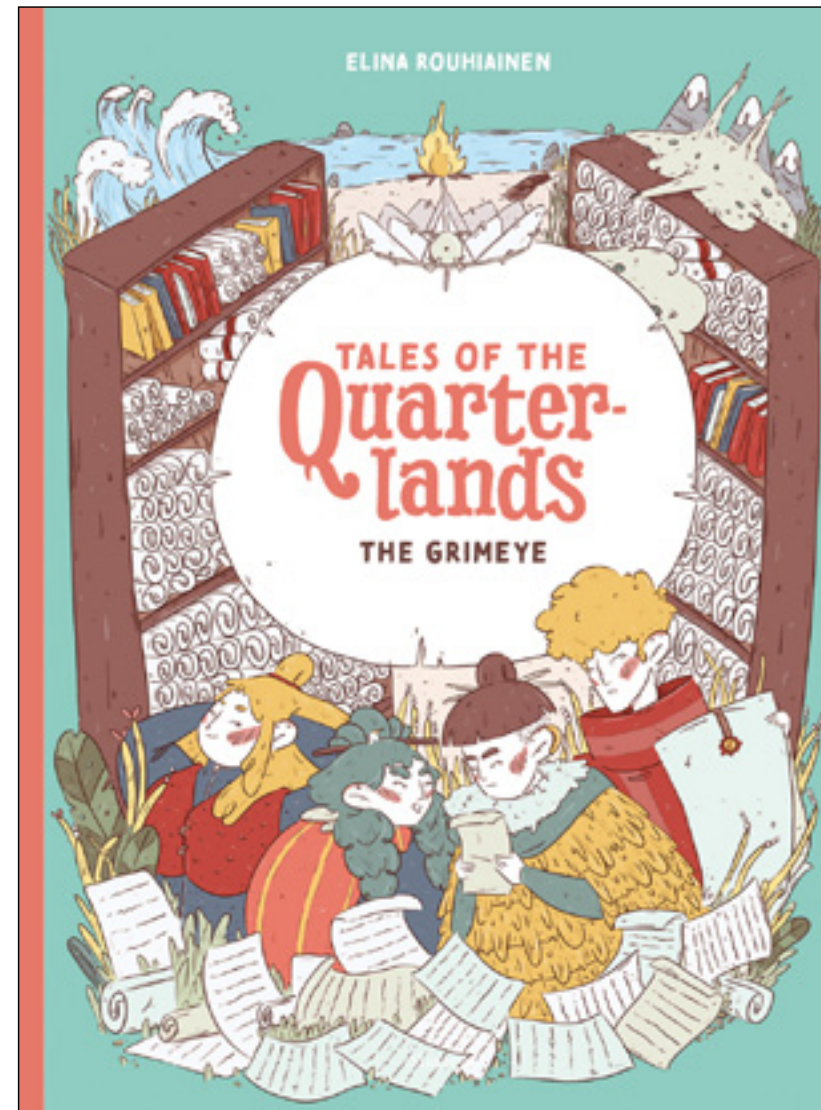
Glorious, fast-paced fantasy for young readers. Meet a group of brave children standing up against the warmongers of their land in this story that reads like *Game of Thrones* for children!



## Elina Rouhiainen Tales of the Quarterlands 2: The Grimeye

When Taaro takes part in a council meeting about the disturbed peace of the Four Kingdoms, he learns that the ambixes, machines that have served people throughout history, have gone missing. Soon after, one of Taaro's friends reveals she's found one at the riverside. This ambix called the Grimeye ignites peculiar sensations in people and carries a message none of the friends can decipher. The kids know returning it will be difficult, for the Duchy of Vaarros already suspects the other kingdoms of theft and betrayal. In the thrilling second book in the fantasy series, the Quarterlands children must figure out the mystery of the Grimeye, an apparatus that seems to be more than a mere machine.

Ages: 7+ | Pages: 165 | Original language: Finnish | Original Publisher: Minerva Publishing



Middle Grade



Photo: Lauri Nevanlinna

**Elina Rouhiainen** debuted at the young age of 24 and has since become the leading lady of Finnish YA. The first book in her recent trilogy *The Bird Circle* has most awards ever won by a Finnish YA novel, and the series has also sold internationally. Now, Elina's first middle grade series is bringing her unique, modern touch on fantasy to a whole new readership.



## Elina Rouhiainen and Kaisa Ranta **Tales of the Quarterlands 1: The Glow-maker**

Taaro is a young boy living in a remote corner of a great, vast land. His life has been as peaceful as his home country but now he has reached an age where all children go on a journey alone to find their *panyon*, their spirit animal. But when Taaro accidentally gets mistaken for a thief near the city of Vaahkaburgh he finds himself in deep trouble. Someone has managed to steal the city's secret source of power, a machine able to create a substance called Glow. It's only with the help of the son and daughter of a high-ranking officer that Taaro manages to escape. But now they all have to run for their lives in a land on the brink of war – and everyone else thinks they are to blame.

*Tales of the Quarterlands* is an epic adventure set in an original fantasy land where children are needed to save the day. The story is easy to read with short chapters and many plot twists, but it also manages to draw thought-provoking parallels to real life where young activists sometimes do a better job than adults in conflict situations.

Ages: 7+ | Colors: 4/4 | Pages: 136 | Original language: Finnish | Original publisher: Minerva Publishing

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**Kaisa Ranta** is an illustrator and animation artist whose artwork has the rare ability to appeal to all ages. *Tales of the Quarterlands* introduces her an illustrator of children's fiction.

# Star Stable



Star Stable has taken the world of horse lovers by storm with its engaging online game. The players are invited onto the magical island of Jorvik to explore an amazing online world full of magic, adventure and wonder. Together with their friends players are tasked with channelling magical powers: they get to join in the epic quest of the Soul Riders as they are trying to protect Jorvik against the forces of darkness.

Star Stable Online is available in 14 languages and has 500.000 monthly active users in 180 countries. It is the fastest growing online horse game in the world, with extremely high engagement levels also on YouTube and on social media!



New

A modern equestrian book series celebrating the love of horses and female friendship



## Star Stable: Moorland Stables The New Horse

Join a group of horse loving girls through the ups and downs of friendship and stable life! For Layla, Nikki, Astrid, and Ivy, the rustic and lively Moorland Stables is their second home. Through the Moorland Stables stories, these four friends bond with horses, test their equestrian skills, solve local mysteries, and explore the island of Jorvik, while also dealing with the pressure and challenges faced by the tween girls of today.

Moorland Stables is a horse book series set in the Star Stable universe, inspired by the successful horse adventure game Star Stable Online and the bestselling Soul Riders novels. Written by equestrian fiction author Catherine Hapka, Moorland Stables is a contemporary take on horse book classics like “The Pony Club” and “The Saddle Club.”

Ages: 8+ | Genre: Horses | Pages: ca. 150 | Materials available: Full English edition

A new series set in the Star Stable universe

Middle Grade

**Catherine Hapka** has written more than one hundred books for children and adults, as a ghostwriter for series as well as original titles, including the Pony Scouts series (HarperCollins), the Free Rein book series (Scholastic) and many more sharing stories of her favorite pastime, riding.





**Kids' Book Choice Award Winner 2021!**

**60 000+ books sold in Sweden!**

**Rights sold to 11 languages**

**Epic fantasy trilogy bound to thrill horse girls, game fans and new audiences alike!**

## Star Stable: Soul Riders

- Jorvik Calling
- The Legend Awakens
- Sisterhood Rising

The bestselling trilogy tells the story of Lisa, a teenage girl who is coming to terms with the tragic loss of her mother in a riding accident. New in Jorvik, Lisa is befriended by a couple of girls who go to the local stables that are filled with wondrous horses. Lisa has sworn never to go near a horse again, but that was before she met Starshine, a mysterious blue-maned steed who comes to her in dreams. Together with her friends and their horses, they form the Soul Riders, an ancient and mystical band of horsewomen.

Ages: 8+ | Genre: Horses, fantasy | Size: 130 x 210 | Pages: ca. 225 | Original language: Swedish | Original publisher: Bonnier Carlsen | Materials available: Full English editions, Swedish editions | Rights sold: World English, Polish, Dutch, Finnish, Danish, German, Italian, Norwegian, French, Czech, Swedish



### Short Story Collections

Meet all the Soul Riders in brand new Star Stable stories originally written as audio adventures!

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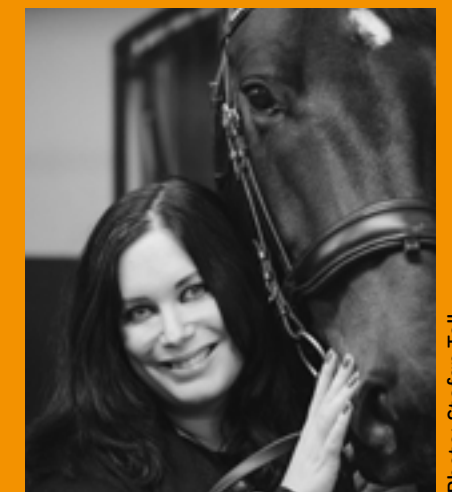


Photo: Stefan Tell

**Helena Dahlgren** is a writer, translator, and book blogger. She has written for teens and adults alike, mainly in the fantasy genre. She has also written several horror novels. She lives in Stockholm, Sweden.

**Instagram: @helena\_dahlgren**



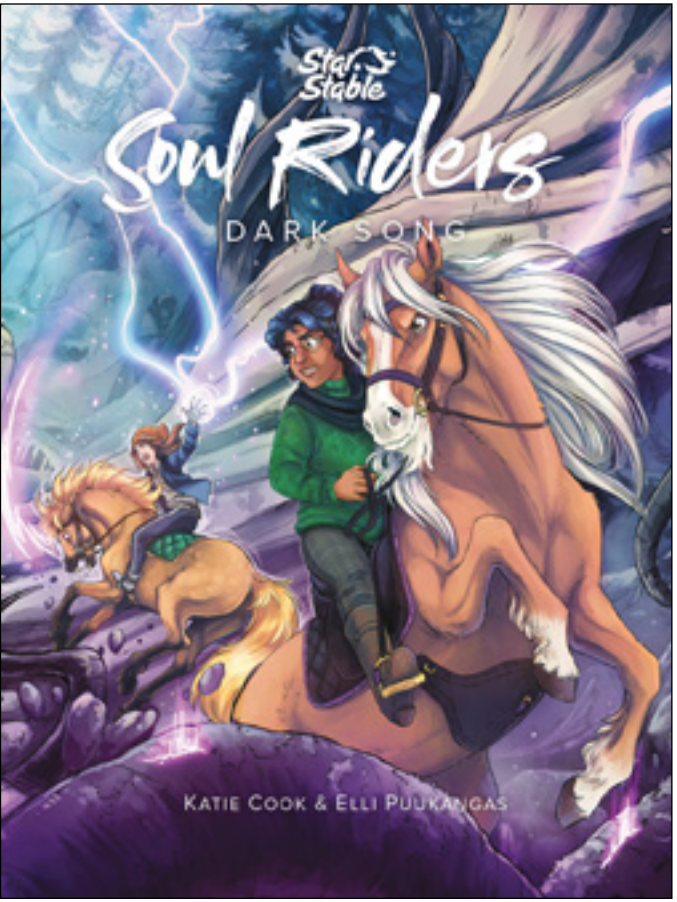


Katie Cook – Elli Puukangas  
**Dark Song**  
A Soul Riders graphic novel

Meet the Soul Riders in a standalone adventure gloriously brought to life by the distinguished comics writer Katie Cook and the brilliant upcoming artist Elli Puukangas! 150 pages of epic moments, old legends and wonderful artwork!

When the Soul Riders are sent out on a mission to meet with their druid friends, they come to realise all is not well in the area. As Linda has a horrible vision of barren forests and great havoc, the girls know they are needed to save the land around them from destruction. What is wrong with the mysterious tree in a deep, dark forest that seems to be corrupting things around it? Could it somehow be the source of all evil and if so, who has used dark magic to make the tree behave this way? The Soul Riders swear to solve the mystery, but can they trust all their new companions? Someone close to them has scary plans of their own...

Ages: 8+ | Genre: Horses, fantasy | Colors: 4/4 | Size: 175 x 235 mm | Pages: 160 | Original language: English | Rights sold: Swedish, Finnish, German



**Katie Cook** is a writer and a comics artist with years of experience in the industry. She is the creator of the weekly webcomic *Nothing Special* and worked as one of the primary writers on *My Little Pony Friendship is Magic* for several years. Katie has also done projects for *Star Wars* and major comics publishers like *Marvel* and *Boom!*.

**Elli Puukangas** is a brilliant young artist who's no stranger to horses either at work or at home. She's the creator of the popular web comic *Tistow*. Originally from Finland, Elli now lives in Kent, UK.





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A charming story.  
Kirjan vuoksi



Marko Hautala and Broci  
**Henry Humerus and the Haunted Hound of the Library**

**What to do when a kind reading dog starts furiously tearing up books and terrorising the whole library?**

Henry Humerus doesn't like reading, not at all. When he takes a book in his hands, the letters become small ants that crawl across the pages, and his head starts to hurt. Henry doesn't want to go to the library, but reluctantly agrees to go – if only to make his father happy. Besides, there is a quite nice reading dog at the library, even though its breath really stinks.

Henry has always thought that there are no exciting books. Everything changes when the strange librarian offers him a wild read – a book with a spell on the last page. The spell has horrible consequences if it is read out loud by a child...

Beautifully illustrated by Broci, the book is a wonderful reminder of how exciting it can be when you find just the right book to read.

Colors: 4/4 | Pages: 72 | Ages: 7+ | Original language: Finnish | Original publisher: Haamu Publishing



Photo: Veikko Somerpuro

**Marko Hautala** is a Nordic author of literary horror. His novels have won him the Tiilikivi and Kalevi Jäntti prize in his native Finland and have been translated into several languages. Before becoming a full-time writer, Hautala worked as a translator, teacher, and nurse in a psychiatric hospital.

**Broci** is an artist interested in the supernatural, horror and fashion!

The perfect  
book for kids  
who want to  
dream big!

# Little Miss PRESIDENT

Home Alone  
meets House of  
Cards!





**Toni Gallagher** currently has a successful career in reality TV. She began as a story editor and went on to become an executive producer. Her first middle grade novel, *Twist My Charm: The Popularity Spell*, was released in 2015, with the sequel following in 2016. Toni lives in Los Angeles.

[tonigallagherink.com](http://tonigallagherink.com)

**Alison Hawkins** is an illustrator based in North Carolina. Alison studied art history and anthropology. She always approaches art with a sense of humor.

[alisonhawkinsportfolio.com](http://alisonhawkinsportfolio.com)

Who run the world?  
Girls!

Toni Gallagher  
**Little Miss President**

Being president looks pretty easy. You tell people what to do, and they do it. What's so tough about that? *Little Miss President* is a unique tale empowering girls to be women who lead.

At least, that's what Josephine Kline thinks. Jo is much like any other 10-year-old. Just one small detail separates her from her classmates—her mother, Martha, happens to be the president! So when Martha comes down with a nasty and sudden case of stomach flu, Jo decides it is time to step up and be president for the day! Armed with a killer costume and a hidden talent for impressions, Jo enlists her most available (and least law-abiding) friend to try and reinstate some fun in the role of president. What could possibly go wrong?

*Little Miss President* is a hilarious slapstick tale of one madcap day in the lives of two 5th graders. Never less than entertaining, the story also has some serious points to make about the transformative potential of dreaming big, and how there is still hope in a political world that can seem daunting to us all.

Ages: 6+ | Pages: ca. 100 | Colors: b/w | Rights sold: English Worldwide (digital), Spanish (school libraries)



World English rights (digital and audio) sold to Pinna.fm!



Pinna cover

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Middle school kids who like computers more than books will really enjoy the Ghost Network.

**Daddy Mojo, a parenting site following popular culture**

**Winner!**  
Best Young Adult  
Audio Book /  
2020 Independent  
Audiobook  
Awards!

A group of teen hackers have been secretly implanted with artificial intelligence, giving them extraordinary abilities. A legendary tech guru seeks total control over their bodies and minds, leading to a cat-and-mouse chase across all corners of the globe.

As humans look toward a future filled with artificial intelligence, this thrill-filled adventure story couldn't be more relevant. With the likes of *Homo Deus* and *Black Mirror* giving the adult market an ominous portent of the world to come, the Ghost Network seeks to put a more playful spin on the future mankind faces.

Imagine Mary Shelley writing a James Bond novel for kids!

# THE GHOST NETWORK

**World English  
rights sold to  
Andrews McMeel  
Publishing**

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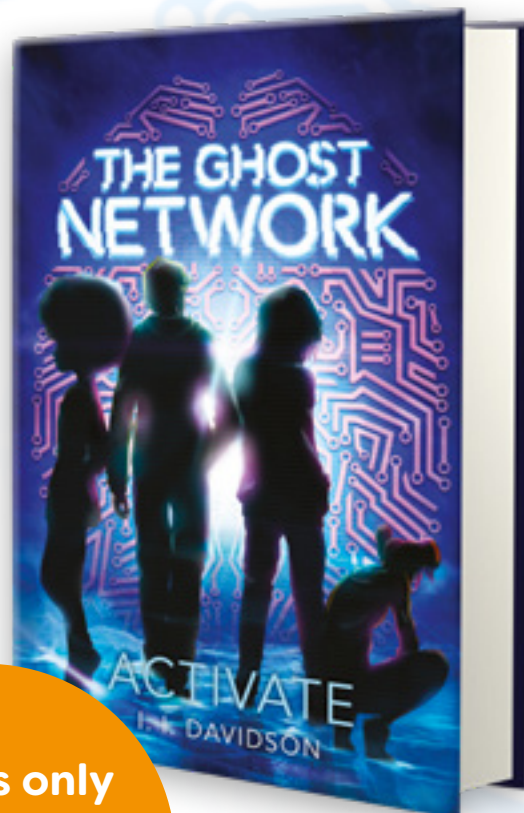
We love this story, and, of course, John, Slack, Akane, Salome, and Eva! A fast pace, great characters, and excellent dialogue make this a must-read!

**Anne Luukkonen, Otava, Finnish publisher of the Ghost Network.**

”This is a strong character driven, well-plotted story.”

“I flipped through each paid rapidly wanting more!”

**Reader reviews on GoodReads**



## The Ghost Network 1 Activate

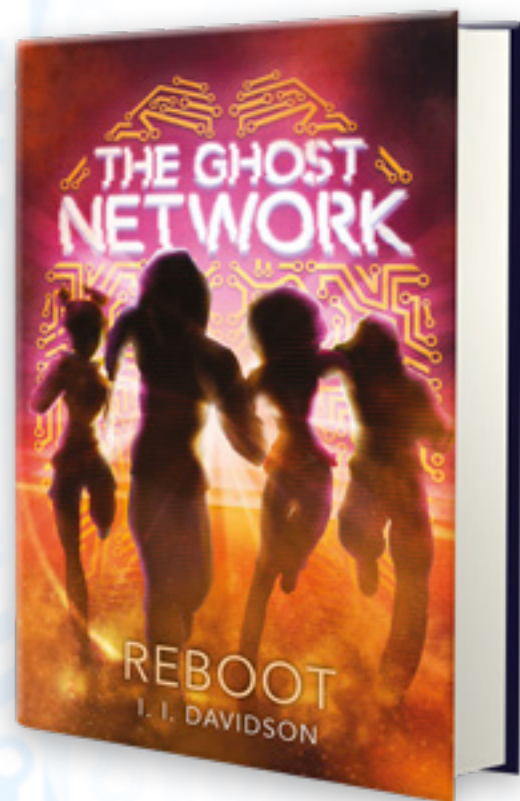
John and Slack are just two normal kids with a love for computers. But their life is turned upside down when an innocuous hacking prank sends them to a center for extraordinarily gifted computer whiz kids. There, they learn the terrifying truth: they died and have been brought back to life with the help of artificial intelligence. Not only does this give them extraordinary abilities... it also makes them hot property.

Book 1: Activate (Full English manuscript available)  
Book 2: Reboot (2018)

Ages: 10+ | Pages: ca. 250 | Genre: Sci-Fi Thriller, Adventure | Rights sold: English worldwide, Finnish

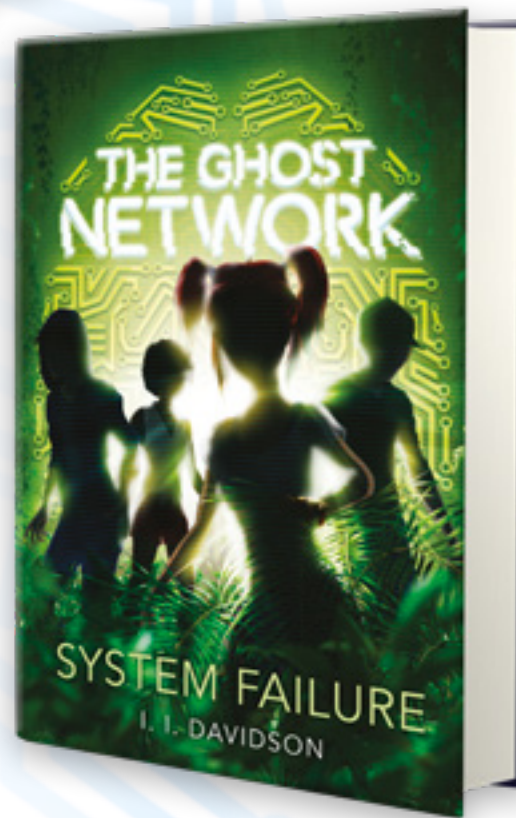
There's only  
one code to go  
by: trust  
no one.

Book trailer  
available!



## The Ghost Network 2 Reboot

The secret is now out about the Ghost Network's identities... and everything is in danger of going up in smoke. With Roy Lykos on the prowl, John and the gang head to a top secret center in the Sahara desert to prepare for battle.



## The Ghost Network 3 System Failure

The gang gets a weird invitation from the institute in Brazil. But are the rumors about the institute having gone rogue true? As the journey into the deep jungle begins, nothing is what it seems.

Middle Grade

**I. I. Davidson** is a pen name for the Scottish author Gillian Philip and Finnish series creator Aleksis Delikouras. Gillian has written fiction for several big publishers and been nominated and shortlisted for awards including the Carnegie Medal and the David Gemmell Legend Award. She belongs to the Erin Hunter team responsible for hits like *Warriors*, *Survivors*, and *Seekers*.



# Queens OF QUEENS

Four of the sassiest, brassiest queens of history are taking over modern-day Queens, New York. Are you ready?

Following a freak accident, a group of misfit kids end up face-to-face with four historical queens: Cleopatra, Marie Antoinette, Khutulun, and Victoria. But once home, the kids' awe quickly turns sour when they realize that queens don't make the most cooperative pets.



Photo: SeattleHeadshots.com

**Heather Nuhfer** has written a long list of children's books and comics for girls for brands including My Little Pony and Wonder Woman. She recently had her first original middle-grade novel *My So-Called Superpowers* out by Imprint. Heather lives in California, US.

**Rachel Sanson** is an illustrator living in Yorkshire, UK. Rachel likes to incorporate bright colors, patterns, and textures into her work, and strives to come up with big, larger-than-life characters for children's books.

## Queens of Queens First We Take New York

A fresh, funny, modern take on some of the sassiest, brassiest queens in history, *Queens of Queens: First We Take New York* is a one-of-a-kind series opener. Think *The Carrie Diaries* meets *Marie Antoinette*!

What to do when you accidentally resurrect four famous historical queens? As Laqueena, Brad, and Pablo try to make sense of it all, the queens want to ditch this new world of equality and public transportation and head back to their old lives of splendor and privilege. But when megalomaniac man-child Henry VIII shows up, the girls must find a way to strike a balance between history and modern life before they cease to exist in any time period.

Age group: 8-12 | Pages: ca. 150 | Colors: b/w | Materials available: Full English manuscript (books 1 & 2)



Illustrated  
by Rachel  
Sanson!

## Queens of Queens Who's That Girl?

What will happen when Victoria accidentally becomes a YouTube sensation while the other queens are fighting for their own place in the limelight?

Following the huge success of shows like *The Crown*, *Reign*, and *Victoria*, historical queens are all the rage right now. It's time to bring them into the modern world!



# THE MASCOOTEERS

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A MASCOTEER?

Merge a 13-year-old girl with popularity issues with a group of underemployed mascots. What do you get? The least likely team of superheroes around! The Mascoteers is a humorous take on the superhero genre with a strong message: your greatest powers might already be inside you!

*The Mascoteers:*  
Enter the Zebra was shortlisted for the 2017 Books at Berlinale Event!



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## The Mascoteers Enter the Zebra

Just when an epic failure has ended Blue Robinson’s social life, she is introduced to a secret society of geeky mascots. They claim they are superheroes—and so is she. It’s time for Blue to embrace her new alter ego: Zebra Girl.

## Year of the Tiger

What happens when OsGrrr McGraah is chosen as the mascot for a major football team? Will fame and fortune make him forget all about his fellow Mascoteers?

Book 1: Enter the Zebra, English manuscript available

Book 2: The Year of The Tiger, English manuscript available

Ages: 8+ | Pages: ca. 200 | Colors: b/w | Rights sold: French worldwide | Genre: Comedy, superheroes



French covers



Photo: Lauri Nevanlinna

**Rollo de Walden** has worked with words for his entire professional life. He started out as an editor in London before moving to Finland. He now works as an editor of children’s books. *The Mascoteers: Enter the Zebra* is his first novel.

**Joelle Dreidemy** is a French illustrator who has also studied animation and sculpture.



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Captivating and well written.  
**Aamulehti**

A wonderful book in every way!  
Perfect match for early readers!  
**Kirsin kirjanurkka Blog**

**Winner of the  
Runeberg Junior  
Prize!**



Tapani Bagge and  
Carlos da Cruz  
**The Apaches Series  
The Mystery of the Ghost  
Horse**

The Apaches Series is a fully illustrated historical mystery series for young readers. Set in the early 20th century, the series follows a group of street-smart kids as they solve thrilling mysteries in historical Helsinki.

Helsinki at night is clouded by a stubborn fog. In the fog, a ghost horse gallops, knocking over flowerpots and breaking several shop windows. The police are puzzled. When the horse strikes the department store where Heikki's mother works, Heikki and his friends form a secret society, the Apaches, and decide to find out what lies behind the mystery of the ghost horse. They soon find themselves in the adventure of a lifetime!

Ages: 8+ | Genre: adventure, mystery | Size: 130 x 210 mm | Pages: ca. 120 | Original language: Finnish | Original publisher: Karisto | Materials available: English sample, Finnish editions (books 1-4)

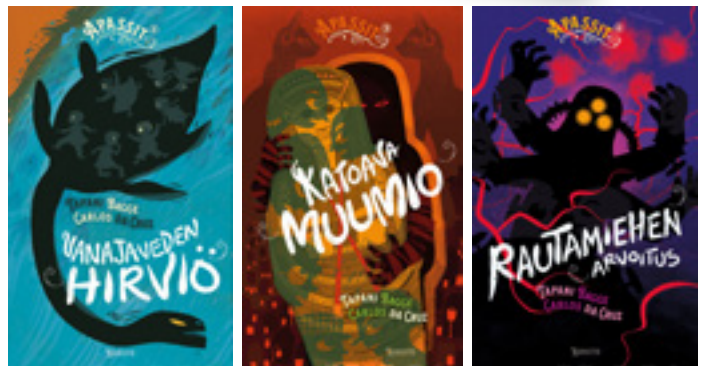


Photo: Mikaela Holmberg

Photo: Samuli Siirala

**Tapani Bagge** has published numerous books for both children and adults. He has also written plays for stage and radio, TV screenplays, graphic novels, and comics scripts. He has received several awards, and his books have been published in several languages all around the world.

**Carlos da Cruz** is an award-winning French-born illustrator and graphic artist who lives in Finland. He has long worked with picture books, teaching materials, and magazines. He has also co-authored a series of children books about Finnish history.

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These books are modern teen classics. If you don't know what book to give to a young boy, I highly recommend this humorous and addictive series.

**Saran kirjat blog**

This book series stands out with its unique humor; even a critical reader can't help but laugh along.

**Lukufilis online magazine**

Award-winning TV series also selling internationally!



Finnish covers



“I believe kids need to be rewarded when reading books, just as they are when playing games. I try to do this by offering plot twists and lots of humor.”  
**Alexi Delikouras**

## Alexi Delikouras **DragonSlayer666**

**Alexi Delikouras is the wunderkind of the Finnish literature scene. His hit series follows the life of the one and only DragonSlayer666.**

It's tiring being DragonSlayer666. Not only is he the king of gamers—if you ask him—he's also an accidental YouTube star and a bestselling author. And yet, all he really wants is to be left alone. Battling mundane earthly matters such as school, parents, girls, sleeping, or eating, he really has one goal: making it big in the online gaming community.

*DragonSlayer666* relates to today's teenagers in way rarely achieved, and is both funny and unapologetic in its approach. Written as the diary of a gamer, the books are fast-paced and full of hilarious comedy, making them easy to approach for those who aren't necessarily big readers—or gamers!

Ages: 10+ | Pages: ca. 150 | Genre: Humor, Gaming | Original language: Finnish | Original publisher: Otava Publishers | Materials available: English reading sample x 2, Finnish editions

Middle Grade



Photo: Lauri Nevanlinna

Finnish-Greek **Alexi Delikouras** (b. 1990), author and film director, has found the magic formula: his books are being devoured by preteen boys in Finland, while he also has a strong following among girls. *DragonSlayer666* is also a massively popular TV series airing on Yle, Finland's public broadcaster.

Teeny

## Young Adults

“And then he runs. That’s something  
he knows how to do.”

**Elina Rouhiainen: *The Bird Circle 3***



Niklas Ahnberg  
**The Boy Who Walked on Water**

**A new fantasy series for readers who enjoy *Stranger Things*; a captivating story about a boy who must fight to control the dark powers hidden inside of him.**

In the small town of Saltville, 14-year-old Daniel is doing the same things as any other teenager: talking and playing with his friends on ICQ and Subspace, trying to keep off the bullies' radar, and trying to survive until summertime. When summer finally arrives, Daniel's best friend Justin is off to a mysterious camp, and for some reason, Daniel's Uncle Jay opposes him going as well. In the end, he gets to go, but the camp soon proves to be anything but ordinary. Daniel's uncle and father are both somehow connected to the camp administration, and the boys' days are filled with strict rules along with physical and mental training – what is it all for? As the sinister secrets of the camp are revealed, Daniel learns more about something that has been calling him from the darkness. Something that's been with him since long before...

The first book in the Daniel Dark series echoes the literary tradition of American fantasy and horror. Niklas Ahnberg's portrayal of a nineties small town and multi-faceted characters with their mysterious intentions results in stellar storytelling.

Ages: 12+ | Pages: 512 | Original Publisher: Aula & Co Publishing | Original Language: Finnish



Photo: Benjamin Ilmoni / WSOY

In addition to being an author, **Niklas Ahnberg** (b. 1983) works as a business executive. He started to build whole new worlds through writing so that he and the readers could live in them. In his youth he spent a lot of time in the library devouring all kinds of books, and novels and tv-shows of different genres remain a source of great inspiration for him. Writing his second book, he traveled in the US to create a complete picture of the Saltville setting.

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A multitoned fantasy thriller to be recommended to adults and teenagers alike

**Kosmoskynä**

A wonderful and undoubtedly useful story

**Kirjavinkit blog**

By the author of verse novel **Dodo** that was on the shortlist for Topelia Prize and won Blogistania Children and Young People's Literature Price in 2020!

J.S. Meresmaa

## Maybe We'll Feed Meet Later

**Aleksi didn't know whether all of this was a nightmare or a dream, but what he did know was that they needed to get out of this bloody situation, ASAP.**

Aleksi is seventeen and dreams of becoming a professional esports athlete, but the usual pace of his life comes to an abrupt stop when he encounters Nora, a goth girl with brightly colored hair and an attitude to match. When the oddly magnetic girl comes closer to Aleksi, or more specifically, his neck, he realizes she isn't just any girl – she's a vampire. What is more, her mischievous brother is on the loose and strange events begin happening to Aleksi and the people around him. Suddenly, Aleksi must think fast to protect his friends and himself in a world where you can't put the game on pause.

With a fresh new twist on the vampire trope, *Maybe We'll Feed Meet Later* is a fast-paced but multi-layered fantasy thriller told from the perspective of a contemporary teenager. Author of acclaimed novels in verse, J.S. Meresmaa knows how to keep the reader captivated until the very last page and beyond. A sequel is on its way!

Ages: 12+ | Pages: 135 | Original language: Finnish | Original publisher: Otava



Young Adults



**J.S. Meresmaa** (b. 1983) is the author of more than ten novels and dozens of short stories. She's a founding member of a cooperative publishing house *Osuuskumma* which focuses on speculative fiction. She is a regular visitor to international book fairs and conventions. *Dodo* is her first verse novel. Meresmaa lives in Tampere, Finland.

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The author writes about searching your sexual identity in an authentic way while also treating topics like facing your fears. Despite the heavy themes, Meresmaa’s writing feels airy and poetic.

**The Jury of the Topelius Prize**

### J.S. Meresmaa **Khimaira**

Sara, a 19-year-old Russian Finn, has a passion for photography and Anna Akhmatova’s poetry. She drives a vintage motorcycle and has just taken the admissions test for medical school. Sara has a new girlfriend, lina, who is also Sara’s ex-boyfriend’s girlfriend. Is it complicated? Maybe a little, but when wouldn’t life be.

The fact that Sara has not told her conservative parents about her lesbian or polyamorous arrangements does not make things any easier. She is already taking first steps towards independent life. And while her new home is beautiful, an emptiness echoes inside it, taking up more and more space inside Sara day by day. She feels like standing on the edge of an abyss. What will be revealed when the silence is finally broken?

Ages: 12+ | Original language: Finnish | Original publisher: Myllylahti Publishers



J.S. Meresmaa

### **Dodo**

**A celebrated verse novel from a distinguished YA author featuring stunning language and a touch of magic. *Dodo* follows the life of a 16-year-old who has to deal with depression, unreliable parents, and finding unexpected love—all while taking care of a mysterious pet named Dodo.**

lina doesn’t have it easy: her boyfriend suffers from depression and her mother doesn’t know where lina spends her days. Her alcoholic father now wants to take her in, forcing lina to leave her boyfriend and her new best friend behind. At the centre of it all is lina’s new pet, Dodo, whom she has discovered and saved. As lina struggles with who to save from themselves, she comes to realise there is enough love within her to share out.

Fully written in rhythmic and powerful verse, *Dodo* manages to evoke the voice and thoughts of a modern-day teenager. Though harrowing at times, the book vibrates with life—and gives the reader hope.

Ages: 12+ | Pages: 157 | Original language: Finnish | Original publisher: Myllylahti Publishers

Young Adults



**J.S. Meresmaa** (b. 1983) is the author of more than ten novels and dozens of short stories. She’s a founding member of a cooperative publishing house *Osuuskumma* which focuses on speculative fiction. She is a regular visitor to international book fairs and conventions. *Dodo* is her first verse novel. Meresmaa lives in Tampere, Finland.



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A book of modern-day ghost stories!  
An excellent book for reluctant readers.

**Suomalainen Kirjakauppa bookstore chain  
/Recommended by the staff**

This book has all the elements we at the library would like a teen book to have: It's easy to read, timely in the way it uses modern technology, and the creepiest stories are actually scary!

**Review form a librarian on GoodReads**

**Black Mirror  
for teens meets  
digital urban  
legends!**

**You shouldn't  
believe everything  
you read online...**

**Mikko Toiviainen  
The Dark Mirror and  
other urban horror  
stories**

**Remember urban legends? And have you ever heard of Pokémon Black, the devilish version of the Japanese game? You'll probably wish you hadn't after you've read this collection of horror stories based on the internet's scariest stories...**

Urban legends have always fascinated young people and their imagination. The digital generations have come to know them from the internet and through social media. Now, Mikko Toiviainen has written a collection of clever and scary original short stories based on the myths and legends circulating the web. Topics range from an immersive game experience gone too far to a potentially lethal email chain – or an AI system who knows you all too well. *Dark Mirror* is a collection to be read around a digital campfire with your friends. It's perfect for boys, girls, and all those kids who are not yet avid readers. The story collection also includes a short story written by artificial intelligence!

Ages: 12+ | Pages: 158 | Original language: Finnish | Original publisher: Otava Publishers



**Young Adults**



Photo: Miikka Pirinen

**Mikko Toiviainen** (b. 1990) is a vlogger, writer and reading advocate famous for his YouTube channel “Kalenterikarju”. He has produced books for young vloggers and written two non-fiction books. In 2016, he started a social media campaign to get boys reading more books and has since become an important reading advocate in Finland. Toiviainen is currently writing the sequel for *The Dark Mirror*!



Lin Rina  
**Gemma Was Here**

The new book by the bestselling author of *Animant Crumb's Chronicle of Dust* is an imaginative thriller and a love story set in the near future. Think *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* meets *To All the Boys I Loved Before*!

Imagine a future where there are medical check-ups not only for physical but also for mental health. All you have to do is have a computer read your thoughts every year and check them for signs of mental illness. This way they can be treated early. Perfect? Or is it?

Gemma has just completed her training as a technician at “Biolog Medical” and is moving into her first own apartment. Life would be good if only it weren’t for all the strange events circulating her. And when Gemma finds a strange notebook, her astonishment turns to horror. The notebook is a diary written in her own handwriting – only she doesn’t remember writing any of it... You wouldn’t want a stranger reading your diary but what if the stranger was yourself?

With surprising twists and turns, *Gemma Was Here* is a must read. It’s a near future thriller, a love story and a diary-based teen book all at once!

Ages: 12+ | Pages: 540 | Original language: German | Original publisher: Drachenmond Verlag

4,3/5,0 on  
Lovelybooks.de  
and GoodReads!  
4,4/5,0 on  
Amazon.de!

Internationally  
bestselling author  
& one of Germany’s  
loveliest new YA  
voices!



**Lin Rina** (b. 1987) is an author and tea lover who sometimes burns her food while lost in her imagination.

From the author of the bestselling *The Thirteenth Fairy* trilogy!



**Julia Adrian** is a best-selling author who has been in love with words all her life. She's working on a spin-off series of *the Thirteenth Fairy*.

[www.jadrian.de](http://www.jadrian.de)



Julia Adrian

## Winter's Fragile Curse

**Winter's Fragile Curse is a glorious retelling of *Cinderella* from the German hit author. It's a celebrated YA novel in three acts: The book can be published as three shorter volumes or as a thicker, stand-alone book!**

When Cinderella rushes into the ball and steals the prince's heart, there's another princess there, Mary, who is left standing with nothing. She was the one who supposed to marry prince Duncan and become Queen. Now, fate grants her a second chance. The beautiful stranger in the sky-blue dress has disappeared and the only proof of her existence is a glass shoe she left behind. But who would have thought that a glass shoe would prove so hard to destroy?

During her mission, Mary's about to discover some ugly truths about the kingdom she lives in. What if Cinderella is just a pawn in a game bigger and darker than anyone could imagine? And what if she ran into the prince for a reason? And what about princess Mary herself, is she as innocent as she seems?

Julia Adrian weaves an original, breathtaking story out of old fairytale yarns. *Winter's Fragile Curse* is extraordinary fantasy full of broken hearts, dark curses, ancient magic, immortal love, long-held grudges, and six kingdoms on the brink of destruction.

Ages: 12+ | Pages: 3 x 220 pages | Original language: German | Original publisher: Drachenmond Verlag



A bind-up of three books: *Winter's Fragile Curse*, *The Death of Spring*, and *Autumn's Blood*!

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Rouhiainen has written strong, plausible, and diverse characters. She skillfully touches on the subjects of privilege and human rights. Her urban fantasy captures the reader and lingers in the mind long after reading.

**The jury of the Topelius Prize on the winning title *The Summer of Swallows***

The revival of the Finnish YA scene! *The Summer of Swallows* is such a wonderful book.

**Mustetta paperilla blog**

Everything about this book feels fresh.

**The jury of the Kuvastaja fantasy prize**



Finnish covers

**Nominated for**  
The 2018  
Torch Bearer Prize  
The 2020 Young  
Aleksis Prize



## Elina Rouhiainen The Bird Circle

**A girl who is able to see people’s memories in the form of birds forms an unlikely alliance with a boy who can visit people in their dreams to do battle against an anonymous, powerful enemy. Think *Shadowhunters* meets *Nordic Noir*!**

Seventeen-year-old Kiuru can see people’s memories in the shape of birds. When she meets a group of travelers, among them Dai, a boy who can visit people in their dreams, Kiuru feels like she’s finally found home. But when it turns out someone is hunting people like them, they must band together to survive. What are their abilities really for? In a world where memories and dreams mix with the harsh reality of living on the fringes of society, Kiuru will do whatever it takes to protect her friends. Even if the cost means forgetting it all later.

The Bird Circle is a haunting, poignant thriller that explores the power of memories from the rising star of Nordic YA. The multi-award-winning series has also been optioned for an international TV series by Mosquito Television.

Materials available:

Book 1: *The Summer of Swallows* (Full English manuscript)

Book 2: *As Far as the Robin Flies* (Long reading sample in English)

Book 3: *The Wedge of Cranes* (Synopsis)

Ages: 14+ | Genre: Urban fantasy, Contemporary YA | Original Publisher: Tammi Publishers |

Original language: Finnish | Rights sold: Polish Worldwide

**Optioned  
for an  
international  
TV series!**

**Young Adults**

**Winner!**

**The Topelius Prize 2018 for outstanding YA novel.**

**The Kuvastaja Prize 2018 for the best fantasy novel.**

**Best series opener 2018 as chosen by fans at the Hel-YA! convention.**



Photo: Lauri Nevanlinna

**Elina Rouhiainen’s** books have earned her a large and loyal fan base. *The Summer of Swallows* has been recognized as the most important Finnish YA novel of recent years. Elina is the recipient of 2018’s prestigious Topelius Award.

**[www.elinarouhiainen.com](http://www.elinarouhiainen.com)**

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This book will have you turning page after page. If you're looking for something original and fun, Storm Sisters is one for you.

**YALoveMag**

A brilliant, fast-paced story with intriguing characters on an adventure I would love to be a part of.

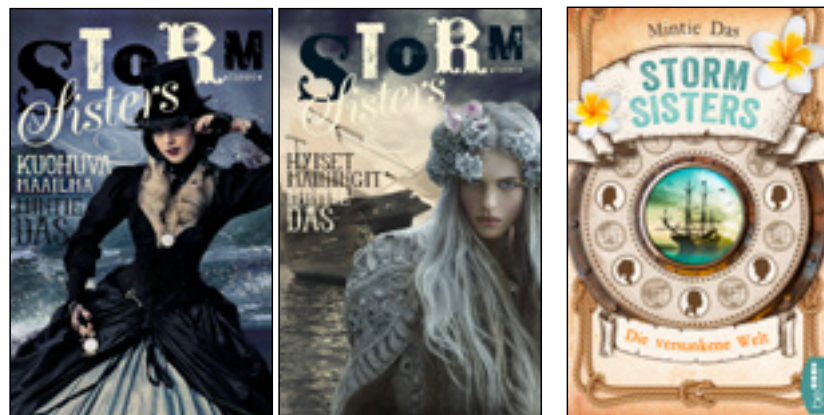
**The Reader's Corner blog**

This is true diversity, right? And what an ending *The Sinking World* had!

**Papillons dans le Ciel Bleu blog**

Girl pirates in the 18th century? Yes, please!

**Sylvi online magazine**



Finnish covers

German cover



### Mintie Das Storm Sisters

**They answer to no one. The internationally successful series follows five young girls travelling the Seven Seas on their own.**

It's 1789. Charlie, Sadie, Raquel, Liu, and Ingela have lost their families in a mysterious attack. To protect themselves, they have created a false identity as a fierce group of pirates. Will that be enough to keep them safe? And who, really, is their enemy?

The Storm Sisters series is quickly building an international fanbase, with the help of unforgettable characters, global themes, and breathtaking adventure!

Materials available:

- Book 1: The Sinking World (English edition)
- Book 2: The Frozen Seas (English manuscript)
- Book 3: The Ocean of Secrets (English manuscript)
- Book 4: The Rivers of Loss (Synopsis)
- Book 5: The Blood and The Water (Synopsis)

Ages: 12+ | Genre: Adventure, historical | Rights sold: Finnish, French, German, Hungarian, Indonesian, Spanish (including Catalan)

**Storm Sisters has been developed into an international TV concept!**

**Also available: "Hero," a Storm Sisters short story**

Young Adults



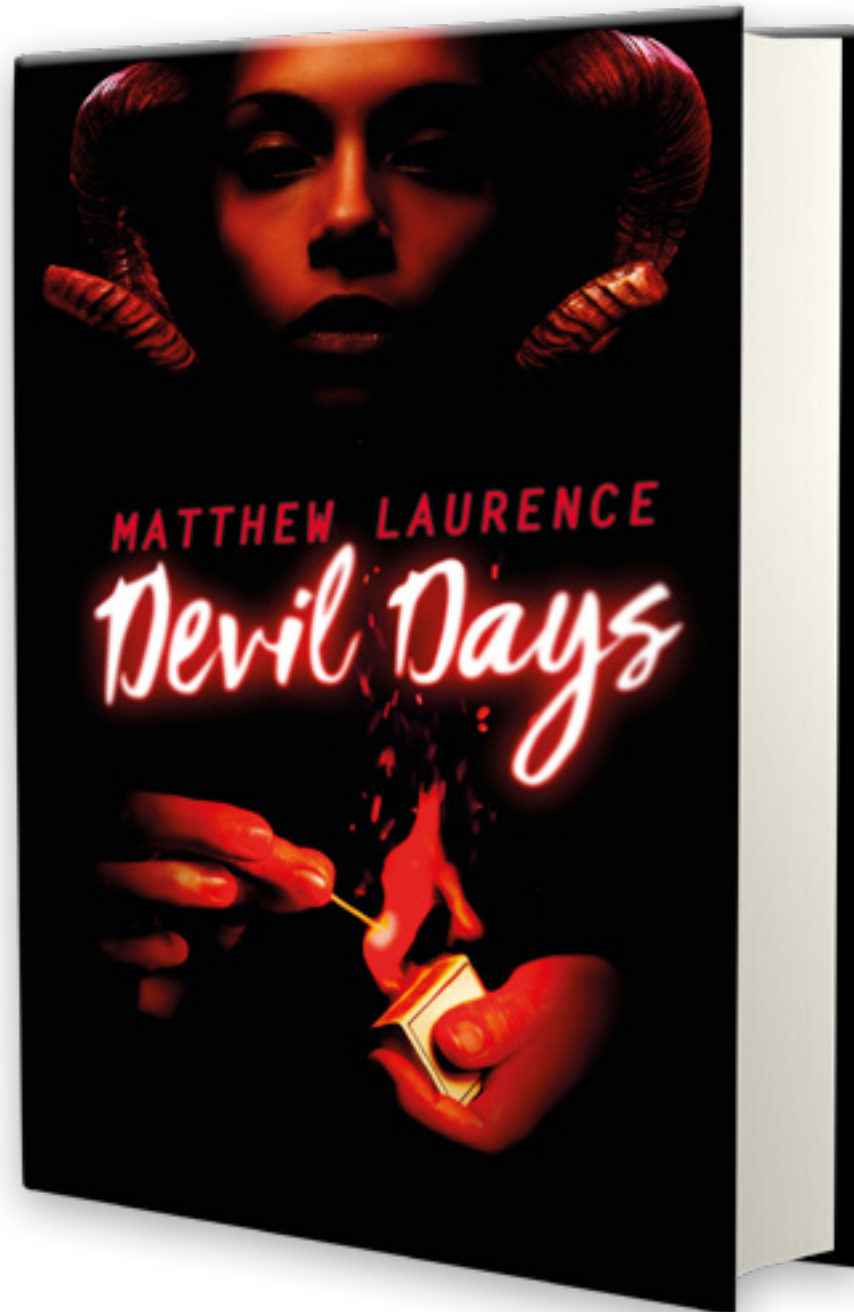
Photo: Marek Sabogal

**Mintie Das** was born in Assam, India, raised in Illinois and now lives in Helsinki, Finland. She's been traveling the globe since childhood and always finds inspiration in the discovery of the unknown. She loves binge-watching her favorite shows and being a total tourist anywhere.



FIFTY-THREE YEARS AGO, THE DEVIL  
 INVADED OUR WORLD. SEVEN MONTHS  
 AFTER THAT, WE KILLED HIM.  
 THEN THINGS GOT WEIRD.

An ambitious  
 page-turner  
 where *Lucifer*  
 meets  
*True Blood*.



Matthew Laurence  
**Devil Days**

**A young woman who is part devil seeks to clear her kind's dirty name in a society that discriminates and divides at every turn.**

Lillian Demire is a teen with a secret... although the horns growing out of her 'fro are a clue. She is a member of America's newest and most ostracised minority—devilkin. After the catastrophic Brimstone War left mankind going into battle against the Devil himself, Lucifer's descendants aren't winning any popularity contests.

Ostracised by her mother, and society as a whole, Lily has little choice but to sign up with a government program in which devilkin are weaponized to fight against their own.

But when you are devilkin, life isn't as simple as just following a script. The world is a far darker place than even Lily realized, and tensions between humans and devilkin are at breaking point. And as Lily learns more and more about who she really is, these pressures increase exponentially.

*Devil Days* explores the realities of living in a world where nations and people are divided by those in control and exploited in pursuit of profit and power—you might find you have more in common with the devil than previously thought.

Materials available: Unedited manuscript

Ages: 15+ | Genre: Fantasy, Speculative fiction



Photo: Rovio Entertainment

**Matthew Laurence** is an internationally acclaimed author and game designer. Raised in Florida, Laurence now writes and makes games in Abu Dhabi. His passion for mythology led him to base his successful *Freya* trilogy around ancient gods. This time, he's focusing on the bad guys.

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A compulsively entertaining read.

**Kirkus, starred review**

Move over, Percy Jackson, there's a new girl in town.

**Booklist**

The writing is amazing, and the characters are epic!

**Pandora's books blog**

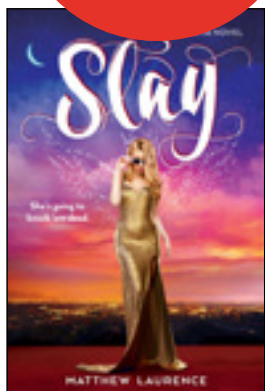
Freya retains her quirky appeal, offering an intriguing take on deity-human interactions.

**Kirkus Reviews on Book 2: *Slay***

Out in the US by Macmillan!



US covers



Korean cover

A YA American Gods meets Jessica Jones in Louboutin heels.



## Matthew Laurence **Freya**

**Following the demise of her life as the Norse goddess of love, Freya is a 21st century teen waiting to regain her deity status when she meets a mysterious man that shows her there are people who remember the gods—and they are not her friends.**

There's far more to Sara Vanadi than meets the eye. In her prime, she was Freya, the Norse goddess of love, beauty, war, and death—though that past hardly seems to matter now. For an ancient goddess in the 21st century, true believers—and the strength they bring—are painfully hard to find. But when a new, rising power threatens to remake the world by bending the divine to its will, Sara realizes her days of hiding have ended, and a chance to claw her way out of the history books has arrived. She'll just need new clothes and a manicure before she gets started.

Materials available:

Book 1: *Freya and The Myth Machine* (English edition)

Book 2: *Freya and The Idol Industry* (English edition)

Book 3: *Freya and The Last Light* (English manuscript)

Ages: 14+ | Genre: Fantasy, action | Rights sold: English worldwide, Korean, Polish worldwide

Young Adults



Photo: Rovio Entertainment

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What readers are saying at Amazon.de:

Wonderful writing with a particular kind of charm.

I have not read such a beautiful book in a long time!

Anyone who loves books will instantly feel at home with this book.

Word-of-mouth phenomenon in Germany, loved by readers and booksellers alike!

4,9 stars average on Amazon.de!

Also available!

### Lin Rina Animants World

An accompanying title to *Animant Crumb's Chronicle of Dust*, *Animant's World* is a collection of letters which refer to the events from the original novel! The book is a great fan experience for all readers who enjoyed the original story and its characters.



### Lin Rina Animant Crumb's Chronicle of Dust

An atmospheric tale set in a bookish corner of 19th century London, *Animant Crumb's Chronicle of Dust* paints a vivid picture of places that books and stories can take you in real life. A jewel of a book for anyone who has ever dreamed of having their own dusty old library.

In 1890, most girls would be content with what 19-year-old Animant Crumb has: a mother dedicated to dressing her up in beautiful clothes and finding her a wealthy husband. But Ani could not care less; her love of books and stories has taught her to dream bigger. Ani's mundane life takes a surprising turn when she receives an unusual offer to travel to London and work in a wonderful old library. There Ani meets the cantankerous librarian Thomas Reed, a strange but intriguing man who awakens feelings in Ani that she had thus far only known from books. However, it soon becomes apparent that several obstacles stand in the way of her own love story being a reality.

Walking in the footsteps of classic leading ladies like Jane Eyre or Emily of New Moon, the strong-willed and independent Animant Crumb is a character the reader instantly falls in love with. The dusty but romantic setting brings the story to life in a breathtaking way. The book was an instant success story in Germany, selling 10,000 copies in the first month after its publication!

Ages: 12+ | Genre: Historical romance | Materials available: English reading sample, German edition | Original publisher: Drachenmond Verlag | Original language: German | Rights sold: Spanish Worldwide, Czech, Slovak, Russian



60 000+ copies sold!

Young Adults

A romantic bestseller where *The Book Thief* meets *Jane Eyre*!



Lin Rina (b. 1987) is an author and tea lover who sometimes burns her food while lost in her imagination.



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Urban fantasy at its best  
[buecherleser.de](http://buecherleser.de)

**What readers are saying on GoodReads:**

A fantastic debut!  
Alexander Kopainski has created a fascinating world and memorable characters.

A wonderful, magical tale with a unique setting!

**A fascinating debut novel about time, immortality—and the ballet.**



Watch the  
book trailer!  
<https://kopainski.com/trailer/>

## Alexander Kopainski **Clockwork of the Immortals**

**A sophisticated urban fantasy, meticulously thought-out in every little detail with unique world-building and characters to fall in love with.**

Avery is 97 years old, but he looks 20. As with all immortals, his aging process has been forever frozen at the very moment when his watch stopped ticking. Today he works at Paris's opera house, leading a secluded and mundane life. All that reminds him of the supernatural world are the stationary hands on his pocket watch, always there to remind him of his magical powers. When a ballet dancer called Giulia reveals his true identity, and shortly thereafter an inexplicable murder upsets the human world, he joins her search to find the culprit. It seems that everything is linked to events that took place in Moscow in 1877. But despite his strength, the search for the killer carries insurmountable dangers that threaten to tear down the laws of magic and place the whole world in peril.

Ages: 12+ | Genre: Urban fantasy | Materials available: English reading sample, German edition | Original publisher: Drachenmond Verlag | Original language: German

Young Adults



**Alexander Kopainski** was born in 1996 near Saarbrücken, Germany. He is an avid reader of thrillers and fantasy books, and a renowned graphic designer. When he is not writing books or designing covers for them, he likes to cook and travel.

[instagram.com/kopains](https://www.instagram.com/kopains)

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A good book takes you in and causes you to lose track of time and reality. *The Huntress* was that kind of experience.

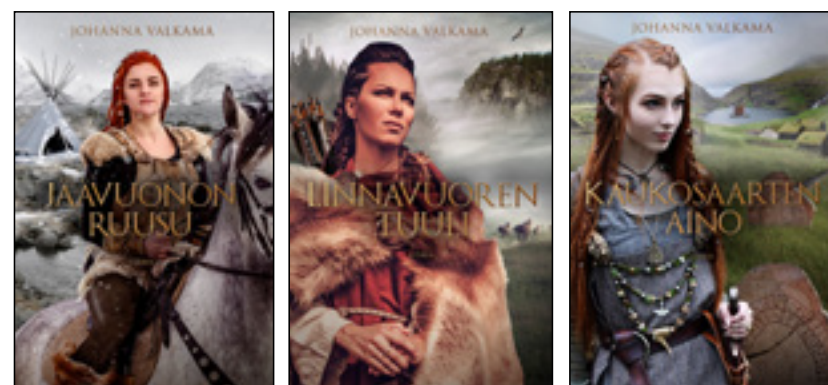
**Nelliina Blog on the *Kodin Kuvalehti* magazine site**

The women in Valkama’s books are such delicious characters; strong and versatile.

**The YA Diaries blog**

Just as romantic as I wanted it to be, without being frothy.

**Evaria’s Book Shelf blog**



Finnish covers



## Johanna Valkama **Iron Hearts**

**The rich, multilayered world surrounding a small Nordic village during the Iron Age is brought to life through Auri, a young woman who dreams of being the greatest healer ever known.**

Auri is a restless young woman who is not satisfied with traditional roles for women in her community. To realize her dream to become a great healer, she must face the prejudices of her small Nordic village, which forbids healers from marrying. Everything is put to the test when Auri starts to fall for Haakon, the young Viking warrior who mysteriously washed up on shore. Haakon claims he’s a peaceful merchant, but can he really be trusted? The impending Viking war casts Auri on a surprising path, as she becomes ready to take her destiny into her own hands.

Taking inspiration from actual Iron Age legends, *Iron Hearts* is an adventure trilogy with an exotic history, natural beliefs, myths, and mysteries.

Materials available:

Book 1: *The Rune Singer* (English reading sample, Finnish edition)

Book 2: *The Huntress* (English synopsis, Finnish edition)

Book 3: *The Wanderer* (Synopsis, Finnish edition)

Ages: 14+ | Genre: Romantic adventure, Historical | Original language: Finnish | Original publisher: Otava Publishing

Young Adults



Photo: Janica Lönn / STORMArts 2017

**Johanna Valkama** uses her knowledge of legends from the Iron Age to bring a mythical age back to life. Some of the characters in the saga are based on real figures from the Viking age. Valkama lives in Nokia, Finland.

**johannavalkama.com**

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*The Girl Without a Name* mixes current questions with imaginary fantasy to make a fascinating debut.

**Turun Sanomat newspaper**

Both magical and plausible; it's hard to wait for the follow-up in this interesting trilogy.

**Savon Sanomat newspaper**

A strong storyworld, this book has a special something to it that made me completely sink into its world. 5 stars.

**Oksan hyllyltä blog**

Perfect for fans  
of *Westworld*  
and *Game of Thrones*



## Erika Vik Twin Suns

**When Aleia, a mystical girl with no memories, shows up on Corildon's doorstep, they are thrown together to fight the unknown forces that are threatening to destroy their worlds.**

*In a divided world, weird forces are on the rise. The girl has to remember. The Selesian just wants to forget.*

One winter night, a mystical girl who has lost her memory arrives at the isolated home of Corildon. Corildon is a Selesian, part of a gifted but persecuted species. He knows that the powers of the world are shifting, but how can this girl, who calls herself Aleia, sense it too? Is she something more than human? And why has she come to seek Corildon? The unexpected meeting leads the two on an unforgettable journey in search of answers and justice.

A fascinating trilogy mixing fantasy, steampunk, and western elements while exploring contemporary themes like equality and fear of the unknown.

Materials available:

Book 1: *The Girl Without a Name* (English reading sample, Finnish edition)

Book 2: *The Seer of Selesia* (Synopsis, Finnish edition)

Book 3: *The Daughter of Nefr* (Synopsis, Finnish Edition)

Ages: 14+ | Genre: Fantasy, steampunk | Original publisher: Gummerus Publishers | Original language: Finnish

Young Adults



Photo: Liisa Valonen

With a background in illustration and graphic design, the Finnish author **Erika Vik** has created a rich visual world to support her novels online.

[www.selesia.com](http://www.selesia.com)

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**What readers are saying on  
Lovelybooks:**

Excitement and entertainment from page one! You will not be able to put it down.

Like a fairy tale, yet so real! The words cast a spell on me.

A must for any fantasy fan, 5 stars!

**Lovelybooks:  
Medalist for  
“Best Book of  
the Year 2016”  
in Germany**

**40,000  
copies sold!**



**Julia Adrian  
The Thirteenth Fairy**

**Forget everything you think you know about fairy tales. This romantic hit series builds on the world of the Brothers Grimm in an unexpected way.**

Restless and driven by an inner longing, the thirteenth fairy from *Sleeping Beauty* has been sleeping for a thousand years. Now, she is awake and ready for her revenge. As the fairy meets a mysterious witch hunter, they embark on a deadly hunt through magical lands.

Materials available:

Book 1: The Awakening (English reading sample, German edition)

Book 2: The Falling (German edition)

Book 3: The Decoration (German edition)

Ages: 14+ | Genre: Fantasy | Original publisher: Drachenmond Verlag | Original language: German | Rights sold: Russian

**Young Adults**

**For the fans of  
*Once Upon a Time***



**Julia Adrian** is a best-selling author who has been in love with words all her life. She's working on a spin-off series of *the Thirteenth Fairy*.

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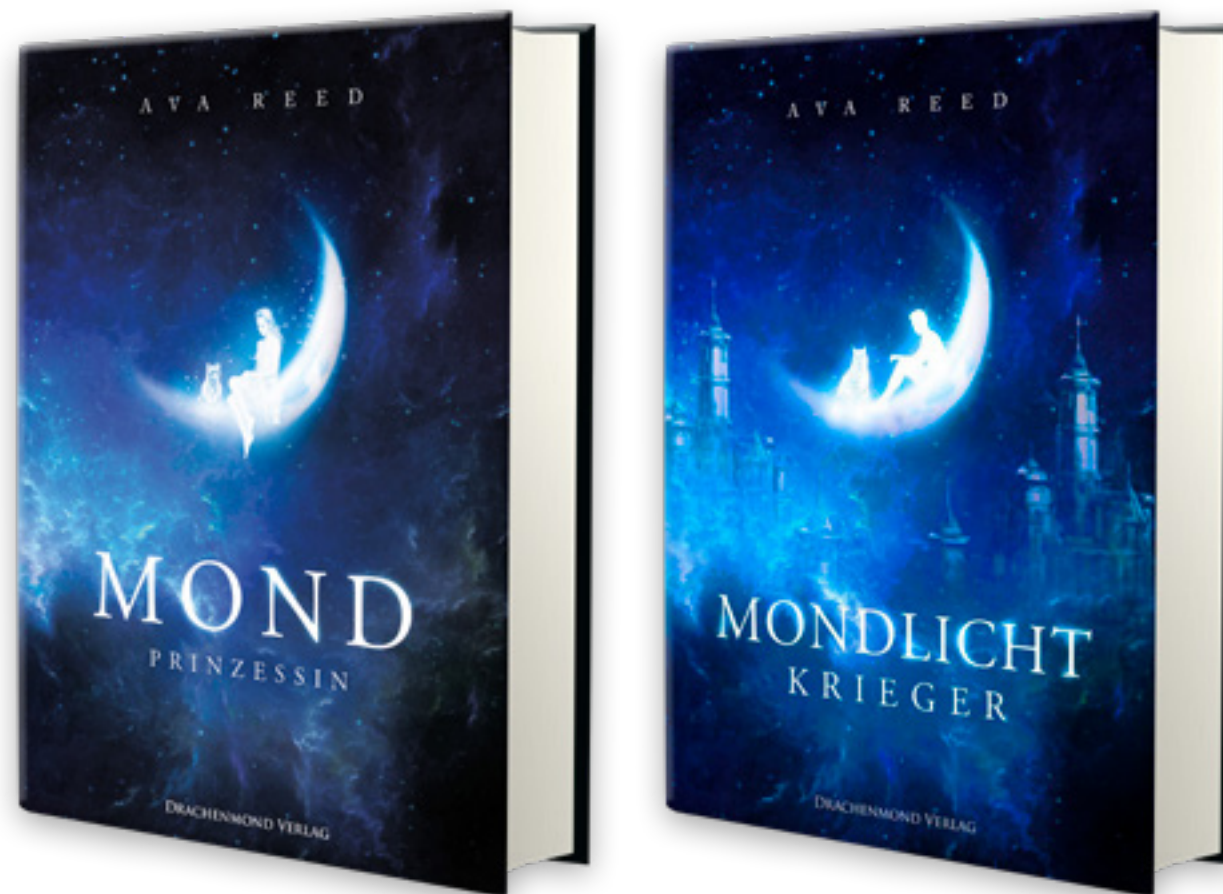
**What readers are saying at Amazon.de:**

Ava Reed's story is something that you just want to cling to.

I was spellbound! I would give it more than 5 stars if it were possible.

This captivating story reads like a beautiful dream.

**Winner of  
the Lovelybooks  
Readers' Choice Award:  
Best Fantasy & Sci-Fi  
Book of 2016!**



Ava Reed  
**The Moon Princess  
The Moonlight Warrior**

***The Moon Princess* and its exciting follow-up, *the Moonlight Warrior*, tell a gripping and romantic tale that imagines a mystical and fantastical kingdom on the Moon.**

Lynn is a young orphan desperate to leave behind the orphanage where she was raised. On her 17th birthday, Lynn notices a star emerge on her skin. Soon it's not just a star—her whole body shines a strange light. Answers come when The Guardians of the Moon arrive to escort her to her new life: Lynn is a princess with a grand destiny waiting for her on the surface of the Moon. But as Lynn falls desperately in love with one of the guardians, Yuri, she realizes that her path is already chosen for her. Lynn is destined to marry a prince, not Yuri.

Ages: 12+ | Genre: Romantic Fantasy | Materials available: English reading sample, German edition | Original publisher: Drachenmond Verlag | Original language: German | Rights sold: Polish

Young Adults



**Ava Reed** is the author of romantic fantasy books, including *Die Spiegel-Saga* and now *The Moon Princess*. She lives in Frankfurt, Germany.

[avareed.blogspot.com](http://avareed.blogspot.com)