



# Spring 2019 Catalog from Ferly

Middle Grade & Young Adults



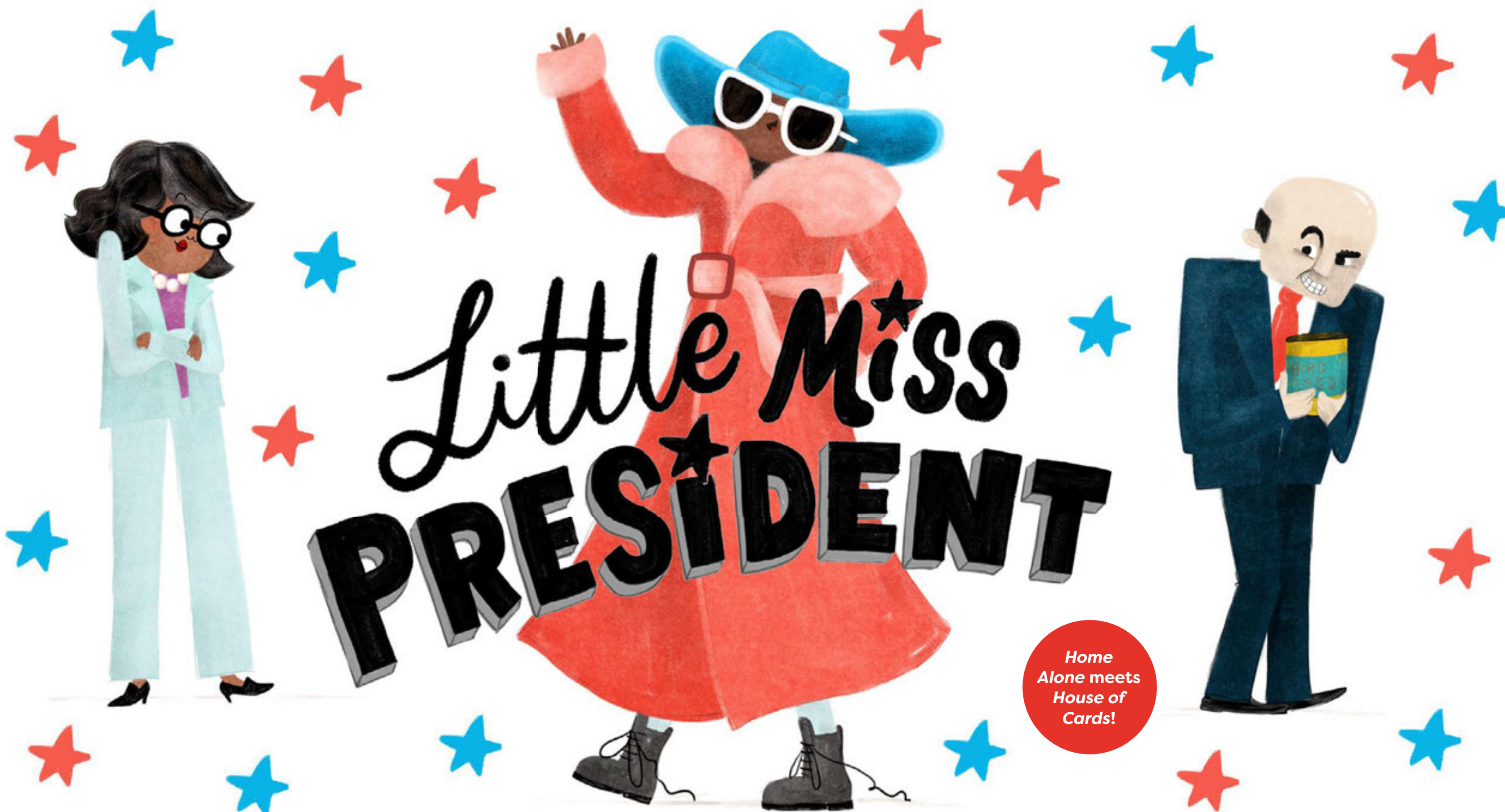
# Middle Grade

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

*Josephine Kline, Little Miss President*



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# Little Miss PRESIDENT

Home  
Alone meets  
House of  
Cards!



# Little Miss PRESIDENT

The perfect  
book for kids  
who want to  
dream big!



## 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?**

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 | Materials available: Full English manuscript

Who run  
the world?  
Girls!

Middle Grade



**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)

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 towards 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!

World English  
rights sold to  
Andrews McMeel  
Publishing

# THE GHOST NETWORK

The book cover for 'The Ghost Network' features a dark, atmospheric jungle scene. In the center, the silhouettes of four teenagers are visible against a bright, glowing light source. The teenagers include a boy on the left, a smaller child in the middle, a girl with pigtails in the foreground, and another boy on the right. The background is filled with dense green foliage and glowing yellow circuit board patterns that frame the title. The title 'THE GHOST NETWORK' is written in a large, white, blocky font with a slight glow.



**Out in  
the US this  
spring!**

## 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 whizz-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)

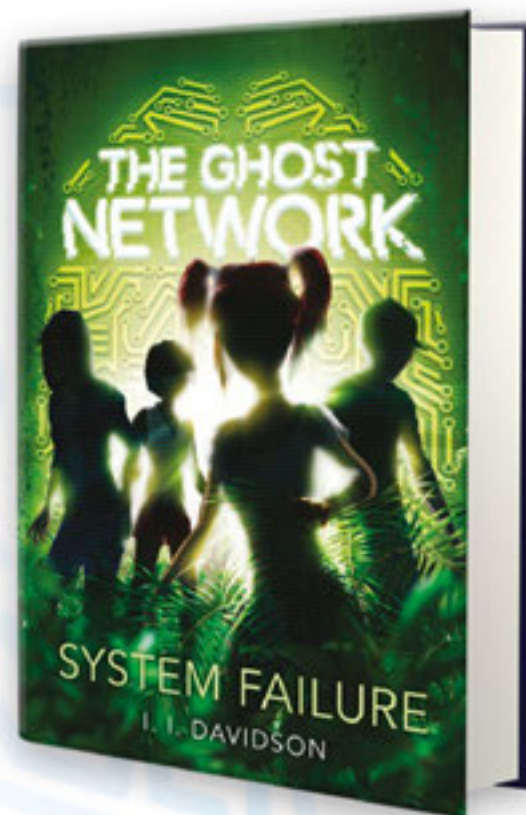
Ages: 10+ | Pages: ca. 250 | Genre: Sci-Fi Thriller,  
Adventure | Rights sold: English worldwide, Finnish



## 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. This Center is a bit different though – every pupil there has the same special implants and the competition is sky high.

As the day of reckoning approaches, it turns out that the gang will need every bit of help they can get from their extraordinary classmates if they are to wrestle back control.



## The Ghost Network 3 System Failure

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

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

**Middle Grade**

**Book trailer  
available!**

**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*.

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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.**



# 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 homw, the kids' awe quickly turns to sour when they realize that queens don't make the most cooperative pets.



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 *Versailles*, historical queens are all the rage right now. It's time to bring them into the modern world!



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 colours, patterns and textures into her work, and strives to come up with big, larger than life characters for children's books.

# THE MASCOTEERS

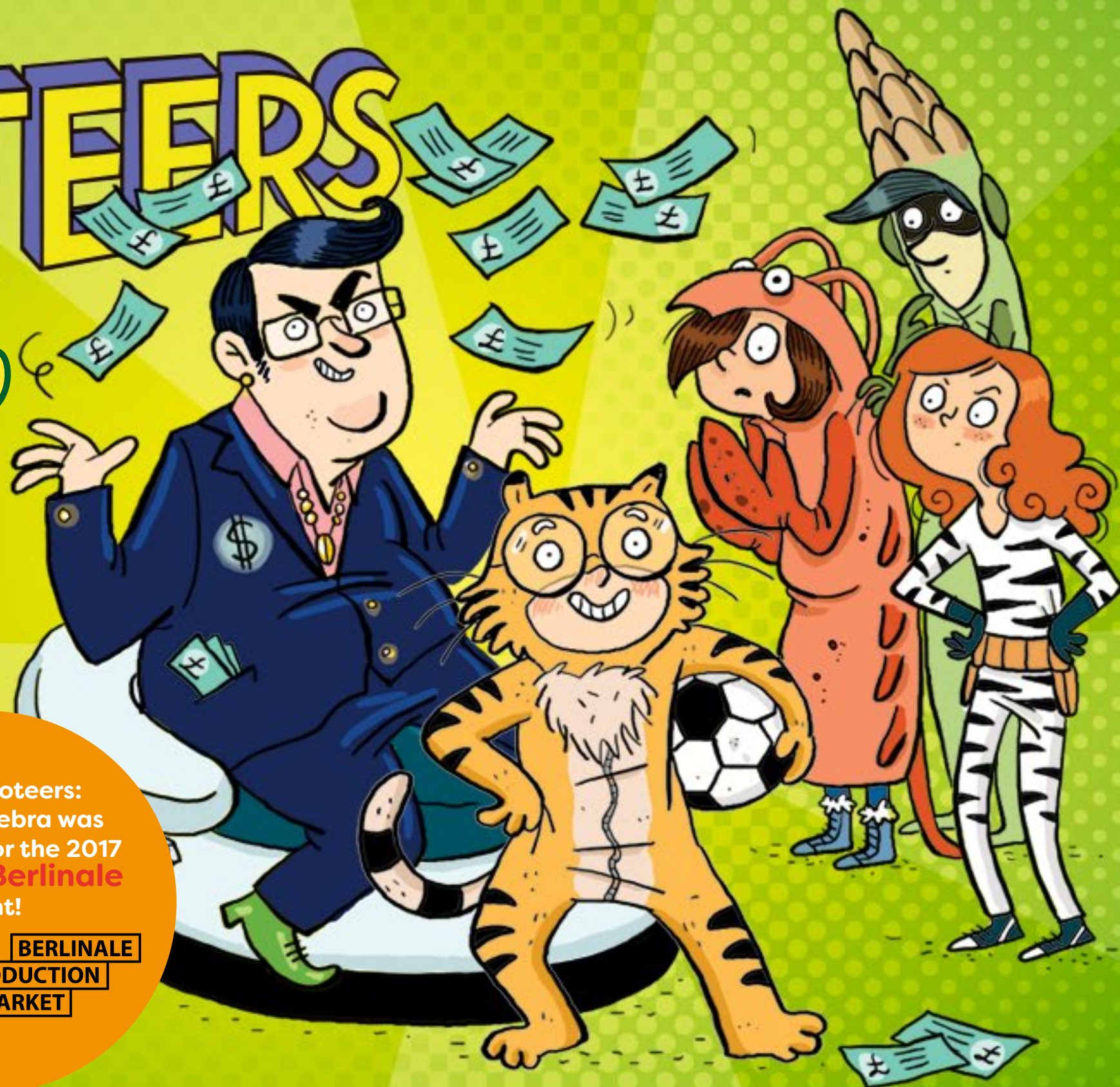
DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO  
BE A MASCOTEER?

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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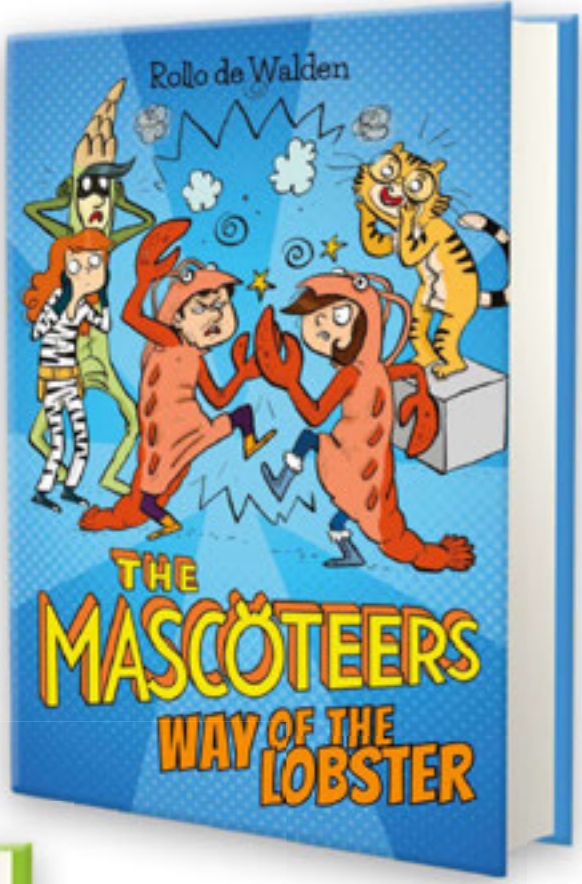




## The Mascoteers 1 Enter the Zebra

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.

Book 1: Enter the Zebra, English manuscript available  
Book 2: The Year of The Tiger, English manuscript available  
Book 3: The Way of the Lobster (2019)  
Ages: 8+ | Pages: ca. 200 | Colors: b/w | Rights sold: French worldwide | Genre: Comedy, superheroes



## The Mascoteers 3 Way of the Lobster

Lex Lobster's big bad brother is back in town and has decided he wants the lobster costume back for himself! But Lex isn't giving up without a fight – and nor are the other Mascoteers!

Books illustrated  
by **Joelle Dreidemy!**



French cover



## The Mascoteers 2 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?



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.

## Star Stable

**Star Stable** has taken the world of horse lovers by storm with its engaging and addictive online game that can be played in more than 130 countries. The players are invited onto the magical island of Jorvik. There, they are tasked with channeling the power of the Soul Riders in their eternal battle with Garnok and protecting Jorvik from those who want to destroy its light.

*Star Stable: Jorvik Calling* tells the story of Lisa, a teenage girl who is still 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 a local stables filled with wondrous horses. Lisa had sworn never to go near a horse after her mom's accident, 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.

*Jorvik Calling* is the first instalment in Star Stable, an epic fantasy trilogy bound to thrill all young equestrian fans – and those who like to follow along by foot!

Ages: 8+ | Genre: Horses, fantasy | Size: 130 x 210 | Pages: ca. 225 | Original language: Swedish | Original publisher: Bonnier Carlsen | Materials available: Full English translation (book 1), Swedish editions

**14 000 +  
copies sold in  
Sweden!**



**Over  
15 million  
registered users  
and 500 000 monthly  
active users, with  
extremely high  
engagement  
levels!**

**Middle Grade**

**Strong fan  
following on  
YouTube and social  
media. Ask about  
in-game marketing  
possibilities for your  
territories.**

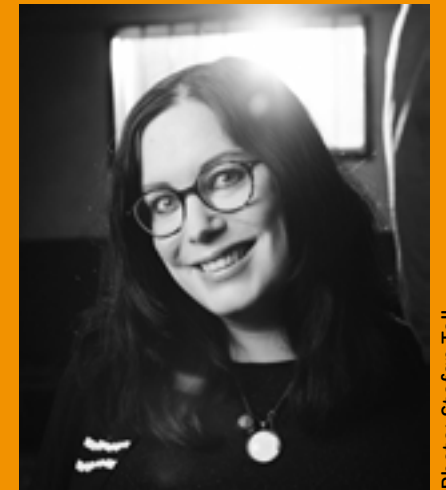


Photo: Stefan Tell

**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**

**Star  
Stable**

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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."  
**Aleksi Delikouras**

## Aleksi Delikouras DragonSlayer666

**Aleksi 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

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Photo: Lauri Nevanlinna

Finnish-Greek **Aleksi 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.



# Ferly

## Young Adults

“Clark Kent, Bruce Wayne and Peter Parker are too afraid to reveal their secret identities and they are *white guys*!”

*Brown Girl Gone Dead*

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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**



## 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 Moskito 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 an 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**

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Photo: Lauri Nevanlinna

Born in India, raised in the U.S. and living in Finland, **Mintie Das** has always led an international life. Das is the globally acclaimed author of *Storm Sisters* and *Brown Girl Gone Dead*.

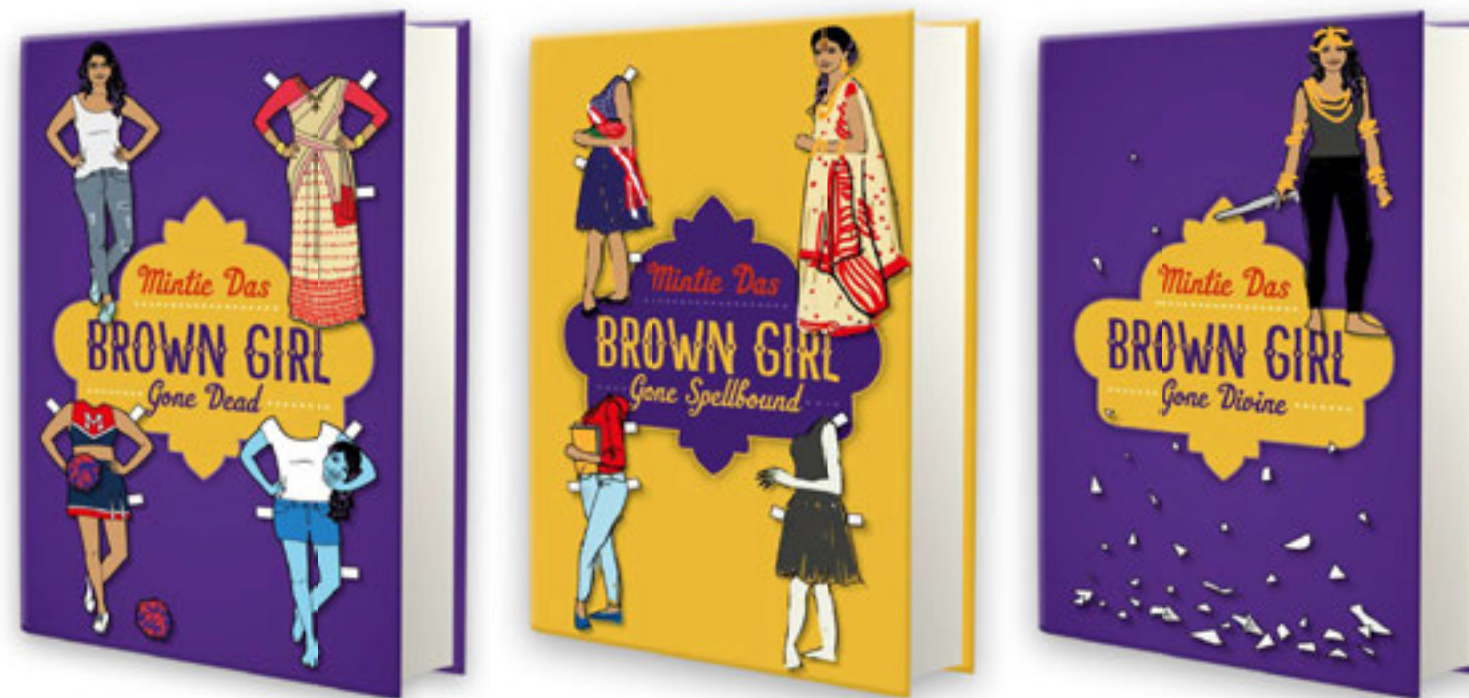
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Mintie’s novel puts me in the same place as *We Were Liars*. I think *Brown Girl* has the potential to build similar momentum. It’s an incredibly well written thriller. The fact that it’s a character of color I believe gives it a voice and originality that readers will appreciate. This is intelligence and entertainment!

**Kwame Alexander**

*Buffy the Vampire Slayer goes Bollywood*

World Rights sold to VERSIFY, an imprint launched by Kwame Alexander under HMH!



## Mintie Das **Brown Girl Gone Dead**

**A sixteen year old Indian-American girl is forced to fulfill her destiny as an Aiedeo, an ancient line of Indian queens, while struggling to survive high school and live a normal teenage life in her small Midwestern town.**

Indian American Violet Choudhury has spent most of her life trying to convince everyone that she’s the quintessential normal teen. Being the only brown girl in Meadowdale, Illinois hasn’t made that easy but it finally looks like all of Violet’s hustling has paid off when she lands a spot on the cheer squad. But then cheer captain, and ultimate mean girl, Naomi is murdered. When the Aiedeo, an ancient line of Indian queens, force her to help dead Naomi find her killer, Violet tries to escape the secret legacy that she’s been desperate to hide. As retribution, the Aiedeo use their mythological powers to turn Violet into a ghost, plunging her into a horrific battle of life and death.

*Brown Girl Gone Dead* is a fun, energetic story that explores inclusivity, identity and girl power through a sharp-witted, kickass heroine that resonates with audiences worldwide.

Materials available:

Book 1: *Brown Girl Gone Dead* (Full English manuscript)

Book 2: *Brown Girl Gone Spellbound* (Synopsis)

Book 3: *Brown Girl Gone Divine* (Synopsis)

Ages: 14+ | Genre: High school drama, fantasy, action | Rights Sold: World English, Finnish

**Young Adults**

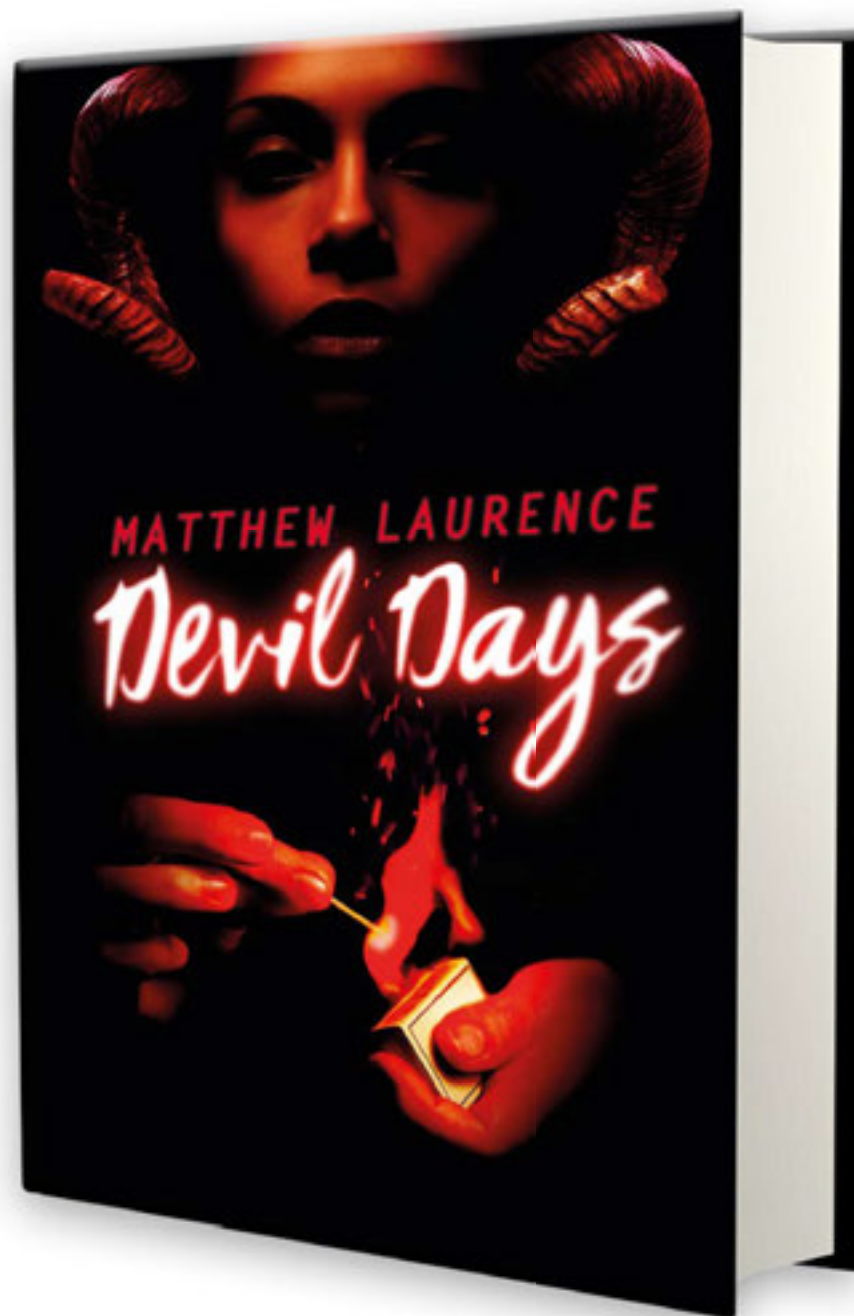
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Photo: Lauri Nevanlinna

Born in India and raised in the US, **Mintie Das** draws inspiration for the *Brown Girl* series from her own incredible life story. She has an international fanbase as the author of the *Storm Sisters* series.



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

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 cut are a clue. She is a member of American'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 to a government program in which devilkin are weaponized to fight against their own.

But when you are devilkin, life isn't so simple as just following a script. The world is a far darker place than even Lily realised, 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

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



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**

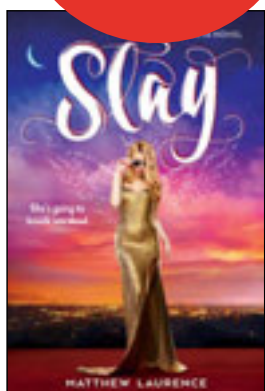
Freya retains her quirky appeal, offering an intriguing take on deity-human interactions.

**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

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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.

4,7 stars  
average on  
Amazon.de!

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

30 000+  
copies sold!

## 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



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



Watch the  
book trailer!  
[https://kopainski.  
com/trailer/](https://kopainski.com/trailer/)

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

## 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 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.**

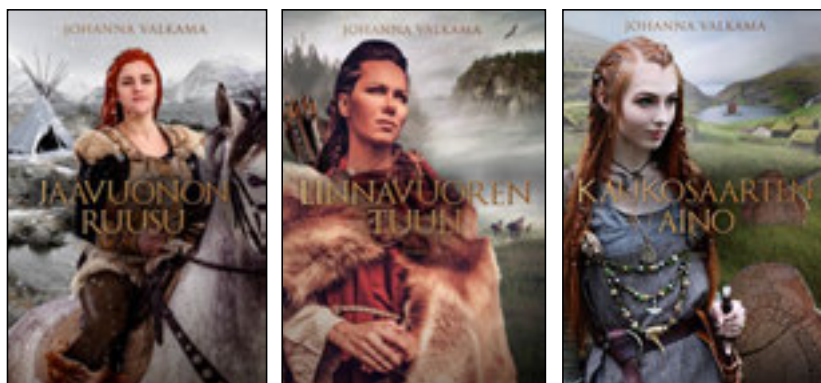
The women in Valkama's books are such delicious characters; strong and versatile.

**The YA Diaries Blog**

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

**Evania's Book Shelf Blog**

Marissa Meyer  
meets *Vikings*



Finnish covers



## Johanna Valkama Iron Hearts

**The rich, multi-layered 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



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**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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Pitkäkangas describes young adults masterfully. She paints a psychologically precise picture both of the way young people think and act, and the relationship between their dreams and reality.

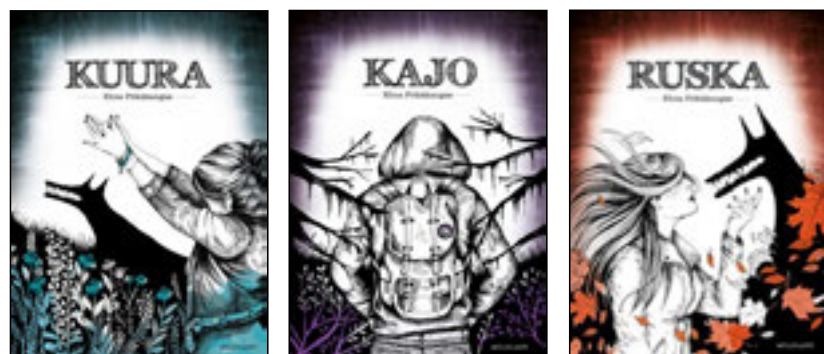
**Lumooja literary magazine**

A powerful story about the fear of losing and the immense power of love.

**Lukijan Roolissa Blog**

Any fantasy readers out there: if you haven't read *Frostbite* yet, fix that ASAP! Pitkäkangas has written a really original book.

**Kolmas kirja taskussa Blog**



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***Waging War* (Book 2) was recently chosen as the best YA novel of 2017 in Finland.**



## Elina Pitkäkangas **Surrounded**

**When her brother is severely injured, Inka is forced to breach the wall built to protect her small village from a deadly virus. Her actions shatter the village's established power structures as its inhabitants struggle to resist the strangers locked outside.**

A dark, but modern take on the classic werewolf tale where the greatest threat could be the beast within ourselves...

Best friends Inka and Aaron live in a close-knit village next to the deep woods. The village is surrounded by a wall built to protect its inhabitants from a dangerous virus. But are there still infected beasts that roam the outside or is it just folklore? When Inka's brother suffers a serious accident, she is forced to seek help from outside the wall. Her actions unveil the village's long buried secrets and introduce them to a strange but intriguing girl who is not all that she seems. As the power structures start to shatter, Inka and Aaron find themselves in an insecure world governed by fear. How can you follow orders and your heart at the same time?

Materials available:

Book 1 Frostbite (English reading sample, Finnish edition)

Book 2 Waging War (Synopsis, Finnish edition)

Book 3 The Hunting Season (Synopsis, Finnish edition)

Ages: 14+ | Genre: Fantasy | Original publisher: Myllylahti Publishing | Original language: Finnish

**Young Adults**



Photo: Kaisa Sandberg

**Elina Pitkäkangas** has thousands of fans that have followed her popular lifestyle blog to her debut as a novelist. Her *Surrounded* trilogy is highly celebrated for exploring contemporary global issues in a fresh voice that resonates deeply with its millennial audience.

**[elinapitkakangas.com](http://elinapitkakangas.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 hyllytä 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 a 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

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

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

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words cast a spell on me.

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## Julia Adrian **The Thirteenth Fairy**

**Forget everything you think you know about fairytales. 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

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**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*, which will be out in 2018.

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

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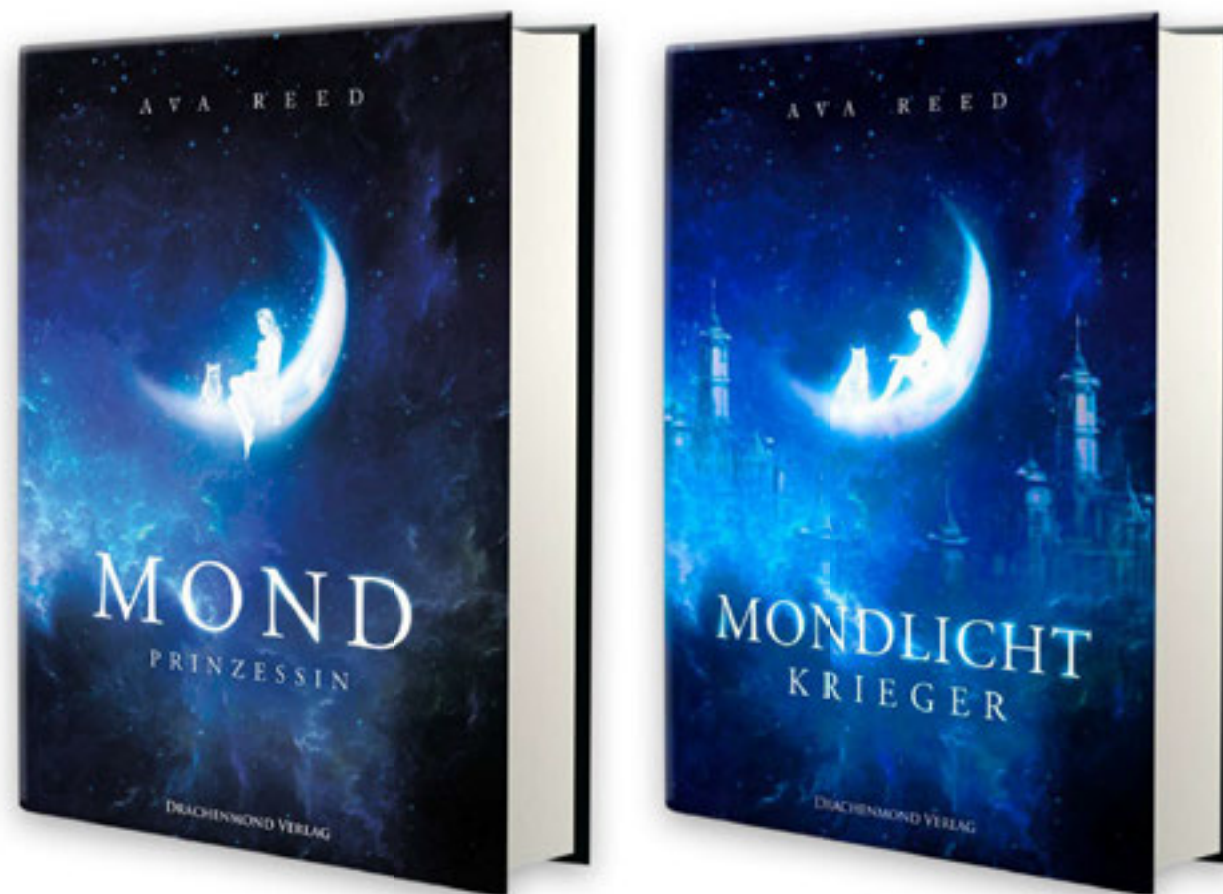
**What readers are saying at Amazon.de:**

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's 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**



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