

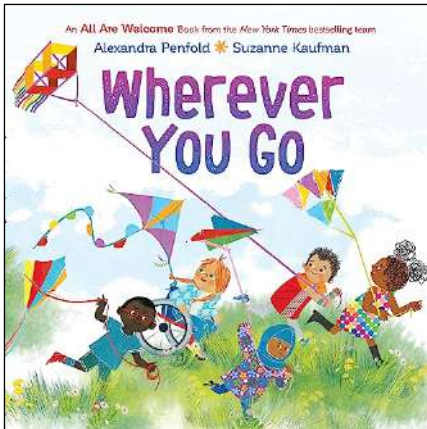


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April 2024**

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March 2024 • Picture book
Knopf/PRH (US)
HC ISBN 978-0-593-43001-9

The exuberant New York Times–bestselling franchise carries on with a celebration of love and growing up

WHEREVER YOU GO

Alexandra Penfold (*represented by Writers House*)
illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman (*represented by Upstart Crow*)

Carrying on the bestselling series, this lyrical picture book celebrates the kindness, inclusivity, and diversity that we sometimes take for granted in the communities around us. With vivid illustrations and a gently reassuring text, the story is perfect for young readers from all backgrounds.

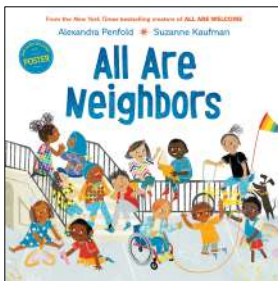
About *All Are Welcome*, the first entry in the series:

**Fifty-two weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list!
More than a million copies sold!**

★ “Penfold and Kaufman have outdone themselves in delivering a vital message in today’s political climate.”—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

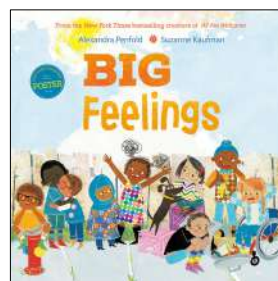
“A lively, timely picture book.”—*Booklist*

“A great read-aloud selection to start the year and revisit time and again.”—*School Library Journal*

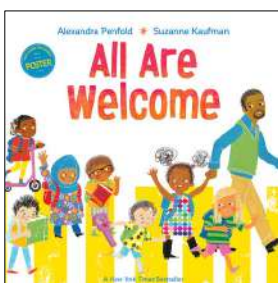


August 2022 • Picture book
Knopf/PRH (US)
HC ISBN 978-0-593-42998-3

**And now branching out
into board books
& easy readers!**



March 2021 • Picture book
Knopf/PRH (US)
HC ISBN 978-0-525-57974-8



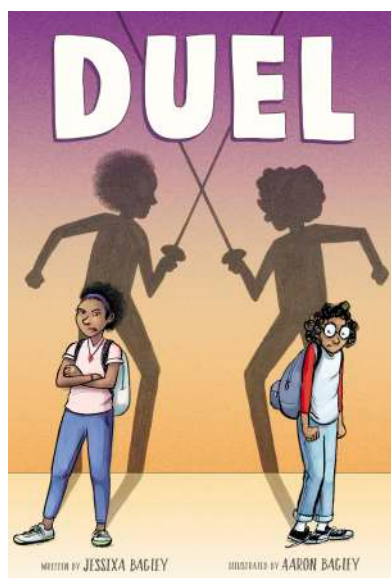
July 2018 • Picture book
Knopf/PRH (US)
HC ISBN 978-0-525-57964-9

Alexandra Penfold is the author of a half-dozen picture books. She lives in Brooklyn, New York, with her family. www.alexpenfoldbooks.com

Suzanne Kaufman has created art for many books, including several she’s written—most recently, *A Friend for Ghost*. She lives in Seattle.

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**Fall 2023**

Middle Grade fiction (8 and up)
Simon & Schuster Books FYR (WE)
HC 978-1534496552
PB 978-1534496545

Review materials: finished books

A rivalry between sisters culminates in a fencing duel in this funny debut graphic novel perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier

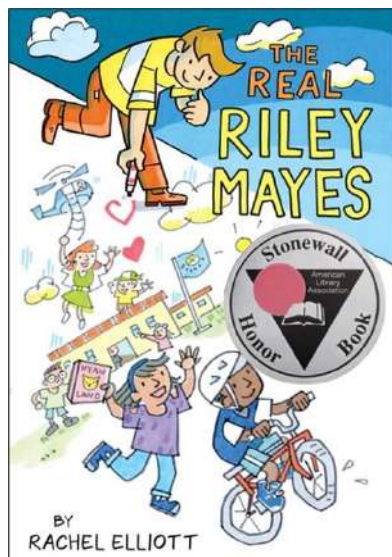
DUEL

Written by Jessixa Bagley, Illustrated by Aaron Bagley

- ★ "A down-to-earth and emotional family story."—*Horn Book* (starred review)
- ★ "Seamlessly blends sports drama with middle school angst ... [A] rich story of sisterly rivalry that's also an earnest love letter to fencing."—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)
- ★ "This heartening story ... is a natural pick for fans of Raina Telgemeier and Shannon Hale."—*Booklist* (starred review)
- ★ *Amazon Editors' Pick: Best Books Ages 9-12*

"I adore this book. Kids are going to love this story of sibling rivalry. *En garde!*"—Victoria Jameson, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Roller Girl*

Jessixa and Aaron Bagley are a married pair of artists who live in the Pacific Northwest. She is the award-winning writer-illustrator of many picture books, he is a well-published cartoonist, and together they are the creators of *Vincent Comes Home*. www.jessixa.com

**Summer 2022**

Middle Grade fiction (8 and up)
Balzer+Bray/Harper Collins (US)
HC 978-0-06-299575-9
PB 978-0-06-299574-2

Review materials: PDF, finished book

The Stonewall Award Honor Book about friendship, identity, and embracing all the parts of yourself that make you who you are

THE REAL RILEY MAYES

Rachel Elliott

Instructed to write letters to people they admire, Riley picks the one person who makes her happy: comedian Joy Powers. The assignment brings Riley new friends, but also trouble: mean girl Whitney spreads a rumor about Riley and her celebrity crush.

- *A New York Public Library Best Book of 2022*
- *Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection*
- *A Book Riot Best Comic 2022*
- *A Comics Journal Best Comic of 2022*

★ "An exploration of self-identity that is both LOL funny and touching.... [Riley] endears herself to readers with her budding self-awareness and undeniable moxie."—*The Horn Book* (starred review)

★ "[A] story of self-discovery that's messy and full of heart."—*Publishers Weekly*

Rachel Elliott lives in Lexington, KY. This is her debut. <https://rachelelliott.me>



[Cover of 2018 Gift Edition of Book 1]

MIRROR MAGIC (BLISS 9)
November 2020
 Middle-grade (10 and up)
 Fischer Verlag/Germany

A BLISSful finale for the capstone entry in the internationally bestselling series!

MIRROR MAGIC: A BLISS NOVEL (Book 9)

Kathryn Littlewood

Rosemary Bliss and her best friend Nevika thought they had completed their training to become Grand Master Bakers ... only there is one final apprenticeship, this time with a pair of powerful and magical twin sisters. As they attempt to pass the sisters' tests, Rose and Nevika also uncover a dastardly plot from the Conspiracy of Confectioners involving their old friend Lucy. In order to save her, Rose and Nevika must battle the Conspiracy—with the help of the entire Bliss family—one final time.



The first eight magical, madcap adventures of the Bliss family

BLISS (Book 1), A DASH OF MAGIC (Book 2), BITE-SIZED MAGIC (Book 3), MAGIC BY THE MOUTHFUL (Book 4), MAGIC IN THE MIX (Book 5), MAGIC BY THE MINUTE (Book 6), HOLIDAY MAGIC (Book 7), and THE MAGIC SCHOOL (Book 8) [Books 7 & 8 not shown]



★ "Hilarious... Readers will savor this... Fantastic fantastical fare."—*Kirkus (starred review)*

"Quite delicious and very funny"—*Wall Street Journal*

"[A] delicious and exciting book"—*The Washington Post*

BLISS
February 2012
 Middle-grade (10 and up)
 Harper Collins/NA
 HC 978-0062084231
 PB 978-0-06-208424-8

A DASH OF MAGIC
February 2013
 Middle-grade (10 and up)
 Harper Collins/NA
 HC 978-0062084293
 PB 978-0062084309

BITE-SIZED MAGIC
February 2014
 Middle-grade (10 and up)
 Harper Collins/NA
 HC 978-0062084262
 PB 978-0062084279

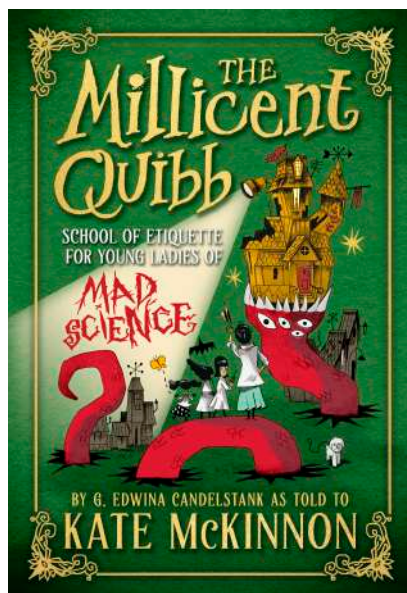


MAGIC BY THE MOUTHFUL
March 2023
 Middle-grade (10 and up)
 The Inkhouse/NA
 PB 978-1-7360875-0-3

MAGIC IN THE MIX
March 2023
 Middle-grade (10 and up)
 The Inkhouse/NA
 PB 978-1-7360875-2-7

MAGIC BY THE MINUTE
March 2023
 Middle-grade (10 and up)
 The Inkhouse/NA
 PB 978-1-7360875-4-1

Rights Information: Brazil (Moderna), China (Citic), Finland (Otava), France (Pocket Jeunesse), Germany (Fischer), Greece (Psychogios), Hungary (Konyvmolykepzo), Indonesia (Mizan), Italy (Mondadori), Netherlands (Van Holkema & Warendorf), Norway (Cappelen Damm), Poland (Egmont Polska), Portugal (Edições Gailivro), Spain (Ediciones B), Sweden (Alfabet), Taiwan (Omnibook), Turkey (Pegasus), UK (Harper), US+C (HarperCollins)



October 2024

Middle Grade fiction (8 and up)
Hachette (US)/Harper Collins (UK)
HC ISBN 978-0-316-55473-2

Review materials: PDF, galleys

A madcap new adventure about three sisters, a ravenous worm, and a mysterious mad scientist—from an Emmy-winning actor and comedian

THE MILLICENT QUIBB SCHOOL OF ETIQUETTE FOR YOUNG LADIES OF MAD SCIENCE

Kate McKinnon

Gertrue, Eugenia, and Dee-Dee Porch do not belong—not in the town of Antiquarium, nor with their adoptive family, and certainly not in Mrs. Wintermacher’s etiquette school. And then they are invited to join Millicent Quibb’s infamous academy for mad science, and they at last find their place. Soon the sisters are asked to save their town from an evil cabal of nefarious mad scientists, and to do so, they must learn to embrace what has always made them stand out—those very qualities that pegged them as outcasts and weirdoes are what’s needed to save the day.

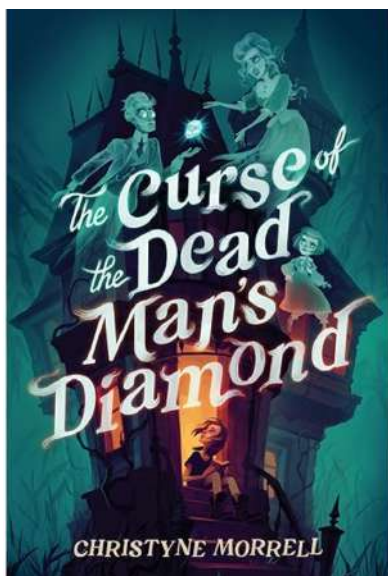
As hilarious as it is singularly original, *The Millicent Quibb School of Etiquette for Young Ladies of Mad Science* is only the first entry in a series of books for every weird kid (or weird adult!) who ever longed to find their place in the world.

Sold in a massive, multi-house auction

**Supported by a high six-figure marketing & publicity plan
Including: multi-city author tour, television and
online press, and unparalleled outreach to
influencers, gatekeepers, and readers**



Kate McKinnon is an award-winning performer and writer who is celebrated globally for her work in film and television. She recently played Weird Barbie in Greta Gerwig’s worldwide blockbuster *Barbie*. This is her debut novel.



September 2024

Middle Grade fiction (10 and up)

Delacorte/PRH

HC ISBN 978-0-593-70760-9

Review materials: PDF

Charlie's new home is haunted by three ghosts cursed for stealing a diamond. Finding it may solve Charlie's problems—or curse her, too.

THE CURSE OF DEAD MAN'S DIAMOND

Christyne Morrell

Twelve-year-old Charlie would do anything to get back home to New York City. Even if it involves ghosts. Winklevoss Manor, Charlie's new house, is a towering Victorian mansion famous for one thing—it's haunted. Three ghosts—Ada, Arthur, and Guff—are trapped there, cursed for stealing a dead man's diamond. A diamond that, just like the ghosts, is still in the house.... If Charlie can find the diamond and sell it, she'd have enough money to move back to the city. But lifting the curse isn't that simple; and worse, it's dangerous: If she's not careful, Charlie could end up just as cursed as Ada, Arthur, and Guff.

Praise for Christyne Morrell's *Trex*

"Delivers on its engaging *Stranger Things*—meets-superheroes hook."—*School Library Journal*

"Kidnappings, brutal attempted murders, last-tick rescues, and shocks both literal and [figurative] Definitely buzzworthy."—*Kirkus Reviews*

Christyne Morrell is the author of *Trex* and *Kingdom of Secrets*. When she's not writing for kids, Christyne is a corporate attorney. christynewrites.com



April 2025

Middle grade fiction (8 and up)

Candlewick Press

HC ISBN 978-1-5362-3778-8

Review materials: manuscript

A stunning debut set in 1850s Lancashire, England, explores class, belonging, and the courage it takes to find your place in the world

THE PEACH THIEF

Linda Joan Smith

The night that workhouse orphan Scilla Brown dares to climb the Earl of Havermore's garden wall, she wants only to steal a peach—the best thing she's ever tasted in her hard, hungry life. But when she's caught by the Earl's head gardener and mistaken for a boy, she grabs onto something more: a temporary job scrubbing flowerpots. If she can just keep up her disguise, she'll have a soft bed and food beyond her wildest dreams

But as the seasons unfurl, her loyalties start to conflict, and her secret grows harder to keep. How far will she go, to have a home at last?

Linda Joan Smith is a former magazine editor, the author of several garden books, and a lifelong lover of libraries and children's literature. *The Peach Thief* is her first novel.



July 2024

Middle Grade Fiction (8 and up)

Putnam/PRH (NA)

HC ISBN 978-0-593-69654-5

Review materials: PDF, bound galley

Jurassic Park meets Harry Potter when an expedition at a magical creature preserve goes horribly wrong

MAJESTICA

Sarah Tolcser

Hattie is thrilled to be invited along on Majestica's famous wilderness excursion ... until she meets the rest of the party: Evelyn, the preserve owner's haughty niece; Jacob, an apprentice mage on a top-secret mission; a strange man who plans to hunt the magical creatures for sport; and other sinister characters with goals of their own.

None of which would matter were it not for the magical fences breaking down, allowing the creatures to come after the humans. Dodging poachers, man-eating trees, and a dragon on the loose, Hattie, Evelyn, and Jacob must figure out what's gone wrong at Majestica ... if they have any hope of making it out alive.

"An edge-of-your-seat fantastical tale filled with danger, secrets, and the most amazing creatures. Enjoy the ride . . . if you dare." —Lisa McMann, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Unwanteds*

Sarah Tolcser is the author of *Song of the Current* and *Whisper of the Tide*. She can be found in New Orleans and at www.sarahtolcser.com.

NEW TITLE



September 2024

YA fiction (14 and up)

Rocky Pond/PRH (US)

HC ISBN 978-0-593-61620-8

Review materials: manuscript

A tragic, bloody love story set during the "Starving Time" in Colonial America, when some would do anything to survive.

TO THE BONE

Alena Bruzas

It's 1609, and Ellis has recently arrived from England with Henry Collins and his wife, who she serves as their indentured servant. To orphaned Ellis, the new world is a fresh start awash in promise. She is filled with hope for her future.

Foolishly hopeful, for soon she comes to understand the horrible realities of her new home: the crimes that her fellow settlers have committed against the indigenous people; the cruelty of her employer, both to her and to his pregnant wife; and the terrible shortage of food they all face as winter draws near. People will do anything to survive, but will Ellis?

Gripping, shocking, and exquisitely told, this story is all the more terrifying because it is rooted in historical accounts.

Alena Bruzas is the author of the acclaimed debut novel *Ever Since*. lives in Lincoln, Nebraska.

NEW TITLE



The worldwide bestsellers—now a television series from Silver Reel Productions (UK) and Globoplay (Brazil). Release schedule TK.

FALLEN

The spellbinding sequence of FALLEN novels, in which angels and demons battle over the fate of the earth—and one girl's heart—has just completed production of an eight-episode first season. Distribution details to follow.



The internationally bestselling series

FALLEN, TORMENT, PASSION, RAPTURE, FALLEN IN LOVE & UNFORGIVEN

FALLEN (Book 1) December 2009

Hardcover 978-0385738934
Paperback 978-0385739139

PASSION (Book 3) June 2011

Hardcover 978-0385739160
Paperback 978-0385739177

RAPTURE (Book 4) June 2012

Random House/Delacorte (US)
Hardcover 978-0385739184
Paperback 978-0385739191

TORMENT (Book 2) September 2010

Hardcover 978-0385739146
Paperback 978-0385739153

FALLEN IN LOVE (Book 3.5) January 2012

Hardcover 978-0385742610
Paperback 978-0385742627

UNFORGIVEN (Book 5) Fall 2015

Teen fiction (12 and up)
Random House/Delacorte (US)
Hardcover ISBN tk

Rights Information: Brazil (Editora Record), Bulgaria (Intense/Locus Books), Catalan language (Grup Editorial 62, China (Citic), Croatia (Zansje), Czech Republic (Euromedia), Denmark (Tellerup), Estonia (Pegasus), Film/Television (Mayhem Pictures/Inferno), Finland (WSOY), France (Bayard), Germany (Bertelsmann), Greece (Psichogios Publications), Hungary (Könyvmoly), Indonesia (PT Gramedia Pustaka Utama), Israel (Hakibbutz Hameuhad), Italy (Rizzoli), Japan (Softbank), Korea (Random House Korea), Latvia (Zvaigzne ABC), Lithuania (Media Incognito), Macedonia (Prosvetno Delo), Netherlands/Dutch language (Van Goor), Poland (MAG), Portugal (Planeta), Romania (Editura Litera), Russia (Eksmo), Serbia (Evro-Giunti), Slovak Republic (IKAR), Slovenia (Zalozba Alicia), Spain (RH/Mondadori), Taiwan (Sun Color Culture), Thailand (Post), Turkey (Epsilon), UK Audio (RHUK), US Audio (Listening Library), UK (RHUK (Doubleday), Vietnam (Tan Viet)

**Summer 2025**

Young Adult Fiction (12 and up)
Delacorte/PRH (US)
HC ISBN 978-tk

Review materials: *partial manuscript*

In the vein of The Book Thief comes a breathtaking magic-realist portrait of the WWII internment of Japanese Americans

THE GODS WILL SING OUR SONG

Autumn Krause

After the 1941 Pearl Harbor attack, Ren and Violet's families are forced to relocate to government internment camps. They leave almost everything—but Ren secretly carries a pendant, and Violet a figurine. In camp, a mysterious stranger approaches, very interested in their talismanic objects. Eventually, this man reveals that he is a god, and he will grant them each a favor, but only in return for their talismans—the sole pieces of family history they have left. But what favor is big enough to heal Violet and Ren—and everyone in the camps—from a world that has betrayed them simply for being Japanese?

Sold for six figures in a heated auction, *Gods* is drawn from Autumn's own family history—but transformed into something singular and new.

Praise for Autumn Krause's *Before the Devil Knows You're Here*

- an Amazon Best YA Book of 2023 • a *Kirkus* Best YA Book of 2023
- ★ "Krause pulls no punches."—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)
- ★ "Highly imaginative and powerfully affecting."—*Kirkus* (starred review)
- ★ "Dark, lush, original."—*Shelf Awareness*

Autumn Krause is the author of *A Dress for the Wicked* and *Before the Devil Knows You're Here*.

**July 2024**

Young adult fiction (12 and up)
Knopf/PRH (US)
HC ISBN 978-0-593-47995-7

Review materials: *finished book, PDF*

Punk rock meets Orwell's 1984 in this story of a group of theater kids who take on a political regime

RIOT ACT

Sarah Lariviere

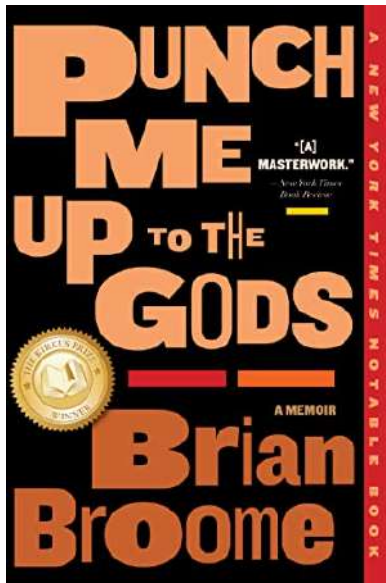
In an alternate 1991, the authoritarian US government keeps tabs on everybody and everything. It censors which books can be read, what music can be listened to, and which plays can be performed.

When her best friend is killed by the authorities and her theater teacher disappears without a trace, Gigi decides to organize her fellow Champaign High School thespians to put on a production of *Henry VI*. But at what cost?

Praise for Sarah Lariviere's *Time Travel for Love and Profit*

- a *Kirkus* Ten Outstanding Titles for Teens
- "[For] fans of Scott Westerfeld's YA sci-fi and the whimsy of Dr. Who"—*SLJ*
- "Reminiscent of *A Wrinkle in Time*... A heartwarming story of hacking high school through math."—*Kirkus*

Sarah Lariviere is the author of *Time Travel for Love and Profit* and Edgar-Award–finalist *The Bad Kid*.



Spring 2021

Nonfiction (adult)

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

HC ISBN 978-0-358-43910-3

PB ISBN 978-0-358-69525-7

Materials available: PDF, finished books

Winner of the Kirkus Prize—the gut-punchingly funny debut

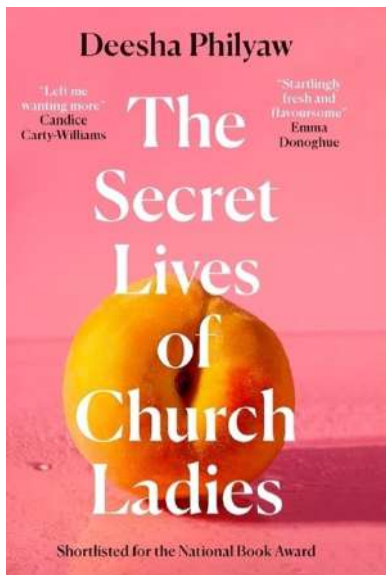
PUNCH ME UP TO THE GODS

Brian Broome

In prose that at once thrilling, devastating, and uproariously funny, *PUNCH ME UP TO THE GODS* explores both blackness and gayness by taking readers into the most intimate parts of Broome's life, from encountering entrenched racism during a grade school spelling bee to his first experience in a gay bathhouse, to trying to live up to a white gay man's sexual sports fantasy. The essays in *PUNCH ME UP TO THE GODS* are playful and poignant, awkward and wholly original. They brim with both swagger and sensitivity, adding a bright new voice to the increasing chorus of ongoing cultural conversation that is redefining what it means to be a Black, gay man in America.

Brian Broome is a K. Leroy Irvis Fellow and instructor in the Writing Program at the University of Pittsburgh. His work is regularly featured in the Washington Post, the Guardian, Medium, and elsewhere.

AWARD WINNER



Fall 2020

Fiction (adult)

UWVPress (US)

ISBN: 978-1-949199-73-4

Materials available: PDF, finished books

The Award-winning collection—soon to be a series on HBO Max!

THE SECRET LIVES OF CHURCH LADIES

Deesha Philyaw

In this widely heralded debut, Deesha Philyaw uses stories from four generations of women to explore the raw and secret places in which Black women and girls dare to follow their desires while also trying to be the “good girls” their family tell them they ought to be, and how they ultimately end up as free as they *deserve* to be.

WINNER: 2021 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction

WINNER: 2020 LA Times Book Prize Award for First Fiction

WINNER: 2020/2021 Story Prize for debut collection

FINALIST: 2020 National Book Award for Fiction

A Kirkus Best Book of 2020

Deesha Philyaw is a writer living in Mississippi whose work as appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and many other publications.

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