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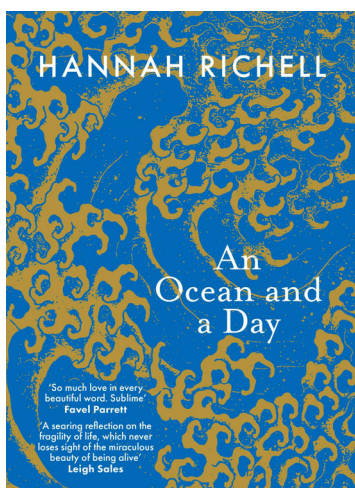
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NON-FICTION



An Ocean and a Day Hannah Richell

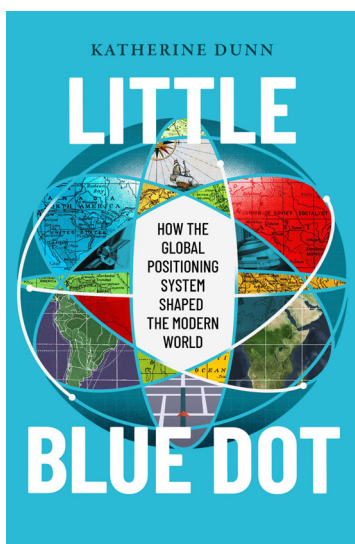
An utterly riveting, moving and poignant memoir of grief and loss that will speak to anyone who's ever lost someone they love.

In 2014, author Hannah Richell was living a happy and fulfilled life in Sydney. Married, with two young children, she was in the middle of writing her new novel when the police knocked at her door to tell her that her husband, Matt, had been killed in a surfing accident at Tamarama beach. *An Ocean and a Day* is the riveting, intimate and poignant story of the journey she travelled over the first two years of loss, but it is also, more uniquely, an account of what happens beyond those early years, when time and distance offer perspective and hope.

Life-affirming and illuminating, *An Ocean and a Day* is a book about love and loss, marriage and mothering, healing and hope, and how we face the hardest days of our lives. It is a book that will make you draw your loved ones close, and maybe even leave you a little transformed.

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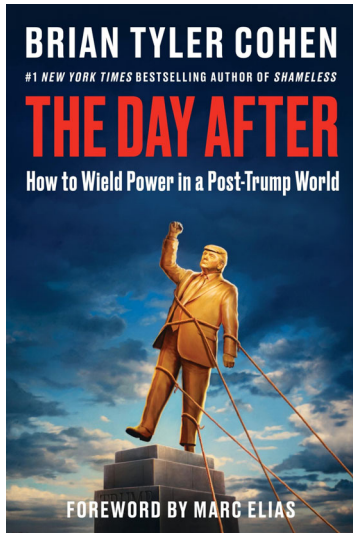
Little Blue Dot Katherine Dunn

In this thrilling and utterly unique work of narrative non-fiction, Katherine Dunn explores the acute vulnerability of the GPS satellite system – in a book that lifts the lid on the invisible connections of the globe, from the space race to the phone in our pockets.

With echoes of *Kleptopia*, *The Fifth Risk* and *Prisoners of Geography*, as well as echoes of *Islands of Abandonment* by Cal Flynn and *Entangled Life* by Merlion Sheldrake in the way it exposes a hidden, esoteric system that we all rely on – this is a book that lifts the lid on the invisible connections of the globe, from the space race to the phone in our pockets.

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RRP: \$39.99



The Day After: How to Wield Power in a Post-Trump World
Brian Tyler Cohen

From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Shameless*, Brian Tyler Cohen explores how Republicans have abused power, how Democrats have refused to exercise power when they held it, and how progressives should wield power if they are fortunate enough to win a free and fair election in a post-Trump world.

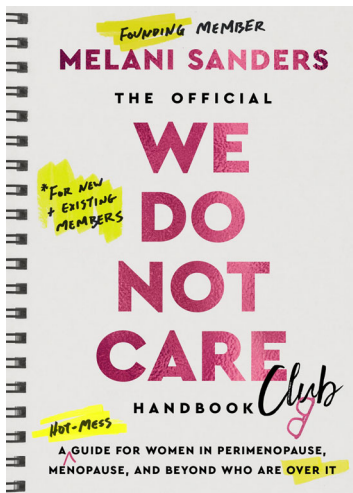
This book is a wake-up call about the decades-long project that led to Trump's America.

It's the playbook for progressives who want to do far more than restore the status quo.

This is how we build a stronger country, with hope and opportunity for all — before our democracy slides into a distant memory.

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The Official We Do Not Care Club Handbook
Melani Sanders

Welcome to the We Do Not Care Club: where the bras are optional, the chin hairs are thriving, and the menopause meltdown is mutual.

Do you wake up with night sweats at 3:26 am, overstimulated, furious at anything breathing (including yourself), wondering how you're going to get through the next day without losing it at your kids/partner/co-workers?

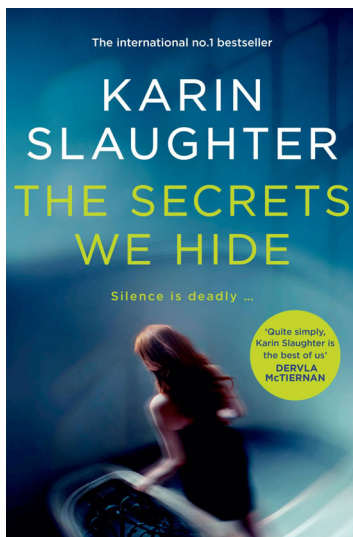
If you wish everyone would leave you alone, no longer care about bras that fit, clothes with buttons (elastic forever, baby), or cellulite anywhere then **welcome to the We Do Not Care (WDNC) Club**. You're now a card-carrying member with an exclusive invite to the biggest hormonal party in town.

This Club is for anyone in perimenopause and menopause who are *over it*.

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FICTION



The Secrets We Hide
Karin Slaughter

Welcome back to North Falls - a small town with big secrets. From the #1 bestselling author Karin Slaughter.

The house at 1601 Iris Drive looks like any other in the quiet, residential street. But rumours are rife about the Vickery family, and what goes on behind closed doors.

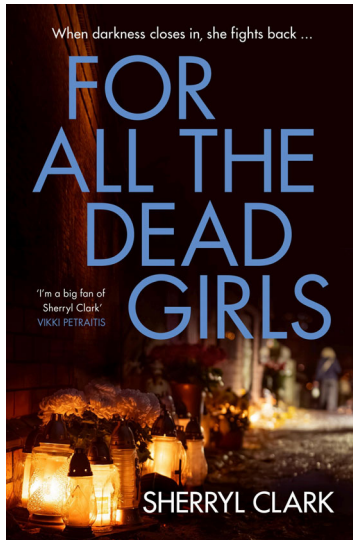
Then one afternoon gunshots ring out. Allison Vickery is found murdered in her own kitchen, her teenage daughter bleeding and left for dead.

Everyone thinks they know what happened. But they're wrong. The truth is more shocking than anyone could ever have imagined.

Secrets are everywhere in this small town. And it's up to Detective Emmy Clifton to uncover the truth...

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For All the Dead Girls
Sherryl Clark

Tough and gutsy PI Lou Alcott returns with a terrifyingly gritty new case that takes her deep into the dark web.

Sherryl Clark is a Kiwi crime writer currently living in Whangarei.

While juggling a missing person case with unexpected ties close to home and saving an innocent woman and her child from a dangerous domestic situation, Lou ends up in the line of fire of a mysterious dark-web hate group, known only as SYB.

As Melbourne simmers through a relentless heatwave, the murders of more women are connected to SYB and Lou becomes the number one target of their vicious campaign of incited violence. #GetLou #killthebitch

Lou lurches between a fire-bombed safe house, car chases and stalkers, as her private investigation firm races against time to uncover the core of the group and work out just how far their tentacles stretch...

Dark, gritty and utterly compelling, FOR ALL THE DEAD GIRLS is Sherryl Clark at her riveting, nail-biting best and delivers a chilling warning that will stay with you long after you've turned the final page.

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Billie King
Shannon Kelly-White

A blisteringly fast, fresh, funny and hugely entertaining novel of mothers, daughters and one gutsy wild colonial girl who gets caught up in Australia's last female bushranger's quest for revenge.

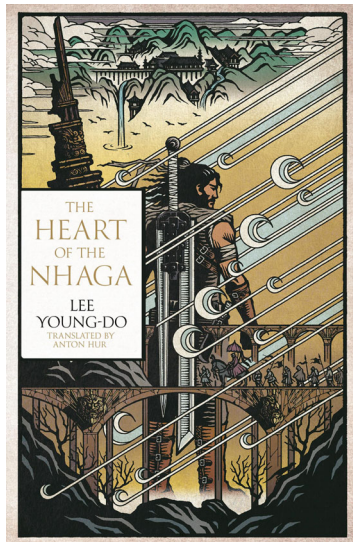
Think Leah Purcell's *The Drover's Wife* meets Trent Dalton.

1918: Australia's last bushranger, Dulcie James, holds up Anna King's falling-down farmhouse. There's a scrawny unloved infant on the floor, Anna seems more furious than frightened, and it's the bushranger who's left shaken. And the next day, Anna disappears.

Twelve years later, Anna's daughter, Billie King, is a girl ready to explode. With a missing mother, the rent in arrears and her alcoholic father's gambling debts to cover, she has no time for school. But when child services threaten to remove Billie from her father, she must decide between continuing her search for her missing mother and keeping what's left of her family together. If she fails to hold onto her father, she'll be taken away and placed in a children's home, but if she doesn't find her missing mother, who will?

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The Heart of the Nhaga Lee Young-Do

Discover the bestselling epic fantasy series from the grandmaster of Korean SFF, available for the first time in English by award-winning translator Anton Hur. A can't-miss for readers of the great classics and giants of fantasy, from J.R.R. Tolkien to Ursula K. Le Guin

The world is divided by the Line of Limit. To the north are the Tokkebi people able to manipulate flames as both weapons and illusions; Rekon – giant birdmen with immense strength and warrior acumen; and the humans – as divided as the other races are unified. To the south are the Nhaga – a reptilian people who relinquish their hearts for immortality. For centuries, the races didn't cross that line, but change is in the air.

A Nhaga is being sent North... and a trio is being dispatched to make sure this agent from the South makes it out alive – one from each race.

But the illusion of a simple journey is quickly dispelled by the fact that the Tokkebi is merely a scholar, not an adventurer; the Rekon is deathly afraid of water; and the human hunts and eats Nhaga. And when the Nhaga they're supposed to be escorting out of the Kiboren forest is murdered, the one sent in his place turns out to very much have a heart – meaning he's quite vulnerable to the dangerous exodus.

The four must quickly forge an alliance and shed the distrust and prejudice that plagues them if they are to survive. And just as crucial, they must figure out what this mission is *actually* about, because unbeknownst to them, the very fate of the world might rest on this one Nhaga making it to the North intact.

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Release date: 30/06/2026
Publisher: Voyager
RRP: \$37.99



The Kingpin A.A. Dhand

Two brothers. One empire. A city ready to fall.

'We can do what no one's ever done before. We can become gods in a game built for the devil.'

Idris Khan is no longer the man he used to be. How can he be? Murder changes people – and it has changed him. Once a respected pharmacist, Idris now walks a fine line between survival and destruction. He craves something normal in a world gone to hell – but then Zidane, his estranged brother, walks through the door.

Freshly released from prison, Zidane's presence is radioactive. Truths are laid bare. New alliances are formed. And Zidane has an offer for Idris that could blow his whole world apart: he wants them to take over the entire drug trafficking network in Leeds and Bradford, and rule together.

Now, Idris has a choice to make. Leave Leeds forever, or become the very thing he's always feared ... **The Kingpin.**

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Release date: 14/07/2026
Publisher: HQ Fiction UK
RRP: \$34.99



The Seoul Letter Shop
Baek Seungyeon

A touching testament to the power of letter writing and connecting with strangers, for fans of *Days at the Morisaki Bookshop* and *What You're Looking For is in the Library*.

Hyoyoung feels trapped in her small hometown after her dreams of becoming a filmmaker have been dashed, and so when a friend asks her to come and work at his boutique letter shop in Seoul's Yeonhuidong district, she jumps at the chance.

The shop is stocked with irresistible pens, papers and envelopes, and Hyoyoung is soon beguiled by its charms. She is particularly intrigued by the shop's pen pal service, where customers can pick up an anonymous letter to read, as long as they agree to write an anonymous letter in return.

Hyoyoung observes the shop's customers secret correspondence with each other, as they express their deepest fears and most ardent desires to people they've never met. Each of the customers has their own story to tell, and as her connection with them deepens, it's not long before Hyoyoung discovers the healing, transformative power of the handwritten letter herself...

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Release date: 14/07/2026
Publisher: 4th Estate
RRP: \$36.99



To Flame a Wild Flower
Sarah A. Parker

The third book in a darkly romantic Rapunzel reimagining from the number one Sunday Times bestselling New Zealand author of *WHEN THE MOON HATCHED*.

I've tumbled into a darkness so deep it's hard to see the light, my petals curling inward as I tip my face from the sun. Hide from my monstrous actions.

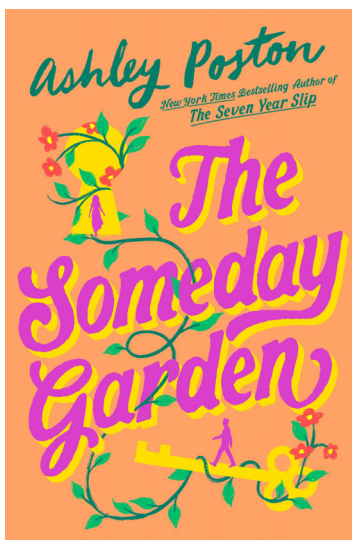
My mistakes hunt me down, and I'm pulled into a political tug-of-war, balancing Ocruth's welfare on the edge of a bloody blade. The moon is swelling, the weight on my shoulders compacting, and my unflinching curiosity keeps weaving its roots in the wrong direction.

Horrible truths unravel, casting explosive light on everything I thought I knew. I'll have no choice but to shed my morals, my withering self-preservation, and sow the seed of a plan set to bloom beneath a bloated moon.

One wrong move could destroy everything.
Destroy *me*.

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The Someday Garden
Ashley Poston

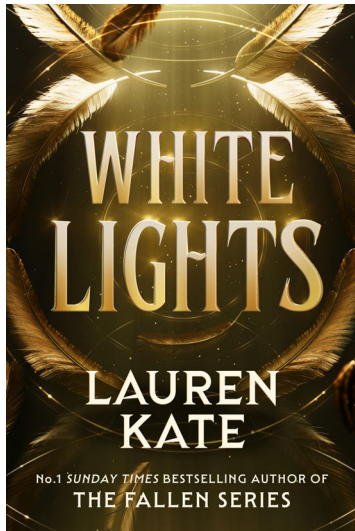
Sophie Drear never expected to fall in love. But over a summer in Maine, she does: with the dazzling flowers and the towering hedge maze of Lilymoor House.

But then, a door appears. Never in the same place twice. Leading only to a dishevelled garden, and a beguiling thundercloud of a man, confined inside.

Battling with the vines – just as much as she is with Lilymoor's owner's two inconveniently handsome nephews – Sophie knows that she is the only person who can help Lilymoor bloom again. But when you're stuck between the men on the outside, and the one trapped within, can the seeds of romance bloom into something more...?

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Release date: 14/07/2026
Publisher: HQ Fiction
RRP: \$24.99



White Lights
Lauren Kate

Your next adult fantasy romance obsession set in a brand-new world of angels, from the No.1 *Sunday Times* and internationally bestselling author of the *Fallen* series phenomenon.

When mysterious Rafe de la Cruz rolls into Desdemona's life to recruit her to the elite film school Acheron, Dez has no reason to trust him – and no other option. A violent attack has just put her brother in the hospital... and Dez is the only suspect.

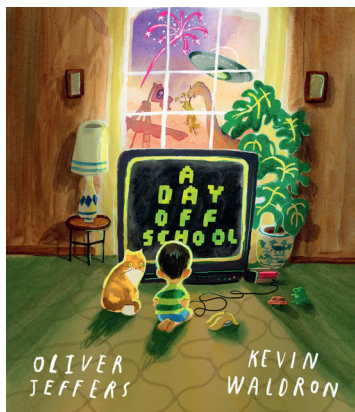
Guilt-ridden and grieving, she finds herself running from the law to chase her longtime dream of making movies, at a school she's never heard of. Soon, she's dropped into Acheron's cutthroat world of seductive intrigue, power on an otherworldly scale, and deadly competition.

Acheron may seem like the ticket to a future Dez has always wanted, but as she delves deeper into the secret work being done there, she finds herself trapped in an existential conflict on a cosmic scale – with more than her heart on the line.

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Release date: 30/06/2026
Publisher: Maggie Fiction
RRP: \$37.99

KIDS



A Day Off School
Oliver Jeffers and Kevin Waldron

A hilarious story full of action and adventure from two highly regarded, award-winning picture-book creators.

When Herbie has the sniffles, he stays home from school. It's exciting to have time to play Space Blasters and watch cartoons. But, by lunchtime, he starts to wonder what he might be missing at school. What if there's an extra playtime, a dog on the loose ... or even A PIRATE INVASION? Is Herbie missing out on all the action?

A hilarious, action-packed story from the globally bestselling creator of *Lost and Found* and *Here We Are*, Oliver Jeffers, and the award-winning illustrator of *Chocolate Cake*, Kevin Waldron.

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Release date: 14/07/2026
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Ages: 2-7



The Boring Drawing Book Erica Harrison

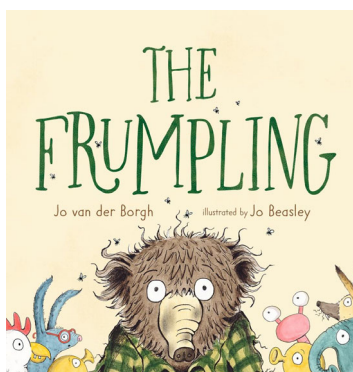
Welcome to the book designed to make boredom fun.

The Boring Drawing Book is not as boring as the title suggests. This boredom-busting book is a unique drawing, doodling and colouring book, filled with exciting activities to keep even the most fidgety minds focused and crayons busy. Each page tackles boredom head on with simple, humorously mundane tasks - like adding grains of rice to a rice bowl, tying a caterpillar's many shoelaces, or putting containers onto a freight ship. Each activity is designed to help develop drawing skills that turn boredom into hours of fun-filled, creative joy. Perfect for children or anyone that doesn't like being bored.

Erica Harrison currently lives in New Zealand and is also the co-founder of Messy Press.

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Release date: 01/07/2026
Publisher: Messy Press (Walker Books)
RRP: \$27.99
Ages: 6-12



The Frumpling Jo Van Der Bourgh and Jo Beasley

A fresh and irresistible read-aloud tale of friendship from the creators of *The Terrakeet*.

The Frumpling lived a lonely life, this book will tell you why. He smelled and looked so squaffy, every beast just walked on by. Except for one...

When the bossy Poppletort instructs the Frumpling to clean himself up, it takes a whole day. But then all he'll have to wear again are his old smelly clothes. The beasts of Pontin Poole feel terrible for turning their noses up at him for so long and come together to donate bright clothes, scarves and bangles, even shiny rings. When the Frumpling emerges from his bath, everyone is mesmerised by his new look!

The illustrator Jo Beasley lives in Auckland.

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Release date: 01/07/2026
Publisher: Walker Books
RRP: \$27.99
Ages: 4-9



Bird in Spring: Along Came a Spider Raymond McGrath

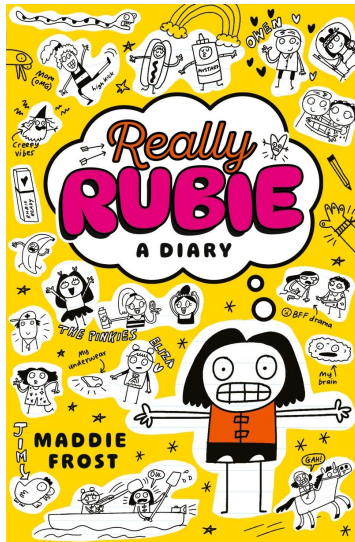
One little bird sets out into the big blue world to find a tree, build a nest, and make a best friend before winter comes

Spring is here! The leaves are green. The sky is blue. The flowers are in bloom. And there's a new bird in town. Bird is finally out on his own, but he's having a hard time. Finding the perfect tree is anything but easy. Building a perfect nest isn't going well. As for making friends? That's proving to be the biggest test of all. That's when Spider swings by, catching Bird's eye. But they can't possibly be best friends . . . or can they?

Raymond McGrath is an award-winning veteran of the film, television, advertising, and children's publishing industries based in New Zealand.

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Release date: 01/07/2026
Publisher: Walker Books
RRP: \$22.99
Ages: 4-8



Really Rubie Maddie Frost

Packed with the laugh-out-loud fun of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, the empowering friendships of *The Babysitter's Club*, and the hilarious and cringe-worthy moments of *Dork Diaries* - the perfect summer read for 8-12 year olds.

Rubie can't wait to go to summer camp for the very first time. She and her best friend, Riley, are going to have an ENTIRE MONTH TOGETHER!

Then Riley drops the bombshell that she can't go. Now Rubie has to go all by herself and stay in a cabin full of girls she doesn't know. EEK!

But going solo, Rubie might just make a new BFF, break out of her shell, and even meet a boy... What's for sure is that camp will be more eventful than Rubie ever thought it could be - with more drama than she ever imagined!

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RRP: \$16.99
Ages: 8-12



The Game of Oaths S.C. Bandreddi

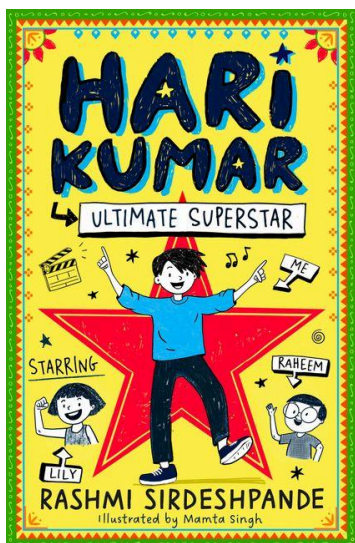
Power, revenge and sisterhood combine in this heart-pounding YA fantasy debut, set in a magical circus in Belle Époque Paris.

Trapeze artist Falan Sunkara is a performer in Paris's famous magical circus, le Cirque des Ombres. Le Cirque is ruled by Jean-Pierre, ringmaster and Enchanteur, one of the few magicians in the city legally allowed to use magic for entertainment. But the glamour of the circus is just another illusion. Each year, twelve members must compete in the Game of Oaths, a brutal tournament watched by the city's elite. Only one will survive.

Last year, Falan's sister was one of the unlucky eleven. This year, Falan is out for revenge.

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Ages: 14+



Hari Kumar Ultimate Superstar Rashmi Sirdeshpande

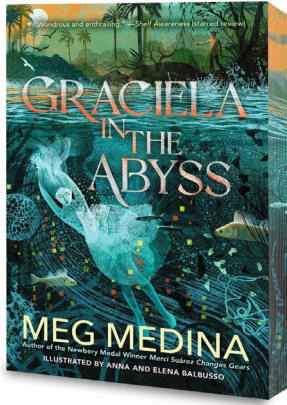
Hari Kumar: 10 years old, 75% Indian, 25% French, and 100% going to be a superstar.

All Hari needs to make it big is a lucky break – a chance to get his name out there. And when that arrives in the form of a film festival competition at school, it's Hari's chance to shine.

But life isn't always like the movies. The new kid Hari thought would be his sidekick turns out to have the makings of a true villain, the crack team he's assembled have minds of their own, and censorship (in the form of the Deputy Head Teacher) is looming. Can Hari keep things together and pull off an epic comeback, or will his film-making debut be cancelled before it's even released...?

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Release date: 02/06/2026
Publisher: HarperCollins
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Ages: 9+



Graciela in the Abyss Meg Medina

In the deepest recesses of the ocean, Graciela — once an ordinary girl — now makes sea glass and assists her friend, Amina, as she welcomes newly awakened sea ghosts from their death sleep.

Though Graciela's spirit is young, she has lived at the bottom of the ocean for more than a hundred years. Meanwhile, in the mortal world on land, twelve-year-old Jorge Leon works in his family's forge. He's heard of the supernatural spirits living beneath the ocean's waves—tales that do nothing to quell his fear of the water. But when Jorge discovers a hand-wrought harpoon with the power to spear a sea ghost, he knows he must destroy it any way he can.

When the harpoon is accidentally reunited with its vengeful creator, unlikely allies Graciela and Jorge have no choice but to work together to keep evil spirits from wreaking havoc on both the living and the dead. If only the answer to saving what they care about didn't lie within the depths of the abyss . . . Newbery Medal winner Meg Medina and illustrators Anna and Elena Balusso have crafted a thoughtful tale infused with magic and high-stakes adventure that will leave readers wondering what power lies in the depths of the ocean—and inside each of us.

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Ages: 10+

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