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## FICTION

### MIDDLE GRADE

<b>A ROYAL GUIDE TO MONSTER SLAYING by Kelley Armstrong</b>	
Agent:	Sarah Heller at The Helen Heller Agency
Publisher(s):	North America – PRH Canada / Puffin
Publication date:	August 2019
<p>Twelve-year-old Rowan is next in line to be Queen; her twin brother, Rhydd, to be Royal Monster Hunter. Rowan would give anything to switch places, but the rule is, the oldest child is next in line, even if she is only older by two minutes. She resigns herself to admiring her royal monster hunter aunt's official sword and having tea with dignitaries with her mother, the queen. But a tragic event breaks up longstanding rules, and now Rowan finds herself in hunt of a dangerous gryphon.</p> <p>Accompanied by a feisty and determined baby jackalope and a giant wolf that barely tolerates her, she sets off on a journey that will see her join forces with other unlikely allies: a boy who has ambitions of his own to hunt monsters, and a girl from a nearby clan with hidden motives for befriending Rowan. It will take all of Rowan's skills, both physical and diplomatic, to keep this journey on track. The future of the kingdom depends on it.</p> <p><b>Kelley Armstrong</b> is the #1 New York Times-bestselling author of three trilogies for teens: the Darkest Powers; Darkness Rising and Age of Legends, as well as several thriller and fantasy series for adults and three YA thrillers (The Masked Truth, Missing and Aftermath). She is also the co-author (with Melissa Marr) of the Blackwell Pages series, a middle-grade fantasy series based on Norse gods. Visit Kelley online at <a href="http://kelleyarmstrong.com">kelleyarmstrong.com</a>.</p>	

**FROM THE NOTEBOOKS OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCESS:  
ROYAL CROWN (Book 4) by Meg Cabot**

Agent:	Laura Langlie
Publisher(s):	US – Feiwel & Friends
Publication date:	August 2018

**It's the first coronation of a female monarch of Genovia in 200 years, and Her Royal Highness, Princess Olivia Grace Clarisse Mignonette Harrison, is giving you the inside scoop in this newest (illustrated!) diary from New York Times—bestselling author and illustrator Meg Cabot!**

Olivia Grace Clarisse Mignonette Harrison should be having fun. Her best friend is visiting from America, her sister's royal coronation is only three days away (the first coronation of a female ruler in two centuries), and she's even got a new boyfriend who is actually a very smart and charming prince! But it's hard to celebrate when her royal cousins are scheming to take over the throne. And with everyone running around, Olivia and her friends have been saddled with royal babysitting duties. Then, to make matters worse, Olivia's snobby cousin Luisa insists on gossiping about her, especially about things that should be personal . . . it's none of her business whether Prince Khalil and Olivia have kissed or not! When did growing up royal get so complicated?!?

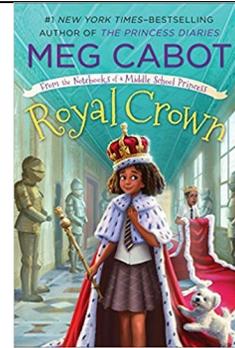
*Praise for From the Notebooks of a Middle School Princess:*

"The nation of Genovia gains a new resident in this amusing spin-off. . . . Cabot's own black and white cartoons further enliven Olivia's entertaining and candid notebook entries, which will have readers looking forward to her future escapades." —**Publishers Weekly** on From the Notebooks of a Middle School Princess

"A sweet fantasy, both funny and highly satisfying." —**Kirkus Reviews** on From the Notebooks of a Middle School Princess

"In her journal-style narrative incorporating both humorous and touching moments, likable, engaging Olivia continues to navigate the joys and challenges of being a modern-day princess." – **Booklist** on Royal Wedding Disaster

**Meg Cabot** is the #1 New York Times-bestselling author of the beloved and critically acclaimed Princess Diaries books. There have been over 25 million copies of Meg's books for both adults and teens/tweens sold in 38 countries.



**FROM THE NOTEBOOKS OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCESS**  
 series by Meg Cabot:  
**FROM THE NOTEBOOKS OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCESS**  
 book #1  
**ROYAL WEDDING DISASTER** book #2  
**ROYAL CRUSH** book #3

Agent:	Laura Langlie
Publisher(s):	US – Feiwel and Friends, UK – Macmillan
Publication date:	May 2015 / May 2016 / May 2017

**Return to Genovia in a new series of (illustrated!) diaries from a creative middle-school princess.**

Olivia Grace Clarisse Mignonette Harrison is a completely average twelve-year old: average height, average weight, average brown hair of average length, average brown skin, and average hazel eyes. The only things about her that aren't average are her name (too long and princess-themed), her ability to draw animals (useful for her future career as a wildlife illustrator), and the fact that she is a half orphan who's never met her father and is forced to live with her aunt and uncle (who treat her almost like their own kids, so she can't complain).

Until the completely average day that everything goes wrong: the most popular girl in school, Annabelle Jenkins, threatens to beat her up, the principal gives her a demerit, and she's knocked down at the bus stop... then a limo containing Princess Mia Thermopolis of Genovia pulls up to invite Olivia to New York to finally meet her father, who promptly suggests she come live with him, Mia, Grandmère, and their two fabulous poodles. Maybe Olivia Grace Clarisse Mignonette Harrison isn't so average after all!

**Meg Cabot** is the author of many bestselling, critically acclaimed books for teens, including the Princess Diaries books, the Mediator series, the 1-800-Where-R-You series, All American Girl, Ready or Not, Teen Idol, Avalon High, and How to Be Popular. She currently lives in Key West and New York City with her husband and a primary one-eyed cat named Henrietta, as well as various backup cats.



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**GHOSTED** by Leslie Margolis

Agent:	Laura Langlie
Publisher(s):	WEL – Farrar Straus Giroux
Publication date:	October 2018

**Ellie Charles ghosted her best friend—and her actions come back to haunt her. A heartwarming and funny middle-grade story of redemption from Leslie Margolis.**

Thirteen-year-old Ellie Charles has everything going for her: she’s the smartest, prettiest, best-dressed, and most popular kid at Lincoln Heights Middle School. She’s also the meanest, by design. Ellie’s got sharp edges, which she uses to keep herself at the top of the social food chain. But one night, hours before her school’s winter dance, a frightening accident leads her to encounter a ghost who just might change everything. This ghost, of a girl dressed all in black, makes Ellie visit her own past, present, and future—reliving her parents’ divorce, her struggles in school, and worst of all, her massive falling-out with her best friend, Marley. Can what Ellie sees inspire her to change her ways? And is a new perspective enough to save her life?

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*“Pixie’s first-person perspective is endearing.”—School Library Journal*

Praise for *If I Were You*:

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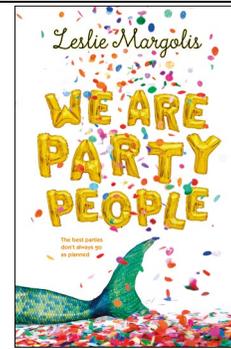
*“Margolis movingly captures the aches of tween life, all in an appealing sun-drenched California setting.”—ALA Booklist*

Leslie’s prior middle-grade novel, *WE ARE PARTY PEOPLE*, came out in October of last year from Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers, who also published *IF I WERE YOU*, in hardcover in May 2015 and in paperback in May 2016. *IF I WERE YOU* was a September 2015 Scholastic/Arrow Book Club Selection. *ZAPPED*, the made-for-TV movie adaptation of Leslie’s first Annabelle Unleashed novel—*BOYS ARE DOGS*—premiered on the Disney Channel in June 2014 and delivered 5.7 million total viewers, ranking it as the Number One cable TV telecast of 2014 among Kids 2-11 (2.9 million), Kids 6-11 (2.3 million), and Tweens 9-14 (2.1 million). The movie also delivered nearly 1.3 million Adults 18-49.



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<b>WE ARE PARTY PEOPLE</b> by Leslie Margolis	
Agent:	Laura Langlie
Publisher(s):	US – Farrar Straus Giroux
Publication date:	October 2017
<b>The best parties don't always go as planned . . .</b>	
<p>Shy, quiet twelve-year-old Pixie Jones does everything she can to fade into the background. All she wants is to survive middle school without being noticed. Meanwhile, her parents own the best party-planning business in town. They thrive on attention, love being experts in fun, and throw themselves into party personas, dressing as pirates, princes, mermaids, and more. When her mom leaves town indefinitely and her new friend Sophie decides to run for class president, Pixie finds herself way too close to the spotlight. She may have to test her own limits if she's going to help the people she loves—and discover along the way that stepping out of her comfort zone might not be so scary after all.</p>	
<p>Praise for WE ARE PARTY PEOPLE:  <i>"Pixie's first-person perspective is endearing."</i>—<b>School Library Journal</b></p>	
<p>Praise for <i>If I Were You</i>:  <i>"Margolis uses a light touch as she navigates the challenges of growing up and changing friendships. Her characters are fully formed and sympathetic in a fresh take on the age-old idea that there's no place like home."</i>—<b>Publishers Weekly</b>  <i>"Margolis movingly captures the aches of tween life, all in an appealing sun-drenched California setting."</i>—<b>ALA Booklist</b></p>	
<p><b>Leslie Margolis's</b> most recent middle-grade novel, <i>If I Were You</i>, was released by Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers in May 2015 and in paperback in May 2016. It was a September 2015 Scholastic/Arrow Book Club Selection and, so far, the German-language rights have been sold to cbt/C. Bertelsmann Jugendbuch Verlag. FSG recently bought a new middle-novel, tentatively titled <i>The Fall of Ellie Charles</i>, which will be released in fall 2018. Before that, Leslie's middle-grade novel, <i>The Fortunes Five</i>, will be forthcoming from Random House Children's Books in summer 2018. Leslie's novels in the <i>Annabelle Unleashed</i> series are tremendously successful Scholastic/Arrow Book Club Selections.</p>	
<p>Leslie earned her BA in Government and Sociology from Clark University and MA in Social Anthropology from the London School of Economics. She now writes full-time in Los Angeles, where she lives with her husband, two children, and dog.</p>	



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## YOUNG ADULT

<b>ACE OF SPADES</b> by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé	
Agent:	Hannah Sheppard at D H H Agency
Publisher(s):	UK – Under Offer
<b>GET OUT meets GOSSIP GIRL meets ONE OF US IS LYING...</b>	
<p>17-year-old rivals Devon and Chiamaka are forced to team up when an anonymous texter, Aces, starts spreading their secrets around their high school. But as they investigate and follow clues, what appears to be a game of mean girls reveals itself as a sinister game of chess where all the moves are orchestrated by a powerful organisation...</p>	
<p>This accessible and engaging novel is both incredibly entertaining and an important look at institutional racism and the barriers people of colour must overcome to achieve the same things that come so easily to their white counterparts.</p>	
<p><b>Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé</b> is a writer from London, currently studying English and Chinese in the north-east of Scotland. When she's not writing, she can be found binging a Netflix series, drinking her weight in tea or talking about queer POC and black rights.</p>	

**THE LEAF READER** by Emily Arsenault

Agent:	Laura Langlie
Publisher(s):	WEL – Soho Teen
Publication date:	June 2017

Marnie Wells knows that she creeps people out. It's not really her fault; he brother is always in trouble, and her grandmother, who's been their guardian since Mom took off, is . . . eccentric. So no one even bats an eye when Marnie finds an old tea-leaf-reading book and starts telling fortunes. The ceremony and symbols are weirdly soothing, but she knows—and hopes everyone else does too—that none of it is real.

Then basketball star Matt Cotrell asks for a reading. He's been getting e-mails from someone claiming to be his best friend, Andrea Quinley, who disappeared and is presumed dead. Rumor has it Matt and Andrea were romantically involved, though they'd always denied it. A faint cloud of suspicion still hangs over Matt. But Marnie sees a kindred spirit: someone who, like her, is damaged by association.

Suddenly the readings seem real. And they're telling Marnie things about Matt that make him seem increasingly dangerous. But she can't shake her initial attraction to him. In fact, it's getting stronger. And that could turn out to be deadly.

*"Arsenault's page-ripping whodunit not only will send readers running for their tea kettles, but packs the thrill of self-discovery and acceptance amid base adversity: a rich, rewarding teen debut."* -- **Kirkus Reviews**

**Emily Arsenault** worked as a lexicographer at Merriam-Webster for four years after graduating from Mount Holyoke College. She began writing *The Broken Teaglass* in rural South Africa, where she and her husband were U.S. Peace Corps volunteers. They now live in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, with their daughter.



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## THE STRANJE HOUSE SERIES by Kathleen Baldwin

Agent:	Laura Langlie
Publisher(s):	US & Canada – Tor Children's Books
Publication date:	May 2015 / May 2016 / May 2017

**The captivating YA alternative history series set in Regency England that the NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW calls “enticing from the first sentence”**

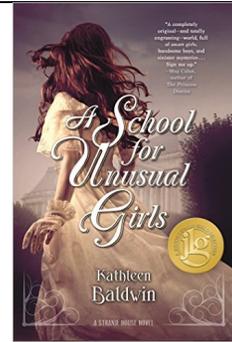
*It's 1814. Napoleon has escaped his imprisonment on Elba. Europe is in shambles. Britain is at war on four fronts. At Stranje House, a School for Unusual Girls, the daughters of the beau monde who don't fit high society's constrictive mold are to be reformed into marriageable young ladies. Or so their parents think. In truth, five young ladies are secretly being trained for a world of spies, diplomacy, and war.*

**#1. A SCHOOL FOR UNUSUAL GIRLS:** After accidentally setting her father's stables on fire while performing a scientific experiment, Miss Georgiana Fitzwilliam is sent to Stranje House. But Georgie has no intention of being turned into a simpering, pudding-headed, marriageable miss. She plans to escape as soon as possible—until she meets Lord Sebastian Wyatt. Thrust together in a desperate mission to invent a new invisible ink for the English war effort, Georgie and Sebastian must find a way to work together without losing their heads—or their hearts...

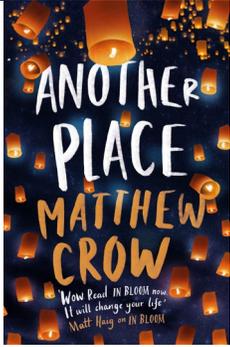
**#2. EXILE FOR DREAMERS:** Tess Aubreyson can't run far enough or fast enough to escape the prophetic, disturbing dreams that haunt her. However, her dreams become the only means of saving Lord Ravencross, the man she loves, and her fellow students at Stranje House. Tess's old friend, the traitorous Lady Daneska, and Ghost, the ruthless leader of the Iron Crown, have returned to England, intent on paving the way for Napoleon's invasion. Can the young ladies of Stranje House prevail once more? Or is England destined to fall into the hands of the power-mad dictator?

**#3. REFUGE FOR MASTERMINDS:** Napoleon's invasion of England is underway and someone at Stranje House is sneaking information to his spies. Lady Jane Moore is determined to find out who it is. If anyone can discover the traitor, it is Jane—for, according to headmistress Emma Stranje, Lady Jane is a mastermind. But is Jane enough of a mastermind to save the brash young American inventor Alexander Sinclair, her friends at Stranje House, and possibly England itself?

**Kathleen Baldwin** has written three adult award-winning traditional Regency romances, published by Kensington, including *Lady Fiasco*, winner of Cataromance's Best Traditional Regency, and *Mistaken Kiss*, a Holt Medallion Finalist. She lives in Plano, Texas, with her family.



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<b>ANOTHER PLACE</b> by Matthew Crow	
Agent:	Broo Doherty at D H H Literary Agency
Publisher(s):	UK – Atom
Publication date:	August 2017
<p><b>A small town. A missing schoolgirl. A terrible secret. And one girl's fight to survive. ANOTHER PLACE is a novel about lost girls, recovered life, and the meaning of home.</b></p> <p>16-year-old Claudette Flint is coming home from hospital after an escalating depression left her unable to cope. She may seem unchanged on the outside, but everything's different. A local teenager, Sarah, has disappeared. Sarah had a bad reputation around town, but now she's vanished the close-knit seaside community where both girls live seems to be falling apart. As both the police and the press investigate, small town scandals emerge, but what nobody knows yet is that Claudette and Sarah had a secret friendship, and the last secret Sarah shared may be the key to unlocking the truth. Claudette realises she is not the only part of the world that needs fixing. If she can piece together the fragments of Sarah's story, then maybe she can piece herself back together too.</p> <p><b>Matthew Crow</b> was born and raised in Newcastle. Having worked as a freelance journalist since his teens he has contributed to a number of publications including the <i>Independent on Sunday</i> and the <i>Observer</i>. He has written two novels for adults. The second, <i>My Dearest Jonah</i>, was nominated for the Dylan Thomas Prize. His first YA novel, <i>In Bloom</i>, was much loved and much praised.</p>	
	

**SLAY Series by Kim Curran****SLAY (Book #1) and SLAY ON TOUR (Book #2)**

Agent:	James Wills at Watson, Little Ltd
Publisher(s):	UK – Usborne
Publication date:	May 2018 (Book #1) and January 2019 (Book #2)
Material:	Proof pages available (Book #1) and awaiting ms (Book #2)

**With thrills, surprises, and kickass characters, SLAY is the first in a new must-have teen series of 2018.**

Book #1: Meet JD, the enigmatic vocalist with a troubled past; Tom, the kind-hearted keyboardist; Zek, the fast-talking bassist; Niv, the mute tech-genius guitarist; and Connor, the adrenaline-junkie drummer. Together, with their brilliant manager Gail Storm, they are SLAY – the world’s best-selling boy band. Slay do two things and they do them well: play killer music and kick evil’s butt. After playing the gig of their life to a small town in Arizona, it’s demon-hunting time. Meanwhile, Maddy, the lonely daughter of jet-setting millionaires, arrives home to find her parents have returned early from a trip to El Salvador. Only, they’re not her parents. They’ve been taken over by something evil and Maddy’s life is in mortal danger. But the last people she expected to rescue her were an internationally famous boy band...

Book #2: SLAY are BACK...and this time they're headed to Tokyo to track down another hellraising demon. When they're invited on tour with a super-cool band of holographic girls, SLAY find themselves whisked off around Japan - until strange things start happening on their tour train. Suddenly it seems it's not just SLAY's fans following their every move...

*"It's so much fun!..Slay is boyband fights evil and it's going to be huge and you're going to love it." -- Patrick Ness, #1 New York Times bestselling author of A Monster Calls and the Chaos Walking series*

*"SLAY is One Direction-meets-Buffy the Vampire Slayer - a pulse-pounding, edge-of-your-seat thrill ride of a novel with a swoon-worthy cast and a hugely entertaining plot. I wanted more!" -- Amy Alward, author of The Potion Diaries.*

**Kim Curran** is an author and copywriter. She is the author of the YA *Shifter* series and the standalone YA tech thriller *Glaze*. She was nominated for the Sydney J Bounds, Best Newcomer Award, 2012, and her short story, *A Woman Out of Time*, was selected for the Tiptree Award Honor List, 2014.



**SLEEPER by J.D. Fennel**

Agent:	David Headley at D H H Literary Agency
Publisher(s):	WEL – The Dome Press
Publication date:	April 2017

**SHORTLISTED for the Amazing Book Awards 2018**

Sixteen-year-old Will Starling is pulled from the sea with no memory of his past. Concealed in his blazer is a strange notebook with a bullet lodged inside; a bullet meant for him.

Driven by the need to understand who he is, Will interprets the clues in the notebook and follows a dangerous trail pursued by the agents of VIPER and a ruthless killer known as the Pastor. All of them want Will's notebook and will do anything to get it.

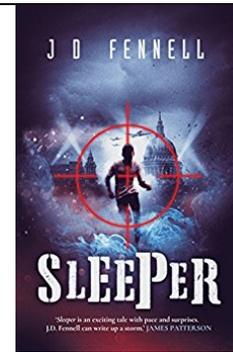
Will discovers the notebook is the key to finding the Stones of Fire, a mythical weapon capable of causing mass destruction. As Will's memory returns in fragmented flashbacks, he realises he is no ordinary sixteen-year-old. He has skills that make him a match for any assassin. But all is not right with him.

At his core is a deep-rooted rage that he cannot explain. Where is his family and why has no one reported him missing?

Fighting for survival with the help of MI5 agent-in-training Anna Wilder, Will follows leads across London in a race against time to find the Stones of Fire before the next air raid makes a direct hit and destroys London forever.

*"Sleeper is an exciting tale with pace and surprises; J.D. Fennell can write up a storm". -- James Patterson, best-selling author of the Women's Murder Club series, the Alex Cross novels, and Maximum Ride.*

**J.D. Fennell** was born in Belfast at the start of The Troubles, and began writing stories at a young age to help him understand the madness unfolding around him. He devoured a diverse range of books – his early influences include Fleming, Tolkien, Shakespeare and the Brontës. He left Belfast at the age of nineteen and worked as a chef, bartender, waiter and later began a career in writing for the software industry. These days he divides his time between Brighton and London, where he lives with his partner and their two dogs.



<b>SUMMER OF NO REGRETS by Kate Mallinder</b>	
Agent:	Hannah Sheppard at DHH Literary Agency
Publisher(s):	UK – Firefly
Publication date:	May 2019
Material:	Ms available
<p><b>Told from four perspectives, Summer of No Regrets is a diverse teen 21st century take on The Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants...</b></p> <p>After Hetal’s gran shares her life-long regret of not seeing her childhood best friend, who is now terminally ill, since they were teenagers, Cam, Hetal, Nell and Sasha decide to have a summer of #NoRegrets. This means different things to each girl but common to all is stepping outside of their comfort zones and being true to themselves. But living their summer regret-free isn’t as simple as it first seems and as their lives unravel it’s their friendship that gives them the strength to face up to the future.</p> <p><b>Kate Mallinder</b> grew up in the Midlands and studied Philosophy of Science with Maths at Leeds University. She then temped, filed, made tea, worked in a call centre and set up her own business but never really knew what she wanted to do when she grew up. When she was 37 she remembered what she wanted to do when she was 9, so she started writing and hasn’t stopped. She lives with her husband and four children and is fiercely territorial about her writing desk.</p>	

## GRAPHIC NOVELS

<b>WINGBEARER</b> by Marjorie Liu	
Agent:	Duvall Osteen at Aragi Inc.
Publisher(s):	US – HarperCollins Children’s
Publication date:	September 2019
Delivery date:	December 2018
Material:	outline available
<p>When birds die, their souls go to the Tree of Souls at the edge of the world. Each leaf is a bird’s soul that rests for a time and keeps the tree alive. When a leaf falls from the tree, a soul is released into a newly hatched bird. When the tree’s branches bud, it signifies that somewhere, a bird is about to pass on, their soul returning to the tree. WING BEARER tells the tale of Zuri, the girl who lives in the tree. She doesn’t know where she came from, the spirits and the birds are her only family.</p> <p>One day, the branches bud – but the leaves emerge shrivelled and dead. The souls of birds have not reached the tree – somewhere, the spirits sense, they’ve been captured.</p> <p>The spirits send Zuri out into the world to discover what has happened – and stop it. She has no magic, no knowledge of the lands beyond the tree – but she has courage and compassion, and her power rests in her generosity, and her sense of right and wrong.</p> <p>Along the way, she encounters dragons, fierce warrior maidens, winged bunnies, and others who teach her valuable lessons about perseverance, acceptance, friendship and kindness. She also uncovers clues about her mysterious past, which will lead her on journey more important than she ever imagined...</p> <p><b>Marjorie Liu</b> is an attorney and <i>New York Times</i> Bestselling author of over seventeen novels. Her comic book work includes Han Solo, Black Widow, X-23, and Astonishing X-Men, which was nominated for a GLAAD Media Award for its "outstanding representation of the LGBT Community".</p> <p>Her current project is <i>Monstress</i>, a dark steampunk fantasy that Entertainment Weekly named the "Best New Original Series of 2015" and that was nominated for two Eisner awards for best new series and best writer. She teaches a course on comic book writing at MIT, and lives in Cambridge, MA.</p>	
	
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