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## **HAYNES KEELY**

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**Twisted Prey** Disney  
Electronic Content  
What if Ariel had never  
defeated Ursula? It's  
been five years since  
the infamous sea witch  
defeated the little  
mermaid... and took  
King Triton's life in the  
process. Ariel is now  
the voiceless queen of  
Atlantica, while Ursula  
runs Prince Eric's  
kingdom on land. But

when Ariel discovers  
that her father might  
still be alive, she finds  
herself returning to a  
world--and a prince--  
she never imagined  
she would see again.

**Your Republic is  
Calling You** Graphic  
Universe <sup>TM</sup>

The fantastic  
conclusion to the  
Immortal Empire series  
that started with the  
spectacular God Save  
the Queen. Xandra  
Vardan thought life  
would be simpler when  
she accepted the

goblin crown and became their queen, but life has only become more complicated. Everyone -- vampires, werewolves, and humans -- wants the goblins on their side, because whoever has the goblins -- wins. With human zealots intent on ridding the world of anyone with plagued blood and supernatural politics taking Britain to the verge of civil war, Xandra's finding out that being queen isn't all it's cracked up to be, and if she doesn't do something fast, hers will be the shortest reign in history.

Word Hero Scholastic UK

Once upon a time, there was this pampered rich girl who was kind of full of herself. She really only

cared about appearances and hiding all her dark, ugly secrets under the guise of an opinionated snob. But then Eva Mercer got pregnant, shot by a psycho, and kicked out of the only home she knew. Now she's broke, unemployed, and has to start anew with a newborn to raise. But how? On the other side of town, sexy, tattooed orphan, Patrick Ryan, can't get a break. He's out on parole for defending the last damsel in distress while trying to help her support her child, but all he wants is to find his one true love. He knows this woman by scent, smile, and laugh, but he's never actually met her. He doesn't even know her name. He just knows she's the key to fixing everything. One kind of

hero can save you from physical harm. Another can rescue you from a different kind of doom. To reach their dreams, Eva and Pick can save each other. But first, they must open their hearts and learn how to trust.

And There He Kept Her

Houghton Mifflin

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Christian Fantasy's

Most Talented New

Voice When Sarin

Valon, the corrupt

secondus of the

conclave, flees Erinon

and the kingdom, Errol

Stone believes his

troubles have at last

ended. But other forces

bent on the destruction

of the kingdom remain

and conspire to accuse

Errol and his friends of

a conspiracy to usurp

the throne. In a bid to

keep the three of them

from the axe,

Archbenefice Canon sends Martin and Luis to Errol's home village, Callowford, to discover what makes him so important to the kingdom. But Errol is also accused of consorting with spirits. Convicted, his punishment is a journey to the enemy kingdom of Merakh, where he must find Sarin Valon, and kill him. To enforce their sentence, Errol is placed under a compulsion, and he is driven to accomplish his task or die resisting.

#22 Hero City Disney

Electronic Content

An Indie Bestseller! An

Indie Next Pick! A Gold

Nautilus Book Award

Winner! Some people

are extraordinary.

Some are just extra.

New York Times

bestselling author TJ

Klune's YA debut, *The Extraordinaries*, is a queer coming-of-age story about a fanboy with ADHD and the heroes he loves. Nick Bell? Not extraordinary. But being the most popular fanfiction writer in the *Extraordinaries* fandom is a superpower, right? After a chance encounter with *Shadow Star*, Nova City's mightiest hero (and Nick's biggest crush), Nick sets out to make himself extraordinary. And he'll do it with or without the reluctant help of Seth Gray, Nick's best friend (and maybe the love of his life). *Rainbow Rowell's Fangirl* meets *Marissa Meyer's Renegades* in T.J. Klune's YA debut. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software

(DRM) applied. *Alien Incident on Planet J* Bad Ash Publishing After 12-year-old Han Pyongt'ae moves from Seoul to a small provincial town and enrolls in the local school, he's confident that his sophistication will establish him as a natural leader among his peers. He is shocked to find his new classmates and teacher under the spell of the charismatic class monitor, who uses fear and violence to keep the class in line. *The Extraordinaries* Orbit Yes, it's true: you can learn how to be a verbal wizard! Ever hear someone utter an unforgettable phrase and feel yourself reacting with with...well, awe? Ever read a great quote and think I could never

come up with anything that clever? Daunting as it may seem, there's nothing mystical about witcraft. Crafting memorable lines doesn't require DNA-encoded brilliance. What it does require is some knowledge of the tricks and techniques that make words stick. In *Word Hero*, Jay Heinrichs rescues the how-to of verbal artistry from cobwebbed textbooks and makes it entirely fresh— even a little mischievous. Fear not: on offer here are not dry, abstract ideas couched in academic jargon. Rather, Heinrichs takes you on an amusing – and amazingly helpful – tour of the mechanisms that make powerful language work. You'll learn how to slyly plant your

words in people's heads and draw indelible verbal pictures by employing such tools as “crashing symbols,” “rapid repeaters,” “Russian Dolls” and even the powers of Mr. Potato Head. With those tools and others tucked in your utility belt, you might not immediately achieve “wordsmith immortality” but you will become a better speaker, writer, and raconteur...and long after people have forgotten everything else, they'll remember your priceless lines.

**Before We Were Strangers** Hogarth  
 "A dark and complex mystery that will consume you."—Julie Clark, *New York Times*  
 bestselling author of *The Last Flight They*  
 thought he was a  
 helpless old man. They

were wrong. When two teenagers break into a house on a remote lake in search of prescription drugs, what starts as a simple burglary turns into a nightmare for all involved. Emmett Burr has secrets he's been keeping in his basement for more than two decades, and he'll do anything to keep his past from being revealed. As he gets the upper hand on his tormentors, the lines blur between victim, abuser, and protector. Personal tragedy has sent former police officer Ben Packard back to the small Minnesota town of Sandy Lake in search of a fresh start. Now a sheriff's deputy, Packard is leading the investigation into the missing teens, motivated by a family

connection. As clues dry up and time runs out to save them, Packard is forced to reveal his own secrets and dig deep to uncover the dark past of the place he now calls home. Unrelentingly suspenseful and written with a piercing gaze into the dark depths of the human soul, *And There He Kept Her* is a thrilling page-turner that introduces readers to a complicated new hero and forces us to consider the true nature of evil. Follow Acting Deputy Sheriff Ben Packard back into Minnesota's North Country August 15th with *Where the Dead Sleep*. *Part of Your World* Charity Ferrell You wake up with superhero powers-so

what are you going to do with them? Be a hero or rule the city as a super villain? Use your mighty brains or take advantage of your awesome brawn? Or will you turn down the great responsibility that comes with great power? You decide!

Every Twisted

Journeys® graphic novel lets YOU control the action by choosing which path to follow. Which twists and turns will your journey take?

*Twisted* Disney

Electronic Content

Gritty and hard hitting, this is thoughtful teen fiction at its finest.

Seventeen-year-old

Tyler is the popular boy in high school after years of being "the geek". But then

Bethany - rich, blonde, beautiful - is the victim in a teenage sex scandal, and somehow

Tyler is the prime suspect. Can Tyler find a way out of the mess he's in?

*Be My Hero* □□□□□□□□

From the USA TODAY bestselling author of Sweet Thing and Nowhere But Here comes a love story about a Craigslist "missed connection" post that gives two people a second chance at love fifteen years after they were separated in New York City. To the Green-eyed Lovebird: We met fifteen years ago, almost to the day, when I moved my stuff into the NYU dorm room next to yours at Senior House. You called us fast friends. I like to think it was more. We lived on nothing but the excitement of finding ourselves through music (you were



obsessed with Jeff Buckley), photography (I couldn't stop taking pictures of you), hanging out in Washington Square Park, and all the weird things we did to make money. I learned more about myself that year than any other. Yet, somehow, it all fell apart. We lost touch the summer after graduation when I went to South America to work for National Geographic. When I came back, you were gone. A part of me still wonders if I pushed you too hard after the wedding... I didn't see you again until a month ago. It was a Wednesday. You were rocking back on your heels, balancing on that thick yellow line that runs along the subway platform, waiting for the F train. I

didn't know it was you until it was too late, and then you were gone. Again. You said my name; I saw it on your lips. I tried to will the train to stop, just so I could say hello. After seeing you, all of the youthful feelings and memories came flooding back to me, and now I've spent the better part of a month wondering what your life is like. I might be totally out of my mind, but would you like to get a drink with me and catch up on the last decade and a half?  
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Shaken Linda Kage  
A chilling, wildly original novel from a major new voice from South Korea The Impossible Fairy Tale is the story of two unexceptional grade-school girls. Mia is "lucky"—she is spoiled

by her mother and, as she explains, her two fathers. She gloats over her exotic imported color pencils and won't be denied a coveted sweater. Then there is the Child who, by contrast, is neither lucky nor unlucky. She makes so little impression that she seems not even to merit a name. At school, their fellow students, whether lucky or luckless or unlucky, seem consumed by an almost murderous rage. Adults are nearly invisible, and the society the children create on their own is marked by cruelty and soul-crushing hierarchies. Then, one day, the Child sneaks into the classroom after hours and adds ominous sentences to her classmates'

notebooks. This sinister but initially inconsequential act unlocks a series of events that end in horrible violence. But that is not the end of this eerie, unpredictable novel. A teacher, who is also this book's author, wakes from an intense dream. When she arrives at her next class, she recognizes a student: the Child, who knows about the events of the novel's first half, which took place years earlier. Han Yujoo's *The Impossible Fairy Tale* is a fresh and terrifying exploration of the ethics of art making and of the stinging consequences of neglect.

**Twisted Head** Tor  
Teen  
FROM HAN KANG,  
WINNER OF THE 2024

NOBEL PRIZE IN LITERATURE “[Han Kang writes in] intense poetic prose that . . . exposes the fragility of human life.”—from the Nobel Prize citation  
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“Ferocious.”—The New York Times Book Review (Ten Best Books of the Year)  
“Both terrifying and terrific.”—Lauren Groff  
“Provocative [and] shocking.”—The Washington Post

Before the nightmares began, Yeong-hye and her husband lived an ordinary, controlled life. But the dreams—invasive images of blood and brutality—torture her, driving Yeong-hye to purge her mind and renounce eating meat altogether. It’s a small act of independence, but it interrupts her marriage and sets into motion an increasingly grotesque chain of events at home. As her husband, her brother-in-law and sister each fight to reassert their control, Yeong-hye obsessively defends the choice that’s become sacred to her. Soon their attempts turn desperate, subjecting first her mind, and then her body, to ever more intrusive and perverse violations, sending

Yeong-hye spiraling into a dangerous, bizarre estrangement, not only from those closest to her, but also from herself.

Celebrated by critics around the world, *The Vegetarian* is a darkly allegorical, Kafkaesque tale of power, obsession, and one woman's struggle to break free from the violence both without and within her. A Best Book of the Year:

BuzzFeed, Entertainment Weekly, Wall Street Journal, Time, Elle, The Economist, HuffPost, Slate, Bustle, The St. Louis Dispatch, Electric Literature, Publishers Weekly

[The Impossible Fairy Tale](#) Crown

What if Meg had to become a Greek god? After Hercules proves she's a true hero and

regains his godship, all seems right in the world. That is, until Zeus tells Meg that she can't be with Hercules because she's, well, mortal. Luckily, Hera has a solution, offering Meg a chance to prove herself worthy of a spot on Mt Olympus as a god. All Meg has to do is complete a mysterious quest. The mission? Oh, just to rescue her ex's current wife from the Underworld. The ex-boyfriend she saved by selling her soul to Hades. The ex-boyfriend who immediately moved on to someone else while she was stuck in the Underworld. Can Meg put her past behind her and use her quick-wit to defeat monsters and gods alike, including the nefarious Hades? Will she finally figure

out her place and contribution to the world? Or will her fear of commitment have her running away from an eternity of godhood with Herc? The next instalment in the Twisted Tales series, *Go the Distance* features sardonic Meg, a frequent favourite female icon of the Disney catalogue, venturing off on her own journey for the very first time.

*My Luck* ☐☐☐

What's in a name? For Carl Capotorto, everything is in a name. The literal translation from Italian to English of Capotorto is "twisted head." This is no accident. Carl grew up in the Bronx in the 1960s and '70s with the Mangialardis ("eat fat") and Mrs. Sabella ("so beautiful"), incessant fryers and a

dolled-up glamour queen. Carl's father, Philip Vito Capotorto, was the obsessive, tyrannical head of the family--"I'm not your friend, I'm the father" was a common refrain in their household. The father ran Cappi's Pizza and Sangwheech Shoppe, whose motto was "We Don't Spel Good, Just Cook Nice." It was a time of great upheaval in the Bronx, and Carl's father was right in the middle of it, if not the cause of it, much to the chagrin of his long-suffering mother. Twisted Head is the comedic story of a hardscrabble, working-class family's life that represents the real legacy of Italian-Americans--labor, not crime. It is also the poignant memoir of the author's struggle to become himself in a

world that demanded he act like someone else. Tragic and funny in equal measure, Carl's story is propelled by a cast of only-in-New-York characters: customers at the family pizza shop, public school teachers, nuns and priests at church, shop owners and merchants--all wildly entertaining and sometimes frightening. Somewhere in all the rage and madness that surrounded Carl in his youth, he found the bottom line: he loved his family, but he had to let them go. Twisted Head is an exorcism of sorts. With plenty of laughs.

Straight On Till Morning

Harper Collins

What if Wendy first traveled to Neverland...with Captain Hook? Sixteen-year-old Wendy

Darling's life is not what she imagined it would be. The doldrums of an empty house after her brothers have gone to school, the dull parties where everyone thinks she talks too much, and the fact that her parents have decided to send her away to Ireland as a governess—it all makes her wish things could be different. Wendy's only real escape is in writing down tales of Never Land. After nearly meeting her hero, Peter Pan, four years earlier, she still holds on to the childhood hope that his magical home truly exists. She also holds on to his shadow. So when an opportunity to travel to Never Land via pirate ship presents itself, Wendy makes a deal

with the devil. But Never Land isn't quite the place she imagined it would be.

Unexpected dangers and strange foes pop up at every turn, and a little pixie named Tinker Bell seems less than willing to help. But when Captain Hook reveals some rather permanent and evil plans for Never Land, it's up to the two of them to save Peter Pan—and his world.

Obsession St. Martin's Griffin

Would you send a villain to do a hero's job? Flunked is an exciting new twisted fairy tale from the award-winning author of the Secrets of My Hollywood Life series. "Charming fairy-tale fun." -Sarah Mlynowski, author of the New York Times bestselling Whatever After series.

Gilly wouldn't call herself wicked, exactly...but when you have five little brothers and sisters and live in a run-down boot, you have to get creative to make ends meet.

Gilly's a pretty good thief (if she does say so herself). Until she gets caught. Gilly's sentenced to three months at Fairy Tale Reform School where all of the teachers are former (super-scary) villains like the Big Bad Wolf, the Evil Queen, and Cinderella's Wicked Stepmother. Harsh. But when she meets fellow students Jax and Kayla, she learns there's more to this school than its heroic mission. There's a battle brewing and Gilly has to wonder: can a villain really change? "Fairy Tale Reform School is

spellbinding and wickedly clever. Gilly is smart, spunky, and a hilarious narrator, and I cannot wait to read about her next adventure!" -Leslie Margolis, author of the Annabelle Unleashed novels and the Maggie Brooklyn mysteries "Fairy Tale Reform School is a fresh and funny take on the enchanted world. (And who hasn't always wanted to know what happened to Cinderella's stepmother?)" -Julia DeVillers, author of the Trading Faces identical twin series and Emma Emmets, Playground Matchmaker Ten Korean Short Stories Sourcebooks, Inc. North Korean spy Gi-yeong, who has been living undercover in South Korea with his

wife and daughter, leaves his job as foreign film importer to travel to the North after he is suddenly called back to headquarters after twenty-one years.

### **Our Twisted Hero**

Flatiron Books

A see yourself out note isn't how you want to celebrate the morning after your first one-night stand. The first time I meet Archer Callahan is when I block him in a parking spot. The second is a fender bender. The third is at a bar, drinking away our problems, and finding our way to his bed. I never expected to see him again. That changes when a month later, he's introduced as my brother's new business partner. In need of a job, I'm hired at their bar, much to



Archer's dismay. We hate each other. We're off limits. But every time we're together, flashbacks of that night shake through us. We push, we pull, until one of us breaks.

### **If We Were Villains**

Graphic Universe  
Lucas Davenport confronts an old nemesis, now a powerful U.S. senator, in this thrilling #1 New York Times-bestselling new novel in the Prey series. Lucas Davenport had crossed paths with her before. A rich psychopath, Taryn Grant had run successfully for the U.S. Senate, where Lucas had predicted she'd fit right in. He was also convinced that she'd been responsible for three murders, though he'd

never been able to prove it. Once a psychopath had gotten that kind of rush, though, he or she often needed another fix, so he figured he might be seeing her again. He was right. A federal marshal now, with a very wide scope of investigation, he's heard rumors that Grant has found her seat on the Senate intelligence committee, and the contacts she's made from it, to be very...useful. Pinning those rumors down was likely to be just as difficult as before, and considerably more dangerous. But they had unfinished business, he and Grant. One way or the other, he was going to see it through to the end.

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