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Love, Lucas Chantele Sedgwick 2015-05-05 A 2015 Whitney Award Nominee! A powerful story of loss, second chances, and first love, reminiscent of Sarah Dessen and John Green. When Oakley Nelson loses her older brother, Lucas, to cancer, she thinks she'll never recover. Between her parents' arguing and the battle she's fighting with depression, she feels nothing inside but a hollow emptiness. When Mom suggests they spend a few months in California with Aunt Jo, Oakley isn't sure a change of scenery will alter anything, but she's willing to give it a try. In California, Oakley discovers a sort of safety and freedom in Aunt Jo's beach home. Once they're settled, Mom hands her a notebook full of letters addressed to her—from Lucas. As Oakley reads one each day, she realizes how much he loved her, and each letter challenges her to be better and to continue to enjoy her life. He wants her to move on. If only it were that easy. But then a surfer named Carson comes into her life, and Oakley is blindsided. He makes her feel again. As she lets him in, she is surprised by how much she cares for him, and that's when things get complicated. How can she fall in love and be happy when Lucas never got the chance to do those very same things? With her brother's dying words as guidance, Oakley knows she must learn to listen and trust again. But will she have to leave the past behind to find happiness in the future? Sky Pony Press, with our Good Books, Racehorse and Arcade imprints, is proud to publish a broad range of books for young readers—picture books for small children, chapter books, books for middle grade readers, and novels for young adults. Our list includes bestsellers for children who love to play Minecraft; stories told with LEGO bricks; books that teach lessons about tolerance, patience, and the environment, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

Get Dirty Gretchen McNeil 2015-06-16 Now streaming on Netflix and BBC iPlayer! The Breakfast Club meets Pretty Little Liars in Gretchen McNeil's sharp and thrilling sequel to Get Even. Perfect for fans of E. Lockhart, Karen M. McManus, and Maureen Johnson. The members of Don't Get Mad aren't just mad anymore . . . they're afraid. And with Margot in a coma and Bree under house arrest, it's up to Olivia and Kitty to try to catch their deadly tormentor. But just as the girls are about to go on the offensive, Ed the Head reveals a shocking secret that turns all their theories upside down. The killer could be anyone, and this time he—or she—is out for more than just revenge. The girls desperately try to discover the killer's identity as their own lives are falling apart: Dönté is pulling away from Kitty and seems to be hiding a secret of his own. Bree is sequestered under the watchful eye of her mom's bodyguard, and Olivia's mother is on an emotional downward spiral. The killer is closing in, the threats are becoming more personal, and when the police refuse to listen, the girls have no choice but to confront their anonymous "friend" . . . or die trying.

Bowl of Heaven Larry Niven 2014-07-25 When the SunSeeker leaves Earth, bound for the planet called "Glor," its crew knows they will never see the Earth again. None of them can ever have imagined, however, what they will find along the way. A gargantuan object, with its own star nestled inside. BOWL OF HEAVEN. The bowl-shaped structure is following the same path as the SunSeeker, and it has a habitable area the size of millions of Earths. A landing party is sent to the surface, where they encounter some of the structure's inhabitants—wildly differing species, and not all of them friendly.

The Thorn Necklace Francesca Lia Block 2018-05-01 For devotees of *Bird by Bird* and *The Artist's Way*, a memoir-driven guide to healing through the craft of writing Francesca Lia Block is the bestselling author of more than twenty-five books, including the award-winning *Weetzie Bat* series. Her writing has been called "transcendent" by *The New York Times*, and her books have been included in "best of" lists compiled by *Time* magazine and NPR. In this long-anticipated guide to the craft of writing, Block offers an intimate glimpse of an artist at work and a detailed guide to help readers channel their own experiences and creative energy. Sharing visceral insights and powerful exercises, she gently guides us down the write-to-heal path, revealing at each turn the intrinsic value of channeling our experiences onto the page. Named for the painting by Frida Kahlo, who famously transformed her own personal suffering into art, *The Thorn Necklace* offers lessons on life, love, and the creative process.

Summer Days and Summer Nights Stephanie Perkins 2016-06-02 Summer Days and Summer Nights is a beautiful collection of twelve gorgeously romantic short stories, by some of the most talented and exciting YA authors writing today. Collected together by Stephanie Perkins, the editor behind *My True Love Gave to Me*, this wonderful collection of summer romances will delight all fans of YA. Summer Days and Summer Nights includes stories by: Leigh Bardugo Nina LaCour Libba Bray Francesca Lia Block Stephanie Perkins Tim Federle Veronica Roth Jon Skovron Brandy Colbert Cassandra Clare Jennifer E. Smith Lev Grossman

Primavera Francesca Lia Block 2004 Unable to have the man she loves, Primavera goes in search of Elysia, a magical city once ruled by her parents' band, Ecstasia, unaware that if she gets there, she may not be able to return home.

Teen Spirit Francesca Lia Block 2014-02-04 Francesca Lia Block, critically acclaimed author of *Weetzie Bat*, brings this eerie and redemptive ghost story to life with her signature, poetic prose. It's perfect for fans of supernatural stories with a touch of romance like the *Beautiful Creatures* series by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl. After Julie's grandmother passes away, she is forced to move across town to the not-so-fancy end of Beverly Hills and start over at a new school. The only silver lining to the perpetual dark cloud that seems to be following her? Clark—a die-hard fan of Buffy and all things Joss Whedon, who is just as awkward and damaged as she is. Her kindred spirit. When the two try to contact Julie's grandmother with a Ouija board, they make contact with a different spirit altogether. The real kind. And this ghost will do whatever it takes to come back to the world of the living. Francesca Lia Block's latest young adult novel is a haunting work about family, loss, love, and redemption.

Depositing Nathan Zack Smedley 2019-05-07 "A heartbreaking and important read." —Caleb Roehrig, author of *Last Seen Leaving* "[A] layered, complex depiction of questioning (bi)sexuality... A heartbreaking case worth revisiting again and again." —Kirkus Reviews, starred review Nate never imagined that he would be attacked by his best friend. For sixteen years, Nate was the perfect son—the product of a no-nonsense upbringing and deep spiritual faith. Then he met Cam, who pushed him to break rules, dream, and accept himself. Conflicted, Nate began to push back. With each push, the boys became more entangled in each others' worlds...but they also spiraled closer to their breaking points. And now all of it has fallen apart after a fistfight-turned-near-fatal-incident—one that's left Nate with a stab wound and Cam in jail. Now Nate is being ordered to give a statement, under oath, that will send his best friend to prison. The problem is, the real story of what happened between them isn't as simple as anyone thinks. With all eyes on him, Nate must make his confessions about what led up to that night with Cam...and in doing so, risk tearing both of their lives apart.

Dead Girls Francesca Lia Block 2019-12-15 The newest collection of haunting, magical poems by Francesca Lia Block, author of *Fairy Tales in Electri-City*, draws on myth and fable to explore the roles women play in many archetypal stories—and gives voice to these female characters, to let them tell their tales in their own words. "Wasn't it perversely Edgar Allan Poe who said, 'The death of a beautiful woman is, unquestionably, the most poetical topic in the world?'" Francesca Lia Block's book *Dead Girls* begs to differ. Here we see the exploitation of girls—spun into the very DNA of our Western culture of myth and fairy tales—for what it is. Block gives voice to these women and girls, including the "wicked" queens and stepmothers, revealing a complexity and despair as only a truly great poet can. I'll tell you what is the most poetical topic in the world—beautiful girls who are very much alive in these exquisite poems." —Denise Duhamel "In the gorgeous realms of these poems we might hear beguiling instructions: 'Heed my advice / Take your heart from your chest / Let it bleed in your hands / Talk to it softly / as if to a lover,' and then wander into their alluring spaces of darkness. Bristling with violence and eroticism, the wilderness here resonates with current and crucial concerns. Listen close and follow Francesca Lia Block's seductive voice as it speaks through these fabular figures: 'I want to tell my history / Can you hear my stories?'" —Molly Bendall

9 Days and 9 Nights Katie Cotugno 2018-05-01 In this sequel to the *New York Times* bestseller *99 Days*, perfect for fans of Jenny Han and Morgan Matson, Molly Barlow finds herself in Europe on her summer vacation, desperately trying to forget everything that happened a year ago. But over the course of nine days and nine nights, her whole life will be turned upside down once more. . . . Molly Barlow isn't that girl anymore. A business major at her college in Boston, she's reinvented herself after everything that went down a year ago... After all the people she hurt and the family she tore apart. Slowly, life is getting back to normal. Molly has just said I love you to her new boyfriend, Ian, and they are off on a romantic European vacation together, starting with scenic London. But there on a tube platform, the past catches up to her in the form of Gabe, her ex, traveling on his own parallel vacation with new girlfriend Sadie. After comparing itineraries, Ian ends up extending an invite for Gabe and Sadie to join them on the next leg of their trip, to Ireland. And Molly and Gabe can't bring themselves to tell the truth about who they once were to each other to their new significant others. Now Molly has to spend 9 days and 9 nights with the boy she once loved, the boy whose heart she shredded, without Ian knowing. Will she make it through as new and improved Molly, or will everything that happened between her and Gabe come rushing back?

The Island of Excess Love Francesca Lia Block 2014-08-26 In *The Island of Excess Love*, Pen has lost her parents. She's lost her eye. But she has fought Kronen; she has won back her fragile friends and her beloved brother. Now Pen, Hex, Ash, Ez, and Venice are living in the pink house by the sea, getting by on hard work, companionship, and dreams. Until the day a foreboding ship appears in the harbor across from their home. As soon as the ship arrives, they all start having strange visions of destruction and violence. Trance-like, they head for the ship and their new battles begin. This companion to *Love in the Time of Global Warming* follows Pen as she searches for love among the ruins, this time using Virgil's epic *Aeneid* as her guide. A powerful and stunning book filled with Francesca Lia Block's beautiful language and inspiring characters.

The Football Girl Thatcher Heldring 2017-04-04 For every athlete or sports fanatic who knows she's just as good as the guys. This is for fans of *The Running Dream* by Wendelin Van Draanen, *Grace, Gold, and Glory* by Gabrielle Douglass and *Breakaway: Beyond the Goal* by Alex Morgan. The summer before Caleb and Tessa enter high school, friendship has blossomed into a relationship . . . and their playful sports days are coming to an end. Caleb is getting ready to try out for the football team, and Tessa is training for cross-country. But all their structured plans derail in the final flag game when they lose. Tessa doesn't want to end her career as a loser. She really enjoys playing, and if she's being honest, she likes it even more than running cross-country. So what if she decided to play football instead? What would happen between her and Caleb? Or between her two best friends, who are counting on her to try out for cross-country with them? And will her parents be upset that she's decided to take her hobby to the next level? This summer Caleb and Tessa figure out just what it means to be a boyfriend, girlfriend, teammate, best friend, and someone worth cheering for. "A great next choice for readers who have enjoyed Catherine Gilbert Murdock's *Dairy Queen* and Miranda Kenneally's *Catching Jordan*." —SLJ "Fast-paced football action, realistic family drama, and sweet romance...[will have] readers looking for girl-powered sports stories...and plently to like." —Booklist "Tessa's ferocious competitiveness is appealing." —Kirkus Reviews "[The Football Girl] serve[s] to illuminate the appropriately complicated emotions both of a young romance and of pursuing a dream. Heldring writes with insight and restraint." —*The Horn Book* Degrees of Wrong Anna Scarlett 2013-07-02 Dr. Elyse Morgan's mission: find the cure to the HTN4 virus. The compensation, courtesy of the United Nations: a lab stocked with hi-tech goodies, limitless resources and enough chocolate to make her rear look like a cellulite farm. Bonus: she gets to live. Rescued (kidnapped) and secreted (imprisoned) on an undersea warship, Elyse adjusts to her assumed identity as a cadet with the finesse of a toeless ballerina. Which captures the attention of the ship's captain, the gorgeous, infuriating, engaged Nicoli Marek. Elyse would rather perform her own autopsy than become the other woman, but Nicoli regards his impending marriage as a mere political transaction—and Elyse as fair game. As Elyse's suspicions about the UN's true agenda mount, along with her attraction to the relentless, chronically shirtless captain, she must choose between the murky path to everything she's ever wanted, or the squeaky-clean path of self-sacrifice—which might require taking the virus's secrets to the grave.

The Urban Fantasy Anthology Peter S. Beagle 2011-08-15 Whether featuring tattooed demon hunters, angst-y vampires, supernatural gumshoes, or pixelated pixies, *Urban Fantasy* mashes up old-school tales with pop culture, creating iconic characters, diverging moralities, and complex settings. *Urban Fantasy* is finally showcased in this star-studded collection, representing all three of its distinct styles, including the playful new mythologies of Charles de Lint, the sexy paranormal romances of Patricia Briggs, and the gritty urban noir of Neil Gaiman.

The Girl Who Wrote in Silk Kelli Estes 2015-07-07 A USA TODAY BESTSELLER! A historical novel inspired by true events, Kelli Estes's brilliant and atmospheric debut is a poignant tale of two women determined to do the right thing and the power of our own stories. The smallest items can hold centuries of secrets... Inara Erickson is exploring her deceased aunt's island estate when she finds an elaborately stitched piece of fabric hidden in the house. As she peels back layer upon layer of the secrets it holds, Inara's life becomes intertwined with that of Mei Lein, a young Chinese girl mysteriously driven from her home a century before. Through the stories Mei Lein tells in silk, Inara uncovers a tragic truth that will shake her family to its core—and force her to make an impossible choice. A touching and tender book for fans of Marie Benedict, Susanna Kearsley, and Duncan Jepson. Call Me Tuesday Leigh Byrne 2012-02-15 When Tuesday Storm's mother plunges headfirst down a flight of stairs, it's the second-worst thing that ever happens in Tuesday's life. The first? Mama survives the accident. Suddenly she's furious with Tuesday for some mysterious "bad thing" she's done. The doctor says the aggression is due to a brain injury and only temporary. So the Storms do what any proud, Southern family would. They hide the problem, hoping it will go away. Meanwhile little Tuesday becomes the target of unrelenting hostility and twisted "punishments." In this based-on-a-true-story novel, a now-grown Tuesday recounts, with raw emotion, her sudden "loss" of a nurturing mother, and the tragic years to follow living with the monster in her mother's clothes—a monster she can't stop loving.

Love in the Time of Global Warming: Chapters 1-5 Francesca Lia Block 2013-06-18 "Download the first five chapters of LOVE IN THE TIME OF GLOBAL WARMING by Francesca Lia Block! Seventeen-year-old Penelope (Pen) has lost everything—her home, her parents, and her ten-year-old brother. Like a female Odysseus in search of home, she navigates a dark world full of strange creatures, gathers companions and loses them, finds love and loses it, and faces her mortal enemy. In her signature style, Francesca Lia Block has created a world that is beautiful in its destruction and as frightening as it is lovely. At the helm is Pen, a strong heroine who holds hope and love in her hands and refuses to be defeated. LOVE IN THE TIME OF GLOBAL WARMING by Francesca Lia Block is on sale August 27! "

Girl Last Seen Nina Laurin 2017-06-20 An intense psychological thriller for readers of *I Am Watching You*, *The Luckiest Girl Alive*, and *All the Missing Girls*. Two missing girls. Thirteen years apart. Olivia Shaw has been missing since last Tuesday. She was last seen outside the entrance of her elementary school in Hunts Point wearing a white spring jacket, blue jeans, and pink boots. I force myself to look at the face in the photo, into her slightly smudged features, and I can't bring myself to move. Olivia Shaw could be my mirror image, round to thirteen years ago. If you have any knowledge of Olivia Shaw's whereabouts or any relevant information, please contact... I've spent a long time peering into the faces of girls on missing posters, wondering which one replaced me in that basement. But they were never quite the right age, the right look, the right circumstances. Until Olivia Shaw, missing for one week tomorrow. Whoever stole me was never found. But since I was taken, there hasn't been another girl. And now there is.

Violet & Claire Francesca Lia Block 2009-10-13 This is the story of two girls, racing through space like shadow and light. A photo-negative, together they make the perfect image of a girl. Violet is the dark one, dressed in forever black, dreaming Technicolor dreams of spinning the world into her very own silver screen creation. Claire is like a real-life Tinker Bell, radiating love and light, dressing herself in wings of gauze and glitter, writing poems to keep away the darkness. The setting is L.A., a city as beautiful as it is dangerous, and within this landscape of beauty and pain Violet and Claire vow to make their own movie. Together they will show the world the way they want it to be, and maybe then the world will become that place—a place where people no longer hate or fight or want to hurt. But when desire and ambition threaten to rip a seamless friendship apart, only one thing can make two halves whole again—the power of love. Francesca Lia Block's latest novel is a beautifully told story that boldly combines the world of film with the lyrical graceful language of poetry. The voices of two friends—one dark, one light—combine to tell a larger tale of love and loss, and the strength that comes from believing in dreams.

Wasteland Francesca Lia Block 2009-10-13 When you were a baby I sat very still to hold you. I could see the veins through your skin like a map to inside you. I stopped breathing so you wouldn't ... You were just a boy on a

bed in a room, like a kaleidoscope is a tube full of bits of broken glass. But the way I saw you was pieces refracting the light, shifting into an infinite universe of flowers and rainbows and insects and planets, magical dividing cells, pictures no one else knew ... Your whole life you can be told something is wrong and so you believe it.

A Practical Guide to Qabalistic Symbolism Gareth Knight 2001-05-01 In this groundbreaking book, Knight shows how the Qabalah and its basic diagram, the Tree of Life, is a system of relationships among mystical symbols that can be used to gain access to the hidden reaches of the mind. He also demonstrates how the Qabalah is applicable to all mystical traditions and religious beliefs, including Christian mysticism, Greek, Egyptian and Celtic mythologies, and even Native American beliefs. It is indeed symbolic of our universal search for the Divine. Included here are two books in one. The first compares the Western Mystery Tradition with the Eastern system of yoga, analyzes the Tree of Life in full detail, and describes the practical application and theories of Qabalistic symbolism. The second gives the most comprehensive analysis ever published of the twenty-two 'Paths of Concealed Glory' that join the Spheres of the Tree of Life taking into account the Hebrew alphabet, astrological signs, and tarot trumps. A large section explores the history of tarot design and the varying systems of correspondence with the Tree of Life.

Come Back to Me Mila Gray 2015-12-08 In this heart-wrenching tale of love and loss, a young Marine and his best friend's sister plunge into a forbidden love affair while he's home on leave. When a Marine Chaplain knocks on her door, Jessa's heart breaks—someone she loves is dead. Killed in action, but is it Riley or Kit? Her brother or her boyfriend... Three months earlier, Marine Kit Ryan finds himself back home on leave and dangerously drawn to his best friend Riley's sister, Jessa—the one girl he can't have. Exhausted from fighting his feelings, Kit finally gives in, and Jessa isn't strong enough to resist diving headfirst into a passionate relationship. But what was just supposed to be a summer romance develops into something far greater than either of them expected. Jessa's finally found the man of her dreams and Kit's finally discovered there's someone he'd sacrifice everything for. When it's time for Kit to redeploy, neither one is ready to say goodbye. Jessa vows to wait for him and Kit promises to come home to her. No matter what. But as Jessa stands waiting for the Marine Chaplain to break her heart, she can't help but feel that Kit has broken his promise... Riley or Kit? Kit or Riley? Her brother or her boyfriend? Who's coming home to her?

The First Lie: A short story Diane Chamberlain 2013-06-04 If you're a fan of Jodi Picoult, you'll love Diane Chamberlain's *The First Lie*, an original eBook short story companion to *Necessary Lies*. It's 1958 in rural North Carolina, where thirteen-year-old Ivy Hart lives with her grandmother and sister on a tobacco farm. As tenant farmers, Ivy and her family don't have much freedom, though she and her best friend, Henry, often sneak away in search of adventure. But everything changes when Ivy's teenage sister gives birth, refusing to reveal the identity of the baby's father. Soon Ivy finds herself unravelling a dark web of family secrets and trying to make sense of her ever-evolving life in the segregated South.

Girl Goddess #9 Francesca Lia Block 2008-07-01 Meet Tweetie Sweet Pea and Peachy Pie, Jacaranda and Rave and Desiree... Meet Lady Ivory and Alabaster Dutchess, who interview their favorite rock star, Nick Agate, only to discover the magic and power in themselves. Meet Tuck Budd, who is happy living in Manhattan with her two moms, Izzy and Anastasia, until she begins to wonder who her father is. Meet La, who faces the loss of her mother with an imaginary androgynous blue friend who lives in her closet. Zingingly bright and dreamily dark, full of wonder and gritty reality, these stories by acclaimed author Francesca Lia Block show the reader that in every girl there truly is a goddess. The cutting-edge author of *Weetzie Bat* once again breaks new ground with *Girl Goddess #9*, nine stories about girl goddesses of every age and shape and color and size, wearing combat boots and spiky hair or dressed all in white. One girl has two moms, another has no mother at all but a strange blue skinned creature that lives in her closet. One is a rock star groupie, another loves dancing and reading poetry and having picnics in the backyard when the moon is full. These are stories about girls discovering that the world is not a simple place and that there is more than one way to live all in Ms. Block's rich, lyrical language that fans have come to adore and that *Sassy* magazine called "a dream."

Blood Roses Francesca Lia Block 2008-06 Presents a collection of nine short stories about transformation, including a girl who awakens with tattoos all over body when she falls in love and another who turns into a giant after feeling strange within her own skin.

Sorted Jackson Bird 2020-08-04 An unflinching and endearing memoir from LGBTQ+ advocate Jackson Bird about how, through a childhood of gender mishaps and an awkward adolescence, he finally sorted things out and came out as a transgender man in his mid-twenties. When Jackson Bird was twenty-five, he came out as a transgender to his friends, family, and anyone in the world with an internet connection. Assigned female at birth and raised as a girl, he often wondered if he should have been born a boy. Jackson didn't share this thought with anyone because he didn't think he could share it with anyone. Growing up in Texas in the 1990s, he had no transgender role models. He barely remembers meeting anyone who was openly gay, let alone being taught that transgender people existed outside of punchlines. In this "soulful and heartfelt coming-of-age story" (Jamia Wilson, director and publisher of the Feminist Press), Jackson chronicles the ups and downs of growing up gender confused. Illuminated by journal entries spanning childhood to adolescence to today, he candidly recalls the challenges and loneliness he endured as he came to terms with both his gender and his bisexual identity. With warmth and wit, Jackson also recounts how he navigated the many obstacles and quirks of his transition—like figuring out how to have a chest binder delivered to his NYU dorm room and having an emotional breakdown at a Harry Potter fan convention. From his first shot of testosterone to his eventual top surgery, Jackson lets you in on every part of his journey—taking the time to explain trans terminology and little-known facts about gender and identity along the way. "A compassionate, tender-hearted, and accessible book for anyone who might need a hand to hold as they walk through their own transition or the transition of a loved one" (Austin Chant, author of *Peter Darling*), *Sorted* demonstrates the power and beauty in being yourself, even when you're not sure who "yourself" is.

The Catastrophic History of You And Me Jess Rothenberg 2012-02-21 An addictively page-turning romance for fans of *Before I Fall* and *The Fault in Our Stars* Brie is the "biggest, cheesiest, sappiest romantic" who believes that everyone will find their perfect someone. So when Jacob, the love of Brie's life, tells her he doesn't love her anymore, the news breaks her heart—literally. But now that she's D&G (dead and gone), Brie revisits the living world to discover that her family has begun to unravel and her best friend has been keeping an intimate secret about her boyfriend. Somehow, Brie must handle all of this while navigating through the five steps of grief with the help of Patrick, her mysterious bomber-jacketed guide to the afterlife. But how is she supposed to face the Ever after with a broken heart and no one to call her own? "The debut is a fast, witty, highly dramatic read about the turbulent nature of love."—*Romantic Times* "Rothenberg explores what happens in the afterlife when you aren't quite done with your life."—*San Francisco Chronicle* "The funniest, sweetest, most heartfelt, sigh-worthy and oh-so-romantic story I've ever read. You'll love it!"—Cynthia Leitich Smith, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Eternal and Blessed*

The Roxy Letters Mary Pauline Lowry 2021-04-06 Meet Roxy. For fans of *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* and *Bridget Jones's Diary* comes "just the kind of comic novel we need right now" (*The Washington Post*) about an Austin artist trying to figure out her life one letter to her ex-boyfriend at a time. *Bridget Jones* penned a diary; *Roxy* writes letters. Specifically: she writes letters to her hapless, rent-avoidant ex-boyfriend—and current roommate—Everett. This charming and funny twenty-something is under-employed (and under-romanced), and she's decidedly fed up with the indignities she endures as a deli maid at *Whole Foods* (the original), and the dismaying speed at which her beloved Austin is becoming corporatized. When a new Lululemon pops up at the intersection of Sixth and Lamar where the old *Waterloo Video* used to be, Roxy can stay silent no longer. As her letters to Everett become less about overdue rent and more about the state of her life, Roxy realizes she's ready to be the heroine of her own story. She decides to team up with her two best friends to save Austin—and rescue Roxy's love life—in whatever way they can. But can this spunky, unforgettable millennial keep Austin weird, avoid arrest, and find romance—and even creative inspiration—in the process? With timely themes and hilarious, laugh-out-loud moments, *Roxy Letters* is a smart and clever story that is "bursting with originality, quirky wit, and delightful charm" (Hannah Orenstein, author of *Playing with Matches*).

Beyond the Pale Motel Francesca Lia Block 2014-09-16 Maternal, sexy Catt and her beautiful, daring best friend Bree are hairdressers at an L.A. salon called *Head Hunter*, and work out at a gym called *Body Farm*. They have over a decade of sobriety behind them and are getting close to living the lives they've always wanted. But when Catt's husband, Dash, leaves her, and then her neighbor is brutally murdered, possibly by a man being called the *Hollywood Serial Killer*... is she losing touch with reality or simply coming to terms with the truth? In *Beyond the Pale Motel*, a terrifying and intensely erotic novel, Francesca Lia Block explores the dangers of modern living, loving and dying with lyrical edge and sensational attitude.

The Rose and The Beast Francesca Lia Block 2009-10-06 With language that is both lyrical and distinctly her own, Francesca Lia Block turns nine fairy tales inside out. Escaping the poisoned apple, Snow frees herself from possession to find the truth of love in an unexpected place. A club girl from L.A., awakening from a long sleep to the memories of her past, finally finds release from its curse. And Beauty learns that Beasts can understand more than men. Within these singular, timeless landscapes, the brutal and the magical collide, and the heroine triumphs because of the strength she finds in a pen, a paintbrush, a lover, a friend, a mother, and finally, in herself.

Wood Nymph Seeks Centaur Francesca Lia Block 2009-07-01 Navigating the world of dating can be like wandering an enchanted forest, full of creatures with peculiar habits and baffling behavior. In *Wood Nymph Seeks Centaur*, Francesca Lia Block provides a guide to this often-treacherous terrain, classifying all those mystifying men and women into various types of mythical forest fauna—Fauns and Werewolves, Mermaids and Banshees. After answering questions to determine your own type, you can learn to identify others—with the help of illustrations from artist Fumi Nakamura. By reading up on the various types' favorite activities, likely professions, sexual preferences, and parenting styles, you'll gain insight into compatible creatures. If you're a *Wood Nymph* (like Block), you could get your heart broken by a fickle Satyr, but if you can track down the strong, soulful Centaurs of the forest, you just might be on the path to true love. Clever and insightful, *Wood Nymph Seeks Centaur* is an invaluable guide for any dating creature.

Wicked Lovely Melissa Marr 2009-10-06 Fans of Sarah J. Maas and Holly Black won't be able to resist the world of Melissa Marr's #1 *New York Times* bestselling series, full of faerie intrigue, mortal love, and courtly betrayal. Rule #3: Don't stare at invisible faeries. Aislinn has always seen faeries. Powerful and dangerous, they walk hidden in mortal world. Aislinn fears their cruelty—especially if they learn of her Sight—and wishes she were as blind to their presence as other teens. Rule #2: Don't speak to invisible faeries. Now faeries are stalking her. One of them, Keenan, who is equal parts terrifying and alluring, is trying to talk to her, asking questions Aislinn is afraid to answer. Rule #1: Don't ever attract their attention. But it's too late. Keenan is the Summer King who has sought his queen for nine centuries. Without her, summer itself will perish. He is determined that Aislinn will become the Summer Queen at any cost—regardless of her plans or desires. Suddenly none of the rules that have kept Aislinn safe are working anymore, and everything is on the line: her freedom, her best friend Seth, her life—everything.

The Elementals Francesca Lia Block 2012-10-16 From a star YA author Francesca Lia Block—an adult novel about a student, haunted by the disappearance of a friend, who must face the truth *The Elementals* is on one level an intriguing coming-of-age novel about a young woman, Ariel Silverman, facing the challenges of her first years away at college in Berkeley, California, while her mother battles cancer at home in Los Angeles. But the book takes on deeper, stranger meanings when we realize that Ariel is haunted by the disappearance of her best friend, Jeni, who vanished without a trace a few years before, closing Ariel's heart and changing her forever. Ariel wonders if she will ever be fully alive, until she meets three mysterious, beautiful and seductive young people living in a strange old house in the Berkeley hills. Through them Ariel will unravel the mystery of her best friend's disappearance and face a chilling choice.

Weetzie Bat Francesca Lia Block 2009-10-06 "Transcendent." —*New York Times Book Review* "Magnificent." —*Village Voice* "Sparkling." —*Publishers Weekly* Francesca Lia Block's dazzling debut novel, *Weetzie Bat*, is not only a genre-shattering, critically acclaimed gem, it's also widely recognized as a classic of young adult literature, having captivated readers for generations. This coming-of-age novel follows the eponymous *Weetzie Bat* and her best friend Dirk as they navigate life and love in a timeless, dreamlike version of Los Angeles. When *Weetzie* is granted three wishes by a genie, she discovers that there are unexpected ramifications.... Winner of the prestigious Phoenix Award, *Weetzie Bat* is a beautiful, poetic work of magical realism that is perfect for fans of *Laura Ruby*, *Neil Gaiman*, and *Kelly Link*.

Open Letter to Quiet Light Francesca Lia Block 2009-06-01 "[Francesca Lia Block] is the sorceress of idiosyncratic language." —*Kirkus Reviews* Open Letter to Quiet Light will make readers feel as if they are peering at secret writings meant for the eyes of a lover alone, but these carefully crafted lines somehow transcend the personal to touch everyone who has experienced this kind of consuming, wrenching love. In these fiercely passionate, devastatingly revealing, sometimes spiritual, and often painful poems, Francesca Lia Block describes in fiery detail the rise and demise of a year-long love affair. Her rich use of language infused with the power of sex and spirit finally paint a transcendent, almost mythic portrait of the way two wounded people—both searching for connection—find each other, collide, and eventually separate. The words seem to bleed onto the page and even the most graphic moments have a devotional quality filled with nuanced expression and unbridled intimacy. Francesca Lia Block is renowned for her groundbreaking literary works, including the best-selling *Weetzie Bat*. Her writing transports readers through the harsh landscapes of contemporary life to realms of the senses where love is a saving grace. She lives in Los Angeles.

Baby Be-Bop Francesca Lia Block 2010-11-09 Dirk MacDonald, a sixteen-year-old boy living in Los Angeles, comes to terms with being gay after he receives surreal storytelling visitations from his dead father and great-grandmother.

Pink Smog Francesca Lia Block 2012-01-24 *Pink Smog*, the long-awaited prequel to Francesca Lia Block's groundbreaking novel *Weetzie Bat*, was praised as "an intoxicating mix of mystery, fantasy, and romance" by ALA Booklist in a starred review. *Weetzie Bat* is one of the seminal young adult novels of the '90s and continues to be an iconic treasure for teens everywhere. Now *Pink Smog* reintroduces a whole new generation to the eponymous *Weetzie Bat*—before she was *Weetzie*. Against the backdrop of a Los Angeles teeming with magical realism, *Louise Bat* struggles to find a way to deal with life after her father's unceremonious departure. Longtime fans and newfound readers alike will fall in love with Francesca Lia Block's beautifully crafted and brutally honest world. Maggie Stiefvater, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Raven Boys*, proclaimed "Pink Smog sparkles and obscures; it's a glorious mirage, like the city it pays homage to."

The Collector's Daughter Gill Paul 2021-09-30 From the internationally bestselling author comes a tale of long-buried secrets and a discovery that will change everything, perfect for fans of *Dinah Jefferies* and *Lucinda Riley*. I Was a Teenage Fairy Francesca Lia Block 2000-05-03 Maybe Mab was real. Maybe not. Maybe Mab was the fury, Maybe she was the courage, Maybe later on she was the sex ... A tiny fairy winging her way through the jasmine-scented L.A. night. A little girl caught in a grown-up glitz-and-glitter world of superstars and supermodels. A too beautiful boy with a secret he can never share ... From the author of *Weetzie Bat* comes a magical, mesmerizing tale of transformation. This is the story of Barbie Marks, who dreams of being the one behind the Cyclops eye of the camera, not the voiceless one in front of it; who longs to run away to New York City where she can be herself, not some barley flesh-and-blood version of the plastic doll she was named after. It is the story of Griffin Tyler, whose androgynous beauty hides the dark pain he holds inside. And finally it is the story of Mab, a pinkie-sized, magenta-haired, straight-talking fairy, who may or may not be real but who helps Barbie and Griffin uncover the strength beneath the pain, and who teaches that love—like a sparkling web of light spinning around our bodies and our souls—is what can heal even the deepest scars.

Love in the Time of Global Warming Francesca Lia Block 2013-08-27 Seventeen-year-old Penelope (Pen) has lost everything—her home, her parents, and her ten-year-old brother. Like a female *Odysseus* in search of home, she navigates a dark world full of strange creatures, gathers companions and loses them, finds love and loses it, and faces her mortal enemy. In her signature style, Francesca Lia Block has created a world that is beautiful in its destruction and as frightening as it is lovely. At the helm of *Love in the Time of Global Warming* is Pen, a strong heroine who holds hope and love in her hands and refuses to be defeated.