



The Only Child

By Guojing

“Both a study in magical realism and a pure celebration of imagination, Guojing’s wordless book captivates through its pacing and artistic prowess. In the tradition of Mary Pope Osborne’s *Moonhorse*, a child finds both meaning and celebration in the natural world, and Guojing’s art brilliantly blends the fears of being lost with the resiliency found in pressing forward.”

—Todd Wellman, Boswell Book Company, Milwaukee, WI



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Anna and the Swallow Man

By Gavriel Savit

“Seven-year-old Anna finds herself alone when her father is taken by Nazi soldiers. When a mysterious stranger called the Swallow Man abruptly enters her life, Anna eagerly embraces him and his peculiar ways. The two unlikely traveling companions journey across Poland in an effort to stay safe as war ravages the countryside around them. Both heartbreaking and uplifting, *Anna and the Swallow Man* is an exploration of innocence, beauty, loss, friendship, and the importance of language. I cannot recommend this beautiful book highly enough.”

—Jennifer Oleinik, University Book Store, Seattle, WA



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Mother Bruce

By Ryan T. Higgins

“Bruce, a grumpy bear who lives alone, is about to boil free-range, organic eggs for a special recipe he found on the Internet when he discovers that the eggs have hatched and are crying, ‘Mama!’ When he tries to return them to Mrs. Goose, he finds that she has flown south. What does a curmudgeon bear do with four baby goslings? Not what you would imagine! The vision and cleverness of Higgins and his delightful illustrations have produced an outrageously funny picture book that will make even the grumpiest readers laugh.”

—Karen Briggs, Great Northern Books & Hobbies, Oscoda, MI



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Not If I See You First

By Eric Lindstrom

“Parker is blind and has been for years. She copes by not caring what anyone thinks of her as long as they follow The Rules—a set of what she considers common-sense guidelines for dealing with someone who is blind. Parker enforces The Rules even more strongly since her best friend Scott broke her heart years ago. But when Scott returns, Parker starts to realize that maybe she doesn’t know everything she thought she did. Maybe some Rules are meant to be broken. A thoroughly enjoyable debut!”

—Melissa Oates, Fiction Addiction, Greenville, SC



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Warren the 13th and the All-Seeing Eye: A Novel

By Tania del Rio, Will Staehle (Illus.)

“Warren the 13th’s family has been running the Warren Hotel for generations – 13, in fact. The latest caretaker has some added challenges as the hotel has fallen on hard times, and Warren’s guardian has married the sinister Annaconda, who is bent on discovering the magic All-Seeing Eye that is rumored to be hidden somewhere in the hotel. The somber setting is captured perfectly by Staehle’s illustrations, which are reminiscent of Tim Burton, and del Rio creates subtle subversions of stock characters that will appeal to older readers, while the twists, puzzles, and action will keep young readers turning pages until the book’s splashy ending.”

—Paul Boers, Book Bin East, Salem, OR



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Underwater: A Novel

By Marisa Reichardt

“Debut author Reichardt offers a novel about the psychological aftermath of a school shooting that will change your perspective on the issue forever. Morgan has become agoraphobic after surviving a shooting at her school the year before, but a new neighbor helps her to slowly re-enter the world. Thoughtfully handled and thought-provoking, *Underwater* is a reminder that violence touches us all, but that there is always room for hope.”

—Erin Barker, Hooray for Books!, Alexandria, VA



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Da Vinci's Tiger

By Laura Malone Elliott

“Ginevra de’ Benci: This mysterious figure is the subject of one of Leonardo da Vinci’s earliest, groundbreaking masterpieces. In *Da Vinci’s Tiger*, Elliott imagines Ginevra’s story, based on known fragments from history and the only surviving scrap of her poetry: ‘I ask your forgiveness and I am a mountain tiger.’ Ginevra’s story is captivating, empowering, and beautifully told, as she navigates Florence during the Renaissance, a time when women were to be seen and not heard.”

—Hana Boxberger, Village Books, Bellingham, WA



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I Love You Already!

By Jory John and Benji Davies

“Bear only wants to spend a pleasant day by himself, but Duck is not about to let that happen. Duck is determined that he and Bear will spend quality time together, NO MATTER WHAT! Finally, when Bear has had enough, Duck thinks that Bear must not like him and becomes dejected. Bear must convince Duck that he loves him already! A fun read-aloud about friends who might be different from each other, but are still friends.”

—Lisa Nehs, Books & Company, Oconomowoc, WI



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Truthwitch: A Witchlands Novel

By Susan Dennard

"Sometimes, a book simply speaks to your soul. For me, *Truthwitch* is one of those books. Dennard offers an incredible, new high fantasy that features a friendship between two powerful teen girls—Safi, a Truthwitch who can tell truth from lies, and Iseult, a Threadwitch who can see the threads that connect people to one another. Gorgeously written, elegantly built, and perfect for any reader, *Truthwitch* is a book you do not want to miss!"

—Rachel Strolle, Anderson's Bookshop, Naperville, IL



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When Mischief Came to Town

By Katrina Nannestad

"In this charming story, an orphan from Copenhagen goes to the tiny island of Bornholm to live with the grandmother she has never met. Although she is cheerful and loving, Inge Maria fears that she will never be able to make her grandmother love her because she is always falling into misadventures. To her surprise, Inge Maria's mischief reminds her grandmother of her own childhood, and the two forge a loving bond."

—Nancy Banks, City Stacks Books and Coffee, Chicago, IL



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