

# Les Vanderbeeker Tome 2 Notre Jardin Secret

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**Ember and the Ice Dragons** Heather Fawcett 2019-10-01 A stunning middle grade fantasy about a girl who used to be a dragon and her adventure to save her new home—from *Even the Darkest Stars* author Heather Fawcett. Perfect for fans of the *Nevermoor* and *His Dark Materials* series. Ember St. George is a dragon. At least she was before her adoptive father—a powerful but accident-prone Magician—turned her into a human girl to save her life. Unfortunately, Ember’s growing tendency to burst into flames at certain temperatures—not to mention her invisible wings—is making it too dangerous for her to stay in London. The solution: ship Ember off to her aunt’s research station in frigid Antarctica. Though eccentric Aunt Myra takes getting used to, Ember quickly feels at home in a land of ice storms, mischievous penguins, and twenty-four-hour nights. She even finds herself making friends with a girl genius called Nisha and a mysterious orphan named Moss. Then she discovers that Antarctica is home to the Winterglass Hunt, a yearly tradition in which rare ice dragons are hunted for their jeweled scales. Furious, Ember decides to join the hunt to sabotage it from the inside. But being an undercover dragon isn’t easy—especially among dragon hunters. Can a twelve-year-old fire dragon survive the dangers that come her way in the Antarctic wilderness and protect the ice dragons from extinction?

## The Melendy Family 1947

*My Bison* Gaya Wisniewski 2020-03-03 In a clearing by the forest, a little girl befriends a bison. Each winter they meet, sit by the fire, and share stories or simply enjoy the silence together until it is time for the bison to rejoin his herd in the spring. Their bond deepens as they grow older and the years go by, but one winter her bison does not return. After searching for him in the woods, the little girl, now a grown-up, comes to understand that though her bison is gone, he will also always be with her. Gaya Wisniewski's evocative charcoal-and-ink illustrations, enriched by the gradual addition of blue watercolor, masterfully convey this tender, affecting story of friendship and understanding the passage of time.

**The Winterhouse Mysteries** Ben Guterson 2019-12-31 Danger, intrigue, and the power of family combine in *The Winterhouse Mysteries*, the fast-paced conclusion to Ben Guterson and Chloe Bristol's illustrated, enchanting Winterhouse middle grade trilogy. It's springtime at Winterhouse and Elizabeth is settling into the joyful chaos of her new home. But it isn't long before she and Freddy are drawn into an ominous new mystery. Guests at the hotel start behaving oddly, and Elizabeth's powers manifest in thrilling—sometimes frightening—new ways. As unnatural tremors shake the foundations of Winterhouse, Elizabeth hears cries for help from Gracella Winters, a villain she'd thought dead and gone for good. Elizabeth's discovery of a rare book containing secrets of an ancient ritual leads to a tragic realization: someone at the hotel is trying to help Gracella rise again. Can Elizabeth and Freddy banish these threats and protect the future of Winterhouse once and for all? Christy Ottaviano Books

*Annie's Life in Lists* Kristin Mahoney 2020-06-23 For Annie, lists are how she keeps her whole life in order. And there is a lot to keep track of! Do you love Anastasia Krupnik, Ramona Quimby, and the Penderwicks? Then you will love Annie! Annie's a shy fifth grader with an incredible memory and a love of making lists. It helps her keep track of things when they can seem a little out of control, like her family, her friends, and her life in a new place. Annie has: 1. An incredible memory (really, it's almost photographic) that can get her in trouble. 2. A brother who is mad at her because he thinks she is the reason they had to move to Clover Gap, population 8,432. 4. A best friend who she is (almost) certain will always be her best friend. 5. New classmates, some of whom are nicer than others. 6. A rocky start

finding her place in her new home. From the author of *The 47 People You'll Meet in Middle School*, *Annie's Life in Lists* finds that even amid the chaos of everyday life, it's important to put things in order. "Perfect for anyone who's ever worried about starting a new school, saying the wrong thing, dying of embarrassment, or losing a best friend. I loved getting to know Annie through her lists!" --Kelly Jones, author of *Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer*

*The Vanderbeekers and the Hidden Garden* Karina Yan Glaser 2018 A New York Times bestseller! Return to Harlem's "wildly entertaining" family in this funny, heartwarming sequel. When catastrophe strikes their beloved upstairs neighbors, the Vanderbeeker children set out to build the best, most magical healing garden in Harlem--in spite of a locked fence, thistles and trash, and the conflicting plans of a wealthy real estate developer. While Isa is off at sleepaway orchestra camp, Jessie, Oliver, Hyacinth, and Laney are stuck at home in the brownstone with nothing to do but get on one another's nerves. But when catastrophe strikes their beloved upstairs neighbor, their sleepy summer transforms in an instant as the Vanderbeeker children band together to do what they do best: make a plan. They will create the most magical healing garden in all of Harlem. In this companion to *The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street*, experience the warmth of a family and their community as they work together to bring a little more beauty and kindness to the world, one thwarted plan at a time.

*Spells* Michel Ghelderode 2016-12-27 Hitherto unavailable in English, *Spells*, by the Belgian dramatist Michel de Ghelderode, ranks among the 20th century's most noteworthy collections of fantastic tales. Like Ghelderode's plays, the stories are marked by a powerful imagination and a keen sense of the grotesque, but in these the author speaks to us still more directly. Written at a time of illness and isolation, and conceived as a fresh start, *Spells* was Ghelderode's last major creative work, and he claimed it as his most personal and deeply felt one: a set of written spells through which his fears, paranoia and nostalgia found concrete form. By turns mystical, macabre and whimsically humorous, and set in the unsettled atmosphere of Brussels, Ostend, Bruges and London, *Spells* conjures up an uncanny realm of angels, demons, masks, effigies and apparitions, a twilight, oppressed world of diseased gardens, dusty wax mannequins and sinister relics. Combining the full contents of both the 1941 and 1947 editions, this translation of *Spells* is the most comprehensive edition yet published. Michel de Ghelderode was born in

Brussels in 1898. After nearly a decade of penning fiction, drama, literary journalism and puppet plays, in 1926 he began to write almost entirely for the theater and the following ten years saw the creation of most of his major plays. After 1936 he suffered from poor health and his involvement with the theater diminished. In the later 1940s, performances of his plays in Paris sparked a major awakening of interest in his work. Ghelderode died in 1962; the interior of his apartment, packed with books, pictures, puppets and masks, has been reassembled in Brussels as the Musée-Bibliothèque Michel de Ghelderode.

The Vanderbeekers to the Rescue Karina Yan Glaser 2019 The Vanderbeeker children, ages six to thirteen, race to help save their mother's baking business from closure after it fails an inspection.

Destination: Morgue! James Ellroy 2004-09-28 Dig. The Demon Dog gets down with a new book of scenes from America's capital of kink: Los Angeles. Fourteen pieces, some fiction, some nonfiction, all true enough to be admissible as state's evidence, and half of it in print for the first time. And every one of them bearing the James Ellroy brand of mayhem, machismo, and hollow-nose prose. Here are Mexican featherweights and unsolved-murder vics, crooked cops and a very clean D.A. Here is a profile of Hollywood's latest celebrity perp-walker, Robert Blake, and three new novellas featuring a demented detective with an obsession with a Hollywood actress. And, oh yes, just maybe the last appearance of Hush-Hush sleaze-monger Danny Getchell. Here's Ellroy himself, shining a 500-watt Mag light into all the dark places of his life and imagination. Destination: Morgue! puts the reader's attention in a hammerlock and refuses to let go.

**A Bomb in the Heart** Wajdi Mouawad 2013-04-09 A call late at night has Wahab springing into action. Despite a blinding snowstorm, an irritating bus driver, and a spinning wheel of worries, Wahab travels to his dying mother's hospital room. A journey of two kinds, A Bomb in the Heart is about a young man's relationship to his mother, the pain of loss, and about understanding the voice deep within.

**A Spoonful of Poison** M. C. Beaton 2008-09-30 A former London PR expert, private detective Agatha Raisin takes on the job of publicizing the local church festival, but when several offerings in the jam-tasting booth turn out to be poisoned, the festive family event becomes the scene of two murders.

**Wonderful Feels Like This** Sara Lövestam 2017-03-07 Sara Lovestam's *Wonderful Feels Like This* is “a coming-of-age tale of a young artist and is as soulful as it is triumphant” (SLJ) that celebrates being a little bit odd, finding your people, and the power of music to connect us For Steffi, going to school everyday is an exercise in survival. She's never fit in with any of the groups at school, and she's viciously teased by the other girls in her class. The only way she escapes is through her music—especially jazz music. When Steffi hears her favorite jazz song playing through an open window of a retirement home on her walk home from school, she decides to go in and introduce herself. The old man playing her favorite song is Alvar. When Alvar was a teenager in World War II Sweden, he dreamed of being in a real jazz band. Then and now, Alvar's escape is music—especially jazz music. Through their unconventional but powerful friendship, Steffi comes to realize that she won't always be stuck and lonely in her town. She can go to music school in Stockholm. She can be a real musician. She can be a jitterbug, just like Alvar. But how can Steffi convince her parents to let her go to Stockholm to audition? And how it that Steffi's school, the retirement home, the music, and even Steffi's worst bully are somehow all connected to Alvar? Can it be that the people least like us are the ones we need to help us tell our own stories? "Sensitive and deeply moving: outstanding." —Kirkus, starred review "Empathy, identity, and the transformative power of music bind this tale of an atypical friendship between a teenage outcast and a jazz musician." —Publishers Weekly, starred review

**The Grave Robber's Apprentice** Allan Stratton 2012-03-06 Hans doesn't know who he is or where he came from. When he was a baby, he washed ashore in a wooden box and was adopted by the conniving grave robber, Knobbe the Bent. Now fate has thrown him together with Angela von Schwanenberg, a young countess fleeing for her life from the evil Archduke Arnulf and his dreaded Necromancer. Together, these friends are on a daring quest to discover Hans' true identity and to save Angela's parents from the archduke. Join Hans and Angela on their grand adventure as they ride through the depths of the great forest, sled down a mountain in a coffin, and sneak along the secret passageways of the archduke's palace. *The Grave Robber's Apprentice* is a world of highwaymen, hermits, and dancing bears; and of a boy separated from his family by the sea. In this world anything is possible with luck and imagination—even for a grave robber's apprentice.

*Last to Die (with bonus short story John Doe)* Tess Gerritsen 2012-08-28 INTERNATIONAL

**BESTSELLER** For the second time in his short life, fourteen-year-old Teddy Clock has survived a massacre. Orphaned once more when his foster family is murdered, the traumatized teenager has nowhere to turn—until the Boston PD puts Detective Jane Rizzoli on the case. Jane spirits Teddy to the exclusive Evensong boarding school, a sanctuary where young victims of violent crime learn vital skills of survival. But even behind locked gates, Jane fears that Evensong’s benefactors aren’t the only ones watching. And when she learns of two other students whose pasts bear a shocking resemblance to Teddy’s, it becomes chillingly clear that a circling predator has more than one victim in mind. Joining forces with medical examiner Maura Isles, Jane races to stop an obsessed killer’s twisted quest—before an unspeakable secret dooms the children’s fate. Don’t miss Tess Gerritsen’s short story “John Doe,” and a sneak peek of her novel, *Girl Missing*, in the back of the book. “One of the most versatile voices in thriller fiction today.”—The Providence Journal “[Tess] Gerritsen has a knack for creating great characters and mysterious plots that seem straightforward but also dazzle with complexity and twists.”—Associated Press “An exciting and puzzling mystery . . . [Last to Die] is a key book in a series that keeps getting better and better.”—Bookreporter “Gerritsen skillfully heightens the tension right up to the suspenseful ending.”—Booklist

**The Last Giants** Francois Place 2018-05-31 This book has received three major prizes, including the Grand Prize for Children's Literature. Now published for the first time in softcover. After finding a huge tooth on the docks, English explorer Archibald Leopold Ruthmore sets out to seek the race of giants to whom the tooth belongs and discovers nine giants, the survivors of a singularly gentle and kindly race. He lives among them for ten months, and on returning home he makes a mistake that he regrets forever - he writes a book revealing their existence and location.

**The Racehorse Who Wouldn't Gallop** Clare Balding 2016-09-22 Charlie Bass is a horse-mad ten-year-old who dreams of owning her own pony. So when she accidentally manages to buy a racehorse, Charlie is thrilled. The horse she buys, Noble Warrior, looks the part: strong, fit and healthy. There's just one problem - he won't gallop. In fact, he won't even leave his stable without his best friend, a naughty palomino pony called Percy. Charlie is convinced that Noble Warrior has what it takes to be a champion.

But can she prove it? Derby Day is fast approaching and only a win can save the family farm from being repossessed. The stakes couldn't be higher for the Basses. Can Charlie turn her chaotic family into a top training team? Can Noble Warrior overcome his nerves? Will Percy the pony ever stop farting? Find out in this classic, funny animal story, perfect for fans of Dick King-Smith and Gerald Durrell.

*Cerulean Sins* Laurell K. Hamilton 2010-04-01 'People don't like dealing with people who raise the dead. Don't ask me why, but we make them nervous.' There's something about Leo Harlan that I don't like. He's asked me to reanimate his long-dead ancestor, and it seems like a perfectly ordinary case for someone like me: Anita Blake, preternatural expert, vampire hunter and raiser of the dead. So I agree - sometimes you deal with the devil not because you want to, but because if you don't, someone else will. But what he hasn't told me is that the corpse may hold the secret to an ancient crime that not everyone wants to be remembered.

*Illegal* Eoin Colfer 2017-10-05 This is a powerful and timely story about one boy's epic journey across Africa to Europe, a graphic novel for all children with glorious colour artwork throughout. From Eoin Colfer, previously Irish Children's Laureate, and the team behind his bestselling *Artemis Fowl* graphic novels. Ebo: alone. His sister left months ago. Now his brother has disappeared too, and Ebo knows it can only be to make the hazardous journey to Europe. Ebo's epic journey takes him across the Sahara Desert to the dangerous streets of Tripoli, and finally out to the merciless sea. But with every step he holds on to his hope for a new life, and a reunion with his sister. \*Winner of the Judges' Special Award at the Children's Books Ireland Book of the Year Awards\* 'Beautifully realised and punchily told.' Alex O'Connell, *The Times* Children's Book of the Week 'A powerful, compelling work, evocatively illustrated ... It would take a hard heart not to be moved by this book.' *Financial Times*

*Un prince cruel* Sophie Lark 2022-01-20 Il n'a rien d'un prince charmant... Callum Griffin est l'héritier de la mafia irlandaise. Il est impitoyable, arrogant, et il veut me tuer. Nous sommes partis du mauvais pied, tous les deux, quand j'ai allumé un (tout petit) feu dans sa maison. Nos familles estiment qu'un pacte nuptial est le seul moyen d'empêcher une guerre ouverte. Je crois que je vais devoir l'assassiner dans son sommeil. Ce serait bien plus facile si Callum n'était pas aussi beau. Mais je protège mon cœur dans

une boîte fermée à double tour. Parce que même si je suis forcée de l'épouser... Je ne pourrais jamais aimer un prince cruel. \* \* \* Un prince cruel est le premier acte explosif de la saga épique Le sang en héritage. C'est une romance dark sur fond de mafia avec une fin heureuse, qui peut se lire indépendamment des autres tomes et ne se termine pas sur un suspense.

365 Things to Do with Paper and Cardboard Fiona Watt 2011 Whenever you feel like cutting and sticking, making a model or creating a collage, this striking book is brimming with stylish ideas that you could do every day of the year.

**Rock War** Robert Muchamore 2014-02-27 Meet Jay. Summer. And Dylan. Jay plays guitar, writes songs and dreams of being a rock star. But his ambitions are stifled by seven siblings and a terrible drummer. Summer works hard at school, looks after her nan and has a one-in-a-million singing voice. But can her talent triumph over her nerves? Dylan is happiest lying on his bunk smoking, but his school rugby coach has other ideas, and Dylan reluctantly joins a band to avoid crunching tackles and icy mud. They're about to enter the biggest battle of their lives. And there's everything to play for. A spectacular start to the new series from Robert Muchamore, bestselling author of *CHERUB* - read on with *Rock War: The Audition*, a story especially written for World Book Day.

*Two for Me, One for You* Jorg Muhle 2019 "One mushroom for you and one mushroom for me," said bear. "And another mushroom for me. That's fair. I'm big, so I need to eat a lot." Weasel did not agree.--

**Les Vanderbeeker (Tome 2) - Notre jardin secret** Karina Yan Glaser 2019-06-12T00:00:00+02:00

Lorsqu'un AVC frappe brutalement M. Jeet, leur voisin adoré, les cinq enfants Vanderbeeker décident de lui offrir un cadeau extraordinaire : construire le jardin de ses rêves. Mais, malgré leur enthousiasme légendaire, créer un jardin se révèle plus compliqué que prévu. D'autant qu'un promoteur immobilier sans scrupules louche sur le terrain. Les Vanderbeeker vont devoir redoubler d'énergie pour relever leur plus grand défi...

Merry Christmas, Ernest and Celestine

The School Between Winter and Fairyland Heather Fawcett 2021-10-26 A fresh and exciting twist on magical boarding schools, the well-loved Chosen One trope, and the nature of true heroism—from the author of *The Language of Ghosts* and *Ember and the Ice Dragons*. Perfect for fans of middle grade fantasies including the *Serafina* series by Robert Beatty and Neil Gaiman's *Coraline*. Twelve-year-old Autumn Malog is a servant at the enchanting Inglenook School, where young magicians study to become the king's future monster-hunters. Along with her Gran and three too many older brothers, she works as a beastkeeper, tending to Inglenook's menagerie of terrifying monsters. But when she isn't mucking out the wyvern stalls or coaxing the resident boggart to behave, Autumn searches for clues about her twin brother's mysterious disappearance. Everyone else thinks he was devoured by the feared Hollow Dragon, but Autumn is convinced she's heard—and glimpsed—him calling to her from within the castle walls. But who will believe a lowly servant? So when Cai Morrigan, the "Chosen One" prophesied to one day destroy the Hollow Dragon, comes to her for help, Autumn agrees on one condition: Together, they'll search for her brother and uncover the dark truth at the heart of enchanting Inglenook School once and for all.

*The Eye of Minds (The Mortality Doctrine, Book One)* James Dashner 2013-10-08 The world is virtual, but the danger is real in book one of the bestselling *Mortality Doctrine* series, the next phenomenon from the author of the *Maze Runner* series, James Dashner. Includes a sneak peek of *The Fever Code*, the highly-anticipated conclusion to the *Maze Runner* series—the novel that finally reveals how the maze was built! The *VirtNet* offers total mind and body immersion, and the more hacking skills you have, the more fun it is. Why bother following the rules when it's so easy to break them? But some rules were made for a reason. Some technology is too dangerous to fool with. And one gamer has been doing exactly that, with murderous results. The government knows that to catch a hacker, you need a hacker. And they've been watching Michael. If he accepts their challenge, Michael will need to go off the *VirtNet* grid, to the back alleys and corners of the system human eyes have never seen—and it's possible that the line between game and reality will be blurred forever. The author who brought you the #1 New York Times bestselling *MAZE RUNNER* series and two #1 movies—*The Maze Runner* and *The Scorch Trials*—now brings you an electrifying adventure trilogy an edge-of-your-seat adventure that takes you into a world of hyperadvanced technology, cyber terrorists, and gaming beyond your wildest dreams . . . and your worst nightmares.

Praise for the Bestselling MORTALITY DOCTRINE series: “Dashner takes full advantage of the Matrix-esque potential for asking ‘what is real.’” –io9.com “Set in a world taken over by virtual reality gaming, the series perfectly capture[s] Dashner’s hallmarks for inventiveness, teen dialogue and an ability to add twists and turns like no other author.” –MTV.com “A brilliant, visceral, gamified mash-up of The Matrix and Inception, guaranteed to thrill even the non-gaming crowd.” –Christian Science Monitor

**The Book of Mistakes** Corinna Luyken 2017-04-18 Zoom meets Beautiful Oops! in this memorable picture book debut about the creative process, and the way in which "mistakes" can blossom into inspiration One eye was bigger than the other. That was a mistake. The weird frog-cat-cow thing? It made an excellent bush. And the inky smudges... they look as if they were always meant to be leaves floating gently across the sky. As one artist incorporates accidental splotches, spots, and misshapen things into her art, she transforms her piece in quirky and unexpected ways, taking readers on a journey through her process. Told in minimal, playful text, this story shows readers that even the biggest “mistakes” can be the source of the brightest ideas—and that, at the end of the day, we are all works in progress, too. Fans of Peter Reynolds’s *Ish* and Patrick McDonnell’s *A Perfectly Messed-Up Story* will love the funny, poignant, completely unique storytelling of *The Book of Mistakes*. And, like *Oh, The Places You’ll Go!*, it makes the perfect graduation gift, encouraging readers to have a positive outlook as they learn to face life’s obstacles.

*Storm the Castle (Marry the Scot, #1)* Jolie Vines 2019-03-02 "Come, lass. Get on a plane with me."After a business deal goes awry, Laird Callum McRae is in over his head, struggling to keep his castle afloat. He knows exactly what he has to do to save his family of brothers. Collecting a debt from the corrupt man who swindled him is his only mission. But when he meets a compassionate and determined woman, his plans change.Now, he needs to get the girl while confronting her father...Mathilda Storm will do anything for her sister—even if it means entering into a contract for a loveless marriage. After all, it will solve her family's problems. But she doesn't count on meeting a broad-shouldered, rugged Scottish laird. And resisting him is harder than she imagined. As the chemistry between Callum and Mathilda ignites, Mathilda is torn between her desire and her need to help her family. Can the practical daughter marry the Scot without losing her heart along the way?

**Scarred Regrets** Adelaide Forrest 2021-12-26 Broken men don't fall in love. We linger in the darkness, consumed by the sins that define us. Irina is the sole reason my heart beats. She's everything that matters in a world filled with evil that a woman so good and pure should never have to see. She'll add another scar to my collection - this one engraved on my heart. When she's taken by our enemy to use for his vengeance. Even knowing she can never be mine, I'll stop at nothing to see her safe. The Irina I rescue isn't the same feisty woman they stole. Her soul is broken. Her heart is hollow like mine, because of the things she's seen. She needs me in a way I've never known. And I will destroy the man who shattered what's mine. Scarred Regrets is a full-length standalone romance, but the series presents a better reading experience when following the suggested order. This series contains dark elements, including over-the-top antiheroes who do as they please. Read at your own discretion.

**It's MY Tree** Olivier Tallec 2020-09-01 Can a squirrel ever get what a squirrel wants most? The squirrel loves a particular tree ("MY tree") and is happiest sitting in its shade eating pinecones ("MY pinecones"). But then the squirrel starts worrying. What if someone else wants to claim this tree, to call it THEIRS? So, the squirrel builds a massive wall around the tree. One that no one can get over. Perfect! Only, now the squirrel can't see what's beyond the wall. There may be a better tree out there, full of pinecones. Maybe even a whole forest of better trees ... Believe every squirrel ever: the never-ending quest for MINE is sure to drive you nuts!

**The Odd One Out: Spotting Postcards** Britta Teckentrup 2015-03 Can you spot the timid tortoise? And can you spy the shy little shrimp? The visual acuity fun gets more and more intricate with every one of these pull-out postcards, each featuring a different and gloriously detailed design from the original and muchloved Odd One Out. This lovely package, packed with ready-to-send postcards, comes with a linen-effect wrap-over cover, making it the perfect gift pack.

**Blink Once** Cylin Busby 2012-09-04 West is a high school senior who has everything going for him until an accident leaves him paralyzed. Strapped down in his hospital bed, slipping in and out of consciousness, West is terrified and alone. Until he meets Olivia. She's the girl next door-sort of. A patient in the room next to his, only Olivia can tell what West is thinking, and only Olivia seems to know that the

terrible dreams he's been having are not just a result of his medication. Yet as West comes to rely on Olivia-to love her, even-certain questions pull at him: Why has Olivia been in the hospital for so long? And what does it mean that she is at the center of his nightmares? But the biggest question of all comes when West begins to recover and learns that the mysterious girl he's fallen in love with has a secret he could never have seen coming.

Bloodied Hands Adelaide Forrest 2020-02-20 She's an innocent. Caught in the wrong place at the wrong time. My Angel is the one who got away-the only person in the world I love. When she is caught in an unsanctioned bank robbery in my territory, only my reputation protects her. She should have stayed away. Instead, she charges back into my life like a shining beacon in my otherwise bleak existence. She has no place in my world where hardened criminals toy with the lives of the innocent. A better man would let her go - again. There's no white picket fence in life with a Bellandi, and she deserves so much more. I pushed her away once, but now that she's back I won't let anything else come between us. Not even Ivory herself. Disclaimer: Bloodied Hands is a full-length standalone novel with crime syndicate members and dark content. The Bellandi Crime Syndicate Series includes several full-length standalones with HEA that can be read in any order, but would present a better reading experience following the suggested reading order.

*Beak & Ally #1: Unlikely Friends* Norm Feuti 2021-01-05 Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Award winner! "What do you get when you cross a crusty alligator and a perky bird? A surprising friendship you'll be sure to cheer for. Beak and Ally is a warm, funny winner!" –Terri Libenson, author of the New York Times bestselling Emmie & Friends series A brand-new early reader graphic novel series about finding friendship in unexpected places! This fun and funny buddy comedy is perfect for fans of Narwhal & Jelly, emerging readers, and all kids who love comics. Ally the alligator is perfectly happy being alone . . . until one day a noisy bird named Beak lands on her snout. Beak thinks Ally is lonely and needs a friend. He has all sorts of friendship goals in mind, like riding bikes together, going to the movies together, and even solving mysteries together! But when a Long-Billed Party Pooper crashes Beak's nest-warming party, Ally decides to show Beak something important to her: sticking up for what's right.

**Until Tomorrow Comes** Adelaide Forrest 2021-02-19 Rafael I came for war. I left with an obsession. With one look, Isa captivated me. She consumed me, drawing me into her world without ever knowing the dangers of mine. I intend to make her mine, no matter what lies I need to tell to manipulate her into falling in love with El Diablo. It should be simple enough, but secrets lurk in the depths of her multicolored eyes, and I'll do anything to understand what broke her before I had the chance. Because she's mine to break. Isa Rafael Ibarra tore through my life like a raging inferno. Consuming every part of me he touches, he promises to show me passion and the real Ibiza. Though our tryst can never be anything but temporary, I never want to leave the man who makes me wish things were different. But there's a nightmare hiding within his multicolored gaze, a phantom rattling at the cages who wants to devour me, to take me and claim me as his. He's temptation, pushing me toward sin with his wicked touch. But the sins of the flesh are different from the sins of the mind, and as much as I hate his secrets...I will never tell him my own. *Until Tomorrow Comes* is the first book in the *Beauty in Lies* series and ends on a cliffhanger. This is a DARK mafia romance and contains graphic violence, mature content, and elements that may be triggering. Please read at your own discretion.

**Even the Darkest Stars** Heather Fawcett 2017-09-05 The first in a sweeping and action-packed debut fantasy duology loosely inspired by the early climbers of Mt. Everest—perfect for fans of Cindy Pon and Alison Goodman. Kamzin has always dreamed of becoming one of the Emperor's royal explorers, the elite climbers tasked with mapping the wintry, mountainous Empire and spying on its enemies. She knows she could be the best in the world, if only someone would give her a chance. But everything changes when the mysterious and eccentric River Shara, the greatest explorer ever known, arrives in her village and demands to hire Kamzin—not her older sister Lusha, as everyone had expected—for his next expedition. This is Kamzin's chance to prove herself—even though River's mission to retrieve a rare talisman for the emperor means climbing Raksha, the tallest and deadliest mountain in the Aryas. Then Lusha sets off on her own mission to Raksha with a rival explorer who is determined to best River, and Kamzin must decide what's most important to her: protecting her sister from the countless perils of the climb or beating her to the summit. The challenges of climbing Raksha are unlike anything Kamzin expected—or prepared for—with avalanches, ice chasms, ghosts, and even worse at every turn. And as dark secrets are revealed, Kamzin must unravel the truth of their mission and of her companions—while surviving the

deadliest climb she has ever faced.

*Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries* Heather Fawcett 2023-01-19

*Vertigo 42* Martha Grimes 2014-06-03 The inimitable Richard Jury returns in the latest in the bestselling mystery series: “Martha Grimes has written a whodunit with terrific characters and a grand plot mixed with her unique droll wit. *Vertigo 42* is one smart mystery!” (Susan Isaacs, bestselling author of *Goldberg Variations*) Richard Jury is meeting Tom Williamson at *Vertigo 42*, a bar on the forty-second floor of an office building in London’s financial district. Despite inconclusive evidence, Tom is convinced his wife, Tess, was murdered seventeen years ago. The inspector in charge of the case was sure Tess’s death was accidental—a direct result of vertigo—but the official police inquiry is still an open verdict and Jury agrees to re-examine the case. Jury learns that a nine-year-old girl fell to her death five years before Tess at the same place in Devon where Tess died, at a small house party. Jury seeks out the five surviving party guests, who are now adults, hoping they can shed light on this bizarre coincidence. Ultimately, four deaths—two in the past, two that occur on the pages of this intricate, compelling novel—keep Richard Jury and his sidekick Sergeant Wiggins running from their homes in Islington to the countryside in Devon and to London as they try to figure out if the deaths were accidental or not. And if they are connected. Witty, well-written, with literary references from Thomas Hardy to Yeats, *Vertigo 42* is a pitch perfect, page-turning novel from a mystery writer at the top of her game.

*The Language of Ghosts* Heather Fawcett 2020-09-08 The Penderwicks meets *Howl’s Moving Castle* in this thrilling middle grade fantasy adventure about a trio of royal siblings who unlock a long-forgotten magical language in their bid to reclaim their stolen throne—from *Ember and the Ice Dragons* author Heather Fawcett. Perfect for fans of Kelly Barnhill and Robert Beatty. Forced into exile on an enchanted, moving island, ex-princess Noa Marchena has two missions: reclaim her family’s stolen throne and ensure that the dark powers her older brother, Julian, possesses don’t go to his head in the process. But between babysitting her annoying little sister, Mite, and keeping an eye on the cake-loving sea monster that guards the moving island, Noa has her hands full. When the siblings learn that their enemies are searching for a weapon capable of defeating Julian—whose legendary spell weaving is feared throughout

the kingdom—once and for all, they vow to get to it first. To everyone’s surprise, the key to victory turns out to be a long-lost magical language—and only Noa can speak it. But what if by helping her brother, Noa ends up losing him?

*The Recruit* Robert Muchamore 2014-04-15 In this action-packed CHERUB novel, two siblings on separate special agent missions both end up in deadly danger. CHERUB agents are all seventeen and under. They wear skate tees and hemp, and look like regular kids. But they're not. They are trained professionals who are sent out on missions to spy on terrorists and international drug dealers. CHERUB agents hack into computers, bug entire houses, and download crucial documents. It is a highly dangerous job. For their safety, these agents DO NOT EXIST. James is the latest CHERUB recruit. He and his sister were recently orphaned, and James has been in a lot of trouble. But he is brilliant in math. And CHERUB needs him. After one hundred days, the grueling training period is over. But the adventure has just begun.