

The Giants Necklace

Explains why the environmental crisis should lead to an abandonment of "free market" ideologies and current political systems, arguing that a massive reduction of greenhouse emissions may offer a best chance for correcting problems.

It's time for little Imelda to show the Goblin King that he isn't allowed to pick on fairies anymore!

Ten-year-old Jaya Vaidya decides she wants to follow in the footsteps of her beloved father and become a doctor - much to the chagrin of her mother and her local community. It is the late 1960s and the family enjoy an idyllic life in the Vale of Kashmir, despite the area being riddled with conflict and poverty. But after a devastating earthquake wipes out her entire family, Jaya is taken into the care of relatives in Delhi - who attempt to marry her off and keep secret from her the possibility that Tahir, her younger brother, has survived the disaster ...

The Caldecott medal-winning d'Aulaires once again captivate their young audience with this beautifully illustrated introduction to Norse legends, telling stories of Odin the All-father, Thor the Thunder-god and the theft of his hammer, Loki the mischievous god of the Jotun Race, and Ragnarokk, the destiny of the gods. Children meet Bragi, the god of poetry, and the famous Valkyrie maidens, among other gods, goddesses, heroes, and giants. Illustrations throughout depict the wondrous other world of Norse folklore and its fantastical Northern landscape.

Ella Enchanted

The Giant's Necklace

Thor and Loki

Mountain Gorilla, the Gentle Giant

Stardust

The Book of Harlan

From baseball to biology, an award-winning journalist highlights the power of team chemistry in this "terrific" data-driven investigation of human relationships (Billie Jean King). Does team chemistry actually exist? Is there scientific or mathematical proof? Is team chemistry as real and relevant as on-base percentages and wins above replacement? In Joan Ryan's groundbreaking book we discover that the answer to all of the above is a resounding yes. As Ryan puts it, team chemistry, or the combination of biological and social forces that boosts selfless effort among more players over more days of a season, is what drives sports teams toward a common goal, encouraging the players to be the best versions of themselves. These are the elements of teams that make them "click," the ones that foster trust and respect, and push players to exceed their own potential when they work well together. Team chemistry alone won't win a World Series, but talent alone won't win it, either. And by interviewing more than 100 players, coaches, managers, and statisticians, as well as over five years of extensive research in neuroscience, biology, physiology, and psychology, Ryan proves that the social and emotional state of a team does affect performance. Grit, passion, selflessness, and effort matter -- but never underestimate the power of chemistry.

Ultimate Earth: Oceans and Seas presents some of the most incredible marine animals that inhabit Earth's waters! The Earth's oceans and seas are filled with all different kinds of creatures, from tiny krill to the enormous blue whale. Readers dive into the sea to meet such fascinating animals as the electric eel, puffer fish, giant clam, colossal squid, mimic octopus, and many others. Features fun facts and flaps to lift throughout.

Newbery Medalist Laura Amy Schlitz brings her sorcery to a Victorian gothic thriller — an enthralling, darkly comic tale that would do Dickens proud. The master puppeteer, Gaspare Grisini, is so expert at manipulating his stringed puppets that they appear alive. Clara Wintermute, the only child of a wealthy doctor, is spellbound by Grisini’s act and invites him to entertain at her birthday party. Seeing his chance to make a fortune, Grisini accepts and makes a splendidly gaudy entrance with caravan, puppets, and his two orphaned assistants. Lizzie Rose and Parsefall are dazzled by the Wintermute home. Clara seems to have everything they lack — adoring parents, warmth, and plenty to eat. In fact, Clara’s life is shadowed by grief, guilt, and secrets. When Clara vanishes that night, suspicion of kidnapping falls upon the puppeteer and, by association, Lizzie Rose and Parsefall. As they seek to puzzle out Clara’s whereabouts, Lizzie and Parse uncover Grisini’s criminal past and wake up to his evil intentions. Fleeing London, they find themselves caught in a trap set by Grisini’s ancient rival, a witch with a deadly inheritance to shed before it’s too late. Newbery Medal winner Laura Amy Schlitz’s Victorian gothic is a rich banquet of dark comedy, scorching magic, and the brilliant and bewitching storytelling that is her trademark.

Lost in an ancient land, and chasing a thieving cat. Will Andy ever find his way back? And why is this cat so annoying? For ages 0-5

Echoes of Atlantis

A Novel

Singing for Mrs. Pettigrew

The Growth Hacking Book

A Necklace of Souls

Dear Oilly

In his first ever book, The IF in Life: How to Get Off Life’s Sidelines and Become Your Best Self, NFL running back and Dancing with the Stars champion Rashad Jennings shares his inspiring story and experiences, imparts practical advice, and encourages readers to follow their dreams. As a kid, Rashad Jennings dreamed of one day playing in the NFL, but the odds were stacked against him—he was an overweight kid with glasses, asthma, and a 0.6 GPA. Today, Rashad is a record-setting running back who has played with the Jacksonville Jaguars, the Oakland Raiders, and the New York Giants. In The IF in Life, Rashad writes about the decisions that shaped his life. From overcoming injuries and setbacks to reaching goals and everything in between, Rashad’s transparency about his journey will encourage readers to hold on to faith in the midst of uncertainty and win big in life. Perfect for football fans of all ages, this book also features photos from Rashad’s childhood, college years, and professional career.

Publishers Weekly says of the author, "BRODY DOES A TERRIFIC JOB OF WRAPPING HIS RESEARCH IN A FAST-PACED THRILL RIDE." Described as "RICH IN SCOPE AND VIVIDLY ENGROSSING" by Midwest Book Review. Evidence of the lost continent of Atlantis exists throughout the modern world. As do powerful groups who do not want Atlantis-and its secrets-to be rediscovered. Historians Cameron Thorne and Amanda Gunn stumble upon a mysterious spiral necklace and a 12,000-year-old human skull, sparking their search for Atlantis and its true legacy. But are modern-day Knights Templar and a cabal of goddess worshipers conspiring against them? Only after a whirlwind of international travel and a violent encounter with a shadowy paramilitary group do the mysteries of Atlantis finally reveal themselves. This stand-alone novel is Book #6 in the "Templars in America" Series.

View more details of this book at www.walkerbooks.com.au

“[A] landmark book . . . Solnit illustrates how the uprisings that begin on the streets can upend the status quo and topple authoritarian regimes” (Vice). A book as powerful and influential as Rebecca Solnit’s Men Explain Things to Me, her Hope in the Dark was written to counter the despair of activists at a moment when they were focused on their losses and had turned their back to the victories behind them—and the unimaginable changes soon to come. In it, she makes a radical case for hope as a commitment to act in a world whose future remains uncertain and unknowable. Drawing on her decades of activism and a wide reading of environmental, cultural, and political history, Solnit argues that radicals have a long, neglected history of transformative victories, that the positive consequences of our acts are not always immediately seen, directly knowable, or even measurable, and that pessimism and despair rest on an unwarranted confidence about what is going to happen next. Now, with a moving new introduction explaining how the book came about and a new afterword that helps teach us how to hope and act in our unnerving world, she brings a new illumination to the darkness of our times in an unforgettable new edition of this classic book. “One of the best books of the 21st century.” —The Guardian “No writer has better understood the mix of fear and possibility, peril and exuberance that’s marked this new millennium.” —Bill McKibben, New York Times–bestselling author of Falter “An elegant reminder that activist victories are easily forgotten, and that they often come in extremely unexpected, roundabout ways.” —The New Yorker

The White Horse of Zennor and Other Stories

D'Aulaires' Book of Norse Myths

Graceling

Ultimate Earth: Oceans and Seas

Intangibles

Imelda and the Goblin King

Better than a police academy course, all 80 of these simple stories show one how to find the culprit while everyone else is confused. As readers explore these fascinating whodunits, they enter a bizarre, glamorous, and dangerous world of mobsters, millionaires, and heiresses--and detectives. 102 illustrations.

A thrilling collection of myths, legends, and ghost stories about a mysterious and magical land Since the beginning of time, strange and mysterious things have happened here . . . At the furthest edge of Britain, where the sea gently washes over the land and myths brush against reality, lies Zennor. These are unforgettable tales where magic lies around every corner. This haunting collection of short stories by War Horse author Michael Morpurgo includes magical illustrations by award-winning illustrator Michael Foreman. Next

The former Children's Laureate of Britain takes readers on a literary journey that roams from the warmth of Provence in Meeting Czanne to the music-filled streets of Venice in The Mozart Question. Complementing each tale is an original essay revealing the inspiration behind each story.

In this “glittering, Gatsby-esque” (Publishers Weekly) novel, two generations of Quincy women—a bewitching Jazz Age beauty and a young lawyer—are bound by a spectacular and mysterious Indian necklace. Always the black sheep of the tight-knit Quincy clan, Nell is cautious when she’s summoned to the elegantly shabby family manor after her great-aunt Loulou’s death. A cold reception from the family grows chillier when they learn Loulou has left Nell a fantastically valuable heirloom: an ornate necklace from India that Nell finds stashed in a Crown Royal whiskey bag in the back of a dresser. As predatory relatives circle and art experts begin to question the necklace’s provenance, Nell turns to the only person she thinks she can trust—the attractive and ambitious estate lawyer who definitely is not part of the old-money crowd. More than just a piece of jewelry, the necklace links Nell to a long-buried family secret involving Ambrose Quincy, who brought the necklace home from India in the 1920s as a dramatic gift for May, the woman he intended to marry. Upon his return, he discovered that May had married his brother Ethan, the “good” Quincy, devoted to their father. As a gesture of friendship, Ambrose gave May the necklace anyway. Crisp as a gin martini, fresh as a twist of lime, The Necklace is the charming and intoxicating story “written with wit, compassion, and a meticulous attention to period and cultural detail” (Kirkus Reviews) of long-simmering family resentments and a young woman who inherits a secret much more valuable than a legendary necklace.

Children of Odin

Andy and The Pharaoh's Cat

Stories and Essays from a Writing Life

Giants Don't Go Snowboarding

Venom

Margaret's Unicorn

Ranging from eerie ghost stories to gritty realism, this collection includes a wide variety of subjects: What does it feel like? Sofia is late for school when she sees tanks arrive in the village square. She manages to hide, only to witness horrific events. The Owl and the

Pussycat An abandoned owlet seems to be on the road to recovery when it is rescued and fed. But why is the large ginger cat so interested? Silver Ghost A young Canadian comes to Britain to visit his ancestral home. Who is the strange old man he meets at the house and how

can he explain to the police the events which follows?

This beloved Newbery Honor-winning story about a feisty heroine is sure to enchant readers new and old. At her birth, Ella of Frell receives a foolish fairy's gift—the “gift” of obedience. Ella must obey any order, whether it's to hop on one foot for a day and a half, or

to chop off her own head! But strong-willed Ella does not accept her fate... Against a bold backdrop of princes, ogres, giants, wicked stepsisters, and fairy godmothers, Ella goes on a quest to break the curse forever. A tween favorite for 25 years—now shared with today's

young readers by moms, teachers, and other adults who remember the pleasure of discovering this fun fairy-tale retelling themselves!

The polar bear is bored of his white environment and his hard life. He dreams of soaking himself in all the luminous colours of the rainbow. But when his wish is granted, he realises to his cost that his arctic camouflage no longer works and he needs the advice of others

to escape his prism... A moving tale of hopes and dreams from an award-winning picture book team. The lyrical text is complemented by beautiful watercolours in which the joy and pain of the Rainbow Bear sing out.

The Giant's Necklace

The Rainbow Bear

Capitalism Vs. The Climate

The Necklace

Untold Histories, Wild Possibilities

An Elemental Assassin Book

He Leads

There are two ways to learn anything: 1) by experimenting with things on our own or 2) by reading the accounts of specialists who have accomplished the results you want to gain. #1 is arduous and takes time. #2 gives us shortcuts to help us get results in a short span of time. The book that you are holding in your hands right now is for people who want to sprint on the second path. The Growth Hacking Book is an almanac for growth in today's hyper-competitive business world! Curated by GrowthMedia.AI, this book features more than 35 marketing experts, trailblazing entrepreneurs, industry thought leaders and successful companies from all over the globe who share radical ideas on how you can grow your business using unconventional marketing strategies. Each chapter is a treasure trove of growth ideas that businesses in the "The Valley" try to shield from the public. But they are not secrets anymore. This book is for you if you want to learn about: The concept of Growth Hacking The best growth strategies from Growth Hackers for Growth Hackers The mindset, skillset and toolset for Growth Marketers Identifying and analyzing growth channels The future of Growth Marketing ...and more. The fact that you are examining to buy this book is proof that you are hungry to learn growth marketing tactics. It proves the maxim that says -- you don't choose a book; the book chooses you. Our Contributing Authors: Amit Kumar Arun K Sharma Badr Berrada Christian Fictoor Deep Kakkad Deepak V. Maddila Dennis Langlais Dillon Kivo Evita Ramparte Ishaan Shakunt Issac Thomas Kelisha Mills Lisa Robbins Manish Nepal Nitish Mathur Noam Kostucki Parul Agrawal Priya Kalra Rachit Khator Rahul Singh Rohan Chaubey Ruchi G. Kalra Saurabh Tiwari Shailendra Mishra S Shiva SriCharan Srish K. Agrawal Suneet Bhatt Tim Wasmundt Vivek Agrawal Yaagneshwaran Ganesh Our Contributing Companies: UpLead, StackBy, SocialAnimal, Venngage, SocialBee, Audiense

Synopsis coming soon.....

Before they were cartoons, before they were part of the Marvel Universe they were part of Norse Mythology for centuries. Thor and Loki: Children of Odin is a lyrical introduction to the myths and epic legends of the ancient Scandinavians. Fusing the different mythic accounts of his medieval sources, Irish-American poet Padraic Colum fashions a powerful tale of the divine adventures of gods and humans, locked in an inexorable march of fate. Written in a style accessible to both children and adults, Colum’s work offers a haunting and evocative portrait of the mythic world of the Viking Age.Before time as we know it began, gods and goddesses lived in the city of Asgard. Odin crossed the Rainbow Bridge to walk among men in Midgard. Thor defended Asgard with his mighty hammer. Mischievous Loki was constantly getting into trouble with the other gods, and dragons and giants walked free. This collection of Norse sagas retold by author Padraic Colum gives us a sense of that magical time when the world was filled with powers and wonders we can hardly imagine.Padraic Colum (8 December 1881 - 11 January 1972) was an Irish poet, novelist, dramatist, biographer, playwright, children’s author and collector of folklore. He was one of the leading figures of the Irish Literary Revival.This collection of Norse Myths includes: Part I. The Dwellers in Asgard1. Far Away and Long Ago2. The Building of the Wall3. Iduna and Her Apples: How Loki Put the Gods in Danger4. Sið's Golden Hair: How Loki Wrought Mischief in Asgard5. How Brock Brought Judgment on Loki6. How Freya Gained Her Necklace and How Her Loved One was Lost to Her7. How Frey Won Gerda, the Giant Maiden, and How He Lost His Magic Sword8. Heimdall and Little Hnossa: How All Things Came to Be9. The All-Father’s Forebodings: How He Leaves AsgardPart II. Odin the Wanderer1. Odin Goes to Mimir’s Well: His Sacrifice for Wisdom2. Odin Faces an Evil Man3. Odin Wins for Men the Magic Mead4. Odin Wins for Vidar, His Silent Son, the Secret of His Doings5. Thor and Loki in the Giants’ City6. How Thor and Loki Befooled Thrym the Giant7. Aegir’s Feast: How Thor Triumphed8. The Dwarfs Hoard, and the Curse that it BroughtPart III: The Witch’s Heart1. Foreboding in Asgard2. Loki the Betrayer3. Loki Against the Aesir4. The Valkyrie5. The Children of Loki6. Baldur’s Doom7. Loki’s

PunishmentPart IV. The Sword of the Volsungs and the Twilight of the Gods1. Sigurd's Youth2. The Sword Gram and the Dragon Fafnir3. The Dragon's Blood3. The Story of Sigmund and Signy4. The Story of Sigmund and SinfliotII5. The Story of the Vengeance of the Volsungs and of the Death of SinfliotII6. Brynhild in the House of Flame7. Sigurd at the House of the Nibelungs8. How Brynhild was Won for Gunnar9. The Death of Sigurd10. The Twilight of the Gods

Offers eleven short stories, accompanied by essays and commentaries that illuminate the craft of storytelling and the influences of people and places on the author's works.

Hope in the Dark

In the Days of Giants

Tooth Fairy in Training

The IF in Life

Splendors and Glooms

This Changes Everything

"Did you come here to seduce me, little mite? I think you leave me no choice but to teach you a lesson." I'm the tallest unmarried girl in my village...and also taller than all the boys. This did nothing for my prospects of finding love. So instead, I went off to seek my fortune. It led me to a circus by the sea...and rumors of the last living giant. Apparently, he doesn't much care for people, but the ringmaster offers me riches beyond my dreams if I can entice him to come down from his home in the forest. Well, it was fortune I was seeking, and fortune I'm determined to find, so I climb the magic beanstalk to his hidden home, but...the giant is not amused by my plan. At all. And it turns out, his home is one big trap of faery vines. I'm snared by an antisocial but surprisingly handsome giant--and for the first time in my life, I've met a man who makes me feel delicate. He might want to punish me for trespassing, but...it feels more like passion. Only, the world isn't safe for the last giant, and maybe it's not safe for a woman who loves him either. The Giant's Captive is an adult fairy tale retelling of Jack and the Beanstalk for those who like an adorable happily ever after fantasy romance with a side of serious steaminess!

A giant stands on the shore, watching the sea. She never moves, never speaks, until the day she turns to a little girl and says, 'The sea is rising.' The brave girl takes the message to the town, but the people ignore her desperate pleas and banish the giant from their shores. But when the sea rises, threatening to wipe out the city, the giant returns to rescue as many people as she can and take them to make a new home on higher ground. And there, on a new shore, she stands watch once again. A lyrical and deeply moving story that touches on important themes for today's children.

Excerpt...THE BEGINNING OF THINGSThe oldest stories of every race of people tell about the Beginning of Things. But the various folk who first told them were so very different, the tales are so very old, and have changed so greatly in the telling from one generation to another, that there are almost as many accounts of the way in which the world began as there are nations upon the earth. So it is not strange that the people of the North have a legend of the Beginning quite different from that of the Southern, Eastern, and Western folk.This book is made of the stories told by the Northern folk,--the people who live in the land of the midnight sun, where summer is green and pleasant, but winter is a terrible time of cold and gloom; where rocky mountains tower like huge giants, over whose heads the thunder rolls and crashes, and under whose feet are mines of precious metals. Therefore you will find the tales full of giants and dwarfs,--spirits of the cold mountains and dark caverns.You will find the hero to be Thor, with his thunderbolt hammer, who dwells in the happy heaven of Asgard, where All-Father Odin is king, and where Balder the beautiful makes springtime with his smile. In the north countries, winter, cold, and frost are very real and terrible enemies; while spring, sunshine, and warmth are near and dear friends. So the story of the Beginning of Things is a story of cold and heat, of the wicked giants who loved the cold, and of the good Æsir, who basked in pleasant warmth...

Discover the beautiful stories of Michael Morpurgo, author of Warhorse and the nation's favourite storyteller A moving story of a brother, a sister and a swallow, and how all are in some way victims of the horrors of landmines.

The Giant's Captive

The Little Giant Book of Whodunits

Crones, Templars and the Lost Continent

Unlocking the Science and Soul of Team Chemistry

The Giant and the Sea

The Giants Necklace

"The Selfish Giant" is a short fantasy story for children by the Irish author Oscar Wilde. The story's plot revolves around a giant who builds a wall to keep children out of his garden, but learns compassion from the innocence of the children. The short story contains significant religious imagery. The Selfish Giant owns a beautiful garden which has 12 peach trees and lovely fragrant flowers, in which children love to play after returning from the school. The Giant put a notice board "TRESPASSERS WILL BE PROSECUTED". The garden falls into perpetual winter. One day, the giant is awakened by a linnet, and discovers that spring has returned to the garden, as the children have found a way in through a gap in the wall... It was first published in 1888 in the anthology The Happy Prince and Other Tales, which, in addition to its title story, also includes "The Nightingale and the Rose", " The Happy Prince ", "The Devoted Friend" and "The Remarkable Rocket".

The kids meet the tallest man they have ever seen in the snowboarding teacher at the Golden Egg Ski Lodge, and Liza, remembering the tale of the giant from "Jack and the Beanstalk," searches for clues.

After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen, leading Jack to undertake a vital quest to Jotunheim, home of the trolls.

A perfect gift for the unicorn lovers in your life, this lovely and utterly transporting picture book tells the story of what every little girl wishes would happen to her: a girl finds and takes care of a lost baby unicorn. Margaret's whole world changes when her family moves to a cottage by the sea to be near her grandma. One evening, Margaret spots a mist over the water. No, that's not mist...clouds maybe? No, they're unicorns descending onto the shore! They vanish as quickly as they'd appeared, but accidentally leave behind a baby, tangled in the weeds. Margaret, lonely and in need of a friend, brings him home and cares for him through the fall and winter. Together, they chase the waves, stomp on frozen puddles, and build snow unicorns. When spring finally comes around, and the other unicorns return, Margaret's takes her small friend back to his family... but these two won't forget one another. And though Margaret misses him, she has made a new friend, and her new cottage is starting to feel like home. With all the feel of a classic, here is a picture book young readers will want to revisit again and again.

Singing for Mrs Pettigrew

Most Guarded Growth Marketing Secrets The Silicon Valley Giants Don't Want You To Know

A Story-maker's Journey

The Giants Look Down

The Sea of Trolls

Bernice L. McFadden has been named the Go On Girl! Book Club's 2018 Author of the Year WINNER of the 2017 American Book Award WINNER of the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work (Fiction) 2017 Hurston/Wright Legacy Award Nominee (Fiction)! A Washington Post Notable Book of 2016 "McFadden uses the experiences of her own ancestors as loose inspiration for the life of Harlan, whom she portrays from his childhood in Harlem through imprisonment in a Nazi concentration camp and his struggles afterward to put his life back together." --Library Journal "Simply miraculous...As her saga becomes ever more spellbinding, so does the reader's astonishment at the magic she creates. This is a story about the triumph of the human spirit over bigotry, intolerance and cruelty, and at the center of The Book of Harlan is the restorative force that is music." --Washington Post "Bernice L. McFadden took me on a melodious literary journey through time and place in her masterpiece, The Book of Harlan. It's complex, real, and raw...McFadden intricately and purposefully weaves history as a backdrop in her fiction. The Book of Harlan brilliantly explores questions about agency, purpose, freedom, and survival." --Literary Hub, one of Nicole Dennis-Benn's 26 Books From the Last Decade that More People Should Read "McFadden's writing breaks the heart--and then heals it again. The perspective of a black man in a concentration camp is unique and harrowing and this is a riveting, worthwhile read." --Toronto Star "The Book of Harlan is an incredible read. Bernice McFadden...has created an amazing novel that speaks to lesser known aspects of the African-American experience and illuminates the human heart and spirit. Her spare prose is rich in details that convey deep emotions and draw the reader in. This fictional narrative of Harlan Elliot's life is firmly grounded amidst real people and places--prime historical fiction, and the best book I have read this year." --Historical Novels Review, Editors' Choice "McFadden packs a powerful punch with tight prose and short chapters that bear witness to key events in early twentieth-century history: both World Wars, the Great Depression, and the Great Migration. Partly set in the Jim Crow South, the novel succeeds in showing the prevalence of racism all across the country--whether implemented through institutionalized mechanisms or otherwise. Playing with themes of divine justice and the suffering of the righteous, McFadden presents a remarkably crisp portrait of one average man's extraordinary bravery in the face of pure evil." --Booklist, Starred review The Book of Harlan opens with the courtship of Harlan's parents and his 1917 birth in Macon, Georgia. After his prominent minister grandfather dies, Harlan and his parents move to Harlem, where he eventually becomes a professional musician. When Harlan and his best friend, trumpeter Lizard Robbins, are invited to perform at a popular cabaret in the Parisian enclave of Montmartre--affectionately referred to as "The Harlem of Paris" by black American musicians--Harlan jumps at the opportunity, convincing Lizard to join him. But after the City of Light falls under Nazi occupation, Harlan and Lizard are thrown into Buchenwald--the notorious concentration camp in Weimar, Germany--irreparably changing the course of Harlan's life. Based on exhaustive research and told in McFadden's mesmeric prose, The Book of Harlan skillfully blends the stories of McFadden's familial ancestors with those of real and imagined characters.

What kind of assassin works pro bono? It's hard to be a badass assassin when a giant is beating the crap out of you. Luckily, I never let pride get in the way of my work. My current mission is personal: annihilate Mab Monroe, the Fire elemental who murdered my family. Which means protecting my identity, even if I have to conceal my powerful Stone and Ice magic when I need it most. To the public, I'm Gin Blanco, owner of Ashland's best barbecue joint. To my friends, I'm the Spider, retired assassin. I still do favors on the side. Like ridding a vampire friend of her oversized stalker--Mab's right-hand goon who almost got me dead with his massive fists. At least irresistible Owen Grayson is on my side. The man knows too much about me, but I'll take my chances. Then there's Detective Bria Coolidge, one of Ashland's finest. Until recently, I thought my baby sister was dead. She probably thinks the same about me. Little does she know, I'm a cold-blooded killer . . . who is about to save her life.

"In a hidden kingdom a mysterious Guardian protects her people with the help of a magical necklace. But evil forces are also seeking the power of the necklace, and as the Guardian grows weaker these forces threaten to destroy the kingdom. With the help of her best friend, Will, and the enigmatic N'tombe, Dana, the rightful heir, must claim the power of the necklace and save her people. But the necklace takes a terrible toll on whoever wears it - a toll that Dana may not be prepared to face"---Publisher information.

The second book from June Smalls and Yumi Shimokawara looks at the life cycle of mountain gorillas featuring their mighty strength and gentle hearts.

How to Get Off Life's Sidelines and Become Your Best Self

From Hereabout Hill

The Selfish Giant

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her Grace of killing, and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.