



FRANKFURT RIGHTS GUIDE

Autumn 2017



**YELLOW
JACKET**



We are pleased to present our Frankfurt rights list. You'll see that this includes Little Bee Books, which launched in 2015, as well as a brand-new imprint that's joining the family, called Yellow Jacket. This imprint will house middle grade titles, and eventually Young Adult titles too.

Our four middle grade launch titles include commercial as well as literary fiction. This list is aimed at ages 8-14, featuring themes that will skew a bit older than those geared to our traditional middle grade audience. We are doing this because we recognize that children of today are much more aware of their surroundings than they were even ten years ago, due in large part to the Internet and the fact that information is available at the click of a mouse.

As you look through our little list and view the array of titles, I hope you'll see that having instilled a lifelong love of reading in little ones, we aim to encourage them to foster their passion as they get older and explore different genres.

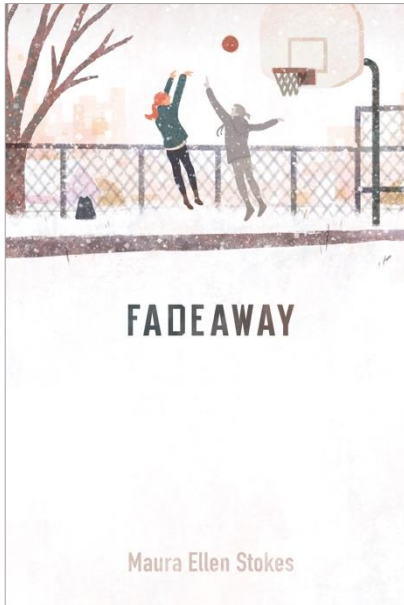
Thank you for your support. We are grateful to have you with us as we continue to grow!

The Little Bee Books and Yellow Jacket teams



Maura Ellen Stokes

FADEAWAY



When Sam's best friend Reagan dies after her heart suddenly gives out, Sam must learn to deal with her grief and ultimately discover who she is without her best friend by her side.

Fourteen-year-old Sam thinks she has all summer to hang out with her best friend, Reagan. But then her life changes forever.

Sam's world, once filled with school, basketball, and Reagan, has now abruptly changed and she must learn to navigate high school on and off the court without her best friend. But when Reagan suddenly "reappears," Sam clings to her friend's presence, even as it hurts rather than helps her grief.

Can Sam learn to accept herself without her other half? This authentic, powerful story of friendship, grief, and discovering yourself is a can't-miss debut novel from Maura Ellen Stokes.

PUBLICATION: June 2018

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EXTENT: 304pp

MAURA ELLEN STOKES received an MFA in writing for children and young adults from Vermont College. As a lifelong athlete who coached girls' soccer, she often incorporates sports into her fiction. When she's not writing, she works as a biostatistician. Stokes is a New England native who now lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. *Fadeaway* is her debut novel.



little bee books

SIX TO EIGHT

Alexa Pearl

Illustrator: Paco Sordo

TALES OF SASHA

THE BIG SECRET / JOURNEY BEYOND THE TREES / A NEW FRIEND / PRINCESS LESSONS
/ THE PLANT PIXIES / WINGS FOR WYATT / THE ROYAL ISLAND / SHOWTIME! / THE
DISAPPEARING HISTORY / A MYSTERY MESSAGE

PUBLICATION: January 2017

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EXTENT: 112pp

Join Sasha and her best friend, Wyatt, as they set off on a journey to discover the truth behind her magical secret.

Sash has always felt a little bit different from the other horses in her home of Verdant Valley. She loves running and jumping and the feeling of being in the air, and she longs to explore the forest beyond her valley.

One day during class, the white patch on Sasha's back gives her an itchy feeling that makes her want to soar, and she leaps over a big rock. When she lands, she realises that her patch is sparkling! What does it mean? And who are her real parents? Sasha and her better-than-best-friend-Wyatt must head to the skies and set out to find them.

ALEXA PEARL is the author of more than forty children's books. She lives in New Jersey with her family.

PACO SORDO is a comics artist, animator, and illustrator based in Spain.



SIX TO EIGHT

A.I. Newton

Illustrator: Anjan Sarkar



THE ALIEN NEXT DOOR

THE NEW KID / ALIENS FOR DINNER?! / ALIEN SCOUT / TRICK OR CHEAT?

PUBLICATION: January 2018

WORLD RIGHTS

EXTENT: 112pp

Zeke is the new kid on the planet, though all his classmates think he's just new to the school. All except for Harris, that is. Harris knows there's something different about the new kid and suspects that Zeke might actually be an alien, but not even his best friend, Roxy, believes him. Can Harris find a way to prove he's right?

A.I. NEWTON ALWAYS wanted to travel into space, visit another planet, and meet an alien. When that plan didn't work out, he decided to do the next best thing – write stories about aliens and space travel! *The Alien Next Door* series gives him a chance to imagine what it's like to hang out with an alien. And you can do the same – unless, of course, you are lucky enough to live next door to a real-life alien!

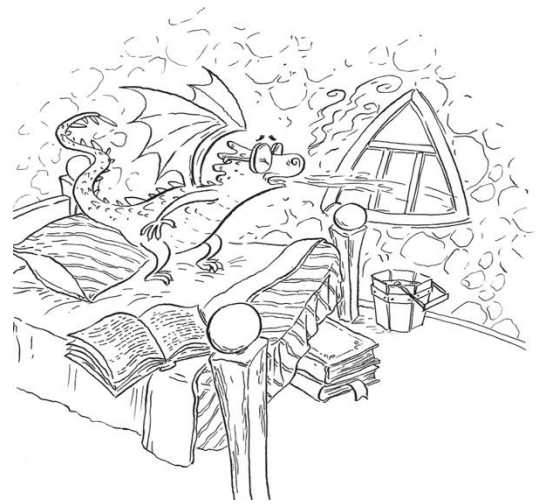
ANJAN SARKAR graduated from Manchester Metropolitan University with a degree in illustration in 2001. After that, he worked as an illustrator and graphic designer before becoming a freelancer in 2004, where he gets to work on all sorts of different illustration projects for people of all ages! He lives in Sheffield, UK.



SIX TO EIGHT

Jaden Kent

Illustrator: Iryna Bodnaruk



ELLA AND OWEN

THE CAVE OF AAAAAH! DOOM! / ATTACK OF THE STINKY FISH MONSTER / KNIGHTS VS. DRAGONS / THE EVIL PUMPKIN PIE FIGHT! / THE GREAT TROLL QUEST / DRAGON SPIES! / TWIN TROUBLE / THE WORST PET / GRUMPY GOBLINS / THE DRAGON GAMES

PUBLICATION: March 2017 – Spring 2018

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EXTENT: 112pp

Laugh along with Ella and Owen, twin dragons who go on crazy quests but always try to make it home for dinner.

In the first book of the Ella and Owen series, the twin siblings are at odds. Owen is happy to stay in bed reading as he nurses his cold, but outgoing Ella wants an adventure. She finally convinces her brother to join her on a quest to find a wizard that will help cure Owen of his flaming cold, as well as add to his ogre toenail collection.

Owen quickly learns that the journey isn't what his sister made it out to be. They run into a dragon-eating ogre, get caught in not one, but two cages, and have to outsmart an evil vegetable wizard, which is Owen's worst nightmare (vegetables + wizards = NO FUN AT ALL!).

JADEN KENT is a dynamic author duo. They are Emmy Award-winning writers for children's TV shows, as well as the authors of numerous children's chapter books.

IRYNA BODNARUK is a Ukrainian children's illustrator currently living in Cyprus.



SIX TO EIGHT

Melody Reed

Illustrator: Émilie Pépin

THE MAJOR EIGHTS

BATTLE OF THE BANDS, SCARLET'S BIG BREAK, THE GOO DISASTER, STARSTRUCK

PUBLICATION: January 2018

WORLD RIGHTS

EXTENT: 112pp

An early chapter book series that's all about girl power and marching to the beat of your own drum!

Jasmine, Maggie, Becca and Scarlet are four friends who love playing in their band together, even if they only play in one another's basements. But when Jasmine finds out about an upcoming Battle of the Bands competition, she thinks this could be their chance to prove they're a real band. Now she just has to convince the other girls...

MELODY REED writes for readers of all ages. She loves creating strong female characters and writing about outer space especially about Mars. She lives in Silicon Valley with her family.

ÉMILIE PEPIN is a passionate illustrator who worked for many years in the children's video games industry as a 2-D artist and art director. She now does freelance illustration for children's books. Émilie lives in Québec



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