

BOOKS!
By Dana Alison Levy

NOT ANOTHER BANNED BOOK (Delacorte 2024)

ISBN: 9780593649053

Read the stories they tell you not to.



A ripped-from-the-headlines middle-grade novel about a group of students who must fight book banning at their school to save their club and change the world... one book at a time.

Molly's been putting her life back together piece by piece since her brother died two years ago. And Ms. Lewiston's book club at school has played a big part. No matter what else is happening, Molly always has a place to discover new stories and escape, at least for a little while.

But then someone anonymously complains about the book club and the books they're reading. Ms. Lewiston is put on leave, the books are removed from her classroom, and book club is suspended . . . indefinitely.

With weeks until eighth grade graduation and facing new disruptions at home, Molly has never needed Ms. Lewiston's book club more. She has to do something—anything!—to figure out who complained, and to prove that books matter more than a few uncomfortable feelings.

Together with her friends, Molly tries to bring book club back, but nothing works—not school walkouts, stalking famous authors, serious sleuthing, or even plastic flamingos. As graduation approaches, Molly discovers that fighting for what you believe in is only the beginning. The real challenge is confronting the truth that comes out, no matter how unwelcome. Is she brave enough to face the answers she discovers, even when they're not the ones she's looking for?

Praise:

"I sat on Dana's keyboard while she was writing this one, and it's going to be a winner." — *the cat*

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**BREAKING THE MOLD: CHANGING THE FACE OF CLIMATE SCIENCE
(Holiday House 2023)**

ISBN: 9780823449712

Sixteen scientists. Protecting our planet. Making science more equitable.



Scientists who collect microbes from surfers' skin, who use radar sensors to gather data miles away, who combat inequality by pushing for cleaner air policies. Each with their own story, all working to make life better for future generations.

Celebrated author Dana Alison Levy profiles 16 people, all studying different elements of the earth's landscape, animals, and climate, who defy stereotypes of who can be a scientist. From analytical chemists to volcanologists, from global experts to recent graduates, these scientists share what they were like as young people, how they got where they are now, and what they—and the rest of us—can do to help the planet.

Based on extensive interviews and featuring infographics and personal photos, *Breaking the Mold* offers a snapshot of the people and organizations fighting to make science more equitable. Back matter includes advice for readers interested in science careers, DIY projects, paths to community involvement, and more.

Praise:

"Levy profiles 16 boundary-pushing and innovative scientists in this gorgeously designed title...The subjects are diverse, in every sense of the word. VERDICT: This inspirational text about underrepresented folks in STEM fields is nonfiction at its best." -*School Library Journal*, *starred review*

"An inviting, inclusive introduction to notable figures in a critical field.... Their life stories both highlight the challenges the subjects faced in education and professional advancement as well as the ways their diverse perspectives and life experiences have enriched the progress of research in their fields and their mentorship of students.... Unusually attractive and intriguing."-*Kirkus Reviews*

- *A Chicago Public Library 'Best of the Best' Book
- *A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year
- *NCTE Orbis Pictus Award Outstanding Nonfiction for Children Recommended Title

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ALLIES: REAL TALK ABOUT SHOWING UP, SCREWING UP, AND TRYING AGAIN (DK 2021)

(co-edited with Shakirah Bourne)

ISBN: 9780744039917



This book is for everyone. Because we can all be allies.

As an ally, you use your power—no matter how big or small—to support others. You learn, and try, and mess up, and try harder. In this collection of true stories, 17 critically acclaimed and bestselling YA authors get real about being an ally, needing an ally, and showing up for friends and strangers.

From raw stories of racism and invisible disability to powerful moments of passing the mic, these authors share their truths. They invite you to think about your own experiences and choices and how to be a better ally.

There are no easy answers, but this book helps you ask better questions. Self-reflection prompts, resources, journaling ideas, and further reading suggestions help you find out what you can do. Because we're all in this together. And we all need allies.

*A portion of the proceeds from this book will go to **The Black Curriculum** in the UK and **We Need Diverse Books** in the US*

Praise:

“This stellar treasury of insightful and varied anecdotes provides readers with invaluable information as they navigate allyship.”—*School Library Journal, Starred Review*

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ABOVE ALL ELSE (Charlesbridge 2020)

ISBN: 9781623541408



What do you value...above all else?

The Sun Is Also A Star meets Into Thin Air in this tale of friendship, love, and loyalty on the mountain.

High school seniors and best friends Rose and Tate have trained their whole lives to summit Mount Everest. In the spring of senior year they set out for Nepal, but as they travel ever farther from home, their relationship changes along with the landscape around them. The higher they go, the higher the stakes: altitude, weather, expedition politics, and their own feelings all threaten their long-held goal of reaching the summit.

Rose and Tate have to figure out what they owe each other, themselves, and the mountain they pledged to climb. Because at 29,000 feet, in the Death Zone, they must decide who — or what — they value above all else.

Praise:

“A vividly crafted, compelling look at what is gained and lost in the pursuit of our dreams.” -*Joy McCullough, National Book Award Nominee for Blood, Water, Paint*

“An engrossing, suspenseful, and thought-provoking adventure.” -*Kirkus Reviews*

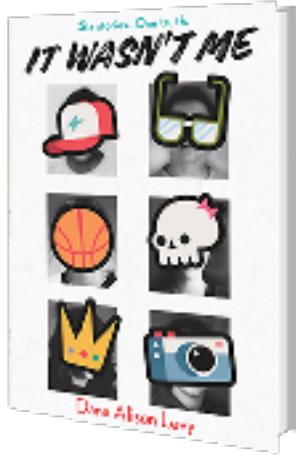
“A nail-biting adventure set in Nepal...the book’s main focus is not on the climb itself, but the teens’ changing emotions, vulnerabilities, and profound realizations as they face the dangers ahead during training. Levy skillfully ... draws on all five senses to bring Nepal’s splendor to life.” -*Publisher’s Weekly*

- Junior Library Guild Selection
- Bank Street’s Best Books for Children list 2020

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IT WASN'T ME (Delacorte 2018)

ISBN: 9781524766436



Six Stories. One Truth.

The Breakfast Club meets middle school mystery in this story of six very different seventh graders forced together in the aftermath of a vandalism incident.

When Theo's photographs are vandalized and trashed beyond all recognition, there are five kids at the scene: The Nerd, the Princess, the Jock, the Weirdo, and the Screw-Up. All anyone will say is "It wasn't me."

Theo doesn't care who it was, he just wants to stop being the victim. The sooner the school forgets the whole humiliating thing, the better. But his favorite teacher is asking the six of them to spend vacation week together "learning to trust" and getting to the truth. She calls it a Justice Circle. He calls it his worst nightmare. Theo knows everything he needs to know about his classmates, and he's sure this Justice Circle is going to be an epic and totally mortifying waste of time. But after a few days of sock puppets gone wrong, artificial flesh wounds, and dangerous candy reconnaissance missions, he's not so certain. As they share their secrets, Theo realizes that he doesn't know anyone as well as he thought, not even himself. And the truths they share might change their lives forever.

Hilarious, awkward, surprising, and ultimately heartwarming, IT WASN'T ME is a guessing game that keeps readers wondering: what lies behind the labels we wear?

Praise:

"...A story about six kids who find their way to true friendship and fierce loyalty, and why restorative justice is worth the time and effort it takes." —*Publisher's Weekly, Starred Review*

"A timely, introspective whodunit with a lot of heart." —*Kirkus, Starred Review*

"Levy writes in an easy style with laugh-out-loud humor, offering characters that slowly reveal deeper complexity. [...]. VERDICT This is an engaging read with quirky, likable characters with whom tweens will identify. A good purchase for any collection serving middle schoolers. —*School Library Journal, Starred Review*

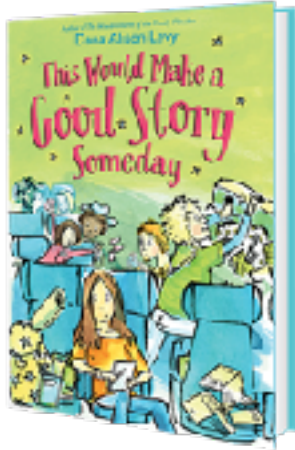
- Junior Library Guild Selection
- Amazon Editor's Pick: Best Books Nov 2018
- American Booksellers Association Winter 2018 "Indies Next Pick"
- PW Best Books of 2018 List

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THIS WOULD MAKE A GOOD STORY SOMEDAY (Delacorte 2017)

ISBN: 9781101938171

How to ruin summer vacation in three words: Trains. Family. TOGETHERNESS.



Sara Johnston-Fischer loves her family, of course. But that doesn't mean she's thrilled when her summer plans are upended for a surprise cross-country train trip with her two moms, Mimi and Carol; her younger sister, Ladybug; her older sister, Laurel; and Laurel's poncho-wearing activist boyfriend, Root. And to make matters worse, one of her moms is writing a tell-all book about the trip . . . and that means *allllll*, every ridiculous and embarrassing moment of Sara's life.

Sara criss-crosses the country with a gaggle of wild Texans. As they travel from New Orleans to Chicago to the Grand Canyon and beyond, Sara finds herself changing along with the landscape outside the train windows. And she realizes that she just might go home reinvented.

Praise:

“Sara has a truly unique tween voice, with her concerns about big-picture issues never diminishing the importance of her need for a new hair look or a burgeoning friendship with a fellow traveler...its engaging main character makes it a truly memorable read.” —*Booklist, starred review*

“This story is never preachy; it ranges from laugh-out-loud funny to incredibly moving, and the voices are true. Ignore the title: this is a good story already.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

“Levy mixes hilarious family escapades with amusing facts about the places they visit, and throws in a distinct but not pedantic dash of social justice, mostly through Sara's elder sister Laura, who is considering dropping out of college to be an activist. Despite the humor, though, the book also offers much insight into the nature of relationships, familial and otherwise, and ends up being surprisingly touching.” —*Dana Rudolph, Bay Windows*

- American Bookseller's Association Summer 2017 “Indies Next Pick”
- Junior Library Guild Selection

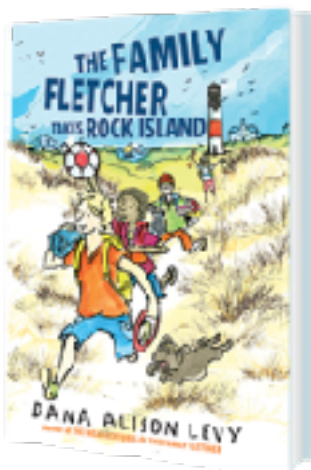
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THE FAMILY FLETCHER TAKES ROCK ISLAND (Delacorte 2016)

ISBN:9780553521337

Welcome to Rock Island, a place where time (should) stand still.



In this stand-alone companion to *The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher*, the Fletchers head to their beloved Rock Island, a tiny island out to sea where everything stays the same...until this year. With the lighthouse threatened, the Fletcher boys and their new friends have to confront changes in themselves and the island they love.

The Fletchers are back on Rock Island, home of all their best summer memories. Romping in the surf, biking the windy shore roads, and catching crabs are just a few of the island's delights. And best of all is the Rock Island Lighthouse, right next door and theirs to explore, year after year. But from their first day on the island it's clear that this year, things have changed.

Add a dose of Shakespeare, a very tippy kayak, a video camera, and (maybe, possibly, or not) a swimming cat, and the recipe for a crazy summer is complete. Sam, Jax, Eli, and Frog's time on Rock Island is not at all what they expected. Can Rock Island remain the same, even with all these transformations? For the Fletcher boys, and even for Papa and Dad, the summer brings new changes, both in themselves and the island they love.

Praise:

"An old-fashioned summer adventure set in a very modern world, this lively family tale will leave readers impatient for more." —*Kirkus Reviews*, *starred review*

"As in the first book, gentle humor abounds: in one memorable scene, a series of mishaps literally sinks the boys' latest lighthouse fund-raising scheme...A must-have middle grade family story with contemporary sensibilities." —*School Library Journal*, *starred review*

- Amazon Best of the Month Selection
- Junior Library Guild selection
- Bank Street's Best Books List
- Chicago Public Library Best Books List
- 2017 Rainbow List
- Washington State and New Jersey State Awards List

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THE MISADVENTURES OF THE FAMILY FLETCHER (Delacorte 2014)

ISBN: 9780385376556

Meet the Fletchers: four boys, two dads, and one new neighbor who just might ruin everything.



Sam, age 12

Mostly interested in soccer. And food. And his phone.

Jax, age 10

Psyched for fourth grade. Thinks the new neighbor stinks, and not just because of the skunk.

Eli, age 10 (but younger than Jax)

Delighted to be starting this year at the Pinnacle School, where everyone's "the smart kid."

Frog (not his real name), age 6

Wants his new friends at kindergarten to save a seat for his invisible cheetah.

The start of the school year is not going as hoped for the Fletcher brothers. Their miserable new neighbor, Mr. Nelson, complains about everything. Even worse, each boy finds his plans for school success veering off in unexpected directions. As the year continues, the boys learn the hard and often hilarious lesson that sometimes what you least expect is what you come to care about the most.

Praise:

"Their banter is realistic, and the disorder of their everyday lives, convincing. The Fletcher family rules!" —*Kirkus Reviews, Starred*

"With its semi-episodic structure, laugh-out-loud humor, and mix of zaniness and love, Levy's debut offers something truly significant: a middle-grade family story featuring gay parents and interracial families that is never about either issue." —*School Library Journal, Starred*

- ALA Notable Books for Children 2015, Middle Reader
- American Booksellers Association "Indies Introduce New Voices" selection
- NPR's Best Books of 2014 list
- Junior Library Guild selection
- ABC Best Books for Children 2014
- Bank Street's Best Books List
- 2015 CCBC Choices list
- Multiple State Award Lists (MA, WA, CT, HI, IL, VT, NJ, RI, ME)