Media Kit: Author Samantha M Clark

Bio

Samantha M Clark is the award-winning author of three middle-grade novels. She has always loved stories about ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances. After all, if four ordinary brothers and sisters can find a magical world at the back of a wardrobe, why can't she? While she looks for her real-life Narnia, she writes about other ordinary children and teens who've stumbled into a wardrobe of their own. In a past life, Samantha was a photojournalist and managing editor for newspapers and magazines. She has lived in a land of rainforests, a land of the queen, two Caribbean lands surrounded by ocean, and now lives with her husband and two funny dogs in



Austin, Texas, the land of the weird. Samantha is the Regional Advisor for the Austin chapter of the Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators, and explores wardrobes every chance she gets. Sign up for news and giveaways at www.SamanthaMClark.com.

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ARROW



- ~ Middle-grade fantasy fiction for ages 8 and up
- ~ Release date: June 22, 2021
- ~ Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books/Simon & Schuster
- ~ Cover: designed by Laurent Linn and illustrated by Justin Hernandez
- ~ ISBN: 9781534465978 (hardcover), 9781534465992 (ebook)
- ~ Topics: Environment, Deforestation, Friendship, Acceptance, Disabilities, STEM

Description: *Mad Max meets Jungle Book.* Arrow, a 12-year-old boy with a limb difference, has been the only human living in a magically hidden rainforest his whole life. When the magic starts to deplete, people from the arid outside world discover the forest, setting off a chain of events that force Arrow to make a devastating choice: Be accepted by his own kind or save the only home he's ever known.

"ARROW is a **compelling adventure** about resilience, hope, and learning to trust your own heart." ~Lynne Kelly, award-winning author of *Song For a Whale*

"ARROW is **a richly imagined fable** ... a lush and timely tapestry that enlightens and enchants." ~Susan Fletcher, award-winning author of *Journey of the Pale Bear*

AMERICAN HORSE TALES: HOLLYWOOD



- ~ Middle-grade contemporary fiction for ages 8 and up
- ~ Release date: June 29, 2021
- ~ Publisher: Penguin Workshop/Penguin Random House
- ~ Cover: illustrated by Kelley McMorris
- ~ ISBN: 9780593225271 (paperback) 9780593225288 (ebook) 9780593507773 (audiobook)
- ~ Topics: Animals, Movies, Girl Empowerment, Confidence
- ~ Book 2 in the American Horse Tales series about girls and their horses

Description: Set in modern-day California, this American Horse Tale is the story of a young girl who, along with her family's horse, is destined for the big screen. Juniper is a young girl who dreams of making it big in the movies along with her horse, Able.

In particular, Juniper is obsessed with getting Able onto her favorite television show, Castle MacAvoy, and will do anything, even slay dragons, to make that happen.

THE BOY, THE BOAT, AND THE BEAST



- ~ Middle-grade contemporary fantasy fiction for ages 8 and up
- ~ Release date: June 26, 2018
- ~ Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books/Simon & Schuster
- ~ Cover: designed by Laurent Linn and illustrated by Justin Hernandez
- ~ ISBN: 9781534412552 (hardcover), 9781534412569 (paperback), 9781534412576 (ebook)
- ~ Translated into Italian, Turkish and Romanian
- ~ Topics: Courage, Insecurity, Fears

Description: The Graveyard Book meets Hatchet. A boy wakes up on a beach with no memory of who he is, where he is, or how he got there. All he knows is that every time he tries to leave, everything turns scary. When he sees a light shining over the

trees that surround the beach, the boy thinks it could be his parents trying to find him, so he gathers up his courage and follows it. He goes on a journey to find answers to all his questions, but before he can get home, he'll have to face all his biggest fears.

* Winner of the SCBWI TX/OK Crystal Kite Award

"Lyrical and hauntingly beautiful, this is a story for everyone who's had to learn to face their fears."—Jennifer A. Nielsen, New York Times best-selling author of *The Traitor's Game*

"An unforgettable, life-affirming tale." —ALA Booklist

"This debut novel should be savored for its atmospheric setting, ominous tension and the beautiful way it brings light to the darker parts of childhood." —BookPage