



Meet Four Fantastic Editors at Fall First Pages!

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Claire Tattersfield is an associate editor at Viking Children's Books and Flamingo Books at Penguin Young Readers, a division of Penguin Random House. She's built her career working on funny, commercial picture books with tons of heart such as *Proper Badger Would Never, It Started with a P*, *Grilled Cheese? Yes Please!*, and many others. Her middle grade and YA books that she has worked on include Josh Sundquist's *Just Don't Fall* and Ilene Cooper's *This Boy*. She is also the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Cupig*, illustrated by Rob Sayegh Jr. When she isn't working or reading, she can usually be found on her trusty red bicycle in Prospect Park.



Michele McAvoy is an award-winning children's book author whose titles include *Buckingham Gets A New Shell*, *Cookie & Milk*, *The Gorilla Picked Me!*, *My Superhero Grandpa*, *Willie the Werewolf*, and *Toby Undone* (coming 2025 from Clear Fork). Michele is the founder and CEO of The Little Press, a children's book publisher of picture books through young adult novels. The Little Press books have garnered rave reviews from Kirkus, The School Library Journal, and Foreword Reviews. You can find Michele on social media [@michele_mcavoy](https://twitter.com/michele_mcavoy) (X) and [@michelemcavoy](https://www.instagram.com/michelemcavoy) (Instagram).

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Laura Kincaid (she/her), Assistant Editor at Holiday House, is drawn to MG, YA, and graphic novels with unique voices, immersive worldbuilding, and character-driven stories regardless of genre, but has a soft spot for fantasy, speculative fiction, magical realism, horror, and LGBTQ representation. She also enjoys nonfiction for all ages that highlights unusual topics, untold parts of history, or the environment.



Nicole Fiorica has been with McElderry Books-Simon and Schuster since 2017. Acquiring teen, middle grade, and picture book titles, Nicole has the pleasure of working with a number of talented, bestselling, and award-winning authors including Amber Smith, Jonathan Graziano, Kit Frick, Leslie Barnard Booth, Laura E. Weymouth, Bethany Mangle, and Samantha Markum in addition to Susan Cooper, Cassandra Clare, Margaret Rogerson, F.T. Lukens, Amanda Foody, and many more. Nicole loves discovering new worlds that are easy to fall into, and heroes that can draw the reader in from the first page. She is on the hunt for narrative-driven picture books (fiction and nonfiction) that celebrate creativity and bravery—though mischief is always welcome. In middle grade, she is looking for humorous or big-hearted adventures that explore friendship, family, and belonging; and in YA she enjoys contemporary stories with sharply honest narrators as well as dark, romantic fantasies.