

# Kimberly Derting

## ABOUT

**Kimberly Derting** is an award-winning young adult author, as well as the co-author of the popular Loves Science picture book series and forthcoming Penny, the Engineering Tale of the Fourth Pig.

Kimberly's debut, *The Body Finder*, was a 2011 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults, a Kid's IndieNext pick, and was the 2011 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best for Teens selection. *The Pledge* was a 2013 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults pick. Her most recent YA novel, *The Taking*, was named top pick for page-to-screen by Studio System News. Her Loves Science picture book series has been named a B&N National Storytime selection, an Amazon Best Book of the Month, and received a starred review from *School Library Journal*. Her books have been translated into 15 languages.

She lives in the Pacific Northwest, where the gloomy weather is ideal for staying indoors to write.

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# TOP AWARDS & ACCOLADES

- 2010 Kid's IndieNext pick (The Body Finder)
- 2011 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best for Teens (The Body Finder)
- 2011 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults (The Body Finder)
- 2013 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults (The Pledge)
- 2014 Top pick for Page-to-Screen by Studio System News (The Taking - **currently optioned by WBTV**)
- 2018 B&N National Storytime selection (Cece Loves Science)
- Georgia Center of Books named "Cece Loves Science" as a "Book All Young Georgians Should Read"
- 2019 Amazon Best Book of the Month (Cece Loves Science and Adventure)
- Starred review from School Library Journal (Libby Loves Science)
- 2021 Amazon Best Book of the Month (Vivi Loves Science)



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# THE BODY FINDER SERIES

KID'S INDIENEXT PICK

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY BEST OF THE  
BEST FOR TEENS

YALSA BEST FICTION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

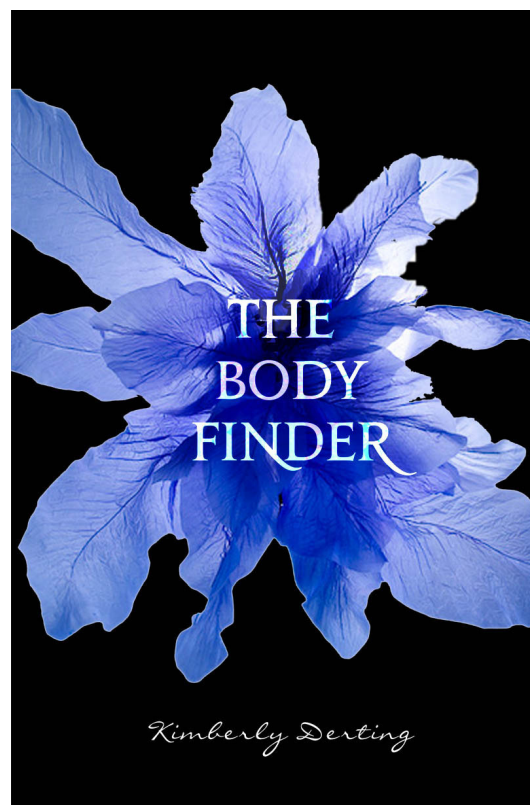
GOODREADS MOVER AND SHAKER MARCH  
2010 NEWSLETTER

NOMINATED 2010 CYBILS AWARD

Violet Ambrose is grappling with two major issues: Jay Heaton and her morbid secret ability. While the sixteen-year-old is confused by her new feelings for her best friend since childhood, she is more disturbed by her "power" to sense dead bodies—or at least those that have been murdered. Since she was a little girl, she has felt the echoes that the dead leave behind in the world... and the imprints that attach to their killers.

Violet has never considered her strange talent to be a gift; it mostly just led her to find the dead birds her cat had tired of playing with. But now that a serial killer has begun terrorizing her small town, and the echoes of the local girls he's claimed haunt her daily, she realizes she might be the only person who can stop him.

Despite his fierce protectiveness over her, Jay reluctantly agrees to help Violet on her quest to find the murderer—and Violet is unnerved to find herself hoping that Jay's intentions are much more than friendly. But even as she's falling intensely in love, Violet is getting closer and closer to discovering a killer... and becoming his prey herself.



## *Praise for The Body Finder*

"Derting's first novel demonstrates unusual skill in weaving together contemporary teenage preoccupations with its paranormal plot twist.. sections from the perspective of the killer add a creepy, page-turning quality. A strong debut from a promising author."

—Publishers Weekly

"First-time novelist Derting has written a suspenseful mystery and sensual love story that will captivate readers who enjoy authentic high-school setting, snappy dialogue, sweet romance, and heart-stopping drama. A real page-turner, this will have readers checking behind themselves and refusing to go anywhere alone."

—Booklist

"This creative mystery has it all...the heart of a romance novel wrapped up in pages that almost crackle with the electricity of suspense."

—Justine Magazine



# THE BODY FINDER SERIES

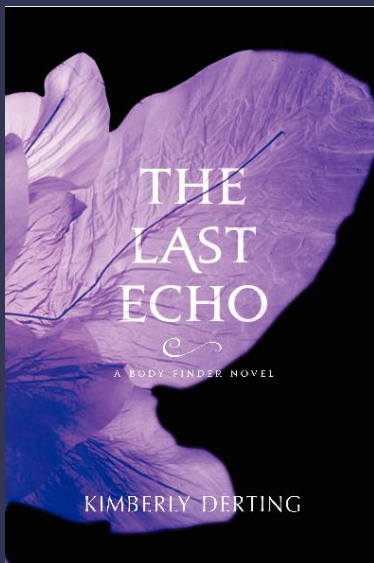
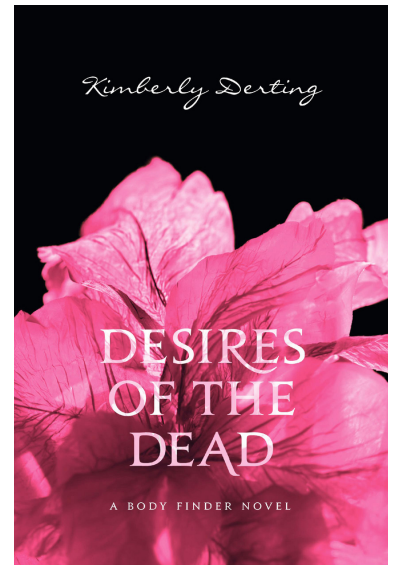
## *Praise for the series*

"Derting (*Desires of the Dead*, 2011) gives texture to Charlie's future society, hinting at a not-so distant past when cities had names and people wanted democracy but became corrupt and turned to an all powerful Queen. Danger, dread, mystery, and romance are a potent combination for those that enjoy their dystopian-light fiction action packed."

—Booklist

"...just as suspenseful and gripping as its predecessor...readers will hold their breath as Violet traipses around deserted shipyards and dark woods looking for the bodies that call to her."

—School Library Journal



"As always, this author writes a gripping tale...With another sequel set up, this intriguing series continues to provide great entertainment for suspense fans."

—Kirkus (read the full review)

"Derting unflinchingly explores the twisted minds of sadistic killers. It's a combination that keeps her readers clamoring for more."

—Booklist

"The suspenseful ending will have readers tucking under blankets and imagining horror-movie scenarios. Tell them not to read this one right before bed."

—School Library Journal

"With likable characters, CSI-like crimes, and authentic high-school dialogue and drama, this series will continue to draw readers."

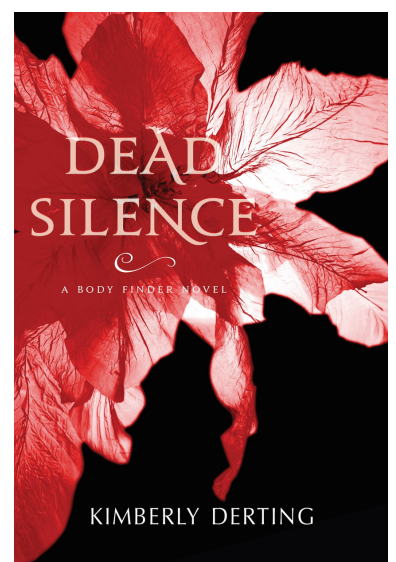
—Booklist

"If you're in the mood for some psychological thrillers, evil masterminds, strong heroines and hot heroes, then I'd definitely pick up the Body Finder series."

—USA Today (read the full review)

"Another compelling suspense tale with entirely believable adolescent characters who work together to prevent and solve crimes. BFFs, love interests, interfering parents all converge to make this story a great read."

—VOYA





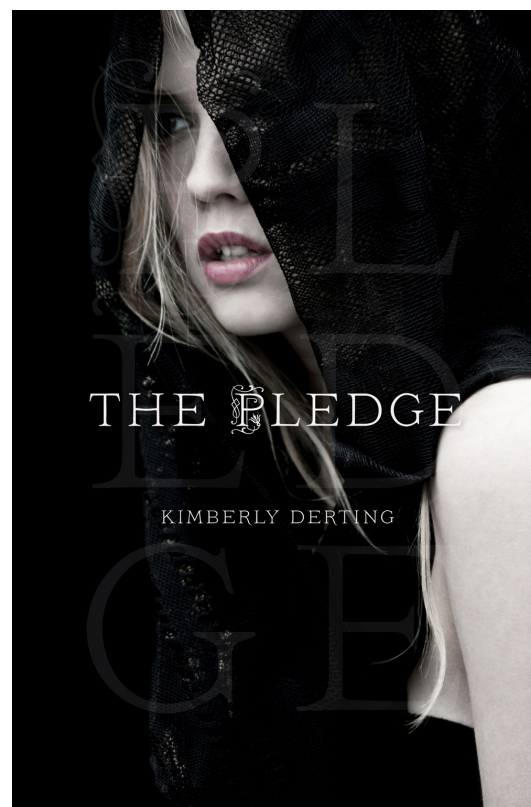
# THE PLEDGE TRILOGY

YALSA BEST FICTION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

NOMINATED FOR CHILDREN'S BOOK  
COUNCIL (CBC) FOR THE 2012 TEEN CHOICE  
BOOK OF THE YEAR

In the violent country of Ludania, the classes are strictly divided by the language they speak. The smallest transgression, like looking a member of a higher class in the eye while they are speaking their native tongue, results in immediate execution. Seventeen-year-old Charlaina has always been able to understand the languages of all classes, and she's spent her life trying to hide her secret. The only place she can really be free is the drug-fueled underground clubs where people go to shake off the oppressive rules of the world they live in. It's there that she meets a beautiful and mysterious boy named Max who speaks a language she's never heard before . . . and her secret is almost exposed.

Charlie is intensely attracted to Max, even though she can't be sure where his real loyalties lie. As the emergency drills give way to real crisis and the violence escalates, it becomes clear that Charlie is the key to something much bigger: her country's only chance for freedom from the terrible power of a deadly regime.



## *Praise for The Pledge*

"Derting's chilling dystopia envisions an America ruled by monarchy, most of its cities razed, and its citizens straitjacketed in a caste system divided by language... Derting (*Desires of the Dead*) is right on when depicting the bonds of family, friendship, and first love."

—Publishers Weekly

"...gripping dystopian fantasy... More great suspense from a prolific new writer with a vibrant imagination."

—Kirkus

"...fast-paced and engrossing."

—VOYA

"...an imaginative, well-written page-turner full of twists and guaranteed to please fans of dystopian literature. It will leave them clamoring for the sequel... and hoping for a movie version."

—Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

# THE PLEDGE TRILOGY

## *Praise for the trilogy*

"Readers who enjoyed the first book... will love following Charlaina's growth from a vendor girl to a queen...[This book] will intrigue readers with a taste for dramatic dystopian romance."

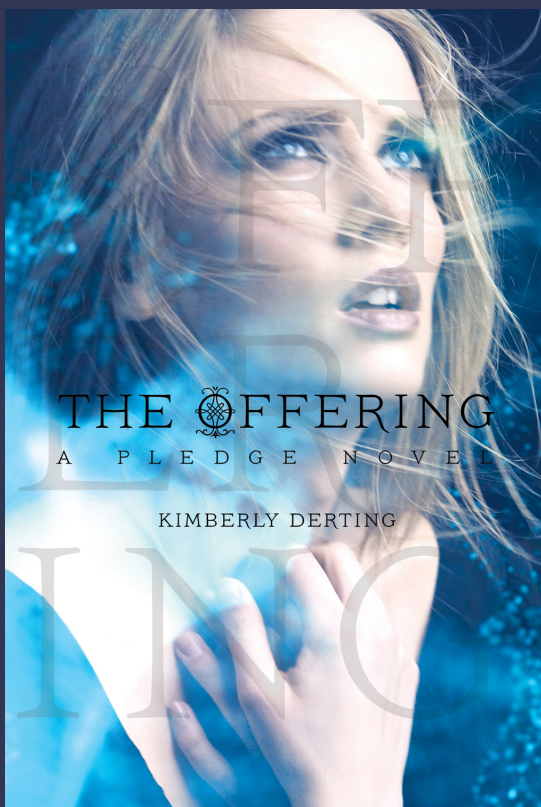
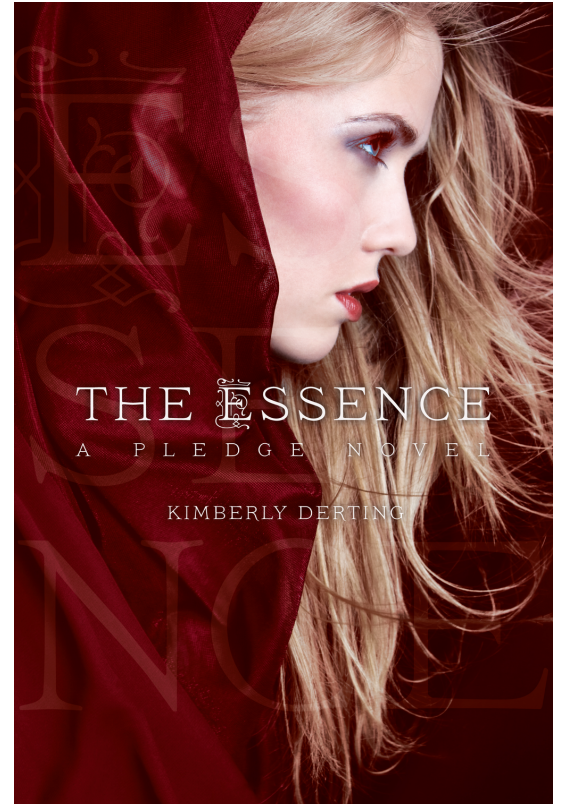
—VOYA

"Defeating evil queen Sabara at the conclusion of *The Pledge* (2011) was only the beginning for Charlie, now Queen Charlaina of Ludania. Derting's follow-up casts Charlie in an untenable circumstance that only her inner strength can defeat."

—Booklist Online

"Fans will be delighted to return to Derting's fantastical and amazing world, filled with spunky, brave and lovable characters."

—RT Book Reviews



"No anticlimactic ending here, as the final book in the Pledge trilogy has its fair share of exhilarating and heart-stopping moments." 4 stars (out of 4.5)

—RT Magazine

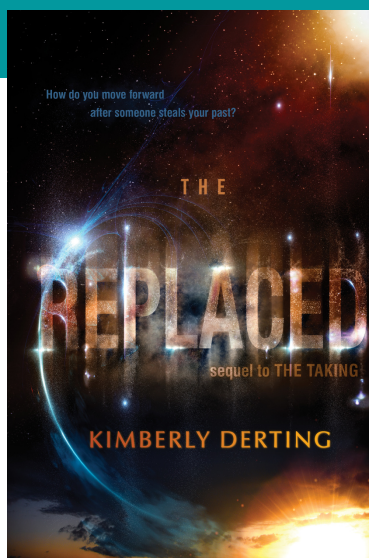
"Derting offers a cast of strong, independent women, which will entice young readers hungry for powerful female role models."

—School Library Journal

# THE TAKING TRILOGY

TOP PICK FOR PAGE-TO-SCREEN BY  
STUDIO SYSTEM NEWS

CURRENTLY OPTIONED BY WBTV



**A flash of white light . . . and then . . . nothing.**

When sixteen-year-old Kyra Agnew wakes up behind a Dumpster at the Gas 'n' Sip, she has no memory of how she got there. With a terrible headache and a major case of déjà vu, she heads home only to discover that five years have passed . . . yet she hasn't aged a day. Everything else about Kyra's old life is different. Her parents are divorced, her boyfriend, Austin, is in college and dating her best friend, and her dad has changed from an uptight neat-freak to a drunken conspiracy theorist who blames her five-year disappearance on little green men.

Confused and lost, Kyra isn't sure how to move forward unless she uncovers the truth. With Austin gone, she turns to Tyler, Austin's annoying kid brother, who is now seventeen and who she has a sudden undeniable attraction to. As Tyler and Kyra retrace her steps from the fateful night of her disappearance, they discover strange phenomena that no one can explain, and they begin to wonder if Kyra's father is not as crazy as he seems. There are others like her who have been taken . . . and returned. Kyra races to find an explanation and reclaim the life she once had, but what if the life she wants back is not her own?

## *Praise for The Taking trilogy*

"An original and intriguing premise."

—Publishers Weekly

"This series opener provides a promising start that intrigues as well as it entertains."

—Kirkus Reviews

"Heart-stopping action and suspense combined with a budding romance make this book appealing to a wide range of readers."

—Booklist

"Compulsively readable."

—School Library Journal

"Readers will be legitimately unable to put the book down. The mystery, romance and action add up to create a roller coaster of a read."

—RT Book Reviews



# CECE LOVES SCIENCE

BARNES & NOBLE NATIONAL  
STORYTIME SELECTION

FEATURED IN GOOD HOUSEKEEPING'S  
BACK-TO-SCHOOL ISSUE

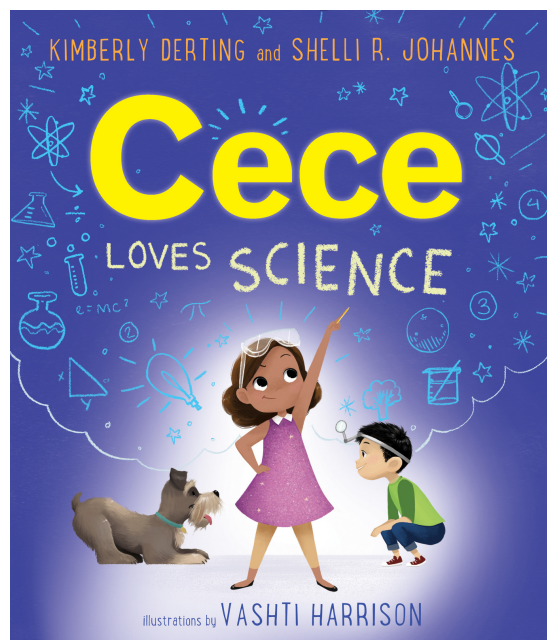
FEATURED AT THE ABU DHABI  
INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR

AVAILABLE IN SCHOLASTIC BOOK  
FAIRS AND CLUBS

Cece loves science! This STEM-themed picture book, the first in a series, follows inquisitive Cece as she poses one of life's most pressing questions—do dogs eat vegetables? With her best friend, Isaac, Cece uses science to uncover the answer. This entertaining and educational book is perfect for readers who love Andrea Beaty's *Ada Twist, Scientist* and the companion volumes.

Cece's parents say she was born asking questions. Why? How? What if? So when her science teacher, Ms. Curie, assigns a project about zoology, Cece has the perfect question: Do dogs eat vegetables? Working from their treehouse lab, Cece and her best friend, Isaac, investigate, research, and collect and analyze data, using Cece's adorable (and hungry!) dog, Einstein, as their case study.

In their picture book debut, authors Kimberly Derting and Shelli R. Johannes and illustrator Vashti Harrison have created a diverse and charming cast of characters who love school and science. This engaging and educational STEM picture book is just right for readers of Andrea Beaty's *Rosie Revere, Engineer*, and Kobi Yamada's *What Do You Do With an Idea?*



## *Praise for Cece Loves Science*

"Cece is a smart and curious girl who loves to get to the bottom of all her complex questions. ...Harrison's expressive digital illustrations have a lot of energy, color, and motion...A fun way to introduce scientific methods."

—Booklist

"Words and pictures combine to make smooth blend of entertainment and education that may be useful in early elementary classrooms. An appealing concoction."

—School Library Journal

"Harrison's clean, bright illustrations add expression and personality to the story. ...this endearing protagonist earns a place on the children's STEM shelf. A good introduction to observation, data, and trying again."

— Kirkus Reviews

# THE LOVES SCIENCE PICTURE BOOKS

Cece LOVES SCIENCE AND ADVENTURE &  
Vivi LOVES SCIENCE BOTH NAMED AMAZON  
BEST BOOK OF THE MONTH

STARRED REVIEW FOR  
LIBBY LOVES SCIENCE

VIVI LOVES SCIENCE  
AVAILABLE IN TARGET STORES AND COSTCO

## *Praise for the series*

"A worthy message about girls embracing science."

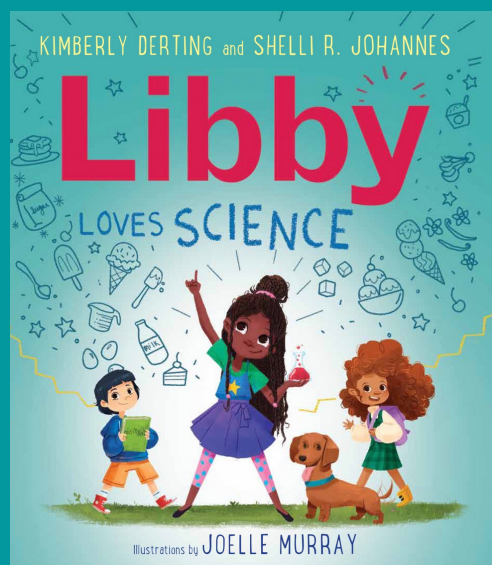
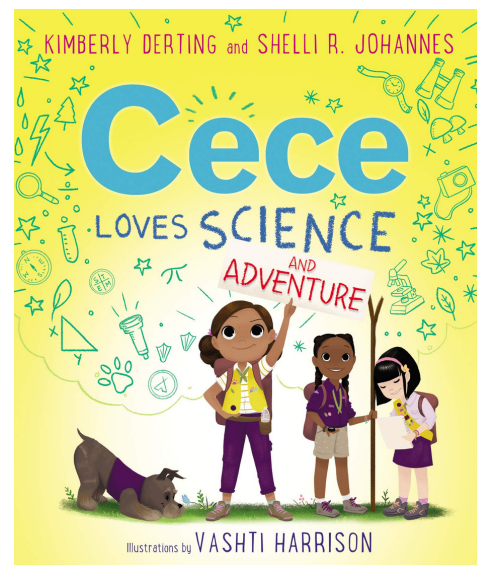
—Publishers Weekly

"The array of adept female characters are sure to become reader favorites...perfect for a STEM read-aloud."

—School Library Journal

"Smart girls, friendship, and fun: a winning combination."

—Kirkus Reviews



**Starred Review:** "This book expresses a love for the topic that will encourage kids to follow their curiosity and develop their own appreciation for science."

—School Library Journal

"Joining the ranks of strong girls in STEM [is] Libby . . . Brightly colored artwork bubbles with Libby's enthusiasm . . . This book is a natural fit for classroom science units and home use."

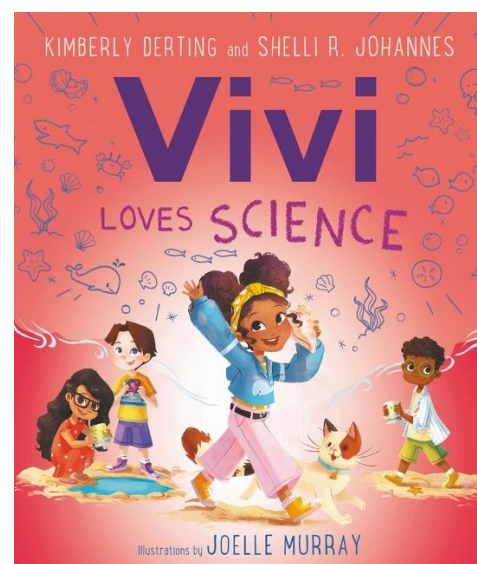
—Booklist

"Sure to inspire real-life experimentation."

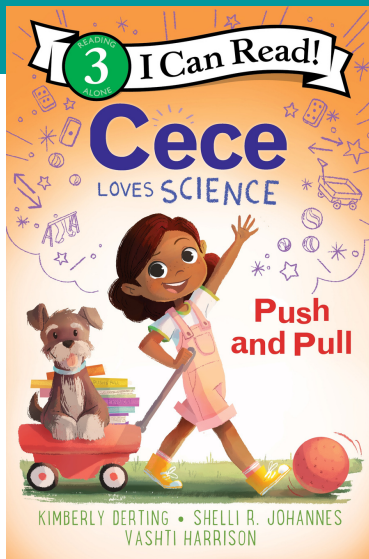
—Kirkus Reviews

"Fans of the series that began with CeCe Loves Science will enjoy this beach-themed exploration. . . . The brightly colored images rival those of Dreamworks or Disney in cuteness and charm while also providing information. . . . A nifty way to help young learners see the beach through the lens of science."

—Kirkus Reviews



# THE LOVES SCIENCE I-CAN-READS

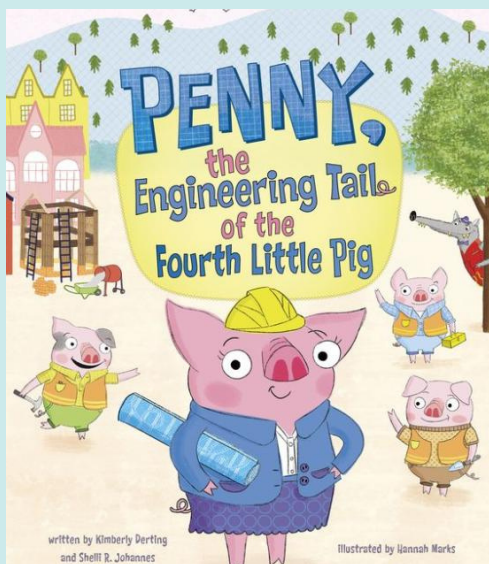


**Learn to read with Cece, Libby, and Vivi!**

This Level 3 I Can Read! focuses on basic scientific vocabulary and includes a glossary of terms and fun activities for readers to try on their own. A great pick for beginning readers! The Loves Science books introduce readers to girls who love science, as well as basic concepts of science, technology, engineering, and math.

A great choice for aspiring scientists, emerging readers, and fans of Andrea Beaty's Ada Twist, Scientist.

*Coming August 2022!*



## PENNY, THE ENGINEERING TALE OF THE FOURTH PIG

Penny isn't just the fourth little pig--she's an engineer. So when big bad Wolfgang destroys her brothers' homes, Penny comes to the rescue! When Wolfgang returns, Penny must use all her engineering know-how to save her family from his huffing and puffing.

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs meets Rosie Revere, Engineer in this clever reimagining of The Three Little Pigs!



# NOTABLE APPEARANCES

- Abu Dhabi International Book Fair, 2019.
- Barnes & Noble National Storytime, 2018.
- Apollycon, Orlando and Washington, D.C., 2017 and 2018.
- Storycon, New Orleans, LA, 2016 and 2017.
- YALLWest, Santa Monica, CA, 2015.
- San Diego ComicCon, San Diego, CA, 2014.
- ICONS: Take Me To Your Reader Tour. Multi-city tour featuring Margaret Stohl, Melissa de la Cruz, Kami Garcia, Richelle Mead, Leigh Bardugo, and Marissa Meyer. May 2013.
- Simon & Schuster's Summer Lovin' Tour. Multi-City Tour with Suzanne Young, Shannon Messenger, Morgan Matson, and Jessi Kirby. May 2013.
- Romantic Times Convention, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016.
- YALLFest, 2011 and 2012.
- Foyle's Charring Cross Store in London, May 2012.



- HarperTeen's Dark Days Tours, Multi-city tours in 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2014.
- Epically Epic Launch Party, Barnes & Noble, Federal Way, WA. November 2011.
- The Smart Chicks Kick-It Tour. Multi-city tours in 2010 and 2012.
- Books of Wonder, New York, NY. Joint signing with Lisa Schroeder, Adele Griffin, and Laurie Faria Stolarz. June 2011
- Washington State Library Association (WLMA). 2010.
- Border's Books, Tacoma, WA. My First Book Launches!