

Children's Series and Tie-ins Bestsellers

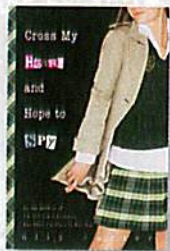
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Carter at BEA, signing her latest book.

Ally Carter's Gallagher Girls series, starring teenage spy-in-training Cammie Morgan, has been steadily gaining fans; book three, *Don't Judge a Girl by Her Cover*, went on sale June 9 with a 250,000-copy first printing. While there isn't any news yet from Walden Media, which optioned her first book back in 2007, Carter recently told *Children's Bookshelf* she has finished a draft of a fourth Gallagher Girls title. And her first standalone novel, *Heist Society*, comes out from Disney-Hyperion next February. "It's very fast-paced and takes place in lots of fun, exciting settings," Carter said. "If George Clooney and Julia Roberts from *Ocean's Eleven* had a 15-year-old daughter, this could be her story."



- 1 **Twilight saga.**
Stephenie Meyer.
Little, Brown/Tingley
- 2 **Percy Jackson and the Olympians.**
Rick Riordan.
Disney-Hyperion
- 3 **Diary of a Wimpy Kid.**
Jeff Kinney.
Abrams/Amulet
- 4 **The 39 Clues.**
Scholastic
- 5 **House of Night.**
PC Cast and Kristin Cast.
St. Martin's Griffin
- 6 **Magic Tree House.**
Mary Pope Osborne, illus. by Sal Murdocca.
Random House
- 7 **The Vampire Diaries.**
L.J. Smith.
HarperTeen
- 8 **The Mortal Instruments.**
Cassandra Clare.
S&S/McElderry
- 9 **Gallagher Girls.**
Ally Carter.
Disney-Hyperion
- 10 **Warriors.**
Erin Hunter.
HarperCollins
- 11 **Night World.**
L.J. Smith.
Simon Pulse
- 12 **Harry Potter.**
J.K. Rowling.
Scholastic/Levine
- 13 **Pendragon.**
D.J. MacHale.
Simon & Schuster
- 14 **Junie B. Jones.**
Barbara Park, illus. by Denise Brunkus.
Random House
- 15 **Alex Rider.**
Anthony Horowitz.
Philomel and Puffin



The 39 Clues series is gathering sales... and authors. Gordon Korman (l.), Peter Lerangis and Jude Watson (aka Judy Blundell) were at BEA last month and signed copies of a 39 Clues poster (Rick Riordan, the series's inaugural author, was unable to attend and presigned the poster). Book four, Watson's *Beyond the Grave*, was released on June 2. She may be the series' first female author, but there will be more: Linda Sue Park is writing book five, and Margaret Peterson Haddix will write the 10th and final book.



In the years since J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series became a

megahit, there have been a number of legal disputes, both against and on behalf of the author. This month there were more. The family of a deceased author, Adrian Jacobs, sued Bloomsbury in the U.K. for £500 million, accusing Rowling of having plagiarized "substantial parts" of his work. Bloomsbury immediately denied the charges. And a Chinese publishing house refuted claims that the author of a forthcoming children's novel plagiarized several aspects of Harry Potter.

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