Hello Pitch Wars Hopefuls!

We're **Team Stellify** (Sandra Proudman and Shannon A. Thompson) and this is our Pitch Wars MG manuscript wish-list! We're on the lookout for all the MG science fiction, romance, fantasy, horror, contemporary, retellings, gothic, and STEM! Especially from marginalized voices!

If you're here, you're likely familiar with Pitch Wars. But if you're not...Pitch Wars is a mentoring program where published/agented authors, editors, or industry interns choose one writer to spend three months revising their manuscript. It ends in February with an Agent Showcase, where agents can read a pitch/first page and can request to read more. Learn more at PitchWars.org.

P.S. Since you're likely reading this, shout-out to you, our Future Mentee! Let's get ready to rumble!

ABOUT SHANNON

Shannon A. Thompson is the bestselling author of the Bad Bloods series and the Timely Death trilogy. When she is not writing, she is climbing rooftops, baking cookies, or watching KDramas in the middle of the night, often done with her cats by her side. She is represented by Katelyn Uplinger at D4EO Literary Agency. Thompson graduated from the University of Kansas with a BA in English with an emphasis on creative writing. Visit her blog for writers and readers at www.ShannonAThompson.com.

You can learn more about her on: <u>Twitter</u> / <u>Instagram</u> / <u>Newsletter</u>

Find her books on: <u>Amazon</u> / <u>Goodreads</u> / <u>Author Website</u> / <u>Barnes</u> <u>& Noble</u>

ABOUT SANDRA

Sandra Proudman is a Mexican American writer of young adult and middle grade stories with unabashed Latinx protagonists. She grew up in Northern California where she studied journalism and creative writing. She is a Pitch Wars and DiverseVoices, Inc. mentor, was a Marketing and Publicity Intern at Latinx in Publishing, and will be creating blogs for #LatinxPitch. In her free time, she enjoys helping marginalized creators with their submission materials, mentoring writers of color, jumping onto Zoom calls with writer friends, and taking care of her adorable newborn.

Sandra is represented by Hannah Fergesen of KT Literary. Before signing with Hannah, she was in Pitch America '17 and Query Kombat '18. This is Sandra's third year mentoring Pitch Wars. Both her former mentees have landed at wonderful agencies.

You can learn more about her on: <u>Twitter</u> / <u>Instagram</u> / <u>Newsletter</u>

BOOKS WE LOVE SIMILAR TO OUR WISHLIST:

Amari and the Night Brothers by B. B. Alston

Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Ana on the Edge by A.J. SassCity of Ghosts by Victoria Schwab

Eva Evergreen, Semi-Magical Witch by Julie AbeFurthermore by Tahereh MafiGhost Squad by Claribel A. Ortega

Paola Santiago and the River of Tears by Tehlor Kay Mejia

Serafina and the Black Cloak by Robert BeattyThe Age of Miracles by Karen Thompson Walker

MOVIES WE LOVE:

Coco

Kiki's Delivery Service

ParaNorman

Raya and the Last Dragon

Sky High

Super 8

The BFG

The Goonies

The Labyrinth

Weathering With You

TV SHOWS WE LOVE:

A Series of Unfortunate Events

Cobra Kai

His Dark Materials

Never Have I Ever

Mr. Iglesias

Outer Banks

Sailor Moon

Secrets of Sulphur Springs

Stranger Things

Umbrella Academy

FUN FACTS FROM SHANNON:

I published my first novel at 16.

I've lived in six states: Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Georgia, Kansas, and Missouri.

During the day, I work at The Story Center, which is a grant-funded project that brings equal opportunity storytelling courses to Kansas City via the library.

I leave half-empty water glasses everywhere, just like the girl in SIGNS. I also consistently throw away spoons. This is not fixable.

I have narcolepsy, and it often causes hypnopompic hallucinations, which I use as inspiration to write!

FUN FACTS FROM SANDRA:

I just had a baby! He is adorable, but it also means I'm typically writing on the Notes app at 2 a.m.!

I have sold photography prints worldwide.

My favorite hike in the world is trekking up a dormant volcano at Lassen Volcanic National Park.

I make a mean banana bread loaf (with chocolate chips, of course!).

CLICK HERE TO SEE PART II OF OUR WISHLIST THAT INCLUDES WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR ON SHANNON'S WEBSITE!!! :]