

The Carnegie Center for Literacy & Learning welcomes the following agents to our 2022 Books in Progress Conference:

Erin Clyburn Howland Literary

Erin Clyburn (she/her) joined Howland Literary in April 2022 after three years with The Jennifer De Chiara Literary Agency. she has worked as a copy editor for magazines including *Food & Wine*, *Cooking Light*, and *The Progressive Farmer* and as a recipe editor and digital producer for brands like Well Done, MyRecipes, HelloGiggles, and Extra Crispy. Previously, she was general manager and director of collection development for Turtleback Books, a distributor of prebound trade books to the school and library market. She received her BA in English Literature from Mississippi State University and my MA in Children's Literature from Hollins University.



Agenting is the perfect marriage of her interests: editing, sales, and above all, reading books—living and breathing books. There's nothing like combing through the slush and coming across a query with a voice you know in your gut is something special. It never feels like work.

She's based in Birmingham, Alabama. When not working, she can typically be found outdoors. She loves hiking, cooking, traveling, painting, spending time with her partner and family, and trying to keep her four rabbits, Felix, Agnes, Valentino, and Beatrice, from chewing up every baseboard in the house.

Erin represents middle grade fiction, YA fiction, and adult fiction and nonfiction. In MG and YA, she is looking for horror, mystery, thriller, big-hearted contemporary, and grounded stories with magical or speculative elements. In adult fiction, she is most interested in upmarket and literary fiction, and she gravitates toward the dark and strange: horror, thriller, mystery, and grounded stories with speculative or magical elements. Send her your weirds. In nonfiction, she's interested in intersectional perspectives and is looking for narrative nonfiction, memoir, and deep dives into topics including pop science, nature, food and culinary history, and sports and adventure. An Alabamian with Louisiana roots, Erin is particularly interested in Southern literary and upmarket fiction from diverse voices in the above genres.

Eric Smith P.S. Literary

Eric Smith is a literary agent and Young Adult author from Elizabeth, New Jersey. As an agent with P.S. Literary, he's worked on New York Times bestselling and award-winning books. He represents Middle Grade and Young Adult fiction and non-fiction, genre-blending literary fiction, accessible sci-fi and fantasy, and all kinds of adult non-fiction, from memoir to essay collections to wellness books.



In his author life, his recent novels include the YALSA Best Books for Young Readers selection *Don't Read the Comments* (Inkyard Press, 2020), *You Can Go Your Own Way* (Inkyard Press, 2021), and the anthology *Battle of the Bands* (Candlewick, 2021), co-edited with award-winning author Lauren Gibaldi.

His latest book, *Jagged Little Pill: The Novel*, written with Alanis Morissette, Academy award-winner *Diablo Cody*, and Glen Ballard, was published with Abrams in April 2022. It's an adaptation of the Grammy and Tony award winning musical.

A lifelong lover of writing and books, he holds a Bachelor of Arts from Kean University in English, and a Master's in English from Arcadia University, where he currently mentors MFA students. He lives in Philadelphia with his wife and son, and enjoys video games, pop punk, and crying over every movie.