

# El Club De La Salamandra Jaime Alfonso Sandoval

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*The Wild Book* Sep 03 2022 "We walked toward the part of the library where the air smelled as if it had been interred for years..... Finally, we got to the hallway where the wooden floor was the creakiest, and we sensed a strange whiff of excitement and fear. It smelled like a creature from a bygone time. It smelled like a dragon." Thirteen-year-old Juan's favorite things in the world are koalas, eating roast chicken, and the summer-time. This summer, though, is off to a terrible start. First, Juan's parents separate and his dad goes to Paris. Then, as if that wasn't horrible enough, Juan is sent away to his strange Uncle Tito's house for the entire break! Uncle Tito is really odd: he has zigzag eyebrows; drinks ten cups of smoky tea a day; and lives inside a huge, mysterious library. One day, while Juan is exploring the library, he notices something inexplicable and rushes to tell Uncle Tito. "The books moved!" His uncle drinks all his tea in one gulp and, sputtering, lets his nephew in on a secret: Juan is a Princeps Reader--which means books respond magically to him--and he's the only person capable of finding the elusive, never-before-read Wild Book. Juan teams up with his new friend Catalina and his little sister, and together they delve through books that scuttle from one shelf to the next, topple over unexpectedly, or even disappear altogether to find The Wild Book and discover its secret. But will they find it before the wicked, story-stealing Pirate Book does?

*The Chicken Thief* Jun 19 2021 When a fox carries off a hen from outside a cottage, the other animals--a bear, a rabbit, and a rooster--give chase.

**Lost Dogs** Feb 02 2020 "Pure pulp pugilism." -- Rue Morgue "Lost Dogs is rough, it is raw as hell, but it's rough like a bareknuckle fist fight and raw like a rusty knife into your gut... Lemire's stories pour out of him on to the page, his id spilling out into the world."-- from the introduction by Timothy Callahan Long out of print, Jeff Lemire's Xeric-Award-winning LOST DOGS now returns in a newly remastered edition, soaked with blood and ink. This 104-page mythic yarn follows a family man who's larger than life... but even he may not be powerful enough to prevent the loss of everything he's ever known. Bold, brutal, and emotionally raw, LOST DOGS represents an acclaimed storyteller's first professional work -- an early exhibition of the gifts that have made his ESSEX COUNTY and SWEET TOOTH so phenomenally popular.

**Mundo Umbrío 1** Feb 13 2021 A los trece años, Lina descubre que su padre, Benjamín Posada, es en realidad Benvolio Pozafría, un chupasangre. ¡Ya bastante tenía con ser una nerd impopular y fea!

**Crocodiles** Mar 05 2020

**Chilean Cinema** Oct 24 2021

*Alfonso the Magnanimous* Jan 15 2021 This is the first complete biography of one of the most brilliant fifteenth-century monarchs, Alfonso V of Aragon. Ryder traces Alfonso's life from his childhood in the chivalric world of Castile to the newly-acquired states of Aragon and his subsequent accession to the Aragonese throne. In addition to being a shrewd politician, Alfonso is revealed to have been an accomplished diplomat, acutely aware of the power of commerce, and one of the greatest patrons of the

early Renaissance. He brought humanism to life in Southern Italy and made his court the most brilliant in Europe. Offering not only an insightful look at Alfonso's life but a vivid portrait of political and cultural life during his reign, this volume will hold special appeal for scholars and students of early modern European history, fifteenth-century Italian and Spanish history, and Renaissance studies.

**El Club de la Salamandra** Nov 05 2022 Rudolph Green nació en una remota isla del Pacífico Sur y es un habilidísimo traductor cuyo gran sueño es convertirse en expedicionario, como lo fueron sus padres. Su gran oportunidad aparece cuando le dan a traducir un misterioso mensaje encontrado en el interior de una lata de juego de tomate. A partir de aquí inicia una fabulosa aventura que lo llevará a cruzar el mundo en todas direcciones, incluida aquella que lo conduce a las más profundas simas marinas. De esta manera, Green entrará en contacto con la "anticiencia", un conjunto de teorías y peligrosos conocimientos que es reguardado por una sociedad secreta de anticientíficos; teorías y sociedad ambas prohibidas y perseguidas a lo largo de los siglos por los científicos convencionales; conocerá inquietantes revelaciones; se verá envuelto en difíciles recates; vivirá amores inesperados y se enfrentará a enemigos implacables. "El Club de la Salamandra" es un entretenido relato, en la mejor tradición de la novela de aventura, escrito con humor, desenfado y una pizca de ciencia. Obtuvo el premio Gran Angular en 1997 (México), convocado por Ediciones SM y el Consejo Nacional para la Cultura y las Artes, por medio de la Dirección General de Publicaciones.

**The Last True Love Story** Sep 30 2019 "Hendrix and Corrina bust Hendrix's grandfather out of assisted living, and leave LA for New York in pursuit of freedom, truth, and love"--

**Skip·Beat! (3-in-1 Edition), Vol. 13** May 07 2020 When Kyoko's heart is broken, she decides that revenge is a dish best served in the spotlight! Kyoko Mogami followed her true love Sho to Tokyo to support him while he made it big as an idol. But he's casting her out now that he's famous enough! Kyoko won't suffer in silence—she's going to get her sweet revenge by beating Sho in show biz! The president of LME created the Love Me section because he was impressed by Kyoko's potential but heartbroken by the wounded spirit he could sense buried deep inside her. In the time since she joined the section, Kyoko has made amazing strides as an actress and in healing from the pain of her past. But what will happen to her hard-won strength when she is faced with the person who hurt her the most—her mother?!

*Unidad Lupita* Oct 04 2022 Cuando "la abuela" Lupita llega, es una lata: nadie sabe con qué autoridad quiere establecer un nuevo orden en la familia Santoyo. Mientras intentan deshacerse de la curiosa señora, ella empieza a introducir cambios en toda la unidad habitacional. Poco a poco los vecinos empiezan a vivir mejor, hasta que un día la abuela se va tan intempestivamente como llegó. Un personaje como ninguno. La protagonista de esta hilarante historia nos hará comprender el valor de la vida en paz y comunidad.

*The Body Where I was Born* Jan 03 2020 The first novel to appear in English by one of the most talked-about and critically acclaimed writers of new Mexican fiction. From a psychoanalyst's couch, the narrator

looks back on her bizarre childhood—in which she was born with an abnormality in her eye into a family intent on fixing it. In a world without the time and space for innocence, the narrator intimately recalls her younger self—a fierce and discerning girl open to life's pleasures and keen to its ruthless cycle of tragedy. With raw language and a brilliant sense of humor, both delicate and unafraid, Nettel strings together hard-won, unwieldy memories—taking us from Mexico City to Aix-en-Provence, France, then back home again—to create a portrait of the artist as a young girl. In these pages, Nettel's art of storytelling transforms experience into inspiration and a new startling perception of reality. "Nettel's eye...gives rise to a tension, subtle but persistent, that immerses us in an uncomfortable reality, disquieting, even disturbing—a gaze that illuminates her prose like an alien sun shining down on our world." —Valeria Luiselli, author of *Sidewalks and Faces in the Crowd* "It has been a long time since I've found in the literature of my generation a world as personal and untransferable as that of Guadalupe Nettel." —Juan Gabriel Vásquez, author of *The Sound of Things Falling* "Nettel reveals the subliminal beauty within beings...and painstakingly examines the intimacies of her soul." —Magazine *Littéraire* "Guadalupe Nettel's storytelling power is majestic." —Typographical Era *In Praise of Natural Histories* "Five flawless stories..." —The New York Times "Nettel's stories are as atmospheric and emotionally battering as Checkhov's." —Asymptote

[Twenty-one Elephants and Still Standing](#) Aug 22 2021 Upon completion of the Brooklyn Bridge, P.T. Barnum and his twenty- one elephants parade across to prove to everyone that the bridge is safe.

[The Frightened Kitten](#) Aug 02 2022 Maddie is determined to provide the perfect home for her new kitten, Cookie. She spends all of her time with Cookie, playing and cuddling! Maddie is sure that her lively kitten will love exploring their backyard, too! But little does she know that the neighbor's two tom cats see the yard as their territory. Together the bigger cats do their best to scare the kitten away! Soon, poor Cookie is too afraid to go out in the yard and spends most of her time hidden away. Will Maddie ever find a way to help her kitten overcome her fear?

[After the Winter](#) Mar 17 2021 "I envy how naturally she makes use of language; her resistance to ornamentation and artifice; and the almost stoic fortitude with which she dispenses her profound and penetrating knowledge of human nature. What's more, in this novel, she has impeccable syntactic control, and her ear is sharper than ever before" Valeria Luiselli, *Guernica* A shy young Mexican woman moves to Paris to study literature. Cecilia has few friends, and a morbid fascination with watching the funerals taking place in Père-Lachaise cemetery outside her apartment. She suddenly strikes up a close relationship with her neighbour, a sickly young man who shares her interest in death and believes we can communicate with the dead. After coming to entirely depend on him for company and routine, Cecilia is left devastated by his decision to go to Sicily for his health, and is left alone in an unfriendly city once more. Claudio, meanwhile, lives in New York with the submissive, quiet, but very wealthy Ruth. She makes few demands of him, while acquiescing to all his desires and indulging his obsessive, misogynistic nature. He meets Cecilia by chance when visiting a friend in Paris and their two very different worlds collide with transformative consequences. With startling intensity, humour and insight, Nettel conjures a dark fable about obsession, denial and our modern ability to reach out across the globe in search of love. Translated from the Spanish by Rosalind Harvey

[Boris and Bella](#) Sep 10 2020 Bella Legrossi and Boris Kleanitoff, the messiest and cleanest monsters in Booville respectively, do nothing but argue until the night of Harry Beastie's Halloween party.

[Ecology and Management of Giant Hogweed \(Heracleum Mantegazzianum\)](#) Jul 09 2020 The Giant Hogweed *Heracleum mantegazzianum* is a pernicious invasive species, with significant impact on human health due to its phytotoxic sap. From its native area, the Caucasus, it has spread across Europe creating serious environmental and health problems. This book, the output of a three-year EU project involving 40 European experts, is an authoritative compendium of current knowledge on this amazing invasive plant and will facilitate improved management. It is an invaluable resource for both practitioner and student, and covers topics including taxonomy, genetics, reproduction, population ecology, and invasion dynamics. It also reviews the possibilities of mechanical, chemical and biological control.

[How To Remain Ever Happy](#) Apr 29 2022 This book contains easy but sure tips to strengthen and develop your will power with which you can sustain happiness for longer periods each day.

[Toward Octavio Paz](#) Dec 14 2020 The undisputed intellectual leadership of Octavio Paz, not only in Mexico but throughout Spanish America, rests on achievements in the essay and in poetry. In the field of the essay, he is the author of more than twenty-five books on subjects whose diversity—esthetics, politics, surrealist art, the Mexican character, cultural anthropology, and Eastern philosophy, to cite only a few—is dazzling. In poetry, his creativity has increased in vigor over more than fifty years as he has explored the numerous possibilities open to Hispanic poets from many different sources. The bridge that joins the halves of his writing is a concern for language in general and for the poetic process in particular. Toward Octavio Paz defines this process of creation through a close examination of the books that represent the summit of the poet's development, three long poems and three collections. It is intended for readers of varied poetic experience who are approaching Paz's work for the first time. By studying the relationship of the parts of the poem, particularly structure and theme, Fein traces the poet's growth through approaches to the reader, each embodied in a separate work. From the divided circularity of *Piedra de sol* through the intensification of the subject of *Salamandra*, the multiple meanings of *Blanco*, the polarities of *Ladera este*, and the literary solipsism of *Pasado en claro*, to the silences of *Vuelta*, Paz has shaped his audience's responses to his work through suggestion rather than control. The result is not only a new poetry but a new receptivity.

[Threatened Amphibians of the World](#) Mar 29 2022 "Amphibians are facing an extinction crisis, but getting to the facts has been difficult. "Threatened Amphibians of the World" is a visual journey through the first-ever comprehensive assessment of the conservation status of the world's 6,000 known species of frogs, toads, salamanders, and caecilians. All 1,900 species known to be threatened with extinction are covered, including a description of threats to each species and an evaluation of conservation measures in place or needed. Each entry includes a photograph or illustration of the species where available, a distribution map, and detailed information on range, population and habitat and ecology. Introductory chapters present a detailed analysis of the results, complemented by a series of short essays written by many of the world's leading herpetologists. Appendices include annotated lists of lower risk species and a country-by-country listing of threatened amphibians."--pub. desc.

[The Lean Lands](#) Oct 12 2020 What was it that flew over with such a terrifying roar? Was it, as many said, the devil, or was it that thing a few had heard of, a flying machine? And those electric lights at Jacob Gallo's farm, were they witchcraft or were they science? The theme of this harshly powerful novel is the impact of modern technology and ideas on a few isolated, tradition-bound hamlets in the aftermath of the Mexican Revolution of 1910. The old ways are represented by Epifanio Trujillo, the cacique of the region, now ailing and losing his grip on things; by ancient Madre Matiana, the region's midwife, healer, counselor, and oracle; by penniless Rómulo and his wife Merced. "Progress" is represented by Don Epifanio's bastard son Jacob, who acquired money and influence elsewhere during the Revolution and who now, against his father's will, brings electricity, irrigation, fertilizers, and other modernities to the lean lands—together with armed henchmen. The conflict between the old and the new builds slowly and inexorably to a violent climax that will long remain in the reader's memory. The author has given psychological and historical depth to his story by alternating the passages of narrative and dialogue with others in which several of the major characters brood on the past, the present, and the future. For instance, Matiana, now in her eighties, touchingly remembers how she was married and widowed before she had reached her seventeenth birthday. This dual technique is superbly handled, so that people and events have both a vivid actuality and an inner richness of meaning. The impact of the narrative is intensified by the twenty-one striking illustrations by Alberto Beltrán.

[¡La fiesta!](#) Dec 02 2019 ¡En SM México estamos de fiesta! Cumplimos nuestra segunda década y claro que lo vamos a celebrar. Para ello, decidimos lanzar esta edición especial que reúne a los once autores que han obtenido el premio Gran Angular. A lo largo de estos veinte años, SM ha visto pasar cientos de escritores que nos encantan con sus historias. Ellos han hecho posible que Gran Angular sea una de las colecciones más emblemáticas de la literatura juvenil. No te puedes perder esta recopilación de cuentos cuyo tema, por supuesto, ¡es la fiesta!

[Cheshire Cheese Cat](#) Sep 22 2021 Skilley, an alley cat with an embarrassing secret, longs to escape his hard life dodging fishwives brooms and carriage wheels and trade his damp alley for the warmth of the

Cheshire Cheese Inn. When he learns that the innkeeper is looking for a new mouser, Skilley comes up with an audacious scheme to install himself in the famous tavern. Once established in the inn, Skilley strikes a bargain with Pip, the intelligent mouse-resident, and his fellow mice. Skilley protects the mice and the mice in turn give to Skilley the delectable Cheshire cheese of the inn. Thus begins a most unlikely alliance and friendship. The cat and mouse design a plan to restore Maldwyn, a wounded raven and faithful guard in the service of Queen Victoria, to his rightful place in The Tower, but first they must contend with a tyrannical cook, a mouse-despising barmaid, and an evil tomcat named Pinch. Will the famous author suffering from serious writer's block who visits the Cheshire Cheese pub each day be able to help?

**A Comparative History of Literatures in the Iberian Peninsula** Feb 25 2022 "A Comparative History of Literatures in the Iberian Peninsula" is the second comparative history of a new subseries with a regional focus, published by the Coordinating Committee of the International Comparative Literature Association. As its predecessor for East-Central Europe, this two-volume history distances itself from traditional histories built around periods and movements, and explores, from a comparative viewpoint, a space considered to be a powerful symbol of inter-literary relations. Both the geographical pertinence and its symbolic condition are obviously discussed, when not even contested. Written by an international team of researchers who are specialists in the field, this history is the first attempt at applying a comparative approach to the plurilingual and multicultural literatures in the Iberian Peninsula. The aim of comprehensiveness is abandoned in favor of a diverse and extensive array of key issues for a comparative agenda. "A Comparative History of Literatures in the Iberian Peninsula" undermines the primacy claimed for national and linguistic boundaries, and provides a geo-cultural account of literary inter-systems which cannot otherwise be explained.

*Críticas* Jan 27 2022

**Graveyard** Jun 27 2019 "Ghosts are always hungry," someone once said—and no one knows how ravenous they really are more than Ed & Lorraine Warren, the world's most renowned paranormal investigators. For decades, Ed and Lorraine Warren hunted down the truth behind the most terrifying supernatural occurrences across the nation... and brought back astonishing evidence of their encounters with the unquiet dead. From the notorious house immortalized in *The Amityville Horror* to the bone-chilling events that inspired the hit film *The Conjuring*, the Warrens fearlessly probed the darkness of the world beyond our own, and documented the all-too-real experiences of the haunted and the possessed, the lingering deceased and the vengeful damned. *Graveyard* chronicles a host of their most harrowing, fact-based cases of ghostly visitations, demonic stalking, heart-wrenching otherworldly encounters, and horrifying comeuppance from the spirit world. If you don't believe, you will. And whether you read it alone in the dead of night or in the middle of a sunny day, you'll be forever haunted by its gallery of specters eager to feed on your darkest dread. Don't miss the Warrens' latest film "Annabelle" in theaters now.

**Fire in the Blood** Jul 21 2021 From the author of the bestselling *Suite Française*. Set in the rural French town in Burgundy that would also form the backdrop to the bestselling *Suite Française*, *Fire in the Blood* is the story of Silvio, his cousin's wife Hélène, her second husband Françoise, and of the truths, deaths, marriages, children, houses and mills that bind them with love and hatred, deception and betrayal.

*My Name Is Parvana (Large Print 16pt)* Nov 12 2020 On a military base in post-Taliban Afghanistan, American authorities have just imprisoned a teenaged girl found in a bombed-out school. The army major thinks she may be a terrorist working with the Taliban. The girl does not respond to questions in any language and remains silent, even when she is threatened, harassed and mistreated over several days. The only clue to her identity is a tattered shoulder bag containing papers that refer to people named Shauzia, Nooria, Leila, Asif, Hassan - and Parvana. In this long-awaited sequel to *The Breadwinner Trilogy*, Parvana is now fifteen years old. As she waits for foreign military forces to determine her fate, she remembers the past four years of her life. Reunited with her mother and sisters, she has been living in a village where her mother has finally managed to open a school for girls. But even though the Taliban has been driven from the government, the country is still at war, and many continue to view the education and freedom of girls and women with suspicion and fear. As her family settles into the routine of running the school, Parvana, a bit to her surprise, finds herself restless and bored. She even thinks of running away. But when local men threaten the school and her family, she must draw on every ounce of bravery and resilience she possesses

to survive the disaster that kills her mother, destroys the school, and puts her own life in jeopardy.

**Historia y muestra de la literatura infantil mexicana** May 31 2022

**The Three Amigos** Aug 10 2020 This is the first academic book dedicated to the filmmaking of the Mexican born directors Guillermo del Toro, Alejandro González Iñárritu, and Alfonso Cuarón. The book examines the career trajectories of the directors and presents a detailed analysis of their most significant films. These include studies on del Toro's *Cronos/Chronos*, *El laberinto del fauno/Pan's Labyrinth*, *Hellboy II: The Golden Army*; Iñárritu's *Amores Perros*, *21 Grams* and *Babel*; and Cuarón's *Sólo con tu pareja/Love in the Time of Hysteria*, *Y tu mamá también*, and *Children of Men*. All three have worked in diverse industrial contexts, and between them they have made key films that have changed the nature of filmmaking in Mexico, Hollywood blockbusters, US independent films, 'European' art films, and films that defy easy classification. They have had unprecedented international success and have crossed linguistic, national and generic borders, cutting through traditional divisions created by film markets. As a result, this book challenges the ways both markets and critics have created clear-cut distinctions between mainstream commercial and independent art cinema, and the ways they have conceptualised US, Latin American and European cinema as discrete entities. The work of the three directors creates new hybrid formations and makes us rethink ways in which we have understood the auteur label. The main theoretical approaches applied in this book to analyse the directors' working practices and texts centre on new readings of auteurism and transnational film theories. This book will be of interest to undergraduate and postgraduate students of film studies and Hispanic studies, and general cinema enthusiasts who are interested in the films of the three directors.

**Second Star to the Right** Apr 05 2020 On the face of it, Leslie is a normal, healthy, well-adjusted fourteen-year-old girl. She goes to a good school, has a great friend in Cavett, and a mother who loves her to the moon and back. She should be happy, yet she's not. She would be, she thinks, if only she were thinner. But "thinking thin" becomes a dangerous obsession and Leslie's weight drops to five stone, threatening to destroy her and the whole fabric of her family life. Only by realizing that this condition is an illness -and one that has its roots in a deep problem -can Leslie hope to survive.

*Libros de México* Apr 17 2021

**Persepolis** Nov 24 2021 Wise, often funny, sometimes heartbreaking, *Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood* /Itells the story of Marjane Satrapi's life in Tehran from the ages of six to fourteen, years that saw the overthrow of the Shah's regime, the triumph of the Islamic Revolution and the devastating effects of war with Iraq.

**Fantasmas, espectros y otros trapos sucios** Jul 01 2022 ¡Las historias del tío Chema son asombrosas! No importa que Tito tenga que limpiarle la casa a cambio de una más. El tío Chema tiene algo que... no sé... Tal vez sea su forma de narrar, o su buena memoria: sus historias de fantasmas, muertos y monstruos harán que Tito vuelvan una y otra vez. Bienvenido a la casa del tío Chema. Deja que te envuelva con sus historias. Pero cuidado, solo los valientes se atreven a llegar al fin.

**Cumpleaños** Oct 31 2019 ¡En SM México estamos de fiesta! Cumplimos nuestra segunda década y por supuesto que lo vamos a celebrar. Para ello, decidimos lanzar esta edición especial que reúne a todos los autores que han obtenido el premio El Barco de Vapor. A lo largo de estos veinte años, SM ha visto pasar cientos de escritores e ilustradores que nos encantan con sus historias. Ellos han hecho posible que El Barco de Vapor sea una de las colecciones más emblemáticas de la literatura infantil. Así pues, en este libro encontrarás catorce cuentos cuyo tema es el cumpleaños, pues qué mejor forma de celebrar que icon una fiesta de letras!

**Traces of the Foreign** Jul 29 2019 This monograph seeks traces of intercultural encounters between Poland and Latin America realized by means of literary translation. It presents different aspects of the reception of Spanish American prose in after-war period using methodology inspired on translation studies, reception studies, cultural studies and intercultural semantics.

**Sally Heathcote, Suffragette** Aug 29 2019 Follows the story of a British suffragette, Sally Heathcote, a common maid who joined the movement adm the changing climate and politics of early twentieth century Edwardian England.

*The Polar Bear Explorers' Club* Dec 26 2021 It sounded like a respectable and worthy enough death for an

explorer - tumbling from an ice bridge to be impaled upon a mammoth tusk - but Stella really, really didn't want that to happen, just the same. Join Stella Starflake Pearl and her three fellow explorers as they trek across the snowy Icelands and come face-to-face with frost fairies, snow queens, outlaw hideouts, unicorns, pygmy dinosaurs and carnivorous cabbages . . . When Stella and three other junior explorers get separated from their expedition can they cross the frozen wilderness and live to tell the tale?

*Esther's Inheritance* May 19 2021 Two decades after leaving her, the great love of Esther's life sends her a telegram. Tomorrow, he tells her, he is coming back. Esther and her cousin Nunu are thrown into confusion: until now their existence has been tranquil, self-governing, and they know that the mercurial Lajos will change all of that. Esther has not forgotten that her dazzling lover is a fantasist and a liar, nor that he caused her unimaginable hurt. But she also remembers how he made her feel, that he woke a part of her that has since been sleeping for twenty years. Her friends come to her aid, a lavish meal is prepared, a car arrives at the house, and so begins an afternoon of high drama. Bringing two lives to converge on a single day in late summer, each one charged with emotion and acts that cannot be undone, this taut,

evocative novel presents a remarkable heroine in Esther as she recounts, with dignity and wry humour, the final flare of her love. 'Márai delivers profound meditations on the nature of friendship, domestic bliss and hopeless passion' Paul Bailey

Landscape with Invisible Hand Jun 07 2020 National Book Award winner M. T. Anderson returns to future Earth in a sharply wrought satire of art and truth in the midst of colonization. When the vuvv first landed, it came as a surprise to aspiring artist Adam and the rest of planet Earth — but not necessarily an unwelcome one. Can it really be called an invasion when the vuvv generously offered free advanced technology and cures for every illness imaginable? As it turns out, yes. With his parents' jobs replaced by alien tech and no money for food, clean water, or the vuvv's miraculous medicine, Adam and his girlfriend, Chloe, have to get creative to survive. And since the vuvv crave anything they deem classic Earth culture (doo-wop music, still life paintings of fruit, true love), recording 1950s-style dates for the vuvv to watch in a pay-per-minute format seems like a brilliant idea. But it's hard for Adam and Chloe to sell true love when they hate each other more with every passing episode. Soon enough, Adam must decide how far he's willing to go — and what he's willing to sacrifice — to give the vuvv what they want.