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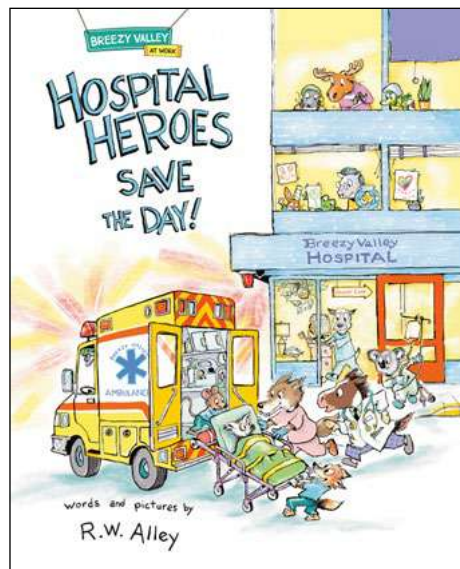
NEW TITLES FOR 2024





Hospital Heroes Save the Day!

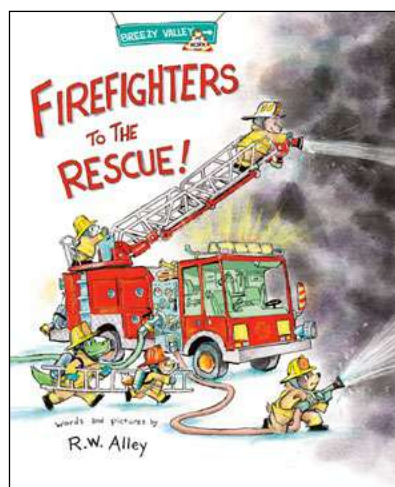
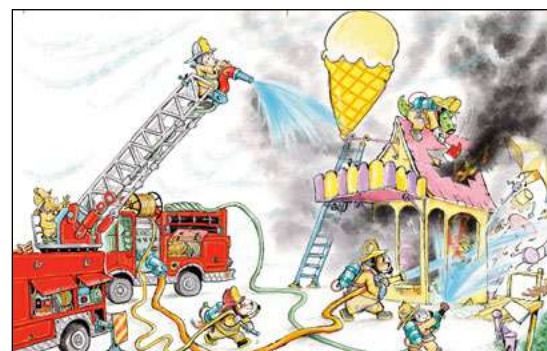
by R.W. Alley



For fans of Richard Scarry and Busytown, the funny and informative Breezy Valley at Work series features lively animals as workers children know from their local community in simple, dramatic stories coupled with detail-packed illustrations.

In *Hospital Heroes Save the Day!* meet the doctors, nurses, lab workers, kitchen staff, and maintenance workers working to keep Breezy Valley Hospital running smoothly. When Lemur injures their tail, the EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) and their ambulance bring them to get treatment! Lively action, peeks into key hospital rooms, and more will keep kids engaged in this second title in the series.

Firefighters to the Rescue! introduces Chief Piggie and her staff of firefighters, always ready to put out fires—or to rescue mischievous kittens from an ice-cream shop roof! A close look at firefighter clothing, equipment, and vehicles accompanies the fast-paced action.



Don't miss book #1: *Firefighters to the Rescue*, with rights sold in eleven languages!

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

R.W. Alley is the author and illustrator of many children's books. For more than 20 years, he has been the illustrator of the revived Paddington Bear series. He received the Rhode Island Mock Caldecott Award for *There's a Wolf at The Door*, and a Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Book for *Pearl and Wagner: One Funny Day*. His books have been selected by Junior Library Guild and included in lists such as ALA Notable Books for Children, Bank Street Best Book of the Year, Notable Children's Books in the Language Arts, among others.

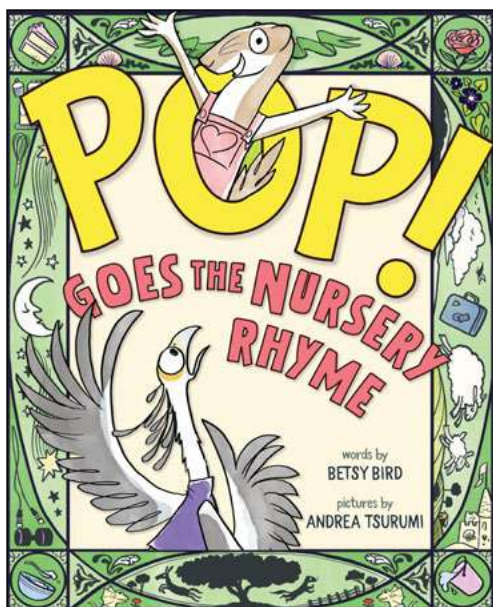
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Ages 3–7

40pp

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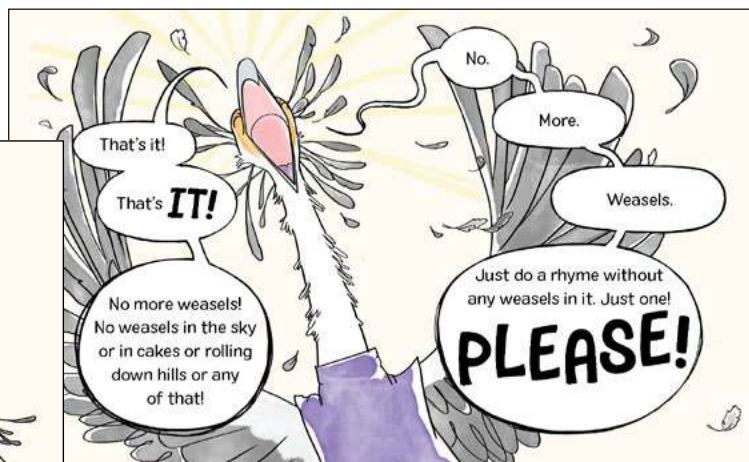
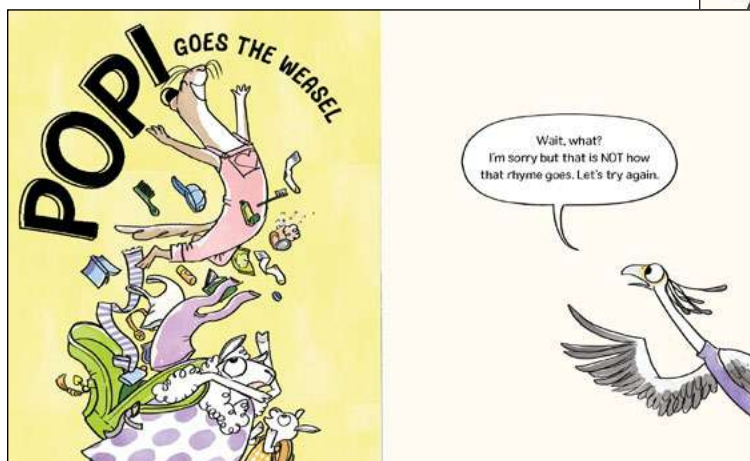
TERRITORY: World, all languages



Pop! Goes the Nursery Rhyme

by Betsy Bird

illustrated by Andrea Tsurumi



In this laugh-out-loud spin on a classic nursery rhyme collection, a feisty weasel continuously interrupts the narrator's carefully prepared recitation—adding exuberant mischief to the timeless rhymes we all know and love.

The sensible Secretary Bird wants nothing more than to get on with their job of properly narrating a classic nursery rhyme book. But something is afoot in the orderly land of nursery rhymes . . . a zippy little Weasel has entered the scene! As the Secretary Bird tries to get through the rhymes—from Little Miss Muffet to Jack and Jill—the Weasel bursts in, throwing everything into a comical tailspin. Can the Secretary Bird put an end to the chaos?

In *Pop! Goes the Nursery Rhyme*, influential children's librarian Betsy Bird and acclaimed illustrator Andrea Tsurumi remix beloved nursery rhymes, serving up a classic-in-the-making packed with hilarious surprises that will have little readers riveted.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Betsy Bird is the collection development manager of Evanston Public Library and writes the blog *A Fuse #8 Production* for School Library Journal. Betsy is also the author of the picture books *Giant Dance Party* and *The Great Santa Stakeout* and the middle grade novel *Long Road to the Circus*, illustrated by Caldecott-winning illustrator David Small.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Andrea Tsurumi is the author and illustrator of the picture books *Accident!*, *Crab Cake*, and *I'm On It!* (Elephant & Piggie Like Reading!) and the illustrator of books including *My Head Has a Bellyache* (written by Chris Harris), *Mr. Watson's Chickens* (written by Jarrett Dapier), and the *Kondo & Kezumi* series (written by David Goodner). They live in Philadelphia, PA. Visit andreatsurumi.com.

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Jump for Joy

by Karen Gray Ruelle

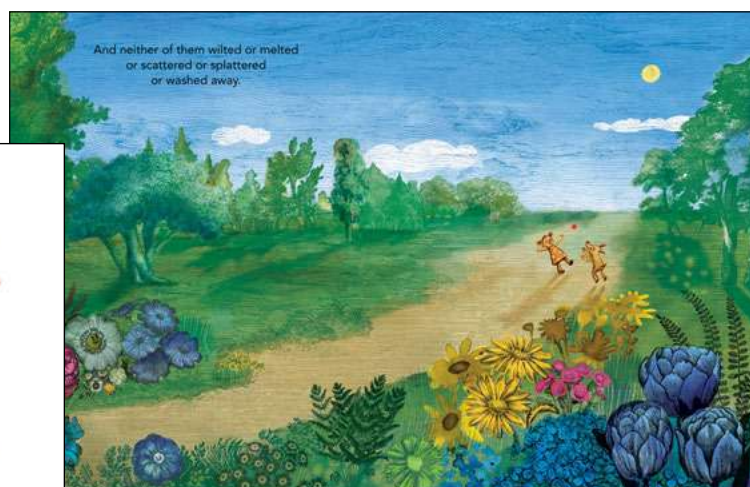
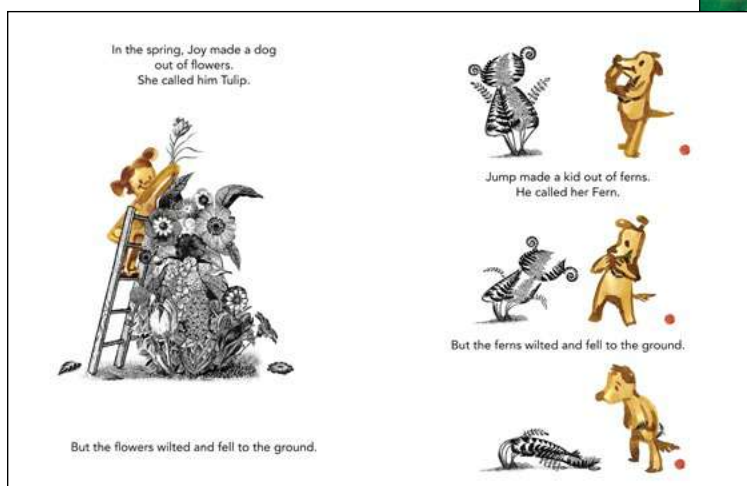
illustrated by Hadley Hooper

★ “. . . beautifully conceived by Karen Gray Ruelle . . . and awe-strikingly illustrated by Hadley Hooper.” —*Shelf Awareness*, Starred Review

Kid seeks dog. Dog seeks kid. In this charming and imaginative tale of friendship, picture book readers will delight in what it means to have a furry best friend.

For as long as she can remember, Joy has wanted a dog. It doesn't matter what kind: big, little, spotted, curly. She wants one so fiercely, she makes dogs out of snow, seashells, or whatever's at hand! Little does Joy know that her perfect dog friend is just around the corner—wishing just as fiercely for a kid—and waiting to be discovered.

Award-winning artist Hadley Hooper creates a world that is both timeless and magical as she weaves ink, paint, and collages made from vintage etchings together in a style that perfectly complements the classic feel of *Jump for Joy*.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Originally from Maryland, **Karen Gray Ruelle** is a children's book author and illustrator currently based in New York. Her numerous books include *The Grand Mosque of Paris*, co-created with Deborah Durland Desaix, which was an ALSC Notable Book and an Orbis Pictus Award Recommended Title, as well as *The Crunchy, Munchy Christmas Tree* and *April Fool!* Visit karenruelle.com.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Hadley Hooper is an illustrator and painter whose work has been featured in *The New Yorker*, *Rolling Stone*, and the *New York Times*, where she was a weekly contributor to the Style section. She has illustrated several children's books, including *The Elephants Come Home* and *The Iridescence of Birds*. Visit hadleyhooper.com.

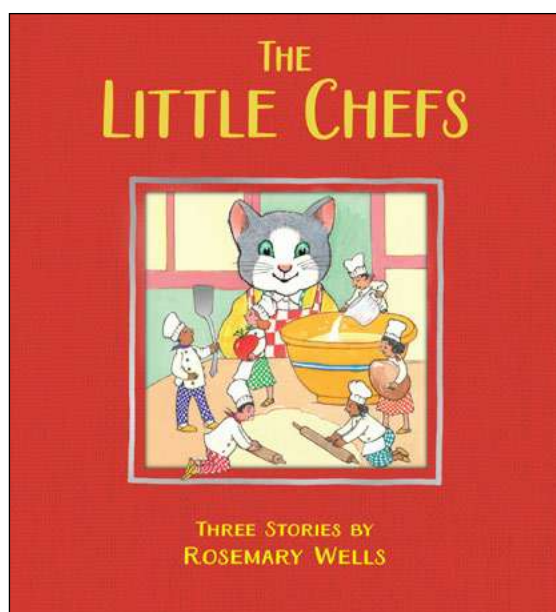
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32pp

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TERRITORY: World, all languages



The Little Chefs rescue youngsters from cooking disasters—in magical stories of recipes gone awry!

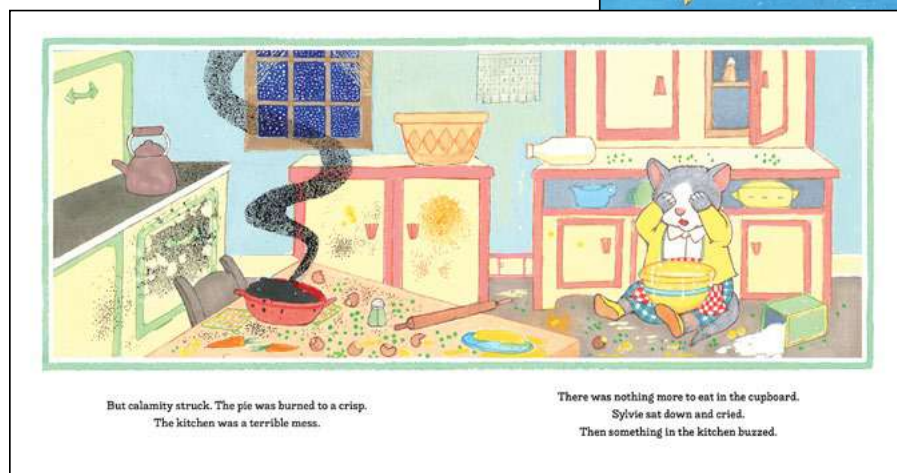
Every kitchen has one.
Location quite unknown
In an unused cupboard,
Hides a little phone.

In three separate stories combined in one delightful 80-page book, Rosemary Wells introduces a small troupe of chefs who come to the rescue when kitchen disasters strike—just like elves would do for Santa.

The Little Chefs

by Rosemary Wells

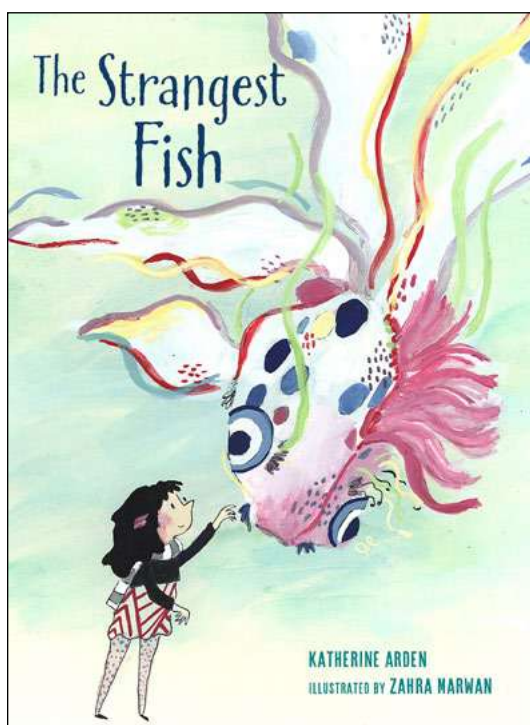
*From the bestselling author/
illustrator of Max & Ruby and
other beloved books!*



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rosemary Wells is the author-illustrator of more than 120 children's books. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Horn Book Award, the Parent's Choice Award, and has received myriad starred reviews. Rosemary is also the creator of the wildly popular Max and Ruby series, for which she has written dozens of books.

ON SALE: October 2024
Ages 4–8
80pp
RIGHTS SOLD:
TERRITORY: World,
all languages



The Strangest Fish

by Katherine Arden

Illustrated by Zahra Marwan



In this bewitching picture book debut from bestselling fantasy author Katherine Arden, a girl wins an odd-looking goldfish at a fair that ends up being secretly magical.

When Daisy wins a funny-looking goldfish at a fair, she ignores the mean comments about its appearance. She doesn't mind the dull scales and lumpy head—in fact, she thinks her goldfish is the prettiest thing in the world. However, as Daisy continues caring for the goldfish, something strange starts happening to it . . .

With lyrical writing and stunning illustrations, this enchanting story about a girl and her goldfish reveals—with a touch of magic—the transformative power of unconditional love and care.

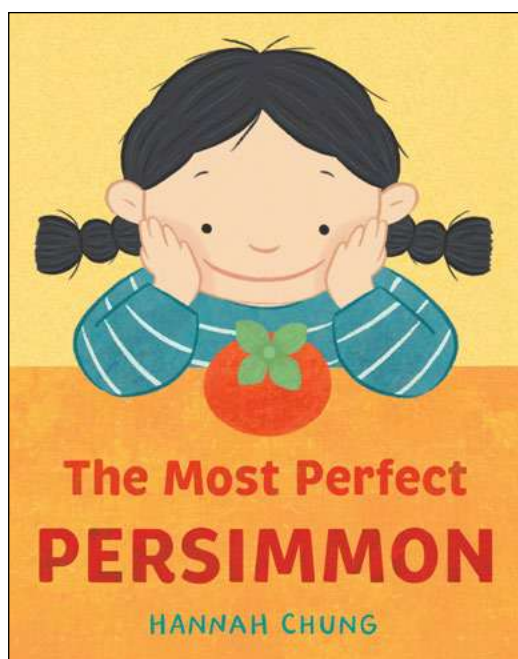
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Katherine Arden is the NYT-bestselling author of the Winternight Trilogy and the middle-grade series Small Spaces. She won the 2020 Vermont Golden Dome Book Award and was a finalist for the 2020 Hugo Award for Best Series. She graduated from Middlebury College in 2011, where she obtained her degree in Russian and French. Visit katherineardenbooks.com.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Zahra Marwan is a children's book author-illustrator and the 2022 recipient of the Dilys Evans Founder's Award. Her first picture book, *Where Butterflies Fill the Sky*, was named one of NPR's Best Books of 2022 and a NYT Best Illustrated Children's Book. Originally from Kuwait, Zahra now lives in New Mexico. Visit zahramarwan.com.

ON SALE: September 2024
Ages 4–8
40pp
RIGHTS SOLD:
TERRITORY: World,
all languages



In this charming author-illustrator debut, a Korean American girl harvests a perfectly ripe persimmon that she can't wait to share with Grandma.

When Joo Hong harvests a beautiful persimmon from her mom's garden, she can't wait to give it to her grandma who is visiting from far away. However, the days leading up to her arrival feel like forever—and the persimmon is looking less and less perfect as time passes by. What can Joo Hong do to make sure it's perfectly ripe—and not mushy and wrinkly—for Grandma's visit?

A tender story about three generations of Korean women and one perfect persimmon, this debut from author-illustrator Hannah Chung shows that even when things don't go as planned, something even better may be in store.

The Most Perfect Persimmon

by Hannah Chung



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Hannah Chung is an award-winning designer and entrepreneur in health care design for young patients. She is a frequent guest lecturer at universities and has presented at numerous conferences including TEDx and SXSW. Hannah spends her time both in Providence, Rhode Island, and Seoul, South Korea. Visit hannahchung.com.

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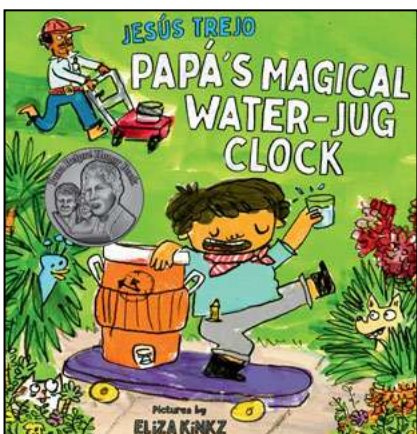
Mamá's Magnificent Dancing Plantitas

by Jesús Trejo

Illustrated by Eliza Kinkz

Don't miss... *Papá's Magical Water-Jug Clock*

Over 14,000 copies sold since 2023



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TERRITORY: World, all languages

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jesús Trejo is a comedian, the creator of the Showtime special *Stay at Home Son*, and an actor on the Netflix series *Mr. Iglesias* and the TV Land series *Teachers*. Jesús is also the host of the web series *Tacos Con Todo*, in which he navigates the L.A. taco scene with celebrity guests. Born and raised in Long Beach, California, where he still lives, Jesús appears regularly at international comedy festivals and stand-up venues.

The highly anticipated companion to *Papá's Magical Water-Jug Clock*, winner of the 2024 Pura Belpré Honor for Author and for Illustrator!

Little Jesús has a new and very important job: caring for Mamá's beloved houseplants. From sharing his best jokes with the grumpy Cactus to dancing with the beautiful Peace Lily, it's going great—until the Golden Pothos, Mamá's favorite, crashes to the floor! How will Jesús get out of this one?

When Jesús gets home after school, he has to fill the time until Mamá can take him outside to play. It's tough, until Mamá appoints him Chief Plant Officer—he'll be like a big brother to her precious houseplants! Jesús does an excellent job keeping them watered, entertained, and happy—until an unfortunate accident during a dance party throws Jesús's entire job into crisis mode! Join Jesús and a hilarious cast of houseplants as they navigate the biggest challenge of all.



Both titles available to license in Spanish:

El Barrilito Mágico de Papá

Las Magníficas Plantitas Bailadoras de Mamá

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

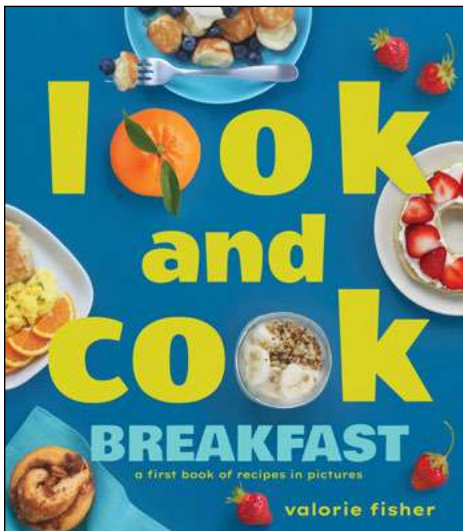
Eliza Kinkz is a Tejana illustrator whose debut picture book was *Goldie's Guide to Grandchilding*, written by Clint McElroy. Eliza has worked on TV shows, music videos, and most happily on her own award-winning animated films. Eliza lives in Austin, Texas.

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Ages 4-8

48pp

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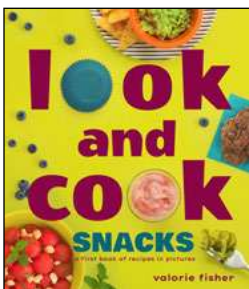
Look and Cook Breakfast *A First Book of Recipes in Pictures*

by Valorie Fisher

Don't miss...

Look and Cook Breakfast

A completely unique, step-by-step visual guide to cooking breakfast for kids.



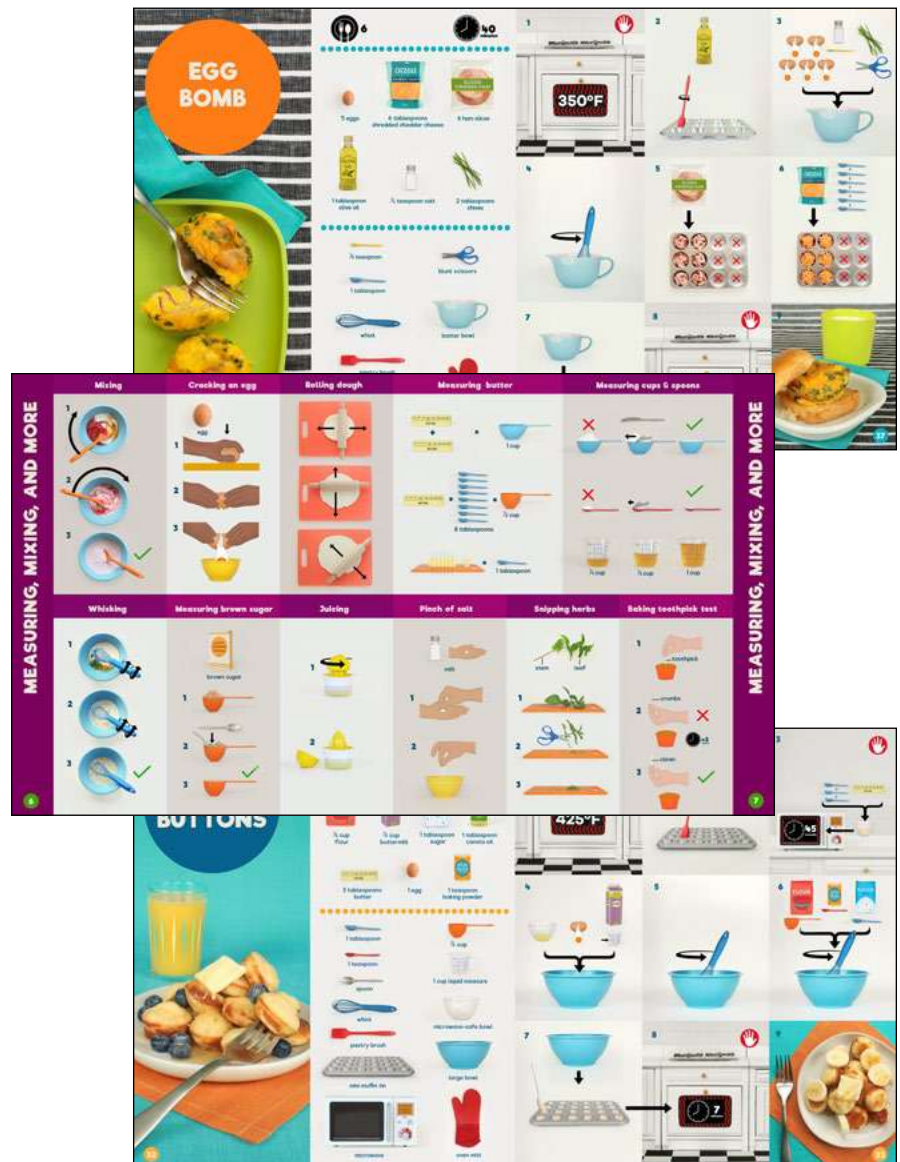
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Valorie Fisher is the author of numerous books for kids, which have earned multiple starred reviews and have been named best books of the year by *Publishers Weekly*, *School Library Journal*, *Parenting Magazine*, and *Child Magazine*, among others. Visit valoriefisher.com.

A completely unique visual approach to cooking—designed especially for pre-readers! The Look and Cook series features simple step by step picture instructions that introduce children to the joys of cooking.

Each book features nineteen easy, healthy, and delicious recipes as well as guides to basic cooking skills, like mixing and measuring. Kids will feel empowered to take charge in the kitchen and make delicious treats for the whole family!



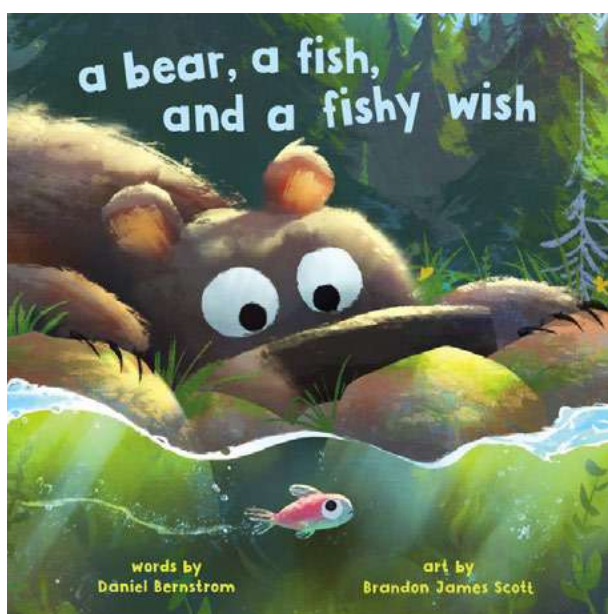
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Ages 4–8

56pp

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TERRITORY: World, all languages



Once again, Daniel Bernstrom and Brandon James Scott show off their deep understanding—in words and pictures—of what makes kids laugh.

Readers of the beloved *A Bear, a Bee, and a Honey Tree* met a bear who longed for honey, but never got to eat any. In this boisterous follow-up, will Bear's luck change? He's spotted a fish! And his wish? To gobble up this delicious fish dish, of course! Sadly for Bear, this is no ordinary fish—he's a homesick fellow determined to get back upstream where he belongs.

The longing, the chase, the action, and splash—and the spare but delightfully tongue twisting text—will have kids asking to hear this story again and again.

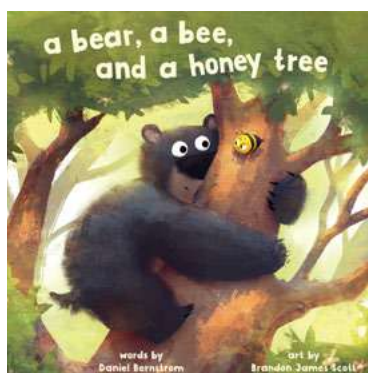
A Bear, a Fish, and a Fishy Wish

by Daniel Bernstrom

illustrated by

Brandon James Scott

Don't miss *A Bear, a Bee, and a Honey Tree*!



RIGHTS SOLD: French (mineditionFr); German (mineditionAG), Indonesian: Indonesia non-exclusive (Badan Pengembangan)

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Daniel Bernstrom is a poet and the author of six picture books, including *One Day in the Eucalyptus*, *Eucalyptus Tree*, illustrated by Brendan Wenzel. His book *Big Papa and the Time Machine* won the Minnesota Book Award. Daniel lives in Worthington, Minnesota with his wife and five adorable children.

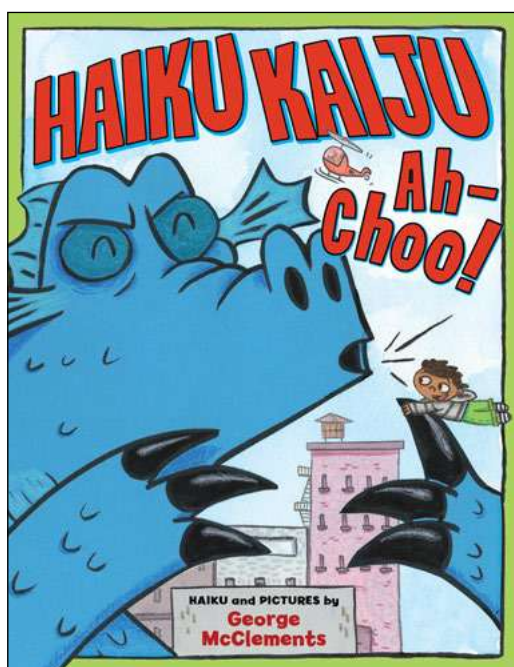


ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

By day **Brandon James Scott** is a Creative Director working in animation and by night he illustrates picture books. He has worked on a range of hit animated entertainment including his own creation, the award-winning series, *Justin Time*. He loves to make art that brings adventure, levity, heart, and curiosity for the fantastic and whimsical world around us.

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Ages 4–8

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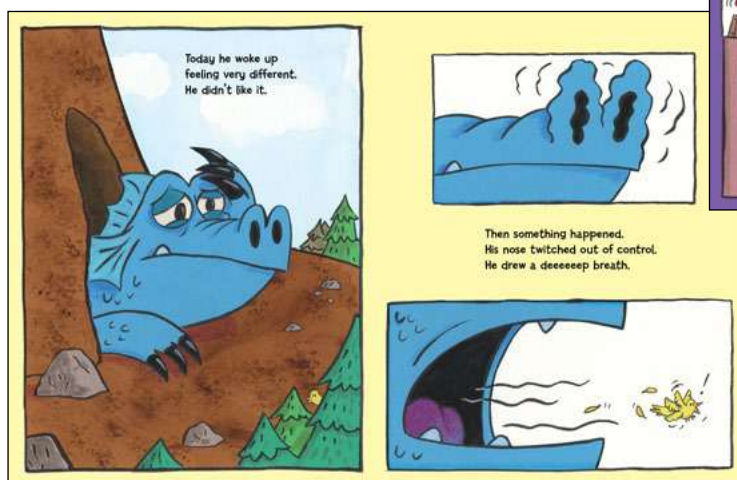


A clever boy comes to the rescue when a sick Kaiju has trouble explaining how he feels unwell in this comics-style picture book—perfect for future fans of Dog Man and The Bad Guys.

A giant kaiju (think Godzilla!) awakes one morning not feeling well. He is confused and needs help. Off to the city where his size makes him very clumsy. Meanwhile, over at Kaiju Central (they keep watch for kaiju activity 24/7), a dad and his son arrive to find the KAIJU alarm sounding! A kaiju has been spotted! Now what? Written in extra-relatable haiku and full of classic monster movies tropes, this bighearted comic tale will rev up story time with its satisfying blend of poetry, kindness, adventure, and humor.

Haiku Kaiju Ah-Choo!

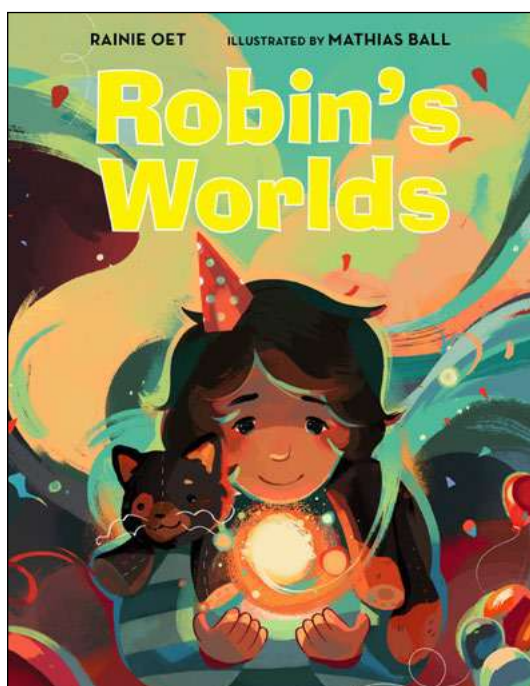
by George McClements



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

George McClements is a director for character art for Walt Disney Consumer Products with a must-see collection of cryptozoology tattoos (Bigfoot, kraken, kaijus). He has worked on developing products for such films as *Dinosaur*, *Flubber*, and *Inspector Gadget*. He lives in Glendale, California, with his wife and two sons, who influence many of George's books.

ON SALE: December 2024
Ages 4–8
40pp
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TERRITORY: World, all languages



Robin's Worlds

by Rainie Oet

Illustrated by Mathias Ball

A nonbinary child is whisked off on a spellbinding adventure for their birthday in this dazzling tale of friendship, community, and self-love.

It's Robin's eighth birthday and it seems like everyone has forgotten. But things take a sudden turn when the Cat-Headed Wanderer shows up and sweeps Robin away to a magical party in a fantastical treehouse. It's a joyful celebration full of song, dance, and newfound friends, but Robin soon realizes there's another reason they've been brought there. To uncover that reason, all Robin needs to do is walk through the half-open door in the back—but what lies beyond?

Rainie Oet's enchanting language and Mathias Ball's stunning illustrations will sweep young readers off their feet, as they follow Robin on this fantastical and deeply moving adventure of discovering themselves through the joy of new friends and the memory of loved ones lost along the way.



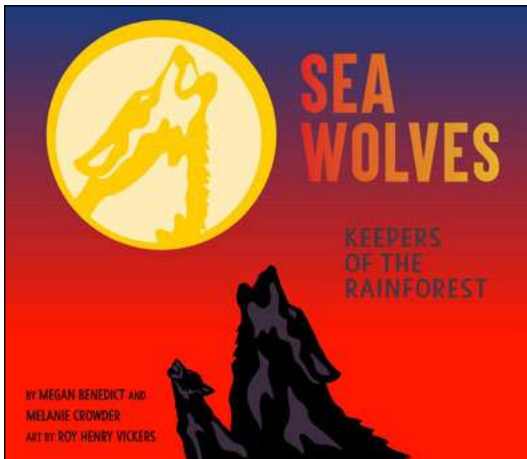
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rainie Oet is a queer, nonbinary author whose work has appeared in *Poetry Review*, *Blackbird*, and *The Yale Review*. Their honors include the Shirley Jackson Prize in Fiction from Syracuse University, where they obtained their MFA in poetry. Visit rainieoet.com.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Mathias Ball is a trans-identified illustrator from the coast of Lake Huron, Canada. They are a graduate of the illustration program at Sheridan College. Visit mathiasball.com.

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Sea Wolves Keepers of the Rainforest

by **Megan Benedict** and
Melanie Crowder

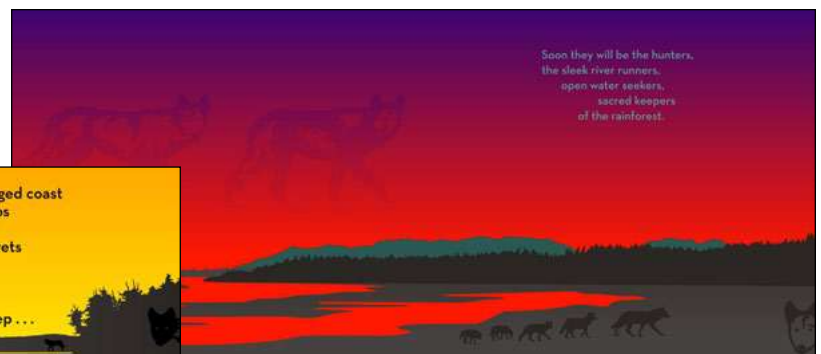
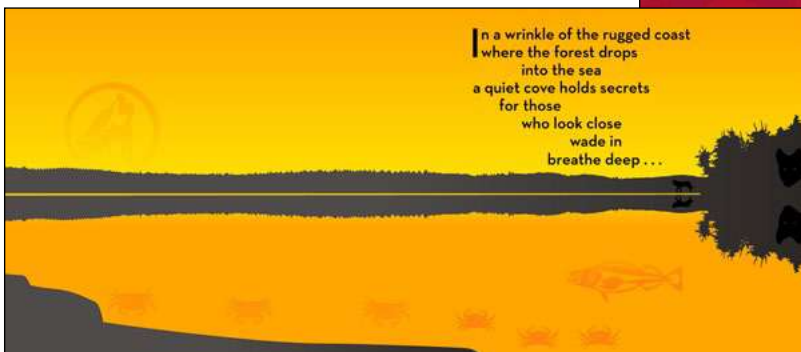
Illustrated by **Roy Henry Vickers**

This lyrical, stunningly illustrated book explores the sea wolf—an apex marine mammal evolved from the gray wolf—as it navigates the coastline, eats seafood, and lives its extraordinary, unusual life.

Sea Wolves: Keepers of the Rainforest is the astonishing story of a wolf species that calls the shores of western Canada and southeastern Alaska home. Here, wolves crack clams, feast on fish roe, swipe salmon from rivers, and swim miles between islands—as long observed by the First Nations communities that have lived alongside them for thousands of years.

However, with the rise of industrial logging, pipeline projects, and other threats, sea wolves face a troubled future. Wildlife experts and First Nations members agree: these majestic creatures are a vital part of the ecosystem and need to be protected.

Through beautiful verse and striking illustrations, *Sea Wolves* captures the fascinating life of an animal with great cultural and scientific significance—one that will inspire awe in young readers.



ABOUT THE AUTHORS

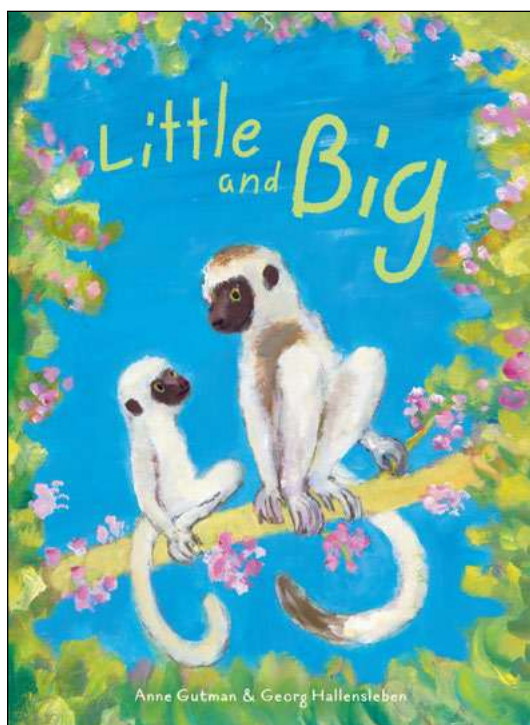
Megan Benedict is a children's book author with an MFA from Vermont College of Fine Arts. Her poetry has been published in *Bravery* magazine.

Melanie Crowder is the acclaimed author of several books for young readers, including the 2015 National Jewish Book Award finalist, *Audacity*, and the young adult novel *Jumper*. She holds an MFA in writing from Vermont College of Fine Arts. Visit melaniecrowder.net.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Roy Henry Vickers is an artist, author, and recognized leader in the First Nations community. He has received many awards and honors for his art and community involvement, including a hereditary chieftainship and several hereditary names given by the Northwest Coast First Nations. Roy has been appointed to the Order of British Columbia and to the Order of Canada, and he's received the Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals. His picture books *Raven Brings the Light* and *Cloudwalker* are award-winning bestsellers. Visit royhenryvickers.com.

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Little and Big

by Anne Gutman

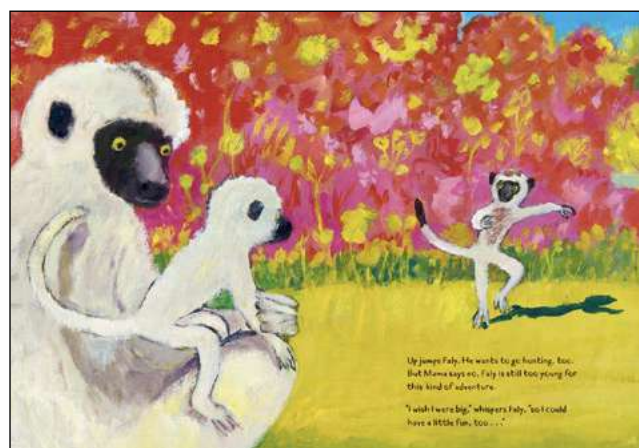
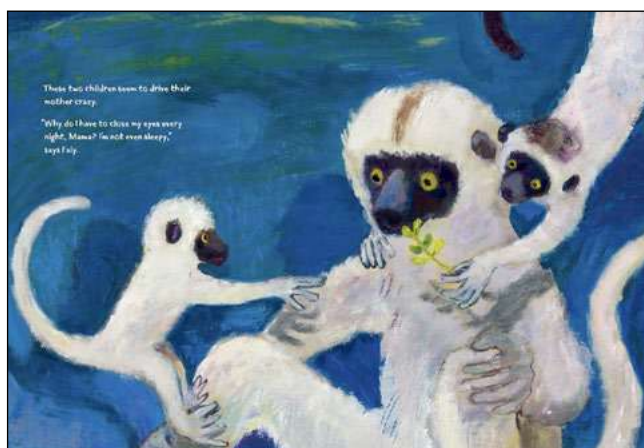
Illustrated by Georg Hallensleben

Two lemurs—one little and one big—take turns wishing to be more like the other.

It's nighttime in the rainforest of Madagascar when Mama tells young Faly to shut his eyes. "Only if Mahandry sleeps, too," he tells his mother. "But I am bigger than you, Faly," answers his big brother. "I am allowed to go to bed later."

Thus begins a spirited back-and-forth and a family gambol that brings a mama and her two sons from the hollow of their tree to a dangerous wide river crossing to a slippery rushing waterfall and eventually to a tall tree filled with orchids to snack on. The brothers notice who gets help from mama or who gets the kind of independence that comes with being big and both often wish to be more like the other.

Anne Gutman's poignant tale of siblings rings with truth, humor, and sensitivity. Georg Hallensleben's paintings of the rainforest in pinks, browns, and greens are a feast for the eyes and a treat for nature fans.



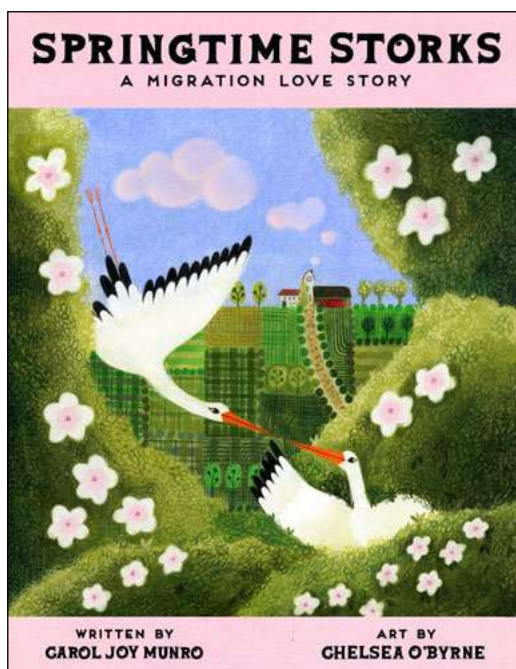
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Anne Gutman was a book designer before teaming up with her husband, Georg Hallensleben, to write stories. She is the author of the bestselling Gaspard and Lisa picture book series, published in more than 15 countries, as well as the Daddy Hugs and Mommy Kisses series. She lives in Paris with her husband, Georg Hallensleben and their two children.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Georg Hallensleben is a painter and children's book illustrator. He is best known for the Gaspard and Lisa series, Baboon, and If the Moon Could Talk, which won the 1998 Boston Globe-Hornbook Award. His books have been published in more than 15 countries. Georg was born in Germany but makes his home in Paris with his wife and collaborator, Anne Gutman, and their two kids.

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Springtime Storks *A Migration Love Story*

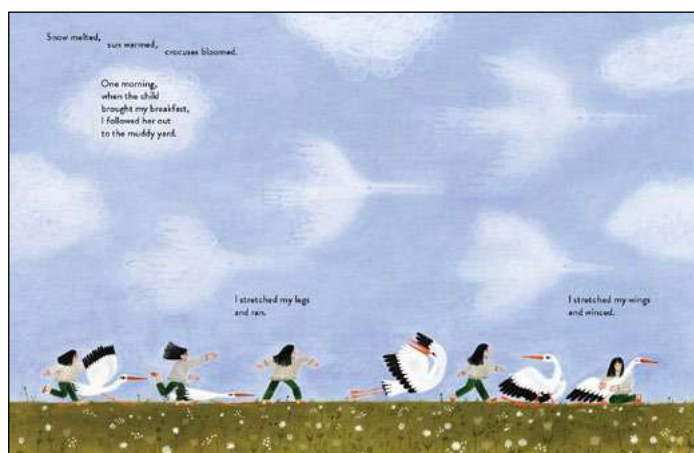
by Carol Joy Munro

Illustrated by Chelsea O'Byrne

Based on the true story of two storks whose dedication to each other captured the world's attention, this soaring tale is a heartfelt call to protect the routes of migratory birds.

Katerina and Luka, two majestic, mated white storks, are in flight when Katerina is shot down by a hunter and left severely injured. Nearby, a man and his granddaughter see the bird fall from the sky and rush to her rescue. As they nurse Katerina back to health, Luka, who has been by her side night and day, feels the coming cold and knows he must migrate—even though it means leaving his beloved Katerina behind, to be cared for by the family who rescued her. When spring arrives, Katerina watches the sky, hoping that she might see Luka's familiar silhouette again . . . and he returns! Together, they raise a new brood, overcoming Katerina's flightlessness with ingenuity and devotion.

Poetic and gorgeously illustrated, *Springtime Storks* is an ode to the resilience, dedication, and love between two migratory birds, while also delivering an urgent message of conservation.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Carol Joy Munro is a children's book author originally from Connecticut. *Springtime Storks* is her debut picture book.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

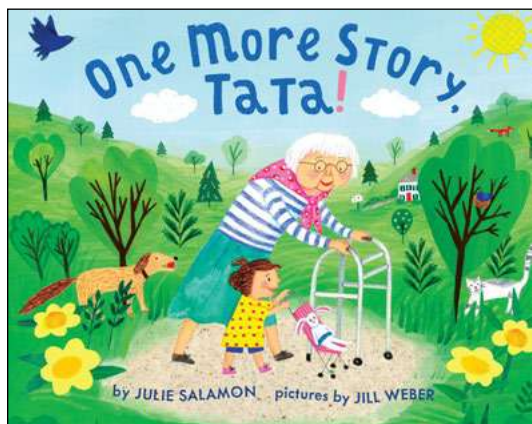
Chelsea O'Byrne is a children's book author and illustrator based in Vancouver. Her books include *Hello, Crow*; *If I Were King*; and *Teatime Around the World*.

ON SALE: December 2024
Ages 4–8

40pp

RIGHTS SOLD:

TERRITORY: World,
all languages



One More Story, Tata!

by Julie Salamon

Illustrated by Jill Weber

This heartwarming story of a little girl's bond with her great-grandma, who tells the silliest, most magical stories, celebrates four generations of a Jewish family who come together for Shabbat.

It's Friday, and little Ruby gets to spend the day with her great-grandma, Tata. Together, they go for a walk with Ruby's grandma, Yaya. They take a nap. They read books. The whole family gathers for Shabbat dinner, and Ruby gets to eat a delicious piece of challah bread. Best of all, throughout the day, Tata tells Ruby funny, fantastical stories that come from her dreams, in which she soars on a giant blueberry bird, or dances right on top of the dinner table. In this heartwarming tale that spans four generations of Jewish women, acclaimed author-illustrator duo Julie Salamon and Jill Weber celebrate family traditions, the enduring love between a girl and her great-grandma, and the everlasting power of stories.



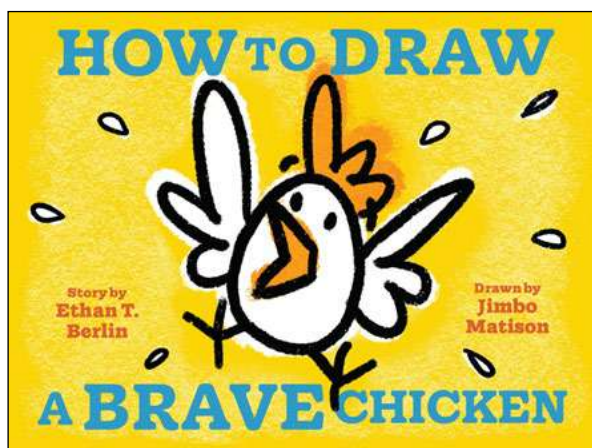
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Julie Salamon is the *New York Times*-bestselling author of over ten books, including *Wendy and the Lost Boys: the Uncommon Life of Wendy Wasserstein*. She is a former film and television critic for the *Wall Street Journal* and the *New York Times*.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Jill Weber is a children's book illustrator whose books include *The Story of Hanukkah*, a *New York Times* holiday pick, *The Story of Passover*, *Goodnight Bubbala*, and *New York Times* bestseller *The Christmas Tree*, which was written by Julie Salamon.

ON SALE: July 2024
Ages 4–8
32pp
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TERRITORY: World,
 all languages



How to Draw a Brave Chicken

by **Ethan T. Berlin**

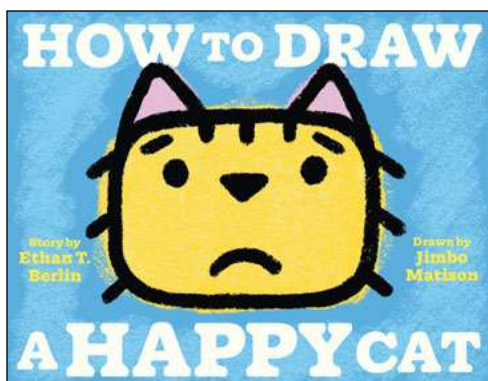
illustrated by **Jimbo Matison**

Don't miss

How to Draw a Happy Cat

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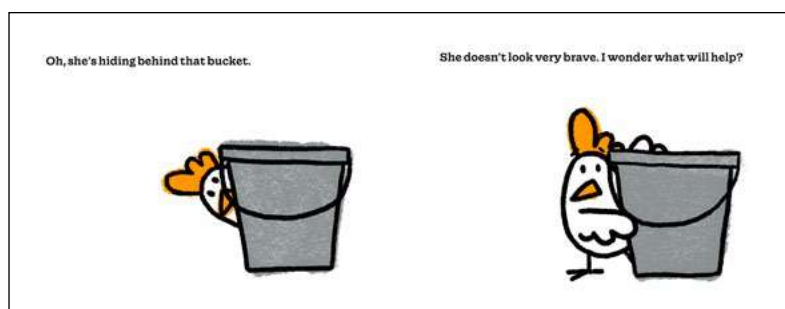
TERRITORY: World, all languages



From the creators of *How To Draw a Happy Cat* comes the second book in Hippo Park's HOW TO DRAW series, this time featuring a not-so-brave chicken.

Readers of *How To Draw a Happy Cat* got to follow along—and learned to draw—as Cat's adventures led to smiles all around. With lessons in drawing, now follow Chicken as the reader tries to help her be brave. First she gets armor, a horse, and then a ride down a giant water slide! She even wants to fly to the moon and catch a dragon! Maybe she's a little too brave?

Ethan T. Berlin and Jimbo Matison bring their talents together in this growing series, perfect for budding artists and new readers alike. The laugh-out-loud twists and turns keep readers on their toes, unsure of what will happen on the next page.



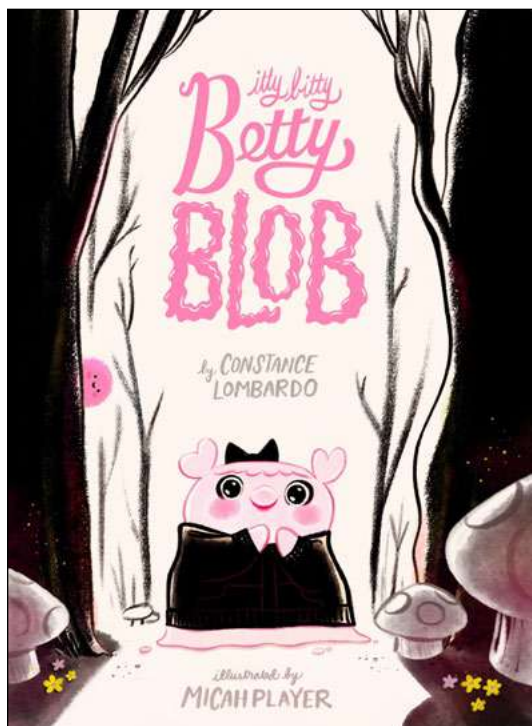
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ethan T. Berlin is a dad, a writer, a comedy teacher, and an all-around funny guy. He lives with his family in New Jersey.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Jimbo Matison is an illustrator, a writer/director, and a former punk rocker. He lives with his family in Brooklyn.

ON SALE August 2024
Ages 4–8
40pp
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TERRITORY: World, all languages



Itty Bitty Betty Blob wants to growl for the camera on monster picture day, but every year it goes wrong. Will practice make perfect?

It's monster picture day again, and Itty Bitty Betty Blob sits in front of the mirror where she practices growling for the camera. But for Betty it's not so easy. She's not a typical monster, so she doesn't love scaring people. What she loves is dancing and rainbows and cute furry creatures. So when mom hands her a perfectly horrible scaly black dress to wear on picture day, Betty isn't sure. Of course she wants to make mom happy, so she practices her growls in the mirror, and tries to look as monstrous as her school friends. She even heads off to school with high hopes, practicing all the way there . . . and that's when she makes a discovery and soon finds herself among new friends with ideas that just feel right.

Itty Bitty Betty Blob

by **Constance Lombardo**

Illustrated by **Micah Player**

More from Constance Lombardo!



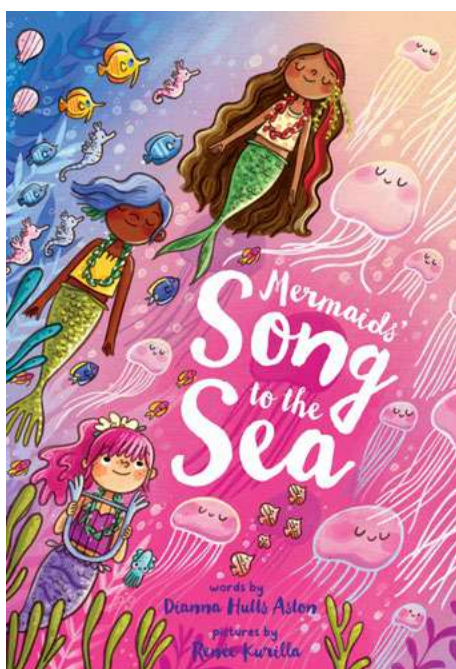
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Constance Lombardo is the author/illustrator of the middle grade Mr. Puffball series (HarperCollins) the picture book, Everybody Says Meow, and Hippo Park's hilarious Tiny Spoon vs. Little Fork. She lives in Asheville, NC with her family.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Micah Player began his illustration career designing and illustrating for Paul Frank Industries. He is the author/illustrator of the picture books Chloe, Instead and the Lately Lily series (Chronicle Books). He is the illustrator more recently of two books by Lucky Diaz: Palatero Man and La Guitarrista (Harper).

ON SALE: June 2024
Ages 4-8
40pp
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TERRITORY: World,
all languages



Three little mermaids deliver charming bedtime blessings to the creatures of the ocean in this sweetly reassuring rhyming picture book.

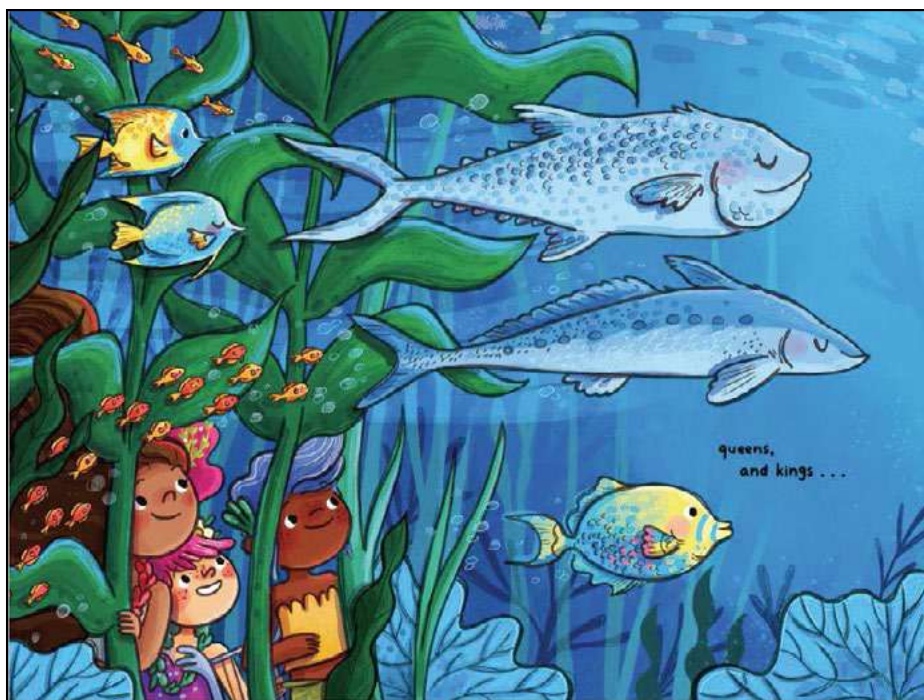
In this gorgeous picture book perfect for cozy bedtime reading, three mermaid troubadours sing their blessings to sea creatures everywhere. “Bless clams in their beds, and lobsters in pods,” they sing. “Sharks in their shivers, and squids in their squads.” Draped with leis and strumming harps, the mermaids travel the ocean to deliver a benediction to their beloved community—fish, whales, sharks, sea snails and many more. Endpapers will identify all of the featured ocean creatures in this one-of-a-kind book that honors the denizens of the sea and brims with a gentle spirit of kindness and environmental awareness.

“Hand this to fans clamoring for new mermaid titles; they’ll learn something, too.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

Mermaids’ Song to the Sea

by Dianna Hutts Aston

Illustrated by Renée Kurilla



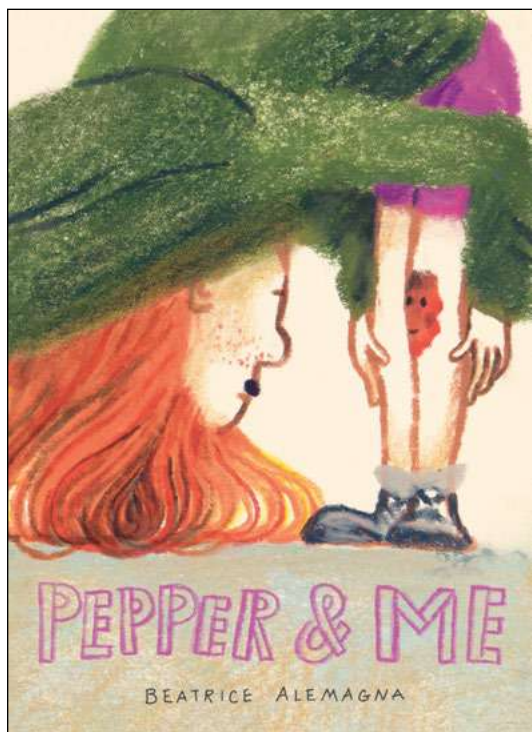
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dianna Hutts Aston is the award-winning author of many acclaimed picture books celebrating the awe and wonder of nature. Her seven titles in the An Egg is Quiet series include *A Rock Is Lively*, which was a 2022 Boston Globe Best Children's Book of the Year. She wrote *The Moon Over Star*, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney, which won a Caldecott Honor in 2008.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Renée Kurilla is the illustrator of many children's books, including *Orangutanka*, *Chicks Rule!*, and the Ada Lace series. She is also the author-illustrator of several titles, including *One Springy*, *Singy Day* and *The Flower Garden*, a 2022 ALA Graphic Comics Round Table Best Graphic Novel Pick. Renée holds an BFA in illustration from Lesley University College of Art and Design.

ON SALE: April 2024
Ages 4–8
48pp
RIGHTS SOLD: Dutch
(Uitgeverij Moon)
TERRITORY: World,
all languages



Pepper & Me

by Beatrice Alemagna

“Alemagna deftly captures feelings of loss over something inconsequential to adults but of outsized importance to a child.... Uniquely moving.” —Kirkus Reviews

A January/February 2024 Kids’ Indie Next List pick

Beatrice Alemagna won the prestigious Grande Ourse award in 2023

From three-time *New York Times* Best Illustrated creator of *On a Magical Do-Nothing Day* comes a stunning picture book about a little girl, the scab on her knee, and the healing they do together.

In this utterly enchanting and unexpected tale from international picture book star Beatrice Alemagna, a childhood mishap is the occasion for growth and self-reflection. When a little girl falls on the street, scraping her knee, her father tells her not to worry, that “a beautiful scab will form.” But she does worry! The scab is not beautiful and it’s keeping her from bending her knee! When will it ever go away? By the time the scab—who she has named Pepper—falls off, something astonishing has happened: the girl has come to feel affection for the scab and has a hard time letting go. With an unerring understanding of a child’s emotional life and a dash of absurdist wit, this picture book will stand with classics from creators like Tomi Ungerer and William Steig, who explore the weird, funny essence of childhood.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Beatrice Alemagna was born in Italy in 1973. At the age of eight, she decided that whatever the cost she would become a “painter and writer of novels” when she grew up. Alemagna is the author-illustrator of more than 40 books that have been translated and published in 25 countries, and she has received numerous awards for her books, including three New York Times Best Illustrated Children’s Book Awards, and a special prize at the Bologna Book Fair this past year. She has been nominated numerous times for the Astrid Lindgren Prize.

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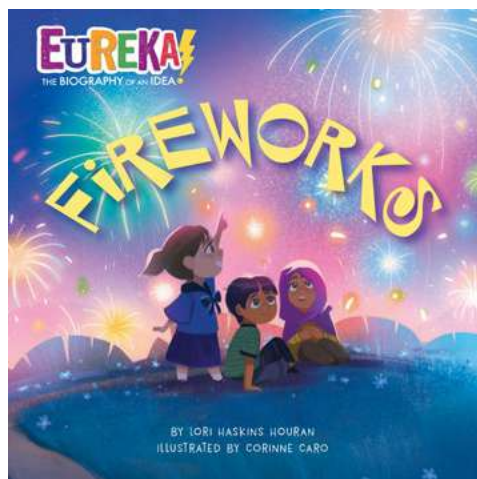
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TERRITORY: World, all languages

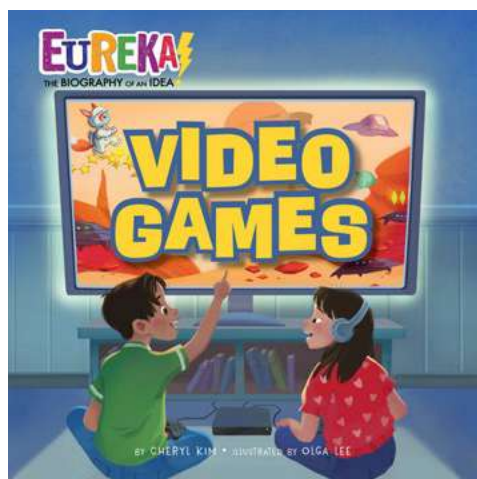
EUREKA!

THE BIOGRAPHY OF AN IDEA

An 8-book series



Fireworks



Video Games



NSTA/CBC Best STEM Books

EUREKA! Great things happen when science crosses history! Discover the all-true stories of your favorite inventions with this multicultural STEM series that takes readers on a journey through time and around the world. A perfect choice for kids who love to figure out how things work!

Each book in this nonfiction series focuses on one groundbreaking, world-changing discovery that millions of people use every day. Titles include: *Bicycle*, *Camera*, *Fireworks (new)*, *Glasses*, *Guitar*, *Light Bulb*, *Video Games (new)*, and *Wind Power*.

“Perfect for STEM lessons and future innovators, this fun and informative series has a lot to offer.” —School Library Journal



ON SALE: June 2024

Ages 4–8

32pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Indonesian: Indonesia non-exclusive (Badan Pengembangan), Turkish ebook (KidzBOO); Korean (Smile Books)
TERRITORY: World, all languages



This Is a Window

by Lauren Paige Conrad



The power of childrens' imaginations takes center stage in this gorgeous, playful rhyming picture book about a group of kids who build a make-believe world in their homes.

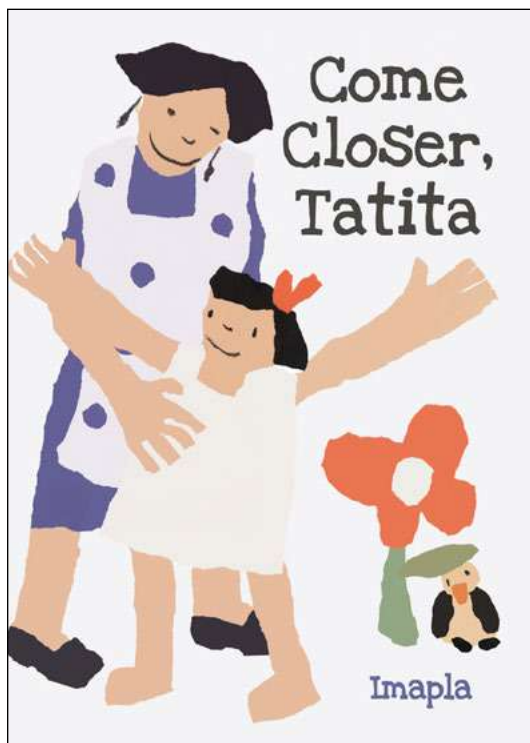
Just look at what you can build out of ordinary stuff when you follow your imagination! Children and their caretakers will love this beguiling child-led tour of a make-believe world constructed from everyday household and backyard objects. Words and pictures work together cleverly to spark eureka moments: that "ship" is really a table, that "dark cave" is really a laundry basket, and more, as a day full of building, playing, and pretending turns into bedtime. Children will use their own imaginations and storytelling skills as they figure out what the book's busy characters are up to in the gorgeous collage-style art. With perfect rhymes that make it an irresistible read-aloud, this delightful book is a classic in the making perfect for a wide audience of parents and childcare professionals, especially anyone seeking a book that celebrates creative play.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lauren Paige Conrad is a self-taught illustrator based in Asheville, NC. She received a BS in textiles from the University of Georgia in 2008 before going on to study fashion design at FIDM San Francisco. After working in product development and with small-scale textile studios, Lauren turned to illustration in 2016. Lauren works in cut paper, gouache, colored pencil, and Neocolor crayon. Lauren is the illustrator of *Your One and Only Heart*, written by Rajani LaRocca.

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(Koç Publishing)
TERRITORY: World,
all languages



Come Closer, Tatita

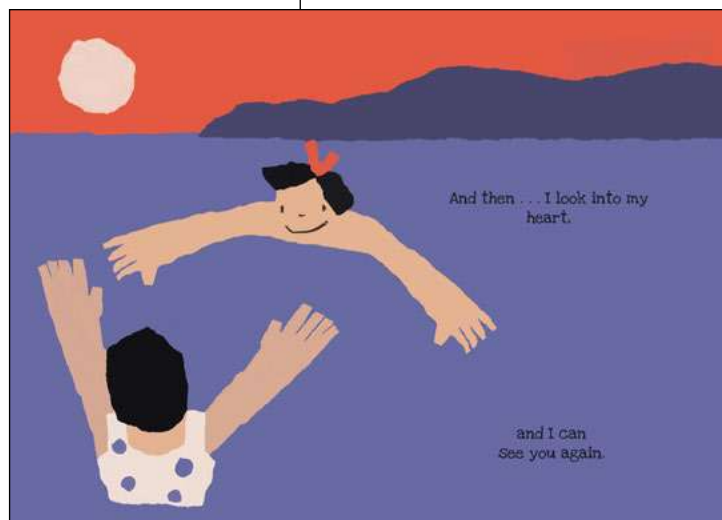
by Imapla

Also available in Spanish:
Tata, Tatita, Tata

★ “Imapla’s simple yet deeply moving work evokes love and loss with language and images to which young readers will relate....a stirring mentor text for children navigating grief.... subtle yet powerful tale about love and loss.” —*Kirkus Reviews*, **STARRED REVIEW**

A young girl’s five senses take her on a journey through sweet memories of her tatita, her grandmother, in this heartfelt picture book.

This moving tale introduces the youngest picture book audience to a girl who misses her grandmother—whom she calls Tata or Tatita, as is traditional in many Spanish-speaking cultures—and yearns to spend time with her. But Tatita is not here any more. The spare, striking illustrations make it ambiguous whether the girl misses her tata because she lives in a faraway place, is ill, or has passed on. Yet this gorgeous, deceptively simple book’s ending makes it clear that no matter what, your tatita lives in your heart, and you can always hold her in your memory.



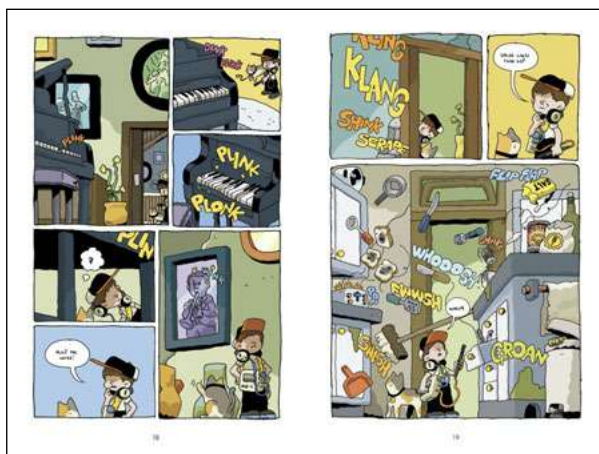
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Imapla is an award-winning picture book creator and graphic designer from Barcelona whose books are published throughout the Spanish-speaking world. *Lola Loves Animals*, her American debut, was published in 2022.

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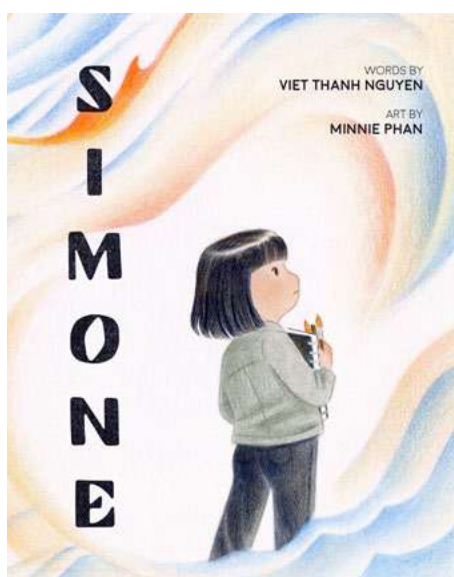
by Ben Sears

Tim and his big sister Martha are new to the neighborhood. Tim likes to record sounds on adventures with his cat, Frankie. Martha likes to make scary music. Nothing has been right for her since the move: Her music stinks! What if she never has friends again! Tim goes on a quest: if he can record something bone-chilling, then Martha can finish her song. But even the block's haunted house is silent. Just when Tim is ready to give up, Frankie helps him find a way, with the help of some new, unexpected friends.



BEN SEARS has lived in Kentucky his whole life. Raised in a house full of rock and roll music, he played drums in punk bands until he realized he would rather spend all his time drawing pictures and making comics. He has three cats: Harper, Kiwi, and Junior, who likes to stand by the door waiting to go out for a walk on a leash. Like Tim, Ben loves going around his neighborhood to record the sounds of nature—the creek by his house, the wind shaking the trees, or the insects buzzing away. Ben used to love loud noises, but now that he is older, he has learned to appreciate quiet. He goes to sleep every night reading the adventures of Charlie Brown in Charles Schulz's *Peanuts*.

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Simone

by Viet Thanh Nguyen

Illustrated by Minnie Phan

★ “Stunning.... a powerful, multilayered depiction of an increasingly common situation.” —*School Library Journal*, STARRED review

From Pulitzer Prize-winning author Viet Thanh Nguyen and illustrator Minnie Phan comes an unforgettable story of a Vietnamese American girl whose life is transformed by a wildfire.

When Simone is awakened by her mom as a wildfire threatens their home, it is the beginning of a life-changing journey. On their way to take shelter in a high school gym, the family passes firefighters from a prison unit battling the fire. Simone’s mom tells her that when she was a girl in Viet Nam, she was forced to evacuate her home after a flood. Joined by other children sheltering in the gym, Simone, a budding artist, encourages everyone to draw as a way to process their situation. After a few days, Simone and her mom are able to return to their home, which is fortunately still standing, and her outlook has changed. As Simone begins creating a piece of art with one of her new friends from the shelter, she realizes that they too can be firefighters, dreaming and working for a more sustainable future. With a poetic, haunting family story by esteemed author Viet Thanh Nguyen and gorgeous art from Vietnamese American illustrator Minnie Phan, this powerful tale introduces an unforgettable young heroine who awakens to a new role fighting for her community and for the future of the planet.



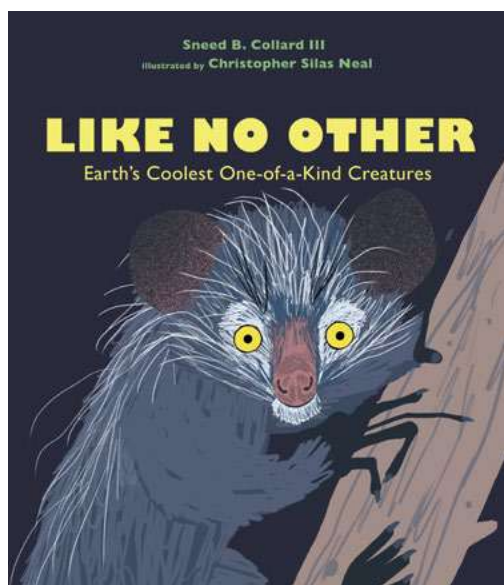
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Viet Thanh Nguyen is a Vietnamese American author and professor. Viet’s debut novel, *The Sympathizer*, won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. He also coauthored with his son *Chicken of the Sea*, a picture book illustrated by Thi Bui and her son. He lives in Los Angeles, California.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Minnie Phan is a queer Vietnamese American cartoonist and illustrator born in Stockton, CA, and raised across the Bay Area. Her debut picture book was *The Yellow Áo Dài*, written by Hanh Bui. Minnie’s work also includes animation and comics, and she has created art for the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and the San Francisco Public Library.

ON SALE: May 2024
Ages 5–9
48pp
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TERRITORY: World,
all languages



Like No Other Earth's Coolest One- of-a-Kind Creatures

by Sneed B. Collard III

Illustrated by
Christopher Silas Neal



This fascinating look at thirteen unusual animals, many of them rare or endangered, introduces the remarkable world of monotypic animals—those without any close relatives.

One-of-a-kind animals can be as familiar as the platypus or as unfamiliar as the purple frog. These fascinating and mysterious species belong to an exclusive club of living things: those with no close living relatives, making them monotypic species. Meet more than a dozen of these creatures (including humans!), learn what makes them unique, and explore the relationships among species on the evolutionary tree. Written by award-winning author Sneed B. Collard III, this fascinating nonfiction picture book is ideal for kids, teachers, and librarians and includes extensive back matter and activities.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

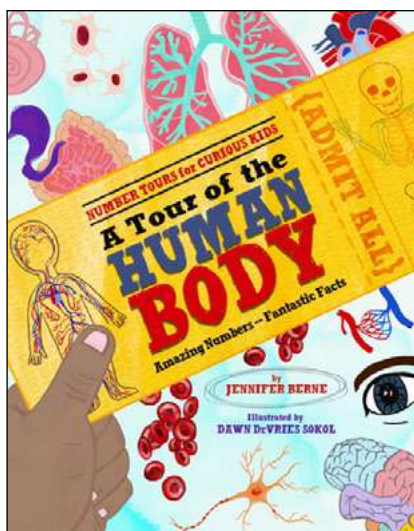
Sneed B. Collard III is the author of more than 85 books for children and young people. *Beaks!* (2002) has sold more than 200,000 copies in paperback and continues to sell. His work has received the Orbis Pictus Award, the Eureka! Nonfiction Silver Medal, the High Plains Books Award, made the Junior Library Guild Selection list, and received many starred reviews from *Booklist*, *School Library Journal*, and others.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Christopher Silas Neal is an award-winning author and illustrator of picture books, including the acclaimed *Over and Under* series with author Kate Messner, which was praised for its “stunning retro-style illustrations” (New York Times). Neal’s author debut *Everyone* was praised by *Publishers Weekly* as “simple, honest, lyrical.” His board books *Animal Colors* and *Animal Shapes* received starred reviews from *Publishers Weekly* and *Kirkus*. Neal is a Mexican/European-American artist who lives with his wife and two boys in Brooklyn, NY.

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Number Tours for Curious Kids



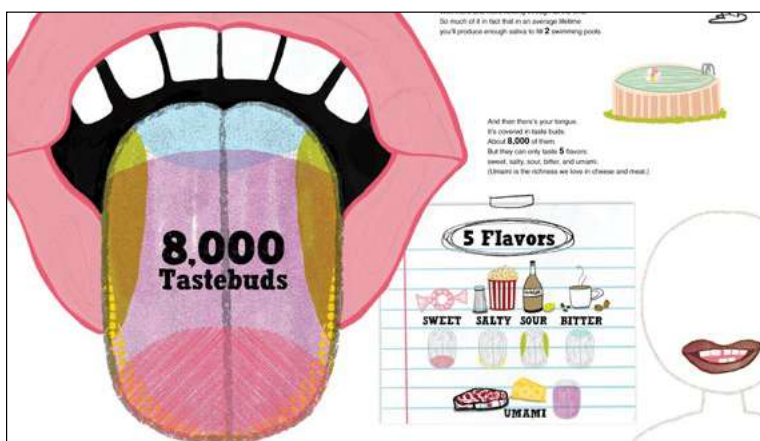
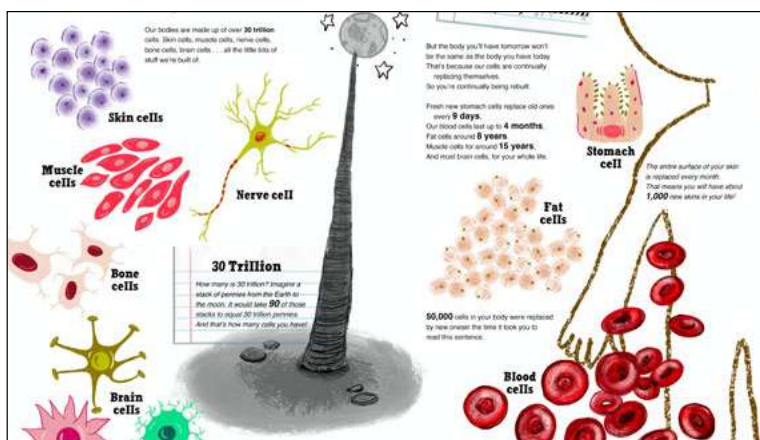
A Tour of the Human Body Amazing Numbers— Fantastic Facts

by Jennifer Berne
Illustrated by
Dawn DeVries Sokol

Look for book #2 in
the Number Tours for
Curious Kids series, *A
Tour of Outer Space—
coming in Spring 2025!*

Jennifer Berne takes the reader on a tour of the human body to reveal how it works—with some astonishing numbers and fascinating facts along the way.

From our eyes to our toes, do you know what makes the human body tick? Do you know that our hearts beat 100,000 times a day, which equals 36 MILLION times a year? Do you know that new stomach cells replace old ones every 9 days? Do you know that our tongue's 8,000 taste buds can detect only 5 flavors? Through such fascinating facts, numbers big and small, and a strong narrative voice, this book takes young readers on a revealing journey through the wonder of the human body.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jennifer Berne is the author of several acclaimed children's books, including *Manfish: The Story of Jacques Cousteau*, *Look Up with Me*, *On a Beam of Light*, and her most recent, *How the Sea Came to Be*. Her work has made the Kirkus Best Picture Books list, the Junior Library Guild Main Selection list, and received several starred reviews from Horn Book, Publisher's Weekly, School Library Journal and many others.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Dawn DeVries Sokol is an author, illustrator, professional art journaler, and designer of books. Her book *Doodle Diary* sold more than 150,000 copies. She has written and illustrated 12 nonfiction books for major publishers as well as a trio of board books for children. Dawn teaches her art journaling methods and techniques online and her artwork has been exhibited in books, on websites, and in galleries around the world. She earned a bachelor's degree from Arizona State University's renowned Walter Cronkite School of Journalism.

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TERRITORY: World,
all languages



A 4-book series

by Catherine Daly

Illustrated by Genevieve Kote



#3 Cash Stash



#1 Birthday Bling #2 Batter Splatter

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Catherine Daly has written many books for young readers, including *The Magical Reality of Nadia* and *The Magical Reality of Nadia: Middle School Mischief*, both with Bassem Youssef, *What Was the Age of Exploration?*, the *Petal Pushers* middle-grade series, and books in the *Makers Make It Work* series. She lives in New York City with her family and their feisty Boston terrier, Jack.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Genevieve Kote is a French Canadian illustrator who loves drawing kids and animals and bringing their adventures to life. She has illustrated the *Agents of H.E.A.R.T.*, *I Heart Band*, and *Animal Rescue Friends* series, as well as *American Girl's According to Aggie*.

ON SALE: August 2024
Ages 6–9
64pp
RIGHTS SOLD:
TERRITORY: World, all languages

From budgeting to spending, from credit cards to gift cards, this new early chapter book series tackles and explains big financial topics for kids, Dollars to Doughnuts!

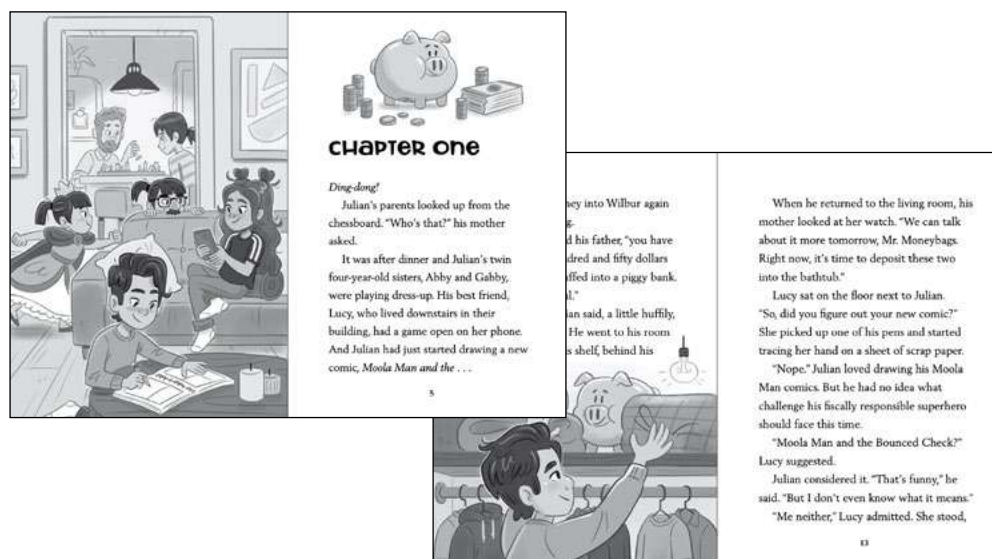
Birthday Bling: When Lucy gets a plastic card for her birthday, she knows just the blinged-out sweatshirt to spend it on. She plunks the card down at the store, but, cringe, it comes up short! Wait, what's the difference between a gift card and a credit card? (Money topic: Spending)

Batter Splatter: After a batter disaster, Julian and Lucy's cooking class needs a kitchen cleanup, including a new paint job. Luckily, they have a plan to throw the bake sale of the century! But their sweet dreams dissolve like sugar when faced with the b-word: Budget. What is a budget and how are they ever supposed to stay within it? (Money topic: Making a Budget)

Cash Stash: Julian has saved his money for ages. He keeps it safe in his trusty piggy bank, Wilbur. But now his parents and even his best friend, Lucy, say Wilbur isn't safe enough. They want him to move his money to a bank! (Money topic: Savings)

Don't miss book #4 coming soon!

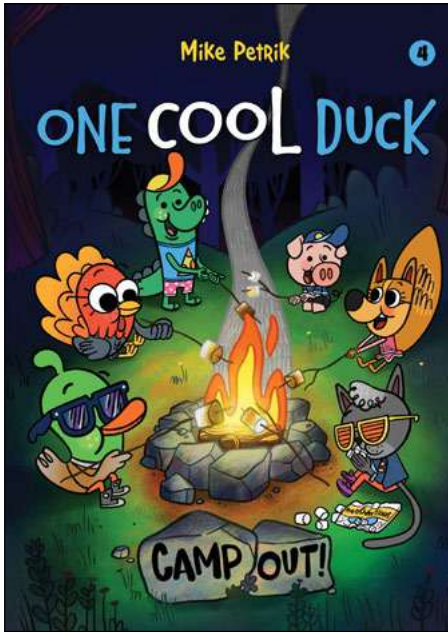
"Adults trying to instill some important fiscal lessons will appreciate the opportunity to share this book with young spenders."—*School Library Journal*



One Cool Duck

A 4-book series

by Mike Petrik



One Cool Duck is an early graphic chapter book series that follows a group of animal friends as they explore friendship and what it means to be cool. With laugh-out-loud dialogue and vibrant illustrations, this fourth installment by Mike Petrik brings Duck, Cat, Jeff and friends back together for a **CAMP OUT!**

Readers of the first three books in the One Cool Duck series followed the gang as they made new friends, built the Far-Out Fort, and played a rousing game of capture the flag. Now, on the heels of their victory, the gang gathers flashlights, sleeping bags, chocolate, and marshmallows (but no fish—sorry, Cat!) as they prepare for a night of big fun.

Hippo Park graphic chapter books are ideal for beginner and newly independent readers, with approachable page counts, easy-to-follow paneling, and artwork that supports text comprehension.

#4 Camp Out!

Don't miss One Cool Duck

#1: King of Cool

#2: The Far-Out Fort

#3: Summer Games



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Mike Petrik grew up in the Chicago suburbs, shredding on his skateboard, hanging out at the arcade, and just being a cool dude. He spent most of his days drawing. Fast forward a few years, and Mike has illustrated seven picture books (one of which he wrote) and created two lift-the-flap board books. Mike lives with his wife and three kids in Oak Lawn, IL. *One Cool Duck* is his first graphic novel series.

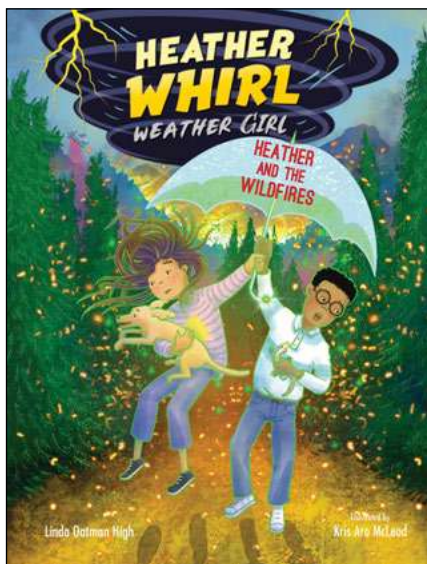
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Heather Whirl, Weather Girl

A 2-book series

by Linda Oatman High

illustrated by Kris Aro McLeod



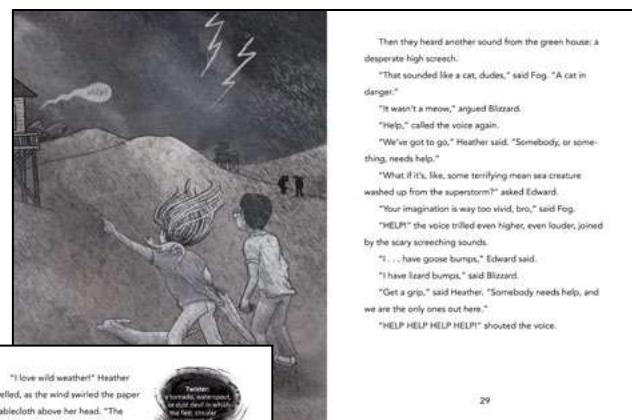
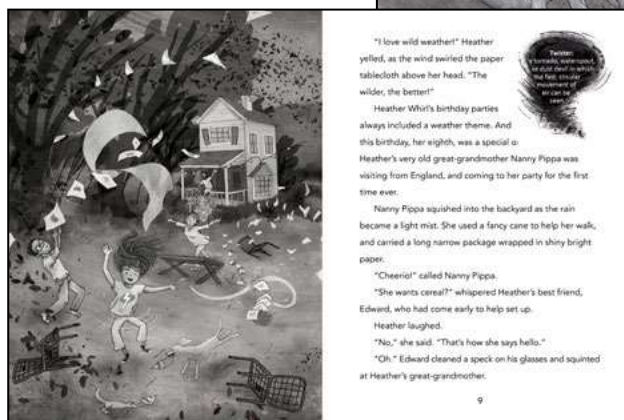
Get whisked away with Heather Whirl, Weather Girl and her magical umbrella as she and her friends experience wildfires and the impact of climate change in this chapter book for readers ages 6–9, the second in a series!

Heather Whirl is fascinated by the weather and concerned about the climate. In this second adventure, Heather's magical umbrella, given to her by her eccentric great-grandmother, lands her and her friends near a raging wildfire! Heather and her friend Edward and animal companions—Fog the dog and a lizard named Blizzard—observe and learn how such fires come about. They also lend a helping hand in building a fire break, and document their adventures. Heather's journal entries, notes from her helpers, definitions, and activities provide additional information for children wanting to learn more about the weather and climate.

Heather and the Wildfires



Don't miss book #1: *Heather and the Stormy Birthday*!



From *Heather and the Stormy Birthday*

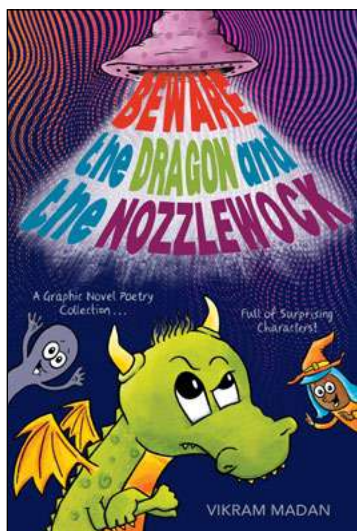
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Linda Oatman High is an experienced and versatile children's book author of more than 25 books for children (and teens), including picture books and middle-grade and YA novels. Her work includes *Hound Heaven*, which was nominated for the Rebecca Caudill Award; *City of Snow: The Great Blizzard of 1888*, which was added to the 2005 NCSS Notable Social Studies Trade Book list; and many others. Linda holds an MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults from Vermont College, and she teaches both nationally and internationally.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Kris Aro McLeod is an author, illustrator, and elementary school art teacher. She has illustrated several children's books, including *The Peculiar Haunting of Thelma Bee*, *Catch a Kiss*, and *Lizzy and the Last Day of School*. She has illustrated and written poems for *Ladybug*, *Spider*, and *Cricket* magazines. Her work has been reviewed in *School Library Journal*, *Kirkus*, and others.

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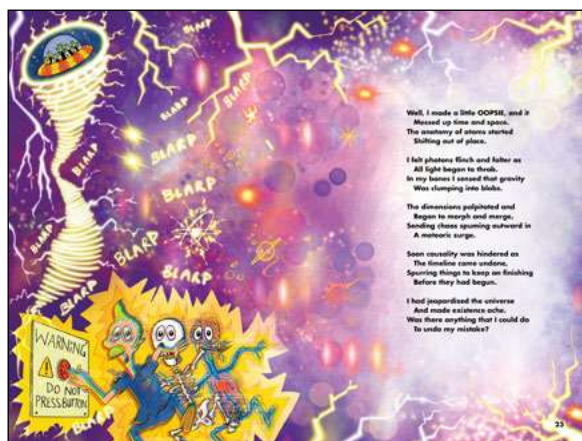


Beware the Dragon and the Nozzlewock

A Graphic Novel Poetry Collection

Full of Surprising Characters

by Vikram Madan

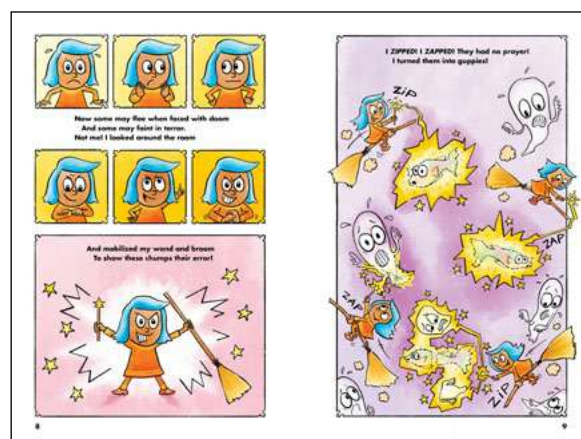


ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Vikram Madan grew up in India and spent many years working in the tech industry before deciding to write and illustrate humorous poetry books. His titles include many self-published books of funny poems and his trade debut with Wordsong, *A Hatful of Dragons and More Than 13.8 Billion Other Funny Poems*, which earned numerous honors. He also received a 2023 Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Award for *Owl and Penguin*. Visit vikrammadan.com.


Perfect for fans of Jack Prelutsky and Shel Silverstein, award-winning author Vikram Madan's new poetry collection features delicious vocabulary, hilarious poems, and a full-color graphic novel format!

Vikram Madan packs this collection with whimsical stories told in rhyme, surprise twist after surprise twist, and a host of unusual characters. In these pages, you'll meet ghost guppies (and the brave girl who creates them), Stan the Slouching Man™ who'll teach you blackbelt slouching, oozing dinosaurs called squishosaurs, a suspicious dragon, and the Nozzlewock (a nose with super-vacuum strength), among many other memorable heroes. Recurring characters and subplots in the art weave the poems together, adding to the merriment. This quirky collection in full-color graphic novel format begs to be read over and over again.



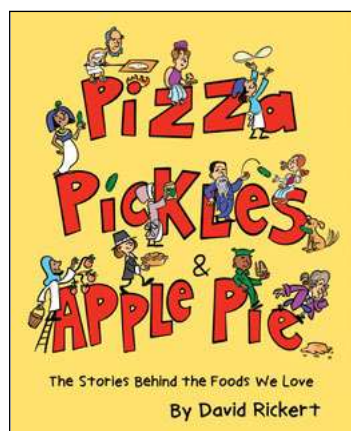
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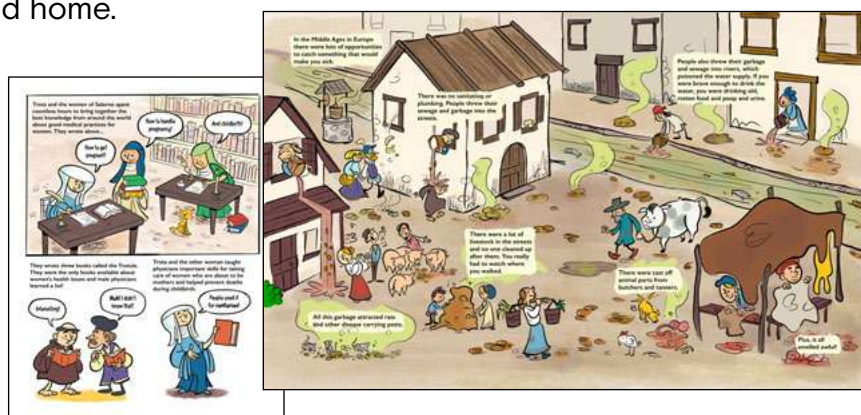
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AUTHOR OF "PIZZA, PICKLES, AND APPLE PIE"



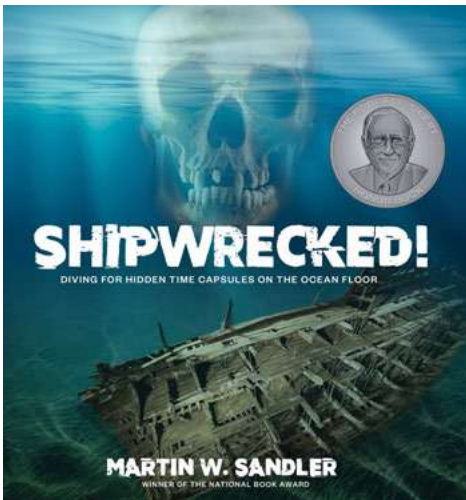
***Pizza,
Pickles, and
Apple Pie:
The Stories
Behinds the
Foods We
Love***

Common childhood illnesses and injuries and the methods to cure or treat them can lead to questions. This book offers answers, showing how people learned how to understand and care for the human body, from ancient times to the present day. Young readers will travel back in time—sometimes thousands of years—to cultures all over the globe to learn how and why medical breakthroughs occurred. They'll meet key people from medical history along the way, including early surgeons working without anesthesia and grave robbers seeking knowledge of human anatomy. The science behind antibiotics and how stitches work are two of many topics in this fascinating book, which includes projects and activities for both the classroom and home.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Shipwrecked

Diving for Hidden Time Capsules on the Ocean Floor

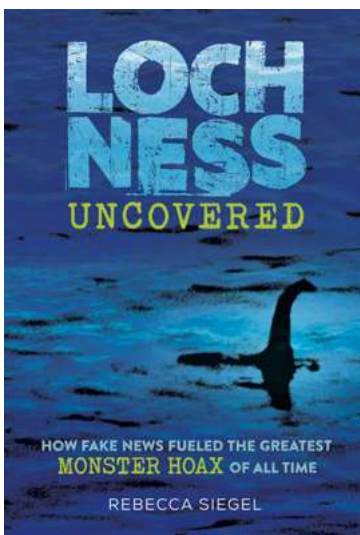
by Martin W. Sandler

A 2024 Sibert Honor Winner • A 2024 ALSC Notable Book

From National Book Award–winning author Martin W. Sandler, here is a fascinating look at what shipwrecks reveal about our world’s past—and how exploring them led to the development of a whole new field of science: marine archaeology.

This enthralling and adventure–filled nonfiction book for young readers recounts some of the most captivating shipwrecks from history, ranging from the *Shinan*, a Chinese merchant ship laden with riches from the 14th century, to the the HMS *Erebus* and *Terror*, two polar exploration ships that mysteriously disappeared in the early 1800s. Combining new research, stunning archival material, and vivid storytelling, *Shipwrecked!* dives deep into the world of marine archaeology and shows young readers what each discovery reveals about the world before our time.

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Loch Ness Uncovered

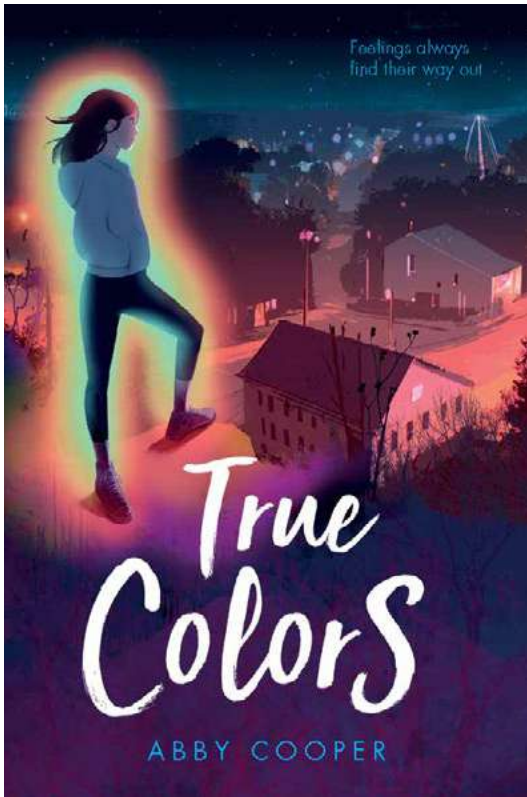
How Fake News Fueled the Greatest Monster Hoax of All Time

by Rebecca Siegel

Just in time for the 90th anniversary of the iconic Loch Ness photo comes a meticulously researched account of the world’s most famous monster hoax and a cautionary tale on the dangers of misinformation.

Researched through primary sources and in–depth interviews with key figures, *Loch Ness Uncovered* is the fascinating true story of the conspiracy that sparked intrigue worldwide. Complete with archival images, an engaging narrative, and a guide to media literacy, here is a nonfiction book that will transport young readers to the thrilling world of monster mania.

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True Colors

by Abby Cooper

Turning Red meets *The Giver* in this novel about a town where everyone agrees to think positively—but one girl, whose emotions manifest as colors, can't hide her true feelings.

In the town of Serenity everyone looks on the bright side, and that's on purpose: to live in this town, people have to agree to talk positively and only focus on the good things in life. For twelve-year-old Mackenzie Werner, who has the rare gift of her emotions showing up as a colorful haze around her body, this town seems like the perfect place; she'll never face the embarrassment of a grumbly grapefruit smog if everyone and everything is set up to be happy. But when a documentary maker comes to town and starts asking questions, Mackenzie, overwhelmed with emotion, can't hold her haze back—and it explodes onto the whole town. Now everyone has their own haze, revealing their real feelings. As Mackenzie learns that emotions go beyond surface level, the whole town must reckon with what it means now that these true colors are on display.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Abby Cooper is the author of three middle-grade novels: *Friend or Fiction*, *Sticks & Stones*, and *Bubbles*, all of which incorporate a speculative element into a contemporary setting. A former school librarian and educator, Abby lives in Minnesota with her husband and son. Visit abbycooperauthor.com.

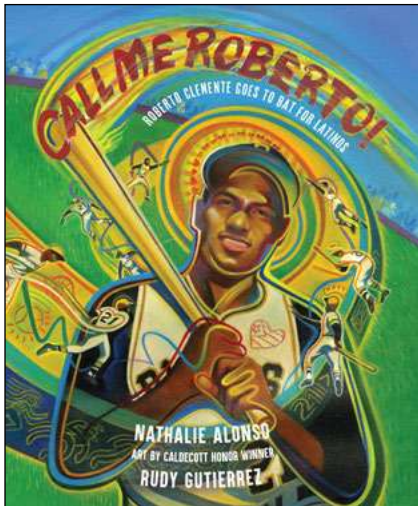
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New for 2024 from Calkins Creek

Call Me Roberto! *Roberto Clemente Goes to Bat for Latinos*

by **Nathalie Alonso**

Illustrated by **Rudy Gutierrez**



Here is the inspirational story of Major League Baseball player Roberto Clemente—not Bob—who endured years of racism and discrimination to become one of baseball’s greatest players.

This nonfiction picture book by Cuban American baseball journalist Nathalie Alonso and award-winning Puerto Rican illustrator Rudy Gutierrez will inspire young readers as they learn about Clemente’s contributions to Black, Latino, and American history.

Ages 7–10; World



Also available to license in Spanish: ¡**Llámenme Roberto! Roberto Clemente alza la voz por los latinos**

Bea Breaks Barriers! *How Florence Beatrice Price’s Music Triumphed Over Prejudice*

by **Caitlin DeLems**

Illustrated by **Tonya Engel**

Here is the little-known story of Florence Beatrice “Bea” Price, who faced many obstacles, including systemic racism and sexism, as she pushed forward to become one of the greatest Black classical musicians.

Ages 7–10; World



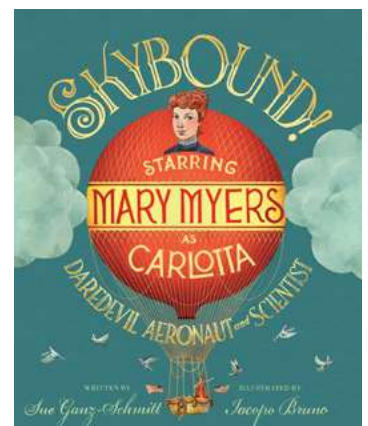
Skybound *Starring Mary Myers as Carlotta, Daredevil Aeronaut and Scientist*

by **Sue Ganz-Schmitt**

Illustrated by **Iacopo Bruno**

In this STEAM picture book, take to the skies with Mary Myers, aka “Carlotta,” an aeronaut and inventor whose careful scientific work improved hot air balloons and our understanding of flight, weather patterns, and the atmosphere.

Ages 7–10; World



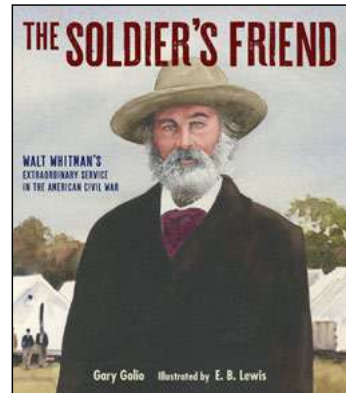
New for 2024 from Calkins Creek

The Soldier's Friend Walt Whitman's Extraordinary Service in the American Civil War

by Gary Golio

Illustrated by E. B. Lewis

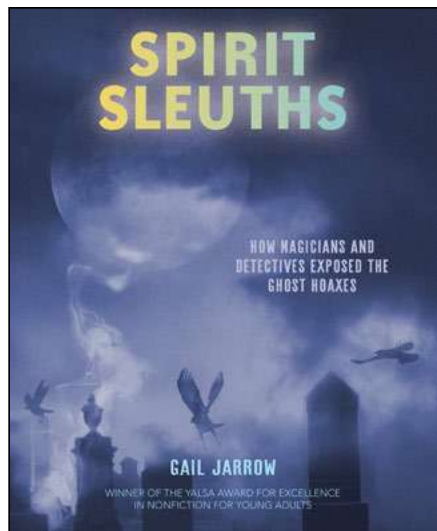
Walt Whitman is celebrated as an iconic poet, but few know of the crucial and heroic role he played tending to the wounded and dying in war hospitals. This nonfiction picture book, by a *New York Times* bestselling author and Caldecott artist, highlights Whitman's compassion and teaches an important lesson about empathy, making this a perfect social-emotional learning title for young readers.



Ages 7–10; World

Spirit Sleuths How Magicians and Detectives Exposed the Ghost Hoaxes

by Gail Jarrow



The latest from acclaimed author Gail Jarrow reveals how magicians—including Harry Houdini and his team of investigators—exposed fake mediums who exploited the vulnerable and gullible in the early twentieth century.

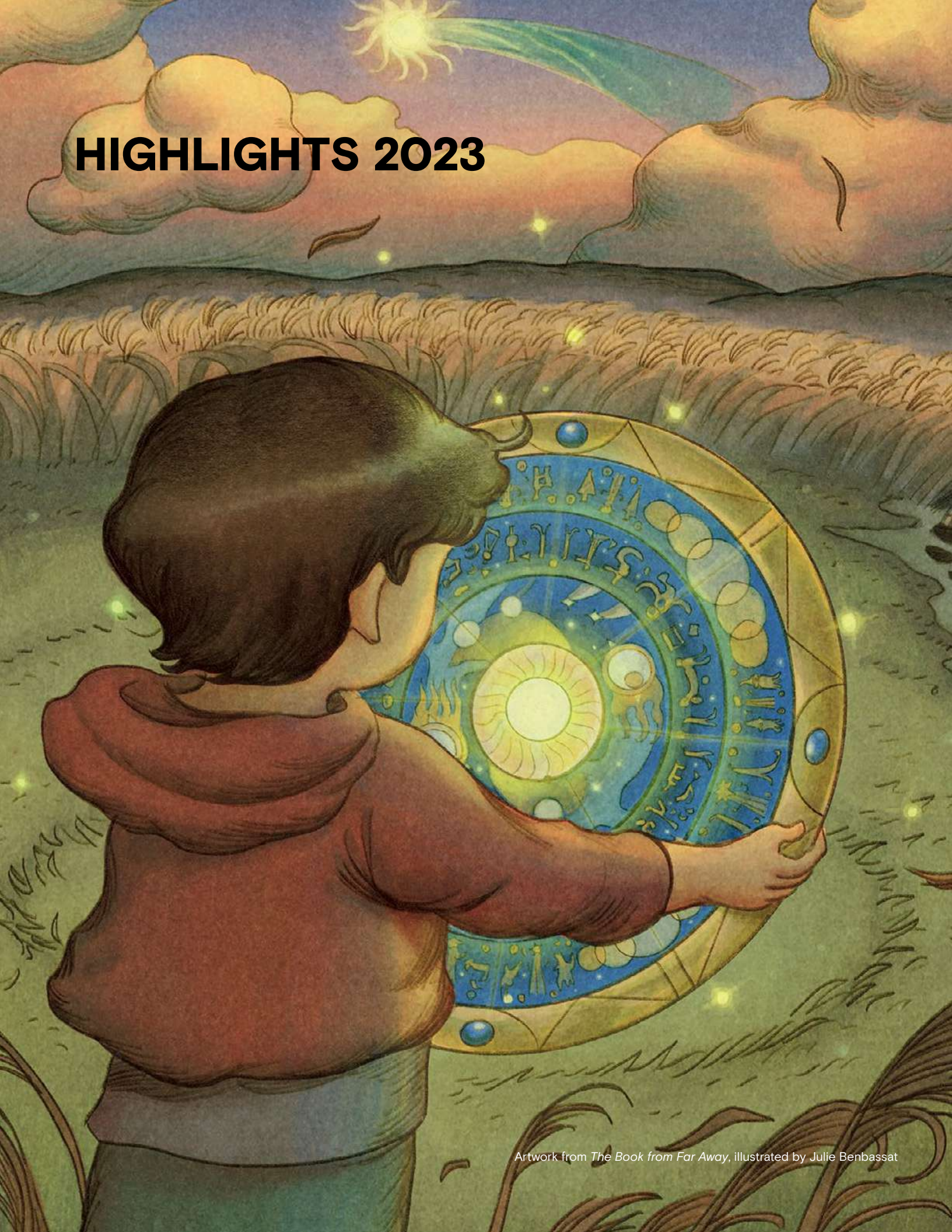
Ideal for young readers and adults who are drawn to the worlds of psychics and magicians, this riveting book uncovers the ways people were (and still are) deceived by mediums and fortune-tellers.

Gail Jarrow has received a YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction, a YALSA Honor, a Sibert Honor, an Orbis Pictus Honor, and many other awards.

Ages 10 and up; World



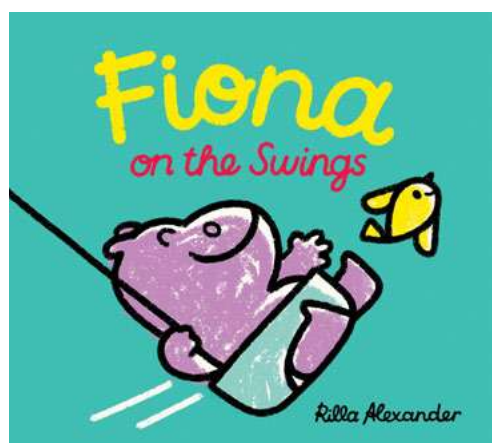
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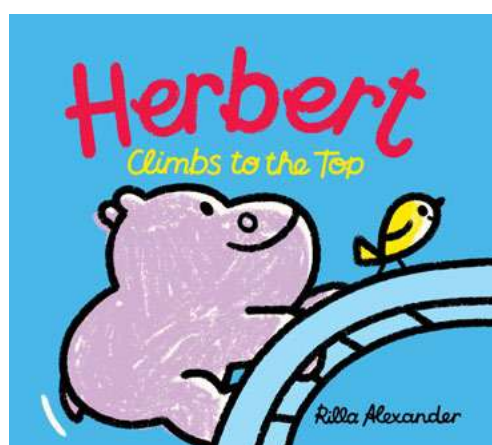
Hippo Park Pals

A 4-book series

by Rilla Alexander



Fiona on the Swings



Herbert Climbs to the Top

Don't miss *Herbert on the Slide* and *Fiona in the Sandbox*!

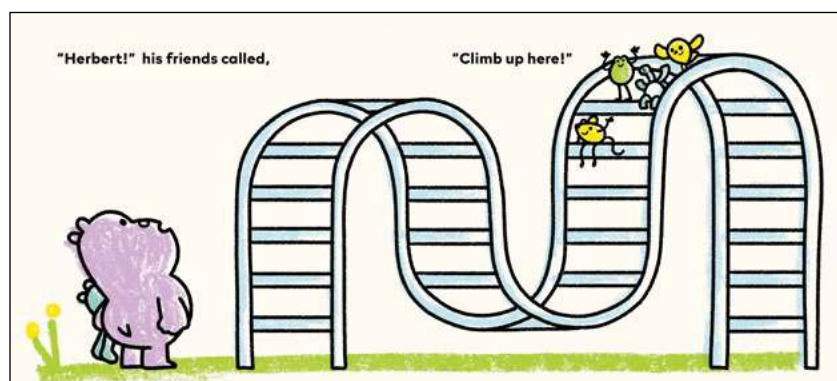


Rilla Alexander's hippo siblings, Fiona and Herbert, are adorable and kind! Her bold, bright colors and the social emotional messages in these precious books meet kids exactly where they are.

TWO NEW TITLES FOR 2023! In the third miniature picture book in the Hippo Park Pals series—perfect for little hands—Fiona needs help getting onto her swing, and brother Herbert helps out, like big brothers do.

In the fourth book, Herbert climbs to the top of the jungle gym for the first time. Of course, he has to look where he places his feet and balance each step of the way. Step! Pull! Step! Pull! Try not to wobble!

“Little ones will have no trouble connecting with the emotionally satisfying outcome of this seamlessly simple storyline with its underlying tones of friendship and sibling companionship.”—Kirkus Reviews for *Fiona in the Sandbox*



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rilla Alexander grew up in the country, in Australia, with her little sisters, Fiona and Emily. They had a sandbox and swings in the backyard, and a playhouse called Sunshine Cottage, which was made out of a rainwater tank. Nowadays, Rilla is an illustrator, author, and designer and lives in Los Angeles with her husband, Steve, and their puppy, Spot. She has written many picture books and board books, including *The New Rooster* and *Touchwords*.

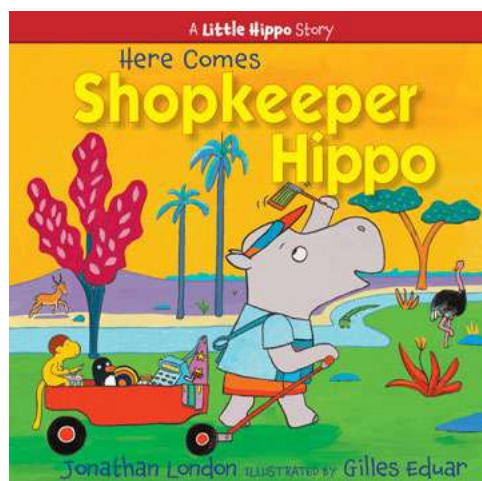
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Little Hippo

A 4-book series

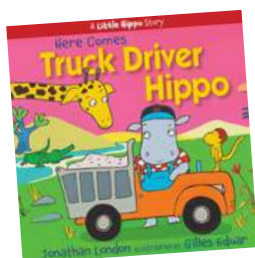
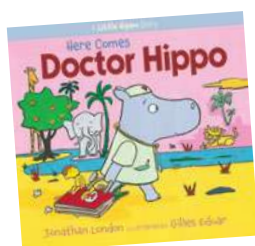
by Jonathan London

illustrated by Gilles Eduar



Here Comes Shopkeeper Hippo

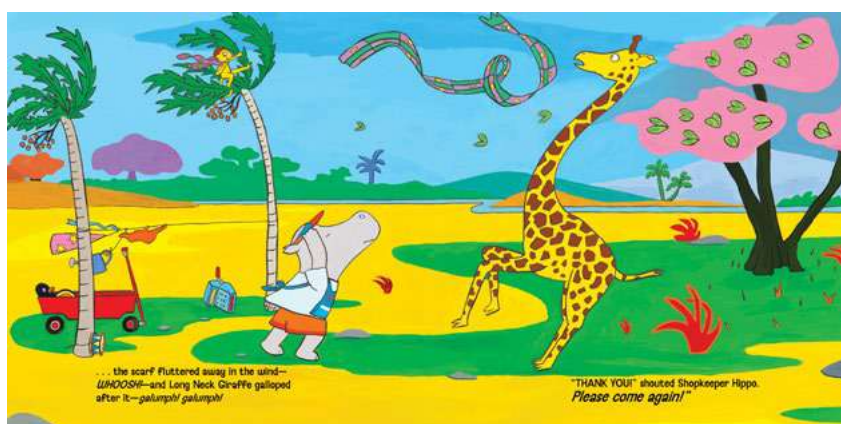
Don't miss *Here Comes Doctor Hippo*,
Here Comes Firefighter Hippo, and
Here Comes Truck Driver Hippo!



"What job will Little Hippo tackle next? Readers will be there for it." —*Kirkus Reviews* for *Here Comes Firefighter Hippo*

New York Times best-selling author Jonathan London explores how even the smallest Hippo can be a big help when he teams up with his friends in this imaginative picture book series that will inspire young readers as they play their own games of make-believe.

Little Hippo loves to play pretend, and today he's going to be a shopkeeper! Little Hippo has a goal—he is determined to buy his mama a special gift. Filled with silly animal antics and culminating in the beautiful bond between mother and child, this heartwarming story shows readers the joy in being kind and the impact of being brave.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jonathan London is the creator of more than 20 books about the lovable and enduringly popular character Froggy. Born a “Navy brat” in Brooklyn, NY, London was raised on naval stations throughout the US and Puerto Rico.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Gilles Eduar is a musician and self-taught artist who has lived in many places around the world, including his native Brazil. He is the illustrator of the Little Hippo series. Visit gilleseduar.art.

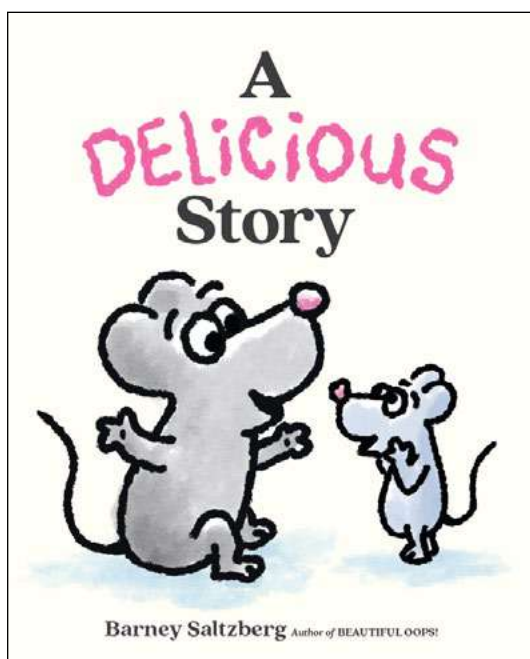
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A Delicious Story

by Barney Saltzberg

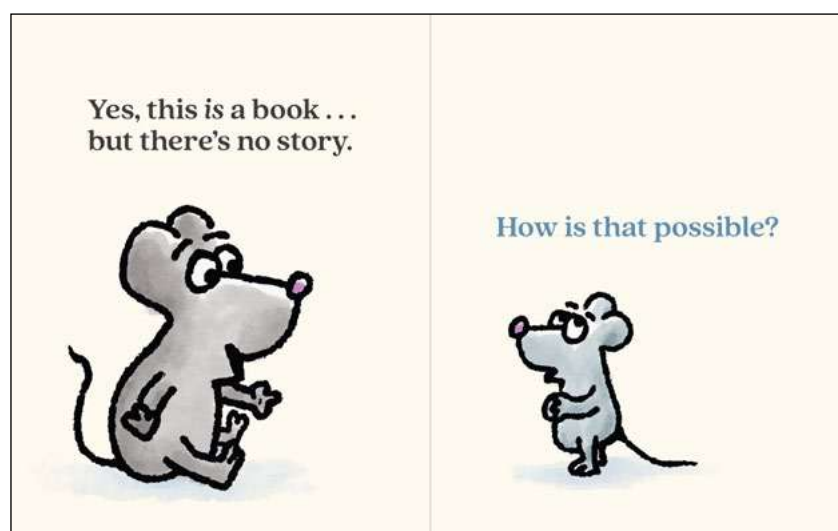
"Children will giggle; many will be inspired to craft their own tales.... Rib-tickling for many beginning readers and writers."

—Kirkus Reviews

"You ate the story?" says one mouse to the other in this thoughtful, funny, and heartfelt read-aloud with pitch-perfect repartee and Barney Saltzberg's signature take on the perils and pleasures of creativity.

Two mice—one big and one small—have a terrible problem in this satisfying comedic journey that parents and children will want to take together again and again. Little Mouse is looking for a story—they're in a book after all!—and Big Mouse has to admit the truth. The story is gone. And (gasps!) he ate it. That is not okay with Little Mouse, who expects his story and will settle for nothing less. What follows is an improvisational dialogue that showcases both the patience and discipline required of true creativity and the dazzling on-the-spot storytelling that can happen when you get in the flow. Parents, teachers, and kids alike will cheer for these heroic mice as they work out the kinks in their friendship and make the reader realize that they've been delivering a story all along.

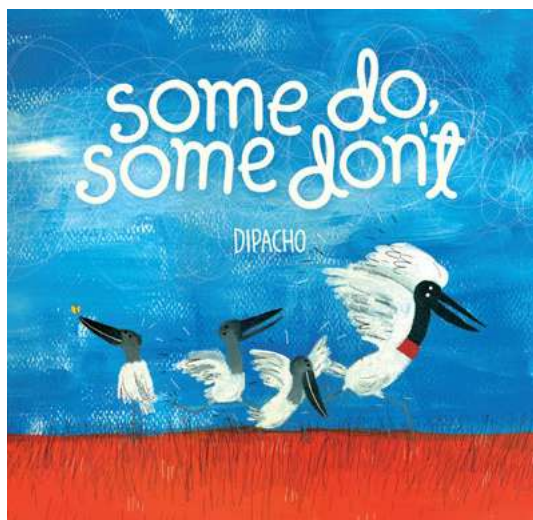
"This book IS delicious. Pun WAY intended. Imaginative and connecting." —Jamie Lee Curtis, bestselling author



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Barney Saltzberg is the author of more than 30 books for children, including Beautiful Oops!, My Book of Beautiful Oops!, Good Egg, and the best-selling Touch and Feel Kisses series. Additionally, he's recorded four albums of songs for children. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, two dogs, and a pond full of fish. His books have won numerous awards, including NAPPA Gold Awards, and received Publishers Weekly and Kirkus Reviews starred reviews. Most recently, Melinda Gates chose Beautiful Oops! as one of the top three books every child should read.

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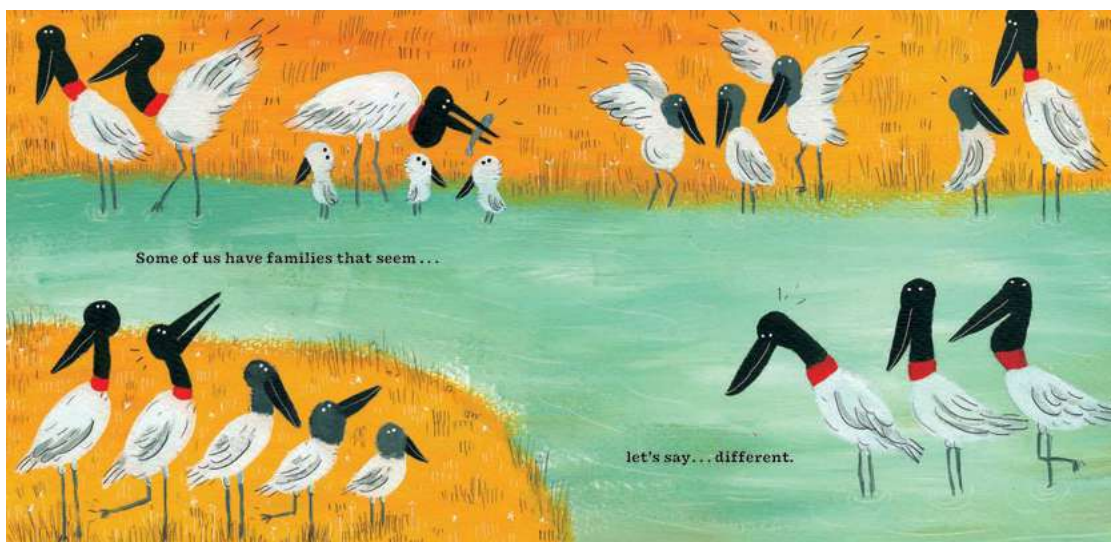


Some Do, Some Don't

by Dipacho

“(A) simple, straightforward, and soothing text about individuality. Dipacho has reassuringly encapsulated just about every experience a young reader may have. Soft pastel textures in a mostly primary palette provide a charming backdrop to project onto, with expressive jabirus of various sizes and dispositions.”

—Kirkus Reviews



How do families live together, and why are they sometimes apart? This profound and moving book will inspire reflection and conversation about what unites us and what makes us distinct individuals.

Colombian creator Dipacho explores the many ways we live with other people—or, at times, apart from them—with striking illustrations of the jabiru, the largest member of the stork family of birds. In spare, poetic text and stunning watercolors, Dipacho honors family togetherness as well as families whose members choose to live apart, or are separated by circumstances. Moving spreads pay tribute to family members who have died, and those just born. This ingeniously conceived book gives equal weight to the conventional and the unconventional arrangements in which we live, sparking conversations about what it means to be a family. The book ends with informational back matter about the fascinating jabiru stork, grounding it in the world of facts.

2023 WINNING ILLUSTRATOR of the Bologna Children's Book Fair

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dipacho, the pseudonym of Diego Francisco Sanchez Rodriguez, is the creator of the picture book *Antonia: A Journey to a New Home*. He is an award-winning Colombian author, illustrator, graphic designer, and musician whose picture books have been published in Colombia and other South American countries as well as France and Italy. *Some Do, Some Don't* was selected as a finalist for the 2021 Bologna Illustrator's Exhibition.

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Ages 3–6

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Luna Ranchera

by **Rodrigo Morlesin**

illustrated by

Mariana Ruiz Johnson

“A strikingly original story of overcoming the odds. . . . This rags-to-riches story of a mother-and-daughter pair making it big will pull at readers’ heartstrings. . . . The writing has an appealingly folksy, tall-tale feeling. Reminiscent of Raul the Third’s artwork.”

—Kirkus Reviews

Welcome to the show! ¡Bienvenidos! This rags-to-riches tale of a doggy mother-daughter singing act in the Nuevo Wild West will enchant dog lovers, music lovers, and anyone looking for new Latinx voices.

This spellbinding original story opens in a cantina crowded with desert animals, cowboys, and cowgirls all excited to see the glamorous Luna Ranchera mother-daughter singing duo. Long ago, Luna was down on her luck, starving and struggling to feed her pups, reduced to thieving from nearby ranchers. One day, escaping another heist, Luna has to hide in the worst possible place: on top of a beehive! She howls in pain so loudly, it carries all across the desert. It turns out Luna’s musical wails are something special, captivating creatures far and wide. Her most rebellious pup, Ranchera, joins her, and soon the two become the famous howling singing act with the flea-bitten souls, Luna Ranchera! Immersive and unforgettable, with knockout, whimsical art, the tale ends with the lyrics to Luna Ranchera’s most famous song. Perfect for fans of *Coco* and *Soul*.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rodrigo Morlesin is a book designer, author, translator, and children’s literature influencer. Rodrigo lives with his wife, his cat Lulo, and his dog, Elvis, in Mexico City. *Luna Ranchera* is his first picture book.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Mariana Ruiz Johnson is the author and artist of many books for children including *While You Are Sleeping*; *Run, Little Chaski!*; *An Inka Trail Adventure*; *Shhh*; *Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes*; and *The Last Hazelnut*. She lives in Buenos Aires, Argentina, with her husband, their two kids, and Cuca, an old black cat.

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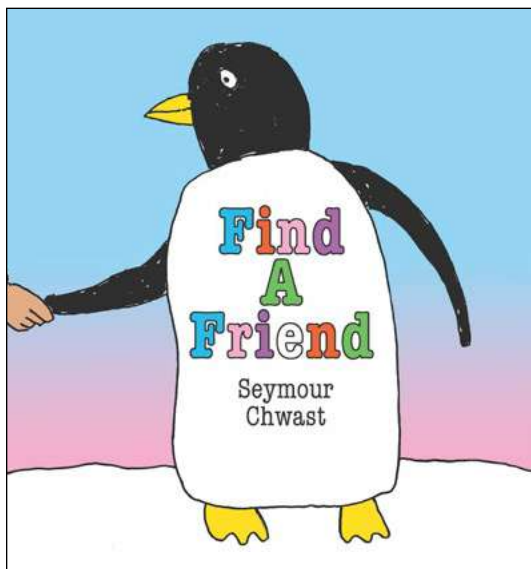
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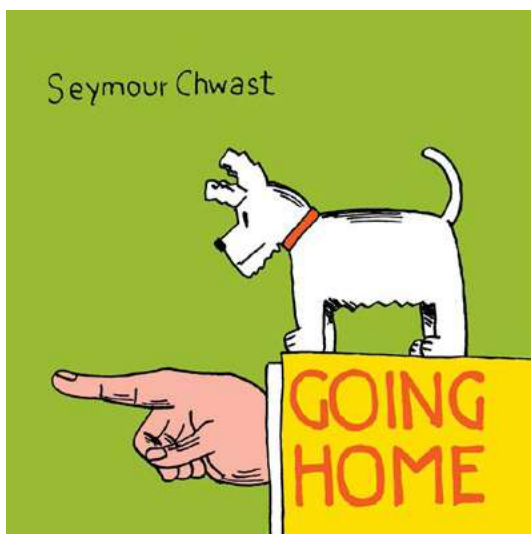
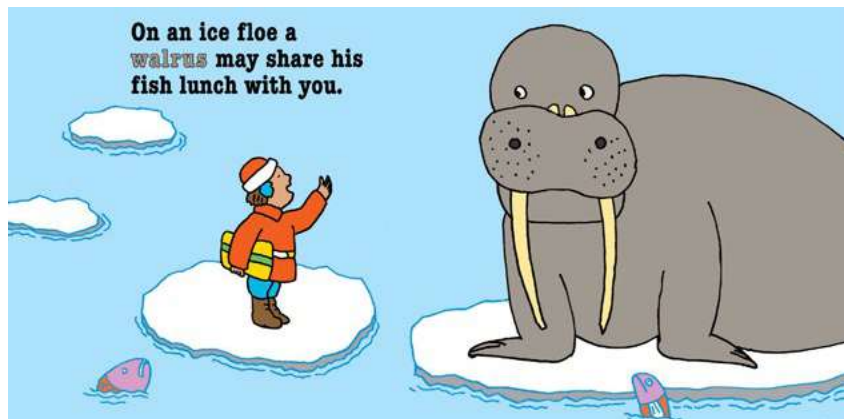
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by Seymour Chwast



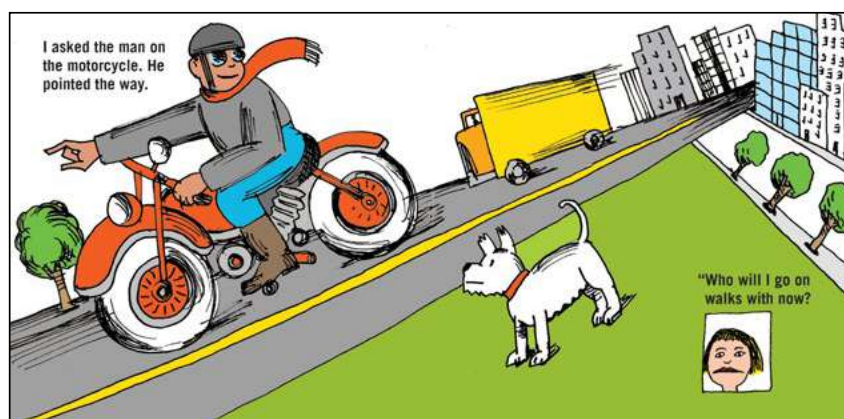
Find a Friend

Making friends has never been so adventurous as in this hilarious tall tale from award-winning design legend Seymour Chwast!

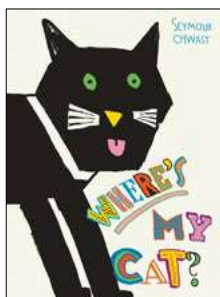


Going Home

Getting lost is a matter of perspective in this clever picture book about a dog making his way home—with help from new friends—after a gust of wind blows him halfway across the world!



More from Seymour Chwast



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

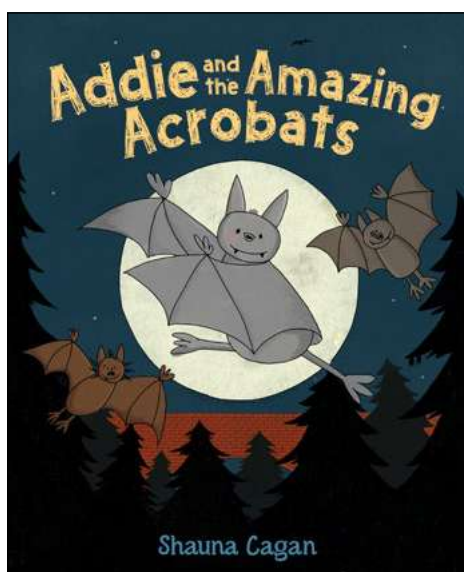
A master of historical styles and movements, graphic designer **Seymour Chwast** is famous for his diverse body of graphic design work, illustration, and lasting influence on American visual culture. From the author of more than 30 children's books, co-founder of the internationally recognized Push Pin Studios, winner of the AIGA MEDAL, member of the Art Directors Hall of Fame, Chwast's work can be found on countless posters, album and book covers, and editorial illustrations in the *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *Forbes*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and more.

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TERRITORY: World,
all languages



Addie must choose fame or friendship in this delightfully off-beat picture book debut, that is tender, funny, and unforgettable.



Addie and the Amazing Acrobats

by Shauna Cagan

ON SALE: Oct. 10, 2023

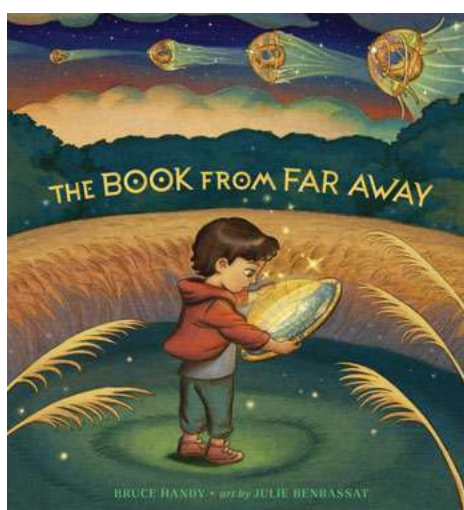
Ages 4–8

40pp

RIGHTS SOLD:

TERRITORY: World,
all languages

MINERVA



In this fantastical picture book perfect for fans of Aaron Becker's *Journey*, a human child and a child from another planet discover that no matter where you live or what your books are like, reading—and sharing—are universal.



The Book from Far Away

by Bruce Handy

illustrated by Julie Benbassat

ON SALE: Aug. 15, 2023

Ages 4–8

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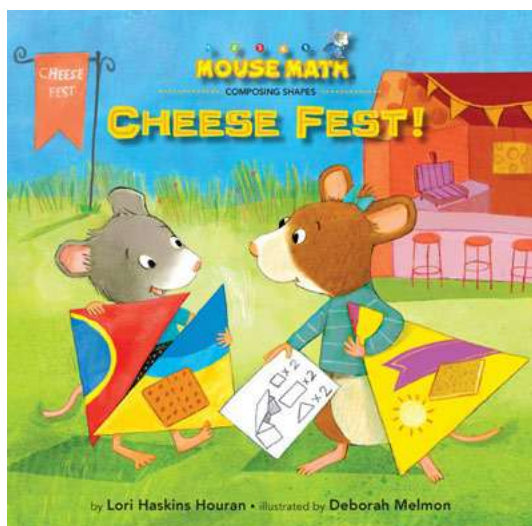
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MOUSE MATH

A 24-book series

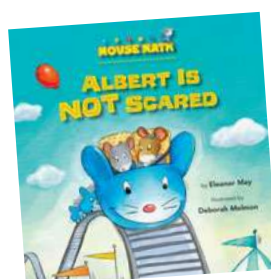


Cheese Fest! Composing Shapes

Books in this series have won a Mathical Honor, a Moonbeam Children's Book Medal, and an International Literacy Association Children's Choices selection.

Each read-aloud book in the Mouse Math series focuses on a single, basic math concept and features adorable mice, Albert and Wanda, who live in a People House. Entertaining fiction stories capture kids' imaginations as the mice learn about numbers, shapes, sizes and more.

Math topics covered in this series include: Counting & Skip Counting, Addition, Subtraction, Sorting, Patterns, Position Words, Counting Money, 2-D and 3-D Shapes, and many more!



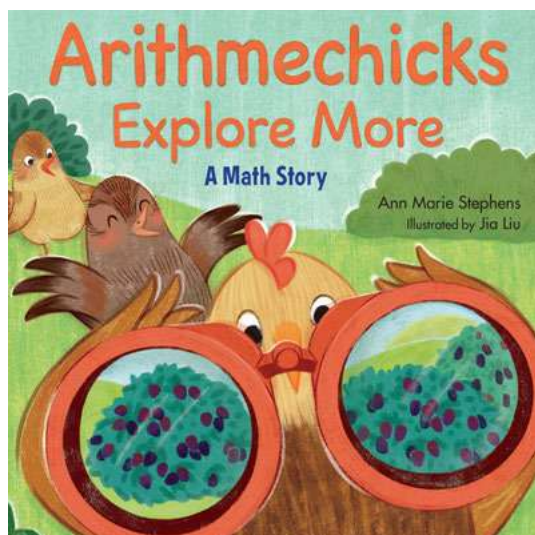
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3 million
Mouse Math
books sold
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LIFETIME SALES: 3 MILLION
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Ages 4–8
32pp
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TERRITORY: World

Arithmechicks

A 6-book series



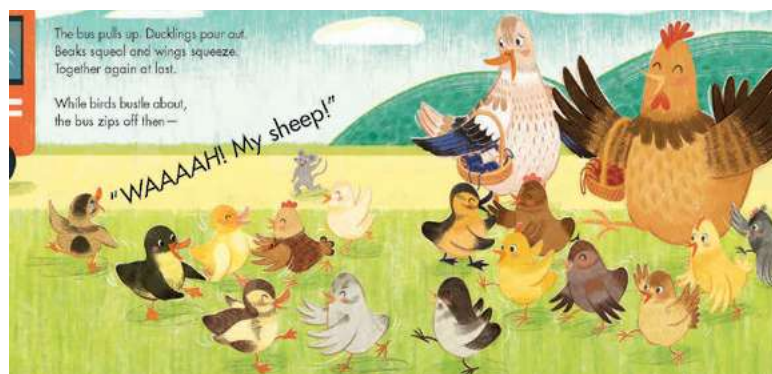
Arithmechicks Explore More A Math Story

by Ann Marie Stephens

illustrated by Jia Liu

Join the Arithmechicks on all of their math adventures! Readers will explore addition in *Arithmechicks Add Up*, subtraction in *Arithmechicks Take Away*, fact families in *Arithmechicks Take a Calculation Vacation*, fractions in *Arithmechicks Play Fair*, greater than/less than/equal to in *Arithmechicks Explore More*, and ordinal numbers in *Arithmechicks Find Their Place*. Each book in the series includes a helpful glossary that defines the modern arithmetic strategies the chicks use throughout the story.

“Practical application mixes with play, adding up to enjoyable learning.” —Kirkus Reviews



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ann Marie Stephens has been an elementary teacher for 30 years and is the author of 8 picture books. She was a contributing writer for Kwame Alexander's *The Write Thing*, a co-writer for *Trait Crate Plus* for grades 3 and 5, and has had dozens of original ideas published in *Instructor* and *The Mailbox* magazines. She blogs for teachers at 2happyteachers.blogspot.com. Visit annmariestephensbooks.com.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Jia Liu received her MFA in illustration practice from the Maryland Institute College of Arts in 2016. She is also the illustrator of *Terrific Tongues*, her debut picture book in the United States, and *Bedtime for Beasties* as well as the Arithmechicks series. Visit jia-liu.com.

ON SALE: May 9, 2023

Ages 4–8

32pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Simplified Chinese (Thinkingdom); Complex Chinese for books 1–4 (Tony Cultural Co., Ltd); Indonesian: Indonesia non-exclusive (Badan Pengembangan); Turkish ebook / 2 titles (KidzBOO)
TERRITORY: World, all languages

Math Matters

A 46-book series

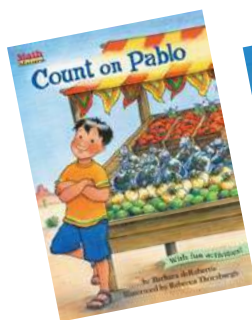
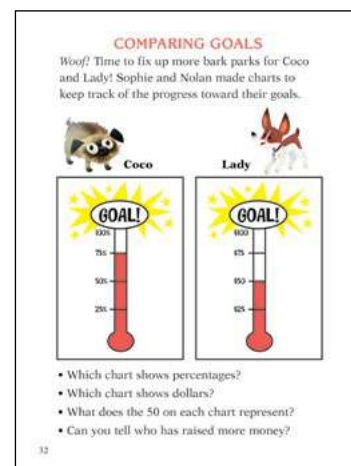


Discover Math Matters! With over 15 million books sold worldwide, this award-winning series of easy-to-read books will help young readers ages 5-8 approach math with enthusiasm. Great for fans of MathStart or Step Into Reading Math.

With engaging stories that connect math to kids' everyday lives, each book in this Teachers' Choice Award-winning series focuses on a single concept and reinforces math vocabulary and skills. Bonus activities in each book feature math and reading comprehension questions, and even more free activities online add to the fun!

Math topics covered in this series include: Counting & Skip Counting, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, Telling Time, Measurement, Bar Graphs, Fractions, Estimation, Venn Diagrams, and many more!

New topics for 2023 include Angles, Decimals, Metric System, and Rounding.



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books sold
worldwide!

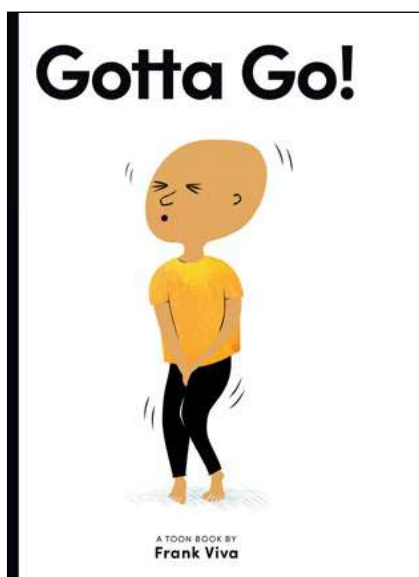
ON SALE: Fall 2023

Ages 5-8

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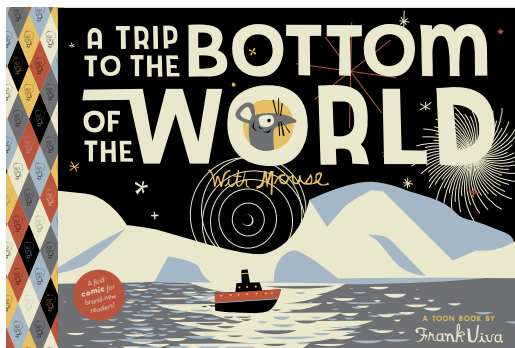
TERRITORY: World



Gotta Go!

by Frank Viva

More from Frank Viva!



LIFETIME SALES: 13,000

Ages 4–8

36pp

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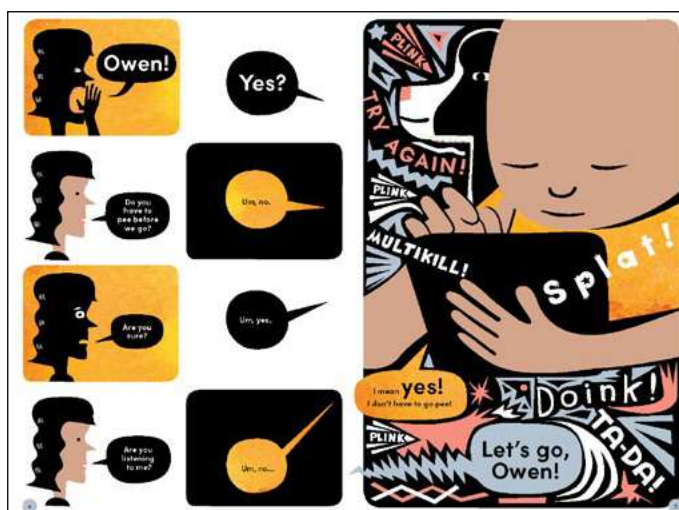
Reading); Russian: World (Voicebook);

German: World (Diogenes Verlag AG)

TERRITORY: World

Will Owen be left high and dry?

Owen should have listened but instead he's now squirming: he's just gotta go! Luckily for him, Mom and grandpa are there to offer advice and show him silly tricks that can help flush the urge away. FRANK VIVA, the acclaimed designer and author of *A Trip to the Bottom of the World with Mouse* and *Young Frank, Architect*, doesn't mind getting his feet wet as he dives into what can be a scary topic for children and turns it into a hilarious and liberating romp.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Frank Viva is an award-winning artist and designer who lives in Toronto with his family. Viva's other books include the *New York Times* Best Illustrated Children's Book selection *Along a Long Road*, the Parents' Choice Award winner *A Long Way Away*, and TOON's Cybils award-winning *A Trip to the Bottom of the World with Mouse*. His art has appeared in many places, including regularly on the cover of *The New Yorker*.

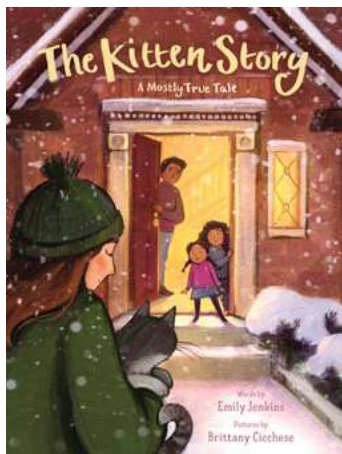
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Ages 5–7

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TERRITORY: World, all languages



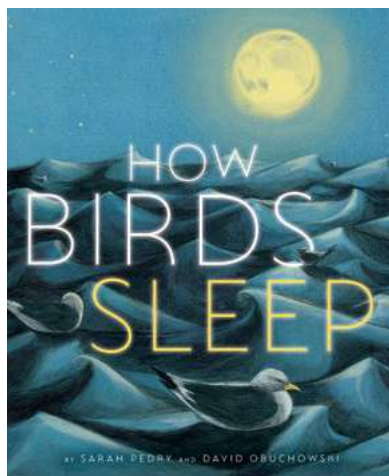
The Kitten Story *A Mostly True Tale*

by **Emily Jenkins**
illustrated by **Brittany
Cicchese**

When a cat-loving family decides to bring home a pet, their quest reveals the highs and lows of everyday family life in this heartwarming story—perfect for kitten lovers and everyone who’s ever longed for a pet.

Finally, it’s time for this family to adopt a pet of their own! But big decisions need to be made. The children, Tulip and Rosie, definitely want a kitten. But Daddy insists an older cat is best. No one can agree about what name to give the new pet, either. When Mommy and Rosie visit a shelter to choose their cat, yet another problem arises and they must go home empty-handed. This deftly paced story from best-selling author Emily Jenkins highlights themes of finding family unity among conflict and overcoming disappointment. Readers will rejoice along with the family as, finally, they welcome home their very own, absolutely wonderful kitten.

ON SALE: Oct. 3, 2023
Ages 5–8
48pp
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TERRITORY: World, all languages



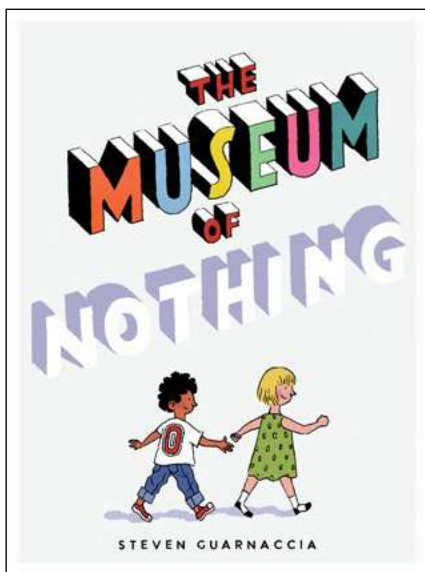
How Birds Sleep

by **David Obuchowski**
illustrated by **Sarah Pedry**

Discover the mysterious and fascinating sleeping habits of more than twenty bird species from around the world in this gorgeously illustrated read-aloud picture book, perfect for bedtime, or any time.

Have you ever seen a bird sleep? Or wondered just when it is that migrating cranes find the time to catch Z’s as they cross the ocean? From the parrots of Thailand to the ostriches of Australia and even the pigeons of New York City, every bird sleeps—but they do it in ways that will surprise and delight you. Some hang from tree branches, others doze while gliding, and some even burrow underground for a nap. Written in a witty, conversational voice, and with gorgeous illustrations, this picture book is bursting with interesting facts about this underexplored aspect of bird life all around us.

ON SALE: June 6, 2023
Ages 4–8
40pp
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Indonesian: Indonesia non-exclusive (Badan
Pengembangan)
TERRITORY: World, all languages

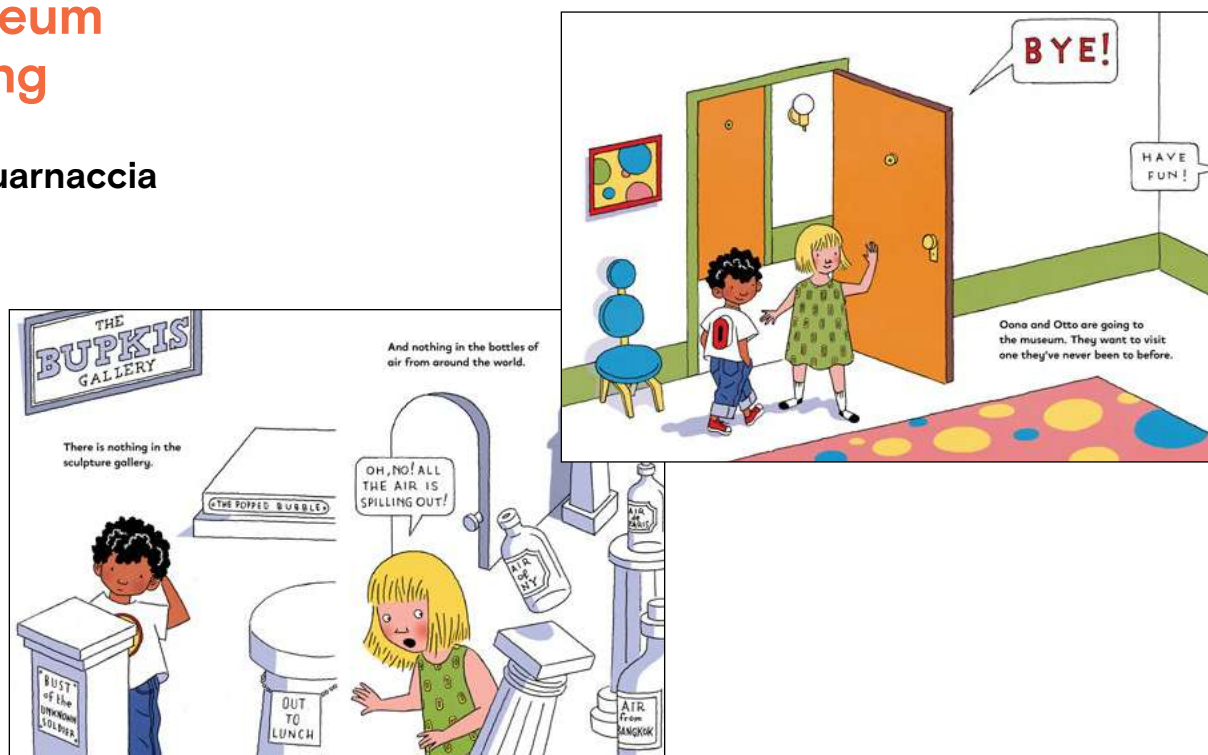


Discover all the many ways that nothing is really something! This mind-bendingly clever picture book about a visit to the Museum of Nothing will have curious readers marveling and laughing along.

There is so much more to nothing than you think! Join Oona and Otto on a tour of the funny, fascinating Museum of Nothing in this imaginative read-aloud from noted designer Guarnaccia. This museum proudly displays every kind of nothing. There's the Hall of Holes (donut, button, black), the Zero Wing, the Nobody Room—where the Invisible Man is the star attraction—and more. With pages full of witty details to discover, this captivating book is perfect for curious kids ages 5–9 looking for their next big mind-bending adventure.

The Museum of Nothing

by Steven Guarnaccia



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Steven Guarnaccia is an illustrator and Professor Emeritus of Parsons School of Design. He was formerly Op-Ed art director of the *New York Times*. His work has appeared in major magazines and newspapers including the *New York Times*, *Abitare*, and *Rolling Stone*, and he has created murals for Disney and exhibition drawings for the Museum of Modern Art. He is the author of books on popular culture and design including *Black and White* and *A Stiff Drink & A Close Shave*. He has designed watches for Swatch and greeting cards for the Museum of Modern Art, won awards from the AIGA, the Art Directors Club, and the Bologna Book Fair and has had one-man shows internationally. His children's books include his fairy tales about design, *The Three Bears: A Tale Moderne*; *The Three Little Pigs: An Architectural Tale*; and *Cinderella: A Fashionable Tale*.

ON SALE: Oct. 17, 2023

Ages 5–9

48pp

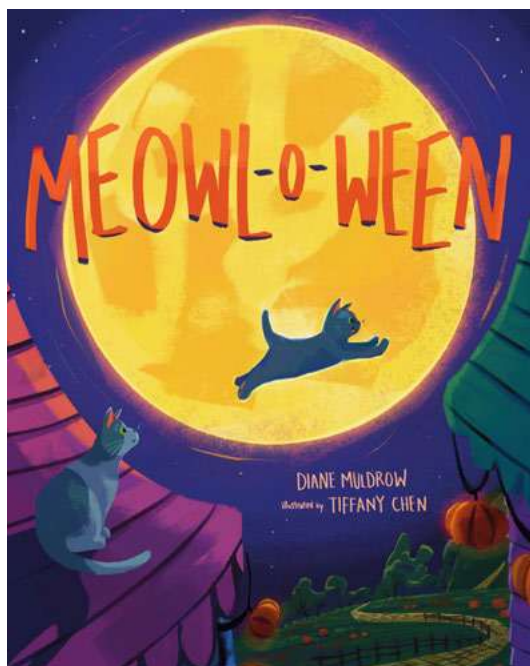
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TERRITORY: World, all languages

NOTABLE BACKLIST

Don't miss these award-winning and best-selling titles from Astra Books for Young Readers!



Artwork from
Blancaflor,
illustrated by
Sergio García
Sánchez



Meowl-o-ween

by Diane Muldrow

illustrated by Tiffany Chen

It's Halloween night, also known as Meowl-o-ween, when cats from far and wide are on the prowl, ready to give trick-or-treaters a fright. Can one scared lost kitten overcome her fears and join in the fun?

"[A] celebration of trick-or-treat and felinekind. Muldrow builds a bit of gentle suspense with rhyming text... Chen gets the clowder's postures and behaviors just right, creating cat-tastically crowded, digitally rendered interspecies scenes of friends having a joyful, treat-filled time. Fun for cat lovers and Halloween fans alike."

—Publishers Weekly



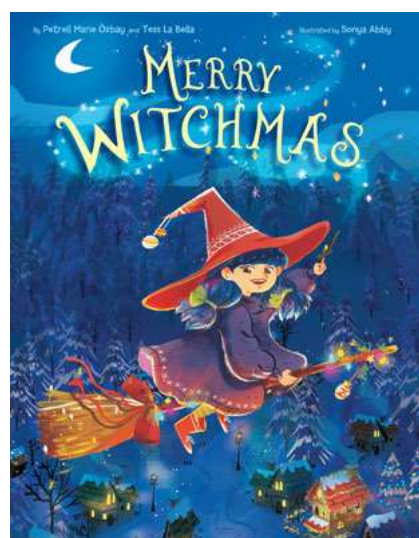
ON SALE: Sept. 5, 2023

Ages 3–7

40pp

RIGHTS SOLD:

**TERRITORY: World,
all languages**



Merry Witchmas

by Petrell Marie Özbay,

Tess LaBella

illustrated by Sonya Abby

Ginger the Halloween witch has a big Christmas wish—a visit from Santa Claus. But Santa doesn't believe in witches—until Ginger's letter to him magically appears on his desk! This book is a perfect Christmas gift or stocking stuffer for kids.

"Fans of both holidays will find this unusual mix fun and engaging." —Kirkus Reviews



ON SALE: Sept. 21, 2021

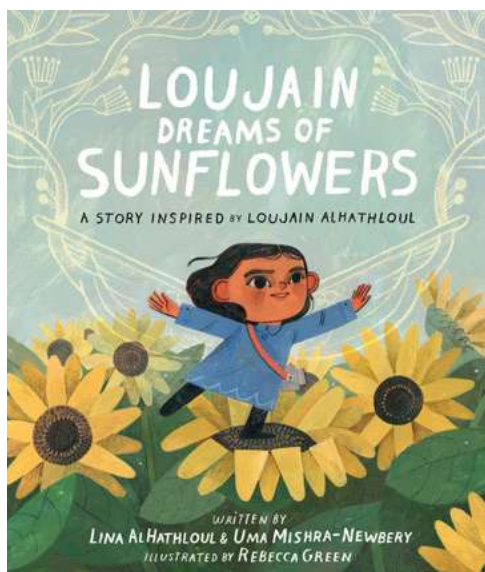
Ages 3–7

32pp

RIGHTS SOLD:

TERRITORY: World

Over 10,000 copies sold



Loujain Dreams of Sunflowers

by Uma Mishra-Newbery,
Lina Al-Hathloul
illustrated by Rebecca Green

10,000 copies sold

A courageous girl follows her dream of learning to fly in this “clever narrative” filled with “extraordinary spirit... gorgeous colors... a magical quality” (*New York Times*). Inspired by formerly imprisoned human rights activist Loujain AlHathloul, this sparkling fantasy story is perfect for fans of *Malala’s Magic Pencil* and the Rebel Girls series.

“Poetic, moving, and empowering.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

Winner – 2022 Middle East Book Award (picture book)

Winner – A Bookstagang Best Picture Book Biography

“Read this if you want a powerful and moving story about how sometimes rules are meant to be broken. . . . beautifully-illustrated . . . introduces readers to the idea that unfair rules can be changed.” —Ciarra Chavarria, @girlsreadtheworld via MSNBC.com

“A clever narrative filled with extraordinary spirit . . . gorgeous colors . . . a magical quality.” —*New York Times*

ON SALE: Sept. 1, 2022

Ages 4–8

40pp

RIGHTS SOLD: German (mineditionAG), Korean (FIKA), French (Les 400 Coups); Indonesian: Indonesia non-exclusive (Badan Pengembangan) TERRITORY: World



The King's Golden Beard

by Klaas Verplancke

Who’s to blame when a vain, heedless king meets his comeuppance? He is, of course! Fans of Tomi Ungerer’s mischievous humor and Jon Agee’s sly morality tales will be delighted by this hilarious read-aloud about a long, long beard and its short-sighted royal owner, by a popular Belgian illustrator, designer, and animation whiz.

A 2022 Bank Street Best Children’s Book of the Year

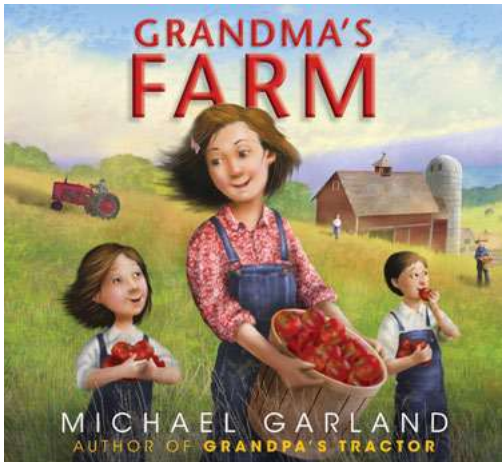
“Deeply satisfying.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

ON SALE: 2021

Ages 4–8

48pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Japanese: World (KAGAKU DOJIN); French: World (mineditionFr); Dutch: World (E.M. Querido’s Uitgeverij BV); German: World (mineditionAG); Simplified Chinese: Mainland China, HK & Macau (Thinkingdom), Bosnian; Turkish ebook (KidzBOO) TERRITORY: World



Grandma's Farm

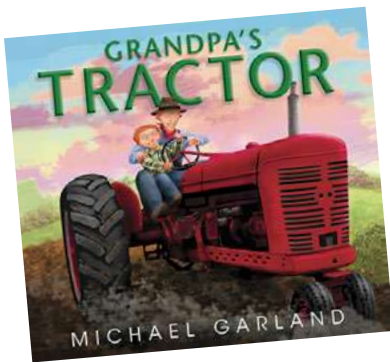
by Michael Garland

“A warm tale of passing the love of the family farm from one generation to the next.” —Kirkus Reviews

In this charming and nostalgia-filled companion to the best-selling picture book *Grandpa's Tractor*, a grandmother shares her fond memories of farm life.

Grandma Ginny and Timmy take a trip to visit the site of the family farm, where the old house and some rickety buildings still stand. Timmy had visited with Grandpa before and learned all about his tractor, but Grandma has her own stories to tell of planting the fields, harvesting the crops, and feeding the animals.

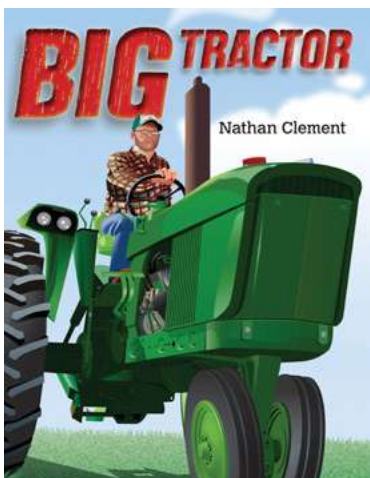
Michael Garland has written and illustrated many books for children, including *Miss Smith and the Haunted Library*, *Ferry Boat*, and *Birds Make Nests*. He lives in Patterson, New York.



Also by Michael Garland:
GRANDPA'S TRACTOR
50,000 copies sold in the U.S.
ON SALE April 1, 2011
TERRITORY: World

ON SALE Oct. 11, 2022
Ages 4–8
32pp
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TERRITORY: World

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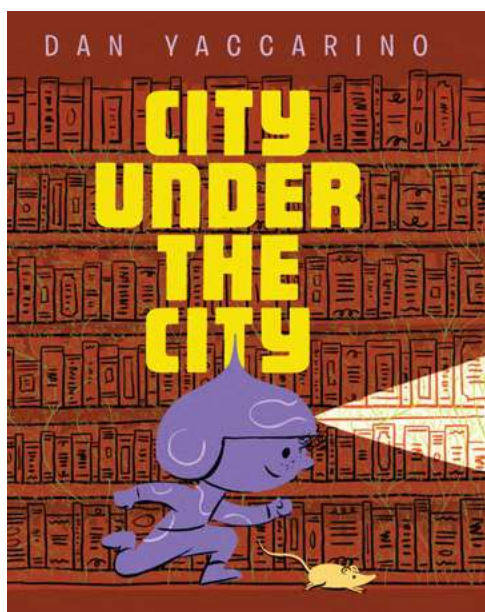
Big Tractor

by Nathan Clement

“Clement is a deity of vehicular lit.” —School Library Journal

This dynamic picture book shows a big tractor from spring to harvest—planting, cultivating, harvesting, and doing other important tasks on a busy farm.

LIFETIME SALES: 18,000
AGES 5–8
32PP
RIGHTS SOLD:
TERRITORY: WORLD



City Under the City

by Dan Yaccarino

Don't miss *The Longest Storm*!
Over 15,000 copies sold



From acclaimed author-illustrator Dan Yaccarino comes an exhilarating adventure—set in a richly imagined alternate future—celebrating autonomy, community, and the power of reading, perfect for fans of *The Rock From the Sky*.

Bix lives with her family in a city where people rarely talk or play together, and no longer read books. Instead, they stare at small portable screens, monitored by giant eyeballs. The Eyes are here to help! With everything. But Bix would like to do things for herself. Running from an Eye, she discovers another world: the City Under the City. There, she befriends a rat who leads her to a library and its treasure trove of books and knowledge. As she explores the abandoned city, she's thrilled to learn about the people who lived there, with no Eyes. But she misses her family, and decides to head home, where, just maybe, she can help defeat the intrusive Eyes—and show her people how to think for themselves and enjoy each other's company. Told through Dan Yaccarino's stunning graphic style, this page-turning picture book/early reader crossover will spark a new appreciation of reading, books, independence, friendship, and family.

A Publishers Weekly Big Indie Book for Fall

101 Great Books for Kids List, Evanston Public Library (IL)

★ “This is heady stuff made enticing to young readers through cartoonish art with comics-style panels and a well-chosen palette. . . . In *City Under the City*, Yaccarino does again what he did so well in *Doug Unplugged* and *Doug Unplugs on the Farm*: comment on the present through the experience of a child of the future.” —*Shelf Awareness*

“Readers should appreciate the parallels between the Eyes and a familiar screen-obsessed surveillance culture, and resonate with Bix's thirst for knowledge and refusal to settle for the status quo.” —*Publishers Weekly*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

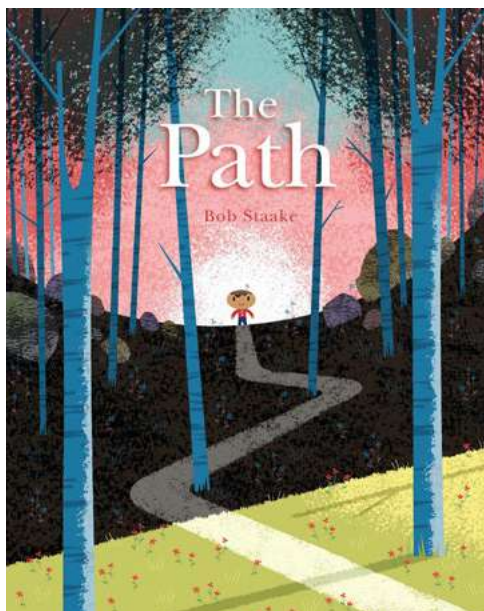
Winner of prestigious awards including the Bologna Ragazzi, The New York Times 10 Best Illustrated, ALA Notable, and the Parents' Choice Award, **Dan Yaccarino** is an internationally acclaimed author-illustrator of many beloved picture books. *The Longest Storm* received 4 stars and was on several Best of Year lists including the *New York Times*, *PW*, and *Kirkus*. Other books include *I Am a Story*, *Five Little Pumpkins*, *Five Little Bunnies*, *Trashy Town*, *Every Friday*, and *Giant Tess*. Dan's books have sold over 2.5 million copies to date. He also created and produced Nickelodeon's *Oswald* and is the character designer behind *The Backyardigans*.

ON SALE; Nov. 15, 2022

Ages 4–8

68pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Korean (DABOM);
Complex Chinese: worldwide excl.
Mainland China incl. HK & Macau
(WordField); Turkish ebook (Kidz-BOO); Spanish (Astronave/Norma)
TERRITORY: World



The Path A Picture Book About Finding Your Own True Way

by **Bob Staake**

Perfect for a new generation of path forgers, this buoyant picture book from an award-winning author and *New Yorker* cover artist is a hip new take on the graduation book.

With a bonus print from Bob Staake inside the jacket.

On this playfully illustrated journey with Bob Staake, children and adults alike will discover an encouraging truth: our path through life is not only challenging and beautiful—it is all our own to discover and invent.

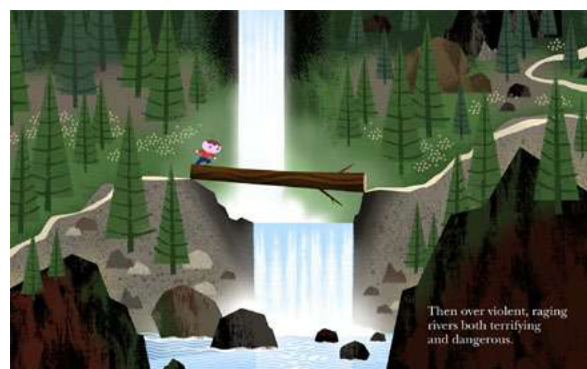
"You will walk. You will walk along a well-worn path that many people have taken—and long before you." So begins this inspirational journey over gentle, grassy hills, through fields of wildflowers, over raging rivers, up steep mountains, and even through a dark, chilly cave. When it splits in two, you will have to decide what to do next—and you'll create a path that's unique to you.

"One of The Best Picture Books of 2022. A story of choice and perseverance. . .an excellent example of why we can never resist a book by Bob Staake." —*Read Brightly*

★ **"An extremely inspiring story about life's twists and turns that will have universal appeal."** —*School Library Journal*, **STARRED** review

A *Tinybeans* Best Children's Book of 2022

"Excellent for discussion of self-discovery, making choices, and increasing self-confidence, this story is useful for both the classroom and for parents supporting growth opportunities." —*Booklist*



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Bob Staake is the author and illustrator of many beloved picture books including *Bluebird* and *Look! A Book!* He is a frequent *New Yorker* cover artist. Staake has authored and/or illustrated over 75 books, including *The Donut Chef*, *Bluebird*, *Bugs Galore*, *Hello Robots*, *Look A Book*, *This Is Not A Pumpkin*, *Pets Go Pop*, and others. *The New York Times* named his book *The Red Lemon* one of the 10 Best Illustrated Books of 2006. Staake's children's books have been translated into over 12 languages around the world. He lives and works in Chatham, Massachusetts in a 200-year-old house on the elbow of Cape Cod.

ON SALE: Apr. 5, 2022

Ages 4–8

32pp

RIGHTS SOLD: French (mineditionFr); German (mineditionAG); Indonesian: Indonesia non-exclusive (Badan Pengembangan); Turkish ebook (KidzBOO)
TERRITORY: World



A 12-book series



by Lewis B. Montgomery
illustrated by Amy Wummer



The Milo & Jazz Mysteries stars two kid detectives-in-training who use STEM problem-solving skills as they race to unravel cases and save the day!

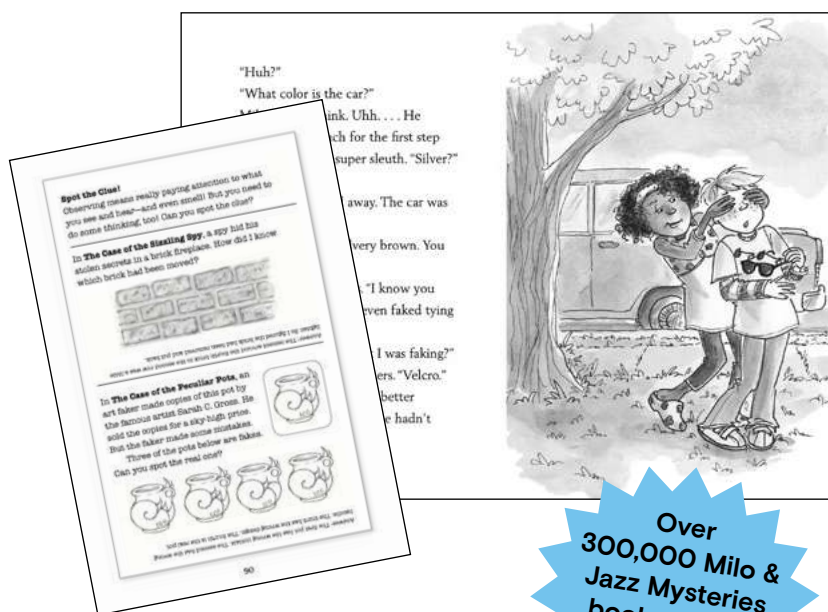
This ideal series for beginning readers making the transition to chapter books has incredible Super Sleuthing activities in each book, including hidden pictures, puzzles, mini-mysteries, and quizzes—plus free online activities in a Detective's Guide.

Problem-solving skills explored in this series include: Observing, Thinking Logically, Drawing Conclusions, Finding Patterns, Working Backward, and more!

★ **Booklist:** "Gets it just right."

Booklist's 100 Best Children's and YA Mysteries of the Past 10 Years

Winner of several Moonbeam Children's Book Awards and Silver Falchion Awards



Over
300,000 Milo &
Jazz Mysteries
books sold in
the U.S.!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lewis B. Montgomery is the pen name of a writer whose favorite authors include CSL, EBW, and LMM. Those initials are a clue—but there's another clue, too. Can you figure out their names? Lewis lives in eastern Pennsylvania and also writes under the pen names Eleanor May and Nan Walker.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Amy Wummer has illustrated more than 50 children's books. Amy and her husband, who is also an artist, live in Pennsylvania.

LIFETIME SALES: OVER 300,000

ON SALE: Jan. 1, 2009

Ages 7–11

96–112pp

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