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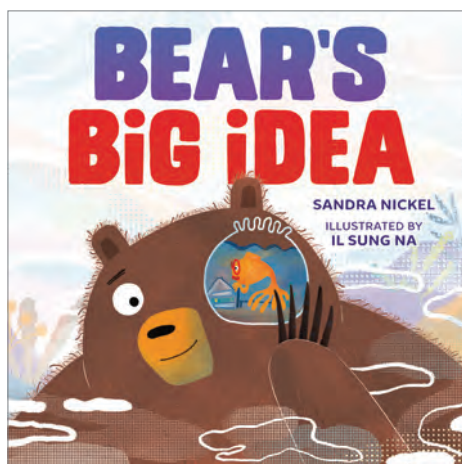




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Bear's Big Idea

Sandra Nickel, illus. Il Sung Na

Fish always has a great idea for what to do! When it's Bear's turn to think of something, she doesn't know where to start. A sweet story of friendship, ingenuity, and a surprisingly epic adventure!

- A charming follow-up to *Big Bear and Little Fish*
- Accessible prose is a great fit for beginning readers
- Incorporates SEL themes, especially self-management, responsible decision-making, and relationship skills

Sandra Nickel is an award-winning author of picture books. She holds an MFA from Vermont College of Fine Arts and has presented workshops on writing for children throughout Europe and the United States. She is based in Switzerland.

Il Sung Na was born in Seoul, South Korea. He holds an MFA in Illustration Practice at Maryland Institute College of Art and has illustrated more than a dozen picture books. Based in Kansas City, Il Sung teaches at Kansas City Art Institute.

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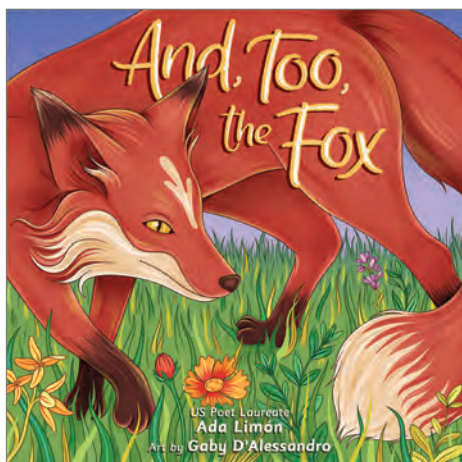
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And, Too, the Fox

Ada Limón, illus. Gaby D'Alessandro

Comes with its streak of red

flashing across the lawn,

squirrel bound and bouncing...

US Poet Laureate Ada Limón has a keen eye for the natural world. This poem pulses with the joyful energy of a fox bounding through backyards, piecing together a living in his own way. Paired with lush illustrations by Gaby D'Alessandro, this picture book brings Limón's work to a new generation.

- Ada Limón is the US Poet Laureate until April 2025 and was named a 2023 MacArthur Fellow
- *And, Too, the Fox* is a picture book adaptation of Limón's poem which originally appeared in her poetry collection *The Hurting Kind* (Milkweed Editions)

Ada Limón is the author of six books of poetry, including *The Carrying*, which won the *National Book Critics Circle Award for Poetry*. She is the 24th Poet Laureate of the United States and the recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship. She lives in both Kentucky and California.

Gaby D'Alessandro is a Dominican illustrator based in NYC. Gaby's work has been recognized by Communication Arts, The Society of Illustrators, 3x3, American Illustration, and Latin American Ilustración. Her illustrated books include *And, Too, the Fox*; *The Cot in the Living Room*; and *Stolen Science*.

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Emilia's Corte

Juleesa Espinoza; Veronica Castillo
illus. Juleesa Espinoza

Through a hand-me-down traditional Mayan skirt, Emilia takes flight and sees her neighborhood in a new way, embracing her Guatemalan culture and letting her personality shine through her shyness.

- #OwnVoices author and illustrator
- Explores Guatemalan and Latinx folklore

Veronica Castillo was born in Guatemala City, Guatemala and immigrated to the US at the age of five. Besides writing, Veronica embraces the art her hometown of Chicago offers.

Juleesa Espinoza is a Latina illustrator of Guatemalan heritage from Chicagoland. Juleesa loves working with traditional materials and digital techniques and hopes to inspire young readers and artists for generations.

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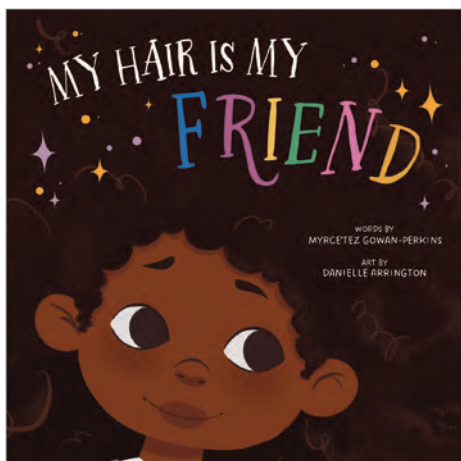
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My Hair Is My Friend

Myrce'tez Gowan-Perkins, illus. Danielle Arrington

After Cali realizes that her natural hair doesn't listen to a thing she says, she decides to take her older sister's approach to treat her hair like a friend with kindness, love, and care.

- Promotes hair expression, self-confidence, and individuality
- #OwnVoices author and illustrator
- Heartwarming sister story

Myrce'tez Gowan-Perkins was born and raised in Waco, Texas. She finds joy in expression through creative writing, including themes of love, family, and healing while showcasing her African heritage.

Danielle Arrington is an illustrator and designer who enjoys creating diverse characters, something she didn't see enough of growing up. Her art features soft colors, textures, and positive vibes.

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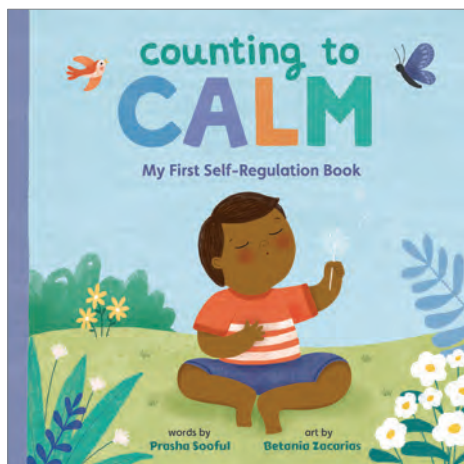
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My First Board Books

Ceece Kelley, illus. Betania Zacarias

My First Board Books introduce topics that empower and nurture the development of the whole child, such as body positivity and self-regulation. These action-packed books make for a prominent addition to a young child's library.

- Accessible approach to primary concepts
- Body positivity and self-regulation concepts tailored to young children
- Features BIPOC characters and characters with disabilities

Ceece Kelley had an active imagination growing up. Now she enjoys bringing her literary visions to life and into the hands of readers as an author. Her hometown is Fairfax, VA.

Betania Zacarias lives in Barcelona with her partner and two curious, imaginative boys who are her infinite source of inspiration. She works between many papers, acrylic paints, pencils, and scissors.

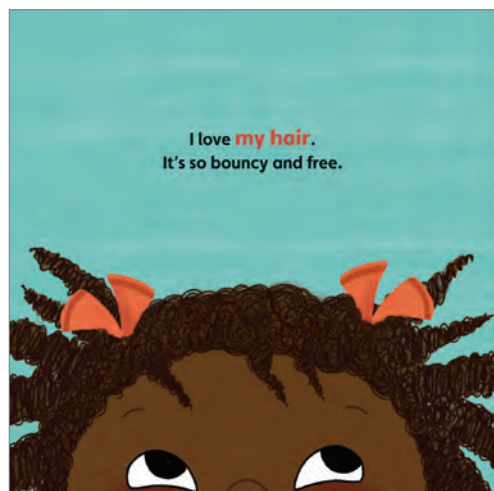
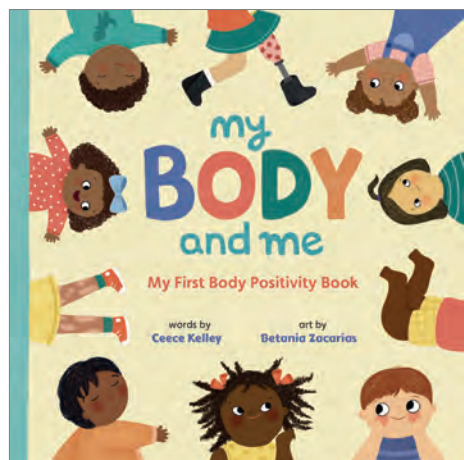
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Dino Board Books

Lisa Wheeler, illus. Barry Gott

There's tons of dino-fun for everyone as dinosaur friends and family gather together to celebrate their favorite holidays!

- Bouncy rhyme appeals to babies and toddlers
- Bright illustrations feature dinosaurs celebrating Thanksgiving and Hanukkah traditions

Lisa Wheeler is the award-winning author of the **Dino-Sports** and **Dino-Holidays** books. When she isn't running around the country visiting schools, standing at podiums, and eating airport snacks, she resides in Michigan.

Barry Gott lives in Ohio and has illustrated many children's books, including all of the **Dino-Sports** and **Dino-Holidays** books.

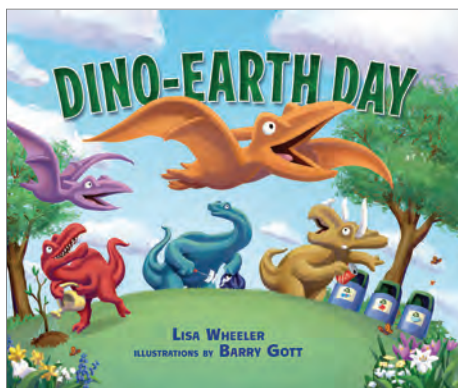
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Dino-Earth Day

Lisa Wheeler, illus. Barry Gott

What do dinosaurs do on Earth Day? They care for the planet! They ride bikes and scooters, clean up a park, plant an urban garden, visit a recycling center, and more.

- Colorful art with lots of details for readers to pore over
- Next up is *Dino-Birthday* in Spring 2025

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Touch the Sky

Stephanie V. W. Lucianovic, illus. Chris Park

Both heartfelt and hilarious, this picture book captures the unforgettable moment when a child learns how to pump on a swing. It's a story for every kid on the cusp of learning something new.

- Extremely relatable storyline for both kids and parents
- Young readers will soar right along with a young boy as he finally learns to pump on a swing!

Stephanie V.W. Lucianovic writes books in the San Francisco Bay Area surrounded by a few kids, a few cats, and one husband. Her work includes *The End of Something Wonderful*, *Hello Star*, and *The League of Picky Eaters*.

Chris Park has been a professional illustrator for over twelve years. He co-authored and illustrated his the picture books *Little Sock* and *Little Sock Makes a Friend* with his wife Kia. Chris lives in Minnesota with his wife and two sons.

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More Than You Imagine

Thelia Hutchinson, illus. Adriana Predoi

More than you imagine, I want the best for you. I'll always be beside you in everything you do.

A parent's unconditional love and support helps build a strong foundation for a child.

- Features diverse family structures
- Affirming and empowering message from parent to child

Thelia Hutchinson was born in Jamaica and raised in the Bronx, New York. Sis a registered nurse, mom, and debut author who discovered her love of writing from a poetry assignment.

Adriana Predoi grew up in Romania. After earning a B.A. in Fine Art, she started working as a freelance illustrator. Adriana's style is whimsical with a touch of magic.

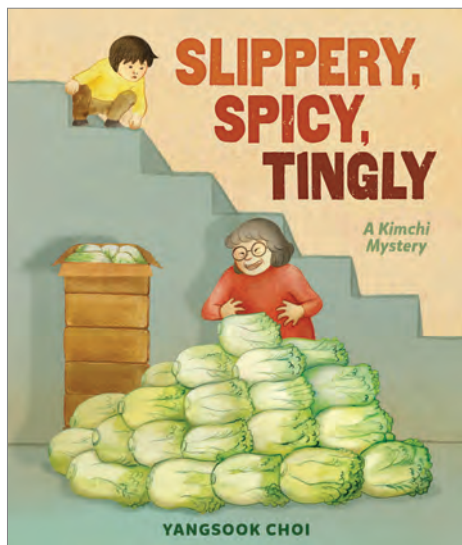
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Slippery, Spicy, Tingly

A Kimchi Mystery

Yangsook Choi

Keo loves kimchi! And he loves his halmoni! When his grandmother visits and digs a big hole in the backyard, Keo isn't sure what's happening. A story with heart, humor, and lots of cabbage!

- Inspired by Yangsook Choi's childhood memories of her halmoni making kimchi the traditional way in Korea
- An #ownvoices, intergenerational story
- Kimjang, the practice of making winter kimchi, has been named an Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO

Yangsook Choi grew up in Korea and moved to New York to study art. She has written and illustrated many books, earning several awards including a *NYT Outstanding Book of the Year*, an *ALA Notable Book*, and an *International Reading Association's Children's Book Award*. She currently resides in Seoul.

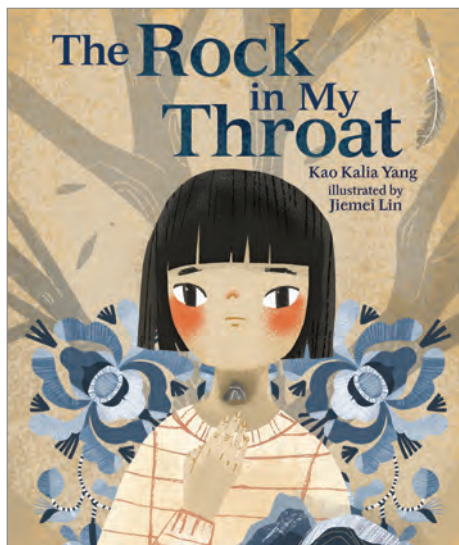
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The Rock in My Throat

Kao Kalia Yang, illus. Jiemei Lin

In this moving true story, Kao Kalia Yang shares her experiences as a Hmong refugee child navigating life at home and school in America while carrying the weight of her selective mutism.

- A mirror for children experiencing selective mutism and a window book for other children
- Stunning illustrations by Jiemei Lin, in her debut picture book

★ *"A heartfelt story that teaches children about diversity and reflects difficulties with being different, understood, and accepted."*

— starred, **Booklist**

Kao Kalia Yang lives in St. Paul, Minnesota, and is the author of the award-winning books *From the Tops of the Trees* and *The Song Poet*. Yang is a graduate of Carleton College and Columbia University's School of the Arts.

Jiemei Lin is an artist born in Hangzhou, China, currently living and working in the Inland Northwest, Washington State. Lin works with both digital media and traditional media to create paintings, murals, and illustrations.

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Once Upon a Diwali

Anita Mishra, illus. Diah Chakraborty

Riya loves Diwali for the tasty treats but not the darkness and loud fireworks. Can Riya be brave and find a way to celebrate Diwali with her family without being scared?

- Spotlights food from the country and culture being celebrated
- #OwnVoices author and illustrator
- Incorporates South Asian folklore

Anita Mishra was born in India, experiencing the diverse culture and traditions celebrated. As a kindergarten teacher, Anita is passionate about writing stories to entertain children and spark their imagination.

Diah Chakraborty calls charming Assam, India, home. Diah paints vivid scenes bursting with colors and takes inspiration from childhood innocence, whimsical fantasies, and the comforting nostalgia that warms the soul.

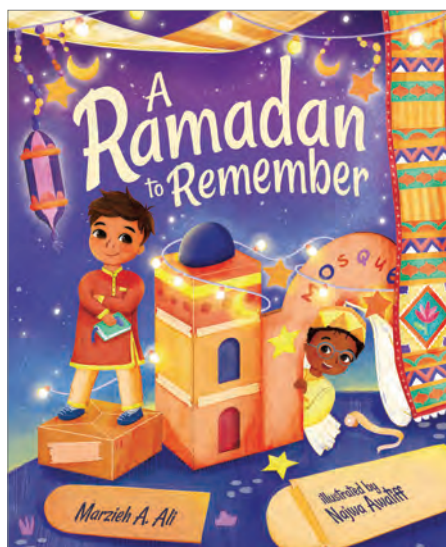
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A Ramadan to Remember

Marzieh A. Ali, illus. Najwa Awatiff

Ramadan is almost here! It's Zain's favorite time of the year. Well, it usually is. After a recent move, will Zain find a new Muslim friend to celebrate with him?

- #OwnVoices author and illustrator
- Includes cultural back matter and a hands-on craft

★ *"This lovely picture book shares the specifics of the Ramadan holiday with readers of all backgrounds, while illustrating the very real emotions of one boy who feels alienated from his peers. . . . [A] heartfelt and detailed book to share with all children."*

— starred, **School Library Journal**

Marzieh A. Ali is a baker-turned-author. She loves adding magic to her creations, including the books she writes for children. Marzieh lives in Pakistan with her husband and children.

Najwa Awatiff is an architect-turned-illustrator and lives with her husband and three young children in Malaysia. Najwa loves to inject nature and architectural features into her illustrations.

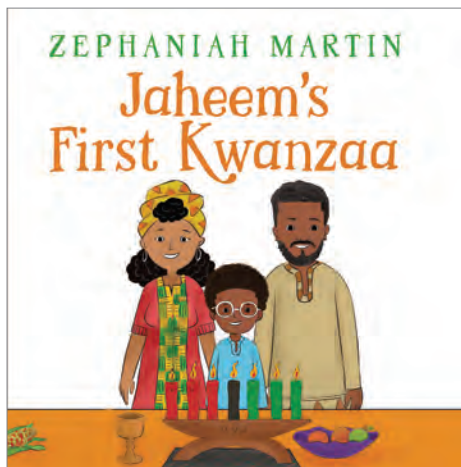
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Jaheem's First Kwanzaa

Zephaniah Tootie Kiflu Martin, illus. Bilal Karaca

Jaheem learns the importance of honoring his cultural roots. He is introduced to Kwanzaa as a family tradition, when African American families gather together to celebrate their culture and heritage.

- An introduction to the history of Kwanzaa

Zephaniah Tootie Kiflu Martin enjoys storytelling, reading, writing, and discovering new information. He also has a love of music, sports, and spending time with family. He enjoys traveling and exploring new places.

Bilal Karaca graduated from the Traditional Turkish Arts Department, Fine Arts Faculty of Selçuk University. He has illustrated various children's books and magazines.

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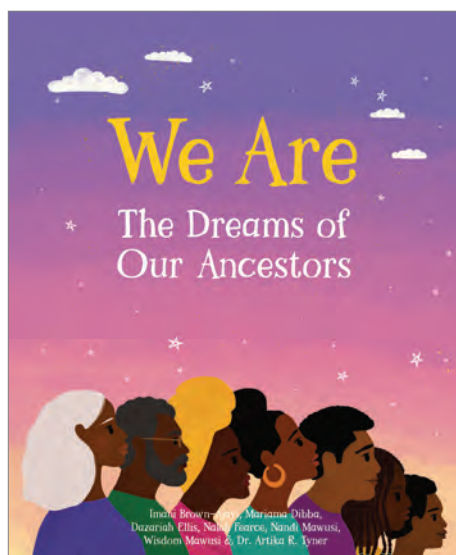
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We Are the Dreams of Our Ancestors

Various

We are the hopes and dreams of our ancestors. We are unstoppable! Through vibrant illustrations and rhythmic language, this enchanting book celebrates different cultures and teaches children the values of kindness, fairness, and community.

- Encourages children to affirm their identity and culture
- Promotes diversity and community-building

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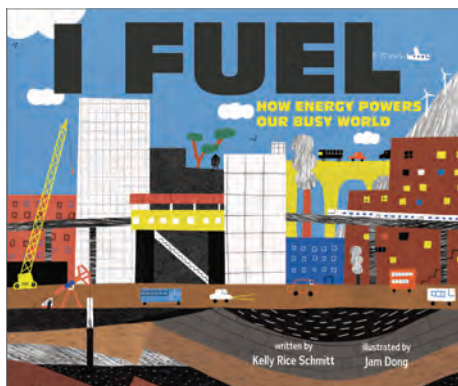
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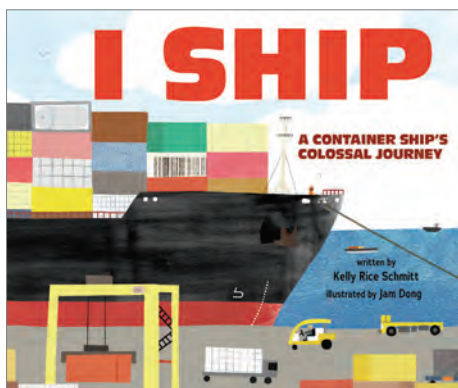
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Also available



I Fuel

How We Power Our Busy World

Kelly Rice Schmitt, illus. Jam Dong

Wham! Whirr! Whoosh! Drillers bore into rock, and oil gushes out. See where fuel comes from and how we use it, and check out sources of renewable energy. A fun and fact-filled look at fuel!

- From the author-illustrator team behind *I Ship*
- An engaging and accessible look at where fuel comes from and the many ways we use it in the modern world
- Back matter includes facts about crude oil, fossil fuels, and alternative energy; tips for reducing energy usage; and suggested further reading

Kelly Rice Schmitt is an author of STEAM children's literature and is an advocate for girls in STEM, business, and other fields with gender gaps. She lives in North Carolina with her husband and young children.

Jam Dong was born in Shanghai, China. She has an MA degree of Moving Image at University of Arts London and graduated from MFA Illustration Practice of Maryland Institute College of Art in 2021. She is a freelance illustrator based in Boston, Massachusetts.

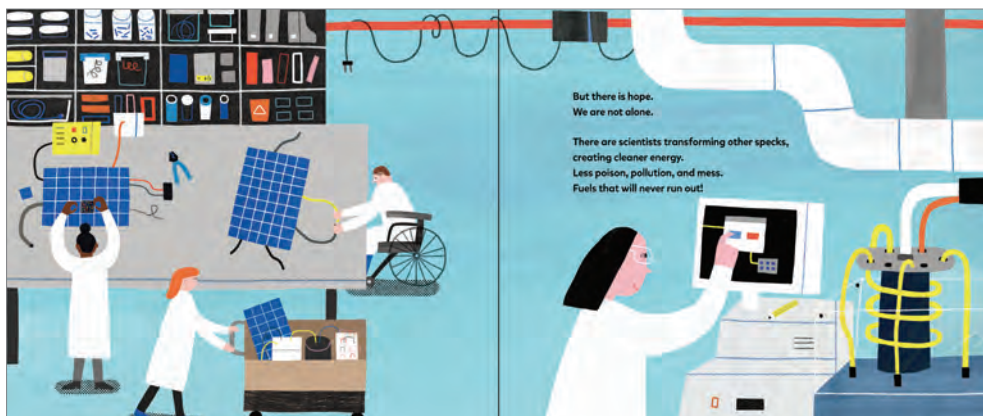
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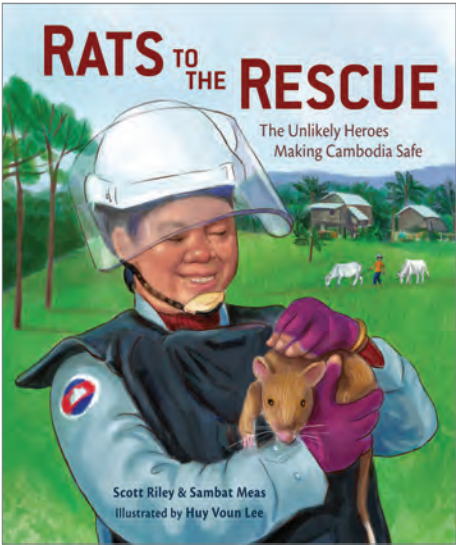
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Rats to the Rescue

The Unlikely Heroes Making Cambodia Safe

Scott Riley; Sambat Meas, illus. Huy Voun Lee

Heroes come in all shapes, sizes, and species! Discover how human deminers are working with specially trained HeroRATs to locate land mines and make Cambodia safe for everyone.

- A compelling true story thoroughly and accurately researched
- Focuses on hope and helpers as well as creative problem-solving

Scott Riley is a teacher and children's book author. His debut picture book *The Floating Field* has won multiple awards including the Texas Topaz Nonfiction Reading List, Chicago Public Library Best of the Best Books, and the Freeman Book Award. He lives in Singapore with his family.

As a child growing up in Cambodia, **Sambat Meas** could see that the deminers working to clear the country of landmines were heroes. He now works with Anti-Personnel Landmines Detection Product Development (APOPO) to help make Cambodia a safer place for everyone.

Huy Voun Lee came to the United States with her family at the age of six as a Cambodian refugee. A graduate of the School of Visual Arts, Huy is the author and illustrator of several picture books. She lives with her husband in New York City.

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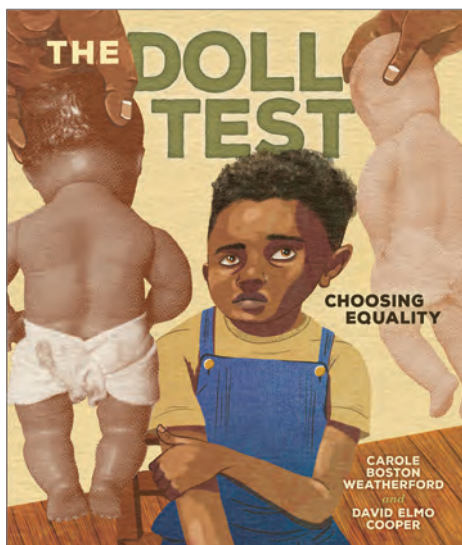
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The Doll Test

Choosing Equality

Carole Boston Weatherford, illus. David Elmo Cooper

Narrated by dolls, this book tells the little-known story of two Black psychologists who used Black and white dolls in their research about the effects of school segregation on children.

- Highlights a little-known story from the Civil Rights Movement
- The first recounting of this pivotal psychological research in picture book form
- From award-winning author Carole Boston Weatherford

Carole Boston Weatherford is the award-winning author of numerous children's books. When she's not traveling or visiting museums, Carole is mining the past for family stories, fading traditions, and forgotten struggles. She lives in North Carolina.

David Cooper is a multi-media artist and muralist based in Brooklyn, New York. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Society of Publications Designers (SPD). His illustrated work includes the NYT best-selling book *Marcus Makes a Move* by actor Kevin Hart.

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The Mistakes That Made Us

Confessions from Twenty Poets

Irene Latham; Charles Waters, illus. Mercè López

Whoops! Ack! Darn it! Twenty brave poets share real-life blunders they made as young people. With a range of mistakes and a diverse group of poets, this anthology speaks to a wide audience.

- Poetry anthology with a strong SEL component
- Poems all describe experiences the poets had in their youth
- Perfect for fans of *Can I Touch Your Hair?* and *Dictionary for a Better World*

Charles Waters is a children's poet, actor, and author. Charles conducts poetry performance workshops for elementary and middle school audiences across the nation. He lives in Georgia.

Irene Latham is the author of more than a dozen works of poetry, fiction, and picture books, including *Can I Touch Your Hair?* (co-written with Charles Waters). She lives in Alabama with her family.

Mercè López is an artist and illustrator who lives in Barcelona, Spain. Her illustrated work includes *I Am Smoke* and *Big Problems Little Problems*.

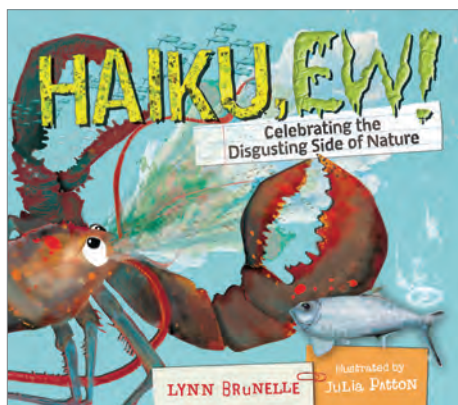
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Haiku, Ew!

Celebrating the Disgusting Side of Nature

Lynn Brunelle, illus. Julia Patton

These gross and engrossing haiku highlight thirteen animals (and a few fungi) and the exceptionally icky things they do! Accompanied by bonus facts that will delight—and disgust—readers of all ages.

- Combines gross-out kid appeal with great science info
- Packed with information that will surprise kids and adults alike

Lynn Brunelle is a four-time Emmy Award-winning writer for the television series *Bill Nye the Science Guy*, with over twenty-five years of writing experience and over forty published titles. She is based in Washington.

Julia Patton is an award-winning author and illustrator who works from a rustic woodshed in the wilds of rural Northumberland, UK. Her work includes *The Very Very Long Dog* and *Snail Mail*.

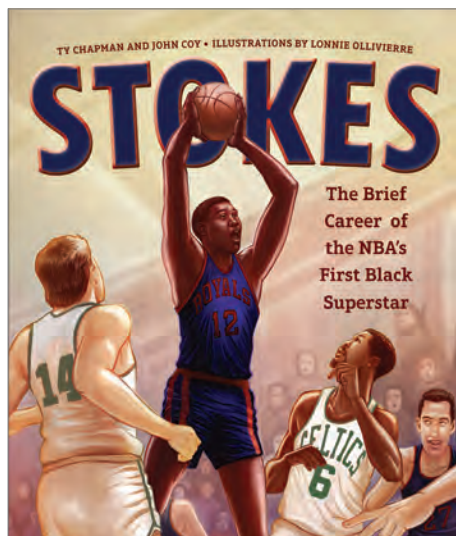
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Stokes

The Brief Career of the NBA's First Black Superstar

John Coy; Ty Chapman, illus. Lonnie Ollivierre

Maurice Stokes was 6'7" and could play offense and defense like no one else his size in the NBA in 1958. After he experienced a career-ending injury during a game, other players rallied to support Stokes.

- The first-ever children's book about Stokes, a pioneering Black basketball player
- Lots of appeal for kids who love sports

John Coy is the author of the picture books *Strong to the Hoop*, *Around the World*, *Hoop Genius*, *Game Changer*, and *Their Great Gift*. He lives in Minneapolis.

Ty Chapman is the author of multiple children's books and a forthcoming poetry collection. Ty was recently named a Loft Literary Center Mirrors & Windows fellow and Mentor Series fellow. He lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Lonnie Ollivierre is an artist and illustrator based in Georgia. His illustrated work includes the picture book *A-Train Allen* by Lesley Young, which was the inaugural Own Voices, Own Stories Grand Prize Winner.

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How Ma Mon Luk Found Love, Riches, and the Perfect Bowl of Soup

Jacqueline Chio-Lauri, illus. Kristin Sorra

The true story of an intrepid young man, Ma Mon Luk, who leaves China for the Philippines, desperate to earn a living—and the approval of the parents of the woman he loves.

- A heartwarming true story with fictionalized dialogue
- Touches on a wide range of themes including immigration, creativity, persistence, and love
- Back matter includes a recipe for Mami soup

Jacqueline Chio Lauri is a writer, anthologist, and editor. Her work includes *The New Filipino Kitchen: Stories and Recipes from around the Globe*, and articles on global media sites, such as Huffington Post and Epicurious. She currently resides in Manchester, England.

Kristin Sorra is an award-winning children's book illustrator. After earning her degree in Illustration from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY, Kristin co-owned a digital coloring house that catered to comic book publishers. She lives in New York's Hudson Valley with her family.

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Make a Little Wave

Kerry O'Malley Cerra

When shy Savannah discovers her friend's family is involved in inhumanely killing endangered sharks for profit, she forces herself out of her comfort zone to stand up for the sharks.

- Deaf representation: Sav has cochlear implants that allow her to hear after a lifetime of progressive hearing loss
- Non-heavy-handed exploration of youth activism in the age of social media (and of climate crises)

Kerry O'Malley Cerra is the author of *Hear Me* and the award-winning middle-grade novel *Just a Drop of Water*. She holds a degree in social science education and currently works as a high school media specialist. She lives in Florida with her family and two rescue dogs.

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Chapter 9

I'm getting bashed on Click'd. Grant deleted my comment about him and Tanner killing the shark—and claims I'm actually the one who did it.

Thanks to Grant, Tanner, the Markells, and the finners in the documentary, my insides feel like the volcano I made in fifth grade—vinegar and baking soda mashing together and fizzing in my belly before the explosion.

I screencap a photo of a finned shark. It's graphic. And gross. And sad. But it's also real. I type, *Truth. Fins out while shark was alive. Can you believe it? Who's angry? Besides me? Help stop this. Meeting. Seahorse Café. Wednesday 4.*

I add some hashtags, including Arbor's name, and tag her at the end of my post. Now that she's popular, I'm hoping that'll help me get more followers. And I hope Tanner will see the photo and

realize how awful finning is.

I hit Post and scroll through my feed. I've followed as many pro-shark accounts as I could find: Shark Allies, the Shark Conservancy of Florida, and the Coalition for Sharks. That last one just posted to thank people for showing up to their meeting in Fort Lauderdale. Looks like they're local. Do they know about the shark finning stuff?

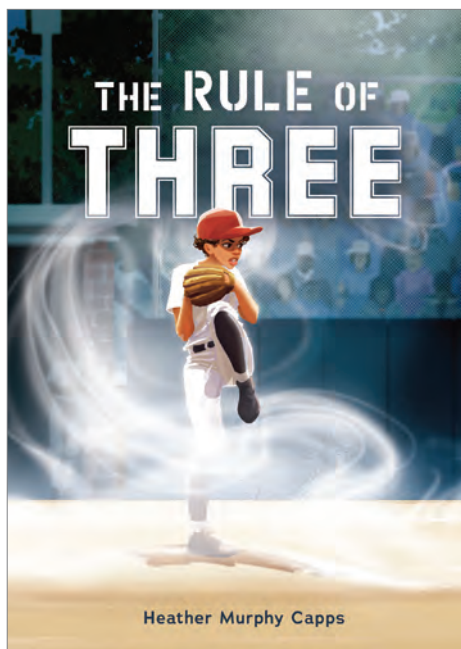
I send them a note about the Salt House. Maybe we can team up and fight for the sharks together.

When I call, Maisy's on her way to a pool party for Jason, a boy in our class. Or *her* class, I guess. Too bad it's not still mine.

"Sorry, Sav," she says once I've given her a mini-update. "I hope you never have to talk to Tanner again."

"That's my plan. Unless, of course, he decides to see things my way. If not, he's still gonna hear from me, but we definitely won't be hanging out."

"Go, you!" She high-fives me on the screen before turning her phone so I can see that her car's pulling up at Jason's house. "Talk to you later?"



The Rule of Three

Heather Murphy Capps

As a biracial kid in a mostly white town, Wyatt feels like an outsider everywhere except the baseball field. But when travel team tryouts get tense, mysterious wisps of smoke surround him. Can he discover the cause of—and learn to control—this unusual stress reaction?

- Authentic portrayal of a biracial character, written by a biracial author
- Incorporates a touch of magic, filtering weighty topics through a distinctive lens
- Sensitive and accessibly explores racial discrimination as well as intergenerational trauma and healing

Heather Murphy Capps writes about history, social justice, science, and magic. She is a mother of two, an Army wife, and an education equity activist. As a biracial author, she's passionate about creating more diversity in publishing. Her debut novel, *Indigo and Ida*, was published by Lerner in 2023.

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CHAPTER FOUR THREE LEVELS

I was tardy to my next class. The extreme ups and downs of this day were getting to me, and I just needed a minute.

You'd think by now my (brown) skin would be thick enough for me to brush off aggravations like the restroom incident. But the drip-drip-drip of daily, weekly, monthly hassling never got easier to flick off my shoulder, and for some reason the last twenty-four hours had felt like a Dump-On-Wyatt marathon.

A long time ago, I had come up with a system for reacting to people who stressed me out.

Level One (most common): Someone said something not-cool about me or my parents, and I pretended to laugh it off even though my lungs felt like they were burning. Eventually my breath came more easily, and no one ever saw how I really felt. People don't like a whiner or someone who's too sensitive.

Especially when that someone is biracial with dark skin and blue eyes, which is apparently confusing.

Level Two (fairly common): Someone said something not-cool, and I pretended to laugh it off, but the burning-lung feeling didn't go away, and I ended up taking it out on someone else. Like, maybe I'd yell at Ruby even when she hadn't done anything. Or, until lately, I'd pound on my drums until someone told me to stop.

Level Three (never happened): Someone said or did something not-cool and I didn't laugh it off because my feelings were too big to stuff inside. I had no idea what would happen if I couldn't just "lighten up" or "not take it personal," and I was hoping I would never have to find out.

But,

Today had already reached both Level One and Level Two in just a few hours.

After listening to absolutely nothing my Algebra and Spanish teachers had to say, I went to meet Dallas for lunch. As I approached our spot, I squinted at my locker door. It looked like there was something stuck to it. Dallas usually pushed her notes all the way through the vents into the locker, so it wasn't from her. This was probably one of the random theater or



One Year, One Night (2nd Edition)

S. L. Roman, illus. Kevin Hopgood

Annie returns to her home village after a long absence and rediscovers the diary she kept the year she turned 16, the year that changed her life. Based on a true event in England during World War II.

- Based on real-life events
- For fans of Jojo Moyes' *Me Before You*
- Includes a note explaining historical context
- Originally published in the UK, this edition has been substantially revised with new illustrations and back matter

S.L. Roman is a pseudonym for Laura Meloni and Sarah Onions. With surnames of Meloni and Onions, they thought they sounded more like a vegetable market, so they came up with S.L. Roman (in homage to Laura's native city, Rome). Both have been teachers at the high school level.

Kevin Hopgood is a children's illustrator and comic book artist. Past clients include Marvel comics, Oxford University Press, Barrington Stoke, and Franklin Watts.

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Anyway, they threw the cricket ball back and forth to each other all morning in the garden. Unfortunately sometimes they would step on Doug who was chasing the ball as well. We could hear Auntie Betty shrieking in the background in defense of her mutt. I spied on them a little bit and, surprise, I heard Ben chatting.



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"I wish I'd had a brother like you, instead of Suzie."

"Funny name for a lad."

"No, silly, Suzie's my half-sister."

"Lucky you, I have a whole one."

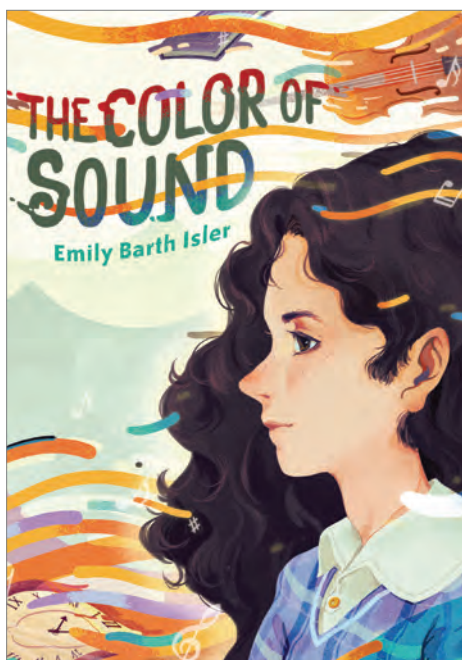
Ben giggled at that and said "yes but she's much nicer than Suzie."

When they came in for lunch, a small slice of bread spread with margarine. (Ugh!) Ben's cheeks were pink and so were Robert's.

All in all it has been a nice Sunday, except for the margarine, the shortage of meat and (for me) Remy's absence. But, as everybody including people on the wireless keep saying "We mustn't grumble."

We were all aware that we had a new person in the house and, in our different ways we were trying to help him. He was shy and physically on the small side and there was something about him that worried me. It was as if he carried a shadow. But he was thrilled to be in my brother Robert's company and looked at him with adoring eyes.

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The Color of Sound

Emily Barth Isler

Musical prodigy Rosie stops playing the violin, upsetting her ambitious mother but making room in her life for new experiences, including a glitch in space-time that lets her meet her mom as a twelve-year-old.

- A unique spin on a time-travel story, with a focus on intergenerational trauma and connection
- A rare depiction of synesthesia (in which the brain associates one sense with another, such as perceiving sound as having colors), a condition that the author also has

★ *"A perfect book club pick and a reminder to all that patience and understanding can change lives."*

— starred, *School Library Journal*

Emily Barth Isler is an essay and children's book author. Her middle grade novel, *AfterMath*, won the Mathical Books for Kids from Tots to Teens. She lives in Los Angeles, California, with her husband and their two kids.

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Cruzita and the Mariacheros

Ashley Granillo

Cruzita wants to be a pop star. She doesn't want to take mariachi lessons—until she and her fellow mariacheros come up with a plan to save her family's struggling bakery and to let Cruzita shine.

- Lighthearted, humorous, yet honest exploration of complex family dynamics
- Mexican American protagonist and Mexican American author

Ashley Granillo is a Mexican-American writer based in Los Angeles. She volunteers as a local artist judge for the annual Sidewalk Poetry Project, reads fiction submissions for *The Coachella Review*, and teaches as an associate professor of English. *Cruzita and the Mariacheros* is her debut novel.

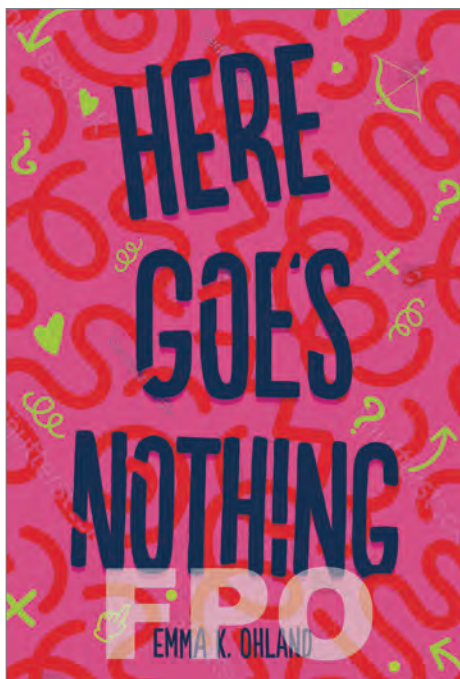
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Here Goes Nothing

Emma K. Ohland

Eighteen-year-old Beatrice isn't a fan of her neighbor Bennie, but when Beatrice's sister starts dating Bennie's friend and throws them into frequent contact, Beatrice must wrestle with complicated feelings and questions about her identity.

- A modern retelling of *Much Ado about Nothing*, featuring an enemies-to-lovers arc, one of the most popular rom com tropes in the YA market
- As much a story about family and identity as it is a love story
- Shakespeare retellings, remixes, and modernizations remain popular

Emma K. Ohland (she/they) is an author based in Texas. She earned her B.A. in English Literature from Purdue University, but she has been telling stories since childhood. Her debut novel, *Funeral Girl*, was published by Lerner in 2022.

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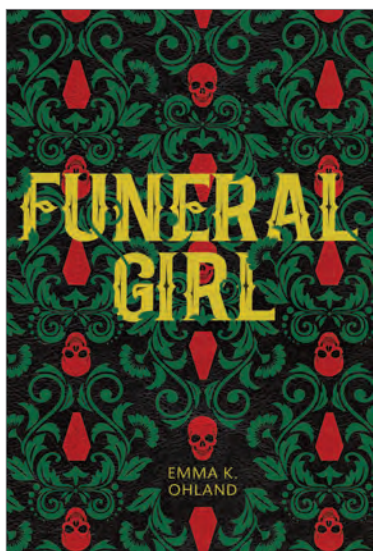
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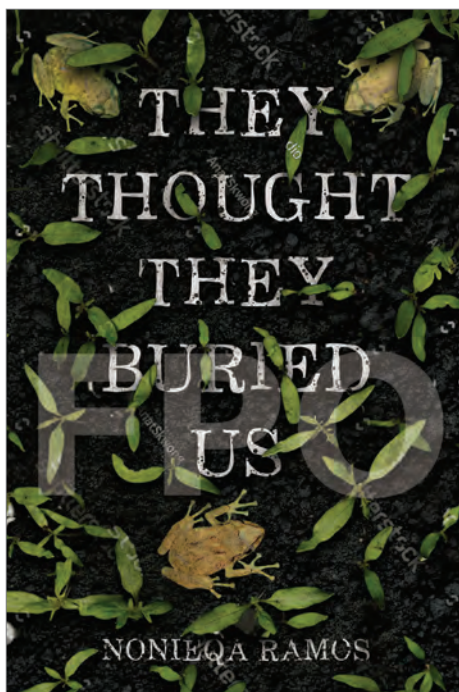
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Praise for Funeral Girl

"[G]ive Ohland's first novel high marks for its unusual premise and vivid characterization of its imperfect protagonist."

— **Booklist**



They Thought They Buried Us

NoNieqa Ramos

Horror movie fan Yuiza gets a scholarship to a prestigious boarding school that isn't what it seems. Yuiza must uncover the school's sinister secrets and try to get out alive.

- *American Horror Story* meets *Get Out* meets *Level 16*
- A propulsive yet intimate read
- Part horror, part mystery, part coming of age story

Author, educator, and bat apprentice, **NoNieqa Ramos** loves kids, books, and underdogs. Their work includes the YA novel *The Disturbed Girl's Dictionary*, and picture books *Your Mama* and *Hair Story*.

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INTERIOR. DAY. THE BOOGIE-DOWN BRONX.
SPECIFICALLY, BARNEY'S BUMP-O-RAMA.

In the closing scene of my horror movie, there was no question who was to blame.

BARNEY, the owner of the trampoline park and “ninja” warrior course that had briefly served as our filming location, escorted us to the front counter, using a walkie-talkie to reassure staff, “The problem has been contained.”

CLOSEUP on me, **YUIZA**, in the cutoff movie-promo T-shirt and the parakeet-green-and-white-lined swimming shorts, white plastic sunglasses slip-sliding on sweat to the bridge of my nose. **PAN** to my bestie **QUETZAL**, shaking her head full of booty-length beaded braids and motorboating her lips in exasperation—whether at me or at Barney, I couldn’t tell. To **ROSARIO**, my little prima, dancing in the reflections of Q’s blue crystal hair beads.

Barney sashayed behind the counter and moved the bin with our shoes out of reach. Well played, Barney, well played. “Are there any more of your ‘cast’ on the premises?”

I pushed back my sunglasses. “It’s just us. Look, you’re missing out on a golden opportunity. One day, we’ll be interviewed on *Entertainment Tonight* about the start of our film production company, and they’ll ask us where it all began. And we’ll say—”

“You three? Being interviewed on *ET*? Maybe on *America’s Scariest People*.” Grabbing a ringing phone, he motioned to the snack bar. “I still have to assess the damage. Have a seat at Thirties.”

We planted ourselves on the swivel seats at the snack bar, and Rosario started spinning herself silly.

Our budget being in the red, we didn’t have enough cash to buy an actual snack, so Q pulled the retractable knife out of her heart and handed it to Rosario. Rosario licked the sweet fake blood off it like it was a drippy piragua, then skipped off to the prize counter.

The damage to which Barney referred? Blood splattered all over the ball pit, a portion of which was made of cocoa powder, powdered sugar, water, and food coloring, and a portion of which was from Q’s bloody lip because Rosario gets hyped in any role she plays.

We’d chosen Barney’s for our shoot of my latest script, *Revenge Baddie*. Partly because of the free air conditioning on one of the hottest summers on record. And partly because we needed built-in entertainment for Rosario while **TIA OF THE MANY HUSBANDS** had to “set the record straight” with Husband Number Three, **TIA RIGHT AND PROPER** had to teach her hot yoga class, and **TIA HUSTLER** had to hustle.

Q had cautioned me about all the dirty shots we’d have to edit. I’d countered, what better backdrop for bloodshed than a warehouse full of obstacle courses like the Sky Joust and the Warped Wall? The DJ for the trampoline park provided free lighting, smoke, and music: Cypress Hill’s “Jump Around,” por supuesto. Classic. And when we timed it right, we had a hundred unpaid extras screaming and running in all directions.



Eyes Open

Lyn Miller-Lachmann

Living under the Salazar dictatorship in 1960s Portugal, Sónia must find her voice as a poet and an activist after the government arrests her boyfriend and shuts down her family's business.

- *Torch*, Lyn's previous novel with Lerner, won the *LA Times* Book Prize for Young Adult Literature
- Thoroughly researched and immersive historical fiction with resonance for our own times

Lyn Miller-Lachmann is an author, educator, and editor. Fluent in Spanish, Portuguese, and English, Lyn enjoys traveling to new places. She lives part-time in New York City and Lisbon, Portugal.

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★ *"Beautifully and fluidly written, Miller-Lachmann's memorable verse novel captures the setting splendidly, dramatizing the abysmal condition of women under the dictatorship."*

— starred, **Booklist**

Free Verse

I don't have time
to rhyme.

My cousin's wife is
pregnant, pale and queasy.

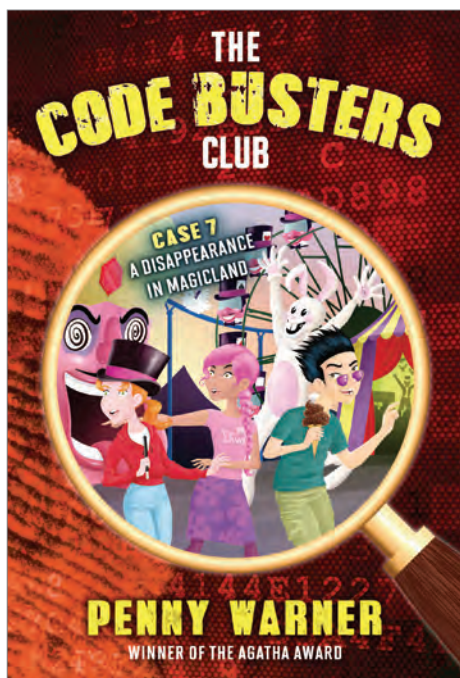
No one wants their waitress
dropping her tray and dashing to
the toilet, hand over mouth.

Now I race from school, steal time
from homework and friends to
cover her shifts at the
fado restaurant my family has owned
for three generations—three
generations
of our most beloved singers
in photos on the wall
the aroma of fried fish

deep in wood and plaster
(my pai's the chef, so that's his part)
floors worn down by shoes of
neighbors, tourists, musicians—fadistas all.

The mournful
strains of guitarra
and violão weave into my verses
notes floating in the stuffy air
of our classroom
into the sacred space
of my mind.

Sacred because God has given me
the power to think
to question
to dream.



The Code Busters Club

Penny Warner

Meet the super sleuths known as The Code Busters Club. They crack the toughest of codes! Each book complements STEM instruction as readers use mathematical and critical-thinking skills to help solve mysteries.

- An Agatha Award-winning series
- Encourages readers to use critical thinking skills to solve problems and mysteries

Penny Warner has published more than 60 books for both adults and children. She teaches child development at a local college in California. You can join the Code Busters Club at www.codebustersclub.com.

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Chapter 8

after we a code

Cody spun around. This time, she caught a glimpse of the masked magician right before he ducked out of sight. Luke had been right all along—that fake Houdini was following them.

But why?

"Guys," Cody whispered to the others. "We've got to get out of here. Fast. The masked magician is back, and we don't want to hang around long enough to find out what he's up to. Plus, we've got to find Tana before anything happens to her."

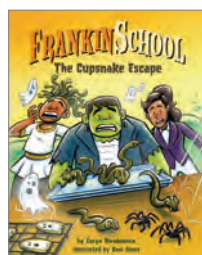
"I have an idea about how to ditch this guy," Luke said. He gestured for them to move in closer, then

used ASL to tell the others his plan. Cody thought that was smart, just in case the guy could read lips or had some kind of Magician's ESP. He raised his hand, made the letter "T" hand shape, and shook it side to side.

Quinn grinned and M.E. giggled, while Cody shook her head. Luke had just given the sign for "toilet." Then he fingerspelled the rest of his message.

Code Busters Key and Solution found on pp. 153 and 164.

Everyone nodded and headed for the nearest restrooms. Once inside, Cody's phone chirped. It was a text message from Luke in the boys' bathroom, using LEETCode:



FrankinSchool

Caryn Rivadeneira, illus. Dani Jones

In this funny and fantastical series, Fred—now FrankinSchool—must face each mysterious adventure that comes his way after his "What-If" poems take on a life of their own. Each story illustrates the power of pretending and how imaginations and creativity can lead to forgiveness, better understanding, and acceptance of one another.

- Comparable series to best-selling *Junior Monster Scouts*
- Award winning illustrator of *Monsters vs. Kittens* and *Dinosaurs vs. Puppies*

Caryn Rivadeneira dreamed of two things as a kid: being a writer and having lots of dogs. Both came true. Caryn and her rescued pit bull live in the Chicago suburbs.

Dani Jones is an award-winning illustrator, artist, comics creator, and writer living in New Hampshire. She is the illustrator of the *New York Times* best-selling kids' graphic novel *Zombies' Day Off*.

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CHAPTER 1: IVY TOWERS

The school bus screeched to a stop. The walls and turrets of the high school loomed above the bus like a castle—or a fortress.

Ms. Martinez already told them they'd have to wait on the bus until all the teams arrived. Every year, the high school students offered a "clap in" to the Ook and Spook School Bake-Off teams as they arrived. Apparently, it was all part of the "fun."

Ugh. Fred's tummy rumbled with nerves



Becoming Ari

Christopher Stewart, illus. Lala Stellune

Nine-year-old Ari likes to run track and play with his dog. He is also in a club that many don't know about . . . the Secret Kindness Society! Young readers will enjoy following Ari's adventures in these early chapter books.

- The Secret Kindness Society is a school club that works to spread joy and help people in their community
- Back matter contains three Think About It questions as well as a bio of a real-life kid whose good deeds tie to book content
- Series is written by Christopher Stewart, an award-winning school librarian who works to end poverty and injustice throughout the world

Christopher Stewart is an award-winning school librarian on the faculty at St. John's University, Library Science Program. He lives in Washington, DC, and London, UK, with his wife and partner and their three awesome children.

Lala Stellune is an illustrator based in Indonesia. She graduated from Institut Teknologi Bandung with a degree in Visual Art. She loves to incorporate cultural anthropology into her work.

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Queen Bee

Priti Birla Maheshwari, illus. Rea Zhai

Beena loves all things royal, which is why her friends call her Queen Bee! Join Bee on her everyday adventures in this early chapter book series fit for young queens and kings.

- Fun stories for beginning readers with simple, accessible text
- Back matter includes Think About It questions, glossary of cultural terms, and an activity

Priti Birla Maheshwari was born in India and raised in Montreal and Toronto, Canada. She graduated from the University of Toronto and went on to publish her debut award-winning picture book *Chaiwala!* in 2021. **Queen Bee** is her first early chapter book series.

Rea Zhai is a freelance children's illustrator. She earned her master's degree in illustration from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, California, and currently lives in Beijing, China, with her husband, baby girl, and their cats and dogs.

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Hair Magic (Read Woke™ Chapter Books)

Cicely Lewis, illus. Anastasia Magloire Williams

Shimmer, sparkle, twirl . . . Imani's hair magically changes when she embraces her inner powers, such as bravery, compassion, creativity, and more. Young readers will love following Imani's adventures with her hair magic in these early chapter books.

- Celebrates Black hair and promotes positivity for all readers
- Each story ties to an SEL trait

Cicely Lewis is a writer and librarian living in Georgia. She is the founder of the #ReadWoke movement and was recognized by *School Library Journal* as the 2020 School Librarian of the Year.

Anastasia Magloire Williams is an illustrator, storyteller, and graphic designer living in sunny Florida. It is her passion to paint colorful adventures, reveal important history, and tell untold stories that reflect the diverse world we all share.



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Power Button: Second Strike Book 2

Zack Soto

Kaz and Truly barely survived one alien invasion. When the Horde strikes again, it kidnaps Kaz's parents and sidelines space-knight Cyclo. To rescue the grown-ups, the cousins will need luck! Or Kaz's UFO-obsessed uncle, Lucky....

- Kid-friendly cosmic superhero action for readers starting to explore *Star Wars* and *Guardians of the Galaxy*
- Multiple forms of diversity among lead characters
- Distinctive, quirky limited-palette artwork
- A readalike for *Amulet*, *Cleopatra in Space*, and other middle-grade sci-fi hits

Zack Soto is a cartoonist and comic book editor living in Portland, Oregon. He likes toys, movies, houseplants and making things in his workshop—but he might like comics most of all. You can find him at www.zack-soto.com.

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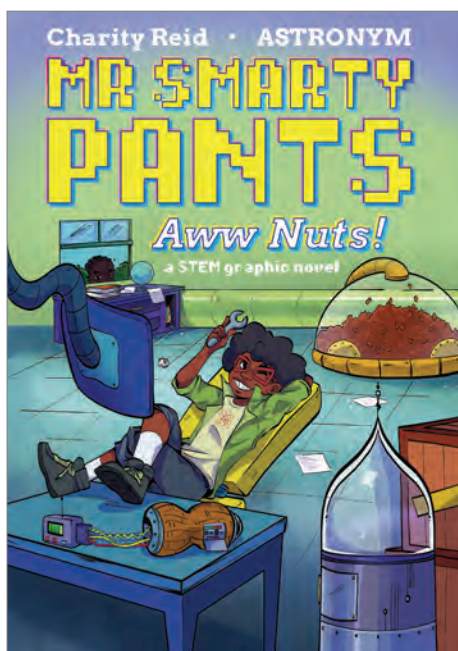
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Mr. Smarty Pants Aww Nuts!

Charity Reid, illus. Chelsea "Astronym" Blackwell

Benjamin Carver III, AKA Mr. Smarty Pants, turns to clever inventions to deal with his peanut allergy. When his most prized invention is taken by his archnemesis, will he get it back in time?

- A STEM graphic novel
- Strong connection to Black history
- #OwnVoices author and illustrator

Charity Reid is an elementary educator with a love for books and learning. As a mom, she is passionate about creating books where her boys can see themselves reflected.

Chelsea "Astronym" Blackwell is an illustrator and comic artist with an affinity for bright colors, eccentric themes, and quirky characters. She loves creating narrative with art, building stories in imagery.

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★ "With delicacy and grace, Salvadoran cartoonist Saade crafts a resonant and distinctive graphic novel debut . . . Each panel is a testament to individual resilience, culminating in an expansive story of human beings triumphing against unspeakable odds."

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Just Another Story A Graphic Migration Account

Ernesto Saade

When Carlos was nineteen, his mother decided to leave her life in El Salvador. Refusing to let her go without him, Carlos joined her journey north. Together they experienced the risks countless people face as they migrate.

- Based on a true story
- A stirring and thoughtful work in graphic form, going beyond headlines or statistics to provide a powerful individual account of migration

Ernesto Saade is an El Salvador-born architect turned cartoonist. After years spent in construction, he left to pursue his Master's Degree in Illustration and Comics from the Barcelona School of Design. Now he devotes 100% of his time to drawing comics.

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Hotelitor

Luxury-Class Defense and Hospitality Unit

Josh Hicks

Luxury ship Hotelitor is equipped with a hyperspace engine and single, double, and adjoining rooms. When an alien attack strands the craft in deep space, 18-year-old intern Anna Greene must save its guests from chaos.

- Hilarious writing and colorful, inventive artwork
- For fans of graphic novels such as *Cosmoknights* by Hannah Templer and *On a Sunbeam* by Tillie Walden

Josh Hicks is a cartoonist from Wales, UK. He has been creating comics since 2015, working with anthologies and independent publishers in the UK and self-publishing his own minicomics. His most recent book is *The Glorious Wrestling Alliance*.

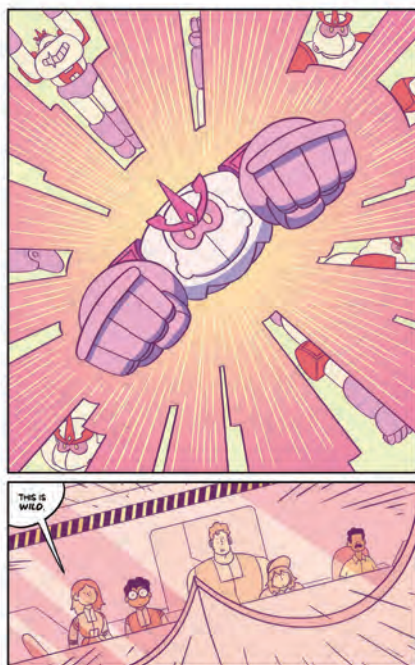
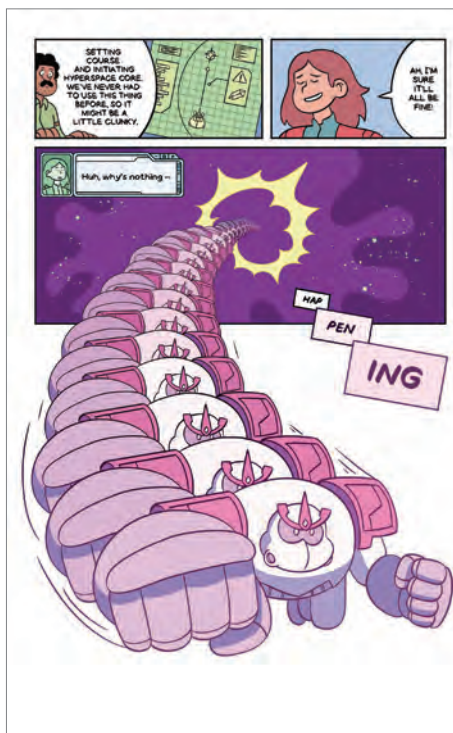
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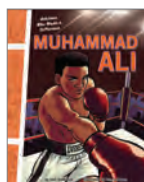
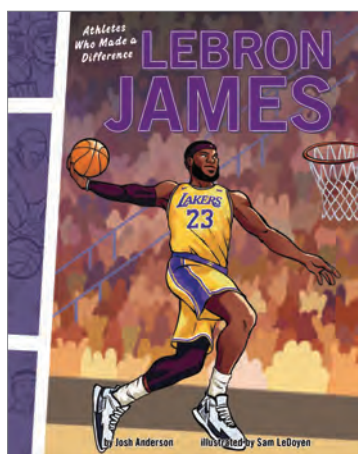
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Athletes Who Made a Difference

Josh Anderson

illus. Kristel Becares, Casey Ella Fredrick

This graphic nonfiction series presents true sports stories of grit, leadership, and resistance. Follow legendary athletes from their early years to pro careers, and see how they pushed to change the world around them.

- Accessible approach that unpacks different historical moments
- Visuals capture the intensity of athletic competition

Josh Anderson is the author of several books, including *Heat on the Street*. He lives and works in Burbank, California, with his wife, Corey, and their two big guys, Leo and Dane.

Kristel Becares is a Filipino artist and illustrator focusing on comics/graphic novels and character design. She is based in Chicago.

Casey Ella Fredrick is an illustrator based in Wisconsin. She attended Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design where she studied Illustration.

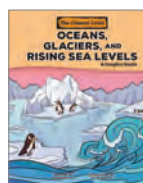
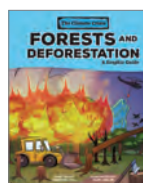
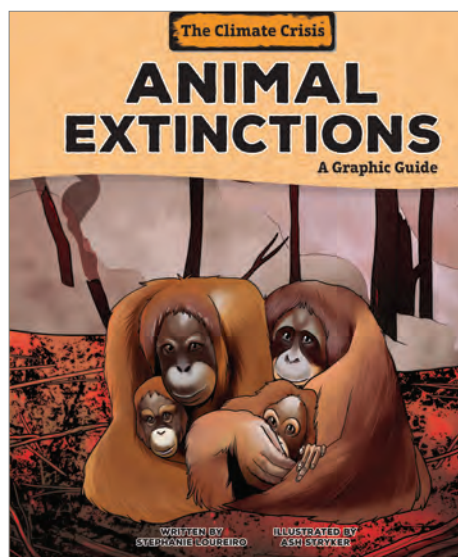
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Pages: 32 • Trim: 6¾ x 9 • Ages: 8-12

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The Climate Crisis

The impacts of climate change are becoming more and more visible, transforming people's lives and the environments around them. This series explores the causes and effects of climate change in an accessible graphic nonfiction format.

- Gives readers big-picture explanations of developments that continue to impact their world
- Pairs colorful artwork with informative text

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Starlight Symphony

Buffy Silverman

Nature is full of music. Listen in as a wood thrush, a cricket, a woodpecker, and many other animals perform a symphony under the stars. Rhyming verse and eye-catching photos will draw in animal lovers and music lovers alike!

- STEAM appeal, comparing animals to musical instruments
- High-impact nature photographs
- Back matter expands on simple main text with information about animal vocalizations and sounds as well as musical instruments

Buffy Silverman is the author of more than 90 nonfiction books for children, featuring topics from alligators to video games. Visit her at www.buffysilverman.com.

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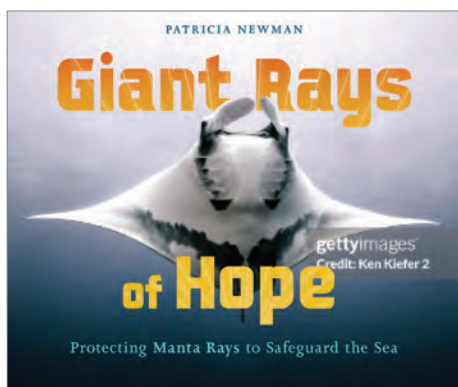
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Pages: 32 • Trim: 9¾ x 9¾ • Ages: 4-9

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Giant Rays of Hope Protecting Manta Rays to Safeguard the Sea

Patricia Newman

Kerstin Forsberg made waves in Perú when she started a community-focused project to save manta rays. Find out more about manta rays and how local people are working to save these gentle giants.

- Unique community-led conservation story set in Perú
- Explores the dangers of overfishing and the impacts of the fishing industry on marine ecosystems
- Highlights how young people can contribute to or create their own conservation projects

Patricia Newman gravitates toward stories about animals and conservation science and enjoys sharing her excitement with readers. Her books include Sibert Honor title *Sea Otter Heroes*, *Eavesdropping on Elephants*, and Orbis Pictus Recommended Book *Planet Ocean: Why We All Need a Healthy Ocean*. She lives in California.

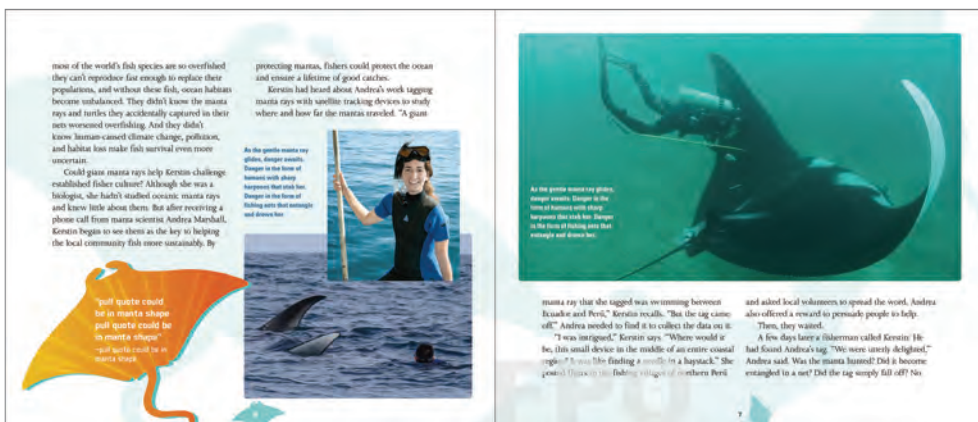
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Call the Bee Doctor! How Science Is Saving Honey Bees

Sandra Markle

Since Colony Collapse Disorder began decimating honey bees in 2006, scientists have been researching its causes and how to prevent it. Get an up-to-date look at what we know and how new innovations are saving honey bees.

- A hopeful follow-up to Sandra Markle's successful *The Case of the Vanishing Honeybees*
- Features the story behind the bee vaccine, which the FDA approved in early 2023
- Explores the importance of pollination for agriculture and how climate change impacts pollinators

Sandra Markle is the author of numerous award-winning science books for children, a nationally known science education consultant, and a former elementary school science teacher. She lives in Lakewood Ranch, Florida, with her husband.

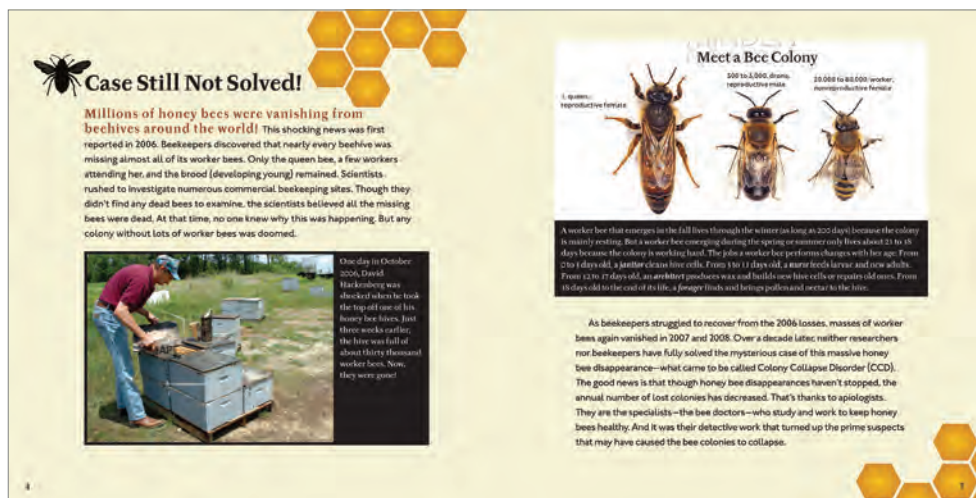
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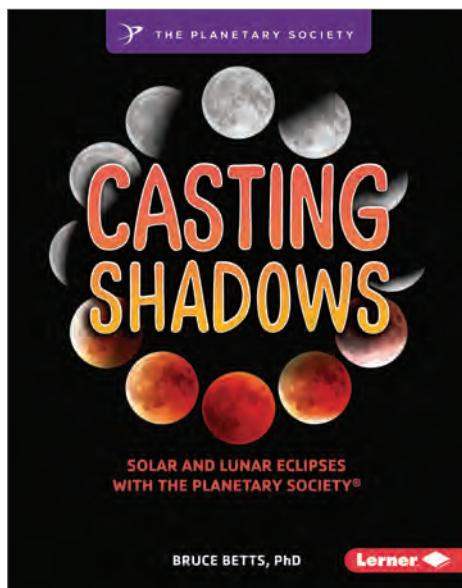
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Casting Shadows

Solar and Lunar Eclipses with The Planetary Society®

Bruce Betts, PhD

The year 2024 is set to have multiple solar and lunar eclipses. But what do you know about eclipses? With engaging diagrams and photos, readers will learn all about eclipses in an approachable way.

- Introductory note from Bill Nye, CEO of The Planetary Society
- Diagrams and sidebars draw readers in and expand on the main text

"The author's enthusiasm shines through clearly and is contagious. Sure to excite a new generation of stargazers and scientists."

—Kirkus Reviews

Dr. Bruce Betts is Chief Scientist and LightSail Program Manager for The Planetary Society, the world's largest space interest group. He is the author of numerous articles and the book *Astronomy for Kids: How to Explore Outer Space with Binoculars, a Telescope, or Just Your Eyes!*

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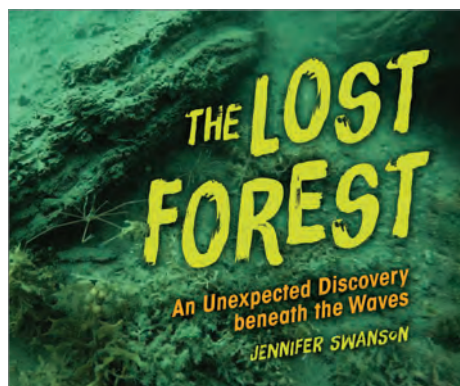
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Pages: 32 • Trim: 6¾ x 9 • Ages: 7-10

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The Lost Forest

An Unexpected Discovery Beneath the Waves

Jennifer Swanson

Take a deep dive with scientists exploring a sunken cypress forest that had been undisturbed in the Gulf of Mexico for fifty thousand years. Page Plus links lead to videos of the scientists at work.

- Page Plus content includes multiple videos of the underwater forest
- Features ongoing research on a unique underwater site in the Gulf of Mexico

Jennifer Swanson is the author of more than twenty nonfiction and fiction award-winning books for children. Her skill is taking complex science and engineering concepts and boiling them down to interesting, accessible concepts. She lives with her family in Jacksonville, Florida.

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Pages: 56 • Trim: 10½ x 8½ • Ages: 9-14

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Defending Nature

How the US Military Protects Threatened and Endangered Species

Sneed B. Collard III

On Eglin Air Force Base, scientists and soldiers work together to protect endangered red-cockaded woodpeckers, gopher tortoises, and reticulated flatwoods salamanders. Discover the challenges endangered species face and how the military works to protect them.

- Fascinating blend of military operations and conservation work
- Features a variety of endangered species and conservation solutions

Sneed B. Collard III has written more than fifty highly acclaimed books for young people including *The Prairie Builders*, *One Night in the Coral Sea*, *Little Killers*, and the novels *Dog Sense* and *Flash Point*. He lives in Missoula, Montana with his family.

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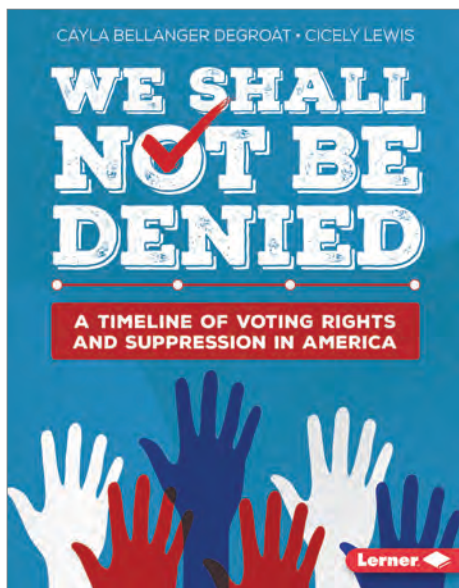
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We Shall Not Be Denied

A Timeline of Voting Rights and Suppression in America

Cicely Lewis; Cayla Bellanger DeGroat

Voting is a powerful right. Throughout history, Americans from underrepresented groups have fought, suffered, and even died for the right to vote, yet challenges still remain. Learn how to make a difference, even if you are not old enough to vote.

- An engaging look at the history of when people won the right to vote in the US
- Back matter includes an activism feature

Cicely Lewis is a writer and librarian living in Georgia. She is the founder of the #ReadWoke movement and was recognized by *School Library Journal* as the 2020 School Librarian of the Year.

Born and raised in White Earth, Minnesota, **Cayla Bellanger DeGroat** is an enrolled member of Gaa-waabaabiganikaag, the White Earth Band of Ojibwe. She is a life-long student of indigenous history and federal Indian policy.

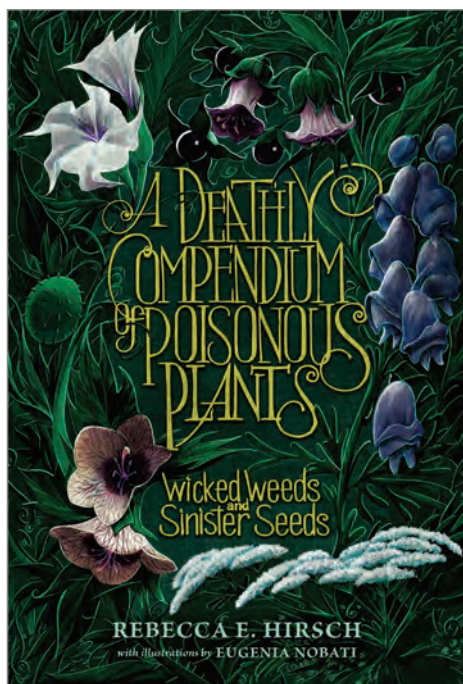
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A Deathly Compendium of Poisonous Plants

Wicked Weeds and Sinister Seeds

Rebecca E. Hirsch

A must for fans of science and history—and also armchair detectives—this entertaining and informative illustrated compendium delves into nature's deadliest plants and their fascinating histories as implements of medicine, warfare, and foul play.

- Factual historical incidents written in gothic mystery/horror style make for a fun and engrossing read
- Delves into nature's deadliest plants and their use throughout history as implements of medicine, warfare, and foul play

Rebecca E. Hirsch, PhD, is the author of numerous books about science, nature, and geography for children. She lives with her husband and three children in State College, Pennsylvania. You can visit her online at rebeccahirsch.com.

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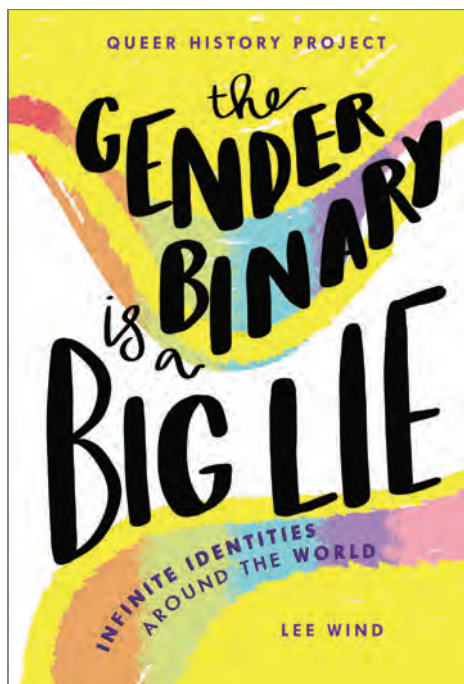
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The Gender Binary Is a Big Lie Infinite Identities around the World

Lee Wind

Author Lee Wind takes readers on a journey to examine gender identity and representation throughout history—from ancient third-gender burial sites to people identifying as gender fluid today. Learn how cultures past and present debunk the idea of a gender binary.

- Provides an accessible source for LGBTQIA+ teenagers to learn about historical figures who identify as nonbinary and supports discussion around topics involving gender identity
- Respectfully and empathetically depicts gender across cultures

Lee Wind is the founding blogger and publisher of *I'm Here. I'm Queer. What The Hell Do I Read?*, an award-winning website about books, culture, and empowerment for Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans, Questioning and Queer youth, and their Allies. He also works for IBPA and SCBWI. Visit him online at www.leewind.org to see and share how #QueerHistoryIsEverywhere.

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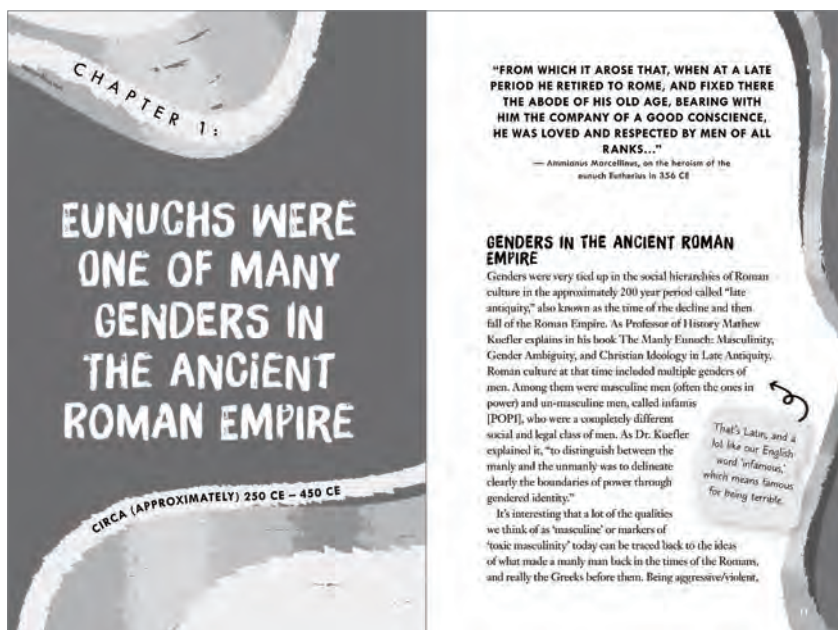
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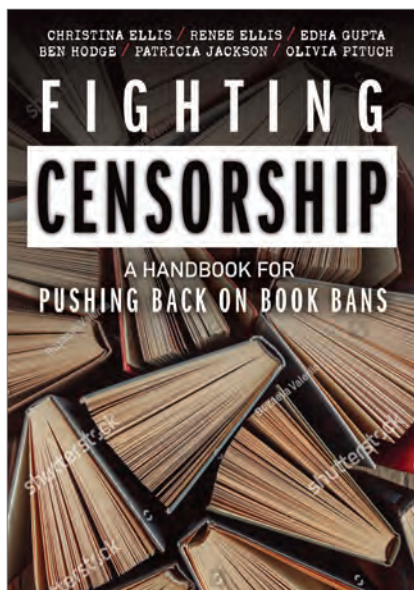
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Fighting Censorship

A Handbook for Pushing Back on Book Bans

Various Authors

Fighting Censorship equips readers with arguments against the common reasons that are given to ban books in schools and public libraries. Having successfully fought against book bans in their school district by organizing protests and media interviews to raise awareness, the authors share how to fight back against book bans, speak out against censorship, and win the right to intellectual freedom.

- Appeals to readers looking for success stories about Black and queer youth standing up to racism
- Empowers young adults to take on challenges to their intellectual freedom and access to literature
- Gives actional steps on how to contact state and local representatives, media, and how to speak in front of school boards

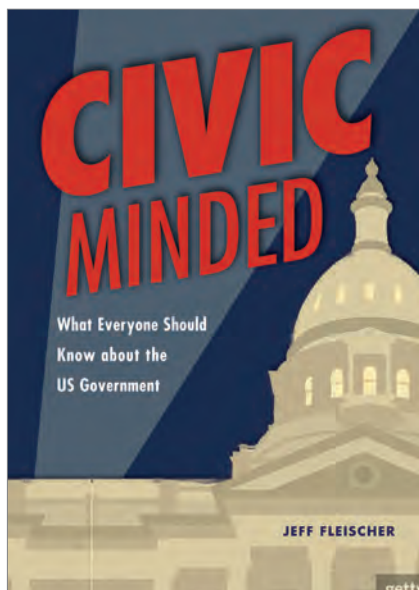
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Civic Minded

What Everyone Should Know about the US Government

Jeff Fleischer

This handy guidebook offers an accessible overview of big US civics topics, including federal programs, international relations, and more. With compelling, well-researched text and accompanying sidebars, *Civic Minded* helps readers understand and join many ongoing political conversations in the US

- By established editor and journalist Jeff Fleischer, who has authored several books and written for many publications
- Explains often-complicated civics topics such as inflation and gaining US citizenship with a clear, refreshing approach

Jeff Fleischer is a Chicago-based author, editor, and journalist. He is the author of *A Hot Mess: How the Climate Crisis is Changing Our World* and has written for numerous publications including the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *National Geographic Traveler*, and *Chicago Magazine*.

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Design Thinking

A Guide to Innovation

Fred Estes

Design Thinking provides a simple, clear approach to the design thinking process. The easy-to-follow guide explains everything essential to your design thinking projects focused on solving human-centered, social issues to effect change and to create a more equitable world.

- Clear introduction to design thinking approach and methodology
- Written by an expert and educator in the field

Fred Estes is a nonfiction author and science teacher based in San Francisco, California.

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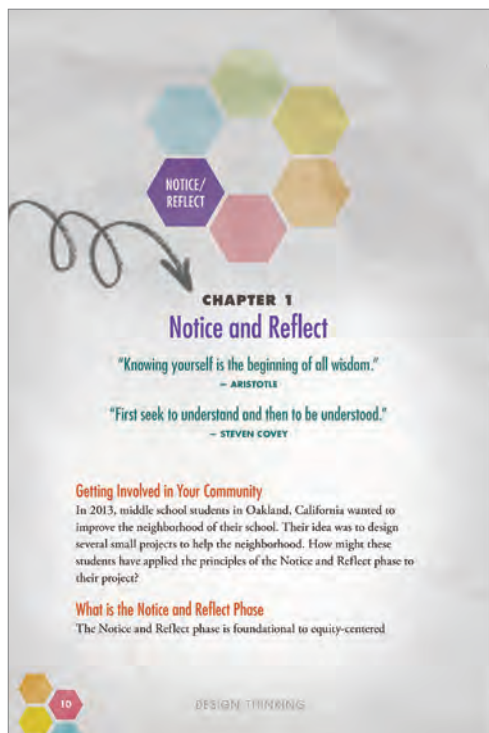
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design. This phase guides designers to move beyond individual or small groups projects, challenging them first to look inward for self-awareness, then search outward for a broad, global consciousness of their intentions and actions.

Notice prompts designers to acknowledge their identity, values, assumptions, and biases. This self-awareness enables them to present their true selves, revealing both strengths and limitations. This foundation paves the way to approach design challenges with humility, curiosity, respect, and bravery. Truly understanding themselves equips designers to address genuine needs, rather than imposing their own preconceptions. For authentic empathy and collaboration, designers must recognize how their perspective aligns with or diverges from those of their community partners.

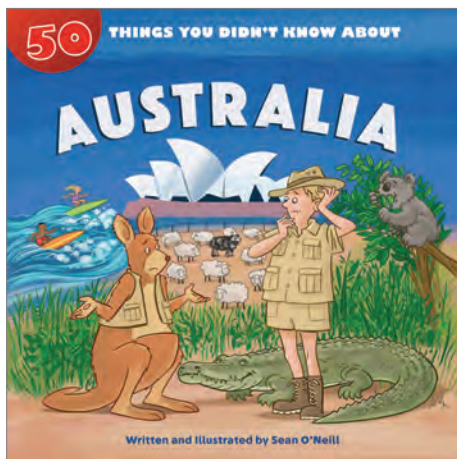
Reflect, the complementary component of this phase, involves continually assessing these principles throughout the design process. Designers and community partners collaboratively gauge the goals and outcomes of each phase, allowing for continuous learning, ongoing improvements, and an unwavering commitment to equity, inclusivity, and global awareness.

Why Notice and Reflect is Important

Adopting this enhanced design process encourages design team to consider ripple effects of their designs on the broader community. What unintended consequences might occur? This process prompts designers to consider how their unique personal and cultural lenses shape their design choices. Moreover, it spurs them to factor in the global concerns of environmental impact and sustainability considerations, which are also firmly linked to equity.

One of the key benefits of community work is that it takes you outside of yourself and your comfort zone. It makes your world bigger as you help make the world better for others. With the community partners involved at every step, the final design is inclusive and





50 Things You Didn't Know About

This fun series presents entertaining facts on high-interest topics in easy-to-digest summaries. Each book is filled with unexpected and amusing insights that go beyond the basics to engage readers.

- 50 fun facts in each book give readers insight to interesting history and intriguing places
- Colorful and comedic illustrations

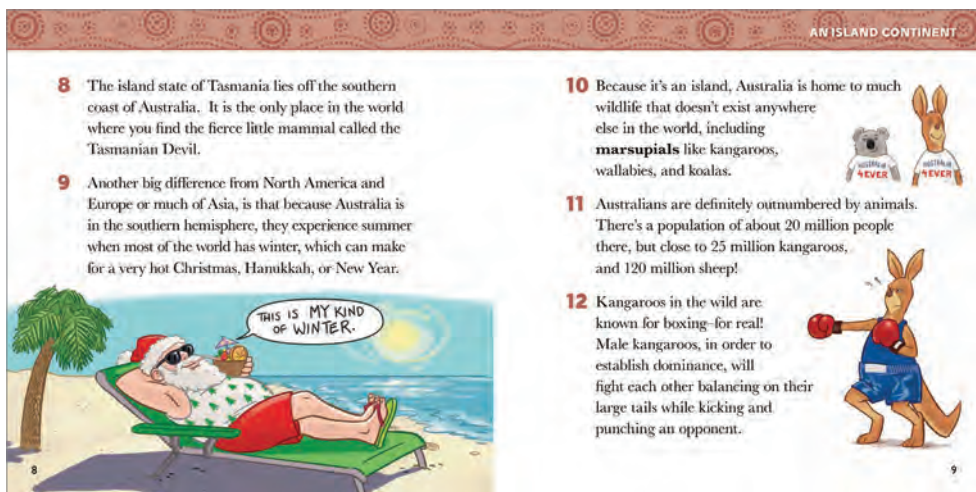
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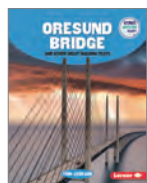
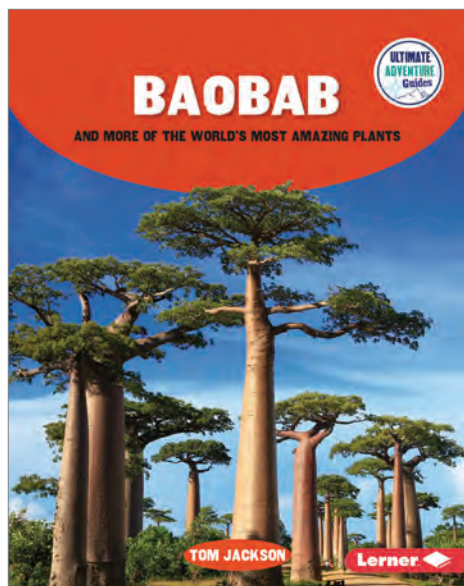
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Ultimate Adventure Guides

Discover some of the world's most intriguing places—from islands ruled by animals to a bridge completely under water. With engaging sidebars, maps, travel tips, and unbelievable true facts, these books allow readers to imagine traveling to fascinating destinations.

- Accessible approach to high-interest topics
- Sidebars highlight intriguing facts and support overall learning

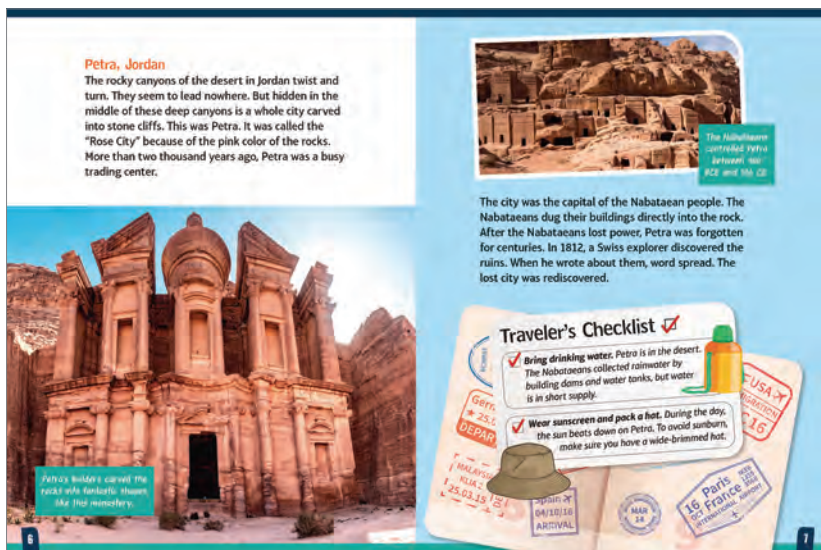
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Musicians and Their Inspirations

Singers keep up with new trends in music daily, but they also take influence from their idols. Young readers learn how their favorite singers inspire each other across generations.

- Covers a short biography of each singers' rise to fame
- Takes a deep dive into the artist's music-making process
- Compares and contrasts two singers and how one influences the other

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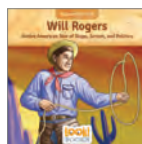
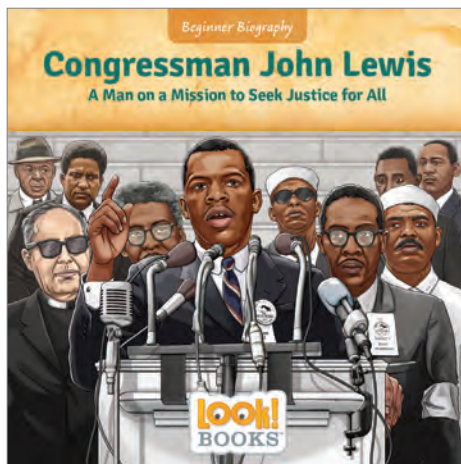
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Gateway Biographies

Discover the human side of newsworthy, historical, and pop culture figures. Each biography is peppered with quotations and childhood stories, accounts of successes and failures, and descriptions of inspirational experiences that influenced the person's achievements.

- Highly readable biographies about contemporary and historical public figures
- Includes quotes and stories that provide an inside look at each subject's life

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Beginner Biography (LOOK! Books™)

Introduce young readers to some of history's most inspiring role models. Meet people who overcame challenges and made life better for others.

- Diverse role models profiled
- Early biographies of important minority figures in American history and culture

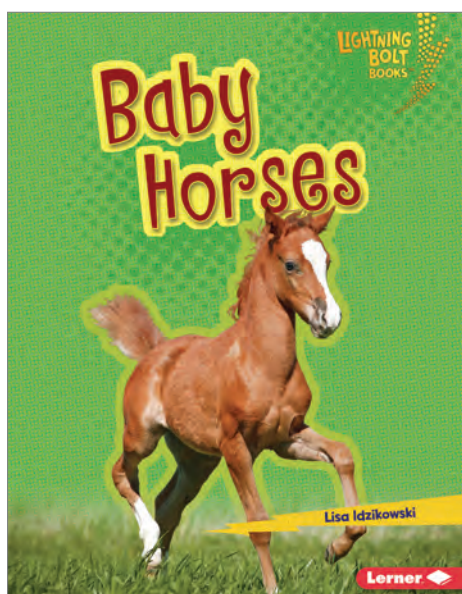
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Lightning Bolt Books® — Horse Lover's Library

Young readers climb in the saddle and hold onto the reins as they race into the world of horses. These irresistible books cover everything horses including breeds, sports, and adorable baby horses.

- A perfect series for horse lovers
- A fun facts feature offers exciting information

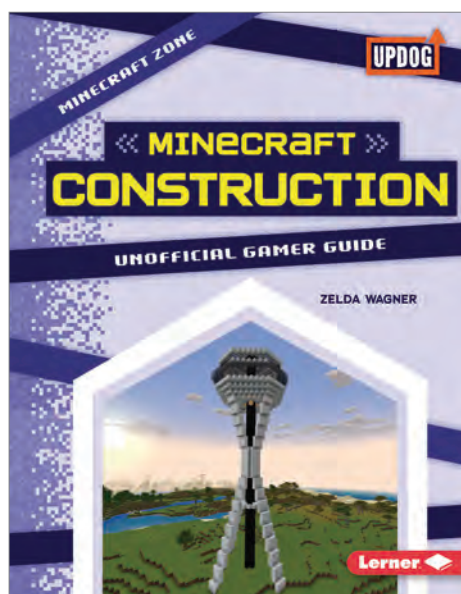
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Minecraft Zone (UpDog Books™)

Discover the secrets to gathering resources, building cities, and surviving monsters in *Minecraft*. Young readers will learn insider tips for fun and creativity and be treated to bright photos of the world of *Minecraft*.

- High-interest gaming topic will draw in strong and reluctant readers
- Game Break! feature provides fun information about the book's topic in an engaging list format
- Up Next! features at the ends of chapters keeps readers turning pages

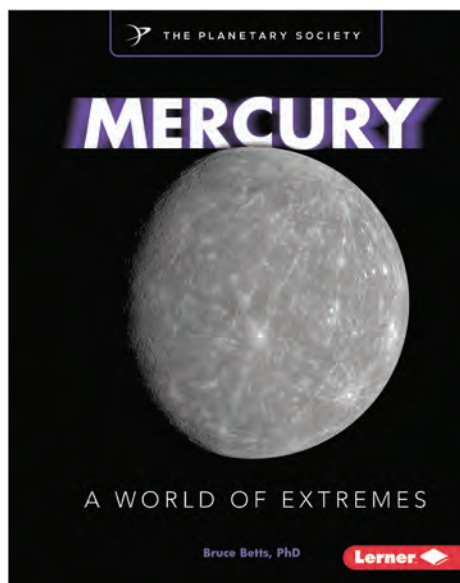
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Exploring Our Solar System with The Planetary Society®

Dr. Bruce Betts

There is so much to explore about space! With exciting photos and engaging text, readers will be introduced to the wonders of our Solar System.

- Updated information on high-interest STEM topics
- Sidebars provide quick and interesting facts to engage reader

Dr. Bruce Betts is Chief Scientist and LightSail Program Manager for The Planetary Society, the world's largest space interest group. He is the author of numerous articles and the book *Astronomy for Kids: How to Explore Outer Space with Binoculars, a Telescope, or Just Your Eyes!*

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The Moon Files (Alternator Books®)

Explore every side of the moon in this exciting series! From traveling to the moon to what living on the moon would be like, this series gives readers an in-depth look at this popular space topic.

- Eye-catching design and photos encourage reader engagement
- Understandable text about a popular STEM topic

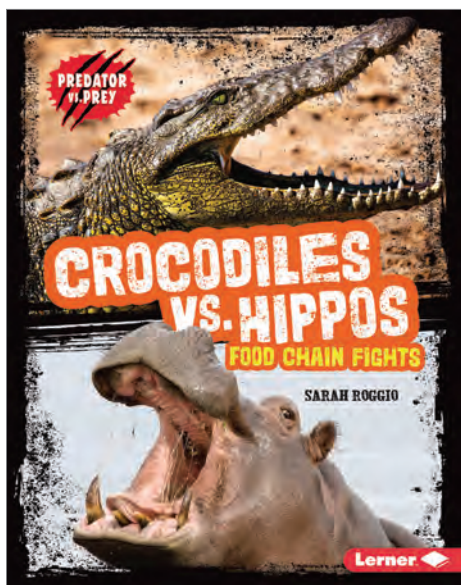
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Predator vs. Prey

Who would win? A crocodile or a hippo? A wolf or a moose? Readers will learn about the skills and techniques animals use both to hunt and to protect themselves in the wild.

- Head-to-head feature includes easy-to-read diagrams of the title animals
- Fun factual sidebars offer amazing tidbits readers can share with friends

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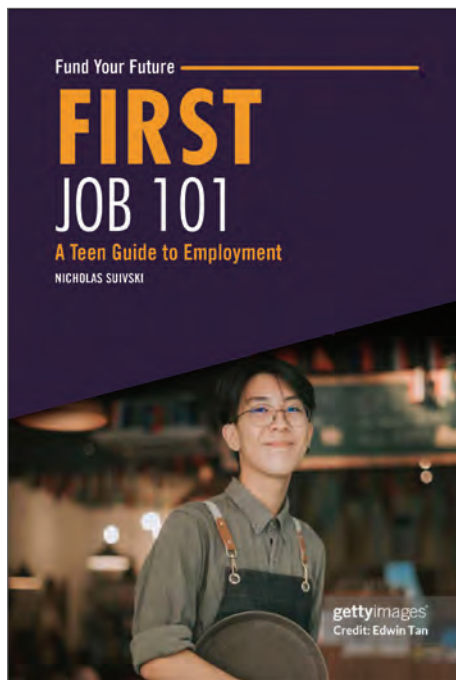
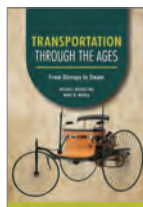
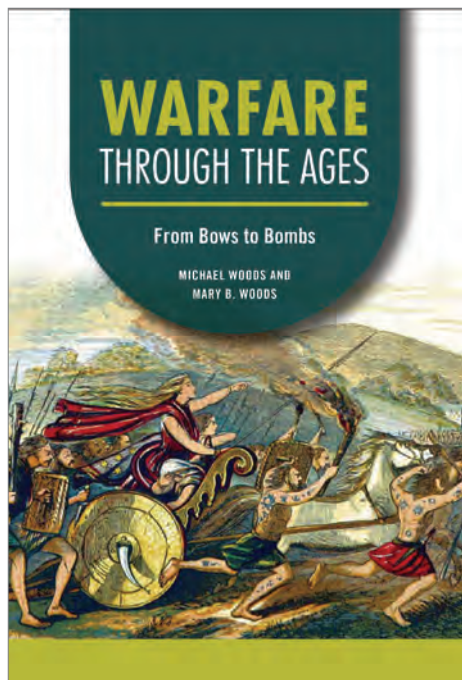
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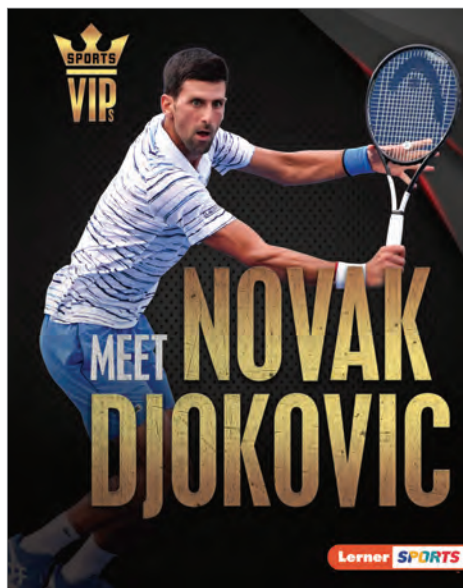
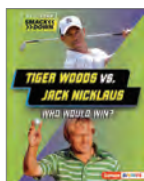
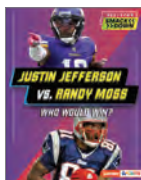
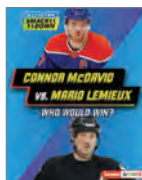
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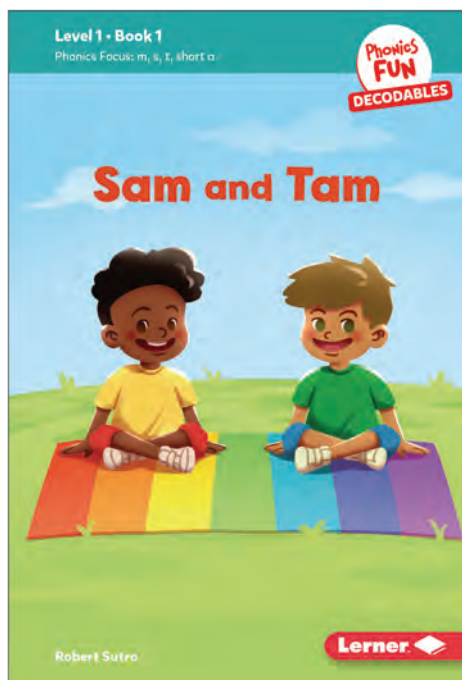
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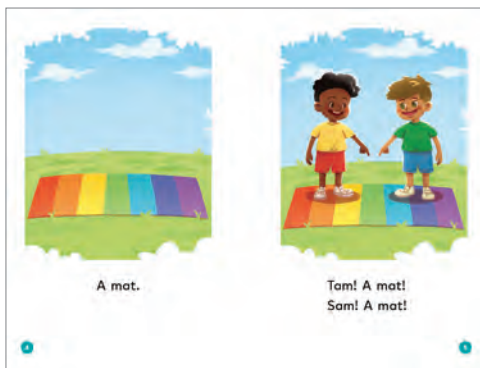
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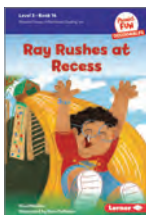
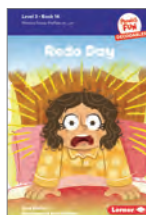
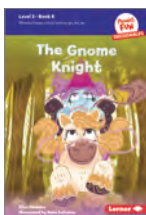
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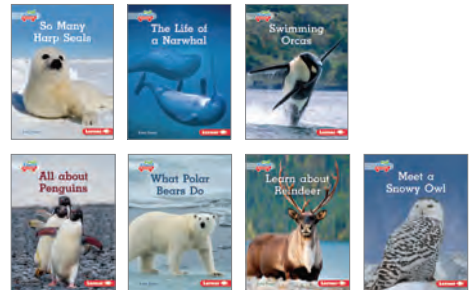
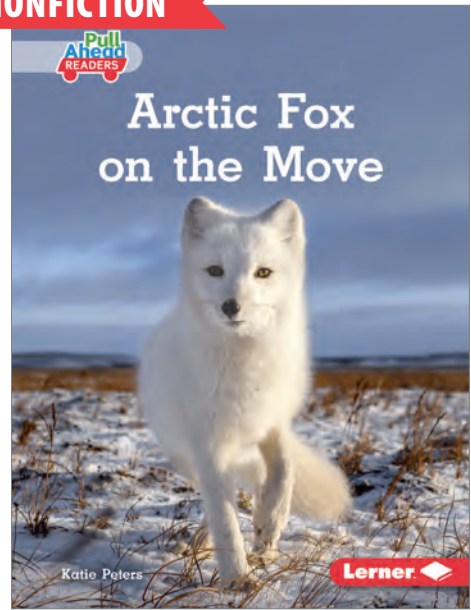
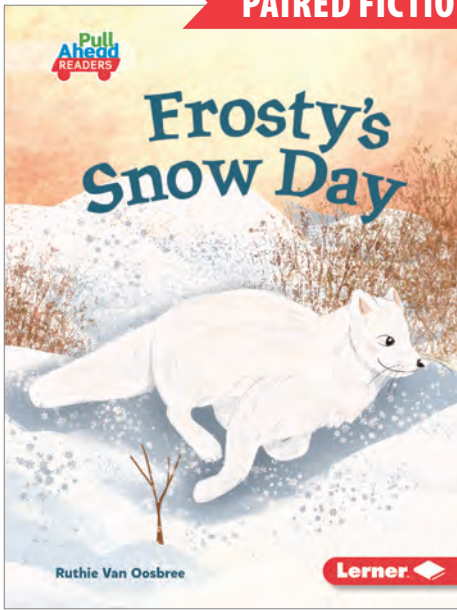
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A sheep and a toad sat in the
True Blue, an old blue boat.

"Wee! What a fun day to sail,"
said Sue the sheep.





Let's Look at Polar Animals (Pull Ahead Readers—Fiction)

It's not every day you see polar animals in their natural habitat. But with full-color illustrations and carefully leveled fictional text, young readers can observe the lives of these cool creatures right inside their classroom.

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- Carefully leveled text for young readers
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Kids love reading about animals, especially baby animals. With engaging photographs and accessible text, this series is perfect for young readers and animal lovers alike.

- Accessible introduction to learning about baby animals
- Resources for educators to support both STEM and social and emotional learning

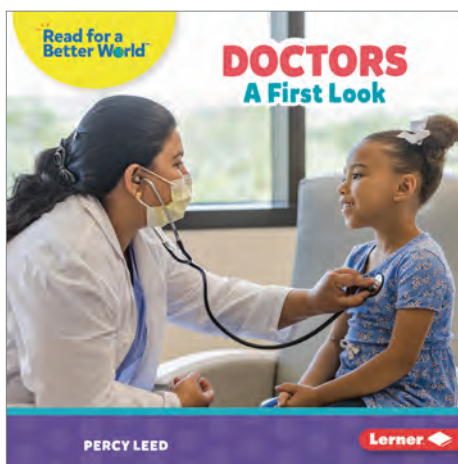
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Read about Community Helpers

(Read for a Better World™)

Community helpers make the world a better place. This series has both SEL connections and authentic examples to help readers understand how these important people contribute to the community they live in.

- Accessible introduction to learning about community helpers
- Real-world examples to engage readers in learning more about community helpers

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Hanukkah Hippity-Hop

Barbara Kimmel, illus. Ana Zurita

It's time to celebrate—and get your wiggles out—by doing the Hanukkah Hippity-Hop! March like a Maccabee and stomp your feet, then shake like the jelly in a doughnut treat.

- Features fun physical movements for toddlers to follow
- Explores Hanukkah symbols through physical exercise

Barbara Kimmel is a children's book author and playwright. She writes playful board books and picture books that entertain, engage, and educate the youngest readers. Barbara has three grown children and lives with her husband in Atlanta, Georgia. You can find her at barbarakimmelwrites.com.

Ana Zurita lives in Spain. She was born by the sea in Valencia, where she completed her studies in Fine Arts. She is a big fan of the beach in winter, the color yellow, the smell of old books, and heavy blankets. She has illustrated many picture books.

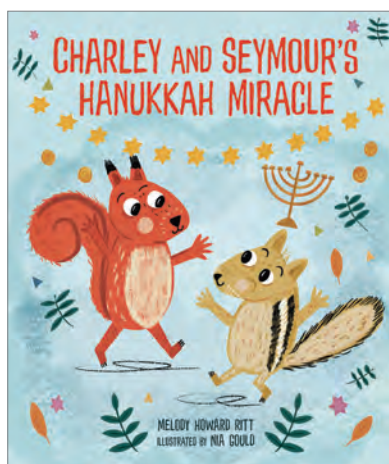
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Charley and Seymour's Hanukkah Miracle

Melody Howard Ritt, illus. Nia Gould

Charley Chipmunk and Seymour Squirrel are celebrating Hanukkah together, but when Charley forgets to bring the candles, the aroma of latkes frying in oil helps the best friends—miraculously—find a way to light the menorah.

- A tale about friendship and Hanukkah, featuring a cute chipmunk and squirrel duo
- A celebration of the original Hanukkah miracle

Melody Howard Ritt holds a bachelor's degree from the Newhouse School at Syracuse University. Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, she lives in Massachusetts with her husband, Jay, and their sweet kitty, Chloe. *Charley and Seymour's Hanukkah Miracle* is her first children's book.

Nia Gould graduated from Falmouth University in the United Kingdom, with a degree in graphic design. She illustrates digitally and draws inspiration from art history, the natural world, and her love of animals. She lives in Devon with her partner, her little girl, and gang of three cats (although if she had her own way there would be more cats).

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Oy, Santa! Or, There's a Latke to Learn about Hanukkah

Joyce Schriebman, illus. Gila von Meissner

Oliver Overstreet tries to get Santa to understand Hanukkah. Oliver soon loses patience when Santa doesn't fully grasp the customs of his favorite holiday—especially latkes! Helping people understand his traditions is a never-ending job!

- Gives accurate information about Hanukkah through the eyes of Santa Claus
- Treats both Hanukkah and Christmas in fun and respectful ways

A writer, educator, and interfaith activist, **Joyce Schriebman** is passionate about helping folks understand different faith traditions. A native of San Francisco, she moved to the glorious northeast 15 years ago and now lives in western Connecticut with her husband.

Gila von Meissner is an illustrator from North Germany. She lives with her Israeli cat in a tiny house at a lake. She loves critters, jasmine tea, and chocolate.

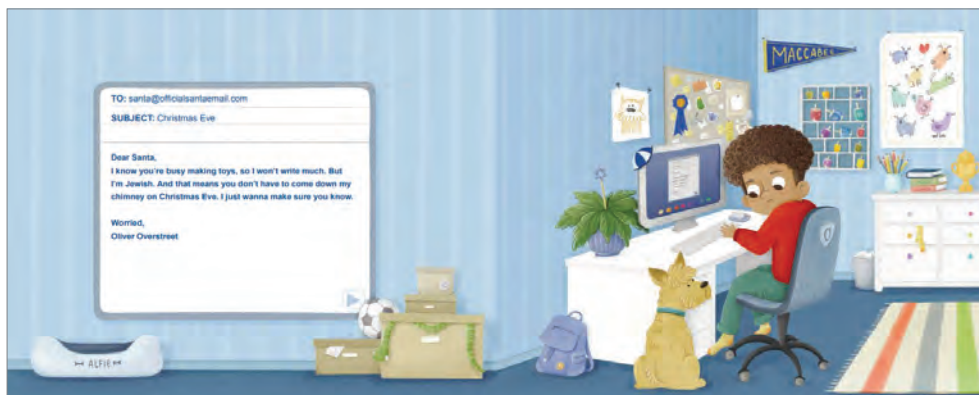
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"A palatable variation (of the Garden of Eden story) that connects the tale to contemporary individuals 'hardy, sweet, and difficult.'"

—Publishers Weekly

The Apple Argument

Jane Yolen, illus. Anita Barghigiani

In the Garden of Eden, God buried the vegetables and put the fruits where they could be seen. Wanting easy picking, the caretakers of the Garden listen to the snake, pick the apples, and suffer the consequences.

- The story of the Garden of Eden from a different perspective of the fruit
- Portrays the first man and woman as equals and as caretakers of their environment

Jane Yolen lives in Massachusetts and has written more than 400 books across all genres and age ranges, including the Sydney Taylor Honor book *Miriam at the River*. She has been called the Hans Christian Andersen of America and the Aesop of the twentieth century.

Anita Barghigiani was born near Pisa, Italy. She is a graduate of the Academy of Fine Arts of Florence. When she attended the Bologna Children's Book Fair for the first time, she fell in love with children's books and decided to study Illustration and Entertainment Design. She lives in Florence, Italy where she works, plays the guitar, and volunteers helping animals.

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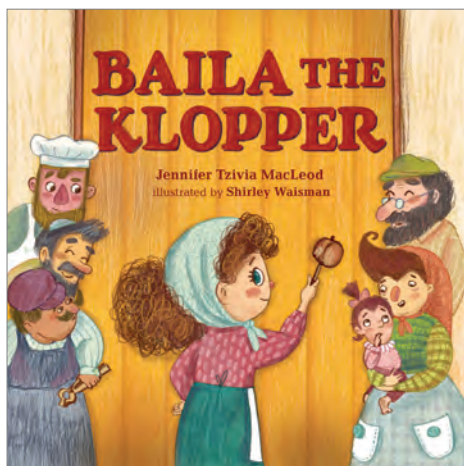
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So God said to the Fruits,
"I will make two caretakers
to listen to your arguments.
And I will move far away
so I do not need to hear you.
One caretaker will be a man
and one a woman."



Baila the Kloppler

Jennifer Tzivia MacLeod, illus. Shirley Waisman

Baila kloppts (Yiddish for "bangs") on all the village doors every morning, but one day, Eliezer the blacksmith, and his neighbors, just don't want to get up. Can Baila make sure everyone gets to synagogue on time?

- A fun and silly story set in a long-ago shtetl of Eastern Europe
- Based on the true job of a kloppler, tasked with waking people up to go to synagogue by banging on their doors in the morning

Jennifer Tzivia MacLeod lives in northern Israel with her family. Her previous book with illustrator Shirley Waisman, *Yossi and the Monkeys*, has become a Shavuot favorite.

Shirley Waisman has published more than eighty picture books. Her work has appeared in children's books and magazines and art exhibitions. Shirley is currently the illustrator coordinator of her regional chapter of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI).

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The next morning, Baila kloppts with her special knocker and sang.

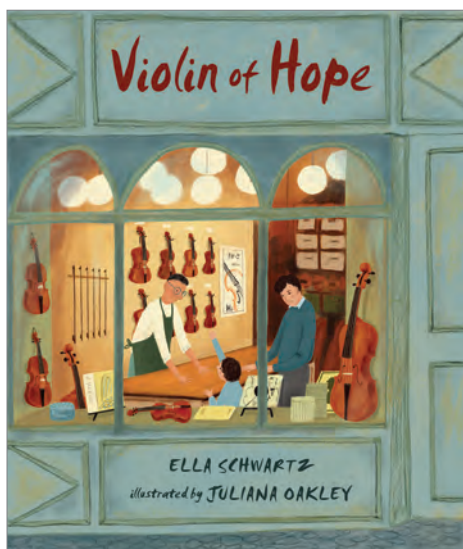
"Get up! It's early but soon will be later.
Roll out of bed to serve your Creator!"



But this time, she kloppts on only one door—the door of Eliezer the blacksmith.

Out he came, happy to be the one to klop at the home of Itzie the klezmer.





Violin of Hope

Ella Schwartz, illus. Juliana Oakley

A violin is taken from a Jewish family by the Nazis. After years in a cellar, the violin finds its way back into a musician's hands, filling concert halls with the music of hope once again.

- An uplifting story about the power of music, and the strength of the human spirit
- Tells the story of the Holocaust through the journey of one violin
- Back matter about the true story of a luthier who restores violins rescued from the Holocaust

Ella Schwartz is the award-winning author of several books for children. She is also the granddaughter of Holocaust survivors and works to promote Holocaust awareness and education. She has a bachelor's and master's degree from Columbia University. Ella lives on Long Island, New York with her husband and three sons. Visit Ella on her website, www.ellasbooks.com.

Juliana Oakley is an illustrator based in Bahrain who loves to work with color. She draws inspiration from her family, from travels, from nature, and childhood memories. Her illustrations often start from pencil sketches and are then finished digitally.

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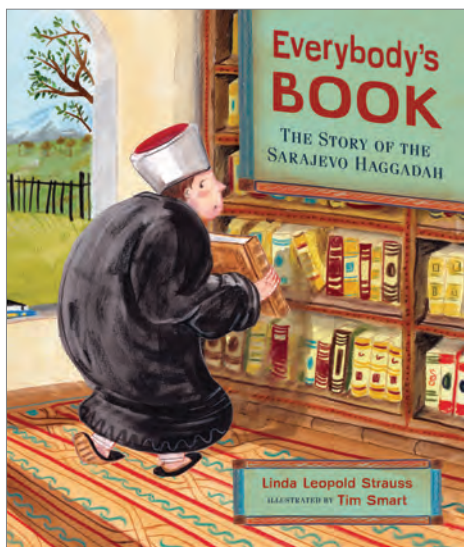
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"An important story that illuminates how people of different faiths recognized the value and significance of this manuscript and worked together to keep it safe."

—*School Library Journal*

Everybody's Book The Story of the Sarajevo Haggadah

Linda Leopold Strauss, illus. Tim Smart

The true story of the famous Sarajevo Haggadah begins long ago in Spain. Used for centuries and declared a treasure, people of many faiths have protected the haggadah up to this day.

- Tells the remarkable story of the Sarajevo Haggadah, one of the oldest books of its kind in the world that has been saved and cared for by many
- Shows people of different faiths recognizing a piece of history and working together to keep it safe

Linda Leopold Strauss is a graduate of Vassar College and Columbia University. She has been writing for young people for more than 40 years. Her previous books include *A Different Kind of Passover*. She lives with her husband in a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio.

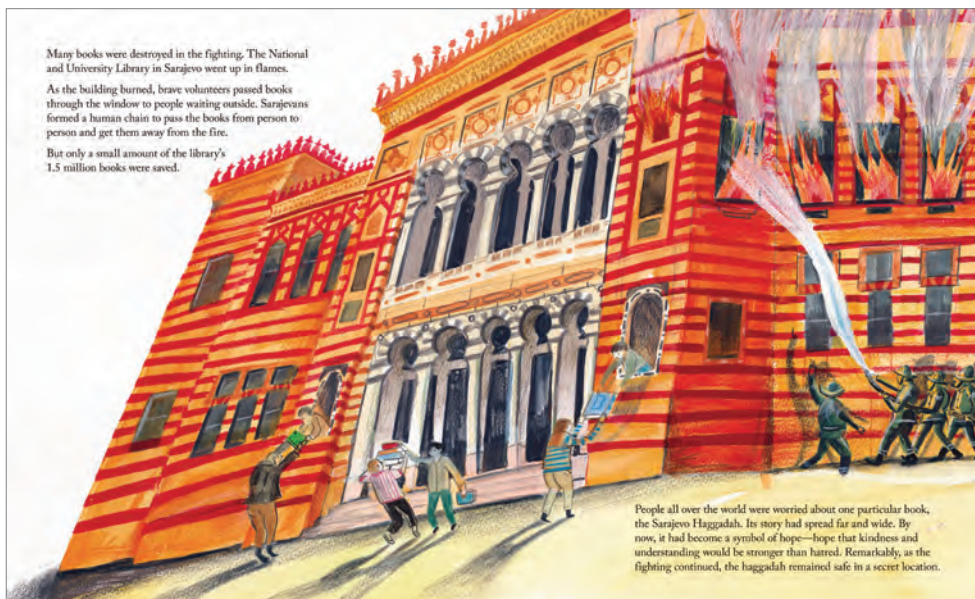
Tim Smart's illustrations draw inspiration from his experiences growing up by the ocean and climbing trees in forests. He likes making faces in the mirror, sitting by fires, rolling down hills, and chasing dogs. He hates surprising noises, sticky fingers, boring grown-ups, and birthdays. He lives in the United Kingdom.

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Perfect Match

Lori Dubbin, illus. Amanda Quarthey

Two women, one in the US and one in the UK, face discrimination in the tennis world. Friends and teammates, they knew that in order to win, they would have to draw on their strengths—together. And they did.

- Based on the true story of the friendship between tennis champions Althea Gibson and Angela Buxton
- Shows the parallel experiences of discrimination and prejudice against Black and Jewish tennis players
- An inspiring story of women athletes

Lori Dubbin is a writer and a former early childhood educator. She enjoys researching and writing about unsung heroes who have contributed to our world in remarkable ways. When Lori isn't researching or writing, she loves solving crossword puzzles, taking walks, and reading with her grandson. She and her husband have three grown sons and live in Miami, Florida.

Amanda Quarthey was born and raised in London. At age 14, she moved to Ghana, where she studied art, returning to the UK to study graphic design. Amanda has built a professional illustration portfolio and loves every bit of her illustration career!

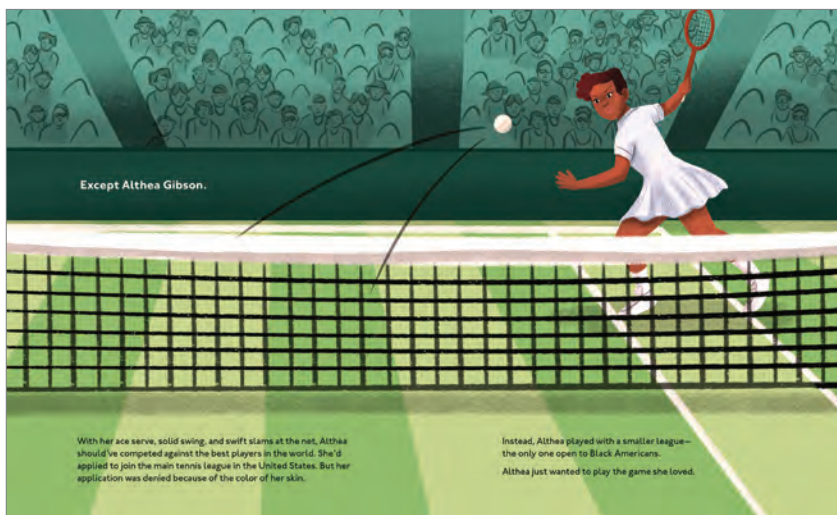
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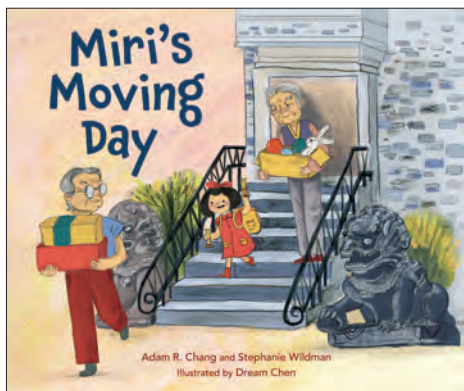
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Miri's Moving Day

Adam R. Chang; Stephanie Wildman
illus. Dream Chen

Miri will miss the Chinese lions in front of her apartment building that have always taken care of her. On moving day, her grandfathers, Yeh Yeh and Zayde, have special gifts to remind Miri of what "home" really means.

- Celebrates a girl's relationship with her Chinese and Jewish grandparents
- Shows a family with diverse cultural roots embracing one another's traditions

Adam R. Chang is a second-generation Asian American author, foster-adoptive parent, and owner of a home-and-garden business. *Miri's Moving Day* is his first picture book.

Stephanie Wildman is a Jewish grandmother, law professor, and author of five books and dozens of articles. *Miri's Moving Day* is her third picture book.

Dream Chen is an artist with a background in illustration and animation. She prides herself on creating colorful and imaginative dream worlds utilizing a variety of media and tools. She teaches at the Shanghai University of Engineering Science International Institute of Creative Design.

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Mah Mah makes me delicious picnics with rice and eggs. Yeh Yeh acts out stories for me about the brave and friendly lions. I will miss Mah Mah and Yeh Yeh so much when we move.



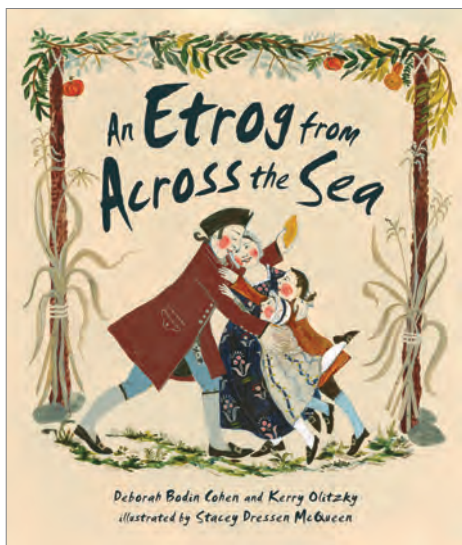
"Mah Mah and I will see you often, Miri," Yeh Yeh promises. I blink back tears.

An Etrog from Across the Sea

Deborah Bodin Cohen; Kerry Olitzky
illus. Stacey Dressen McQueen

Papa promises to bring home the most perfect etrog for Sukkot from across the sea. When his ship is delayed, Rachel wonders whether the silver cup Grandpapa Luis gave her will be empty or have an etrog to hold.

- Inspired by a real Sephardic family that lived in New York in the 1700s who still have the silver etrog holder
- Portrays a Jewish family in colonial America building a sukkah and getting ready for the holiday of Sukkot



Rabbi Deborah Bodin Cohen was ordained at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion. She is the author of many award-winning children's books including *Papa Jethro* and *Nachshon Who Was Afraid to Swim*. She lives in Rockville, Maryland, with her husband and three children.

Rabbi Kerry Olitzky led Big Tent Judaism and taught at Hebrew Union College. A leader in the development of innovative Jewish education, he is the author of more than 70 books. He lives in North Brunswick, New Jersey.

Stacey Dressen McQueen is the illustrator of several award-winning picture books, including *Boxes for Katje*, which *Publishers Weekly* named a Best Children's Book of the Year. She works in pencil, oil pastel, and acrylic. She grew up on a farm in South Dakota, and lives with her family in Portland, Oregon.

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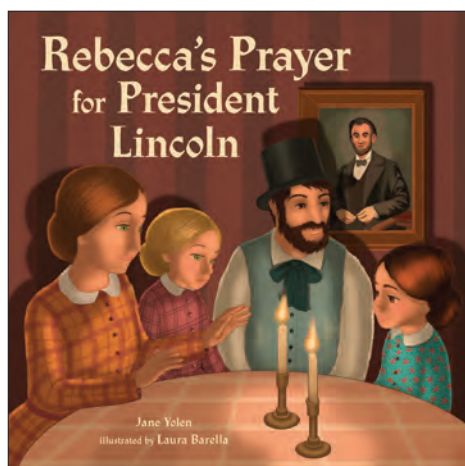
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Rebecca's Prayer for President Lincoln

Jane Yolen, illus. Laura Barella

When news breaks that President Lincoln has been shot, everyone at Rebecca's synagogue starts to sing the Kaddish, the Jewish prayer for the dead, mourning the President as one of their own.

- Inspired by real events at a New York City Temple
- Explores a seminal moment in American history from a Jewish perspective

Jane Yolen lives in Massachusetts and has written more than 400 books across all genres and age ranges, including the Sydney Taylor Honor book *Miriam at the River*. She has been called the Hans Christian Andersen of America and the Aesop of the twentieth century.

Laura Barella is an Italian illustrator who lives and works in a house with cats, trees, and a hammock. She loves reading, playing ancient music with her husband, and spending sunny afternoons with her sketchpad and pencils in a rowboat on a nearby lake. A graduate of Artistic High School and illustration courses at the European Institute of Design, she has illustrated many children's books.

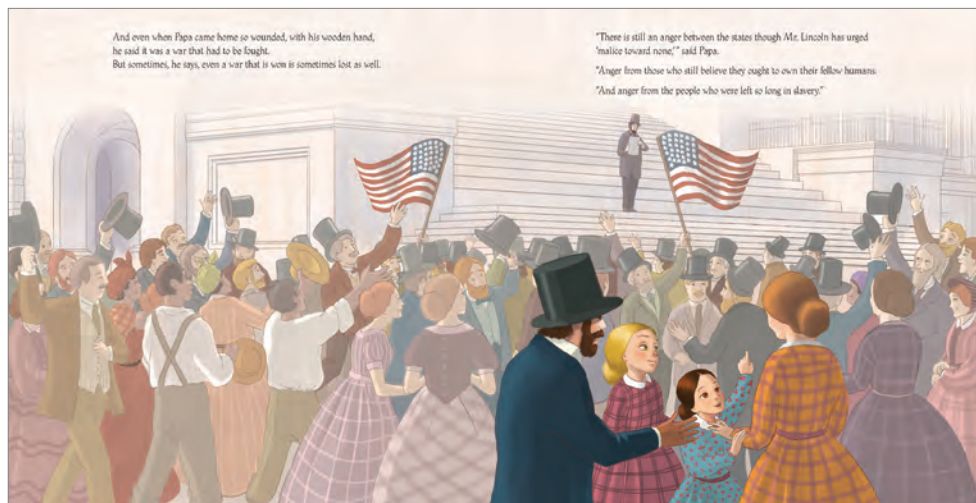
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