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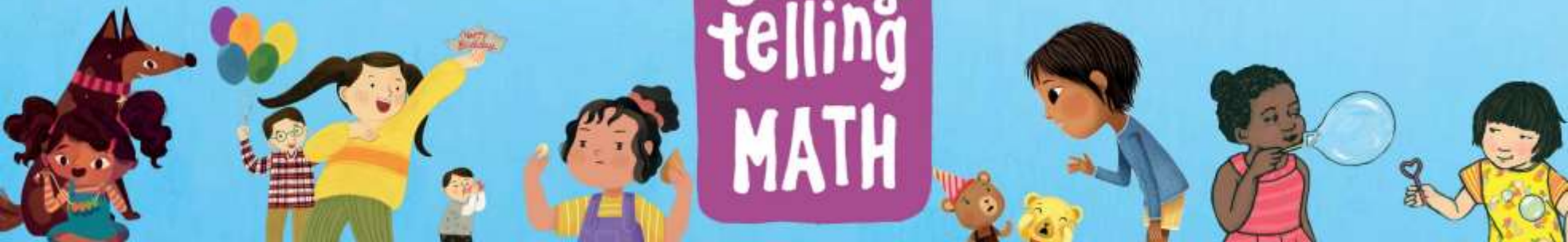
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Series

Celebrate math, diversity, and the power of story!

story
telling
MATH





Storytelling Math

Grace Lin

Board

Fiction

Age 0-2 years

Pages 16

Trim Size 6 x 6

Series Rights World

Also in Series:

Circle! Sphere!

A Beautiful House for Birds

The Last Marshmallow

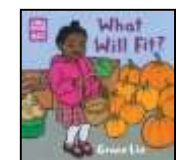
Our Favorite Apples

Up to My Knees!

What Will Fit?

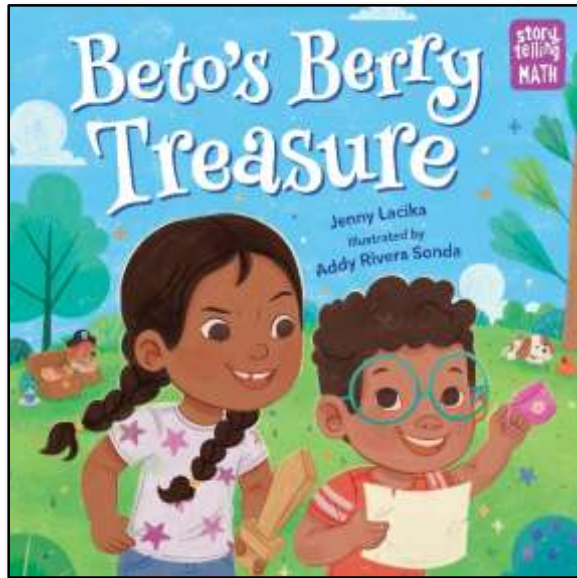
Where Are the Eggs?

Who Jumps More?



Caldecott Honor winner Grace Lin celebrates math for every kid, everywhere!

Storytelling Math celebrates children using math in their daily adventures as they play, build, and discover the world around them. Joyful stories and hands-on activities make it easy for kids and their grown-ups to explore everyday math together.



Storytelling Math

Hardcover and Trade Paperback Fiction

Age 3-6 years

Pages 32

Trim Size 9 1/2 x 9 1/2

Series Rights World

Beto's Berry Treasure (October 8, 2024)

Also in Series:

Again, Essie?

The Animals Would Not Sleep!

Bracelets for Bina's Brothers

Lia & Luis: Who Has More?

Lia & Luis: Puzzled

Look, Grandma! Ni Elisi!

Luna's Yum Yum Dim Su

Too-Small Tyson

Usha and the Big Digger

Yumbo Gumbo



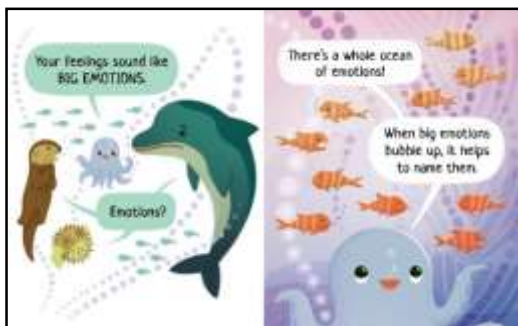
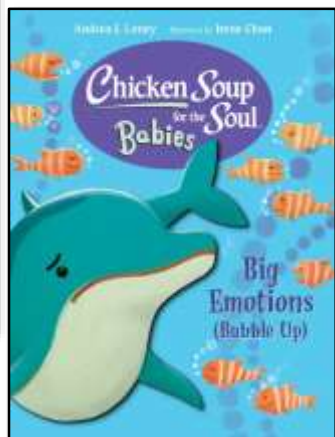
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Chicken Soup
for the Soul.
Babies

Chicken Soup
for the Soul.
Kids





**Chicken Soup for the Soul
BABIES**

**Board
Fiction**

Age 0-3 years

Pages 22

Trim Size 6 1/4 x 8 1/4

Series Rights World

Rights Sold Korea, Vietnam

Big Emotions (Bubble Up) (January 7, 2025)

Everyone Says Please (Except Cat)

Everyone Shares (Except Cat)

Fast AND Slow (Both Just Right!)

A Gift For Me? (I Want It!)

Keep Trying (Don't Give Up!)

Listen First (Then Go!)

Me. You. Us. (Whose Turn?)

NOW! (Barks Dog)

Say Thank You (But Why?)

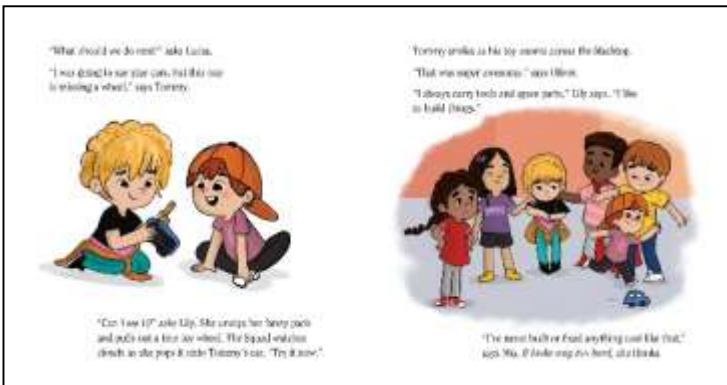
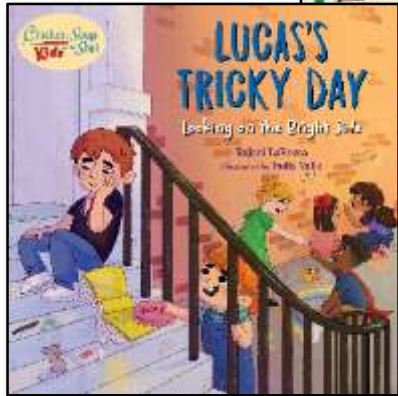
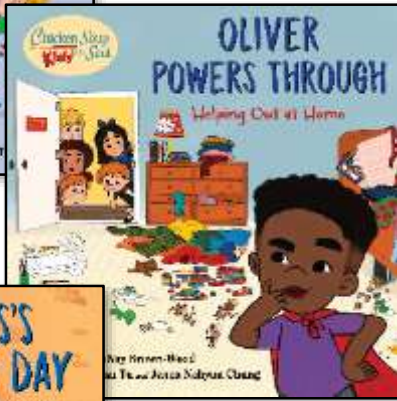
Stuck! (Help, Please!)

Playdate! (with Bear, Too?)



Chicken Soup for the Soul BABIES combines sweet stories with humorous lessons to bring out little one's best behavior!

Imparting life lessons that warm the heart with heaping spoonfuls of good humor.



**Chicken Soup for the Soul
KIDS**

**Hardcover
Fiction
Age 4-7 years
Pages 32
Trim Size 8 x 8
Series Rights World
Rights Sold Vietnam**

Also in Series:

- Lucas's Tricky Day*
- Oliver Powers Through*
- The Sunshine Squad*
- Sophie and the Tiny Dognapping*
- Will Mia Play It Safe?*



Chicken Soup for the Soul KIDS combines sweet stories and humorous lessons to help kids put their best foot forward.

They call themselves the Sunshine Squad: five friends (and one tagalong little brother) who decide to be superheroes. They have courage, capes, and even a secret clubhouse.

BABY
Loves





March 4, 2025

Baby Loves Meteorology

Ruth Spiro

Illustrated by

Irene Chan

Board Book

Nonfiction

Age 0-3 years

Pages 20

Trim Size 7x 7

Series Rights Sold:

China, Greece, Indonesia, Korea, Poland, Romania, Russia, Taiwan, Turkey, Vietnam

The Baby Loves Science board book series is big, brainy science for the littlest listeners.

It's time to get dressed! How does Baby know what to wear? She checks the weather—and learns about wind, the water cycle, precipitation, and prediction! Accurate enough to satisfy an expert, yet simple enough for baby, this clever board book explores meteorology and what meteorologists do.

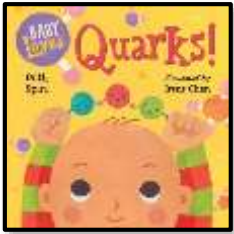
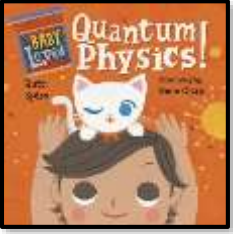
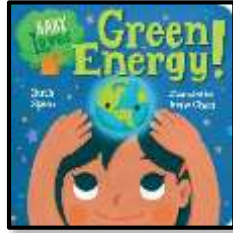
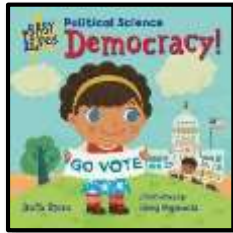
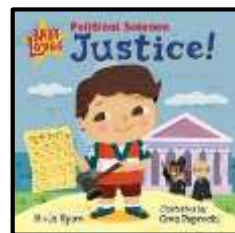
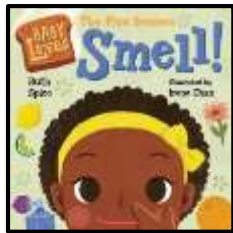
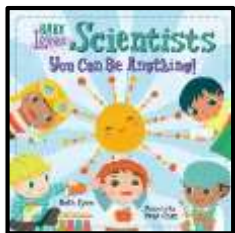
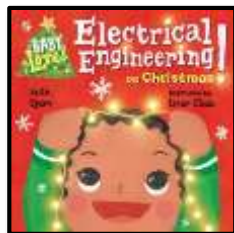
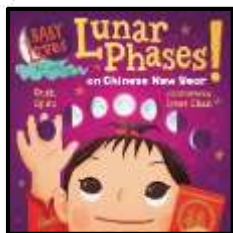
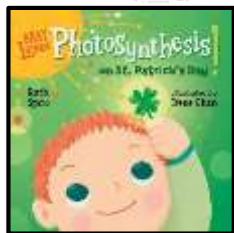
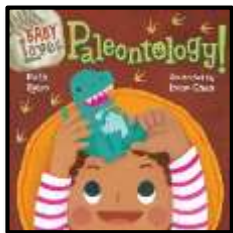
Beautiful, visually stimulating illustrations complement age-appropriate language to encourage baby's sense of wonder. Parents and caregivers may learn a thing or two as well!



Ruth Spiro is the author of the best-selling Baby Loves Science series, which has been praised by *NPR*, *Today*, *Popular Science*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and more. She is also the author of *How to Explain Coding to a Grown-Up* and the *Made by Maxine* series. Ruth speaks regularly at STEM and early-childhood conferences across the country.

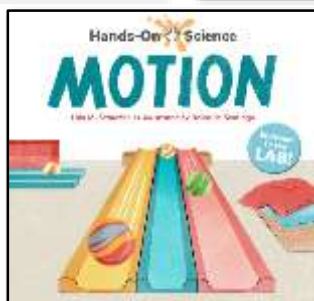
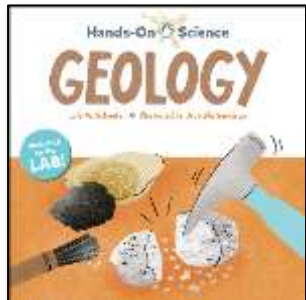
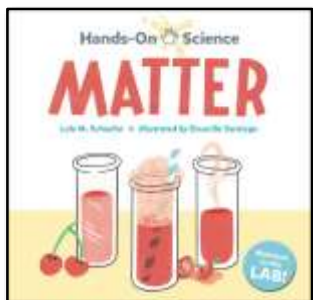


BABY Loves



Hands-On Science





Hands-On Science Series

Lola M. Schaefer

Illustrated by Druscilla Santiago

Hardcover

Nonfiction

Age 4-8 years

Pages 40

Trim Size 9 x 9

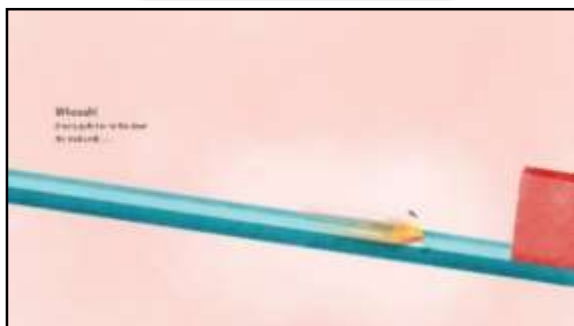
Rights World

Rights Sold Korea, Turkey

An interactive picture book series about science.

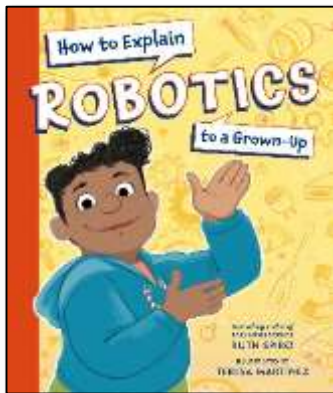
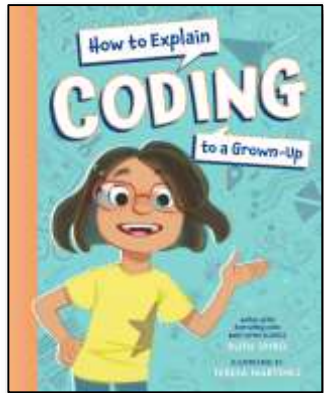
Welcome to the lab! In these interactive picture books, young scientists use their imagination to bring experiments to life. Each page instructs the reader to see science in action: smash clay to change its shape or slide tectonic plates together to create earthquakes! After predicting what will happen next, eager readers turn the page to see the results.

Lola M. Schaefer was a classroom teacher in grades K–7 for eighteen years. She and her students did hundreds of science experiments, including many in this book! Lola began writing books for children because she saw how important a good book was to each of her students. Lola is now a writing consultant and the author of more than 275 children's books, including picture books and easy readers. She and her husband live in the mountains of north Georgia.



How to Explain





How to Explain Science to a Grown-Up Series

Ruth Spiro

Illustrated by Teresa Martínez

Hardcover
Nonfiction

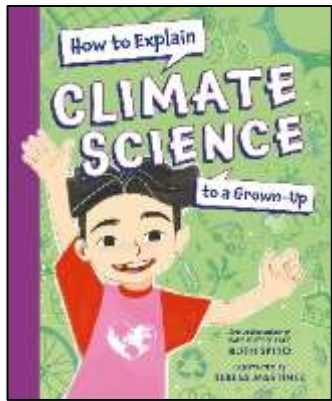
Age 4-8 years

Pages 32

Trim Size 8 x 10

Rights World

Rights Sold Turkey



Grown-ups do NOT have all the answers! In this kid-friendly guide, a know-it-all narrator instructs kid readers in the fine art of explaining coding to a grown-up.

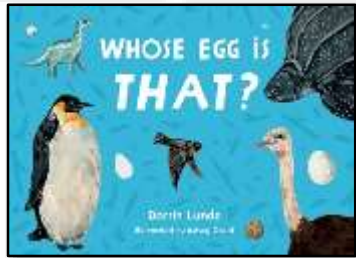
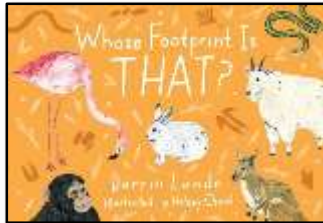
Both children and their adults learn the basics of coding, including hardware, software, algorithms, and debugging. Cleverly disguised "pro tips" suggest best practices for teaching any topic. Fun and fact-filled, the How to Explain Science to a Grown-Up series will empower kid experts to explore complex scientific concepts with any grown-up who will listen.



Ruth Spiro is the author of the best-selling Baby Loves Science series, which has been praised by NPR, *Today*, *Popular Science*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and more. She is also the author of Baby Loves and the Made by Maxine series. Ruth speaks regularly at STEM and early-childhood conferences across the country.

Whose Is THAT?





Whose Is THAT? Series

Darrin Lunde

Illustrated by Kelsey Oseid

Board Book

Nonfiction

Age 4-8 years

Pages 22

Trim Size 8 x 10

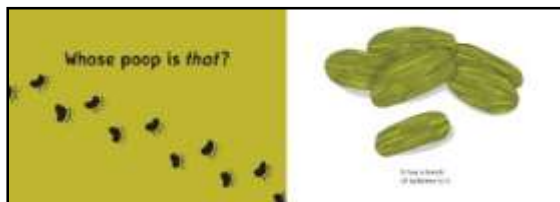
A nonfiction guessing game that explores the connections between an animal, its poop, its tracks, and its habitat.

Written by a mammologist at the Smithsonian, each title in this clever preschool page-turner series pairs five tracks with information about the animals' locomotion, asking kids to guess which animal left which tracks behind, pairs five eggs with information asking kids to guess which animal laid which egg, and asks this question about five examples of animal poop.

Series Rights Sold:

France, Indonesia, Iran

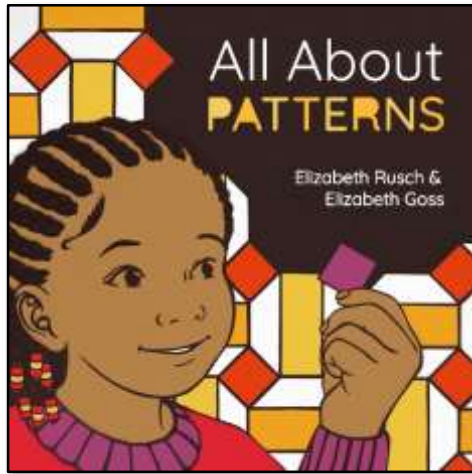
By investigating visual clues, young readers can learn to identify the animal through its droppings, eggs, or footprints.



Darrin Lunde is the author of the best-selling *Whose Is THAT?* Series. Darrin has worked as a mammologist at the American Museum of Natural History and at the Smithsonian Institution. His work has brought him into contact with all kinds of animals, big and small, throughout the remote forests of South America, Africa, and Asia where he camped for months at a time to survey species diversity and to discover new species. He is the author of *Hello, Bumblebee Bat*, a Theodor Seuss Geisel Award Honor Book, *After the Kill*, and other books about animals.

All About Noticing





April 29, 2025

All About Patterns

Elizabeth Rusch
Illustrated by Elizabeth Goss

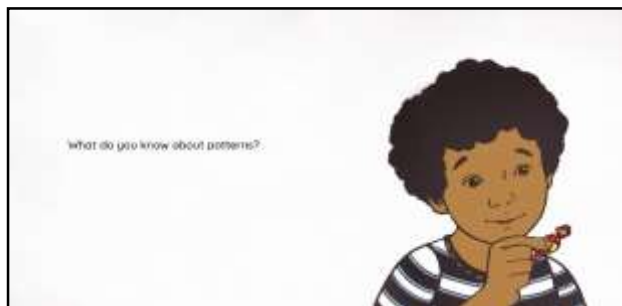
Hardcover
Nonfiction
Age 3-7 years
Pages 32
Trim Size 9 x 9
Rights World

An enlightening picture book exploration about how patterns fill and shape our everyday lives. This mindful meditation challenges kids to see the world differently.



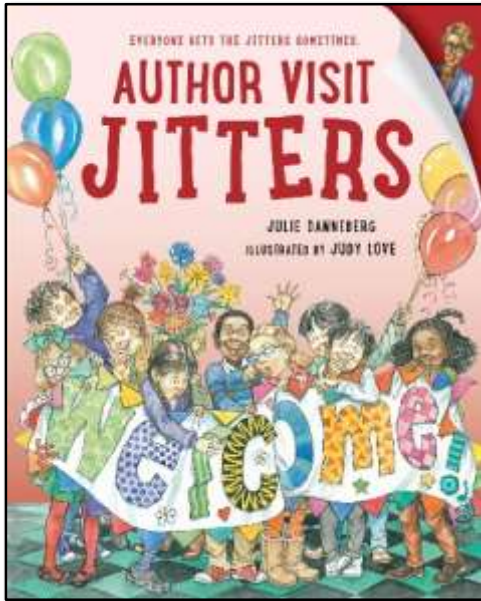
What do you know about patterns? There are simple alternating patterns and more complex ones that spin and spread out. There are patterns in stories and patterns in music. When you dance, you're making patterns with your whole body. You might even notice a comforting pattern to your day. When that pattern is broken, everything can feel chaotic. But sometimes breaking a pattern can make room for a new one worth repeating!

A thought-provoking and visually stunning exploration of the math, art, and emotion of patterns.



Jitters





Jitters Series

Author Visit Jitters

Julie Danneberg

Illustrated by Judy Love

**Hardcover and
Trade Paperback**

Fiction

Age 5-8 years

Pages 32

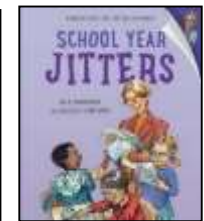
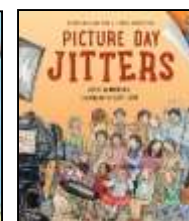
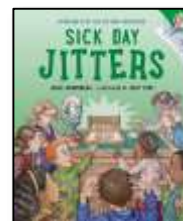
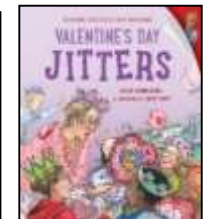
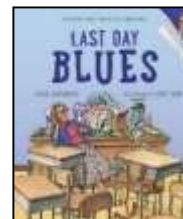
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Rights World

The Jitters Series tackles social-emotional growth in the classroom with laugh-out-loud antics and heartwarming storylines.

Everyone has the jitters at the thought of a day without their favorite teacher! When the substitute teacher doesn't show up, the other adults in the building pitch in. The art teacher runs a writing workshop, the school nurse teaches science, and the math teacher leads reading! Alternating perspectives show the day from the students' point of view and from Mrs. Hartwell's, as the kids keep her informed through a flurry of humorous electronic updates.

Also in series:

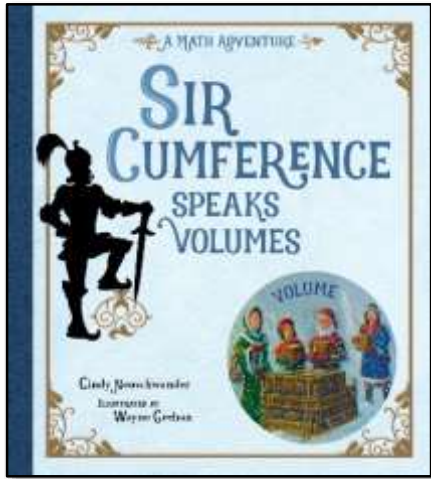


Julie Danneberg is the author of the best-selling Jitters series. She also writes nonfiction, including *John Muir Wrestles a Waterfall* and *Monet Paints a Day*. Julie's sick-day remedies always involve chicken soup, multiple naps, and a good book . . . or two. She lives in Colorado.

Sir Cumference



October 15, 2024



Sir Cumference Series

Cindy Neuschwander
Illustrated by Wayne Geehan

Hardcover and Trade Paperback Fiction
Age 7-10 years
Pages 32
Trim Size 8½ x 9½
Rights World
Full Series Rights Sold Simplified Chinese
Selected Titles Rights Sold Romania, Turkey



Medieval math favorites Sir Cumference and Lady Di of Ameter learn a method to calculate volume in this adventure story introduction to a math curriculum staple.

In this latest medieval math adventure, readers learn about volume. Sir Cumference hears news about an impending snow siege from a young countryman named Volomo Longitudo Latitudo Altitudo. Volomo invites Sir Cumference in and shows him a nifty method for storing grains so that the harvest is easily countable and stackable. At the castle, Sir Cumference and Lady Di open their doors for people to seek shelter during the blizzard. But when they run out of food, Sir Cumference and Lady Di must use Volomo's method to measure how much grain they need to feed everyone.

Also in series:



Cindy Neuschwander is a retired elementary school teacher who now works part time as a math remediation teacher. She lives in San Luis Obispo, California. She was inspired to write the Sir Cumference series while visiting medieval castles in England.

The Life Cycles in Room 6





The Life Cycles in Room 6 Series

Caroline Arnold

Trade Paperback

Nonfiction

Age 3-7 years

Pages 40

Photo-Illustrated

Trim Size 9 1/2 x 8 1/2

Series Rights World

The Life Cycles in Room 6 series follows Mrs. Best's real kindergarten class as they help things grow. This photo-illustrated series engages readers with hands-on science in the classroom and beyond—now in paperback!

Follow a classroom of real kindergartners as they grow a garden full of healthy vegetables, watch chicks hatch, and participate in a popular classroom activity: raising butterflies. An exciting introduction to the math and science involved in growing a garden, and the life cycles of chickens and butterflies.



Caroline Arnold is the author of more than 160 books for children, most of them about science and nature. Caroline's other recent titles include *Living Fossils: Clues to the Past*; *Too Hot? Too Cold? Keeping Body Temperature Just Right*; and *A Warmer World*.

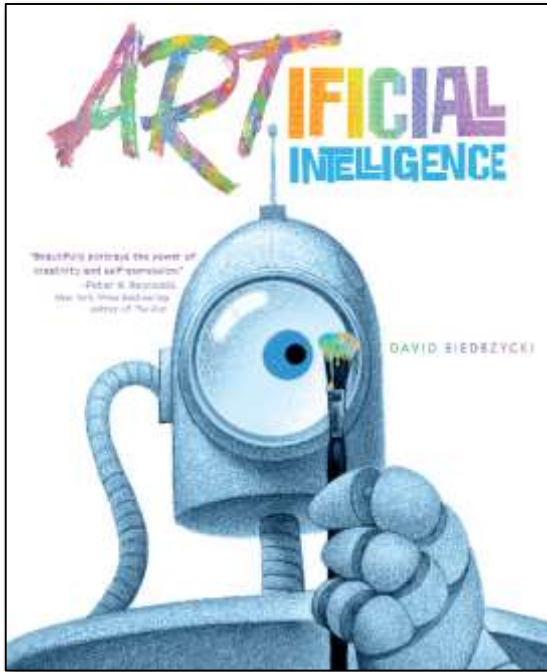


Picture Books

Fiction



October 15, 2024



ARTificial Intelligence

David Biedrzycki

Hardcover

Fiction

Age 4-8 years

Pages 56

Trim Size 9 x 11

Rights World

Ever since he was a little chip, Robot knew he was ART-ificially different. A funny and heartfelt picture book exploring AI, art, and creativity.

Try as he might, Robot can't keep up with the other robots at the warehouse. But when he's sent off for reprogramming, he takes a wrong turn and ends up encountering music, dancing, and ART! He tries to share his discovery, only to find that art is hard to explain—and even harder to do. Will Robot learn to express himself and transform the warehouse . . . or will he be recycled?





April 29, 2025

Far, Far Away

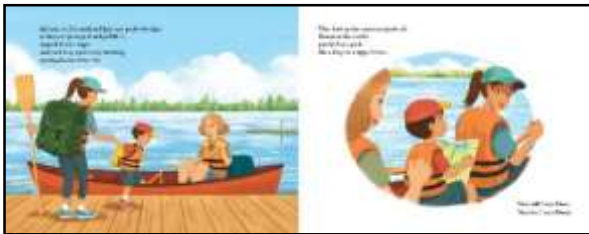
Molly Beth Griffin
Illustrated by Bao Luu

Hardcover
Fiction
Age 3-7 years
Pages 32
Trim Size 11 x 8½
Rights World

A picture book celebrating the beauty of nature, new experiences, and gaining perspective. Sometimes you have to go far, far away to appreciate the world around you.

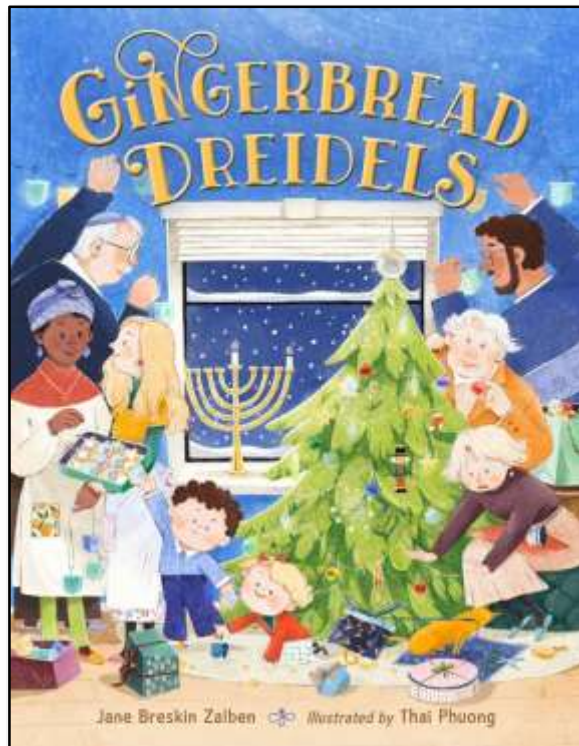
Mom and Mama are taking Rowan on his first camping trip far, far away from the city where they live. Rowan is excited to see all kinds of wildlife, possibly even a bear or a moose! But they are canoe camping, which means they carry all their supplies on their back and paddle from place to place. Before long, Rowan is tired and hungry, itchy from mosquito bites, and downright grumpy. In fact, he wants to go home.

Rowan realizes that though camping is hard work, it is worth it in the end. Young readers will have a better appreciation for the challenges and rewards that come with being in the outdoors, and will come back to *Far, Far Away* often to remind themselves of nature's beauty.



Holiday Titles





August 27, 2024

Gingerbread Dreidels

Jane Breskin Zalben
Illustrated by Thai Phuong

Hardcover
Fiction

Age 4-7 years

Pages 32

Trim Size 8 1/2 x 11

Rights World

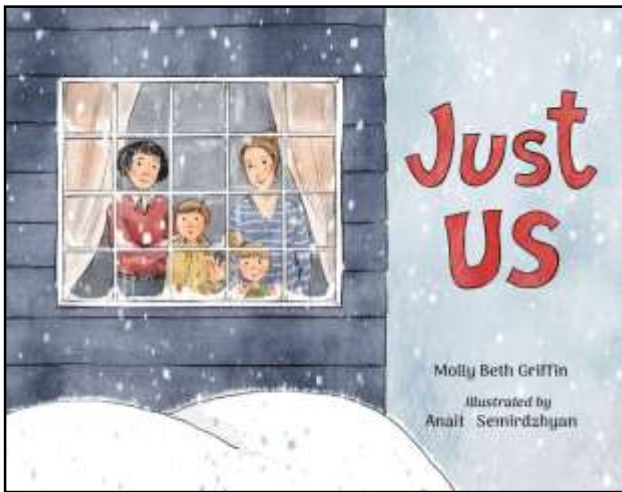
Chanukah and Christmas come together in this story of an interfaith, intergenerational family's blended holiday. Gelt and gingerbread, menorahs and trees, red and green and blue and white . . .

When Christmas and the first night of Chanukah occur on the same day, Sophie and Max are confused. The children are used to the two parts of their identity remaining separate, celebrating with each part of their family in turn. But this year is different: all their grandparents are coming to partake in both Jewish and Christian traditions together.

Complete with a sweet acknowledgment of the concern at the forefront of each child's mind—how will this affect the presents?—*Gingerbread Dreidels* is a story for interfaith families that shows how love is at the center of every holiday.



August 27, 2024



Just Us

Molly Beth Griffin

Illustrated by Anait Semirdzhyan

Hardcover

Fiction

Age 3-7 years

Pages 32

Trim Size 11 x 8½

Rights World

How can it be the holidays if everyone isn't together? Relevant and relatable, *Just Us* will provide comfort and warm hearts at a time of the year when maybe it's needed most.

What happens when a storm prevents all the relatives from coming in for the holidays? No Grandma, no aunts, no uncles, no cousins. No fun!

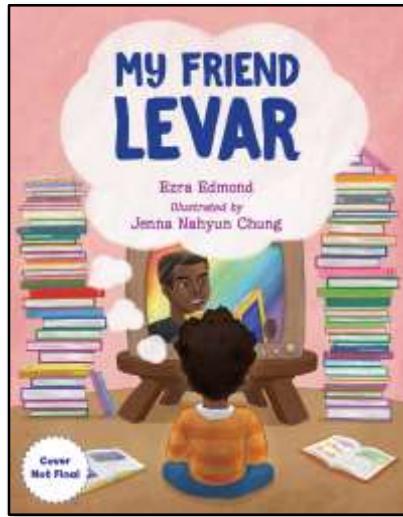
The family will have to adapt their traditions to versions that can be done on a smaller scale—from a more manageable stew dinner, a hike in the snow, or a game of cards instead of rowdy charades. Navigating disappointment with mindfulness and gratitude, the family pieces together a holiday full of new traditions, while still acknowledging that it's okay to miss the old ones.



Picture Book Biographies



October 1, 2024



My Friend LeVar

Ezra Edmond

Illustrated by Jenna Nahyun Chung

Hardcover

Fiction

Age 3-7 years

Pages 32

Trim Size 8½ x 11

Rights World

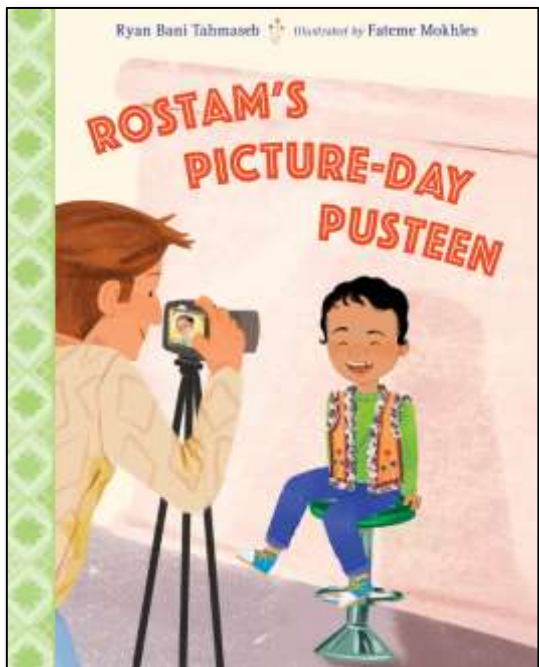
Celebrate the joy of reading and imagination with Ezra; he loves discovering new picture books with his friend LeVar Burton, whom he knows from TV!

Ezra's friend LeVar always has a book to share. From playing in the snow, to decorating eggs, to eating pancakes with Paul Bunyan—Ezra and LeVar explore all different kinds of stories. Through imaginative play they discover new worlds, learn to be curious, and revel in reading. One day young Ezra meets LeVar Burton in real life! Soon afterward, Ezra discovers that his friends know LeVar from TV, too.

This joyous celebration of the impact that LeVar Burton had on kids during his years on television stems from the author's real-life admiration of LeVar Burton and their chance meeting when Ezra was a child.



July 16, 2024



Rostam's Picture-Day Pusteen

Ryan Bani Tahmaseb
Illustrated by Fateme Mokhles

Hardcover
Fiction
Age 3-7 years
Pages 32
Trim Size 8 x 10
Rights World

Being the new kid is hard. And wearing something that might seem odd to other kids is even harder.

Rostam and Maman recently moved to the United States, and Baba is still working in Iran. Now it's picture day at school, and Rostam doesn't want to wear his pusteen. Even though Baba wore it when he was little, and it's beautiful and soft, Rostam worries that the other kids will think it's weird.

But sometimes being brave means sharing your whole self with others.





August 13, 2024

Squawk of Spanish

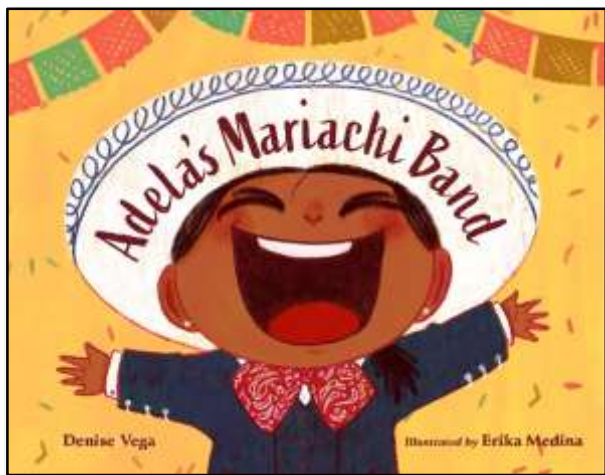
Gabriella Aldeman
Illustrated by Romina Galotta

**Hardcover
Fiction
Age 5-7 years
Pages 32
Trim Size 8 x 10
Rights World**

Max finds his Spanish-speaking voice with the help of his abuela’s pet, Lorito a talkative parrot, in this sweet and heartwarming picture book.

Max isn’t confident with his Spanish, especially rolling his Rs, and his cousins always tease him about it. But he loves spending weekends baking with his Spanish-speaking abuela, while Lorito the parrot helps translate. But when Lorito disappears for a day, Max and Abuela must figure out how to communicate. Max’s Spanish doesn’t have to be perfect, and Abuela can attempt a little English. Trying is what counts!





August 13, 2024

Adela's Mariachi Band

Denise Vega
Illustrated by Erika Medina

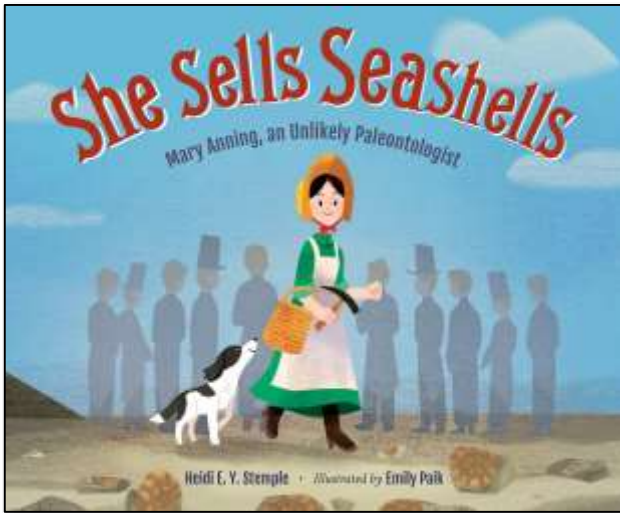
Hardcover
Fiction
Age 4-7 years
Pages 32
Trim Size 11 x 8½
Rights World

Adela loves everything about her family's mariachi band—except that she isn't in it! Shining a spotlight on Mexican music and full of instruments and dancing, *Adela's Mariachi Band* is sure to be a hit!

Adela wants nothing more than to be a part of her family's mariachi band, but when she tries the different instruments, everything comes out wrong. La trompeta fizzles, la vihuela squeaks, and trying to dance makes Adela fall on her face. From watching her family, Adela knows that practice makes perfect, but can she find a way to be part of the band in the meantime?



July 16, 2024



She Sells Seashells
Mary Anning, an Unlikely Paleontologist

Heidi E. Y. Stemple
Illustrated by Emily Paik

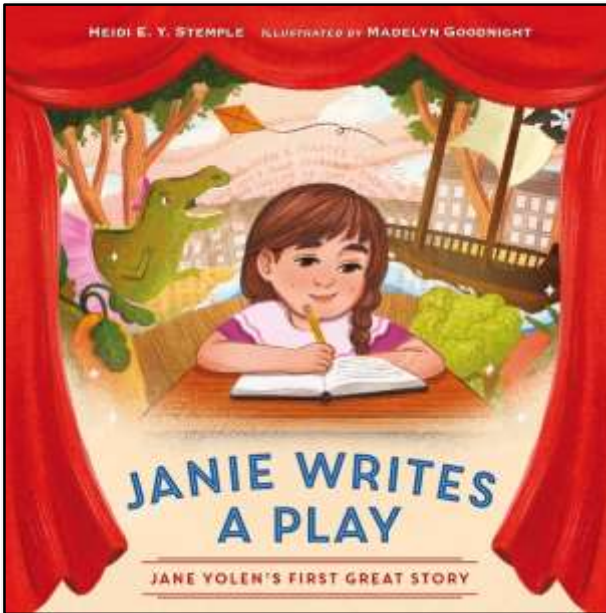
Hardcover
Nonfiction
Age 5-9 years
Pages 40
Trim Size 11 x 9
Rights World

Once forced to the sidelines of science, Mary Anning is now recognized as the world's first paleontologist. A rousing, empowering nonfiction biography for STEM-minded kids.

At first, Mary Anning collected shells and other curiosities to sell in her family's shop. Then she began discovering fossils that changed the course of how we understand life on Earth. But educated male scientists at the time—men who bought and studied Mary's fossils—did not recognize her skills, nor did they include her in their discussions as the field of paleontology emerged.

Self-taught and passionate, Mary was too busy making new discoveries to worry about those rich educated men. Today she is recognized as the first paleontologist. Back matter expands on Mary's remarkable life, including where she lived, relationships, and the tricky dynamic of being a woman of her time.





February 11, 2025

Janie Writes a Play
Jane Yolen's First Great Story

Heidi E. Y. Stemple
Madelyn Goodnight

Hardcover
Fiction

Age 5-8 years

Pages 40

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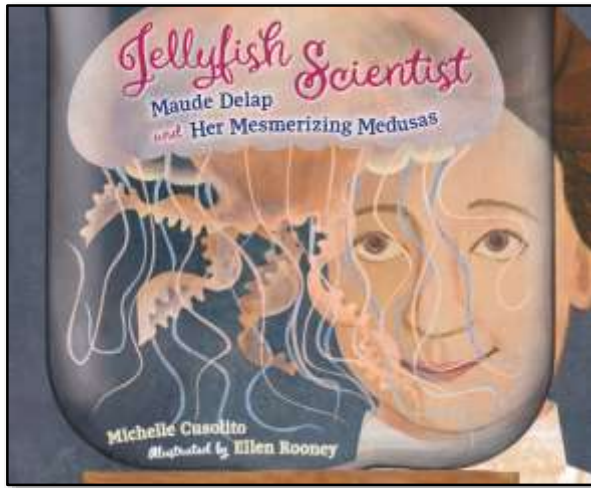
Rights World

Based on a true story to the beginning of the storied career of children's book author Jane Yolen, written by her very own daughter.

Janie Yolen loves to read, write, dance, and sing. So when her teacher announces Janie's elementary class will perform a play, Janie is thrilled. There's just one problem. . . the play is boring. With the support of her teacher and classmates, Janie rewrites the play, resulting in a hit class musical.

An inspiring and funny look at how a writer became a writer, told by another prolific author—Heidi E. Y. Stemple, Jane's own daughter!





April 22, 2025

Jellyfish Scientist: Maude Delap and Her Mesmerizing Medusas

Michelle Cusolito
Illustrated by Ellen Rooney

Hardcover
Nonfiction
Age 7-10 years
Pages 32
Trim Size 11 x 9
Rights World

Meet scientist Maude Delap in this riveting STEM biography that details her biggest experiment—her observations of and research about jellyfish.

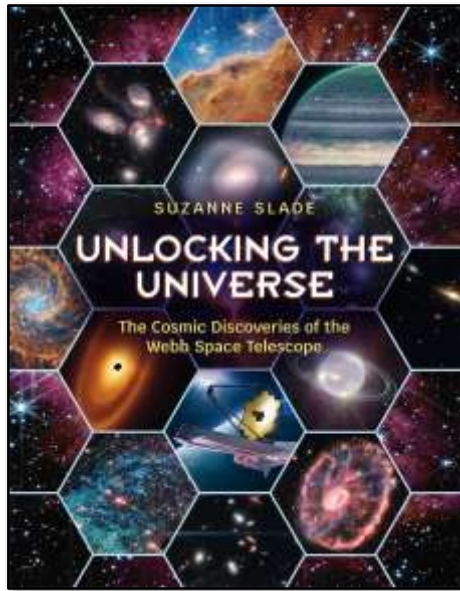
Maude scoops a jellyfish out of the water and embarks on more than a year of observation of the animal, accomplishing something countless other scientists were unable to do: trace the life cycle of a jellyfish and understand the creature's metamorphosis from larva to adult.

Maude's story must be told. Her painstaking observations of a compass jellyfish in 1899-1900 laid the foundation for research still ongoing today.



Nonfiction





October 8, 2024

Unlocking the Universe

*The Cosmic Discoveries of the Webb
Space Telescope*

Suzanne Slade

Hardcover

Nonfiction

Age 6-9 years

Pages 48

Trim Size 8½ x 11

Rights World

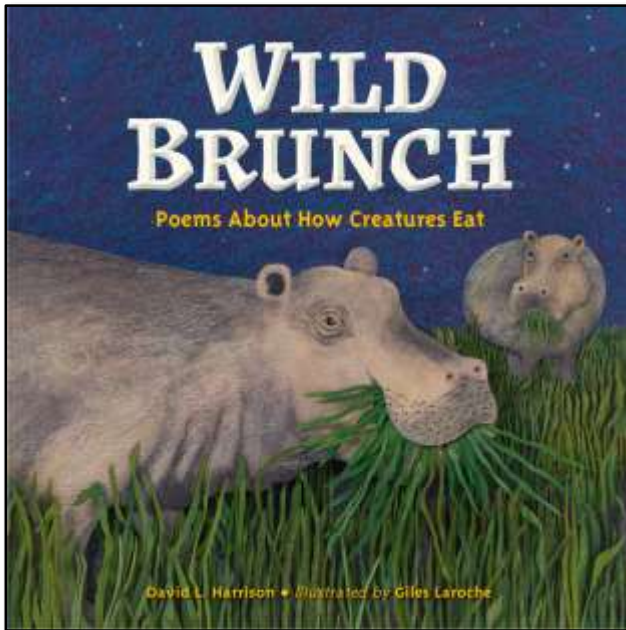
A stunning STEM feast on NASA's Webb Telescope--the world's most powerful telescope--will marvel future scientists and engineers about space and the universe beyond.

Building the James Webb Space Telescope was no easy feat. It started with a big dream and an even bigger team: thousands of engineers and scientists across the country and world. The team solved design challenges, built prototypes, and ran test after test. They experienced frustration, page-turning suspense, and, ultimately, triumph. After decades of work, a rocket catapulted the Webb Telescope into space. With Webb, we can now see farther than we've ever seen before.

The first Webb images, released on July 11, 2022, captivated the world. Today the Webb team continues releasing new images and making astonishing discoveries. This is their story, as told by a mechanical engineer and reviewed for accuracy by key members of the Webb team.



September 10, 2024



Wild Brunch

Poems About How Creatures Eat

David L. Harrison

Illustrated by Giles Laroche

Hardcover

Nonfiction

Age 3-7 years

Pages 32

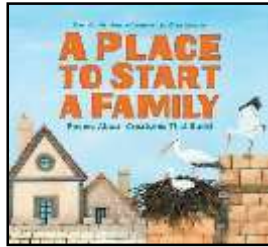
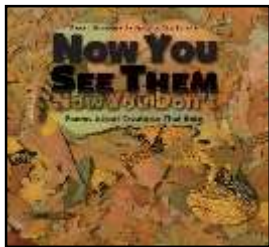
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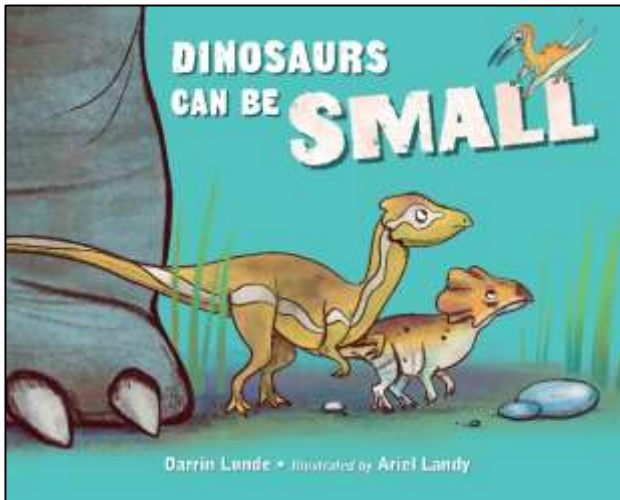
Rights World

Young wildlife lovers are invited to explore how and why animals eat what they do in this nonfiction poetry picture book collection for kids.

Explore how narwhals, jellyfish, hippos, piranhas, and many more species of swimming, land-based, and flying animals satisfy their appetites in a collection of culinary poems.

A creative companion to *Now You See Them, Now You Don't: Poems About Creatures That Hide* and *A Place to Start a Family: Poems About Creatures That Build* by celebrated author and science expert David L. Harrison and award-winning illustrator Giles Laroche.





September 17, 2024

Dinosaurs Can Be Small

Darrin Lunde

Illustrated by Ariel Landy

Hardcover

Nonfiction

Age 3-7 years

Pages 32

Trim Size 10 x 8

Rights World

Being big isn't everything. It's sometimes very good to be small. Even for dinosaurs!

The perfect addition to any dino-loving prereaders' shelves.

World-class zoologist Darrin Lunde celebrates the power of the small. Small dinosaurs weren't just cute; their size had evolutionary benefits. And when that giant meteor hit, who do you think survived?

Sure, you've heard of Triceratops, but do you know Microceratus, one of the smallest horned dinos? Love T. rex? Allow us to introduce Compsognathus, a tiny meat-eater that hunted insects.

Little (and big) kids alike will appreciate the SIZE-mic fun to be had with this prehistoric introduction to dinos of all shapes and sizes.



October 22, 2024

Bounce!

A Scientific History of Rubber

Sarah Albee

Illustrated by Eileen Ryan Ewen

Hardcover

Fiction

Age 4-8 years

Pages 48

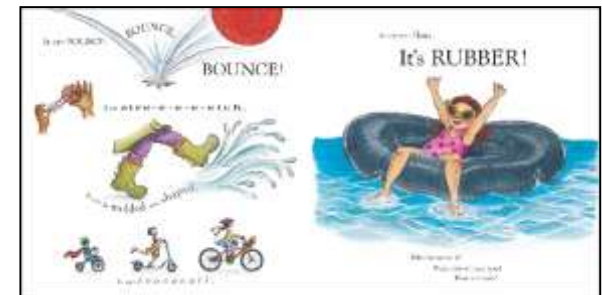
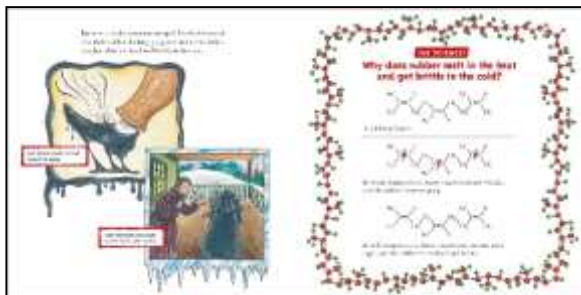
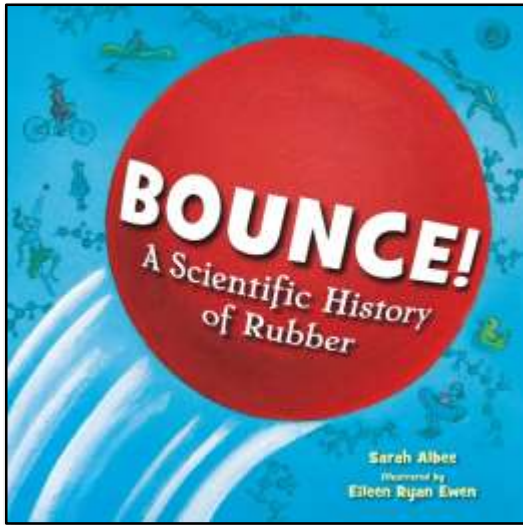
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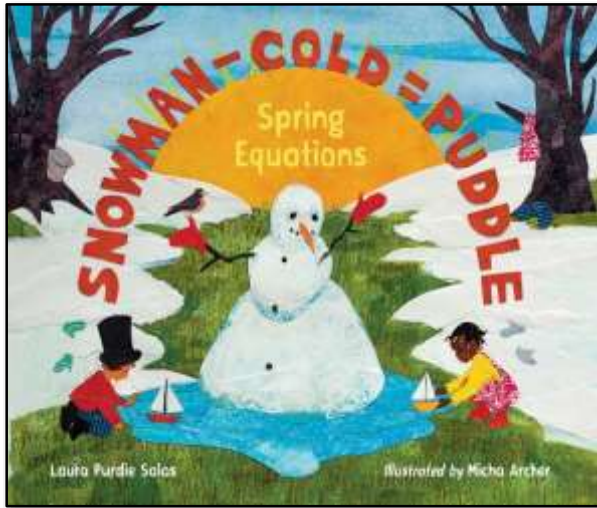
Rights World

Ever wondered what makes rubber bounce? Or why it's stretchy? And WHY is rubber so . . . rubbery?! Learn the fascinating science and history behind this ubiquitous material!

With sidebars, graphics, fun facts, and more, the history of rubber reveals plenty of fascinating secrets and surprises. Elementary school readers will discover that early balls didn't bounce; that people in the rainforest made waterproof gear from rubber thousands of years before Europeans got into the act; and that sneakers, bicycles, and cars created demand for more and more rubber!

Back matter includes a time line and a bit about the complicated implications of harvesting rubber.





January 14, 2025

Snowman - Cold = Puddle
Spring Equations

Laura Purdie Salas
Illustrated by Micha Archer

Trade Paperback
Nonfiction

Age 4-8 years

Pages 32

Trim Size 11 x 8½

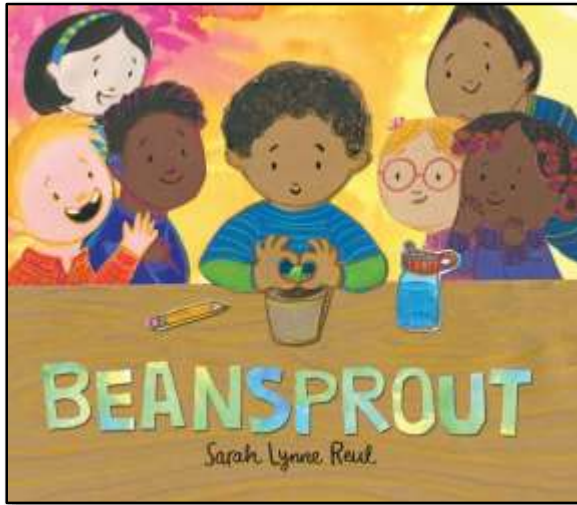
Rights World

Rights Sold China, Korea

Math meets metaphor in this eye-opening exploration of spring.

Each clever equation is a tiny, perfect poem that prompts readers to look at the ordinary and see the miraculous. Can you look at an egg in a nest and see a jewelry box? How are sunlight and heat like an alarm clock? Engaging sidebars reveal the science behind the signs of spring. Young mathematicians and scientists will delight in this springtime read!





March 11, 2025

Beansprout

Sarah Lynne Reul

Hardcover

Fiction

Age 3-7 years

Pages 48

Trim Size 10 x 8 ¹¹/₁₆

Rights World

What happens when you do everything right, but it doesn't work out? When classmates start having success with their seeds, one student's just won't sprout.

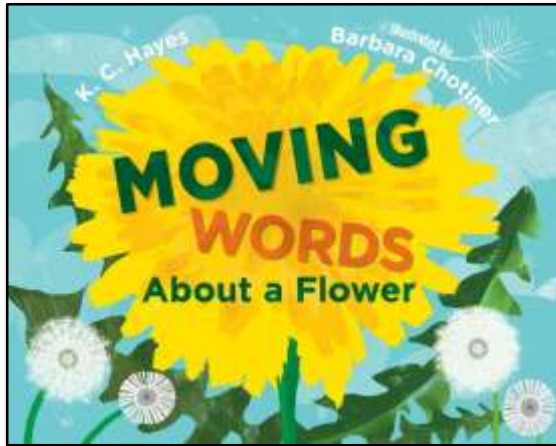


It's seed-planting time in Ms. Greene's classroom! One of the kids has big predictions for their mystery seed and does everything just so to make sure it grows. But as all the other seeds start to sprout, theirs. . . doesn't.

So they proclaim they'll never try to grow another seed again! But when they learn the leftover seeds will be thrown out, they start to think about second chances and enlists their classmates to help plant a beautiful garden for all to enjoy.



A fantastic social-emotional learning book that'll inspire conversations about handling disappointment and one's emotions, while leaving readers with an encouraging and hopeful ending.



March 11, 2025

Moving Words About a Flower

K. C. Hayes

Illustrated by Barbara Chotiner

**Trade Paperback
Fiction**

Age 4-7 years

Pages 40

Trim Size 10 x 8

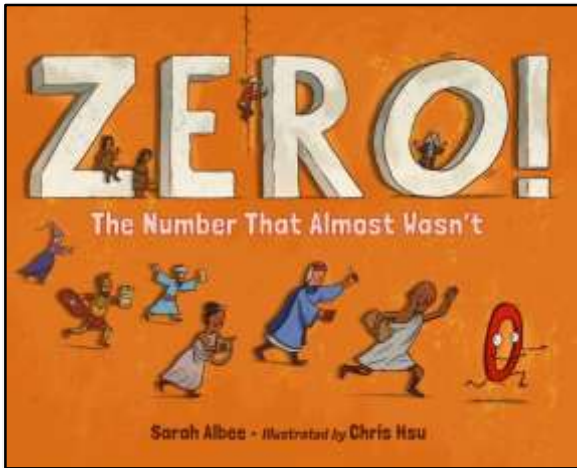
Rights World

Rights Sold Turkey

Words tumble, leap, and fly in this clever shape poem about a resilient dandelion—now in paperback!

The inspiring story of a dandelion that survives against all odds, ingeniously told through shape poems (also called "concrete poems") full of visual surprises. When it rains, letters fall from the sky; and when seeds scatter, words FLY! Each playful page will have readers looking twice. The back of the book includes more information about the life cycle of the humble, incredible dandelion.





March 11, 2025

Zero! The Number That Almost Wasn't

Sarah Albee
Illustrated by Chris Hsu

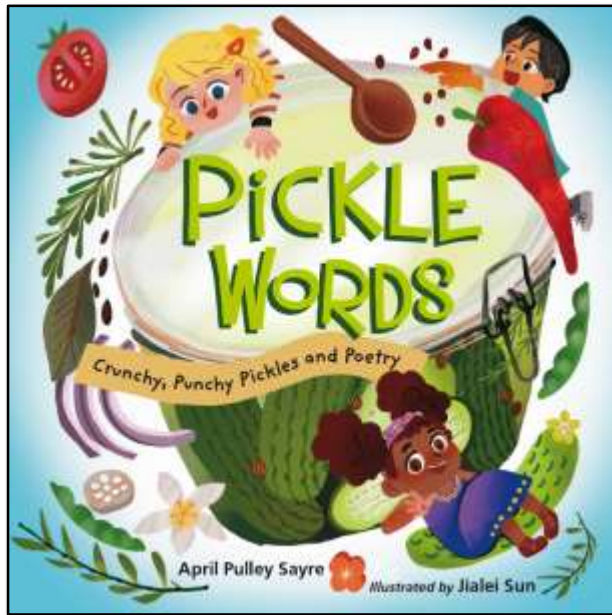
Hardcover
Nonfiction
Age 6-9 years
Pages 40
Trim Size 10 x 8
Rights World

How did math work before zero existed? A STEM nonfiction book that unpacks a fascinating history of a number we can't imagine our current world without.

From place value to being created and destroyed before being created again, zero has had quite a journey. Respected children's author and consummate researcher Sarah Albee lays out the history of zero alongside the complications that initially hampered its development, including Western imperialism.

A riveting nonfiction book with a playful feel, *Zero!* unravels a complicated history in tremendous kid-friendly detail.





July 16, 2024

Pickle Words

Crunchy, Punchy Pickles and Poetry

April Pulley Sayre

Illustrated by Jialei Sun

Hardcover

Nonfiction

Age 4-7 years

Pages 32

Trim Size 9½ x 9½

Rights World

This sweet and spicy celebration of all things pickled is the perfect poetry picture book for foodies of all ages!

Open this book to savor a riotous rainbow of pickles. Not just green cucumbers, but yellow peppers, pink cabbages, and purple plums! Pickles come in all shapes and sizes—and so do the words that describe them.

Punchy poetry and zesty art tell the story of a diverse community drawn together by their love of pickles. From kosher dills to sweet chutney to tangy kimchi, *Pickle Words* describes them all in this global tour of pickled foods. Back matter includes the science of pickling, an easy recipe for refrigerator pickles, and a visual glossary of pickles from around the world.



July 9, 2024

Kindred Spirits: Shilombish Ittibachvffa

Leslie Stall Widener
Illustrated by Johnson Yazzie

Hardcover
Nonfiction
Age 5-8 years
Pages 32
Trim Size 11 x 9
Rights World

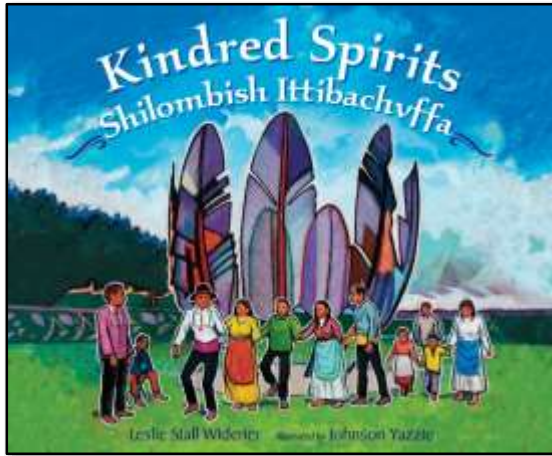
A nonfiction picture book about the inspiring true pay-it-forward story that bridges two continents, 175 years, and two events in history—connecting Ireland, Choctaw Nation, Navajo Nation, and the Hopi Tribe.

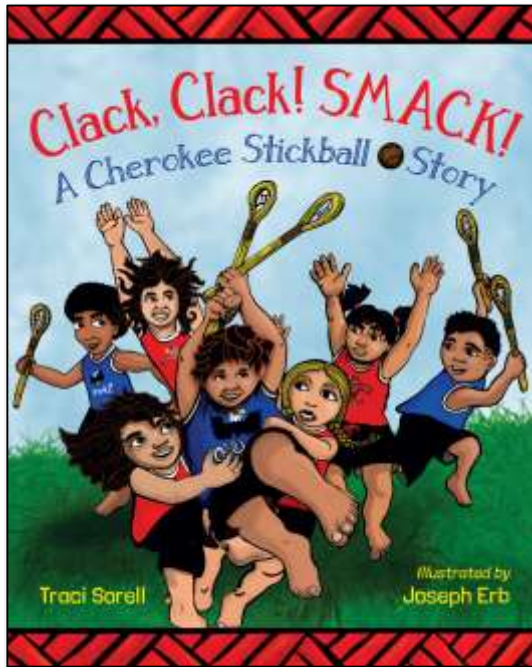
1845. The Potato Famine devastated Ireland. An ocean away, Choctaw people heard and were moved by the similarities to the injustice they had suffered on the Trail of Tears. Though they had little, they gathered money to donate.

2017. Irish people built a statue to remember their connection to the Choctaw Nation—twenty-foot high feathers in the shape of a bowl.

2020. COVID-19 disproportionately ravished the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Tribe. Irish people remembered the Choctaws’ kindness and paid it forward by donating.

Empathy creates kindness that lives well beyond a single act and includes more people the bigger it grows.





August 6, 2024

Clack, Clack! Smack!
A Cherokee Stickball Story

Traci Sorell
Illustrated by Joseph Erb

Hardcover
Fiction
Age 4-7 years
Pages 32
Trim Size 8 x 10
Rights World

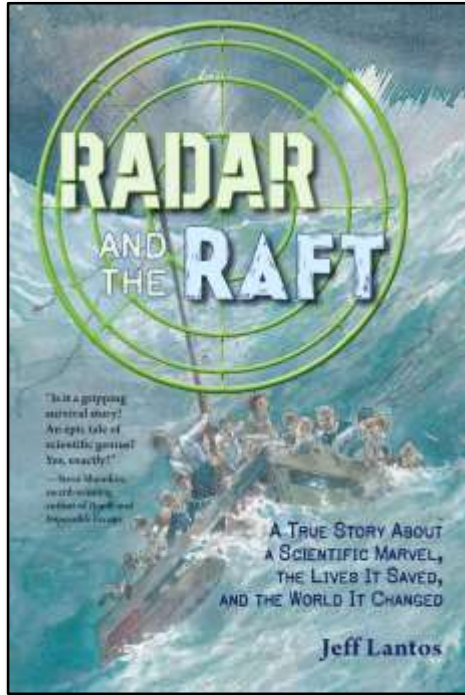
Vann, a struggling stickball player, competes in a game on the Cherokee Nation. Can he help his team win? Written by award-winning Cherokee author Traci Sorell.

Vann loves his tribe's traditional sport of stickball, but he's not as skilled as his teammates. Vann stumbles, and he tries and fails to score. How can he help his teammates win the game? Exciting and fast-paced, *Clack, Clack! Smack!* reminds readers that sportsmanship and being a team player is just as important as being the star. Back matter explains the Cherokee game of stickball, still played today.





Middle Grade and YA



September 24, 2024

Radar and the Raft

A True Story About a Scientific Marvel, the Lives it Saved, and the World it Changed

Jeff Lantos

Hardcover

Nonfiction

Age 10 years and up

Pages 192

Trim Size 6 x 9

Rights World

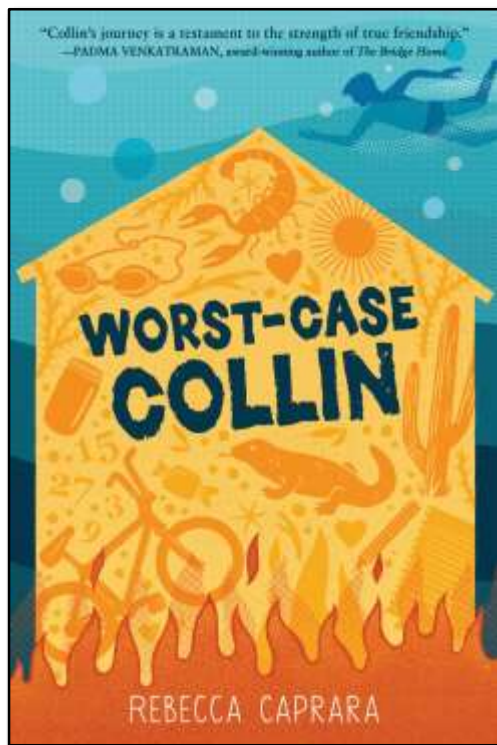
This science-history nonfiction adventure mash-up will be on every middle grade reader's radar.

Who knew that an improbable rescue during WWII would be facilitated by scientific discoveries in the 18th century?

Expert researcher and educator Jeff Lantos makes the history-science connection between batteries and radar and one oceanic adventure in this engaging middle-grade escapade told in two intertwining storylines.

Readers are first invited to follow scientific discoveries in the 1700s that eventually lead to the creation of radar, and are then immersed in a world where World War II rages. German U-boats sink ships, and the ship just hit has an American mom and her two young kids aboard. Now Ethel, Robert, and Mary Bell are on a raft with fourteen other people, floating in the ocean and hoping for rescue.

Lantos expertly weaves radar's story of discovery with the Bell family's harrowing journey, bringing readers on an exciting fast-paced adventure through history.



October 8, 2024

Worst-Case Collin

Rebecca Caprara

Trade Paperback
Fiction

Age 10 years and up

Pages 384

Trim Size 5 1/2 x 8 1/4

Rights World

This poignant middle grade novel in verse follows twelve-year-old Collin who manages his anxiety by mapping out survival plans for any disaster or worst-case scenario.

Collin is always prepared for something to go wrong. Ever since he lost his mom in a car accident, he's been journaling about how to overcome things like avalanches, riptides, or even a bad case of halitosis.

Meanwhile, Collin's father grows more distant by the day, and has started hoarding things throughout their house. Determined to hide his home life from his friends, Collin navigates middle school alongside the hilarious and clueless Liam, and Georgia, who Collin may have feelings for. Can Collin learn to be vulnerable around those he loves, even when he can't control every possible scenario?





October 29, 2024

Saving Kenny

Corinne Gaile

**Trade Paperback
Fiction**

Age 10 years and up

Pages 224

Trim Size 5 ½ x 8 ¼

Rights World

Kenny Reed has a bright future ahead of him, but he and his siblings must first escape their abusive mother in this emotional middle-grade novel. An age-appropriate, safe conversation starter presented with alluring prose and sensitive treatment of complex issues.

Twelve-year-old Kenny Reed is a scholarship student at a private school across the river from his apartment in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston, which he shares with an older brother and sister and their abusive mother. He has always lived in the shadow of his siblings' success, but when he watches a performance of the opera *Aida*, Kenny discovers costumes and decides to become a costume designer.

In the midst of tumultuous family dynamics and domestic violence, the three siblings find themselves achieving their dreams and breaking the cycle of violence in this coming-of-age story.





February 18, 2025

The Ripple Effect

Rebecca Caprara

**Hardcover
Fiction**

Age 9–12 years

Pages 400

Trim Size 5 ½ x 8 ¼

Rights World

When 6th grader Zella's class prank flops, she's given a second chance to leave a lasting impact in this middle-grade novel about redemption, friendship, and kindness.

It's the end of 6th grade, and Zella wants to be the one who thinks of the best class prank—a long-held tradition that administrators allow, with parameters. As a result, she loses sight of what's going on in the lives of her two best friends and begins to cause more stress for her mom—who manages their family's failing ice cream shop while caring for Pops. Zella doesn't mean to cause trouble, but being 12 is hard. Everything is changing, and everyone seems so much cooler and better understood.

When her prank doesn't go as planned, the entire class is punished, and Zella is to blame. But when Zella's given a second chance, her small, subtle acts of thoughtfulness begin to grow. It turns out that redemption, friendship, and a remarkable chain of kindness tastes even sweeter than her family's famous raspberry ripple ice cream.

With humor and heart, *The Ripple Effect's* themes of kindness and connection will inspire young readers to even greater compassion and generosity in their own lives.





February 18, 2025

Werewolf Hamlet

Kerry Madden-Lunsford

Hardcover

Fiction

Age 10 years and up

Pages 256

Trim Size 5 1/2 x 8 1/4

Rights World

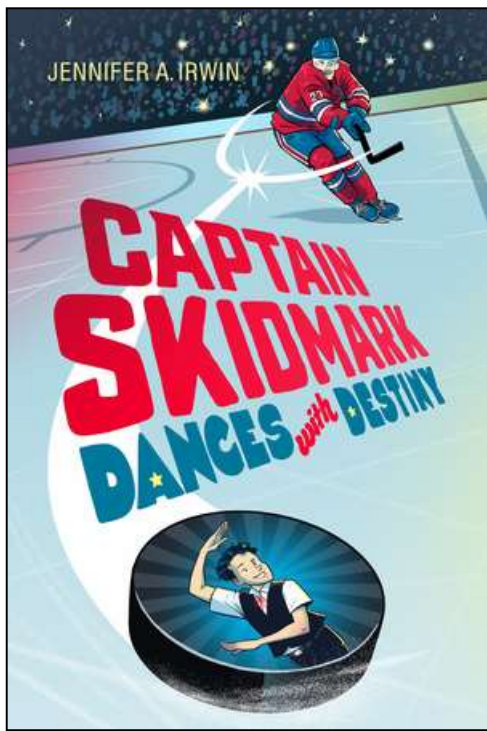
Humor, heart, and Shakespeare abound in this middle-grade novel about Angus, a 10-year-old theater fanatic, his struggling family, and his changing relationship with big brother Liam.

Ten-year-old Angus is unique. He quotes Shakespeare and wants to stage a *Werewolf Hamlet* play for his 5th grade legacy project. Angus's 17-year-old brother, Liam, is like a werewolf now—Angus never knows if he'll be nice or mean or when he'll sneak out to get drunk or worse.

Meanwhile, tension continues to build for Liam's family in Los Angeles. Mom and Dad are going to default on the mortgage. Older sister Hannah is fed up and ready to move herself to Maine, and little sister Sidney doesn't really get what's happening. Then Liam goes missing, and Angus decides he has to find him.

A realistic, heartfelt look at the complexities of family relationships and struggles. Along with Angus's loveable charm, sense of humor, and desire to stage his original play, *Werewolf Hamlet* is sure to win its audience—on and off the page—over.





September 24, 2024

Captain Skidmark Dances with Destiny

Jennifer A. Irwin

Trade Paperback Fiction

Age 10 years and up

Pages 320

Trim Size 5 1/2 x 8 1/4

Rights World

This laugh-out-loud middle-grade novel follows thirteen-year-old Will—who hates hockey and loves dancing—as he navigates school, bullies, and his father’s expectations.

Will is a Canadian eighth grader who hates hockey—and he stinks at it, too. Will is bullied at school, doesn’t have any friends, and is generally miserable.

When Will's seventeen-year-old hockey-star cousin, Alex, arrives to stay with Will's family, Will and Alex quickly realize they can't stand each other. Then Will stumbles into a local dance school. He fights the urge to cha-cha, but he's good! When Will's dad finds out about the dancing, he basically forbids it. And Alex's dad refuses to listen to what Alex wants to do with his life.

Filled with humor, nuance, and emotion, this novel asks what makes a family and what makes a man.





May 7, 2024

The Kid

Jeff Schill

Hardcover
Fiction

Pages 240

Trim Size 6 x 9

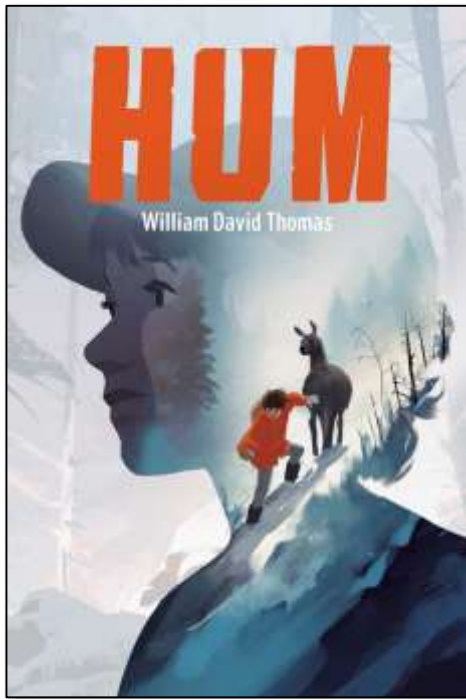
Rights World

Ages 10 and up

The Kid is the quickest draw in the West. Little does anyone know he isn't real. A fast-paced, cleverly woven, witty middle-grade western adventure.

It's 1882 in Destiny, Colorado. Fourteen-year-old Henry Upton's parents have died, and he's trying to keep his three younger brothers together on the farm. Henry writes a story about The Kid, the fastest draw in the West, to keep people away from their parts. But his stories will soon put more than his family and the farm at risk. Meanwhile, Herbert might lose his job as an editor at *Gunslinger Magazine* in Philadelphia if he can't find out why the author of The Kid stories recently stopped sending them. The soft city slicker is headed out west to find the author.

And Snake-Eye Sam has set his sights on The Kid, whom he thinks is real. Sam has evil in his heart and jealousy in his veins. Breaking out of prison to shoot down The Kid is about the only thing that can cure the itch running down Sam's spine. Three storylines—plus *Gunslinger Magazine's* The Kid stories—intertwine and come together just as Snake-Eye Sam and Herbert both arrive in Destiny. On Main Street at high noon, a master plan is put in place at the same time that Henry and the Destiny sheriff get what they need to keep the Upton brothers together. Pull up for a tall frothy glass of sarsaparilla and enjoy this engaging and satisfying Western tale, full of quirky characters, snappy dialogue, and heart.



July 16, 2024

Hum

William David Thomas

Hardcover

Fiction

Pages 208

Trim Size 5 1/2 x 8 1/4

Rights World

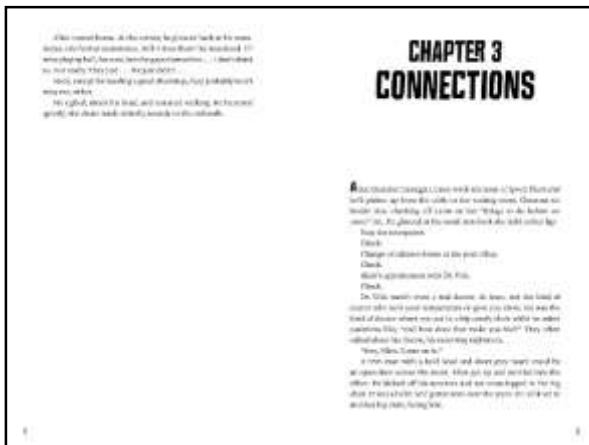
Ages 9-12

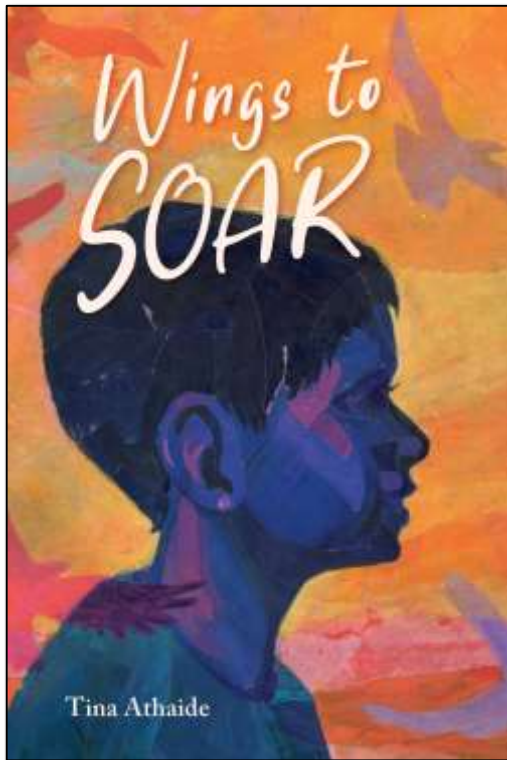
A chance encounter with an old llama astonishingly reveals a language Allen didn't know he could speak in this captivating and one-of-a-kind middle-grade novel.

Eleven-year-old Allen has a recurring nightmare, a persistent habit of humming, and difficulty connecting with other people. Making a fresh start, he and his grandmother move to a small village in northern New York.

But when he meets an old llama at a winter festival, the encounter reveals a language he didn't know he could speak and unveils repressed memories that contradict what he has long believed about his earliest years and his parents' deaths.

When the llama's life is threatened, Allen vows to free it. Together they begin a desperate trek through a snowy wilderness, a journey on which Allen must wrestle with lies about his past while struggling against the elements to survive.





July 23, 2024

Wings to Soar

Tina Athaide

**Hardcover
Fiction**

Pages 352

Trim Size 5 1/2 x 8 1/4

Rights World

Ages 10 and up

A historically relevant middle-grade novel in verse about a girl's resiliency when faced with hatred towards refugees. Readers of *The Night Diary* and *Inside Out and Back Again* shouldn't miss out.

It's 1972 and Viva's Indian family has been expelled from Uganda and sent to a resettlement camp in England, but not all of them made the trip. Her father is supposed to meet them in London, but he never shows up. As they wait for him, Viva, her mother, and her sister get settled in camp and try to make the best of their life there.

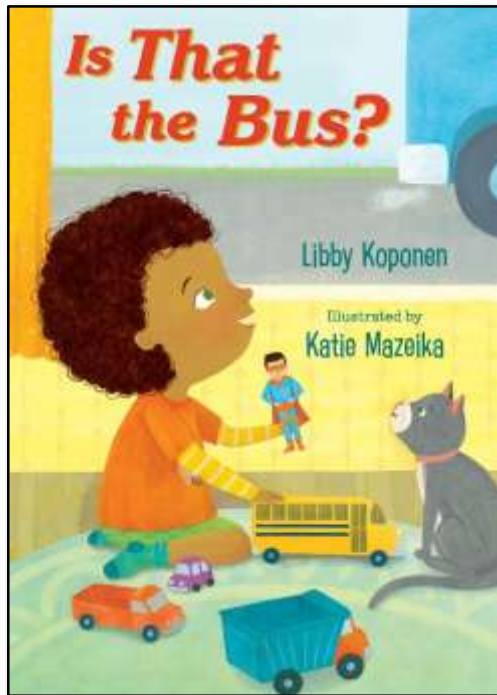
Just when she is beginning to feel at home with new friends, Viva and her family move out of the camp and to a part of London where they are not welcome. While grappling with the hate for brown-skinned people in their new community, Viva is determined to find her missing father so they can finish their move to Canada. When it turns out he has been sponsored to move to the United States, they have to save enough money to join him.

Told in verse, *Wings to Soar* follows a resilient girl and the friendships she forges during a turbulent time.





Ages 0 to 3



September 3, 2024

Is That the Bus?

Libby Koponen

Illustrated by Katie Mazeika

Board

Nonfiction

Age 2-4 years

Pages 24

Trim Size 5 x 7

Rights World

Vrrrrm! Trucks and other vehicles are zooming by! But in this relatable board book, why is the school bus the one to watch for?

One eager little brother is at home, playing alone. He listens and looks out for a variety of trucks and vehicles that pass by his home. But he's really hoping the big yellow bus will be next.

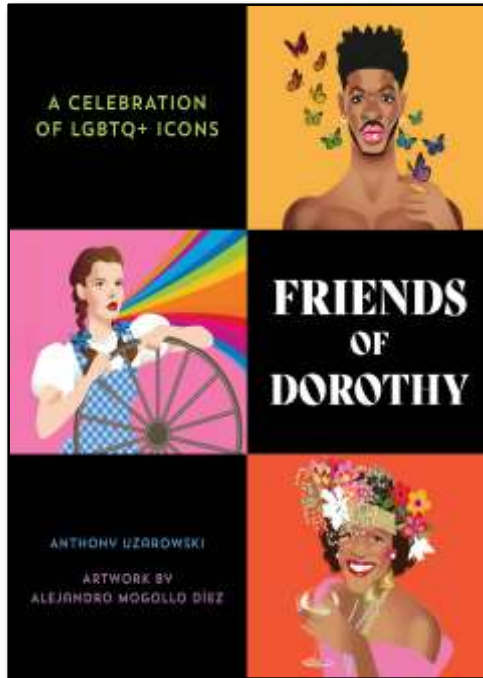
At long last, at the end of the school day, the bus pulls up—with his big sister on board!

A perfect read for toddlers who love all things that go and are excited to welcome their older siblings home after school.





Adult



October 10, 2023

Friends of Dorothy
A Celebration of LGBTQ+ Icons

Anthony Uzarowski
 Illustrated by Alejandro Mogollo Díez

Hardcover
Nonfiction
Pages 176
Illustrated
Trim Size 7½ x 9
Rights World

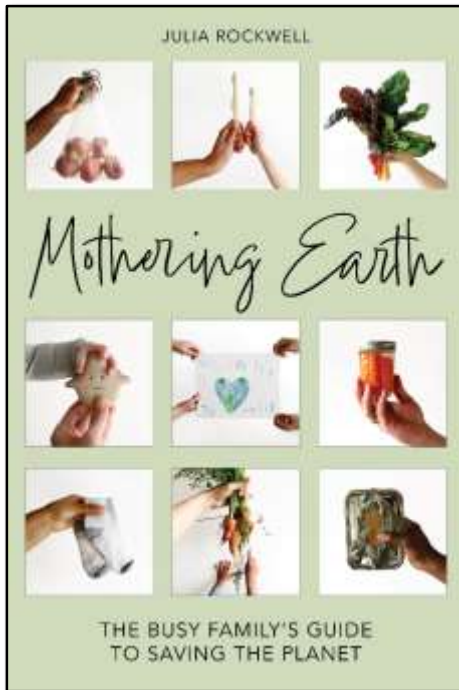
The ultimate celebration of LGBTQIA+ icons profiling 40 artists, entertainers, writers, and activists who inspired the queer community with their style, openness, and diversity.

What makes a gay icon? Free, uninhibited expression; an open mind; creativity; and bravery. *Friends of Dorothy* celebrates a wide range of people with the strength, vulnerability, charisma, and style that set them apart and gave them status with the queer community.

Queer icons include supporters of LGBTQIA+ rights such as Marsha P. Johnson, and others such as Divine and RuPaul who shattered social barriers to become important cultural ambassadors of queerness, changing the world in the process.

This collection welcomes readers into a flamboyant world populated by larger-than-life figures who inspired LGBTQIA+ people—over the decades—creating controversy, challenging conventions, and sometimes putting their own lives on the line in order for new generations to live in a more equal and accepting world.





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Mothering Earth
The Busy Family's Guide to Saving the Planet

Julia Rockwell

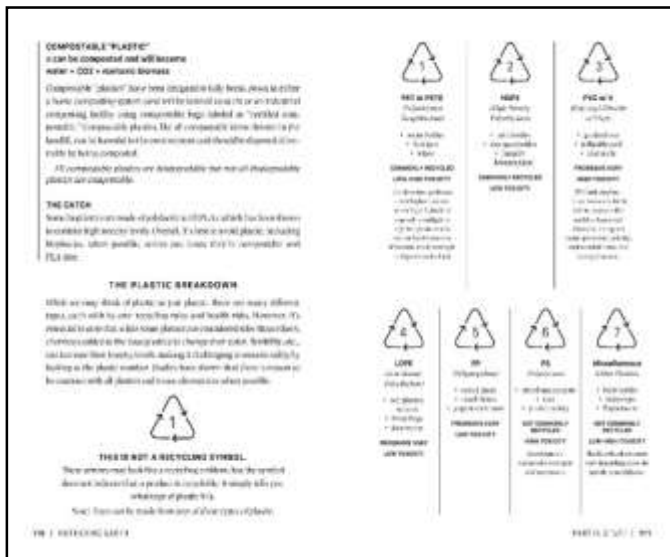
Hardcover
Nonfiction
Pages 288
Trim Size 5 1/2 x 8 1/4
Rights World

This Earth—and money—saving guide to sustainable living empowers families everywhere to fight climate change by making practical lifestyle changes—at home at their own pace.

Expert author Julia Rockwell provides a road map to simplify and streamline our lives in a way that benefits overall well-being and the health of the planet—all without sacrificing comforts or turning our lives upside down.

Written and designed to reach all families, this inspiring and useful book highlights “eco-action” solutions that support a climate-friendly lifestyle at your own pace.

Realistic yet impactful, *Mothering Earth* gives readers a feasible guide for simple and meaningful change, while at the same time sparks calmness and connection. With the tools to create an effective and healthy eco-routine, readers take a holistic look at shifting habits and making them stick in this Earth-saving guidebook.





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