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Novels





Ages 14 and Up
304 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}
April 15, 2025

NAHIA

BY EMILY JONES

A sweeping epic set in the wild and dangerous world of prehistoric Europe.

“Fresh and engrossing—a delight.”—Cindy Pon, award-winning author of *Want and Serpentine*

Spain, 8,000 years ago. Eighteen-year-old Nahia was born to lead. But when she speaks aloud a forbidden truth—that her people are facing a growing threat of invasion—she’s punished with exile, apprenticed to the enigmatic shaman Eneko. Deep in the wilds, she uncovers a talent for divining messages from the spirits. But these visions show that her people are in terrible danger. Can she change them, in order to save them? A masterful depiction of passionate first love, looming conquest, sorcery, and unashamed female power.

DR. EMILY JONES is the director of the archaeology graduate program at the University of New Mexico. She is an expert in the fields of archaeology, anthropology, and historical ecology. *Nahia* is her debut.



Ages 12 and Up
272 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}
June 10, 2025

TOP HEAVY

BY RHONDA DECHAMBEAU

A heart-stopping debut novel in verse about a talented dancer struggling to give herself grace in the wake of an assault.

Fifteen-year-old Esme lives and breathes dance. After a summer of non-stop practice, she and her best friend Mia make the Elite dance team. This year should be smooth sailing. *Except* that Esme and Mia took the spots of two popular, well-liked dancers. *Except* that Esme's dad can't afford her recital costume. *Except* that a stranger touches Esme's breasts on the dance floor, breasts that have always felt like giant targets.

After years of being oversexualized for her large chest, this is the violation that pushes Esme over the edge. Was it her fault? Could she have stopped it? This dazzling, tour-de-force debut tackles friendship, first love, and sexual assault. Esme musters strength she didn't know she had—and learns to lean on others after finding the right support. An unforgettable read, perfect for fans of *Starfish* and *Speak*.

RHONDA DECHAMBEAU was awarded the coveted Boston Public Library Writer-in-Residence fellowship. *Top Heavy* is her debut.



Ages 14 and Up
304 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}
January 7, 2025

THIS IS THE YEAR

BY GLORIA MUÑOZ

*In outer space, no one will know me
as the girl with the dead sister.*

Seventeen-year-old self-proclaimed Goth and aspiring writer Julieta is grieving: her twin sister who died in a hit-and-run, and her coastal home, crumbling under the weight of climate disaster. Then, Juli is recruited by a private space program enlisting teens for a high-stakes mission to establish humanity's first extraterrestrial settlement. Juli begins her training, convinced Cometa is her path to freedom. But then she finds hope in unexpected places—new friendships, first love, and her small but poignant acts of environmentalism. As her world collapses from the ramifications of the climate crisis, Juli must decide if she'll carry her loss together with her community or leave it all behind. Told in gripping prose and verse, this genre-bending novel explores themes of immigration, climate justice, grief, and the power of communities.

GLORIA MUÑOZ is an Academy of American Poets Poet Laureate Fellow, a Hedgebrook Fellow, a Macondista, a Highlights Foundation Diverse Verse Fellow, and a part of Las Musas. *This Is the Year* is her debut.



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304 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}
September 24, 2024

SWEETEST DARKNESS

BY LESLIE LUTZ

“So scary, this book gives darkness a bad name! The evil is alive and the tension grows. When I finished the last page, I realized I was still shivering.”

—R. L. Stine, author of *Goosebumps* and *Fear Street*

Quinn, a teenage clairvoyant, has been having dreams about the Hotel Alvarado. The hotel is a monument to his small town's more prosperous past, when films were shot in the nearby desert.

When Quinn braves the hotel's darkness with his best friend June and unrequited love Selena, he learns that ghosts aren't the scariest thing inside the Alvarado. He's been called by something worse: a predatory entity. And accidentally, he lets it out. It takes the shape of a handsome young man. It walks. It talks. It can even make you laugh. But its appetite for death can never be sated. Quinn has always had the power to see the future... can he find the power to change it?

LESLIE LUTZ is the author of *Fractured Tide*, which won the Frisco First Chapter Contest, and her short fiction and poetry has been published in *Orca*, *Kaaterskill Basin*, *Typishly*, and *The Lyric*.



GET REAL, CHLOE TORRES

BY CRYSTAL MALDONADO

When Chloe Torres plans the perfect summer to reunite her estranged BFFs—a cross-country road trip to see their favorite boy band!—there’s only one difficulty... getting them to actually go along for the ride.

Before eighteen-year-old Chloe Torres leaves for art school, she decides to take one more shot at healing the friend breakup she’s always regretted: planning a trip neither girl can say no to. She’s taken care of everything: the car, the hotels, and tickets to see their favorite boy band’s reunion show. But first, her ex-BFFs have to say yes. And to say yes, they’d all have to be talking... which they haven’t done since Ramona kissed Chloe, and everything imploded.

But with some clever finagling (and some undignified begging) Chloe gets them all on board. Of course, being in a car together for two weeks brings back old feelings... and soon enough, Chloe wants Sienna, Ramona wants Chloe, and everything is on fire.

This sizzling summer adventure is a hilarious and heartfelt romcom with something for everyone: fat positivity, sapphic romance, a blazing love triangle, ADHD representation, a diversity of Latine identities, a once-in-a-lifetime roadtrip—and the perfect it’s-finally-happening kiss.

Ages 14 and Up
320 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}
May 13, 2025

Over 75k
copies sold
across titles!



Ages 14 and Up • 352 pages

Rights Sales:
French/Akata
Portuguese (Brazil)/Gutenberg



Ages 14 and Up • 336 pages

Rights Sales:
French/Akata



Ages 14 and Up • 368 pages

Rights Sales:
French/Akata

CRYSTAL MALDONADO's debut novel, *Fat Chance, Charlie Vega*, is a New England Book Award winner, a *Cosmopolitan* Best New Book, and a *POPSUGAR* Best New YA Novel, while her sophomore novel, *No Filter and Other Lies*, was a *POPSUGAR* and *Seventeen* Best New YA.



Ages 14 & Up • 224 pages
September 3, 2024

A SECOND CHANCE ON EARTH

BY JUAN VIDAL

A father, a friend, and a favorite book help a teen boy understand love and loss in this moving and vivid novel in verse.

- ★ “Heartfelt, moving, and beautifully written.”—*Kirkus Reviews*
- ★ “Through affecting verse, Vidal deftly examines themes of friendship, masculinity, grief, and redemption.”—*Publishers Weekly*

“A tremendous piece of literature. Marcos is probably one of the most fully-realized kids I’ve ever come across in YA literature.”
—Tochi Onyebuchi, award-winning author of *Beasts Made of Night*



Ages 14 & Up • 304 pages
October 29, 2024

JUST UNTIL

BY JOSEPH MOLDOVER

Hannah must choose the impossible—put her nephews in foster care so she can stay true to her dream, or take them on and lose everything she’s worked so hard to achieve.

- ★ “[A] compelling narrative.”—*Booklist*

“Hannah’s thoughtful, whip-smart first-person narrative will instantly resonate with readers.”—Alex Richards, author of *Accidental* and *When We Were Strangers*

“An honest, moving portrayal of a family finding their way through life’s challenging moments.”—*Kirkus Reviews*



Ages 12 & Up • 304 pages
October 1, 2024

ROS DEMIR IS NOT THE ONE

BY LEYLA BRITTAN

*Ros will do whatever it takes to get the guy.
At least... she thinks she will.*

- “Fierce, funny, and utterly absorbing! . . . A witty page-turner that breaks with tradition, Brittan’s debut shines with a special kind of light.”
—Anuradha D. Rajurkar, award-winning author of *American Betiya*

“An exciting debut that packs a lot of heart.”
—Lilliam Rivera, Pura Belpré Honor-winning author of *Never Look Back*



Ages 8-12

208 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}

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April 22, 2025

See page 29 of the backlist guide for another title by Salerni.

THE TONTINE CAPER

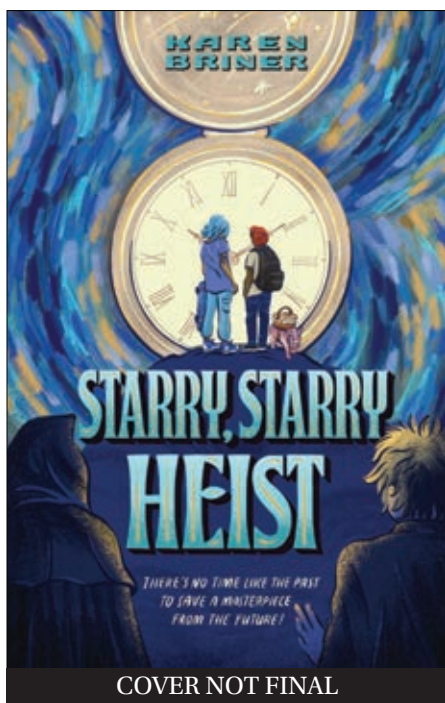
BY DIANNE K. SALERNI, ART BY MATT SCHU

Clue meets Knives Out in this twisty-turny middle grade mystery-comedy.

Eleven-year-old orphan Nico Lombardi has been unfairly indentured at a remote mountain inn for five years now. Just as he gathers the courage to escape, the inn gets booked by the remaining members of a “tontine,” an investment scheme where a cash prize is awarded to whomever lives the longest.

During their stay, a chaotic race to control the fate of the tontine takes over the normally sleepy inn. Nico watches in horror as a series of comically disastrous events unfolds—some of which might aid his escape, and some of which might get him in big trouble. Arch humor and an incredible cast of strange and calculating characters keep the pages turning in this Wes Anderson-esque mystery.

DIANNE K. SALERNI is the author of *The Carrefour Curse*, which was a *Kirkus* Best Book of the Year, *Eleanor*, *Alice*, and *the Roosevelt Ghosts*, and *Jadie in Five Dimensions*.



Ages 8-12

304 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}

March 18, 2025

STARRY, STARRY HEIST

BY KAREN BRINER

“Funny, inventive, and exciting, *Starry, Starry Heist* raises some big questions about creativity, art and ethics while taking the reader on a wild romp through time and space.”

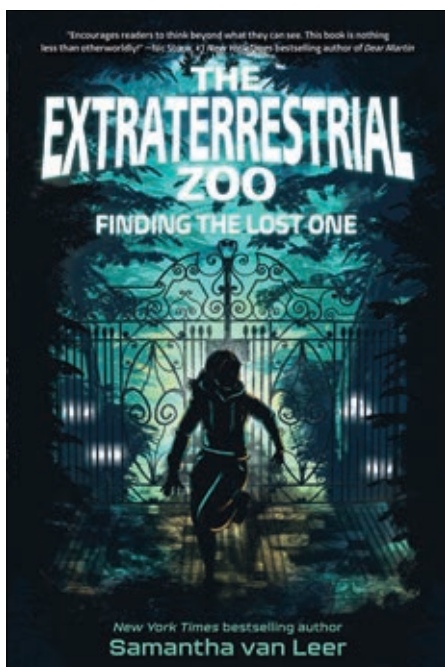
—Charis Cotter, award-winning author of *The Ghost Road*

“Fast-paced, smart and quirky.”

—Deron Hicks, author of the *Lost Art Mysteries* series

Eleven-year-old Max has it rough between tormentors at school and his sick mom at home. But then a strange, tuxedoed man with one shoe appears to Max from the future and divulges that Max’s mother’s fate is somehow entwined with that of Vincent van Gogh’s *The Starry Night*. Someone is after the famous painting... and the thief is not bound by the usual laws of time and space.

KAREN BRINER is the author of *Cassandra’s Quest* and *Snowize & Snitch: Highly Effective Defective Detectives*.



P+I Ages 10-14
224 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}
March 4, 2025

Book #2 coming Spring 2026!

FINDING THE LOST ONE

THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL ZOO #1

BY SAMANTHA VAN LEER

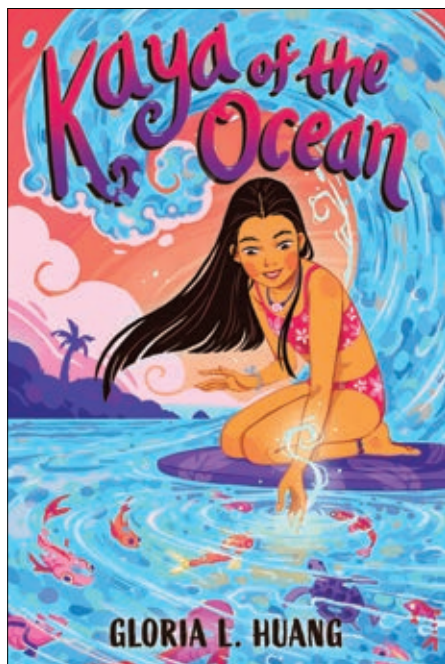
An out-of-this-world adventure about an extraterrestrial refuge by a New York Times bestselling author.

“Encourages kids to think beyond what they can see.”

—Nic Stone, bestselling author of *Dear Martin*

They might be “aliens” to you, but to thirteen-year-old Ava they are always ELBs: Extraterrestrial Living Beings. When they first arrived on Earth, Ava and her parents cared for and studied them. The family’s zoo became a destination, and their lab became their life’s work. That was all before the ELBs stopped arriving, though. Before Ava’s mom died and her dad disappeared. These days, Ava pretty much runs the zoo on her own, unless you count her distracted Uncle Pete and the clueless intern he hired. It doesn’t matter that no one comes to the zoo anymore, or that now people see aliens as a threat. Someone’s got to keep them—and her family’s legacy—alive.

SAMANTHA VAN LEER is the coauthor of the *New York Times* best-selling novels *Between the Lines* and *Off the Page*.



Ages 8-12
224 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}
January 7, 2025

KAYA OF THE OCEAN

BY GLORIA L. HUANG

Anxious Kaya is afraid of everything—but when she learns she is the descendent of a Chinese water goddess, she’ll have to master herself to master her powers.

“Empowering . . . I loved everything about this story.”—Julie Lee, author of Freeman Book Award winner *Brother’s Keeper*

Thirteen-year-old Kaya, a first-generation Chinese American living in Hawaii, has always been afraid of the ocean—it’s tried to drown her more than once. As strange things begin happening to Kaya around water, she realizes that while her anxiety may be in her head, her magical connection to the ocean is real—courtesy of her direct descent from the Chinese water goddess Mazu. But unless she can connect with her most difficult emotions and her Chinese family’s history, her powers may become dangerous to the people she loves.

GLORIA L. HUANG has been published in the *Michigan Quarterly Review* and the *Chicago Quarterly Review*, among others. This is her debut.



Ages 10-14

272 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}

March 4, 2025

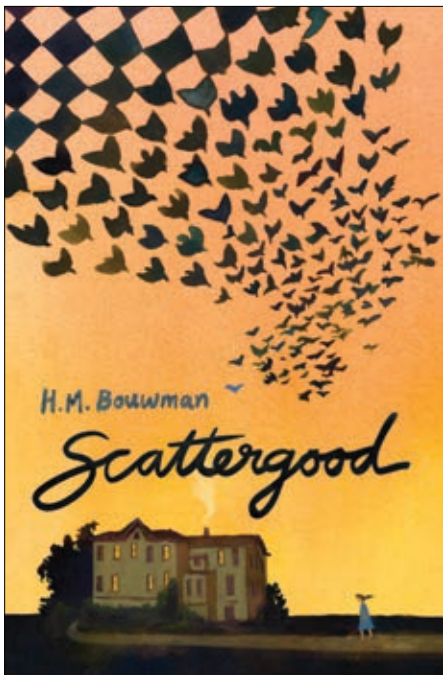
MAEVE MULVANEY HAS HAD ENOUGH

BY KELLY MANGAN

Maeve Mulvaney goes from “family raincloud” to Feminist Superhero in this upper middle grade perfect for fans of Carrie Firestone, Julie Murphy, and Barbara Dee.

Fourteen-year-old Maeve feels more at home in the pages of her sketchbook than she does in her the town she just moved to. In the comic-book version of her life, she's a brave superhero. In reality? Not so much. When a bully at school makes her life miserable over her weight (and a sexist teacher defends him), Maeve isn't sure what to do. Then Maeve hears that other students are being picked on, and decides that enough is enough. Inspired by her comics, Maeve creates a feminist superhero club to take action. But it turns out, fighting back without becoming the bully yourself is harder than it seems.

KELLY MANGAN is an author and illustrator as well as a women's rights activist and political director for various causes. This is her debut.



Ages 10 & Up

320 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}

January 21, 2025

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SCATTERGOOD

BY H. M. BOUWMAN

In rural Iowa in 1941, twelve-year-old Peggy's quiet life is turned upside down by refugee arrivals.

“[A]bsolutely gorgeous, *Scattergood* reads like a classic.”
—Anne Ursu, National Book Award longlisted author of *The Real Boy*

“There's a lasting lump in my throat and its name is *Scattergood*.”
—Liz Garton Scanlon, *New York Times* bestselling author of *All the World*

Peggy's life on the farm isn't particularly exciting, until her neighbors open their doors to Jewish refugees from Europe during WWII, including a handsome boy named Gunther and a troubled professor. Her cousin, Delia, is also diagnosed with leukemia. Peggy needs to find a way out of this mess. Yet the more she tries to control, the more powerless she feels. She can't make Gunther like her. She can't help the professor find his missing daughter. She's tired of being young and naive, but growing up is proving even worse.

H. M. BOUWMAN is the author of *A Crack in the Ocean*, *A Tear in the Sea*, and *Gossamer Summer*.



Ages 10-14

336 pages • 5¹/₂ x 8¹/₄

April 15, 2025

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for more titles by Butler.

RABBIT RABBIT

BY DORI HILLESTAD BUTLER
AND SUNSHINE BACON

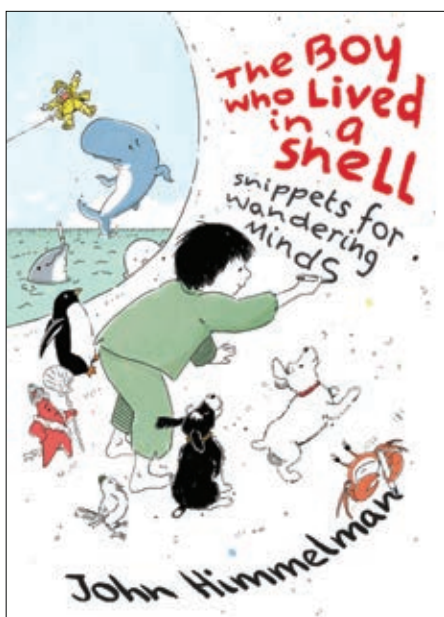
A pair of cousins confront the secrets that destroyed their family in this upper middle grade told from dual perspectives.

Alice and Bee are practically strangers when a party reunites their estranged families and ignites their friendship. But their reunion doesn't last long—Bee's mother and grandfather are dead set on keeping the liberal faction of the family away from the conservatives.

Bee and Alice grow closer despite their distance, determined to uncover the family secret. What happened all those years ago, and why did it tear their family apart? Just when they've started to make progress, COVID strikes. They watch as the world shuts down and their loved ones grow further divided. Somehow, it's up to the twelve-year-olds to clean up the mess that the grown-ups have made.

DORI HILLESTAD BUTLER is the author of the two-time Geisel Honor award winning King & Kayla series, Edgar award winning Buddy Files series, the Dear Beast series, and the Haunted Library series.

SUNSHINE BACON is the author of *Life Before* and *Antipodes*.



Ages 7-10

128 pages • 6 x 8¹/₄

March 18, 2025

Full-color Art Throughout

THE BOY WHO LIVED IN A SHELL

BY JOHN HIMMELMAN

From the venerable John Himmelman comes a collection of story poems perfect for fans of Shel Silverstein.

“I haven't had this much fun reading a children's book in a long time.” —**Bob Raczka**, author of *Guyku* and *Wet Cement*

“This marvelous collection had me laughing then smiling then sighing then laughing all over again.” —**Chris Harris**, New York Times bestselling author of *I'm Just No Good at Rhyming*

A boy named Ivo lives in a giant snail shell on a beach. One day, a wave carries him out to sea. While he waits to be rescued, he makes the best of his time writing on the walls inside the shell.

JOHN HIMMELMAN is the author and/or illustrator of over eighty books for children, including *Bunjitsu Bunny's Best Move*, *Bunjitsu Bunny Jumps to the Moon*, and *Chickens to the Rescue*.

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PEACHALOO IN BLOOM

BY CHRIS RASCHKA

From a Caldecott Medalist comes a one-of-a-kind illustrated novel where a wasp sting grants a girl a useful new superpower.

Peachaloo knows a golf course is not the destiny for the grounds of the Ajax Mansion, a former monastery whose jump-roping denizens proclaimed it freely open to all. But the mansion's new owner has other ideas—and has managed to bury the evidence of the Brothers and Sisters' wishes. After a wasp sting gives Peachaloo powers to understand the truth behind what people say, she decides it's up to her to prove this villain a liar. Raschka proves as deft with pen as paintbrush in this witty tale of Extraordinary Wasp Perception, oyster-slitting bank robbers, and a community standing up against greed.

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320 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}
July 1, 2025

CHRIS RASCHKA is the Caldecott Medal-winning and Hans Christian Andersen Award-nominated author and illustrator of dozens of books for young readers, including *A Ball for Daisy*, *Yo! Yes?*, *The Hello, Goodbye Window*, and *Nothing: John Cage and 4'33"*. This is his first novel.



KEEPERS OF THE MARSH

BY MAURA JORTNER

Twin sisters team up—despite drastically different personalities—to save their family from a bitter witch's curse.

Twelve-year-old Lana isn't looking for trouble when she ventures into the marsh behind her house, she's just bored. Her family never goes anywhere. And none of them will talk about their dead dad. With loads of unanswered questions, Lana decides to seek out the Alligator Witch. What Lana doesn't know is that the witch is plotting her revenge on the town. When the witch casts a terrifying curse, the only person Lana can ask for help is her generally unwilling twin, Gracie.

Together, the twins embark on a journey to make sense of the Alligator Witch's past, along with the unexpected role their family played in her descent. In spite of their differences, Lana and Gracie must unite to save their loved ones. An enchanting read packed full of fascinating lore, girl-powered adventure, and just-enough danger, this story of sisterhood will keep readers turning pages.

Ages 8-12
208 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}
May 20, 2025

See page 29 of the backlist guide for another title by Jortner.

MAURA JORTNER's debut novel, *102 Days of Lying About Lauren*, was named a *Shelf Awareness* Best Book of the Year.



ATTEMPTING CONNECTION

GAMERS #1

BY E.C. MYERS

A classic tale of a team coming together, uniting kids from across the social spectrum—but this team plays e-sports, and the games are online.

It's Chell Park's first week of school, and she's already waiting to see the principal. With three kids ahead of her in line, she pulls out her phone and starts playing a game. Before she knows it, the other kids are joining in. This chance meeting sets some new friendships in motion. Chell might be quiet in school, but she's also a fierce competitor, and soon she has a brilliant idea. Why don't they start a team?

Book #2 coming Spring 2026!

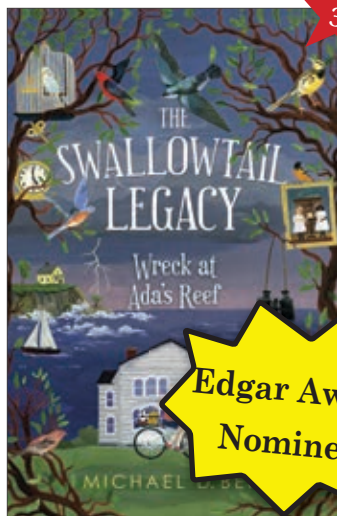
E.C. MYERS won the Andre Norton Nebula Award for *Fair Coin*, and is the author of the SOS Thriller series, *After the Fall*, *Before the Dawn*, *Fairy Tales of Remnant*, and *Roman Holiday*.

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240 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}
May 6, 2025

THE SWALLOWTAIL LEGACY

BY MICHAEL D. BEIL



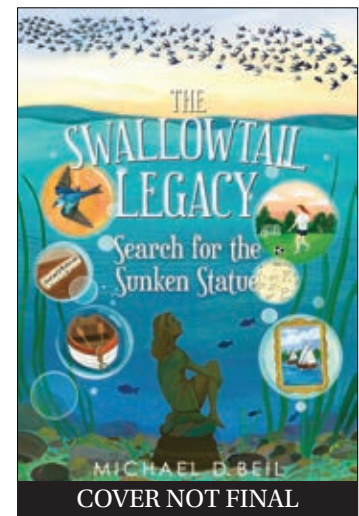
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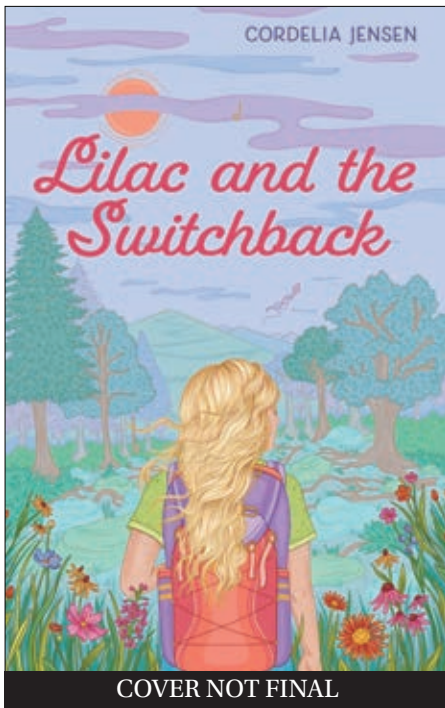
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B&W Art Throughout
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Ages 8-12 • 304 pages
B&W Art Throughout
May 6, 2025

MICHAEL D. BEIL is the author of the Red Blazer Girls series, *Summer at Forsaken Lake*, *Lantern Sam* and *the Blue Streak Bandits*, and *Agents of the Glass: A New Recruit*.



Ages 8-12
304 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}
August 19, 2025

LILAC AND THE SWITCHBACK

BY CORDELIA JENSEN

A riveting novel in verse for any kid who has ever felt unwanted or unsure of where they fit in.

Lilac has lived with her aunt, uncle, and cousin ever since her mom died. She already feels like an “extra” member of a family. Then she finds out her aunt is pregnant with twins. How could they possibly want her around with two more kids in their crowded home? As she struggles to process her feelings about the pregnancy, Lilac drifts apart from her best friend Calli, leaving Lilac lonelier than ever.

In a timely twist of fate, Lilac discovers a check sent by her estranged father. Maybe he is the family she’s been looking for... After all, how much does the “extra” kid really have to lose? Poignant and full of growing pains, this sensitive story told in lyrical verse is just right for fans of Jacqueline Woodson and Andrea Beatriz Arango.

CORDELIA JENSEN has published three novels in verse: *Skyscraping*, *The Way the Light Bends*, and *Every Shiny Thing*.



MF Ages 9-12
256 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}
September 10, 2024

See page 28 of the backlist guide for more titles by Horvath.

LIBRARY GIRL

BY POLLY HORVATH

After living in the public library for the last eleven years, Essie must learn to adapt to a world that’s not as perfect as the stories she’s grown up with in this heartfelt middle grade novel from Newbery Honor author Polly Horvath.

“Fast paced, richly imaginative, and written with abundant humor.” —*Booklist*

“A love letter to books and the dreamers who read them.”
—*School Library Journal*

“A lovely daydream for readers.” —*Kirkus Review*

Rights Sales: French/L'Ecole • Italian/Camelozampa

POLLY HORVATH is the author of *Everything on a Waffle*, a Newbery Honor Book, *The Canning Season* (a National Book Award winner), *The Trolls* (a National Book Award finalist), *Pine Island Home*, *Pine Island Visitors*, and *Very Rich*. She lives in British Columbia.



Ages 10-14

288 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}

October 22, 2024

See page 26 of the backlist guide for more titles by Meadows.

BYE FOREVER, I GUESS

BY JODI MEADOWS

Gamer girl Ingrid's online persona is more popular than she is. IRL, she's the quiet one—until a wrong-number text message offers her a chance at connection.

★ “[A]n earnest and laugh-out-loud middle grade debut . . . a winning exploration of tween friendship and a pitch-perfect paean to fan culture and the thrill of finding one’s community.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

“The most DELIGHTFUL middle-grade romcom I’ve ever read!”

—Ellen Oh, award-winning author of *Finding Junie Kim*

“HILARIOUS... Charming, funny, and endearing.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

JODI MEADOWS is the author of *Nightrender*, *Dawnbreaker*, the *Incarnate* and *Fallen Isles* trilogies, and is a coauthor of *New York Times* bestsellers *My Lady Jane* and *My Plain Jane*.



Ages 10 & Up

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September 3, 2024

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TEAM CANTEEN #1: ROCKY ROAD

BY AMALIE JAHN

A (possibly magic) hot pink boa bonds four unlikely friends at summer camp and gives each of them courage in this Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants for a new generation.

“A spunky, heart-warming coming of age story, reminiscent of iconic series like the *Babysitters Club* . . . I loved following these four tweens as they found their voices, uncovered their passions, and stood up for what’s right.” —**Mariama J. Lockington**, Stonewall Honor and Schneider Family Book

Award-winning author of *In the Key of Us* and *Forever is Now*

AMALIE JAHN is the author of *The Clay Lion*, which received a Literary Classics Seal of Approval, *The Next to Last Mistake*, which won the prestigious IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award, and *A Walk Between Raindrops*, which was named a *Kirkus Reviews* Best Indie Book.



FIND HER

BY GINGER RENO

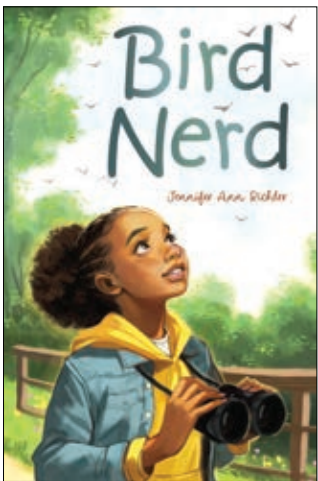
A Cherokee girl tries to find her missing mother.

★ “Via crisp prose, Reno meshes plot threads involving abandoned shelter pets and a mystery surrounding a locator on Wren’s grandmother’s keys, which emphasize the futility Wren feels in trying to find someone who seems unreachable.” —*Publishers Weekly*

“Wren’s caring heart and single-minded determination to find her mom shows the frustration and anger felt by too many young people and their families over our country’s national crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW).”

—Traci Sorell, award-winning author of *Indian No More* and *Mascot*

Ages 10 & Up
224 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}
October 15, 2024



BIRD NERD

BY JENNIFER ANN RICHTER

Nyla sets out to win her city school’s bird watching competition, even if it means balancing new friends with old and going up against the wealthy competition.

Nyla sees her chance to use her nerdy knowledge when a birding tournament at her school is announced. The Burb Birders are tough competition with their huge yards and fancy equipment. Once the contest is in full swing, will Nyla be able to win while still remaining true to herself?

Ages 8-12
240 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}
October 22, 2024

THE WINTERTON DECEPTION

BY JANET SUMNER JOHNSON

Twelve-year-old twins Hope and Gordon hunt for clues and uncover family secrets in this twisty middle grade mystery series.

Rights Sales (Book #1):

Dutch/Leopold • Turkish/Can Publishing

Praise for Book 1:

★ *Kirkus Reviews*

★ *Publishers Weekly* ★ *Booklist*



P+I Ages 8-12
384 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}
October 31, 2023

P+I Ages 8-12
368 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}
October 29, 2024



Ages 12 & Up • 304 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}
2-color Art Throughout
March 4, 2025

BANNED TOGETHER

OUR FIGHT FOR READERS' RIGHTS

EDITED BY ASHLEY HOPE PÉREZ
ART BY DEBBIE FONG

A dazzling YA anthology that spotlights the transformative power of books, featuring the voices of 15 diverse, award-winning authors and illustrators.

“This stunning book is the antidote we need against the hate-based book banners bent on destroying our freedoms.”

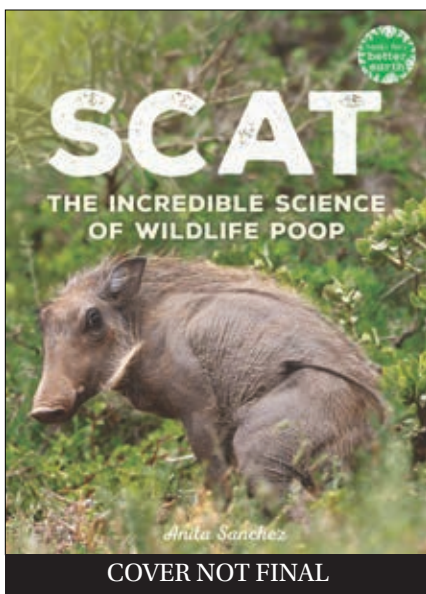
—Laurie Halse Anderson, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Speak* and Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award Winner

“[A]n insightful, moving, and important resource for teens and all readers who are fighting the alarming rise in censorship.”

—Malinda Lo, National Book Award Winner and *New York Times* bestselling author of *Last Night at the Telegraph Club*

“Powerful, necessary, and deeply honest.”—Samira Ahmed, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Internment* and *This Book Won't Burn*

Contributors: Elana K. Arnold, Nikki Grimes, Ellen Hopkins, Kelly Jensen, Brendan Kiely, Maia Kobabe, Bill Konigsberg, Kyle Lukoff, MariNaomi, Trung Lê Nguyen, Ashley Hope Pérez, Isabel Quintero, Traci Sorell, Robin Stevenson, and Padma Venkatraman.



Ages 8-12 • 96 pages • 7 x 9
Full-color Photographs
Throughout
April 1, 2025

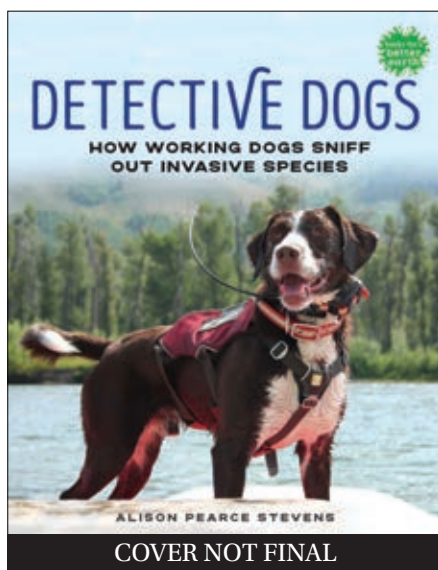
SCAT

THE INCREDIBLE SCIENCE OF WILDLIFE POOP

BY ANITA SANCHEZ

Discover how poop can help protect our planet in this nonfiction book on the nutrient cycle and scientific problem solving.

The poop of wild animals is full of surprising power: it can be food, shelter, a way for creatures to communicate, and more. For scientists, scat can reveal clues about how animals are responding to climate change threats. From researchers in India using tiger poop to track the endangered big cat to scientists in Mexico using bat guano to help replant a forest destroyed by fire, *Scat* shows how scientists are getting creative when it comes to protecting ecosystems from climate change.



Ages 8-12 • 64 pages • 8 x 10
Full-color Photographs
Throughout
May 6, 2025

DETECTIVE DOGS

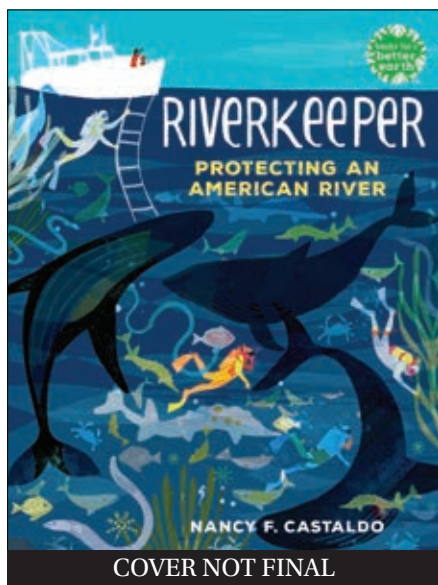
HOW WORKING DOGS SNIFF OUT INVASIVE SPECIES

BY ALISON PEARCE STEVENS

A lively introduction to some of the most troublesome invasive species—and to the industrious dogs working to stop their spread!

Environmental scientists are harnessing the olfactory abilities of working dogs to locate invasive species. Ecologist Alison Pearce Stevens' engaging and accessible narrative writing showcases ongoing conservation projects that use working dogs. Readers will learn more about the threats posed by these species, and about the way scientists work with dogs to locate and eliminate them.

ALISON PEARCE STEVENS has an M.S. in zoology and Ph.D. in ecology, evolution, and behavior. She is the author of *Rhinos in Nebraska* and has co-authored four books for National Geographic Kids.



Ages 10 & Up • 128 pages
7 x 9 • Full-color
Photographs Throughout
April 22, 2025

RIVERKEEPER

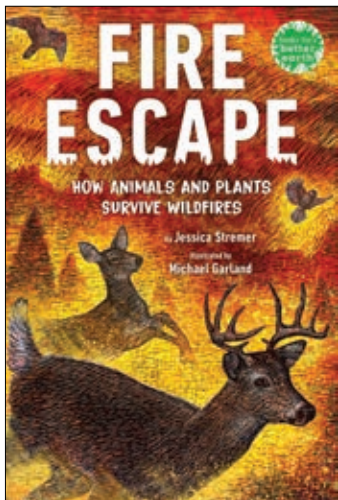
PROTECTING AN AMERICAN RIVER

BY NANCY F. CASTALDO

Dive headfirst into the history of environmental activism in the Hudson River watershed and learn how you can help protect clean water around the globe!

Every inch of the United States is in a river's watershed. But in 1966, one of the most important watersheds was dying. With too much pollution to support animal life, America's "First River" was in too deep—until a Riverkeeper, a pioneering group of environmental activists, fought to get rivers around the globe out of troubled waters. Nonfiction pro Nancy Castaldo showcases the group's achievements and the intersection of science and activism.

NANCY F. CASTALDO is the author of *Sniffer Dogs*, *Back from The Brink*, and *Beastly Brains*. She has been writing about the planet for decades.



Ages 8-12 • 128 pages
6 x 9 • Full-color Art
& Photographs
June 25, 2024

FIRE ESCAPE

HOW ANIMALS AND PLANTS SURVIVE WILDFIRES

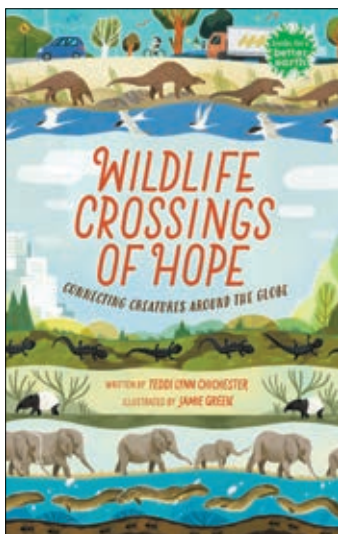
BY JESSICA STREMER, ART BY MICHAEL GARLAND

A investigation of the incredible ways animals detect, respond, and adapt to wildfires, as well as how climate change is affecting the frequency of these devastating events.

★ “Must reading on a hot topic.”—*Booklist*

★ “A timely, engaging book that is as illuminating as it is fun to read.”
—*Kirkus Reviews*

See page 41 of this guide and page 17 of the backlist guide for more titles by Stremmer and Garland.



Ages 10 & Up • 160
pages • 6 x 9 •
Full-color Art
July 2, 2024

WILDLIFE CROSSINGS OF HOPE

CONNECTING CREATURES AROUND THE GLOBE

BY TEDDI LYNN CHICHESTER, ART BY JAMIE GREEN

How do animals find safe passage through our increasingly built-up world? It's hard, but there is good news: wildlife bridges are going up, dams are coming down, and large green corridors are helping creatures roam more freely through our shared world.



Ages 8-12 • 80 pages
10 x 10 • Full-color Art
September 17, 2024

SUSTAINABLE STRUCTURES

15 ECO-CONSCIOUS BUILDINGS AROUND THE WORLD

BY KATE McMILLAN

A stunning overview of “green” architecture on every continent.

Pairing a kid friendly, conversational approach with detailed art, Kate McMillan dissects the design of 15 eco-friendly buildings worldwide. Readers of all ages will love poring over the precise, colorful illustrations and informative close ups featured on eye catching double-page spreads.

LONE WOLF

BY KIAH THOMAS, ART BY K-FAI STEELE

Oscar the Grouch meets Frog & Toad in this hilarious illustrated early reader series about a cranky wolf on a quest to be left alone.

Series Rights Sales (Books 1 + 2): ANZ/Hardie Grant

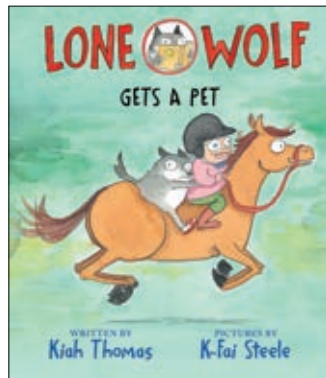


Ages 6-9 • 7 x 8 • Full-color Art Throughout



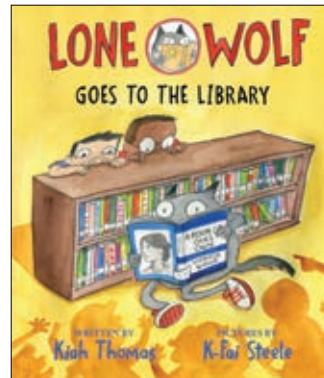
October 8, 2024

56 pages



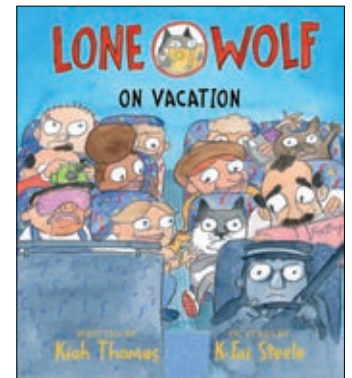
October 8, 2024

48 pages



May 27, 2025

48 pages



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48 pages

Praise for *Lone Wolf Goes to School*:

★ “A charmer that’s sure to garner its protagonist a devoted following—much to his chagrin.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

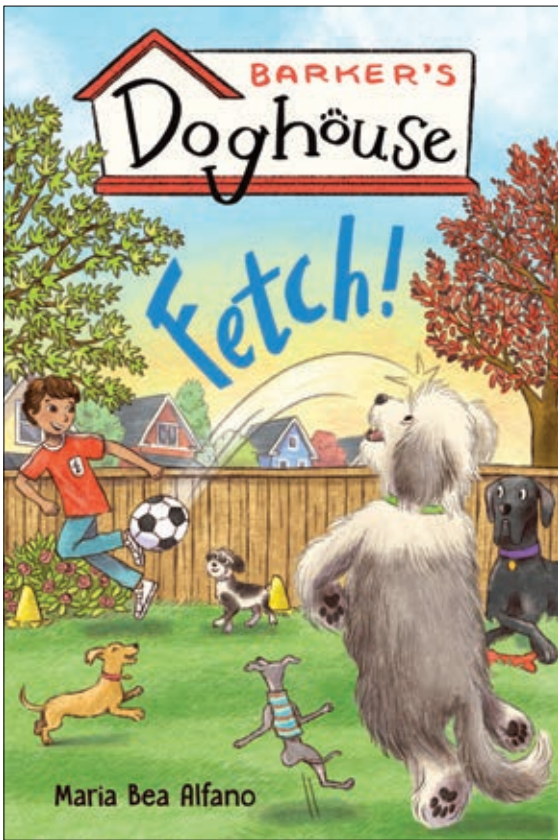
“[A] rare and funny character . . . Three cheers for Lone Wolf, and his hilarious quest to be alone in his own way.”—**Kate Beaton**, Eisner Award Winning creator of *Ducks* and *Princess and the Pony*

“Children will love Lone Wolf, and while Wolf would no doubt prefer children leave him alone and love something else, it’s great news for everybody else.”—**Mac Barnett**, *New York Times* Bestselling author of *The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza*

“Singularly brilliant—kids and adults will howl with laughter.”
—**Greg Pizzoli**, three-time Geisel Award winner and creator of *Baloney and Friends*

“Lone Wolf is the perfect series for kids who loath group hugs and prefer growling at the mailman. I want to be alone with all these books forever!”—**Eliza Kinkz**, *Pura Belpré Illustration Honoree* for *Papá’s Magical Water-Jug Clock*





FETCH! BARKER'S DOGHOUSE #1

BY MARIA BEA ALFANO

A funny series starter about a boy finding his way in a new place with the help of some talking dogs. A little bit New Kid, a little bit Secret Life of Pets.

Ten-year-old Gio Barker is down in the dumps. His mom has uprooted him to a new town, all so she can start her own business. Gio used to see friends after school, but now he's stuck hanging around his mom's new doggy day care. Then one day he mistakes a dog biscuit for a human cookie, and suddenly he can talk to the dogs!

The day care dogs become the friends Gio desperately needs. They tell him some of the great secrets of dog life, and he takes them for wild romps in the park. But when the dogs realize that Gio is struggling, they take it upon themselves to teach him everything they know. Sure, they're lessons from dog school, but some of these skills are useful in any context. Take fetch, for instance. It's a game of give and take—perfect skills to practice if Gio wants to make the soccer team or find a human friend!

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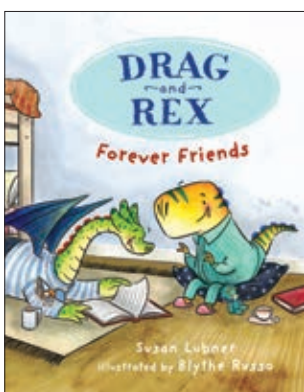
Ages 7-10 • 176 pages • 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/4}
Three-color Art Throughout
May 27, 2025

Book #2 coming Fall 2025!

DRAG AND REX

BY SUSAN LUBNER, ART BY BLYTHE RUSSO

Meet Drag and Rex, the best friends who find joy and adventure in the simplest places in this charming and cheery modern Frog and Toad.



November 7, 2023

Praise for *Forever Friends*:

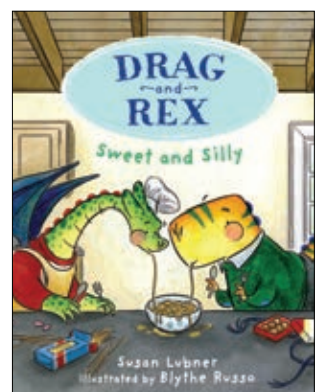
- ★ "Each chapter relies heavily on warm, humorous dialogue that reveals characters bursting with personality, their friendship based on mutual respect and caring."—*Kirkus Reviews*

Praise for *Sweet & Silly*:

- ★ "[E]xtremely charming, endearing characters whom anyone would want to have as pals."—*Kirkus Reviews*

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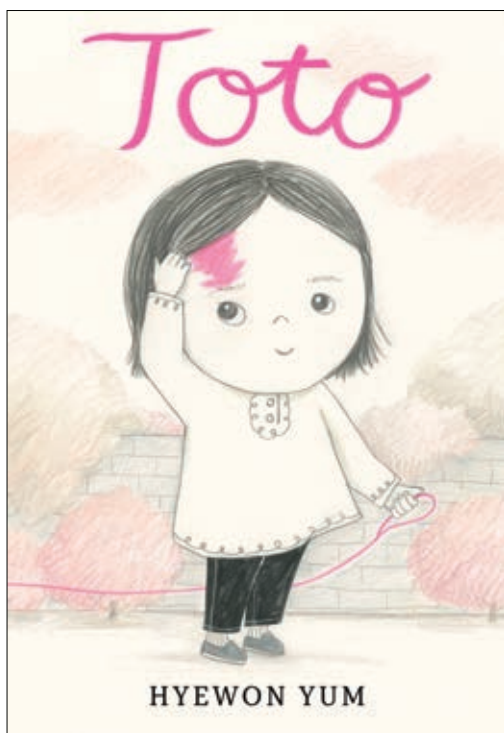
Ages 6-8 • 64 pages • 6^{1/4} x 8^{1/8}
Full-color Art Throughout



November 5, 2024

Picture Books





TOTO

BY HYEWON YUM

A little girl is self-conscious about the birthmark on her forehead—until a new friend helps her see it in a whole new light.

This little girl doesn't mind her birthmark, most of the time. She calls it Toto, and her mom calls it a kiss from an angel. But sometimes, it feels like people look so hard at Toto they forget to see her. So when it's time to start school, her mom cuts her bangs to cover Toto. At school, she makes a new best friend right away! But then Toto accidentally comes out of hiding. Will her new friend see her differently? And does different have to be bad?

This warm and vulnerable story grapples with the pressure we feel to blend in, and celebrates the moments—and the friends—that remind us how much better it is to be our full selves.



Ages 4-8 • 40 pages • 7^{1/2} x 11
January 21, 2025

Rights Sales:

French/Editions des Eléphants
Korean/Woongjin

See page 6 of the backlist guide
for more titles by Yum.

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**HYEWON YUM**'s titles include *Last Night*, winner of an Honorable Mention Bologna Ragazzi Award and an SCBWI Golden Kite Award, and *Mom, It's My First Day of Kindergarten!*, which received the Ezra Jack Keats New Illustrator Award. She is also the illustrator of Maya Myers's *Not Little* and *Not Perfect*.



## ASTRONAUT SISTERS

BY JULIE FORTENBERRY

*Set out for the stars in this warmhearted ode to the transportive power of imagination.*

Fern and Rosie are astronaut sisters, ready to sail miles above the clouds. They slip on their boots (space boots). They strap on their helmets (space helmets). They pretend the swingset can launch them into the stars, and they lie on the grass gazing up at the real ones. A tender celebration of just how far our imaginations can take us, featuring a sweet sibling relationship.



Ages 4-6 • 40 pages • 10 x 9  
January 14, 2025

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JULIE FORTENBERRY illustrated Eve Bunting's *Pirate Boy*, and a series of Sydney Taylor Notable books by Rabbi Jamie Korngold. She is the author-illustrator of *Grandpa and Jake*, *Darcy's First Sleepover*, *Pearl Goes to Preschool*, *The Artist and the King*, and *Lily's Cat Mask*.



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Ages 4-8 • 40 pages • 9 x 9

March 4, 2025

Rights Sales:**BritComm/Walker**

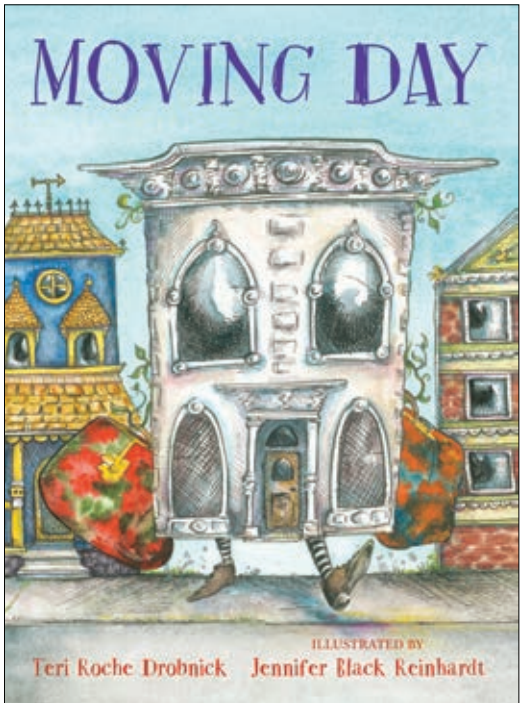
LET'S BE BEES

BY SHAWN HARRIS

Father and child become buzzing bees, rustling trees, and more in this delightful make-believe romp from Caldecott Honor winner Shawn Harris.

The only thing better than playing make believe is playing make believe with your favorite grown-up! Especially when that grown-up's imagination is as big as yours, and you both get to make funny sounds. With bold crayon illustrations, and endless fodder for playing along, this is guaranteed to bring on the giggles and requests to do it all again.

SHAWN HARRIS received a Caldecott Honor for his debut authored book *Have You Ever Seen a Flower?* He is the illustrator of the Newbery Medal-winning bestseller *The Eyes and the Impossible*, as well as the illustrator of *What Can a Citizen Do?*, *Her Right Foot*, *A Polar Bear in the Snow*, and *Everyone's Awake*.



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Ages 4-8 • 40 pages • 8 x 11

March 11, 2025

MOVING DAY

BY TERI ROCHE DROBNICK

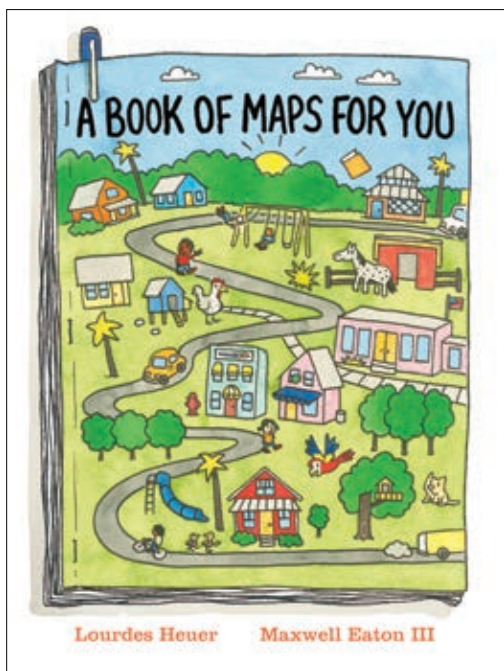
ART BY JENNIFER BLACK REINHARDT

Inspired by the real-life story of moving a 139-year-old Victorian house six blocks, this story from a house's perspective is a charming twist on a common childhood experience.

It's moving day and this house can't imagine what it will be like to live in a different neighborhood. She feels a lug and a tug as she's lifted onto the flatbed of a truck. She teeters and totters as she slowly begins her journey. But it isn't until she sees her family standing in her new spot that the house realizes it's right where it belongs—with them.

TERI ROCHE DROBNICK is a member of SCBWI and The Association of Writers and Writing Programs. This is her debut.

JENNIFER BLACK REINHARDT is the illustrator of *Gondra's Treasure*, *Sometimes You Fly*, *Yaks Yak*, and *The Inventor's Secret: What Thomas Edison Told Henry Ford*.



A BOOK OF MAPS FOR YOU

BY LOURDES HEUER

ART BY MAXWELL EATON, III

Before moving away, a young cartographer leaves some guidance behind about his old home for the child about to make it their new one.

What if you moved to a new place and found a hand-drawn guidebook, left just for you? An artistic child has crafted and annotated maps of his school, neighborhood, and house; no slide, orange tree, or chicken coop left out. *A Book of Maps for You* honors the homes we leave behind and the ones we haven't yet met, reminding us that they may be two sides of the same coin.

NP Ages 4-8 • 40 pages • 8^{1/2} x 11
April 8, 2025

See page 18 of the backlist guide for more titles by Eaton.

LOURDES HEUER is the author of the *Esmé!* early chapter book series, featuring art by *New York Times* bestselling illustrator Marissa Valdez, and the picture book *On This Airplane*, illustrated by Pura Belpré Award Honoree Sara Palacios.

MAXWELL EATON, III is the author-illustrator of *Bear Builds a House*, *Bear Goes Sugaring*, *Looking for Peppermint*, and *The Truth About* series: *Seriously Funny Facts About Your Favorite Animals*.



THE COUCH IN THE YARD

BY KATE HOEFLER, ART BY DENA SEIFERLING

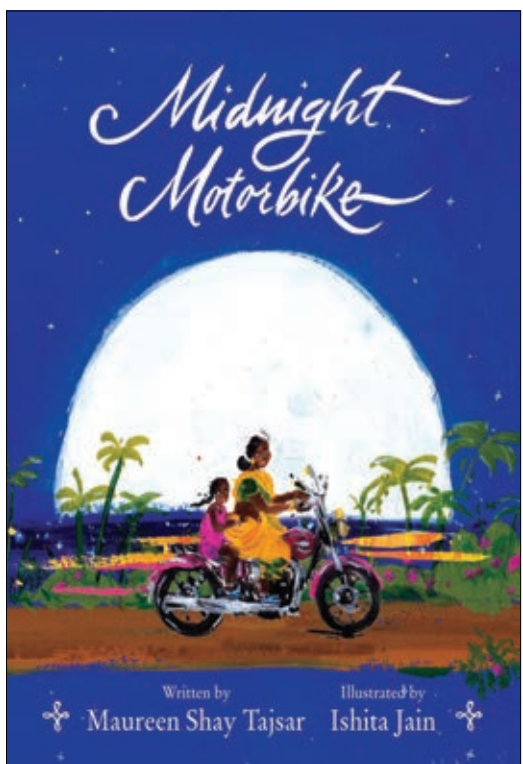
A family takes a nighttime drive to the moon in this love letter to country living, crackling with wonder and warmth.

In this heartfelt book, a family in a small town spends the evening preparing for a special nighttime tradition. As the sun sets and the sky slips into dusk, they load up a spare couch on a rusty old car and drive into the mountains. With a little imagination and the magic of moonlight, their plain couch transforms into something so much more.

NP Ages 4-8 • 48 pages • 9 x 11
March 25, 2025

KATE HOEFLER is the author of *Real Cowboys*, which won the Friends of American Writers Chicago Award in Juvenile Literature.

DENA SEIFERLING is the author-illustrator of *The Language of Flowers*, and the illustrator of *King Mouse* by Cary Fagan and *Night Lunch* by Eric Fan, a *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book.



MIDNIGHT MOTORBIKE

BY MAUREEN SHAY TAJ SAR, ART BY ISHITA JAIN

On a night too hot to sleep, Amma takes her daughter on a magical, moonlit motorbike ride through South India.

In this lush mother-daughter nighttime adventure through the jungles of southern India, debut author Maureen Shay Tajsar enchants the reader with all five senses, offering smells of spicy tea, tastes of warm potato dosa, and wind washing over sandaled feet. Debut illustrator Ishita Jain immerses the reader in the deepest blue and the coziest love, in a book that feels at once like a hug and an adventure.

MAUREEN SHAY TAJ SAR, PHD. holds a doctorate in English Postcolonial Literature, with a specialization in global Anglophone narratives, refugee migration, and extraterritorial geography.

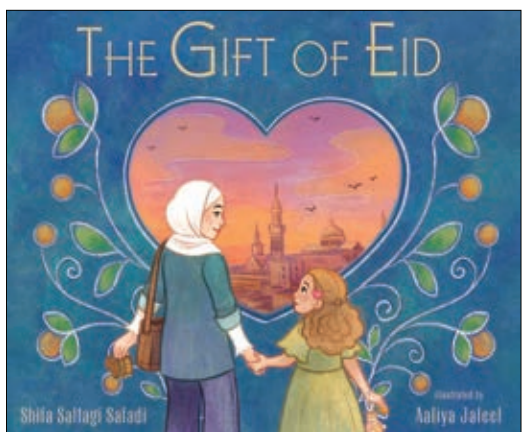
ISHITA JAIN is an illustrator and designer based in NYC, though she is originally from Delhi, India. She studied graphic design at the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, India.

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Ages 4-8 • 40 pages • 8^{1/2} x 11
April 8, 2025

Rights Sales:

Chinese Traditional/Pending



THE GIFT OF EID

BY SHIFA SALT AGI SAFADI, ART BY AALIYA JALEEL

A retelling of The Gift of the Magi, set against the backdrop of the Great Mosque of Damascus.

With Baba gone, Yasmine doesn't have enough money to buy Mama's Eid gift and can't think of anything she wants for herself when Mama asks. When she gets lost in the Souq, Yasmine realizes that true Eid joy comes from being together. Set in the famous Souk Al-Hamidiyah and the Great Mosque of Damascus, this heartfelt story offers a Muslim background to one of the most loved stories of all time.

SHIFA SALT AGI SAFADI was born in Syria and immigrated to the US as a young girl. She reviews Muslim books on her online blog, Muslimmommyblog, with over 24,000 followers. Shifa is also a co-founder of Muslim Book Reviewers.

AALIYA JALEEL is a Sri-Lankan American illustrator. Her titles include *Under My Hijab* and *Muslim Girls Rise*.

Ages 4-8 • 40 pages • 11 x 8^{1/2}

February 11, 2025



INTERIOR ART

ISLAND STORM

BY BRIAN FLOCA, ART BY SYDNEY SMITH

In Caldecott Medalist Brian Floca and Kate Greenaway Medalist Sydney Smith's thrilling collaboration, experience the sheer power of a violent thunderstorm and the calm of its aftermath.

Can you tell when a storm is coming? Do you hear the branches bouncing together, hear the whispers of the wind through the leaves? Join in the journey as two siblings bear witness to the steady start, thrilling apex, and gentle end of this island storm. They'll shelter soon, but first they want to feel it all.



Ages 4-8 • 48 pages
• 8 x 11 • June 3, 2025

BRIAN FLOCA is the author and illustrator of the Caldecott Medal winning and *New York Times* bestselling book *Locomotive*, as well as *Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11* and *Lightship*, both of which garnered Sibert Honors. He is also the illustrator of the popular Poppy series, by Avi, and Richard Jackson's *With Dad*.



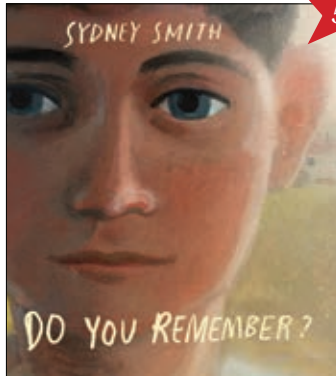
Winner of the
Kate Greenaway Medal

Winner of the Ezra Jack
Keats Award

A *New York Times*
Best Illustrated
Book of the Year

Rights Sales:

- BritComm/Walker • Canada/Groundwood • Catalan/Libros del Zorro Rojo • Chinese Simplified/ Everafter • Chinese Traditional/Gleaner Books • Danish/Turbine • Dutch/Querido • French/ Kaleidoscope • German/Thienemann • Italian/ Orecchio Acerbo • Japanese/Hyoronsha • Korean/Bear Books • Polish/Sto Stron • Portuguese/20 20 Editora • Portuguese (Brazil)/ Pequeña Zahar • Spanish/Libros del Zorro Rojo • Swedish/Lilla Pirat • Turkish/Kirmizi Kedi



Winner of the Boston
Globe-Horn Book Picture
Book Award

A *New York Times*
Best Children's
Book of the Year

A *Wall Street Journal*
Best Book of the Year

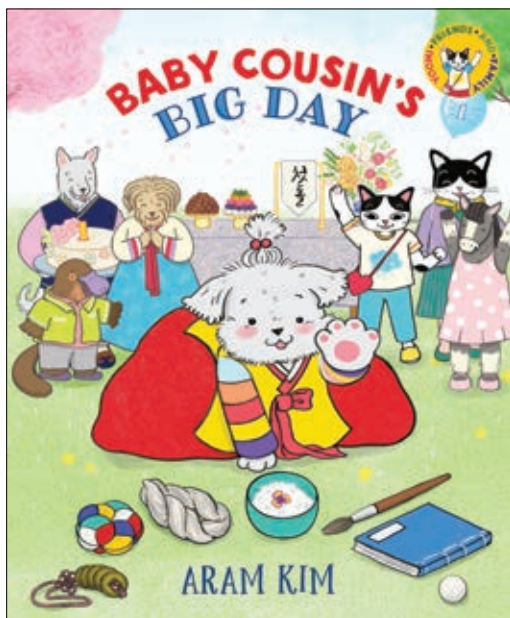
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See page 3 of the backlist guide for more titles by Smith.



SYDNEY SMITH is the author and illustrator of *Do You Remember?* and *Small in the City*, which received eight starred reviews and a silver medal from the Society of Illustrators. He is the illustrator of *My Baba's Garden* and *I Talk Like a River*, a Schneider Book Award winner, both written by Jordan Scott. He is a recipient of the prestigious Hans Christian Andersen Award, two Governor General's Awards for Illustrated Children's Books, and four *New York Times* Best Illustrated Children's Book of the Year citations.



Ages 4-8 • 40 pages • 8 x 10
July 22, 2025

See page 14 of the backlist guide
for more titles by Kim.

BABY COUSIN'S BIG DAY

BY ARAM KIM

Yoomi wants her baby cousin to be happy—on her 1st birthday and for the rest of her life. Can Yoomi help?

The whole family is gathering to celebrate baby cousin's 1st birthday. They will do the doljabi ceremony, where baby Dasom will select an object that represents her future. If she picks a ball, she will be an athlete. If she picks a paintbrush, she will be an artist. But Yoomi is worried—what if Dasom doesn't grow up to like her choice? Yoomi's questioning shows a girl exercising her critical thinking muscles in this delightful story about family customs and relationships.

ARAM KIM spent her childhood in South Korea, and now lives in NYC. Her debut picture book *Cat on the Bus* is an ILA/CBC Children's Choice. Her books in the Yoomi Friends and Family series are all Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selections and *No Kimchi for Me!* is a Bank Street College Best Book of the Year.



Ages 4-8 • 40 pages • 8 x 10
July 1, 2025

See page 52 of this guide and page 16 of the
backlist guide for more titles by Yaccarino.

BEAR AND THE THREE GOLDILOCKS

BY PATRICK HORNE, ART BY DAN YACCARINO

You'll laugh out loud at this funny fractured folktale with illustrations by a popular artist!

The Goldilocks family leave their campsite to go on a hike while their s'mores cool off . . . when along comes Bear. Bear wreaks havoc by breaking a chair, smashing musical instruments, and extinguishing the fire. When the Goldilocks return, they are flabbergasted. This hilarious story and its hilarious pictures will delight children and parents alike.

PATRICK HORNE loves bringing humor to heartfelt stories about the everyday experiences that kids encounter. This is his debut as an author.

DAN YACCARINO is the illustrator of *Every Friday*, which was a Bologna Ragazzi Honorable Mention and a *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book and the Big Jobs, Bold Women series.



BEFORE I LIVED HERE

BY STACY S. JENSEN, ART BY VICTO NGAI

Journey backward in time through all the layers of history that led up to your neighborhood's existence.

The building you live in has probably been around longer than you, but a whole lot happened before your house was built. Follow along as a boy peels away each layer of the history of his house, from the construction of his neighborhood, to the log cabins that predated it... all the way back to the time of the dinosaurs. *Before I Lived Here* reminds us that history isn't something that happens far away—it's in our own backyards.

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Ages 4-8 • 32 pages • 10 x 10
August 26, 2025

STACY S. JENSEN is a former journalist. She volunteers to support literacy, youth, and children's programs.

VICTO NGAI is a *Forbes* 30 Under 30 honoree and a Society of Illustrators New York Gold Medalist. Her illustrations have been featured in the *New York Times* and the *New Yorker*.



THE MOVING BOOK

BY LISA BROWN

Lisa Brown, creator of the hugely popular The Airport Book and The Hospital Book, breaks down the big prospect of moving to a new home.

Moving can be sad and scary—but it doesn't have to be. The kids in this book have done it many times before, as the older brother reminds his sister. They reflect on favorite memories from each of their past homes, and the boy talks her through all the steps to expect, from taping up boxes to riding in the car behind the moving truck. With clear text and detail-rich illustrations, *The Moving Book* is the perfect resource for any family preparing for a move.

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Ages 4-8 • 40 pages • 9 x 11
July 1, 2025

See page 4 of the backlist guide for another title by Brown.

LISA BROWN is a *New York Times* bestselling illustrator, author, and cartoonist. Her work includes *The Airport Book*, *The Hospital Book*, and *How to Be*. Her first graphic novel, *The Phantom Twin*, received two starred reviews.



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Ages 3-7 • 32 pages • 8 x 9^{1/2}
 May 20, 2025

See page 7 of the backlist guide
 for another title by Hwang.

THE SMALLEST BIRD

A FRIENDSHIP STORY

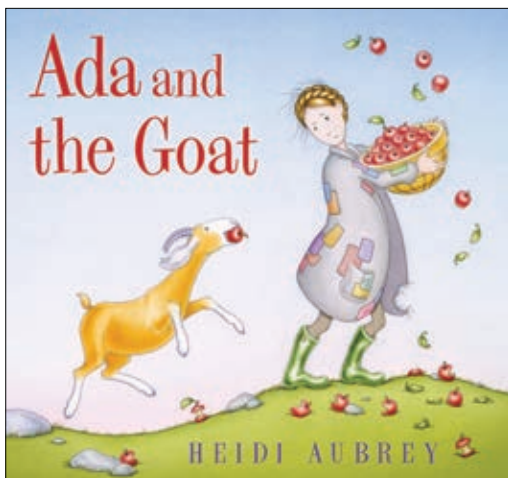
BY JOY BELIN, ART BY SARAH HWANG

A whimsical explanation of how to make friends with a bird that is sure to delight young nature lovers.

To make friends with the smallest bird, you'll need to look small yourself. Once the bird can see you mean no harm, do all the things that any good friend would do: Show him your secret tree house. Give him snacks. And if you think he's ready, reach out to see if he'll let you hold him. You'll need to keep your hand open so he can fly away as all birds do—but don't worry, when the smallest bird makes a friend as good as you, he will always come back to visit.

JOY BELIN began her career as a teacher and later worked at the U.S. Department of Education. This is her debut.

SARAH HWANG is the author-illustrator of *Toasty*.



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Ages 4-8 • 40 pages • 10 x 9^{1/2}
 August 5, 2025

ADA AND THE GOAT

BY HEIDI AUBREY

Ada doesn't need the goat. She doesn't want the goat. So why isn't she happy when it leaves?

When Ada leaves town and moves into a fixer-upper cottage on a hill, she can't wait to settle into her new life. Yet Ada's plans are soon dashed by a troublesome goat that hangs around long after she frees it from a fence. Its antics undo her new life piece by piece, until Ada snaps and sends the goat on its way. Never again will it sleep on her porch... or nibble on her gray coat. And suddenly, Ada isn't so glad.

HEIDI AUBREY holds an illustration degree from Art Center College of Design. This is her debut.



Ages 6-8 • 40 pages • 9 x 11

June 3, 2025

THE MEMORY CAKE

BY CAROLINE L. PERRY

ART BY JENNIFER BRICKING

A grandmother remembers when she found hope while living in a land under siege in this story about survival, hope, and the children of Malta during World War II.

Every year, a girl visits her Nanna on the isle of Malta, and every year they bake a special cake. Nanna shares that when she was a girl, they baked this cake to celebrate the end of their small country's occupation during WWII. As the two prepare each step of the recipe, Nanna shares about the bombs, the shelters, the hunger, and the hope that kept them all alive.

CAROLINE L. PERRY's books include *The Corgi and the Queen* illustrated by Lydia Corry and *I Am Not Happy!*, illustrated by Syndey Hanson.

JENNIFER BRICKING is the illustrator of *Ten Magic Butterflies*.



Ages 4-8 • 40 pages • 8 x 10

May 6, 2025

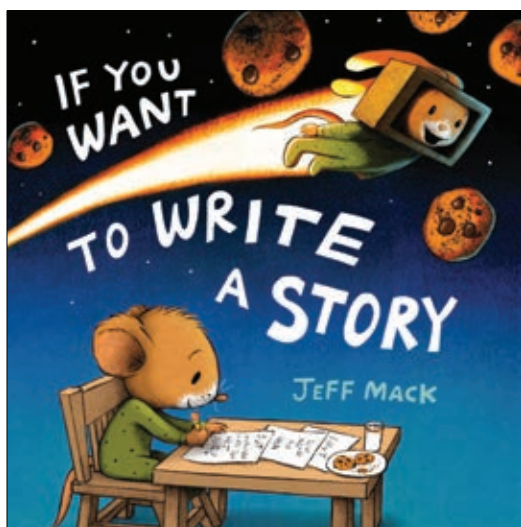
FRIDAYS ARE FOR CHURROS

BY JENNY ALVARADO

A girl and her dad move to a new town, but she's determined to keep their traditions, no matter how busy Daddy is!

Every Friday, Emi and her Papi made churros for the entire familia. Now in their new apartment in the big city, Papi is always working, and there are no churros, and no familia. Until Emi smells something delicious coming from her neighbor Señora Luisa's apartment. Maybe she can make churros after all, with a little help. Soon Emi's apartment is filled with the scent of fresh churros and new friends!

JENNY ALVARADO is the author and illustrator of the picture book *Agent Unicorn* and the early graphic novel series *Pencil & Eraser*.



Ages 4-8 • 40 pages • 10 x 10
July 15, 2025

See page 9 of the backlist guide for more titles by Mack.

IF YOU WANT TO WRITE A STORY

BY JEFF MACK

Crafting a great story can be as fun as reading one with this action-packed introduction to fiction writing.

Award-winning creator Jeff Mack brings the writing process to life. “Ideas are everywhere,” our narrator notes as we open on a mouse at his writing desk. This proves true a moment later, when a stuffed bunny hops out of the house and straight into a cardboard spaceship. Mouse joins him, and a thrilling adventure begins. As each story beat unfolds, the narrator shares a new tool in the fiction writer’s kit: how to add excitement, overcome feelings of discouragement, and explore new directions.

JEFF MACK is the creator of *Hush Little Polar Bear*, *Duck in the Fridge*, *Just a Story*, and *Scaredy Cats*. He has also illustrated award-winning books such as Eve Bunting’s *Hurry! Hurry!* and James Howe’s *Bunnica and Friends*.



COVER NOT FINAL



Ages 4-8
32 pages • 10^{7/8} x 9^{1/2}
May 27, 2025

See page 15 of the backlist guide for the entire Bear and Mole Series.

SUMMER IS HERE

A BEAR AND MOLE STORY

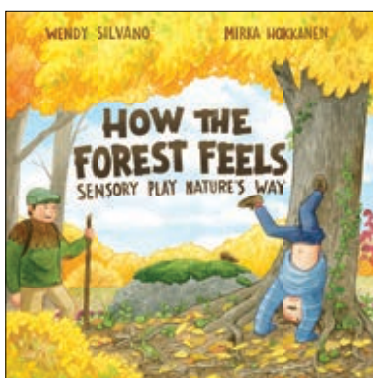
BY WILL HILLENBRAND



Swish. Swish. Swish... Thwack! Bear and Mole are stepping up to the plate for summer baseball season—but what happens when Mole struggles to hit the ball?

Finally, summer is here! Baseball-loving Mole suits up and hustles to the baseball diamond for a game with his best friend Bear. Mole is ready to play, and he’s swinging for the fences! Swish. Swish. Swish. It’s a swing and... a miss? Mole measures, grits his teeth, and swings—still, it’s like he can’t even see the plate! But with the gentle support of his friend Bear and a new pair of glasses, Mole is ready to play all summer long.

WILL HILLENBRAND is the author and illustrator of the popular Bear and Mole books and the Mighty Reader series. *Spring Is Here* won the Please Touch Museum Book Award.



Ages 3-6 • 40 pages • 9¹/₂ x 9¹/₂
August 5, 2025

HOW THE FOREST FEELS

SENSORY PLAY NATURE'S WAY

BY WENDI SILVANO, ART BY MIRKA HOKKANEN

Forest school meets sensory play in this cozy story about an exploratory walk through the woods.

A boy and his grandfather travel through a scenic forest. Everywhere they look, there are fascinating things to see and feel. The boy is naturally curious... and in the woods, it's okay to touch! Some things are sticky. Some are crumbly or coarse. The boy delights in using his senses to explore the natural world.

See page 53 for more titles by Hokkanen.



Ages 3-6 • 32 pages • 8 x 10
August 19, 2025

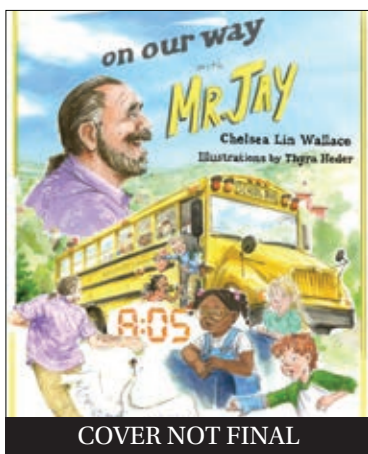
THE ITSY BITSY SPIDER

BY JANE CABRERA

Come and play for a day at the Itsy Bitsy Splishy Splashy Bug Water park in this energetic reimagining of a favorite nursery rhyme.

Itsy Bitsy Spider can't wait for the rain to come down—that's when he gets to ride his bug water slide! But not all of his bug friends know how to swim. They'll have to dream up a different way to have fun.

See page 21 of the backlist guide for Cabrera's Story Time Collection.



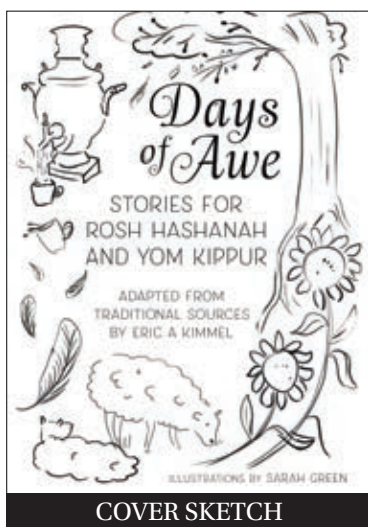
NP Ages 4-8 • 48 pages • 9x11
July 15, 2025

ON OUR WAY WITH MR. JAY

BY CHELSEA LIN WALLACE, ART BY THYRA HEDER

Cheer for the most intrepid school bus driver as he races to get everybody to school before the bell rings!

Mr. Jay picks up kids from all over town—out in the country, up a hill, in the busy city, always piloting his bus with a can-do attitude. Along the route, he's called upon to tune a fiddle, clean up pony poo, and fix a diorama. He avoids a stampede, settles down an intruding dog, and even fights off hostile swans! But will he get the kids to school on time?



Ages 8-10 • 48 pages • 7^{1/2} x 8
 August 19, 2025

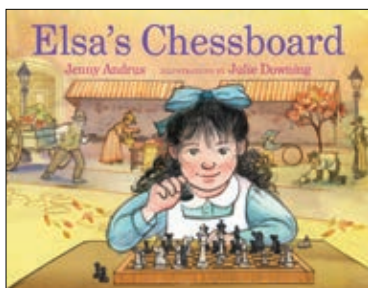
DAYS OF AWE

BY ERIC A. KIMMEL, ART BY SARAH GREEN

Three inspiring stories illuminate the mitzvot of the High Holy Days: Charity, Repentance, and Prayer, in a strikingly illustrated new edition.

Award-winning folklorist Eric A. Kimmel tells stories to dramatize the meaning of each pillar of the holiday—a couple who share what they have, only to find that their samovar keeps refilling, a shepherd who loves God so much that he makes up his own prayers, and a beggar and a Rabbi who together experience the power of repentance.

See pages 15 and 16 of the backlist guide for more titles by Kimmel.



NP Ages 4-8
 48 pages • 11 x 8^{1/2}
 April 29, 2025

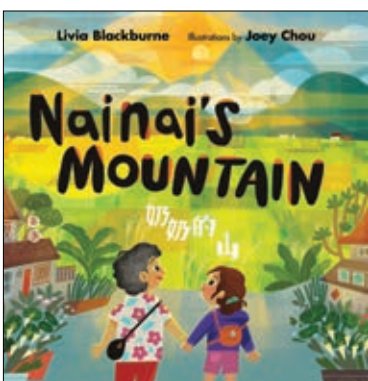
ELSA'S CHESSBOARD

BY JENNY ANDRUS, ART BY JULIE DOWNING

Elsa carries her chessboard everywhere, always ready for a game. When World War II forces her from Europe, can chess help make her a new home?

Growing up in 1900s Vienna, Elsa's brothers are always playing chess. "No girls!" they tell her; but she wears them down, and soon she has a chess set of her own. She begins playing chess whenever she can. But when World War II grips Europe, the young Jewish family must emigrate to America, where they're surrounded by unfamiliar languages. Luckily, Elsa knows one language that can always bring people together: chess!

See page 7 of the backlist guide for more titles by Downing.



NP Ages 4-8
 40 pages • 8^{1/2} x 11
 April 8, 2025

NAINAI'S MOUNTAIN

BY LIVIA BLACKBURNE, ART BY JOEY CHOU

A Taiwanese-American girl is nervous about visiting Taiwan—until her paternal grandmother, her Nainai, takes her on a mountain-climbing adventure and shows her its wonders.

Traveling to Taiwan for the first time, even with her parents and her Nainai, is a lot for a little girl to take in. The plane ride lasts forever and she can't read any of the signs. But then Nainai becomes her tour guide, and Taiwan transforms. Whether it's a reflection of home or a window into somewhere brand-new, everyone will love following Nainai to the top of her mountain.



Ages 6-9 • 40 pages • 10 x 9
January 7, 2025

WHEN I HEAR SPIRITUALS

BY CHERYL WILLIS HUDSON, ART BY LONDON LADD

A girl connects with heritage, history, and a higher power through the lyrics of twelve beloved spirituals and four seminal events in African American history.

When a young girl hears spirituals, her heart pounds, she gets a lump in her throat, and tears flow down her cheeks. She wants to clap her hands and stomp her feet. There is healing, tenderness, strength, pride, and above all, hope. Author Cheryl Willis Hudson has woven together lyrics of twelve timeless, Black spirituals that explore how music holds memories, emotions, and empowerment.



Ages 3-5 • 40 pages • 10 x 8
February 25, 2025

MATZAH DAY!

BY CHARLOTTE OFFSAY, ART BY JASON KIRSCHNER

It's Matzah Day! Celebrate with this joyful story!

In this fun story, a family celebrates Passover with lots of matzah—with lox, as stuffing, matzah pizza, and matzah candy. Get it from a box or make it yourself. Information about Passover and matzah, as well as matzah recipes, are included at the back of the book.

See page 11 of the backlist guide for *Challah Day!*, also by Offsay and Kirschner.



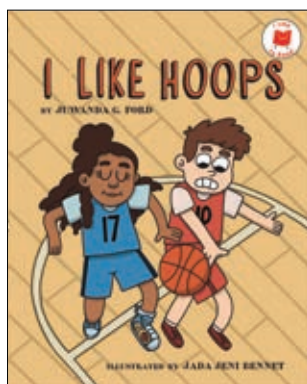
Ages 4-8 • 32 pages • 10 x 10
September 17, 2024

GREAT IDEA, MALIA!

BY ALLIAH L. AGOSTINI, ART BY OLIVIA DE CASTRO

Malia has big ideas for problem-solving her mom's new job in this joyful picture book that's perfect for young families juggling work and play.

Malia loves two things: spending time with Mom and dreaming up Great Ideas. When Mom gets a big new job, she is busier than ever. Malia realizes that Mom needs help. Time for some Great Ideas! Like... answering Mom's emails with emojis and jazzing up her presentations with cute dinosaurs. When it turns out this was not the help Mom had in mind, Malia needs a better-than-ever Great Idea to make things right.

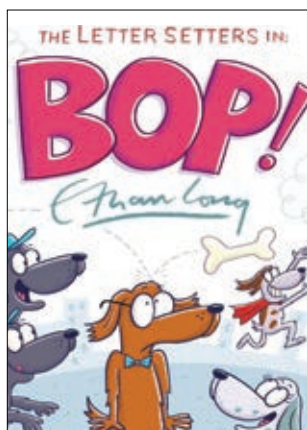


*The game is tied.
Can we win? This book is
perfect for new readers to
read on their own.*



Ages 4-8
32 pages • 8 x 10
June 24, 2025

A close game of basketball, played by a diverse group of children, is full of suspense, joy, and good sportsmanship too!



*Learning how to read
should be a walk in the
dog park! Follow four
curious canines on letter-
replacement adventures
in this early reader series.*



Ages 4-8
32 pages • 6 x 9
June 24, 2025

Meet the Letter Setters! When their bone is gone, these dynamic dogs sound the gong and spring into action to retrieve their tasty treat.

See page 53 of this guide and page 21 of the backlist guide for more titles by Long.



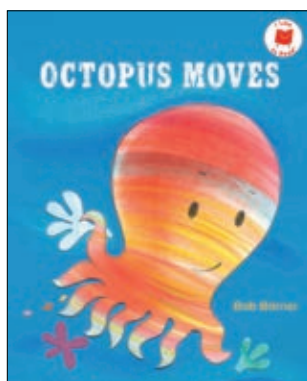
*A girl wants to play with
her brother's toys. And
she won't give up! A new
early reader from two-time
Theodor Seuss Geisel
Honoree Paul Meisel.*



Ages 4-8
32 pages • 8 x 10
April 15, 2025

A boy is contentedly playing with his cars, superheroes, and blocks when he notices that his sister has taken his dragon. He wants it back! Now! Brother and sister struggle with strong emotions—from possessiveness to anger. But empathy and compassion win out in the end.

See page 53 of this guide and pages 14, 17, & 19 of the backlist guide for more titles by Meisel.



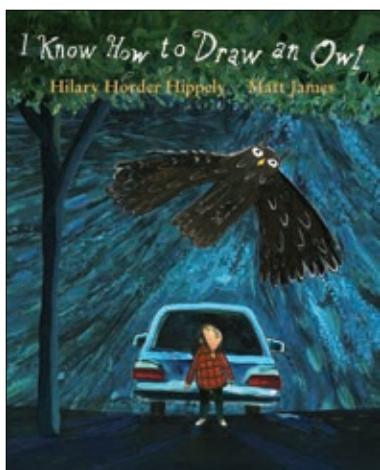
*Octopus wants to move,
but needs friends to help!
Swim along with the
ocean's cutest creatures
in this sweet early reader.*



Ages 4-8
32 pages • 8 x 10
April 15, 2025

Bob Barner has created a whimsical world where it's always okay to ask for help, and no task is too big with your friends swimming by your side.

See page 13 of the backlist guide for more titles by Barner.



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Ages 4-8
32 pages • 9 x 11
October 29, 2024

I KNOW HOW TO DRAW AN OWL

BY HILARY HORDER HIPPELY, ART BY MATT JAMES

An age-appropriate and deeply empathetic portrayal of a family experiencing housing insecurity.

★ “A visually compelling, compassionate look at an often-misunderstood situation.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

Belle and her mother used to have a home like any of Belle’s classmates’. But now, they curl up each night in a blanket nest in their old blue car. The first night was hard, but they’ve never been alone: an owl has always been nearby in its tree, looking out for them. When a new boy who looks lost and scared comes to school, it’s Belle’s turn to watch over someone.

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Ages 4-8
40 pages • 8^{1/2} x 11
October 8, 2024

THERE'S THAT SUN AGAIN

BY MK SMITH DESPRES, ART BY JULIE BENBASSAT

A resonant celebration of life's joys and challenges.

“Imaginative musings on the world, ideal for young wonderers.”
—*Kirkus Reviews*

At any moment, something incredible could happen—but so could something scary, or sad, or hard. Learning to cope means learning the cycles, the things you can depend on. This book illuminates that cycle, following two children throughout the ups and downs of their day—and empowers readers to meet this emotional turbulence with strength, knowledge, and wonder.



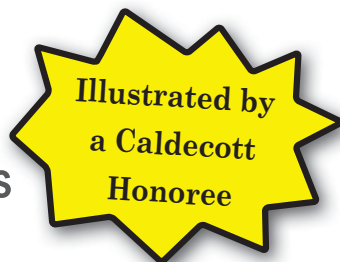
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Ages 4-8
56 pages • 8 x 10
September 17, 2024

THE TABLE

BY WINSOME BINGHAM & WILEY BLEVINS

ART BY JASON GRIFFIN



★ “A moving, elegantly constructed celebration of differences sure to foster empathy and stir the imagination.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

★ “Beautifully illustrated and thoughtfully written, this is a story that will encourage family discussion and reflection.”—*School Library Journal*

★ “A brilliantly twined telling in which an object bears witness to the lives of two families.”—*Publishers Weekly*



EVEN YETIS GET COLDS

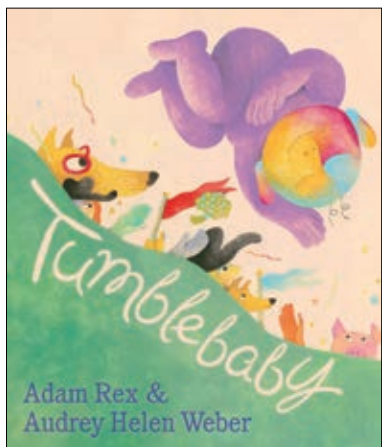
BY CARLIANNE TIPSEY

Getting a cold is never fun, but a friend by your side can be just what the doctor ordered.

Having a yeti as a best friend is, well, the best! There's always laughter and adventure, and you're guaranteed to have the best seat in the house. Except for one big problem. Every year, Yeti gets a cold. And when he does, he turns into a total grump. So this year, his girl is going to be ready. She's armed with tissues and blankets and cocoa. But finding a cure is a lot harder than it sounds. Sometimes all you need is a friend. Utterly endearing, *Even Yetis Get Colds* introduces a talented new voice, and is a perfect cozy pick for any sick day.

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Ages 4-7 •
32 pages • 8 x 10
October 29, 2024



TUMBLEBABY

BY ADAM REX, ART BY AUDREY HELEN WEBER

Boss Baby meets Forrest Gump in this adventure starring one very intrepid and very asleep baby.

Most babies scoot, flop, and roll. But this one tumbles right out the door! Down the street they go, through the neighborhood, gathering debris on the way. Still asleep, Tumblebaby rolls from one adventure to the next, tumbling through a pack of coyotes; around the country saving the day in various cities; and all the way up Everest, winning Olympic Gold. Eventually, Tumblebaby tumbles home, well traveled, well rested, having changed the whole world, eyes closed all along.

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Ages 4-8
48 pages • 9 x 10^{1/2}
October 22, 2024



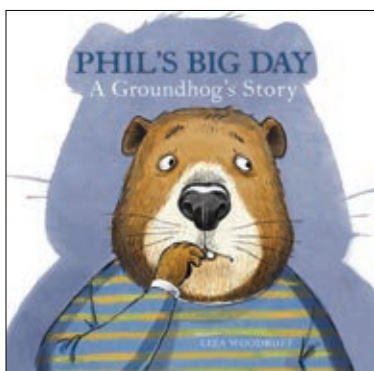
SHARING SHALOM

BY DANIELLE SHARKAN, ART BY SELINA ALKO

A girl's community joins hands to fight antisemitism in this richly-illustrated picture book filled with hope.

"[T]he perfect introduction to the topics of discrimination, othering, and religious-targeted hate. A compelling look at the tendency to hide what makes us different, and a celebration of the people who make it safe to be who we are."—Elisa Boxer, Sydney Taylor Honor author of *Hidden Hope*

Ages 4-8 • 32 pages • 8^{1/2} x 10^{3/4}
September 17, 2024



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Ages 4-8
40 pages • 9^{3/4} x 10
November 12, 2024

PHIL'S BIG DAY A GROUNDHOG'S STORY

BY LIZA WOODRUFF

Everyone is excited for Phil's big day... except for him.

It's the night before Groundhog's Day, and Phil is too nervous to sleep. His little sister, Marla, insists on helping him practice for his big day. When tomorrow arrives, Phil's nerves take over and his mind goes blank. His worries are all coming true until he has an idea that saves the day.

Liza Woodruff warmly and reassuringly addresses anxious feelings, and suggests coping mechanisms useful for grown-ups and kids alike.

See page 6 of the backlist guide for more titles by Woodruff.



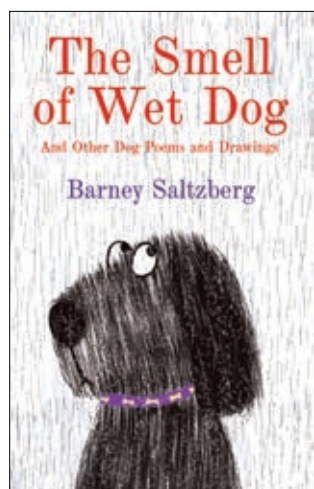
Ages 2-5 • 40 pages • 10^{1/2} x 10^{1/2}
November 5, 2024

GOODBYE, HELLO: A GOING HOME TRAVEL ADVENTURE

BY ANGELA H. DALE, ART BY DANIEL WISEMAN

In this bouncing picture book, an LGBTQ+ Navy family travels across the globe to reunite.

Featuring travel by car and plane across the world, this fast and fun picture book is a great introduction to the many different legs of international travel for the smallest members of the family.



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Ages 4-8
40 pages • 7 x 11
September 10, 2024

THE SMELL OF WET DOG AND OTHER DOG POEMS AND DRAWINGS

BY BARNEY SALTZBERG

Equal parts heart-melting and stinky, this is a must-have for every canine fan.

★ "In this collection of humorous poems, Saltzberg examines the nature of dogginess from nose to tail . . . Utterly delightful and beautifully designed." —*Kirkus Reviews*

See page 6 of the backlist guide for another title by Saltzberg.



NP Ages 4-8 • 32 pages • 9 x 11
April 1, 2025

See page 6 of the backlist guide
 for more titles by Yolen.

HIS FAIRYTALE LIFE

A BOOK ABOUT HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

BY JANE YOLEN

ART BY BROOKE BOYNTON-HUGHES

The storyteller becomes the story in this illuminating biographical picture book of Hans Christian Andersen, father of the modern fairytale.

A century and a half have passed since Hans Christian Andersen's death, but his stories are more alive than ever. Across languages and borders, his timeless creations have left a footprint beyond measuring. Now, come along back to the beginning and meet the human that came before the legend.

JANE YOLEN is the author of *How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?*, *Owl Moon*, and *The Devil's Arithmetic*. Her books have won the Caldecott Medal, two Nebula Awards, the World Fantasy Award, the Jewish Book Award, and the Sydney Taylor Body-of-Work Award.

BROOKE BOYNTON-HUGHES is the author and illustrator of *Brave Molly*, and the illustrator of *Dolly Parton's Coat of Many Colors*.



INTERIOR ART

NP Ages 4-8 • 48 pages • 9^{1/2} x 10
June 17, 2025

IN THE WORLD OF WHALES

BY MICHELLE CUSOLITO

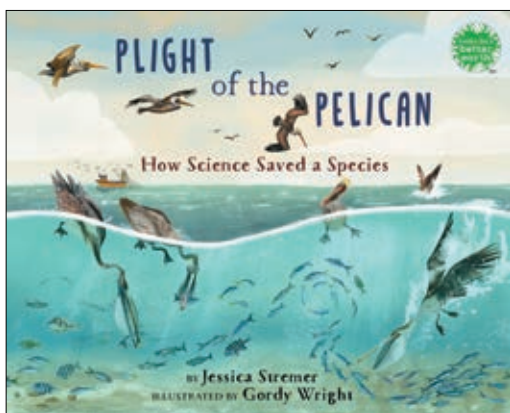
ART BY JESSICA LANAN

Plunge deep into the awe-inspiring true story of a diver's encounter with a newborn whale and its family.

When a diver slips underwater, he encounters a pod of sperm whales. He sees blood in the water and wonders if there's been an injury. But when he comes closer, he finds a moments-old calf. The calf's family nudges it toward each member of the pod, by way of introduction; and then the mother nudges her child toward the diver, inviting him, too, to share in the family moment.

MICHELLE CUSOLITO is the author of *Flying Deep*, *Diving Deep*, and *Window into the Ocean Twilight Zone*.

JESSICA CUSOLITO is the Sibert and Golden Kite Honor winning author and illustrator of *Jumper*, *The Fisherman and the Whale*, and is the illustrator of *The Lost Package*, *Just Right*, and *Thank You Moon*.



Ages 5-8

40 pages • 10 x 8

April 1, 2025

See page 19 of this guide and page 17 of the backlist guide for more titles by Stremmer and Garland.

PLIGHT OF THE PELICAN

HOW SCIENCE SAVED A SPECIES

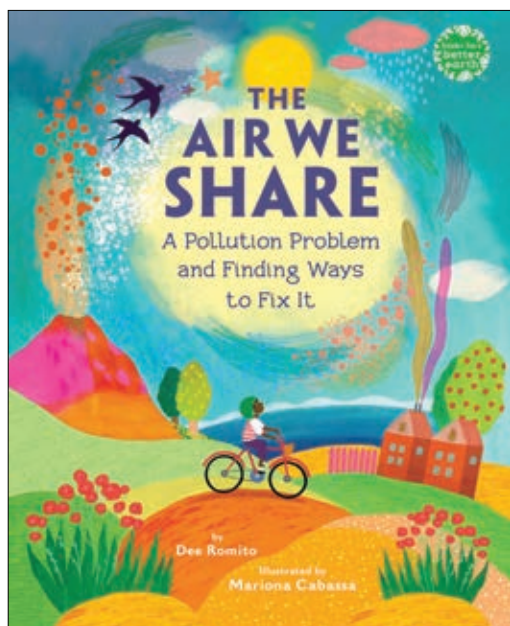
BY JESSICA STREMER, ART BY GORDY WRIGHT

A celebration of how scientists and activists can work together to protect wildlife.

In the 1950s, the brown pelican went from thriving to barely surviving. The culprit was DDT: a harmful pesticide that seeped into soil and caused the pelican population to plummet. It took many voices demanding change before the government took action. This picture book introduces young readers to one of the biggest grassroots movements of our time.

JESSICA STREMER is a children's book writer with a background in biology and ecology. Her debut picture book, *Great Carrier Reef*, also illustrated by Gordy Wright, received two starred reviews.

GORDY WRIGHT is the illustrator of *Wild in the Streets*, *Strange But True*, and *Great Carrier Reef*.



Ages 6-9

40 pages • 8^{1/2} x 11

April 1, 2025

See page 18 of the backlist guide for another title by Romito.

THE AIR WE SHARE

THE POLLUTION PROBLEM AND FINDING WAYS TO FIX IT

BY DEE ROMITO, ART BY MARIONA CABASSA

What goes up there ends up here! That's because air travels around the earth and carries lots of stuff in it.

Air carries good matter like seeds, scents, and sounds, but also bad matter like ash, dust, and smog. Read about the eruption of the volcano Krakatoa that sent ash around the world and The Great Smog of London that killed thousands. Then learn what people can do to protect the air we share.

DEE ROMITO is the author of *The Last Plastic Straw*, which received a starred review from *The Horn Book*.

MARIONA CABASSA has more than 40 illustrated books in Spain and other countries, including *A Gift for Amma: Market Day In India* and *Barefoot Books Water*. She was born in Barcelona, Spain.



Ages 4-8 • 48 pages • 9 x 11
May 6, 2025

See pages 4 and 17 of the backlist guide for more titles by Chin.

HURRICANE

BY JASON CHIN

Caldecott Medalist Jason Chin charts the thrilling saga of an island community's brush with a hurricane, and the cutting-edge science that helps them prepare.

It's a beautiful day on Hatteras Island, North Carolina. But while all seems calm now, a hurricane is barreling across the Atlantic, and everyone is wondering when it will hit the coast. Night and day, meteorologists use satellites to monitor the storm. Back on the island, families board up windows and stock survival kits to prepare. A fascinating view into a natural disaster and a survey of the tools we use to mitigate the damage.

JASON CHIN received the Caldecott Medal for his illustrations in Andrea Wang's *Watercress*, a Newbery Honor book and APALA award winner. His book *Grand Canyon* was awarded a Caldecott Honor, a Sibert Honor, and the NCTE Orbis Pictus Award. His other acclaimed titles include *Nine Months*, *Your Place in the Universe*, and *The Universe in You*.



Ages 3-6 • 40 pages • 8^{1/2} x 11
May 13, 2025

See page 44 of this guide and page 18 of the backlist guide for more titles by Cosgrove.

MY POLLINATOR GARDEN

HOW I PLANT FOR BEES, BUTTERFLIES, BEETLES, AND MORE

BY JORDAN ZWETCHKENBAUM

ART BY KATE COSGROVE

Want to help the earth? You can start in your own yard!

Learn about bees, birds, butterflies, and bats—and the special plants that keep them alive. With stunning illustrations by a *New York Times* bestselling illustrator. Back matter has information about how you can grow your own pollinator garden.

JORDAN ZWETCHKENBAUM holds a Bachelor of Science degree and is currently attending a certificate program in sustainable gardening. This is her debut.

KATE COSGROVE is the illustrator of the *New York Times* bestselling picture book *A Day with No Words* by Tiffany Hammond, *And the Bullfrogs Sing* (a Bank Street Best Book of the Year), *The Dirt Book* (a New York Public Library Best Book of the Year), and *A Tree Is a Community*, all by David. L. Harrison.



INTERIOR ART



Ages 4-8 • 40 pages • 8 x 10
July 29, 2025

IT'S CORN-PICKING TIME

BY JILL ESBAUM, ART BY MELISSA CROWTON

Hop in the tractor and ride along with a corn farmer in this read-aloud full of things that clack, whoosh, and roll!

It's corn-picking time, and the farmer has all her tools ready! The cornhead gobbles the stalks. The spreader spits out chaff. The grain wagon fills with corn! Corn-picking time is a favorite season on author Jill Esbaum's family farm, and the joy is sure to be shared by young lovers of tractors, trucks, and all machines.

JILL ESBAUM is the author of *If a T. Rex Crashes Your Birthday Party*, *Teeny Tiny Toady*, *Elwood Bigfoot*, *Where'd My Jo Go?*, *I Hatched!* (a *New York Times* Editor's Choice), and the Thunder and Cluck series.

MELISSA CROWTON is the illustrator of *Mousie*, *I Will Read to You*, and *Your First Day of Circus School*.



Ages 4-8 • 32 pages • 10 x 10
July 8, 2025

See page 22 of the backlist guide for more titles by Gibbons.

BIG CATS

BY GAIL GIBBONS

The bigger the cats, the bigger the fun! Learn about leopards, lions, and more in this vibrantly-illustrated guide—and what you can do to protect their species.

Readers are in for a roaring good time as they explore the world of cool cats and conservation. Animal-lovers will devour this sensory romp, learning how big cats see, smell, hear, touch, and taste. Complete with detailed diagrams and resources for helping to protect big cats and their habitats, this brightly-colored nonfiction picture book is as ferociously fun as it is environmentally-conscious.

GAIL GIBBONS is a multi award-winning the author of more than 100 books for young readers, including the best-selling titles *From Seed to Plant* and *Monarch Butterfly*. Her many honors include the Regina Medal, the Washington Post/Children's Book Guild Nonfiction Award, and the NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book Award.



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Ages 4-8 • 32 pages
8 x 8^{1/2} • Lift-the-flaps
October 1, 2024

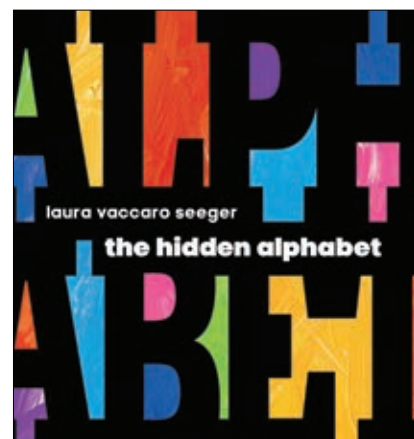
Count backwards with endangered animals and search for fun objects hiding within letters in these lift-the-flap books from two-time Caldecott Honoree Laura Vaccaro Seeger.

Praise for *Animal Countdown*:

★ “Intriguing to both hold and behold.”—*Publishers Weekly*

Named A Fall 2024 Best New Book by *The Washington Post*

See page 6 of the backlist guide for *Red & Why*, also by Seeger.



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Ages 4-8 • 40 pages
8 x 8^{1/2} • Lift-the-flaps
October 1, 2024



Ages 4-8
40 pages • 8^{1/2} x 11
October 8, 2024

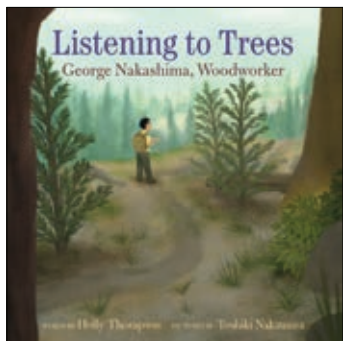
A TREE IS A COMMUNITY

BY DAVID L. HARRISON, ART BY KATE COSGROVE

Discover the surprising biodiversity of trees in this science picture book from award-winning creators of And the Bullfrogs Sing and The Dirt Book.

★ “An effervescent appreciation of all that trees do and are.”
—*Kirkus Reviews*

See pages 6 and 18 of the backlist guide for more titles by Harrison.



NP

Ages 7-10
48 pages • 10 x 10
October 22, 2024

LISTENING TO TREES

GEORGE NAKASHIMA, WOODWORKER

BY HOLLY THOMPSON, ART BY TOSHIKI NAKAMURA

A moving picture book biography celebrating the life of the visionary woodworker George Nakashima.

George Nakashima had a remarkable life as a woodworker, architect, and designer, and had a lifelong love for trees. During World War II, George, with his wife and their daughter, endured incarceration in Minidoka prison camp, where he found comfort in woodworking. Once free, George dedicated the rest of his life to crafting furniture from fallen or discarded trees, giving fresh purpose and dignity to each tree, and promoting a more peaceful world.



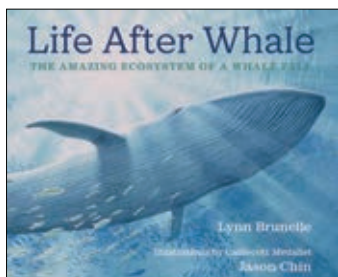
Ages 4–8
40 pages • 9 x 11
January 7, 2025

LOVE IS A BIG FEELING

BY SHELLEY ROTNER

Love is everywhere... open your eyes! Award-winning photographer Shelley Rotner captures the joy that arises when we embrace our feelings, and our friends, in this warmhearted picture book.

There are many ways to show love: with a smile, a hug, or a helping hand. There are even more ways to FEEL love, like spending time with friends and family, reading a story, or climbing a tree. When you open your heart, love is everywhere. Let it in! Let it show! Big feelings meet simple text in this cheerful celebration of love.



NP Ages 4–8
48 pages • 11 x 9
June 4, 2024

See pages 4 and 17 of the backlist guide for more titles by Chin.

LIFE AFTER WHALE THE AMAZING ECOSYSTEM OF A WHALE FALL

BY LYNN BRUNELLE, ART BY JASON CHIN

Follow a blue whale's enormous body to the bottom of the ocean, where it sets the stage for a bustling new ecosystem.

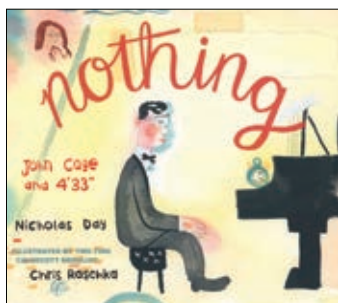
A Publishers Weekly 2024 Summer Read

“[A] moving exploration of death and life deep below the surface of the water.”—*The Boston Globe*

7 starred reviews!

★ “[B]rilliant.”—*Publishers Weekly* ★ *BCCB* ★ *Kirkus Reviews*
★ *Booklist* ★ *The Horn Book* ★ *Shelf Awareness* ★ *School Library Journal*

Rights Sales: **Chinese Simplified/Look Book** •
Chinese Traditional/Rye Field • **Korean/Spring Garden**



NP Ages 4–8
40 pages • 10 x 9
April 2, 2024

NOTHING JOHN CAGE AND 4'33"

BY NICHOLAS DAY, ART BY CHRIS RASCHKA

An offbeat history of John Cage's 4'33", a musical composition of blank bars, illustrated by Caldecott Medalist Chris Raschka.

★ “[T]he book encourages readers to listen even when it feels like there is nothing to hear.”—*The Horn Book*

★ *Booklist* ★ *School Library Journal*

Rights Sales: **Greek/Eurydice Books**

Graphic Novels & Comics



Illustration from *Duck and Cat Ride the Riverboat* by Drew Panckeri, see page 51.

Eisner Award-winning artist!

TABLE TITANS CLUB

BY SCOTT KURTZ

A graphic novel series about a middle school Dungeons & Dragons club by an Eisner and Harvey Award winner.



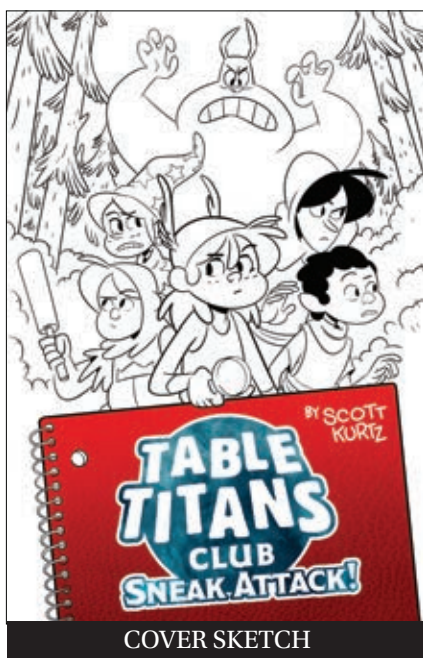
TABLE TITANS CLUB

★ “A must-read for readers in fifth grade and up seeking a heartfelt and magical journey of self-discovery, friendship, and the celebration of embracing your authentic self.” —*Booklist*

“A fun new series about friendship and the power of imagination.”
—Kazu Kibuishi, *New York Times* bestselling creator of *Amulet*

Valeria Winters has an easier time finding trouble than making friends. A fantasy-obsessed nerd, Val promises her mom that things will be different at her new school. As if by fate, she meets the Table Titans—Alan, Andrew, and Darius, who run the school’s tabletop gaming club. Finally, Val has found a place where she belongs. So when the future of the club is threatened, Val makes it her personal quest to save the Table Titans. She’ll have to face the fire-breathing wrestling coach and popular girl Kate, who seems out for revenge.

Ages 8-12 • 224 pages • 6 x 9 • Full-color Art Throughout
March 5, 2024



COVER SKETCH

SNEAK ATTACK!

The members of the Table Titans Club are psyched to spend the summer at Camp Owl Care. At this live-action roleplay paradise, the gang will work together to overcome challenges, unravel riddles, and safely swash-buckle their foes. Nothing the Table Titans can’t handle!

...Or not? The club learns that they’ve been randomly sorted into houses for the camp LARP quest. They must compete against their fellow Titans for reward and renown! To make this nightmare worse, Alan fully embraces the rivalry and becomes determined to crush his friends’ teams—even if that means cheating. As the camp-wide feud heats up, it seems like the Titans will have to make a choice: sacrifice their houses’ standings, or say goodbye to their tight-knit friendship. When the final quest approaches, will Val lead her team to victory? And more importantly, will the Table Titans Club survive the summer?

Ages 8-12 • 224 pages • 6 x 9 • Full-color Art Throughout
May 13, 2025

SCOTT KURTZ is an Eisner and Harvey award-winning cartoonist who helped pioneer webcomics with his daily feature, PvP.



Ages 8-12 • 196 pages • 6 x 9
 Full-color Art Throughout
June 11, 2024

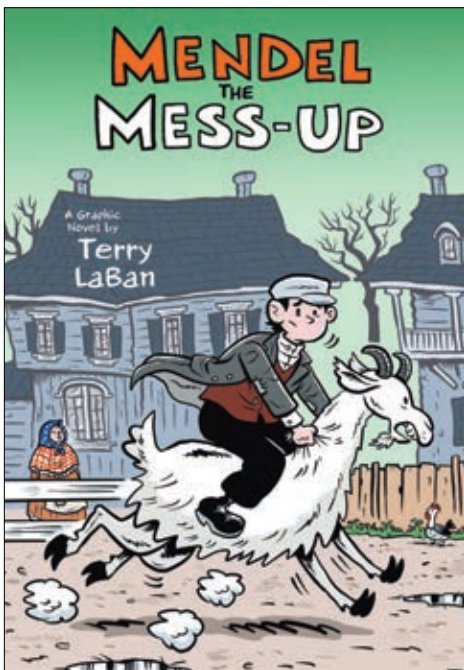
BUNNYBIRDS

BY NATALIE LINN

★ “[A] perfect blend of adventure, humor, and emotional depth.”—*Booklist*

In Princess Aster’s world, Bunnybirds live in contented isolation, practicing magic. Nothing is ever wrong... even as Aster’s people begin disappearing. But when her father is next to go, her goal is as definite as her heart: she’s going to rescue him. A sweeping graphic novel adventure, *Bunnybirds* offers readers a richly-imagined animal world full of magic, danger, and excitement.

NATALIE LINN graduated from Rhode Island School of Design. This is her debut.



Ages 8-12 • 208 pages • 7 x 10
 Full-color Art Throughout
December 17, 2024

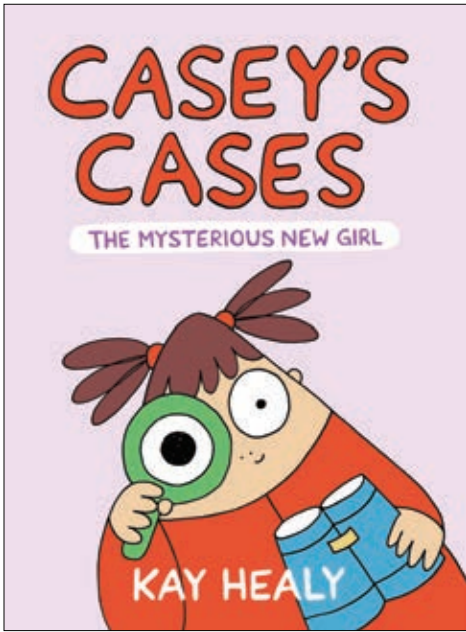
MENDEL THE MESS-UP

BY TERRY LABAN

Mendel is the unluckiest kid in the shtetl—but can his bad luck save the day when the Cossacks invade?

Follow the sometimes hilarious, sometimes bittersweet exploits of Mendel Schlotz, who lives in a remote Jewish vilage. Born under an evil eye, Mendel can't help but attract trouble. Will he be a schlemiel forever? Sympathetic, funny, and warm, this fast-paced middle-grade graphic novel from a veteran Jewish comics star is perfect for young readers who feel just a little out of place—and it will help them toward appreciating who they are.

TERRY LABAN is an artist whose comic *Edge City* ran from 2001 to 2015.



Ages 7-10 • 160 pages • 6 x 8
 Three-color Art Throughout
 February 11, 2025

THE MYSTERIOUS NEW GIRL

CASEY'S CASES #1

BY KAY HEALY

Diary of a Wimpy Kid meets Nancy Drew meets Amelia Bedelia in this hilarious young series featuring an aspiring detective who will solve any case . . . usually accidentally.

Casey wants nothing more than to be a detective. No mystery is too big or small for her to tackle! OK, so she doesn't see everything coming—mean girl Dina always has the last word, and Casey is constantly falling into embarrassing disasters in front of cute boy AJ.

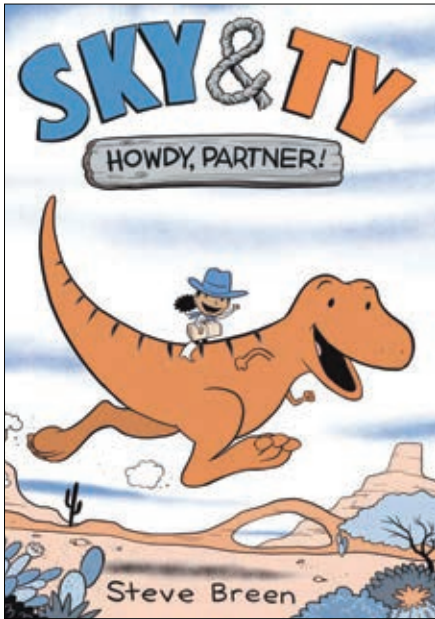
But now, it's Casey's eleventh birthday, and she's just been given a magnifying glass and a pair of binoculars—perfect gifts for today's mystery: Mr. Muffin, a cat Casey's parents insist is too big to be a hungry stray. Will Casey manage to convince them he belongs with her? More importantly, could that new girl in school be the perfect contender for a new best friend? Casey's on the job, and she won't stop till all cases are closed.

Fresh talent Kay Healy's winsome heroine, crackling wit, and charmingly geometric characters alchemize to comedy gold. Voracious young comics fans won't want to miss this debut.

Casey's Cases #2: Everything is Terrible!
 coming Fall 2025!



KAY HEALY is a visual artist and educator originally from Staten Island, NY. She holds an MFA from the University of the Arts, and has exhibited her narrative-based art installations nationally and internationally. This is her debut.



HOWDY PARTNER SKY & TY #1

BY STEVE BREEN

Meet the new cowgirl and her T. Rex partner delivering delightful laughs and rollicking adventures.

★ “[E]nergetic and endearing . . . a satisfying series opener that leaves lots of room for ambling fun.”—*School Library Journal*

Introducing a funny and warm young chapter book graphic novel series by two-time Pulitzer Prize Winner Steve Breen. Meet the best delivery service this side of the Mississippi, run by no-nonsense cowgirl Sky and her slightly goofy, but always dependable partner, T. Rex Ty. But learning to work together hasn't always been easy for them. Saddle up as Sky and Ty's teamwork and speedy thinking save the day when they deliver their first package... just in time!

P+I Ages 6-9 • 64 pages • 6 x 9
Three-color Art Throughout
April 2, 2024

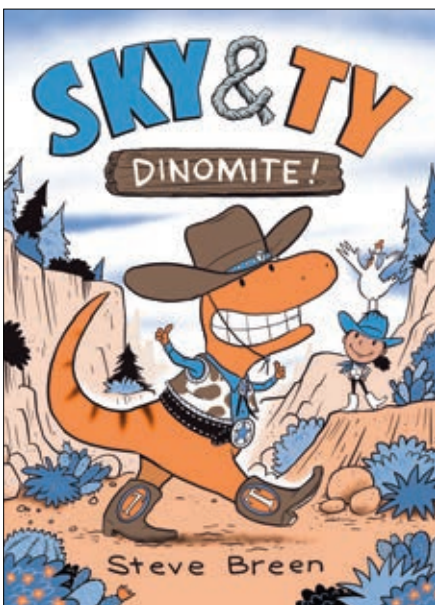


DINOMITE! SKY & TY #2

BY STEVE BREEN

Cowgirl Sky and her T. Rex partner Ty return to deliver more high energy, heartfelt adventures, and laughs in this second installment of their graphic novel series from a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winner.

The second book in this funny and warm young chapter book graphic novel series by two-time Pulitzer Prize Winner Steve Breen features two stories rendered in vibrant three-color art, interspersed with fun facts about the coolest of cowgirls and other extra content to explore.



P+I Ages 6-9 • 64 pages • 6 x 9
Three-color Art Throughout
April 8, 2025

STEVE BREEN is a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist. His picture books include *Stick*, *Violet the Pilot*, *Pug and Doug*, and *Woodpecker Wants a Waffle*.



Ages 4-8 • 80 pages • 6 x 8
 Three-color Art Throughout
 July 22, 2025

See page 53 of this guide and page 13 of the backlist guide for more titles by Jannie Ho.

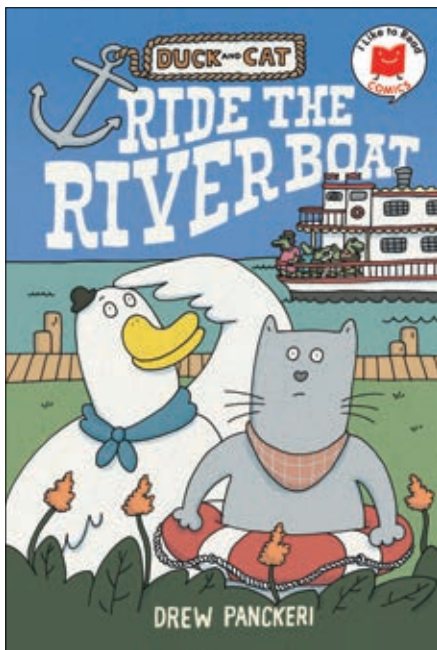
TWO VAMPIRE BATS PUMPKIN AND BEETLE #1

BY JANNIE HO

Meet Pumpkin and Beetle, two vampire cat best friends, as they explore their cozy-spooky town together in this early graphic novel.

Vampire cats are just like other cats, except they sleep during the day, only eat red foods, and go to school at night! One night after school, Pumpkin and Beetle discover everyone in Hallowsville is reading the latest Frightfuls comic. Everyone except them, that is. When they check their wallets, they only have a quarter and a bug. Determined not to miss out, they brainstorm all sorts of ways to make money. Will their silly schemes work in time?

JANNIE HO is the author and illustrator of *The Lost Mitten* and the illustrator of *Mitzi and the Big Bad Nosy Wolf*. She previously worked as a graphic designer and an art director at Nickelodeon, Scholastic, and *TIME Magazine for Kids*.



Ages 4-8 • 40 pages • 6 x 9
 Three-color Art Throughout
 June 24, 2025

DUCK AND CAT RIDE THE RIVERBOAT

BY DREW PANCKERI

A New Yorker cartoonist makes his children's book debut with this delightful early reader graphic novel featuring a hapless duck, an anxious cat, and some very hungry crocodiles.

What could be better than a boat ride with your best friend on a perfect summer day? Little do Duck and Cat know that the other passengers on board the riverboat include a family of hungry crocodiles. Duck pays them no mind, but Cat knows a threat when he sees one. When dinner gets canceled, the duo must spring into action to make sure they don't end up on the menu instead!

DREW PANCKERI is frequently featured in the *New Yorker*, *Mad Magazine*, and *Wired*.

THE LUNA SISTERS



BY DAN YACCARINO

Meet sisters Lucy and Nera—rival siblings who must set aside their differences when facing intergalactic emergencies.

Praise for Book 1:

“Bright paneled illustrations, rendered in the artist’s signature style, bring whimsy to this tale of sibling conflict in hyperdrive.”—*Publishers Weekly*

“Outlandish science fiction fun for the younger set.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

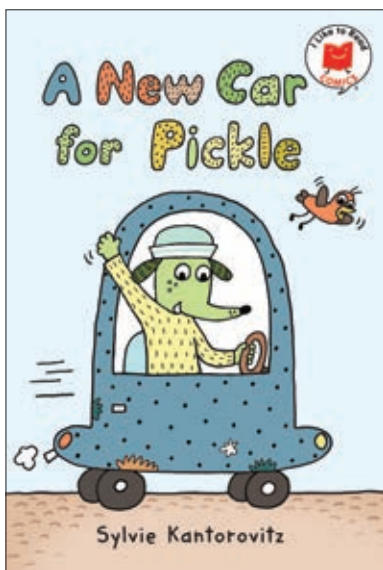


Ages 4-8 • 40 pages • 6 x 9
Full-color Art Throughout
July 9, 2024



Ages 4-8 • 40 pages • 6 x 9
Full-color Art Throughout
April 15, 2025

DAN YACCARINO is the illustrator of *Every Friday*, a Bologna Ragazzi Honorable Mention and a *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book. His other works include *The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau*, *All the Way To America*, and the *Big Jobs, Bold Women* series.



Lovable Pickle turns every day into a silly adventure.

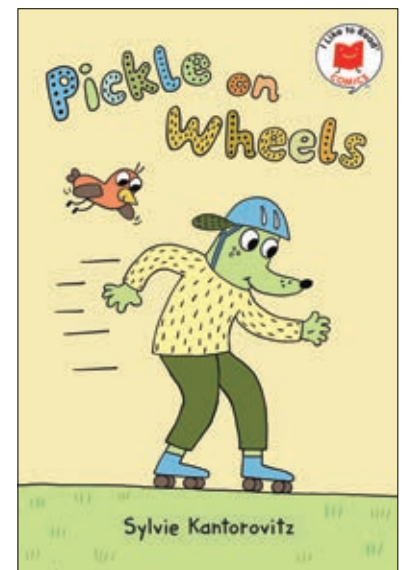
Praise for *A New Car for Pickle*:

★ “Amusing and highly entertaining.”
—*The Horn Book*

“The tale offers an excellent lesson in self-awareness, pragmatism, and manners. A clever take on the trials and tribulations of replacing a busted ride.”—*Kirkus Reviews*



Ages 4-8 • 40 pages • 6 x 9
Full-color Art Throughout
June 25, 2024

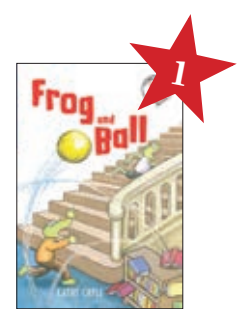
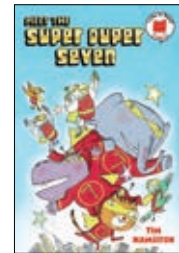


Ages 4-8 • 40 pages • 6 x 9
Full-color Art Throughout
June 24, 2025

SYLVIE KANTOROVITZ is the author-illustrator of *Zig and the Magic Umbrella*, *The Very Tiny Baby*, and her graphic memoir *Sylvie*. She grew up in France.

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