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Cover illustration by Jarett Sitter from *Ready, Cassette, Go!* See page 8.



## PLATYPUS AND PUGGLE

### Unusual Animals Big and Small

Written and illustrated  
by ARIANA KOULTOURIDES

ISBN 978-1-83402-080-8 BB  
ISBN 978-1-83402-081-5 EPUB

7" x 7" • 32 pages  
Full-color illustrations

March 17, 2026  
\$12.99 US / \$15.99 CDN

#### Board book

Age range: 1–5

Grade range: Pre-K

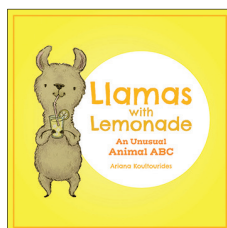
Key words: Animals / Baby animals / Size / Pre-School / Language

Rights available: World  
excluding USA & Canada

From tiny jerboas to giant elephants, this animal-themed board book will teach toddlers the names of some unusual and adorable animals and their babies.

Moving from small to big, this collection of animal families helps build vocabulary and illustrates the concept of size. The perfect addition to any nursery library by the creator of the hit *Llamas With Lemonade: An Unusual ABC*.

**ARIANA KOULTOURIDES** is an artist and product designer based in West Palm Beach, Florida. She specializes in playful children's book illustration with whimsical characters and animals.

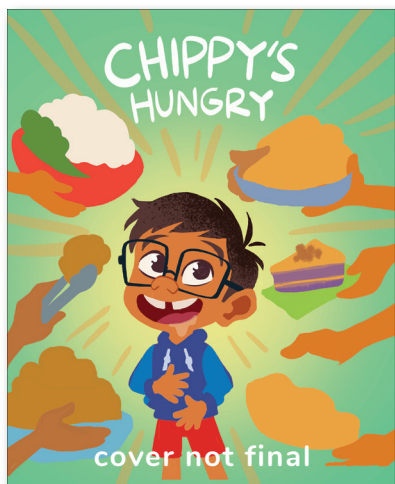


By the same author

"A must-buy at the home and institutional level.  
Highly Recommended."

—CM Reviews, ★starred review

978-1-77321-321-7 BB



## CHIPPY'S HUNGRY

Written by  
**ANALENE GO**

Illustrated by  
**DIANA SANTOS**

ISBN 978-1-83402-036-5 HC  
ISBN 978-1-83402-038-9 EPUB

8.5" x 10.5" • 36 pages

Full-color illustrations, glossary

April 21, 2026

\$19.99 US / \$24.99 CDN

**Picture book**

**Age range:** 4–7

**Grade range:** Pre-K–2

**Key words:** Family / Celebrations /  
Food / Traditions / Humor

**Rights available:** World  
excluding USA & Canada

**A heartwarming celebration of Filipino food, culture, and rituals that bring families together.**

In this fun and heartwarming picture book, Chippy is desperate to satisfy his grumbling tummy, but his lunch keeps getting delayed! As he waits for his chance to take a bite, he learns along the way that nourishment comes in many forms.

**ANALENE GO** is a Filipino-Canadian author who stays forever young by watching fireworks, playing ukulele, and writing for children. Her heartfelt stories celebrate culture and family. She lives in Guelph, Ontario.

**DIANA SANTOS** is a character designer and visual development artist from Mexico, based in Vancouver, British Columbia. She creates captivating characters and heartfelt stories through vibrant color palettes and playful textures.



### Of similar interest

A joyful picture book about all the mischief a young girl and her Yaya get up to during her weekly visits to his long-term care home.

978-1-83402-022-8 HC





## Little Bee #1: THE BUZZ ABOUT THE PARTY

Written by  
DANNY NEVILLE

Illustrated by  
COLLEEN McKEOWN

ISBN 978-1-83402-047-1 PB  
ISBN 978-1-83402-046-4 HC  
ISBN 978-1-83402-048-8 EPUB

6" x 7.5" • 152 pages  
Black-and-white illustrations

April 7, 2026  
\$8.99 US / \$11.99 CDN PB  
\$19.99 US / \$25.99 CDN HC

**Fiction**

**Age range:** 6–9

**Grade range:** 1–3

**Key words:** Parties / Bugs /  
Friendship / Bullying / Surrogacy /  
Social justice

**Rights available:** World  
excluding USA & Canada

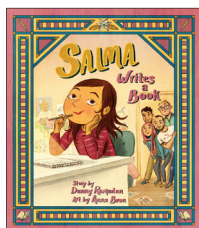
**A new bug-tastic and social justice–  
filled early chapter book series!**

Bee and her friends love parties, but her third grade class's upcoming Mother's Day celebration makes her feel all squirmly inside: are she and her dads even allowed to go?

With the help of her friends and her parents, Bee must figure out how she and others in her class with non-traditional families can take part in the class party and feel celebrated too.

**DANNY NEVILLE** is an educator and children's author from Ottawa, Ontario. *The Buzz About the Party* is his first book.

**COLLEEN McKEOWN** lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia and loves the foggy mornings. She works mostly digitally and loves creating images that are colorful and playful with engaging characters.



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"The illustrations add texture, cultural details provide depth, and a universal message of acceptance rounds everything out beautifully."

—Booklist, ★starred review

978-1-77321-803-8 PB

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## **Legendary Allies** **Book 1** **THE HEALER AND** **THE PHOENIX**

Written by  
**LINDA TRINH**

Illustrated by  
**QUYNH ANH NGUYEN**

ISBN 978-1-83402-070-9 PB  
 ISBN 978-1-83402-069-3 HC  
 ISBN 978-1-83402-071-6 EPUB

5.75" x 7.75" • 172 pages  
 Full-color illustrations, map,  
 author's note

April 14, 2026  
 \$9.99 US / \$13.50 CDN PB  
 \$19.99 US / \$25.99 CDN HC

**Fiction**

**Age range:** 7–10

**Grade range:** 2–5

**Key words:** Culture / Fantasy  
 & Magic / Quests / Identity /  
 Vietnam

**Rights available:** World  
 excluding USA & Canada

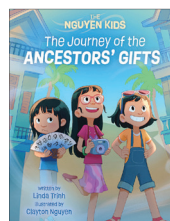
An exciting, new early chapter fantasy series from the author of the award-winning *Nguyen Kids*!

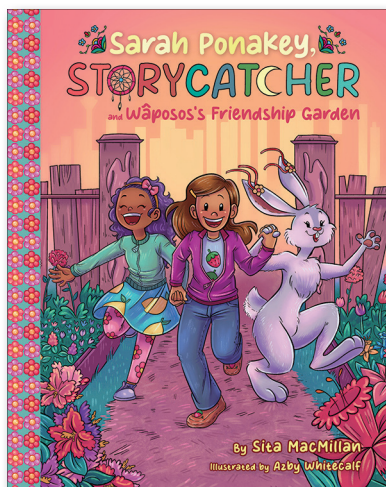
Meet the *Legendary Allies* Team: a powerful group of ten-year-olds who, along with their magical ally animals, must embark on risky quests and work together to help heal their communities.

**LINDA TRINH** is the award-winning Vietnamese Canadian author of *The Nguyen Kids* series. Her writing for children and adults explores identity, cultural background, and spirituality. She lives in Winnipeg with her family.

**QUYNH ANH NGUYEN** is a Vietnamese Ukrainian illustrator based in Oakville, Ontario. She is a recent graduate of Sheridan's Illustration Program and her favorite thing is exploring storytelling through different types of media.

By the same author





## SARAH PONAKEY, STORYCATCHER, AND WÂPOSOS'S FRIENDSHIP GARDEN

Written by  
SITA MacMILLAN

Illustrated by  
AZBY WHITECALF

ISBN 978-1-83402-061-7 PB  
ISBN 978-1-83402-060-0 HC  
ISBN 978-1-83402-062-4 EPUB

6" x 7.5" • 160 pages  
Black-and-white illustrations,  
glossary, author's note

April 7, 2026  
\$7.99 US / \$10.99 CDN PB  
\$19.99 US / \$25.99 CDN HC

**Fiction**

**Age range:** 6–9

**Grade range:** 1–4

**Key words:** Urban Indigenous /  
Early chapter book / Friendship /  
Elders / Cree / SEL

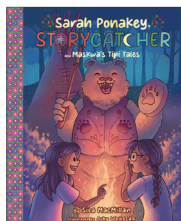
**Rights available:** World  
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This charming series returns for a third installment, with Sarah Ponakey continuing to learn more about her Cree culture and language.

Featuring Cree words throughout the story, a glossary, and an author's note like the first two stories in the series, this is a heartfelt celebration of family, friendship, and culture.

**SITA MacMILLAN** is a registered member of Zagime Anishinabek and is of mixed Cree and Scottish background. She has an Indigenous education degree and a masters in language and literacy education. She lives with her family in Prince Edward Island.

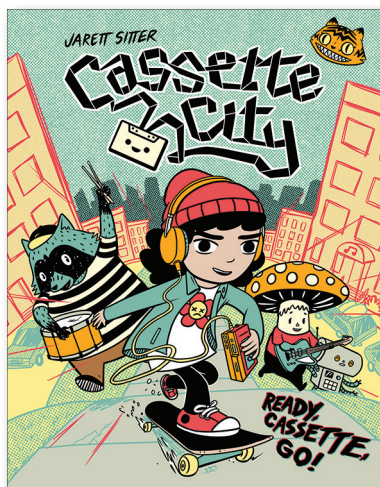
**AZBY WHITECALF** is a Plains Cree illustrator and character designer. They have a fondness for fantasy stories, whimsical tales, and vibrant characters. They live in Saskatchewan.



In the same series

"A fantastic addition to any children's library, providing both an exciting plot and an introduction to Cree culture."

—Booklist



## Cassette City Book 1 READY, CASSETTE, GO!

Written and illustrated by  
**JARETT SITTER**

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ISBN 978-1-83402-058-7 EPUB

7" x 9" • 208 pages  
Full-color illustrations,  
backmatter

May 5, 2026 (US)  
April 7, 2026 (Canada)  
\$15.99 US / \$19.99 CDN PB  
\$25.99 US / \$31.99 CDN HC

**Graphic novel**

**Age range:** 7–11

**Grade range:** 2–5

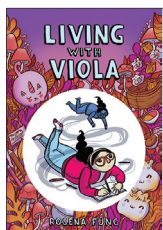
**Key words:** Music / Friendship /  
Bullying / Performing arts /  
Competition

**Rights available:** World  
excluding USA & Canada

A debut graphic novel series with  
retro vibes, summer hangs, and new  
friendships.

Welcome to Cassette City, the coolest place  
full of arcades, skate parks, monster movie  
marathons, and music. On cassette tape,  
of course! When a wisecracking raccoon, a  
sentient mushroom, and a robot with big  
feelings recruit the stand-offish new girl  
Melody Li to help them win the Battle of the  
Bands, Melody might just learn that these  
misfit musicians are actually the friends she  
really needs. After all, life is better when you  
band together!

**JARETT SITTER** is an award-winning illustrator,  
animator, and artist with extensive experience  
creating artwork for magazines and the music  
industry. Jarett is based in Calgary, Alberta.



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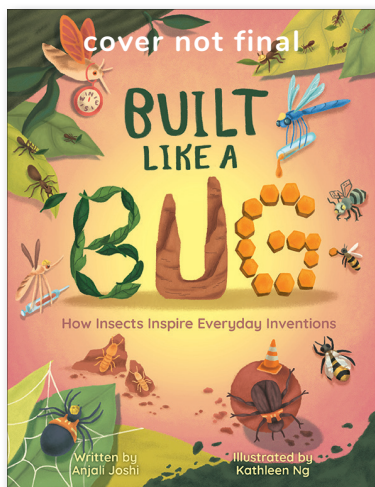
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—*School Library Journal*, ★starred review

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## BUILT LIKE A BUG

### How Insects Inspire Everyday Inventions

Written by  
**ANJALI JOSHI**

Illustrated by  
**KATHLEEN NG**

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8.25" x 10.75" • 128 pages  
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activity guide

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\$22.99 US / \$27.99 CDN

**Non-fiction**

**Age range:** 8–12

**Grade range:** 3–6

**Key words:** Biomimicry / STEM /  
Inventions / Climate change /  
Entomology

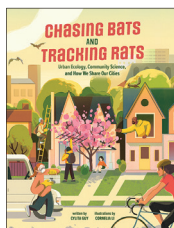
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A fascinating look at how the incredible anatomy and behavior of insects are sparking groundbreaking technologies and helping us build a smarter and more sustainable world.

Insects are the tiny superheroes of the natural world: from the way they can camouflage themselves to their amazing teamwork, their incredible superpowers have been inspiring scientists for generations.

**ANJALI JOSHI** is a science teacher and curriculum developer who has published over ten books for children. Anjali lives in Toronto, Ontario with her family.

**KATHLEEN NG** is a Toronto, Ontario-based artist who dabbles in a little bit of everything. She enjoys drawing bunnies, crocheting flowers, and playing around with clay.



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"A high-interest, intriguing piece of work."

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Full-color illustrations, maps,  
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backmatter

April 14, 2026

\$14.99 US / \$17.99 CDN PB

\$24.99 US / \$27.99 CDN HC

**Non-fiction**

**Age range:** 9–12

**Grade range:** 4–7

**Key words:** Soccer / Sports /

Illustrated / Non-fiction /

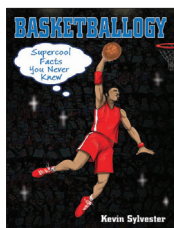
Middle-grade

**Rights available:** World  
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Uncover everything you never knew  
about the beautiful game in this vividly  
illustrated soccer compendium.

Colorful illustrations, fun infographics, and  
supercool trivia reveal all about the most-  
watched sport in the world. Begin with the  
game's startling origins or turn to any chapter  
and dive in! You'll discover historic firsts,  
trailblazing athletes, and the weirdest soccer  
records. Read unforgettable stories about  
players who pushed the boundaries of the  
game—sometimes by bending the rules.

**KEVIN SYLVESTER** is a former sportscaster who's  
written and illustrated over thirty children's  
books, including the award-winning *Apartment*  
*713* and *Basketballogy*. He lives in Toronto,  
Ontario.



By the same author

"A collection of basketball facts that extend knowl-  
edge of the game rather than simply pepper it with  
curios . . . 'Supercool' indeed."

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**Lying,  
Stealing, and  
Other Ways  
to Save the  
Planet**

A novel

**Curtis Campbell**

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AND OTHER WAYS  
TO SAVE THE PLANET**

Written by **CURTIS CAMPBELL**

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ISBN 978-1-83402-051-8 HC  
ISBN 978-1-83402-053-2 EPUB

6" x 9" • 208 pages

May 5, 2026

\$15.99 US / \$19.99 CDN PB

\$22.99 US / \$28.99 CDN HC

**Fiction**

**Age range:** 14–18

**Grade range:** 9–12

**Key words:** Rural / LGBTQ /  
Environment / Journalism /  
Activism

**Rights available:** World  
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A hilarious YA novel about coming of age in the shadow of climate change, overcoming cynicism, and the power of collaboration.

Teenage reporter turned vengeance-seeking blackmailer John O'Neil joins forces with a motley crew of young environmentalists to expose the eco-crimes of the local country club and save the conservation area founded by his late grandfather.

**CURTIS CAMPBELL** is an award winning novelist and playwright. His book *Dragging Mason County* was an White Raven Award winner, an Ontario Library Association Best Bets Top Ten Title, a White Pine Award nominee, and short-listed for the Jacqueline Woodson Award for LGBTQ+ Young Adult and Children's Literature. He lives in Toronto, Ontario with an artist named Kevin and their dog, Pip.



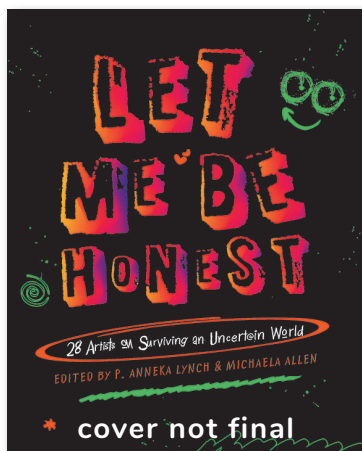
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"[A]n impassioned homage to queer community and culture that proffers clever and laugh-out-loud explorations of self-expression and acceptance."

—Publishers Weekly, ★starred review

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## LET ME BE HONEST 26 Artists on Surviving an Uncertain World

Edited by  
**MICHAELA ALLEN** and  
**P. ANNEKA LYNCH**

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7.5" x 9.25" • 104 pages  
Full-color illustrations,  
photographs, resource list

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**Non-fiction**

**Age range:** 14–18

**Grade range:** 9–12

**Key words:** Teen / Friendship /  
Relationships / Loss / Community /  
Hope

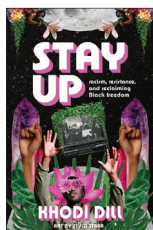
**Rights available:** World  
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**A mixed-media anthology that showcases the emotional journey of being a teen.**

A unique YA anthology of poetry, prose, and artwork created by youth for youth, that addresses the complexities of navigating teenage life in an increasingly changing and complex world.

**MICHAELA ALLEN** is a creative and youth advocate using storytelling to uplift untold voices. She is inspired by lived experience, community roots, and a mother's unwavering belief in possibility. She lives in Toronto, Ontario.

**P. ANNEKA LYNCH** is a youth advocate, poet, writer, and painter with a profound commitment to making a positive difference in her community. She has been a Youth Justice Worker, and currently lives in Toronto, Ontario.



Of similar interest

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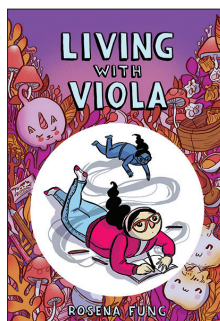
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"Elevates the graphic novel genre with its heartfelt focus on mental health and immigrant experiences."

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"Stormie weaves an intimate tale about family, self-acceptance, and personal responsibility into an imaginative spacefaring graphic novel adventure."

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"[T]he book's greatest strength lies in Globberman's multifaceted, empathetic characters, with their complex motivations in a complicated world."

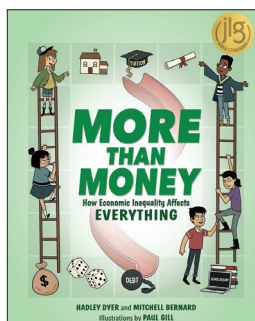
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"An important tool that will help young adults."

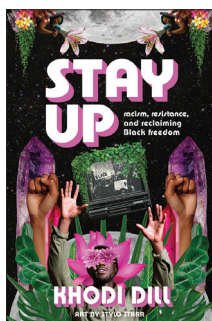
—Quill & Quire, ★starred review

★ 2 Awards

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"Li delivers an impressive debut.

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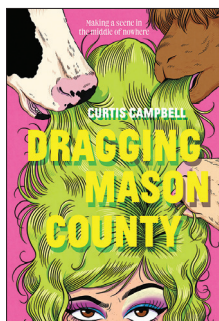
—Kirkus Reviews, ★starred review

★ 6 Awards

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Rights available: World  
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"An impassioned homage to queer community and culture that proffers clever and laugh-out-loud explorations of self-expression and acceptance."

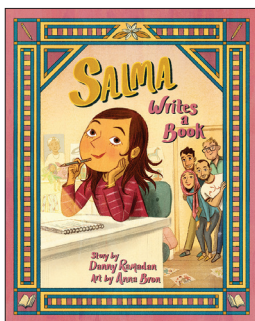
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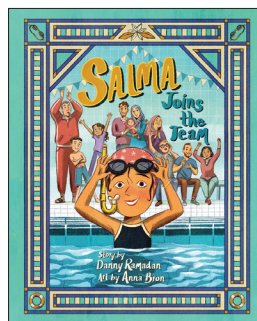
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Salma dreams of becoming a champion swimmer.

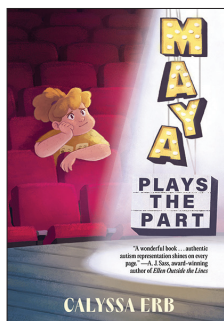
★ 5 Awards

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English Audio

## STARRED AND AWARD-WINNING BACKLIST



"[A] personal and vulnerable story about one neurodivergent child's experience in discovering how to be herself."

—Publishers Weekly, ★starred review

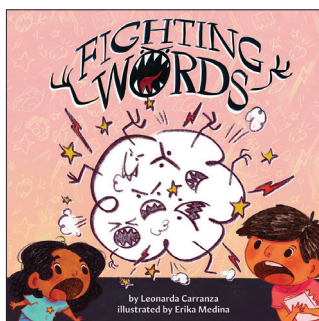
★ 7 Awards

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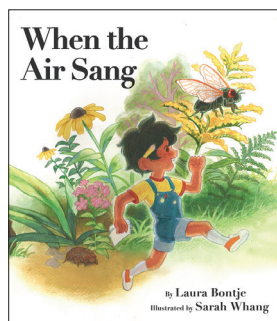
"A perceptive consideration of the effects of anger—and a much-needed blueprint for how to deal with them."

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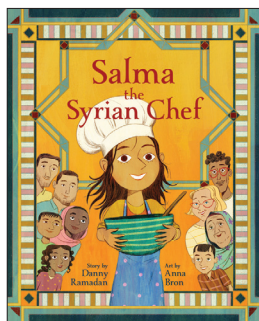


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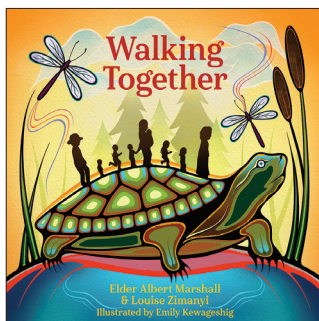
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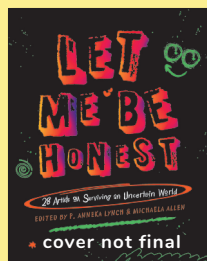
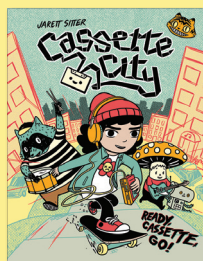
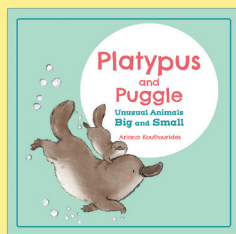
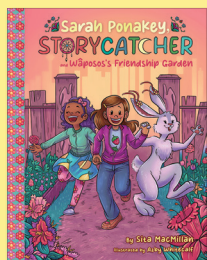
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