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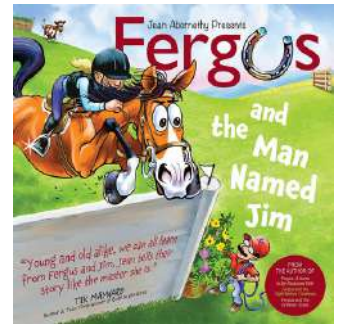
PICTURE BOOKS

FERGUS AND THE MAN NAMED JIM

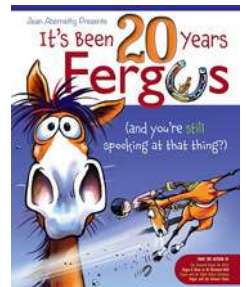
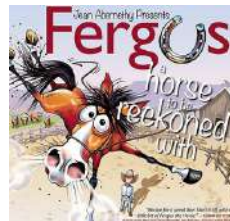
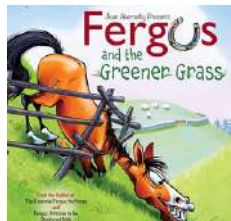
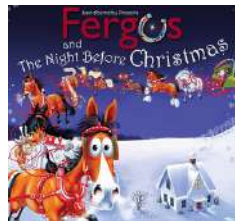
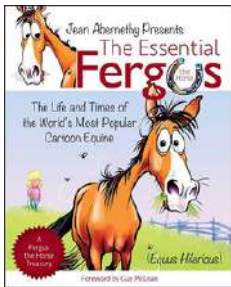
By Jean Abernethy

Fergus the horse, busy finding show ring success, clearing jumps and winning prizes, learns how humans can help make his body and mind feel better and calmer. Jean Abernethy, an equine artist and storyteller, has entertained horse lovers for over 30 years with her beloved Fergus cartoons.

Trafalgar Square Press * October 2025 * Picture Book /40 pages* Ages 5+



Also available by Jean Abernethy:



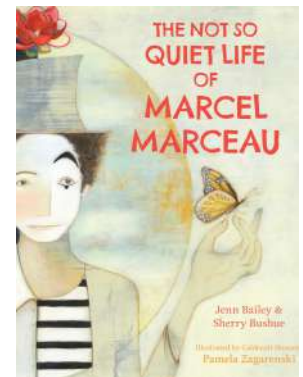
THE NOT SO QUIET LIFE OF MARCEL MARCEAU

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By Jenn Bailey & Sherry Bushue; illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski

Before Marcel Marceau was the most famous mime of the 20th century he was a young Jewish Frenchman and a staunch fighter for the resistance during Nazi occupation. It was his ingenious work against the enemy that informed his debut as a mime artist. Bailey's work has received the ALA Schneider Family Honor award, Bank Street Book of the Year award, and stars from Kirkus, Horn Book, and PW. Zagarenski has won two Caldecott Honors.

Levine Querido* June 2025 * Picture Book/48 pages * Ages 4 - 8



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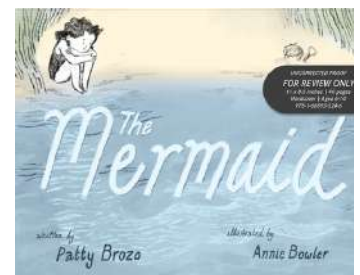
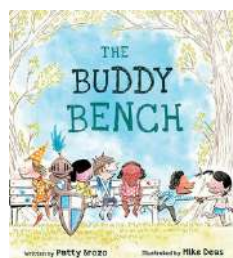
THE MERMAID

By Patty Brozo

As a grandfather teaches his young granddaughter to swim we witness the power of teaching by example-- and how their powerful bond proves that love and trust can overcome fear. Brozos is the author of *Miss Pinkeltink's Purse* and *The Buddy Bench*, both of which have received outstanding trade and academic reviews.

Tilbury House* May 2025 * Picture Book/32 pages * Ages 5-10

Also available by Patty Brozo:



SPRING SCENTHOUND

By Karen Finch

Finch's lyrical picture book expresses the powerful bond between a nature-loving kid and her sniff-crazy, scent-centric dog. Karen Finch is a debut picture book author and a contributing poet in *Things We Feel*, *Things We Wear*, and *What Is A Friend?*

Tilbury House * March 2026 * Picture Book/32 pages* Ages 4-8

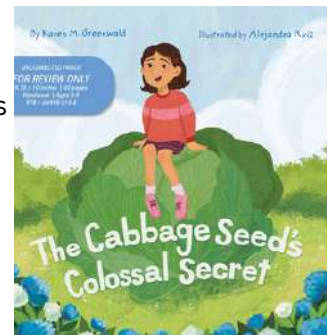


THE CABBAGE SEED'S COLOSSAL SECRET

By Karen M. Greenwald

When a little girl plants a tiny cabbage seed she dreams that the cabbage that grows can feed a whole soup kitchen full of hungry people- a dream designed to inspire kids and families to plant vegetable gardens of their own for a harvest to share within their communities. Greenwald is the author of *Mud Angels* and *A Vote for Susanna*, a 2022 Notable Book.

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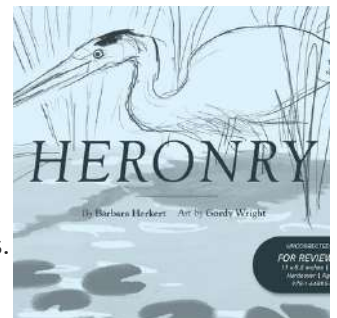


HERONRY

By Barbara Herkert

From the time the first male arrives in early spring to the time the last young bird fledges, young readers follow the progression of a colony of herons and their hatchlings. When all the chicks have gone, the heronry stands empty until the following spring when the herons return to that nest and nature's cycle repeats. Herbert's several books for children have received stellar trade & academic reviews.

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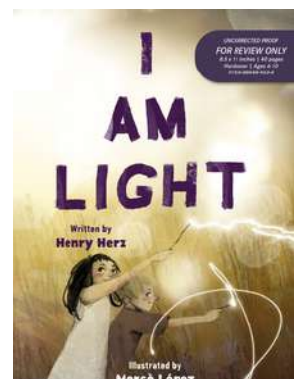


I AM LIGHT

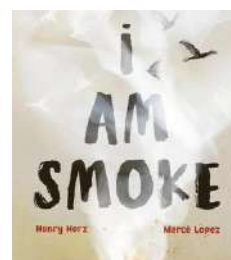
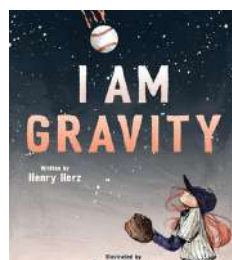
By Henry Herz

In a riddling, first-person narrative, Light boasts of its essential role in every aspect of life as we know it. Back matter about the science of light and major historical discoveries enhances this book for STEM learning. From the award-winning team behind *I Am Smoke* and *I Am Gravity*.

Tilbury House* March 2026 * Picture Book /32 pages* Ages 7-10



Also available by Henry Herz:



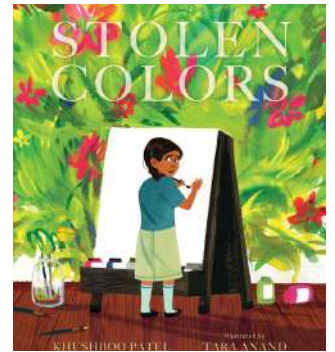
STOLEN COLORS

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By Patel Khushboo; illustrated by Tara Anand

In this sensitive, powerful story, Shreya loves to paint and is thrilled when her art teacher, Mr. Rao asks if he can paint her during recess when the other kids are outside. But something feels wrong: Shreya freezes and can't tell her mom why she doesn't want to paint anymore. When another girl in the class knows what to do in the same situation, Shreya finds her voice and the courage to tell her story. Patel is the author of middle-grade novel *All That Chandni Knows*. Anand's artwork has been featured in *The New Yorker*, *the New York Times*, *the Los Angeles Times*, and on Netflix. She has illustrated several children's books, including *The Lion Queen* and *My Name Is Long as a River*, and the graphic novel *Fitting Indian*.

Levine Querido* March 2026 * Picture Book /40 pages* Ages 4-8



THE SWEETEST OF LEMONS

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By Daniel Nayeri; illustrated by Rahele Jomepour Bell

Our young narrator visits his Grandfather's farm in Iran and hears the magical story of three brothers, a tree that produces a single lemon so sweet it can cure sadness itself, and a giant who steals the fruit for himself. Award-winning Daniel Nayeri, who was born in Iran and immigrated to the United States as a refugee, captivated readers and critics with his poignant memoir *Everything Sad Is Untrue* (Printz Award Winner), the epic adventure *The Many Assassinations of Samir, the Seller of Dreams* (Newbery Award Honor), and the new World War II novel *The Teacher of Nomad Land*. Bell is an Iranian-born picture book illustrator who grew up in Iran, raised on her Grandma's fairy tales that vanished amid the devastation of war.

Levine Querido* April 2026 * Picture Book /48 pages* Ages 4-8

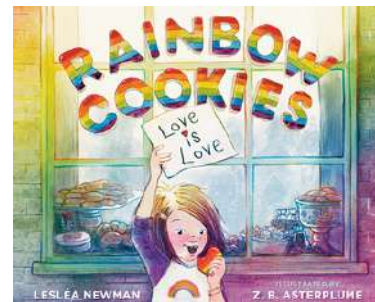


RAINBOW COOKIES

By Lesléa Newman; illustrated by Z.B. Asterplume

Ms. Madeleine's bakery creates a special cookie of the month and a little girl named Cookie, is always the first to try it. For June, Cookie and her two moms sample a heart-shaped, rainbow striped confection baked especially for Pride. But the rainbow cookies make some people in the neighborhood angry so Cookie gathers friends and neighbors to support the bakery and their delicious Pride and cookies. Newman is the author of more than 50 books for young readers, including *Heather Has Two Mommies* and *Joyful Song*, winning the Sydney Taylor Body-of-Work Award, two National Jewish Book Awards, and two Stonewall Honors. Asterplume is the author and illustrator of *Sometimes, a Tiger*.

Levine Querido * May 2025 * Picture Book/40 pages * Ages 4-8



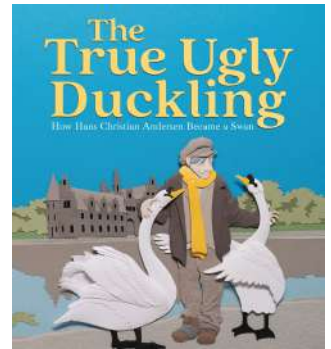
THE TRUE UGLY DUCKLING

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By Sandra Nickel; illustrated by Calvin Nicholls

A tin soldier, a little match girl, a mermaid: Hans Christian Anderson brought to life stories and characters that generations have loved, but who was he? He was a “strange child,” an ugly duckling - even his mother said so. His tender heart bruised by ridicule, he responded with an unstoppable urge to entertain. Structured like a fairytale, this is the story of how Hans Christian Andersen took all the parts of his life – the painful and the transcendent—and created books that have touched children the world over. Nickel’s unique, autistic brain shines here; Nicholls is an award-winning paper sculptor.

Levine Querido * February 2026 * Picture Book/32 pages * Ages 4-8



IF I LIVED IN THE SKY

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By Abigail Rajunov

Guy is a little guy who lives on the ground in the forest – which he hates because it’s dirty and smelly and loud. Life would be so much better if he lived in the sky: he could soar, feel the wind in his face, see the forest below. Guy learns that the world isn’t always fair and things can still end up okay. Rajunov is an author-illustrator who has worked with Little Bee Books, Kids Can Press, and Levine Querido. This is her solo debut.

Levine Querido* June 2026 * Picture Book/40 pages * Ages 4-8



MIDDLE GRADE

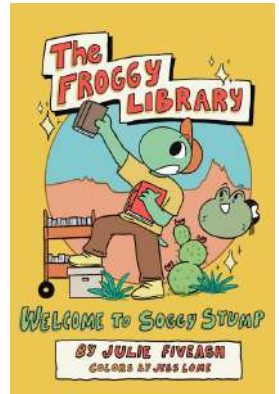
THE FROGGY LIBRARY

By Julie Fiveash

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For the first time in many years, Anura is spending the summer with Grandma back in Soggy Stump. There's so much to catch up on! When Grandma suggests that Anura get a library card, it leads to a job as the local community archivist. Before she returns home, Anura (and each middle-grade reader) will understand how a library, an archive, and a community function. Fiveash is a Diné (Navajo) cartoonist and zinester, and Librarian for American Indigenous Studies at Harvard University.

Levine Querido *March 2026 * 256 pages * Graphic Novel/Ages 8-12



FIRESNAKE: The Cuentista Trilogy, Book 3

By Donna Barba Higuera

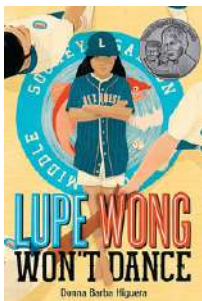
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When a mysterious message arrives from Earth, Itzel-- granddaughter of Petra Peña, the last Cuentista--embarks on a treacherous journey across the galaxy to bring Earth's stories home and save the other remaining strand of humanity. But to do so, she must form an alliance with an old adversary who has also received the message. Higuera's books have won the Sid Fleischman Award for Humor, the PNBA, the Pura Belpré, Newbery Medal, and have been Best of the Year on the New York Times, Kirkus, and Booklist bestseller lists. Her newest middle-grade book, *Xolo* (November 2025) already has a *Kirkus* star.

Levine Querido *May 2026 * 352 pages * Middle Grade Fiction/Ages 10-14



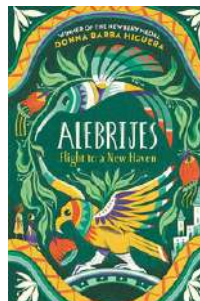
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DEATH IN THE TALL GRASS

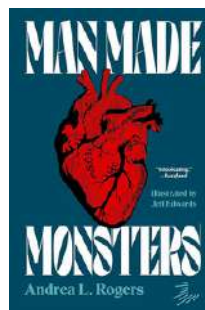
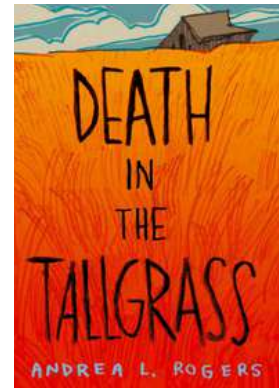
By Andrea L. Rogers

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Days on the ranch in Oklahoma would be more lively if it wasn't for Diane's unpredictable and irritable Grandfather Wilson. Diane would rather move to Tulsa with her sister and parents. But after an encounter with a dark-haired girl with a charm bracelet, Diane can't help but raise questions about the past. As she digs into family secrets and pieces together her family tree, Diane reconnects with her Cherokee heritage. Rogers is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. Her Levine Querido books have won the Caldecott Medal, won the Walter Dean Myers Award, and garnered SIX starred reviews.

Levine Querido *June 2026 * 272 pages * Ages 10-14

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YOUNG ADULT

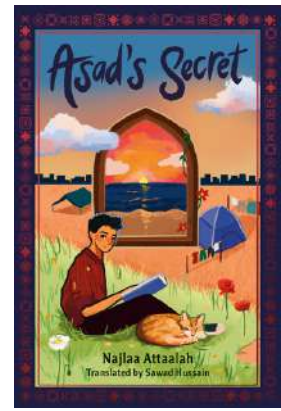
ASAD'S SECRET

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By Najlaa Attaallah, translated by Sawad Hussain

His classmates think Asad is too good to hang out with them, but he has Big responsibilities: with his father imprisoned, Asad must study, work, and care for his mother and seven siblings in Gaza, which feels like a prison itself. Plus, Asad is hiding a secret in an effort to bring liberation to himself and his community. Sawad Hussain is an Arabic translator and littérateur with a passion for bringing narratives from Africa to a wider audience. She has lectured at the University of Exeter, taught Arabic (KS3 & K4) in Johannesburg and Dubai. Her work has been recognized by English PEN, the Anglo-Omani Society and Saif Ghobash Banipal Prize for Arabic Literary Translation, and more.

Levine Querido * April 2026 * 160 pages*Young Adult Fiction/ages 12 & up



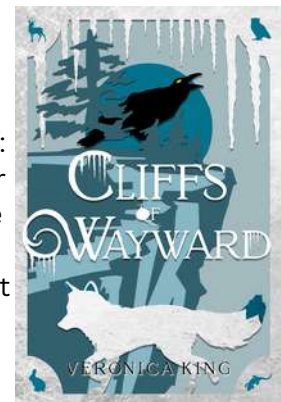
CLIFFS OF WAYWARD: Adventures in Thimbleton, Book 2

By Veronica King

Return to what *Kirkus Reviews* called the "bewitching" fantasy world of *Down The Well*. This sequel explores memory, magic, and the all important question of: does your past define you? Still eager to recover her memories and return to her own world, Lore Deoradán is bound for another adventure with the sassy mouse Mathilde and some new friends since she first fell down the well on her grandmother's property. Along the way, Lore and her companions must confront one of their own's questionable past, and survive climbing the grand Cliffs of Wayward. Delve deeper into the world of Thimbleton, as Veronica King dives deeper into fan favorite characters, learn more about the history of a world where talking animals are normal, humans are extinct, and there is always someone with a secret.

Inimitable Books * December 2025 * 300 pages*Young Adult Fiction/ages 12 & up

Also available in the Adventures in Thimbleton series:



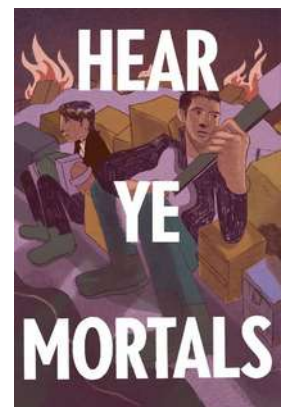
HEAR YE MORTALS

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By Yamile Saied Mendez

Daniel and Adrián are brothers, best friends, and play music at home with their band, Rio Babel. But in 1976 Argentina, these boys - along with teachers and librarians, poets and musicians - are the authoritarian military government's main enemies, even if they're only music-crazy teenagers. When one of their songs becomes popular on the radio, the brothers and the rest of their band must choose between pursuing their dream of making music that speaks to the soul of their people or staying silent for the sake of their families. Born and raised in Argentina, Méndez is the author of a Reese's YA Book Club selection and the 2021 Inaugural Pura Belpré Young Adult Gold Medal. Her books have received a wealth of accolades.

Levine Querido * May 2025 * 400 pages*Young Adult Fiction/ages 12 & up



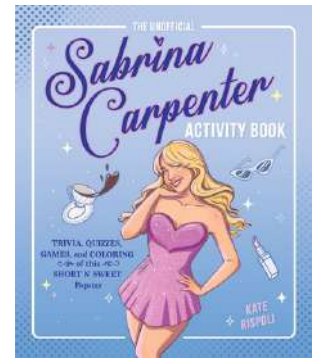
THE UNOFFICIAL SABRINA CARPENTER ACTIVITY BOOK: Trivia, Quizzes, Games, and Coloring for Fans of this Short'n'Sweet Popstar

By Kate Rispoli

This ultimate guide to fun for Carpenters everywhere lets super-fans test their knowledge, keep track of their favorite songs, and discover little-known trivia about their favorite pint-sized popstar. With over 40 million followers across platforms, Sabrina's quick wit, killer vocals, and fashion icon status have made her an international Gen Z superstar and a household name.

Bluestone * January 2026 * 80 pages * Ages 12 & up

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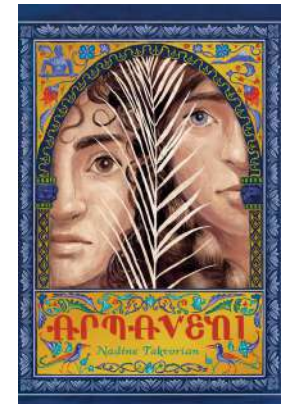
ARMAVENI

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By Nadine Takvorian

What does it mean to be Armenian? Nadine longs to know, but her parents are reluctant to revisit a painful past. Determined to find out the truth, Nadine convinces them to tell her grandmother's story and comes to a new understanding of her heritage and her place in the world as an Armenian-American. Takvorian (Tahk-vor-yahn) is a first-generation Armenian-American author and illustrator of children's books and graphic novels. From within the Armenian diaspora, Nadine's family is "Bolsahye"- from Istanbul, Turkey. She is passionate about exploring Armenian identity and history and battling cultural erasure.

Levine Querido * April 2026 * 344 pages * Young Adult Graphic Novel



THE UNOFFICIAL K-POP DEMON HUNTERS ACTIVITY BOOK: Games, Quizzes, Trivia, and More to Unleash Your Inner Idol!

By Lila Violet

The essential activity book for fans who can't get enough of *K-Pop Demon Hunters* - the movie that took Netflix by storm, becoming its most watched movie ever—animated or otherwise—with more than 236 million views and ranked in the Netflix Top 10 in over 90 countries, showcasing massive global reach. While led by younger viewers, the film has become a cross-demographic hit popular with both children and adults in every culture. Packed with quizzes, puzzles, drawing prompts, trivia, and journaling space, this interactive love letter to KPDH celebrates both its onstage glamour and its on-screen battles. You'll find plenty of supernatural fun in sketching stage outfits worthy of a demon slayer, thinking up new storylines for the sequel, searching for favorite lyrics, testing your knowledge of key moments from the movie, and more. The perfect keepsake or gift for KPDH's passionate fanbase.

Bluestone * December 2025 * 48 pages * All ages



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