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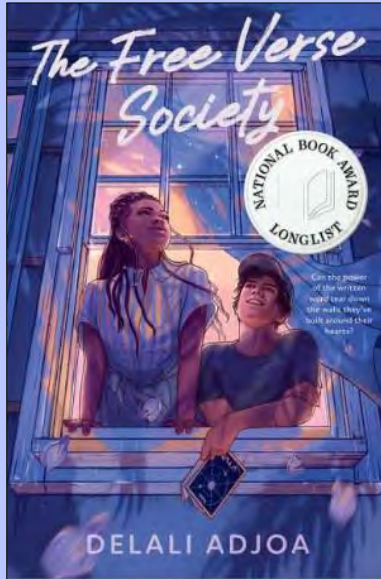
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Cover art from *Mission's Guide to Time Travel* by Andrew Geha
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Exciting news from Peachtree Teen and Peachtree!

The Free Verse Society [Longlisted for the National Book Award!!](#)



The Free Verse Society
Delali Adjoa

HC | 5¼ x 8 | 336 pages | Ages 14+ | Grades 9+ | March 2026

Themes: Love & Romance, Poetry, Coming of Age

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** Writers House
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Two teens connect through their high school poetry club and the power of the written word tears down the walls they've built around their hearts. A beautifully written and compelling debut that will appeal to fans of *The Sun is Also a Star*, *Far from the Tree*, and *The Poet X*.

★"Adjoa's debut is as emotionally rich as it is narratively layered. Jae and Derek's relationship is built with care and realism; their eventual trust is rooted in understanding, a love of creativity, and the shared experience of having non-white fathers who didn't fully pass on their cultures to their children... A touching, vulnerable romance navigating gut-wrenching conflict to deliver the ultimate relief of catharsis." - **Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review**

Mission's Guide to Time Travel a [Kids' Indies Introduce](#) selection!



Mission's Guide to Time Travel
Andrew Geha

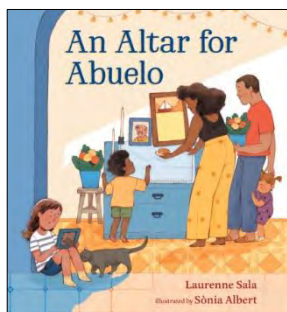
HC | 6 x 8 | 224 pages | Ages 8-12 | June 2027

Themes: Science Fiction, Adventure, LGBTQ, Bullies, Humor

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** Aevitas Creative Management
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A fast-paced sci-fi adventure starring a reluctant time-traveling seventh grader who's not the best at navigating his present, let alone his past and future.

"Hang on tight through Mission's misadventures in time! With the right people on your side, go ahead and make your life into the mess that only you can make. You'll land exactly where you need to be." —**Christina Uss, award-winning author of *The Adventures of a Girl Called Bicycle***



January 2027

HC | 9% x 10% | 32 pages | Ages 4-8

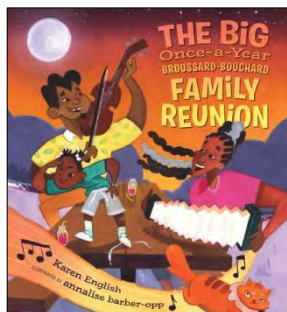
AN ALTAR FOR ABUELO

Laureenne Sala / Sónia Albert

During a celebration of her late abuelo's life, a grandchild finds that grief spans many emotions in this sweet, child-centered tale of loss, remembrance, and enduring family ties.

Every year, Abuelo asks for the same birthday gift: his family. But this year the family must honor his birthday without him. At first, Abuelo's granddaughter hides in the closet behind his leather jackets, taking in his spicy, minty smell, not wanting to talk to anyone. How can Tío Alvaro hum while stirring that pot of paella when Abuelo is not there to say, "Qué rico"? But then the girl remembers what Abuelo always told her: "There is nothing in this whole big world you cannot do." He is right. She can do this. Taking a breath, she steps out to give Mamá and her cousins a long, squeezey, hug, like Abuelo—and when it's time to make an altar filled with his favorite things, she's ready to add some, leaving a few tears as well.

Themes: Death, Dying & Grief, Community, Hispanic/Hispanic American Int, Emotions & Feelings, Intergenerational
UK/Aus, Translation: [Candlewick Press \(via Peachtree\)](#) | All rights available



May 2026

HC | 9% x 10% | 32 pages | Ages 4-8

THE BIG ONCE-A-YEAR BROUSSARD-BOUCHARD FAMILY REUNION

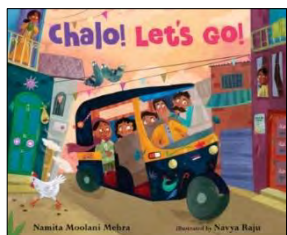
Karen English / Annalise Barber-Opp

Zydeco—pure and beautiful and stomping good—takes the stage in a joyous celebration of extended family, community, and Louisiana culture.

Every year on the last Saturday in July, Broussard-Bouchard folks come from near and far to the Big Once-a-Year Broussard-Bouchard Family Reunion. Alaine's Auntie Yvette comes with the blanket she's always crocheting. Uncle Malik brings photos from his last trip to Africa. Daddy and the uncles play dominoes under the live oak tree while Bill Jr. carries a watermelon up from the creek where it's been cooling. Cousin Neecy has organized the biggest Double Dutch game ever, but Alaine—who let Big Boy, the fluffy orange indoor cat, slip outside to certain doom—sits alone and worries. Until the first note sounds: zydeco, drawing her in with outstretched arms. Allons danser. When the music and dancing finally stop—until next year—who's waiting all curled up on the front porch, furry and orange and as safe as Alaine's secret? Brimming with Louisiana music, culture, and color, this vibrant and gorgeously illustrated portrait of family tradition will have you two-stepping in a heartbeat.

Themes: Family & Relationships, African/African American Int, Art, Music & Theater, Intergenerational, Community, Black History Month
UK/Aus, Translation: [Candlewick Press \(via Peachtree\)](#) | All rights available

"This delightful story of tradition and family will make a fun read-aloud." - [Booklist](#)



January 2027

HC | 10 1/4 x 8-7/16 | 32 pages | Ages 3-7

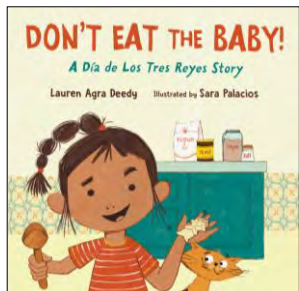
CHALO! LET'S GO!

Namita Moolani Mehra / Navya Raju

Climb in the rickshaw! Chalo! Off we go, go, go! Experience the magical sights, sounds, and delicious smells of India in a rollicking picture book begging to be read aloud.

Beep beep! Honk honk! Watch that rickshaw go—zigging and zagging, darting and weaving—all through the boisterous, bustling city streets. Wandering cows, traffic jams, potholes, wallahs hawking their wares—nothing will get in the way of the perfect finish to this busy day. With a spirited text, fun sound words, and colorful scenes full of dazzling detail, every child who has ever recited *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* or sung every verse of "The Wheels on the Bus" will be clamoring to climb on board. Readers hankering for more will find back matter offering an author's note and a glossary of Indian words.

Themes: Transportation, Asian/Asian American Int, AAPI Month
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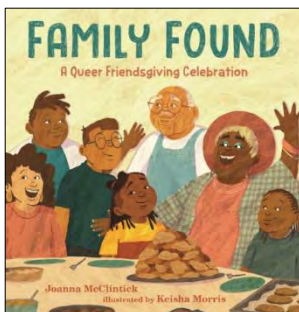
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December 2027
 HC | 10 x 10 | 40 pages | Ages 4-7

DON'T EAT THE BABY
 A Día de Los Tres Reyes Story
 Lauren Agra Deedy / Sara Palacios

Celebrate Three Kings Day—with CAKE!—in this rollicking read-aloud by Cuban American author Lauren Agra Deedy.

In this humorous and interactive story, Ana and her Abuela—with help from the mischievous cat Pancho!—invite readers into their kitchen to bake Roscón de Reyes, a special cake for Three Kings Day, also known as Epiphany, a holiday celebrated around the world in January following the Twelve Days of Christmas. In this tradition, a porcelain baby is hidden inside the cake, and whoever finds the baby in their slice will have good luck all year. But Ana warns: Make sure you don't eat the baby!

Themes: Humor, Hispanic/Hispanic American Int, Intergenerational, Food, Christmas
UK/Aus, Translation (excluding Spanish), Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** text: Peachtree; art: BookStop Literary Agency LLC | **All rights available**



September 2026
 HC | 9-13/16 x 10¼ | 40 pages |
 Ages 4-8

FAMILY FOUND
 A Queer Friendsgiving Celebration
 Joanna McClintick / Keisha Morris

When celebrants gather for their annual Friendsgiving—Thanksgiving with their chosen family—each has a unique story to tell as a child tries to piece together how it all began.

No one remembers how it started. The Friendsgiving gathering is moving into high gear, and for one child in the group, it's a good time to ask some questions about the event's history. Great-Uncle Billy, while snapping some green beans for the meal, says he was the one who started the tradition, back when people had to speak in code to keep being gay a secret. Miss Mona thinks that she was the originator, after her car broke down one year and she had to make a change of plans. Grandma Jane and Nana Rose tell their version of the tale while the smell of cinnamon and apples fills the air. As more people (and dogs) arrive and the music is turned on, it grows clearer that the details may not matter; what counts is the love they all share.

Themes: LGBTQ, Friendship, Community, Intergenerational, Thanksgiving
UK/Aus, Translation: [Candlewick Press \(via Peachtree\)](#) | **All rights available**
 "Conversational text twines LGBTQ+ history... and traditions of communal care... It's an accessible collective look back that resonates solidly with the present." - **Publishers Weekly**



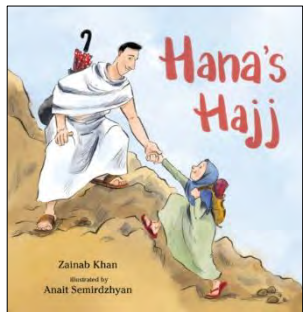
October 2026
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 Ages 3-7

GHUNGROOS FOR GAURI
 Neha Rawat

In her debut as author-illustrator, Neha Rawat offers a story rooted in Indian traditional culture, sibling love, and multidimensional girlhood.

Gauri and her sister, Nandini, are opposites, like sunshine and shade. Gauri is rough and tumble, fond of soccer and skateboarding. Nandini is stylish, gentle, and poised. But one day, while her sister practices Bharatanatyam, Gauri hears Nandini's ghungroos jingling. Enchanted by the tinkling ankle bells, Gauri must try the dance for herself. As her sister teaches her rhythm, graceful hand movements, and elegant poses, Gauri stomps along ... but her ghungroos sound jittery and offbeat, her mudra isn't pretty, and she can't stay balanced. Soon she despairs of ever dancing as beautifully as her sister. Will Gauri have to give up on her dreams of exploring her more graceful side?

Themes: Art, Music & Theater, Girl Interest, Customs & Traditions, Asian/Asian American Int, Self-Esteem, Sibling Day
UK/Aus, Translation: [Candlewick Press \(via Peachtree\)](#) | **All rights available**
 "Rhythmic language, onomatopoeia, and energetic illustrations combine to make this title worthy of a place in most collections, especially those amplifying and celebrating South Asian heritage." - **School Library Journal**



March 2027

HC | 9-13/16 x 10¼ | 40 pages |
Ages 4-8

HANA'S HAJJ

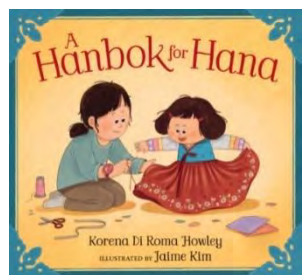
Zainab Khan / Anait Semirdzhyan

Perfectly pitched from a child's-eye view, this beautifully illustrated father-daughter story doubles as a simple and moving introduction to Muslim traditions.

When the first ray of daylight dances across Mina, the city of tents in the brown desert, Hana bounces out of her cot. Papa will take her on her very first Hajj pilgrimage today, one of the five pillars of Islam. They'll even camp together, and Hana can't wait to roast marshmallows and show her father all she's learned in scouting. The train speeds them to plains stretching in all directions, where millions of people already dot the rocky sides of Mount Arafat and stand in its plains. She and Papa choose to pray on the mount. They trek to a spot and pray and make their duas, share lunch, and ride the crowded train again. At long last, it's time to make camp—but without a tent, a campfire, or marshmallows! "During Hajj," her father explains, "the sky is our tent." Having Papa by her side on a pilgrimage to show their love for God turns out to be the best camping trip ever.

Themes: Family & Relationships, Eid al-Adha

UK/Aus, Translation: [Candlewick Press \(via Peachtree\)](#) | All rights available



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Ages 3-7

A HANBOK FOR HANA

Korena Di Roma Howley / Jaime Kim

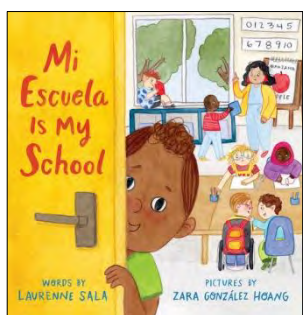
Hana loves Chuseok, but the Korean holiday doesn't feel the same in her new small town as it did in the big city where she used to live. This is a heartfelt story about family and navigating changes.

It's almost time for Chuseok! Hana always looks forward to the stories, laughter, games, and delicious treats that come with the holiday. And she loves wearing her traditional Korean hanbok, with its big, billowy skirt and a soft rustle. But Hana and her Eomma have moved from a bustling city to a small town, and nothing is the same. Worse, Hana's hanbok is now too small! Last time she needed a new hanbok, they went to a dress shop that smelled of ginseng tea. But here, the only place to buy a hanbok is on the computer screen. When Hana misses the way they did things before, her mom says that she moved to this country at Hana's age and there were a lot of changes then, too—traditions and friends left behind, new friends and experiences discovered. When Hana's mail-order hanbok doesn't fit, she comes up with a sweet solution that blends new and old—perfect for this year's celebration.

Themes: Family & Relationships, Asian/Asian American Int, Community, Customs & Traditions, Autumn

UK/Aus, Translation: [Candlewick Press \(via Peachtree\)](#) | All rights available

"... Tenderly entwines the challenges of big transitions with the joys of a beloved holiday." - [Kirkus Reviews](#)



July 2026

HC | 9-13/16 x 10¼ | 32 pages |
Ages 3-7

MI ESCUELA IS MY SCHOOL

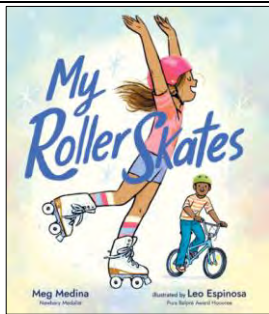
Laurenne Sala / Zara González Hoang

Join a young boy as he takes readers through his day at school in this charming Spanglish picture book companion to Laurenne Sala's *Mi Casa Is My Home*.

It's where I learn *números*, *letras*, kindness *y amistad*. Meet under *el gran árbol*, where children rush to be first in line and say "*buenos días*" to all their teachers. File into the *salón de clases*, where the students sit at a big table to make cards and crafts. Follow the class to *la biblioteca*, where one child wishes she could spend a night in the cozy chairs, breathing in the magic of books, books, books! Whether it's banging the bongos in *la clase de música* or shouting with joy *en el recreo*, enjoying lunch at *la mesa del almuerzo* or wielding paintbrushes in *la clase de arte*, a day *en la escuela* leaves kids tired and happy—and looking forward to another one *mañana*.

Themes: Spanish Language, School, Community, Cultural Diversity, Back to School

UK/Aus, Translation: [Candlewick Press \(via Peachtree\)](#) | All rights available



March 2027

HC | 9-1/16 x 10% | 32 pages | Ages 5-7

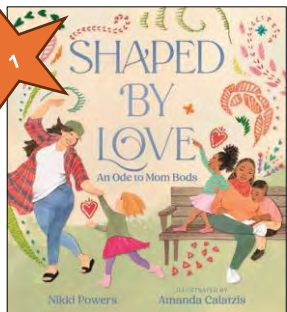
MY ROLLER SKATES

Meg Medina / Leo Espinosa

A sweet, relatable, and nuanced story about friendship and sharing from the award-winning creators Meg Medina and Leo Espinosa.

Newbery Medal–winning author Meg Medina and Pura Belpré Honor recipient Leo Espinosa deliver a classic picture book about enjoying something you've helped save for, making decisions for yourself, and the essential, messy, and fun moments that come with growing up. Luci's new roller skates have white boots, sparkly laces, and four wheels that sing on the sidewalk when she glides: Cha-cha-cha! Best of all, they are hers, so she doesn't even have to share them with her siblings like everything else. Luci loves gliding on her skates while her friend Ray Ray bikes alongside her or plays the bad guy to her superhero. Until, that is, the day Ray Ray asks to try out her skates himself ...

Themes: Character Education/Sharing, Friendship, Growing Up, Hispanic/Hispanic American Int
UK/Aus, Translation (excluding Spanish): [Candlewick Press \(via Peachtree\)](#) | **Previous rights sold:** German



December 2025

HC | 9% x 10% | 40 pages | Ages 4-8

SHAPED BY LOVE

An Ode to Mom Bods

Nikki Powers / Amanda Calatzis

Intimate, inclusive, and brimming with bold colors, this tribute to the physical and emotional bond between mother and child is the perfect gift for new parents to treasure and share.

Before babies enter the world and arrive in their parents' arms, they are held inside their mothers. Mother and child grow strong as one, nourished by love. Moms imagine the little ones they carry inside, dream of them, wait and long for them, and when those babies arrive, a mother's body eases their hunger, heals their hurt, and holds and soothes them when they are sad. As the years pass and mother and child grow and change, their bodies change with them—altered by time and tenderness, courage and joy. Lyrical text and warm, energetic illustrations track the evolution of a timeless bond in the lives of diverse families. Destined to be a go-to gift for new or soon-to-be parents, this portrait of the physical and emotional journey through giving birth, parenthood, and aging is a love letter to families of all kinds.

Themes: Acceptance & Belonging, Health/Nutrition/Phys Fitness
UK/Aus, Translation: [Candlewick Press \(via Peachtree\)](#) | **All rights available**

★ “As captivating as it is important, a lovely and essential tribute to the transformation wrought by parenthood.” —[Kirkus Reviews](#), [Starred Review](#)



April 2027

HC | 11 x 9 | 48 pages | Ages 4-8

THE TREASURE COLLECTOR

David Zeltser / Benjamin Arthur

A funny, quirky tale of friendship, values, and stuff, featuring a remarkable and evolving friendship between a raccoon and a starfish.

Every night, Reginald goes on the hunt. He loves stuff. All kinds of stuff. To us, it might look like junk, but to Reginald, it's treasure! His most valued treasure of all is a label maker—how else is he supposed to identify each item in his collection? And then one night, Reginald finds something very strange. It feels squishy and strong at the same time. It's not a toy. It's not a cookie. (BLEH! Definitely not a cookie.) It must be junk. But is it? When the label maker stops working, Reginald discovers that some things aren't things—they might even be friends—and sometimes what we think is junk turns out to be incredibly valuable.

Themes: Animals, Friendship, Humor
UK/Aus, Translation, Audio, Dramatic: [Peachtree](#) | **Previous rights sold:** French (Canada)

Where in Our Neighborhood?



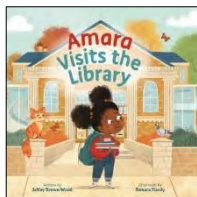
Series Overview: Come along with Amara and friends as they explore community fixtures in their coastal neighborhood! From the local public library to the beauty salon, young readers are vicariously introduced to new locations and the delightful people that work there. With a trusty and reliable narrative structure, young children are acquainted with important objects, vocabulary, and simple etiquette as Amara tours through each location through the lens of a first experience.

Themes: Community

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio, Dramatic: Peachtree | **Rights sold in Where in the Garden series:** French; Indonesian; Slovenian

AMARA VISITS THE LIBRARY

JaNay Brown-Wood / Samara Hardy



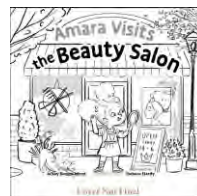
October 2026

HC | 10% x 9% | 40 pages |
Ages 3-7

Amara is excited to visit her local library with her Gram. Amara is looking for just the right book to borrow, but a library is a big place and this is her first time visiting. Luckily Ms. Donna at the librarian's desk is ready to give Amara and her Gram a grand tour. From the computer stations to the makerspace, Amara learns lots of important ways her public library serves her community.

"At once factual and celebratory, this guidebook-like work spotlights the importance of libraries as spaces "for everyone." -

Publishers Weekly



Not final

November 2027

HC | 10 x 10 | 40 pages |
Ages 3-7

AMARA VISITS THE BEAUTY SALON

JaNay Brown-Wood / Samara Hardy

Amara is excited to visit her local beauty salon with her Gram. Amara is looking for just the right hairdo, but with so many styles and services to choose from it's a difficult choice. Luckily Miss Tee has some great ideas for Amara! From the nail station to washing station, Amara learns how Miss Tee and other stylists take care of the customers in their community to have them feeling good and confident.



March 2027

HC | 9 x 11 | 32 pages | Ages 4-8

YUKI'S SPECIAL DELIVERY

Chloe Ito Ward / Jiangshan Lyu

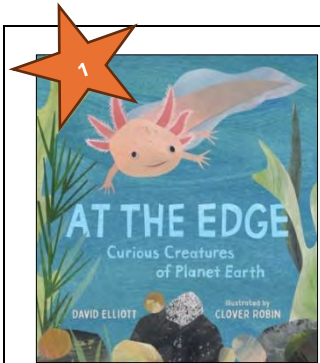
A delightful tale of a small community coming together to return a kindness, celebrating diasporic AAPI food culture, found family, and upcycling!

Delivery girl Yuki loves helping out at her grandfather's service station and dreams of owning a bicycle of her own! But Yuki's grandpa has been trading goods to help out his local customers, and Yuki is concerned they won't have enough money to buy a new bike. "On the island, everyone is ohana," says Ojiihan. After assisting a neighbor who gets into a bit of trouble, Yuki discovers it feels good to be a part of a community that takes care of one another—and she even receives a special delivery of her own!

Themes: Food, Community, AAPI Interest, AAPI Month

UK/Aus, Translation: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** Text: Storm Literary Agency; Art: Peachtree | **All rights available**

PICTURE BOOKS – NON-FICTION



May 2026
HC | 9½ x 10½ | 40 pages | Ages 4-8

Paws, Fins, Feathers, Claws 10: AT THE EDGE

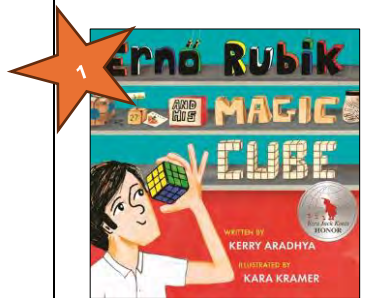
Curious Creatures of Planet Earth
David Elliott / Clover Robin

Poet David Elliott brings us to the edge of the animal world to explore the weirdest and rarest creatures on the planet.

Why does the axolotl salamander always seem to be smiling? Is it true that the wild goat known as a markhor is excellent at parkour? What happens when the peacock spider's dance, complete with its rumble-rumps, doesn't please the object of its affection? Providing a peek at everything from scaly pangolins to duck-billed platypuses, from the lemur known as an aye-aye to the perpetually grumpy (and adorable) black rain frog, David Elliott's poetic vignettes deliver a witty and informative take on some of the world's oddest animals. Brought to life in striking illustrations by collage artist Clover Robin, this roundup of unique creatures will delight animal lovers of all stripes.

Themes: Nonfiction, Animals/Nonfiction, Poetry, Science & Nature, Poetry Month
UK/Aus, Translation: [Candlewick Press \(via Peachtree\)](#) | **All rights available**

★ "A lively and inventive collection celebrating unusual animals from across the globe..." - [School Library Journal, Starred Review](#)



November 2026
PB | 10 x 10 | 32 pages | Ages: 4-8

ERNŐ RUBIK AND HIS MAGIC CUBE

Kerry Aradhya / Kara Kramer

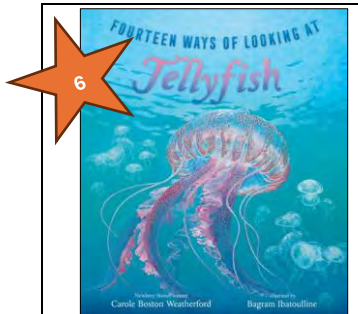
This first picture book biography of Rubik's Cube creator Erno Rubik reveals the obsession, imagination, and engineering process behind creating an iconic puzzle. Celebrating 50 years of the most popular puzzle in history!

In the hills of Budapest, near the banks of the Danube River, lived a quiet boy named Ernő Rubik. He loved books, art, nature, and—most of all—puzzles. And he grew up to create the most popular puzzle in history. This picture book biography explores the experience and interests that inspired the inventor of the Rubik's Cube.

Themes: Nonfiction, STEM, Biography & Autobiography, Technology and Computers

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio, Dramatic: [Peachtree](#) | **Previous rights sold:** Chinese (simplified characters); Danish; Greek; Indonesian; Japanese; Korean; Romanian; Turkish

★ "Kramer's intriguing mixed media and digital-collage illustrations bring playfulness and energy to the fore."—[The Horn Book, Starred Review](#)



May 2026
HC | 9¼ x 11-5/16 | 32 pages | Ages 6-8

FOURTEEN WAYS OF LOOKING AT JELLYFISH

Carole Boston Weatherford / Bagram Ibatoulline

With dozens of major awards between them, a revered poet and a versatile artist pool their mastery to sing the praises of an undersea wonder.

A graceful bundle of nerves three times as ancient as the dinosaurs, the jellyfish is no fish but a spineless invertebrate without brain, heart, blood, or bones. Inside glass tanks in crowded aquariums, jellies hold visitors rapt with their slow-motion water ballet. Most of the world's nearly four thousand species emit an otherworldly light, glowing red, yellow, violet, or blue in the underwater dark. Fifty species boast deadly venom, including pink meanies with boa-like tentacles, box jellies with two-dozen eyes apiece, and deadliest of all, cubozoans the size of human thumbnails.

Themes: Nonfiction, Animals/Nonfiction, Poetry, Science & Nature

UK/Aus, Translation: [Candlewick Press \(via Peachtree\)](#) | **All rights available**

★ "An imaginative triumph that will mesmerize readers as thoroughly as the creatures it portrays."—[Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review](#)

HAMMERS, DRILLS, AND WRENCHES

Hope Vestergaard / David Slonim



July 2026
HC | 9-13/16 x 10¼ | 32 pages |
Ages 4-8

From hammers to hand drills to screwdrivers to saws, these fresh, invitingly illustrated poems, each highlighting a different hand tool in the shed, will engage aspiring carpenters and curious kids.

Tools are like an extra set of hands. Tools can make building, creating, and fixing things go smoothly. The right tool for a tricky job can even keep you safe. So put on your safety goggles and watch a parade of hand tools tackle some very special jobs! Smart rhymes by Hope Vestergaard and friendly pictures by David Slonim give young makers a close-up look at common tools and their amazing uses—perfectly suited for both little readers new to the subject and those whose family excursions to the local hardware store are a regular treat.

Themes: Poetry, Safety & Security

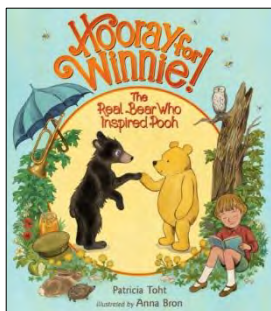
UK/Aus, Translation: [Candlewick Press \(via Peachtree\)](#) | All rights available

"This lively overview is straightforward and engaging and will encourage young readers to dream of what they can create." - [School Library Journal](#)

Hooray for Winnie!

The Real Bear Who Inspired Pooh

Patricia Toht / Anna Bron



July 2026
HC | 9¾ x 11-5/16 | 56 pages |
Ages 7-9

Did you know that *Winnie-the-Pooh* was inspired by a real bear? At once an homage to A. A. Milne's verse and a tribute to a certain Canadian black bear cub, this illustrated collection of original poems is destined to enchant.

Writing in the style of A. A. Milne's poetry, Patricia Toht pays tribute to a real bear named Winnie who was beloved by Milne's son, Christopher Robin, and went on to inspire one of the most cherished characters in children's literature. In a beautiful and evocative series of poems, the author tells the remarkable story of the cub's rescue by a young army veterinarian, her adoption by a Canadian Army regiment, her voyage to England to support the troops as mascot during WWI, and her ultimate meeting with four-year-old Christopher Robin at the London Zoo (resulting in the child's renaming his own stuffed teddy bear). Now the bear's tale is brought to life in verse, illustrated with classic charm and captivating detail by Anna Bron.

Themes: Nonfiction, Poetry

UK/Aus, Translation: [Candlewick Press \(via Peachtree\)](#) | All rights available

MARS IS

Stark Slopes, Silvery Snow, and Startling Surprises

Suzanne Slade



February 2028
PB | 11x10¼ | 48 pages | Ages 6-9

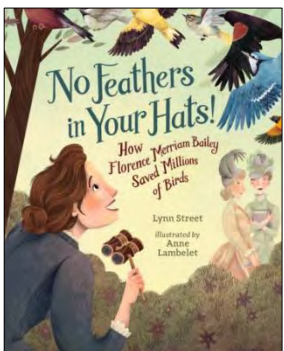
Award-winning author and NASA rocket engineer Suzanne Slade explores the diverse magnificence of Mars in this photo-packed extravaganza.

For centuries, people have been intrigued by Mars, and over time, scientists have made exciting discoveries, such as the planet's Earth-like weather and seasons. But curious earthlings want to know more about the Red Planet. Does Mars have deserts? Volcanos? Or signs of life? Could people live there someday?

Themes: Nonfiction, STEM, Space

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio, Dramatic: Peachtree | **Rights sold:** Japanese; Spanish

★ "Breathtaking...this unique look at Mars' terrain has something to offer a range of space explorers, from the April Pulley Sayre set, who like their images with short, expressive text, to older picture-book readers, unafraid of sinking their teeth into some real science." —[Booklist](#), [Starred Review](#)



February 2027
HC | 9 x 11 | 48 pages | Ages 4-8

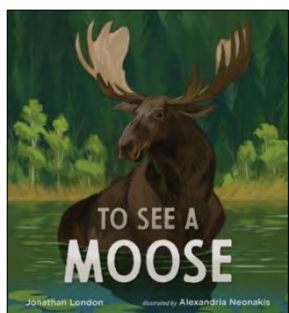
NO FEATHERS IN YOUR HATS!

How Florence Merriam Bailey Saved Millions of Birds
Lynn Street / Anne Lambelet

Meet young ornithologist Florence Merriam Bailey, who wrote the first US birdwatching guide to introduce the public to the beauty of observing birds in nature—instead of on women's hats!

In the late 1800s, the study of birds was not considered a subject for girls. But young Florence Merriam Bailey loved her feathered friends and thrived on watching their behavior in the woods and meadows around her family's farm. In 1882, as a student at Smith College, Florence encountered birds adorning ladies' hats! Shockingly, she learned this fashion trend harmed up to five million birds a year. Florence urged her classmates to boycott feathered hats and found more lasting ways to change their behavior--introducing them to the beauty of living birds by leading nature walks. But Florence's passion propelled her to do more.

Themes: Animals/Nonfiction, Biography & Autobiography, STEM, Ecology & Conservation
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July 2027
HC | 9% x 10% | 32 pages | Ages 5-7

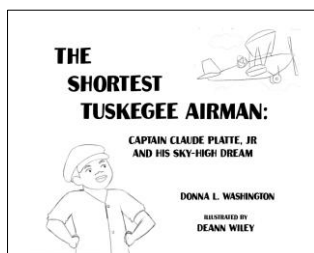
TO SEE A MOOSE

Jonathan London / Alexandria Neonakis

A simple, graceful text and majestic illustrations—punctuated with fun facts—transport fledgling naturalists and armchair travelers to the wild North ... to meet a moose.

With informative sidebars calling out key facts and art that beautifully captures the sweep and teeming stillness of northern wilderness, this nonfiction narrative functions as a friendly guide, leading readers on a breathtaking expedition in search of the largest, grandest member of the deer family. To see a moose—and you'll really want to see a moose—head to the cold boreal woods and paddle a kayak or canoe along the banks of a lake or river. Quiet, now. Rest your paddle when you spot a big bull moose with a great rack of antlers and a ROAR like a lion. Don't get too close. If you're lucky and keep very still, you may feel the splash from a wading moose or spot a protective mother with her gangly, knock-kneed calf. Along the way, you'll learn about the life cycle, behaviors, and habitat of this most magnificent of land mammals and experience the rewards of quiet patience—and the joys of seeing with eyes and heart wide open.

Themes: Animals/Nonfiction
UK/Aus, Translation: Candlewick Press (via Peachtree) | **All rights available**



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November 2027
HC | 10 x 10 | 32 pages | Ages 4-8

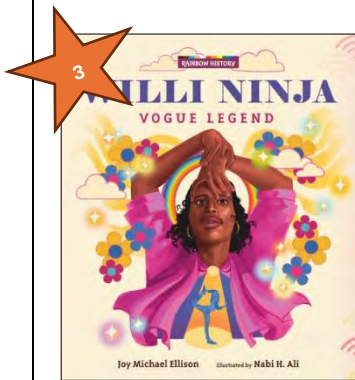
THE SHORTEST TUSKEGEE AIRMAN

Captain Claude Platte Jr. and His Sky-High Dream
Donna L. Washington / DeAnn Wiley

This first picture book biography of Tuskegee Airman Captain Claude Platte Jr. becoming a pilot during WWII segregation.

Claude Platte Jr. had always been fascinated with airplanes. He grew up near Meacham Airfield in Fort Worth, Texas and often watched them take off and land while dreaming of flying. But segregation stood in the way, and Claude's family feared for his safety: flying a plane was dangerous, and many people didn't approve of Black men becoming pilots. Still, Claude pursued his interests and went on to study engineering at Tuskegee University. When President Roosevelt ordered the Army Air Corps to build an airfield at the school Claude jumped at the chance to sign up for the Civilian Pilot Training Program. But at five feet and three quarters of an inch tall, Claude was devastated when a doctor told him he was too short to fly planes. But Claude's dream persisted, and with a clever idea from a kind doctor Claude would go on to not only fly but train hundreds of pilots for WWII.

Themes: African American Int, Biography & Autobiography, Transportation, Perseverance, Determination
UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** text: Kimberly Cameron & Associates; art: BookEnds Literary Agency | **All rights available**



May 2026

HC | 9-1/16 x 10 5/8 | 48 pages | Ages 6-9

WILLI NINJA: VOGUE LEGEND

Joy Michael Ellison / Nabi H. Ali

Kicking off a picture book series of LGBTQ+ biographies is this inspiring story of the incomparable dancer Willi Ninja, Grandfather of Vogue and star of the film *Paris Is Burning*.

When little Willi Leake watched karate movies with his mother in their cozy Queens apartment, he'd slice the air with his arms like swords. He'd swish his hips like the models he saw in magazines and copy ancient pharaohs' poses from Egyptian hieroglyphs. Bursting with energy, Willi would strut his way down the street, and his mother would tell him not to mind the puzzled looks he'd get. When she took him to the Apollo Theater to watch ballerinas twirling, Willi allowed himself to dream—and the more he dreamed, the more he danced. With an accessible text and dynamic illustrations, Joy Michael Ellison and Nabi H. Ali trace Willi's path against the odds as he brings his signature moves to the dance style known as vogue and finds his spotlight at the Harlem drag balls where a performer known as Willi Ninja is born. Providing context, community, and comprehension of queer and trans culture for young history buffs, the lively narrative is followed by back matter delving into more details about Willi Ninja and what life was like during his time.

Themes: Nonfiction, Biography & Autobiography, LGBTQ, Art, Music & Theater, Pride Month

UK/Aus, Translation: [Candlewick Press \(via Peachtree\)](#) | **All rights available**

★ "Via affirming text and radiant, dynamic illustrations, the creators conjure the spirit of one icon's contributions." - **Publishers Weekly, Starred Review**



March 2026

HC | 8 1/2 x 11-13/16 | 48 pages | Ages 7-10

WORLD SOCCER KINGS

Charles R. Smith Jr.

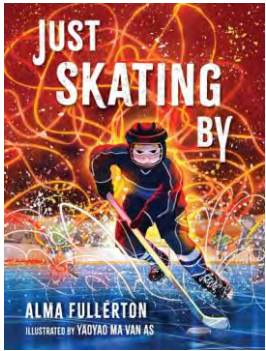
An exuberant collection of poems about soccer stars around the world crackles with Charles R. Smith's indomitable wordplay, matched by graphic, dynamic photos of the players in action.

Mercurial magician Lionel Messi is on a goal-scoring mission. Erling Haaland earns the nickname Striking Viking (Hat trick! / Off the head / GOAL!). Whether the poems in this book are cheering for the Pennsylvania Pelé, Christian Pulisic; Cristiano Ronaldo, with his record-breaking right; or "Blue Blur" Kylian Mbappé, who torches the net with his afterburn blast, Charles R. Smith Jr.'s high-energy verse, paired with stylized, kinetic photographs, celebrates the talents of an international roster of soccer superstars. End notes bring in more background on the subjects and delve into the way the author uses poetic forms to highlight each player's unique gifts.

Themes: Nonfiction, Biography & Autobiography, Poetry, Sports

UK/Aus, Translation: [Candlewick Press \(via Peachtree\)](#) | **All rights available**

"The king of sports poetry returns to tackle the world's most popular game... Gives poetry a kick in the pants and definitely reaches its end GOOOOOOOOAL!" - **Kirkus Reviews**



January 2027
HC | 6 x 8 | 160 pages | Ages 8-12

JUST SKATING BY

Alma Fullerton

A fast-paced novel in verse starring a fifth-grade hockey player whose outsized emotions and outbursts could cost her more than just playing time.

Bobi Jean Spry is a wiz at math and a caring big sister, but on the ice playing hockey is where she really shines. So when Coach warns her to get her outsized temper in check or she's off the team, Bobi Jean knows she's got to make a change. Much more than hockey is at stake—she's at risk of losing her friends, too. The good news is Bobi Jean has a lot of people who love and support her. She's not sure she can do it, but she knows she has to try.

Themes: Sports, Emotions & Feelings

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"This story will be a comfort to any child who feels powerless over their feelings, and an inspiring reminder that with strategies and practice, we can choose our reactions to even the most provoking situations." —**Megan E. Freeman, NYT bestselling author of *Alone, Away***



Also available



June 2027
HC | 6 x 8 | 224 pages | Ages 8-12

MISSION'S GUIDE TO TIME TRAVEL

Andrew Geha

A fast-paced sci-fi adventure starring a reluctant time-traveling seventh grader who's not the best at navigating his present, let alone his past and future.

On Monday, Mission Berg's grandma died. On Wednesday, she appeared in his bedroom to explain that she and Mish have the ability to jump around in time. What Grandma doesn't explain is how any of it works, or why Mish is in a lot of danger until he learns how to control his abilities. Mish is already struggling with figuring out who he is and just trying to survive middle school. Time travel is not going to make his life easier. Sure enough, Mish accidentally sends two threatening bullies somewhere else in time. Suddenly everyone is convinced there's a kidnapper on the loose, and Mish is questioned by the police. Even if he wanted to get the bullies back, which is a complicated question on its own, he has no idea where—or even when—they are. Mish has to find some answers fast if he doesn't want his life—as in, his past, present, and future—to get any messier.

Selected for the Winter/Spring 2027 Kids' Indies Introduce promotion

Themes: Science Fiction, Adventure, LGBTQ, Bullies, Humor

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** Aevitas Creative Management | **All rights available**

"Hang on tight through Mission's misadventures in time! With the right people on your side, go ahead and make your life into the mess that only you can make. You'll land exactly where you need to be." —**Christina Uss, award-winning author of *The Adventures of a Girl Called Bicycle***

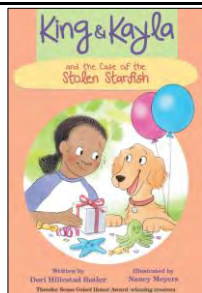


Series Overview: A loveable dog helps his human girl solve mysteries in this easy-to-read novel told from the dog's point of view, from a two-time Geisel Honor team.

The series has sold over 500,000 copies to date.

Themes: Mystery & Suspense, Cooperation & Teamwork, Animals, Humor

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree | **Dramatic: Text:** various; **Art:** Peachtree | **Rights sold in series:** Estonian; Slovenian; Swedish; Turkish



May 2027

HC | 6 x 9 | 48 pages | Ages 7-9

K&K 12: KING & KAYLA AND THE CASE OF THE STOLEN STARFISH

Dori Hillestad Butler / Nancy Meyers

Where is Mason's starfish? King and Kayla are back on the case in this laugh-out-loud mystery from the Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Award-winning series.

It's Thor's birthday and both humans and dogs are having a great time at the party until Mason can't find his starfish toy. He and Raj have already been arguing and now they're starting to really fight. King and Kayla want Mason and Raj to be friends again, which means they have to figure out what happened to the starfish.



Series Overview: Dog Days is a spin-off from King & Kayla, perfect for readers who are outgrowing the original series but still want appealing stories about dogs and the humans who love them.

HC | 5½ x 7½ | 128 pages | Ages 6-9

Themes: Animals, Family & Relationships, Intergenerational, Self-Esteem

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree | **Dramatic: Text:** JABberwocky Literary Agency, Inc.; **Art:** Peachtree | **All rights available**



October 2026

01: HAZEL HELPS OUT

Dori Hillestad Butler / Genevieve Kote

Can Hazel find a new home, a place for herself, and a way to contribute to the family doggy daycare business?

"... An appealing, doggedly upbeat tale." - **Kirkus Reviews**



October 2026

02: THE OLD DOGS' CLUB

Dori Hillestad Butler / Genevieve Kote

Hazel's exciting new plan for the Old Dog's Club might be in trouble before it even starts. Can she find a way to get everyone to agree?

"Butler skillfully approaches each problem in turn and young readers will be caught up in learning how the characters handle relatable life situations and complex emotions..." - **School Library Journal**

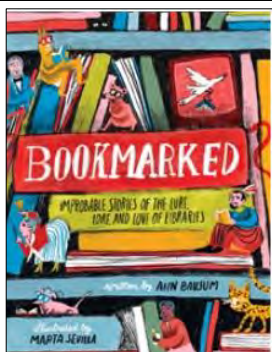


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03: HOME IS WHERE THE DOG IS

Dori Hillestad Butler / Genevieve Kote

Life is changing for the humans and animals at Dog Days doggy day care as Hazel and her mom plan for their future.



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HC | 7 x 9 | 112 pages | Ages 8-12

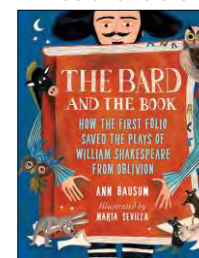
BOOKMARKED
Improbable Stories of the Lure, Lore, and Love of Libraries
Ann Bausum / Marta Sevilla

From the creator of *The Bard and the Book* comes a behind the scenes look at the making of five libraries that changed human history.

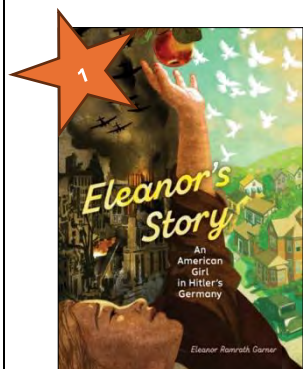
This is the funny—and entirely true!—story of how collecting, storing, and sharing books has influenced history. When did people start collecting books, and why? How did the library as we know it today come to be? Why does it matter? Find out in this middle grade narrative nonfiction that covers history's notable book collectors such as Andrew Carnegie and Hernando Colón, the establishment of the Library of Congress, and what led to the creation of more than 1,600 public libraries across the United States.

Themes: Nonfiction, Community, History & Social Studies
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Also available



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February 2027

HC | 6 x 6 | 288 pages | Ages 10+

ELEANOR'S STORY

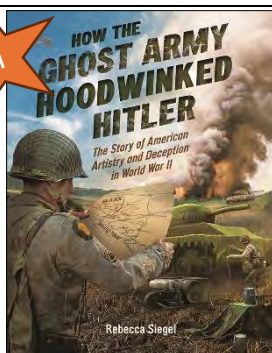
An American Girl in Hitler's Germany
Eleanor Ramrath Garner

Eleanor's Story is the dramatic autobiography of Eleanor Ramrath Garner's youth, growing up as an American caught in World War II Berlin. It's a story of trying to maintain stability, hope, and identity in a world of terror and contrasts.

During the Great Depression, when she is nine, Eleanor's family moves from her beloved America to Germany, where her father has been offered a good job. But war breaks out as her family is crossing the Atlantic, and they cannot return to the United States. Eleanor tries to maintain her American identity as she feels herself pulled into the turbulent life roiling around her. She fervently hopes for an Allied victory, yet for years she must try to survive the Allied bombs shattering her neighborhood. Her family faces separations, bombings, hunger, the final fierce battle for Berlin, the Russian invasion, and the terrors of Soviet occupation.

Themes: Nonfiction, Biography & Autobiography, War, Immigrant Experience, Coming of Age
UK/Aus, Translation, Audio, Dramatic: Peachtree | **All rights available**

★ "This powerful coming-of-age tale is told with intensity and also with the freshness of teenage years remembered..."—**Booklist, Starred Review**



October 2027

PB | 7 x 9 | 176 pages | Ages 10+

HOW THE GHOST ARMY HOODWINKED HITLER
The Story of American Artistry and Deception in World War II
Rebecca Siegel

The unbelievable true story of the American soldiers who used inflatable tanks and fake radio broadcasts as weapons in World War II.

Right around D-Day of World War II, a small, unarmed American army unit deployed to Nazi-occupied France. Instead of artillery, this unit fought with stagecraft, artistry, and deception. Their "weapons" included inflatable rubber tanks and giant speakers broadcasting fake military maneuvers. The soldiers called themselves the Ghost Army. Many of them had creative backgrounds in fashion, theater, and music, and they used their talents to trick and confuse the enemy. Often, their mission was to draw enemy fire away from other soldiers and toward themselves.

Themes: Nonfiction, War, History & Social Studies, Biography & Autobiography
UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** The Unter Agency LLC | **All rights available**

★ "... It's a necessary volume that showcases the incredible effort and tactical diversity it took to turn the tide of the war." —**Publishers Weekly, Starred Review**

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