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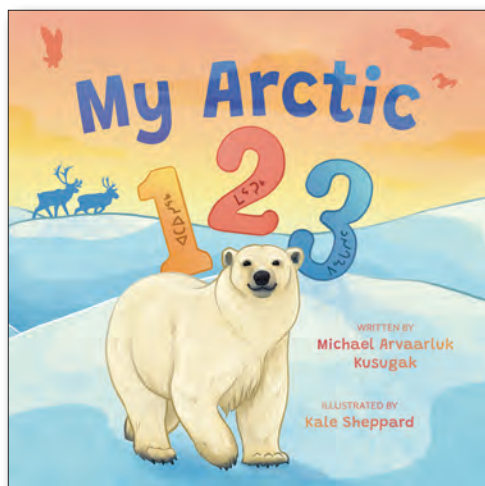
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MY ARCTIC 1,2,3

Written by
**MICHAEL
ARVAARLUK
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Illustrated by
KALE SHEPPARD

ISBN 978-1-83402-184-3 HC
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9.5" x 9.5" • 32 pages

Full-color illustrations,
author's note, glossary,
pronunciation key

April 20, 2027

\$19.99 US / \$24.99 CDN

Picture book

Age range: 3–5

Grade range: Pre-K–K

Keywords: Numeracy / Nunavut /
Inuit culture / Canadian classics

Rights available: World
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**Count your way through the Arctic—
from one polar bear to one million
ripe berries!**

The Arctic wilderness comes to life
through vibrant new illustrations in this
reissue of a beloved classic that has
helped generations of children learn to
count in English and Inuktitut.

MICHAEL ARVAARLUK KUSUGAK is an Inuk
storyteller who grew up in Repulse Bay,
NWT (now Nauyasat, Nunavut). He is the
award-winning author of many picture
books, including *A Promise Is a Promise*,
co-authored by Robert Munsch. He lives
in Valhalla, Manitoba.

KALE SHEPPARD is an Inuk multidisciplinary
visual artist based in Winnipeg, Manitoba,
with roots in Postville, in the Nunatsiavut
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By the same author

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with a fresh edition that preserves the magic of the original
and brings it to life with stunning new illustrations.

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HUNTING FOR A HOOT

Written by
FRANCINE CUNNINGHAM

Illustrated by
JORDAN MEEKIS

ISBN 978-1-83402-074-7 HC
ISBN 978-1-83402-076-1 EPUB

10" x 10" • 32 pages
Full-color illustrations

April 6, 2027
\$19.99 US / \$24.99 CDN

Picture book

Age range: 3–6

Grade range: Pre-K–1

Keywords: Nature / Imagination /
Playtime / Wildlife / Animal
movement

Rights available: World
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**Who—or what—is making that noise?
Toby and Rocket are on the case!**

When Toby and his cat, Rocket, start to hear a mysterious sound echoing through the vents, they set out to explore every corner of the house, determined to discover its source. This charming picture book sparks curiosity, inspires imagination, and encourages an appreciation for all living things.

FRANCINE CUNNINGHAM is an award-winning writer, artist, and educator. Her debut picture book, *What If Bedtime Didn't Exist?*, was a TD Summer Reads selection. She is a member of the Saddle Lake Cree Nation and lives in Strathmore, Alberta.

JORDAN MEEKIS is an Oji-Cree artist and illustrator from Sandy Lake First Nation, a community in Northern Ontario. *Hunting for a Hoot* is his picture book debut. He is based in Ottawa, Ontario.



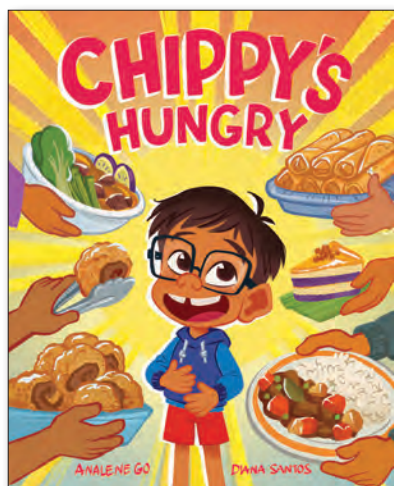
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★3 awards & honors

"What if there was a great book about kids' artful,
joyful imagination? Oh, wait: Here it is!"

—Kirkus Reviews

978-1-77321-868-7 HC



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

May 18, 2027
\$19.99 US / \$24.99 CDN

Picture book

Age range: 4–7

Grade range: Pre-K–2

Keywords: Family / Celebrations /
Food / Traditions / Humor

Rights available: World
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Glurp! Chomp! Munch! There's nothing like lunch at Lola's.

In this fun and heartwarming celebration of Filipino food and culture for fans of *Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao*, 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 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. 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 heart-felt stories through vibrant color palettes and playful textures.



Of similar interest

"Via candid narration and a decorative, dollhouse-like setting, the creators demonstrate that loving bonds need have no barriers."
—*Publishers Weekly*

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WE ARE ARTISTS

Written by
ELIZA MARTIN

Illustrated by
GABRIELLE DROLET

ISBN 978-1-83402-200-0 HC
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11" x 9" • 36 pages

Full-color illustrations, art activity,
behind-the-scenes feature

June 1, 2027

\$19.99 US / \$24.99 CDN

Picture book

Age range: 3–7

Grade range: Pre-K–2

Keywords: Disability joy /
Accessibility / Imagination /
Collaboration / Community /
Neurodivergence / Public art

Rights available: World
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**Art is for everyone in this inclusive
celebration of disability and creativity.**

From squishing paint under wheelchair tires to telling stories with their hands, eyes, and voices, young disabled artists paint, dance, sculpt, build, and perform an art piece in their neighborhood, in this joyful story emphasizing the power of play in the creative process.

ELIZA MARTIN is a Toronto-based writer, actor, and award-winning creator. Off the stage and page, she facilitates creative and therapeutic programming for children and youth (MA CYC) and currently works at SickKids Hospital.

GABRIELLE DROLET is an award-winning writer and cartoonist based in Montreal, Quebec. Her first book is *Look Ma, No Hands: A Chronic Pain Memoir*.



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★2 awards & honors

“Endearing, simple art combines with the gently humorous text to create an appropriate STEM read-aloud for primary grade students . . . Sweet and engaging.”
—Kirkus Reviews

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Little Bee **Book 3** **THE BEST BIRTHDAY** **EVER**

Written by
DANNY NEVILLE

Illustrated by
COLLEEN MCKEOWN

ISBN 978-1-83402-175-1 PB
 ISBN 978-1-83402-174-4 HC
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6" x 7.5" • 164 pages
 Black-and-white illustrations

March 16, 2027
 \$8.99 US / \$11.99 CDN PB
 \$19.99 US / \$25.99 CDN HC

Fiction

Age range: 6–9

Grade range: 1–3

Keywords: Urban farming /
 Plant science / Beneficial insects /
 Food bank / Surrogacy /
 Friendship

Rights available: World
 excluding USA & Canada

Can Bee and Sarah's friendship **weather new growing pains?**

Bee and her friends Sarah and Tiam are buzzing with excitement as they plan a party, grow seedlings, and solve the mystery of the food bank's wilting garden. Bee's family might grow, too, thanks to a surrogate who could help Bee and her dads welcome another child. But will one of Bee's besties get in the way?

DANNY NEVILLE is an educator and children's author from Ottawa, Ontario, who has grown his family through the gift of surrogacy. He is a former teacher-librarian and a volunteer with the Ontario Library Association.

COLLEEN MCKEOWN is an illustrator and toy designer who lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and launched her children's book career with the Little Bee series. She loves foggy mornings and creating colorful and playful images of engaging characters.



In the same series

Little Bee: The Buzz About the Party

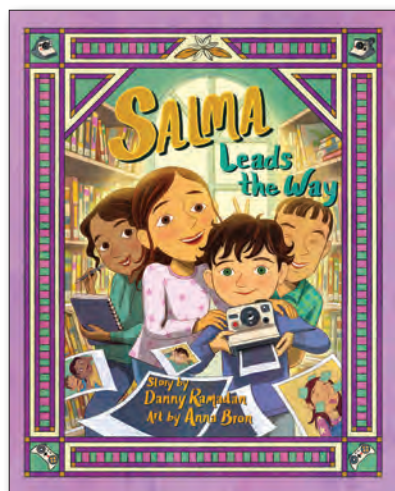
"A must-purchase."

—School Library Journal, ★starred review

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Little Bee: The Storytime Extravaganza

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The Salma Series Book 6 **SALMA LEADS THE WAY**

Written by
DANNY RAMADAN

Illustrated by
ANNA BRON

ISBN 978-183402-190-4 PB
ISBN 978-183402-189-8 HC
ISBN 978-183402-191-1 EPUB

6" x 7.5" • 136 pages
Black-and-white illustrations,
interactive Salma adventure,
Arabic alphabet key

April 20, 2027
\$8.99 US / \$11.99 CDN PB
\$19.99 US / \$25.99 CDN HC

Fiction

Age range: 6–9

Grade range: 1–4

Keywords: Early reader /
Mentorship / Teamwork / Girl
protagonist

Rights available: World
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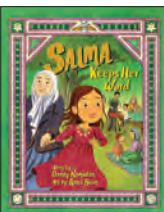
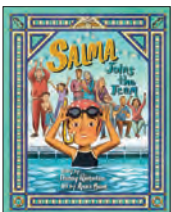
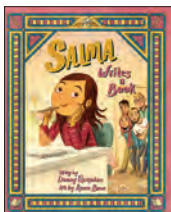
Salma discovers leadership is a lot more than setting an example.

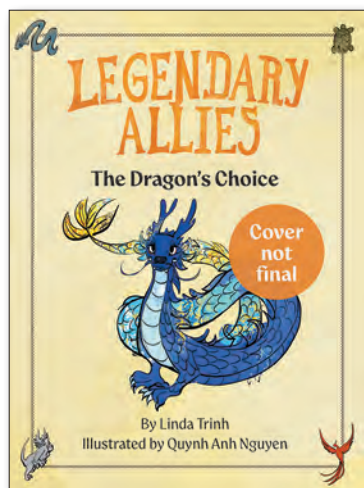
When Salma struggles to connect with both her baby sister and Yaseen, a younger Syrian newcomer at school, she gets more and more overwhelmed . . . until she finds out something surprising about Mama that totally changes how she relates to Yaseen and Nora—and how she sees herself.

DANNY RAMADAN is a Syrian-Canadian author whose books about Salma have garnered over 40 awards, nominations, and distinctions. He lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, where he's working on a new picture book coming out in Winter/Spring 2028.

ANNA BRON is an award-winning picture book illustrator. She has animated, designed, and directed commercials and short films. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

In the same series





Legendary Allies **Book 3** **THE DRAGON'S** **CHOICE**

Written by
LINDA TRINH

Illustrated by
QUYNH ANH NGUYEN

ISBN 978-1-83402-196-6 PB
 ISBN 978-1-83402-195-9 HC
 ISBN 978-1-83402-197-3 EPUB

5.75" x 7.75" • 184 pages
 Full-color illustrations, map,
 author's note

May 4, 2027

\$9.99 US / \$13.50 CDN PB
 \$19.99 US / \$25.99 CDN HC

Fiction

Age range: 7–11

Grade range: 2–6

Keywords: Quests / Fantasy and
 magic / Prejudice and stereotypes /
 Self-esteem / Animals /
 Vietnamese mythical creatures

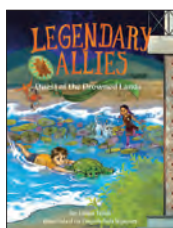
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**Four powerful kids. Four magical ally
 animals. One mission to help heal
 their world.**

In book three of this full-color fantasy series, the Legendary Allies Team has a new quest. A wall in the sacred city of Da Vang that has always kept its population divided starts to crumble. Reluctant new team member Minh must question everything he thought he knew about himself in order to act.

LINDA TRINH is the award-winning Vietnamese Canadian author of The Nguyen Kids and the Legendary Allies series. She lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

QUYNH ANH NGUYEN is a Vietnamese illustrator based in Oakville, Ontario. The Legendary Allies is her series debut.



In the same series

The Healer and the Phoenix
 "A highly recommended addition."
 —Booklist

978-1-83402-070-9 PB / 978-1-83402-069-3 HC
Quest of the Drowned Lands
 978-1-83402-110-2 PB / 978-1-83402-109-6 HC



Bakery Ghosts Book 1 REVENGE OF THE RICE CAKE

Written and illustrated by
GAYOUNG BB YANG

ISBN 978-1-83402-169-0 PB
ISBN 978-1-83402-168-3 HC
ISBN 978-1-83402-170-6 EPUB

6" x 7.5" • 148 pages

Full-color illustrations, glossary,
recipe

April 6, 2027

\$15.99 US / \$19.99 CDN PB

\$25.99 US / \$31.99 CDN HC

Graphic novel

Age range: 7–11

Grade range: 2–5

Keywords: Language learning /
Cultural differences / Immigration /
Debut / Comic / Food literacy

Rights available: World
excluding USA & Canada

An absurdly silly new graphic novel series following the wild antics of twins Sowan and Somi as they explore riotous food science and curious Korean treats in a haunted bakery.

Somi loves logic and science, while Sowan loves tradition and storytelling. Can these bickering twins join forces to recreate a lost Korean rice cake recipe and save their Gomo's haunted bakery? Korean family secrets, food science, and the supernatural, all in one chaotic kitchen.

GAYOUNG BB YANG was born in South Korea and studied fine arts before moving to Canada to work in animation. Based in Spruce Grove, Alberta, she creates stories with curiosity, humor, and heart. *Revenge of the Rice Cake* is her first book.



Of similar interest

★4 awards & honors

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

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MARCI'S MONSTER PROBLEM

Written by
ALEXANDRA MAE JONES

ISBN 978-1-83402-180-5 PB
ISBN 978-1-83402-181-2 EPUB

5.5" x 8" • 240 pages

April 6, 2027

\$11.99 US / \$15.99 CDN

Fiction

Age range: 11–14

Grade range: 5–8

Keywords: Western folklore /
Small town / Faeries / Friendship /
Magical realism / Southwestern
Ontario / Family

Rights available: World
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Protecting her neighborhood from a horse demon and her family from divorce.

Handling troublesome supernatural creatures comes naturally to Marci and her best friend Tessa. But when Tessa moves away, Marci's left alone as the most dangerous monster she's ever faced—a kelpie—threatens to devour her and the other kids in her neighborhood.

ALEXANDRA MAE JONES is the author of *The Queen of Junk Island*, a CCBC Best Book for Kids & Teens. She lives in Toronto, Ontario, with her husband and too many half-finished crochet projects.



By the same author

★2 awards & honors

"Jones' characters explore nuanced, painful dynamics as they work through different types of loss, mental health issues, and questions of sexuality."
—Booklist

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SPIRALING OUT

Written by
MAYA AMEYAW

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6" x 9" • 240 pages

March 2, 2027

\$15.99 US / \$19.99 CDN PB

Fiction

Age range: 14–18

Grade range: 9–12

Keywords: African Canadian /
Queer love story / OCD / Figure
skating / Identity

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**This season, everything feels off
balance.**

Between figure skating, life outside the rink, and managing her OCD, Evelyn Osei has a lot on her plate. The last thing she needs is her ex-friend and rival joining her skating club. As the competition heats up and sparks fly, Evelyn must figure out how to keep her life from spinning out of control.

MAYA AMEYAW is a Toronto-based community arts writing instructor and award-winning author. She has edited several mental health-themed anthologies for youth and adults and is the author of the critically acclaimed novels *When It All Syncs Up* and *Under All the Lights*.



By the same author

When It All Syncs Up

"A hopeful, realistic exploration of mental health."
—Kirkus Reviews, ★starred review

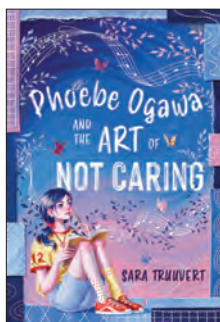
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Under All the Lights

"A richly compelling plot."—Booklist, ★starred review

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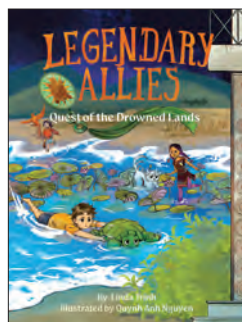
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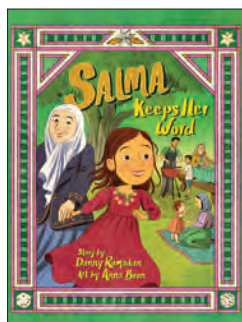
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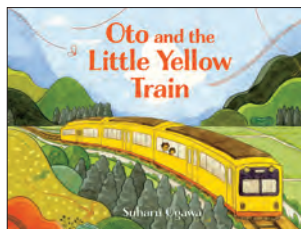
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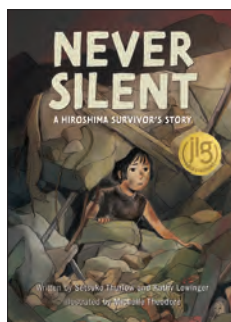


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"A necessary and important eyewitness account."

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Children's Book Award

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

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★ 17 Awards

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"Li delivers an impressive debut. A vivid, exhilarating ride."

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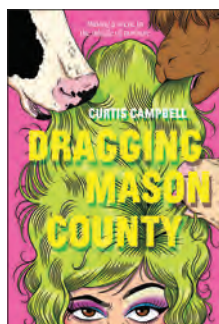
★starred review

★ 9 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."

—Publishers Weekly,

★starred review

★ 4 Awards

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English Audio



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

—Publishers Weekly,

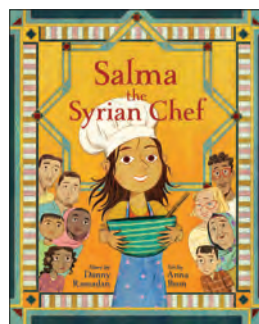
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★ 9 Awards

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"This beautiful story grasps diversity, exploring resilience, love, friendship, and the meaning of home."

—Kirkus Reviews,

★starred review

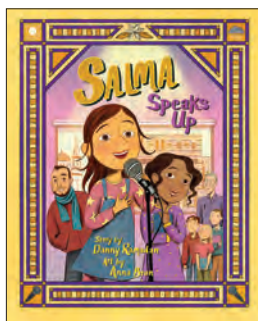
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STARRED AND AWARD-WINNING BACKLIST



"A simple yet powerful story about taking a stand [and] embracing who you are."

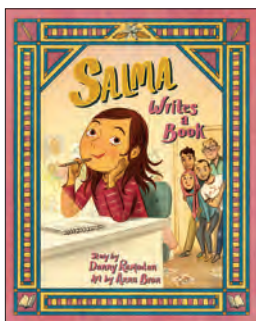
—Booklist, ★starred review

★ 1 Award

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"A universal message of acceptance."

—Booklist, ★starred review

★ 6 Awards

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"A forthright, tender perspective on childhood immigration."

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"An unconventional graphic novel for the budding young activist with a sense of humor."

—The Horn Book

★ 18 Awards

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Swedish, French NA



"A timeless message presented in an enthralling tale."

—School Library Journal,

★starred review

★ 11 Awards

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"The dynamic panels have a rhythm of their own, all culminating in a truly stunning ending . . . Innovation that deserves a standing ovation."

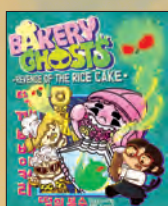
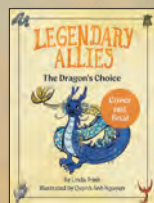
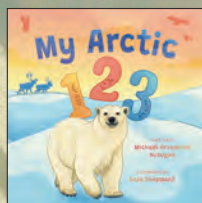
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