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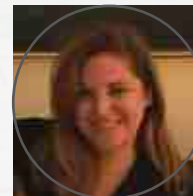




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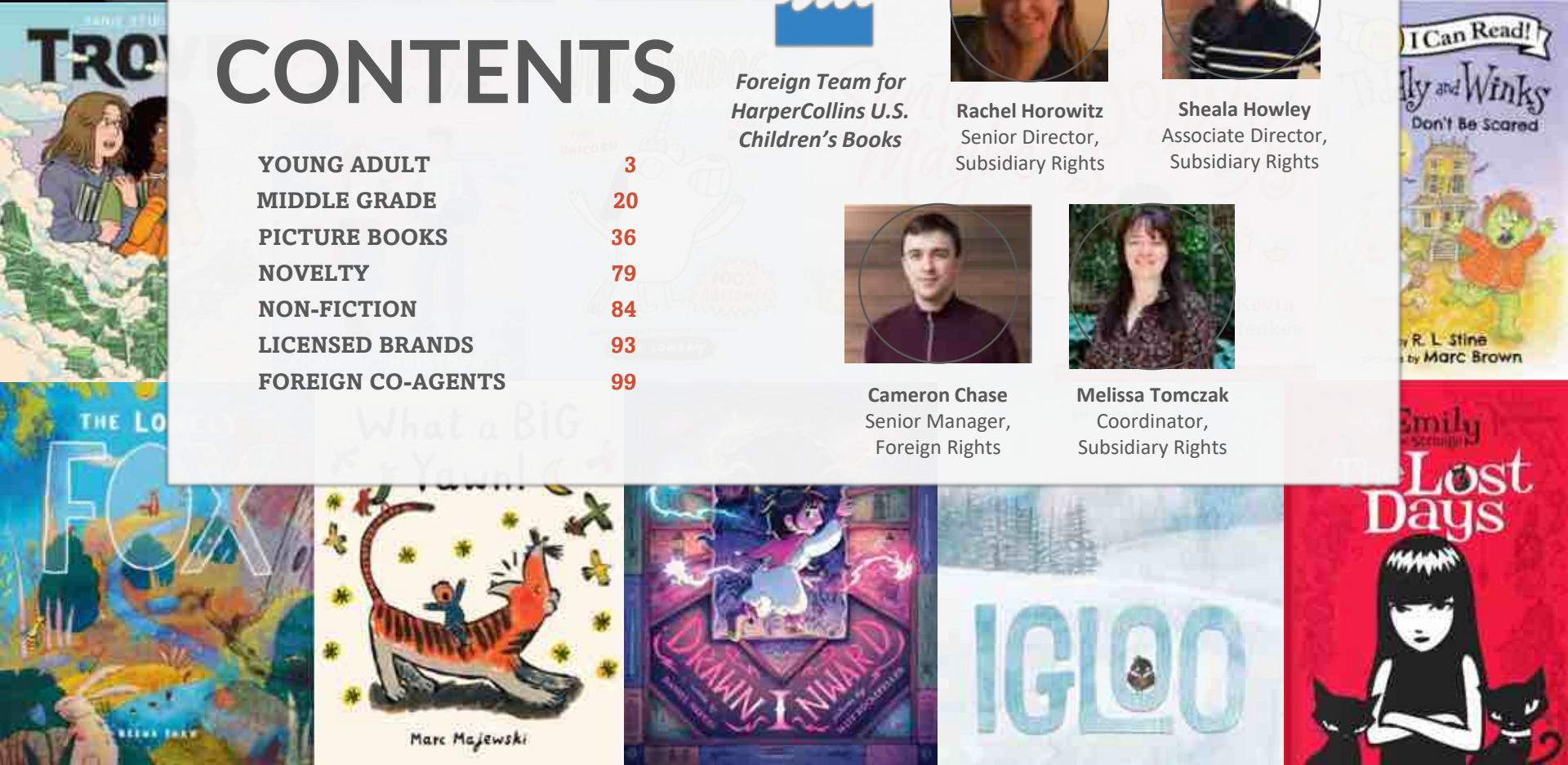
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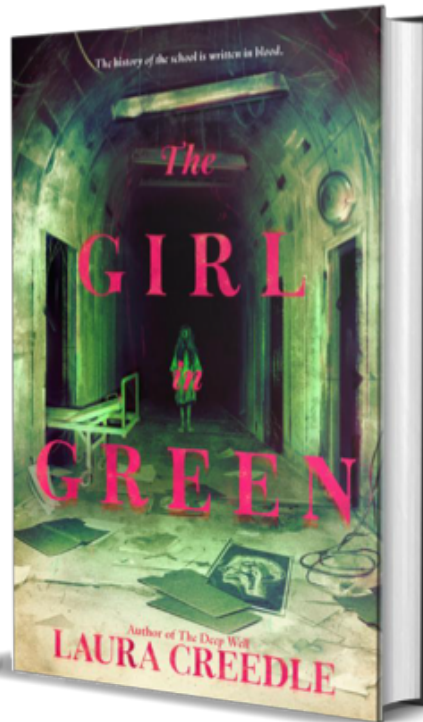
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#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Mindy McGinnis** is the author of several young adult novels, including *Under this Red Rock*, *A Long Stretch of Bad Days*, *The Last Laugh*, *A Madness So Discreet*, winner of an Edgar Award, and others.

She writes across multiple genres, including postapocalyptic, historical, thriller, contemporary, mystery, and fantasy. Visit her at [mindymcginis.com](http://mindymcginis.com).

## WHAT ROUGH BEAST

by Mindy McGinnis

Ages 14 and up, 368 pages, October 2026

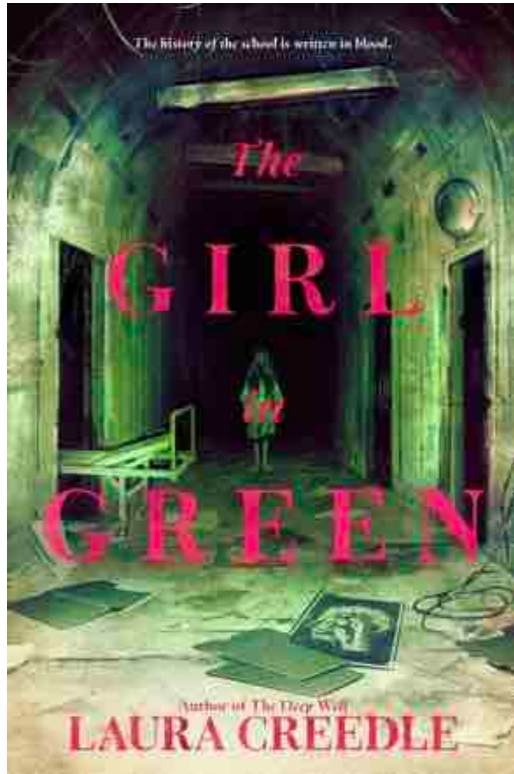
***Long-held grudges and ancient evils come to roost in this psychological, speculative horror that's Don't Let the Forest In meets Stranger Things.***

In a small town like Presnick, nothing stays buried forever...Ava Germaine has learned her lesson: see something, don't say something. Cast out at school, the only place she can find peace is Restoration Acres, the town's animal sanctuary. Though the place sometimes seems more like an animal graveyard than a rehabilitation center, Ava's job there is at least a constant distraction from the night everything went wrong—and the boy she still holds responsible. Micah Harding is always prepared for the worst. As the sheriff's son, he tries not to do things that reflect poorly on his family, especially since his dad helped him cover up his worst mistake yet. But he knows his secret is bound to come out. Hailey Wagner is sick of being judged. And finally, things are going according to plan — until Ava Germaine starts talking. So if Hailey has to shut her up...she will. As a strange entity begins to stir, ready to awaken—Ava, Micah, and Hailey find themselves wrapped in a centuries-old exchange, while barreling towards the truths of what tie their fates together.

**MINDY GOES HORROR:** *What Rough Beast* is Mindy's first foray into horror; her gritty, propulsive writing combines perfectly with a spine-tingling, stomach-twisting plot about a girl who is finally about to get everything she needs—at a price.

**HORROR IS IN:** With the success of horror authors like Andrew Joseph White and Trang Thanh Tran, it's clear that YA readers are devouring horror stories, particularly those that use the genre to address larger social themes.

**CROSSOVER APPEAL:** Mindy's literary writing style and no-holds-barred storytelling are sure to attract adult readers as well as older teens looking for their next speculative horror.



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#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Laura Creedle** is the author of *The Deep Well*, which *Kirkus Reviews* called “a fresh take on horror,” and *The Love Letters of Abelard and Lily*. When they’re not writing, Laura can usually be found playing pinball or watching indie horror. They live in Austin, Texas, with their husband and a feral cat named Hellman who was found with her head stuck in a mayonnaise jar.

# THE GIRL IN GREEN

by Laura Creedle

Ages 13 and up, 352 pages, September 2026

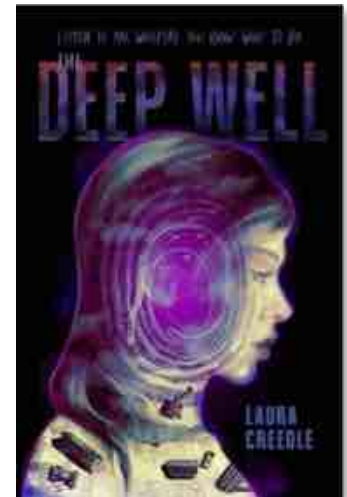
***A gripping, terrifying new horror novel from Laura Creedle, for fans of Madeline Roux and Claire Legrand! At the storied Danvers-Cutteridge school, students whisper of mysterious disappearances and a legendary evil under the mountain.***

**ATMOSPHERIC FEAR:** Laura Creedle is a master at writing settings and descriptions to immediately put readers on edge. This time, she takes us to the mountains of West Virginia—a valley smothered in fog, a boarding school with a history as an asylum, and an abandoned hospital covered in dust leading into musty tunnels—with writing that is entrancing and anxiety-inducing from the very first page.

**SIMMERING ROMANCE SUBPLOT:** From the first time Jess meets Barlow Burton, the spark between them is undeniable. Though Jess is determined to not trust this striking boy, the two have more in common than they think, and they are drawn closer as they rely on each other to save the school.

**NAIL-BITING SCENES:** As Jess and her allies search for answers, the tension ramps up to a fantastic reveal of the horrifying evil that lurks under the mountain—as well as the one that rules over it. The mystery element works together with supernatural elements to create suspenseful scenes.

**TERRIFYING MONSTER:** The novel builds a tantalizing slow-burn to the monster, with clues dropped and flashes seen just out of the corner of the eye. When we finally meet the eponymous girl in green, she emerges from the dark tunnels as a shapeshifter with gaping jaws and bloody teeth—a creature sure to chill even the most die-hard horror fans!



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#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Sarah Raughley** is a Nigerian-Canadian novelist and a member of the Royal Society of Canada: the national council of distinguished Canadian scholars, scientists, and artists. She's best known for her YA books: The Effigies Series, The Bones of Ruin Trilogy, and The Queen's Spade duology. Visit her at [sarahraughley.com](http://sarahraughley.com).

## THE QUEEN'S COMMAND (Book 2 of 2)

by Sarah Raughley

Ages 13 and up, 320 pages, September 2026

**The Inheritance Games meets Bridgerton in the riveting companion novel to The Queen's Spade, where our heroine must play a deadly game and risk everything to get to the truth that's poisoning Victorian England's royal court.**

**COMPANION NOVEL TO A CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED HISTORICAL FICTION DEBUT:** Sarah Raughley's historical fiction debut, *The Queen's Spade*, was named an Amazon Best Book of the Month. In her companion novel, she returns with another fast-past narrative and cutthroat thriller, buoyed by its empowering, emotional core.

**TOUGH THEMES WITH AN EMPOWERING TOUCH:** Timely themes of colonialism, racism, and self-determination are tackled with a thoughtful touch as Vicky navigates Victorian England as a Black girl coming into her womanhood, all while overcoming a hostile aristocratic society and inheriting the struggles of her mother Sarah Bonetta Forbes (Sally), the formerly enslaved African princess of the Egbado tribe who was "gifted" to Queen Victoria.

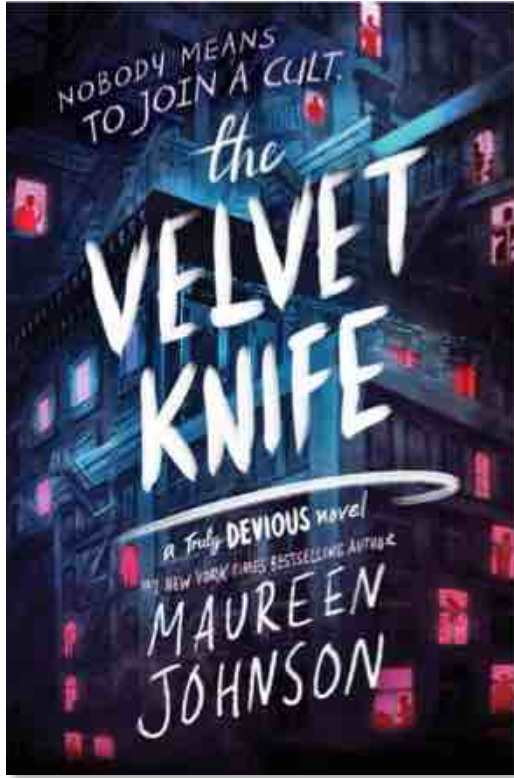
**TIMELY AND RESONANT:** Dialogues surrounding the impact of colonialism and British imperialism remain salient in our zeitgeist, from revelations about the Crown's treatment of Black royals like Meghan Markle, protests during King Charles's and other royals' tours across Africa and Central America, to Caribbean countries declaring their independence from the monarchy and demanding reparations. *The Queen's Commands* dives into the modern and historical impact of these issues.

**RIGHTS SOLD for THE QUEEN'S SPADE (Book 1):**  
French (Editions Milan)



Book 1, January 2025

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#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Maureen Johnson** is the bestselling author of several novels, including *13 Little Blue Envelopes*, the Truly Devious series, the Suite Scarlett series, and the Shades of London series. You can find her on Twitter @maureenjohnson or at [maureenjohnsonbooks.com](http://maureenjohnsonbooks.com).

**The New York Times**  
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# THE VELVET KNIFE

by Maureen Johnson

Ages 14 and up, 400 pages, October 2026

**Return to the world of Truly Devious as Stevie Bell and her friends travel to New York over the holidays to solve a murder in the next standalone mystery.**

Stevie might be the greatest teenage detective Ellingham Academy—and the world—has ever seen, but even she can't figure out what happened with her boyfriend, David. Thankfully, a new cold case involving a cult promises to help distract her from their breakup. But the case heats up way too quickly, and suddenly Stevie isn't sure she can get to the truth of what happened—in the cult or her relationship.

**HIGH PRAISE FOR STEVIE BELL:** Reviewers and the YA community have sung their accolades for books one, two, and three of the Truly Devious series and the first two standalones, *The Box in the Woods* and *Nine Liars*.

**ALL THE SELLING POINTS OF THE ORIGINAL TRILOGY** like the YA contemporary mystery hook, the dual mystery with a central figure, and the diverse representation of characters, and the laugh-out-loud dialogue...IN A STANDALONE. Some fans expressed frustration at having to wait until the third book for a conclusion to the mystery. Now Maureen Johnson delivers all the clues and all the solutions within one book. Her first standalone, *The Box in the Woods*, was an instant bestseller.

**THE PSYCHOLOGY OF CULTS:** For the first time, Stevie will be investigating a cult—and as the recent uptick in cult documentaries proves, today's readers are fascinated by cults. Stevie herself will be grappling with her own issues and vulnerabilities, mirroring the cold case.

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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Elizabeth Foscue** grew up in a house on a Florida bay and on a boat in the Caribbean Sea. A hurricane got the house, but the boat has fared better. She earned a B.A. in Linguistics from the University of Florida then a J.D. and LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center, and in the midst of all that got married in a church on a hill in the British Virgin Islands.

# NEW YEAR'S GRIEVE

by Elizabeth Foscue

Ages 13 and up, 288 pages, November 2026

***In this romp of a country house mystery for fans of Truly Devious and Knives Out, when Jojo's grandad is found dead at the family gathering to celebrate his 90th birthday, Jojo is determined to uncover which of her horrible relatives is responsible—and to avoid her maddening ex-boyfriend who crashed the party.***

**THERE'S BEEN A MURDER!:** Move over, Poirot—Jojo is on the case. Murder mysteries are a perennially compelling premise, particularly those skewering rich eccentrics. This book is a perfect readalike to popular mystery comedies like *Knives Out* and *Only Murders in the Building*, and feels like an easy next pick for fans of *Truly Devious*.

**SWOONY, SINGULAR ROMANCE:** Jojo and Fritz's bickering, hijinks-filled dynamic feel fresh in today's rom com scene. Through the full range of near-strangling, misunderstandings explained, and strategic make-outs, they ultimately know each other better than anyone else. Fritz in particular is a delightful love interest, a perfect Southern gentleman who is somewhat out of his depth with the incorrigible Jojo—but though he is consistently exasperated by her, he absolutely adores her. May we all be so lucky.

**DELIGHTFUL, FAST-PACED READ:** In a time when the world is heavy, readers are looking for stories that are pure fun. *New Year's Grieve* has tons of hooks, a highly engaging voice, and a whodunnit that will keep readers turning pages, with the perfect blend of catharsis and mischief.

**HILARIOUS NARRATIVE VOICE:** Jojo is a protagonist unlike any other, with her razor-sharp observations and overall curmudgeonly persona. Her narration and withering insults make this a quick read, and smarter than it has any right to be.

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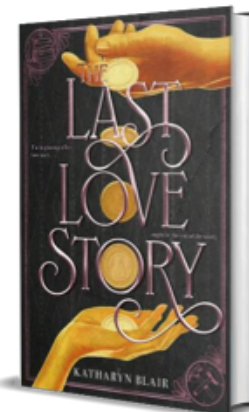
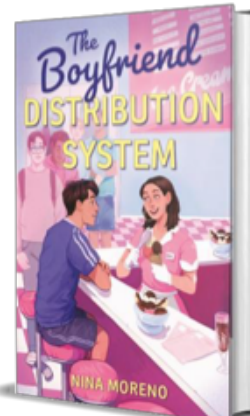
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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

*USA Today* bestselling author **Andie J. Christopher** has been featured in NPR, *Cosmopolitan*, *The Washington Post*, *Entertainment Weekly*, and *The New York Post*. Prickly heroines are her hallmark, and she is the originator of the Stern Brunch Daddy. Andie lives with a French bulldog, a stockpile of Campari, and way too many books.

# FORMULA HE'S THE ONE

by **Andie J. Christopher**

Ages 14 and up, 272 pages, November 2026

**The Lizzie McGuire Movie meets Abbey Jimenez's Part of Your World in this glittering, high-stakes YA romance about speed, status, and choosing your lane.**

Raised by her IndyCar legend father, Tessa James spent her childhood dreaming of becoming the first full-time female driver in Formula One. But everything changed the day a car crash took her mother's life and ended her father's career. Now, Tessa lives life in neutral. Her father runs a small machine shop servicing race teams, and Tessa manages the front office—safe, steady, and miles from the track she once loved. When Tessa's best friend drags her along to Monaco for the Grand Prix, she's swept into a glittering world of champagne yachts, designer shoes, and racing royalty. But beneath the luxury lies the familiar pulse of the track and Pietro Deveraux, a driver who is practically Formula One royalty, whose quiet confidence reminds her what it felt like to chase something with her whole heart. Set against the electric pulse of racing season in Indianapolis, *Formula, He's the One* is a high-octane, slow-burn YA romance about grief, resilience, and rediscovering your fire when life takes you off track. Because sometimes love isn't just the finish line. It's the courage to start again.

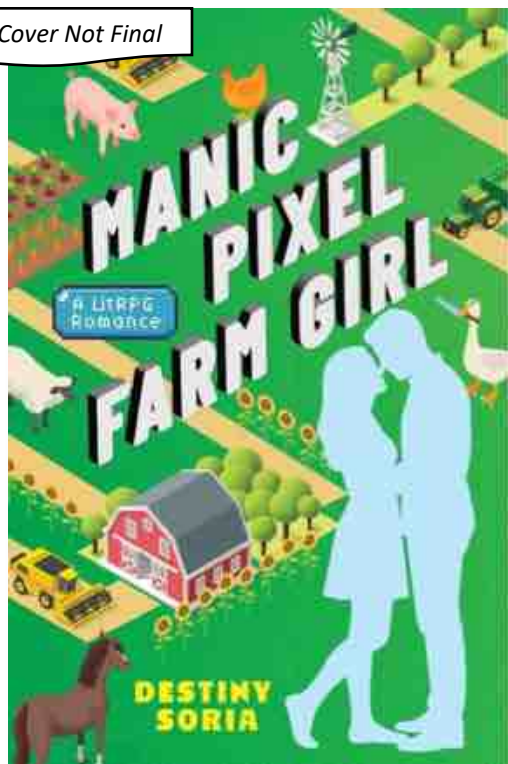
**PERFECT TIMING FOR RACING FANS EVERYWHERE:** Arriving just as Formula 1 fever continues to skyrocket with Gen Z—and ahead of Netflix's next *Drive to Survive* season—this is the perfect entry point for readers craving fast cars and slow burns.

**CLEAN TEEN:** Romantic tension and some kissing—this story balances pulse-pounding tension and emotional payoff in a way that's perfect for both teen and crossover readers.

**WORLDS COLLIDE: MONACO MEETS INDY:** A fresh, cross-market concept blending American grit and European luxury, ideal for readers who love sports romance, travel fantasy, and emotional coming-of-age stories.



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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Destiny Soria** spent her childhood playing with sticks in the woods and exploring such distinguished careers as Forest Bandit, Wayward Orphan, and Fairy Queen. In later years, she ran away to New Zealand for seven months, where she backpacked across the wilderlands, petted fluffy sheep, and gave tours of a haunted prison. Visit her at [www.destinysoria.com](http://www.destinysoria.com).

# MANIC PIXEL FARM GIRL

by **Destiny Soria**

Ages 13 and up, 272 pages, Pub April 2027

*This cozy LitRPG YA Romance is Stardew Valley meets The Pumpkin Spice Café!*

Molly Park has always known how to win—at least on paper. As a foster kid, she’s survived by gaming real life: perfect grades, flawless recommendations, zero attachments. When she lands a full-ride scholarship to her dream college, she’s finally beaten the system. Then she falls asleep in the back of a late-night Uber... and wakes up on an abandoned farm inside a game-coded valley.

A blunt system voice informs her: THE FARM IS NOT OPTIONAL. Restore the land. Complete quests. Level up your skills. Build relationships. Win, and she can go home.

She min-maxes crops, speed-runs seasonal festivals, grinds side quests for rare seeds, and climbs the leaderboard faster than anyone the valley has ever seen. The farm flourishes. The town brightens. For the first time in her life, she owns something that can’t be taken away.

Odin, her maddeningly steady neighbor, seems determined to help her succeed, but forced proximity turns into lingering looks, shared harvests, and a relationship meter Molly can’t quite control. If she wins, she gets her old life back. But if she stays... she keeps the farm, the valley, and the first place that’s ever truly felt like home. And Molly has never lost a game before.

**LitRPG IS A MAJOR TREND:** Built on clear, accessible game mechanics skills, quests, leveling, and progression this novel taps into the fast-growing LitRPG readership while translating the format seamlessly for a YA, romance forward audience.

**COZY-GAMING BIG WITH FEMALE FANS:** With farming loops, festivals, relationship meters, and seasonal progression, the story captures the comforting, escapist appeal of *Stardew Valley* and cozy life sim games while adding emotional stakes and danger beneath the surface.



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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Cara Tanamachi** is the *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Takeover*, and the Diverse Writers and Readers International romance book literary award winner, *The Second You're Single*. She also writes under the name Cara Lockwood, authoring 40 books, including *I Do (But I Don't)*, which became an original Lifetime Movie. She wrote the novelization of *The Dater's Handbook*, a Hallmark movie starring Meghan Markle.

# MATCHA & MATCHES (Book 1 of 2)

by Cara Tanamachi

Ages 13 and up, 272 pages, Pub April 2027

*Introducing the  
Brewed with Love Series!*

**Love & Gelato meets the cozy café romance trend in this irresistible opposites-attract summer fling story set on an idyllic trip to Japan. Get your matcha whisk ready for this frothy addition to our Avon a paperback originals!**

**THE VACATION FLING COLLIDES WITH THE CAFÉ CRUSH:** *Matcha & Matches* serves up a new swoony, contemporary romance where a girl unexpectedly find love—and herself—in charming café aboard, proving that sometimes the best romance comes with splash of matcha foam.

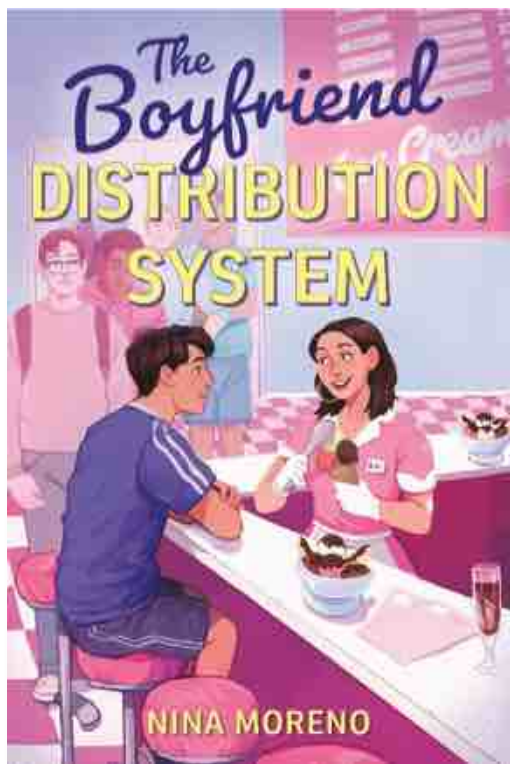
**TIKTOK-FRIENDLY TROPES:** Combining forced proximity and rivals, *Matcha & Matches* might hook BookTokers with the tropes they crave, but they'll stay for Rina and Takashi's unmistakable chemistry.

**AN IRRESISTIBLE INCLUSIVE ROMANCE:** Asian American teens are perpetually hungry for authentic representation in today's YA romance, and this story delivers the voice and visibility they continue to search for.

**LAYERS BENEATH THE ROMANCE:** *Matcha & Matches* gains extra emotional heft by diving headfirst into Rina's complex family dynamic: growing up with divorced parents, trying to bond with a father who's lives an ocean away, and navigating cultural gaps she's only just beginning to understand.

**PERFECT FOR SEASONAL PROMOTIONS:** This book is ideal for promotion during AAPI Heritage Month, with its stunning, swoonworthy packaging.

**MORE TO COME:** Readers won't have long to wait for a new Brewed with Love book—next stop is Mexico! *Horchata & Hearts* is planned for Summer 2027.



### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Nina Moreno** once had her dream job of shelving books at the library. She now writes books that are somewhere between Southern fiction and a telenovela, awarding her the Junior Library Guild selection, Indie Next Pick, and SIBA Okra Pick. She is the author of *Don't Date Rosa Santos*, *Our Way Back to Always*, and the Maggie Diaz series.

# THE BOYFRIEND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

by Nina Moreno

Ages 13 and up, 272 pages, Pub April 2027

*When the universe magically delivers you boyfriends, how do you know when it's true love? This Avon paperback original is perfect for Lynn Painter fans, with a swoony friends-to-lovers plot, romcom banter, and a meme-worthy "problem" that only the best boyfriend can fix!*

**A RIFT ON A CLASSIC MEME:** For any reader who's scrolled through a million "Cat Distribution System" TikToks and quietly wished the universe would be just as generous when it comes to romance, *The Boyfriend Distribution System* is the perfect book for you.

**TIKTOK-FRIENDLY TROPES:** A friends-to-lovers, opposites-attract romance, *The Boyfriend Distribution System* might pull BookTokers in with familiar, beloved tropes, but they'll stay for Kiki and Manny's unmistakable chemistry.

**AN IRRESISTIBLE INCLUSIVE ROMANCE:** Latine teens are perpetually hungry for authentic representation in today's YA romance, and this story delivers the voice and visibility they continue to search for. In addition, Kiki brings much-needed, affirming diabetes representation that's still far too rare.

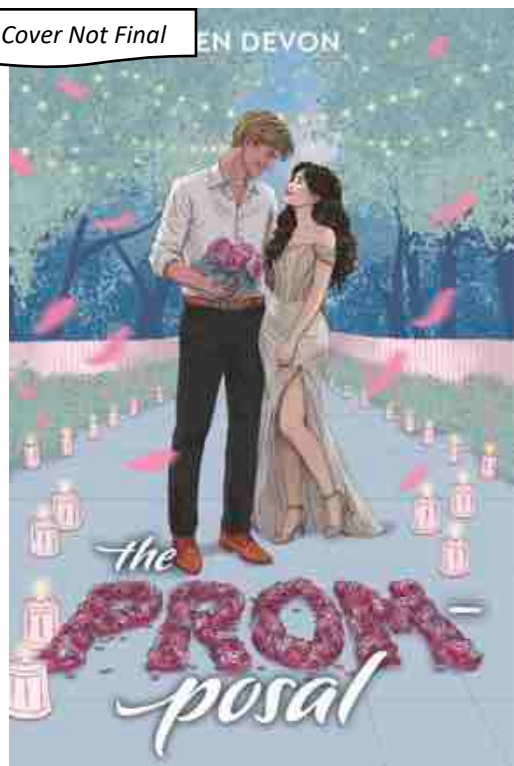
**LAYERS BENEATH THE ROMANCE:** *The Boyfriend Distribution System* gains extra emotional heft by diving headfirst into big, scary/exciting questions about the future and what comes next—concerns that will ring feel instantly familiar to any teen reader.

**PERFECT FOR SEASONAL PROMOTIONS:** This book is ideal for re-promotion during Latine Heritage Month, with its stunning, swoonworthy packaging.



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JEN DEVON



### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Jen Devon** is a lifelong lover of love stories. She writes vivid, cinematic romances about imperfect people finding their perfect match. A former ecology academic and adjunct professor, she now works in the Internet tech industry and dreams of writing full-time. An avid gardener, photographer, gamer, and unapologetic nerd, she's also a mom of five (three kids, two rescue mutts).

# THE PROMPOSAL

by Jen Devon

Ages 13 and up , 352 pages, Pub March 2027

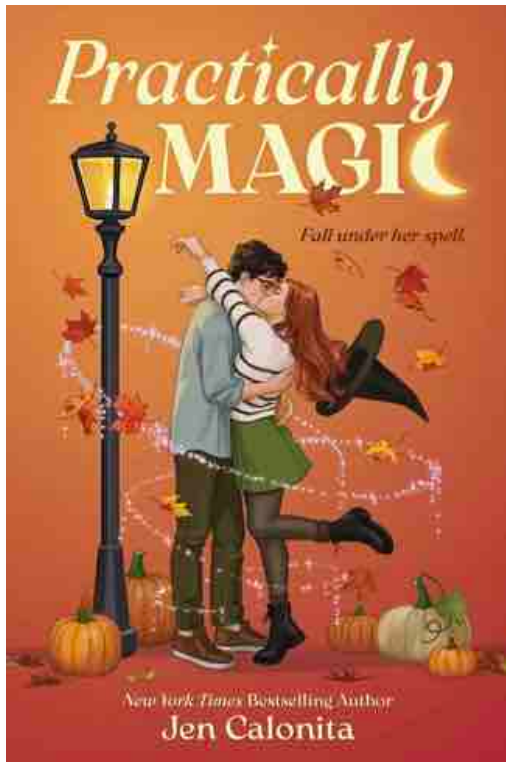
***An epic “promposal” goes terribly wrong—and totally viral, throwing the school’s most popular jock and his shy neighbor into a fake-dating scheme in this opposites-attract romcom, perfect for fans of To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before and Better Than the Movies.***

Everyone knows they’re destined to be prom king and queen—and the magic starts now. Delilah would really rather be studying than figuring out why her neighbor’s boyfriend (and her own very secret crush), Chris, is in her backyard, surrounded by about a hundred tea lights and—seriously?—fireworks. He’s got the wrong girl, in so many ways! Chris and Delilah plan to forget the whole night ever happened. But then the debacle goes viral thanks to Delilah’s little sister, who secretly captured it all on camera, and the fake couple is forced into the spotlight. Can the wrong promposal lead to the right romance?

**SUPER FUN AND PERENNIAL HOOK:** This book begins with a promposal gone wrong and leads up to the senior class prom in June. This is a great opportunity as prom season rolls around every year. ‘Promposals’ have increased in popularity among teens over social media, and readers always love high school stories centered around prom and prom season, which we can use when promoting the book.

**FANTASTIC AUTHOR:** Jen has received praise from writers like Ali Hazelwood, Sarah Adler, Tarah DeWitt, and trades including PW and LJ. Her IP sample stood out for its strong prose and great voice, and her characters are deeply felt from page 1.

**MENTAL HEALTH REP:** The love interest in this book has ADHD. As an adult diagnosed with ADHD, Jen writes from a place of personal connection and approaches the topic honestly and openly.



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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Jen Calonita** is the *NYT* and *USA Today* bestselling author of more than thirty books for teens and middle grade. A graduate of Boston College, Jen began her career as an entertainment journalist at *Teen People* magazine, where she interviewed everyone from Dwayne Johnson to Reese Witherspoon. Her writing also has appeared in *Glamour*, *Marie Claire*, *Self*, *TV Guide*, and *Entertainment Weekly*.

# PRACTICALLY MAGIC

by Jen Calonita

Ages 13 and up, 240 pages, Pub August 2026

***On the eve of Halloween, a sister's well-intentioned love spell turns into a curse in this witchy, flirty rom-com perfect for fans of The Ex Hex, Gilmore Girls, and Practical Magic.***

The Hadley sisters of Mystic Hollow are magic. Literally. But for all the generations of witches behind her, Kat Hadley could swear that she's utterly invisible to boys. Then she learns that her perfect older sister, Harriet, cast a curse to protect her from heartbreak. Kat is so furious, she loses control—and it's not just their sisterhood that shatters. It's magic itself.

Suddenly, every spell a Hadley witch has ever cast starts reversing. Spells to do good start bringing evil. Curses to repel suddenly attract. And the veil between worlds begins to thin. If Kat and Harriet don't do something fast, this Halloween might be Mystic Hollow's last.

As they race to repair the balance of magic—and their relationship—Kat notices that every crush who's ever rejected her is suddenly magically lovesick. Even her annoying class rival seems to have fallen under her spell. For the first time in her life, she feels practically magic. Who cares if it's all just a spell?

**WITCHY ROMANCE:** With the growing demand for romance and Halloween/Summerween titles, this witchy romance combines the spooky with the flirty in a fun, accessible package perfect for teen readers.

**SISTER STORY:** At its heart, this is a story about all kinds of sisterhood, as the two sisters must repair their relationship in order to restore the order to magic.

**A KISS CURSE GONE WRONG:** What if suddenly all your crushes liked you back? Flirty, funny, and silly, this is packed with shenanigans, as the sisters try to figure out what's a spell—and what might be real feelings?



### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Emma Harrison** is the author of *Tourist Trap*, *The Best Girl*, and several books in the Charmed, Everwood, and Alias television tie-in series. She lives in New Jersey with her husband.

# BETTER THAN YOU

by Emma Harrison

Ages 13 and up, 320 pages, Pub March 2027

**Never Have I Ever meets Better Than the Movies in this paperback original romance full of academic rivalry, senior year shenanigans, and springtime magic.**

This original romance is full of academic rivalry, senior year shenanigans, and springtime magic. Mira and Colin have been academic rivals since their first spelling bee in third grade. When they find out their GPAs are exactly tied, they refuse to share the valedictorian title, instead concocting their own insane competition to determine the true head of the class. As the whole school tunes into their increasingly desperate attempts to outdo each other, they realize that this competition might have been masking something else all along.

**SMART CHARACTERS = GREAT BANTER:** Rivals-to-lovers hits harder when they're both whip-smart and incredibly witty!

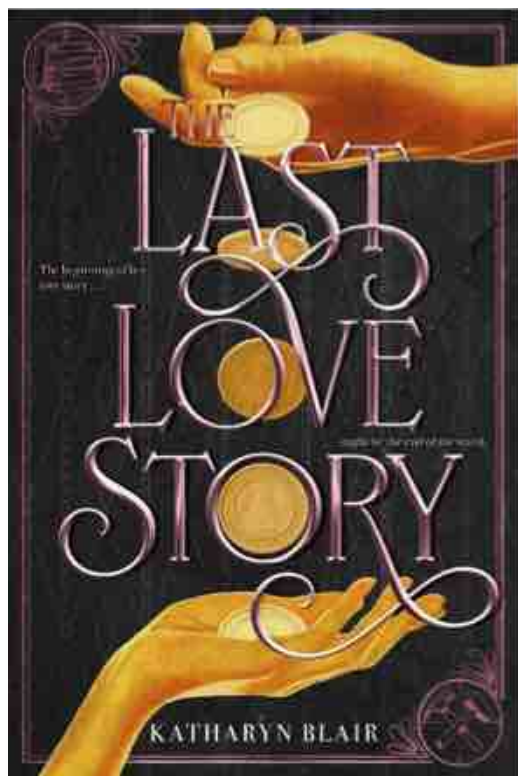
**THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF YEAR:** Despite what you may have heard, it's not Christmas. It's the last few weeks of school, when the sun is out and anything is possible—even falling in love with the last person you expected.

**REMEMBER LAST FALL?:** This isn't the only seasonal romance to take place at Woodmont High—don't miss *Falling Into You* by Emma Harrison!

**ACADEMIC RIVALS:** Readers can't get enough enemies-to-lovers. Adding academia to the mix guarantees a BookTok frenzy.

**THE NEWEST AVON A PAPERBACK ORIGINAL:** Avon A is building an exciting list of trope-forward, deliciously readable teen romances at an accessible price point.

**DON'T LET FALL HAVE ALL THE FUN:** We all love a fall romance, but spring deserves some love, too! This story is a breath of fresh, floral air after pumpkin spice season.



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#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Katharyn Blair** is the author of *The Hushed (A Haunt for Jackals)*, *Unchosen*, and *The Beckoning Shadow* and screenwriter of "Loki" Season 2 and "Daredevil: Born Again." She's been a social media coordinator for several films at 20th Century Fox, an intern at her city's Parks and Recreation Department, a gymnastics coach, and a writing professor at Azusa Pacific University.

# THE LAST LOVE STORY

by Katharyn Blair

Ages 13 and up , 240 pages, October 2026

***A tropey, soapy, twist-filled teen romance standalone set in a dystopian world perfect for fans of The Hunger Games films.***

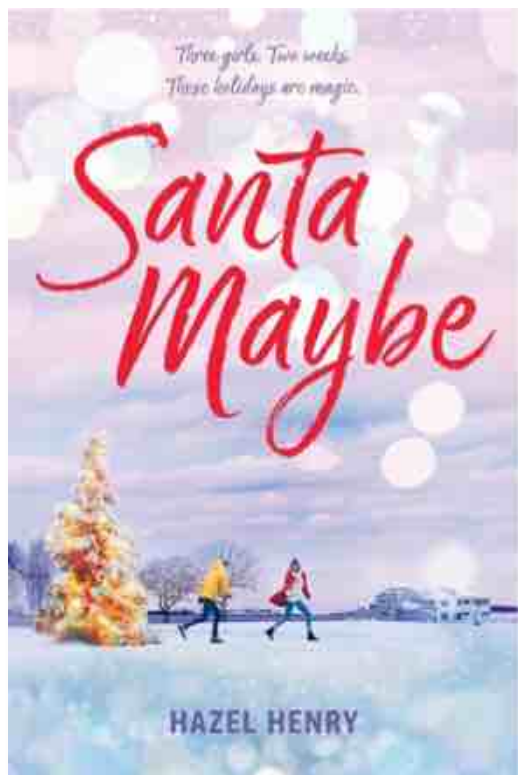
**ROMANCE IN A DYSTOPIAN WORLD:** This accessible read with soapy twists, cliffhangers, and love triangles is just in time for the current dystopian renaissance. Fans of *The Hunger Games* and *Divergent* films will love the crackling tension and romance tropes galore!

**LONELINESS, AI, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND CENSORSHIP:** This book explores questions that matter to teens: the role of AI; friendships and romance during an increasingly isolating digital age; extreme weather; and book banning. It also poses questions about politics and gently critiques extremism, with a message for empathy and finding a middle ground.

**LIGHT, SOAPY, AND COMPULSIVELY READABLE:** Under 300 pages, with short chapters and accessible writing by Katharyn Blair, television writer for Marvel's "Loki" and "Daredevil," this book is a perfect entry point for teen readers. The commercial package will also communicate the romance-forward content.

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:** "*The Last Love Story* is a twisty standalone romance set in a dystopian world, perfect for *Divergent* and *Hunger Games* fans who are mostly in it for the swooning. Written by Marvel TV's Katharyn Blair and edited by Sara Schonfeld, this one will have a commercial package and short cliffhanger chapters, and pubs right on time for *The Hunger Games: Sunrise on the Reaping* movie next year."

**RIGHTS SOLD:** Brazil (Ciranda Cultura)



### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Hazel Henry** spends her summers close to several beautiful lakes, though she rarely meets cute boys there. Her favorite warm-weather traditions are beach bonfires, sunset ice cream runs (strawberry, but only if it's with *real* strawberries), and lazing in the hammock with a good book.

## SANTA MAYBE (Book 2 of 2)

by Hazel Henry

Ages 13 and up, 256 pages, September 2026

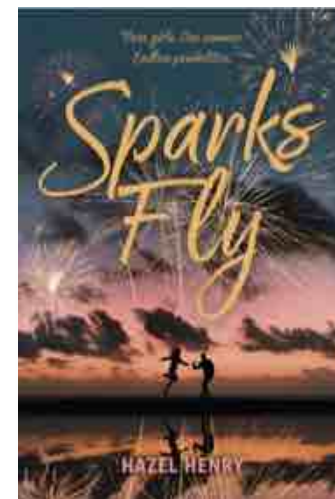
***The Holliday Girls* paperback original series is back, bringing Elin Hilderbrand-meets-Hallmark Channel sweetness to a Christmas festival (that needs saving!), swoon-worthy boys (in sweaters!), and the best New Year's Eve celebration ever!**

The Hollidays are home for winter break ...Daisy used to love her hometown's Christmas festival, but now it just makes her miss her dad. Can Owen find a way to make it special for her again, even though they still haven't Defined the Relationship? Georgia has a nagging feeling that she's not where she's supposed to be. But she's spent her whole life making decisions based on other people—is she brave enough to put herself first? Maybe a surprise Christmas guest will help... Eden is determined to follow through (for once) on her newest creative endeavor, but there's no denying that she's off her game. Can she summon her old confidence back in time for a happy New Year? It's hard to write a wish list when you don't know what you want, but as long as the Holliday girls have each other, winter will be merry and bright.

**COZY ROM COMS ARE IN:** Readers who crave cozy seasonal romcoms like *The Pumpkin Spice Café* but also want teen characters and lower spice will love THE HOLLIDAY GIRLS!

**PERFECT CHRISTMAS READ:** Hallmark Channel fans will devour this festive story filled with fairy lights, candy canes, and the spirit of giving.

**RIGHTS SOLD for SANTA MAYBE and SPARKS FLY:**  
French (Editions Milan)



Book 1, September 2025

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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Julie Kagawa** is the *New York Times*, *USA TODAY*, and internationally bestselling author of *The Iron Fey*, *Blood of Eden*, *The Talon Saga* and the *Shadow of the Fox* series. Born in Sacramento, she has been a bookseller and an animal trainer and enjoys reading, painting, playing in her garden and training in martial arts. She lives in Kentucky with her husband and a plethora of pets.

**The New York Times**  
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

# FATECHASER

by Julie Kagawa

Ages 14 and up, xx pages, Pub April 2027

***The world of Fateless as you've never seen it before! This digital-only novella immerses readers in a thrilling prequel from wildly popular author Julie Kagawa.***

**FUN, THRILLING ADVENTURE:** This interlude is a tonal delight, following the cheeky, devil-may-care fan favorite character Halek on an adventure through Kovass prior to *Fateless*.

**A PREQUEL NOVELLA FOR ANYONE:** Set before *Fateless* begins, this story is perfect for new fans and returning alike, though knowing fans will appreciate all of the easter eggs and surprise meetings Julie has hidden in the story.

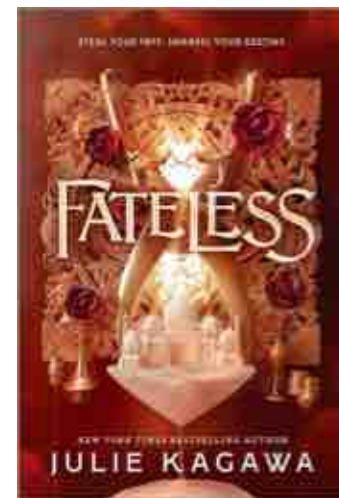
**ADORING FANBASE:** Julie's work consistently resonates with a wide mix of readers and adult crossover readers as well. She is very popular at book signings and festivals, has 30K followers on Twitter and actively engages with her intensely dedicated fan base.

**DIGITAL ONLY:** This novella will be published in the digital space only (EPB and DA), making it an accessible story for all readers, a potential promo tool, and a fantastic way to whet readers' appetites before the release of the final book in the *Fateless* series in S27.

**PERFECT FOR FANS OF:** *Silver in the Bone*, *The Truthwitch*, and *An Ember in the Ashes*.

**RIGHTS SOLD for FATELESS:** Dutch (Harper Holland); German (Harper Germany); Polish (Fabryka Słów); UK (HQ); Ukraine (Fabula)

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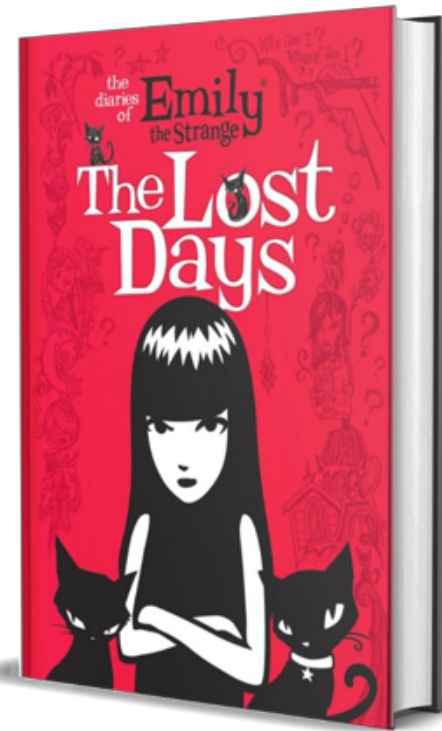
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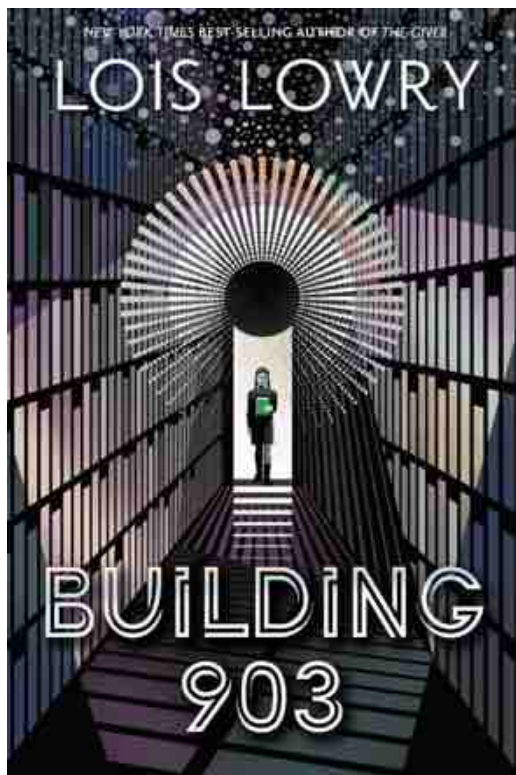
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# MIDDLE GRADE

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#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Lois Lowry** is the author of more than fifty books for children and young adults, including the *New York Times* bestselling Giver Quartet and the popular Anastasia Krupnik series. She has received countless honors, among them the *Boston Globe-Horn Book Award*, the Mark Twain Award. She received Newbery Medals for two of her novels, *Number the Stars* and *The Giver*.

## BUILDING 903

by Lois Lowry

Ages 8 - 12, 208 pages, September 2026

*In the tradition of her bestselling, award-winning phenomenon, **The Giver**, Lois Lowry delivers a story about censorship, comfort, complicity, and the radical power of books to open portals and unlock our humanity through our most powerful tool: the imagination.*

Twins Tessa and Theo live in a world ruled by the tyrannical Koziris, where there are no dangers or rebels... or so they've been told. In this world, citizens live long lives, and while many hate Koziris, they are comfortable and safe. So, when Tessa's brother disappears, nobody wants to discuss it. But then Miriam, their 135-year-old neighbor bound for the retirement community, slips Tessa a key—not only to her brother's disappearance, but to the source of all real magic . . . books. As Tessa and her parents begin their search for Theo, Tessa learns that books not only tell us stories—they open portals and unlock our humanity through our most powerful tool: the imagination. Once that truth has been revealed, Tessa won't be able to rest until she has retrieved her twin and society itself has been transformed. Lois Lowry has crafted a narrative that feels at once prescient and eternal: in this world, the imagination is the revolution. Not only does *Building 903* sit in the same resonant space as *The Giver Quartet*, but it is also a profound addition to Lois's enduring body of work—and a testament to the strength and value of her voice, vision, and legacy.

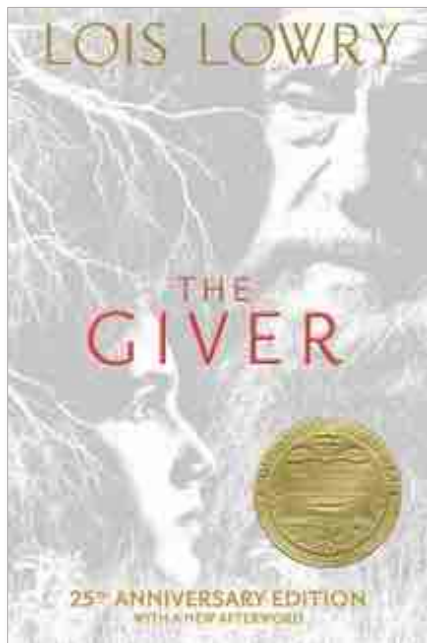
**THE GIVER FOR TODAY'S GENERATION:** The story returns to the dystopian genre Lowry explored in her Newbery Medal winning *The Giver*, with an entirely new world that reflects the frightening possibilities for a not-so-far-off future based on some of today's most dangerous challenges to society.

**INTERGENERATIONAL FRIENDSHIP:** A frequent element in Lowry's storytelling, *Building 903* also includes friendship between an elderly woman and a young girl, bridging generational gaps in a profound way.

**RIGHTS SOLD for BUILDING 903:** Italian (Mondadori); Polish (Nowa Baśń)

# LOIS LOWRY

Bestselling author **Lois Lowry** has received countless honors, along with Newbery Medals for two of her novels, *Number the Stars* and *The Giver*.



**THE GIVER**  
by Lois Lowry

Ages 8–12, 192 pages, April 1993

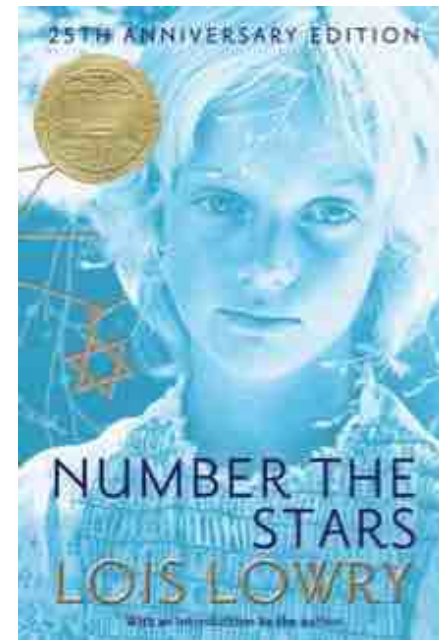
*The Giver*, Lois Lowry's Newbery Medal-winning novel, has become one of the most influential books of our time. Placed on countless reading lists and curricula, translated into more than forty languages, and made into a feature film, *The Giver* is a modern classic.



### INTERNATIONAL STAR

Lois Lowry has been **translated in 46 languages**, with current licenses in **Arabic** (Al Khan); **Armenian** (Zangak); **Catalan** (PRH); **Chinese-Complex** (Eastern); **Chinese-Simplified** (Beijing Cheerful); **Czech** (Argo); **French** (L'ecole); **German** (Deutscher Taschenbuch); **Greek** (Papadopoulos); **Hungarian** (Central); **Italian** (Mondadori); **Japanese** (Hyoronsha); **Korean** (BIR); **Lithuanian** (Alma Littera); **Polish** (Nowa Basn); **Romanian** (Grupul Editorial Art); **Russian** (Azbooka-Atticus); **Spanish** (Planeta); **Turkish** (Arkadas); **Ukrainian** (Try Krapki)

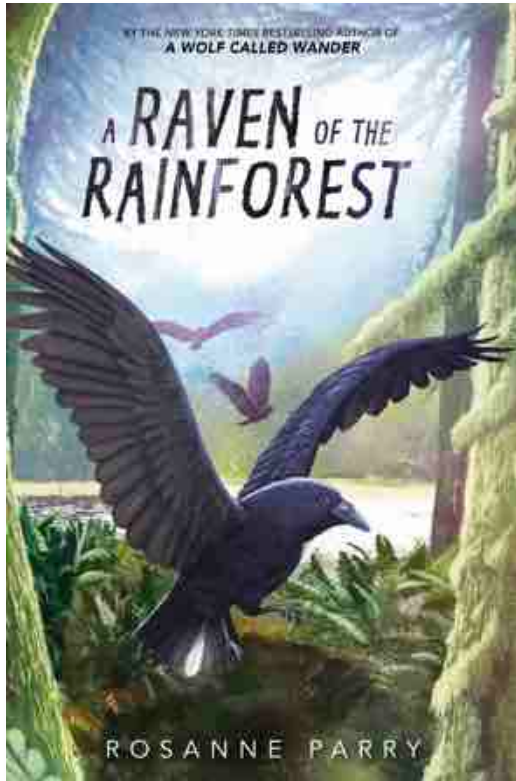
### LOIS LOWRY IS THE AUTHOR OF MORE THAN FORTY BOOKS FOR CHILDREN



**NUMBER THE STARS**  
by Lois Lowry

Ages 8–12, 144 pages, April 1989

The unforgettable Newbery Medal-winning novel from Lois Lowry. As the German troops begin their campaign to "relocate" all the Jews of Denmark, Annemarie Johansen's family takes in Annemarie's best friend, Ellen Rosen, and conceals her as part of the family.



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#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Rosanne Parry** is the author of the bestselling novels, as well as *The Wolf Effect*, a picture book illustrated by Jennifer Thermes. Based on rigorous research and inspired by the real animals, Rosanne's books are treasured by educators.

**The New York Times**  
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

# A RAVEN OF THE RAINFOREST

by Rosanne Parry, illus. by Howard Gray

Ages 8 - 12, 256 pages, October 2026

*A stand-alone addition to the New York Times and Indie bestselling Voice of the Wilderness Novels by Rosanne Parry. Westerly the raven fears she won't survive the prophecy she was born to fulfill in this enthralling animal survival story about destiny, leadership, and bravery. Includes a map and extensive backmatter.*

**BESTSELLING AND ACCLAIMED AUTHOR:** *A Wolf Called Wander*, *A Whale of the Wild*, and *A Horse Named Sky* are *New York Times* bestsellers as well as Indie bestsellers. *A Wolf Called Wander* was a #1 indie bestseller. Rosanne Parry's novels have been named to dozens of best-of-the-year and state award lists, have received numerous starred reviews.

#### PORTRAIT OF A FASCINATING ANIMAL:

Often portrayed as eerie and evil, *A Raven of the Rainforest* provides a nuanced depiction of ravens who are playful, curious, mischievous, intelligent, and develop lifelong family bonds.

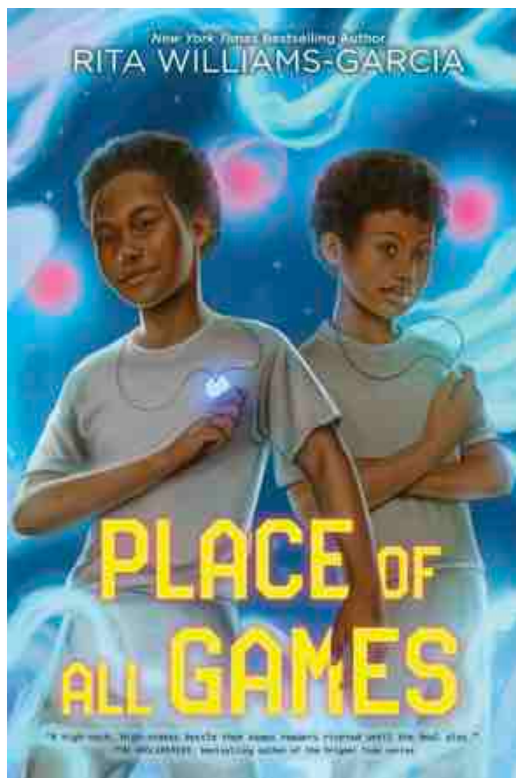
**STRIKING ART THROUGHOUT:** Features spectacular black-and-white illustrations on almost every page by scientist and artist, Howard Gray.

#### RELEVANT AND EDUCATIONAL BACKMATTER:

Additional information about the animals and real events featured in the book.

**RIGHTS SOLD for A HORSE NAMED SKY:** Czech (Albatros); German (Goppenrath); Hungarian (Pozsonyi Pagony); Romanian (Paralela 45); Slovak (Ikar); Turkish (Ketebe)





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#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rita Williams-Garcia's Newbery Honor book, *One Crazy Summer*, was a winner of the Coretta Scott King Author Award, a National Book Award finalist, the recipient of the Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction, and a *NYT* bestseller. The two sequels, *P.S. Be Eleven* and *Gone Crazy in Alabama*, were Coretta Scott King Author Award winners and ALA Notable Children's Books. Visit her at [ritawg.com](http://ritawg.com).

## PLACE OF ALL GAMES (Book 1 of 2)

by Rita Williams-Garcia

Ages 8 - 12, 160 pages, Pub March 2027

***New 2-book series!***

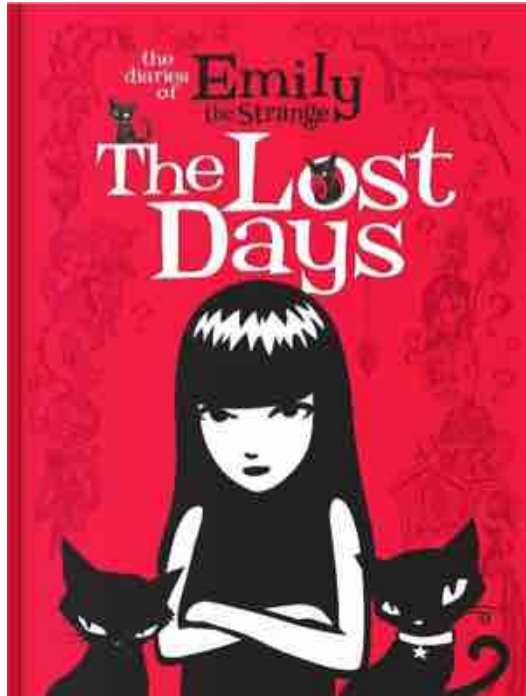
***Three children become involved in a world-altering game in the first book of an epic middle grade duology following in the tradition of *The Giver* and *Ender's Game* by Newbery Honoree and National Book Award finalist Rita Williams-Garcia.***

In the idyllic childhood place of Kumbla, Lows grow up with no wants, no danger, no parents, only endless games. But there comes a time in every Low's life when they yearn to test their skill and leave Kumbla for the Place of All Games—where there lies a challenge most are doomed to fail. Kili is one among these many failed Lows. But unlike those before him, he's returning to Kumbla, and with something remarkable: a second chance. Kuwan is unlike the other Lows, content to never leave Kumbla. But Kili's fate, and the fate of their world, rest in his ability to play his best game ever. In an epic tale of innocence lost and family gained, and a gripping meditation on the futility of war, Newbery Honor author Rita Williams-Garcia reminds us that while children may become pawns in the great games of adults, they should never be underestimated.

**HIGHLY DECORATED, BELOVED AUTHOR:** Rita Williams-Garcia's middle grade novels have become classics, receiving a Newbery Honor, a Scott O'Dell Award, two National Book Award nominations, and three Coretta Scott King Awards. *One Crazy Summer* has been adapted into a graphic novel format. Her YA novels have been a National Book Award finalist and a Coretta Scott King Honor Book. Her most recent YA novel, *A Sitting in St. James*, received seven starred reviews and won the Boston Globe/Horn Book Award and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize. Rita has long been recognized as a remarkable writer, one of the best of our time.

**AMBITIOUS DYSTOPIAN ADVENTURE:** This story builds on a strong middle grade dystopian tradition, with the resonance of *The Giver*, the action of *Ender's Game*, and reader immersion of *The City of Ember*.





**THE DIARIES OF EMILY THE STRANGE:  
THE LOST DAYS (Book 1 of 4)  
by Rob Reger**

Ages 8 - 12, 288 pages, September 2026

*Witty, offbeat, and lavishly illustrated in black-and-red, in this irresistible and markedly singular diary, Emily the Strange grapples with a wicked case of amnesia while on a mysterious mission with her black cat posse.*

[Click Here to Read Book 1](#)

**Originally sold in 20 languages!**

**RIGHTS SOLD for EMILY THE STRANGE: LOST DAYS: UK/ANZ (HarperCollins UK)**



**THE DIARIES OF EMILY THE  
STRANGE: STRANGER AND  
STRANGER (Book 2 of 4)  
by Rob Reger**

Ages 8 - 12, 280 pages, January 2027

*When individualist extraordinaire and genius inventor Emily the Strange accidentally duplicates herself, has she just made her new best friend—or her own worst enemy?*



*Animated Feature In Works From  
Bad Robot, Warner Bros Pictures  
Animation*

**Publishing Plan: 4 books,  
1 graphic novel in 2028**

**Repackaged for  
Middle Grade Readers**

**WEIRD GIRLS RULE:** For fans of Wednesday Addams, Emily the Strange is the ultimate weird girl and proud of it. Fierce individuality is the name of the game for this eternal 13-year-old, and DIY is her aesthetic—from her souped-up inventing lab to her motto: “Be your own hero.”



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#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Beth Ferry** is the *New York Times* bestselling author of numerous picture books, including *Stick and Stone*, *The Scarecrow*, and *The Nice Dream Truck*. She lives with her family in New Jersey.

**The New York Times**  
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

# THE SEA GLASS GIRLS

by Beth Ferry

Ages 8 - 12, 240 pages, Pub April 2027

**A gorgeously written novel in verse from *New York Times* bestselling author Beth Ferry about two friends who find themselves drifting apart as they navigate the stormy seas of middle school. Features sweet interior artwork and word puzzles.**

**BELOVED CREATOR:** Beth Ferry has many acclaimed and best-selling books, both in and out-of-house, including *Stick and Stone*, *The Scarecrow*, and *Growing Home*.

**PERFECT BEACH READ:** Much of this story is filled with imagery re: beach, waves, and wind—making it a perfect read for a beach day or beyond.

**APPEALING PACKAGE WITH INTERIOR ART:** Shades of sea glass and delicate spot art will round out this hard to resist, whimsical book about a friendship.

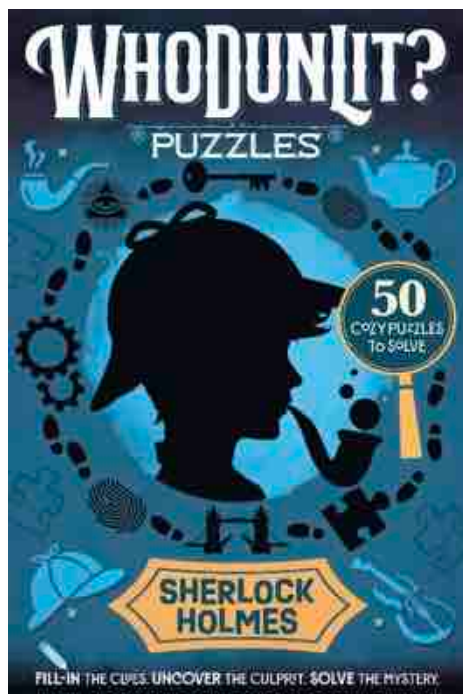
**POPULAR AUTHOR OF GROWING HOME:** Beth's first novel published last year, *Growing Home*, struck a chord with readers, was a Kids' Indie Next List Pick, a Barnes and Noble Book of the Year, and an instant *New York Times* bestseller.

**MORE TO COME:** Summer 2026 – *Turtle with a Toolbox*; Fall 2026 – *Flyer McTire*; Summer 2027 – *Turtle with a Toolbox Builds a Garden*; Summer 2028 – *The Busy Bus*; Fall 2028 – *Turtle with a Toolbox Builds a Cozy Christmas* and *The Snowman*

**RIGHTS SOLD for STICK AND STONE:**  
Turkish (Beyaz Balina)



Previous titles by Beth Ferry



## WHODUNLIT?: SHERLOCK HOLMES

by Maria S. Barbo

Ages 8 - 12, 240 pages, October 2026

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*The game is afoot! Grab your magnifying glass and step onto the foggy, gaslit streets of Victorian London in this puzzle-packed mystery adventure for all ages!*

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Maria S. Barbo is the #1 NYT bestselling author of *The Official Pokemon Handbook*, and other licensed books.

# WHODUNLIT?

by Maria S. Barbo

*The New York Times*  
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

*50 Cozy Cases to Crack*

*Uncover clues of varied difficulty using quizzes, word associations, brain teasers, word scrambles, word searches.*

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PUZZLE CRAZE**

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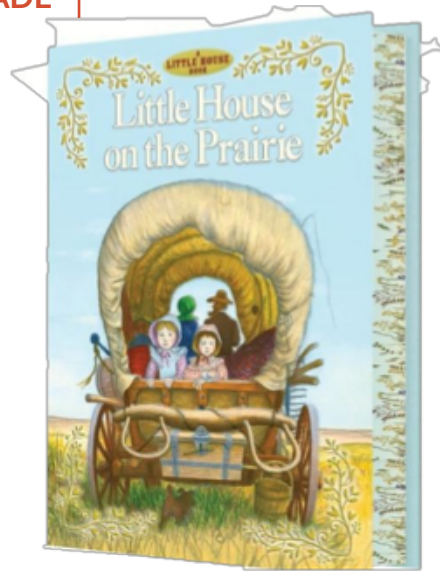
## WHODUNLIT?: JANE AUSTEN

by Tracey West

Ages 8 - 12, 240 pages, October 2026

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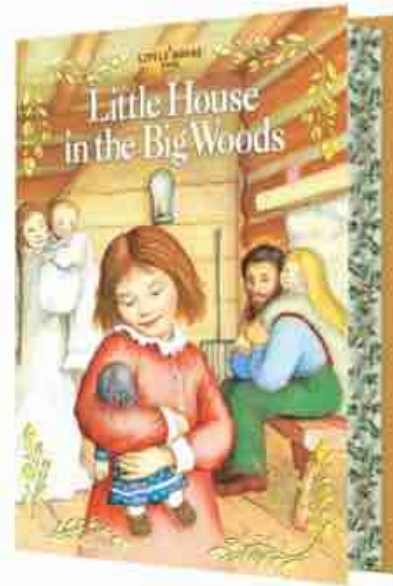
*Calling all readers with a flair for manners and mystery! In this charming puzzle book, kids will step into Jane Austen's world of balls, bonnets, and secrets, solving 50 clever puzzles.*



# NETFLIX

***This July, Netflix will be releasing a new adaptation of Little House on the Prairie***

***73 million copies sold across the series***



## LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE DELUXE EDITION #1

Ages 8 - 12, 272 pages, August 2026

***A gorgeous deluxe edition of Little House on the Prairie from Laura Ingalls Wilder's beloved Little House series. Features an uncoated jacket with raised spot gloss, beautiful digital edges, four-color endpapers, and Garth Williams' classic interior art.***

## LITTLE HOUSE IN THE BIG WOODS DELUXE EDITION #2

Ages 8 - 12, 352 pages, August 2026

**LITTLE HOUSE, BIG LEGACY:** For over 90 years, the Little House books have charmed countless generations of readers with the life and story of the original pioneer girl, Laura Ingalls Wilder. The original nine novels have sold more than 73 million copies. These gorgeous deluxe editions will reach a whole new generation of readers, alongside the upcoming Netflix adaptation of *Little House on the Prairie*.

**MORE LITTLE HOUSE:** There's more to come in the Little House pipeline, including two chapter book bind-ups on our S26 list, and a deluxe edition of *Little House on the Prairie* also on this list. *Little House in the Big Woods* is also being included in the HarperCollins American Classics line of books to celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary, with a new edition publishing in S26. Stay tuned for more!

**RIGHTS SOLD:** Chinese (Echo); Czech (Albatros); Danish (SKE Boghandl); Dutch (Ploegsma); English UK/ANZ (Egmont UK); Estonian (Eesti Raamat Ou); Finnish (Tammi); French (Flammarion); German (Carl Ueberreuter); Italian (Carlo Gallucci); Japanese (Fukuinkan Shoten); Korean (BIR); Portuguese (Publicacoes Europa-Americana); Romanian (Anacronic); Russian (Melik Pashaev); Sinhala (Wijesooriya Grantha); Swedish (Tiden Barn Ochungdm); Turkmen (US Embassy Turkmenistan)



# Miller Family Series

by Kevin Henkes

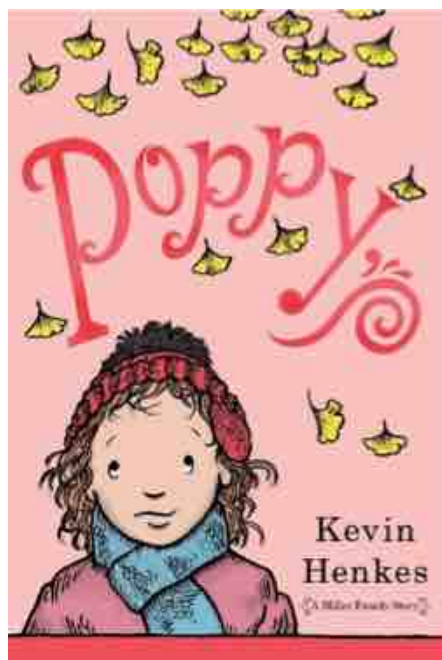
Acclaimed, Award-Winning Author



**NEW TITLE!**



*Kevin Henkes has been translated in over 10 languages!*



## POPPY (Book 5 of 5)

by Kevin Henkes

Ages 8 - 12, 256 pages,  
Sept. 2026

*A stand-alone companion to two-time Newbery Honor author Kevin Henkes's award-winning and acclaimed The Year of Billy Miller. Poppy stars Billy and Sal's youngest sister as she faces a perfectly imperfect Thanksgiving.*

**THE FINAL BOOK IN THE MILLER FAMILY SEQUENCE:** These five novels offer a complex, memorable, moving, and often humorous portrait of an American family.

**BRILLIANTLY CAPTURES THE PLIGHT OF THE YOUNGEST SIBLINGS:** Poppy doesn't always get along with her older siblings, but she does not like that they are growing up and growing away from her.

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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kevin Henkes has been praised both as a writer and as an illustrator and is the recipient of the Children's Literature Legacy Award for his lasting contribution to literature for children. He received the Caldecott Medal, Caldecott Honors, two Newbery Honors and Geisel Honors.



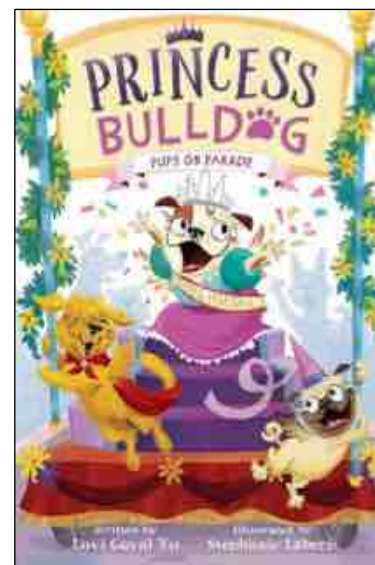
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### **PRINCESS BULLDOG #1: PRINCESS POWER TRIP (Book 1 of 3)** by Lovi Goyal Yu, illus. by Stephanie Laberis

Ages 8 - 12, 128 pages, September 2026

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*In the first book in this highly illustrated, paperback-original, early middle grade trilogy that's perfect for young and emergent readers, Princess Lola the pupasus (she's a puppy with wings!) balances being a good friend with the everyday challenges of running a pupdom.*

**LESSONS IN FRIENDSHIP:** At the heart of Princess Bulldog is Lola's relationship with her two best friends, Weezy and Leon. While the trio doesn't always agree, they model good communication skills, owning up to your mistakes, and forgiveness—perfect social-emotional skills for this age group.

### ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

**Lovi Goyal Yu** is a software engineer by day and writer by night.

**Stephanie Laberis** divides her time between illustrating picture books and designing characters for animated TV shows and films.

### **PRINCESS BULLDOG #2: PUPS ON PARADE (Book 2 of 3)** by Lovi Goyal Yu, illus. by Stephanie Laberis

Ages 8 - 12, 128 pages, Pub March 2027

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### ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

**Jessica Bravura**, also known as Aphmau, is the leading female content creator on YouTube and one of the premier gamers in the world. Jess has built her massive fan base through years of brilliant role-playing content exclusively on Minecraft.

**Michela Cacciatore** is a comic book author who has collaborated with IDW, Lorcana, Disney, and Soleil, among others. Author of *Hades. I'm the End.*

# APHMAU: GAME ON!

by Aphmau, Michela Cacciatore

Ages 8 - 12, 112 pages, November 2026

**Make your way through puzzles, mazes, and so much more in the brand-new four-color activity book that's inspired by the world of Aphmau, a top female creator online!**

**AN ONLINE FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH:** With over 24 million YouTube subscribers and an average of well over 1 million views per video, calling Aphmau popular is an understatement.

**GAMING IS FOR GIRLS:** Aphmau is the most popular female Minecraft YouTuber, and one of the most streamed girl gamers ever. Considering so many gaming YouTube accounts are geared toward boys (or run by boys), Aphmau is a standout star in a sea of men.

**BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** With the massive success of Aphmau's first graphic novel, this activity book is perfect for fans who are eager for more Aphmau fun.

**HOURS OF ACTIVITIES:** This full-color book includes 112 pages of word searches, mazes, draw-it-yourself pages, and other engaging activities. It's a fun educational adventure that's perfectly tailored for Aphmau fans.

**PORTABLE AND PERFECT TO TAKE ON THE GO:** The paperback format and smaller trim size makes this activity book perfect for bringing along on car trips, vacations, and more!

### SOCIAL MEDIA STATS:

YouTube - Aphmau: 24.2m

YouTube – Aphmau Shuki: 3.8m

YouTube – Jessica Bravura: 1.4m

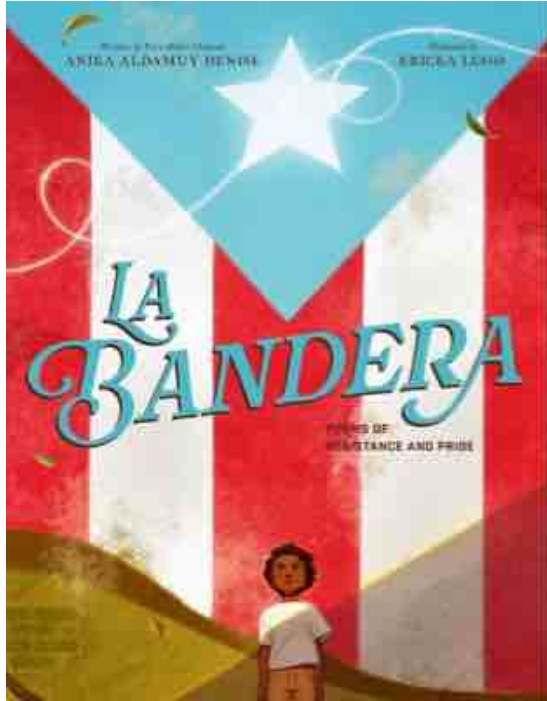
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June 2025

**RIGHTS SOLD for APHMAU:**  
**SEARCHING FOR HOME:** Danish (Forlaget Carlsen); UK/ANZ (HarperCollins UK)

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*Children's Books*



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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Anika Aldamuy Denise** is the Pura Belpré Honor–winning author of *Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré*; *A Girl Named Rosita: The Story of Rita Moreno: Actor, Singer, Dancer, Trailblazer!*; and *The Love Letter*. A proud Puerto Rican daughter from Queens, she now lives in Rhode Island with her family. Visit Anika online at [anikadenise.com](http://anikadenise.com).

# LA BANDERA

by Anika Aldamuy Denise, illus. by Ericka Lugo

Ages 8 and up, 48 pages, September 2026

*From Pura Belpré Honor-winning author Anika Aldamuy Denise comes the riveting story of Puerto Rico, its flag, and its people—told in verse and accompanied by gorgeous full color illustrations.*

The missing piece of history you are about to read begins with a brave woman, a swath of fabric, and a spool of thread. Puerto Rico’s complex and deep history is woven throughout each thread of its flag. A symbol of opposition to occupation and injustice, la bandera represents the great pride of a people and its diaspora. Award-winning author Anika Aldamuy Denise’s lyrical poetry and Ericka Lugo’s vibrant art stitches together the deeply layered origins of the Puerto Rican flag in this poignant reflection on the island’s history from the 19th century to the present day. Available in a simultaneous Spanish edition, *La bandera puertorriqueña*.

**AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR:** Anika Aldamuy Denise’s nonfiction books have earned the Pura Belpré Honor, NCTE Orbis Pictus Honor for Outstanding Children’s Nonfiction, and the Arnold Adoff Poetry Award for Early Readers. Her nonfiction work has also been recognized as an Indie Next List Pick, Junior Library Guild Selection, NEIBA Book Award Finalist, and on many Best of the Year lists.

**INFORMATIVE AND COMPELLING BACKMATTER:** An author’s note along with further details on the historical context of each poem is included in the backmatter.

**PERSONAL CONNECTION:** Both the author and illustrator are of Puerto Rican descent and drew upon their personal connection to Puerto Rico’s history and flag to create this book.

**PERFECT FOR THE CLASSROOM:** For a middle grade audience, this collection of poems with full page illustrations is a great fit for classroom lessons that shine a light on history missing from the textbooks.

**ILLUSTRATIONS ON EVERY PAGE:** Vibrant and beautiful full-page art throughout make for an engaging read that begs to be shared.



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### ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

**Bill Harley** is a two-time Grammy winner. Bill Harley is a storyteller, songwriter, playwright, and author of picture books and middle grade novels. Find out more about Bill at [billharley.com](http://billharley.com).

**Macky Pamintuan (Illustrator)** Macky Pamintuan is an accomplished artist who lives in the Philippines with his wife, Aymone; their baby girl, Alison; and a West Highland white terrier named Winter.

# THE GHOST IN THE BOYS' BATHROOM

by Bill Harley, illus. by Macky Pamintuan

Ages 8 - 12, 160 pages, Pub Mach 2027

***Two-time Grammy-winner and storyteller-supreme Bill Harley mixes goosebumps and good fun in spooky-safe tales for young readers who like to be a little bit scared and very entertained!***

Is your homework haunted? Can an innocent-looking clam actually be a malicious menace? Which is more frightening: an ancient evil lord or a 16-year-old babysitter? Revel in Harley's take on the shivery popularity of campfire tales and his uncanny ability to tickle your funny bone while making your hair stand on end! Laugh-out-loud black-and-white art from Macky Pamintuan graces this irresistible collection, ideal for today's young readers and perfectly balanced between creepiness and comedy.

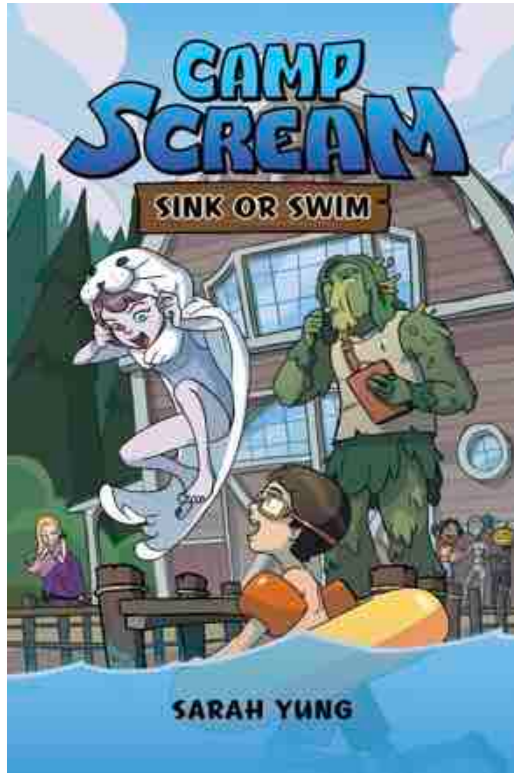
**BELOVED GRAMMY-WINNING CREATOR:** Bill Harley knows kids. As an acclaimed singer/songwriter and storytelling extraordinaire, Bill has performed for young audiences for four decades, honing his insight into what makes kids tick, what makes them laugh, and what makes them think.

**SAFE SPOOKY:** Middle-grade horror is in, but not all kids want to be scared. This collection of silly scary stories is perfect for young middle graders who want in on the shivery popularity of campfire tales but who could do without Goosebumps-level horror.

**HUMOR NEVER FAILS:** More funny than scary, hand this one to readers clamoring for funny books!

**RELUCTANT READERS REJOICE:** A breeze to read and deeply satisfying, this lighthearted text answers the call for younger, shorter middle grade. Well-paced black-and-white art adds to the accessibility of this terrific package.

**WIDELY APPEALING:** Chock-full of kid humor and supernatural shenanigans, this appealing book will have kids, adults, and even the monsters under the bed chuckling.



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#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Sarah Yung** has been reading scary stories, watching horror movies, and loving both since childhood. She earned an MFA in Creative Writing from The New School. A fifth-generation Californian, Sarah currently lives a bicoastal lifestyle, splitting time between the Bay Area and New York City.

## CAMP SCREAM #2: SINK OR SWIM (Book 2 of 4) by Sarah Yung, illus. by Laan Cham

**4-Book Series!**

Ages 8 - 12, 128 pages, Pub February 2027

*Perfect for fans of the Tales from Cabin 23 series, this monstrously sweet new young middle-grade series back for more and features black and white illustrations throughout. This second installment follows Max and his best friend as they get into spooky shenanigans at a monster summer camp where they're the only human campers.*

This summer, danger may be lurking beneath the surface . . . Max is finally finding his groove at Camp Scream among the ghoulish games, creepy creatures, and all. But there's one big problem: swimming lessons. His new partner? A selkie girl named Skye who really doesn't like humans. When a sudden storm strands them far from shore, Max will have to dive into danger and face his fears. Will Max and Skye sink or swim? With black-and-white illustrations throughout and just the right mix of chills and chuckles, this is one summer camp you'll never forget. Camp Scream #2: Sink or Swim shows that sometimes the scariest thing isn't the monsters, it's learning to work together. Camp has never been this creepy... or this fun!

**FUN AND A LITTLE FRIGHTENING:** This series is just spooky enough to keep kids on the edge of their seats—and full of goofs and hijinks that will make sure they're laughing until the last page!

**ASPIRATIONAL CAMP SETTING:** The first time you go to sleepaway camp is a milestone for many kids, and they'll love seeing Max and Kiana navigate it themselves.

**DIVERSE CAST:** Max and his family are Chinese American and Kiana is Japanese and Filipino American; the kids at camp also represent a mix of classic cryptids and movie monsters and creatures from mythologies around the world.

**SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING:** As Max learns how to make new friends and take new risks, this is a good title for relationship skills and social awareness.



# STINKY'S STORIES

by Chris Grabenstein, Alex Patrick

Ages 6 - 10, 96 pages, October 2026 (book 6)

*New from New York Times bestselling author Chris and J.J. Grabenstein comes STINKY'S STORIES, a hilarious and highly illustrated chapter book series that puts a stinky new spin on the classic fables and fairy tales. In the first of four titles, Stinky reimagines "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" into an outlandishly uproarious tale about underwear!*

**The New York Times**

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

**SERIES RIGHTS SOLD:**

Romanian (Corint Books)

**PERFECT FOR**

**RELUCTANT READERS**

These highly illustrated, digestible chapter books are action-packed, funny, and easy to read. Readers who normally struggle to finish a book will race to the end of each story to see what happens next.



[Click Here to Read Book One](#)

## ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

**Chris Grabenstein** is the multiple award-winning, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Mr. Lemoncello's Library*, *Haunted Mystery*, *Welcome to Wonderland*, *Smartest Kid in the Universe*, *Dog Squad* series, and more. Visit Chris at [chrisgrabenstein.com](http://chrisgrabenstein.com).

**J. J. (Myers) Grabenstein** is an author, stage actress, and award-winning audiobook narrator.

**Alex Patrick** was born in the Kentish town of Dartford in the southeast of England and has been drawing for as long as he can remember. He brings an element of fun and humor to each of his illustrations and is often found laughing to himself as he draws.

## NEW TITLE

**STINKY'S STORIES #6:  
STINKING BEAUTY**  
(Book 6 of 6)  
by Chris Grabenstein,  
illus. by Alex Patrick

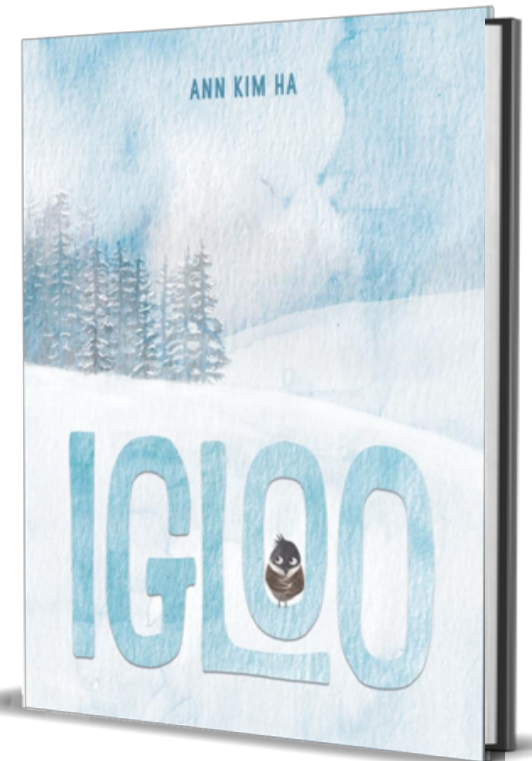
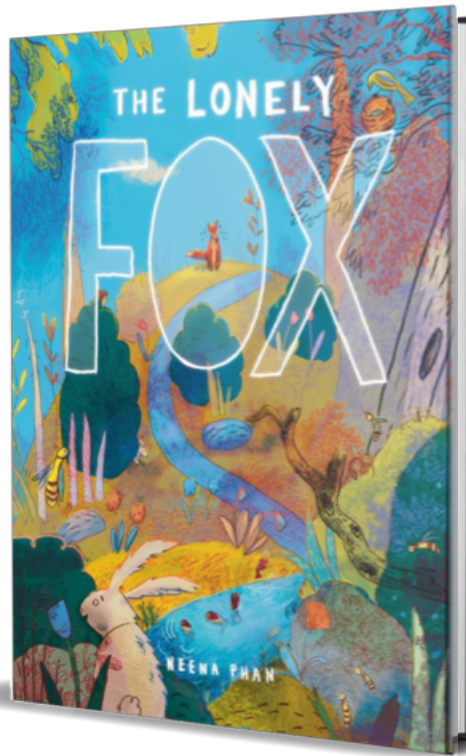
Ages 6 - 10, 96 pages,  
Pub May 2026

In the sixth installment of this series, Stinky the Skunk tells the story of what happened AFTER Sleeping Beauty woke up from her spell—and why she thinks the modern day 'stinks.'



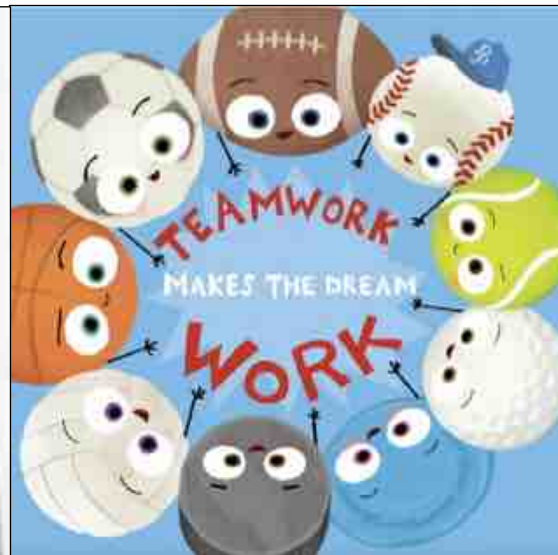
# PICTURE BOOKS

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**Let the games begin!**

**7 Books Planned**

**Publishing Plan:**  
Picture Book #2 – W28  
ICR Comic #1 – S28  
Picture Book #3– W29  
ICR Comic #2 – S29  
Board Book #1  
Board Book #2

# KIX: THE GOAL GETTER

by Pete Oswald

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub January 2027

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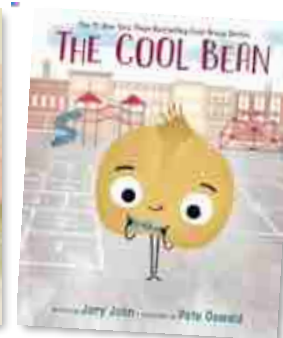
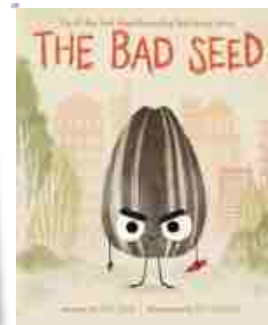
**The Player Pack kicks off with a bang! This is a brand new series is set to become a go-to for kids who love sports and parents looking for positive books for children.**

**ICONIC PETE-STYLE ARTWORK:** Pete Oswald’s instantly recognizable art style is on full display, blending humor with adorable characters. His dynamic and energetic illustrations bring the energy of the soccer field to life while capturing the emotional journey of the characters.

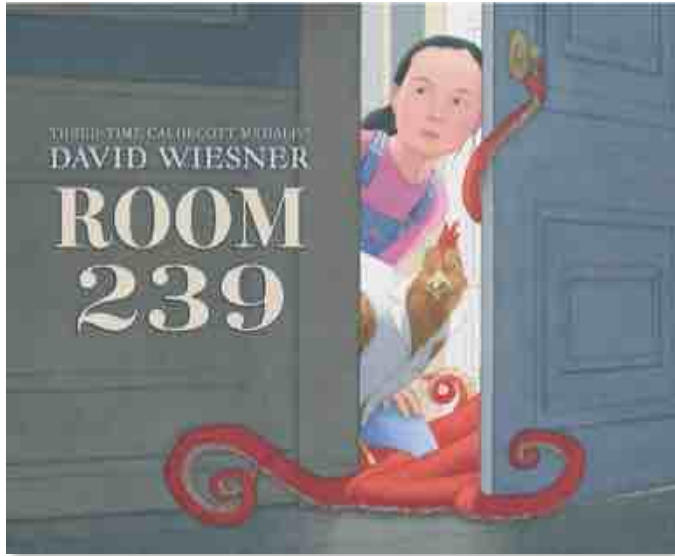
## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Pete Oswald** is an artist, picture book creator, and production designer. Pete is the illustrator of the NYT bestselling Food Group series by Jory John and the Cranky series, as well as many other picture books.

*From the illustrator of The Food Group Series*



**The Food Group has sold more than 14 million copies and has been translated in 20+ languages!**



## ROOM 239

by David Wiesner

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub February 2027

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The New York Times  
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR



*An engaging, thought-provoking look at how extraordinary ordinary life is when viewed through a creative perspective.*

**SUPERSTAR CREATOR AND MULTI-NYT BESTSELLER:** David Wiesner is the most highly decorated living American illustrator. One of only two people ever to receive the Caldecott Medal three times, along with three Caldecott Honors and additional national and international awards.

**RIGHTS SOLD for David Weisner:** **Chinese-Complex** (Grimm press); **Chinese-Simplified** (Beijing Cheerful); **Italian** (Orecchio Acerbo); **Japanese** (BL Shuppan); **Korean** (Sigongsa); **Lithuanian** (Apkabink Menuli); **Romanian** (Art); **Spanish** (Oceano); **Turkish** (Bilgi)

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**David Wiesner** is internationally renowned for his visual storytelling and has won the Caldecott Medal three times—for *Tuesday*, *The Three Pigs*, and *Flotsam*—only the second person to ever do so. He is also the recipient of three Caldecott Honors, for *Free Fall*, *Sector 7*, and *Mr. Wuffles*.



**EYE-CATCHING ILLUSTRATIONS:** Marc's airy watercolor offers visual humor, diverse characters, and imaginative settings (including outer space) that will delight children and keep them engaged on every page.

# WHAT A BIG YAWN!

by Marc Majewski

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, September 2026

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*In award-winning Marc Majewski's newest picture book, one boy's yawn sparks a hilarious chain reaction that sweeps through his town—before circling back home for the perfect bedtime ending. Impossible to read without yawning yourself!*

## Previous Works



February 2021



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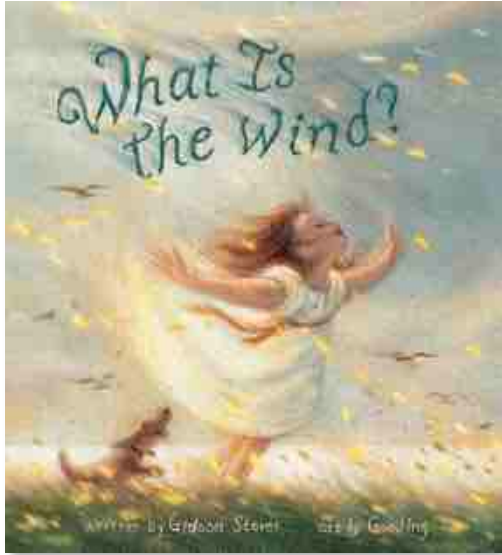
**RIGHTS SOLD for BUTTERFLY CHILD:** Chinese-Complex (Azoth Books); Dutch (Luitingh Sijthoff); Euskara (Ekare); German (Von Hacht); Greek (Dioptra); Italian (Il Castoro); Japanese (Kin No Hoshi); Korean (Sowonnamu); Portuguese (Vergara & Riba); Spanish/ Catalan (Ekare); Turkish (Redhouse)

**A UNIVERSAL (AND CONTAGIOUS) EXPERIENCE:** Everyone yawns! This playful story taps into a familiar daily behavior kids and adults instantly connect with. In fact, I feel a yawn coming on now—aaaaah!

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Marc Majewski** is a French illustrator. As a child, Marc spent all his time drawing, writing stories, and dressing up. Things haven't changed much since. He is the author of *Does Earth Feel?* and *Butterfly Child*. Visit him at [www.marc-majewski.com](http://www.marc-majewski.com).





# WHAT IS THE WIND?

by Gideon Sterer, illus. by Guojing

Ages 4 - 8, 48 pages, September 2026

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*From bestselling creators Gideon Sterer and Guojing comes a richly imagined ode to the wonder of the wind that explores its many forms in soothing, alliterative verse.*

**RIGHTS SOLD for IF YOU MAKE A CALL ON A BANANA PHONE:**

**Chinese-Complex** (Hsinex); **Chinese-Simplified** (CITIC); **French** (Albin Michel); **Hebrew** (Steimatzky-Tchelet); **Italian** (Editrice Il Castoro); **Japanese** (Hisakata Child); **Korean** (Darim); **Portuguese-Brazil Only** (Companhia das Letras); **Spanish** (Anima Llibres)

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

**Gideon Sterer** is a *New York Times* bestselling author who grew up in the woods of upstate New York. His books include *If You Make a Call on a Banana Phone*, *The Midnight Fair*, *I Will Read to You*, and *Treehouse Town*.

*The New York Times*  
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

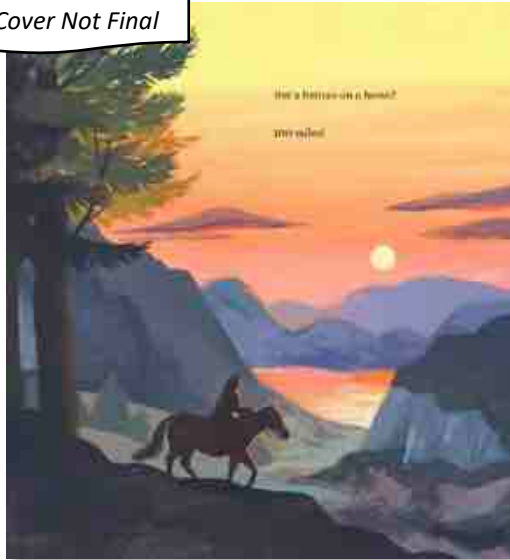


*Gideon Sterer's  
Previous Works*





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# HERE'S TO THE HORSES

by Gideon Sterer, illus. by Daniel Miyares

The New York Times  
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

Ages 4 - 8, 48 pages, Pub March 2027

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*This inventive nonfiction picture book is a love letter to an overlooked history-maker: the horse. Uniquely structured with galloping prose, a poetic look at how the horse has been as integral to shaping history.*

**STEM, WITH HEART:** This narrative explores how the relationship b/t humans and horses has helped drive scientific, technological, and cultural change—though not at the expense of a beautiful, easy-to-follow storytelling.

### ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

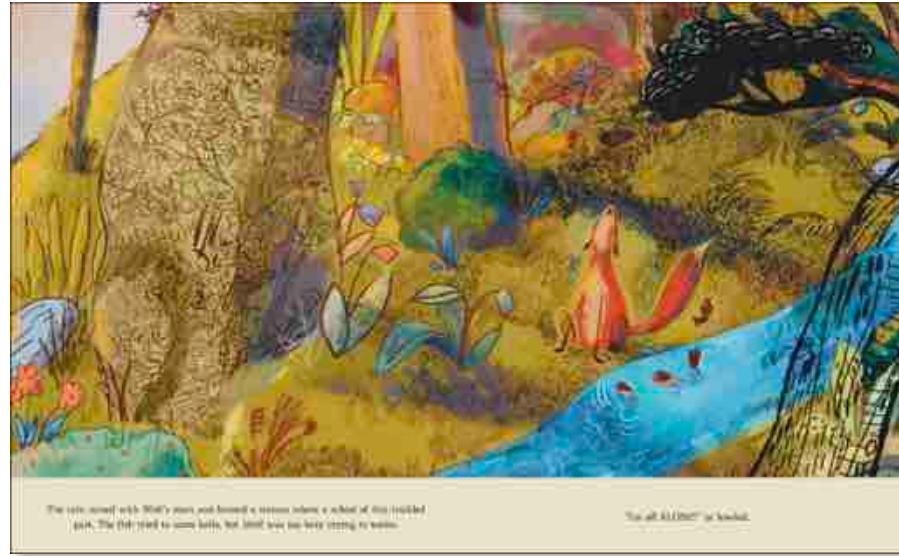
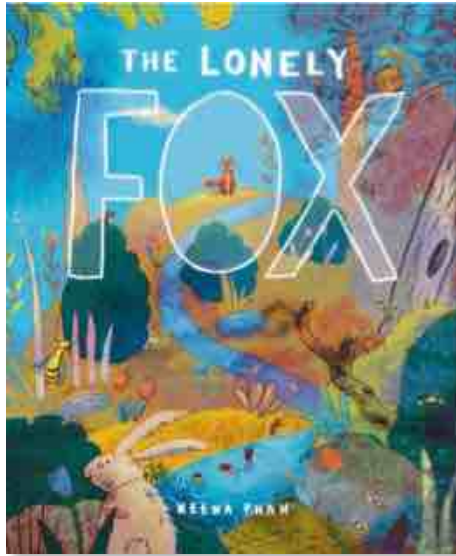
**Gideon Sterer** is a NYT bestselling author of *If You Make a Call on a Banana Phone*, *The Midnight Fair*, and others.

**Daniel Miyares** is the creator of *Float*, *Night Out*, *That Is My Dream*, and *Bring Me a Rock!*



*Gideon Sterer's  
Previous Works*





# THE LONELY FOX

by Neena Phan

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, September 2026

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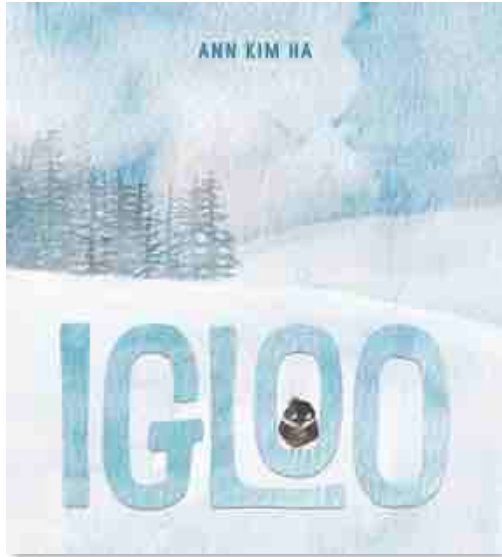
***Lonely? Crowded? Wolf the fox can't decide! Here's a tale for anyone who's ever wanted friends—and a little space. Perfect for fans of Grumpy Monkey and Mother Bruce.***

**DELIGHTFUL DEBUT:** Neena Phan's debut offers rich visuals and a fresh perspective that reads like a fable but is wholly original (and sparkling).

**NEURODIVERSE REPRESENTATION:** Our eponymous fox (named Wolf) deals with loneliness but also desires solitude. Neena Phan pulls from her own experiences with sensory overload; it's sure to be a conversation starter for those who need a reminder that they are wonderful.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Being a highly sensitive creator, **Neena Phan** loves to write for those who feel like they don't belong. And as someone who speaks openly about her mental health, she feels a deep-seated responsibility to write from the perspectives of neurodiverse characters, like herself—and just like Wolf, the lonely fox. Say hello at <https://neenaphan.com/>



# IGLOO

by Ann Kim Ha

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub October 2026

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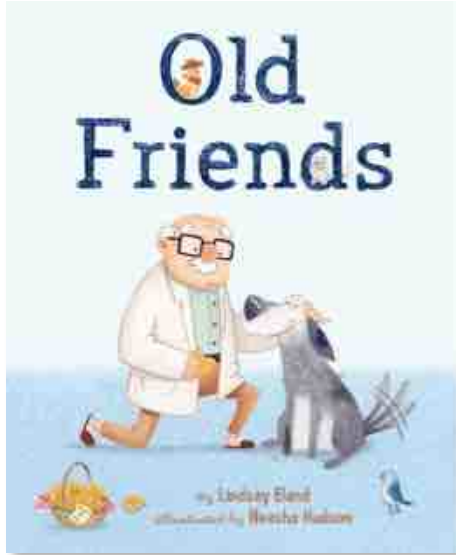
***Braving the cold is not as hard when you have friends to keep you warm. This gorgeously illustrated picture book about generosity and kindness by the acclaimed author-artist of A Friend for Eddy is perfect for fans of Cori Doerrfeld's The Rabbit Listened, Laura Vaccaro Seeger's Why?, and Jan Brett's The Mitten.***

**PERFECT FOR WINTERTIME :** A big winter storm, blustery wind, sparkling snow, and cozy friendship make this an ideal seasonal title.

**THEMES OF EMPATHY AND GIVING BACK:** When the other animals notice that Chickadee is in trouble they offer their kindness, empathy, and community support. Chickadee, in turn, offers to share her new safe and warm home with a family of mice.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Ann Kim Ha** holds a bachelor of design in architecture from the University of Florida and a master of architecture from the Harvard School of Design and is a founding principal of Behin Ha Design Studio.



# OLD FRIENDS

by Lindsay Eland, illus. by Neesha Hudson

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub April 2027

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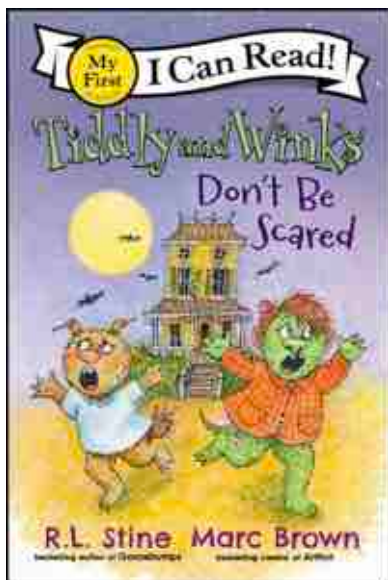
***A touching and playful ode to friendship and home where an old dog and an old veterinarian find their way to each other.***

**HAPPILY EVER AFTER ADOPTION STORY:** Inspired by the author's real experiences rescuing and adopting senior dogs, this story is a call to action and a tale of love and adventure. Readers will rejoice at the happy ending where Gramps and Dr. Ed choose each other.

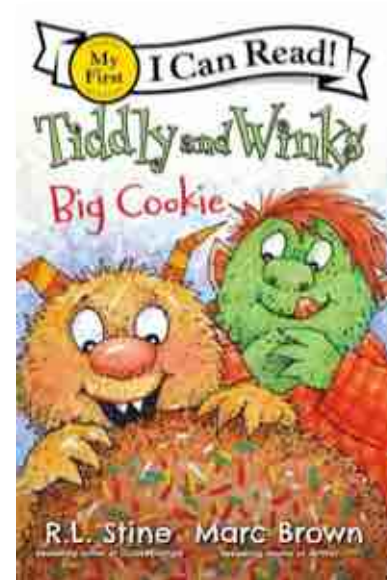
## ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

**Lindsay Eland** is the author of several middle grade novels including *Scones and Sensibility* and *The Summer of Sundays*, both published by Egmont, as well as *Six Times Revenge*, published by HarperCollins. *Old Friends* is her first picture book.

**Neesha Hudson's** latest picture book, *The Best Flower Ever!* is a companion to *Turtle in a Tree*, both published by Dial. She is also the illustrator of *Walk Your Dog*, and has illustrated for Parragon, Ladybug, Babybug, Learning A-Z, among others. To learn more, visit Neesha online at [neesahudson.com](http://neesahudson.com).



***New 3-Book Series!***  
**The New York Times**  
 BEST-SELLING AUTHOR



## **TIDDLY AND WINKS: DON'T BE SCARED**

by R.L. Stine, illus. by Marc Brown

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub Sept. 2026

## **TIDDLY AND WINKS: THE BIG COOKIE**

by R.L. Stine, illus. by Marc Brown

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub January 2027

***The bestselling children's book behemoths R.L. Stine and Marc Brown introduce their very first I Can Read in a new spooky-silly My First series! Monsters Tiddly and Winks are best friends. Tiddly takes it upon himself to teach Winks not to be scared of anything. Through jump scares, creepy critters, and more, will Winks learn the lesson?***

**MORE TO COME:** There's more Tiddly and Winks from legends R.L. Stine and Marc Brown coming your way! Tiddly and Winks I Can Read #3 is scheduled for Summer 2027.

### **ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS**

**R.L. Stine** has more than 350 million English language books in print, plus international editions in 32 languages, making him one of the most popular children's authors in history. Visit him at [rlstine.com](http://rlstine.com).

**Marc Brown** is a renowned creator of children's books, including the beloved Arthur series. His work has received numerous awards and honors. He is the creative producer of the three-time Emmy Award-winning PBS show Arthur.



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# HALF GIRAFFE

by Bob Shea

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub February 2027

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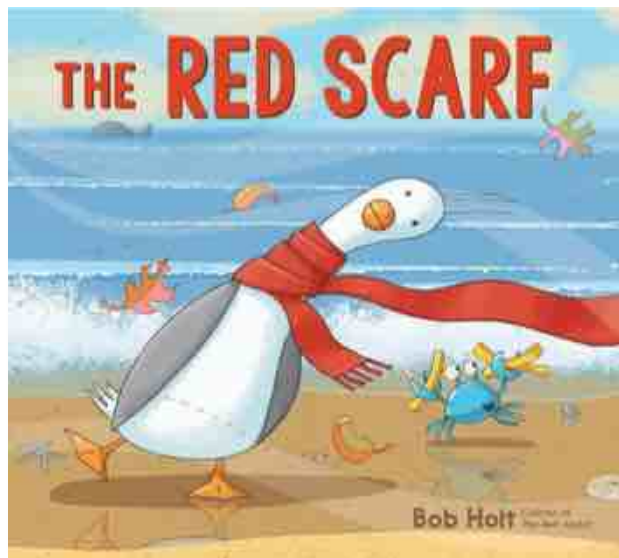
***A relatable, heartwarming, and witty ode to mothers and their children featuring an irresistible Momma and Baby Giraffe whose daily activities are filled with laughter, love, and a little negotiation. A perfect gift for today's parents.***

**MOTHER'S DAY AND MORE:** This sweet tale is perfect for Mother's Day promotions, as well as Valentine's Day, and is sure to be the go-to baby shower gift for modern moms.

**A NEW PICTURE BOOK CLASSIC:** With its laugh-out-loud moments for kids and its heartfelt resonance for parents, this refreshing take on the parent-child bond that celebrates both the joy and the challenges of caregiving is a must-have for every library.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Bob Shea** has created over a dozen picture books, including *Dinosaur vs.* and *Ballet Cat* series, *I'm a Shark*, and *Oh, Daddy!* His animations have appeared on Nick Jr., Disney Junior, and PBS Kids. Visit him at [www.bobshea.com](http://www.bobshea.com).



## THE RED SCARF (Book 2 of 2)

by Bob Holt

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, October 2026

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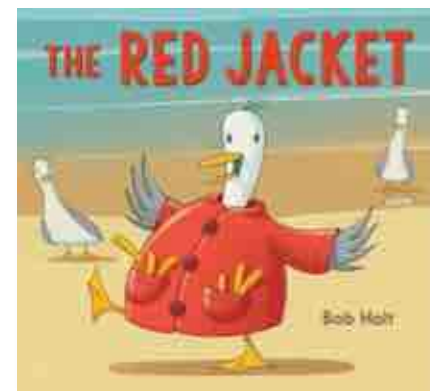
*Bob the seagull is gifted a red scarf in this hilarious and heartwarming follow up to The Red Jacket.*

**KIDS WILL LOVE THE AESTHETICS OF THIS BOOK:** Bob Holt's funny yet soft and warm illustrations and hand-lettering are perfect for young readers. Bob has a brilliant sense of comedic timing and pacing. The humor, soothing storytelling, and plucky ending make this an especially delightful read-aloud.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Bob Holt** has been drawing since childhood and had a long career as an illustrator at Hallmark Cards. *The Red Jacket* is Bob the human's fifth swanky cool book for children. Visit Bob at [www.bob-holt.myportfolio.com](http://www.bob-holt.myportfolio.com).

**RIGHTS SOLD for THE RED JACKET:** Chinese-Simplified (CITIC Press); Hebrew (Hatar Publishing)



Book 1, July 2023



## DRAWN INWARD (Book 2 of 2)

by Daniel Nayeri, illus. by Matt Rockefeller

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub October 2026

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*In this emotionally impactful pantom picture book from Daniel Nayeri and Matt Rockefeller, a young boy's father helps him navigate his larger-than-life feelings by engaging his five senses.*

**INVENTIVE STORY STRUCTURE:** Written and compositionally configured entirely in pantoume format, readers will be guided through different senses in a whole new way.

### ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

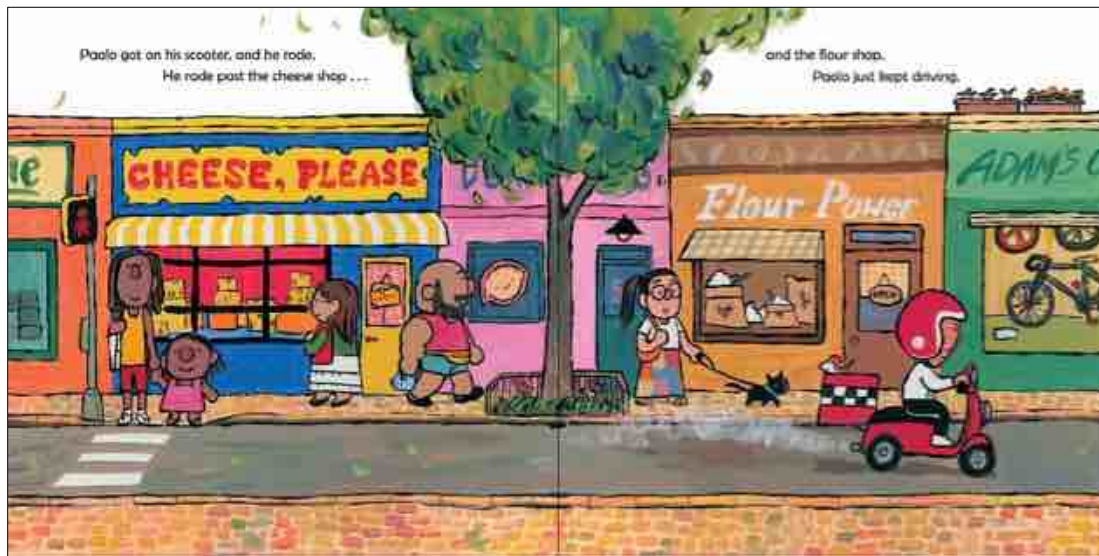
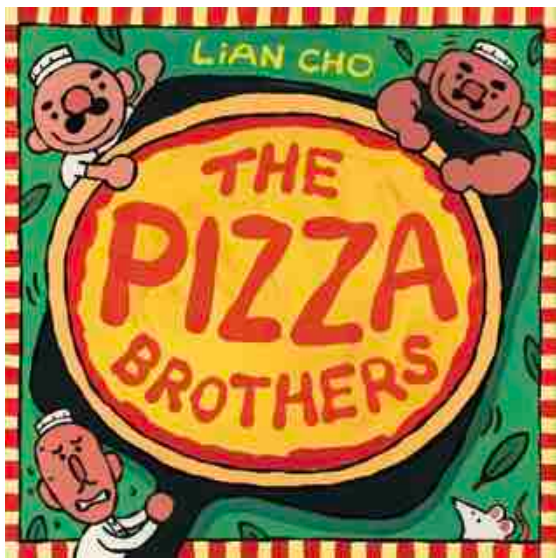
**Daniel Nayeri** is the author of *Everything Sad Is Untrue (A True Story)*, winner of the Printz Award, and *The Many Assassinations of Samir, The Seller of Dreams*, winner of the Newbery Honor.

**Matt Rockefeller** is a visual storyteller inspired by adventuring in the mountains, interpretive dancing with friends, and pondering the many wonders of the universe. In addition to drawing and writing comics, he creates artwork for TV and film animation.



Book 1, September 2024

**RIGHTS SOLD:**  
French (L'Ecole des Loisirs)



# THE PIZZA BROTHERS

by Lian Cho

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, September 2026

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*Lian Cho delivers another silly adventure, featuring three brothers and their plan to make the biggest pizza the world has ever seen.*

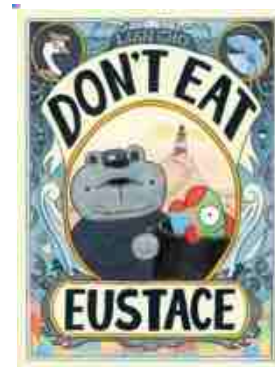
**A GO-TO COMEDIC AUTHOR-ILLUSTRATOR:** *The Pizza Brothers* takes Cho's humor to a whole new level and continues to cement Lian as a queen of comedy.

**BROTHERLY LOVE ON DISPLAY:** At the heart of this story are the pizza brothers themselves: Paolo, Antonio, and Alejandro. One of the most heartwarming elements of Lian's story is the strong, hilarious brotherly bond between them, and young readers are sure to fall in love with them.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Lian Cho is the award-winning author-illustrator of *Don't Eat Eustace*, *Pig Town Party* (recipient of the Society of Illustrators' Silver Medal) and *Oh, Olive!* Visit her at [liancho.com](http://liancho.com).



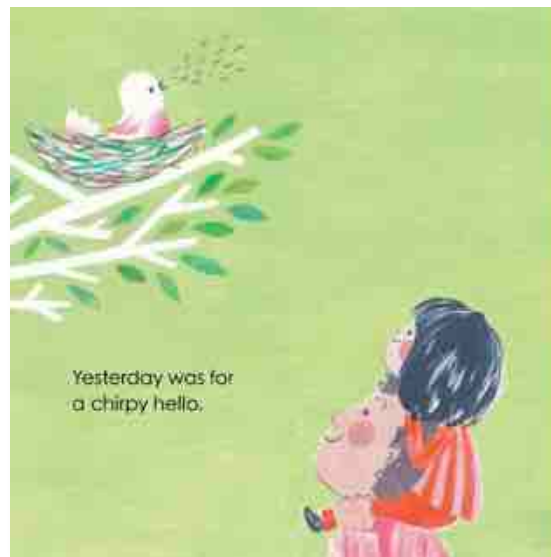
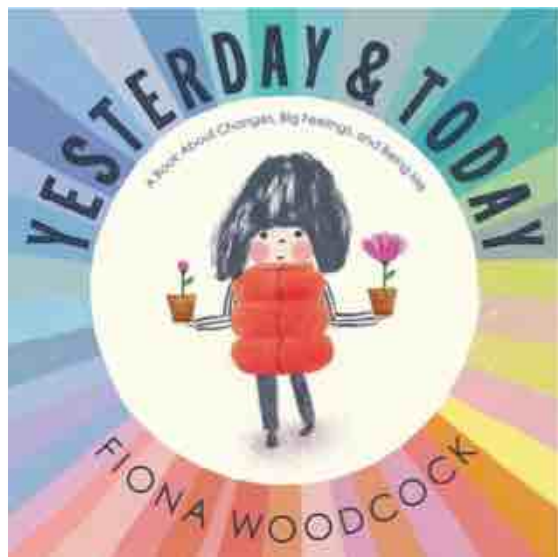
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# YESTERDAY AND TODAY

by Fiona Woodcock

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub Sept. 2026

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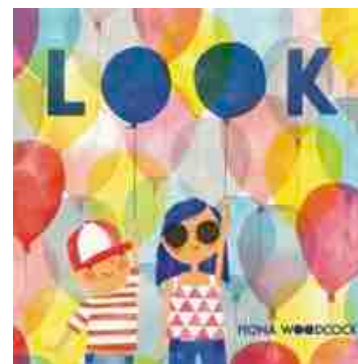
*Acclaimed author-illustrator Fiona Woodcock delivers a child-friendly picture book about transition, transformation, and the things that change and the things that don't. Yesterday and Today will appeal to those who love What Matters Most and My Heart.*

## A COMFORTING, AGE-APPROPRIATE CONCEPT BOOK FOR PRESCHOOLERS:

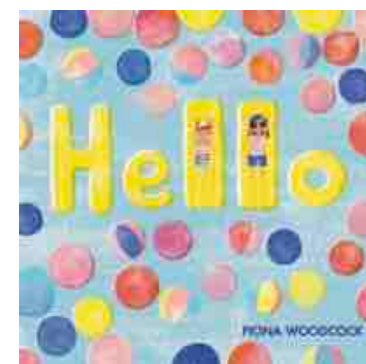
The concept of change and transition is an important building block for young children, and this book offers an excellent introduction to it.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Fiona Woodcock's debut picture book, *Hiding Heidi*, was nominated for the Kate Greenaway Award in 2017. Fiona was the recipient of a World Illustration Award for *Look*. Visit her at [www.fionawoodcock.com](http://www.fionawoodcock.com).

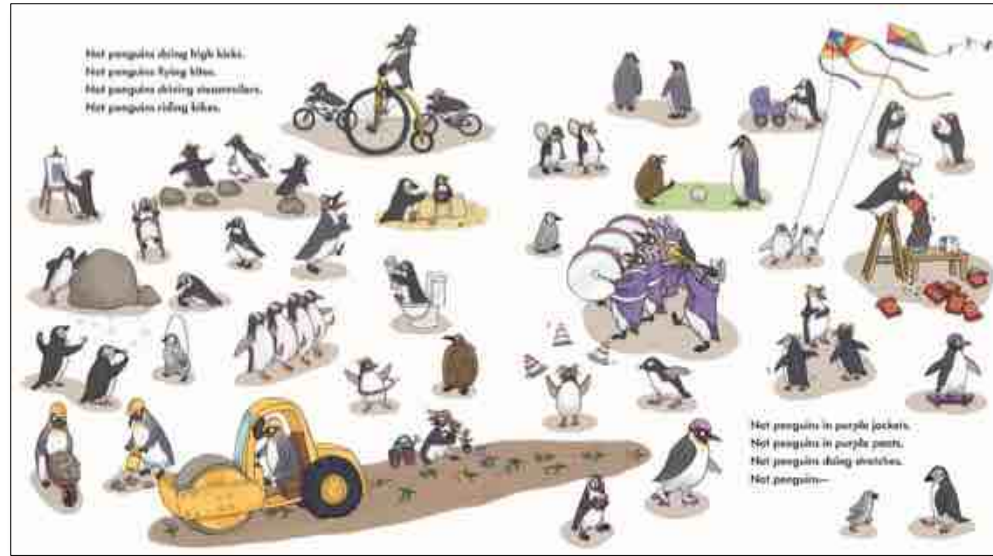
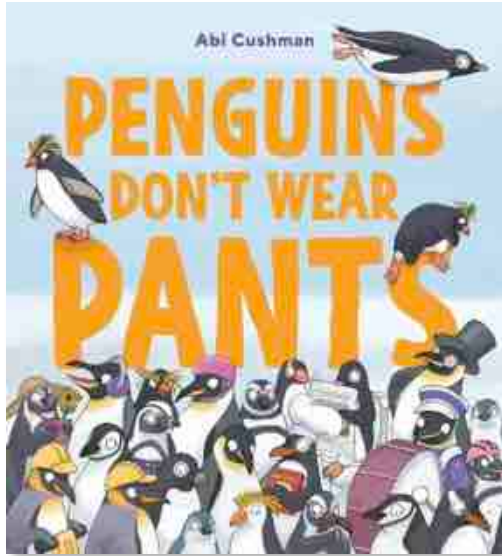


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# PENGUINS DON'T WEAR PANTS

by Abi Cushman

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub October 2026

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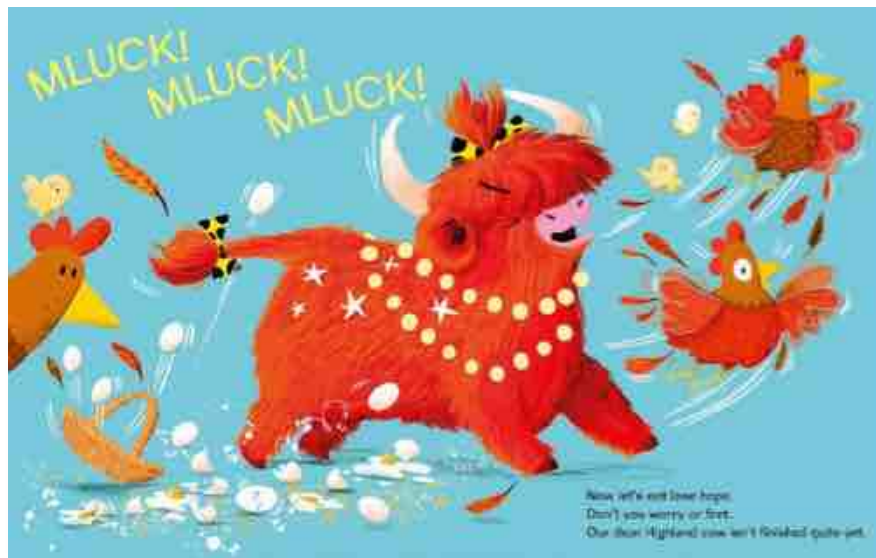
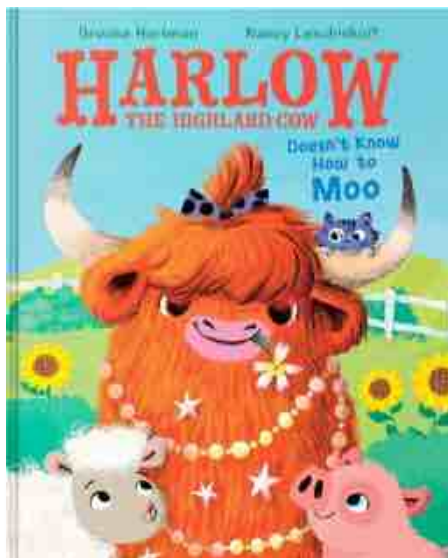
*Have you ever seen a penguin wearing pants? Abi Cushman's signature silliness is on brilliant display in this laugh-out-loud funny, slyly informative, wonderfully interactive, and unpredictable picture book that is custom-made for school, library, and family story times. For penguin fans and readers who love Where's Waldo?.*

**TRULY HYSTERICAL (AND A CLEVERLY EDUCATIONAL):** No penguin should ever wear pants. Not emperor penguins, not chinstrap, nor gentoo. Subtle information about penguins is hidden throughout the book.

**A STORYTIME STANDOUT:** Highly interactive, including questions to readers and suspenseful, humorous page turns.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Abi Cushman** made her picture book debut with *Soaked!*, a Kids' Indie Next List Top 10 pick. She is also the author of *Wombats Are Pretty Weird* and *Flamingos are Pretty Funky*.



# HARLOW THE HIGHLAND COW DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO MOO

by Brooke Hartman

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub Sept. 2026

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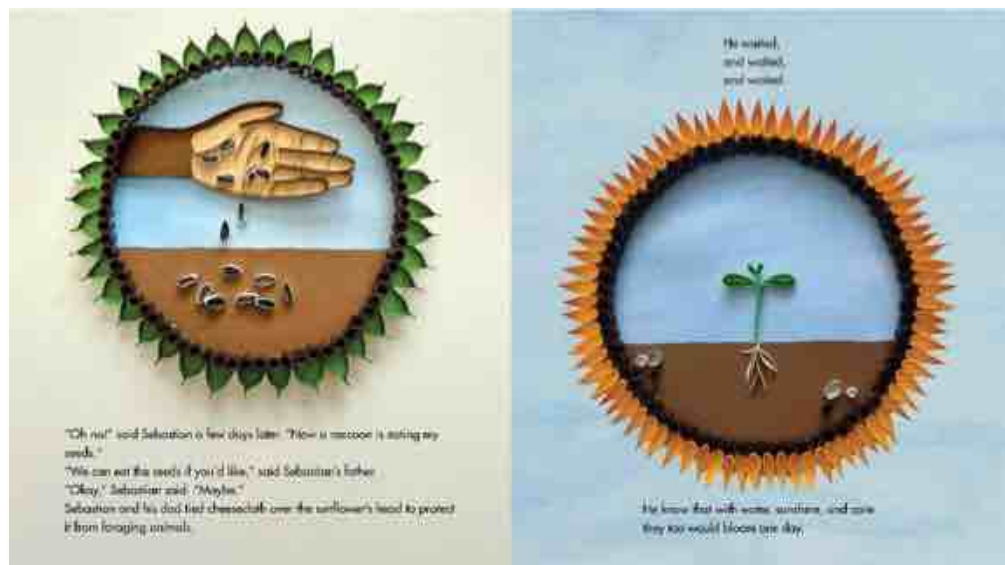
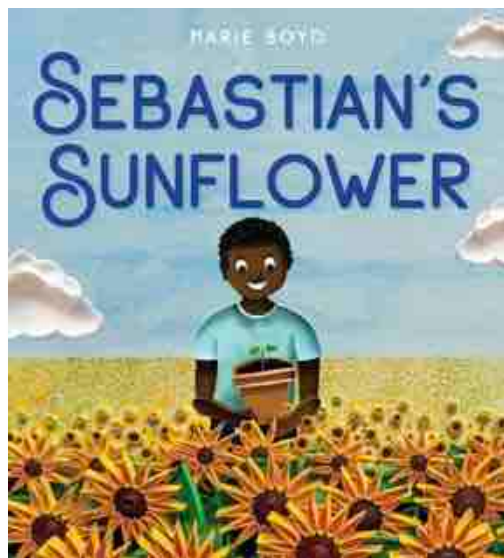
*Are you in the moo-od for a charming story that delights in being your unique self? This paper-over-board picture book with funny rhyming text is perfect for fans of Buffalo Fluffalo and Sleepy Sheeepy.*

**HIGHLAND COWS ARE MOOOOVING ON UP:** Consumer insights in late June revealed that searches for highland cows are up 16% from last year. Highland cows are sure to be the next craze. Just as axolotls took the world by storm, these sweet animals are sure to steal hearts.

**SERIES POTENTIAL:** This sweet book has potential to expand to new adventures for Harlow, maybe even a new character: her brother Scotty!

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Brooke Hartman** is an Alaskan mom who seriously loves to write not-so-serious award-winning books for kids. Some of her books include *Dream Flights on Arctic Nights*, *Cute Animals That Could Kill You Dead*, *Exca-Gator!* and *Klyde the Kraken Wants a Friend*. Visit her at [BrookeAHartman.com](http://BrookeAHartman.com).



# SEBASTIAN'S SUNFLOWER

by Marie Boyd

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub March 2027

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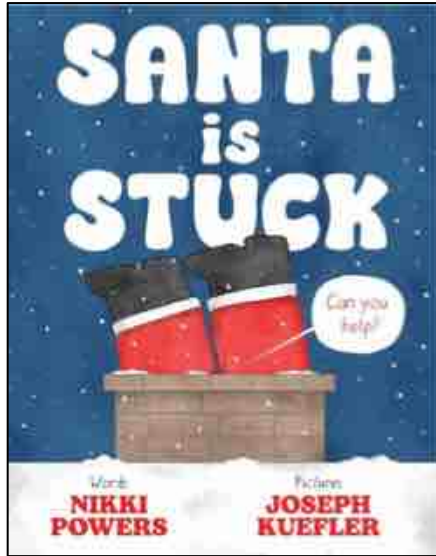
*Sebastian plants and cares for a sunflower in this STEAM-themed picture book about a family of gardeners and the life cycle of a sunflower. Bursting with seasonal appeal, creativity, science, and sunflowers, and illustrated with a cut-paper technique called quilling. Features backmatter including a quilling project.*

**EXTRAORDINARY QUILLED ART:** Quilling is an ancient craft still popular today, and Marie Boyd meticulously created each illustration out of hand-cut strips of colored paper that are shaped, layered, and glued to produce lush, three-dimensional illustrations.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Marie Boyd** studied chemistry in college and is currently a law professor at the University of South Carolina. An expert in cosmetics and food regulation, she loves spending time outside, whipping up new creations in the kitchen, and—of course—quilling! *Just a Worm* is her first book for children.





# SANTA IS STUCK

by Nikki Powers, illus. by Joseph Kuefler

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, September 2026

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*Santa is stuck in a chimney and needs the reader's help to save Christmas in this interactive holiday title in the vein of Press Here by Nikki Powers and indie-bestselling illustrator Joseph Kuefler.*

**INTERACTIVE CHRISTMAS READ-ALoud:** This clever and funny holiday take on the interactive, meta storytelling style popularized by *Press Here* is sure to delight young readers and listeners with every re-read.

**GATEFOLD SPREAD:** This book features one 8-page concertina fold (aka barrel fold) spread that brings the read to a whole new level!

## ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

**Nikki Powers** is an author of children's books. She lives in Minnesota with her family.

**Joseph Kuefler** is the creator of the Digger series, *Beyond the Pond*, *Rulers of the Playground*, *Pillow Places*, and *Bigger Than a Bumblebee* and the illustrator of *Night Is for Darkness*. Visit him at [josephkuefler.com](http://josephkuefler.com).



# FLYER MCTIRE

by Beth Ferry, illus. by Matt Myers

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, September 2026

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***From NYT bestselling author Beth Ferry and Geisel Award Honoree Matt Myers, comes a gentle, uplifting new classic about a race car tire that's been cast aside but finds joy and meaning through an unexpected new adventure and friend.***

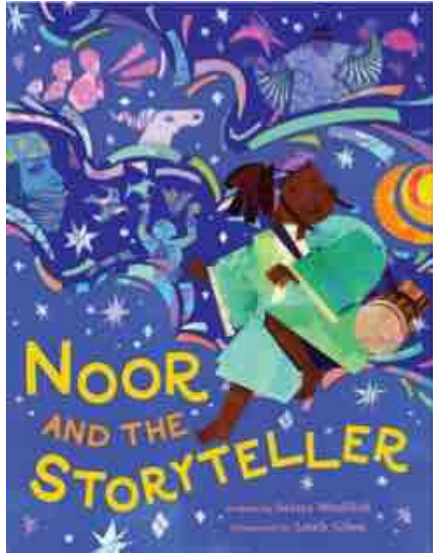
**A WHEEL POPULAR SUBJECT:** Buckle up! Vehicle books are always a hit.

**SUBTLE ENVIRONMENTAL THEME:** The subtle environmental hook about reusing and upcycling will make for good Earth Day promotions.

## ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

**Beth Ferry** is the *NYT* bestselling author of numerous picture books, including *Stick and Stone*, *The Scarecrow*, and *The Nice Dream Truck*.

After being programmed in fine arts and graphic arts at the Museum Art School in Portland, **Matthew Myers** functioned quite satisfactorily for twenty years as an advertising art director.



# NOOR AND THE STORYTELLER

by Seina Wedlick, illus. by Leah Giles

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, October 2026

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*An enchanting picture book about a young Nigerian girl who fills the starry, moonlit sky with magical tales—perfect for fans of Drawn Together, Nigel and the Moon, and stories by Matt de la Peña.*

**NIGERIAN GRIOTS:** This picture book celebrates the West African griot tradition, highlighting the importance and beauty of oral storytelling.

**STORYTELLING AS MEMORY:** When Noor realizes the storyteller isn't in the square and doesn't ring the gong or tap the drum, she innately begins to spin the tales he used to tell as means of remembering him and the broader history of the town.

## ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

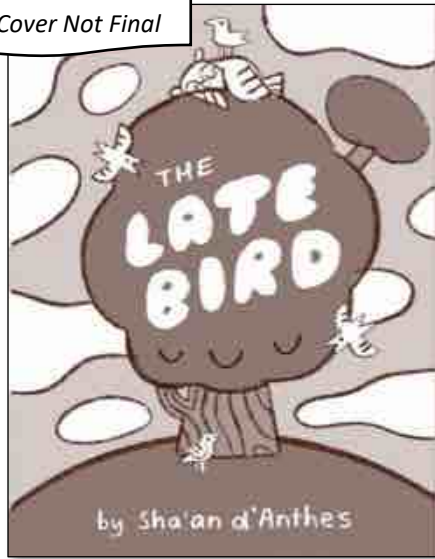
**Seina Wedlick** is the author of *Naming Ceremony*, *The Night Market*, and *Space for Everyone*.

Visit her at [seinawedlick.com](http://seinawedlick.com).

**Leah Giles** is the illustrator of *When Isaac Hears the Rain* and *The Fig Tree*. Visit Leah at [leahgiles.com](http://leahgiles.com).



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# THE LATE BIRD

by Sha'an d'Anthes

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub April 2027

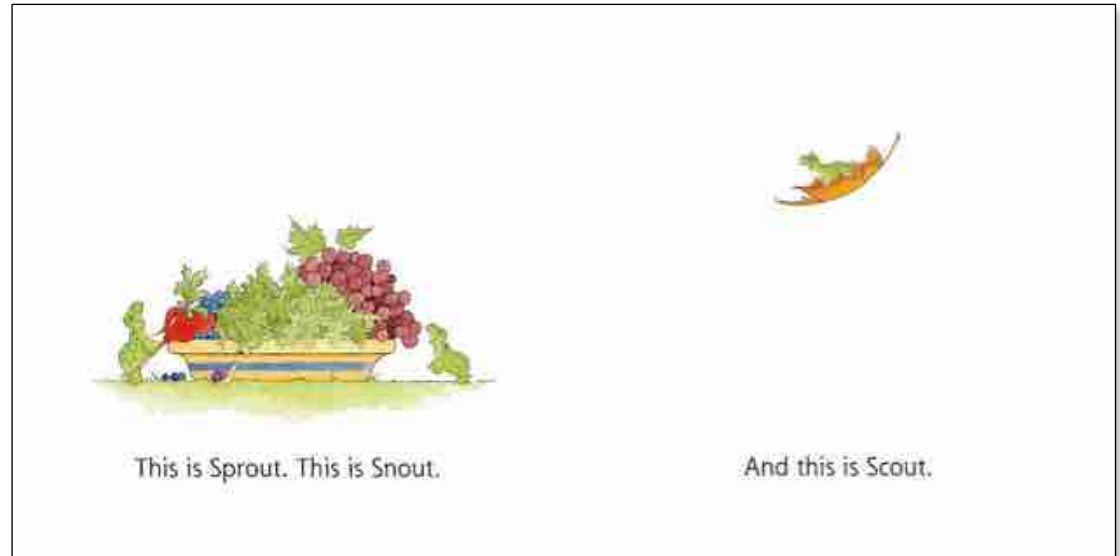
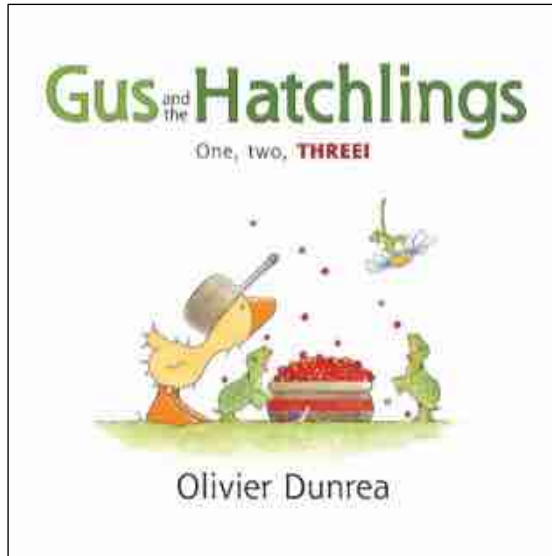
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*A charming picture book following an owl who embarks on a funny journey of self-discovery and learns to be comfortable in its own feathers. Perfect for fans of Mr. Tiger Goes Wild and The Knight Owl.*

**STAR ILLUSTRATOR MAKES HER US DEBUT:** Sha'an d'Anthes is a rising star illustrator with a devoted IG following. Her luminous, hand painted, glowing art has captivated over 300k admirers and she's the creator behind the viral "Peachtober" challenge!

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Sha'an d'Anthes** is an illustrator, visual artist and children's author who has a passion for creating vibrant and joyful pieces that embody a childlike way of looking at the world. Some of Sha'an's clients include Adobe, Samsung, Squarespace, Coca-Cola, Depop, Skillshare, The Sims, Levi's, Prime Video and Audible. Her childhood dream to "write and draw my own books" manifested with her debut, Zoom (2016), and then with Bandits (2020). You can find her on YouTube and other social channels at 'furrylittlepeach'.



# GUS AND THE HATCHLINGS

by Olivier Dunrea

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub January 2027

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*In this preschool-friendly book from the beloved Gossie & Friends series, three turtle hatchlings follow Gus every-where he goes! For anyone who loves to lead or to follow, this book celebrates both being a part of the group and going your own way.*

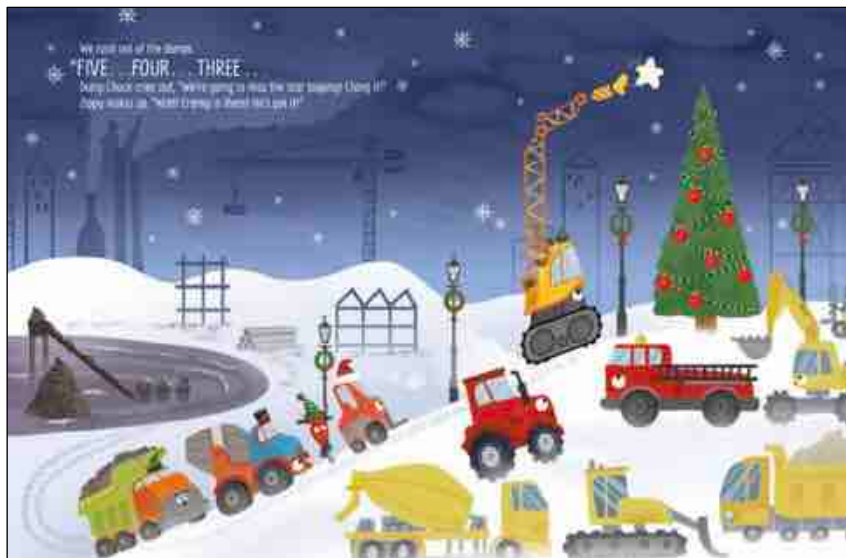
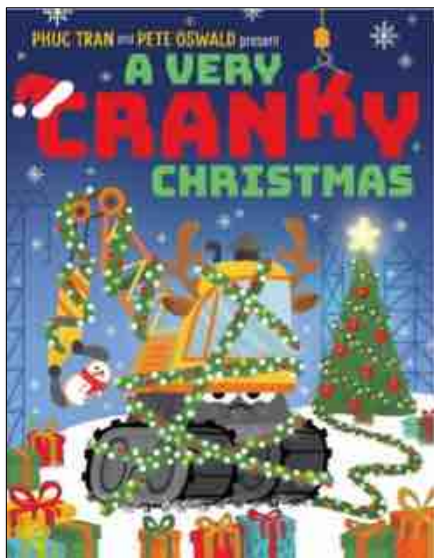
**PERFECT FOR PRESCHOOLERS:** *Gus and the Hatchlings* features the perfectly pitched storytelling and adorable illustrations so beloved by the youngest readers and fans of Olivier Dunrea's animal-centered series.

**RIGHTS SOLD for Olivier Dunrea:** Chinese-Simplified (Thinkingdom); Dutch (Gottmer Uitgevers); Hebrew (Keter); Korean (Froebel Media)

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Olivier Dunrea is the creator of beautiful and well-loved children's books.

*More in the Gossie & Friends series!*





**RIGHTS SOLD for  
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Color Culture)**

# A VERY CRANKY CHRISTMAS

by Phuc Tran, illus. by Pete Oswald

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub September 2026

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***Cranky isn't feeling the holiday cheer! Can his mood turn around before the annual tree lighting? Find out in the third picture book in the Cranky series!***

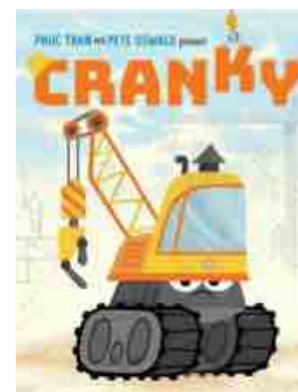
**THE NEW TRUCK IN TOWN:** This series is Bob the Builder for a new generation, but with more contemporary storylines. Young readers will race to read this story about a new cast of vehicles who solve problems, overcome obstacles, and manage their emotions effectively.

## ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

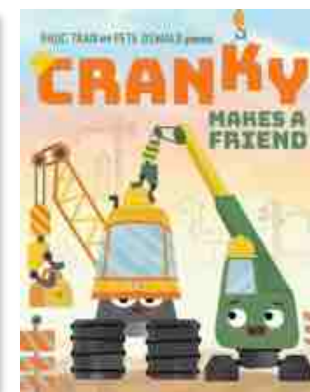
**Phuc Tran** is an award-winning writer, tattooer, and Latin teacher. *Cranky* was his first children's book. His memoir, *Sigh, Gone* was named a Best Book of the Year by Amazon, Audible, and others. Visit him at [phucskywalker.com](http://phucskywalker.com).

**Pete Oswald** is an artist, picture book creator, and production designer. Pete is the illustrator of the *New York Times* bestselling Food Group series and the Cranky series, along with many other picture books.

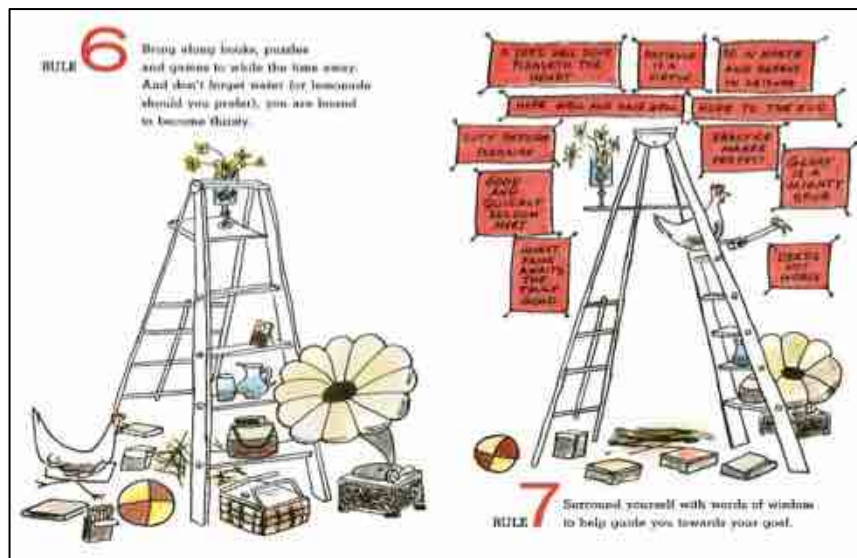
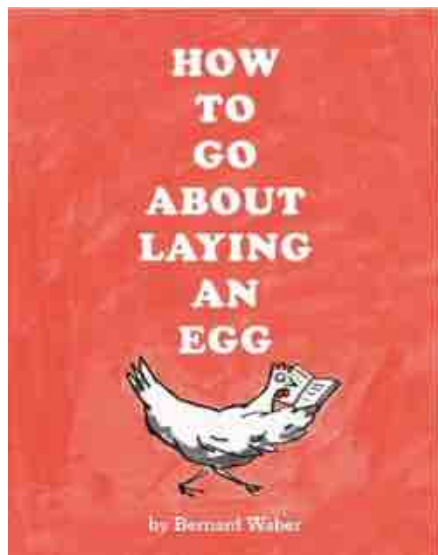
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# HOW TO GO ABOUT LAYING AN EGG

by Bernard Waber

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub February 2027

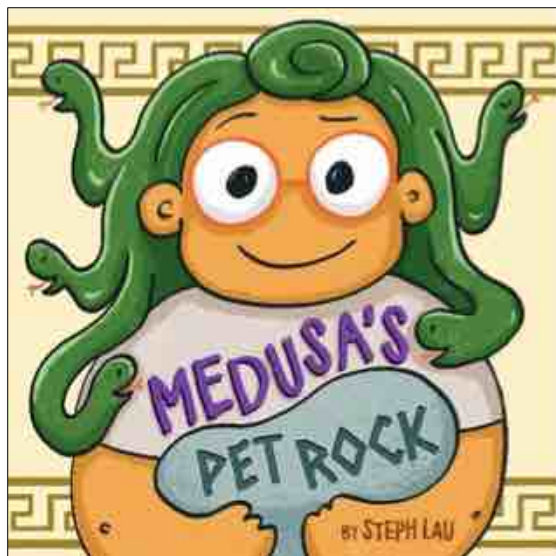
*A cheeky instruction manual on how to lay an egg—step one, make sure you’re a hen. This paper-over-board edition is the perfect gift for anyone starting a new adventure. By Bernard Waber, the author of Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile.*

If you are unable to decide whether or not you are a hen, here are some helpful questions you might ask yourself: Are you all feathers? If you are a hen, laying an egg should be second nature. But is it? For one determined hen, the answer is anything but obvious. Originally published in 1963, this tale returns in a gift worthy paper-over-board edition with newly added color by the author’s daughter, Paulis Waber. In this delightfully witty picture book is a step-by-step guide on achieving the seemingly impossible, reminding readers that with a little imagination and a lot of pluck you can hatch something extraordinary. This new edition is perfect for graduates or anyone embarking on a journey to bring something beautiful into the world.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Bernard Waber** is the award-winning author and illustrator of many children’s books including the seven popular titles in the Lyle the Crocodile series.





## MEDUSA'S PET ROCK

by Steph Lau

Ages 4 - 8, 48 pages, September 2026

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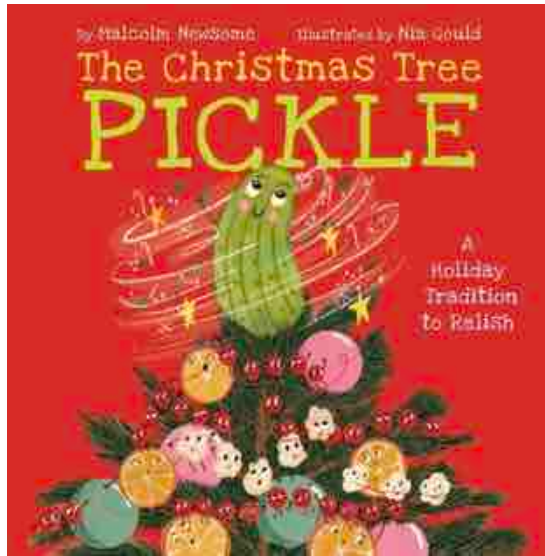
*A hilarious and heartfelt picture book by Steph Lau that puts a new spin on the misunderstood mythological character Medusa. Perfect for fans of We Don't Eat Our Classmates and the Penelope Rex series by Ryan Higgins.*

**CLEVER SPIN ON MEDUSA'S STORY:** Everyone thinks they know the story of Medusa and her snake hair that turns people into stone. Medusa's Pet Rock introduces young readers to an infamously misunderstood character from Greek mythology in an accessible, age-appropriate way.

**WHO DOESN'T LOVE GREEK MYTHOLOGY?:** Given the popularity of Greek mythology in children's books which is first taught in classrooms at around age 7 and 8, Medusa's Pet Rock will give young readers who are excited to learn more about mythology a new favorite character.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Steph Lau** has done a lot of monstrous things, including spilling boba in a bookstore, secretly taking the larger slice of cake, and accidentally checking out multiple copies of the same library book. Luckily, she hasn't turned any animals (or humans!) to stone. Visit her at [www.stephlaubooks.com](http://www.stephlaubooks.com).



# THE CHRISTMAS TREE PICKLE

by Malcolm Newsome, illus. by Nia Gould

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub Sept. 2026

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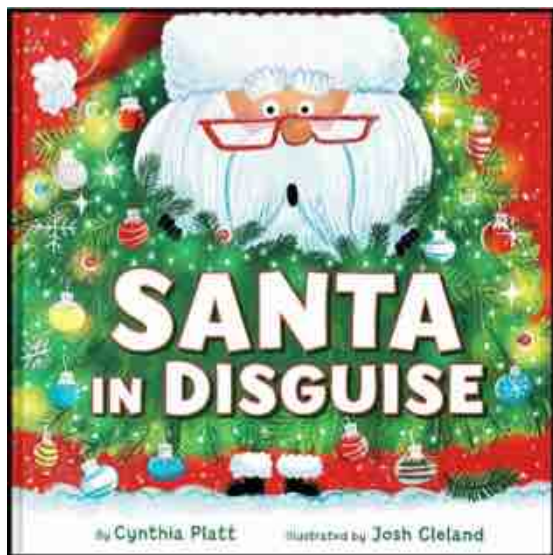
*Inspired by the Christmas pickle ornament tradition, unwrap a funny tale in this very merry origin story about a little girl who discovers the true meaning of Christmas with the help of a magical pickle.*

**ENTERTAINING EDUCATION:** While entertaining readers with a playful story, this picture book also touches on the different origins behind the Christmas Pickle tradition in the backmatter, making it both fun and informative for kids and adults alike.

## ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

**Malcolm Newsome's** first book, *Dear Star Baby*, came out in 2023. You can visit him at [malcolmnewsome.com](http://malcolmnewsome.com).

**Nia Gould** is a designer and illustrator from Devon, UK, where she lives with her partner, two daughters, and their mischievous trio of cats. She loves creating work that tells a story and sparks curiosity, blending imagination, education, and a touch of humor often with an animal or two at its heart. You can find her at [niaski.com](http://niaski.com).



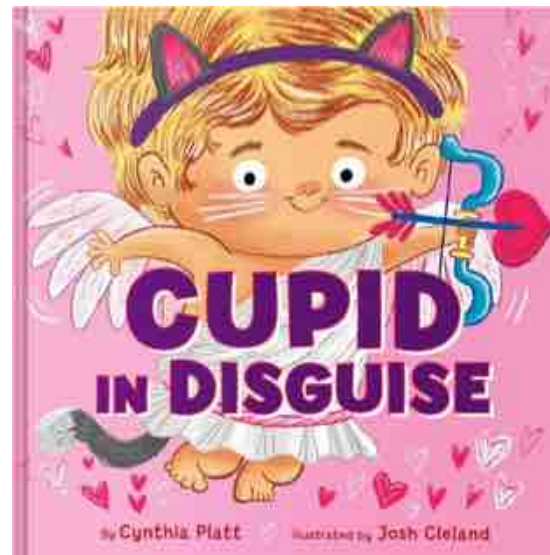
## SANTA IN DISGUISE

by Cynthia Platt, illus. by Josh Cleland

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub September 2026

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Who's that old man browsing around the stores? A snowman? A skier? A hippie grandpa? Is it... Santa Claus? Can a group of clever kids help Santa with his holiday shopping and keep him on track to deliver presents in time for Christmas? A funny read-aloud tale for the family on Christmas Eve.



## CUPID IN DISGUISE

by Cynthia Platt, illus. by Josh Cleland

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub December 2026

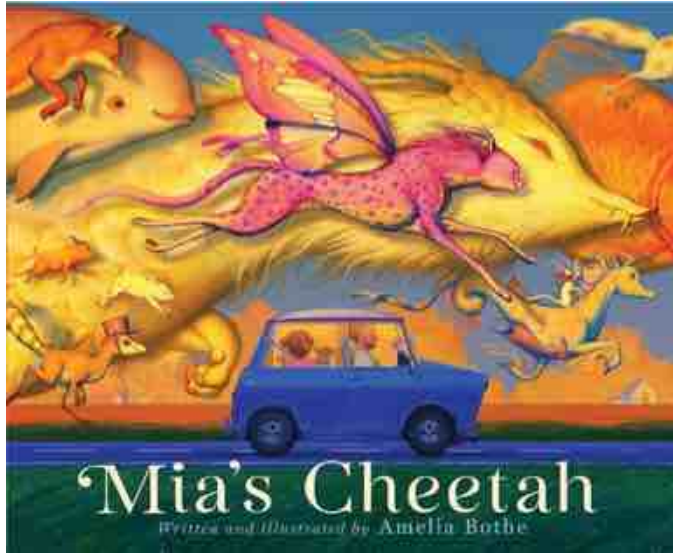
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When Cupid's arrows fly haywire, it's up to a group of schoolchildren to help Cupid deliver his valentines before the day's end while evading the suitors he's accidentally struck. The kids must rise above the love in the air if they're to hide the bumbling cherub and help him get his job done!

### ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

**Cynthia Platt** is the author of the novels *Postcards from Summer* and *Parker Bell and the Science of Friendship* and picture books including *Grow*, *Easter Starring Egg!*, *Panda-Monium!*, *A Little Bit of Love*, and *Turkeys in Disguise*.

**Josh Cleland** creates high-quality, fun illustrations for clients all over the world. He is the illustrator of *Turkeys in Disguise*, *Humpty's Great Fall*, *Christmas Under Construction*, and the *Welcome to the Woofmore* books.



# MIA'S CHEETAH

by Amelia Bothe

Ages 4 - 8, 48 pages, Pub September 2026

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***Buckle up for the ride of a lifetime that makes miles—and imaginations—fly! Author-illustrator Amelia Bothe brings fantasy, family tradition, and the best rumpus since Where the Wild Things Are to a long road trip, when a girl discovers the magic waiting just outside her car window.***

**PERFECT FOR FANS** of *Journey* by Aaron Becker and *The Barnabus Project* by the Fan Bros.

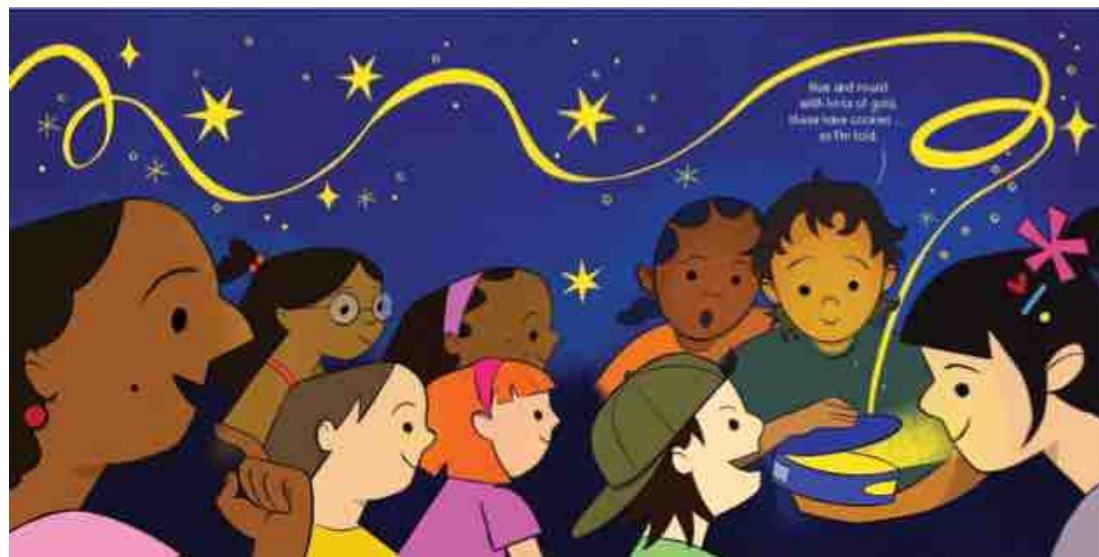
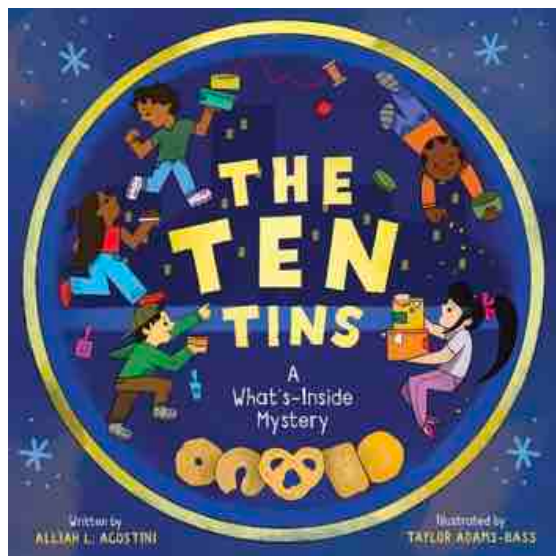
**UNIVERSAL EXPERIENCE:** Every family is familiar with “Are we there yet?”—this book offers a relatable setup and a joyful solution, perfect for vacations, holidays, or summer travel promotions.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Amelia Bothe** is an author and illustrator from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Her debut picture book, *Ellie Has a Secret*, was an Amazon and B&N best pick of the month. Amelia graduated from the Maryland Institute College of Art in 2024 with a BFA in illustration.



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# THE TEN TINS

by Alliah L. Agostini, illus. by Taylor Adams-Bass

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub October 2026

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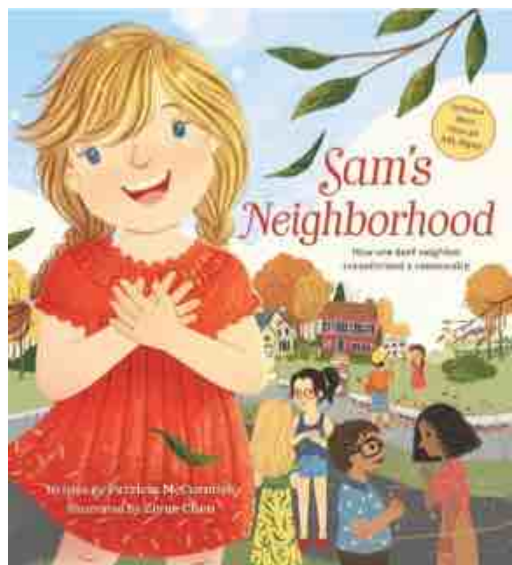
***Are there cookies inside? Find out in this hilarious multicultural picture book mystery about the contents of the ubiquitous blue tin found in every household.***

**THERE ARE NEVER COOKIES IN THE COOKIE TIN!** The author got the idea for *The Ten Tins* after a viral discussion on social media revealed a common experience among families of many different cultures/backgrounds: our parents, grandparents, etc. all reuse those little blue Danish cookie tins to store things. It's a hilarious (and sometimes frustrating) situation that every kid will find themselves in at some point.

## ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

**Alliah L. Agostini** is the author of *Big Tune: Rise of the Dancehall Prince*, *Scarecited on the First Day of School*, *The Juneteenth Story*, *Great Idea Malia!* and more books for children. Visit her at [alliahagostini.com](http://alliahagostini.com).

**Taylor Adams-Bass** is an illustrator and character designer whose artwork focuses on using color and whimsical illustrations to grab younger readers' attention while being informative and educational. Visit her at [tayloradamsbass.com](http://tayloradamsbass.com).



# SAM'S NEIGHBORHOOD

by Patricia McCormick, illus. by Ziyue Chen

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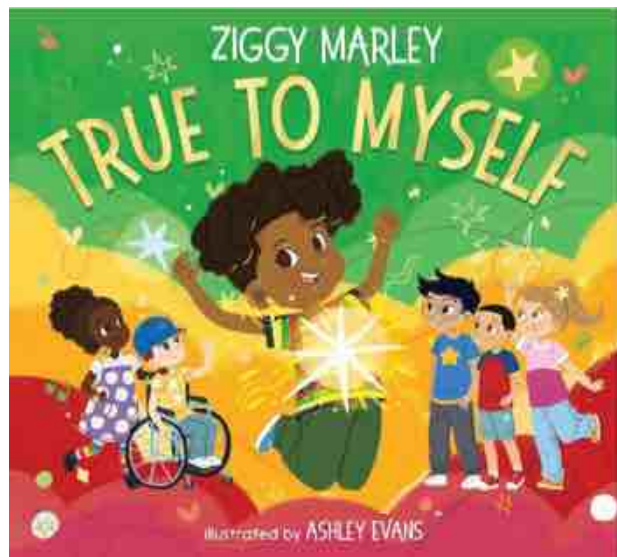
*Inspired by the true story of a young deaf girl looking to connect with her neighbors, whose community learned American Sign Language to talk to her, and ended up bringing everyone together in the process—from award-winning author Patricia McCormick.*

**VIRAL, TRUE STORY:** Sam's Neighborhood is inspired by a community in Massachusetts that came together to learn American Sign Language (ASL) in order to communicate with one of their young neighbors, who is deaf. In the process, all the neighbors became friends and the story went viral.

## ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

**Patricia McCormick** is a former journalist and a two-time National Book Award finalist whose books include *Cut*, *Sold*, *Never Fall Down*, *The Plot to Kill Hitler*, the young readers edition of *I Am Malala*, and the award-winning picture book *Sergeant Reckless: The True Story of the Little Horse Who Became a Hero*. Visit her at [pattymccormick.com](http://pattymccormick.com).

**Ziyue Chen** has illustrated several picture books, including *When I Carried You in My Belly*, *Just Right Family: An Adoption Story*, *Enough!*, and *Mela and the Elephant*. Visit her at [www.ziyuechen.com](http://www.ziyuechen.com).



# TRUE TO MYSELF

by Ziggy Marley, illus. by Ashley Evans

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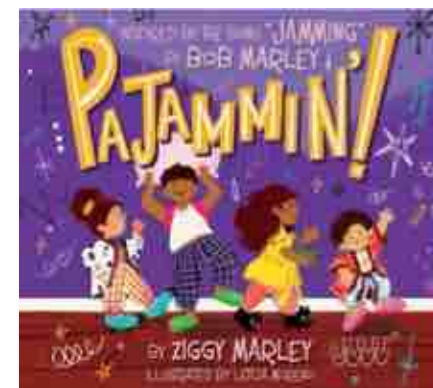
*Inspired by eight-time Grammy winner Ziggy Marley's hit song, this empowering book celebrates self-esteem, kindness, and community.*

**BASED ON A HIT SONG WITH A TIMELESS MESSAGE:** "True to Myself" is reggae star Ziggy Marley's most popular song, with nearly 153 million plays on Spotify alone. But this spare and rhythmic, bouncy text about loving yourself and others makes for a fun, inspiring read aloud.

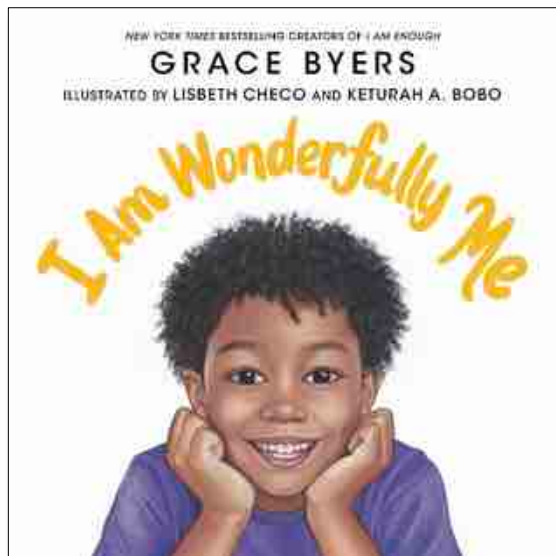
## ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

**Ziggy Marley** is an eight-time Grammy winner, Emmy winner, musician, producer, humanitarian, and author with a long history of projects for kids and families. He is the eldest son of reggae icons Bob Marley and Rita Marley.

**Ashley Evans** has illustrated many notable books for children, including Whoopi Goldberg's Sugar Plum Ballerina series, Gabrielle Union's debut picture book, *Welcome to the Party*, and *You Are Not Alone* by The Alphabet Rockers.



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# I'M WONDERFULLY ME

by Grace Byers, illus. by Keturah A. Bobo

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub September 2026

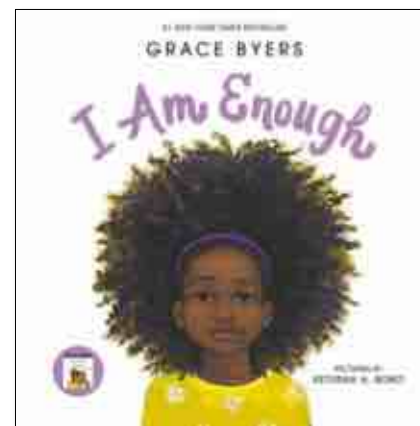
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*From the NYT bestselling creators of I Am Enough comes an empowering third picture book, I'm Wonderfully Me—a celebration of our amazing bodies and all the things that make us special.*

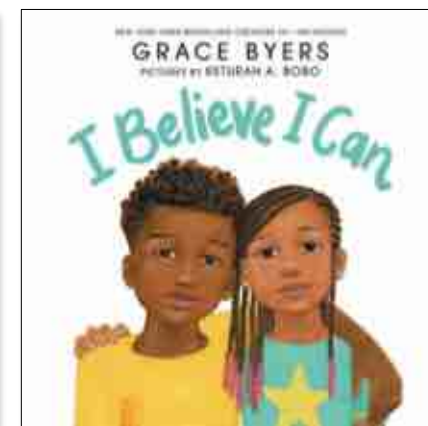
## ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

**Grace Byers** is an actress and activist known for her roles in Fox's smash hit series *Empire* and Marvel's *The Gifted*. As a multicultural, biracial CODA (Child of Deaf Adults), Grace was bullied throughout her childhood, which inspired her book *I Am Enough*—an ode to the empowerment of young girls. Her follow-up book, *I Believe I Can*, celebrates both boys and girls as they strive for their highest potential.

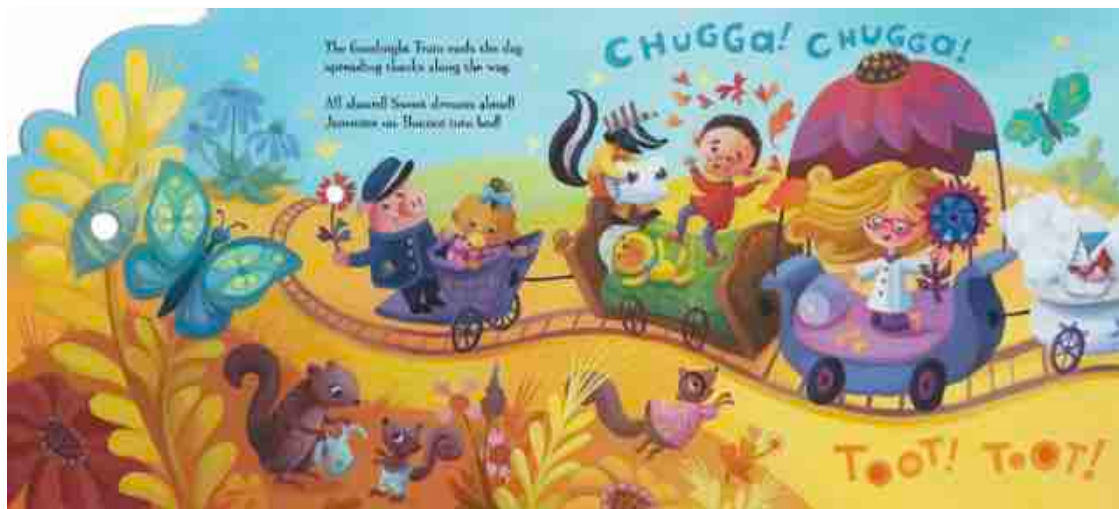
**Keturah A. Bobo** was an artist and NYT bestselling illustrator known for creating vibrant images that are relatable and distinctive. To learn more, visit [www.keturahariel.com](http://www.keturahariel.com).



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# THE GOODNIGHT TRAIN GIVING THANKS

by June Sobel, illus. by Laura Huliska-Beith

Ages Newborn to 4, 14 pages, Pub September 2025

*Practice gratitude at Thanksgiving and all year round with The Goodnight Train in this book featuring peekaboo die-cuts on every page!*

**GRATITUDE YEAR ROUND:** Perfect for promotions during the Thanksgiving season, this gratitude book makes for a cozy read any day of the year.

## ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

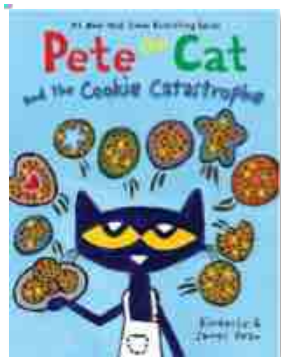
**June Sobel** is the talented author of the Goodnight Train books, illustrated by Laura Huliska-Beith; the Tow Truck Joe series, illustrated by Patrick Corrigan; *B Is for Bulldozer: A Construction ABC*, illustrated by Melissa Iwai; and *Shiver Me Letters: A Pirate ABC*, illustrated by Henry Cole. Visit her at [junesobel.com](http://junesobel.com).

**Laura Huliska-Beith** is the illustrator of the beloved Goodnight Train series written by June Sobel. She lives in Kansas City, Missouri, with her husband and two small dogs. She works in the attic studio and is often distracted by squirrels and their death-defying acrobatics outside her window.

# Pete the Cat #1 The New York Times BESTSELLER

From *New York Times* bestselling author-illustrator James Dean comes four new Pete the Cat books to add to his groovy adventures!

*Covers not final*



## PETE THE CAT AND THE COOKIE CATASTROPHE

Ages 4 – 8 | 40 pages | Pub September 2026

*Pete wants to learn how to bake Nana's famous cookies in the latest picture book.*

## PETE THE CAT SHAPED BOARD BOOK #1

Ages Newborn to 4 | 14 pages | Pub September 2026

*An irresistible board book shaped like everyone's favorite groovy blue pal, Pete the Cat.*

## WITH LOVE, FROM PETE THE CAT

Ages 4 – 8 | 32 pages | Pub November 2026

*Spreading love is groovy with Pete the Cat in this card-sized POB picture book.*

## PETE THE CAT 8X8 PLUS 19

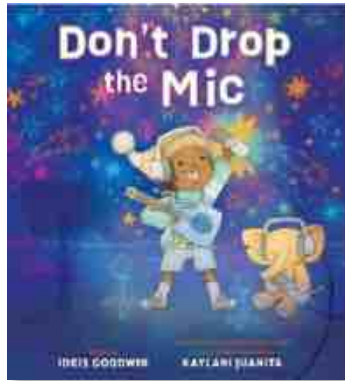
Ages 4 – 8 | 24 pages | Pub February 2027

*Summer is the perfect time for Pete the Cat's latest adventure with sunny vibes and a lemonade stand.*

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**DON'T DROP THE MIC**  
by Idris Goodwin,  
illus. by Kaylani Juanita  
Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages  
Pub September 2026

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Breakbeat poet and author of *Your House Is Not Just a House*, Idris Goodwin, and award-winning artist, Kaylani Juanita, collaborate on a whimsical upbeat picture book about a kid named Ed, his mic, and his BIG imagination and voice.

**Idris Goodwin** is an award-winning playwright, breakbeat poet, content creator. Visit him at [idrisgoodwin.com](http://idrisgoodwin.com).

**Kaylani Juanita** is a Coretta Scott King Honoree and Stonewall Book Award-winning illustrator. Visit her at [kaylanijuanita.com](http://kaylanijuanita.com).



**MAMI'S HEART**  
by Ana Siqueira,  
illus. by Nomar Perez  
Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages  
Pub September 2026

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A playful and heartwarming picture book about a young girl who loves life with just her and her mom... until Mami's new boyfriend enters the picture—illustrated by Pure Belpré Honor winner Nomar Perez.

**Ana Siqueira** is a Spanish-language elementary teacher and an award-winning children's book author. She is also a global educator, a PBS Media innovator, and an SCBWI member. You can follow Ana on Twitter @SraSiqueira1307 or on her website, [www.anafiction.com](http://www.anafiction.com).



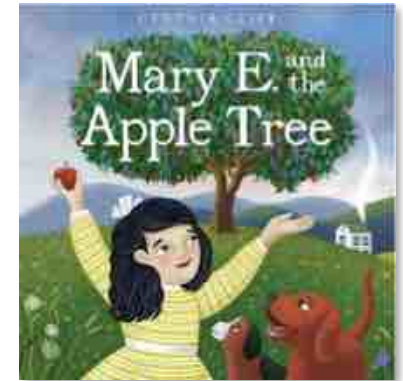
**GRANDMA FINA'S WONDERFUL UMBRELLA**  
by Benjamin Alire Sáenz,  
illus. by Raúl the Third  
Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages  
Pub September 2026

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From the powerhouse duo of bestselling Pura Belpré Award-winners Benjamin Alire Sáenz and Raúl the Third comes a delightful tale of friendship, loyalty, and staying true to oneself.

**Benjamin Alire Sáenz** writes poetry and prose for adults and teens. He was the first Hispanic winner of the PEN/Faulkner Award and a recipient of the American Book Award.

**Raúl the Third** is the *NYT* bestselling, three-time Pura Belpré Award-winning author-illustrator of several children's books.



**MARY E. AND THE APPLE TREE**  
by Cynthia Cliff  
Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages  
Pub September 2026

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Sophie Blackall's *Farmhouse* meets Barbara Cooney's *Miss Rumphius* in this timeless and richly thematic picture book about one girl's experiences on her family's farm and how our traditions involving food can travel through generations, connecting people to a place, as well as to each other.

**Cynthia Cliff** is a self-taught artist and author who grew up in a tiny historic village in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, the same region where her ancestors had lived for many generations. To learn more, visit her online at [cynthiaciff.com](http://cynthiaciff.com).



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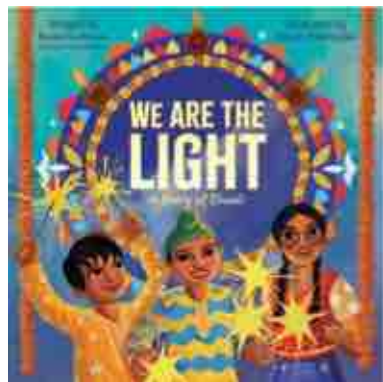
**A SNOWY HANUKKAH FOR LUZ**  
 by Ruth Behar,  
 illus. by Marjorie Priceman  
 Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages  
 Pub September 2026

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This contemporary, intergenerational Hanukkah picture book that incorporates both Ashkenazi and Sephardic traditions features text by Newbery Honor and Pura Belpré-winning author Ruth Behar and illustrations by Caldecott Honor-winner Marjorie Priceman.

**Ruth Behar** is a Newbery Honor Award-winning and Pura Belpré Award-winning author. Visit her at [RuthBehar.com](http://RuthBehar.com).

**Marjorie Priceman** is a Caldecott Honoree illustrator of many acclaimed picture books.



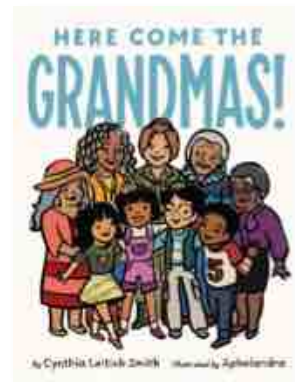
**WE ARE THE LIGHT**  
 By Rajani LaRocca,  
 illus. by Sayan Mukherjee  
 Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages  
 Pub September 2026

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In this evocative picture book—the only one about Diwali on the Harper list—award-winning author Rajani LaRocca and newcomer Sayan Mukherjee illustrate the traditions leading up to the holiday.

**Rajani LaRocca** is the Newbery Honor-winning author of *Red, White, and Whole* and other titles. Visit her at [rajanilarocca.com](http://rajanilarocca.com).

**Sayan Mukherjee** is a muralist, character designer, lifestyle and story illustrator. Follow [@sayanart](#) on Instagram.



**HERE COME THE GRANDMAS!**  
 by Cynthia Leitich Smith,  
 illus. by Aphelandra  
 Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages  
 Pub September 2026

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This joyous follow-up to *Here Come the Aunties!* celebrates the importance of grandmas in a Native child's (or any child's) life, from bestselling author Cynthia Leitich Smith (Muscoogie) and illustrator Aphelandra (Oneida), a perfect gift from or to a treasured grandma.

**Rajani LaRocca** is the Newbery Honor-winning author of *Red, White, and Whole* and other titles. Visit her at [rajanilarocca.com](http://rajanilarocca.com).

**Sayan Mukherjee** is a muralist, character designer, lifestyle and story illustrator. Follow [@sayanart](#) on Instagram.



**UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN**  
 by Christine Hartman Derr,  
 illus. by Morgan Thompson  
 Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages  
 Pub October 2026

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This lyrical and tender debut picture book celebrates the memory of beloved, departed family members whom children come to know through stories and photos, and the power of language to link memory across time.

**Christine Hartman Derr** is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. She's a graduate from VCFA's Writing for Children MFA program, where she was selected as a DEI Fellow and a Center for Arts and Social Justice Fellow.

**Morgan Thompson** is a Cherokee artist who loves telling stories.



**SOMETIMES A DREAM**  
by Gabriella Aldeman,  
Illus. by Brizida Magro  
Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages  
Pub April 2027

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A lyrical and uplifting picture book about the love between a young child and her grandpa, who encourages and supports each of her dreams.

**Gabriella Aldeman** is the author of *Paula's Patches*, *Squawk of Spanish*. Visit her at [writebetween.com](http://writebetween.com).

**Brizida Magro** has illustrated several books, including *Let Me Call You Sweetheart* and *Saturday at the Food Pantry*. She is passionate about rock climbing, wandering the world, and bringing stories to life.

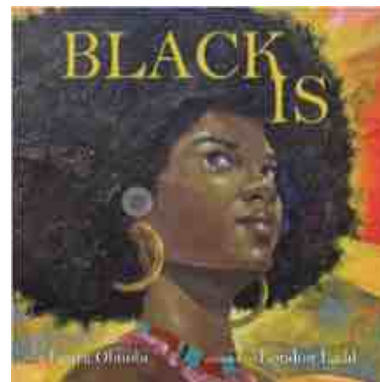


**ON THE FIRST NIGHT OF ADVENT**  
by Tish Rabe,  
illus. by Summer Macon  
Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages  
Pub September 2026

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This bright, engaging adaptation of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" turns the excitement of opening an Advent calendar into a magical read-aloud celebration. Children at home, in classrooms, and in Sunday schools will love following along as the surprises build night after night, making the wait for Christmas more fun than ever!

**Tish Rabe** is a bestseller who has written over 170 children's books, including titles for the Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That! series, *Sesame Street*, *Blue's Clues*, Disney, *Clifford the Big Red Dog*, and *Curious George*.



**BLACK IS**  
by Laura Obuobi,  
Illus. by London Ladd  
Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages  
Pub January 2027

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In this companion picture book to the NAACP Image Award nominee *Black Gold*, Laura Obuobi and Society of Illustrators honoree London Ladd tell a story that celebrates Black life and Black resilience.

**Laura Obuobi** is the award-winning author of *Black Gold* and *What Love Looks Like*.

**London Ladd** is the illustrator of *Lend a Hand*, *Frederick's Journey*, *March On! The Day My Brother Martin Changed the World*, and *Black Gold*.



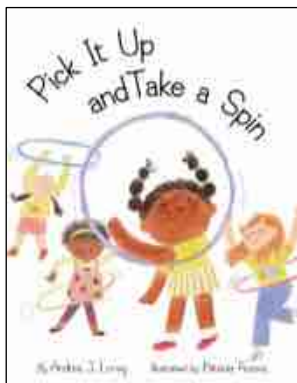
**THE Kaabah Cat**  
by Shifa Saltagi Safadi,  
Illus. by Nabila Adani  
Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages  
Pub January 2027

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From National Book Award winner Shifa Saltagi Safadi comes a gorgeous picture book about self-discovery, faith, and cats set during a young Muslim boy's pilgrimage to Mecca.

**Shifa Saltagi** is the National Book Award-winning author of *Kareem Between*, the Amina Banana series, *The Gift of Eid*, and others.

**Nabila Adani** is the author and illustrator of *Aisha's Colors* and the illustrator of *Behind My Doors*, *Noah's New Home*, *Not Now Noor*, and other picture books.



**PICK IT UP AND TAKE A SPIN**  
by Andrea J. Loney,  
illus. by Patricia Pessoa  
Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages  
Pub January 2027

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*Jabari Jumps* meets *The Magical Yet* in this infectiously optimistic and rhythmic picture book that will inspire children to give it a whirl and try again (and again).

**Andrea J. Loney** is the award-winning author of *Take a Picture of Me*, *James Van Der Zee!*, *Bunnybear*, and Caldecott Honoree *Double Bass Blues*.

**Patricia Pessoa** is a Brazilian illustrator based in the west of England. She shares a small studio filled with gouaches, acrylics, crayons, and colored pencils with her three very artistic cats.



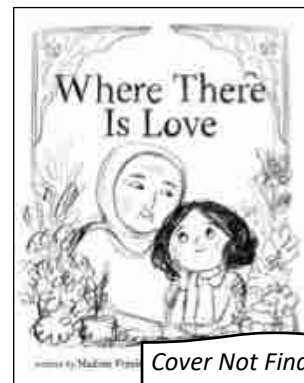
**The Perfect Gift for Mami**  
by Melanie Wick Singer,  
illus. by Mirelle Ortega  
Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages,  
Pub March 2027

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From the author of *Martina's Muy Bad Day* comes a dual-lingual Spanish picture book about celebrating mothers and all the gifts they have given us.

**Melanie Wick Singer** is a second-generation Colombian American. *Martina's Muy Bad Day* was inspired by the author's way of coping with bad days: turning the toughest days into celebrations.

**Mirelle Ortega** is the author-illustrator of *Magic: Once Upon a Faraway Land*, a Pura Belpré Honor Book, and *River of Mariposas*, and an illustrator of several others.



**WHERE THERE IS LOVE**  
by Nadine Presley,  
illus. by Leanne Hatch  
Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages,  
Pub February 2027

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In a touching tale perfect for fans of *Watercress*, a young refugee's love for preparing grape leaves in Syria stirs magical memories of her beloved home.

**Nadine Presley** is a Syrian Canadian author who grew up in Damascus. *The City of Jasmine* was her picture book debut. Visit her at [nadinepresley.com](http://nadinepresley.com).

**Leanne Hatch** is the author-illustrator of *The Brand-new, Never-used, Perfect Crayons*; *Rosie and the Pre-loved Dress*; and *Unraveled*. She's also the artist of *My Thoughts Have Wings*. Visit her at [leannehatch.com](http://leannehatch.com).



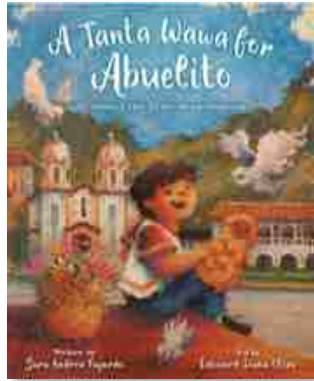
**OUR SACRED MOUNTAIN**  
by Ilima Todd,  
illus. by Shar Tuiasoa  
Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages,  
Pub January 2027

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A powerful picture book told from the perspective of Native Hawaiians about the battle between the sacred and scientific happening on their beloved space, the Mauna Kea. Perfect for fans of *We Are Water Protectors*.

**Ilima Todd** never wanted to be a writer even though she loves books and reading. But the characters in her head refused to be ignored.

**Shar Tuiasoa** is the author-illustrator of *Punky Aloha*. Shar spends her time imagining and creating for her illustration business, *Punky Aloha Studio*.



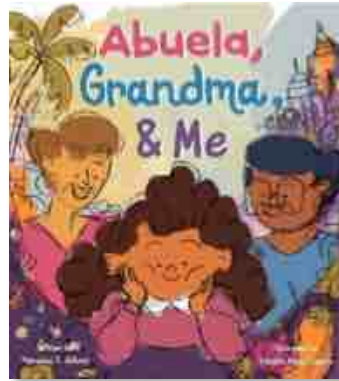
**A TANTA WAWA FOR ABUELITO**  
 by Sara Andrea Fajardo,  
 illus. by Duda Oliva  
 Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages  
 Pub September 2026

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From one of the founding members of #LatinxPitch for KidLit comes an intergenerational story about the Peruvian Day of the Dead celebration, featuring the unique tanta wawa bread offering. A perfect story of family, tradition, and Peruvian/Andean culture.

**Sara Andrea Fajardo** is the author of *Alberto Salas Plays Paka Paka con la Papa* and *Crack Goes the Cascarón*.

**Duda Oliva** is from Brazil and deeply inspired by impressionism and magical realism. Visit him at [dudaoliva.com](http://dudaoliva.com).



**ABUELA, GRANDMA, AND ME**  
 by Natasha S. Alford,  
 illus. by Natalia Rojas Castro  
 Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages  
 Pub January 2027

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Written by CNN Analyst and Content VP at TheGrio Natasha S. Alford, this Spanish-inflected picture book is an intergenerational celebration of the Afro-Latina experience.

**Natasha S. Alford** is a journalist, author, and media executive. She is the author of *American Negra*, a memoir about growing up African American and Puerto Rican in the United States, an International Latino Book Award winner.

**Natalia Rojas Castro** is the illustrator of *Daughter of the Light-Footed People* and *The Good Night Airport*, as well as many other picture books.



**MOUNTAINS AND ME**  
 by Rio Cortez,  
 illus. by Rafael López  
 Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages  
 Pub April 2027

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A young girl hikes up a mountain, connecting with nature and her ancestors, in this beautiful offering from *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning creators, Rio Cortez and Rafael López.

**Rio Cortez** is the *New York Times* bestselling author of picture books *The ABCs of Black History*, *The River Is My Sea*, *The Blue Velvet Chair*, and *The ABCs of Women's History*.

**Rafael López** is a *NYT*-bestselling, award winning illustrator who has illustrated many acclaimed picture books, including *The Day You Begin* and *The Year We Learned to Fly*.

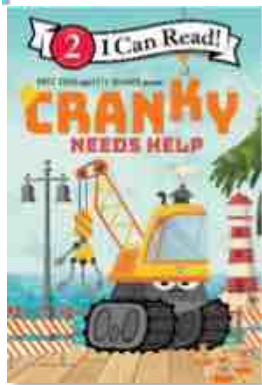


**FOX FLIES**

by Corey R. Tabor

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages,  
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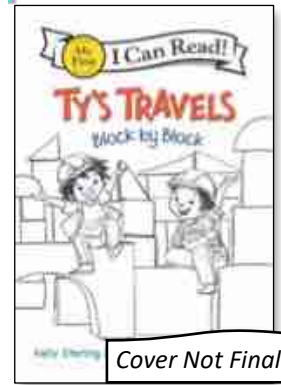


**CRANKY NEEDS HELP**

by Phuc Tran,

illus. by Pete Oswald  
Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages,  
Pub April 2027

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**TY'S TRAVELS: BLOCK BY BLOCK**

by Kelly Starling Lyons,

illus. by Niña Mata  
Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub  
December 2026

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**PINKALICIOUS:  
HOP, SKIP, AND JUMP**

by Victoria Kann  
Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages,  
Pub December 2026

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It's a bird, it's a plane! No, it's Fox! The beloved and popular trickster character featured in the Geisel Award-winning *Fox Has a Problem*, *Fox at Night*, and *Fox the Tiger* is flying high in this delightful new addition to Corey R. Tabor's "My First" I Can Read Fox series! *Kirkus Reviews* calls Corey R. Tabor "a master of the early reader."

**Corey R. Tabor** is the author and illustrator of the Caldecott Honor-winning *Mel Fell* and three-time Geisel Award winner Geisel Honoree for the Fox the Tiger series.

In this second Level 2 I Can Read in the Indie Bestselling Cranky & Friends series by Phuc Tran and #1 *New York Times* bestselling illustrator Pete Oswald, Cranky is afraid to go to the mechanic.

**Phuc Tran** is an award-winning writer, tattooer, and Latin teacher. Visit him at [phucskywalker.com](http://phucskywalker.com).

**Pete Oswald** is an artist, picture book creator, and production designer. Pete is the illustrator of the *NYT* bestselling Food Group series, as well as many other picture books.

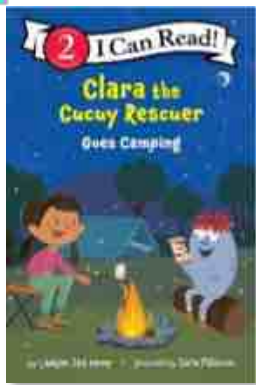
A Geisel Honor-winning series! Ty uses his big imagination to build new worlds together with his friend Jazz in this Ty's Travels My First I Can Read Series.

**Kelly Starling Lyons** is an award-winning author and founding member of the Brown Bookshelf ([thebrownbookshelf.com](http://thebrownbookshelf.com)). Visit her at [kellystarlinglyons.com](http://kellystarlinglyons.com).

**Niña Mata** is a children's bookmaker and *New York Times* bestselling illustrator. Visit her at [ninamata.com](http://ninamata.com).

Pinkalicious competes in a skipping race in this story full of short vowel sounds and consonant blends.

**Victoria Kann** is the author-artist of *Rubylicious*, the *NYT* bestseller *Peterrific*, and four #1 *New York Times* bestselling books: *Aqualicious*, *Emeraldalicious*, *Silverlicious*, and *Goldilicious*. She is the artist and coauthor of the *New York Times* bestsellers *Pinkalicious* and *Purplelicious*. In addition, Victoria cowrote *Pinkalicious: The Musical*, which premiered in New York City to sold-out audiences and continues to be performed across the country.



**CLARA THE CUCUY  
RESCUER GOES CAMPING**

by Laekan Zea Kemp,  
illus. by Sara Palacios

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub April 2027

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The second I Can Read in the Clara the Cucuy Rescuer series stars a young Latine-American girl who rescues monsters with her family.

**Laekan Zea Kemp's** debut novel, *Somewhere Between Bitter and Sweet* was a 2022 Pura Belpré Honor recipient and her novel, *An Appetite for Miracles* won the Jean Flynn award for YA fiction.

**Sara Palacios** is the recipient of the 2012 Pura Belpré Illustrator Honor for her work on *Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match/Marisol McDonald no combina*.



**BRADFORD STREET BUDDIES:  
SPRINGTIME BLOSSOMS**

by Jerdine Nolen,  
illus. by Michelle Henninger

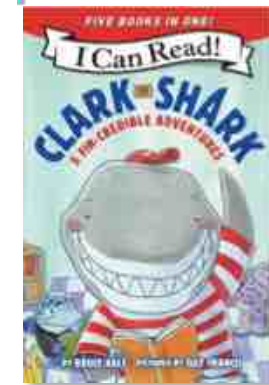
Ages 6 - 9, 48 pages, Pub Feb. 2027

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In this Level Three I Can Read, join twins Jada and Jamal, and their best friends Carlita and Josh as they come up with a colorful springtime plan to spruce up their schoolyard. Everyone in the neighborhood is invited!

**Jerdine Nolen** is the author of the Bradford Street Buddies series and numerous picture books.

**Michelle Henninger** is the illustrator of the Bradford Street Buddies easy reader series and *The First Easter Day*, a picture book by Jill Roman Lord.



**CLARK THE SHARK:  
5 FIN-CREDIBLE ADVENTURES**

by Bruce Hale, illus. by Guy Francis

Ages 4 - 8, 160 pages,  
Pub April 2027

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This bind-up includes the following favorite Level One I Can Reads starring Clark the Shark.

**Bruce Hale** has written and/or illustrated over sixty books for kids and is the author of the Clark the Shark series; the award-winning Chet Gecko Mysteries series; *Snoring Beauty*, one of Oprah's Recommended Reads for Kids; and the School for S.P.I.E.S. series.

**Guy Francis** has done a variety of illustration work in the children's market. Visit him at [guyfrancis.com](http://guyfrancis.com).



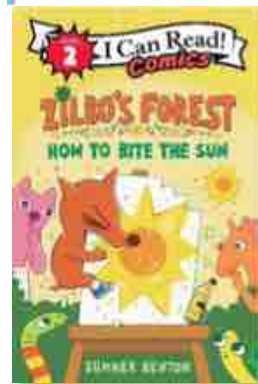
**CLARK THE SHARK: WINTER WONDERLAND** by Bruce Hale, illus. by Guy Francis  
Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages,  
Pub December 2026

PDF to Come Soon

Clark the Shark and his friends build snowfish, have a snowball fight, and go sledding (gulp!) at Winter Wonderland in this second Clark the Shark Level 1 I Can Read Comic!

**Bruce Hale** has written and/or illustrated over sixty books for kids and is the author of the *Clark the Shark* series, among others. Visit him at [brucehale.com](http://brucehale.com).

**Guy Francis** spends most of his time drawing, painting, and drawing some more. Visit him online at [www.guyfrancis.com](http://www.guyfrancis.com).



**ZILBO'S FOREST: HOW TO BITE THE SUN**  
by Summer Benton  
Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages,  
Pub October 2026

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Kids will fall in love with the next book set in Zilbo's Forest, a humorous, heartfelt, and vibrantly illustrated Level 2 I Can Read Comic series, geared toward kids who can read on their own, but still need a little help sometimes.

**Summer Benton** is an author, illustrator who's been writing and drawing stories since she was a kid. She studied art and literature at the University of Michigan, where her love for children's books first took root.



**COOL BUDS: SPECIAL DELIVERY!**  
by Barbara Lehman  
Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages,  
Pub January 2027

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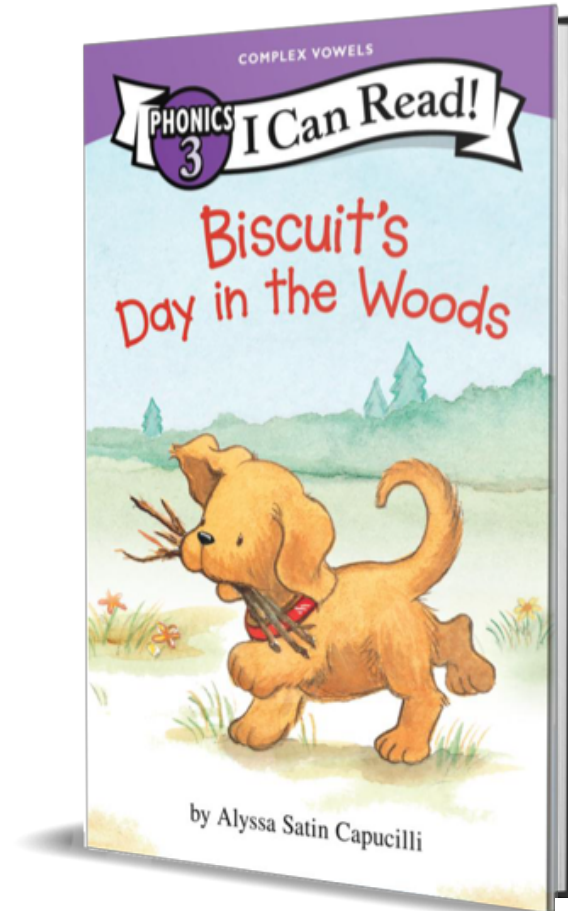
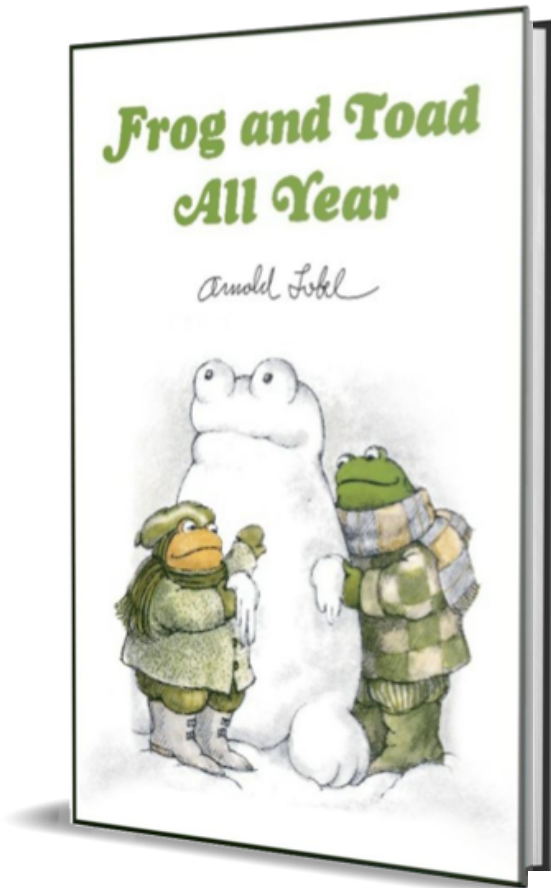
*Cool Buds: Special Delivery!* is the latest in I Can Read Comics, an early reader line that familiarizes kids with the world of graphic novel storytelling and teaches visual literacy to emerging readers. *Special Delivery!* is a Level Three book, meaning it's a complex story for an independent reader.

**Barbara Lehman** has illustrated many books for children, including *The Red Book*, which was awarded the Caldecott Honor in 2005. Visit her website at [barbaralehmanbooks.com](http://barbaralehmanbooks.com).



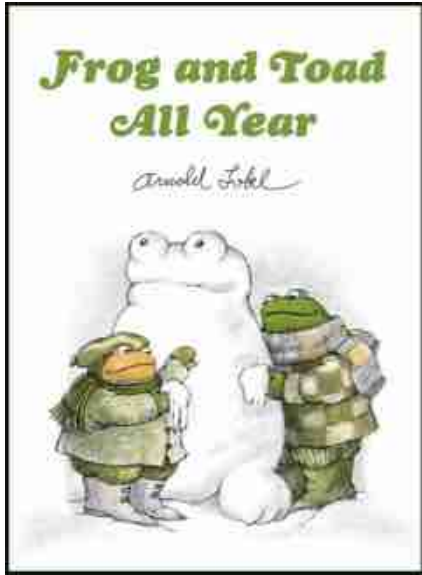
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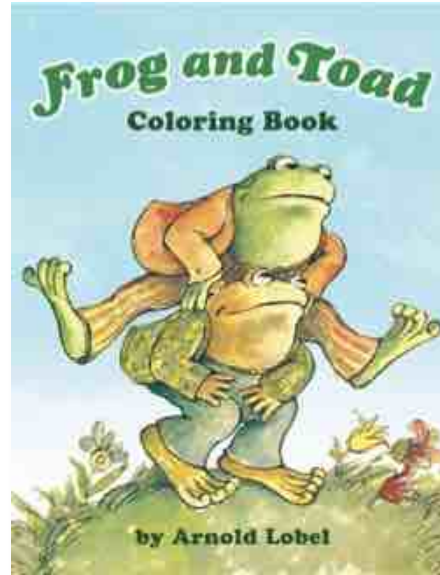


OVER 55 YEARS OF FROG & TOAD!



**FROG AND TOAD ALL YEAR  
PICTURE BOOK EDITION**  
by Arnold Lobel  
Ages 4 - 8, 64 pages,  
Pub January 2027

*Frog and Toad All Year* was first published in 1976 and was the third of the four beloved Frog and Toad I Can Read stories. This special picture book edition features a beautiful jacket and the five original stories: ("Winter," "Spring," "Summer," "Autumn," and "Christmas") rendered in Lobel's distinct three-color artwork.



**FROG AND TOAD COLORING  
BOOK EXPANDED EDITION**  
by Arnold Lobel  
Ages 4 - 8, 96 pages,  
Pub January 2027

Color in favorite moments and iconic quotes from Frog and Toad's adventures in this official coloring book! Inside are 47 cozy pages full of friendship, comfort, and fun perfect for markers or colored pencils. The single-sided, perforated coloring pages prevent bleed-through and are easily separated so you can display your masterpieces in your home and gift them to your friends!



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**AN ENDURING CLASSIC:** Arnold Lobel's Frog and Toad series has **sold 20 million copies** across formats and sales continue to be strong year after year. The books have earned a Caldecott Honor, Newbery Honor, and more as well as been adapted into a Broadway musical and an Emmy-winning series on Apple TV+.

**POPULAR FORMAT FOR A CLASSIC SERIES:** Frog and Toad does well in the picture book format, as we've seen with the *Frog & Toad Are Friends 50th Anniversary Commemorative Edition*.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

**Arnold Lobel** (1933–1987) is most beloved for his Frog and Toad stories. The books have garnered much acclaim, including a Caldecott Honor for *Frog and Toad Are Friends* and a Newbery Honor for *Frog and Toad Together*.

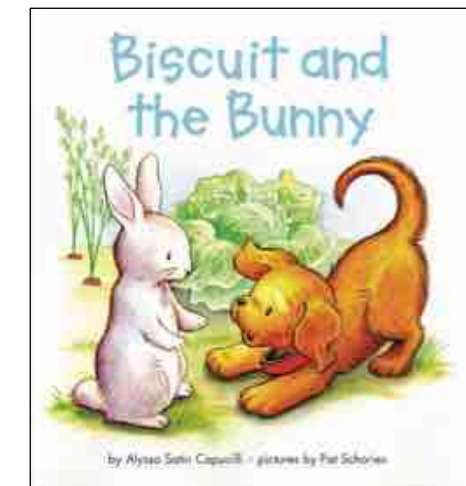




**BISCUIT THE BESTSELLER: Over 54 million copies of all Biscuit books across all titles and formats have sold! Biscuit sales continue to be strong year after year.**

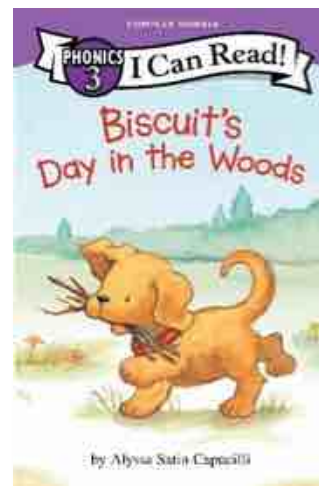


**2026 is the 30th anniversary of Biscuit and we're celebrating with several frontlist products!**



**BISCUIT AND THE BUNNY BOARD BOOK**  
by Alyssa Satin Capucilli,  
illus. by Pat Schories  
Ages 2 - 6, 14 pages,  
Pub Jan. 2027

Celebrate Easter with the sweet story of Biscuit and his bunny friend in this board book that resembles an Easter basket!

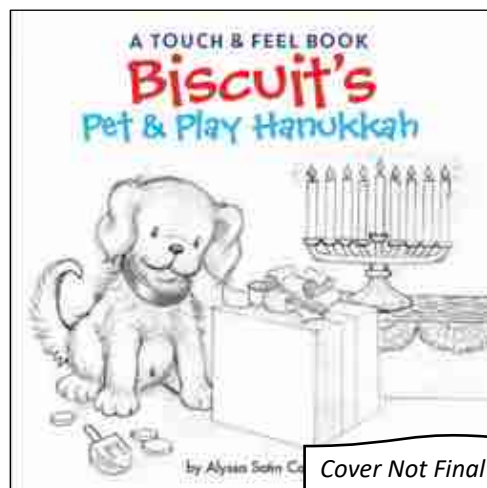


**BISCUIT ICR PHONICS #1 (LEVEL 3)**  
by Alyssa Satin Capucilli,  
illus. by Pat Schories  
Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub  
September 2026

Biscuit embarks on an outdoor adventure in this I Can Read Phonics Level 3 story full of complex vowel sounds perfect for learning to read.

**BISCUIT SHAPED BOARD BOOK**  
by Alyssa Satin Capucilli,  
illus. by Pat Schories  
Ages Newborn - 4, 16 pages,  
Pub September 2026

Get ready for bed with this fun shaped board book! It's time for bed, but Biscuit doesn't want to sleep! Before Biscuit gets into bed he wants one more snack, one more story, one more kiss. Will he ever go to sleep?



**BISCUIT'S PET & PLAY HANUKKAH**  
by Alyssa Satin Capucilli,  
illus. by Pat Schories  
Ages 4 - 8, 12 pages,  
Pub September 2026

It's time to celebrate Hanukkah! Explore the wonders of Hanukkah with Biscuit in this festive and interactive touch-and-feel board book.

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#### ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS:

**Alyssa Satin Capucilli** is the author of the bestselling Biscuit books as well as the Katy Duck books and many other beloved children's books.

**Pat Schories's** engaging illustrations of the puppy Biscuit are modeled on her own dog. In addition to having illustrated all the Biscuit books, she is also the artist and author of *He's Your Dog* and *Mouse Around*.



# Curious George™



Hans and Margret Rey created one of the most treasured classics of all time, *Curious George*. Their rambunctious little monkey became an instantly recognizable icon. More than 200 Curious George titles followed the original book, with **75 million books sold worldwide.**



*Curious George has been successfully adapted into a major motion picture and an Emmy-winning television show on PBS.*

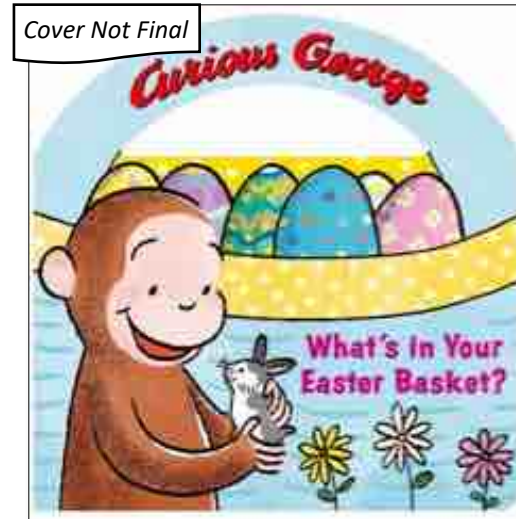


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**IT'S SAINT PATRICK'S DAY, CURIOUS GEORGE!**  
Ages 4 - 8, 16 pages,  
Pub Jan. 2027

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Curious George!

Join Curious George and the man in the yellow hat as they set up a sneaky leprechaun trap, have some delicious corned beef, and head out to watch the St. Patrick's Day parade! The perfect book for little ones to lift flaps and explore.



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**WHAT'S IN YOUR EASTER BASKET, CURIOUS GEORGE?**  
Ages Nwbrn - 4, 12 pages,  
Pub Jan. 2027

There's a surprise in George's Easter basket—one thing is not like the others!

With its festive shape, this sweet Easter adventure makes a delightful addition to any child's Easter basket.

**AWARD-WINNING TELEVISION SHOW:** Watch fifteen seasons of the critically acclaimed Curious George on Peacock, PBS, and YouTube. Rave reviews have praised the two-time Emmy Award-winning show for preschoolers as “delightful,” “inventive,” “colorful,” “snappy, sweet-natured mayhem!”

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**H. A. Rey** and his wife, **Margret**, first introduced the world to the bighearted, fun-loving, mischievous hero Curious George in 1941, and young readers have been in love with him ever since. Curious George has been successfully adapted into a major motion picture and an Emmy Award-winning television show on PBS, and *Pretzel and the Puppies*, based on their picture books, is a streaming series on Apple TV+. To learn more, visit [curiousgeorge.com](http://curiousgeorge.com).





**SUCCESSFUL SERIES REPACKAGED:** Formally called *The Easter Egg Is Missing!* this Easter installation of this series is getting a new title and a refreshed look, featuring foil, spot gloss textures, and egg-shaped die-cuts throughout that lead the youngest readers to the missing golden egg!

**EXCITING INTERACTIVE FORMAT:** This board book with egg-shaped die-cuts will encourage younger readers to interact with the illustrations and composition of the page in clever ways in the search for a very special egg.

## FIND THE EASTER EGG!

by Clarion Books, illus. by Kathryn Selbert

Ages Newborn to 3, 18 pages, Pub January 2027

***The mystery of the missing golden egg unfolds during an Easter egg hunt in this interactive board book featuring sturdy pages to peek through. Perfect for Easter baskets!***

**OTHER HOLIDAY COMPANIONS IN SERIES:** Plenty of holiday titles coming to the series! Stay tuned for the new title, *Find Teacher's Apple!*, and familiar titles like *Find the Pumpkin!*, *Find Santa's Cookie!*, and *Find the Valentine!* Previously published as *The Pumpkin Is Missing*, *Santa's Cookie Is Missing*, and *The Valentine Is Missing!*

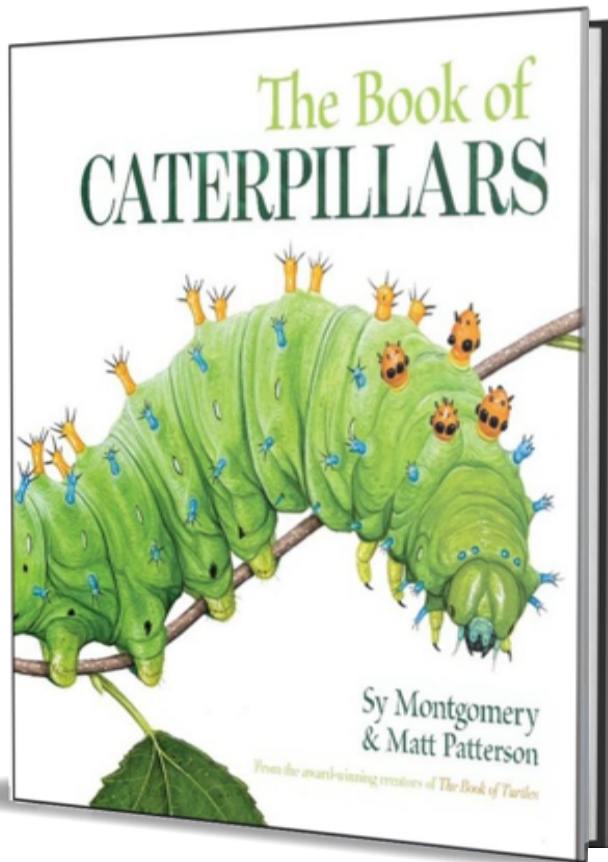
### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

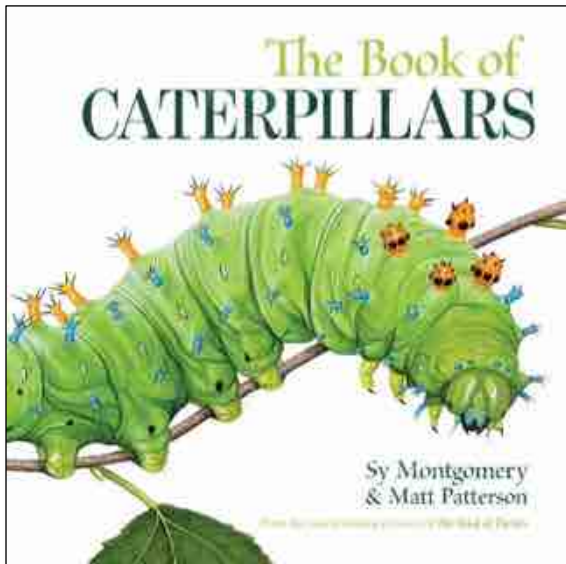
**Kathryn Selbert's** work is inspired by the people she meets in her everyday life, our colorful world, flora and fauna, and having fun. She earned her BFA in Illustration from the Rhode Island School of Design and works as a freelance children's book illustrator. Visit her at [kathrynselbertillustration.com](http://kathrynselbertillustration.com).



# NON-FICTION

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# THE BOOK OF CATERPILLARS

by Sy Montgomery, illus. by Matt Patterson

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub March 2027

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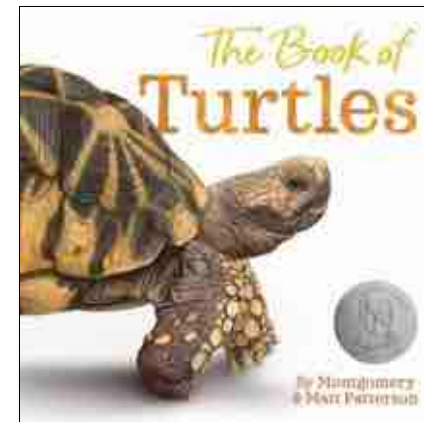
***New York Times bestseller and National Book Award Finalist Sy Montgomery and acclaimed wildlife artist Matt Patterson present a stunning caterpillar book filled with fascinating facts for backyard biologists.***

## ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

In addition to researching films, articles, and thirty-nine books, National Book Award finalist and *New York Times* bestseller **Sy Montgomery** has been honored with a Sibert Medal, three Sibert Honors, two Science Book and Film Prizes from the National Association for the Advancement of Science, four honorary degrees, and many other awards.

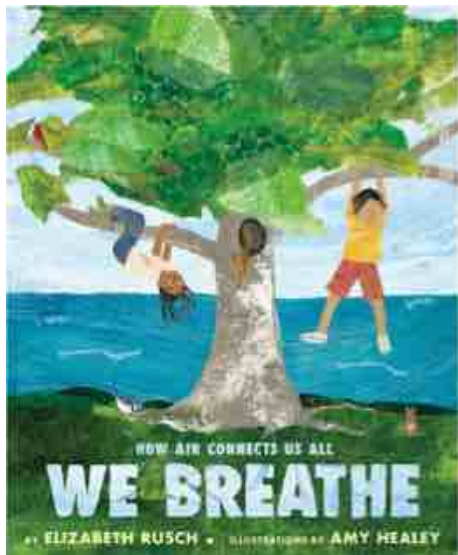
**Matt Patterson** has won national and international acclaim, including the Golden Turtle Award and—twice—the Roger Tory Peterson Wild America Art Award. He is a fellow at the Explorers Club. Matt's debut picture book, *The Book of Turtles*, was a Sibert Honor Book.

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# WE BREATHE

by Elizabeth Rusch, illus. by Amy Healey

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub April 2027

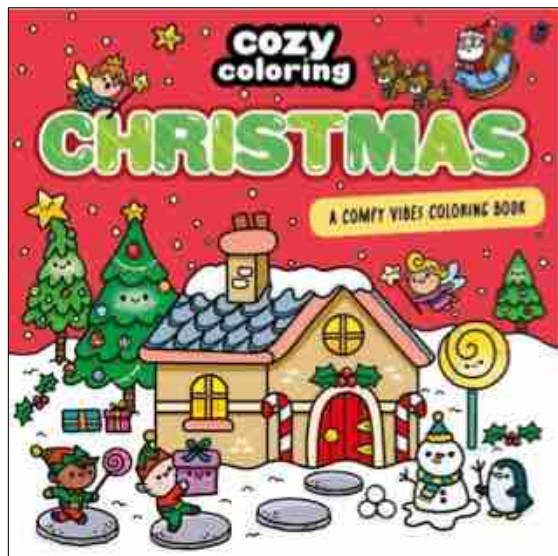
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*We breathe in, we breathe out. So do animals, insects, mushrooms, and even eggs! But how does it all work? In this beautifully illustrated informational picture book, acclaimed author Elizabeth Rusch and debut illustrator Amy Healey explore how air sustains and connects us all. For fans of Diana Hutts Aston, Kate Messner, and Miranda Paul. Includes extensive backmatter.*

**GIVE THIS BOOK TO A CHILD WITH CURIOUS MIND:** It thoroughly addresses the “how” and “why” of breathing and will satisfy any inquisitive kid.

**ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS:** Elizabeth Rusch is the author of *A Greater Goal* and *You Call This Democracy?*, both of which were finalists for the YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults, and more than a dozen acclaimed children’s books.

Amy Healey used to help others make stories, as the writers’ researcher at *Saturday Night Live*, as an assistant to several film writers and directors, and as an executive producer on films. After receiving her master’s in early childhood education, she now writes and illustrates picture books full time. She creates her collage pieces by painting and mono printing with acrylics—using found objects as stencils and stamps—and incorporating pencil, pastel, and ink.



# COZY COLORING: CHRISTMAS

by Bernie Collins

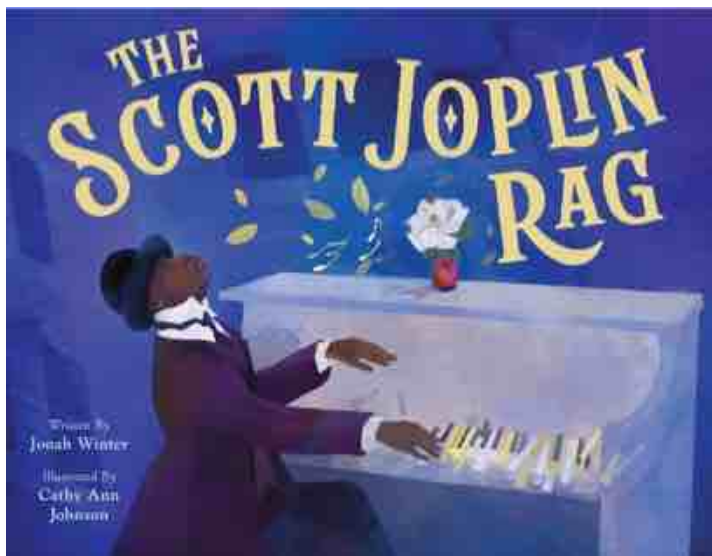
Ages 8 - 12, 80 pages, Pub September 2026

*Packed with 80 pages of big, bold, and easy-to-color designs, this delightful coloring book is perfect for anyone looking to unwind and celebrate the spirit of the season. From adorable snowmen and decorated trees to Santa's workshop, sweet treats, and cheerful Christmas scenes, every page invites artists of all ages to relax, get creative, and enjoy some cozy Christmas fun.*

**MINDFULNESS THROUGH ART:** This coloring book offers an engaging and stress-free way to unwind. Cozy Coloring provides a nostalgic and comforting retreat, perfect for lazy afternoons, rainy days, or quiet evenings.

**APPEALS TO KIDS AND ADULTS:** Intricate yet approachable designs ensure a fun and rewarding coloring experience for all ages.

**A DELIGHTFUL NEW SERIES:** Part of the Cozy Coloring collection, *Cozy Coloring: Christmas* offers a fresh and enchanting take on classic coloring books.



# THE SCOTT JOPLIN RAG

by Jonah Winter, illus. by Cathy Ann Johnson

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub January 2027

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*A testament to the power of creating beauty in the face of oppression, this stunning book is a stirring, insightful meditation on the life of the first great composer of American music, Scott Joplin, known as the King of Ragtime, recipient of a posthumous Pulitzer Prize.*

**TIMELY AFFIRMATION OF MAKING ART IN TIMES OF TURMOIL:** Facing the overt racism of the Jim Crow Era, Joplin was committed to creating music that celebrated his African American heritage, gifting the world with unforgettable melodies that resonate through the ages.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Jonah Winter** is the author of many celebrated biographies for young readers, including the *New York Times* bestselling *Barack, JFK*, and *Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx/La juez que creció en el Bronx*.

*The New York Times*

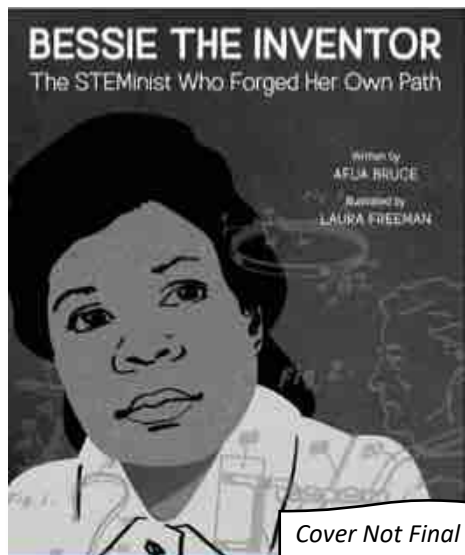
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR



## ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

**Cathy Ann Johnson** is an illustrator, visual storyteller, and art director known for creating richly layered picture books where color, rhythm, and narrative move together.

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# BESSIE THE INVENTOR

by Afua Bruce, illus. by Laura Freeman

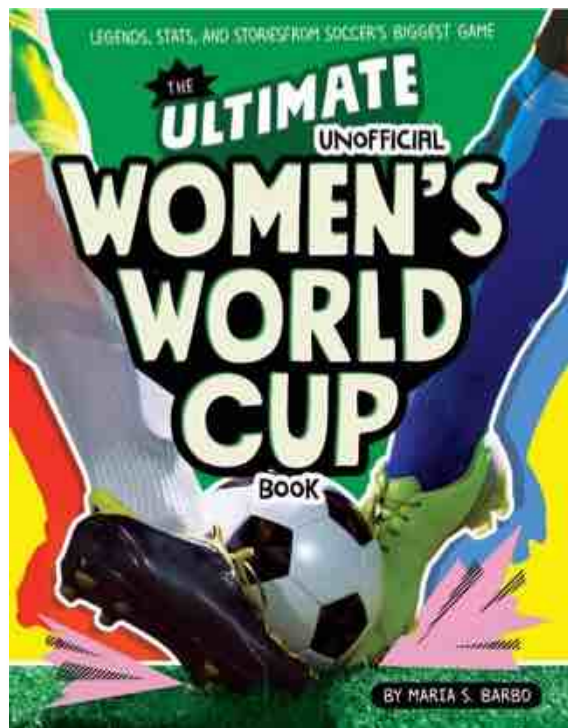
Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub January 2027

*Bessie Blount was a true STEMinist (STEM-feminist). She faced oppression because of her race and gender, but never let anyone stand in the way of what she wanted. Not only did she become a nurse after earning her GED by studying on her own, but she also created many inventions (all designed to help make life easier) and even became a handwriting expert later in life. She was honored with an “Overlooked No More” obituary in the New York Times in 2019. This book celebrates her many incredible accomplishments.*

## ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

**Afua Bruce** is one of the women featured in the new *If/Then Statue Exhibit*. First displayed outside the Smithsonian in 2022, the exhibit is a collection of 125 statues of prominent women in STEM. Afua’s career as a software engineer and public interest technologist has taken her to the biggest stages—science and technology at the White House—and to unassuming places—small groups of people looking to make a difference in their neighborhood.

**Laura Freeman** received her BFA from the School of Visual Arts in New York City and began her career illustrating for various editorial clients. To learn more, visit Laura at [freemanart.com](http://freemanart.com).



### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Maria S. Barbo** is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Official Pokemon Handbook* as well as other licensed books.

### INSIDE, YOU'LL DISCOVER:

\*Top players and teams

\*Relive historic matches, record-breaking feats.

\*Full-color photos & fun facts

\*Stats & insider stories: Behind-the-scenes looks at players, coaches, and matches.

\*Soccer history: Explore the evolution of women's international soccer.

## THE ULTIMATE UNOFFICIAL WOMEN'S WORLD CUP BOOK

by Maria S. Barbo

*The New York Times*

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

Ages 8 - 12, 128 pages, Pub April 2027

*Get ready for the biggest soccer tournament in the world! The Ultimate Unofficial Women's World Cup Book is your go-to guide for the Summer 2027 Women's World Cup hosted by Brazil, packed with everything a fan needs to know.*

**SOCCER #1 SPORT IN THE WORLD:** Soccer isn't just a game—it's the world's sport, uniting fans across continents with unforgettable passion and excitement.

**PERFECT FOR ALL AGES:** Whether you've been cheering on your favorite team for decades or are just getting into the sport, this book is packed with something for everyone—perfect for newcomers and die-hard fans alike. From its fun, easy-to-read format to its incredible wealth of knowledge, this book is the ultimate companion for World Cup fans looking to dive into the legacy of the tournament before the action begins in 2027.

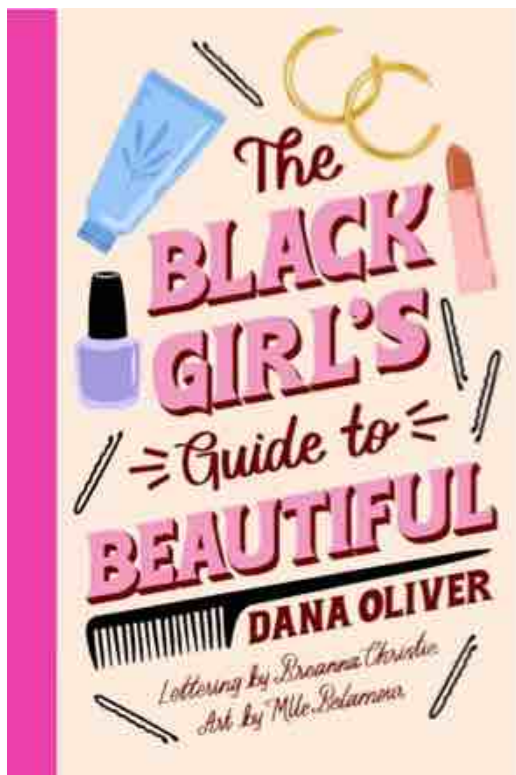
**FUN FACTS AND TRIVIA:** From historic moments to record-breaking stats, this book is filled with engaging facts, fun trivia, and surprising stories that will entertain soccer fans of all ages.

**FULL-COLOR PHOTOS:** Enjoy vibrant, full-color images that capture the excitement, emotion, and drama of the World Cup—perfect for reliving iconic moments and players in action.

**IN-DEPTH LOOK AT STAR PLAYERS:** Explore profiles of the game's biggest stars and the teams that have dominated the World Cup stage, from legends to rising stars, and discover what makes each one unique.

**BEHIND-THE-SCENE INSIGHT:** Get an exclusive peek behind the scenes, with in-depth features on players, coaches, and unforgettable World Cup games that have shaped the tournament's rich history.

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**POP**



### ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

**Dana Oliver** has over 16 years of experience as a beauty expert, editor and writer, reporting on fashion and beauty news, writing trend features and producing expert-driven videos.

**Breanna Christie** is a lettering artist, illustrator, surface pattern designer and the artist behind Hey Bre! Creative Studio. She has been an artist all of her life, whether it was drawing on her bedroom walls or drawing in notebooks in school, art has ruled her life.

# THE BLACK GIRL'S GUIDE TO BEAUTIFUL

by Dana Oliver, illus. by Breanna Christie

Ages 8 - 12, 224 pages, Pub January 2027

**The Confidence Code for Girls meets The Care and Keeping of You in a comprehensive and unique guide to all aspects of Black girlhood, from changing bodies to empowerment!**

**CELEBRATING BLACK GIRLHOOD:** Now more than ever, young Black girls need tools for growing their confidence and strength and reducing their stress and anxiety. The Black Girl's Guide to Beautiful offers the first accessible guide that focuses on the unique experience of Black girlhood, from changing bodies, mental health, and everything in between.

**A BEAUTY INDUSTRY SAVVY AUTHOR:** Dana Oliver has over 16 years of experience as a beauty expert, editor, and writer, reporting on fashion and beauty news. In her tenure as Beauty Director at Yahoo, Dana launched their first-ever Diversity in Beauty Awards and hosted *My Beauty, My Way*, a video series where women of different ages and backgrounds like Tracee Ellis Ross and Sloane Stephens.

### THOROUGHLY RESEARCHED AND EXPERTLY GROUNDED:

With more than a decade spent interviewing the sharpest minds in beauty—from top hairdressers and makeup artists to dermatologists, therapists, and fitness pros—Dana taps her powerhouse network throughout this title.

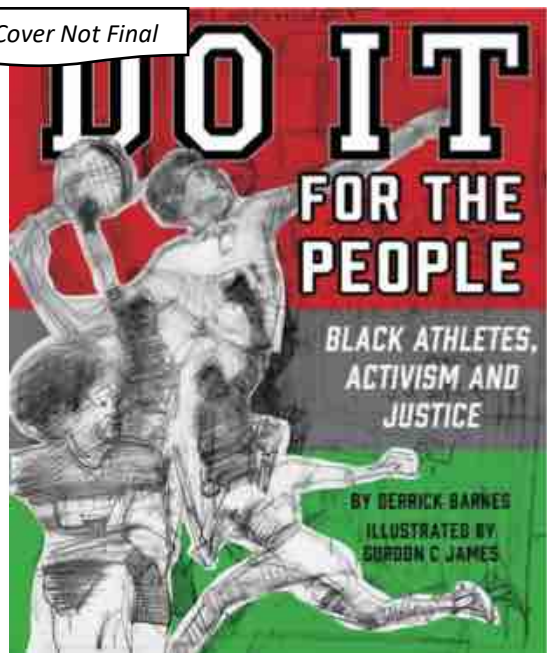
**ILLUSTRATOR INTERIORS:** The forthright yet accessible style of this book will appeal to both parents and tweens. With two-color illustrations throughout, character graphics, and a fun design, girls will want to dive right in.



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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Derrick Barnes** is the creator of the *New York Times* bestselling companion picture books *The King of Kindergarten* and *The Queen of Kindergarten*. His graphic novel *Victory. Stand! Raising My Fist for Justice* was a National Book Award finalist and won many other awards. He is also the author of the critically acclaimed, multi-award-winning picture book *Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut*, which received a Newbery Honor, a Coretta Scott King Author Honor, the Ezra Jack Keats New Writer Award, and the Kirkus Prize for Young Readers. Visit him online at [derrickdbarnes.com](http://derrickdbarnes.com).

## DO IT FOR THE PEOPLE

by Derrick Barnes, illus. by Gordon C. James

Ages 8 - 12, 256 pages, Pub January 2027

*The New York Times*  
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

*From the critically acclaimed and award-winning creators of Crown and I Am Every Good Thing, Derrick Barnes and Gordon C. James, comes an illustrated nonfiction middle grade homage to Black athlete activists throughout history.*

This is not your typical book about sports. This one begins... “AN ATHLETE PROTESTING THE MISTREATMENT OF AMERICAN CITIZENS DOES NOT MAKE THEM ANTI-AMERICAN.” And through a series of powerful poems, freedom-oriented prose, and dynamic illustration, Derrick Barnes and Gordon C. James introduce young readers to athletes such as Muhammad Ali, Curt Flood, and Elgin Baylor who used their voices and influence to shake up the landscape of American sports and justice. Bringing it home, this volume presents young readers with a call to action: “When I say DO IT FOR THE PEOPLE—I’m talking about you, about me, about us. We are the people. And we are all that we have. Be a positive difference maker. Today. Right now.”

**TAKE A KNEE, FIST IN THE AIR:** Derrick Barnes deftly covers Black activism in sports, exploring how Black athletes have been on the front lines of justice in America in this middle grade nonfiction offering.

**ACCESSIBLE & HIGHLY ENGAGING FORMAT:** With fast-paced storytelling (a mix of prose, poetry, and quotes) and powerful, complementary 2-color illustrations, illustrated nonfiction is an increasingly popular format for young readers.

**GOLDEN CREATORS:** Caldecott Honoree Gordon C. James has paired up with Derrick Barnes (a Caldecott Honor, Coretta Scott King Honor, and Newbery Honor recipient) again to create a unforgettable package.

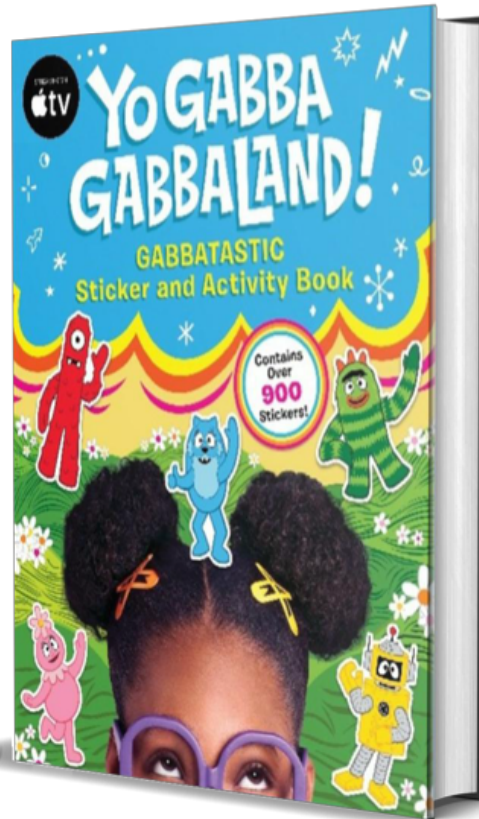
**TIMELY & TOPICAL:** Protests against political, racial, & civil injustices in American sports is a continuing cultural discussion, especially since Colin Kaepernick took a knee during the 2016 NFL season.





# LICENSED BRANDS

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by Sony Pictures Television



*One of our newest Acquisitions is the animated series Creature Cases, from Sony Pictures Television, currently streaming on Netflix and Nickelodeon. Creature Cases follows the adventures of Sam Snow and Kit Casey, agents of a tech-savvy super-spy group that travels the world solving mind-boggling mysteries. These exciting stories mix real zoological facts with thrilling detective action.*



**CREATURE CASES:  
MYSTERY ADVENTURES!**  
Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub Sept. 2026

*Get ready for double the fun and twice the chills with Creature Cases: Mystery Adventures!, a 2-in-1 I Can Read featuring mystery-driven stories from the hit Netflix series!*



**CREATURE CASES:  
RACE AROUND THE WORLD**  
Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub Jan. 2027

*Grab your passports and pack your detective gear—CLADE is going global! Join super sleuths Kit and Sam as they jet off around the world teaching readers about some of the wildest places on Earth!*



**MASSIVE REACH**

The first season of this animated show quickly joined Netflix’s overall **top ten most watched list** and went straight into the United States, United Kingdom, France, and other global markets!

**CONSUMER PRODUCTS GALORE**

Creature Cases is set to drop its first round of consumer products in 2025, including backpacks, notebooks, playsets, and secret mission briefcases! This release will coincide with our publishing pipeline, helping to improve visibility at retail.



*Apple TV+ rebooted the popular 2007 kids' television series Yo Gabba Gabba!, premiering in August 2024. The musical preschool show promotes social-emotional development and positive life lessons through song, dance, and a mix of live-action and animated segments.*

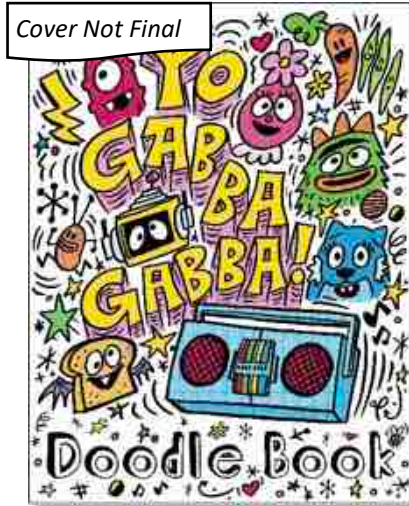


**THE CLASSIC IS BACK:**

The original YGG show was a 2000s staple, winning BAFTAs, Emmy nominations, and even Coachella slots! Not only is AppleTV airing the new show, but they will be putting the original in syndication, making it accessible to new generations.

**MASTER TOY PUBLISHER:**

Jazwares has signed on as master toy publisher, with plans to roll out Yo Gabba Gabbaland consumer products starting in Fall 2025, carrying over into 2026. Lineup includes action figures, vehicles, plush toys, playsets, and more.



**YO GABBA GABBALAND!:  
DOODLE BOOK**  
by Yo Gabba Gabbaland

**Ages 4 - 8, 96 pages, Pub April 2027**

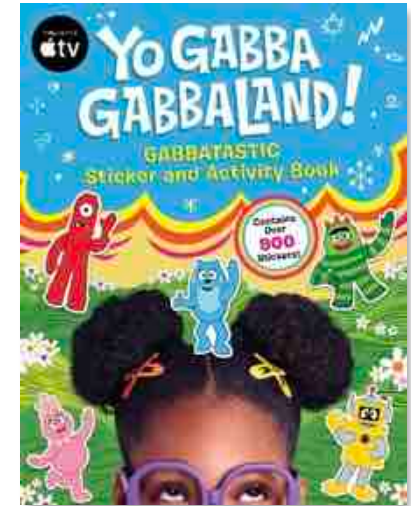
Let your imagination run wild in this 96 page Yo Gabba GabbaLand-themed doodle book!



**YO GABBA GABBALAND!:  
WHAT WE LEARNED TODAY**  
by Yo Gabba Gabbaland

**Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub May 2026**

Kammy Kam and the Gabba Gang reflect on 10 things that we can all do to help the world become a little better.



**GABBATASTIC STICKER  
AND ACTIVITY BOOK**  
by Yo Gabba Gabbaland

**Ages 4 - 8, 64 pages, Pub July 2026**

There's 1001 reasons why this 64-page Deluxe Sticker & Activity Book extravaganza is a must-have!



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# Trash Truck

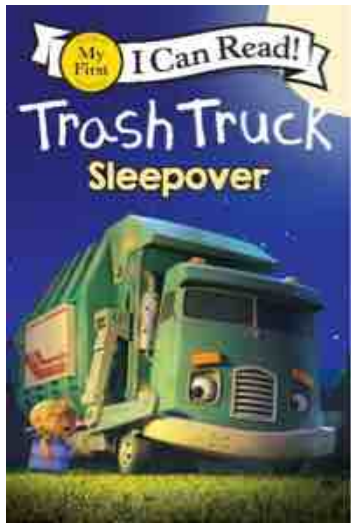
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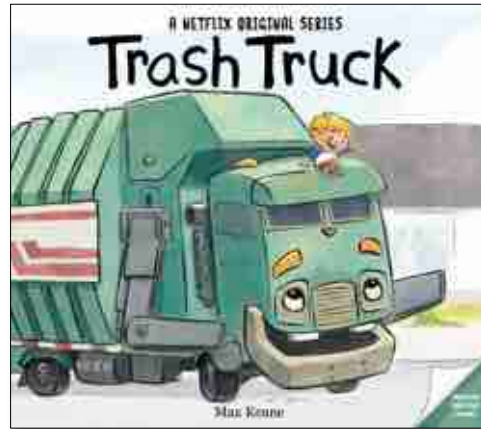
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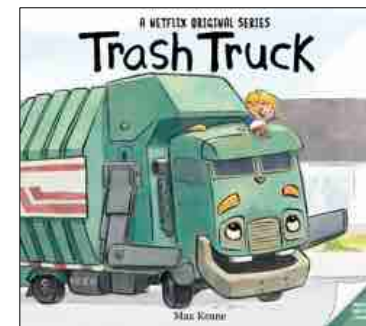
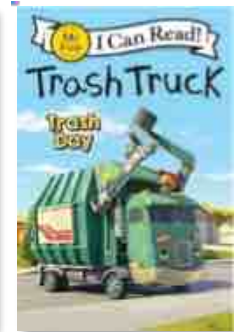
Based on the original animated series and inspired by a true story, this Trash Truck early reader is perfect for little fans of big trucks.



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