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When Albert Whitman was founded more than a century ago, our goal was simple: make good books that kids want to read. Today, we continue this tradition, guided by a deeper mission to create stories that also educate and empower children.

Together, we can create a safe space for kids to learn about themselves and their communities. We can promote empathy, inclusion, and personal responsibility. We can help children become world thinkers, ones who seek to understand themselves and others.

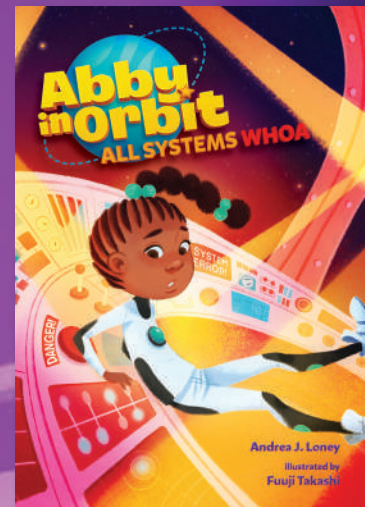
When we put the right story in the right hands, we can inspire the next generation to make the future brighter for everyone.



Our Story

Third-grader Abby may be out of this world—literally—but her family and friends keep her grounded.

From the author of *Bunnybear* comes a STEM-themed chapter book series filled with humor, hijinks, and heart.



“Our Afro-Latinx heroine successfully leads the way in this STEM series that’s funny, futuristic, and full of ingenuity...Curious young readers will gravitate to its quirky wit and the relatable character experiences that mirror common ups and downs.”

—Booklist

“By grounding the children in a setting that’s simultaneously familiar—the first day of school—and strange (in space), Loney offers an appealing take on the back-to-school story...Accessible writing brimming with funny lines will hold readers’ attention. Classroom libraries be warned: This one could wind up floating off your shelves.”

—Kirkus Reviews

Reviews
and Praise



Abby in Orbit

by ANDREA J. LONEY

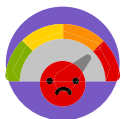
illustrated by FUUJI TAKASHI

BLAST OFF! 978-0-8075-0099-6

SPACE RACE 978-0-8075-0097-2

ALL SYSTEMS WHOA 978-0-8075-0095-8

Collections kids will love



Social & Emotional Learning

Prepare children to meet challenges, deal with disappointments, and cope with uncertainty.

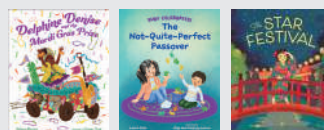


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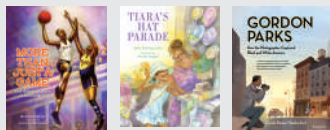


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Black Culture & History

These stories of courage, perseverance, and joy will inspire readers of all backgrounds.

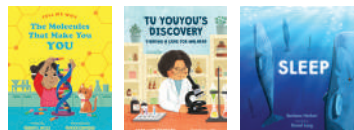


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STEM

Give children the confidence to ask questions, make mistakes, and find answers.



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Encourage kids to follow their dreams with the help of historical trailblazers.

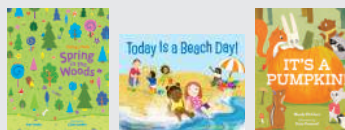


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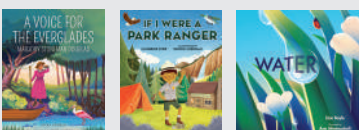


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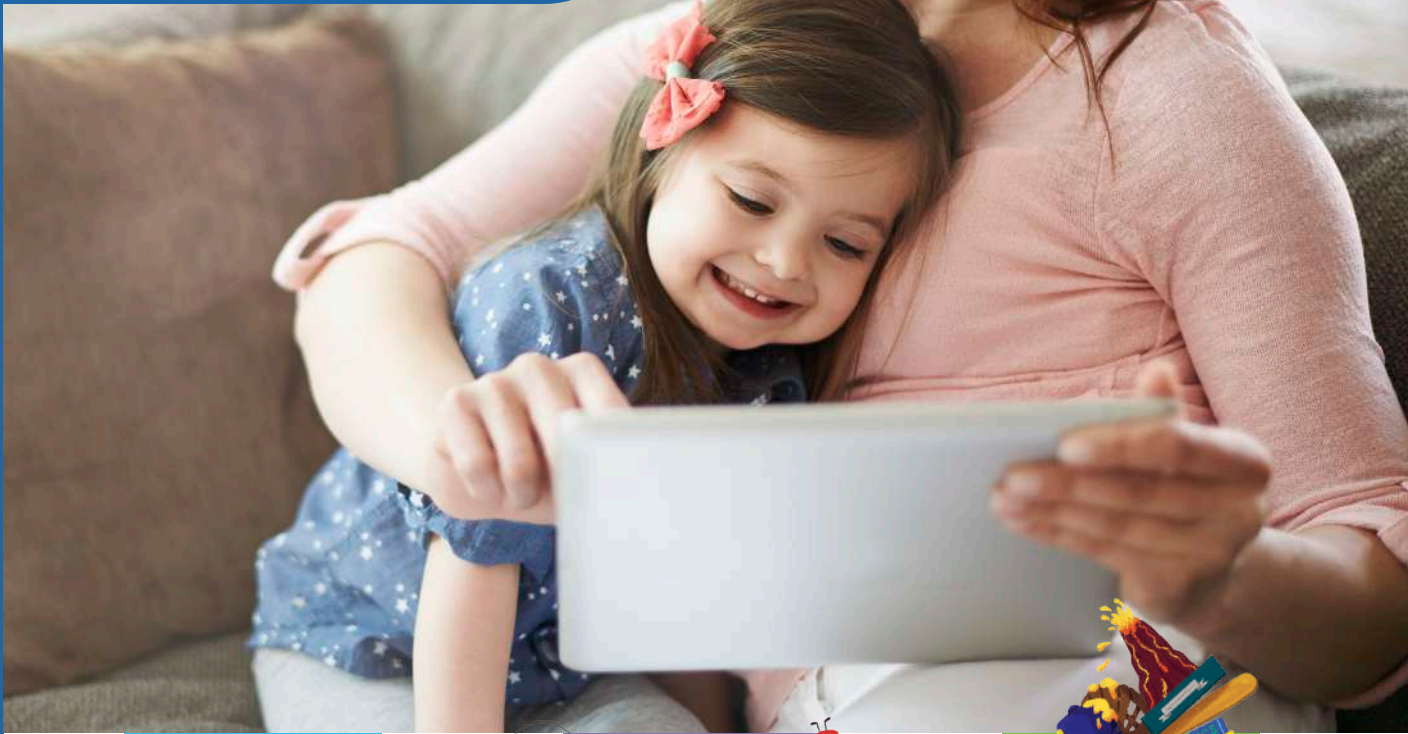


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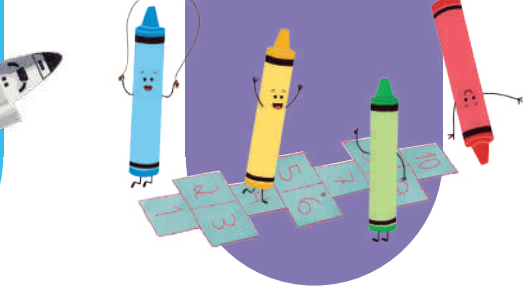
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SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Filled with challenges and breakthroughs, disappointments and triumphs, these stories prove that persistence pays off, both for ourselves and for the people who will follow in our footsteps.

Inspire world thinkers



Great Big Feelings™

Preparing kids to manage powerful emotions in social situations

Way Past Embarrassed

by HALLEE ADELMAN

illustrated by JOSEP MARIA JULI

978-0-8075-8098-1

US \$18.99

Ages 4-8/Grades PreK-3

September 2023

8 x 10, 32 pages

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Lamination

Territory: World

E-book: 978-0-8075-8099-8

US \$9.99

A student learns to ask for help even when it's difficult.

Juan is having a hard time with a math worksheet while everyone else in his class seems to breeze through it. When the teacher calls on Juan to put answers on the board, he acts silly and even leaves the room. But after a mix-up reveals that he's not the only one who struggles with math, Juan gains the courage to ask for help and inspires his classmates to do the same.

What to Expect

- A relatable look at embarrassment in a classroom setting
- Empowers readers to ask for help, even when it's difficult
- Encourages kids to be honest about their weaknesses and to use their strengths to help others



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WAY PAST EMBARRASSED



Hallee Adelman illustrated by Josep Maria Juli

HALLEE ADELMAN is the author of numerous books for children, and she works to better the lives of kids and families through education, story, and film. With a PhD in education, she has taught elementary through university students and was nominated twice for the Disney Teacher of the Year Award. Hallee lives outside Philadelphia, PA, with her family.

JOSEP MARIA JULI was born in Arenys de Mar, Spain. After studying comics at Joso School for two years, he realized that he expressed himself better in the children's illustration world. Since then he has done work for a variety of publishing houses, toy companies, and advertising agencies all over the world.

What to Expect from Great Big Feelings

- Describes the causes and symptoms of common emotions
- Characters model coping techniques and skills to work through big emotions
- 8 books in the series, with more on the way



A MESSAGE FROM THE AUTHOR

Feelings connect us. We might not share the same experiences, but we can connect through emotions. That is why I write small books about big feelings. I want readers to feel cared about, understood, and empowered—not just in difficult moments, but also for a lifetime.



WAY PAST MAD

Keya's day is off to a bad start. She heads to school kicking rocks and sticks. When her friend Hooper asks if she's okay, Keya shouts at him, and he storms off. Keya gave him her mad! Now it's up to her to find a way to make things right.



WAY PAST WORRIED

Brock's heart is thumping and his mind is racing. Today is his friend Juan's superhero party and he's going all by himself. What if nobody plays with him? What if everyone laughs at him? Brock doesn't feel like a superhero, but... what if he can save the day and find a way past worried all by himself?



WAY PAST JEALOUS

Yaz loves to draw, but no one ever notices her pictures. Everyone loves Debby's drawings, and one even got put up on the classroom wall with a star on it. Now Yaz's jealousy is making her think ugly things, and even act mean! How can she get past jealous?



WAY PAST SAD

James is sad. His best friend, Sanj, is moving away. James feels all alone, and even hugs from Mom don't take away all his sad. But it helps to talk about it. Nothing can change the fact that Sanj is moving, but will James and Sanj always be sad? Or is there a way to get past it?



WAY PAST AFRAID

Van and his sister are at their grandparents' house for a sleepover when a storm breaks. There's loud thunder, bursts of lightning, and a power outage. Even though Van is scared, he comes up with ideas to make everybody feel better.



WAY PAST LONELY

It's a weekend, and it looks like Macy will be spending it alone. Dez is out of town, Keya and Hooper can't play. Macy's mom is busy and her brother doesn't need her help. Can Macy still find a way to have fun all by herself?



WAY PAST SORRY

Kat promised to be Sage's buddy on the class trip, but when it was time to board the bus, Kat sat with someone else. Now Sage is ignoring Kat, and won't talk to her even after she apologizes. Kat is way past sorry. How can she make it up to her best friend?

The Thunder Pause

by **SHERI MABRY**

illustrated by **ANASTASIYA KANAVALIUK**

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 US \$18.99
 Ages 4-8/Grades PreK-3
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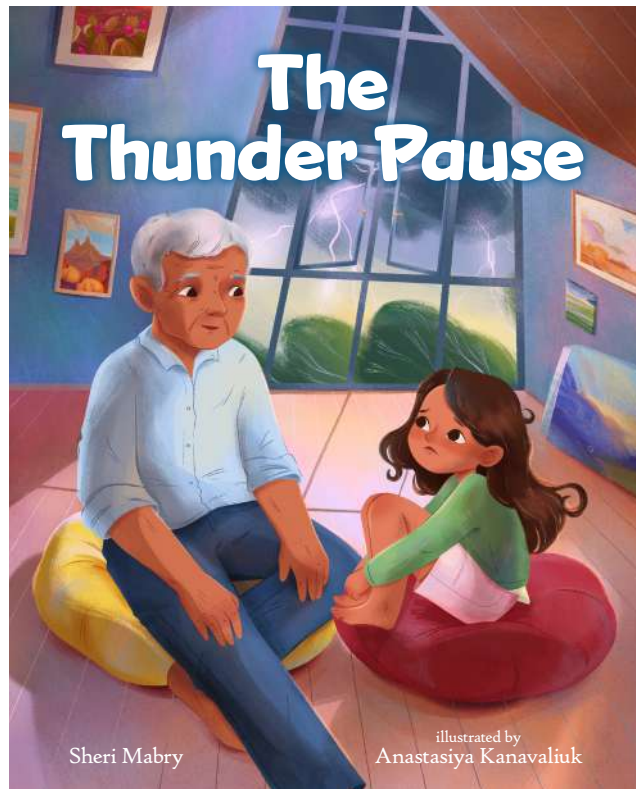
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 Territory: World
 E-book: 978-0-8075-7915-2
 US \$9.99

After an angry outburst, a child takes a cue from nature to find calm.

As a storm brews outside, a younger brother takes a green marker to his older sister's favorite drawing. She is so angry that all she can do is yell and stomp away. It's only when Grandpa applies the thunder pause game he taught her—counting seconds between the lightning flash and the boom—that she is able to control her temper. A perfect addition to SEL collections, this story offers a memorable, practical exercise that kids can use to find calm anytime, anywhere.

What to Expect

- Highlights a common childhood emotion, as well as the issues it can create, in a straightforward way
- Urges readers to focus on finding solutions rather than lashing out
- Author's note contains a pause game exercise kids can try themselves



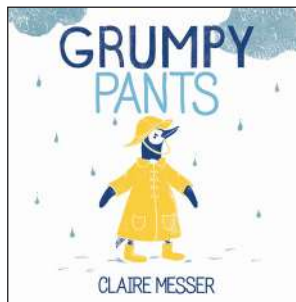
SHERI MABRY is an award-winning author from Cedarburg, Wisconsin. She has a master's degree in curriculum and instruction and a bachelor's degree in education. Sheri is also the founder of a not-for-profit arts organization, a yoga studio, and a writing services company. Creative work and mindfulness inform her writing.

ANASTASIYA KANAVALIUK is a Belarusian illustrator currently based in Poland. She has illustrated numerous children's books and is now working toward an MA in graphic design.

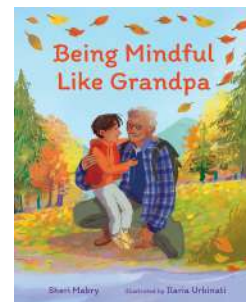
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Way Past Mad
 978-0-8075-8104-9
 \$9.99



Grumpy Pants
 978-0-8075-3079-5
 \$8.99



Being Mindful Like Grandpa
 978-0-8075-0614-1
 \$16.99

CELEBRATIONS & HOLIDAYS



These stories of holidays and customs introduce kids to the many ways in which people celebrate and find meaning in their traditions.

Share diverse perspectives

Lila and the Jack-o'-Lantern

Halloween Comes to America

by **NANCY CHURNIN**
 illustrated by **ANNELI BRAY**

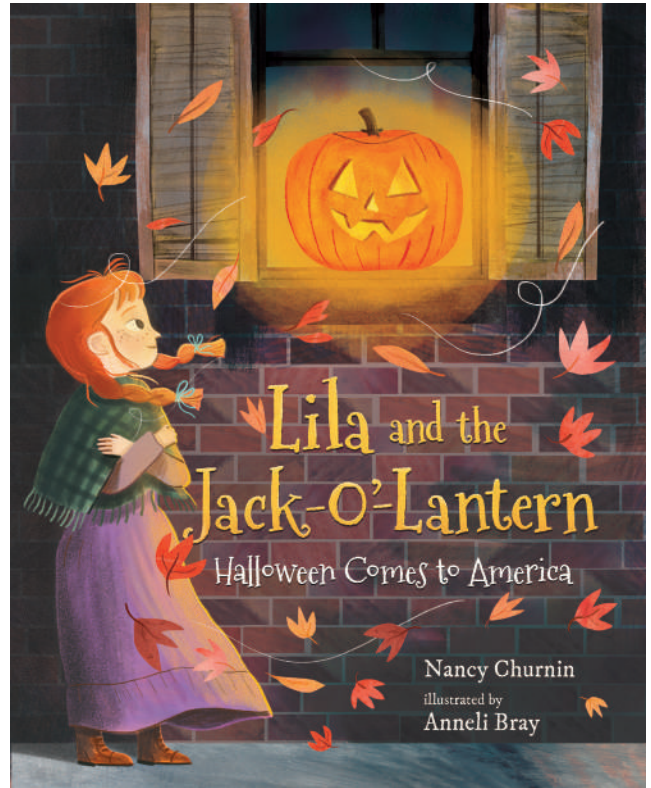
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An Irish immigrant moves to America, bringing along a now-beloved Halloween tradition.

When Lila and her family leave Ireland for the United States, Lila misses many things, but especially Halloween. Each year, she and her siblings look forward to tricking a sly spirit named Jack by carving turnips into jack-o'-lanterns and walking the streets of their small town in ghostly costumes. Now, with no turnips in sight, can she bring the spirit of the holiday to the crowded city streets of her new home?

What to Expect

- An illuminating look at how jack-o'-lanterns became popular in the United States
- Portrays the immigrant experience in 19th-century America through a child's eyes
- Includes information on Irish Halloween traditions, including recipes for seasonal dishes



NANCY CHURNIN is the award-winning author of multiple picture book biographies. The former theater critic for the *Dallas Morning News* and *Los Angeles Times* San Diego edition, she's now a full-time writer and peace negotiator between her dog and cats. She lives in North Texas.

ANNELI BRAY is a children's illustrator from Lancaster, United Kingdom. She graduated with a first in illustration at Norwich University of the Arts and has worked with clients such as Hodder, Barrington Stoke, Britannica, Quarto, and Magic Cat.

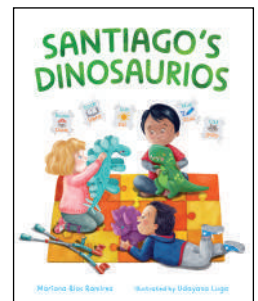
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It's a Pumpkin!
 978-0-8075-1216-6
 \$16.99



Día de Los Muertos
 978-0-8075-1577-8
 \$8.99



Santiago's Dinosaurios
 978-0-8075-7230-6
 \$17.99



Valentines for All

Esther Howland Captures America's Heart

by **NANCY CHURNIN**
illustrated by **MONIKA RÓŻA WIŚNIEWSKA**

978-0-8075-6711-1
US \$18.99
Ages 4-8/Grades PreK-3
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US \$9.99

How an enterprising woman helped establish a tradition that Americans still observe today.

When Esther Howland first saw the fancy valentine her father brought home from England, most Americans thought Valentine's Day was a waste of time. But through the card, Esther felt how much her father loved her. Could she help others express themselves in the same way?

What to Expect

- Tells the true story of Esther Howland, a 19th-century entrepreneur who popularized valentines in the United States
- Expresses the spirit of the holiday and shows how valentines grew in popularity during the Civil War
- Invites readers to write their own poems and make their own cards

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MONIKA RÓŻA WIŚNIEWSKA is a Polish illustrator living in Porto, Portugal. She studied traditional graphics at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, Poland, where she got her master's degree. Monika has worked with many publishers worldwide.



The Queen and the First Christmas Tree
978-0-8075-6636-7
\$16.99



Grandpa's Scroll
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\$18.99



Dear Mr. Dickens
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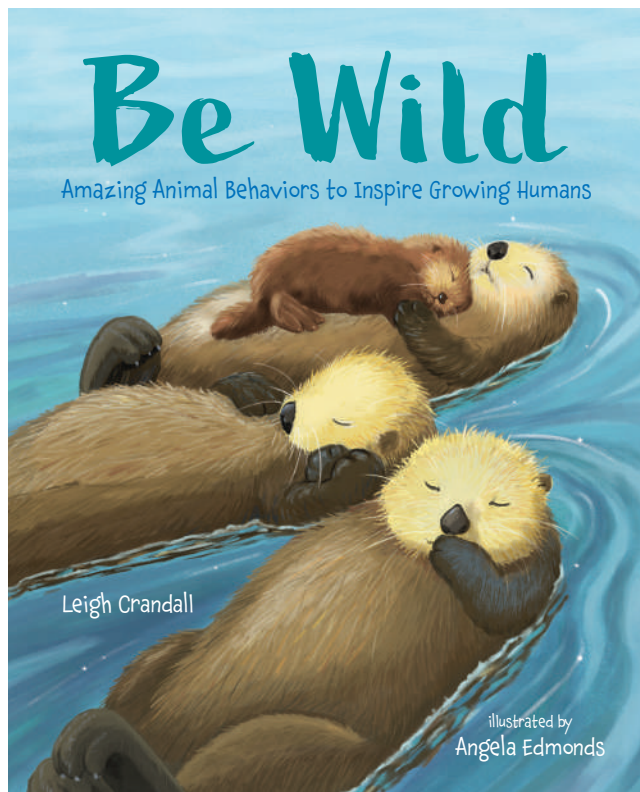


STEM BOOKS



Inspire the next generation of leaders to dream and discover with STEM-focused stories.

*Broaden
their horizons*



Be Wild

Amazing Animal Behaviors to Inspire Growing Humans

by **LEIGH CRANDALL**
illustrated by **ANGELA EDMONDS**

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US \$18.99
Ages 4-8/Grades PreK-3
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8 x 10, 32 pages

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E-book: 978-0-8075-0629-5
US \$9.99

Acting like an animal isn't always a bad thing—in fact, there's a lot we can learn about good manners from our friends in the wild!

Did you know that orangutans make their beds every day? Or that warthogs sit down to dine? Packed with interesting facts about animal behaviors, this nonfiction picture book shows children the healthy habits they can learn from creatures in the wild. Encourage kids to embrace their inner elephant, octopus, or sloth with this educational and entertaining read.

LEIGH CRANDALL grew up on the Caribbean island of St. Thomas and spent seventeen years in Manhattan writing for travel and lifestyle publications. Her first children's book, *Dark Hedges, Wizard Island, and Other Magical Places That Really Exist*, was published in 2020. She is currently a contributing editor at *Country Living*, and lives in Richmond, Virginia, with her family.

ANGELA EDMONDS started drawing animals at the age of four and has never stopped. A graduate of California Institute of the Arts, her first job was with Disney Animation, and she spent her early career in children's television before falling in love with children's book illustration. She now lives on a ranch just minutes from Los Angeles with her husband and pets.

What to Expect

- Showcases how wild animals communicate, help each other, and stay well
- Encourages considerate behavior and healthy habits by showing kids similarities between themselves and animals
- Friendly and dynamic approach invites readers to come up with more ways to be wild in their everyday lives



Just Wild Enough
978-0-8075-4085-5
\$17.99



Zoo-mate Wanted
978-0-8075-9565-7
\$16.99



Please Please the Bees
978-0-8075-5186-8
\$8.99

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Money Tales

Help kids develop financial literacy with accessible stories written by a former FDIC chair and financial expert.

Daisy Bubble A Price Crash on Galapagos

by **SHEILA BAIR**
illustrated by **AMY ZHING**

978-0-8075-5246-9
US \$18.99
Ages 4-8/Grades PreK-3
October 2023
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US \$9.99

Animals hoping to make an easy profit on a price bubble find out what happens when supply catches up to demand.

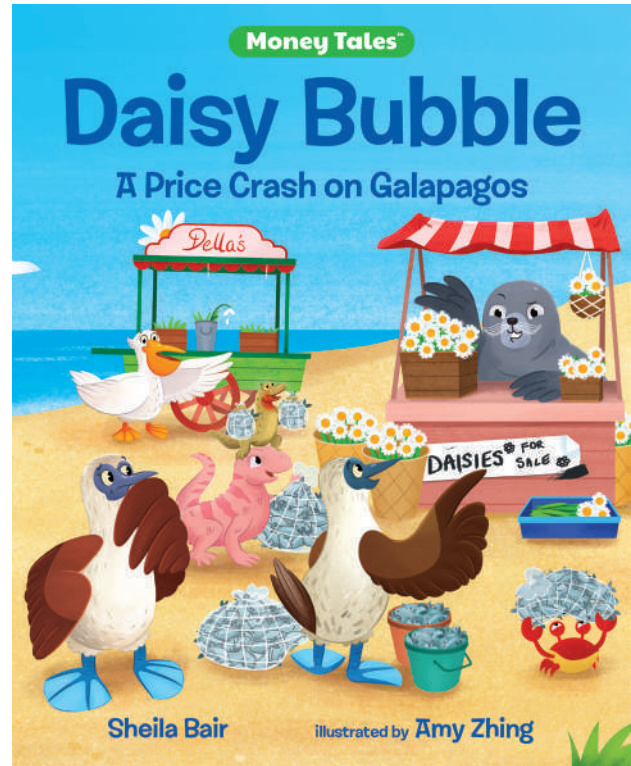
After Arlene the giant tortoise walks down the aisle wearing a crown of daisies, everyone wants some of the beautiful blooms for themselves. Florists sell out quickly, but Sly Seal has a daisy stash that allows him to drive up the price. Soon his customers start buying flowers from each other at even higher markups, hoping to sell them later for a profit. By the time word spreads that more daisies are on the way, this bubble is ready to burst.

What to Expect

- A timely cautionary tale in the age of cryptocurrency and NFTs
- Shows how a supplier can control the price of an item through market manipulation
- Explores financial concepts including market trends, speculation, and more



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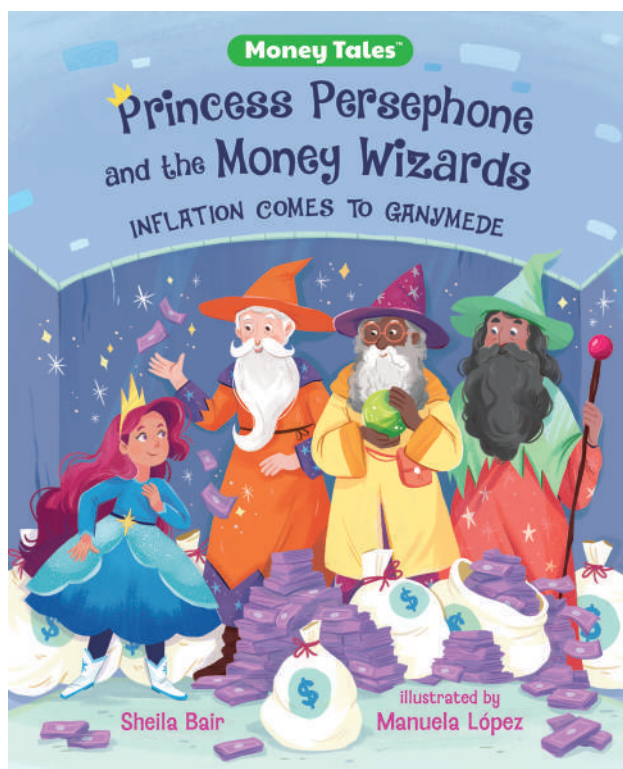


SHEILA BAIR has had a long and distinguished career in finance, academia, and government. She is perhaps best known as the Chair of the FDIC during the 2008-2009 financial crisis, when she was twice named by Forbes the second most powerful woman in the world. A lifelong advocate for strong financial regulation and consumer protections, she is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Bull by the Horns*, her memoir of the financial crisis, and is a frequent op-ed contributor and TV commentator, as well as author of several children's books on financial matters.

AMY ZHING grew up in the city of Plymouth in Devon, England. She studied fine art at university but realized a career as an award-winning fine artist was far too serious for her. So she has decided to try and make it as an award-winning illustrator instead.

What to Expect from This Series

- Kid-friendly explorations of money matters, using colorful characters and humor
- An accessible starting point for educators and parents who want to teach financial literacy
- Written by a leading financial expert who has received several honors for her published work on money and finance for children



Princess Persephone and the Money Wizards

Inflation Comes to Ganymede

by **SHEILA BAIR**
illustrated by **MANUELA LÓPEZ**

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US \$18.99
Ages 4–8/Grades PreK–3
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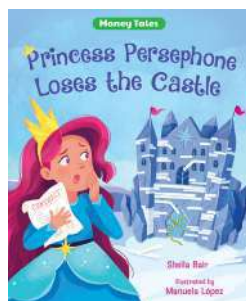
Princess Persephone means well when she orders the Money Wizards to conjure more cash for the people of Ganymede, but the result is the opposite of what she wants or expects.

Princess Persephone wants her friends to come along on the summer vacation of her dreams, but they can't afford tickets. No problem! She can just tell Ganymede's Money Wizards to print more bills. Though a wizard explains that doing so could lead to price hikes, Persephone insists. Then her royal subjects go on a spending spree, creating a shortage of the tickets her friends need for their trip. What's a princess to do?

MANUELA LÓPEZ is a freelance illustrator living and working in Terrassa, a small city in the northeast of Spain. Since she earned a Certificate of Higher Education in Illustration she has been working on children's books with many local publishers. Among her international clients are Simon & Schuster and Crocodile Creek.

What to Expect

- Explains how money supply increases can lead to inflation, and what can be done to reverse rising prices
- Describes financial concepts including supply & demand, price fluctuation, and purchasing power, in kid-friendly terms
- Back matter includes a glossary and relevant examples of inflation the 1930s to today



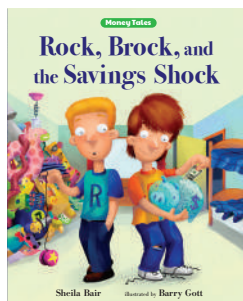
Princess Persephone Loses the Castle

978-0-8075-6652-7
\$9.99



Princess Persephone's Dragon Ride Stand

978-0-8075-6646-6
\$17.99



Rock, Brock, and the Savings Shock

978-0-8075-7095-1
\$8.99

Explore the Series

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Tell Me Why

Award-winning science author Robert E. Wells makes STEM concepts accessible with fun facts and creative comparisons.

We Need the Amazon Rain Forest

by **ROBERT E. WELLS**
illustrated by **PATRICK CORRIGAN**

978-0-8075-7780-6
US \$18.99
Ages 4-8/Grades PreK-3
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E-book: 978-0-8075-7781-3
US \$9.99

Take a journey through the heart of the Amazon rain forest to discover why it's so important for life on Earth.

Even though rain forests take up less than 10 percent of Earth's land, they are home to more than half the world's plants and animals. In this adventure, readers climb aboard a river boat and tour the Amazon with a local guide. Observe howler monkeys, harpy eagles, and other wildlife as you discover how the planet's largest tropical rain forest became endangered, and why it's up to us to protect it.

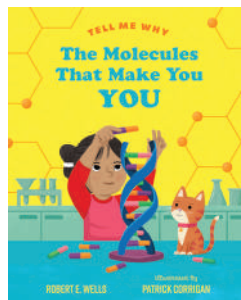
What to Expect

- Learn about the world's oldest ecosystems and the creatures that inhabit them
- Details the role rain forests play in supporting life on Earth
- Explains how the destruction of the Amazon contributes to climate change



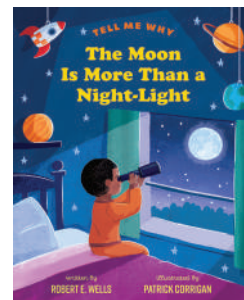
ROBERT E. WELLS is the author and illustrator of many award-winning science books for children, including *Can You Count to a Googol?* and *Why Do Elephants Need the Sun?*. He lives with his wife in Washington.

Explore the Series



The Molecules That Make You

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\$17.99

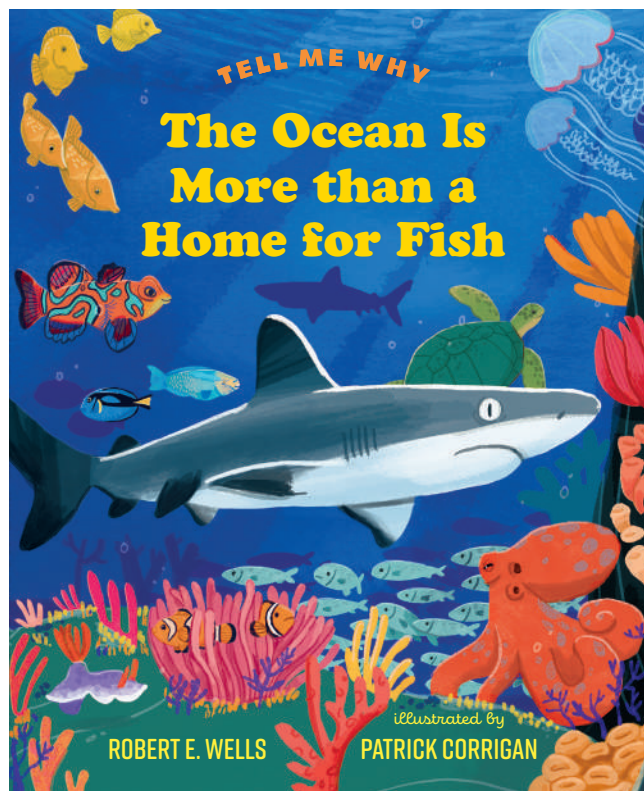


The Moon Is More Than a Night-Light

978-0-8075-5275-9
\$17.99

What to Expect from This Series

- Written by an award-winning author of science books for kids
- Clear explanations and eye-catching illustrations
- Approaches popular STEM topics from surprising perspectives



The Ocean Is More than a Home for Fish

by **ROBERT E. WELLS**
illustrated by **PATRICK CORRIGAN**

978-0-8075-7782-0
US \$18.99
Ages 4-8/Grades PreK-3
October 2023
8 x 10, 32 pages

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Territory: World
E-book: 978-0-8075-7783-7
US \$9.99

Dive into our oceans to learn why we need them—and why they need us.

Our five oceans cover about 71 percent of the earth's surface and hold about 97 percent of our water. A central part of the planet's water cycle, oceans are essential to all living things. They are home to thousands of species, and they provide humans with food and medicine. Oceans are one of the world's most valuable natural resources, and we must take care of them.

What to Expect

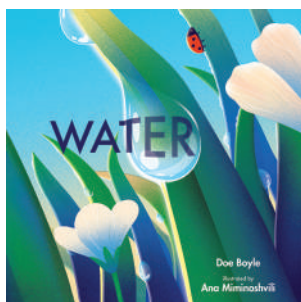
- Tour the ocean's many levels, from the sunlit zone to the abyssal plan, and encounter amazing creatures along the way
- Explains the role oceans play in supporting biodiversity, regulating the climate, and more
- Describes the harmful effects of carbon dioxide and pollution and advocates for reducing emissions and plastic waste

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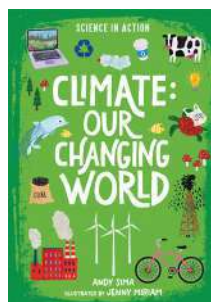
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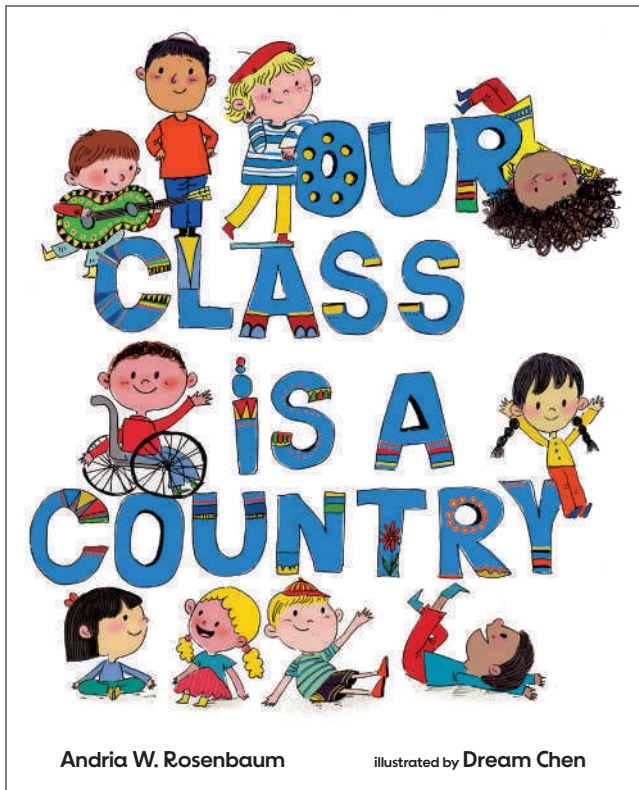


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Our class is made up of different shapes, sizes, and smiles—come join us and see!

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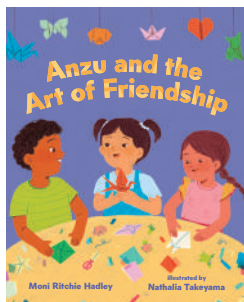
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ANDRIA W. ROSENBAUM is a graduate of the Bank Street College of Education and a former resource room teacher. She writes poetry and picture books from her home in New Jersey.

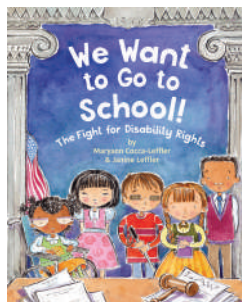
DREAM CHEN is an artist with background in both illustration and animation. She received her BFA in animation at the Communication University of China and completed her MFA in visual art at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. She is currently living and working in Shanghai, China. She is the illustrator of *Butterflies on the First Day of School*, *My Story Friend*, and more.



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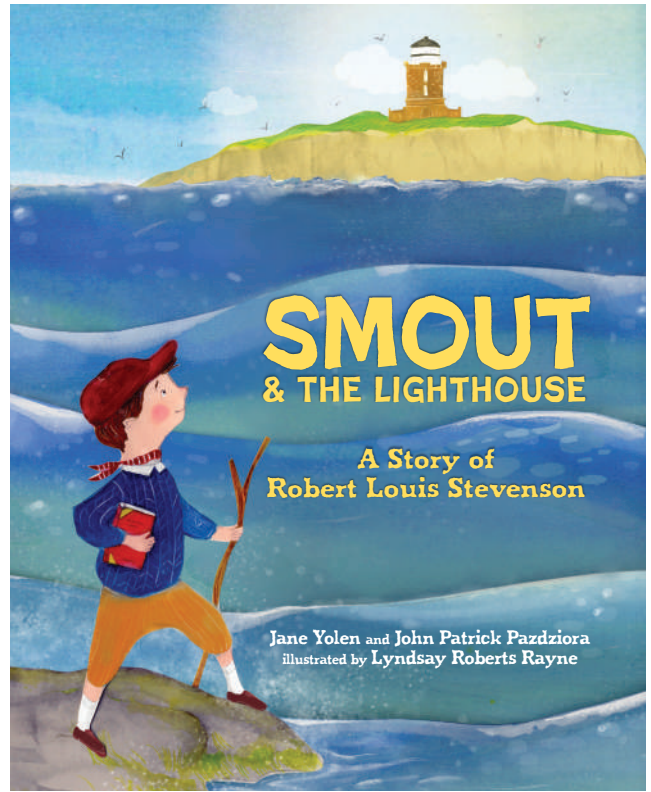
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What to Expect

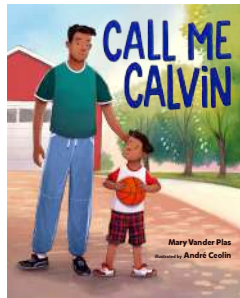
- Imagines a scene from the childhood of author Robert Louis Stevenson, showing how his creativity shaped his life from an early age
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JANE YOLEN is the author of more than 400 books, including *How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?*. Her works, which range from picture books to novels for adults, have won an assortment of awards, among them the Golden Kite and the National Jewish Book Award. She lives in Massachusetts in the winter and Scotland in the summer. She writes every day.

JOHN PATRICK PAZDZIORA is project assistant professor in the College of Arts and Sciences of The University of Tokyo. He holds a PhD in English from the University of St Andrews and researches 19th-century Scottish literature. He is the author of *Haunted Childhoods in George MacDonald*.

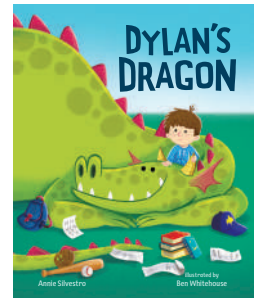
LYNDSAY ROBERTS RAYNE graduated from the Cambridge School of Art with a master’s degree in children’s book illustration. A psychotherapist and art therapist, she balances her time between her private practice and her illustration work. She lives in Cambridge, England, with her husband and their dogs.



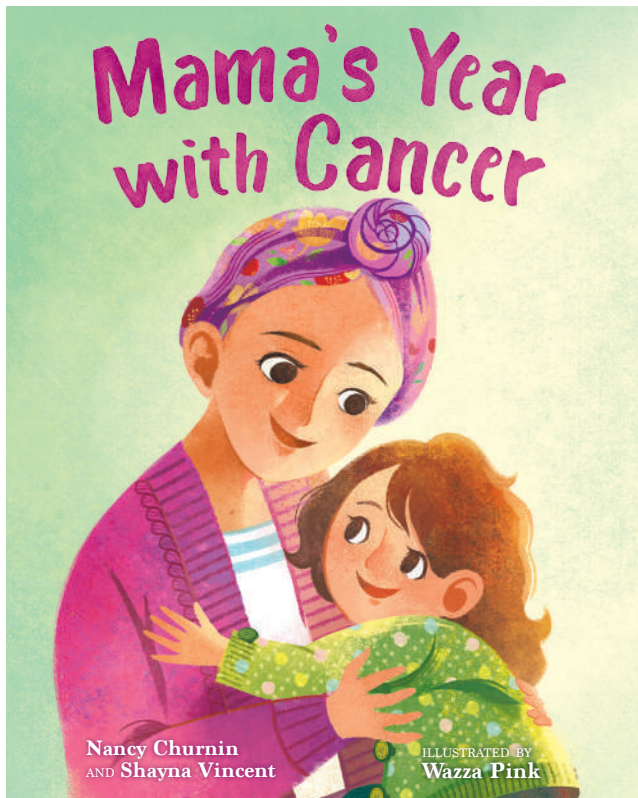
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What to Expect

- Deals compassionately with the day-to-day realities of a loved one undergoing treatment for cancer
- Acknowledges that a diagnosis can take a toll on the whole family, and that it's OK to be angry and sad even when you aren't the one who's sick
- Co-written by a mother of two who was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 34, backmatter includes an author's note and resources on how to talk to children about cancer

NANCY CHURNIN is the award-winning author of multiple picture book biographies. The former theater critic for the *Dallas Morning News* and *Los Angeles Times* San Diego edition, she's now a full-time writer and peace negotiator between her dog and cats. She lives in North Texas.

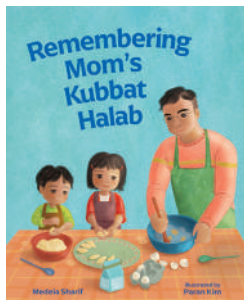
SHAYNA VINCENT resides in Carrollton, Texas. She serves as the director of professional development at the Caruth Police Institute at the University of North Texas at Dallas, where she develops and implements leadership curriculum for law enforcement personnel. Shayna earned a master's degree in alternative dispute resolution from Southern Methodist University and a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Texas at Arlington.

WAZZA PINK was born in Vietnam and still lives there. As a kid, she loved reading comics and picture books, and mimicking the styles of her favorite artists. Now an illustrator, she continues to practice and learn from books, the internet, and her artist friends.



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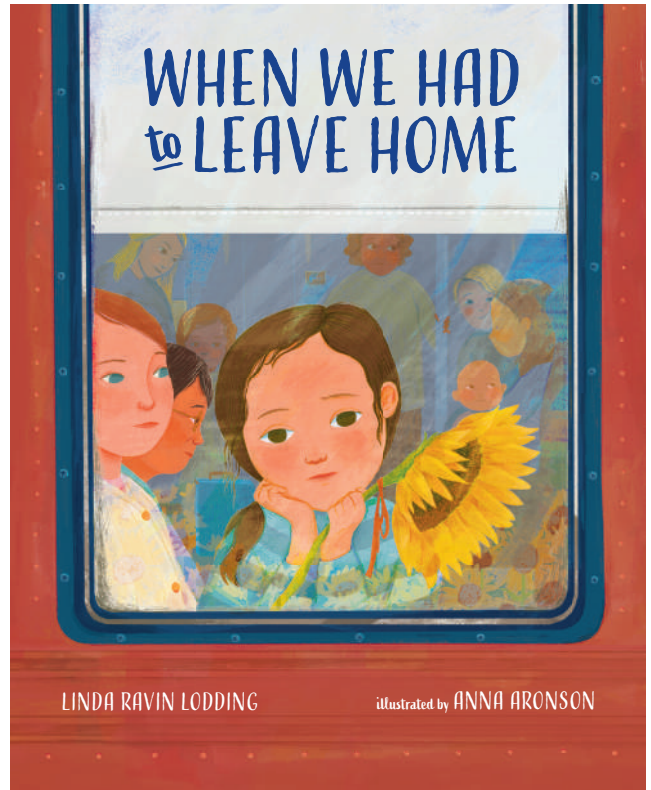
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What to Expect

- Portrays the refugee experience through a child's eyes
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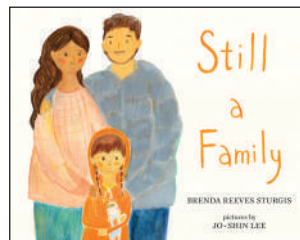
LINDA RAVIN LODDING is the award-winning author of eight children's picture books. She graduated from Barnard College, Columbia University and has an MBA from New York University's Stern School of Business. Originally from New York, Linda spent the twenty-five years in Austria and the Netherlands and now lives in beautiful Stockholm, Sweden.


ANNA ARONSON lives in Winneconne, Wisconsin. She has a degree in history from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and has worked on board games, coloring books, and children's books, including *The Grumpy Troll*.

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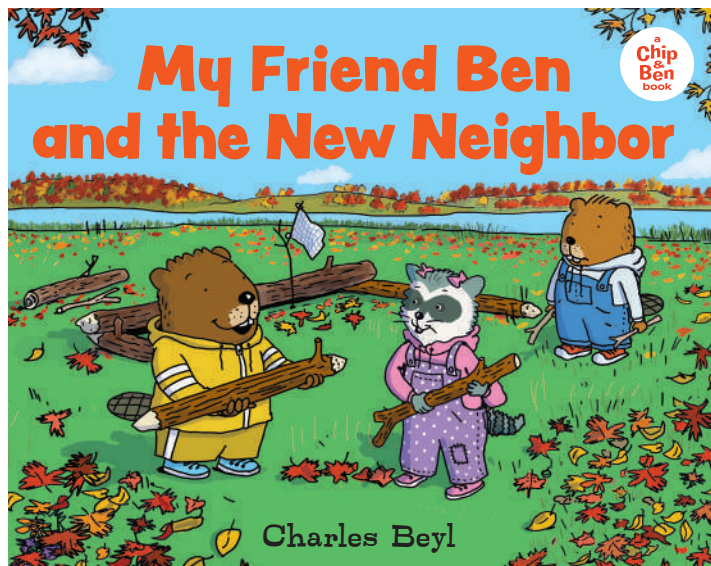
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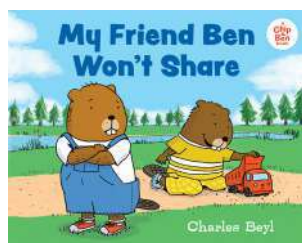
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What to Expect

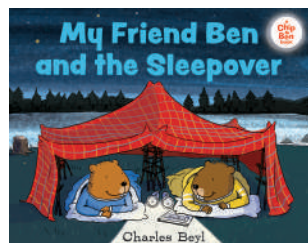
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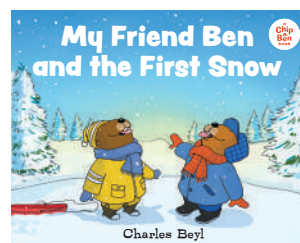
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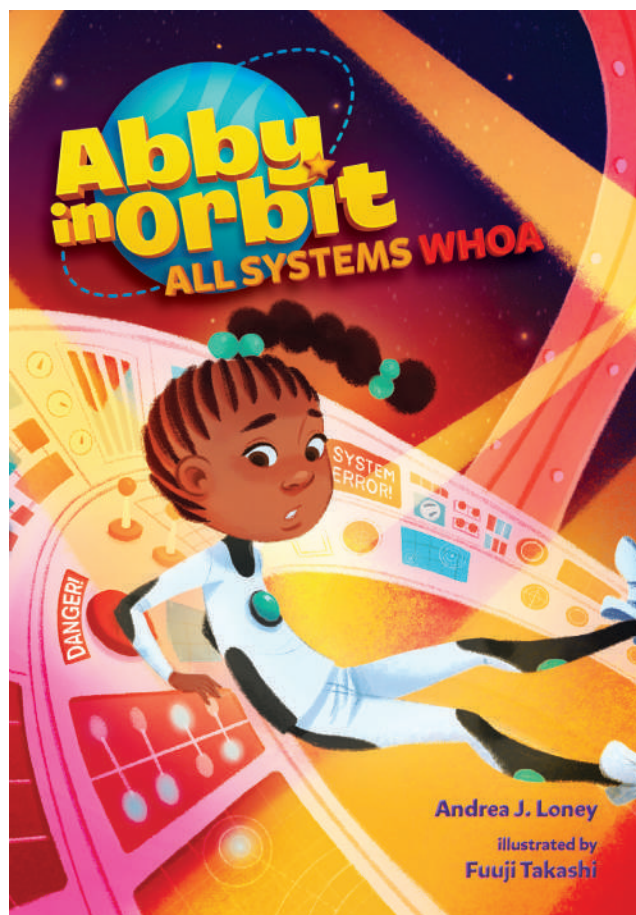
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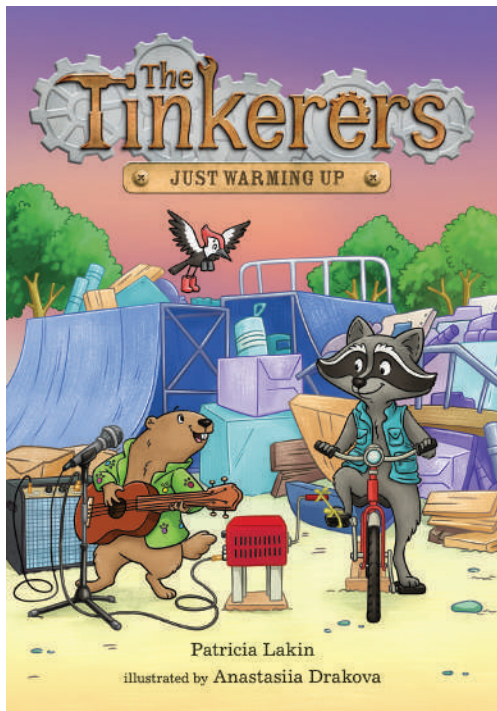
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FUUJI TAKASHI is a children's book illustrator and character designer from General Santos, Phillippines. She is best known for illustrating Kailyn Lowry's first children's book, *Love Is Bubblegum*, and for her work on children's books featuring diverse characters. In her spare time, she likes cooking, singing, and taking long, peaceful walks.

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PATRICIA LAKIN is an award-winning author and former elementary school teacher who has published a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction titles that span multiple age groups. As a die-hard New Yorker, she is continually in awe of the inspiration this vibrant, diverse city can offer.

ANASTASIIA DRAKOVA was born in Ukraine, and she has loved to draw for as long as she can remember. After working as a packaging designer for fifteen years, Anastasiia moved to Italy and decided to pursue her lifelong dream of becoming a children's book illustrator.

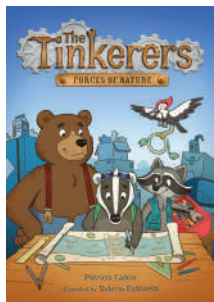
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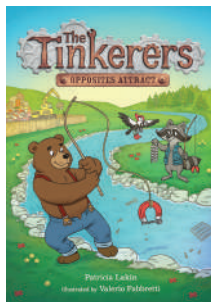
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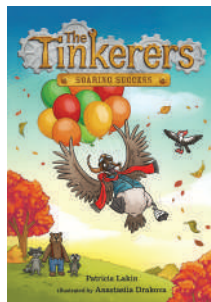
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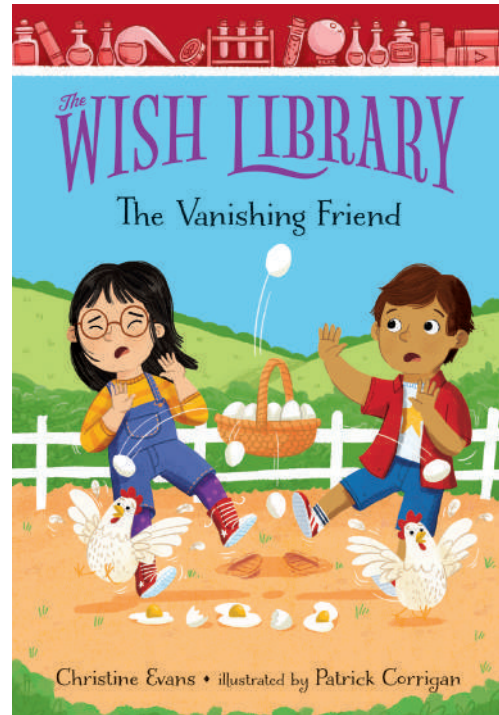
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What to Expect

- Explores bullying from a friend's perspective
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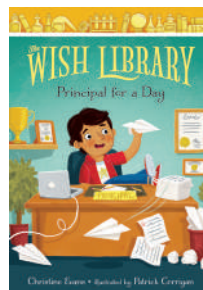
CHRISTINE EVANS is a British author living in the San Francisco Bay Area in California with her husband and two daughters. She is the author of two picture books, *Evelyn the Adventurous Entomologist* and *Emily's Idea*. The Wish Library is Christine's first chapter book series.

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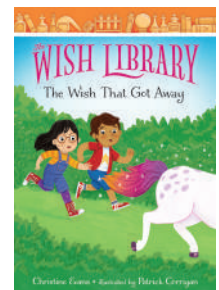
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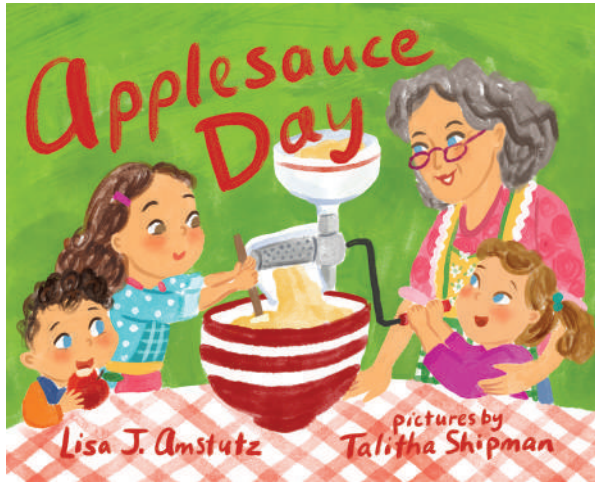
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LISA J. AMSTUTZ is the author of more than fifty books for children. She specializes in topics related to science, nature, and agriculture. Lisa's work has also appeared in a variety of magazines and newspapers. Her background includes a BA in biology and an MS in environmental science. Lisa lives with her family on a hobby farm in rural Ohio.

TALITHA SHIPMAN graduated with an MFA in illustration from Savannah College of Art and Design in 2008. She's illustrated three books since then. Talitha lives in Indiana with her husband, daughter, and a very hairy dog named Lucy.



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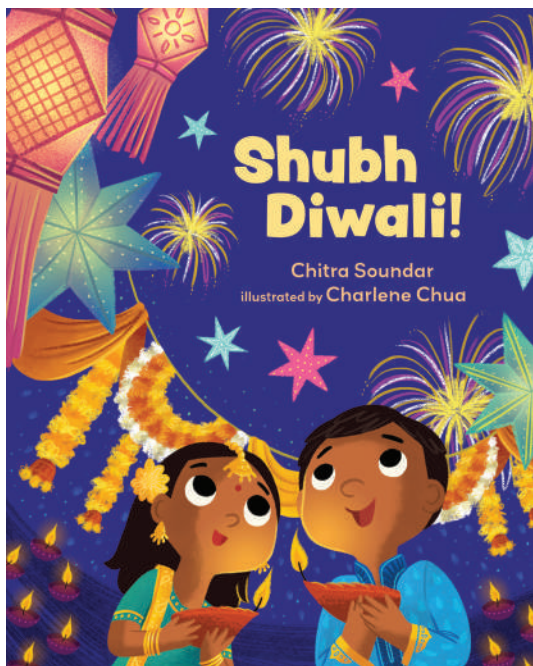
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JANET LAWLER is a critically-acclaimed author whose books have appeared in Scholastic Book Clubs and the Children's Book of the Month Club. Her work includes *Ocean Counting* (an NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book), *Love is Real*, and *Leaves*. She loves sharing the humor of everyday life with young readers. Janet lives in Farmington, CT.

CHIARA GALLETTI is a children's book illustrator and character designer. She has a degree in advertising at the University for Foreigners of Perugia and a specialization in E-design at the Academy of Digital Arts Nemo Florence. Currently she organizes digital drawing workshop for teens at Biblioteca delle Nuvole of Perugia. She lives in Italy.



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CHITRA SOUNDAR is an active supporter of reading for pleasure and inclusivity in publishing. Born in India, she now lives in London. She has over thirty books in print worldwide.

CHARLENE CHUA grew up in Singapore but now lives in Ontario, Canada. When she's not making art, she enjoys cooking, reading, and playing video games.



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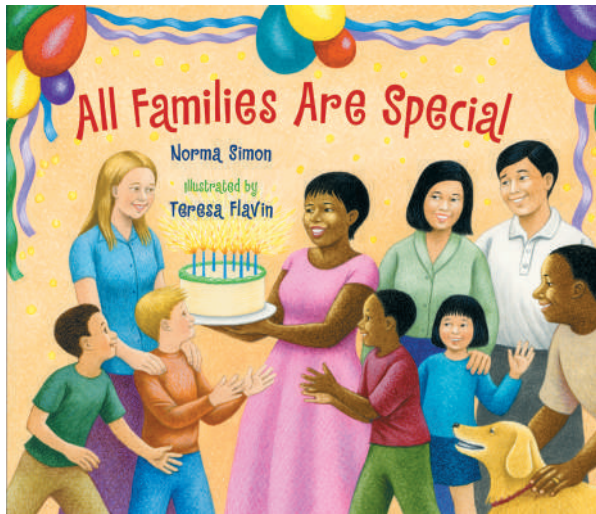
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LEZLIE EVANS is an award-winning author of numerous children's books. Some of her publishing credits include *Can You Greet the Whole Wide World?*, *The Bunnies' Trip*, and *The Bunnies' Picnic*. A reluctant reader in grade school, she developed a love of books in middle school. She lives in Virginia.

YEE VON CHAN is an illustrator based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. She enjoys traveling, stargazing, reading, Japanese food, and various kinds of stationery.



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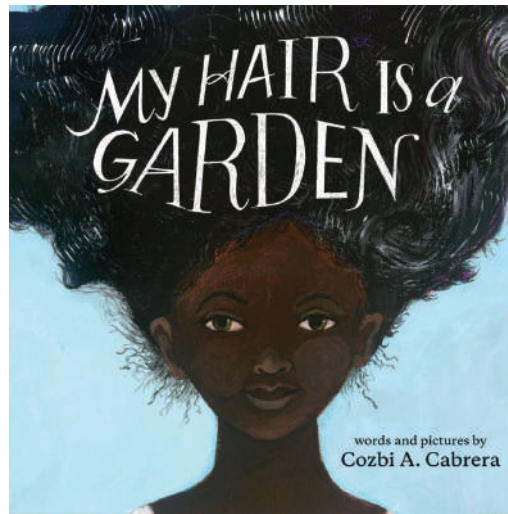
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NORMA SIMON wrote more than fifty books for children, including *All Kinds of Families*, *All Kinds of Children*, *All Families are Special*, and *I Was So Mad!*.

TERESA FLAVIN was born in New York and studied art in Boston and at Syracuse University. She has illustrated a number of picture books and now lives in Glasgow, Scotland.



My Hair is a Garden

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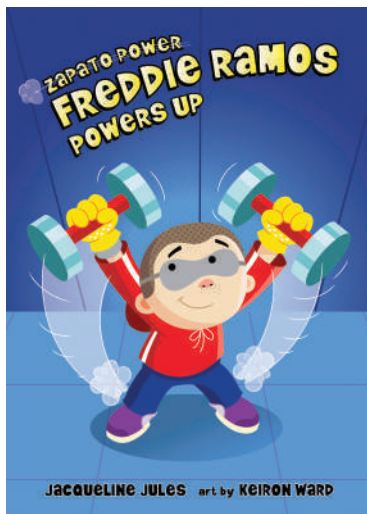
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COZBI A. CABRERA received a BFA from Parsons School of Design. An author and illustrator, she won Caldecott and Coretta Scott King honors for her book *Me & Mama*. Additionally, her handmade cloth dolls have garnered the attention of collectors around the world.



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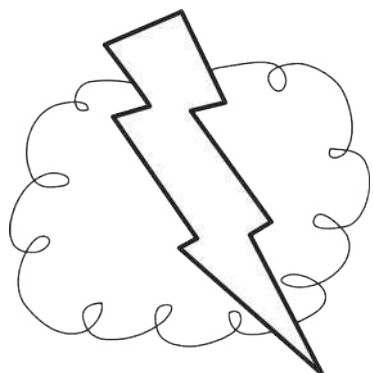
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JACQUELINE JULES is the author of numerous books for children, including *Never Say a Mean Word Again*, a Sydney Taylor Honor Book. She is also a librarian, teacher, and poet. She won the Cybils Award for Best Short Chapter Book for the first book in the Zapato Power series. She lives in Arlington, Virginia.

KEIRON WARD has always loved drawing his favorite heroes and villains. He lives in Wales.



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JONATHAN ROSEN is a transplanted New Yorker who now lives with his family and rescue dog, Parker, in sunny South Florida. When not writing, he can be found with his family. He is the author of *Night of the Living Cuddle Bunnies* and its sequel, *From Sunset till Sunrise*. He is an administrator of a site devoted to middle grade books, and a founding member of a site devoted to spooky middle grade.

HENRY HERZ is the author of eleven children's books, including *Cap'n Rex & His Clever Crew*, *2 Pirates + 1 Robot*, and the *Kirkus*-starred *I Am Smoke*. His short stories have appeared in *Highlights* and *Ladybug*. Henry co-edited the YA anthology *The Hitherto Secret Experiments of Marie Curie* from Blackstone Publishing. He loves his family, dogs, and Boston cream pie.



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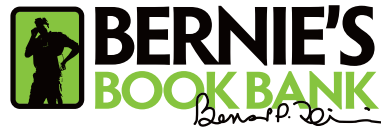
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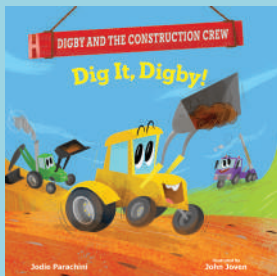
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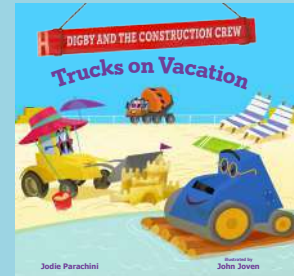
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