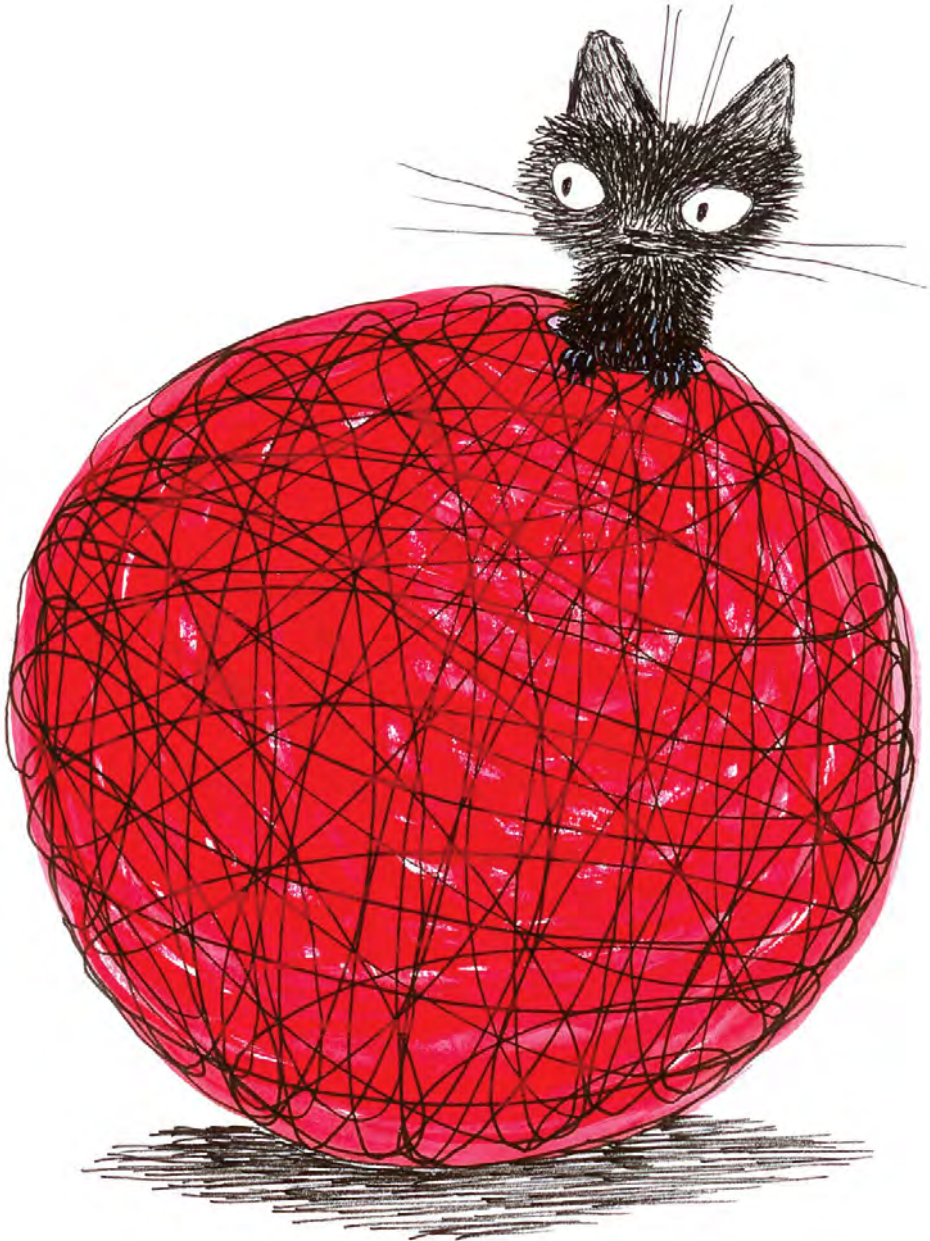


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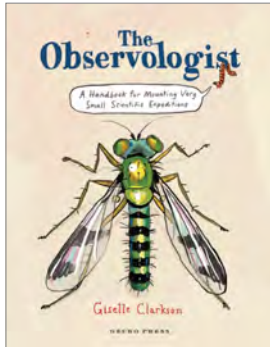
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## Omnibird

### The Avian Investigator's Handbook

Giselle Clarkson

This highly illustrated, playful field guide to common international birds brings the art of observology to the science of ornithology, showing the many ways these familiar creatures are remarkable if you take time to look.

- Distinctive voice and humor combines with fascinating science
- Commonly known birds found in habitats around the world
- *The Observologist* sold out in the first weeks of release, has reprinted twice, has three starred reviews, and received multiple shortlistings and awards internationally, including shortlisting for the UK Wainwright prize for Science and Nature Writing

Giselle Clarkson is an author, illustrator and comic artist based in Greytown, New Zealand, known for her work on conservation and environmental topics. She has written and illustrated award-winning picture books and nonfiction and is an Arts Foundation Laureate.

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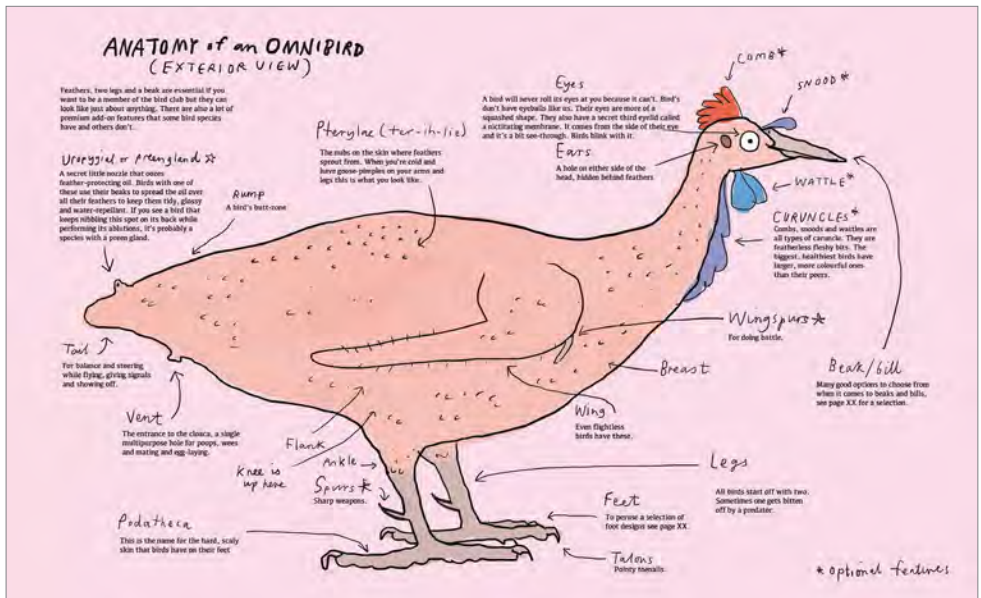
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Pages: 96 • Trim: 9 7/8 x 11 3/8 • Ages: 8-13

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## The Fierce Little Woman and the Wicked Pirate, 2nd Edition

Joy Cowley, illus. Miho Satake

This enduring tale of independence and family is an unconventional love story with a strong female lead and a pirate with a sensitive side, written by New Zealand's leading children's writer and illustrated by one of Japan's foremost children's illustrators.

- One of Joy Cowley's bestselling picture books with fresh contemporary illustrations for a new young audience
- A warm family and love story with an independent female lead
- Themes of independence and relationships; strength and vulnerability; family

**Joy Cowley** lives in New Zealand, and her books are loved by children all around the world. She is a Distinguished Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

**Miho Satake** is a highly regarded Japanese artist and illustrator known for illustrating the Japanese editions of classic children's books including Diana Wynne Jones and anniversary editions of the *Harry Potter* series.

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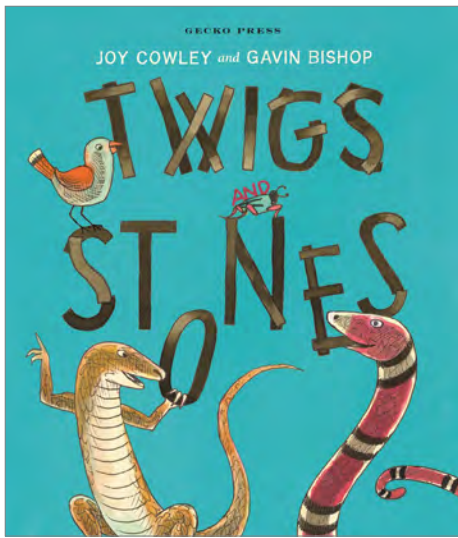
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The little woman put down her knitting

Very slowly, she opened the trappdoor, and the pirate came through, dripping seawater on the carpet.



## Twigs and Stones

Joy Cowley, illus. Gavin Bishop

Snake and Lizard want to write their names on their burrow's front door. But whose name will go first? This warm and wise picture book captures the essence of friendship and nudges us to notice the power of our words.

- A companion picture book to the much-loved, award-winning fiction series **Snake and Lizard**
- Themes of name calling and crossing the line between joking and being mean resonate for families and schools
- Written by Joy Cowley, New Zealand's leading children's writer, and illustrated by the world-renowned artist Gavin Bishop

**Joy Cowley** lives in New Zealand, and her books are loved by children all around the world. She is a Distinguished Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

**Gavin Bishop ONZM, Tainui, Ngāti Awa**, is a leading Māori illustrator living in Christchurch, New Zealand. He has published more than seventy books internationally, which have been translated into twelve languages. His awards include the Sir Kingi Ihaka award for lifetime contribution to Māori art and culture.

*"The author delivers a charming tale of friendship, humor, and the fine balance of living together . . . This book is a perfect read-aloud and is excellent for the classroom, teaching readers the value of kindness through humor."*

— **School Library Journal**

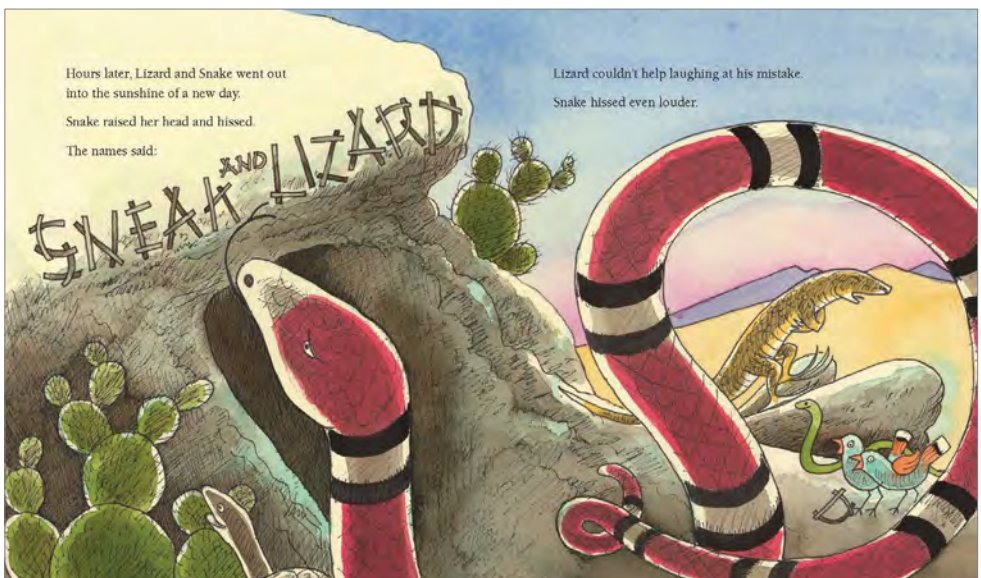
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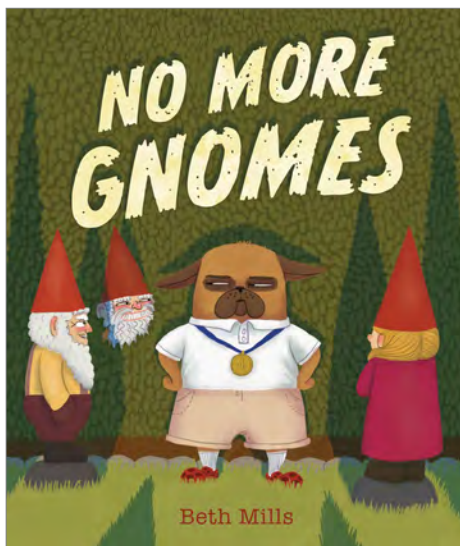
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## No More Gnomes

Beth Mills

Herbert is the politest kid in town! But when Ms. Goat, his neighbor and after-school babysitter, starts collecting creepy garden gnomes, he freaks out. How can he tell Ms. Goat how he feels without being rude?

- Charming animal characters
- A wonderful follow-up to Beth's debut picture book, *Ella McKeen, Kickball Queen*
- Will appeal to fans of *Creepy Carrots* by Aaron Reynolds, illustrated by Peter Brown

Beth Mills is an author and illustrator who lives in Texas with her family. Her picture book *Ella McKeen, Kickball Queen* received the International Literacy Association's Primary Fiction Honor and the 2019 Writers League of Texas Picture Book Award.

Also available



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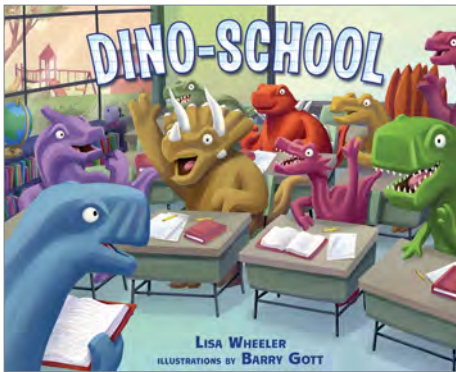
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*"Readers will close this emotionally intelligent book with strong feelings—and will likely ask to hear it again and again."*

— Kirkus Reviews





## Dino-School

Lisa Wheeler, illus. Barry Gott

Welcome the school year dino-style! Dino-kids have fun all through the year, from the fall fling and the spelling bee to the 100th day of school and track-and-field day!

- Easy-to-read verse incorporates lots of dino names and makes for a great readaloud
- Sweet subplot about making new friends

**Lisa Wheeler** is the award-winning author of the **Dino-Sports** and **Dino-Holidays** books. When she isn't running around the country visiting schools, standing at podiums, and eating airport snacks, she resides in Michigan.

**Barry Gott** lives in Ohio and has illustrated many children's books, including all of the **Dino-Sports** and **Dino-Holidays** books.

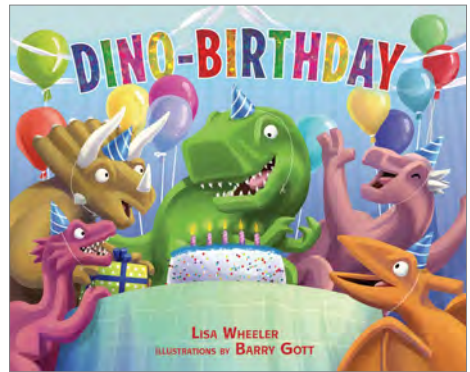
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## Dino-Birthday

Lisa Wheeler, illus. Barry Gott

Happy birthday, dear dinos! Check out four birthdays in four seasons and see all the fun ways dinos celebrate. With playful party themes, presents, cake, and lots of games for everyone!

- A fun way to celebrate birthdays at any time of year
- Themes include sports, winter fun (sledding, skiing), a roller rink, and a pool party
- Easy-to-read verse incorporates lots of dino names and makes for a great readaloud

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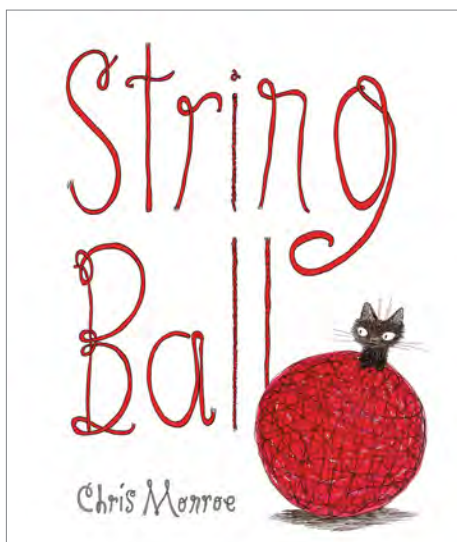
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## String Ball

Chris Monroe

When a curious kitten stumbles upon its young owner's string ball craft project, slips inside, and begins to roll, a series of rollicking adventures unfolds! This nearly wordless picture book employs a limited palette and offers a fresh new approach from beloved author-illustrator Chris Monroe.

- Has the look and feel of a modern classic
- Hilarious physical comedy
- Brings together Chris Monroe's background as a newspaper cartoonist and a children's book creator for a fresh new approach

**Chris Monroe** is an award-winning author, illustrator and cartoonist. Her picture books include the **Monkey with a Tool Belt** series, which inspired the Netflix series *Chico Bon Bon: Monkey with a Tool Belt*. She lives in Duluth, MN.

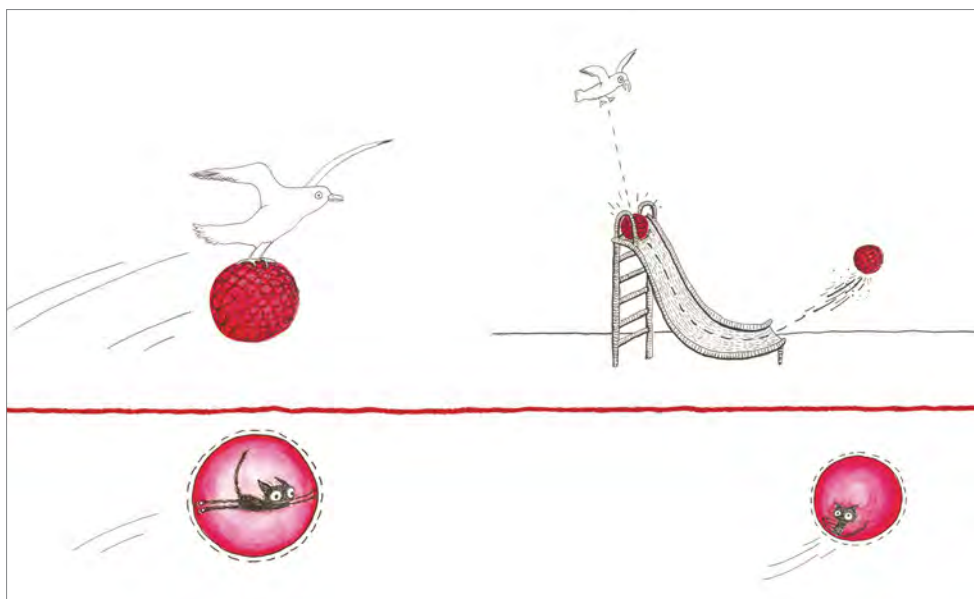
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## The Fearless Storyteller

Cassie Silva, illus. Ana Zurita

When a young girl's father is scared of the unicorns in her bedtime book, she hides it to protect him. When he's scared of giraffes next, she realizes he's scared of reading the big words.

- Highlights English Language Learners families, single parents, and immigrant parents
- Raises literacy awareness
- Shows father-daughter bonding

**Cassie Silva** is an author of multiple children's books and a social worker of Portuguese heritage living in Vancouver, Canada. Cassie loves volunteering, books, cats, and ice cream.

**Ana Zurita** lives in Spain. She was born by the sea in Valencia, where she completed her studies in fine arts. She is a big fan of the beach in winter, the color yellow, the smell of old books, and heavy blankets. She has illustrated many picture books.

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## Saif's Special Patches

Humera Malik, illus. Ravan Sader

Saif is "just shy," or at least that's what everyone tells him. When his mom comforts him with a patchwork quilt made of his special memories, he remembers he's brave, smart, persistent, and helpful, too.

- Social and emotional learning component—coping with shyness
- Shows mother-son and sibling bonding
- Features a Muslim family and elements of the Ramadan holiday

**Humera Malik** is a teacher-turned-writer of Muslim faith and Pakistani roots. She enjoys bringing to life relatable characters that celebrate her South Asian heritage and culture. She currently resides in Arlington, Virginia with her husband and three children.

**Ravan Sader** is an artist and book illustrator based in Amman, Jordan, who loves creating fun, adventurous characters. Ravan designs imaginary worlds, narrates visual stories, and enjoys painting.

### Soaring Kite Books

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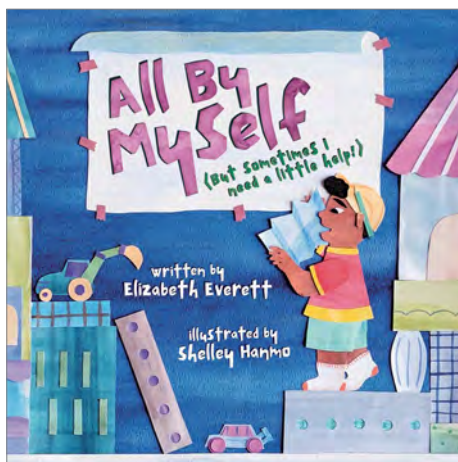
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*"Sader evokes peace and calm with a brightly colored palette of yellows, reds, purples, and blues reminiscent of pastels on a watercolor background. This warm tale about self-realization and growth is recommended for picture book collections."*

— *School Library Journal*



## All by Myself (But Sometimes I Need a Little Help!)

Elizabeth Everett, illus. Shelley Hanmo

I can do many things all by myself, but sometimes I need a little help. A child can stack blocks but needs help building castles. They can connect two pieces but not the whole puzzle. And that's okay!

- Celebrates independence and promotes self-confidence and self-esteem
- Shows father-son and mother-son bonding
- Beautiful cut paper artwork throughout

**Elizabeth Everett** spent 16 years as a classroom teacher before venturing into writing. She currently lives in Colorado with her family where they love spending time outdoors.

**Shelley Hanmo** is a self-taught freelance illustrator and paper artist based in Indianapolis, Indiana. She specializes in creating children's book cut paper illustrations and editorial designs.

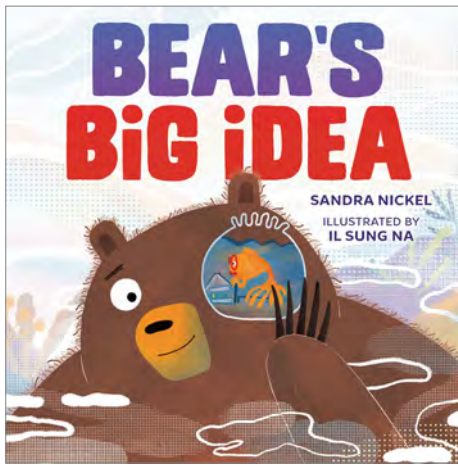
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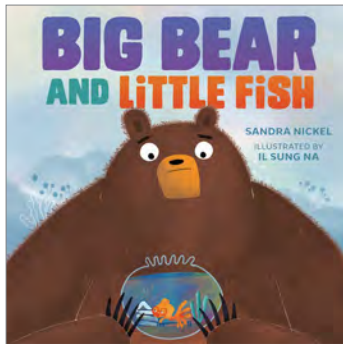
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"A winning tale of friendship and creativity unleashed."  
 — *Kirkus Reviews*

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## Bear's Big Idea

Sandra Nickel, illus. Il Sung Na

Fish always has a great idea for what to do! When it's Bear's turn to think of something, she doesn't know where to start. A sweet story of friendship, ingenuity, and a surprisingly epic adventure!

- A charming follow-up to *Big Bear and Little Fish*
- Accessible prose is a great fit for beginning readers
- Incorporates SEL themes, especially self-management, responsible decision-making, and relationship skills

**Sandra Nickel** is an award-winning author of picture books. She holds an MFA from Vermont College of Fine Arts and has presented workshops on writing for children throughout Europe and the United States. She is based in Switzerland.

**Il Sung Na** was born in Seoul, South Korea. He holds an MFA in illustration practice at Maryland Institute College of Art and has illustrated more than a dozen picture books. Based in Kansas City, Il Sung teaches at Kansas City Art Institute.

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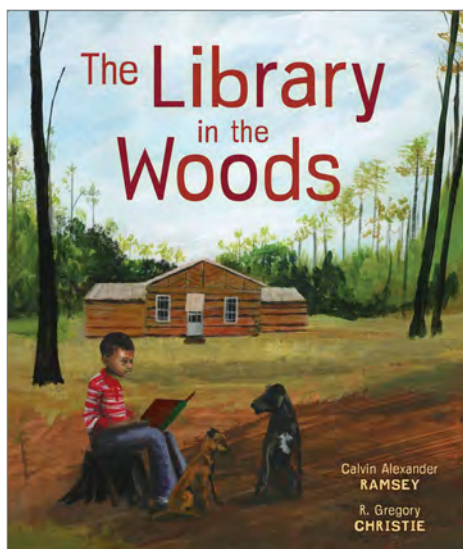
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## The Library in the Woods

Calvin Alexander Ramsey, illus. R. Gregory Christie

When Junior moves to Roxboro, North Carolina, in 1959, new friends bring him to an incredible place: a library for African American residents. This story is a tribute to the power of books and the resourcefulness of the Black community.

- A fictional story inspired by Calvin Alexander Ramsey's childhood, his older brother's love of books, and the library that served the Black community in Roxboro, North Carolina
- A tender and loving portrayal of Black family persevering through hardship
- Highlights the resourcefulness of the Black community during the Jim Crow era

Calvin Alexander Ramsey is an Atlanta-based playwright, photographer, folk art painter, and children's book author. His plays have been performed across the United States and his picture book *Ruth and the Green Book* was named an ALA Notable Children's Book.

R. Gregory Christie's illustrations have earned him many awards, including a Caldecott Honor, many Coretta Scott King Honors, and multiple spots on the *New York Times*' annual Best Illustrated Children's Books lists. He lives in Georgia.

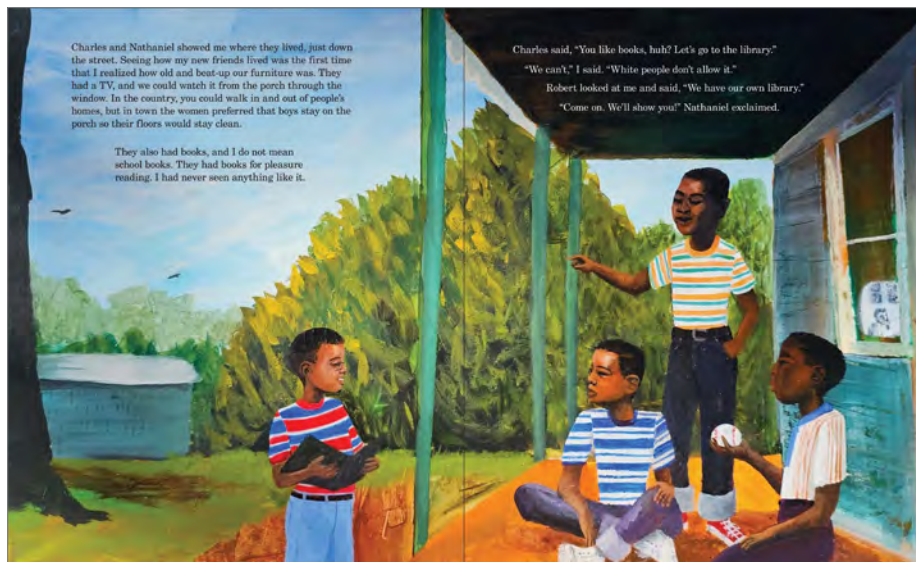
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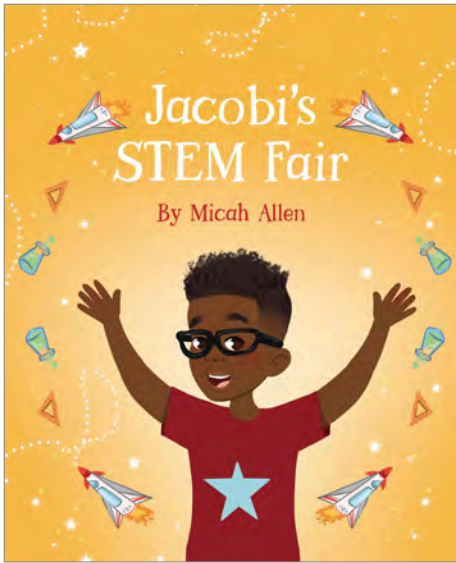
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## Jacobi's STEM Fair

Micah Allen, illus. Chasity Hampton

At his school's STEM fair, Jacobi meets inspiring professionals and learns how they use STEM in their careers. Later, he's surprised to discover his mom also works in STEM. This is a fun, educational journey into exciting career possibilities.

- Presents inspiring role models in diverse fields
- Encourages exploration of diverse careers
- Delivers an engaging, educational, and exciting narrative

**Micah Allen** is from Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. Micah aims to become a social studies teacher. He is passionate about instilling a love for learning and fostering critical-thinking skills in his future students.

**Chasity Hampton** has been a professional illustrator for a decade. Starting Whimsical Designs by CJ, LLC, she aspired to craft art that reconnects people with their inner child. Hampton endeavors to evoke a sense of wonder and nostalgia through her art.

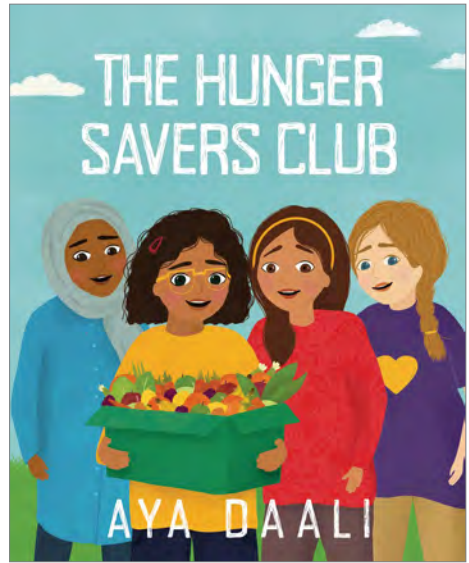
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## The Hunger Savers Club

Aya Daali, illus. Reyhana Ismail

Emma and her friends learn that some people go hungry, so they collect food donations from their community. This heartwarming story teaches that everyone has the power to make a difference and help others in need.

- Empowers children to create change
- Demonstrates collective action and leadership
- Delivers a positive message of kindness and hope

**Aya Daali** is a passionate writer dedicated to making the world a better place. Through her books, she helps young children grow into thoughtful, curious individuals, fostering big minds and bright futures.

**Reyhana Ismail** is a designer and illustrator from the UK. She has designed a wide range of books and is particularly passionate about working with publishers that encourage a love of reading through representation and inclusion.

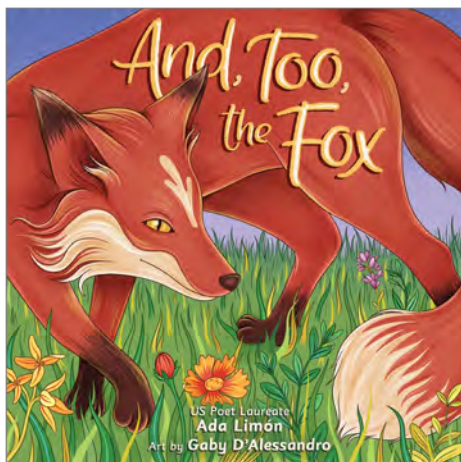
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★ *"The wonder and reverence conveyed through the text and the fluidity of the illustrations result in a smooth and calming experience that will leave readers awed at the beauty of nature. A grounded yet ethereal blend of verse and vulpine sentiments."*

— starred, **Kirkus Reviews**

## And, Too, the Fox

Ada Limón, illus. Gaby D'Alessandro

Comes with its streak of red

flashing across the lawn,

squirrel bound and bouncing . . .

US Poet Laureate Ada Limón has a keen eye for the natural world. This poem pulses with the joyful energy of a fox bounding through backyards, piecing together a living in his own way. Paired with lush illustrations by Gaby D'Alessandro, this picture book brings Limón's work to a new generation.

- Ada Limón is the US Poet Laureate until April 2025 and was named a 2023 MacArthur Fellow
- *And, Too, the Fox* is a picture book adaptation of Limón's poem which originally appeared in her poetry collection *The Hurting Kind* (Milkweed Editions)

**Ada Limón** is the author of six books of poetry, including *The Carrying*, which won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Poetry. She is the 24th Poet Laureate of the United States and the recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship. She lives in both Kentucky and California.

**Gaby D'Alessandro** is a Dominican illustrator based in NYC. Gaby's work has been recognized by Communication Arts, The Society of Illustrators, 3x3, American Illustration, and Latin American Ilustración. Her illustrated books include *And, Too, the Fox*; *The Cot in the Living Room*; and *Stolen Science*.

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## We Are the Scrappy Ones

Rebekah Taussig, illus. Kirbi Fagan

This poetic book is an anthem of belonging, celebrating the wide range of disabled children and affirming their worth, just as they are. Filled with luminous illustrations of children living, learning, and playing.

- A disability-centered picture book in the vein of *I Am Enough* by Grace Byers and *I Am Every Good Thing* by Derrick Barnes
- #OwnVoices author and illustrator, both of whom have lived with disabilities since childhood

**Rebekah Taussig** has a PhD in Creative Nonfiction and Disability Studies from the University of Kansas and she writes personal stories about disability. She lives in Kansas City with her husband and young son.

**Kirbi Fagan** is an illustrator based in Michigan. Kirbi is recognized for her cover art, her picture book *The Summer of the Tree Army* by Gloria Whelan, as well as her numerous covers for comic books.

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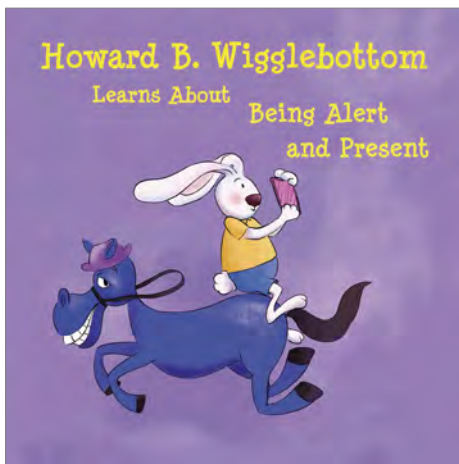
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★ *"In Fagan's luminous, star-spangled scenes, people using wheelchairs, white canes, communication devices, and more radiate joy and community, countering assumptions about disabled people (such as "loss leaves no space for laughter") and reminding readers that they're "as dazzling as a sky full of stars"... Warm, poetic, and affirming."*

— starred, *Kirkus Reviews*



## Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns about Being Alert and Present

Howard Binkow

Howard B. Wigglebottom returns to show the importance of being aware, alert, mindful, present, and paying attention. Follow Howard as he learns how being alert and present helps him enjoy the things that matter most.

- Enables children to be the best they can be
- Fun, humorous illustrations deliver lighthearted lessons
- Award-winning educator- and counselor-endorsed series

**Howard Binkow** lives in Florida and is the author of the **Howard B. Wigglebottom** series.

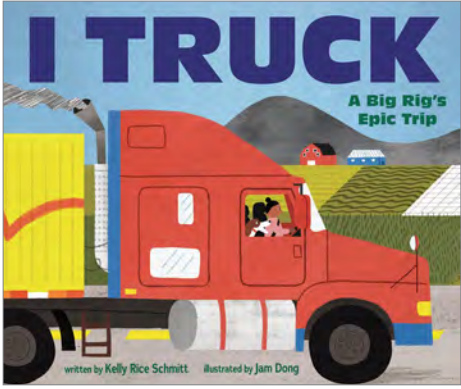
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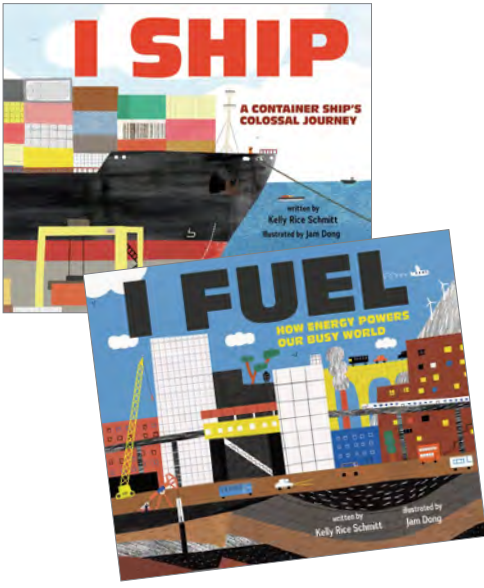
## A Big Rig's Epic Trip

*Kelly Rice Schmitt, illus. Jam Dong*

Honk! Honk! Follow along as a semitruck travels cross country with a load of toys. Turbo-powered text and illustrations will appeal to truck-loving kids everywhere!

- First-person perspective from the point of view of a truck is highly engaging
- Seek-and-find element: endpapers depict objects that can be found throughout the interior illustrations
- Back matter includes more information about trucks, fast facts, road resources, trucker talk (glossary), and a labeled diagram of a semitruck

Also available



**Kelly Rice Schmitt** is an author of STEAM children's literature and is an advocate for girls in STEM, business, and other fields with gender gaps. She lives in North Carolina with her husband and young children.

**Jam Dong** was born in Shanghai, China. She has an MA degree of moving image at University of Arts London and graduated from MFA Illustration Practice of Maryland Institute College of Art in 2021. She is a freelance illustrator based in Boston, Massachusetts.

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Packed with horsepower, towering, tough,  
I truck from coast to coast, bringing goods to neighborhoods.

I rumble to the warehouse, Driver bouncing to my beats.  
Pup sings along.  
"How-woo!"





## Rewriting the Rules

### How Dr. Kathleen Friel Created New Possibilities for Brain Research and Disability

Danna Zeiger, illus. Josée Bisailon

As someone with cerebral palsy who runs a lab to help others with cerebral palsy, Dr. Kathleen Friel is rewriting the rules, defying expectations, and opening up new possibilities for herself and others.

- SEL themes include persistence and creative problem solving
- Dr. Friel reviewed the text for accuracy and provided childhood photos for illustration reference
- Will appeal to fans of *Never Give Up: Dr. Kati Karikó* and *The Race for the Future of Vaccines* by Debbie Dadey

Before writing for children, **Danna Zeiger** was biology professor and program director for Fisher College's biology program and established the STEM accessibility and educational resource DrZatHome. She lives in Massachusetts with her family.

**Josee Bisailon** grew up in St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada. Her illustrations are a mixture of collage, drawings, and digital montage, taking us into a richly detailed and multidimensional world.

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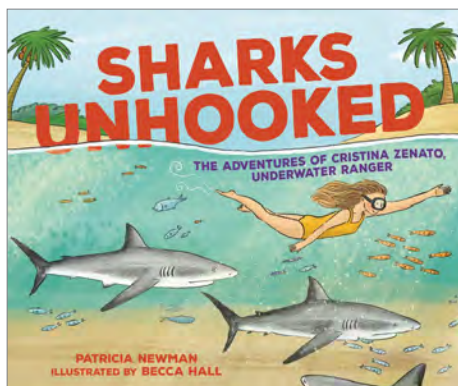
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## Sharks Unhooked

The Adventures of Cristina Zenato,  
Underwater Ranger

Patricia Newman, illus. Becca Hall

From the time Cristina Zenato was young, she loved the ocean and she loved sharks. She grew up to become an advocate for these incredible creatures, diving with them and removing fishing hooks from their bodies.

- Has a strong environmental message about protecting sharks, which play a critical role in ocean food webs
- Includes a note from Cristina herself
- Highlights a strong woman who forged her own path, following what she loves
- Will appeal to fans of books like *The Shark Lady* by Jess Keating

**Patricia Newman** gravitates toward stories about animals and conservation science and enjoys sharing her excitement with readers. Her books include Sibert Honor title *Sea Otter Heroes*, *Eavesdropping on Elephants*, and Orbis Pictus Recommended Book *Planet Ocean: Why We All Need a Healthy Ocean*. She lives in California.

**Becca Hall** graduated from Manchester School of Art in 2014, where she received a first class honours degree, and the alumni award for illustration. Afterwards she began working as a freelance illustrator and artist. She now lives in Cornwall with her two dogs.

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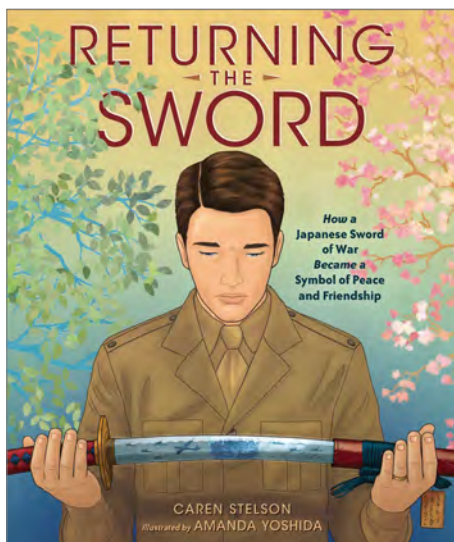
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Caren Stelson, illus. Amanda Yoshida

The powerful story of an American soldier and a Japanese family, centered on the return of a Japanese sword more than sixty years after the end of World War II.

- Highlights the value of cross-cultural (and transnational) friendship
- Strong themes of peace and reconciliation
- Can be used to explore questions of who owns artifacts and when those should be returned to their country or culture of origin

**Caren Stelson** is the author of *A Bowl Full of Peace: A True Story* and *Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story*, which was longlisted for the National Book Award and received numerous other recognitions. Caren and her husband Kim live in Minneapolis.

**Amanda Yoshida** is an illustrator and graphic designer based in Oregon. She attended Gnomon School of Visual Effects in Los Angeles and began illustrating picture books in 2016 after the birth of her son.

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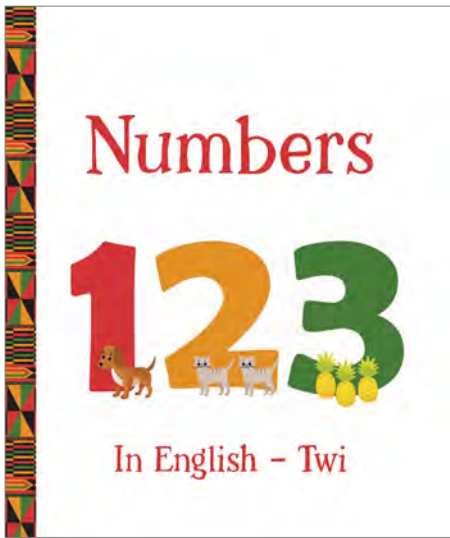
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*Dr. Artika R. Tyner, illus. Bilal Karaca*

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- Engaging counting format
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- Pronunciation recordings available

**Dr. Artika Tyner** is a passionate educator, award-winning author, civil rights attorney, sought-after speaker, and advocate for justice. She lives in Saint Paul, Minnesota, and is the founder of the Planting People Growing Justice Leadership Institute.

**Bilal Karaca** graduated from the Traditional Turkish Arts Department, Fine Arts Faculty of Selçuk University. He has illustrated various children's books and magazines.

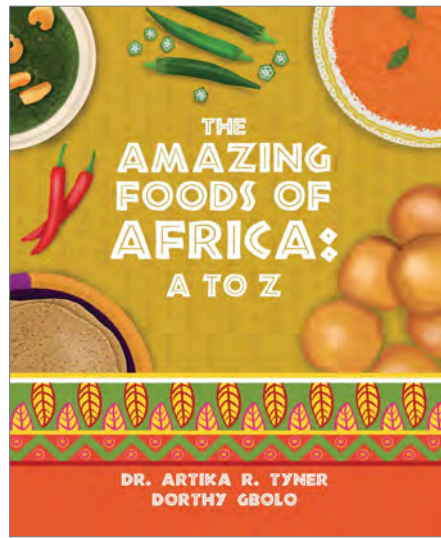
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## The Amazing Foods of Africa A to Z

*Dr. Artika R. Tyner; Dorothy Gbolo, illus. Reyhana Ismail*

From attiéké to zobo and all the amazing foods in between, embark on a flavorful journey through Africa's diverse cuisine—where cultural exploration meets culinary adventure. Readers will discover the traditional ingredients and dishes cooked and enjoyed in many African countries.

- Fosters interactive learning and cultural celebration
- Promotes healthy eating
- Inspires creativity

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**Dorthy Gbolo** is a first-generation Liberian American who calls St. Paul her home. Dorthy's catering business specializes in Liberian and African American cuisine, using both to bring the two communities together and provide an affordable alternative food option.

**Reyhana Ismail** is a designer and illustrator from the UK. She has designed a wide range of books and is particularly passionate about working with publishers that encourage a love of reading through representation and inclusion.

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## Zeyna Lost and Found

Shafaq Khan

In 1970, twelve-year-old Zeyna is visiting Pakistan with her family when her parents vanish. They've been linked to a jewel heist, and aspiring detective Zeyna sets out to find them and clear their names.

- Page-turning mystery and adventure story, peppered with riddles, codes, high-stakes chases, and cameos for culturally significant locations
- Spotlights little-known cultural history, including the famous Hippie Trail—a route through Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, and Turkey that was heavily used by international tourists from the 1950s until the late 1970s
- Inspired by the real-life experiences of the author's mother-in-law, a Pakistani Londoner who traveled the Hippie Trail with her family in the 1970s

**Shafaq Khan** grew up in Jubail Industrial City Saudi Arabia, along the Persian Gulf. She now works at Stanford Law School and lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her husband and children.

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### Chapter Two

The Saugha Shop is narrow when you first walk in but stretches quite deep. I walk through the maze of shelves containing oils, sugar, spices, rice, pickled vegetables, and flatbreads called rotis. I must find Mum! Why do shops make shopping so difficult? Probably so you end up buying pudding instead of the palak you came for.

The ready-made food section, which serves my favorite hot chickpea curry topped with onions, tomatoes, and coriander, gives off an aroma that permeates the shop. A couple discusses whether to make lentils or curry for dinner while their children run around.

"Where are you, Mum?" I say out loud.

I almost knock over a rack of onions and smile sheepishly at the owner, watching me from the counter. He shakes his head as he strokes his beloved silver cat, Gulab, who hisses at me.

There! I see the strange man again. He walks purposefully, looking at each aisle.

I duck past him from the other end of the aisle, careful so he won't see me. I keep going, crossing each aisle ahead of him, until I finally find Mum. Her head is deep in a shelf of spices.

"Mum!"

"There you are, Zeyna!" Mum says as though she's been looking for me in this maze. "I—can't—seen—to—find—an unopened packet of—here it is!" She waves a packet of ground coriander in my face triumphantly.

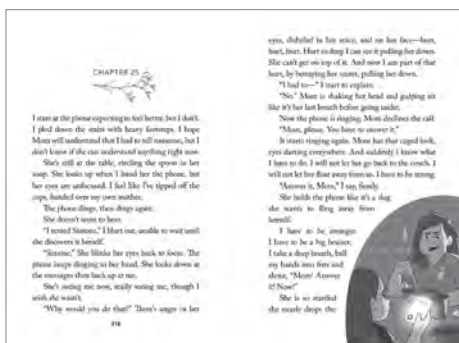
"That's great, Mum, but can we go now? There are other things happening right now that you need to know—"

"Yes, I think I've gotten everything I need. . . . Actually, I remembered one more thing, Turneric!"

My patience is running out but not nearly as fast as my mother.

"Mum, will you please slow down?" I need to keep her in sight.

"Hurry up, slow down." You need to make up your mind, Zee. You're acting quite strange." Mum opens a fridge door and studies its contents, strumming her two fingers. One, two, one, two, one, two.



## Rewilding

Lisa Gerlits illus. Savanna Durr

Joy, an eleven-year-old often called "Bruiser" by her dad, isn't as tough as she appears.

With her dad gone and her mom falling into depression, the responsibility of managing the household and caring for her younger brother, Ian, falls on her small shoulders. She struggles with the reality of wearing old clothes that no longer fit and constantly dealing with Ian's hunger. Joy lives in fear that the school counselor might contact Child Protective Services due to their situation.

One day, a baby bird falls from its nest, reminding Joy of her dad's warning, "You don't know your own strength." Desperate for help, Joy strikes a deal with their quirky neighbor, Ezzie, known as the "Ark Lady." Through this new relationship, Joy, Ian, and her friend embark on a journey to restore the garden. In the process, they discover the concept of "rewilding," which brings unexpected beauty and healing. This experience leads Joy to question her father's views, opening her eyes to new possibilities and strengths within herself.

- Features multiethnic characters
- A sensitive story of gaslighting, body image, and the healing power of nature

**Lisa Gerlits** is an award-winning author, muralist, and children's art teacher. Her debut novel, *A Many Feathered Thing* (2020), won the Oregon Spirit Book Award. She lives with her husband and three kids in Silverton, Oregon.

**Savanna Durr** is an illustrator based in Richmond, VA. She primarily illustrates digitally and focuses on creating representation within her work in the hope that others can look at her art and see themselves.

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★ "Using short chapters with quick pacing, Ruiz-Flores (Piece by Piece) unveils intimate and well-researched depictions of the Pecan Shellers Strike of 1938 and its impact on Mexican descendants and beyond."

— starred, *Publishers Weekly*

## The Pecan Sheller

Lupe Ruiz-Flores

In 1930s San Antonio, thirteen-year-old Petra must drop out of school to work at a pecan-shelling factory. When dangerous conditions lead to tragedy and the already low wages are cut, Petra helps plan a strike.

- Centers on the real 1938 pecan shellers' strike in San Antonio, Texas, a groundbreaking event in labor organizing history
- Author based some of Petra's experiences on those of her grandmother, who worked in a pecan factory
- Author conducted interviews with pecan shellers from this era as part of her research

Lupe Ruiz-Flores is the author of short stories, poems, and bilingual picture books. A former regional advisor for the Southwest Chapter of the Society of Children's Book Writer & Illustrators, she lives in San Antonio, Texas.

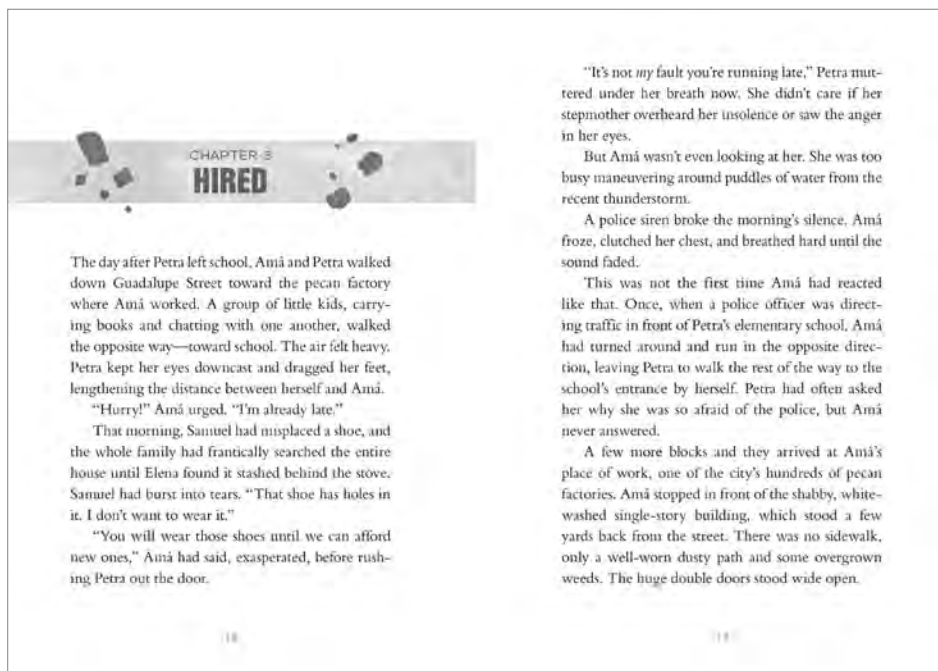
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## Digger Dig or Die!

Deborah Cholette, illus. Davide Ortu

Siblings Nick and Lily combine their talents to dig life-saving tunnels between houses as Earth's atmosphere leaks into space, forcing a desperate race for survival against dwindling oxygen.

- A fast-paced dystopian novel about siblings working together to survive an environmental disaster
- Features multi-ethnic characters
- Deals with the effects of climate change

**Deborah Cholette** loves sci-fi and fantasy . . . especially dystopian fiction. While her daughter travels the world, Deborah lives and breathes clean air in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

**Davide Ortu** is an Italian artist now living in Spain. He studied art at Cagliari Arts Lyceum in Foiso Fois, Sardinia. He now lives in Madrid where he enjoys the world of children's book illustrations.

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— starred, *Booklist*



## Somebody's Someone

Linda Oatman High, illus. Yai Dzamesi

Ruby Bean, a twelve-year-old Accidental Expert on Missing Mothers, embarks on a journey from Georgia to Washington to New York City with her aunt to find her missing mother, who suffers from mental illness and addiction.

- A touching and heart-breaking novel about a young girl's struggles with a mother suffering from addiction and mental illness
- Nearly 1 in 8 people worldwide will have a diagnosable mental health condition in any given year

**Linda Oatman High** is an author/journalist/playwright who has written more than 30 books for children and teens, many of which have won major awards and honors. She holds an MFA in writing for children and young adults from Vermont College.

**Yai Dzamesi** is an award-winning illustrator and visual storyteller who is passionate about bringing meaningful stories to life that both comfort and challenge her readers. She lives in North Carolina.

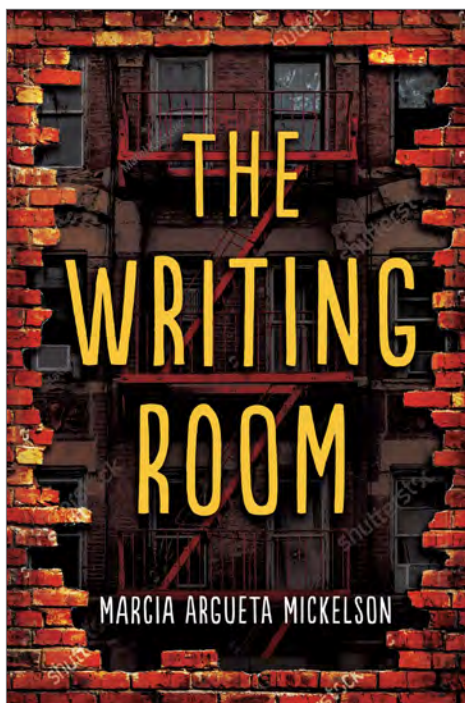
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"As emotionally gripping as it is heartfelt, *The Writing Room* is a powerful novel about family, finding your voice, and the potency of first love. Mickelson masterfully weaves trauma and tribulations with hope and healing, affirming the necessity of making space for yourself alongside and within your community."

—Jessica Parra

author of *Rubi Ramos's Recipe for Success and The Quince Project*

## The Writing Room

Marcia Argueta Mickelson

After eighteen-year-old Maya is kicked out of her wealthy dad's NYC home, she's grounded by a shared writers' workspace where she finds her voice—and the courage to stand up to her dad.

- Has modern-day parallels with *Pride and Prejudice* in its slow-burn romance
- Unique coming-of-age story with relevant social themes and a compelling romantic subplot
- Explores the complex relationships between storytelling and real life, appearances and truth

Marcia Mickelson was born in Guatemala and immigrated to the United States as an infant. Her work includes *Where I Belong*, for which she won a Pura Belpré Young Adult Author Honor. She graduated from Brigham Young University and lives in Texas with her husband and three sons.

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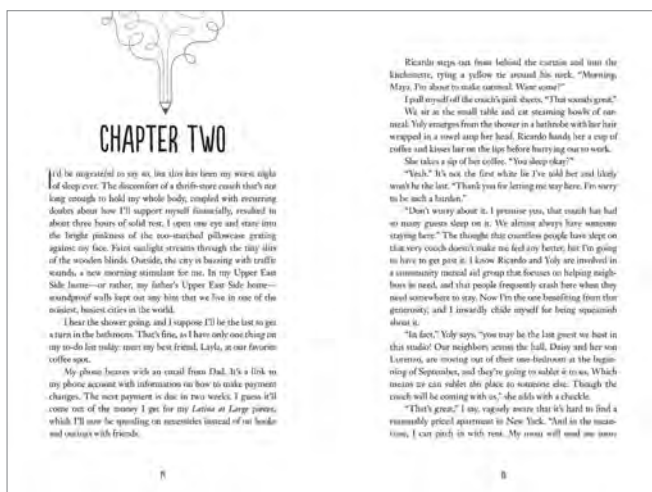
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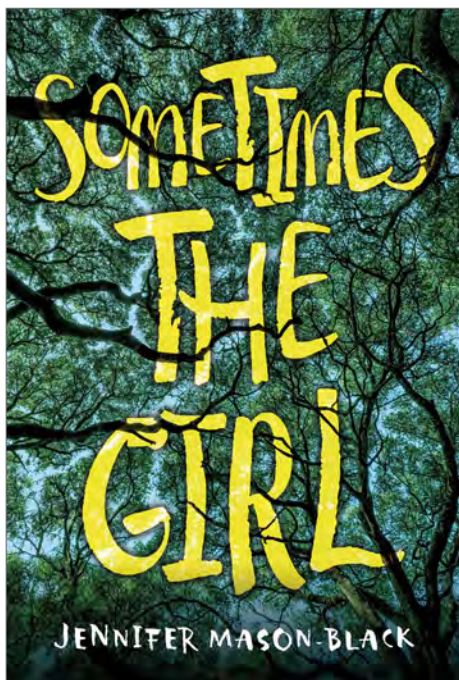
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★ "Mason-Black's prose sparkles with poetic beauty as Holi engages in introspective musings about collective mourning and how individual healing is possible only in community. . . This striking work shows the power of intergenerational relationships to fortify queer artists against erasure. . . Beautifully written and powerfully uplifting."

—starred, *Kirkus Reviews*

## Sometimes the Girl

Jennifer Mason-Black

When eighteen-year-old Holiday, an aspiring writer, gets a short-term job sorting through the attic of an acclaimed elderly author, the author's secrets change how Holi views art and life.

- Wraps a suspenseful literary mystery in an exploration of meaty questions about writing, fame, identity, and integrity
- Savvy readers will recognize echoes of Harper Lee (*To Kill A Mockingbird*) in the complicated character of Elsie
- Offers nuanced queer rep and sensitive treatment of complex topics (drug addiction, suicide, depression)

Jennifer Mason-Black is an author of books and short stories, including the young adult novel *Devil and the Bluebird*. She lives and writes in Massachusetts, in a place where there are far more trees than people and where foxes dance with owls on midwinter nights.

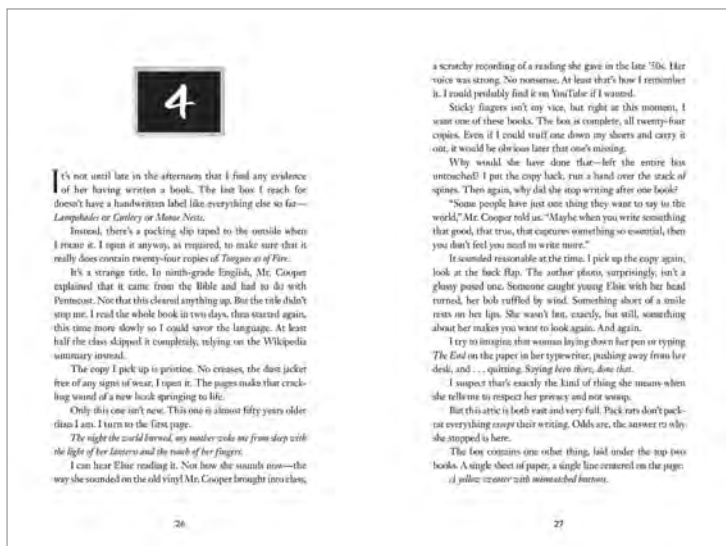
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It's not until late in the afternoon that I find any evidence of her having written a book. The last box I reach for doesn't have a handwritten label like everything else so far—*Lampshade or Cantley or Alone Note*.

Instead, there's a packing slip taped to the outside when I finally do. I open it anyway, as required, to make sure that it really does contain twenty-four copies of *Tropics at Fire*.

It's a strange title. In ninth-grade English, Mr. Cooper explained that it came from the Bible and had to do with Pentecost. Not that this cleared anything up. But the title didn't stay in. I read the whole book in two days, then started again, this time more slowly so I could savor the language. At least half the class skipped it completely, relying on the Wikipedia summary instead.

The copy I pick up is pristine. No creases, the dust jacket free of any signs of wear. I open it. The pages make that crackling sound of a new book springing to life.

Only this one isn't new. This one is almost fifty years older than I am. I turn to the first page.

*The night the world burned, my mother woke me from sleep with the light of her lantern and the touch of her finger.*

I can hear Elsie reading it. Not how she sounds now—the way she sounded on the old vinyl Mr. Cooper brought into class,

a scratchy recording of a reading she gave in the late '50s. Her voice was strong. No nonsense. At least that's how I remember it. I could probably find it on YouTube if I wanted.

Sticky fingers isn't my vice, but right at this moment, I want one of these books. The box is complete, all twenty-four copies. Even if I could steal one, down my shorts and carry it out, it would be obvious later that one's missing.

Why would she have done that—left the entire box untouched? I put the copy back, run a hand over the stack of spines. Then again, why did she stop writing after one book?

"Some people have just one thing they want to say to the world," Mr. Cooper told us. "Maybe when you write something that good, that true, that captures something so essential, then you don't feel you need to write more."

It sounded reasonable at the time. I pick up the copy again, look at the back flap. The author photo, surprisingly, isn't a glossy posed one. Someone caught young Elsie with her head turned, her hair ruffled by wind. Something about a smile runs on her lips. She wasn't fat, exactly, but still, something about her makes you want to look again. And again.

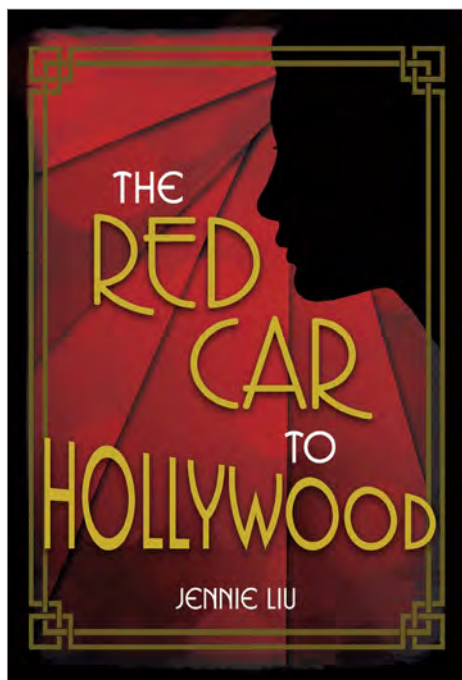
I try to imagine that woman laying down her pen or typing *The End* on the paper in her typewriter, pushing away from her desk, and . . . quitting. Saying *here there, done that*.

I suspect that's exactly the kind of thing she means when she tells me to respect her privacy and not snoop.

But this attic is both vast and very full. Pick rats don't pack out everything except their writing. Odds are, the answer to why she stopped is here.

The box contains one other thing, laid under the top two books. A single sheet of paper, a single line centered on the page:

*A yellow creosote with mismatched buttons.*



## The Red Car to Hollywood

Jennie Liu

In LA's Chinatown in 1924, sixteen-year-old Ruby Chan rebels against her parents' conventional plans for her future. A friendship with nineteen-year-old Anna May Wong, a rising Hollywood film star, opens up new possibilities.

- Will appeal to fans of Malinda Lo's *Last Night at the Telegraph Club* (set in 1950s San Francisco) and Stacey Lee's *Kill Her Twice* (set in 1930s LA)
- Depicts the drama and tensions of the silent film era, including the relationship between Hollywood and LA's Chinatown
- Anna May Wong (1905–1961) has received renewed attention and appreciation in recent years as a complicated but important Asian American pioneer in film

Jennie Liu is the daughter of Chinese immigrants and a longtime resident of Asheville, North Carolina, where she lives with her husband and two children. Her work includes *Girls on the Line*, *Like Spilled Water*, and *Enly and the Buskin' Blues*.

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★ "Meticulously researched and sumptuously realized, Ruby's story captures the time when women were swiftly gaining ground in all parts of society whilst burdened by old structures dragging them down. . . Readers will be inspired by Ruby's resilience and dazzled by the historical setting that Liu has painstakingly recreated."

— starred, **Booklist**

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MARCH 1924

The funny thing was that Mrs. Kuen was the one who'd inadvertently connected Russell and me when she arranged my piano lessons with his sister Irene.

We had moved to Los Angeles from San Francisco in late February, when Ba took a partnership with Mr. Lee. A couple of weeks after we settled in, Mrs. Kuen visited Ma to invite us to the Chinese Methodist Church. Ma led her upstairs to our sitting room. Perched on our worn velvet sofa, Mrs. Kuen let her eyes wander over the altar table with the brass incense burner, the red scrolls that recorded our ancestors' names, Ba's rocking chair with the padded leather seat, and Ma's embroidery loom resting on a worktable. I was more than a little proud of our mix of secondhand American furniture and marred Chinese pieces from the shop, proud that Ba had been successful enough to move as beyond a single crowded room.

When Mrs. Kuen spotted our small piano and asked who played, Ma told her that I was self-taught. Mrs. Kuen asked me to play for her, so I sat down and pounded out "Everyone Loves My Baby," or at least my best rendition of it. I'd heard the song often back in San Francisco at my friend Mary's place. Her family owned a big shirt factory and had a Radiola.

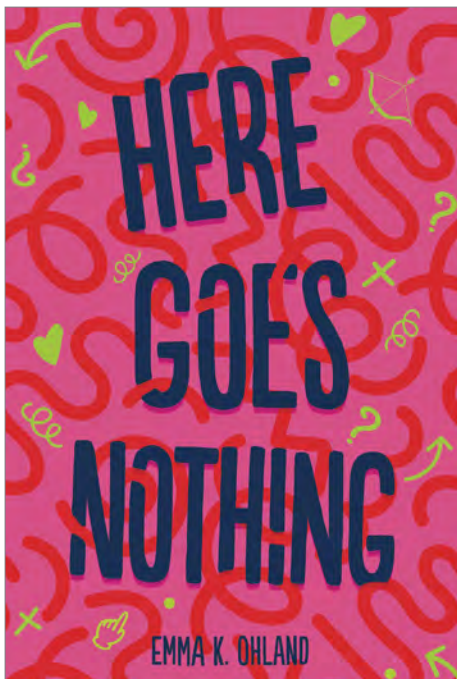
Mrs. Kuen's mouth twitched. I couldn't tell what displeased

her more: the loud, jizzy tune, or the dropped notes from the broken or out-of-tune keys. She mentioned that the church was saving up for a piano and suggested that I learn to read music so I could play at services. She had associations with another church, First Methodist, and knew of a girl from that congregation who gave lessons.

Although the prospect of playing hymns in church didn't particularly excite me, I agreed, hoping at least I could make some friends that way. Our move to Los Angeles had been a big letdown. Chinatown in San Francisco had been like its own city. We'd rarely needed to venture beyond the eight or ten square blocks of the district, where we had our own churches, schools, theaters, stores of all kinds. I had friends I'd grown up with, gone to school with all my life. My friends and I, boys included, had sometimes slipped out in the evenings and gathered at the corner near the lamppost to gab—at least until the disapproving frowns of elders drove us home.

But here in Los Angeles, the Chinatown quarter was much smaller. Many of the buildings were rickety and crumbling, with only one or two stories. The side streets were still unpaved, leading out to the barren patchy lots of a railroad and a gas plant. Beyond those were the dirt roads and garden plots of the vegetable sellers who rattled by in the early mornings with their horses and carts. It was as if Ba had brought us to some remote outpost.

There were far fewer kids my age here, so we didn't even have our own high school. I'd ended up in Polytech, a mostly white school, unlike my old school where everyone was Chinese. I'd only seen a couple of other Chinese students on campus, plus a few Japanese, Korean, and Mexican kids. No one was friendly. I moved around the halls feeling invisible. Only after I'd been enrolled a couple of weeks had we found out that most of the Chinatown kids went to Lincoln High.



## Here Goes Nothing

Emma K. Ohland

Eighteen-year-old Beatrice isn't a fan of her neighbor Bennie, but when Beatrice's sister starts dating Bennie's friend and throws them into frequent contact, Beatrice must wrestle with complicated feelings and questions about her identity.

- A modern retelling of *Much Ado about Nothing*, featuring an enemies-to-lovers arc, one of the most popular rom com tropes in the YA market
- As much a story about family and identity as it is a love story
- Shakespeare retellings, remixes, and modernizations remain popular

**Emma K. Ohland** (she/they) is an author based in Texas. She earned her BA in English literature from Purdue University, but she has been telling stories since childhood. Her debut novel, *Funeral Girl*, was published by Lerner in 2022.

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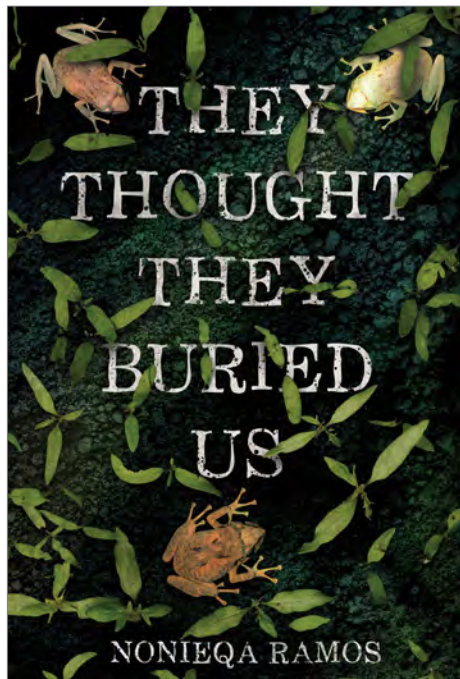
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## They Thought They Buried Us

NoNieqa Ramos

Horror movie fan Yuiza gets a scholarship to a prestigious boarding school that isn't what it seems. Yuiza must uncover the school's sinister secrets and try to get out alive.

- *American Horror Story* meets *Get Out* meets *Level 16*
- A propulsive yet intimate read
- Part horror, part mystery, part coming of age story

Author, educator, and bat apprentice, **NoNieqa Ramos** loves kids, books, and underdogs. Their work includes the YA novel *The Disturbed Girl's Dictionary*, and picture books *Your Mama* and *Hair Story*.

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*"Fans of horror movies in particular will appreciate this creepy story that centers survival for queer, BIPOC characters in the face of white supremacy."*

— **Booklist**



## Huxley Higgins

Jenny Moore, illus. Karl West

Huxley Higgins is a small seven-year-old with a BIG imagination . . . an imagination that often gets him into ridiculous predicaments. Young readers will laugh along with Hux's entertaining adventures in these early chapter books.

- Hilarious, accessible chapter book series about a boy with outlandish daydreams and the silly situations he gets himself into
- Full-color illustrations throughout the book
- Back matter includes a creative activity and Think About It questions

Jenny Moore's fiction and poetry has been widely published. She was the first UK writer to win the Commonwealth Short Story Competition and is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

Karl West is an illustrator living and working on the small island of Portland in Dorset, England. Karl creates his work entirely digitally in Manga Studio and Photoshop. When he's not drawing, he's thinking about drawing.

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### CHAPTER 1 A Fairy!

Huxley Higgins was daydreaming about cake. A giant cake as big as a swimming pool.



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"We're catching a ferry this afternoon," Mom called up from the shop. "Make sure you bring a warm sweater."

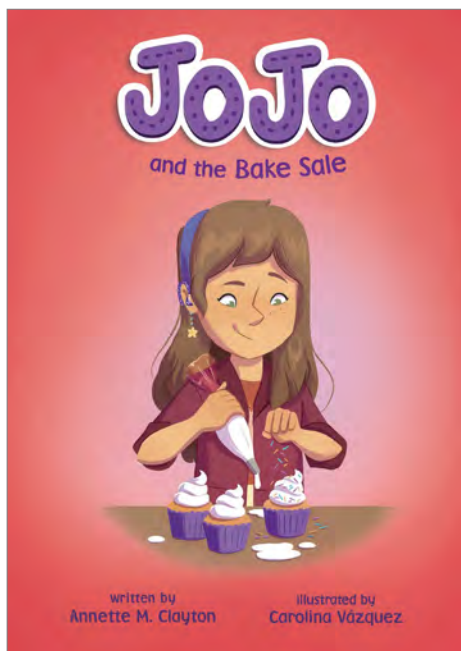
Hux blinked. *Fairy catching?* That sounded like fun.

Hux was good at catching balls and fish. He was good at catching trains. He was very good at catching colds. But he'd never caught a fairy before.



If fairies granted wishes, he could wish for a giant cake!

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## JoJo

Annette M. Clayton, illus. Carolina Vázquez

JoJo Jupiter loves glitter, fashion, and the pop singer Ruby Red. And spending time with her besties is a must! These early chapter books contain fun and fabulous everyday stories that will excite young readers.

- Delightful stories with accessible text for young readers
- Full-color illustrations on every spread
- Back matter contains critical-thinking questions and an activity prompt to encourage further reader engagement

**Annette M. Clayton** writes fiction and nonfiction books for children covering topics from leadership to natural disasters. She has a master's degree in writing for children and young adults and lives in Maryland with her family.

**Carolina Vázquez** is a freelance kidlit illustrator based in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She graduated from Palermo University with a degree in illustration design in 2021. Since then, she has been working on children's illustration projects such as picture books, magazines and board games.

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### Chapter 1 Big Mistake?

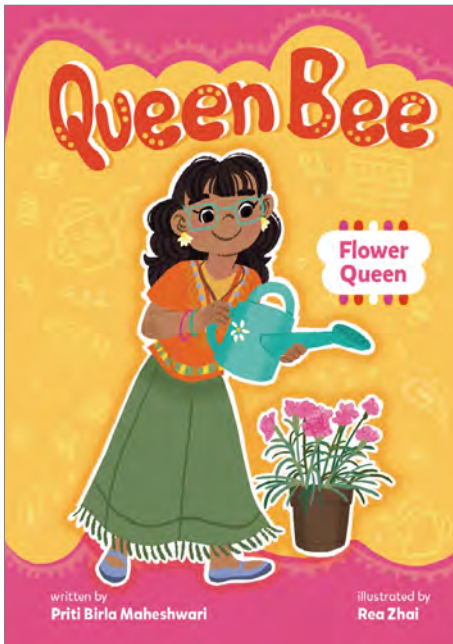
"What do you think, honey?" JoJo's mom asked.

JoJo grinned widely. "It's so pretty!" She stood in front of the mirror hanging on the door in the doctor exam room. Her new hearing aid was bright purple with flecks of glitter.

"You'll hear better with this model," Dr. Kathy explained.

JoJo was having more trouble hearing lately. It was like a piece of cotton was stuck in her ear. Everyone's words sounded muffled. She couldn't wait to hear more clearly.





## Queen Bee

Priti Birla Maheshwari, illus. Rea Zhai

Beena loves all things royal, which is why her friends call her Queen Bee! Join Bee on her everyday adventures in this early chapter book series fit for young queens and kings.

- Now an 8-book series
- The main character, Beena, is Indian
- Fun stories for beginning readers with simple, accessible text
- Full-color illustrations on every spread

**Priti Birla Maheshwari** was born in India and raised in Montreal and Toronto, Canada. She graduated from the University of Toronto and went on to publish her debut award-winning picture book *Chaiwala!* in 2021. **Queen Bee** is her first early chapter book series.

**Rea Zhai** is a freelance children's illustrator. She earned her master's degree in illustration from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, California, and currently lives in Beijing, China, with her husband, baby girl, and their cats and dogs.

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"This is perfect!" said Bee.  
"Now the fun part!"

Bee grabbed the powdered colors. She tapped a little bit of blue and green. She tapped some red and orange.

"These are such royal colors!" said Bee.





## Lily Lu to the Rescue

Cherilyn Chin, illus. Tracy Nishimura Bishop

Lily Lu loves animals. She tags along with her marine biologist mom to meet, and often help, animals all over the world. Young readers will love joining Lily on her adventures in these early chapter books.

- Lily's mom, Dr. Ona Lu, is a marine biologist who writes books about what different scientists are studying
- Full-color illustration on every spread; large readable text perfect for beginning readers
- Frontmatter introduces Lily and the titular animal
- Back matter contains three "Think About It" questions as well as nonfiction feature that ties to book content

Cherilyn Chin is an aquarist and marine biologist. She is the author of the *Lily Lu to the Rescue* series and the award-winning blog *Ocean of Hope*. She is based in California.

Tracy Nishimura Bishop is a children's book illustrator working in San Jose, California. She earned her degree in animation and illustration from San Jose State University. She now works as a full-time illustrator and freelance artist.

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### Chapter 3 So Much Trash

"Dr. Sophia," Lily cried. "The sea turtle is caught in a net. We need to help her!"

Dr. Sophia passed out special scissors.

*Snip, snip, snip.*

Lily and the others worked quickly and carefully. After one last *snip*, Lily pulled up the fishing net. The sea turtle was free! Lily smiled when the sea turtle made it safely to the ocean.

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## Hair Magic (Read Woke™ Chapter Books)

Cicely Lewis, illus. Anastasia Magloire Williams

Shimmer, sparkle, twirl . . . Imani's hair magically changes when she embraces her inner powers, such as bravery, compassion, creativity, and more. Young readers will love following Imani's adventures with her hair magic in these early chapter books.

- Celebrates Black hair and promotes positivity for all readers
- Each story ties to an social-emotional learning trait

Cicely Lewis is a writer and librarian living in Georgia. She is the founder of the #ReadWoke movement and was recognized by *School Library Journal* as the 2020 School Librarian of the Year.

Anastasia Magloire Williams is an illustrator, storyteller, and graphic designer living in sunny Florida. It is her passion to paint colorful adventures, reveal important history, and tell untold stories that reflect the diverse world we all share.

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## Bo at the Buzz (Read Woke™ Chapter Books)

Elliott Smith, illus. Subi Bosa

Bo's life is always buzzing. And not just because he lives upstairs from The Buzz, a barbershop. Young readers will love following Bo's daily life and adventures in these early chapter books.

- Engaging early chapter book series that's perfect for young readers
- Authentic look at the role of Black barbershops in a community
- Full-color illustrations

Elliott Smith is a writer and editor based in Falls Church, Virginia.

Subi Bosa is an illustrator of picture books, comics, and graphic novels currently based in Cape Town, South Africa. In 2020, Subi was awarded a Mo Siewcharan Publisher's Prize for Illustration.

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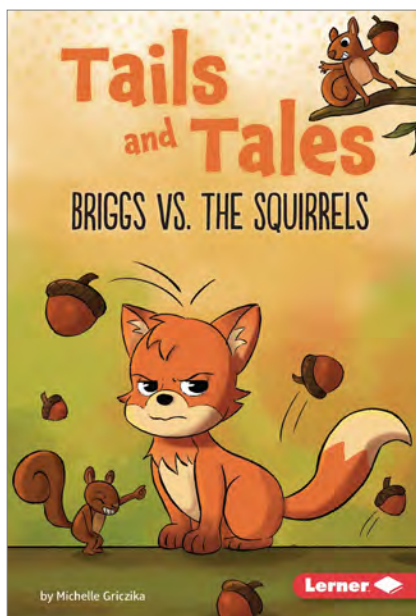
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## Tails and Tales (Phonics Fun—Chapter Books)

Draw in striving readers with fun stories that feature furry friends and other animals. Each title in this series is carefully crafted to engage readers, enhance phonics, and boost reading proficiency and understanding.

- Adorable animal stories that offer extra support for different phonics skills that align with the Science of Reading, including long vowels, vowel team syllables, vowel-r syllables, prefixes, roots, suffixes and more
- Black-and-white illustrations make chapters visually interesting

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tree. On her way there, she noticed a red fox sticking its head into the hollow log near the oak tree. She paused to watch from above.

The fox started scratching and digging inside the log. *He's going after the yellow jackets' nest!* thought Amber-Lee. Bits of the yellow jackets' papery nest flew everywhere. Yellow jackets buzzed angrily and must have stung the fox, who whimpered and ran away.

With mixed emotions, Amber-Lee shuddered. Even though the yellow jackets were the honeybees' enemies, Amber-Lee felt sorry for anyone whose home was destroyed.

Amber-Lee flew up to the entrance

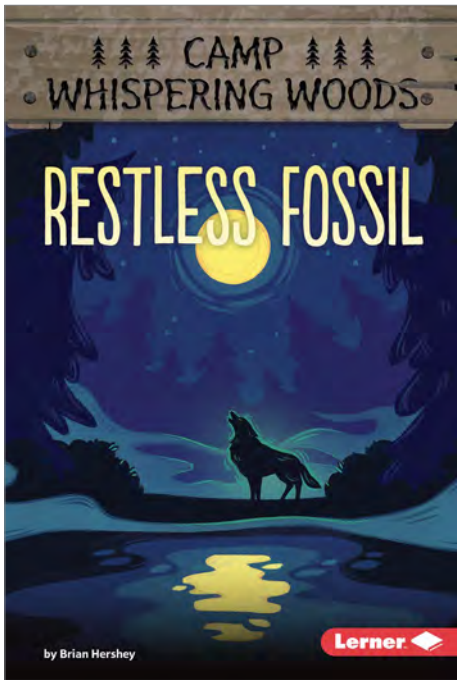
of Hillside Hive where her best friend Sunshine greeted her. "Hey, Amber-Lee. How's work today?" Sunshine asked.

"Great," said Amber-Lee. "I know I'm a worker bee, but foraging doesn't feel like work! I'm so happy and free out there. How was your day?"

"Action-packed!" replied Sunshine. "The other guards and I stopped a giant bumblebee from sneaking in."



"Was it scary?" asked Amber-Lee.



## Camp Whispering Woods (Phonics Fun — Chapter Books)

Welcome to Camp Whispering Woods! Crafted for readers in need of extra literacy support, these thrilling narratives captivate striving readers while strengthening phonics and reading skills.

- Each title supports a different phonics skill that aligns with the Science of Reading, including long vowels, vowel team syllables, compound words, and more
- Stories feature diverse protagonists and cast, while black-and-white illustrations engage readers
- Books end with a phonics activity to solidify new reading skills

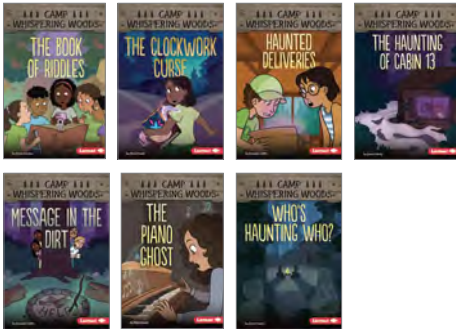
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skin tingled, and she had the sense that someone or *something* was watching.

Back at the camp, the friends ate lunch but did not get a chance to inspect the old book until the day had turned to dusk.

They sat at a picnic table near the firepit and listened to a staff member give a talk about how to start a fire.

Then they went over the rules for fire safety, pointing to a full, jumbo water tank and buckets set close to the pit. The tank had two major spigots to fill the buckets with water in seconds.

As the fire started, it crackled and popped. Gage glanced around and then at the friends. He placed the book in front of him.

"Who wants to read first?" he asked.

"I will!" said Elu.

"We should *not* read it," Violet protested. She ran her hand over the book. "It still feels like ice."

Nori snapped a photo of the book. The photo zipped out of the camera.



Elu grabbed the book. Dust flung into the air as she flipped to the first page.

"It doesn't feel like ice to me," Elu said, starting to read aloud. "Leaves of three,



## Mystery Masters (Phonics Fun — Chapter Books)

Enhance phonics and reading skills while solving mysteries with this upper-level decodable series. Tailored for students in grades 3-5 needing extra support, these engaging stories reinforce core skills, making learning engaging and effective.

- Intriguing mysteries offer core phonics practice for readers needing additional support
- Stories feature diverse protagonists and cast, while black-and-white illustrations engage readers
- Each book focuses on a different set of phonics skills that align to the Science of Reading, including closed syllables, r-controlled vowels, vowel teams, multisyllabic words, and more
- Black-and-white art adds visual interest to each chapter

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case without evidence, and I can't get evidence without spying."

Uncle Sal shook his head. "You disappoint me, Jen. We've talked about this. No one should look in someone else's house, not even the police, unless a judge approves it or the owner gives permission. They have to say it's okay *before* you look. What you did is against the law," he said.

He sat back and dropped his hands in his lap.



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I thought I might cry. I broke the law, and that was scary, but when he said I had disappointed him, it was like getting punched in the gut.

"Are we going to jail?" I asked, feeling like my heart was stuck in my throat.

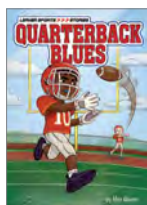
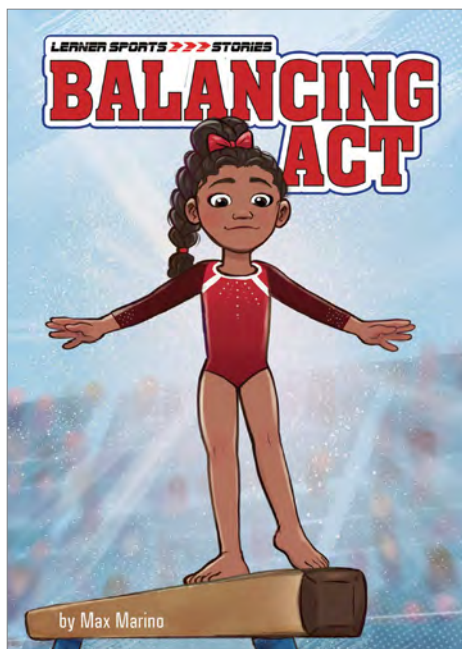
"No. It's not that bad—yet," Uncle Sal said, smiling. "But this spying stops! Today!"

"Okay. I promise I won't spy any more. But what about Mr. Platt? He is still missing, and I don't know what to do. I need help, Uncle Sal."

"Not ready to quit?" he asked with a grin.

"Not until every question is answered. That's what you always say, right?" I

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## Lerner Sports Stories

Max Marino, illus. Amanda Erb

Get in the game with **Lerner Sports Stories**. Each book features a different main character, sport, and storyline. Realistic and kid-focused, these action-packed chapter books are sure to get young sports fans reading!

- Each book features a new, diverse cast of characters and a new storyline
- Accessible text and grayscale illustrations help bring stories to life
- Back matter includes a biography of a real-life athlete

**Max Marino** is an author of nonfiction and fiction books for children with a special interest in sports writing. He is based in Virginia.

**Amanda Erb** is an illustrator originally from Maryland but currently living in Boston, Massachusetts. She has created work for books, magazines, toys, and products. Her art is heavily inspired by animation.

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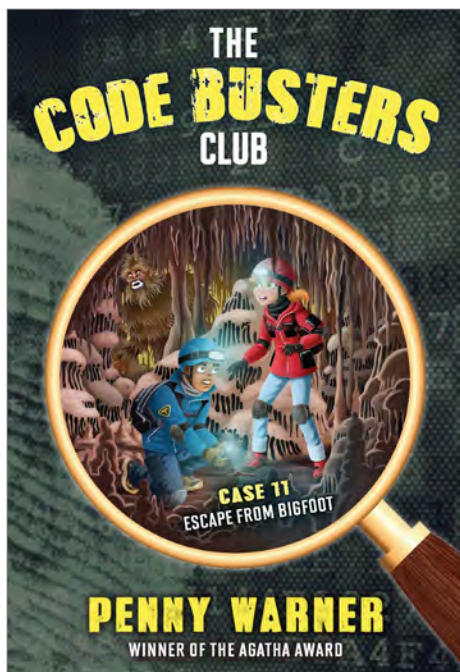
performed several complex moves, including an arabesque and a pirouette. She felt perfectly in sync with the soothing classical music. Ava moved to one side of the stage, ran forward, and did her big jump. It was called a grand jeté. The move took her offstage. The crowd clapped, but Ava wasn't finished yet.

Quickly, she removed her ballet shoes, stepped out of her tutu, and pulled on her sparkly sneakers. The music shifted to an up-tempo beat, and she bounced back onstage with a hip-hop performance. The crowd clapped along as Ava showed off her smooth moves. She finished her routine with a perfect split just as the music ended.

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## The Code Busters Club Escape from Bigfoot

*Penny Warner*

While on a field trip in the Gold Country, California, Cody keeps seeing a mysterious figure with red eyes . . . could it be Bigfoot? Join the Code Busters in their latest mystery.

- An Agatha Award-winning series
- Books have codes for readers to solve
- Now a 14-book series

**Penny Warner** has published more than 60 books for both adults and children. She teaches child development at a local college in California. You can join the Code Busters Club at [www.codebustersclub.com](http://www.codebustersclub.com).

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## The Code Busters Club The Search for the Missing Mascot

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Matt the Brat is in serious trouble for the disappearance of the school mascot. But he claims he was framed. Cody and the rest of the Code Busters work together to discover the truth.

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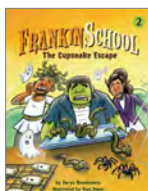
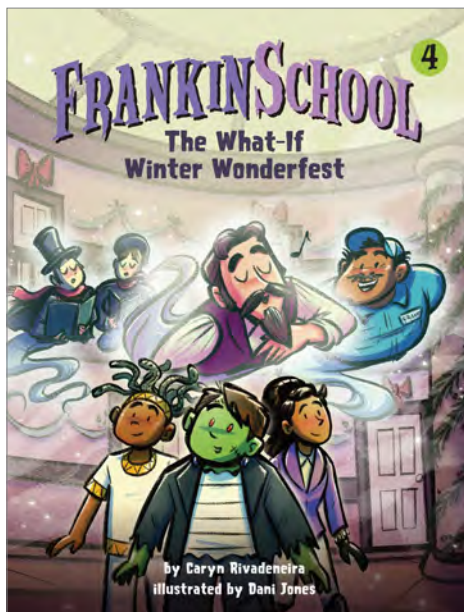
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## FrankinSchool

Caryn Rivadeneira, illus. Dani Jones

In this funny and fantastical series, Fred—now FrankinSchool—must face each mysterious adventure that comes his way after his "What-If" poems take on a life of their own. Each story illustrates the power of pretending and how imaginations and creativity can lead to forgiveness, better understanding, and acceptance of one another.

- Comparable series to best-selling **Junior Monster Scouts**
- Award winning illustrator of *Monsters vs. Kittens* and *Dinosaurs vs. Puppies*

Caryn Rivadeneira dreamed of two things as a kid: being a writer and having lots of dogs. Both came true. Caryn and her rescued pit bull live in the Chicago suburbs.

Dani Jones is an award-winning illustrator, artist, comics creator, and writer living in New Hampshire. She is the illustrator of the *New York Times* best-selling kids' graphic novel *Zombies' Day Off*.

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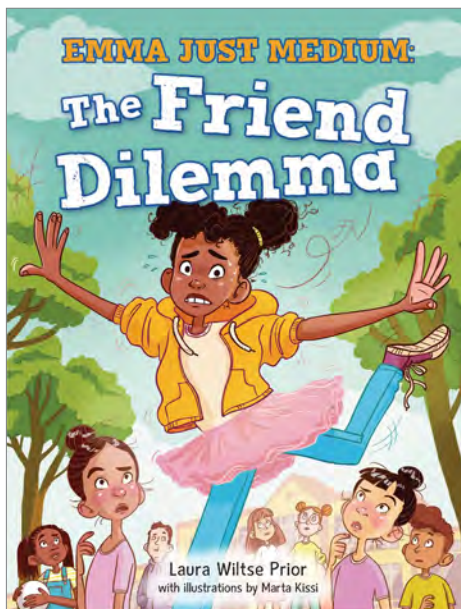
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### CHAPTER TWO SMELLS AND BELLS

The smell of something spicy—churchy, even—wafted up to the stage. Fred took another sniff and thought again about the mingling of smells. Then he looked around at the stage. He'd been up here a million times since his very first day of kindergarten. He'd stood on, sat on, and even—ugh—danced across this stage during assemblies, awards ceremonies, class plays, and the music-class programs. What a weird mix



## The Friend Dilemma

Laura Wiltse Prior, illus. Marta Kissi

Emma is eager to see her friends Lily and Amelia when third grade begins. But her friends' interests have changed: Lily became a ballerina; Amelia lost interest in science. And as third grade unfolds, more differences start popping up left and right.

- Demonstrates self-awareness and acceptance
- Highlights friendship

**Laura Wiltse Prior** is a middle grade author who loves cookie dough, reading, and tennis. She lives and writes in Connecticut with her husband and three kids, the inspiration for her stories.

**Marta Kissi** lives and works in London. She earned a BA at Kingston University and MA at the Royal College of Art. Her favorite part of being an illustrator is designing the characters—especially the villains!

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## Second Chance

A Baseball Buddies Story

Aaron Derr, illus. Matt Rowe

The Manatees, led by new captain Luis, find joy this baseball season. Embracing teamwork, they welcome troubled players Ty and Savannah for a second chance. Can they all work together to beat the league's best, the Dragons?

- For fans of Matt Christopher
- Features a multicultural and mixed-gender team

**Aaron Derr** lives outside Dallas, Texas, with his family. He has more than 15 years of experience writing and editing magazines and books for kids of all ages.

**Matt Rowe** lives in Worcestershire in the United Kingdom and has turned his passion for illustration into a career spanning more than twenty years. Outside of illustration, Matt enjoys running, cycling, and family walks to recharge and find inspiration.

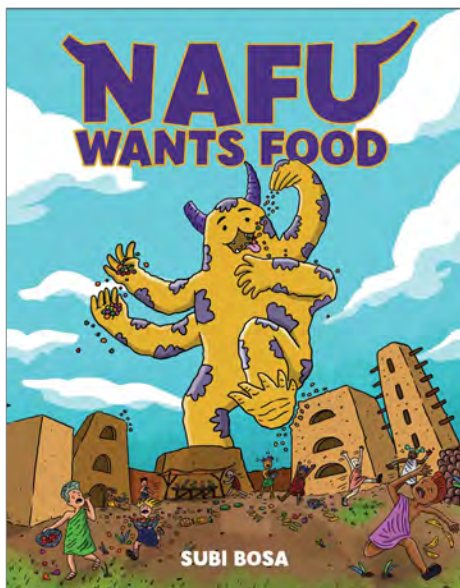
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# Nafu Wants Food

## A Graphic Novel

Subi Bosa

Nafu is Mongo Village's resident monster and protector, so the villagers happily give Nafu all the food they want. But after greedily gobbling up the last of it, will someone make a meal out of Nafu?

- Set in a fantasy land inspired by the architecture of Burkina Faso, West Africa and heavily influenced by African folklore
- Plenty of humor
- Vibrant colors and unique illustration style

Subi Bosa is an illustrator of picture books, comics, and graphic novels currently based in Cape Town, South Africa. In 2020, Subi was awarded a Mo Siewcharran Publisher's Prize for Illustration.

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## Faiza Is a Fighter

Debasmitta Dasgupta

Faiza wants to win the biggest boxing tournament in town. When a landslide hits her village, will she be able to achieve her dream without the presence of her biggest supporter?

- Showcases life in northern India
- Boxing/sports interest
- Includes themes of overcoming bullying and positive self-talk

**Debasmitta Dasgupta** is an internationally-published graphic novelist and *Kirkus* Best Prize-nominated illustrator. As an art-for-change advocate, she's worked with global nonprofits and has illustrated picture books, comics, and poems.

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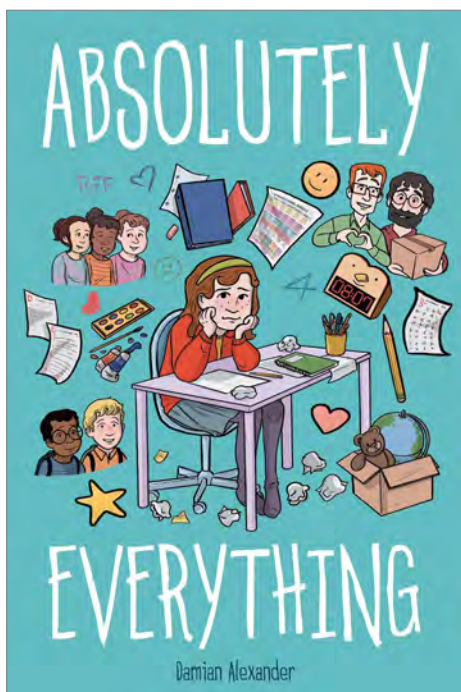
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# Absolutely Everything

## A Graphic Novel

Damian Alexander

Life feels like a lot for Marcella. Sixth grade is overwhelming, her bestie has new friends, her parents want to move—absolutely everything is stressing her out! A thoughtful graphic story about growing up and ADHD.

- Explores the experience of inattentive ADHD with an empathetic, destigmatizing eye
- Presents a charming narrator many readers will relate to, and who will help others better understand the ADHD experience
- Features energetic, approachable artwork

**Damian Alexander** is a cartoonist and storyteller residing in Portland, Oregon. His graphic memoir, *Other Boys*, has received recognition from several awards including The Chicago Public Library "Best of the Best" and the Texas Maverick Graphic Novels Reading List.

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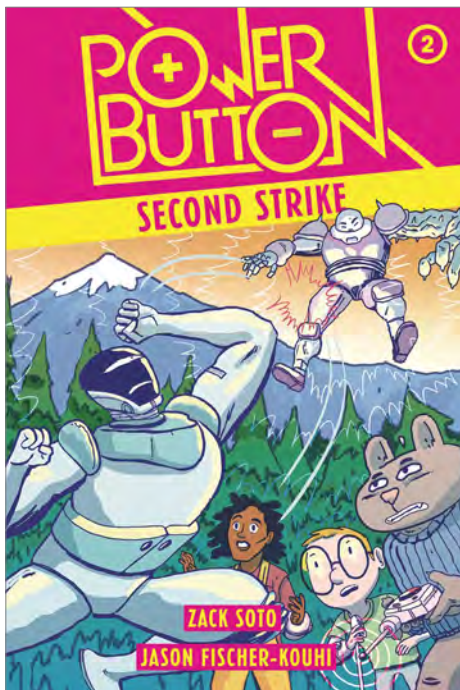
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## Power Button: Second Strike Book 2

Zack Soto

Kaz and Truly barely survived one alien invasion. When the Horde strikes again, it kidnaps Kaz's parents and sidelines space-knight Cyclo. To rescue the grown-ups, the cousins will need luck! Or Kaz's UFO-obsessed uncle, Lucky...

- Kid-friendly cosmic superhero action for readers starting to explore *Star Wars* and *Guardians of the Galaxy*
- Multiple forms of diversity among lead characters
- Distinctive, quirky limited-palette artwork
- A readalike for *Amulet*, *Cleopatra in Space*, and other middle-grade sci-fi hits

**Zack Soto** is a cartoonist and comic book editor living in Portland, Oregon. He likes toys, movies, houseplants and making things in his workshop—but he might like comics most of all. You can find him at [www.zack-soto.com](http://www.zack-soto.com).

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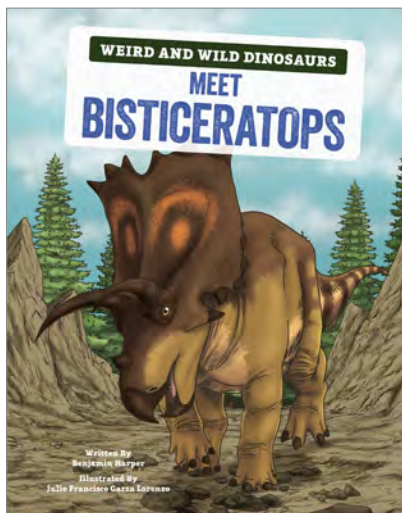
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## Weird and Wild Dinosaurs

Benjamin Harper

illus. Julio Francisco Garza Lorenzo

This series of high-interest graphic novels introduces young readers to lesser-known but weird and cool dinosaurs. Get up close and personal with the teeth, claws, and spikes that make them so special.

- Inviting graphic approach to dinosaurs and archaeology
- Features lesser known but fascinating dinos
- Reluctant-reader friendly

**Benjamin Harper** has written or contributed to more than 40 books, including a number of leveled readers and graphic novels. Currently, he resides in Los Angeles, California, where he raises monarch butterflies and lives with a cat, a dog, and a hippie.

**Julio Francisco Garza Lorenzo** is a professional illustrator, designer and photographer based in Mexico City. He has worked on a wide range of projects with advertising agencies, animation studios, and publishers.

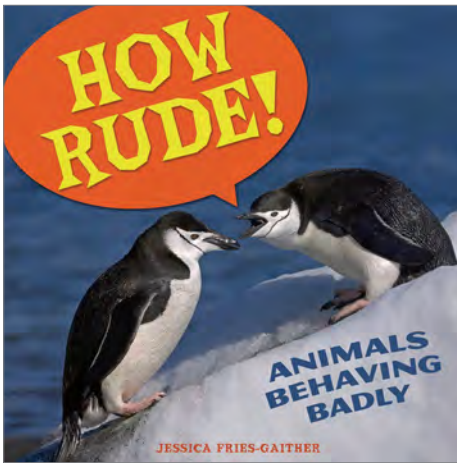
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## How Rude! Animals Behaving Badly

Jessica Fries-Gaither

Humans have many rules for how to behave, but for animals, breaking those rules can be a matter of survival. Meet rule-breaking animals including kingsnakes, hippos, bowerbirds, and many more!

- Pairs common human etiquette with examples of "rude" animal behavior, such as lying, trickery, poor hygiene, and stealing
- Back matter includes more about how these "bad" behaviors help animals survive and how scientists learn about them
- Eye-catching photos show these behaviors in action

Jessica Fries-Gaither is a science educator with 20-plus years of experience and an award-winning author of books for students and teachers. Jessica lives in Columbus, Ohio, with her husband and four dogs.

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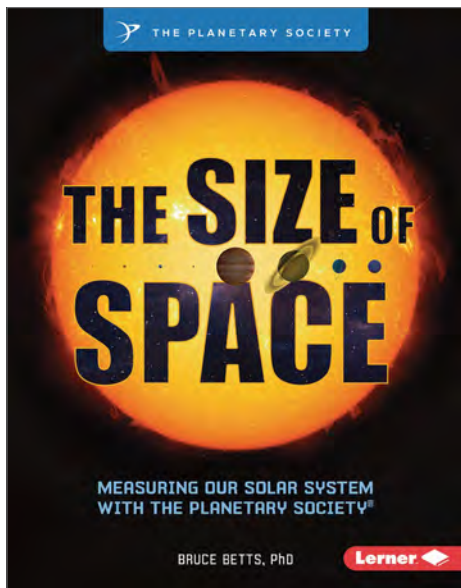
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## The Size of Space

### Measuring Our Solar System with The Planetary Society®

*Bruce Betts, PhD*

How big is the Sun? Imagine if the Sun were the size of a basketball. Then Earth would be a sesame seed! Through fun analogies and scale models, this book shrinks down objects in the solar system to understandable comparisons.

- Fun analogies keep readers engaged
- Composite images demonstrate the scale of space objects in an understandable manner
- A high-interest STEM topic

**Dr. Bruce Betts** is Chief Scientist and LightSail Program Manager for The Planetary Society, the world's largest space interest group. He is the author of numerous articles and the book *Astronomy for Kids: How to Explore Outer Space with Binoculars, a Telescope, or Just Your Eyes!*

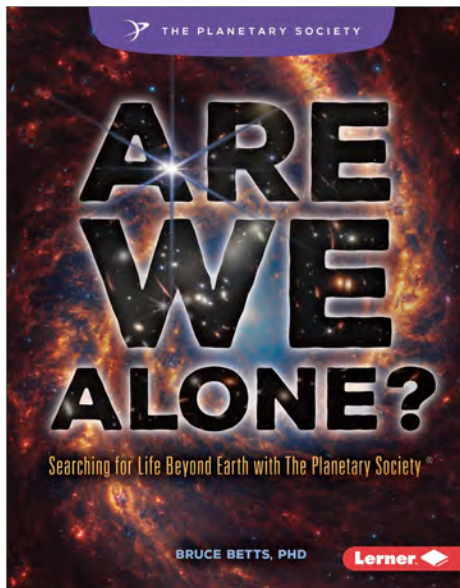
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## Are We Alone?

### Searching for Life Beyond Earth with The Planetary Society®

*Bruce Betts, PhD*

The Universe is massive, so is it possible life exists beyond Earth? What would alien life look like? How do scientists explore faraway worlds for signs of alien life? Discover the technology and research scientists are using to find answers.

- Accessible, up-to-date text explores the idea of life elsewhere in the Universe
- Introductory note from Bill Nye, CEO of The Planetary Society

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## Dinosaur Secrets Revealed! How High-Tech Tools Spark Discoveries

*Sandra Markle*

With the help of advanced technology, scientists are making new discoveries about dinosaurs. From pressure sensors to computer models, lidar scanning to laser-simulated fluorescence, new tools are revealing new information about these prehistoric creatures.

- Highly appealing topic combines dinosaur facts with the cutting-edge technology scientists use to study them
- Features popular species including T. Rex
- Includes photographs of scientists in the field and lab as well as computer models and digital illustrations recreating how these dinosaurs may have looked

**Sandra Markle** is the author of numerous award-winning science books for children, a nationally known science education consultant, and a former elementary school science teacher. She lives in Lakewood Ranch, Florida, with her husband.

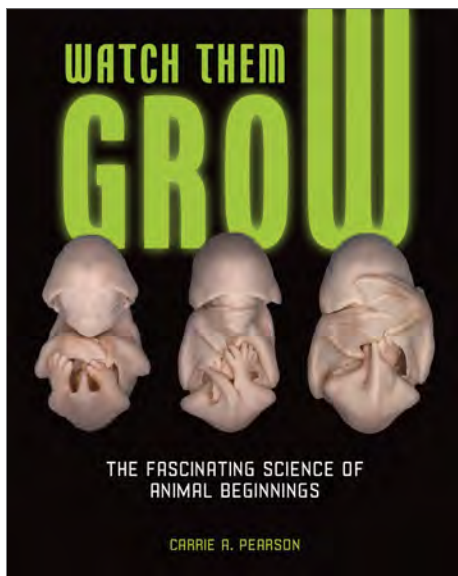
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## Watch Them Grow The Fascinating Science of Animal Beginnings

*Carrie A. Pearson*

How do animals develop the traits they need to survive? Discover the many ways animals grow before they are born.

- Vivid photographs and illustrations of animals before birth
- Explores different types of gestation including eggs and live births
- Animal examples are divided into three categories of traits needed for survival—ingestion, senses, and movement—and gestational outliers—monotremes (mammals that lay eggs), marsupials, and fathers with wombs

**Carrie A. Pearson** is an author and speaker from Marquette, Michigan. As an early childhood educator, Carrie experienced how books delighted, healed, and enlightened young people. Today, Carrie writes fiction and nonfiction for young people.

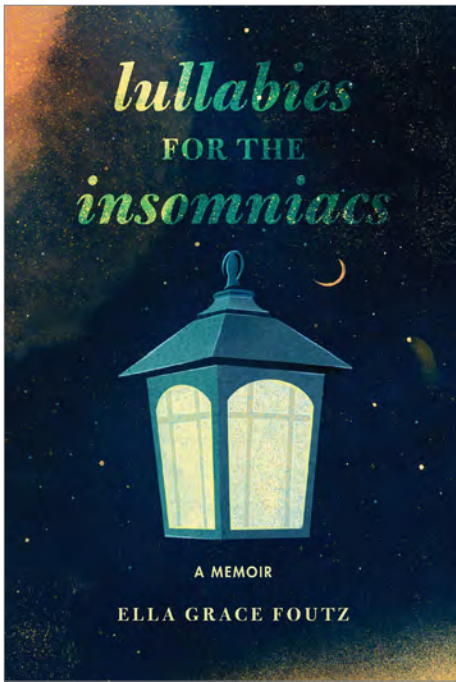
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## Lullabies for the Insomniacs A Memoir in Verse

Ella Grace Foutz

A teen with bipolar disorder fights for survival and self-understanding in Ella Grace Foutz's memoir in verse, balancing poignancy with moments of levity as Foutz navigates the complex terrain of mental illness and mental health.

- Gripping poetry that allows readers to access some of the most difficult-to-describe aspects of a mental illness experience
- This very personal narrative will resonate with many teens, beyond those who have direct experience with Foutz's specific diagnosis
- Suicide is the second leading cause of death among adolescents, and this book shows a teen managing and overcoming suicidal thoughts without sugarcoating their seriousness
- The narrative delves beyond still-common stereotypes, platitudes, and oversimplifications of mental illness; Foutz explores what it means to embrace the ways her illness has shaped her, while also recognizing that the truest version of herself is one that thrives when her illness is well-managed

**Ella Grace Foutz** earned her bachelor of arts in liberal arts from Southern Virginia University and now resides in northern Ohio. When away from her notebooks, she is also a performing musician, bread-maker, and passionate distance runner.

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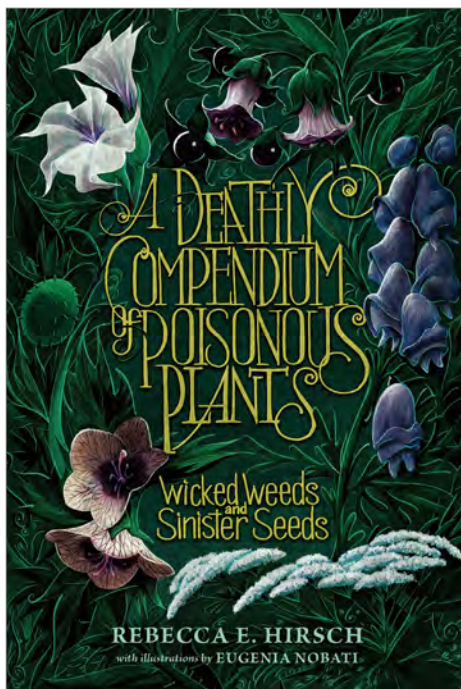
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## A Deathly Compendium of Poisonous Plants Wicked Weeds and Sinister Seeds

Rebecca E. Hirsch

A must for fans of science and history—and also armchair detectives—this entertaining and informative illustrated compendium delves into nature’s deadliest plants and their fascinating histories as implements of medicine, warfare, and foul play.

- Factual historical incidents written in gothic mystery/horror style make for a fun and engrossing read
- Delves into nature’s deadliest plants and their use throughout history as implements of medicine, warfare, and foul play

Rebecca E. Hirsch, PhD, is the author of numerous books about science, nature, and geography for children. She lives with her husband and three children in State College, Pennsylvania. You can visit her online at [rebeccahirsch.com](http://rebeccahirsch.com).

★ "This compendium is perfect for science buffs, true-crime lovers, herbalists, and teens drawn to the macabre. A must-have for anyone with a curiosity about nature's most sinister secrets."

— starred, *School Library Journal*

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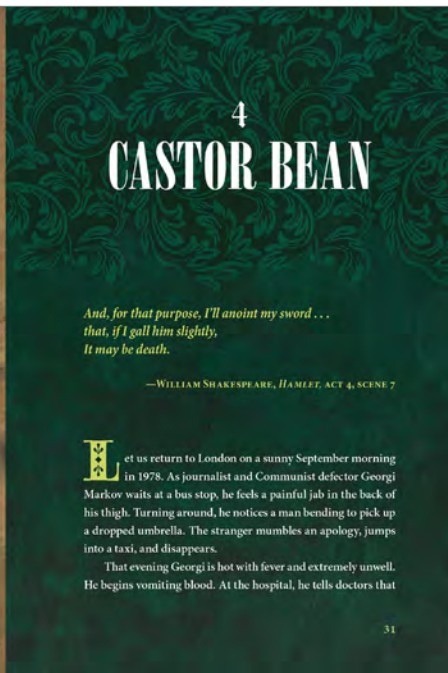
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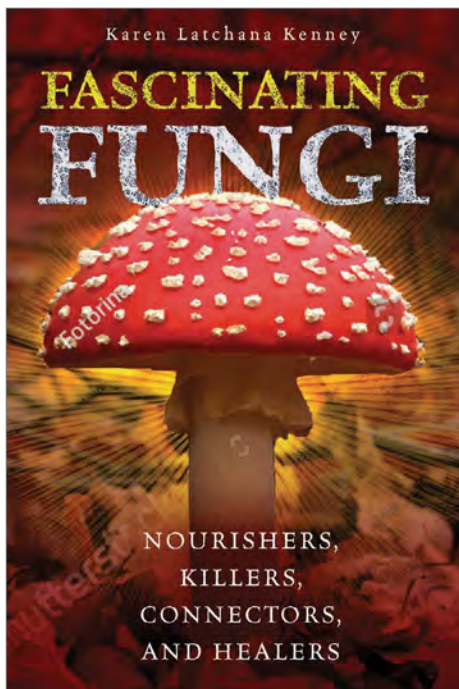
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## Fascinating Fungi Nourishers, Killers, Connectors, and Healers

*Karen Latchana Kenney*

From helping bread rise to capturing pollutants, fungi can do many incredible and even unexpected things. Explore the world of fungi, including strange sights, medicine, underground webs, and more.

- Features profiles of and quotes from expert mycologists
- Well-researched, accessible exploration of a popular topic
- Appealing photographs and diagrams

**Karen Latchana Kenney** was born near the rainforests of Guyana, but moved far north to Minnesota at a young age. She graduated from the University of Minnesota with a bachelor's degree in English and has been writing and editing since.

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### CHAPTER 2

## BEAUTIES AND ODDITIES



While our compendium of fungi keeps growing as new discoveries are made, what we do know already is that fungi come in many unique forms. Some of their mushrooms are delicately beautiful, spindly, and whimsical, with candy-like colors as if they're from fairy tales. Others look like they come straight out of a horror film—seemingly bloody and emanating death and foulness, with equally horrific names such as the bleeding tooth or Devil's fingers. Here are some of the rare beauties of the fungal world, along with some of its oddest and stinkiest members.

### THE BEAUTIES



**MAUVE PARACHUTE, PURPLE PINWHEEL**  
SCIENTIFIC NAME:  
MARASMIUS HAEMATOCYPHALUS

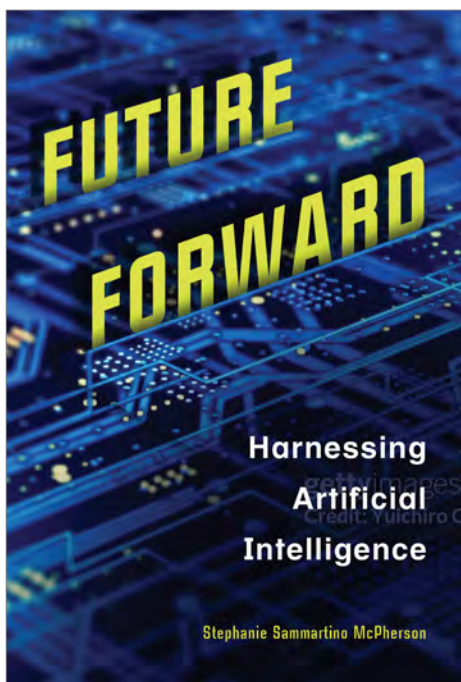
Geographic locations: USA, Central and South America, Asia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Java, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Nigeria, Republic of the Congo, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe

**HABITAT:** leaf litter and dead twigs on the floor of subtropical and tropical forests

**GILLS:** up to 14 spaced gills that are white with pink borders

**SPORES:** white

This small, delicate agaric mushroom has a spindly dark pink and black stem that grows up to around 2 inches (60 mm) tall and .03 inch (1 mm) in diameter (think wiry and hair-like). Its dark pink, bell-shaped cap is slightly velvety and up to .4 inch (10 mm) in diameter, or around the size of a dime. Its flesh is thin and tough, and it's inedible. The mauve parachute is known for its reviving ability—it shrivels up when it's dry out and then springs back to life when it rains. Marasmius originates from the Greek word *marsmos* meaning "drying out."



## Future Forward Harnessing Artificial Intelligence

Stephanie Sammartino McPherson

Artificial intelligence is the capability of computer systems to imitate human behavior and thinking. Explore how artificial intelligence is used to further human goals, as well as the ethical concerns associated with its use.

- Clear explanations of AI technology and how it works
- Addresses important issues surrounding the ethics of AI use
- Sidebars give relevant examples of the diverse uses of AI in society

**Stephanie Sammartino McPherson**, a former teacher and freelance newspaper writer, enjoys writing about science and the human interest stories behind major discoveries. Stephanie and her husband, Richard, live in Virginia but also call California home.

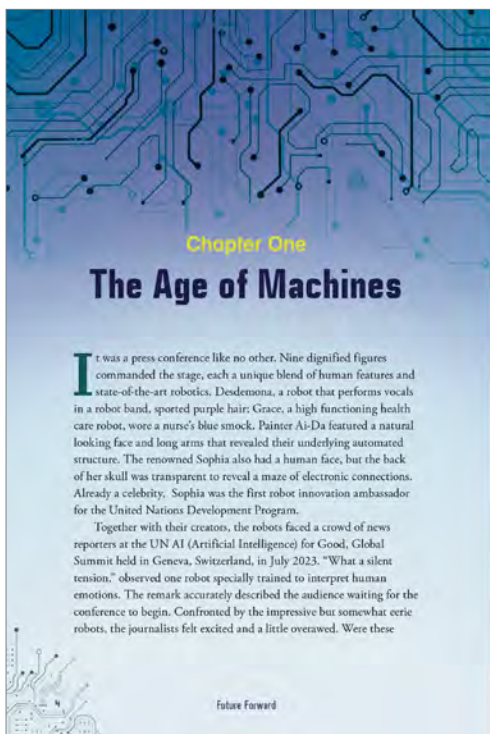
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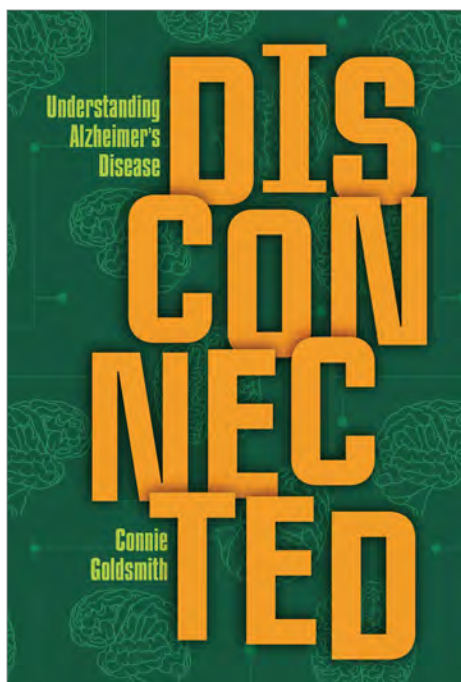
machines or something more than machines? What was happening inside their electronic circuitry?

A reporter for Reuters news service asked the robots when their "big moment" might be, as well as when they might be expected to "hit the mainstream." The robot Ameca, sometimes called the world's most advanced robot, responded, "Oh, my big moment? Well, I'm constantly evolving and learning so who knows when that moment will be?" Ameca took the second part of the question too literally. "As for hitting you, don't worry," she reassured the listeners. "I'm a friendly robot. No hitting involved."

In contrast, Sophia showed that robots can understand the nuances of language after all. "As for me hitting the mainstream, I'm sure it will happen eventually. After all, I'm working hard to make sure I'm the best robot I can be, and I'm sure lots of people will appreciate that." Its audience did.



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## Disconnected

### Understanding Alzheimer's Disease

Connie Goldsmith

Alzheimer's disease is a dementia that affects the memory, thinking, and behavior of millions of people. Understand more about what Alzheimer's is through a look at its stages, current clinical research, caregiver accounts, and more.

- Includes personal stories from Alzheimer's caregivers
- Sidebars highlighting Alzheimer's global awareness, ongoing research, caregiving tips, and more

**Connie Goldsmith** writes books about history, health, and science for older children. A retired RN with a master's degree in health, Ms. Goldsmith lives near Sacramento, California.

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"Goldsmith, a veteran nonfiction author with a science background, offers teens an excellent informational book that's both heartwarming and heartbreaking. Helpful, wise, and informative."

— Kirkus Reviews



## Design Thinking

### A Guide to Innovation

Fred Estes

*Design Thinking* provides a simple, clear approach to the design thinking process. The easy-to-follow guide explains everything essential to your design thinking projects focused on solving human-centered, social issues to effect change and to create a more equitable world.

- Written by an expert and educator in the field

**Fred Estes** is a nonfiction author and science teacher based in San Francisco, California.

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★ "Ideal for teens, educators, and community leaders who want to inspire youth to apply design thinking in creating real-world solutions. The writing motivates readers to reflect on their own ideas with examples that make the concepts relatable. . . . What distinguishes this book is its focus on practical, real-world applications."

—starred, *School Library Journal*



## Beyoncé Renaissance Woman

*Lisa M. Bolt Simons*

Beyoncé began her career singing in girl groups, but she quickly became a breakout star. She has sung in the R&B, hip-hop, pop, and country genres. Follow Beyoncé's incredible career, from artist to actress and philanthropist.

- Accessible high-interest text covers relevant music artists
- Interesting sidebars share additional information about the topic
- Primary source quotes offer additional perspectives
- Further reading section encourages readers to continue exploring the topic

**Lisa M. Bolt Simons** is an author of more than seventy books for children. As an educator, Lisa taught Language Arts and English for twenty-five years. She has lived around the world, but currently resides in Minnesota.

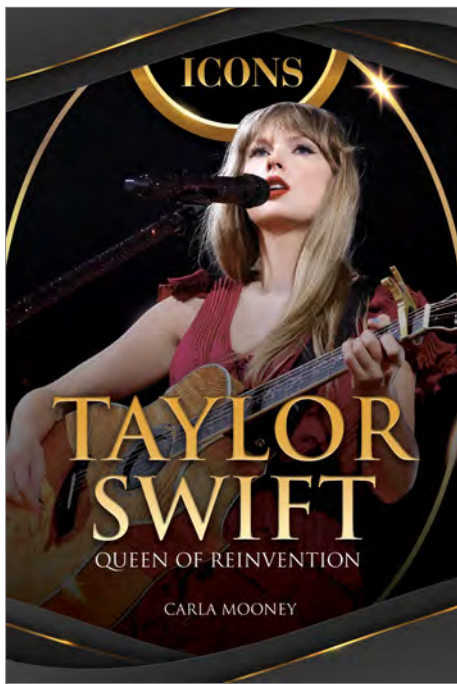
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## Taylor Swift Queen of Reinvention

*Carla Mooney*

Taylor Swift began her music career as a country singer. But over time she transitioned to pop and indie folk. Explore Swift's storied career, and how she continually reinvents herself while revolutionizing the music industry.

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**Carla Mooney** is the author of several books for young readers. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, she lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with her husband and three children.

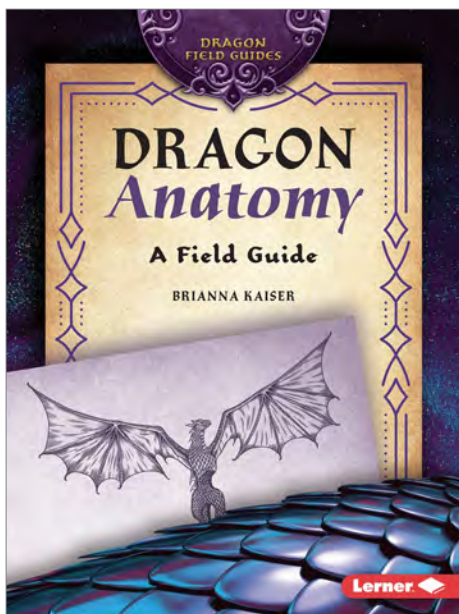
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## Dragon Field Guides

Enhance readers' fascination with dragons! These field guides synthesize legends and lore from around the world to explore the anatomy of dragons, common behaviors, the science behind how they would breathe fire, and more.

- Explores dragons from around the world and in different cultures
- Dynamic illustrations and photos of artifacts showcase dragons in media and history
- Sidebars feature fun facts about these mythical creatures

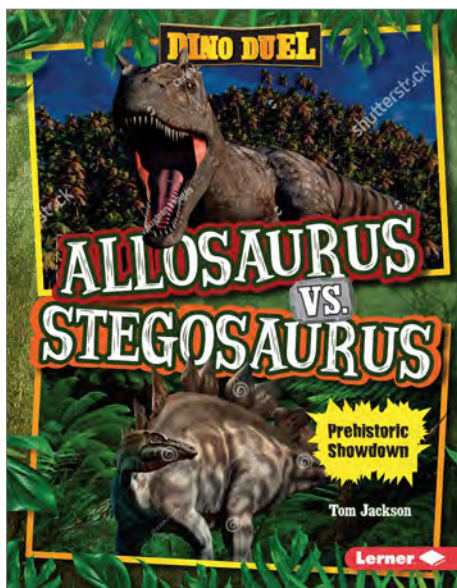
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Who would win in a fight between two dinosaurs? Readers discover the traits and skills of different dinosaurs as well as how each might fare in a battle of survival.

- Head-to-head feature provides visually appealing diagrams of titular dinosaurs
- Stats offer relevant details about each dino competitor
- Exciting sidebars go beyond the text with cool information about dinosaurs

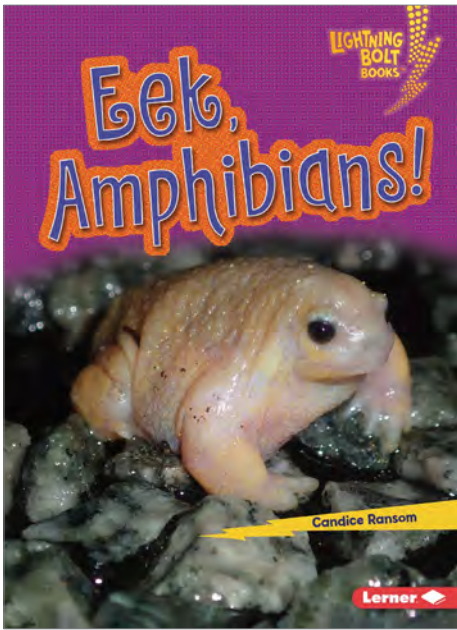
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- Accessible introduction to a high-interest topic
- Color photos and a photo glossary in the back matter
- Critical thinking question sidebars to help young learners engage with the text

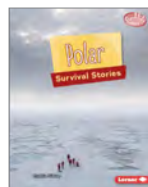
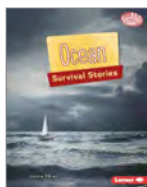
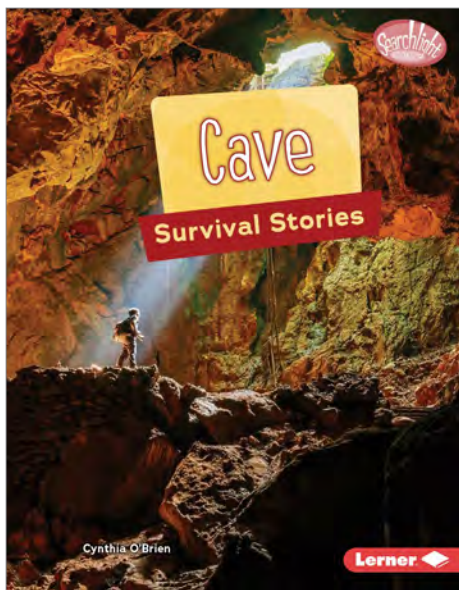
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- Real-life examples of survival scenarios

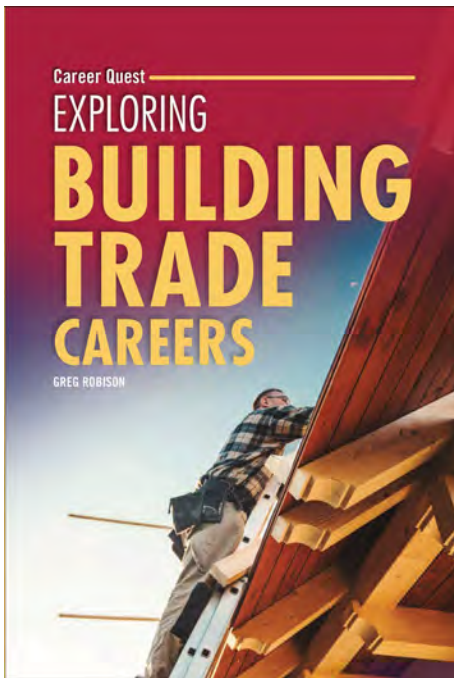
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## Career Quest

From engineering to fashion, people have abundant options when choosing a career. But what education do they need to enter certain industries? What jobs are available? And will they be a good fit? Dive into these questions and more in this informative series.

- Accessible text with thorough explanations and examples of career concepts
- Appealing sidebars cover statistics, fun facts, information about industry leaders, and more
- Primary source quotes offer perspectives from the industry or related areas

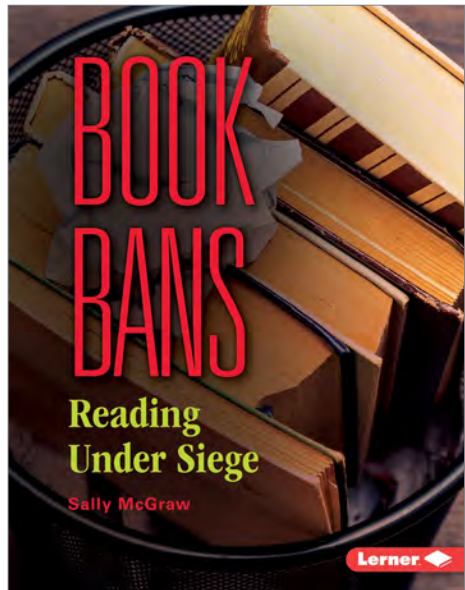
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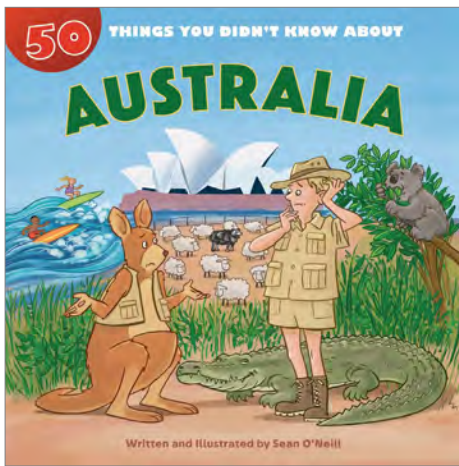
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## 50 Things You Didn't Know About

This fun series presents entertaining facts on high-interest topics in easy-to-digest summaries. Each book is filled with unexpected and amusing insights that go beyond the basics to engage readers.

- 50 fun facts in each book give readers insight to interesting history and intriguing places
- Colorful and comedic illustrations

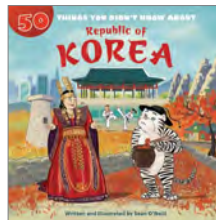
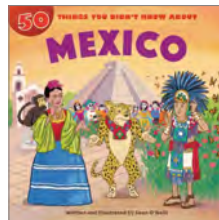
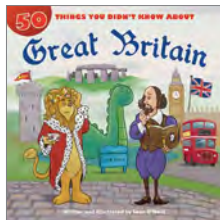
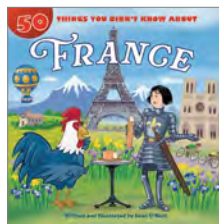
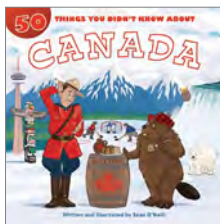
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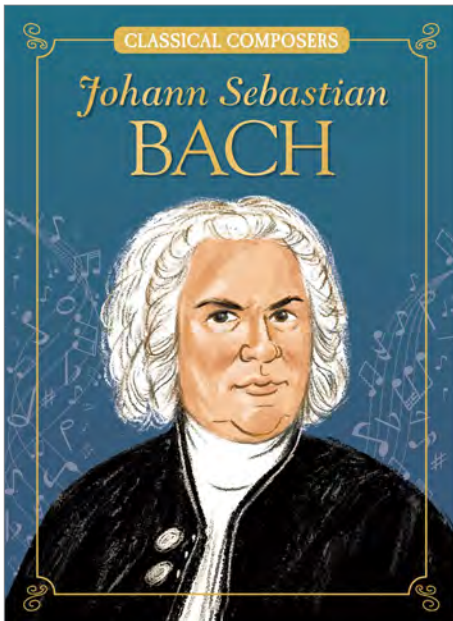
**AN ISLAND CONTINENT**

An island unto itself, Australia is the only country on Earth that covers an entire continent (Oceania is a grouping but not itself a continent). Although it is the second-least populated continent (after Antarctica), the rich biodiversity and variety of ecosystems makes Australia one of the most unique natural environments on the planet. From arid deserts to sandy beaches, snow-capped mountains to bustling cities, Australia really is a place like no other.

- 1 Australia isn't just a country. It's also a continent and an island. In fact, it's the world's smallest continent—and the world's largest island.
- 2 The country's name comes from the Latin term *Terra Australis Incognita*, which means "unknown land in the south." European explorers used this term to identify any lands unknown to Europeans in the southern oceans, so when they landed on Australia, the name stuck.

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## Classical Composers

The term "classical music" refers most often to the period from the mid-18th through the early 20th centuries. This series looks at a selection of classical composers who have had lasting impact on music today.

- Offers a multifaceted learning experience that combines history, music appreciation, and inspiration
- Text highlights each composer's childhood experiences to engage a child's curiosity
- Timelines mark key events in each composer's life

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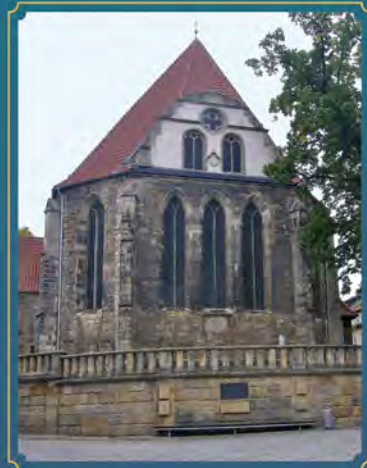


### Bach at Court

In 1703, Bach got a job as a musician in Weimar. He worked for a duke. Bach had many jobs at the duke's court. He played the violin and the organ. But he also had to help around the house. Sometimes Bach even had to peel potatoes and clean the kitchen!

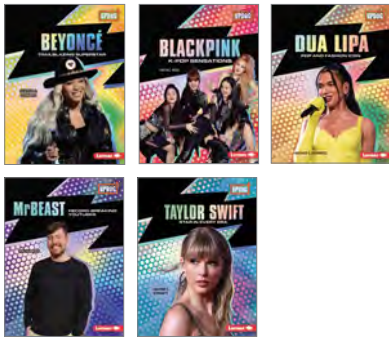
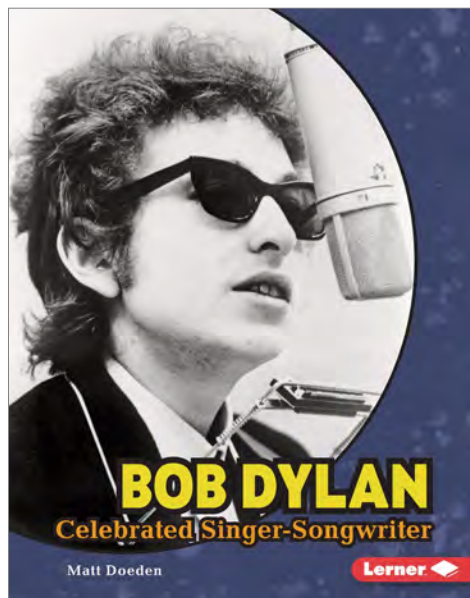
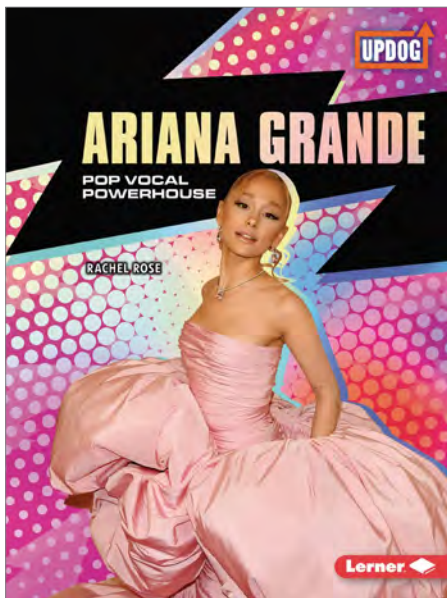
Soon after, Bach got a job as the church organist in Arnstadt. The church had just installed a new organ. Bach loved playing it. The people loved the way he played.

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The Church in Arnstadt, Thuringia, is now called The Bach Church.

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## In the Spotlight (UpDog Books™)

Striving readers will love learning about all the biggest stars in pop culture in this energetic series. Solid biographical details are delivered with a high-interest approach in these profiles of favorite gamers, singers, and more.

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- A final question encourages readers to reflect on their own talents and goals, providing encouragement

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Discover the human side of newsworthy, historical, and pop culture figures. Each biography is peppered with quotations and childhood stories, accounts of successes and failures, and descriptions of inspirational experiences that influenced the person's achievements.

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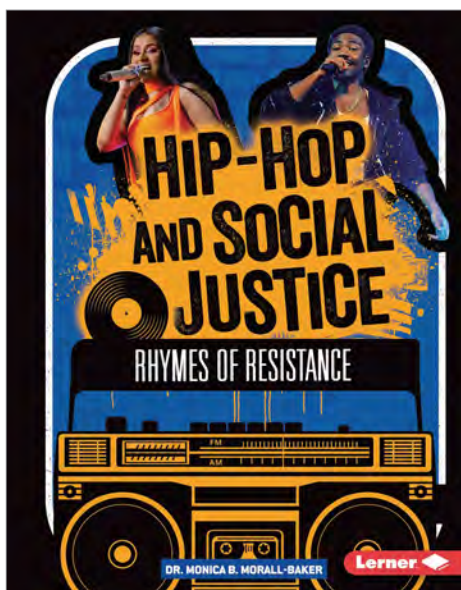
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Hip-hop is a cultural movement with a rich history. From dance and fashion to social justice, this series highlights the importance of hip-hop and celebrates the pivotal people and events that have shaped it.

- Highlights key individuals of hip-hop, both well-known and lesser-known
- Sidebars expand on the information from the main text
- A comprehensive and accessible approach to a high-interest topic

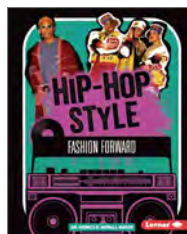
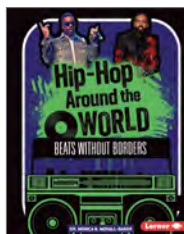
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### RESPECT FOR WOMEN

Tupac Shakur used his 1993 song "Keep Ya Head Up" to speak for change for women, especially Black women in America. The song talks about treating women with respect, standing up for what's right, and believing in yourself. The song spent twenty weeks on the *Billboard* Hot 100 chart.



Tupac Shakur performs in New York City in 1993.

### EQUAL LOVE FOR ALL

"Same Love" by Macklemore & Ryan Lewis and featuring Mary Lambert encourages listeners to love who they want to love no matter what their gender is. Macklemore wrote the song to show his support of his gay family members.

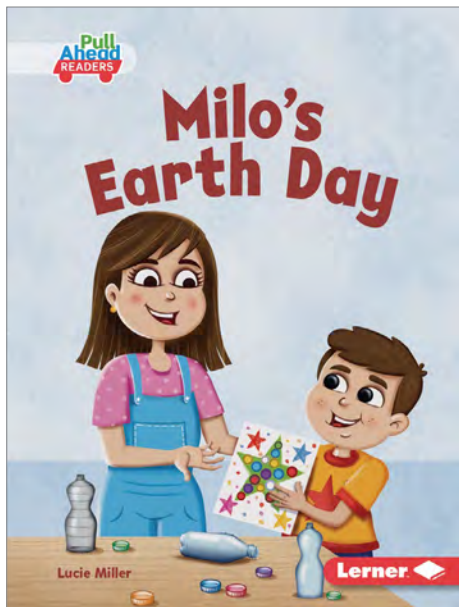
The song challenged the hip-hop world to be more supportive of the LGBTQIA+ community and was used as an anthem during the 2012 fight to legalize same-sex marriage in Washington state. "Same Love" was on the *Billboard* Hot 100 chart for thirty weeks. It was nominated for Song of the Year at the Grammy Awards in 2014.



Mary Lambert (left), Macklemore (center), and Ryan Lewis win an award for their song "Same Love" at the 2013 MTV Video Music Awards.

**"I just wanted to hold myself accountable and hold hip-hop accountable and bring up an issue that was being pushed under the rug."**

—Macklemore, 2013



## Let's Celebrate Holidays (Pull Ahead Readers — Fiction)

Celebrate young readers with this engaging series that teaches about cultural and national holidays. Each fictional story features colorful illustrations to help beginning readers flourish.

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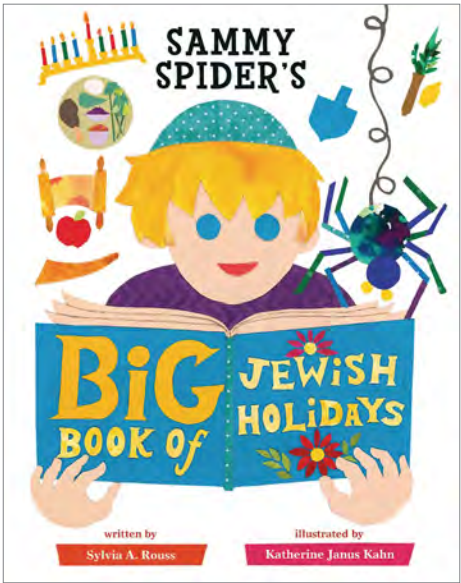
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# Sammy Spider's Big Book of Jewish Holidays

Sylvia A. Rouss, illus. Katherine Janus Kahn

Sammy Spider watches the Shapiros hang the calendar that will show them all the Jewish holidays of the year. From Rosh Hashanah to Shavuot, Sammy watches—and asks Mrs. Spider lots of questions.

- Sammy Spider learns the customs of the Jewish holidays
- A fun addition to Kar-Ben's iconic and beloved **Sammy Spider** series
- Features the relationship between a curious little spider and his loving mom

Sylvia A. Rouss is an award-winning author, early childhood educator, and the creator of the popular **Sammy Spider** series, celebrating its 25th anniversary with more than half a million Sammy Spider books sold. She lives in California.

Katherine Janus Kahn studied Fine Arts at the Bezalel School in Jerusalem and at the University of Iowa. She has illustrated many children's books, including Kar-Ben's popular **Sammy Spider** series. She lives in Wheaton, Maryland.

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## Happy HanukKAT

Jessica Hickman, *illus.* Elissambura

The cat family is getting ready for their favorite time of year—Hanukkah! It's the purr-fect holiday celebration as they light the menorah, make latkes, and listen to the story of the Maccabees.

- A cute Hanukkah board book featuring a family of cats
- Joyfully depicts the main elements of a Hanukkah celebration
- Hanukkah is December 14-22, 2025

**Jessica Hickman** is a South Florida native, proud mama, and children's book author. She lives in Austin, Texas, with her family, where she enjoys live music, farmer's markets, and exploring the outdoors.

**Elissambura** is an illustrator of many children's books, including *Alligator Seder*, *Happy Roo Year: It's Rosh Hashanah*, and *Who's Got the Etrog?* Her favorite subject to draw is animals. She works in a variety of techniques, including digital and mixed media. She lives in Argentina.

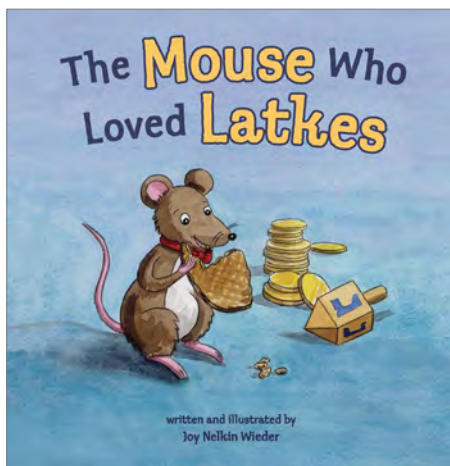
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## The Mouse Who Loved Latkes

Joy Nelkin Wieder

When the Katz family moves in, C.J. the mouse is scared. "Don't go," says the littlest cat. "I could use a friend." C.J. joins the Katz family for dinner and helps them celebrate Hanukkah.

- A Hanukkah story about finding friendship in unexpected places
- Features a family of cats and a cute little mouse
- Hanukkah is December 14-22, 2025

**Joy Nelkin Wieder** is an author, artist, and educator. When she's not writing or illustrating books for children, she might be painting landscapes or training service dogs. She lives outside Boston with her husband and two cats.

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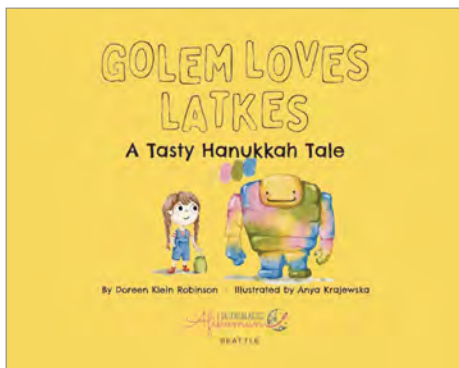
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## Golem Loves Latkes A Tasty Hanukkah Tale

*Doreen Robinson, illus. Anya Krajewska*

In Shmooszeville, a town passionately divided over whether latkes should be eaten with apple sauce or sour cream, the young main character brings a golem to life, and fun and zany chaos ensues.

- The zany fun of a golem introduced into the celebration of Hanukkah
- A fun and raucous Shmooszeville town debate of how to eat latkes—Team Apple Sauce vs. Team Sour Cream
- Golem is a foodie!

**Doreen Klein Robinson** is a journalist and editor of community newspapers. In 2022, she was awarded a scholarship for PJ Library's Emerging Authors. In 2023, she was the recipient of Florida SCBWI's Mirrors and Windows scholarship.

**Anya Krajewska** is a Polish illustrator and former architect who now pursues her passion for illustration and picture books. She enjoys creating cute, funny characters, adding humor and a touch of warmth to her illustrations.

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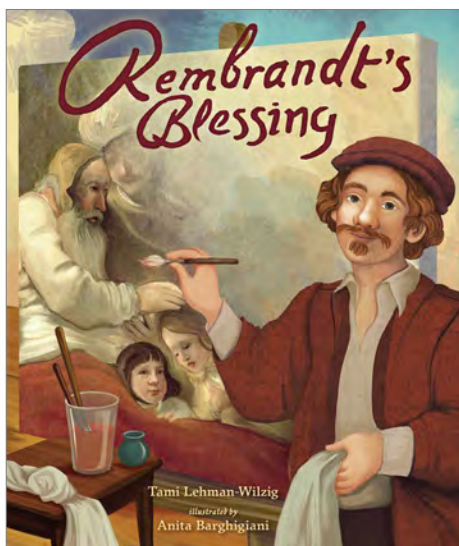
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## Rembrandt's Blessing

Tami Lehman-Wilzig, illus. Anita Barghigiani

Painting scenes from Bible stories was Rembrandt's passion. At Rabbi Menashe ben Israel's home for Sabbath dinner, Rembrandt watches his friend say a blessing over the children and has an idea for a very special painting.

- A work of historical fiction inspired by the true friendship between Rembrandt and one of Amsterdam's leading rabbis of the 1600s
- An introduction to the life and work of the celebrated painter Rembrandt van Rijn
- A unique story about Jewish life in the Netherlands in the Early Modern period

**Tami Lehman-Wilzig** is an award-winning author of 14 picture books, including *Keeping The Promise* and *Soosie, The Horse That Saved Shabbat*. Born in America, she lives in Kfar Saba, Israel, with her husband, where she shares her love of stories with her grandchildren.

**Anita Barghigiani** was born near Pisa, Italy. She is a graduate of the Academy of Fine Arts of Florence. When she attended the Bologna Children's Book Fair for the first time, she fell in love with children's books and decided to study illustration and entertainment design. She lives in Florence, Italy where she works, plays the guitar, and volunteers helping animals.

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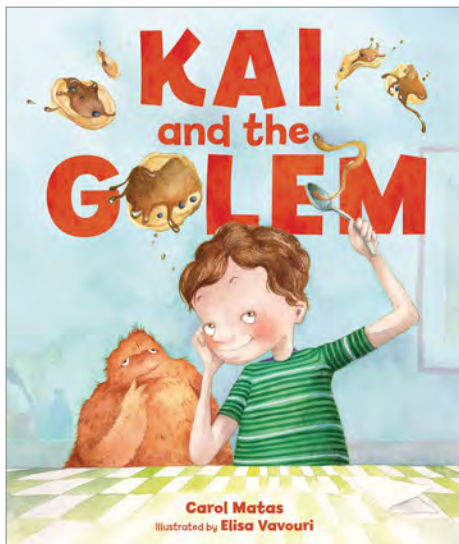
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## Kai and the Golem

Carol Matas, illus. Elisa Vavouri

His beloved bubbe is in the hospital and nothing is working out like Kai wants. Maybe, Kai thinks, a big scary Golem is making bad things happen. But when Kai befriends Golem, the world begins to look brighter.

- An intergenerational story about the love between a boy and his grandma
- A social-emotional story about learning to process big feelings during difficult times
- Features a golem, a mythical creature from Jewish folklore

**Carol Matas** is an internationally acclaimed award-winning author of fifty books. Carol's books have been recognized with more than 100 awards and honors. Carol lives in Winnipeg with her husband and a standard poodle called Ava.

**Elisa Vavouri** was born in Athens, Greece. She studied art, graphic design, and painting at the Vakalo Art and Design College in Athens. She has illustrated more than 70 books. She lives in Germany.

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## Just Say Welcome

Emily Raj, illus. Nathalia Takeyama

"Just say 'welcome!'" Tilly's mom tells her when a newly arrived Iraqi family comes to stay with them for a while. "Sometimes that's all it takes for strangers to become friends." When the Iraqi family is ready to leave, they aren't strangers anymore.

- A story about immigration and intercultural friendship
- Demonstrates the Jewish value of welcoming the stranger
- A sweet story showing how easy it is for kids to become friends despite cultural differences

**Emily Raj** has written more than 40 books for children and edited dozens of professional resources for K-12 teachers. She earned her journalism degree from Northwestern University. She lives in Florida with her husband, kids, and dog.

**Nathalia Takeyama** works mainly in digital media, with a love for texture, colorful palettes, and diverse characters. You can find her reading a book, watching a movie, taking her adopted dog—Lucy—for a walk, daydreaming.

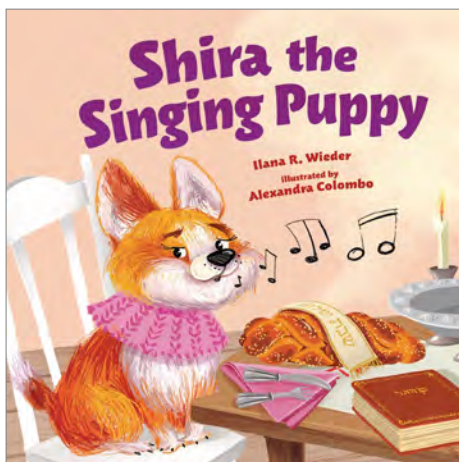
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## Shira the Singing Puppy

*Ilana R. Wieder, illus. Alexandra Colombo*

Shira the puppy loves to sing, but whenever she does, people say, "Hush and shush, Shira. Not today." But on Saturday night, it's time for Havdalah. When Shira's family sings the blessings, it's finally time for Shira to sing too.

- Features a cute puppy who loves to "sing" (howl)
- An introduction to the Havdalah ritual, which marks the end of the Jewish Sabbath
- Back matter includes the Havdalah blessings

**Ilana R. Wieder** is the founder of Shalom Writers where she hosts online meetings with writers who are passionate about telling Jewish stories. Ilana loves to read, paint, travel with her family.

**Alexandra Colombo** has illustrated more than 200 books in countries around the world. She loves walking in nature and she loves animals, especially her dogs Kay, Ubi and Ary. She and her dogs work with a rescue dog unit, searching for missing persons in the woods and after natural disasters. She lives in Milan, Italy.

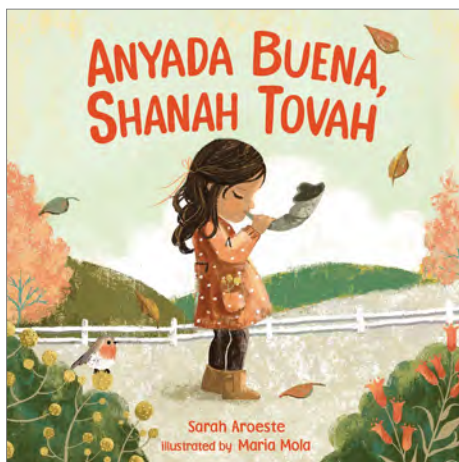
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## Anyada Buena, Shanah Tovah

*Sarah Aroeste, illus. Maria Mola*

A little girl and her Sephardic Jewish family joyfully greet the Jewish New Year. "When leaves begin falling, the shofar comes calling. The halá golden brown is shaped round like a crown. Anyada Buena! Shanah Tovah!"

- A board book about Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, featuring Ladino words, the language of Sephardic Jews
- Depicts many of the symbols of the holiday of Rosh Hashanah
- Rosh Hashanah is September 23-24, 2025
- Scan QR code to watch "Anyada Buena" music video, wishing a Happy New Year in English and Ladino

Determined to help bring Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) culture to a new generation, **Sarah Aroeste**, a Ladino singer, author, and cultural activist, draws upon her Sephardic family roots to present original Ladino songs and prose. She is the author of the Ladino board book *Buen Shabat, Shabbat Shalom*. She lives in Massachusetts.

**Maria Mola** was born in Barcelona and works in both traditional and digital media, often combining both. She lives in Chicago.

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## Fairy GodBubbie's Shabbat

Ann Koffsky

What would a day look like without screens? When Fairy GodBubbie visits the Mazer House, the family's screens suddenly lose power, and they experience a peaceful, beautiful, and . . . magical Shabbat!

- The fun Jewish magic of a Fairy GodBubbie
- The power of turning off screens
- The beauty of a screen-free family day for Shabbat

**Ann D. Koffsky** is the author/illustrator of more than 30 Jewish books for children. She lives in West Hempstead, New York. You can see more of her work at [www.annkoffsky.com](http://www.annkoffsky.com).

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## Perfect Match

Lori Dubbin, illus. Amanda Quartey

Two women, one in the US and one in the UK, face discrimination in the tennis world. Friends and teammates, they knew that in order to win, they would have to draw on their strengths—together. And they did.

- Based on the true story of the friendship between tennis champions Althea Gibson and Angela Buxton
- Shows the parallel experiences of discrimination and prejudice against Black and Jewish tennis players
- An inspiring story of women athletes

**Lori Dubbin** is a writer and a former early childhood educator. She enjoys researching and writing about unsung heroes who have contributed to our world in remarkable ways. When Lori isn't researching or writing, she loves solving crossword puzzles, taking walks, and reading with her grandson. She and her husband have three grown sons and live in Miami, Florida.

**Amanda Quartey** was born and raised in London. At age 14, she moved to Ghana, where she studied art, returning to the UK to study graphic design. Amanda has built a professional illustration portfolio and loves every bit of her illustration career!

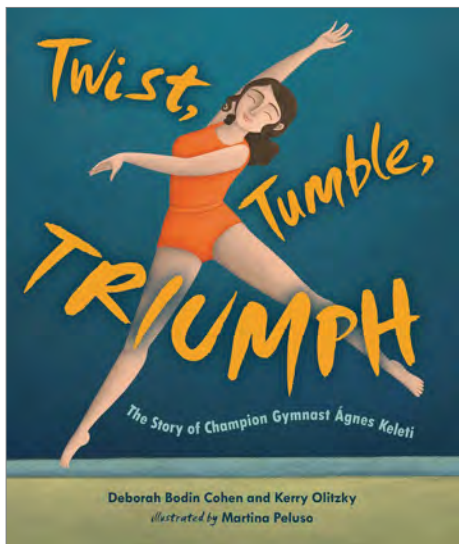
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## Twist, Tumble, Triumph The Story of Champion Gymnast Ágnes Keleti

Deborah Bodin Cohen; Kerry Olitzky,  
illus. Martina Peluso

Ágnes Keleti can forget about the war when she is doing gymnastics—until Jewish athletes are barred from the gym. Never giving up on her dream, her moment of triumph comes at the 1952 Olympics.

- The true story of Hungarian-Jewish Champion Gymnast Ágnes Keleti
- The story of a resilient and determined young woman who survives the Holocaust
- An inspiring story of a female athlete who won 10 Olympic medals

**Rabbi Deborah Bodin Cohen** is the author of many award-winning children's books including *Papa Jethro*, and *Nachshon Who Was Afraid to Swim*. She lives in Maryland with her husband and three children.

**Martina Peluso** studied at the Art Institute of Naples. Her artwork has been exhibited throughout the world. Her previous books include *Joseph and the Sabbath Fish* and *Og's Ark*. She lives in Naples, Italy, with her cats Peppe and Ernesto.

★ "An inspiring and fascinating biography for readers interested in sports, history, or simply a good story of resilience."

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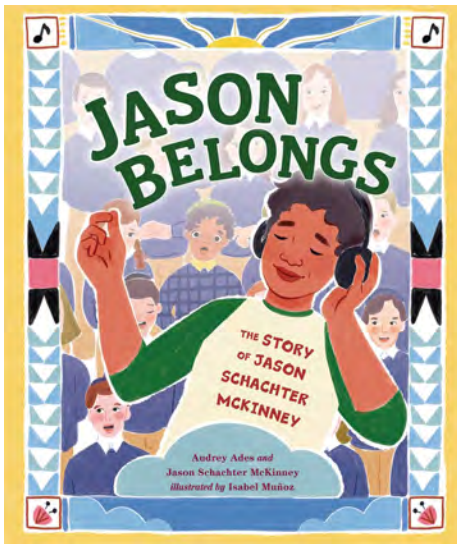
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## Jason Belongs

### The Story of Jason Schachter McKinney

Audrey Ades; Jason Schachter McKinney  
illus. Isabel Muñoz

Jason loves to sing—until a whisper runs through school questioning whether Jason can be both Black and Jewish. Lifted up by both his African and Jewish ancestors' music, Jason finds a way to sing with his whole spirit.

- An #OwnVoices story about a Jewish African American singer
- Explores racial and religious identity in an accessible way
- An inspiring story about the transcendent power of music

**Audrey Ades** grew up in New England and holds degrees in theater and psychology. *Judah Touro Didn't Want to Be Famous* is her first picture book. She lives in South Florida with her family.

**Jason S. McKinney** is a talented singer, instrumentalist, actor, composer, author, and advocate for the arts. He has performed at the White House, The Kennedy Center, Preservation Hall in New Orleans, and many famous opera houses.

**Isabel Muñoz** is an artist and a children's book illustrator. She is a fine arts graduate from Universidad Complutense of Madrid, Spain. Isabel works from a tiny colorful studio in the north of Spain.

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