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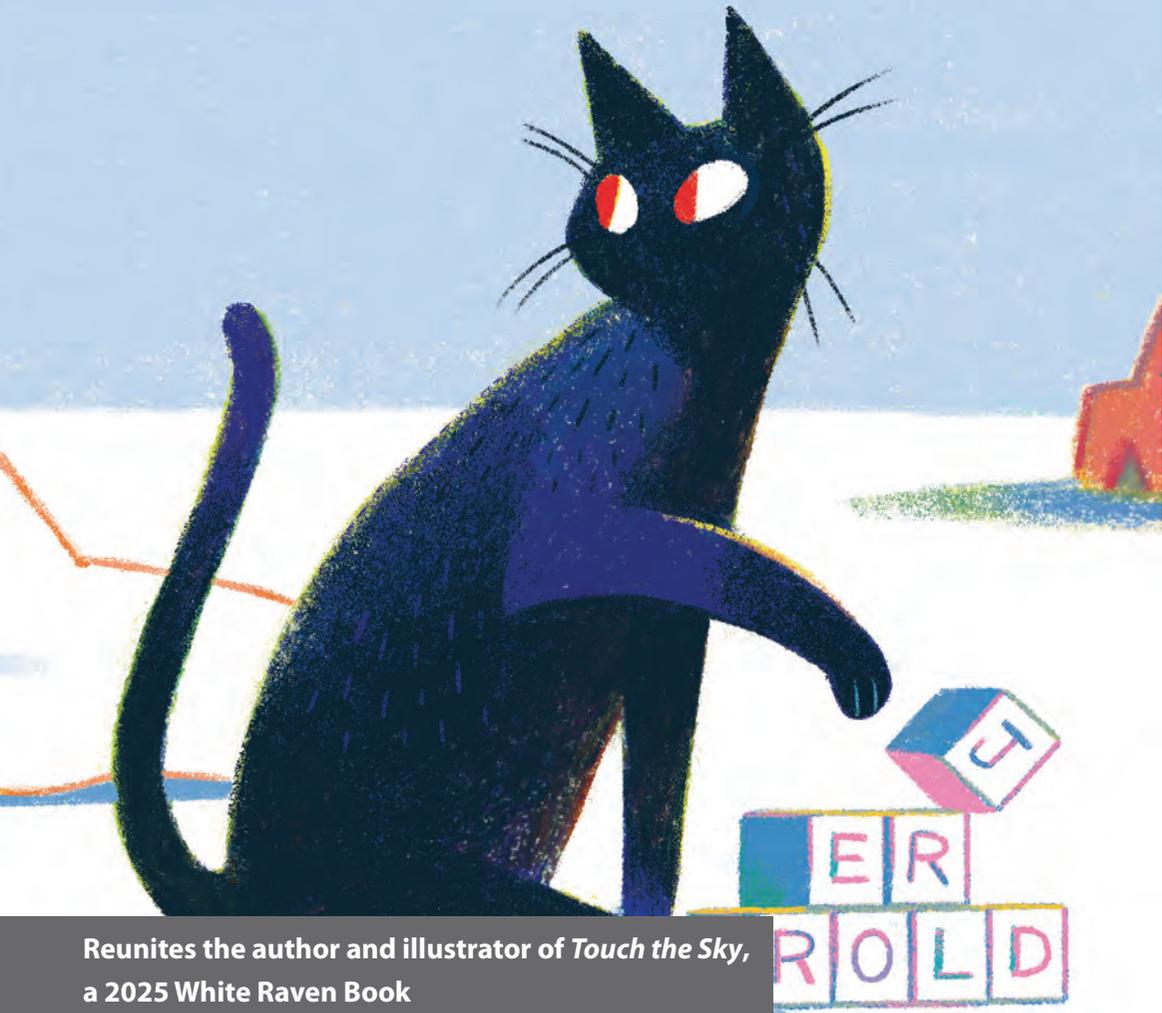


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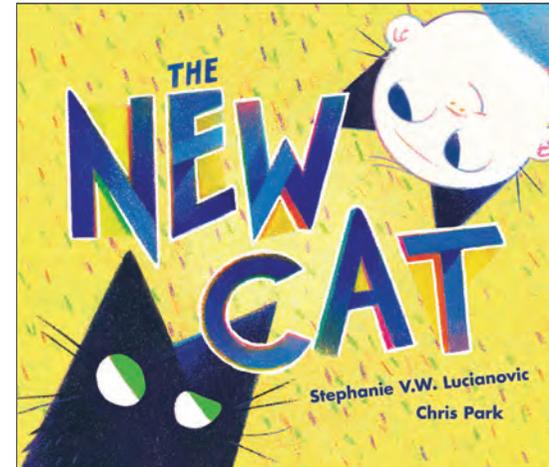
A hilarious and touching tale of a beloved family pet



Reunites the author and illustrator of *Touch the Sky*, a 2025 White Raven Book

Both funny and poignant

Prompts readers to consider what pets can teach people



The New Cat

Stephanie V. W. Lucianovic, illustrated by Chris Park

Old cat Hunca Munca thinks his family's baby is a new cat (with hardly any fur!). As the baby grows, he teaches it all the things a growing cat needs to know: how to clean himself, how to share food, and the best way to yell at a wall. Above all, he teaches the young boy how to be gentle. In time, Hunca Munca passes away. But the boy still remembers what the old cat taught him. And when the boy becomes a big brother, he teaches the new baby all the things a growing cat needs to know. A hilarious and heartfelt celebration of a very good cat.

Stephanie V. W. Lucianovic writes books in the San Francisco Bay Area surrounded by a few kids, a few cats, and one husband. Her work includes *The End of Something Wonderful*, *Hello Star*, and *Touch the Sky* (2025 White Raven Book List Winner).

Chris Park is a professional illustrator whose work has won several awards. He co-authored and illustrated the picture books *Little Sock* and *Little Sock Makes a Friend* with his wife, Kia. Chris lives in Minnesota with his wife and two sons.

Ages 4–9

Picture Books
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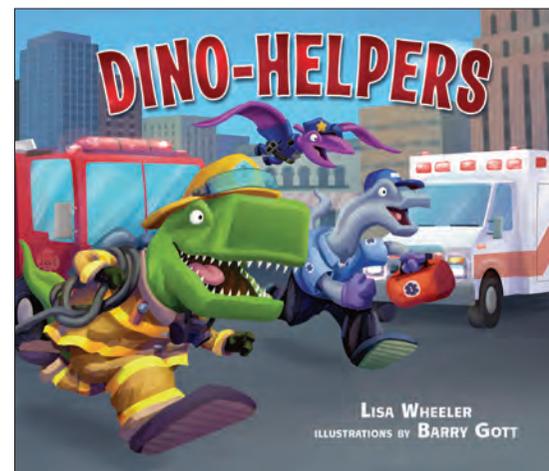
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A fun-filled introduction to community helpers, featuring everyone's favorite dinos!



Celebrates familiar community helpers—with a fun dino twist

Features plenty of things that go, including ambulances and tow trucks



Dino-Helpers

Lisa Wheeler, illustrated by Barry Gott

When it's time to cross the street, rescue a lost puppy, or fix a traffic jam, there's a dino ready to help! In this latest installment in the popular **Dino-World** series, rhyming verse from Lisa Wheeler and high-energy illustrations from Barry Gott show how dinosaurs of all sizes and ages can be important community helpers.

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.

Ages 5–9

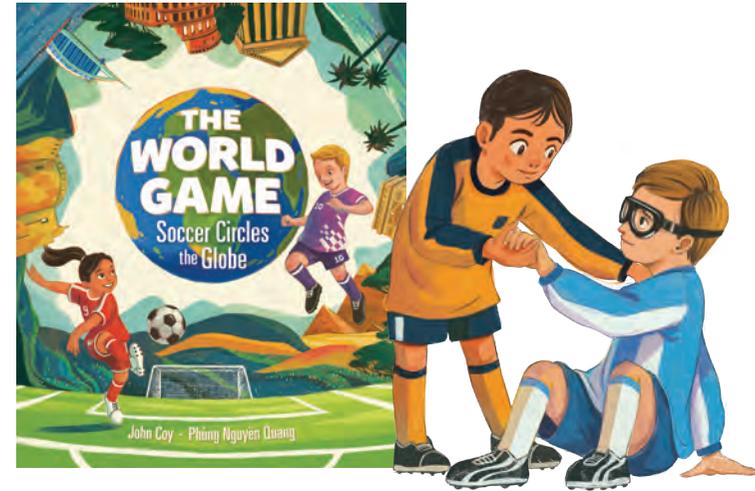
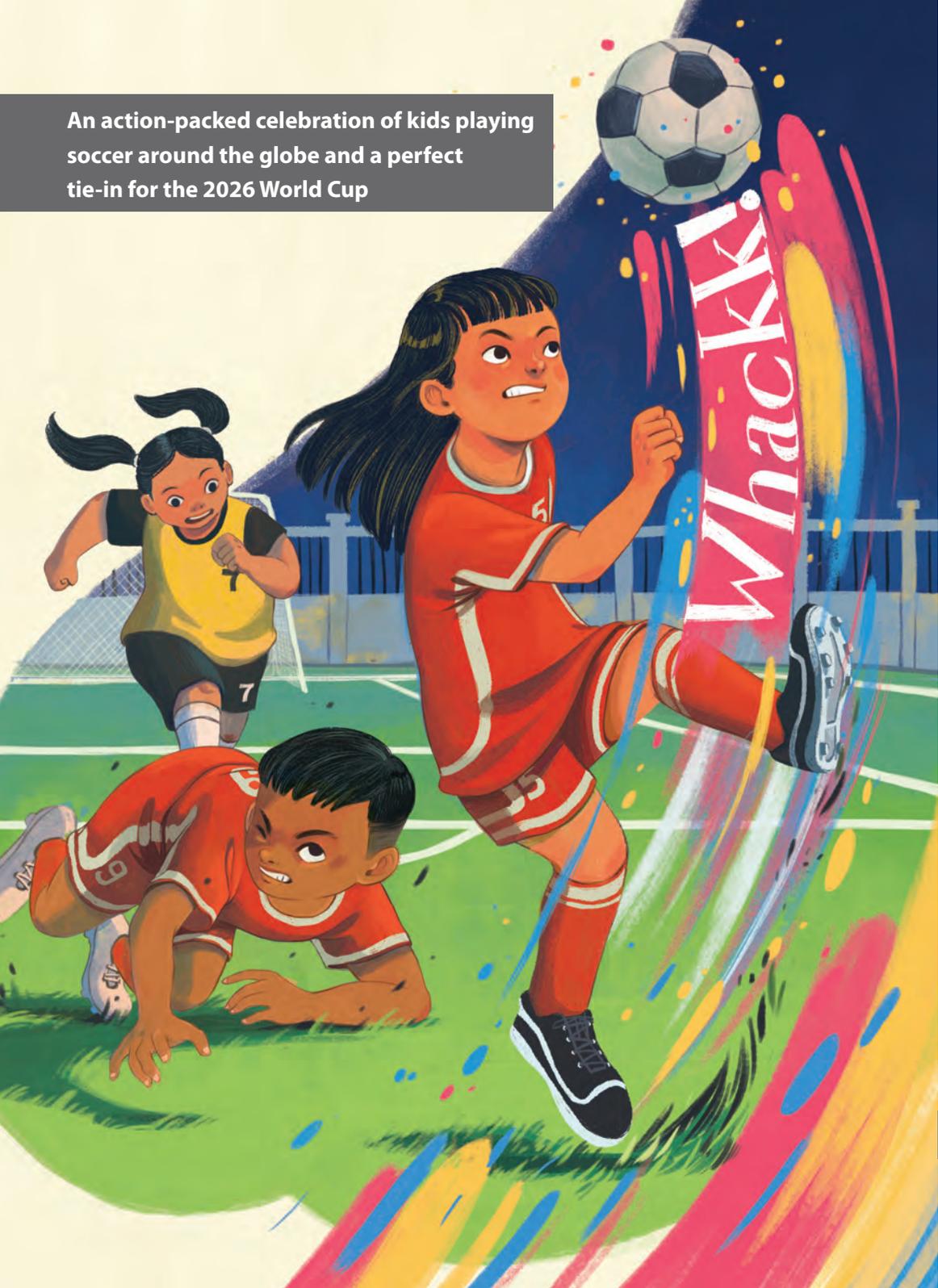
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An action-packed celebration of kids playing soccer around the globe and a perfect tie-in for the 2026 World Cup



The World Game *Soccer Circles the Globe*

John Coy, illustrated by Phùng Nguyễn Quang

Thwaack! Whumppp! Klangg!

Follow a fast-paced soccer game around the globe, moving to a new location with each turn of the page. The game begins in early morning in Chicago, USA, and spans time zones, with a nighttime matchup in Shenzhen, China; an early evening game in Kochi, India; and mid-afternoon match in Lagos, Nigeria. Action-packed text and vibrant illustrations will keep readers hooked until the final *goooooooooo!*

John Coy is the author of the picture books *Strong to the Hoop*, *Around the World*, *Hoop Genius*, *Game Changer*, and *Their Great Gift*. He lives in Minneapolis and visits schools nationally and internationally.

Phùng Nguyễn Quang is a children's book author and illustrator based in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. His work is inspired by the culture and traditions of Vietnam and South Asia.

A joyful portrayal of the world's most popular sport

Ages 5–10

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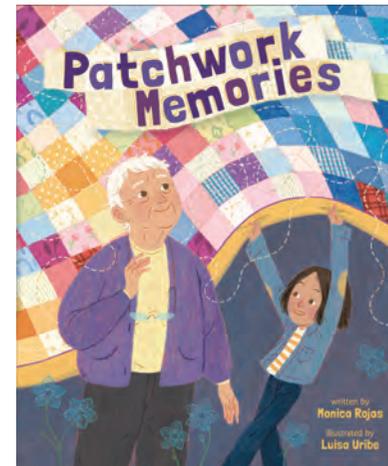
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A tender, age-appropriate story in which a grandchild grapples with the memory loss of a beloved abuela

Depicts a loving multigenerational South American family with two moms

Makes captivating use of quilt-inspired illustrations and patterns



Patchwork Memories

Monica Rojas, illustrated by Luisa Uribe

A child loves that her Abuela lives with her family, but Abuela's memory isn't what it used to be. Sometimes she'll start telling stories and won't be able to finish them. Eventually, the time comes for her to move out. Home feels lonely without Abuela. However, when the family visits Abuela in her new room, the grandchild discovers a beautiful old quilt, with each square containing the story of a missing memory. Monica Rojas and Luisa Uribe deliver a heartfelt story about the love and shared experiences that bring families together, even in the hardest of times.

Monica Rojas is a bilingual queer Chilean-American who engages communities through writing and artistic practices with magical realism, joy, and play. She is a member of SCBWI and she has created many interactive art installations. She is based in Minnesota.

Luisa Uribe is an illustrator living in Bogotá, Colombia. Luisa's primary passion is children's books, although she is regularly inspired by the world around her and seeks ways to include these observations in her illustrations.

Ages 5–9

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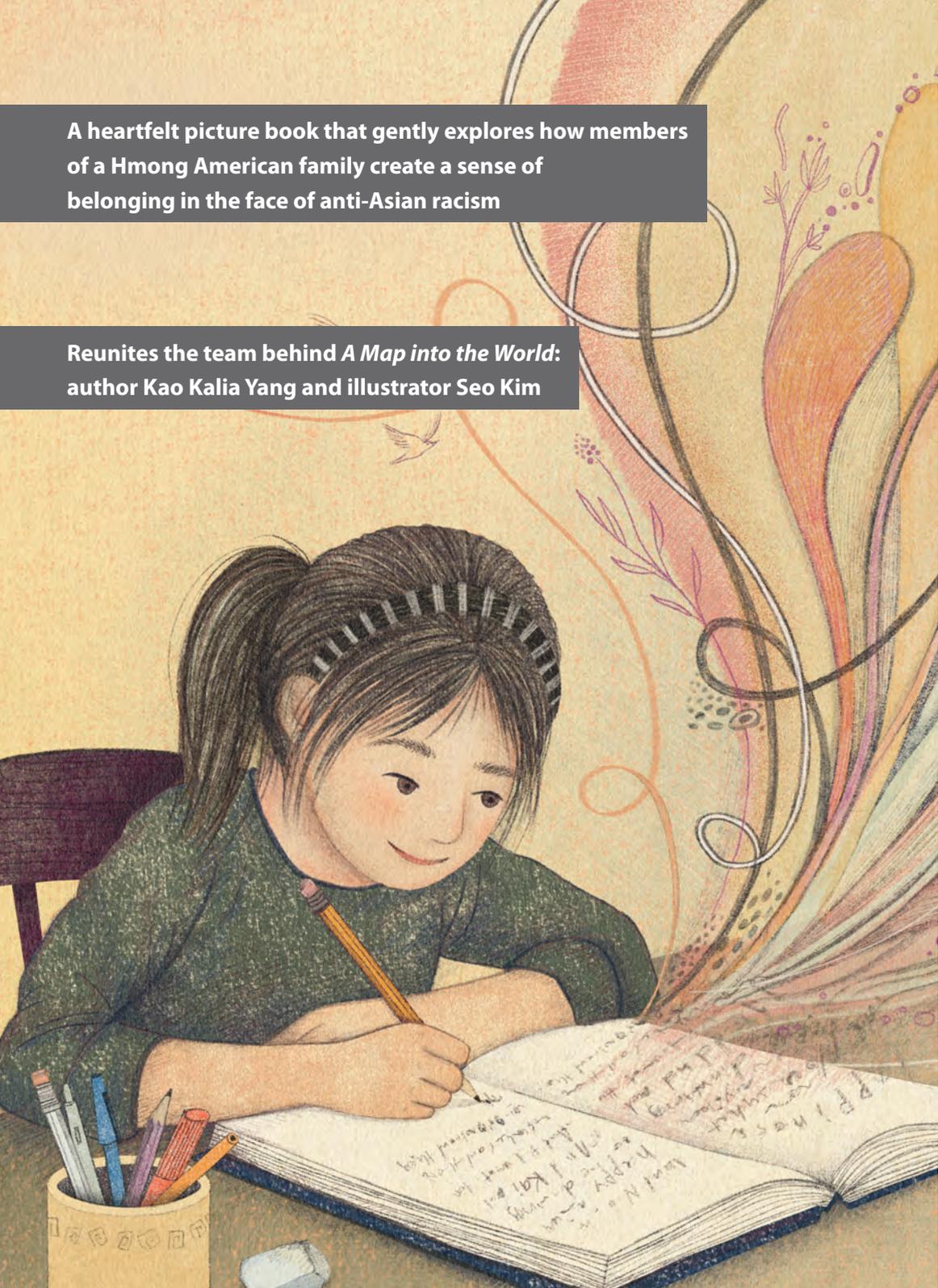
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A heartfelt picture book that gently explores how members of a Hmong American family create a sense of belonging in the face of anti-Asian racism

Reunites the team behind *A Map into the World*: author Kao Kalia Yang and illustrator Seo Kim



A Home on the Page

Kao Kalia Yang, illustrated by Seo Kim

After Nou, a young Hmong American girl, finds "Asians Go Home" spray-painted on the mailbox in front of her family's house, she tells her parents she wants to leave. They talk with her about home and about the different ways they find comfort and belonging. Nou discovers that her father's home is in the songs he performs, and her mother's home is in the garden. Nou talks with other family members, and she begins writing stories in a notebook. Little by little, she creates a place where she belongs—a home on the page.

"A powerful story with beautiful illustrations that not only calls out the hate that is in the world today but also provides a message of hope for those who are in search of a creative outlet to find their proverbial home. Recommended."—SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

Kao Kalia Yang is an award-winning author of books for children and adults including Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature winner *From the Tops of the Trees* and an Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature Honor for *The Rock in My Throat*. She lives in Minnesota and is committed to the telling of stories that will inspire hope, find beauty, and offer refuge to those in need.

Seo Kim is an award-winning illustrator, designer, and educator who lives in Maryland with her husband and pets.

Ages 5–10

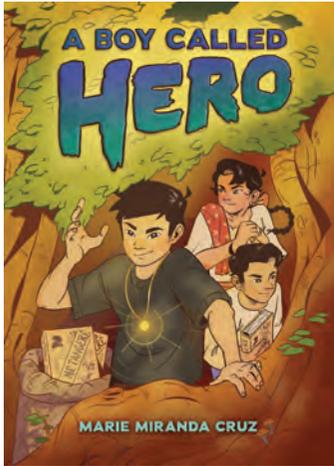
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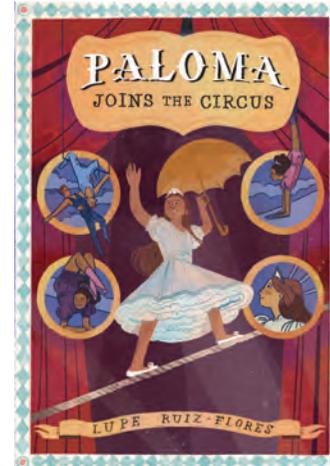
A Boy Called Hero

Marie Miranda Cruz

Twelve-year-old Hero isn't happy about staying with his grandfather in the Philippines while the rest of his family takes a trip back to the States. But when he's transported into the past, he suddenly has bigger problems. It's 1892, and the Philippines is controlled by Spain. Hero's ancestors are resisting the oppressive colonial government by secretly distributing copies of a banned book that promotes revolutionary ideas. While Hero tries to figure out how to get home, he's drawn into their clandestine activities. As the Spanish authorities close in, Hero must act fast to save his family and the revolution—without losing his chance to return to his own time.

Scientist and writer **Marie Miranda Cruz** grew up in the Philippines, and her work reflects her multicultural roots, both in the country of her birth and her adopted California. Her work includes middle grade novels *Everlasting Nora* and *A Boy Called Hero*.

A time-travel adventure story about finding ways to make a difference, connect with others, and be true to yourself no matter where (or when) you are



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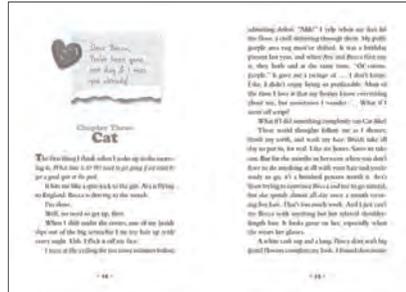
Paloma Joins the Circus

Lupe Ruiz-Flores

Twelve-year-old Paloma comes from "circus people"—a family of performers traveling around Texas with *la carpa*, a Mexican American tent show. She dreams of becoming a tightrope walker, like her mother was, but her father forbids it. In the summer of 1939, Paloma travels with the circus to help with chores. She hatches a plan to show her father that she has what it takes to join as a permanent performer. While secretly training to walk the high wire, she forges powerful bonds with other circus members. But she also discovers circus life isn't all glamor, and she must decide if *la carpa* is where she's truly meant to be.

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

A story of following your dreams and growing into new ones



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The Summer Scrapbook

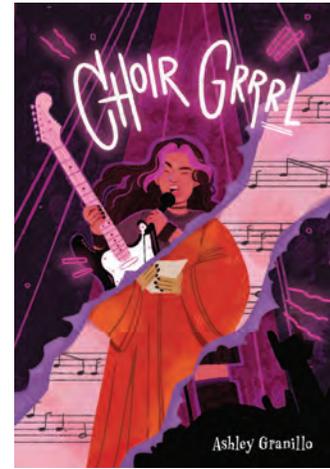
Florence Migga

Ava, Becca, and Cat are inseparable best friends who dread spending a summer apart after eighth grade. Outgoing Ava is dragged to London for her dad's job, anxious Becca is sent to summer camp, and quiet Cat is left at home. Phones aren't allowed at Becca's camp, and Ava's parents restrict her use of devices, so the friends vow to stay in touch through letters and collect souvenirs of their experiences to compile into a joint scrapbook at the end of the summer. As the girls step out of their comfort zones—and out of the roles they each play in the trio—they find themselves and their friendship changing and growing.

Florence Migga is an author based in southern Florida. She is the creator of the popular book review blog *Book Nerds Across America*. *The Summer Scrapbook* is her middle grade debut.

A fun and gentle homage to tween friendship

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants for younger readers



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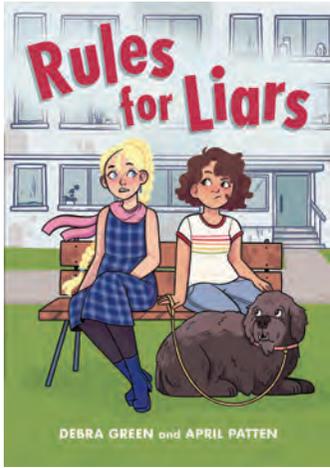
Choir Grrrl

Ashley Granillo

Thirteen-year-old Alondra was born into a musical family; her dad, former frontman of an alt-rock band, has taught her and her sisters to follow in his footsteps. Despite secretly liking quieter music, Alondra is committed to the band she and her sisters have formed. But when a classmate recruits her for a choir group, Alondra rediscovers her love of singing and making music. Afraid to upset the delicate balance in her family, she covertly practices with the choir between shows with the band—until her secrets are exposed. Will she be forced to choose between two things she loves? Or can she bring the different parts of her life into harmony?

Ashley Granillo is a Mexican American writer based in Los Angeles. She volunteers as a local artist judge for the annual Sidewalk Poetry Project and teaches as an associate professor of English. Her debut middle grade novel, *Cruzita and the Mariacheros*, was a 2025 Pura Belpré Children's Author Honor Book.

A fun and heartwarming story of finding your voice—in any musical genre



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Rules for Liars

Debra Garfinkle and April Patten

Rebecca and Nikki are two girls facing life's toughest challenges. Rebecca is overwhelmed by the pressure of preparing for her bat mitzvah while grieving the loss of her mother and dealing with growing insecurity. Her friendship with Hailey is fraying, leaving Rebecca to find comfort in her dog, Meatball. Meanwhile, Nikki's family has lost their home, forcing them to move into a smaller, less glamorous apartment. Nikki hides her financial struggles by lying to her old friends, even stealing money to maintain appearances. As their paths cross, Rebecca and Nikki form a deep, unexpected bond. Together, they face their grief, guilt, and personal struggles, ultimately learning to accept themselves and each other.

Debra Garfinkle is the author of 37 books for children and teens. She lives in Southern California with her husband and one-eyed dog. Debra has three grown children and a law degree. She loves speaking at libraries, schools, and conferences.

April Patten is the pseudonym of a *New York Times* best-selling thriller author.

A heartfelt story of navigating loss, friendship, and self-discovery



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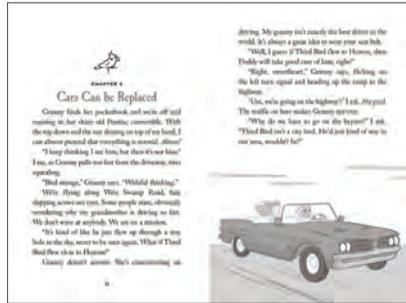
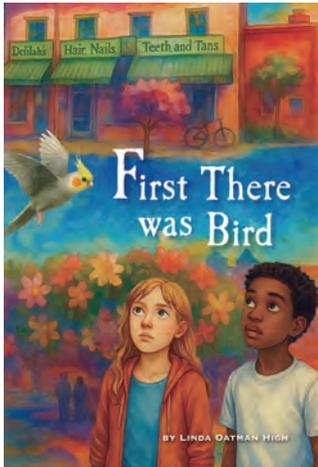
Wild Mountain Ivy

Shannon Hitchcock

Twelve-year-old Ivy is still sick months after catching a common virus. Hoping for a reset, Ivy and her mom spend the summer in the Blue Ridge Mountains, where Ivy's uncle has converted an old house into a bed and breakfast. Ivy starts dreaming about a girl named Jessie Pearl, who stayed at the house a hundred years ago when it was a sanatorium, a treatment center for tuberculosis patients. As Ivy delves into the history of the house, hoping to find out what happened to Jessie, she also makes changes in her own life—discovering that rest isn't weakness, that difference isn't failure, and that healing can come in many forms.

Shannon Hitchcock grew up on her grandparents' farm in rural North Carolina. She is the author of numerous middle grade novels including *Ruby Lee & Me*, *The Ballad of Jessie Pearl*, and *One True Way*.

An accessible blend of contemporary and historical fiction celebrating the many ways to live a satisfying life with chronic illness



Ages 8–12

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First There Was Bird

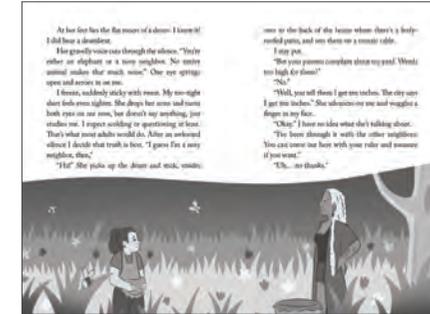
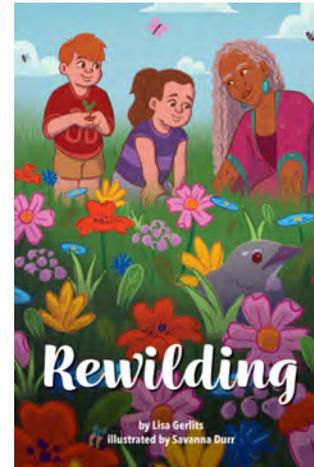
Linda Oatman High and Leo Trinidad

Eleven-year-old Magnolia's life revolves around her beauty queen family and her beloved cockatiel, Third Bird. When Third Bird escapes, Magnolia embarks on a search, encountering new friends and confronting family issues. The narrative explores themes of loss and grief, friendship, prejudice, and self-discovery, set against the backdrop of a small Mississippi town. Magnolia's journey involves unexpected encounters, challenges her preconceived ideas, and ultimately leads to personal growth and the formation of meaningful relationships. The story culminates in a heartwarming resolution highlighting the importance of community and acceptance.

Linda Oatman High is an author/journalist/playwright who has written more than thirty 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.

Leo Trinidad is a *New York Times* bestselling illustrator and animator from Costa Rica. He is the creator of Rocket Cartoons, one of the most successful animation studios in Latin America. He lives with his wife and daughter in Camargo, Costa Rica.

A heartfelt story of loss, personal growth, and the power of community



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5¼ x 7¾ in
288 pages
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Rewilding

Lisa Gerlits, illustrated by Savanna Durr

Even though her dad calls her "Bruiser," eleven-year-old Joy isn't as strong as she looks. With Dad gone and Mom depressed, it's up to Joy to care for the house and her younger brother Ian. Struggling with old clothes in sizes too small now and Ian's constant hunger, Joy fears the school counselor might call Child Protective Services. When a baby bird falls from its nest, Joy recalls her dad's warning, "You don't know your own strength." Seeking help, she strikes a deal with her quirky neighbor, Ezzie. As Joy, Ian, and her friend restore the garden, they discover the beauty of "rewilding," and Joy questions her father's views.

"A realistic portrayal of a tween doing her best to hold her fractured family together; a poignant must-have for all middle grade collections."

—SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

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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Beyond Seven Forests

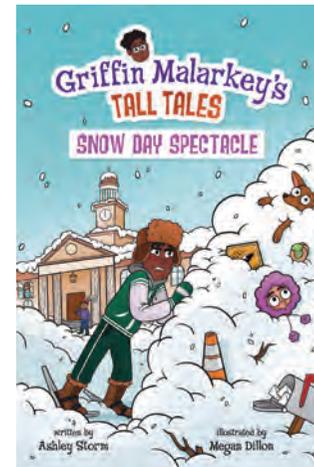
Amanda McCrina

By the winter of 1916, World War I has ravaged the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Eighteen-year-old Polish countess Renata Zamoyska has lost everything to the Russian occupation: her family, her home, her fiancé. But with the Russians in retreat and the Germans now in charge, life isn't much easier. When two Polish deserters from the Russian army turn up on her doorstep just before a fierce blizzard, Renia finds herself trapped in her own home alongside people she's long considered enemies. Cut off from the outside world while the storm rages, Renia must fight to survive; grapple with her wartime scars; and decide what justice, freedom, and healing look like for her.

"For fans of Libba Bray and Ruta Sepetys, this is a well-written, suspenseful story, which would be a great addition to YA sections."
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Amanda McCrina is the author of several YA historical novels. After three years of teaching at an international school outside Madrid, Spain, she now lives outside Nashville, Tennessee, where she works as a bookseller.

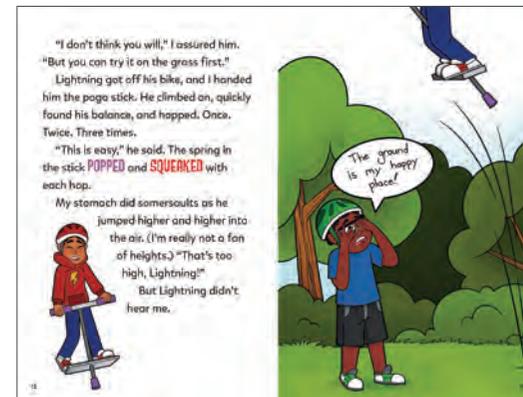
A fresh take on a wartime saga



Griffin Malarkey's Tall Tales

Ashley Storm, illustrated by Megan Dillon

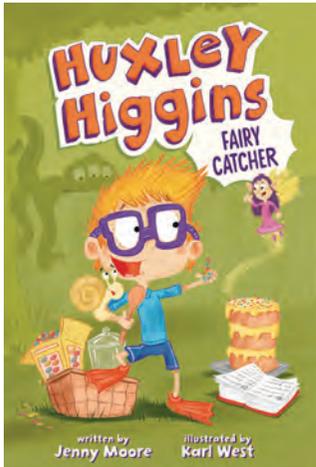
Griffin Malarkey considers himself an expert storyteller, and his tall tales are completely true! Well, mostly true. Young readers will love joining Griffin on his hilarious, larger-than-life adventures in this early chapter book series.



Humorous, adventure-filled tall tales that readers won't want to put down

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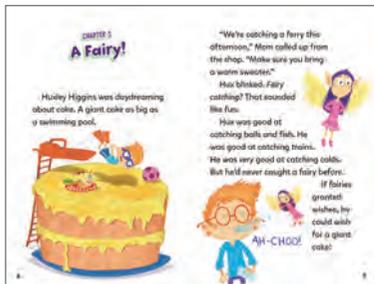
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Huxley Higgins

Jenny Moore, illustrated by 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.

"Young readers will love Huxley's shenanigans and, in some cases, enjoy knowing more than he does. It's easy to imagine this being a favorite series of some readers."—SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL



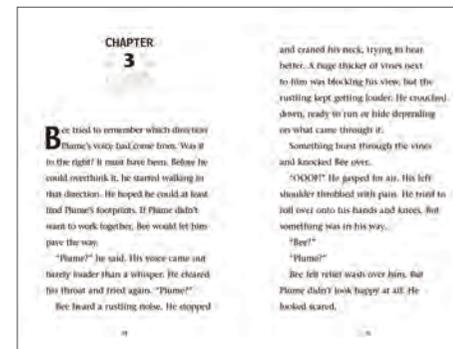
Early readers will laugh out loud at Hux's outlandish daydreams and the silly situations he gets himself into



Islebound (Phonics Fun — Chapter Books)

Mari Bolte

Enchant striving readers in grades 3-5 with exciting fantasy adventures above and below the sea in this phonics-focused series. Each story focuses on a core phonics skill to enhance reading skills while keeping readers engaged.

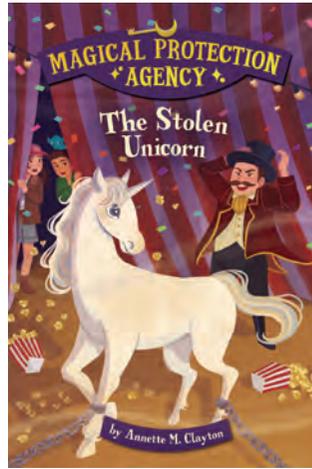
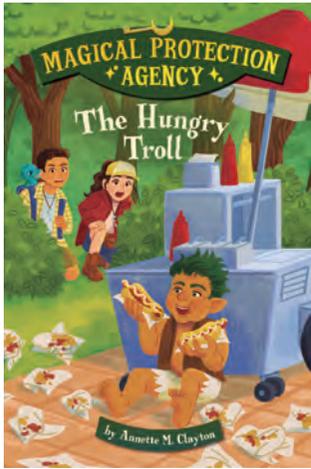


Fun fantasy adventures provide core phonics practice for readers needing extra support

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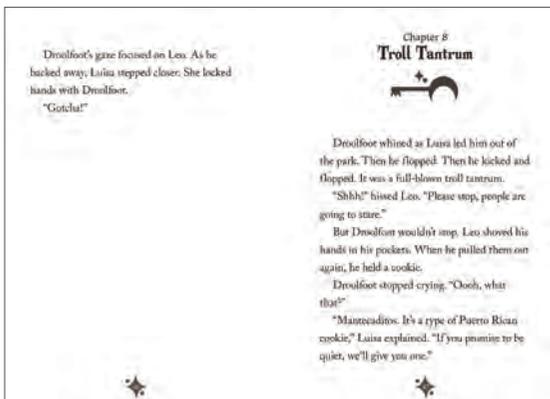
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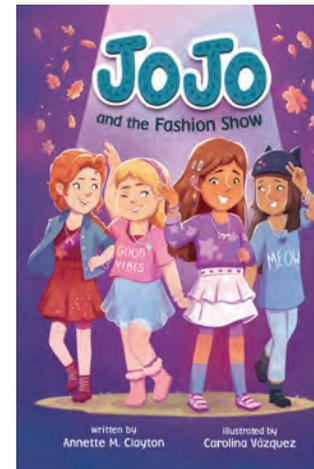
Magical Protection Agency

Annette M. Clayton, illustrated by Paula Zamudio

A long time ago, Luisa Lopez's great-great grandmother Rosa began the Magical Protection Agency, or MPA for short. It's a secret society that helps all the magical creatures of Moonstone. Luisa and her cousin Leo are the MPA's youngest protectors. When their magic keys glow, it's time for another mission!



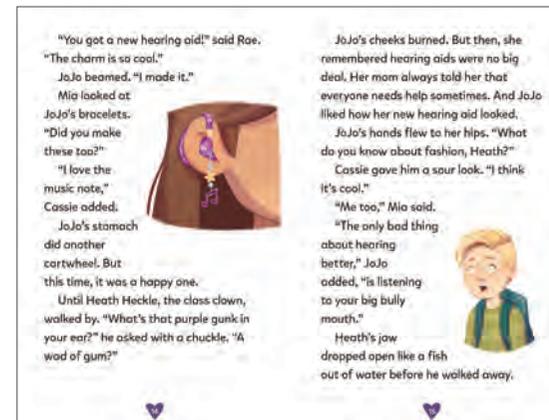
Accessible chapter books perfect for fans of magical realism and humor



JoJo

Annette M. Clayton, illustrated by 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.

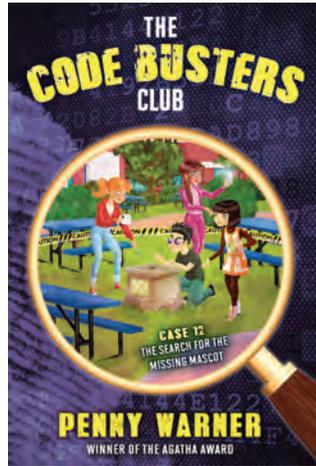
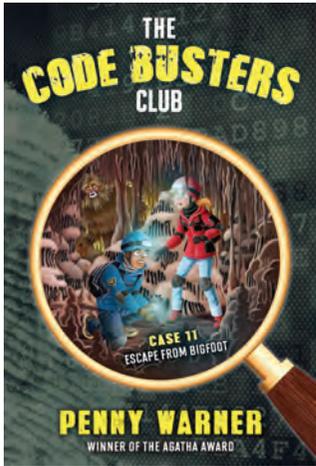


Accessible realistic fiction stories for beginning readers who love everything sparkles and friendship

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Ages 8–12

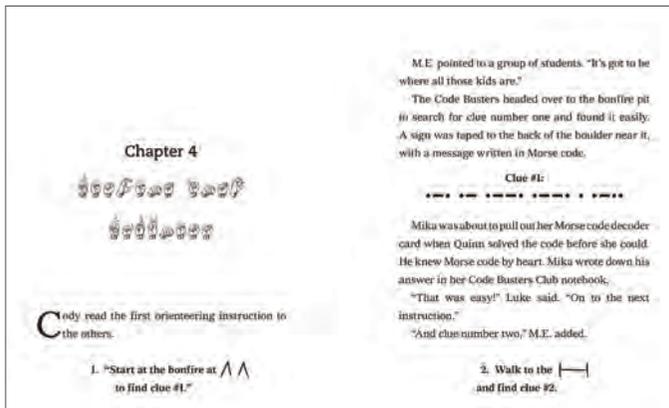
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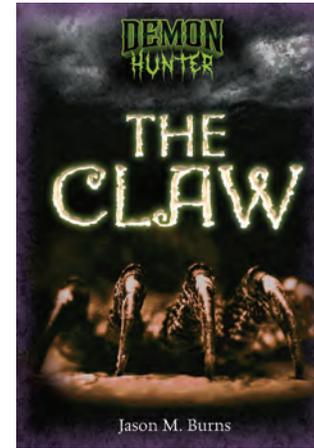
The Code Busters Club

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.



A successful, interactive, Agatha Award-winning middle grade mystery series that invites readers to join the characters in breaking codes to solve mysteries



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Demon Hunter

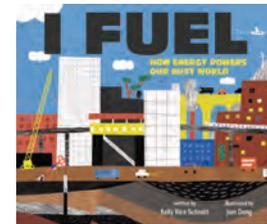
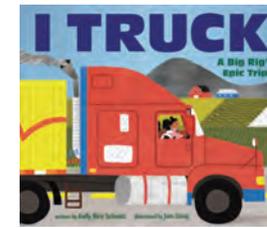
Jason M. Burns

Damon is no ordinary teen. He can see auras, which helps him identify demons and other monsters. Striving and reluctant readers join Damon and his friends on humorous and exciting demon hunting adventures.



High-interest with lower reading levels appropriate for struggling readers

A fun and engaging introduction to things that keep us moving across town and around the globe



On the Move

Kelly Rice Schmitt, illustrated by Jam Dong

Take readers on unique transportation journeys—narrated by vehicles and even by fuel itself! First-person points of view provide intriguing perspectives on the vital roles that vehicles and fuel play in our lives and in the global economy. Rich back matter provides more detail on the vehicles and expands on how important and interconnected the world's transportation systems are.

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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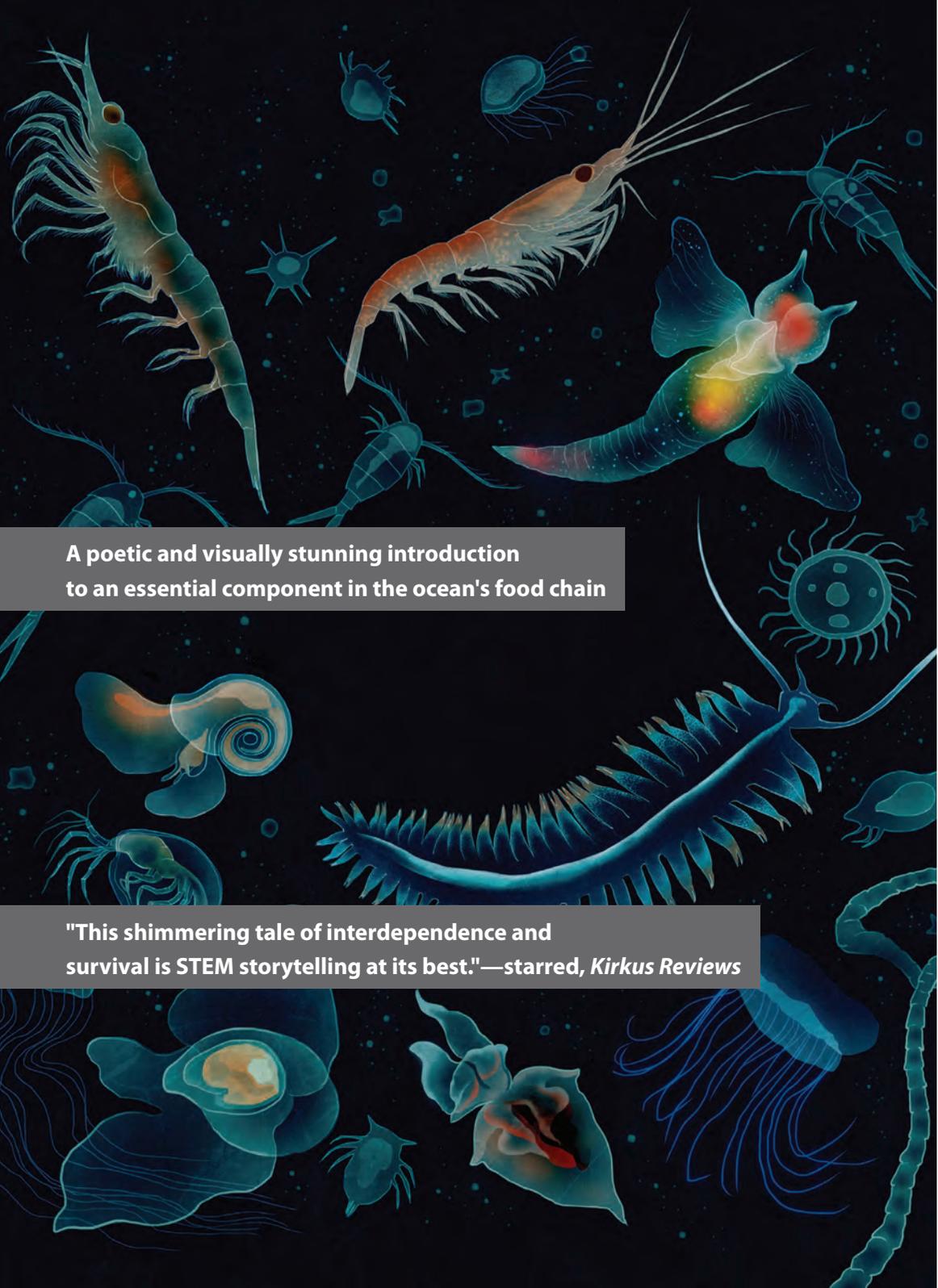
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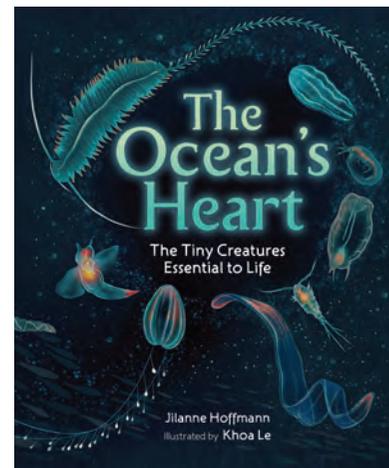
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A poetic and visually stunning introduction to an essential component in the ocean's food chain

"This shimmering tale of interdependence and survival is STEM storytelling at its best."—starred, *Kirkus Reviews*



The Ocean's Heart *The Tiny Creatures Essential to Life*

Jilanne Hoffmann, illustrated by Khoa Le

*Far below the ocean's surface
live tiny, restless creatures
called zooplankton.
They are the ocean's heart.*

Dive into the incredible undersea lives of zooplankton, minuscule animals that race to the ocean's surface to feed on plants. It's the largest migration of animals on Earth, and it takes place every single night.

Jilanne Hoffmann is a freelance writer and author of stories for children and adults. She has a BS in Engineering and an MFA in creative writing, and she lives in San Francisco with her family.

Khoa Le is an illustrator, graphic designer and author based in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. She has illustrated numerous books, including the 2020 Sydney Taylor Honor book *Miriam at the River*.

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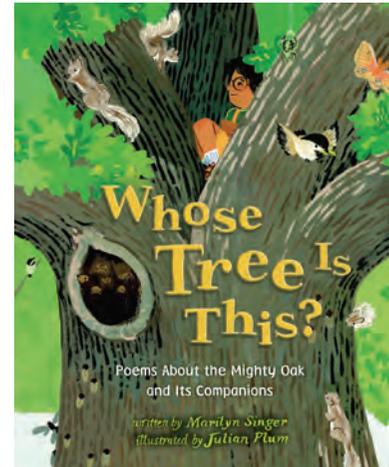
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A delightful, poetic introduction to how the oak tree, a keystone species, benefits a broad range of animals—including humans

"Accessible, engaging, and important—STEAM writing at its best." —starred, *Kirkus Reviews*

Includes poems from the perspective of caterpillars, chickadees, big brown bats, people, and the tree itself



Whose Tree Is This?

Poems about the Mighty Oak and Its Companions

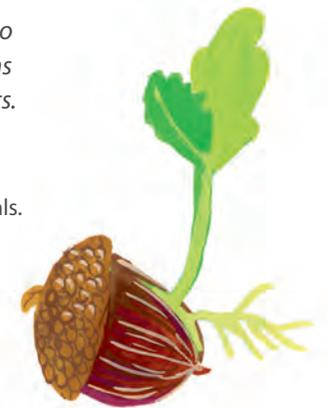
Marilyn Singer, illustrated by Julian Plum

Whose tree is this? / Reaching high, spreading wide, / this oak, so gracious, so spacious, / giving gifts throughout the year. / Acorns for eating, tree crooks for nests, / leaves that shelter many guests.

Explore an oak tree through poems written from the perspective of thirteen animals that rely on it for food and shelter. Readers will discover that the oak, a keystone species, belongs to all of the animals. Sidebars written in prose provide additional information about the ways each creature relies on oak trees as well as how these trees benefit the environment.

Marilyn Singer is the author of more than one hundred books for children and young adults. Her work has won several awards including the 2015 NCTE Award for Excellence in Poetry. She lives in Brooklyn, New York with her family.

Julian Plum is an illustrator and author with a deep love of colors, stories, and creatures. He can be found in the Finger Lakes of New York illustrating warm, colorful flora, fauna, and fungi in gouache.



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A fascinating introduction to Kathleen Friel, who was born with cerebral palsy and grew up to earn a PhD and start her own lab to help kids with cerebral palsy

"A must-purchase for all libraries as it reflects the best that modern biographies for young readers have to offer."
—starred, *School Library Journal*

Will appeal to fans of *Never Give Up: Dr. Kati Karikó and the Race for the Future of Vaccines* by Debbie Dadey



Rewriting the Rules

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

Danna Zeiger, illustrated by Josée Bisailon

When Kathleen Friel was young, she was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, and a doctor told her parents all the things she'd never be able to do. They left his office for good and found a new doctor. As Kathleen grew up, she found her own methods to tackle tricky tasks and make her way through the world. After becoming fascinated by science, she went on to earn a PhD, investigating how injured brains can build new connections. She now runs her own lab, developing new techniques to help others with cerebral palsy. This is the incredible story of how a determined scientist rewrote the rules and followed her dreams.

Before writing for children, **Danna Zeiger** was a 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.

Josée 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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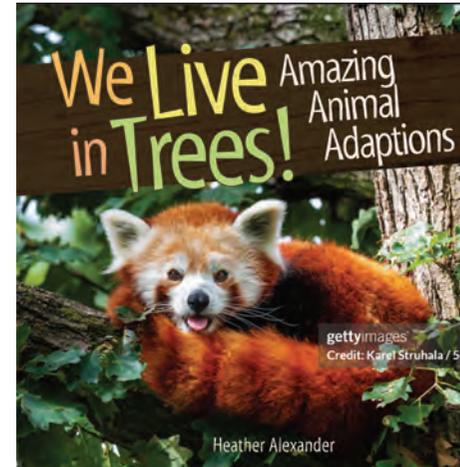
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Get to know eleven different animals and find out the many ways they're adapted to thrive in the treetops



High-impact photos of animals and their awesome adaptations

Book includes a map of where these animals live and information about the threat of deforestation



We Live in Trees! ***Amazing Animal Adaptations***

Heather Alexander

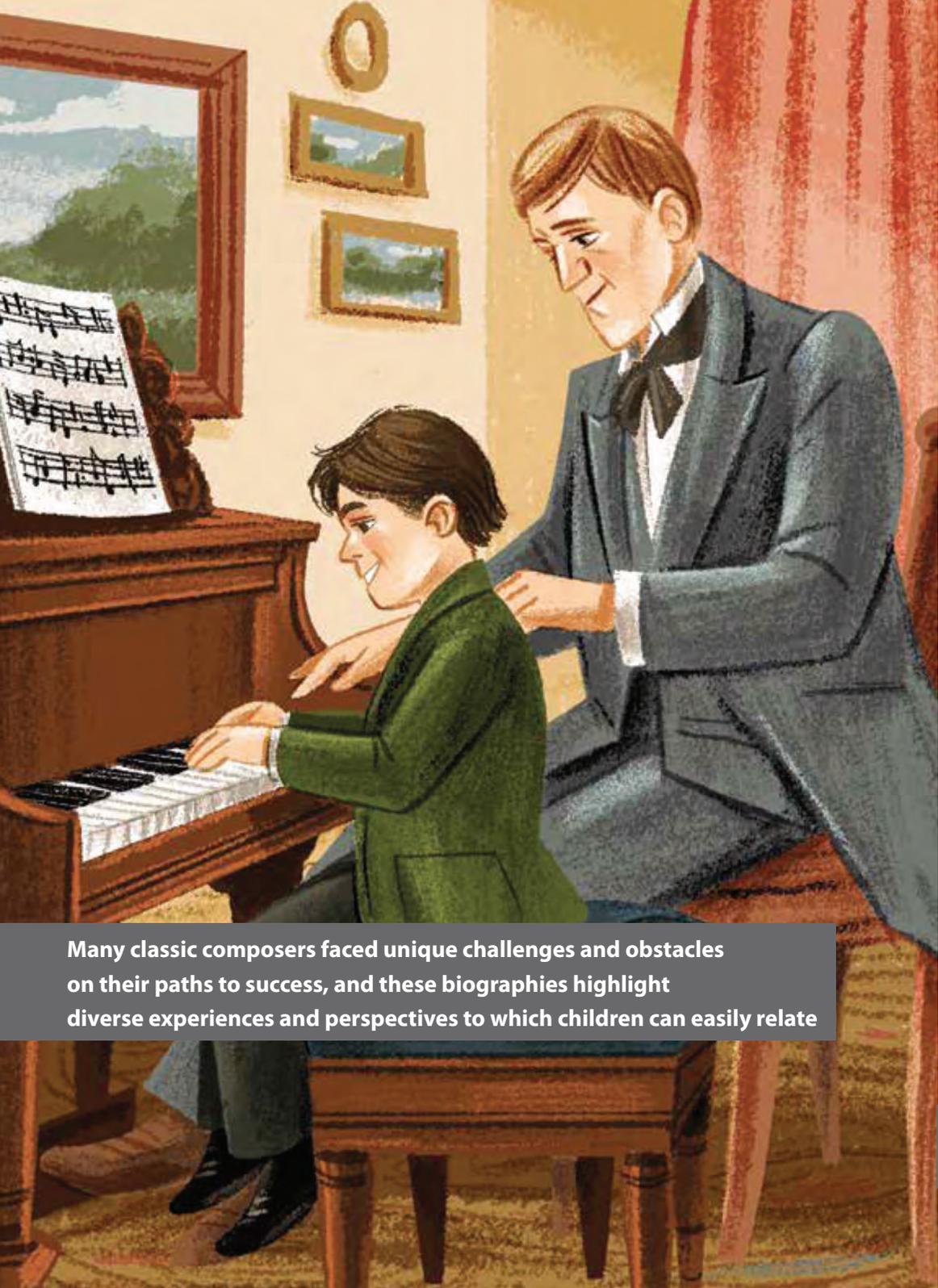
Meet a variety of awesome animals that live in trees! Not just any animal can live in the treetops—it needs special adaptations to help it survive. A kinkajou has a prehensile tail to hold onto branches. A gibbon uses its long arms to swing from tree to tree. And a red panda has furry feet to help it grip icy branches in winter. Discover eleven different animals and the many ways they're adapted to thrive among the leaves.

Heather Alexander is the acclaimed author of more than 70 books for children. She writes both fiction and nonfiction for ages five through thirteen. In addition to writing, Heather works as a children's book editor, packager, and literary scout. She currently lives in Los Angeles.

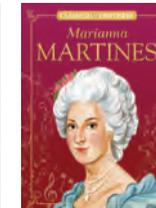
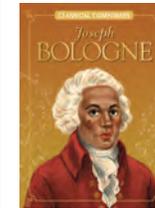
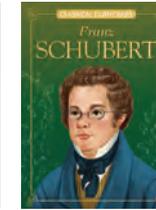
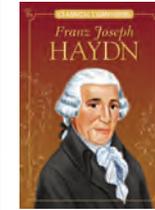
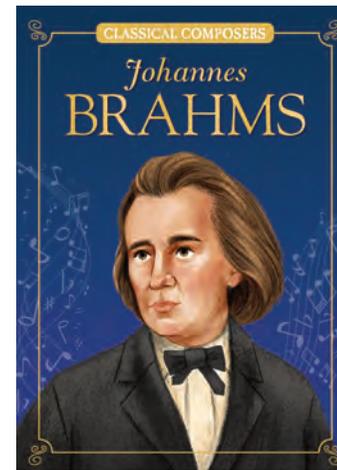
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Many classic composers faced unique challenges and obstacles on their paths to success, and these biographies highlight diverse experiences and perspectives to which children can easily relate



Classical Composers

Joanne Mattern, illustrated by Marilena Perilli

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.

"Facts and other facets of the careers of some of the world's most famous classical music composers are well-presented in these simple, straightforward narratives that include illustrations and photographs . . . [I]nformative and factual!"—SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

Joanne Mattern is the author of many books for children. She loves writing about sports, animals, and interesting people. Mattern lives in New York State with her family.

Marilena Perilli is an illustrator residing in Westchester, NY, with her FDNY husband and two boys. Clients include *The New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, Simon and Schuster, Scholastic, Penguin Books, American Girl Publishing, Random House, and Nickelodeon.

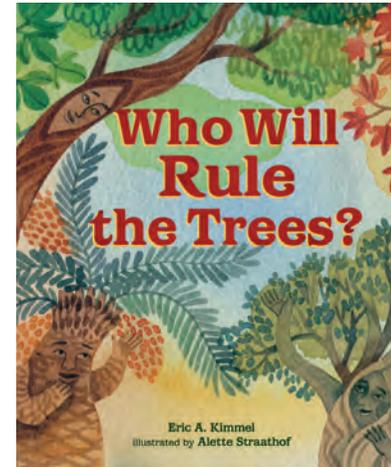
Offers a multifaceted learning experience that combines history, music appreciation, and inspiration

Ages 7–11

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The latest picture book from hugely successful children's author Eric Kimmel



Who Will Rule the Trees?

Eric A. Kimmel, illustrated by Alette Straathof

After God appoints leaders for the animals, the trees feel they too should have a ruler. One by one, the oak, pine, maple, fig, and date palm make their case, each highlighting their unique qualities—strength, vision, beauty, and the ability to provide for others. But as the trees debate, one tree reveals something none of the others can offer—a gift that holds the power to bring light into the world. The trees begin to understand that true leadership isn't just about outward qualities, but about something that illuminates the world and sustains life.

"Straathof's art is particularly appealing, with layers of watercolor and ink, shifting colors, and expressive tree faces. The deeply textured backgrounds will have children running their fingers over the pages. A visually compelling ode to flora."—KIRKUS REVIEWS

Eric A. Kimmel is the author of the beloved holiday classics *Hanukkah Bear* and *Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins* as well as the popular **Scarlett and Sam** series. His books have received awards including the 1990 Caldecott Honor Medal and the Regina Medal.

Alette Straathof was born and raised in a small town in The Netherlands. Her illustrations are colorful, happy and are drawn in a naive style. Alette works exclusively as a freelance illustrator and lives in Paris, France.

Ages 4–8

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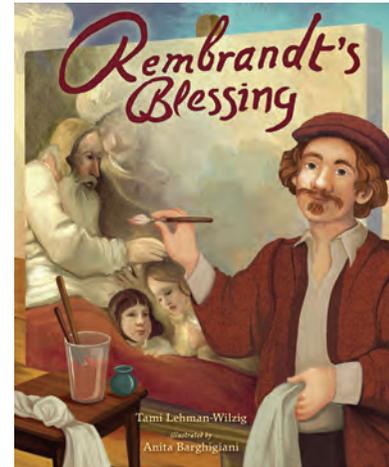
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A work of historical fiction inspired by the true friendship between Rembrandt and one of Amsterdam's leading rabbis of the 1600s



Rembrandt's Blessing

Tami Lehman-Wilzig
illustrated by Anita Barghigiani

Painting scenes from Bible stories was Rembrandt's passion. Many of his Amsterdam neighbors were Sephardic Jews, and the children would often come to play with the costumes at the renowned painter's house. Rabbi Menashe Ben Israel, the community's spiritual leader, encouraged his neighbors to pose for Rembrandt's biblical scenes. The rabbi helped the painter understand the descriptive words in the Hebrew bible. At the rabbi's home for Sabbath dinner, Rembrandt watches his friend cup his hands over his children's heads and say a blessing, which gives him an idea for a very special painting.

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.



Ages 5–9

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Sammy Spider's Big Book of Jewish Holidays

Sylvia A. Rouss, illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn

Sammy Spider watches the Shapiros hang the calendar that shows all the Jewish holidays of the year. First comes Rosh Hashanah. "Spiders don't celebrate Rosh Hashanah. Spiders spin webs," says Mrs. Spider as the Shapiros dip apples in honey. "I like honey," said Sammy. "You are my little honey," said Mrs. Spider. "And you should stick close to me." Next comes Yom Kippur. A toot from the shofar blows a curious Sammy back to his web. Sammy slips in some oil on Hanukkah, escaping the spinning dreidels, and on Passover he passes over Josh Shapiro's chair to eat some matzah crumbs.

"A vibrant and educational journey through Jewish traditions."

—SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

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.

Ages 2–8

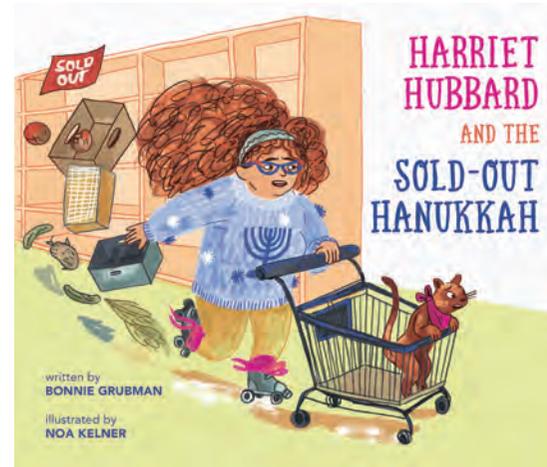
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A fun, rhyming story about a Hanukkah feast gone (almost) awry



Harriet Hubbard and the Sold-Out Hanukkah

Bonnie Grubman, illustrated by Noa Kelner

Harriet roller skates to the grocery store to stock up on ingredients for her first night of Hanukkah feast. But—oh, no! The store shelves are bare. Not a potato pancake, jelly doughnut, or chocolate coin in sight. Harriet worries that the first night of Hanukkah will go all wrong. Fortunately, her friends and neighbors all contribute, collectively creating the perfect Hanukkah celebration. A zany tale about adapting to circumstances, working together, and thinking on one's feet . . . or should we say skates?

Bonnie Grubman is dedicated to preserving the magic of childhood. She has written more than fifteen picture books including *Extraordinary Albert*, *The Desert Unicorn*, and *Bubbe and Bart's Matzoh Ball Mayhem*. She lives in New York with her family.

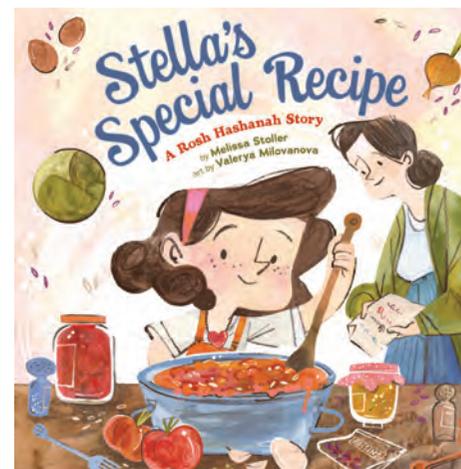
Noa Kelner is an author and illustrator, and a graduate of the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design. A mother of three living in Israel, she creates playful and expressive illustrations filled with humor and imagination.

Ages 2–8

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A warm Rosh Hashanah tale of carrying on family traditions with a dash of love



Stella's Special Recipe

A Rosh Hashanah Story

Melissa Stoller, illustrated by Valerya Milovanova

It's Rosh Hashanah and Stella is finally old enough to make her family's famous stuffed cabbage rolls. The recipe has been passed down from her Bubbe Sophie to her Nana to her Mama, with each adding their own special touch to the recipe. Now it's Stella's turn. What will she add? Pumpkins, peas, potatoes? What is to be her special touch? A mouth-watering tale focusing on the meaning of family traditions.

Melissa Stoller is a children's book author who has also worked as a lawyer, legal writing instructor, freelance writer, and early childhood educator. Melissa lives in New York City with her family.

Valerya Milovanova is an illustrator based in London, UK. She loves working with different textures, combining traditional materials such as ink, pencil, watercolor, gouache, and charcoal with digital media to create heartwarming, fun, and inviting illustrations.

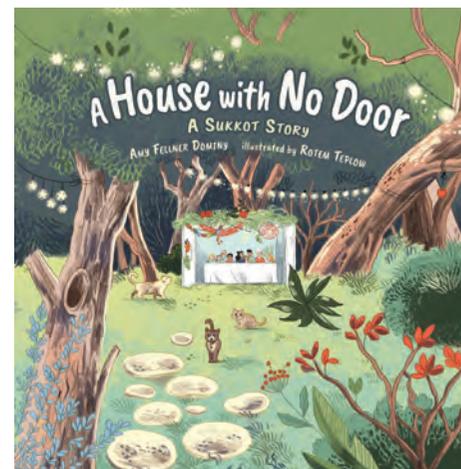
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A warm, poetic depiction of Sukkot



A House with No Door

A Sukkot Story

Amy Fellner Dominy, illustrated by Rotem Teplow

What kind of house is this? One with three walls and no door? It's called a sukkah. In Amy Fellner Dominy's poetic tale, family and friends (and a couple cats!) gather to decorate a backyard sukkah in observation of the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. So grab your etrog, raise your lulav, and join in this celebration of autumn, nature, and community.

Amy Fellner Dominy is the award-winning author of books for children and teens. She writes about kids who can be anything and choose to be themselves. Amy lives in Phoenix with her husband and pets.

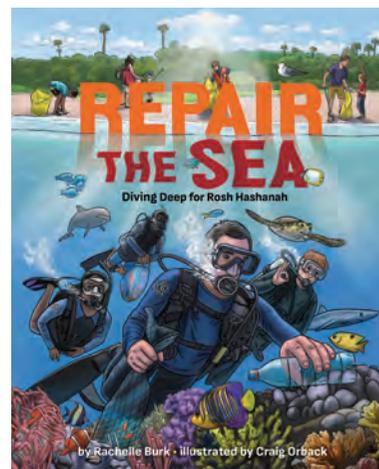
Rotem Teplow lives and works in Israel. She graduated from Shenkar College of Design in 2016. She has illustrated many books in Israel and around the world. She also does illustration work for newspapers and magazines.

Ages 2–8

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A true, exciting Jewish adventure biography,
combining scuba diving with Rosh Hashanah



Repair the Sea ***Diving Deep for Rosh Hashanah***

Rachelle Burk, illustrated by Craig Orback

As a child, Ed dreamed of learning to scuba dive. When he grew up, Ed dove deep beneath the sea and created Reverse Tashlich, a new tradition for Rosh Hashanah that is making waves around the world. In this true Jewish adventure biography, young readers learn how they can connect Jewish holidays and traditions with caring for our beaches and our oceans.

Rachelle Burk loves extreme adventures. She is a scuba diver, caver, and the author of more than twenty-five fiction and nonfiction books for children. She visits schools around the country.

Craig Orback is an award-winning children's book illustrator living in the Northwest. He teaches children's book illustration and oil painting at several local colleges. In his free time he enjoys painting landscapes and sharing his books with kids during school and library visits.

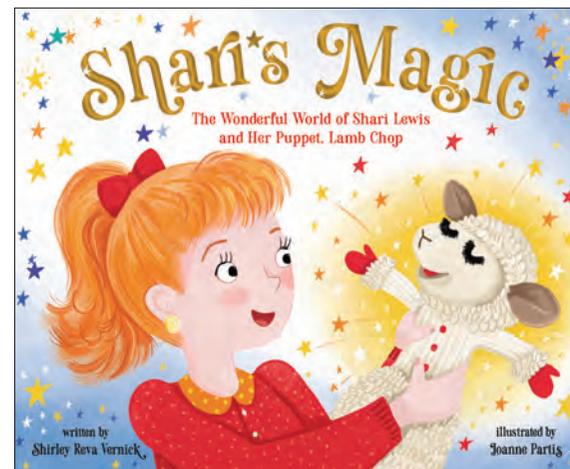
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The fascinating, true story of beloved Jewish puppeteer, Shari Lewis, and her adorable puppet Lamb Chop



Shari's Magic

The Wonderful World of Shari Lewis and Her Puppet, Lamb Chop

Shirley Reva Vernick, illustrated by Joanne Partis

Meet Shari Lewis, the magical puppeteer. Shari dreamed of bringing magic into the world. And she never gave up, even when the world didn't make it easy. Young readers will learn the true story of Shari Lewis, the beloved Jewish puppeteer who entertained, educated, and inspired children all over the world for decades. This fascinating account is based on personal interviews with Shari's daughter, Mallory, who now performs nationwide with Lamb Chop.

Shirley Reva Vernick is an award-winning children's novelist and picture book author. Her previous works include *The Blood Lie*, *Remember Dippy*, *The Black Butterfly*, *Ripped Away*, *The Sky We Shared*, and seventeen board books.

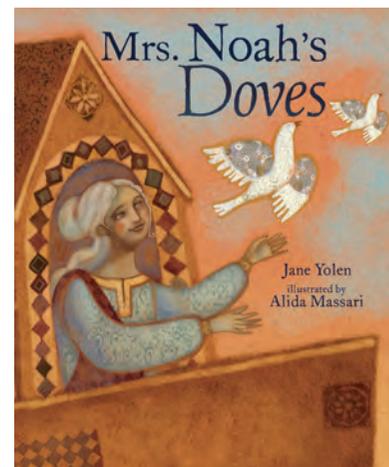
Joanne Partis lives in a small village in the West Sussex countryside with her husband, three children, and four cats. She loves bringing stories to life with her bright and lively illustrations.

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An unusual take on the well-known Noah's Ark Bible story, with exceptional illustrations by Alida Massari



Mrs. Noah's Doves

Jane Yolen, illustrated by Alida Massari

Mrs. Noah kept birds. She kept many a variety of birds—ravens and robins, eagles and eiders, cockatoos and crows. But out of all the birds she kept, her favorite were her doves. When the flood comes, Mrs. Noah brings them onto the ark. But there is a special mission for the doves.

Jane Yolen lives in Massachusetts and has written more than 400 books across all genres and age ranges, including the Sydney Taylor Honor book *Miriam at the River*. She has been called the Hans Christian Andersen of America and the Aesop of the twentieth century.

Alida Massari is an Italian artist who lives in Rome and specializes in illustration for children. She finds inspiration for her work in folk traditions and ancient art.

Ages 5-9

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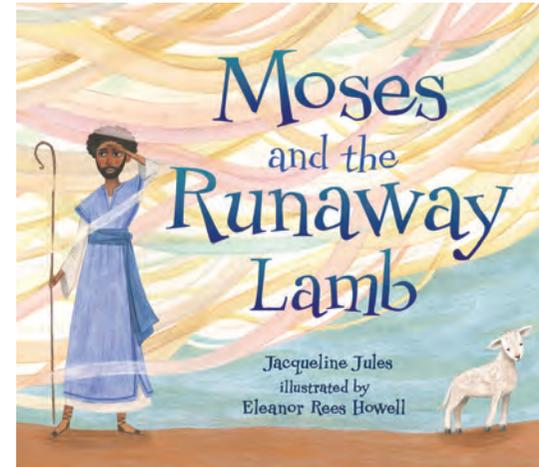
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"A well-told story of an act of biblical and historical significance."

—*Kirkus Reviews*



Moses and the Runaway Lamb

Jacqueline Jules

illustrated by Eleanor Rees Howell

A young lamb wanders away from the flock. Moses, the shepherd, ponders what to do. Should he leave the rest of the flock to find the little lamb, or should he leave her to fend for herself in the wilderness? He climbs over hills and valleys through the hot sun to find her, and brings her back safely to her mother's side. On that day, God sees that Moses takes care of everyone, especially the young and the weak, and God knows that Moses is the right person to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt.

Jacqueline Jules is an award-winning poet and author of many books for children. She lives in Long Island, New York.

Born and raised in Hertfordshire, England, **Eleanor Rees Howell** is an illustrator and writer based in Toronto. She has Masters degrees in Museum Studies and Archiving. Eleanor loves reading, walking, and eating chocolate—but has yet to master the art of doing all three at the same time.

Ages 3-8

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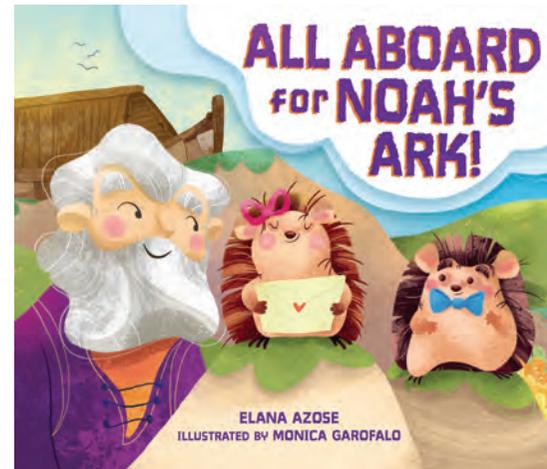
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A fun, new twist on the story of Noah's Ark featuring two cute hedgehogs as the heroes



All Aboard for Noah's Ark!

Elana Azose, illustrated by Monica Garofalo

Noah is building an ark and Lionel and Dolores, a pair of hedgehogs, are there to make sure the plan goes off without a hitch. "But you're so tiny," Noah says, and goes to look for some big strong bears. Soon animals start arriving from all over the world, thanks to Dolores' idea to send out invitations. "We can help," says Lionel when the cats get scared on the waves. "You're too prickly," Noah says, but the pair know just what to say to calm the others down. And, before Noah has a chance to think about it, they have a plan in the works for when the ark reaches dry land . . .

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