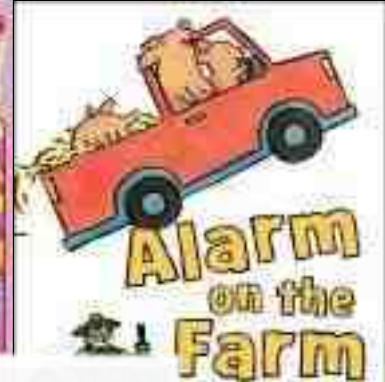
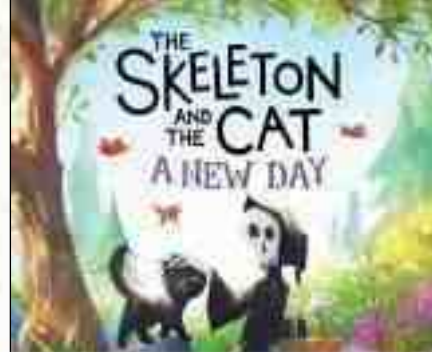
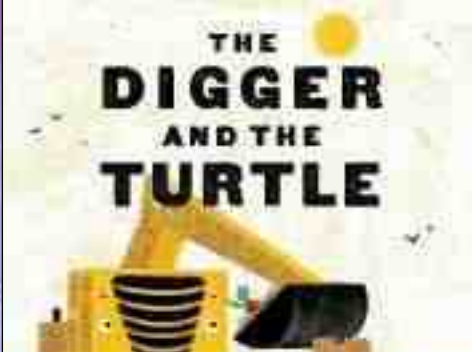
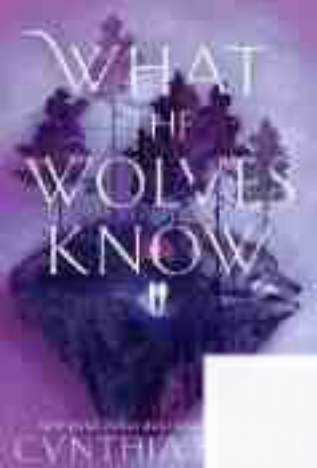




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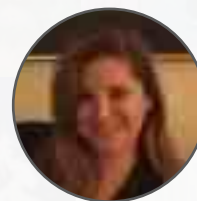


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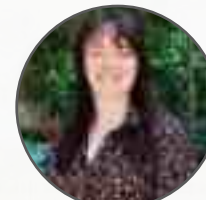
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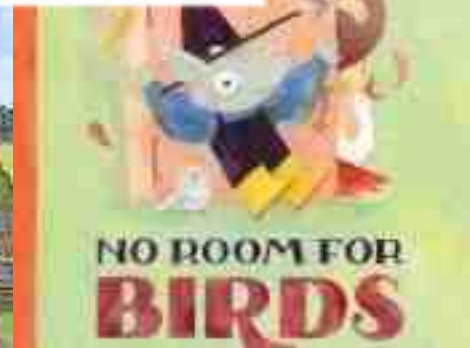
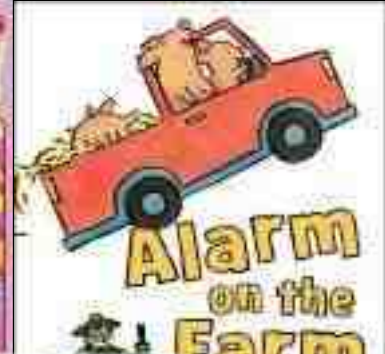
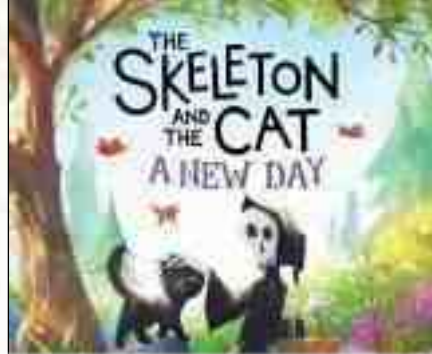
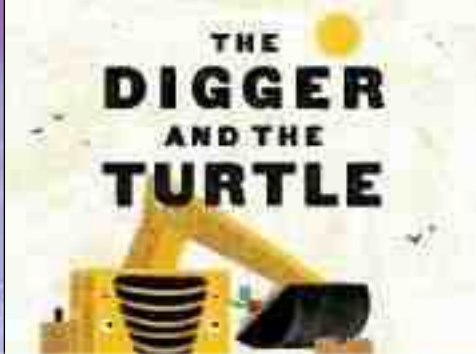
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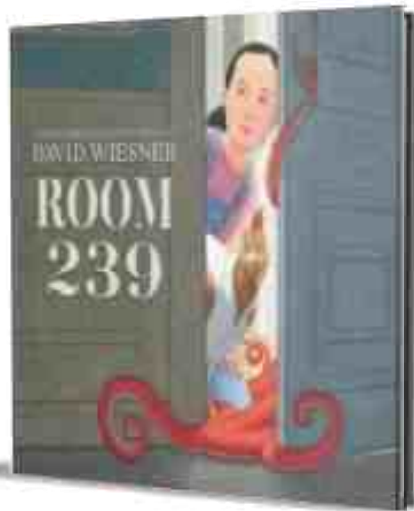
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An engaging and thought-provoking look at how extraordinary ordinary life (and everyday objects) is when viewed through a creative perspective.

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Beloved #1 New York Times bestselling Food Group and Cranky illustrator, Pete Oswald, kicks off a new unjacketed, lower-priced hardcover sports-themed picture book series, The Player Pack!

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From the acclaimed creator of Mary Wears What She Wants and Tough Guys (Have Feelings Too) comes a silly and sly investigation of what happens when one girl dares to take her time to do her own thing. Delightful!

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Veronica Roth is the #1 NYT bestselling author of several novels, including *When Among Crows*, *Seek the Traitor's Son*, *Poster Girl*, *Chosen Ones*, the *Carve the Mark* duology, as well as the global hit *Divergent* series, also a major motion picture film franchise. Visit her at veronicarothbooks.com.

THE SIXTH FACTION (Book 1 of 2)

by Veronica Roth

Ages 13 and up, 528 pages, Pub Oct. 2026

One choice will change everything. Witness a bold new series in the #1 bestselling cultural phenomenon Divergent as Tris makes a different choice—one that will completely rewrite her story.

One choice can rewrite your entire story.

Beatrice Prior stands on the brink of a decision every person in her world must make: five factions, five futures, five lives. In another life, another world, she could have made the bravest choice—and left Abnegation to join Dauntless. But when the time comes, she can't bring herself to abandon her family. Her decision will thrust her into the crosshairs of an underground rebellion where a boy with secrets of his own—a boy with only a number for a name—may be the only person she can trust. Because sometimes, the path you take doesn't just change your future... It changes the world.

A BOLD NEW SERIES IN A PHENOMENON: New and returning fans alike will be ecstatic at this new addition to the world of *Divergent*; its shocking premise is just the beginning of a thrill ride that will keep them guessing and gasping at each new twist.

NEW POVS, NEW CHARACTERS, NEW WORLDBUILDING: *The Sixth Faction* includes never-before-seen POVs, characters, and worldbuilding. Readers will be treated to an Erudite initiation through Caleb's eyes, Four's POV when first meeting Tris, stirrings of a new underground rebellion, and more.

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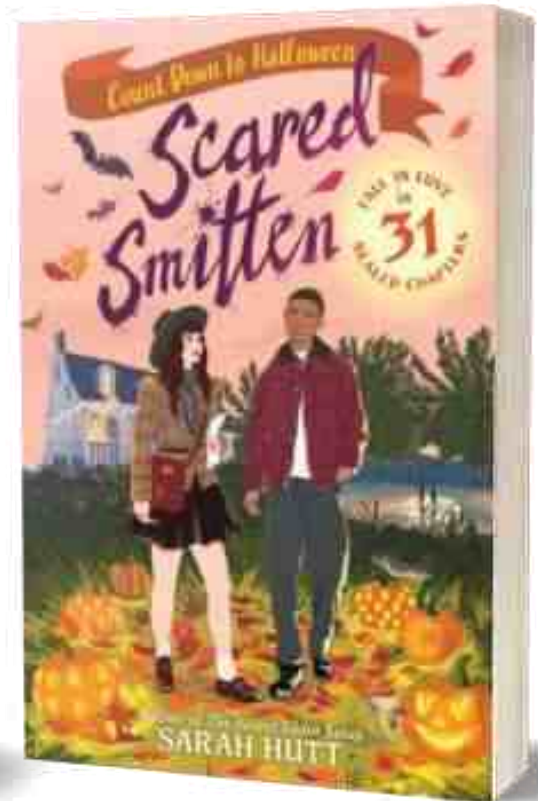
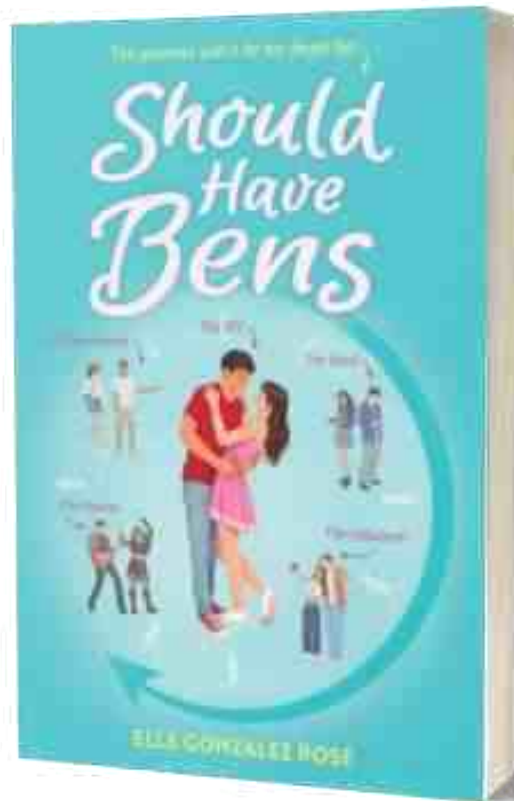
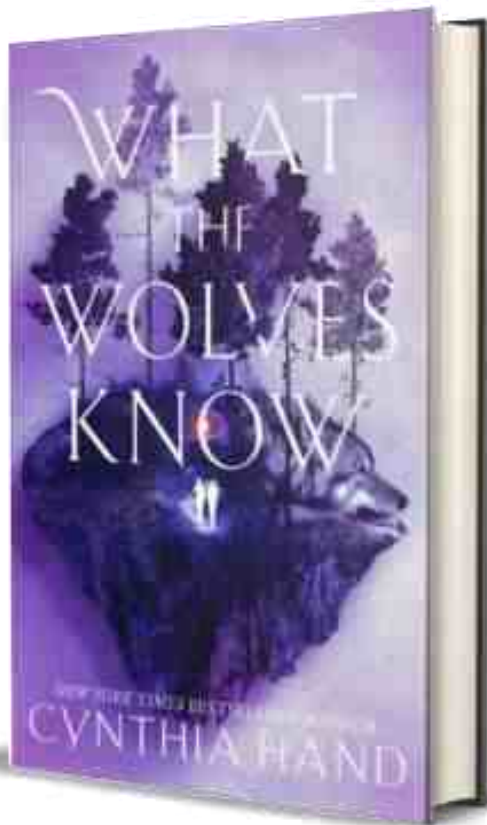
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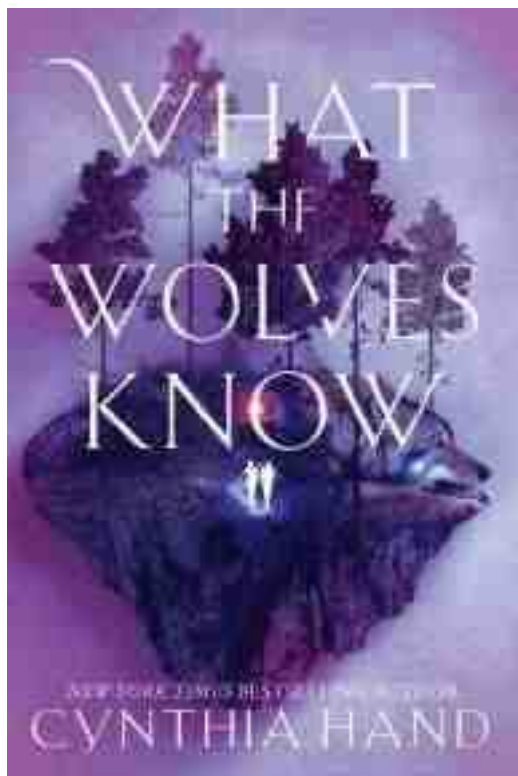
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Cynthia Hand is the NYT bestselling author of several books for teens, including the Unearthly trilogy, *The Last Time We Say Goodbye*, *The Afterlife of Holly Chase*, *The How & The Why*, and *With You All The Way*. She also writes the Jane books with fellow authors Jodi Meadows and Brodi Ashton: *My Lady Jane*, *My Plain Jane*, *My Calamity Jane*, *My Contrary Mary*, *My Imaginary Mary*, and *My Salty Mary*.

WHAT THE WOLVES KNOW

by Cynthia Hand

Ages 13 and up, 228 pages, Pub July 2027

The New York Times
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

This propulsive thriller tracks the terrifying night of two girls who find themselves lost in the woods—and hunted by a threat far more dangerous than the wolves that lurk in the forest. A bold new direction from Cynthia Hand, perfect for fans of 49 Miles Alone.

Aspen knows wolves are endangered—she just doesn't really care. As the daughter of a famous wolf advocate, she is sick of playing second fiddle to a bunch of animals. And it doesn't help that she can't tell her mom about how she's falling for a boy who happens to be the son of an outspoken proponent of trapping the wolves that roam free in Idaho National Forest.

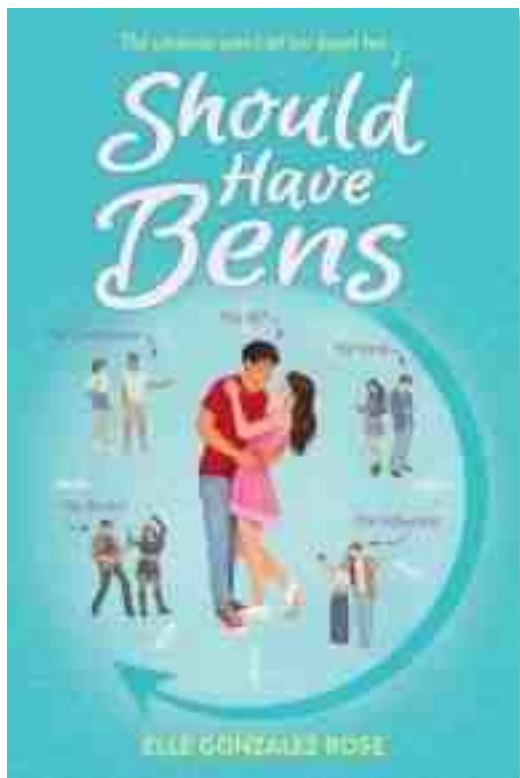
Maya loves wolves. She cannot comprehend why Aspen isn't more excited to be working with her activist mom—Maya would do anything to prove her commitment to the cause. The two girls are accustomed to keeping a steady distance from one another...until Maya decides to use Aspen's secrets as leverage in order to drag her along on a mission to target one hunter's traps. But what was supposed to be an afternoon of quiet civil disobedience quickly turns to something more dire. Because trappers in the Idaho woods don't take kindly to interference. And when the two girls end up stranded in the forest, they'll have to use all their wits to survive the night—and escape the hunter set on finding them.

THRILLER WITH COMPLEX THEMES: What the Wolves Know takes on issues of environmentalism, conservation, and politics while providing all the action and twists of a classic thriller.

ONE CHILLING NIGHT: Most of the novel takes place over a day in the woods that quickly becomes a night of terror for two girls who are lost and running from the man attempting to hunt them down.

THREE POVS: Alternating chapters between Aspen, the daughter of a famous wolf activist who could care less about wolves, Maya, an aspiring advocate looking to prove that she will stand up for what she believes in, and Jake, Aspen's secret boyfriend who is also the son of a wolf trapping advocate, help shape this story of activism, survival, and unlikely friendship.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Elle Gonzalez Rose is an award-winning author of several books for teens including *Marisol Acts the Part* and *I Didn't Do It*. Hopefully by the time you're reading this she's able to do a pull-up.

SHOULD HAVE BENS

by Elle Gonzalez Rose

Ages 13 and up, 304 pages, Pub July 2027

The Do-Over meets See You Yesterday in this paperback original romance full of second chances, parallel lives, and a first love that keeps finding its way back.

Carmen's life is always on the move: new towns, new schools, and relationships with expiration dates. Her only constant has been her best friend Benny—until she broke both their hearts. Then, days after her latest move, she wakes up in a life that isn't hers. One where she said yes to a different Ben. Then another. And another...

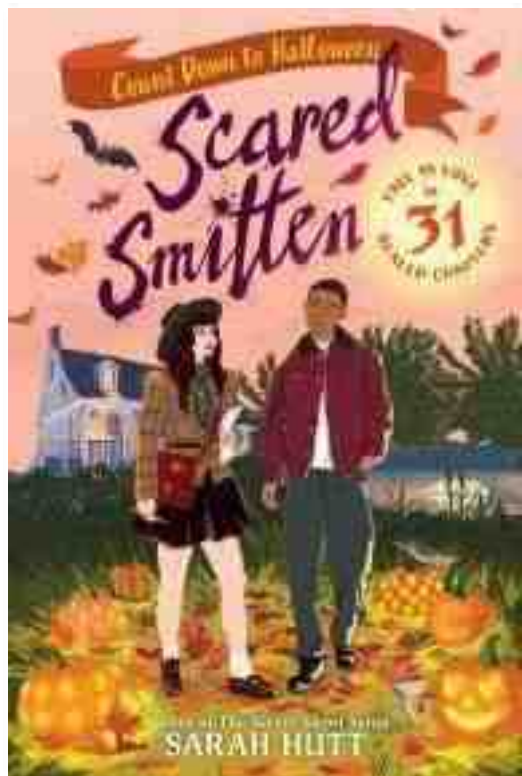
Each reality shows Carmen what could have been, and no matter where she lands, Benny Cortez is always there. If she can end the time jumps, will she find her way back to him—or realize he's the one "what if" she can't rewrite?

MULTIVERSE ROMANCE WITH A TWIST: A heartbroken girl cycles through alternate lives with every "should have" Ben, turning second chances into a sweeping, emotional love story across realities.

TIKTOK-FRIENDLY TROPES: Second chances, friends-to-lovers, and alternate realities make this a perfect read for fans of *THE DO-OVER* and crossover readers who loved *THE HUSBANDS*.

AN IRRESISTIBLE INCLUSIVE ROMANCE: This high-concept love story also delivers the voice and visibility that Latine teen readers continue to search for.

LAYERS BENEATH THE ROMANCE: Beneath the sliding-door concept, *Should Have Bens* gains extra emotional heft by grappling with Carmen's constant uprooting, fear of attachment, and what it takes to finally choose love.



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ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS:

Sarah Hutt is an author and documentary filmmaker whose award-winning work has taken her around the globe. She is the author of *The Secret Santa Setup* and her writing has made the *NYT* bestseller list.

Sarah Long is a dynamic, award-winning illustrator with a degree from Cambridge School of Art. She has a passion for bringing energy and fun to her artwork.

SCARED SMITTEN

by Sarah Hutt, illus. by Sarah Long

Ages 13 and up, 352 pages, Pub July 2027

The New York Times
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

*Open One Sealed Chapter Each Day
from October 1 until Halloween!*

Count down to Halloween in 31 supernaturally romantic, sealed chapters! An occult-loving girl and a skeptical boy are bound to clash. But unexplainable and potentially supernatural events keep pushing them closer together, showing them that the universe might have other plans.

Granite Ridge is gearing up for Halloween and, just like the Autumn leaves lining the hills rising up from the mighty Hudson River, the town is aglow with all things spooky, festive and fall. October Moon Farm is the ultimate destination: a picturesque apple farm and pumpkin patch serving up scares along with cider donuts and corn maze mysteries in its famously over-the-top haunted house, The Bloody Barn! This spooky season, loner empath Heather and new kid in town Calvin take jobs at October Moon, but they get more than they bargained for: They learn that the farm was home to a woman tried for witchcraft in the 1900's and something—or someone—is definitely haunting the place today. As Heather and Calvin work together to solve the mystery, they find themselves growing closer. Turns out, ghosts aren't the only things that can creep up on you—so can love.

SUCCESSFUL SEALED CHAPTER COUNTDOWN FORMAT: Counting down to a holiday is exciting, and readers have proved their love for their format with *Meet Cute* and *The Secret Santa Setup*.

STUNNING PACKAGE: A gorgeous cover, engaging format, full-color interior, and a swoon-worthy story makes this the perfect addition to any spooky season lover's shelf.

TROPE-FULL AND THRILLING: Readers love opposites attract, slow burn, and forced proximity, and this countdown story has it all! This story will charm fans of contemporary YA romance who are looking for a spooky season romance.



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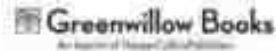
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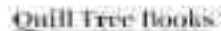
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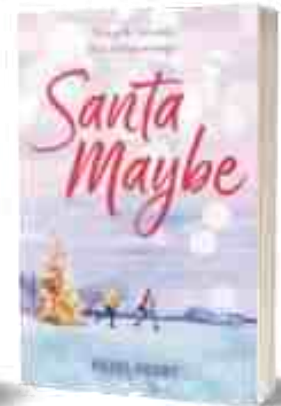
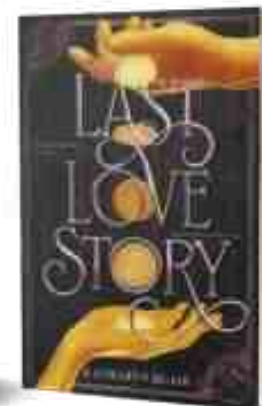


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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Gabriela Martins is a Brazilian author and linguist who writes heartfelt stories about love, self-discovery, and a touch of magic.

Her books include *Like a Love Song* and *Bad at Love*. A former high school teacher, she now spends her days drinking too much coffee and being supervised by two very opinionated cats.

LOVE AT FIRST BITE

by Gabriela Martins

Ages 13 and up, 272 pages, Pub July 2027

When an Etsy love spell delivers a werewolf alpha you definitely didn't order, do you outrun destiny—or admit it might be right? This Avon A paperback original is perfect for fans of fated mates, forced proximity chaos, and swoony, supernatural twists.

Elena's senior year implodes when her boyfriend cheats with her best friend—and then she's shipped off from NYC to middle-of-nowhere Oregon. Desperate and bored, she buys a \$9.99 love spell online, only to summon Rowen: a six-foot-tall, flannel-clad golden boy who insists she's his fated mate.

But Elena just wants to graduate in peace, and Rowen doesn't have time for romance—he's busy leading his werewolf pack! Teaming up to break the spell is their only option, but what if destiny isn't so easy to outrun?

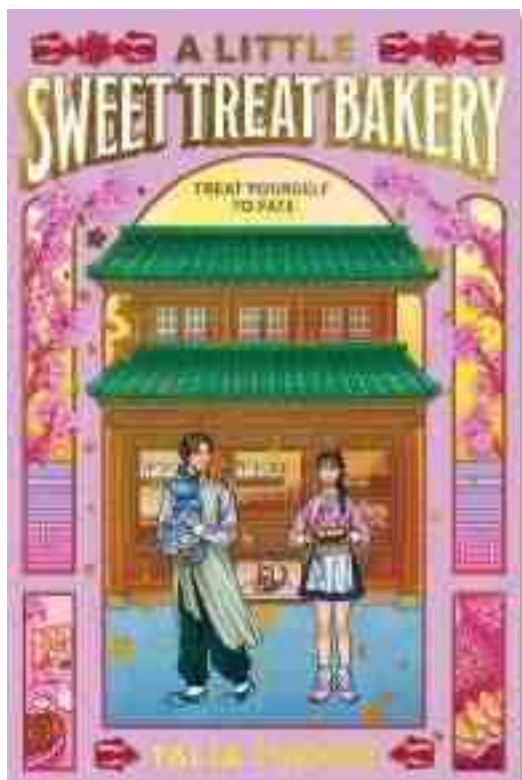
A HOWL-WORTHY ROMANCE: A sharp, voicey heroine, a grumpy alpha, and an Etsy love spell gone wildly wrong deliver the perfect mix of laugh-out-loud moments and swoony supernatural tension.

TIKTOK-FRIENDLY TROPES: Combining fated mates, forced proximity, and small-town romance, *Love at First Bite* might pull BookTokers in with familiar, beloved tropes, but they'll stay for Elena and Rowen's electric chemistry.

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

LAYERS BENEATH THE ROMANCE: *Love at First Bite* digs deeper into Elena's complicated sister dynamics and the messy, very real question of what type of future she wants for herself.





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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Talia Tucker is an author of young adult fiction who writes stories that center multiracial, queer, and neurodivergent characters of color, with a focus on joy.

Inspired by her Jamaican and Korean heritage, she explores how identities shift across cultures, time, and place. She is the author of *Rules for Rule Breaking*, *Solo Stan*, and *Ghosted*. Visit her at taliatucker.com.

A LITTLE SWEET TREAT BAKERY

by Talia Tucker

Ages 13 and up, 272 pages, Pub August 2027

Flowerheart meets Coffeeshop in an Alternate Universe in this Avon A paperback original perfect for fans of cozy fantasy, fated love, and slow-burn romance.

At the bakery in Hana's village, every sweet treat comes with a chance at finding your soulmate. So when Tae stumbles in, she assumes he's just a customer, destined for someone else. But as Tae edges closer to discovering his heart's desire, magic itself begins to unravel. He and Hana have until dawn to find a solution—but if the price of saving the magic is losing each other, are they willing to pay?

A Little Magic in Every Batch – From magical sweets to feelings that rise when you least expect it, this bakery is serving love fresh daily.

Soulmate Revealing Sweets...with a Twist – One bite reveals your match—if the village's magic doesn't break first!

Cozy Fantasy You Can Feel – Soft magic, big emotions, and a romance that hits as hard as it heals.

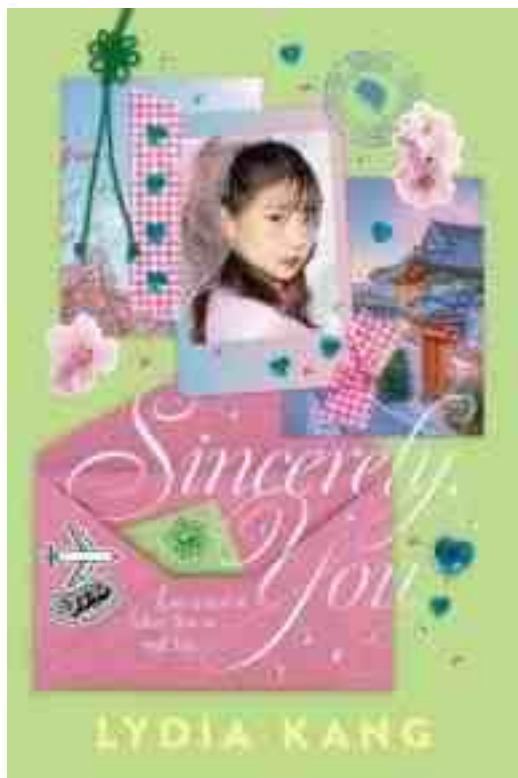
COZY FANTASY MEETS HEALING FICTION: A magical bakery, soulmate-revealing pastries, and a love story with a ticking clock—this is peak cozy fantasy with real emotional stakes!

TIKTOK-FRIENDLY TROPES: A soulmate romance set in a cozy magical town, *A Little Sweet Treat* will pull BookTokers in with familiar tropes—and they'll stay for Hana and Tae's unmistakable chemistry.

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

LAYERS BENEATH THE ROMANCE: *A Little Sweet Treat Bakery* gains extra emotional heft by diving headfirst into Hana's sense of family duty and pressure to live up to her family's expectations, alongside Tae's fierce longing for connection after growing up in foster care.





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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Lydia Kang is an associate professor of internal medicine and an award-winning and bestselling author of adult fiction, young adult fiction, and science nonfiction, including *K-Jane*, *Opium* and *Absinthe*, *Star Wars: Cataclysm*, *The November Girl*, and *Quackery: A Brief History of the Worst Ways to Cure Everything*.

SINCERELY, YOU

by Lydia Kang

Ages 13 and up, 320 pages, Pub May 2027

A neurotic teen's meticulously orchestrated love life goes sideways when she spends a life-changing summer abroad in Seoul in this funny, electric, queer coming-of-age YA novel from the acclaimed author of K-Jane.

Yoona Im is ready to check all her boxes this summer. Her List of Lists is perfectly arranged to keep her life on track. Enrolling at her dream Korean summer school? Check. Freedom from family obligations? Check. Reuniting with her childhood sweetheart? She's working on it. Max and Yoona have exchanged handwritten letters for years, and soon they'll finally be together in Seoul. Yoona knows this summer will be their most romantic chapter yet—but nothing could prepare her for an unexpected roommate crash-landing into her love story. Indigo is everything Max isn't: brash, unapologetic, up for anything. But Max isn't who Yoona thought he would be, either. And as more surprises take Yoona's life off-schedule, messy feelings threaten her perfect plan...and reveal some secrets of her own.

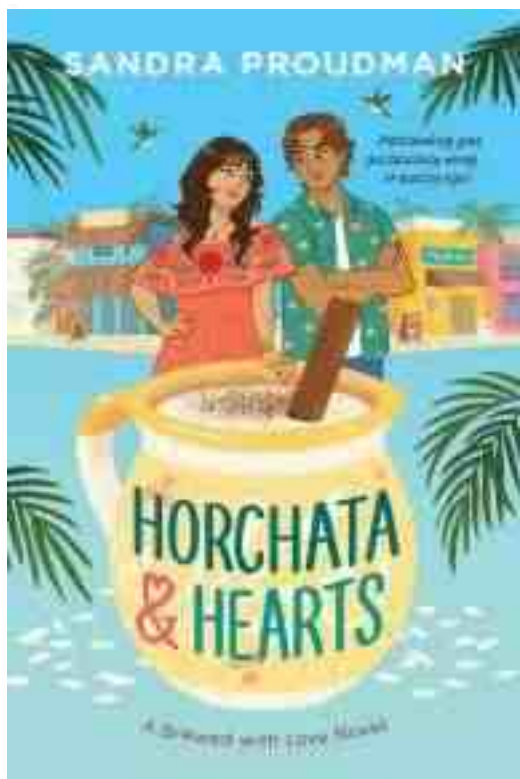
From acclaimed author Lydia Kang comes a propulsive, poignant exploration of first love, surprising friendships, and the tender joy that awaits when we embrace our true selves.

DELIGHTFUL NEW BOOK FROM A DYNAMO AUTHOR: Lydia Kang is a seasoned author of bestselling and award-winning fiction and nonfiction, and her latest novel with us, *K-Jane*, was named a Kirkus Best Book of the Year and longlisted for the Reading the West Book Award.

QUEER LOVE TRIANGLE: Bisexual readers rejoice! *Sincerely, You* dives into the messy feelings of a queer girl figuring herself—and her heart—out. Yoona's identity isn't a matter of debate in this book, but who she truly loves is a heart-racing internal conflict that keeps pages turning.

THOUGHTFUL DISABILITY REPRESENTATION: Indigo has POTS, a chronic nervous system disorder, which affects her day-to-day life. Readers searching for meaningful representation of chronic illness will relate to her strategies for managing this disorder, as well as the fallout from pushing her body's boundaries.





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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Sandra Proudman is a Mexican American young adult author living at the heart of California. Her full-length YA fantasy debut, *Salvación*, was a *Kirkus* and YALSA best of 2025 book. Her sophomore novel, *The End of Us*, is a dual-POV YA dystopian romance. *Horchata & Hearts* is her first contemporary romance novel. More news on upcoming releases from Sandra can be found at www.writesandrawrite.com.

HORCHATA & HEARTS (Book 2 of 2)

by Sandra Proudman

Ages 13 and up, 272 pages, Pub June 2027

Love & Gelato meets the cozy café romance trend in this grumpy/sunshine summer fling story set on a trip to Mexico. Stir up some sweet horchata for this addition to our Avon a paperback originals!

Alejandra signs up for a summer in Mexico to help her abuelo—and escape a broken heart—but saving his struggling café is only half the battle. The other? Mending his heart after her abuela's death. Enter Daniel, the grumpy, too-handsome grandson of Abuelo's favorite customer. Joining forces to play matchmaker for their grandparents, Alejandra and Daniel swear that second chances at love are for everyone but themselves...until their schemes light a spark between them.

THE VACATION FLING COLLIDES WITH THE CAFÉ CRUSH:

Horchata & Hearts serves up a new swoony, contemporary romance where a girl unexpectedly find love—and herself—in charming café aboard, proving that sometimes the best romance comes with splash of sweet horchata.

TIKTOK-FRIENDLY TROPES: Fake dating, a sparkling grumpy/sunshine dynamic, and a summer romance? Get your BookTok accounts ready!

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

LAYERS BENEATH THE ROMANCE: *Horchata & Hearts* gains extra emotional heft by diving headfirst into Alejandra's grief, multigeneration family dynamics, and what it really means to open your heart again.

DON'T MISS A SIP: The Brewed with Love books each stand alone and take readers to Japan with *Matcha & Matches* (W27) and India in *Chai & Crushes* (F27).



Book 1, January 2027



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

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

FINALLY MAGIC (Book 2 of 2)

by Jen Calonita

Ages 13 and up, 240 pages, Pub August 2027

The New York Times
BESTSELLER

A witchy, flirty paperback original rom-com perfect for fans of The Ex Hex, Gilmore Girls, and Practical Magic.

Everyone says the Hadley sisters are magical. So why are they cursed when it comes to love? Harriet Hadley gave up her true love. At least being the best teen witch on the East Coast comes with perks: Harry is certain magic can heal her broken heart. But when the spell backfires, both Harry and Jack are left without memories of each other. With a nasty prophecy about this year's Halloween and a missing Chosen One, Harry isn't expecting fate to bring her back together with the ex she can't remember. Is their second time the charm?

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

COMING-OF-AGE SISTER STORY: At its heart, this is a story about all kinds of sisterhood, as the two sisters must learn who they are without each other in order to learn who they are together.

TROPE-PACKED COZY FANTASY ROMANCE: With childhood-best-friends-to-lovers, second chance romance, and a memory wipe amnesia trope similar to *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, this is the perfect fall read!

GILMORE GIRLS ... WITH MAGIC!: This captures all the New England fall vibes and pairs perfectly with a PSL!

STANDALONE COMPANION: While this book continues the characters and adventures of *Practically Magic*, it can also stand alone.



Book 1, August 2026

RIGHTS SOLD: Russian (Mann Ivanov and Ferber); Czech (Euromedia)

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Georgia K. Boone is a writer, a poet, and the daughter of storytellers. Sometimes, she writes songs she may one day share. Once, in a Brooklyn community center, she read James Baldwin's quote "You can't tell the children there's no hope," and she carries those words from the city to the desert and beyond. She lives on the West Coast with her family.

CAN'T YOU SEE IT'S COMING?

by Georgia K. Boone

Ages 13 and up, 352 pages, Pub July 2027

The Black Girl Survives in This One meets Get Out, in this thought-provoking and haunting YA fiction anthology featuring ten stories by acclaimed and emerging Black femme and non-binary authors exploring American racism through the lens of horror.

Consider that for some folx, nothing is scarier than a traffic stop... Ten talented Black femme and non-binary writers unpack the ways fear and anxiety inform the Black American experience—challenging beliefs about racial justice and equality, and casting an unnerving and thought-provoking light on current events and social mores. Ranging from speculative to contemporary realistic, these stories are about how racism functions as a real-world horror story. But it's also a thrilling, edge-of-your seat read about fighting back against those exact societal terrors. From the polarizing taste of the fruits of history to erasure made literal, this collection is a fresh genre spin on the horrific realities of racism that are sure to keep you up... thinking about our society.

RACISM IS HORROR: Being both frightening and thought-provoking is the intention of our writers, all of whom address some aspect of the Black experience in America today. These stories range from the speculative to realistic and explore the intersection of race, class, culture, language, and how American social mores are steeped in this country's legacy of racial violence—and how truly scary that is.

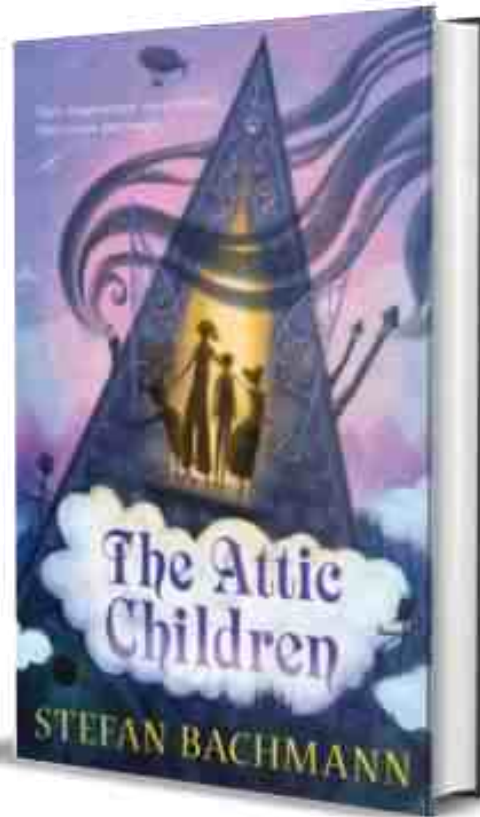
STRONG, CURATED CONTRIBUTIONS: This collection assembles a group of Black and Afro-Latinx non-binary and women authors who share their authentic perspectives in these chilling tales. The full list of talent includes: Erika Turner, Kalynn Bayron, Brandy Colbert, Rebecca Barrow, Kirya Traber, Melania Luisa Marte, Ashia Monet, Cassandra Eddington, Samm Saxby.

WIDE-REACHING CROSSOVER APPEAL: Teen and adult readers will immerse themselves in these sharp, evocative, and dynamic short stories full of twists and turns that will keep readers guessing and make them turn a critical eye to current events. Perfect for crossover fans of award-winning, bestselling adult horror anthologies, *Out There Screaming* and *Never Whistle At Night*.





MIDDLE GRADE





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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Ryan Rimmel is an American author of the LitRPG series *The Mayor of Noobtown* which blends humor, fantasy and player-drive story elements to create a unique reading experience. He's also an avid gamer and 3D printing enthusiast who engages directly with readers via Patreon.

RIGHTS SOLD: UK/ANZ (HarperCollins UK)

PLUS ONE HATCHET #1 (Book 1 of 2)

by Ryan Rimmel

Middle Grade LitRPG

Ages 8 - 12, 276 pages, Pub May 2027

11-year-old Jaysen must sharpen his pioneer skills, defeat the level boss, and try to endure his know-it-all game guide in this middle grade LitRPG adventure about the perils of being stuck in a world far from home.

While on a camping trip with his parents, eleven-year-old Jaysen finds a staircase in the woods, which is something one should never climb. But he does. And Jaysen ends up in the office of Mister Mallard, a man with a duck for a head. A full, entire duck. Not just a duck head. Thus begins Jaysen's strange journey of levelling up his pioneer skills, fighting spiders and raging boars and nasty crocodile-like creatures, all while learning what hit points are (the hard way). All in his great quest to achieve the ultimate reward: getting back to Ohio. Grab your hatchets and down your health potions and get ready to travel through the Worlds between Worlds in *Plus One Hatchet*.

NEW GENRE: LitRPG novels tap into readers' love of portal fantasy and role-playing games, with strong world-building elements and a strong sense of humor.

PERFECT FOR RELUCTANT READERS: As Jaysen levels up and explores the gamified aspects of his new world, young readers who love video games will find lots to enjoy here.

GAME GUIDE: Mr. Owl, the game's all-knowing guide, is a funny and accessible narrative device for explaining the more complicated parts of Jaysen's world, while adding in a loveable creature.

NOOBTOWN SUCCESS: Rimmel's adult series, *Noobtown*, has been a massive success digitally, selling 400k across ebook and audio. The series has over 122 million Kindle Unlimited page reads.

PUBLICATION SCHEDULE: *Plus One Hatchet* #2: February 2028; *Noobtown* #1: May 2026; *Noobtown* #2: February 2027; *Noobtown* #3: March 2027

For Rights Inquiries about Noobtown, please contact Kate Falkoff at Katherine.Falkoff@harpercollins.com





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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Stefan Bachmann is the author of *The Peculiar*, his debut, which was published to international acclaim when he was nineteen years old and sold in 7 languages. His other books include *The Whatnot*, *A Drop of Night*, *Cinders and Sparrows* and *Release the Wolves*. He is the coauthor (with April Genevieve Tucholke) of *The Secret Life of Hidden Places*. He lives in Zurich, Switzerland, and Berlin, Germany.

THE ATTIC CHILDREN

by Stefan Bachmann

Ages 8 - 12, 336 pages, Pub August 2027

A castle floats among the clouds, and in it, four forgotten royal children hide quietly in the attic—until a mysterious murder changes everything. An atmospheric, enchanting, and fantastical mystery by internationally bestselling author Stefan Bachmann, for fans of Howl's Moving Castle and Greenglass House.

There once lived a king with far too many children. His domain was Castle Curio, which floated through the sky on an enormous rock. In the castle, there was an attic, and in that attic, four of those children spent their days reading mystery novels, being admonished by their robotic nannies, raising ants and mushrooms, performing plays, and sneaking through the castle's secret tunnels. It was a peaceful (if boring) life. It could not last.

The attic children once resided on the lower floors of Castle Curio with their father, the king, but after the queen died in a tragic accident, the king locked her children away to protect them from his wicked new wife and her official children. When the king himself is pushed through a window under suspicious circumstances and an elusive detective arrives, the attic children are at the center of the mystery. The castle is sinking closer to the Earth every day, and time is running out. But to reveal the truth, they first must reveal themselves.

Internationally bestselling author Stefan Bachman takes his storytelling to new heights in this utterly enchanting stand-alone fantasy novel about family, friendship, magic, and mystery. Full of intrigue and wonder, *The Attic Children* is a perfect choice for readers who love *The Greystone Secrets* series by Margaret Peterson Haddix and *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart.

A CAPTIVATING AND RICHLY IMAGINED SETTING: Castle Curio is full of secrets, with hidden tunnels, rooftop gardens, and a kingdom's worth of fascinating characters.

APPEALING DEPICTION OF HEARTFELT SIBLING RELATIONSHIPS:

With secret codes and sibling rituals, the strength of the attic children's relationships helps them solve the mystery and survive the chaos.



GREENWILLOW BOOKS

Emily[®] the Strange

by Rob Reger



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

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

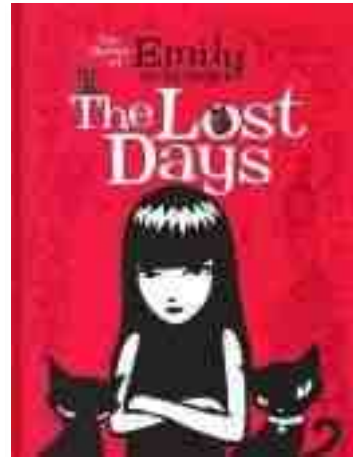
**Repackaged for
Middle Grade Readers**

THE DIARIES OF EMILY THE STRANGE: THE LOST DAYS (Book 1 of 4)

Ages 8 - 12, 288 pages, Sept. 2026

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



THE DIARIES OF EMILY THE STRANGE: STRANGER AND STRANGER (Book 2 of 4)

Ages 8 - 12, 280 pages, Jan. 2027

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



Originally sold in 20 languages!

RIGHTS SOLD for EMILY THE STRANGE: LOST DAYS: Italian (Mondadori); Spanish (Duomo); UK/ANZ (HarperCollins UK)

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

THE DIARIES OF EMILY THE STRANGE: DARK TIMES (Book 3 of 4)

Ages 8 - 12, 248 pages, Pub June 2027

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Self-taught and self-reliant, Emily the Strange is going back to school—all the way back to the eighteenth century—to complete self-assigned homework and thwart her ancestral enemy while trying to avoid destroying the space-time continuum.



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BESTSELLER

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

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

WHODUNLIT?: EDGAR ALLAN POE (Book 3 of 3)

by Maria S. Barbo

Ages 8 - 12, 240 pages, Pub May 2027

Step into the eerie, gaslit world of Edgar Allan Poe in this spine-tingling puzzle-packed mystery adventure perfect for cognitive development and sharpening your mind at any age.

From locked rooms with impossible endings to chilling tales of disguise, deception, and dread, this collection of 50 original brainteasers invites you to think like a detective—and a master of the macabre. Can you unravel the truth before the story turns dark? It's up to YOU to follow the clues, decode the puzzles, and uncover the culprit lurking behind the mystery. With just a pencil and your wits, you'll descend into puzzling cases that feel like they've stepped straight out of a gothic tale.

JUMP ON THE MURDLE PUZZLE CRAZE:

Inspired by today's biggest trending puzzle books, these literary-focused books are poised to be big (and perennial) hits!

THE PERFECT GIFT WITH CROSSOVER:

These puzzle books are perfect, not only for kids, but also teens, tweens, and young adults looking for some rainy day mindful fun!

JOIN EDGAR ALLAN POE TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY:

Step into a world of cozy mystery with 50 original puzzles and brain teasers inspired by the world's most famous gothic writer!

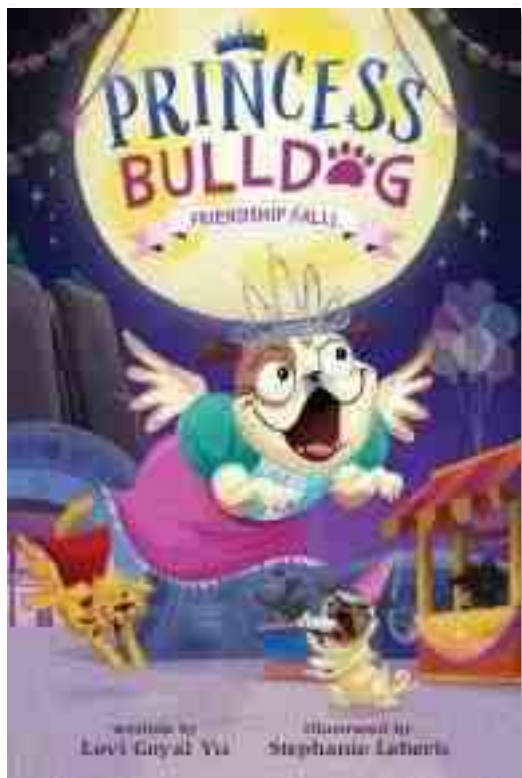
BOOST CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS: Challenge young minds with a huge variety of logic puzzles for kids, including deduction grids, secret codes, pattern recognition, and number games.



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ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS:

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

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

PRINCESS BULLDOG#3: FRIENDSHIP FALLS

(Book 3 of 3) by Lovi Goyal Yu, illus. by Stephanie Laberis

Ages 8 - 12, 96 pages, Pub June 2027

In the third book in this highly illustrated, early middle grade series that's perfect for young and emergent readers, Princess Lola the pupasus (she's a puppy with wings!) and her friends investigate why Friendship Falls, the source of all friendship magic, has stopped flowing.

Lola isn't just your usual princess—she's a pupasus princess! A princess puppy dog with wings! As the citizens of Pupdom gear up to celebrate the Full Moon Festival, Lola can't wait to hang out with her friends at the fairgrounds and eat freshly baked pup-tarts. But when Lola and her friends get to the festival, everyone is super cranky! Friends are cutting lines, getting mad over small mistakes, and refusing to share their food and prizes! That's when Lola realizes—Friendship Falls has stopped flowing! Can Lola and her friends get the Falls running again and restore Friendship Magic to the Pupdom? Or will the Full Moon Festival be a full-on disaster?

BRIDGE INTO MIDDLE GRADE: This early middle grade title is perfect for readers who are just starting to grow out of chapter books but are still developing their grade-level reading fluency. With black-and-white illustrations on every spread, short chapters, and fast-paced storytelling, Princess Bulldog is an engaging, confidence-building read for kids who are building up their reading skills.

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





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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

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

CAMP SCREAM #3: VAMPIRE CAMPFIRE

(Book 3 of 4) by Sarah Yung illus. by Laan Cham

Ages 8 - 12, 128 pages, Pub May 2027

Get ready to spark more monstrously fun adventures in Camp Scream #3: Vampire Campfire, the laugh-out-loud, lightly spooky next installment perfect for fans of the Tales from Cabin 23 series! This summer, things are heating up...

It's fire safety week at Camp Scream, which means campfire building 101, sizzling hot dogs, and gooey s'mores all under the watchful eye of the latest (and coolest) counselor, Val, who just happens to be (yepp, you guessed it) a vampire! But when a fellow camper Fran suddenly goes missing, Max and his friends must race against time to find her before things get out of control. Between crackling flames, shadowy woods, and a mystery that's getting hotter by the minute, Max will have to keep his cool and trust his instincts.

A CAPTIVATING AND RICHLY IMAGINED SETTING:

Castle Curio is full of secrets, with hidden tunnels, rooftop gardens, and a kingdom's worth of fascinating characters.

APPEALING DEPICTION OF HEARTFELT SIBLING RELATIONSHIPS:

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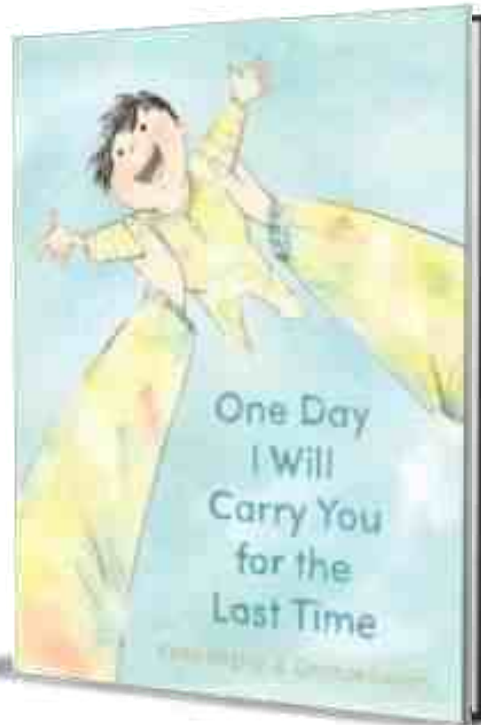
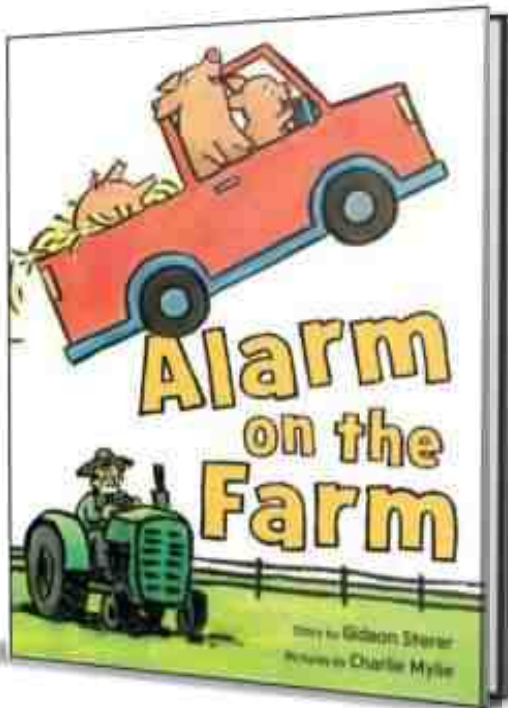
FUN AND A LITTLE FRIGHTENING: This series is just spooky enough to keep kids on the edge of their seats—and full of goofs and hijinks that will make sure they're laughing until the last page!

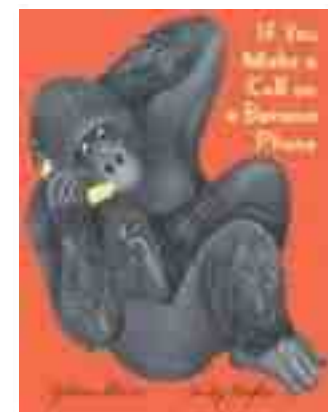
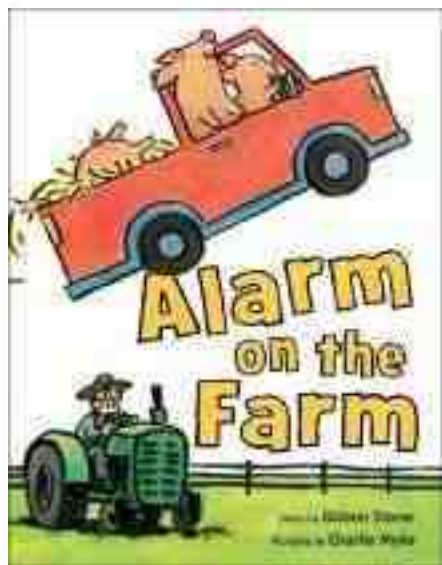
DIVERSE CAST: Max and his family are Chinese American and Kiana is Japanese and Filipino American, and there are a mix of classic cryptids, movie monsters and creatures from international mythologies.





PICTURE BOOKS





ALARM ON THE FARM

by Gideon Sterer, illus. by Charlie Mylie

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub June 2027

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For fans of The Little Blue Truck, Goodnight, Gorilla and Click Clack Moo, this humorous whodunit stars a suspicious farmer and a cheeky hero who will delight readers and animal lovers alike.

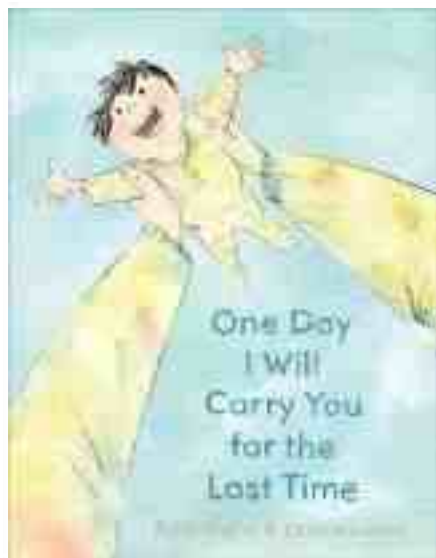
Something is afoot on the farm: Every morning the farmer wakes up to find that someone has returned all the eggs to the chickens, has let the horses roam free, and has even built a jungle gym for the goats! He suspects his neighbor is behind all the funny business, but little does he know that the real mischief-maker is right below his nose. Laugh out loud and filled with hijinks, kids will love knowing the source of the mystery while the farmer does not.

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS: Gideon Sterer is a *New York Times* bestselling author of *If You Make a Call on a Banana Phone*, *The Midnight Fair*, *I Will Read to You*, and *Treehouse Town*.

Charlie Mylie From portraits done using a brush on a five-foot pole, to museum concept art, and picture book creation, Charlie Mylie's work takes many forms. For years he embodied the promise on a cardboard sign—"Yes it's true! Pop Up Charlie can draw anything for you!"—and honed his playful style by painting thousands of on-the-spot watercolors for people across the country.

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

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



ONE DAY I WILL CARRY YOU FOR THE LAST TIME

by Keith Negley, illus. by Corinna Luyken

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub May 2027

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Destined to become a classic, this is a love letter from parents to children about both the swift passage of childhood and the celebration of growing up. Perfect for fans of Guess How Much I Love You and The Wonderful Things You Will Be.

One day, I will carry you for the last time. But that day is not here yet . . . Poetic, emotional, and based on the viral “Last Time” theory, Keith Negley has crafted a timeless love letter from parent to child that commemorates the swift passage of time. Brilliantly accompanied by Corinna Luyken’s art, this book acknowledges the brevity of young childhood as it also celebrates the growing independence of little ones. A beautiful go-to gift for baby showers, graduations, Mother’s and Father’s Days, and more.

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS: Keith Negley is the author and illustrator of several picture books. He has received multiple medals from the Society of Illustrators as well as recognition from American Illustration.

Corinna Luyken is the author-illustrator of *The Book of Mistakes*, which received four starred reviews and has been praised by *Entertainment Weekly*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and more. She is also the author-illustrator of the NYT bestseller *My Heart*.



WHAT DOGS DON'T KNOW

by James Preller, illus. by Laura Sandoval Herrera

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub June 2027

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A humorous and heartfelt ode to man's best friend, celebrating dogs in all their wisdom, skill—and even shortcomings!

There are a lot of things dogs don't know... for example, math. Or how to fly a plane. They don't know whether the earth is round or flat. Do they even wonder? But there are also plenty of things that dogs do know. And some of them are pretty incredible. The perfect book for any dog lover, this sweet and silly story will have you alternately laughing out loud and tearing up about all there is to love about dogs.

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS:

James Preller is the author of the Jigsaw Jones chapter book series which have sold more than 10 million copies and the popular Scary Tales series. He is also the author of *Six Innings*, an ALA Notable Book, three Junior Library Guild Selections, and many more successful picture books, chapter books, and novels. James lives in Delmar, NY with his wife and (are you ready for this?) a dog.

Laura Sandoval Herrera is a Brooklyn-based illustrator and designer born in Mexico. She earned her MFA in Illustration as a Visual Essay at SVA in 2025. When she is not drawing you can find her playing with her dog Scribble or checking out her favorite bookstore.



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JUST JELLY

by Jacob Souva

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub May 2027

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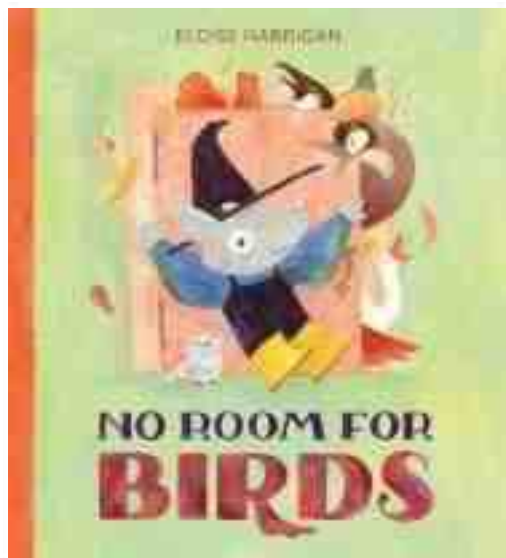
Perfect for fans of Mr. Tiger Goes Wild, Just Jelly follows an irresistible new character searching for their true self in the deep blue sea.

What's a jellyfish to do when they meet other fish and realize the truth? Jelly has no fins, no gills, and no school. "Nope. Not a fish." Jelly is just jelly. Or is he? Follow Jelly as he discovers that what makes him different is what makes him special.

NEW CHARACTER FRANCHISE POTENTIAL: Jelly's charming personality and relatable journey make him a standout with possibilities for future books.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Jacob Souva adores making books for children and riding bikes, though not at the same time. He has illustrated many picture books, including *The Boy with Big, Big Feelings*, *Flowers Are Pretty Weird*, and *Butterflies Are Pretty Gross*. His debut as author-illustrator is titled *Little Bee's Flower*. To learn more, visit Jacob at twofishillustration.com.



NO ROOM FOR BIRDS

by Eloise Narrigan

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub July 2027

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Strega Nona meets Leave Me Alone in this debut picture book about a cranky young witch who learns to make room in her home—and her heart—when a persistent new friend comes to stay. Cozy and clever, with an irresistible sense of humor, No Room for Birds will appeal to fans of Millie Fleur's Poison Garden and A Spoonful of Frogs.

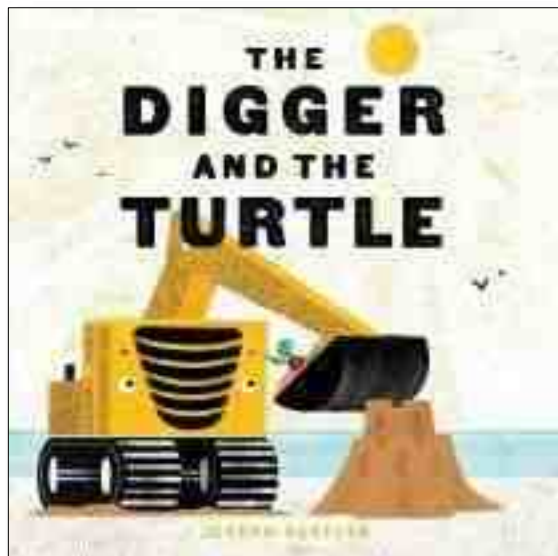
FULL OF HUMOR: Guin's poultry problems are very silly. As her frustration grows, so does the ridiculousness of the story!

MODELS MAKING MISTAKES AND ASKING FOR HELP: Guin's spell does not go the way she wants it to. Perhaps she shouldn't have cast it at all. Luckily, if Guin is willing to let her in, Somebird is there to help clean up the mess.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Eloise Narrigan is an author, illustrator, and designer. She studied illustration at Rhode Island School of Design and has worked in the toy industry for over a decade, where she illustrates and designs characters, graphics, and tiny cardboard books for a wide range of toy brands, including Play-Doh and My Little Pony.



GREENWILLOW BOOKS



THE DIGGER AND THE TURTLE

by Joseph Kuefler

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub May 2027

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In this sixth picture book in Joseph Kuefler's Indie bestselling Digger series, Digger and the crew rescue a baby sea turtle.

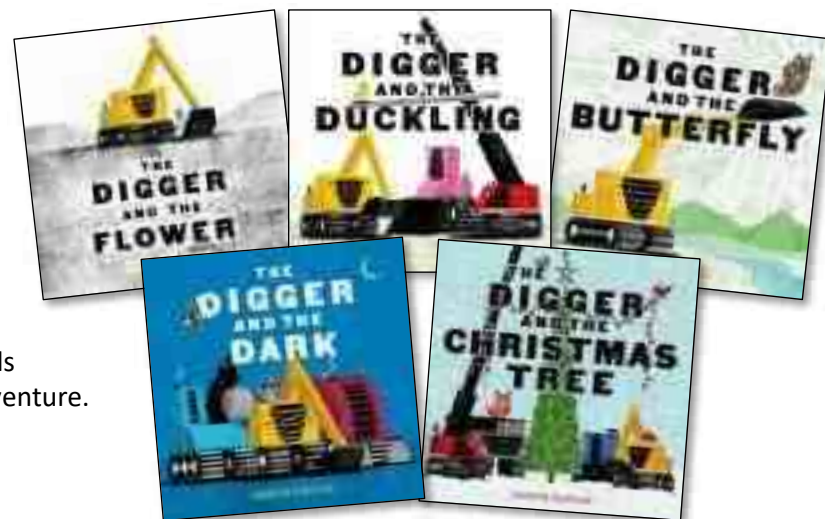
Digger and the big trucks are on vacation! They make sandcastles and splash in the waves. But when Digger scoops up a baby turtle in need of help, the friends must build something they've never built before and set sail on an unexpected adventure.

RIGHTS SOLD for DIGGER AND THE FLOWER:

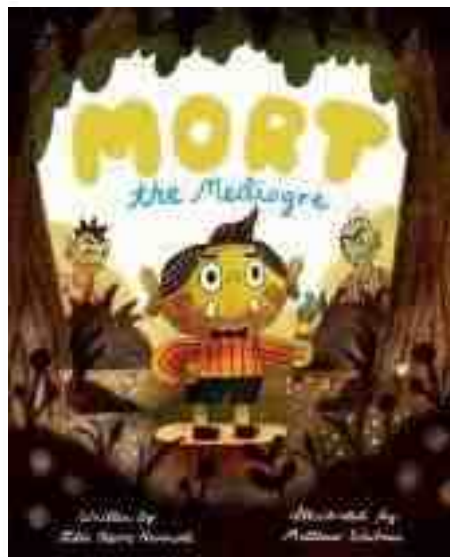
Complex-Traditional (Les Gouttes); **French** (Elcy Editions);
Korean (Neungyule Education); **Polish** (Grupa Wydawnicza); **Turkish** (Ithaki)

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Joseph Kuefler is the creator of the Digger series, *Beyond the Pond*, *Rulers of the Playground*, *Pillow Places*, and *Bigger Than a Bumblebee* and the illustrator of *Night Is for Darkness*. Visit him at josephkuefler.com.

Previous Titles in Series



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MORT THE MEDIOGRE

by Julia Pierre Hammond, illus. by Matthew Schufman

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub June 2027

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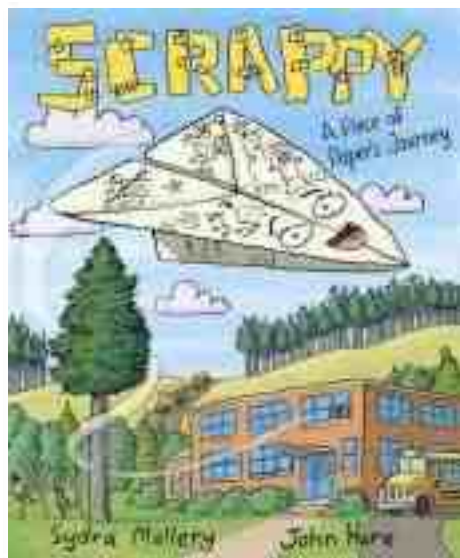
A heartwarming, humorous story about Mort, an ogre who feels “mediocre” until he discovers that his unique gifts make him the most ogrest ogre of them all.

FEE FI FO...FUN? Mort is an ogre who isn't ogre enough. He doesn't do enough smashing. He doesn't do enough breaking. Not enough destroying. Mort is somewhat mediocre. But when a band of trolls terrorize the swamp, it's up to Mort—and all the things that make him different—to save the day!

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS: Julia Pierre Hammond believes the best parties make everyone feel like they belong...and include glitter. Inspired by her Brazilian and Black heritage, she writes stories that help children feel seen, worthy, and proud to celebrate who they are.

Matthew Schufman is an author, graphic designer, musician, and art teacher who works creatively with hundreds of students every week. He is the creator of the picture books *Fraser the Forest Ranger* and *Willow and the Wildflowers*. His work has also been featured in *The New York Times*, on Netflix, and HBO.

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SCRAPPY (Book 2 of 2)

by Sydra Mallory, illus. by John Hare

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub June 2027

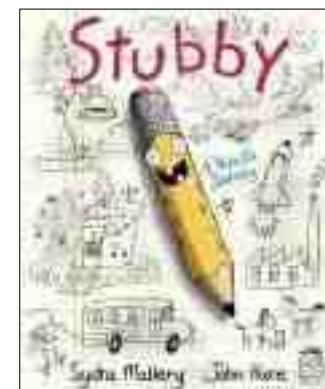
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The journey from tree to paper is anything but stationary. This humorous and surprisingly informational picture book about how paper is made, told by a scrap of paper herself, is a companion to Stubby: A Pencil's Journey, by Sydra Mallory and illustrated by John Hare.

Before she was a classroom handout, or a paper plane, or an origami hat, Scrappy was a pine tree in a forest far away. By now, though, Scrappy is accustomed to change and transformation. She's used to turning over a new leaf. Scrappy describes her adventure from tree to paper in her own (very silly, very dramatic) words. From the forest to the factory to the classroom to your library, her tale is sure to have readers folding over with laughter.

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS: Sydra Mallory is the author of *A Most Unusual Day* and *Stubby: A Pencil's Journey*.

John Hare worked as a production artist, graphic designer, and art director. He is the author of *Field Trip to the Moon*, *A Mouthful of Minnows* and *Duck, Duck, Goose!*

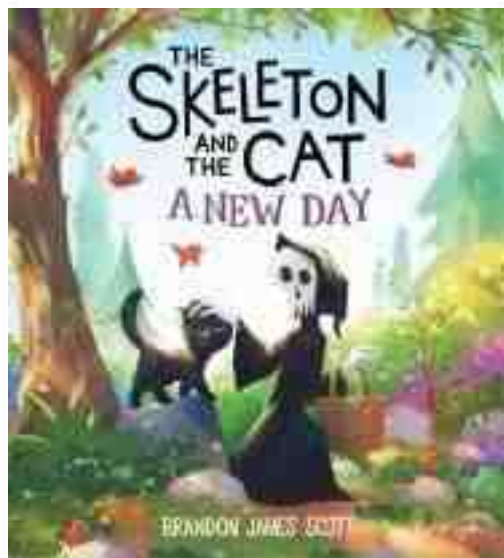


Book 1, June 2026

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GREENWILLOW BOOKS



Publishing Schedule:

- ❖ The Skeleton and the Cat (Picture book #1, Summer 2026)
- ❖ The Skeleton and the Cat: A New Day (Picture book #2, Summer 2027)
- ❖ The Skeleton and the Cat: Too Many Cats (ICR Level 2, Fall 2027)
- ❖ I Can Read #2 (ICR Level 2, Winter 2028)
- ❖ I Can Read #3 TK

THE SKELETON AND THE CAT: A NEW DAY

by Brandon James Scott

Ages 4 - 8, 56 pages, Pub July 2027

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Another humorous and touching tale of the unexpected friendship that blossoms between a peaceful skeleton and a persistent cat. Think Frog and Toad meets I Want Hat My Back.

The Skeleton and the Cat live in the Skeleton's house. They spend every day together. Including this one. "What do you want to do today?" asked the Cat. "I don't know..." said the Skeleton. Join the Skeleton and the Cat in another series of adventures fit for the best of friends.

TOLD IN A FIVE-STORY STRUCTURE: While this can be read as one cohesive tale, Brandon crafts five perfect stories that stand on their own. True to classic storybook form, young readers can pace themselves while reading.

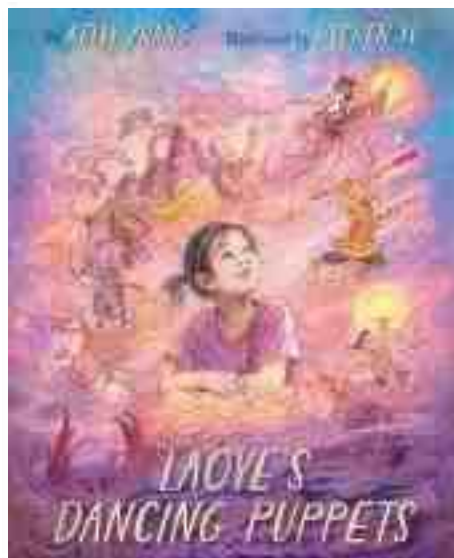
ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Brandon James Scott is an award-winning Canadian artist who works in animation and illustrates books. He is the illustrator of over 10 picture books. He is also an Emmy Award-nominated creator of the Canadian preschool television series *Justin Time*. *The Skeleton and the Cat* is based on his original *Dead Cat* art series.



Book 1, July 2026

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LAOYE'S DANCING PUPPETS

by Kelly Zhang, illus. by Hechen Yu

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub May 2027

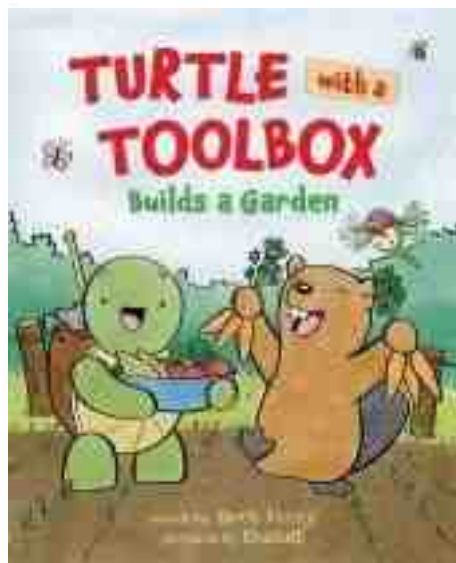
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From the author of Take Me to Laolao comes another touching story about a young Chinese girl who bonds with her grandfather as he creates pi ying—traditional Chinese shadow puppets.

School has ended, and Ying-Ying has big plans for the summer. But then her mom announces they will be going to China to visit her grandparents, and suddenly her summer plans are ruined. As Ying-Ying wanders her grandparents' house, bored and alone, she discovers that Laoye spends much of his time creating pi ying—traditional shadow puppets inspired by epic characters from Chinese folktales. And Ying's grandfather puts on shows for the people in his town! Ying-Ying wants to learn how to make them too, but can she master the art of shadow puppetry before the summer is over?

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS: Kelly Zhang is a first-generation Chinese immigrant, children's writer, and Chinese/English literary translator. To learn more, visit Kelly at kellyzhangyl.com.

Hechen Yu is an illustrator and fine artist who has illustrated over twenty picture books. His award-winning titles include *Grandpa Joe*, *Dad's Dad's Story*, and *The Stone Tapper, Li Siguang*.



TURTLE WITH A TOOLBOX BUILDS A GARDEN (Book 2 of 3)

by Beth Ferry, illus. by Dudolf

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub May 2027

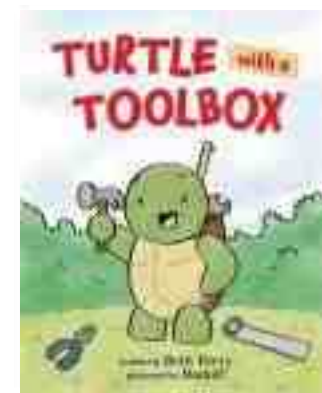
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The second book in this irresistible paper-over-board picture book series perfect for little builders, tool lovers, and fans of Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site!

Get ready for harvest fun! When springtime arrives, Turtle and his team get to work building a garden! They clip, pull and dig. They make their garden big, big, big! The rhythmic, repetitive text and bold, expressive illustrations will have little ones, especially those who love toolboxes and construction, clamoring for repeat read-alouds.

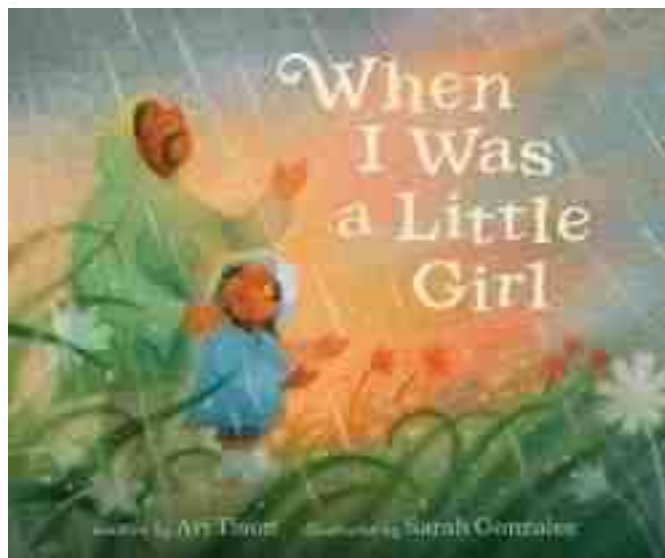
ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS: Beth Ferry is the NYT bestselling author of numerous picture books, including *Stick and Stone*, *The Scarecrow*, and *The Nice Dream Truck*.

Dudolf—also known as Gergely Dudás—is the author of *Bear's Merry Book of Hidden Things* and *Bear's Spooky Book of Hidden Things*. He became beloved worldwide after his seek-and-find cartoon “Where’s the Panda?” swept the internet, delighting kids and grown-ups alike. To learn more, visit Dudolf online at thedudolf.blogspot.com.



Book 1, June 2026

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WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL

by Ari Tison, illus. by Sarah Gonzales

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub May 2027

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From two brilliant award-winning creators comes a lyrical and stunning debut picture book about a girl enjoying the rain with her father. Perfect for Father's Day celebrations and fans of Everywhere Still and Nell Plants a Tree.

When I was a little girl, I would stand out in the rain with my bare feet. A dad calmly sets his daughter's boots on the ground as he joins her outside. Together, they feel the rain pour, they play, and watch the world come to life around them. Until one day, the rain stops. And starts again. Join a father and daughter in an immersive tale that reveals how memories and love carry us forward.

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS: Ari Tison (Bribri) is an award-winning poet and author. Her debut young adult novel, *Saints of The Household*, won the Walter Dean Myers Award and the Pura Belpré Award, and was a finalist for the William C. Morris Award, among many other accolades. To learn more, visit her at www.aritison.com.

Sarah Gonzales is a Filipino Canadian, Ezra Jack Keats Award-winning illustrator of *The Only Way to Make Bread*, *Maribel's Year*, and many other books for children. To learn more, visit her at www.sgonzalesart.com.



I AM A WARRIOR

by Bridget George

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub May 2027

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With a universal message of strength and love, author-illustrator Bridget George (Anishinaabe) celebrates Indigenous culture and centers children in their communities in this joyful picture book.

Even the smallest spark in our hearts can grow into a flame when we celebrate who we are. Warriors surround us in our communities every day: grandparents and aunts, friends and neighbors, parents and ancestors. These warriors are protectors of language, stories, and memories, and with their love and guidance, we can become warriors, too. In this joyous, lyrical picture book, author-illustrator Bridget George (Anishinaabe) kindles a flame of Indigenous brilliance, community, and pride that will never go out.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Bridget George (Nimkiinagwaagankwe) was raised on the shores of Lake Huron in the traditional territory of her people in Kettle and Stony Point First Nation. She is the Anishinaabe author-illustrator of *It's a Mitig!* and illustrator of *Too Much: My Great Big Native Family*, *This Land*, *The Animal People Choose a Leader*, *The Inquisitive Raven*, and *Autumn Peltier, Water Warrior*.



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ISSI'S GIFT

by Stacy Wells, illus. by Madelyn Goodnight

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub May 2027

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Following a girl and her rambunctious corn husk doll on a train journey to visit her grandmother, author Stacy Wells (Choctaw) and illustrator Madelyn Goodnight (Chickasaw) share a story of generational gifts that is both heartwarming and funny.

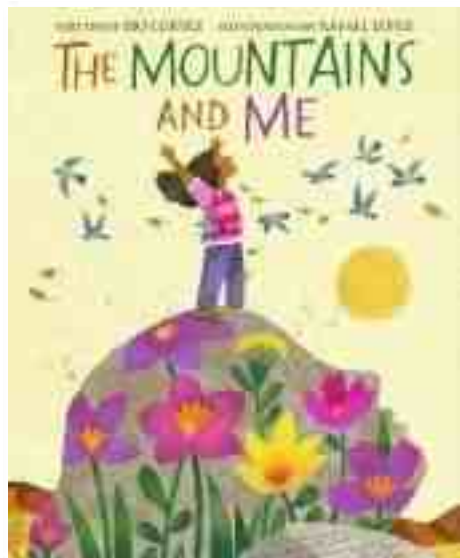
Corn husk dolls are lively and full of mischief. You never know what they might do. Issi can't wait to share a special gift with her grandmother: a handmade corn husk doll. But Issi and her mother have a long way to travel on the train through Oklahoma and Texas—and there are a lot of antics a little doll can get up to! Braiding together humor, traditional knowledge, and the love of a granddaughter for her grandmother, author Stacy Wells (Choctaw) and illustrator Madelyn Goodnight (Chickasaw) share a humorous and heartwarming story of a gift shared between generations.

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS: **Stacy Wells** is a member of the Choctaw Nation, a children's librarian, and co-author of *Stronger Than*.

Madelyn Goodnight is a member of the Chickasaw Nation. Her work reflects her love of childhood. She is the illustrator of *The Pear Tree*; *Look, Grandma! Ni, Elisil!*; and *When We Gather*; and *Rock Your Mocs*.



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MOUNTAINS AND ME

by Rio Cortez, illus. by Rafael López

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub May 2027

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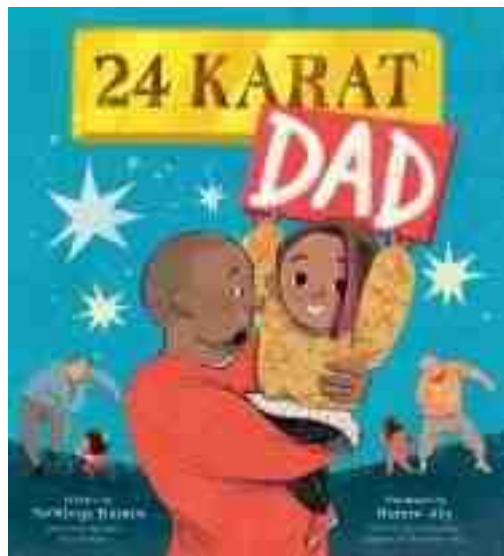
A young girl hikes up a mountain, connecting with nature and her ancestors, in this beautiful offering from New York Times bestselling and award-winning creators, Rio Cortez and Rafael López.

Based on the author's childhood, this stunning nature-filled picture book follows a young girl as she experiences the sounds, smells, beauty, and intergenerational wisdom that the majestic mountains carry.

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS: **Rio Cortez** is the NYT bestselling author of picture books *The ABCs of Black History illustrated by Lauren Semmer*; *The River Is My Sea*; *The Blue Velvet Chair*; and *The ABCs of Women's History*. Her debut poetry collection, *Golden Ax*, was longlisted for the 2022 National Book Award for Poetry and the Pen America Open Book Award.

Rafael López is a NYT–bestselling, award winning illustrator who has illustrated numerous acclaimed picture books, including *The Day You Begin* and *The Year We Learned to Fly*, *Dancing Hands* (Pura Belpré Medal), and *Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You* (Schneider Award), among others. Rafael is the recipient of three Pura Belpré medals, along with several other awards.





24 KARAT DAD

by NoNieqa Ramos, illus. by Hatem Aly

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub May 2027

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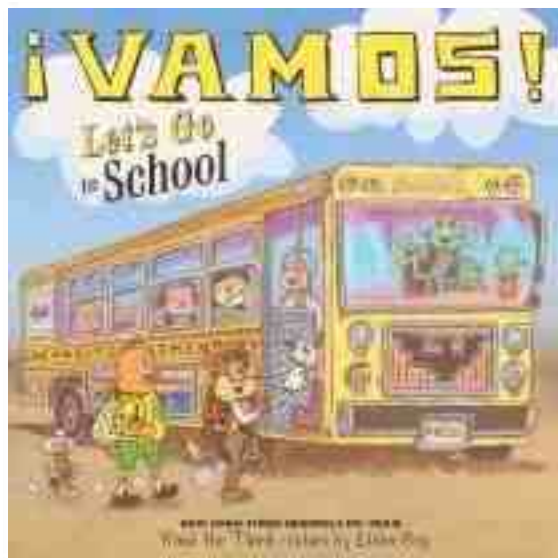
A sweet and fun ode to golden caregivers everywhere, 24 Karat Dad celebrates fierce fathers with playful lyricism and dynamic illustrations—essential for Father's Day!

Sweet as maduros, warm as cinnamon rolls, these dads are the best! From school drop off, to music lessons, diverse dads are celebrated for how they love their kids in this lively Father's Day picture book by acclaimed author, NoNieqa Ramos and bestselling artist, Hatem Aly.

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS: NoNieqa Ramos is an educator who wrote *The Disturbed Girl's Dictionary*, a YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults Selection and an In the Margins Award Top Ten pick. Her debut picture book, *Your Mama*, earned three starred reviews. She is a proud member of Las Musas, the Soaring 20s, and PB Debut Troupe 21.

Hatem Aly is an Egyptian-born illustrator whose work has been published all over the world. His illustrations have earned multiple starred reviews and positions on the *New York Times* bestseller list, including *The Proudest Blue*, the Yasmin series, and *The Inquisitor's Tale*.





¡VAMOS! LET'S GO TO SCHOOL

by Raúl the Third

Ages 4 - 8, 48 pages, Pub June 2027

PDF to Come

Get ready for school with the sixth picture book in the World of ¡Vamos! series by NYT bestselling, three-time Pura Belpré Award–winning author-illustrator Raúl the Third.

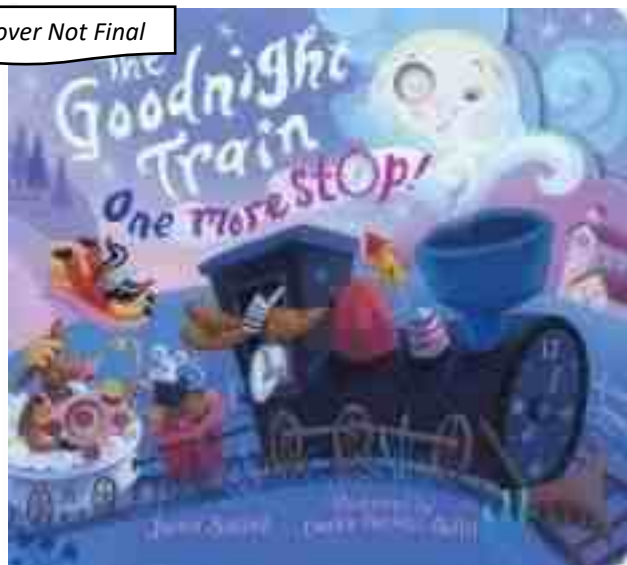
There are surprises in store for Little Lobo, Kooky Dooky, and Coco Rocho on this very special day of school! Along the way, readers will meet everyone who makes school fun, from the bus driver and custodians to the teachers and librarian and beyond, as well as experience an exciting school day full of lessons, story time, recess, naptime, and more. Packed with easy-to-remember Spanish vocabulary and cultural details, this colorful school story inspires young readers to follow their dreams!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Raúl the Third is the NYT bestselling, three-time Pura Belpré Award–winning author-illustrator of *¡Vamos! Let's Go to the Market*, *¡Vamos! Let's Go Eat*, *¡Vamos! Let's Cross the Bridge*, and the rest of the World of ¡Vamos! He illustrated Schneider Family Book Award honoree *Stuntboy, in the Meantime*, by Jason Reynolds.





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THE GOODNIGHT TRAIN ONE MORE STOP!

by June Sobel, illus. by Laura Huliska-Beith

Ages Newborn- 4, 14 pages, Pub June 2027

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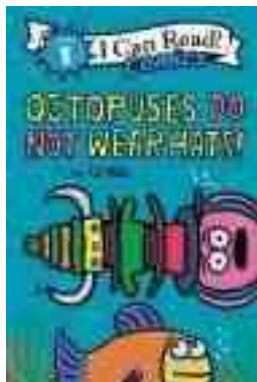
One more kiss, one more song... The Goodnight Train is almost ready for bed in this sturdy board book featuring peekaboo die-cuts on every page!

Bedtime resisters and their parents will be gently guided to Dreamland in this book that celebrates and soothes all the “one mores” young children need before they can settle down for bed. The perfect sleepy-time read, ideal for keeping even the most restless readers on track for bedtime.

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS: June Sobel is the author of the Goodnight Train books; the Tow Truck Joe series; *B Is for Bulldozer: A Construction ABC*; and *Shiver Me Letters: A Pirate ABC*.

Laura Huliska-Beith is the illustrator of the beloved Goodnight Train series written by June Sobel.

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Over 1 million copies
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OCTOPUSES DO NOT WEAR HATS

by T. J. Miller

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages,

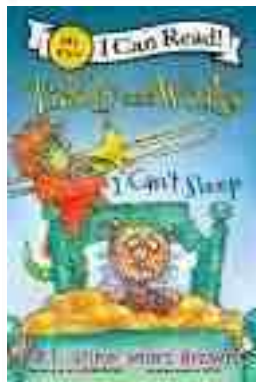
Pub June 2027

PDF to Come Soon

Fun-loving Fish and skeptical Octopus return in this Level 1 I Can Read Comic by beloved creator T.J. Miller.

SWEET, VIBRANT ART: This dynamic duo's debate over hats is sure to delight young readers with colorful and simple line art.

Tim "T. J." Miller is the author-illustrator of *Fish Do Not Have Feet*, *Izzy Paints*, *Tiny Kitty*, *Big City*, *What's Cooking*, *Moo Moo?*, and *Moo Moo in a Tutu*. He is also the illustrator of *Sadie Mouse Wrecks the House* and *Horse Meets Dog*, *Snappy the Alligator (Did Not Ask to Be in This Book)*, *Snappy the Alligator and His Best Friend Forever! (Probably)* and more.



TIDDLY AND WINKS:

I CAN'T SLEEP! (Book 3 of 3)

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

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages,

Pub July 2027

PDF to Come Soon

The third book in this spooky-silly My First I Can Read series by bestselling children's book behemoths R.L. Stine and Marc Brown.

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

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



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DANNY AND THE DINOSAUR BAKE A CAKE (I Can Read Phonics)

by Syd Hoff

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages,

Pub May 2027

PDF to Come Soon

Danny and the Dinosaur bake a cake for the bake sale in this phonics-based story in Syd Hoff's classic series.

Syd Hoff is the author and illustrator of numerous children's books, including the favorite I Can Read books Sammy the Seal, The Horse in Harry's Room, and the Danny and the Dinosaur books. His cartoons were a regular feature in the New Yorker and appeared in many other magazines, including Esquire and the Saturday Evening Post, and in a nationally syndicated daily feature.



PINKALICIOUS AND THE PINKATASTIC FATHER'S DAY

by Victoria Kann

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages,

Pub May 2027

PDF to Come Soon

Have a pinkatastic Father's Day with Pinkalicious in this Level 1 I Can Read.

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

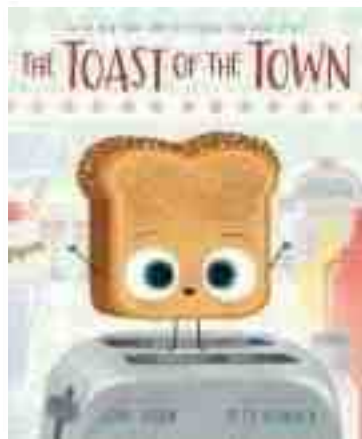


THE FOOD GROUP

*Over 14 million copies sold and
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by Jory John,
illus. by Pete Oswald

*From the #1 NYT bestselling creators of The Food Group are
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Meet Toast. He knows everybody, and everybody knows him. He pops up wherever help is needed. But Toast wasn't always so warm and toasty. In his younger days, he kept to himself, loafed around, and mostly just felt a little . . . stale. It took one life-changing moment to help him rise to the occasion.

Can one ordinary piece of toast transform an entire community? Can helping others turn out to be the best thing since sliced bread?

THE TOAST OF THE TOWN

by Jory John, illus. by Pete Oswald

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

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS:

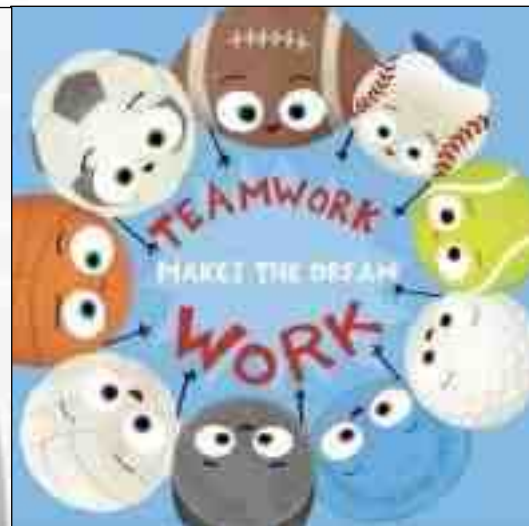
Jory John is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author and two-time E. B. White Read Aloud Honor recipient. Visit him at joryjohn.com.

Pete Oswald is an artist, picture book creator, and production designer. Pete is the illustrator of the *New York Times* bestselling Food Group series by Jory John and the Cranky series.

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7 Books Planned

Publishing Plan:

Picture Book #2 – W28

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Picture Book #3– W29

ICR Comic #2 – S29

Board Book #1

Board Book #2

KIX: THE GOAL GETTER

by Pete Oswald

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub January 2027

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

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

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

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

From the illustrator of The Food Group Series

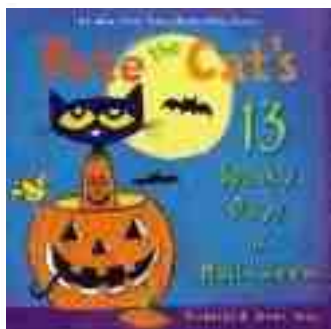


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Pete the Cat #1 The New York Times BESTSELLER

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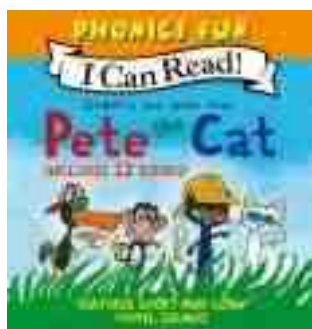
PETE THE KITTY AND THE GENIE'S WISHES
Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages
Pub May 2027

This Pete the Cat hardcover picture book is perfect for fans who are eagerly awaiting Halloween night!



PETE THE KITTY AND THE GENIE'S WISHES
Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages
Pub May 2027

In the tenth Pete the Kitty My First I Can Read, Pete helps a genie.



PETE THE CAT: MORE 12-BOOK PHONICS FUN!
Ages 4 - 8, 144 pages
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Young readers can develop their phonics skills in this phonics I Can Read box set.

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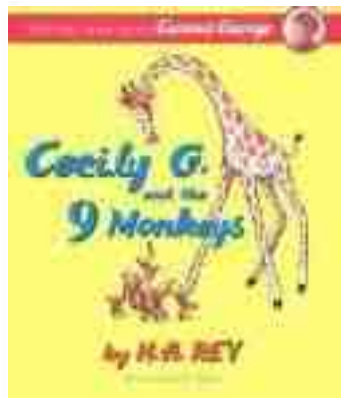
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CECILY G. AND THE NINE MONKEYS: THE FIRST BOOK FEATURING CURIOUS GEORGE
Ages 4 - 8, 48 pages, Pub May 2027

A lonely giraffe with no playmates meets nine monkeys with no home. Can there be a happy ending?

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IT'S FATHER'S DAY, CURIOUS GEORGE!
Ages 4 - 8, 16 pages, Pub May 2027

Join Curious George and the man in the yellow hat as they set out on a day of adventure to celebrate all the dads in their neighborhood!

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WHAT'S IN YOUR TRICK-OR-TREAT BAG?
Ages 4 - 8, 12 pages, Pub July 2027

With its festive shape, this sweet Halloween adventure makes a delightful addition to any child's trick-or-treat bag.

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

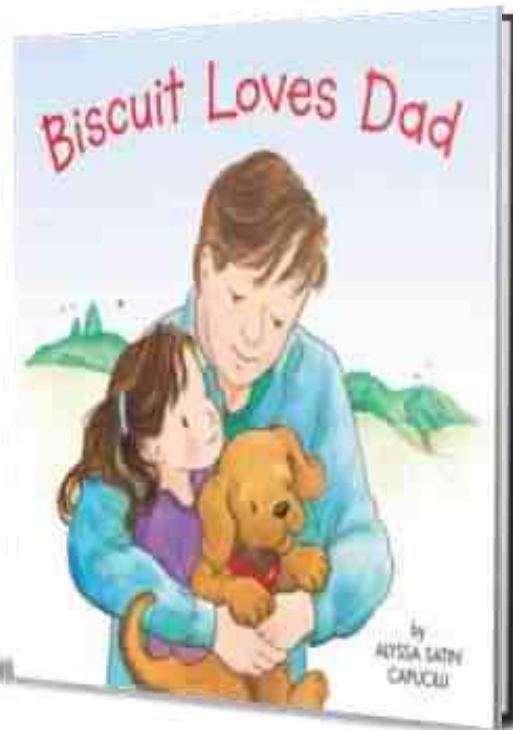
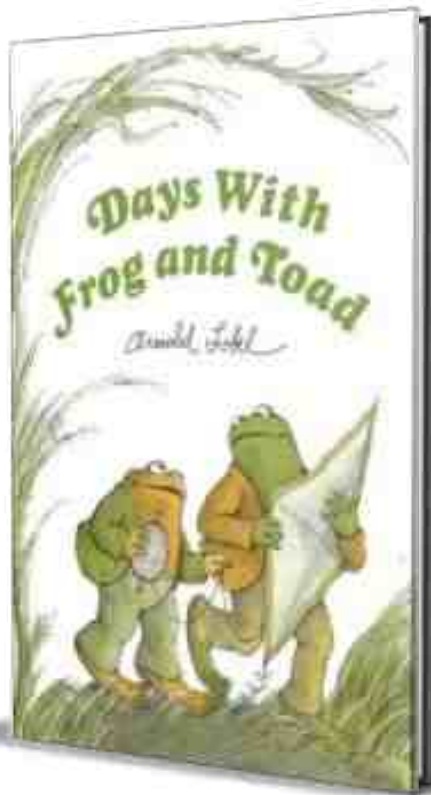
ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

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



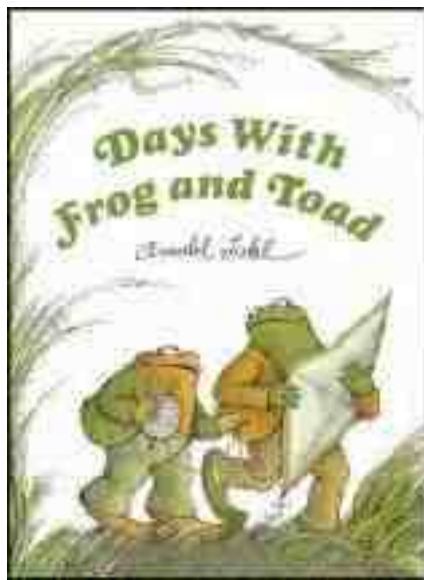


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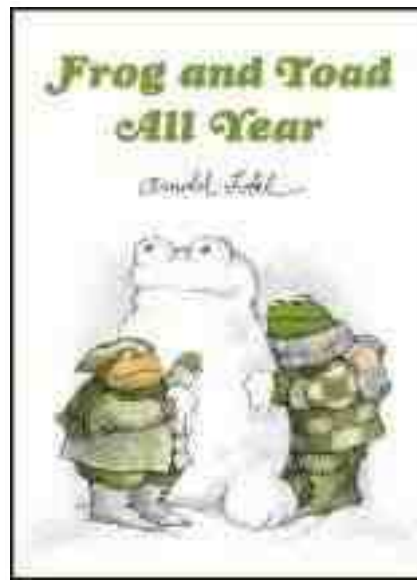


OVER 55 YEARS OF FROG & TOAD!



DAYS WITH FROG AND TOAD
PICTURE BOOK EDITION
 by Arnold Lobel
 Ages 4 - 8, 64 pages,
 Pub May 2027

Days with Frog and Toad was first published in 1979 and was the last of the four beloved Frog and Toad I Can Read stories. This special picture book edition features a beautiful jacket and the five original stories: ("Tomorrow," "The Kite," "Shivers," "The Hat," and "Alone") rendered in Lobel's distinct three-color artwork.



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

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

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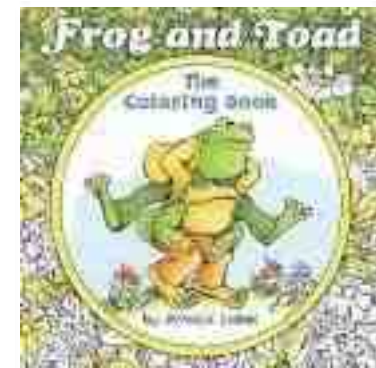
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AN ENDURING CLASSIC: Arnold Lobel's Frog and Toad series has **sold 20 million copies** across formats and sales continue to be strong year after year. The books have earned a Caldecott Honor, Newbery Honor, and more as well as been adapted into a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

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

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

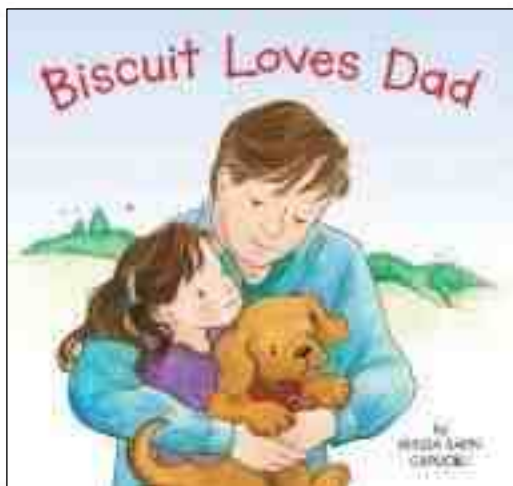


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BISCUIT LOVES DAD
by Alyssa Satin Capucilli,
illus. by Pat Schories
Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages,
Pub September 2026

Biscuit shows Dad how much he loves him in this sweet story full of exploring, playing, and sharing that's a must-have for Father's Day. From Alyssa Satin Capucilli's and Pat Schories' bestselling series!

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BACK TO SCHOOL WITH BISCUIT
ACTIVITY BOOK
by Alyssa Satin Capucilli, illus. by Pat Schories
Ages 4 - 8, 64 pages,
Pub June 2027

A full color activity book perfect for back to school featuring everyone's favorite golden puppy, Biscuit!

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American Booksellers Association Pick of the Lists; Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Gold Award; Garden State Book Award.

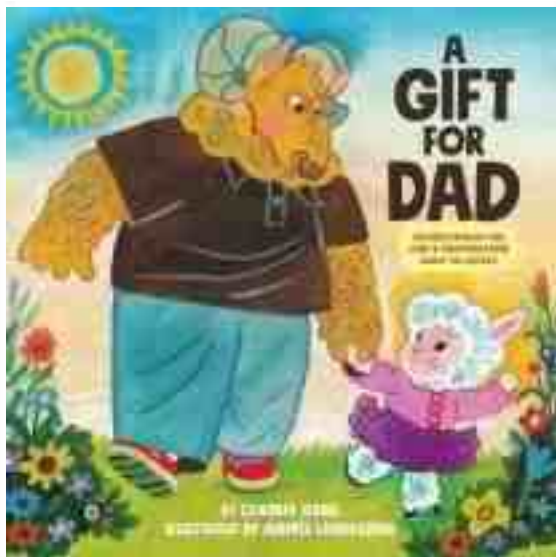
ALYSSA AND PAT ARE SHINING STARS

Frequent special guests at reading and literacy conferences as well as schools. Alyssa and Pat are tireless promoters of Biscuit's message.

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS:

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

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



Interior spread to come

A GIFT FOR DAD

by Claudia Gabel, illus. by Andrés Landazábal

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub May 2027

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In this highly giftable picture book that includes a personalizable card, envelope, and reversible jacket that doubles as wrapping paper, a young lamb searches for the perfect gift for her dad.

BACKED UP BY SEO RESEARCH: Our research shows that the single most popular search phrase at Father's Day was "A gift for Dad"! Using that inspiration, we developed a title to boost discoverability and meet buyers right where they are.

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS:

Claudia Gabel works as an editor in New York, but she's also the author of several books for tweens and teens, including the In or Out series and the mash-up *Romeo & Juliet & Vampires*.

Andrés Landazábal is an illustrator and art director based in Colombia. His work has appeared in film, television, and print. Visit him at andreslandazabal.squarespace.com.



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With new titles for each exciting book in this novelty board book series we are bringing this exciting format into view for a fresh start and a brand new title.

FIND THE TEACHER'S APPLE!

by Clarion Books, illus. by Kathryn Selbert

Ages Newborn - 4, 18 pages, Pub June 2027

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Get to the core of the mystery! The mystery of teacher's missing apple unfolds during the school day in this interactive board book featuring sturdy pages with apple-shaped kaleidoscoping die-cuts to peek through.



FIND THE PUMPKIN!

by Clarion Books, illus. by Anne Passchier

Ages Newborn - 3, 18 pages, Pub July 2027

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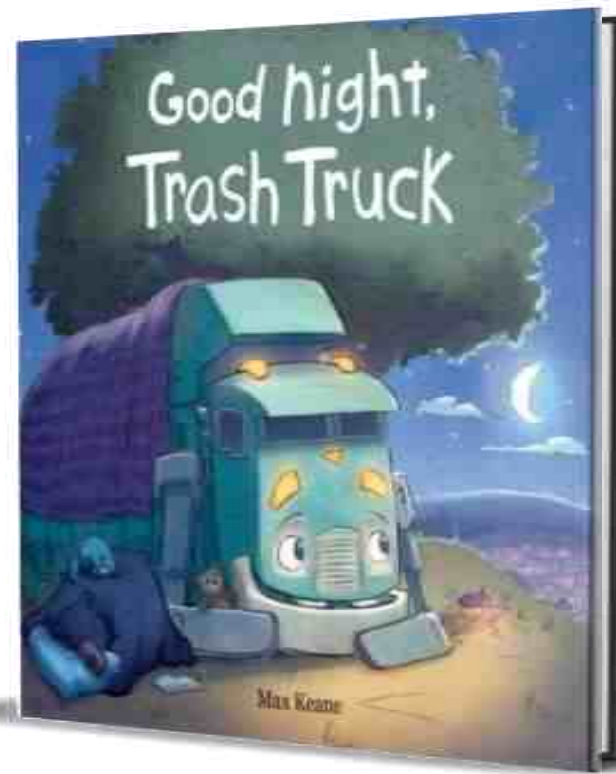
The mystery of the missing pumpkin unfolds in this colorful Halloween board book featuring sturdy pages with pumpkin-shaped kaleidoscoping die-cuts to peek through.

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS: Kathryn Selbert's work is inspired by the people she meets in her everyday life, our colorful world, flora and fauna, and having fun. To learn more, visit her at kathrynselbertillustration.com.

Andy Passchier's whimsical and colorful design approach mixes playful hand-drawn graphic shapes and patterns with subtle texture. To learn more, visit andypasschier.gay.



LICENSED BRANDS





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



YO GABBA GABBALAND!: PARTY IN MY TUMMY!
by Yo Gabba Gabbaland
Ages Newborn - 4, 14 pages,
Pub July 2027

Wiggle, giggle, and shout “YUM!” with this lift-the-flap adventure inspired by the fan-favorite song from Yo Gabba Gabba!



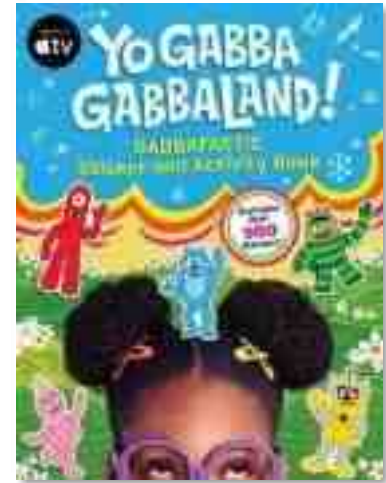
YO GABBA GABBALAND!: DOODLE BOOK
by Yo Gabba Gabbaland
Ages 4 - 8, 96 pages,
Pub April 2027

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



YO GABBA GABBALAND!: WHAT WE LEARNED TODAY
by Yo Gabba Gabbaland
Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages,
Pub May 2026

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



GABBATASTIC STICKER AND ACTIVITY BOOK
by Yo Gabba Gabbaland
Ages 4 - 8, 64 pages,
Pub July 2026

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



Trash Truck

by Max Keane

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub September 2020 (book one)



**ANIMATED SHOW IS AVAILABLE
ON NETFLIX AND YOUTUBE!**

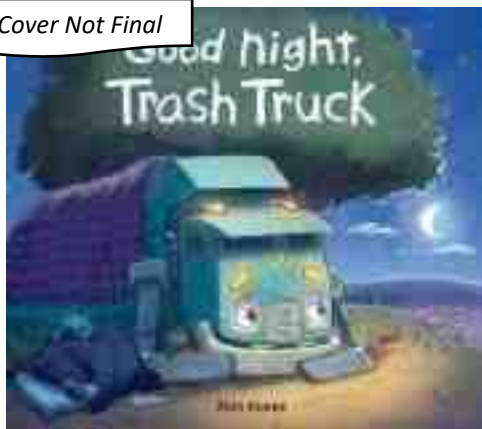
You can catch your favorite Trash Truck characters on the hit animated show currently on Netflix and in upcoming musical shorts on YouTube.

Building on the success of the entire Trash Truck series which has sold over 200k units to date, these books are part of a bestselling series that has already captured the hearts of readers. For those familiar with Trash Truck's earlier adventures, this second installment in the Trash Truck I Can Read series promises more joy, more friendship, and more fun. For newcomers, it's the perfect entry point into a world of delightful stories and unforgettable characters.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Max Keane is the writer and director who created the Netflix original series Trash Truck, a show inspired by his son's love of the garbage truck.

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PERFECT FOR BEDTIME

READING: *Goodnight, Trash Truck* is a cozy, calming story that helps children wind down at the end of a busy day—making it the ideal read-aloud for bedtime routines.

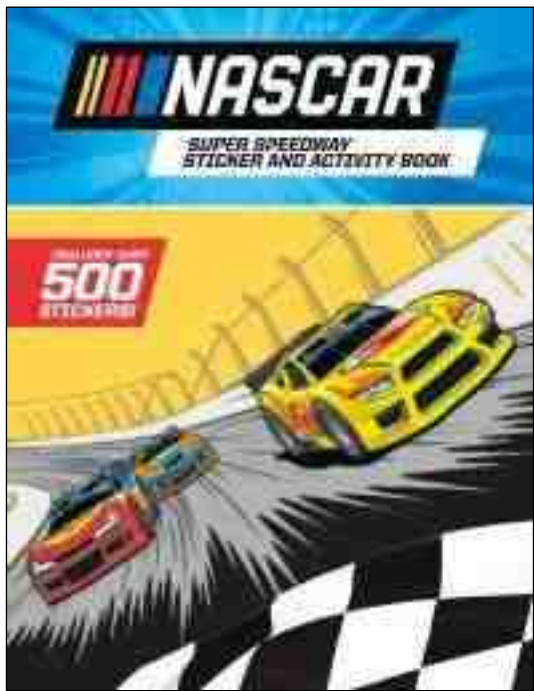
GOODNIGHT, TRASH TRUCK!

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub January 2027

Trash Truck is back in the third installment in the bestselling picture book series, and it's bedtime for Trash Truck and his friends!

Previous titles in series





NASCAR SUPER SPEEDWAY STICKER AND ACTIVITY BOOK by NASCAR

Ages 4 - 8, 64 pages, Pub May 2027

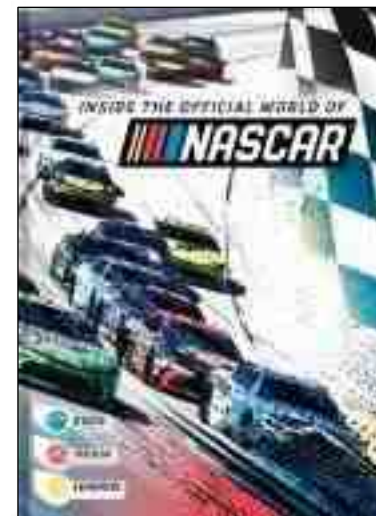
Start your engines NASCAR needs YOU on the track! With 500 stickers, high-speed puzzles, and nonstop racing action, this ultimate sticker and activity book puts you right in the driver's seat.

Get ready for a turbo-charged adventure packed with games, challenges, and creative fun that'll keep you racing from start to finish. Design your dream cars, zoom through twisty tracks, and tackle pit stop puzzles as you race your way through every page!

Check it out, you'll find:

- Sticker Scenes
- Mazes
- Matching Games
- Word Scrambles
- Coloring Pages

Whether you're customizing cars with stickers, solving puzzles at top speed, or gearing up for the big race, every page is loaded with full-throttle fun. So grab your stickers, buckle up, and get ready to race because when it's NASCAR time, it's go, go, GO!



Book 1, July 2024

MASSIVE, HIGHLY ENGAGED FAN BASE

NASCAR reaches millions of fans each season through live events, television, and digital platforms, driving consistent awareness and strong demand for licensed products year-round.

BUILT FOR STORYTELLING, GIFTING, AND COLLECTABILITY:

From iconic drivers and teams to legendary tracks and race-day moments, NASCAR offers rich visual assets and evergreen stories that support impulse purchases, gifting moments, and repeat sales.

LEGENDARY AMERICAN BRAND WITH MULTI-GENERATIONAL APPEAL!

With more than 75 years of history, NASCAR is a trusted, instantly recognizable brand that resonates with longtime fans while continuing to attract new audiences across age groups.

PERFECTLY TIMED

This guidebook publishes in February just in time to kick off the 2027 NASCAR season!





ESPN PRESENTS

ESPN PARTNERSHIP: These biographies will be supported by the world's #1 most recognizable sports network, with more than 2 million viewers on average watching ESPN at all times.



ESPN PRESENTS: THE HEROES OF THE GAME: BILLIE JEAN KING by Jessica MacLeish

Ages 8 - 12, 136 pages, Pub August 2027

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In this paperback original with an 8-page photo insert, learn about the life and career of iconic tennis champion Billie Jean King, from the top sports journalism network in the world, ESPN.

ESPN PRESENTS: THE HEROES OF THE GAME: JACKIE ROBINSON by Stacia Deutsch

Ages 8 - 12, 136 pages, Pub August 2027

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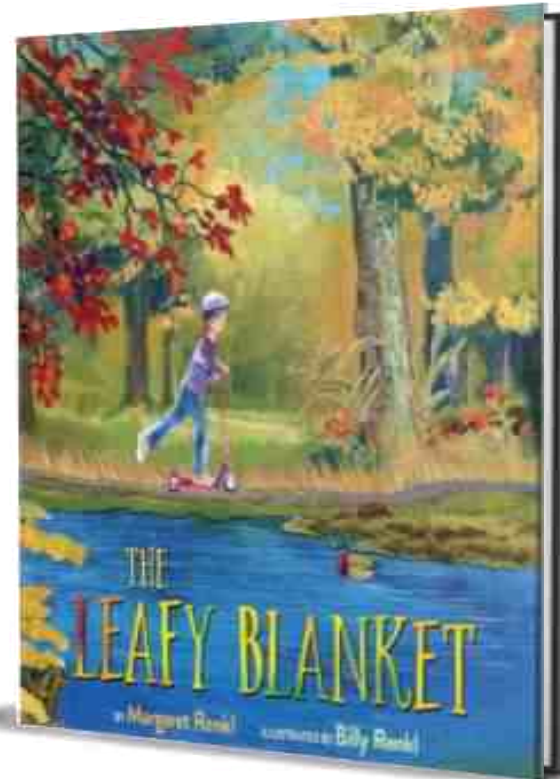
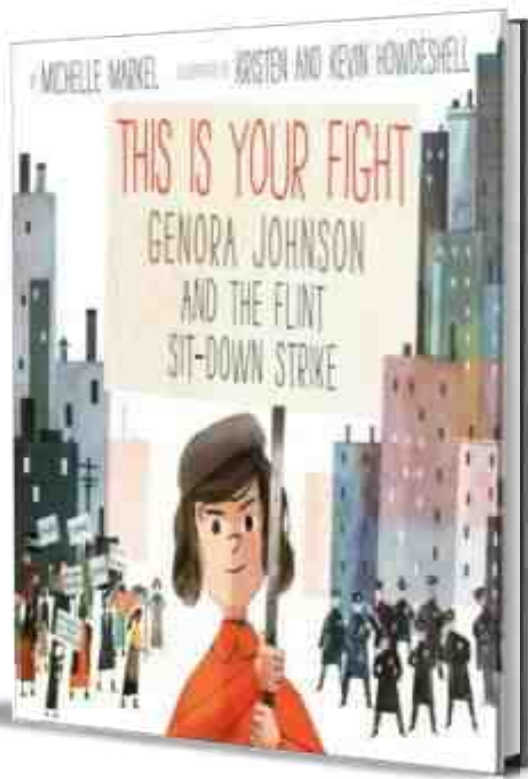
In this paperback original with an 8-page photo insert, learn about the life and career of the iconic first Black MLB player, Jackie Robinson, from the top sports journalism network in the world, ESPN.

BRIDGE-LEVEL BIOGRAPHY: At 128 pages, this biography is perfect for middle grade readers who want to learn all about their favorite stars, in a book custom-tailored for their reading level.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Jessica MacLeish is a pop culture writer and book editor and the author of *Celebrate Today: 365 Ways to Make Every Day a Holiday* and *POPSUGAR's You've Got This!: A Creative Guide to Powering Your Happy*.



NON-FICTION





THIS IS YOUR FIGHT!

by Michelle Markel, illus. by Kevin and Kristin Howdeshell

Ages 4 - 8, 32 pages, Pub May 2027

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A lively and inspiring nonfiction picture book about Genora Johnson Dollinger and the Flint, Michigan, autoworkers' sit-down strike of 1936-37—from Michelle Markel, award-winning author of Brave Girl.

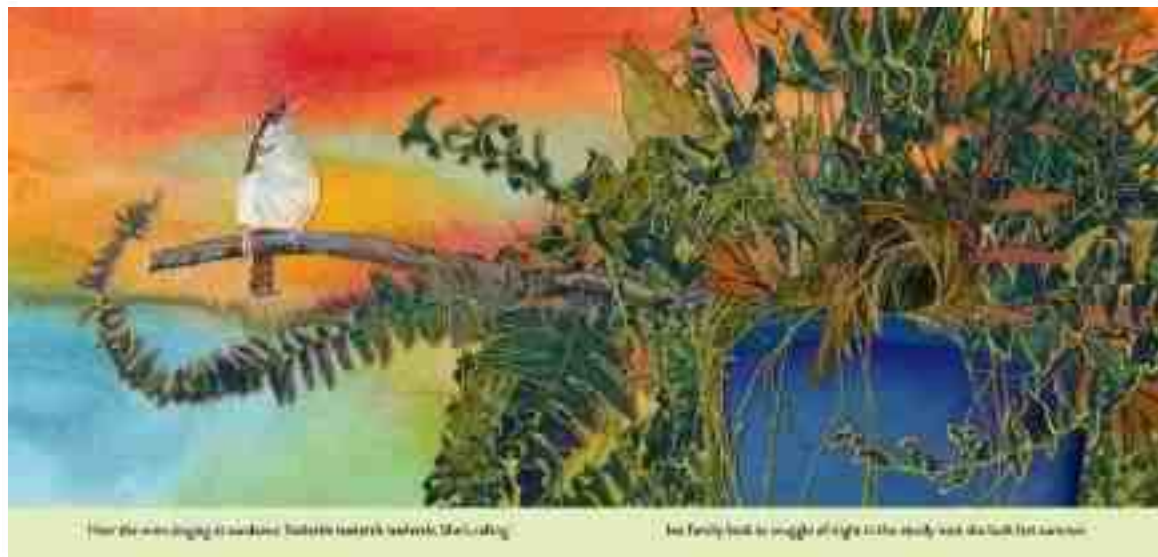
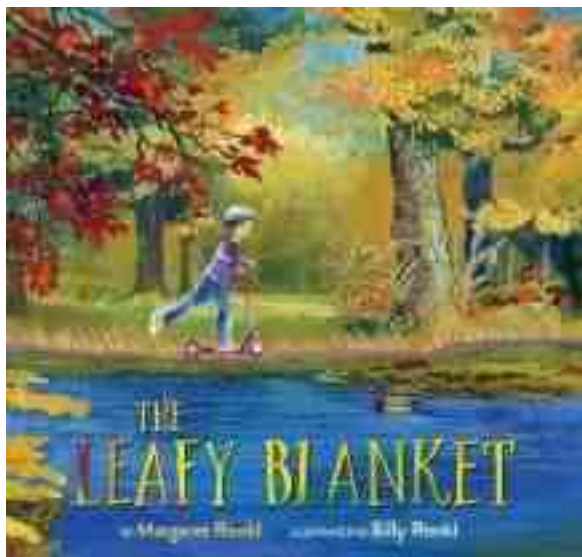
RETURN TO A SUCCESSFUL SUBJECT: Michelle Markel's first picture book biography with Harper, *Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909*, was—and remains—a sleeper success on our list, garnering multiple starred reviews and awards, and netting over 350,000 copies sold to date.

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS:

Michelle Markel is the author of *Brave Girl*, which won the Bank Street Flora Stieglitz Straus Award and the Jane Addams Children's Book Award for Younger Children, and was also chosen as an NCTE Orbis Pictus Honor Book. Some of her recent titles include *Hillary Rodham Clinton: Some Girls Are Born to Lead* and *Balderdash!: John Newbery and the Boisterous Birth of Children's Books*.

Kristen and Kevin Howdeshell are illustrators and cofounders of the Brave Union, a freelance illustration team. Their artwork is published in many children's books including *Seeds and Trees* and *I Am the Storm*.





THE LEAFY BLANKET

by Margaret Renkl, illus. by Billy Renkl

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub August 2027

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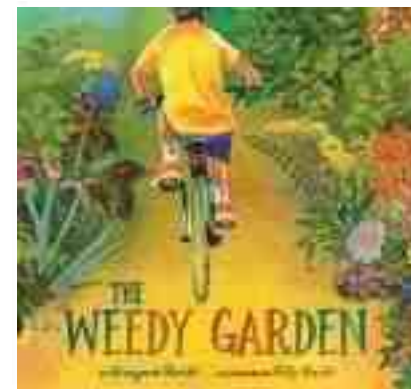
This companion to the acclaimed picture book, The Weedy Garden by NYT bestselling author Margaret Renkl and her brother, fine artist Billy Renkl, celebrates nature, observation, wonder, and the vibrant hidden life beneath piles of autumnal leaves. Features backmatter.

THEMES OF OBSERVATION AND PATIENCE: The Leafy Blanket encourages readers to slow down and pay attention, especially in corners of the natural world that often go overlooked.

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS:

Margaret Renkl is the author of *The Comfort of Crows: A Backyard Year*, which won a 2024 Southern Book Prize and was a NYT bestseller as well as Reese's Book Club's 100th pick. She has written several other award-winning titles.

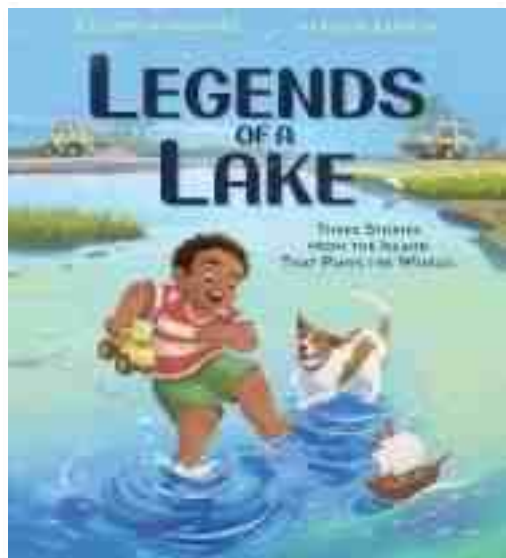
Billy Renkl is the illustrator of the picture book *When You Breathe* and *The Weedy Garden*. He also contributed extensive artwork to two novels by Margaret Renkl: *Late Migrations* and *The Comfort of Crows*.



February 2026



GREENWILLOW BOOKS



LEGENDS OF A LAKE

by Celeste Mohammed, illus. by Mariyah Rahman

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub May 2027

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Everything has an origin story. Pitch Lake, a natural tar pit in Trinidad hailed as the eighth wonder of the world, has at least three—Mom’s, Dad’s and Granny Patsy’s! Author Celeste Mohammed and artist Mariyah Rahman, both Trinidadian creators, present a playful picture book about the origin story of tar, which we use to build our roads, highways, and runways.

THREE DIFFERENT STORIES IN ONE BOOK: Granny Patsy, Mom, and Dad’s tales all add to Pitch Lake lore—Granny’s is about an indigenous Caribbean tribe, Mom’s is about swashbuckling pirates and explorers, and Dad’s stars a T-Rex and a Mastodon.

STEM APPEAL: Pitch Lake contains around 10 million tons of natural asphalt, or “pitch,” which is exported around the world.

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS:

Celeste Mohammed is the acclaimed author of *Spree* and *Pleasantview*, winner of the 2022 Caribbean Readers Award.

Mariyah Rahman is an illustrator who has been recognized by Women in Animation and Society of Illustrators for her work.



GREENWILLOW BOOKS



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BTS: K-POP IDOLS, A BIOGRAPHY

by Z. Ali, illus. by Sarha Jung

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub May 2027

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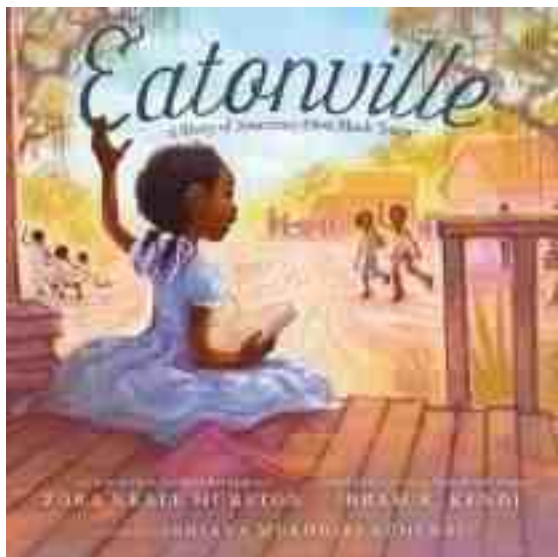
A chart-topping picture book biography about how K-pop group BTS went from seven boys with a dream to one global sensation.

POPULAR AND INFLUENTIAL: BTS has revolutionized K-pop by making it a global phenomenon, breaking language barriers, dominating global charts, and paving the way for other K-pop groups. Their popularity is going strong as they tour the world with their new, record-breaking album.

GLOBAL SUPERSTARS AND POSITIVE INFLUENCES: BTS is not only a trailblazing band but also use their platform in positive ways, like speaking at the United Nations to empower youth and promote self-love with initiatives like their "Love Myself" campaign with UNICEF.

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS: Z. Ali is a California-based writer and editor. She has seen BTS live eight times, livestreamed their Citi Field concert from 30,000 feet on a transcontinental flight—NY to Cali—and remains committed to having no bias.

Sarah Jung is an Illustrator and Writer based in Baltimore Maryland. She has a BFA in Illustration, Book arts, and Creative Writing from Maryland Institute College of Art.



EATONVILLE: A STORY OF AMERICA'S FIRST BLACK TOWN

by Zora Neale Hurston, illus. by Briana Mukodiri Uchendu

Ages 4 - 8, 40 pages, Pub July 2027

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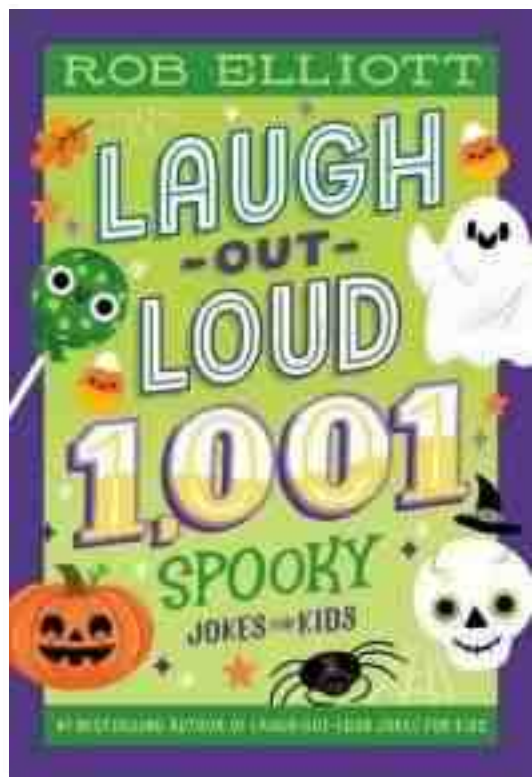
*A stunning picture book adaptation of Zora Neale Hurston's autobiography, **Dust Tracks on a Road**, by the #1 NYT bestselling and National Book Award winning author, Ibram X. Kendi. With remarkable illustrations by Coretta Scott King–John Steptoe Award-winner, Briana Mukodiri Uchendu, this is the story of how Hurston's home, Eatonville, became one of America's first Black towns.*

PART OF A MAJOR LITERARY EVENT: Pairing one of the most recognized Black voices in American literature with one of today's leading voices in antiracist literature will undoubtedly make a mark in the world of Black and American children's literature.

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS: Zora Neale Hurston wrote four novels; three books of folklore; a work of anthropological research; an autobiography; an international bestselling ethnographic work; and over fifty short stories, essays, and plays.

Ibram X. Kendi is a National Book Award–winning and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author. In 2020, Time magazine named Kendi one of the 100 most influential people in the world. He was also awarded a 2021 MacArthur Fellowship.

Briana Mukodiri Uchendu is a Coretta Scott King–John Steptoe Award-winning illustrator, a visual development artist.



PDF to Come

The New York Times
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Rob Elliott is the bestselling author of *Laugh-Out-Loud Jokes for Kids*, *More Laugh-Out-Loud Jokes for Kids*, *Laugh-Out-Loud Spooky Jokes for Kids*, and others. His popular joke books have sold more than 6 million copies. Rob has been a publishing professional for more than twenty years. Visit him at laughoutloudjokesforkids.com.

LAUGH-OUT-LOUD: 1,001 SPOOKY JOKES FOR KIDS

by Rob Elliott

Ages 6 - 10, 208 pages, Pub July 2027

From the #1 bestselling Laugh-Out-Loud series by Rob Elliott comes the ultimate Halloween-ready collection, packed with 1,001 frightfully funny jokes that are more silly than scary. This series has sold over 7 million copies!

Perfect for kids ages 5 to 10, this mega-joke book is filled with clean, clever humor for every spooky situation—from trick-or-treating and haunted houses to pumpkins, ghosts, and everything in between. Whether you're cracking up your friends, sharing laughs at a Halloween party, or adding some giggles to a cozy night in, this all-new collection delivers ghoulishly good fun. Q: Why didn't the skeleton go to the party? A: Because he had no-body to go with! Packed with knock-knock jokes, puns, and silly zingers, this boo-tiful book is the ultimate boredom buster and a must-have for every young comedian, class clown, and Halloween lover.

7 MILLION LOL JOKE BOOKS SOLD:

From Rob Elliott, the author of the #1 bestselling *Laugh-Out-Loud Jokes for Kids* series, with over 7 millions of books sold!

THE MEGA COLLECTION: This book includes 1,001 halloween jokes—including puns, knock-knocks, and more—designed to keep kids laughing all spooky season long.

CLEAN, CLASSROOM-FRIENDLY HUMOR: Features clean, age-appropriate humor that parents and teachers can trust—perfect for readers ages 5 to 10.



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