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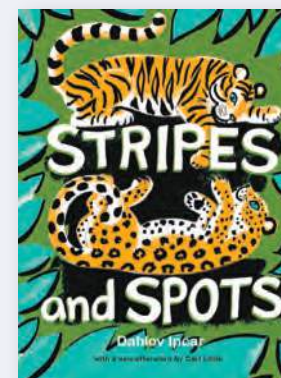
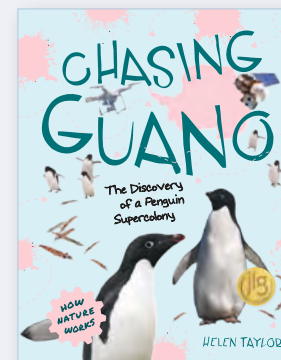
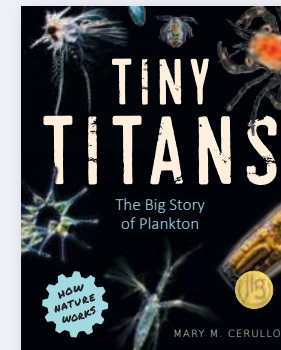
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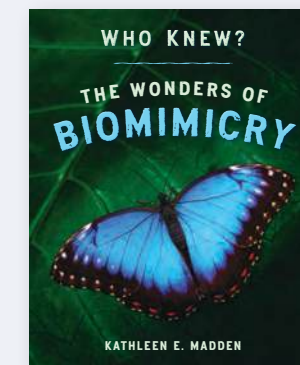
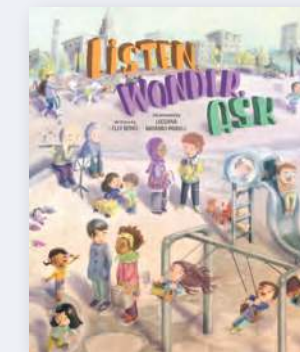
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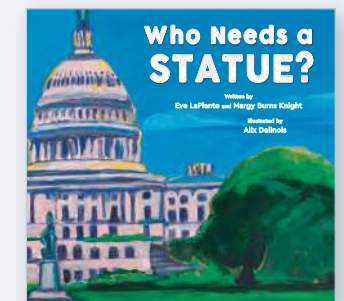


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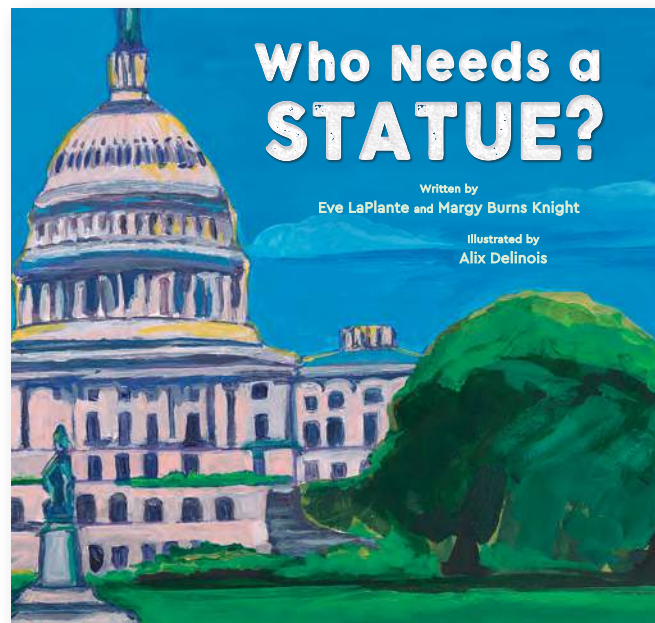
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The artwork on the front cover of this catalog is from *Courage, Every Day*, illustrated by Kirsti Beautyman.



Discover the amazing women and people of color celebrated in statues around our country!

Did you know the U.S. Capitol building has a collection of one hundred statues? Each state selects two prominent historical figures to represent it as statues in Washington, D.C. Who is chosen to tell the stories of our nation? How and why are they chosen? This book introduces some of the women and people of color with statues at the Capitol and around the country, and considers the timely question: Who needs a statue?

Who Needs a Statue?

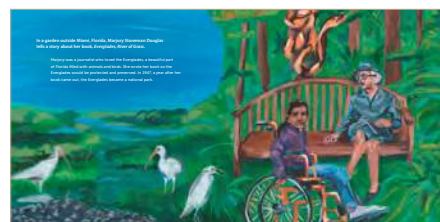
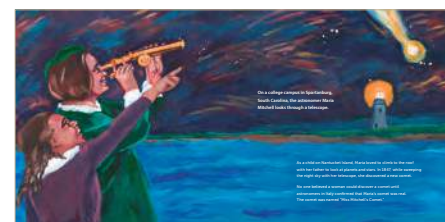
Eve LaPlante & Margy Burns Knight

Illustrated by Alix Delinois

Eve LaPlante is the author of *Marmee & Louisa*, *American Jezebel*, *Seized*, and *Salem Witch Judge*, winner of the Massachusetts Book Award. She has degrees from Princeton and Harvard. *Who Needs a Statue?* is her first book for children.

Margy Burns Knight is a children's book author and educator. She received the National Education Association's Author Illustrator Human and Civil Rights Award and is a Peace Corps Veteran. She lives in Maine, where she serves on the board of her local library and coordinates *Let's Talk*, a conversational English class for resettled refugees.

Alix Delinois is a fine artist and art teacher living in Harlem, New York. He was born in Saint Marc, Haiti, and moved to Harlem as a child. His formal training began at fourteen when he was selected to the City College Arts Institute for inner city students. He went on to the High School of Art and Design, the Fashion Institute of Technology, and Pratt Institute. In addition to his art training, Delinois holds a Master's in Art Education from Brooklyn College. Alix's work displays dynamic color palette and bold compositions to express human emotions and experience. He has illustrated multiple children's books, including two by award-winning authors Walter Dean Myers and Edwidge Danticat.



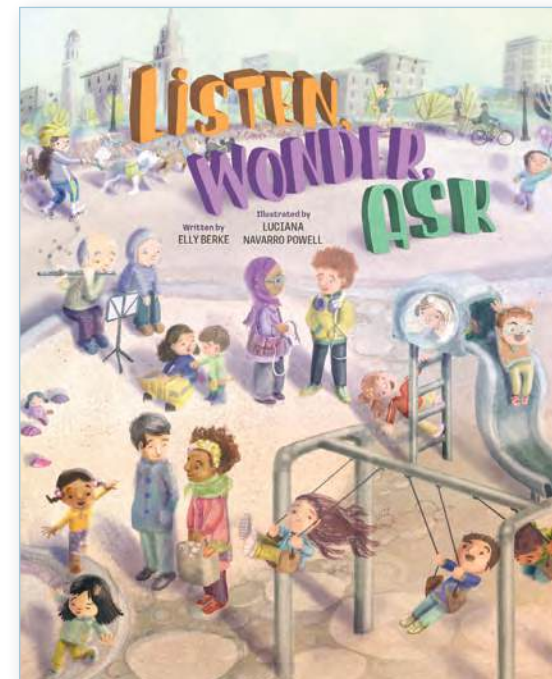
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A timely and charming reminder of the joys found in engaging with community.

When Nadine asks a new friend if she has a coming-here story too, she topples the first domino in a community-wide chain of neighbors and new friends listening to those around them, wondering about their perspectives, and finally asking thoughtful, curious questions. This lyrical, pay-it-forward story encourages readers to engage with those around them, seeing each similarity and difference as part of the colorful landscape of community.

Elly Berke has always loved children's literature and the power of asking good questions. Her earliest influence was Barbara Cooney whom she met in 1991 at a book signing in Damariscotta, Maine. The characters in this story are inspired by people she has met on her professional journey through public education: leading programs at New York City's Tenement Museum, teaching ESL in bilingual schools, and studying Arts in Education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Outside of writing and teaching, she is a professional actor involved in many projects around her local Somerville, MA and virtually through her home voice over studio.

Luciana Navarro Powell has created art since childhood and became a full-time illustrator in 2001. She moved from watercolor and acrylic paints to the digital brush-loving the freedom and the possibilities of experimentation with textures—and then to mixed media, incorporating photographs and scanned objects with traditional techniques in a digital melting pot. The colors, vibrancy, and warmth of her native Brazil infuse her work with a sunny optimism, humor, and warm human-animal-landscape interactions. As an immigrant, she makes sure that kids can see themselves in her art.



Listen, Wonder, Ask

Elly Berke

Illustrated by Luciana Navarro Powell



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A gentle reminder that courage can be BIG, small, and found in us every single day.

One girl's tummy flutters with butterflies. "Have courage," says Papa. But, she wonders, what exactly is courage? Papa lets her know that courage is the big, heroic feats--as well as the smaller everyday choices we make. With comforting, lyrical text, this story shows young readers that they too can be courageous every single day. Backmatter includes a note for parents on helping children develop their own sense of courage.

Courage, Every Day

Wai Mei Wong

Illustrated by Kirsti Beautyman



Wai Mei Wong's is a former Early Childhood Educator. Her previously authored works include: *Hello, Dark*, shortlisted for the 2022 IODE Jean Throop Book Award, and chosen as a 2022 CCBC Spring Best Book for Kids & Teens; and *I Love Myself*, featured in a 2024 CBC Kids Book Club TV segment, and chosen for the 2024 Telling Tales Festival and the Inclusive Tales project. Wai Mei Wong lives in Toronto, Ontario.

Kirsti Beautyman is an author and illustrator from the northeast of England, working from her studio nestled away on the outskirts of Newcastle. Kirsti predominantly uses a combination of digital, dry, and wet media to create her illustrations . . . and is prone to leaving a vibrant, jumbled mess in her wake.

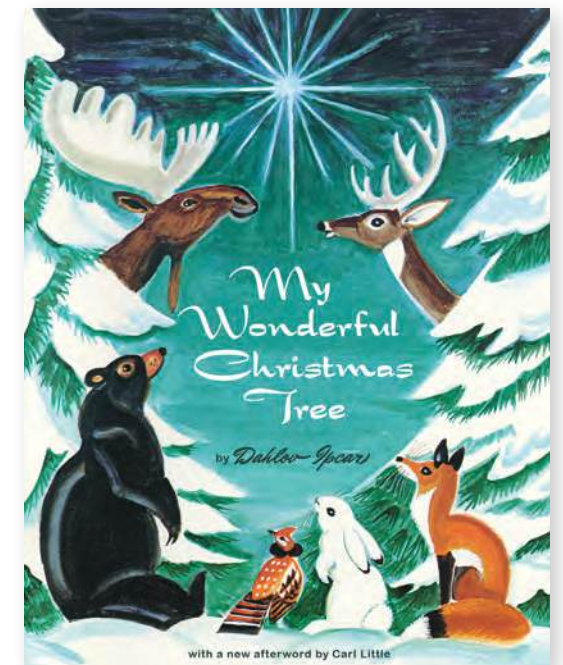


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A stunning Christmas classic from Dahlov Ipcar—back to charm today's readers.

With vivid imagination and vibrant colors, acclaimed artist Dahlov Ipcar presents a stunning holiday scene. From one shining star that graces the top of an evergreen, she envisions a parade of wild creatures that come to visit: young black bears and snowy owls, evening grosbeaks and happy chipmunks. *My Wonderful Christmas Tree* by the legendary Dahlov Ipcar is a holiday classic that captures the Christmas spirit as we find it in nature.

Born in 1917, artist Dahlov Ipcar was raised in New York City during the early American Modernist movement. Her parents, Marguerite and William Zorach, were prominent artists of the time, and Dahlov was brought up with a strong artistic sense. She illustrated her first picture book, *The Little Fisherman* by Margaret Wise Brown, in 1945 and went on to publish more than thirty celebrated children's and young adult books. Dahlov's unique style, featuring bold colors and graphic elements, has an enduring quality that continues to en-gage young readers. She believed that fine art in children's books was "the best way to bring the creative imagination of the artist to the largest number of children." Dahlov Ipcar died in 2017 at the age of 99 and had painted almost every day of her life.



My Wonderful Christmas Tree

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MAGNIFICENT HOMESPUN BROWN



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★ “This celebration makes
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joys of being in the world.”

—*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

★ “A magnificent
paean to a varied hue.”

—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

★ “Whether this delightful book is a mirror or a
window for a child, it is a must-read for its
celebration of love for oneself and one's family.”

—*School Library Journal* (starred review)

“Brown is never dreary or
drab in this poetic exploration
of its many expressions.”

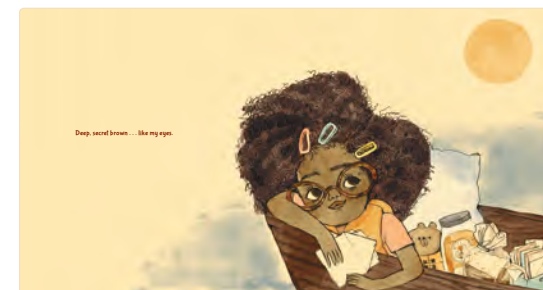
—*San Francisco Chronicle*

“There is pure joy in the illustrations
that matches the positivity of the text.”

—*Waking Brain Cells*

“A stunning and resonant story. A
gift to read. It is a celebration of all
shades of brown and the faces and
families whose deep, secret brown,
whose feathery brown, whose amber
brown, whose radiant brown, whose
magnificent, homespun brown is part
of what makes them so magnificent.”

—Matthew Winner, *The Children's Book Podcase*

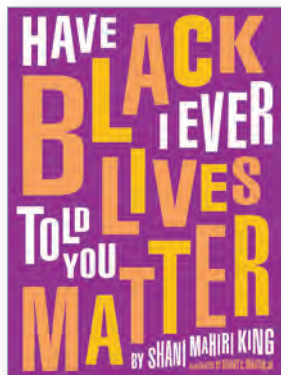


“Inspiring and heartwarming.”

—*Youth Services Book Review*

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Have I Ever Told You Black Lives Matter? Shani Mahiri King

Illustrated and designed by Bobby C. Martin Jr.

"Rhythmic and powerful." —Kirkus Reviews

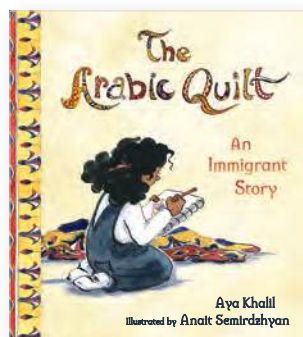
★ "Black history and culture come alive in this celebratory biography, whose fresh, pop-art style bursts with color and creatively sized and set sans-serif font, which is as much a part of the illustrations as the many portraits and sleek silhouettes. An empowering, fiery speech of a book." —Booklist

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The Arabic Quilt

Aya Kahlil

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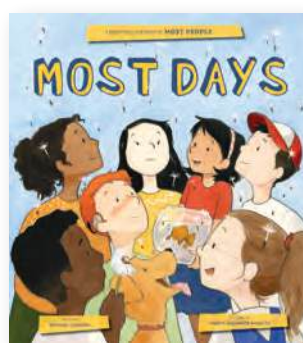
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Most Days

Michael Leannah

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Named to Kirkus Best 100 Picture Books of 2021
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This is a book about paying attention to what's around us. About celebrating a wonderful moment. About enjoying the extraordinary unfoldings of an ordinary day. Moving from morning to night, the narrator becomes by turns a boy or girl of ever-changing ethnicity and ability, inhabiting city, country, or suburb. They are all children everywhere, opening their eyes to the gift of time.

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A Kirkus Best Young
Adult Book of 2022

A YA Selection for PW's
Holiday Gift Guide 2022

This book for young readers, the future stewards of our world, is both a history and a how-to manual for seeing through propaganda, lies, and conspiracy theories. The modern age has provided ever-more-effective ways of spreading lies, but it has also given us the scientific method, which is the most effective tool there is for discerning what is true. In the book's final chapter, Kurlansky shows how to deconstruct a lie or conspiracy theory. Is there credible, testable evidence to support it? If not, suspect a lie. A scientific theory has to be testable, and so does an allegation. Who is the source? Who benefits? Is there a money trail?

"A nation awash in misinformation, cloudy thinking, and suspect news desperately needs to read *Big Lies*. And Kurlansky and Zelz have made sure that people will want to."

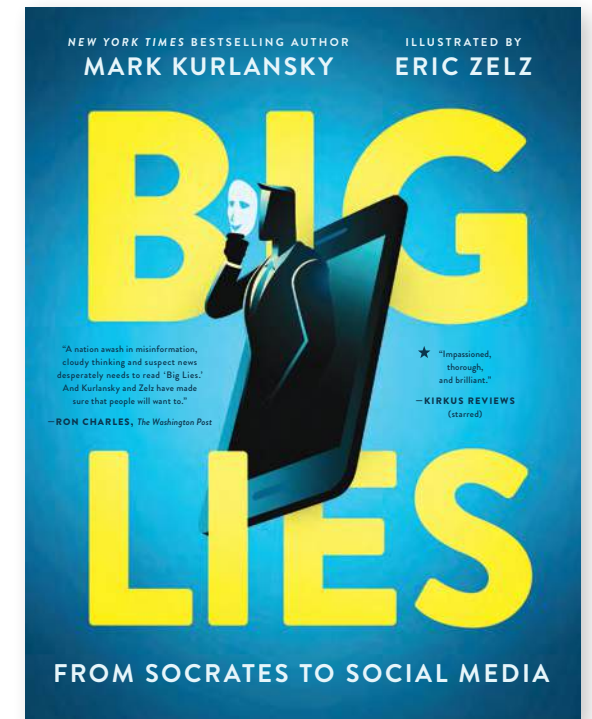
—Ron Charles, *The Washington Post*

★ "In this noteworthy guide to media literacy, Kurlansky breaks down the 'big lies' that permeate global history and explores how they affect the current US media landscape. *Big Lies* encourages readers to think critically, citing that a 'lack of caring what is true or false is the undoing of democracy.'"

—Publishers Weekly (starred)

★ "Impassioned, thorough, and brilliant; describes the struggle for truth that 'keeps the world from descending into chaos.'"

—Kirkus Reviews (starred)



Big Lies

From Socrates to Social Media
By NYT bestselling author
Mark Kurlansky

Illustrated by Eric Zelz

"A sweeping and essential book."

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—Jewish Book Council

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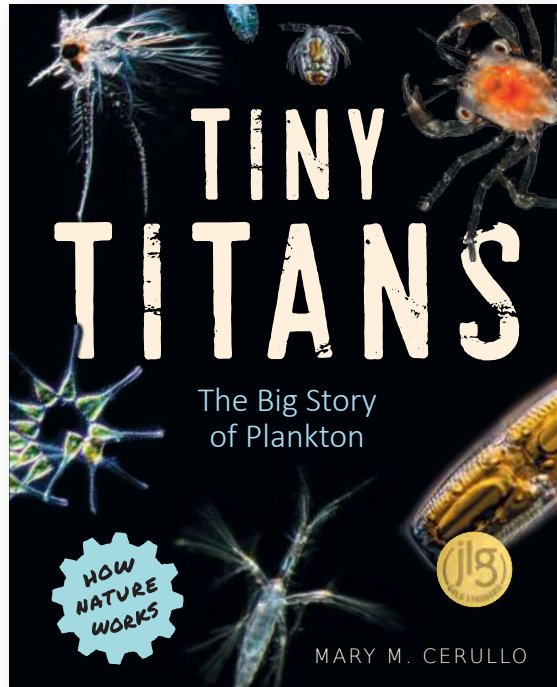
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Discover the enormous world of some of the planet's tiniest creatures—and the giant job they do in our ecosystem.

From zooplankton to phytoplankton, these small-scale superheroes are the foundation of the ocean's food chain, keep our climate in check, generate up to fifty percent of the oxygen produced on the planet each year—and much more. Stunning microscopic photos and primary source research provide a seldom seen look at these dynamic drifters. "Science interpreter," Mary Cerullo, dives into the wet world of plankton, and takes a deep look at the good and the bad,

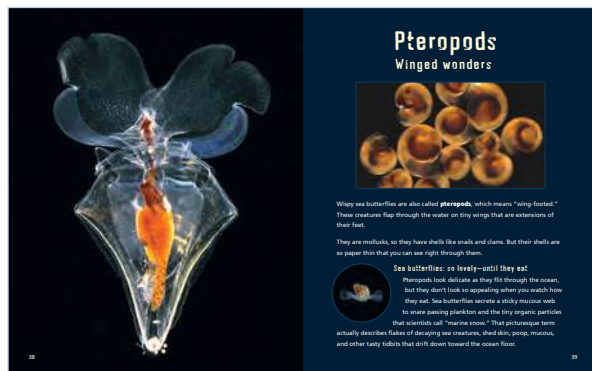
the tiny and even tinier. Readers will discover even the smallest actors can make a big difference. Glossary and informative sidebars included.

Mary Cerullo describes herself as a science interpreter. She works with scientists and ocean advocates to explain scientific research and environmental issues to the public, with the goal of motivating others to protect the ocean. At times she has literally immersed herself in her work, diving among sharks in the Bahamas, studying dolphin behavior at the Dolphin Research Center in Florida, and exploring the connection between volcanoes and the ocean on the island of Hawaii. Mary has written more than twenty award-winning books about the ocean for children. She has worked with kids, teachers, and other ocean lovers for more than forty years, from her first job at the New England Aquarium in Boston, to two decades with Friends of Casco Bay, an environmental advocacy organization in South Portland, Maine.

Tiny Titans
The Big Story of Plankton
Mary Cerullo



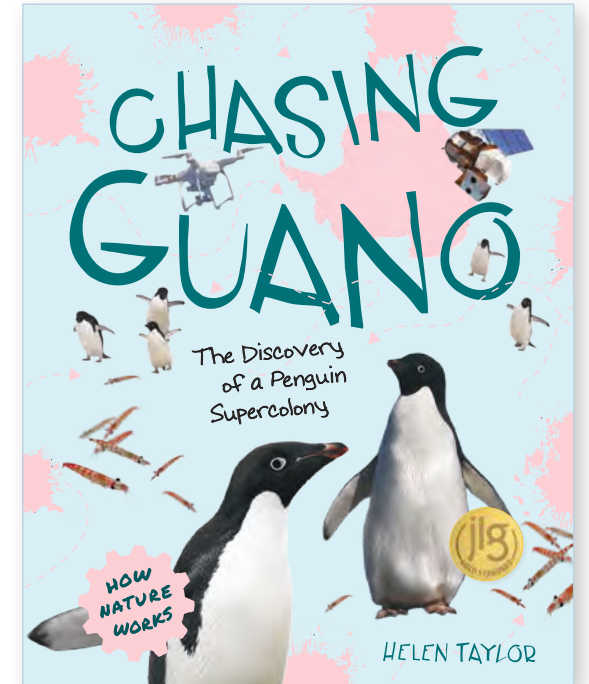
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A dangerous expedition to Antarctica's Danger Islands leads to the discovery of one of the world's largest penguin supercolonies!

When scientist Heather Lynch came across a satellite image of the remote Danger Islands of the Antarctic Peninsula showing an enormous pink swath of land, she knew exactly what she was looking at. Poop—or guano to be more specific. She also knew who it was from (penguins), how many there were (a lot!), and what they were eating (krill). With the deadline for proposing boundaries for protected lands in Antarctica fast approaching, Heather built a team for a dangerous expedition to the Danger Islands. Their mission was to count the members of the colony, determine how long they had been established there, and make a case for protecting this land too. Penguin populations are particularly important. As indicator species, they can alert scientists to larger environmental issues. Join Heather and her team on a fascinating exploration of these remote islands as they discover one of the world's largest penguin supercolonies. Includes team photos from the expedition!

Helen Taylor writes books that inspire kids to wonder about their world in new ways. Her favorite questions are the simple "how?" and "why?"—even though the answers are rarely simple. She hopes her books make science and engineering fun and accessible for kids. Besides writing, she enjoys traveling, baking, and searching for banana slugs in the redwoods near her home in Santa Cruz, California.



Chasing Guano
The Discovery of a Penguin Supercolony
Helen Taylor



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A deep dive INSIDE THE COMPOST BIN with Master Composter Melody Sumaoang Plan helps budding composters build their bin.

Through lyrical text filled with concrete processes and facts, readers will build and tend to a compost bin. From creation of the “compost cake” to curing and, finally, using the compost, budding composters will discover what it takes to have a successful bin—as well as the plethora of benefits a compost bin can have to the surrounding environment. Master composter, Melody Sumaoang Plan, shows readers the physical, biological, and chemical processes involved and rich illustrations take them deep inside the murky bin. Robust back matter includes in-depth information on starting your own bin, compost “recipes,” and troubleshooting tips.

Inside the Compost Bin

Melody Sumaoang Plan
Illustrated by Vinh Nguyễn
and Rong Pham



Melody Plan is an author and activist who cares deeply about the environment. She is a certified Master Composter through the Solana Center for Environmental Innovation in San Diego, CA, and practices and teaches three types of composting methods: traditional backyard composting, vermicomposting, and bokashi. She lives in Hawaii.

Rong Pham and Vinh Nguyễn are duo illustrators based in Saigon, Vietnam. Rong and Vinh have had 8-years experience in the publishing and advertising industry. Using mostly digital media, they focus on children’s picture books and book jacket art, working with many publishers both locally and internationally. Rong and Vinh love nature. After spending years researching and taking care of house plants, they have successfully created a small garden where their cats often take a nap peacefully. The more they understand green plants, the more they appreciate the lives and the biodiversity of trees and creatures on Earth.

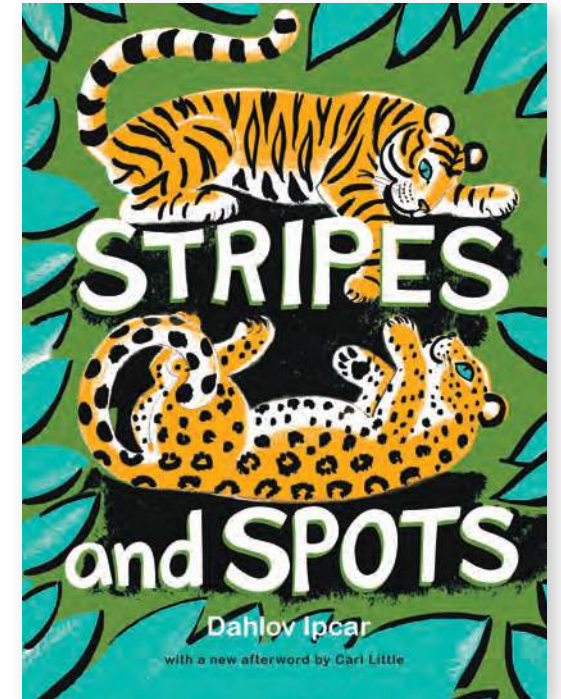
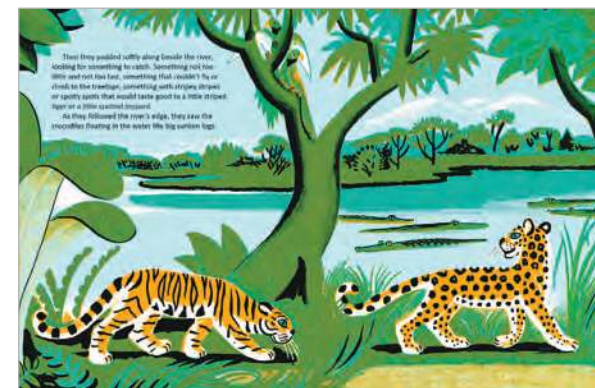


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This gorgeous rerelease of the retro classic from famed artist Dahlov Ipcar is a must-have for every bookshelf!

Bold artwork—with a charming retro feel. A young tiger sets out to explore and hunt, determined to catch things with stripes. A young leopard sets out to explore and hunt, determined to catch things with spots. And when the two cubs meet, their adventures more than double! In this delightful children’s book, originally published in 1961, Dahlov Ipcar uses the playful cats to depict the exuberance of youth. And when danger looms, perhaps they are not as old or as brave as they think they are. Dahlov Ipcar’s incomparable signature artwork has never looked bolder or brighter.

Dahlov Ipcar was born in Vermont, raised in Greenwich Village, and summered in Maine after her parents (the famed sculptor William Zorach and artist Marguerite Zorach) bought a farm there in 1923. Dahlov moved from New York City to the farm with her husband in 1937. Her children’s book career began in the early 1940s, when she illustrated *The Little Fisherman* by Margaret Wise Brown. This charming title helped launch a four-decade run that saw her write and illustrate more than thirty children’s books of her own. Today, her artwork is known worldwide. Dahlov Ipcar kept creating until her death in 2017, at age 99.



Stripes and Spots

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Dahlov Ipcar



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Quiet Night, My Astronaut

The First Days (and Nights) of the War in Ukraine

Written by Oksana Lushchevska

Illustrated by Kateryna Stepanishcheva

This gorgeous, expressive picture book shows the first haunting days and nights of the war in Ukraine from a child's perspective. The child is scared, but will not be afraid. She believes in a higher power watching over them, keeping them safe—her astronaut. As she narrates, readers get a tender glimpse into a life on the front lines, one filled with love and trauma, fear and hope. A much needed perspective from a Ukrainian author and illustrator.

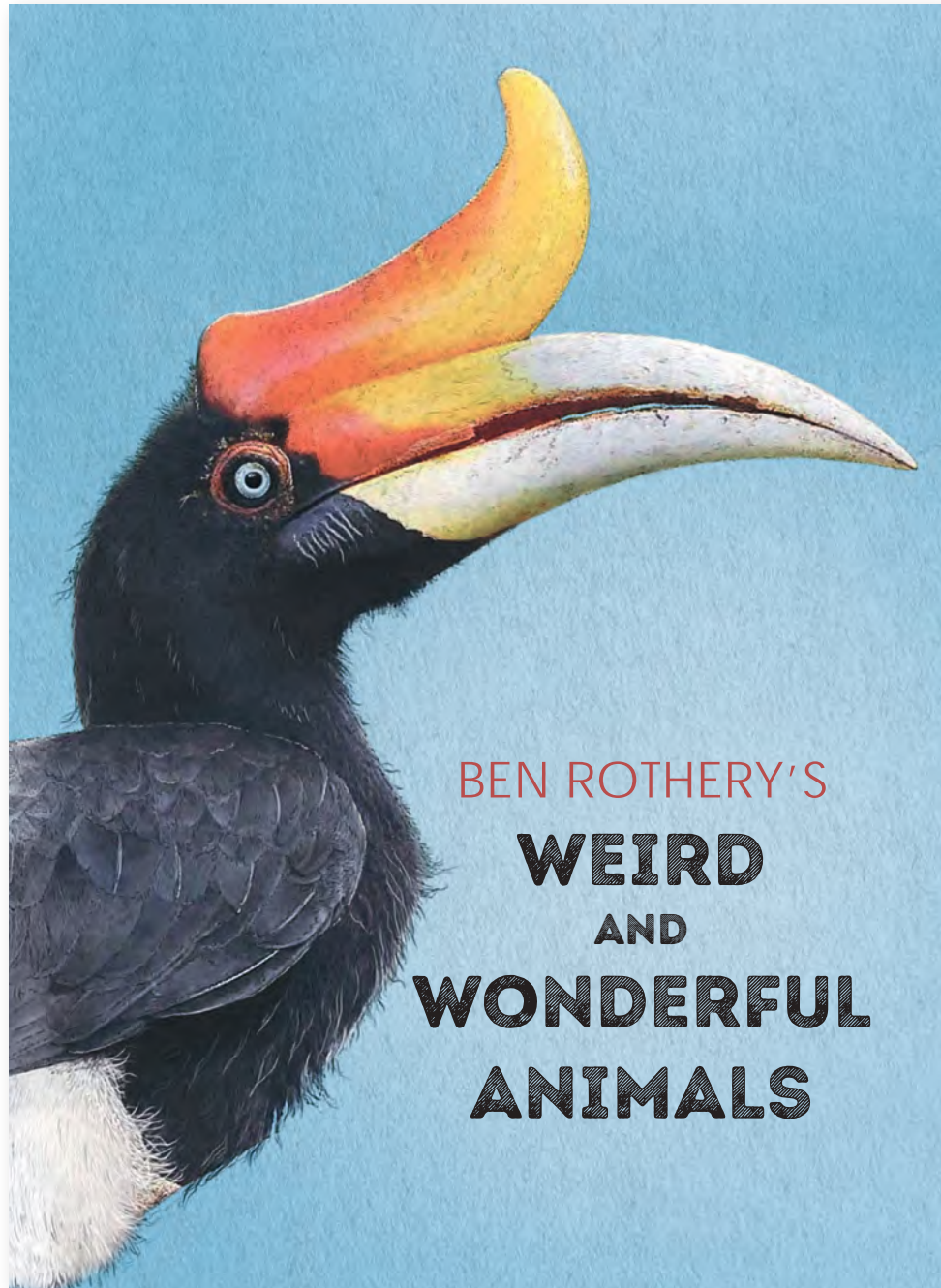
Oksana Lushchevska is a Ukrainian writer and translator. She is an active member of PEN UKRAINE and the author of fifty children's and young adult books. Her books have been awarded a number of children's literature awards, including acceptance to the White Raven Catalogue and shortlisted for the BBC Children's Book Award. Oksana has a PhD in Education and has taught children's literature at the University of Georgia and served as a children's literature consultant and a creative curator. Oksana lives in Pennsylvania.

Kateryna Stepanishcheva is a Ukrainian illustrator and textile designer. She has illustrated a number of children's books and dozens of pieces for various children's magazines for international markets. She adores Ukrainian calligraphy and linocut and lives in Kyiv, Ukraine.



The big news of the day: Sean Penn, the Hollywood movie star, is in Ukraine. Dad calls and jokes that the invaders won't be able to help themselves and will stop fighting just to get Sean Penn's autograph. And then we'll be able to capture them.

Mom and I laughed so hard that our mood lifted in time for lunch. We ate porridge. Then, we went out for a walk. We have a curfew that goes from dusk till dawn, so we welcome every walk we can take, even if it's dangerous. We brought a tiny branch inside. Its little buds will be leaves soon. Although it's February, it smells like spring.



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Ben Rothery's Weird and Wonderful Animals

Written and Illustrated by Ben Rothery

A stunning visual exploration of what it takes to be counted among the weirdest, most incredible animals on Earth. From the bone-crunching bearded vulture to the venomous platypus, many of the creatures featured here are undeniably weird. But readers of this field guide-like picture book will learn that what makes an axolotl or flying snake so strange, to humans at least, is often exactly what helps it to survive in its habitat. Award-winning illustrator Ben Rothery's fact-filled book of the planet's weirdest, most wonderful creatures explores the scene.

Ben Rothery is a detail-obsessed illustrator from Norwich, England, via Cape Town. He combines multiple processes to create intricate and delicate illustrations and repeating patterns, full of fine detail and vibrant color. Much of Ben's work is inspired or informed by his love of nature—he grew up wanting variously to be a shark, a dinosaur or David Attenborough crossed with Indiana Jones, but settled on illustration as a way to bring those fantasies to life on paper. Ben works from a small studio in London, which he shares with an unnecessarily large collection of very sharp pencils.



“Wonder is immediately evoked by the astounding photorealism of the illustrations (comparable to other Rothery books). Readers of all ages will eagerly pore over these images. Wonder is deepened by the concise descriptions of the selected animals’ special features, such as shape, color, or behavior: the fascinating facts that make them “weird. A stunning springboard, launching the curious toward further investigation.”

—Kirkus Reviews

For more Ben Rothery books, see pages 24-25.



An authentic perspective of autism and neurodiversity that reminds us of the importance of and joy in our children showing up exactly as themselves.

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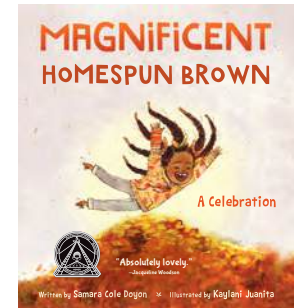
Next Level

A Hymn in Gratitude for Our Differences

Written by Samara Cole Doyon

Illustrated by Kaylani Juanita

From the award-winning team behind *Magnificent Homespun Brown*, Samara Cole Doyon and Kaylani Juanita, comes a song of gratitude for those who see the world in a different way. Told from the loving perspective of a mother of a child with autism, *Next Level* shows the full humanity of people who move through the world and communicate in their own unique, complete, and powerful way. Doyon's powerful love letter to her son invites us to "level up" and see our shared humanity in new and limitless dimensions.

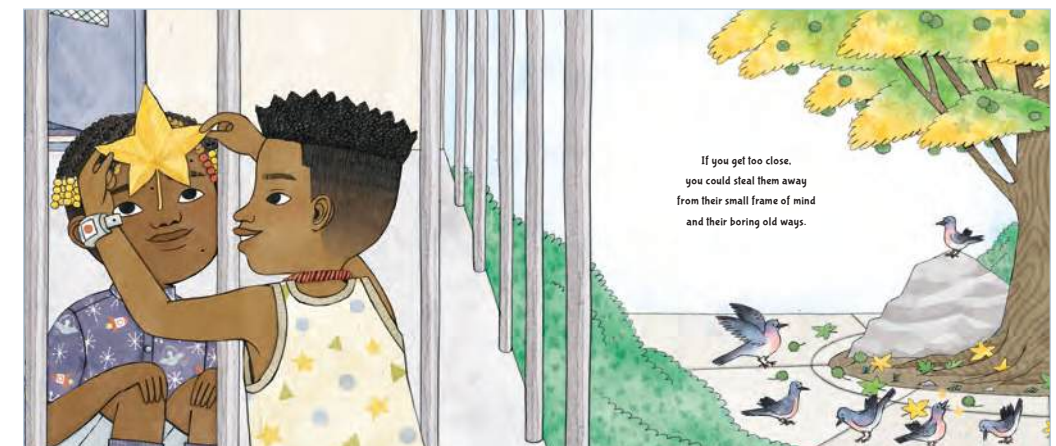


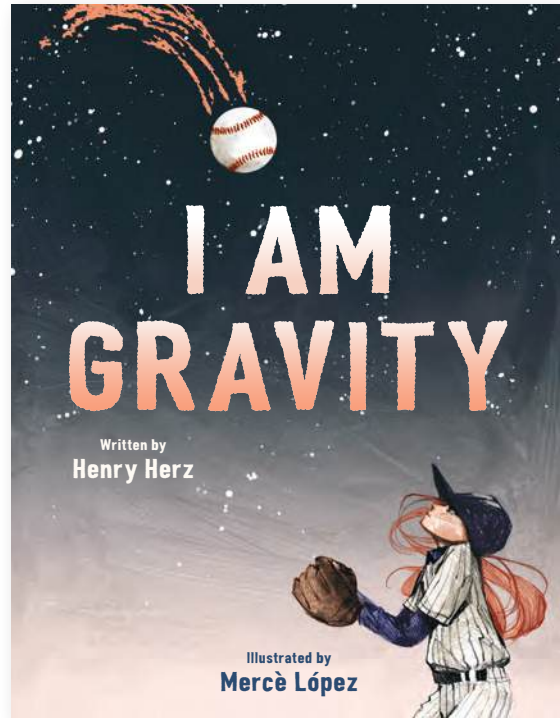
Samara Cole Doyon is a poet, educator, and award-winning children's book author living on unceded Wabanaki/Abenaki territory. She is a neurodivergent mother of neurodivergent children, continually learning more from her offspring than they could ever learn from her. She earned both a Lupine Award and an International Literacy Association Award for her debut picture book, *Magnificent Homespun Brown*, and her second children's book, *Magic Like That*, received a starred review from *Kirkus* and made the Bookstaganag Best Picture Books of 2021 list. Samara works at Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance and resides with her husband, two children, and rescue pup in central Maine.

Magnificent Homespun Brown
(see pages 14-15)



Kaylani Juanita's mission as an artist is to support the stories of the underrepresented and create new ways for people to imagine themselves. Her work has appeared at the Society of Illustrators and the BBC website, and she is the illustrator of the picture books *Together We Ride* and the critically acclaimed *When Aidan Became a Brother*. She received a Coretta Scott King Honor for illustration for *Magnificent Homespun Brown*. She lives in the Bay Area in California.

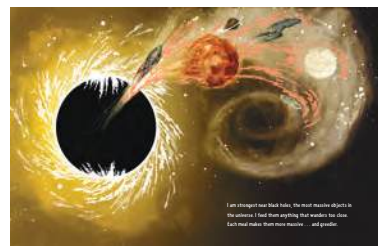




I Am Gravity

Henry Herz

Illustrated by Mercè López



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 PICTURE BOOK/NONFICTION

From the team behind
I Am Smoke comes a poetic
 peek at the universe's
 most pervasive force.

What reaches everywhere and never tires? Pulling on feathers and galaxies alike? Holding the mighty Milky Way together? Gravity, of course! Told in lyrical, riddling first-person narrative, Gravity boasts of its essential role in life as we know it—from the pulling of the ocean's tides to the vastness of the stars in the sky. Back matter about the science of gravity and major historical discoveries enhances the book for STEM learning.

Henry Herz (San Diego, CA) writes fantasy, science fiction, and nonfiction. He is the author of numerous short stories and eleven picture books, including *I Am Smoke*, which earned a *Kirkus* starred review, was an ALA Notable Children's Book, and was listed in *School Library Journal's* Most Astonishingly Unconventional Children's Books of 2021 and the New York Public Library's Best Books for Kids. He holds a BS in engineering from Cornell, an MS in engineering from George Washington University, and an MA in political science from Georgetown University.

Mercè López (Barcelona, Spain) graduated from Llotja School of Art in Barcelona and has illustrated around fifteen children's books for Spanish and international book publishers. She has also illustrated for design, theater, and film. She is the illustrator of *I Am Smoke* and won the 2022 Lazarillo Award for *Montañas*, together with author Javier Bermúdez. Her 2019 title, *Lion of the Sky: Haiku for All Seasons* by Laura Purdie Salas, received multiple starred reviews and was named a BCCB Gryphon Honor Book, an NCTE Notable Poetry Book, a *Kirkus* Best Picture Book, and a *Parents* magazine Best Children's Book, among other accolades.

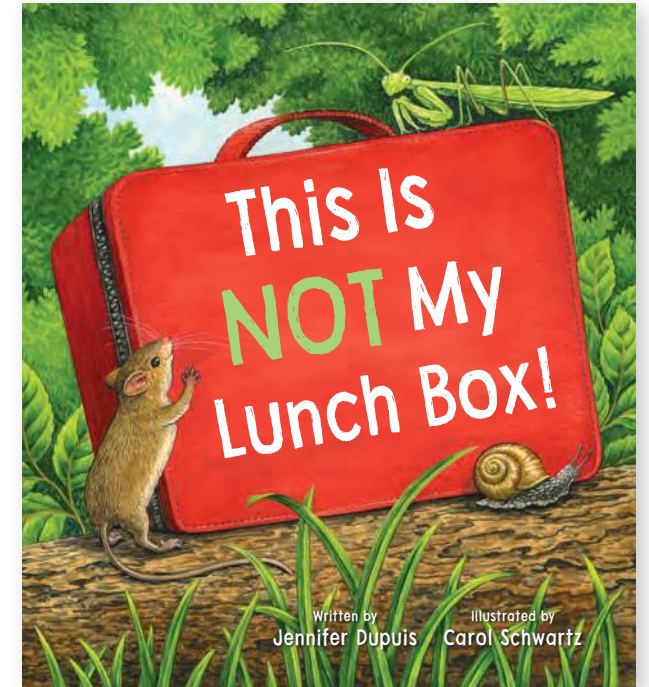


An engaging forest-focused guessing
 game for budding biologists!

A lunch box filled with snails and spiders and eggs?! That is not MY lunch box! Whose could it be? Join in on a surprising camping trip and discover the favorite meals of all your favorite forest creatures—from the wood frog (who loves a lunch of spiders and snails!) to the moose (who prefers pond weed and shrubs). Rich art illustrates the beautiful biodiversity found in our forests and expressive, repetitive text helps even the youngest naturalists learn all about herbivores, omnivores, and carnivores—oh, my!

Jennifer Dupuis is a blind children's book author who enjoys beekeeping, ballroom dancing, and playing her guitar for anyone who will listen. You can find her YouTube channel at "Living with Blindness and Balance." Having worked with children for thirty-five years, she recognizes the power of laughter in learning and thus weaves wonderful humor into all that she writes. Jennifer lives in southern Maine with her husband and two sons and is proud to have received the 2020 Evelyn Morrill Durgin Award for her years of work as a volunteer within her community.

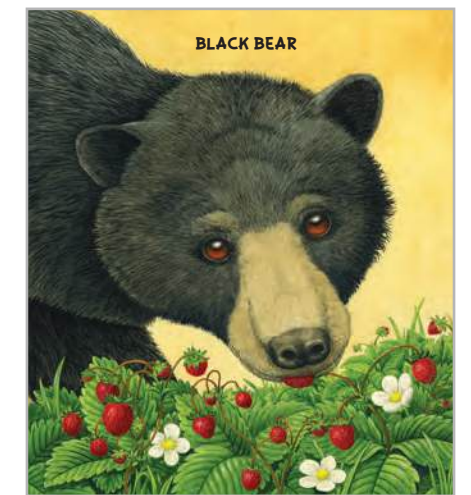
Carol Schwartz has illustrated more than fifty picture books, including *My Busy Green Garden*, which *Kirkus* called "a lovely literary and artistic rendering." Her other books include *Sea Squares*, an Outstanding Science Trade Book and Children's Choice Award winner; *The Maiden of Northland*, an Aesop Accolade winner; and *Thinking about Ants*, an Outstanding Science Trade Book. Carol taught illustration at Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design and has shared her passion for illustrating at the hundreds of elementary schools, libraries, conferences, and colleges she has visited. She lives in Connecticut.



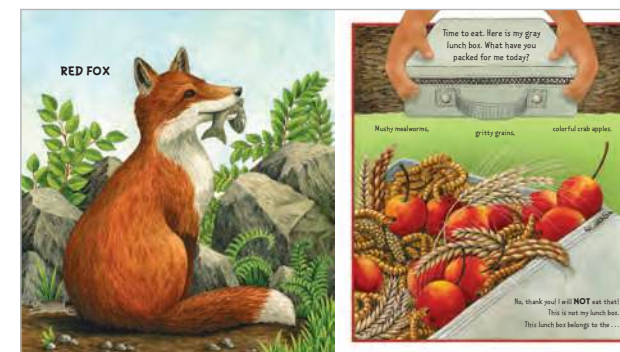
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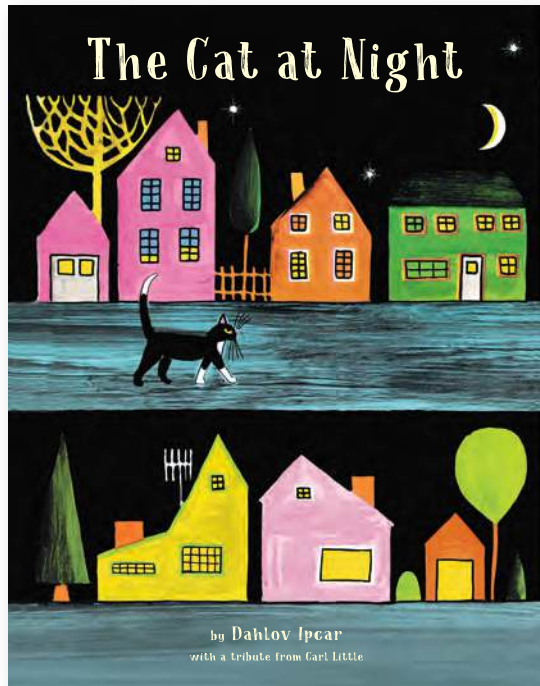
Jennifer Dupuis

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The golden jubilee edition of a children's classic first published in 1969.

"This is an underappreciated classic. It follows a cat on his nightly journey through a farm and the surrounding area, all the while comparing what humans see to what a cat sees. Artwork is always important to me—I grew up wanting to be a children's book illustrator—and this has some of the boldest pictures of any picture book. The drawings, like Matisse cutouts, show what a human sees (black silhouettes against gunmetal blue skies) and then what a cat sees (pinks and greens and yellows). Kids feel close to animals—there's a natural kinship—so seeing the world through a cat's eyes has a certain primal appeal."

—Dave Eggers

The Cat at Night

Dahlov Ipcar

New afterword by Carl Little



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8.5 x 11 • 56 pages
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PICTURE BOOK FICTION

Join the farmer's cat on his fascinating nighttime journey through fields, farms, forests, and even the city to see what only he can see after the sun sets. Legendary artist Dahlov Ipcar mesmerizingly alternates between dark night scenes and vivid color to deliver a beautifully illustrated children's classic. Each scene is shown first as a human would see it at night, and then as a cat sees it in with vivid color and fine detail. This commemorative edition features a new backmatter tribute to Dahlov's artistry and to *The Cat at Night* from her biographer, poet and art critic Carl Little.

Dahlov Ipcar was born in Vermont, raised in Greenwich Village, and summered in Maine after her parents (the famed sculptor William Zorach and artist Marguerite Zorach) bought a farm there in 1923. Dahlov moved from New York City to the farm with her husband in 1937. Her children's book career began in the early 1940s, when she illustrated *The Little Fisherman* by Margaret Wise Brown. This charming title helped launch a four-decade run that saw her write and illustrate more than thirty children's books of her own. Today, her artwork is known worldwide. Dahlov Ipcar kept creating until her death in 2017, at age 99.

Carl Little is the author of many art books, including *Edward Hopper's New England*, *The Watercolors of John Singer Sargent*, *The Art of Francis Hamabe*, and *The Art of Dahlov Ipcar*. His poetry has appeared in the *Paris Review*, *Off the Coast*, *Hudson Review*, *Words & Images*, and other journals and anthologies.

The thirtieth-anniversary edition of a beloved children's book.

"Barry Moser's illustrations glow with the quiet warmth and heart of the Mushroom Man and complement so well this story of friendship."

—Eric Carle

The Mushroom Man has arrived at its thirtieth anniversary despite breaking every rule of picture-book storytelling. It is not a story about children: The only kids make a cameo appearance to taunt the mushroom man in the street. It is not a heroic story: The mushroom man toils away in a mushroom farm, coming to resemble a mushroom himself. The story doesn't teem with personalities: The mushroom man's existence is solitary. So why does it endure? Because it is a story of true and generous friendship.

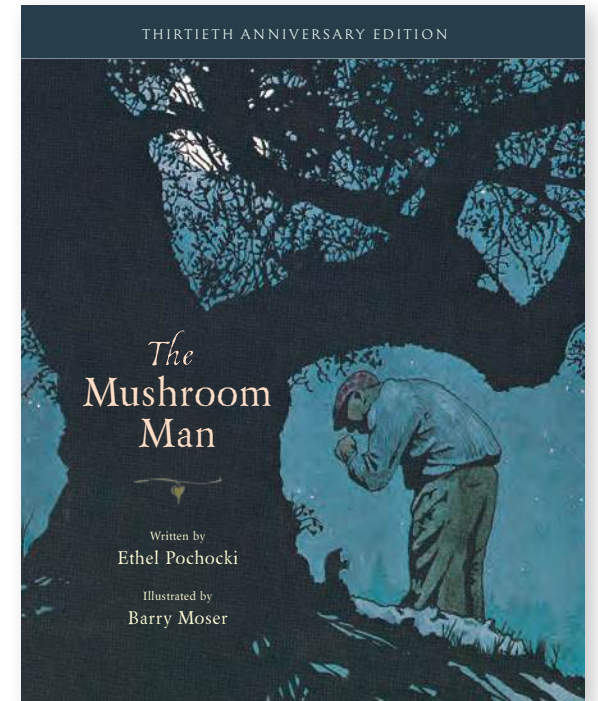
This commemorative edition includes a new introduction from Barry Moser remembering his collaboration and friendship with Ethel Pochocki. "This remains one of my all-time favorite books for kids, and some of these illustrations are among the best I've ever done," Barry writes. There is also new backmatter in which Barry peels back the curtain on his illustration technique, making this book a marvelous accompaniment for teaching children's book writing and illustrating.

Ethel Pochocki discovered her passion for books and writing during her years working at the New York City Public Library. Moving her eight children to a farm in Brooks, Maine, she pounded out her fresh, quirky, unforgettable children's stories on a manual typewriter. Ethel died in 2010.

Barry Moser has illustrated and designed more than 300 books, including illustrated editions of *Moby Dick*, *Frankenstein*, and *The Divine Comedy*. His edition of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* won a National Book Award in 1983. His *Jump, Again! The Further Adventures of Brer Rabbit* was included in *The New York Times* "Ten Best Illustrated Children's Books" of 1987. He is Professor of Art at Smith College.

"In his narrative illustrations, Mr. Moser gives his own reading, conducts his own orchestra."

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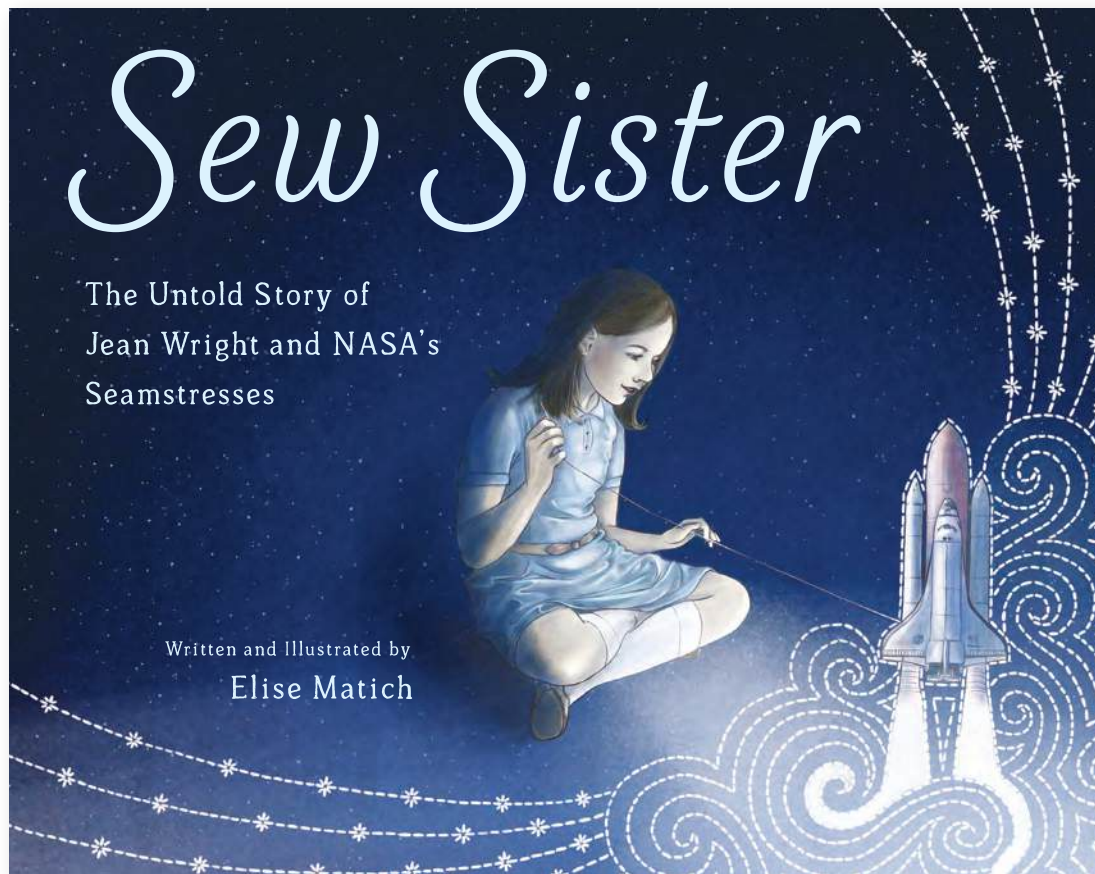
"A little gem about true friendship that was almost lost in the great grinder that is the publishing world. Thanks to Ethel Pochocki's lovely little story, Barry Moser's ever glorious pictures, and Tilbury House for rescuing it."

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"Moser's shadowy, offbeat style harmonizes with Pochocki's uncommonly inspired text. A wonderfully odd tale of friendship."

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The true story of a girl whose mastery of a domestic art propelled her to the elite NASA sisterhood tasked with shielding the space shuttle astronauts from heat and radiation.



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Sew Sister

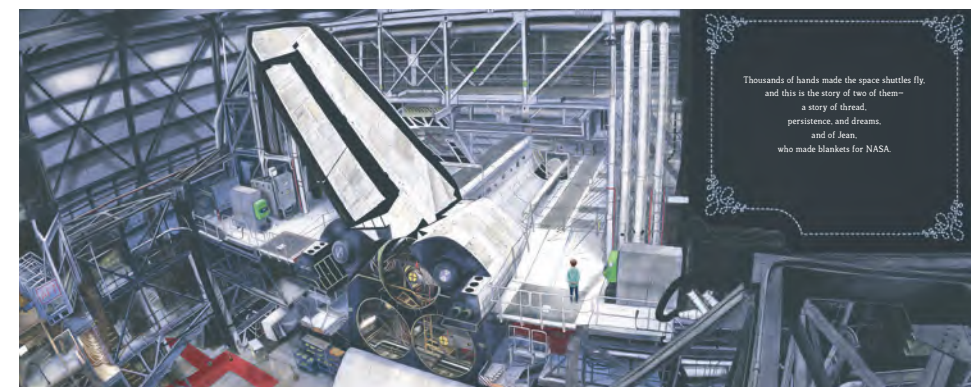
The Untold Story of Jean Wright and NASA's Seamstresses

Written and Illustrated by Elise Matich

Did you know that the white material on the outside of space shuttles was not metal or glass but actually fabric? Specialized quilts, two inches thick, covered the space shuttles and protected the astronauts from deadly heat and radiation. Jean Wright was one of the eighteen "Sew Sisters" who crafted these thermal blankets, mostly by hand, with incredible precision and skill. Capturing both the grandeur of space flight and the intimacy of a needle and thread, *Sew Sister* tells the story of Jean's childhood passion for space and sewing, and her fascinating work for NASA's shuttle program.

Elise Matich's elegant prose and stunning, detailed artwork harmonize with the STEAM concept at the heart of this story: the role of skilled hands and artistry in STEM fields like aeronautics. *Sew Sister* offers a heroine in the context of space exploration who doesn't go to college or excel at math; instead, it is her excellence in a trade—one traditionally practiced by women—that allows her to achieve her dream. NASA's space shuttle fleet was retired in 2011.

Elise Matich (Alexandria, VA) is an educator, artist, writer, and mother. *Sew Sister* is the first in a series of picture book biographies she is working on that explore the lives of figures who have been overlooked or overshadowed in their fields.





A picture-book ode to stargazing with an underlying message of awe for the wonders of nature.

What is the most important thing to remember about stargazing? When to do it, who to do it with, what to look for? It's none of those! This picture book's spare, lyrical text offers many possible ways to do stargazing: with a friend, with family, or alone; on a moonless night, or with a full moon, or even with some clouds; on the beach, lying in the grass, or

standing on a snowy hill. There is only one rule of stargazing, which is saved for the end, and that is just to do it! Magical illustrations show polar bears, whales, and other animals stargazing too, and in the final illustration, diverse kids and animals gaze at the night sky together. Backmatter about the constellations completes this bedtime story with its underlying message of love and respect for nature.

Matt Forrest Esenwine (Warner, NH) is the author of numerous picture books, and his poetry can be found in anthologies like *The National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry* and the Donald Hall tribute, *Except for Love*.

Sonia Possentini (Modena, Italy) has illustrated thirteen award-winning children's books, including *Night Creatures* (2021, Millbrook Press); *Hold On to Your Music* (2021, Little, Brown); and *Lion Lights* (see page 44).

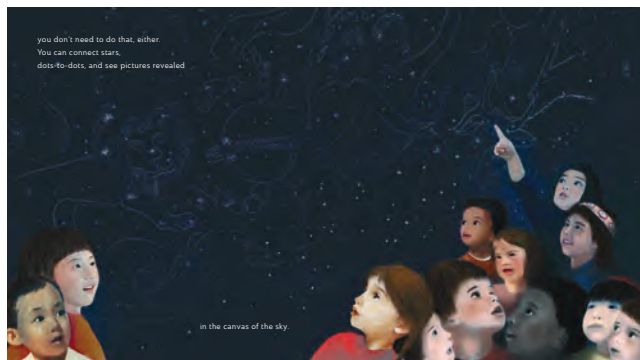
The Thing to Remember About Stargazing

Matt Forrest Esenwine

Illustrated by Sonia Possentini



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"Jenks explores several related themes—the healing power of nature, coming out of a somber mood, altering one's perspective—that all work in tandem here.

Spirited revelations!"

—Kirkus Reviews

William lives in a glum world. His moods and his thoughts are gray. Even most of his clothes are gray. But a girl named Purple appears one gray morning, the only dash of color in William's otherwise dull yard. She asks his name, and when he answers "Um, well..." she dubs him Umwell the Gray, then pulls him into an exploration of a world that is always new and exciting when seen through her eyes—a parallel universe to the one William has been inhabiting.

This powerful picture book provides an occasion and vehicle to pull kids away from video screens and into closer contact with the natural world around them and the imaginative worlds within.



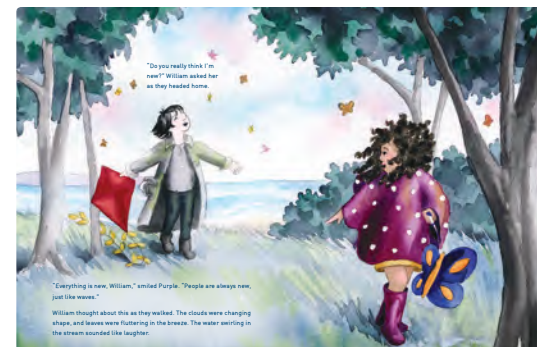
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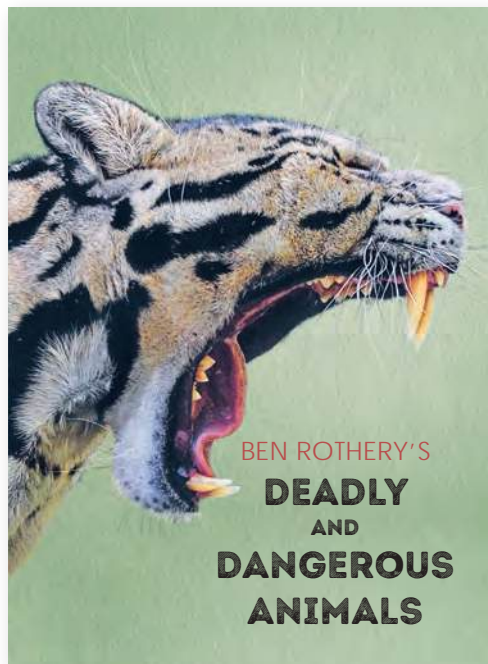
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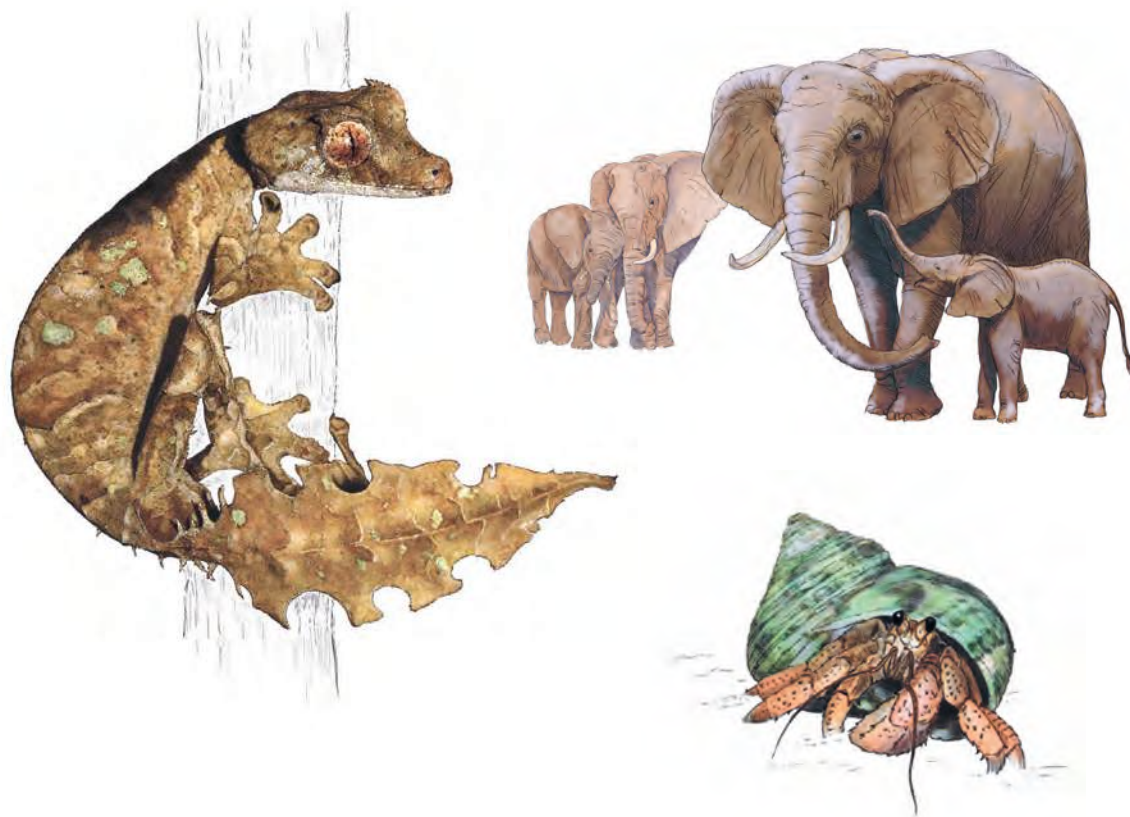


Ben Rothery's Deadly and Dangerous Animals

Written and Illustrated by Ben Rothery

A stunning visual exploration of what it takes to be counted among the deadliest animals on Earth. From the saltwater crocodile's viselike bite to the golden eagle's lightning attack from the air, many of the creatures featured in this upper-level picture book are built for danger. But what makes a chameleon or ant so threatening, and which creature is the deadliest of all to humans, despite its tiny size? Award-winning illustrator Ben Rothery's fact-filled book of the planet's most dangerous creatures has the answers.

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—Wall Street Journal



HIDDEN PLANET

Secrets of the Animal Kingdom

Shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2020

The creatures in this book are hidden in various ways. Some survive by means of symbiotic relationships with other creatures, like the clownfish living among an anemone's poisonous tentacles. Some are closely related to seemingly unconnected animals, like the elephant and the manatee. Some use hidden abilities to do amazing things. Some change color. Some change sex. Some disguise themselves. Some secrete themselves but remain nearby. The stunning illustrations in this large-format book reveal nature's magnificence, which often hides in plain sight.

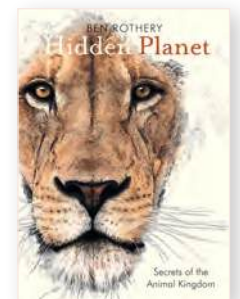
★“Lovers of animals and of animal art alike will pore over both this showcase and its companion.”
 —Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

“This is a thing of rare beauty.” —David Walliams, author of Gangsta Granny

“This is how every child wants to learn about animals. The illustrations are breathtakingly beautiful, dynamic, hyper-realistic and strong in form and color. Every page is captivating. It seems that the animals can fly up or jump away.”

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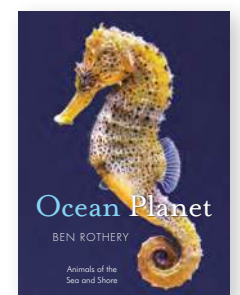
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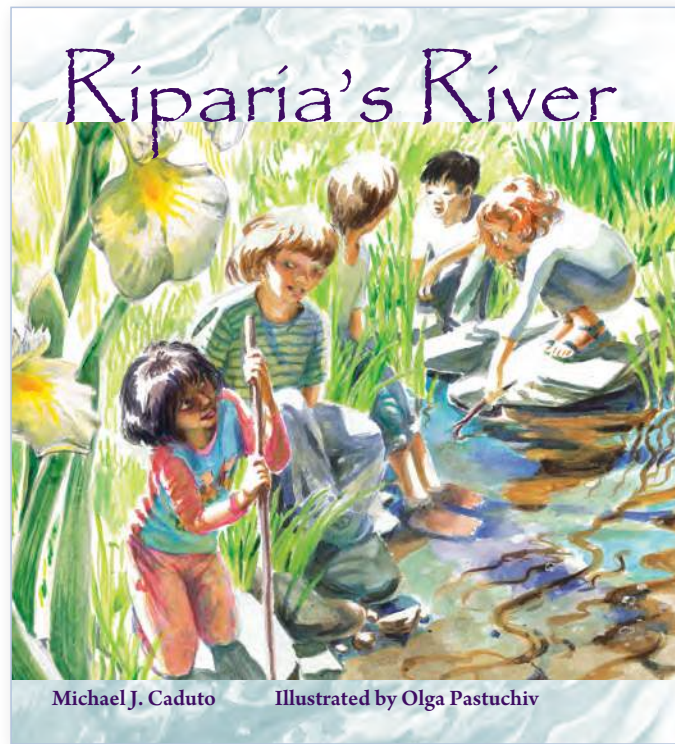
Pacific walrus, king penguins, narwhals, great white sharks, squid, seahorses, moray eels, humpback whales, manta rays, orcas, and many more are rendered here in exquisite, dramatic detail. Rothery also includes shore dwellers who depend on the sea: polar bears and otters of course, but also ring-tailed lemurs, Bengal tigers, and British Columbia wolves. *Ocean Planet* is not only gorgeous but probing and substantive.

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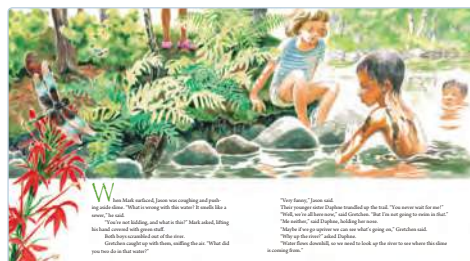
—Dennis L. Nelson, President and CEO of the Project WET Foundation

“If a river could talk, it would sound like Riparia.”

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“A wonderful, empowering story for children who will inherit the rivers”

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TYAJA USES THE THINK TEST

A Story About the Power of Words

Linda Ryden

Illustrated by Shearry Malone

★ STARRED REVIEW
—Youth Services Book Review

When Ms. Snowden introduces the THINK Test, she tells her students that T = True, H = Helpful, N = Necessary, and K = Kind. If what they're about to say isn't any of these things, they shouldn't say it. Later that day, when Tyaja is about to criticize her friend Dhavi's new haircut, she is stopped by four little elves sporting the letters T, H, N, and K, who reinforce Ms. Snowden's lesson. Tyaja learns that she is the "I" in THINK!

“I adore this book.”—Dr. Elizabeth Hoffman, neuroscientist

“A great book to share with children for social-emotional learning.”—Kirkus Reviews

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SERGIO SEES THE GOOD

The Story of One Not So Bad Day

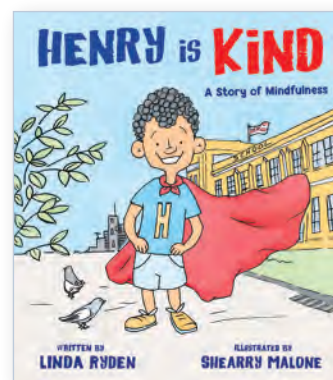
Linda Ryden

Illustrated by Shearry Malone

Good things happen even on a terrible day, and Sergio's day starts to look a lot better when his mom shows him a simple way to tally those good things. Backmatter explains the Negativity Bias and how Sergio's simple balancing exercise for home or classroom can put things in perspective.

“Provides readers with an easy-to-replicate method that will help them put bad days and experiences in perspective.”—Kirkus Reviews

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HENRY IS KIND

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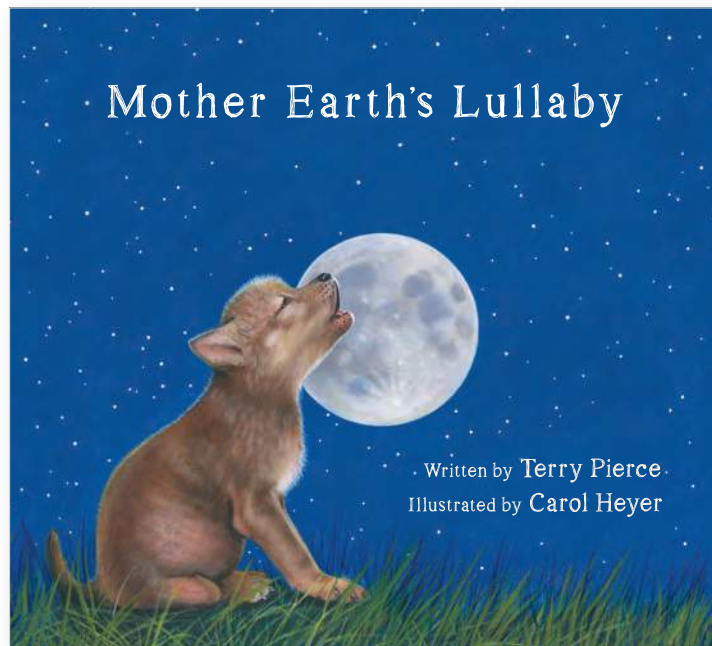
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Most of Ms. Snowden's students love doing their Kindness Project, but poor Henry is close to tears when he can't think of any kind things he's done. Fortunately his classmates come to the rescue, reminding him of the many small kindnesses he's shown. Young readers will be inspired to use the simple mindfulness practices taught in this book to develop their own capacities for kindness.

“A heartfelt, useful book.”—Kirkus Reviews

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Here is a bedtime board book featuring endangered animals. Baby pandas, wallabies, polar bears, red wolves, tigers, spotted owls, and Key deer nestle down for the night while a human mother reads her children to sleep and a full moon shines through the window. Brief, child-friendly animal descriptions follow the story. This bedtime story lets parents decide whether or not to introduce the concept of endangered species to the lovely, gentle, soothing poem.

Terry Pierce was a Montessori teacher for 22 years before writing children's books. Her 22 books include *Tae Kwon Do!* (Bank Street College Best Children's Books of 2007); *Mama Loves You So*; *Blackberry Banquet*; *Mother Goose Rhymes* (a 2007 AEP Distinguished Achievement Award Winner), and *My Busy Green Garden* (page 75, a Cooperative Children's Book Center Best Book of 2018). She serves on the board of the educational nonprofit organization Whaletimes, Inc., and is an instructor in the UCLA Extension Writers' Program.

Carol Heyer has illustrated 32 children's picture books including *Humphrey's First Christmas* and *Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude*, winner of eight state awards, as well as several *Hank Zipzer* books written by Henry Winkler. Formerly she was a production designer and writer of feature films including *Thunder Run* (1986) and illustrated game materials for *Dungeons & Dragons*.

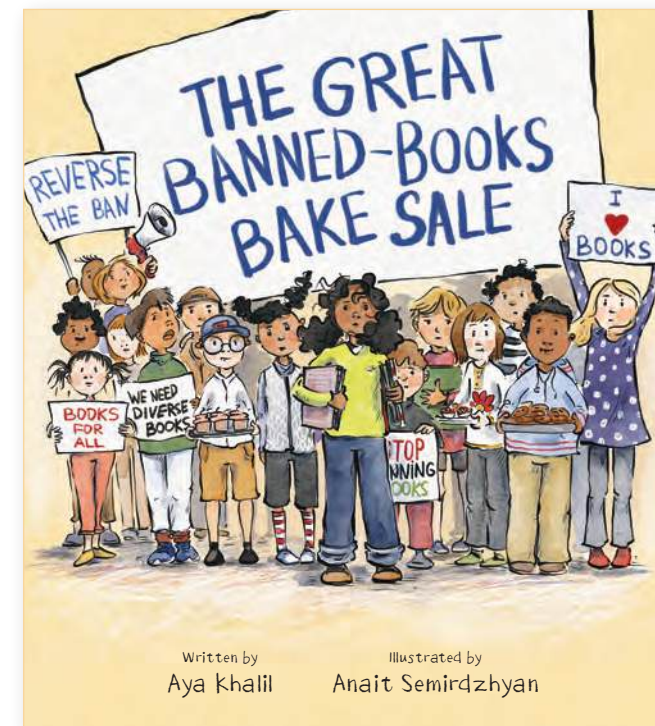
A timely story of kids pushing back against book banning and supporting their immigrant classmates.

Kanzi, the immigrant girl of Aya Khalil and Anait Semirdzhyan's bestselling picture book *The Arabic Quilt*, has come to feel welcome in her American school—that is, until an entire shelf of books about immigrant kids and kids of color suddenly disappears from the school library. Upon learning that books with kids who look like her have been banned by her school district, Kanzi is overcome by confusion and fear. But her classmates support her, and together—with their teacher's help—they hatch a plan to hold a bake sale and use the proceeds to buy diverse books for libraries. The event is a big success; the entire school participates, and the local TV station covers it in the evening news. Prodded by her classmates to read the poem she has written, Kanzi starts softly but finds her voice. "You have banned important books, but you can't ban my words," she reads. "Books are for everyone." The crowd chants, "No banned books! No banned books!" and the next week, the ban is reversed.

The backmatter includes a recipe for baklava, the Egyptian pastry that Kanzi prepares for the bake sale.

Aya Khalil is a freelance journalist and educator who immigrated to the US from Egypt as a child. Aya lives in Toledo, Ohio, with her husband, Abdalrahman, and their three children. Visit her at www.ayakhalil.com.

Anait Semirdzhyan grew up in a multicultural family and lived in several countries with diverse cultures before settling in the Seattle area with her husband and twin daughters. Visit her at www.anaitsart.com.



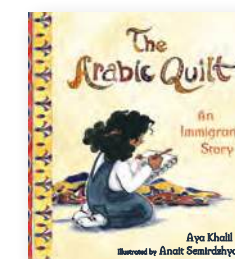
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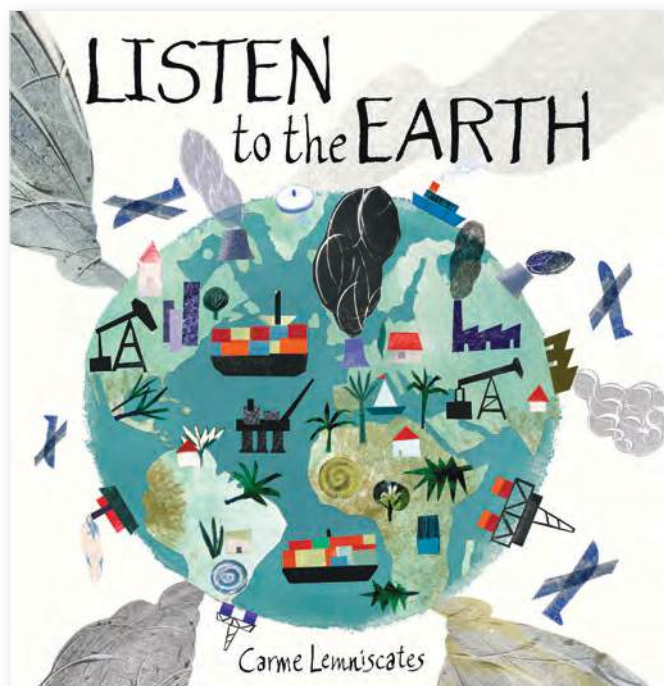


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Listen to the Earth

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From the illustrator of *Grandma's Gardens* (by Hillary and Chelsea Clinton), here is a new and original framing of climate change and how to respond to it. The lyrical narrative, gorgeous illustrations, and information-rich sidebars are built around the central concept of Earth Overshoot Day, the date each year when humanity has used all the resources and generated all the waste the planet can replace and absorb in the entire year. In 2022 that date was July 28th—everything we consume and discard from then to December 31 is borrowed from the future. *Listen to the Earth*

describes and illustrates in child-friendly terms the global societal changes and actions—all of which are known and practical—that will push Earth Overshoot Day toward the end of the year to make our planet sustainable. We know what to do; all that is needed is the will to do it. In this call to action, the path ahead is illuminated by an optimistic faith in kids.

“Plenty of talking points for young eco-activists.”

—Kirkus Reviews

“Carme’s profound care and moving illustrations will touch you. And her message is clear: There is so much possibility. What are we waiting for? Let this book inspire you!”

—Global Footprint Network

“Vibrantly illustrated. This thought-provoking book will encourage making a difference.”

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—School Library Journal

“This splendid book for all ages is a well of information, but what makes it so extraordinary and appealing are the fabulous illustrations.”
—The Arts Fuse

ALWAYS MOM, FOREVER DAD

Joanna Rowland

Illustrated by Penny Weber

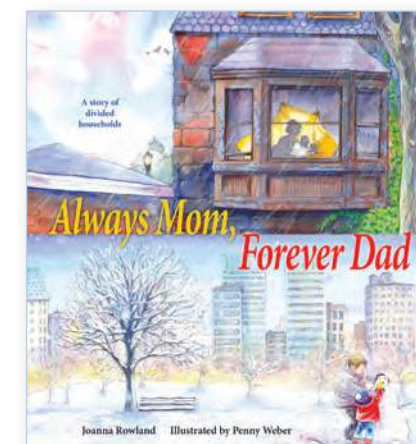
In this reassuring book, young readers see children who have two households—whether because of divorce, separation, or other circumstances—experiencing life’s ups and downs with both parents—secure in the knowledge that Mom will always be Mom, and Dad is forever Dad.

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“Reveals for us the intricacies and perceptions of creatures who lead lives among us.”
—Carl Safina, author of *Beyond Words: What Animals Think and Feel*



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ANA AND THE SEA STAR

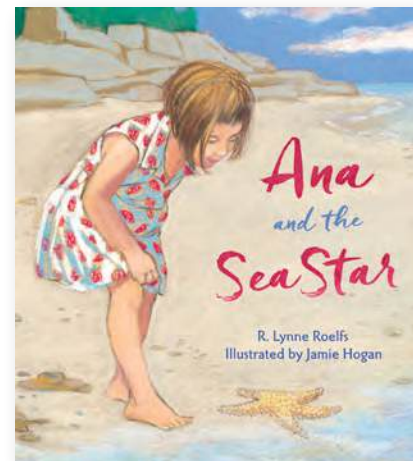
R. Lynn Roelfs

Illustrated by Jamie Hogan

Ana finds a starfish on the beach, and with encouragement from her dad and a little imagination, she is able to let the animal go yet take it home with her at the same time. This beautiful picture book celebrates the power of imagination and an appreciation of the natural world. Back matter invites children into the lives of sea creatures.

“Gentle and lovely. An informative and delightful addition.”
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“A lovely book.”
—Youth Services Book Reviews



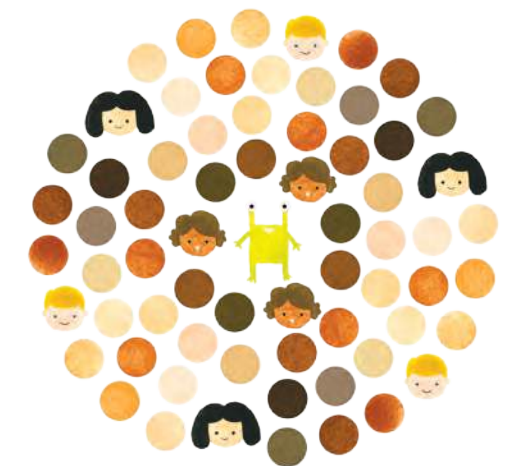
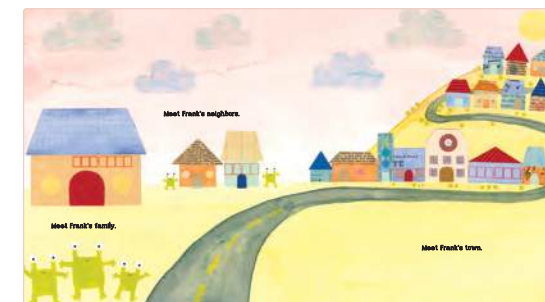
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“Little ones will be charmed by the protagonist’s journey.”
—Kirkus Reviews

Meet Frank

Mavis Lui

Meet Frank is a picture book about our unique and beautiful qualities. Frank is a curious little alien from the planet XOB, where everyone looks the same: same box shape, same green color, same googly eyes on stalks. Convinced there must be something more, Frank explores the universe and lands on Earth, where he befriends three little Earthlings who all look very different. By celebrating their unique qualities, they help Frank answer his questions about humankind’s kaleidoscope of colors. Inspired, he returns to his home planet, determined to help his fellow beings explore and celebrate their differences too.



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“Just right. A good introduction to a valuable yet abstract idea that is bound to spark discussion as kids consider what Enough means to them.”

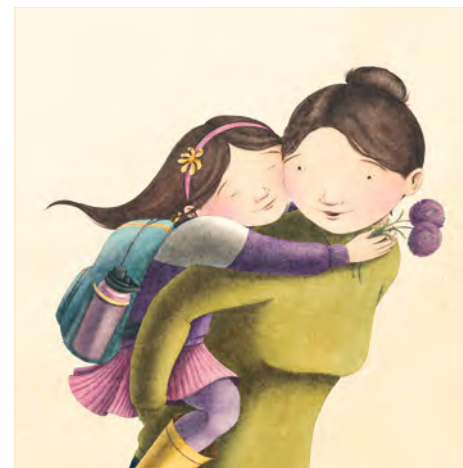
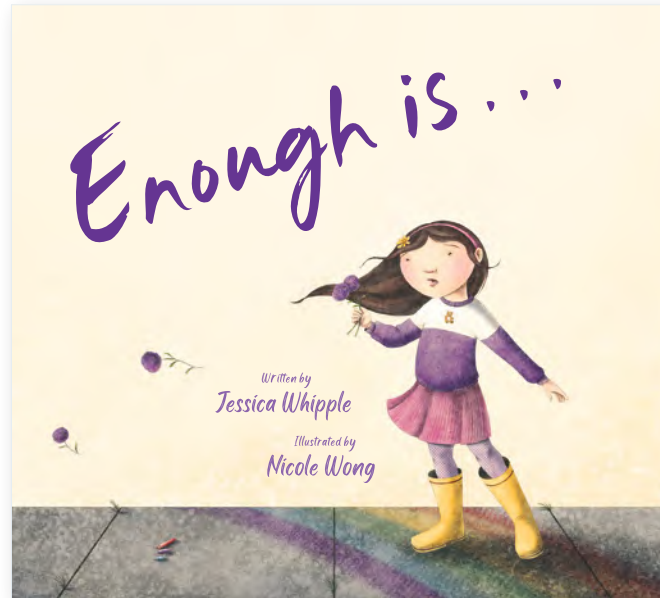
—Kirkus Reviews

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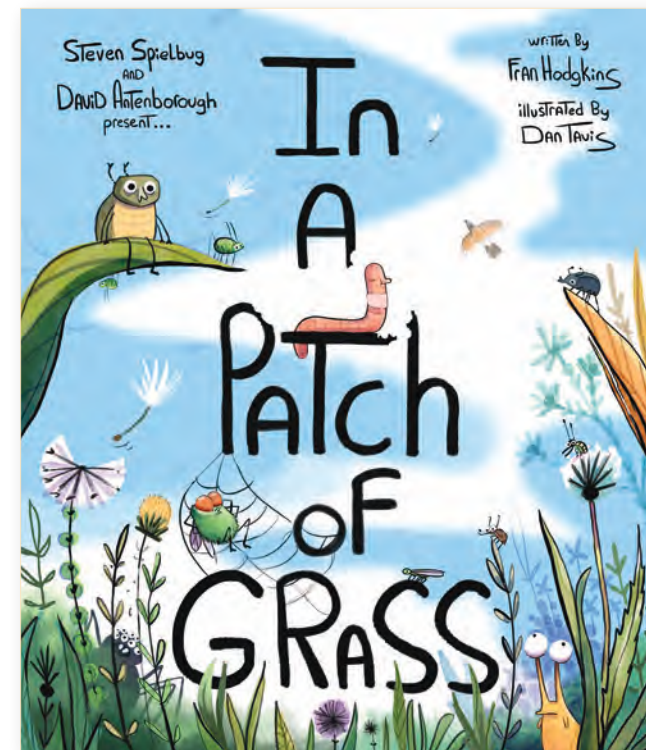
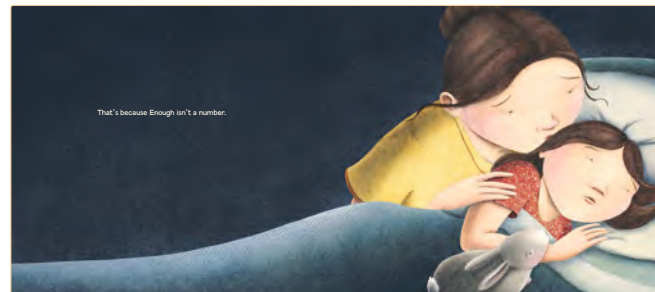
Jessica Whipple

Illustrated by Nicole Wong

For kids encountering the pressure to fit in with peers, this picture-book story explores a concept that is key to happiness: how much is enough? How many friends, turns, clothes, toys, fashion accessories, books? How much of anything? The pictures follow one child as she learns the difference between wanting and needing and, in the end, feels the contentment that flows from being satisfied with what she has. The text, meanwhile, frames a difficult idea in simple, spare language: “Somewhere between a little and a lot, there is Enough. It might be hard to spot, but it’s always there.”



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Steven Spielberg and David Antenorborough Present . . .

In a Patch of Grass

Fran Hodgkins

Illustrated by Dan Tavis



David Antenorborough narrates this picture-book send-up of a nature documentary, sounding just like the real-life David but

with six limbs for his trademark gesticulations. Director Steven Spielberg tries to keep the cast of characters on task, but it’s worse than herding cats: The orb-weaving spider would like to eat one or two other actors; the grasshopper is a diva; the worm is too busy munching dirt to emerge from the ground on cue; the robin has called in sick and fails to show up for the predation scene; and the slug

is too embarrassed by his slime to perform. Then filming is interrupted by a wuffling noise and a foul-smelling hurricane as Fido the dog sniffs his way through the grass and onto the set. The panicked actors flee at top speed (which is not very fast in the slug’s case), but the intrepid Antenorborough continues narrating, Spielberg keeps directing, and they bring the film to a dramatic conclusion. Despite the chaos—or maybe because of it—we learn some things about these animals, and the backmatter gives more nature facts. But the main object is pure fun.





“Gorgeous visuals help shed light on the topic.”
—Kirkus Reviews

Light Speaks

Christine Layton

Illustrated by Luciana Navarro Powell

This enchanting nonfiction picture book catalogs and explores the joyful, mysterious, awe-inspiring, varied messages of light, whether emanating from a firefly or the sun, fireworks or the Big Bang, boats at sea or a bolt of lightning, a movie projector or a rainbow. Luciana Navarro Powell’s gorgeous, color-saturated illustrations follow a group of kids through a magical day and evening in a seacoast town, while Christine Layton’s lyrical text explores the natural history of light. Backmatter provides further adventures in the science of light.



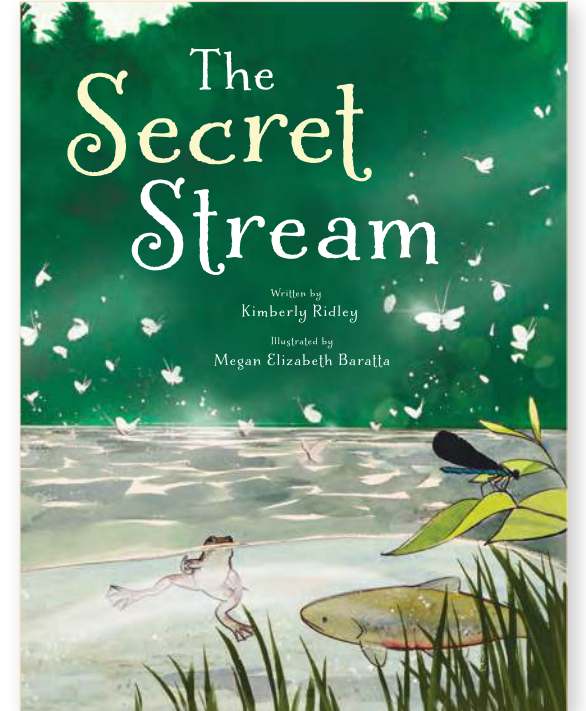
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The Secret Stream

Kimberly Ridley

Illustrated by Megan Elizabeth Baratta

A stream narrates its own natural history as it flows from its headwaters in the mountains to its mouth in the lowlands, introducing the plants and animals that line its banks and live in its waters. The poetic story, combining lyricism with natural history excellence, is augmented and enriched by informative sidebars and backmatter. Birds, mammals, amphibians, and insects peek out from the beautiful, scientifically accurate illustrations.

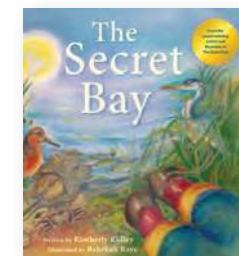


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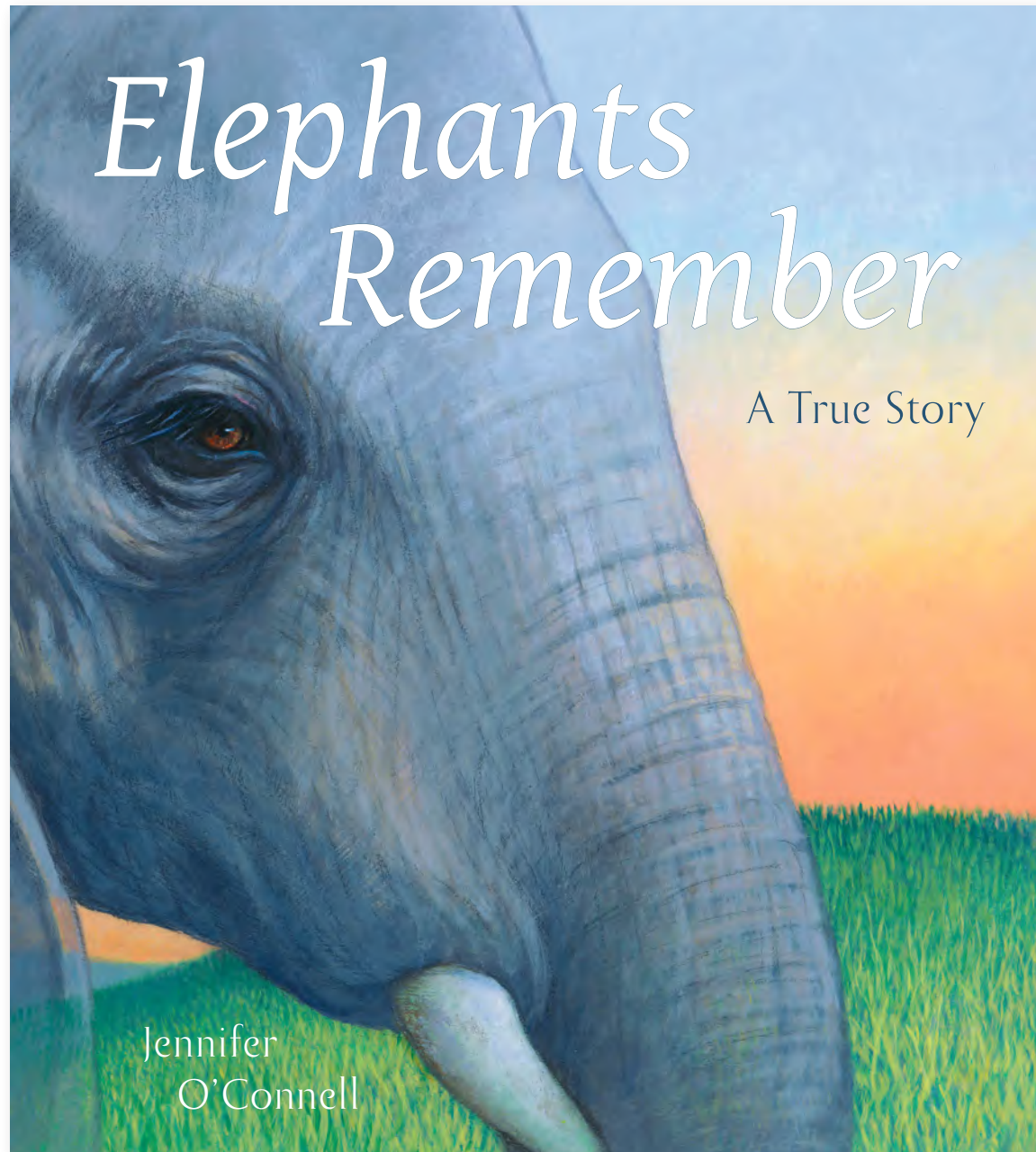
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“The illustrations come to life with masterful use of shading and sunbeams. Young naturalists will be heading to the nearest stream to explore.”

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Elephants Remember

A True Story
Jennifer O'Connell

From the author and illustrator of *The Eye of the Whale*, this is the nonfiction picture book story of Lawrence Anthony and the wild animal reserve he created in Zululand, South Africa. The deep bond between this visionary man and the traumatized elephants he saved is at the heart of this story. When Lawrence died, elephants gathered outside his home from remote parts of the reserve to mourn him, and they returned on the first and second anniversaries of his death—because elephants remember.

“A compelling true story that will leave readers on the edges of their seats. Librarians and educators should prepare for a rush of elephant-related questions once this book hits the shelves, and caregivers may find themselves equally fascinated by this heartbreaking story of trust, survival, and loss. An excellent story, well told. You’ll remember it always.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*

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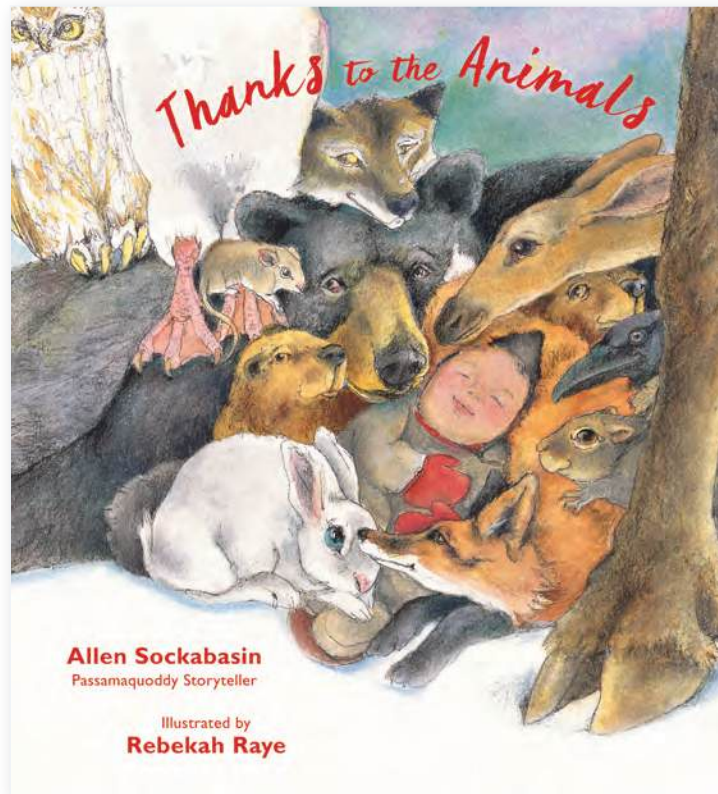


THE EYE OF THE WHALE

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★ “This touching story awakens a sense of wonder about elephants as well as curiosity about how they experience the world.”
—*Booklist* (starred)





The board book edition of a beloved Native American tale.

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“Weaves a powerful story of paternal love while expressing the mutual respect between his Passamaquoddy culture and the natural world.”
—School Library Journal

When little baby Zoo Sap falls from his family’s sled, he is all alone in the deep snow of the forest. His family, journeying to their winter home, doesn’t realize he

has fallen out, but his cries summon the animals, who know they must keep him warm. One by one the fox, bear, moose, squirrel, and other animals settle around him, sharing their warmth. A warm and comforting bedtime story with a message of reverence for the natural world.

Allen Sockabasin was a Passamaquoddy citizen who devoted much of his time to teaching and preserving the Passamaquoddy language. A master musician, he wrote, performed, and recorded Passamaquoddy stories and songs. He was a tribal governor, a member of the tribal council, director of child welfare for his tribe, and a health educator. He was the father of six children and wrote *Thanks to the Animals* when his youngest, Zoo Sap, was a toddler. Allen died in 2018.

For more Tilbury House board books see pages 58 - 59.



Thanks to the Animals

Allen Sockabasin

Illustrated by Rebekah Raye

“This delightful story is a wonderful example of the very best American Indian traditional storytelling.”

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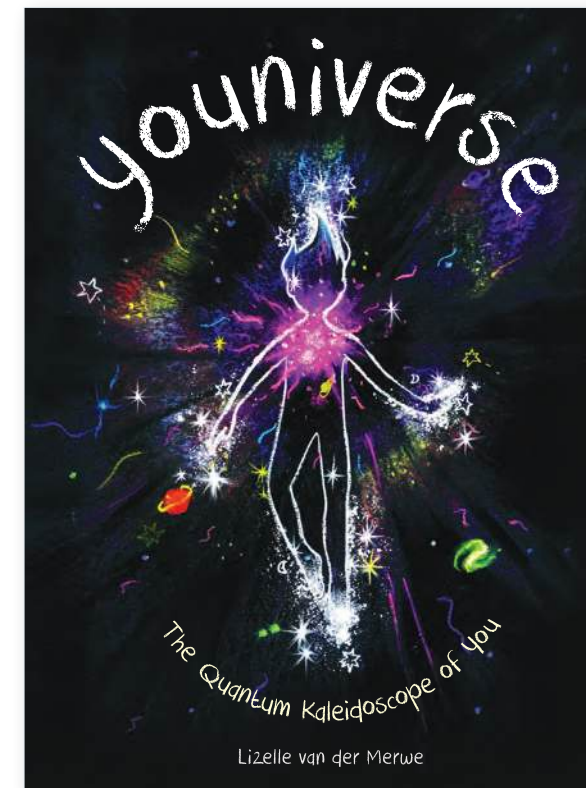
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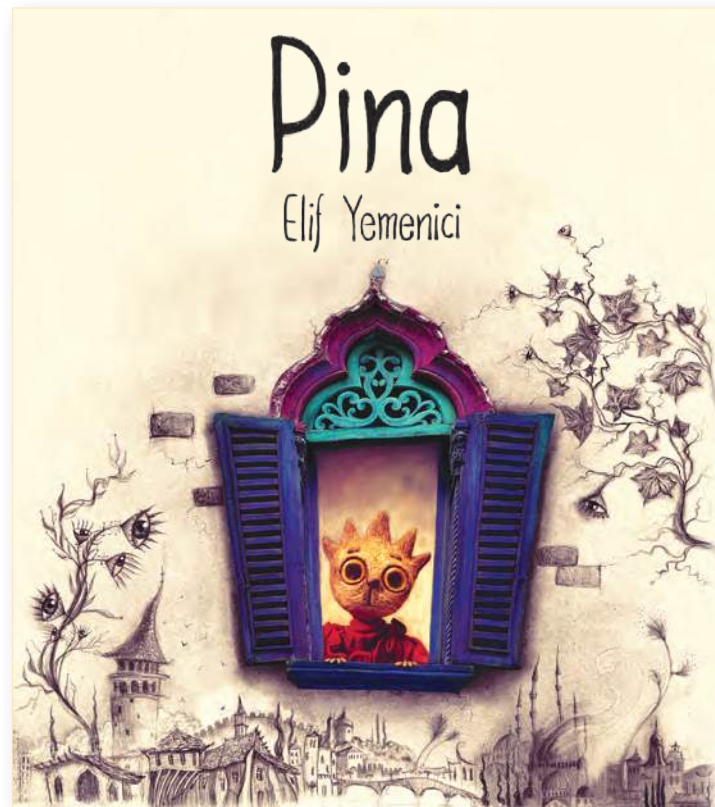
The Quantum Kaleidoscope of You

A child sees a world in a tidepool and an enchanted forest in a copse of trees. Songbirds speak messages. Moonlight whispers through an open window. The inner and outer worlds flow together without boundaries. Does growing up have to mean leaving that magic kingdom behind? Lizelle van der Merwe believes that a child’s sense of wonder should instead be encouraged, expanded, and immortalized with the real-life magic of science. The more we know about the quantum worlds within and outside us, the more wisdom is evident in a child’s view of the world.

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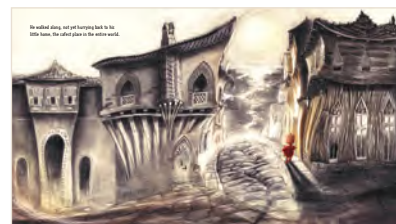
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★ “A true adventure in plot
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Pina explores the haunted country of the imagination where children struggle to place themselves in the big scary world. Pina’s fear to venture out of his little house into the wide world will resonate with timid kids. The techniques he uses to overcome his fear—mindful breathing, thinking of his favorite things, carrying a familiar, comforting object with him when he leaves the house—will prove useful to many children.

“A marvelous example of what the best
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It really does take a village!

*Most heroes aren’t the super kind
with capes, who fly through air.
They’re people we see every day,
who always show they care*

“Proof that anyone can
choose to be a hero.”
—*Kirkus Reviews*

“The watercolor and
pen-and-ink illustrations
are wonderful.”
—*Youth Services Book Review*

This is a rhyming picture-book celebration of the ordinary people—grownups and kids—who hold our world together with their daily lives and work. We celebrate cops, firefighters, and soldiers, and rightly so. But let’s also celebrate teachers, bus drivers, grocery clerks, mail carriers, and the other folks who give a community its core identity. And let’s give a nod to kids, too—kids who are kind and brave and help each other. They’re heroes too.

In structure, flow, and pitch, *They’re Heroes Too* is very much like Pat Brisson’s *Before We Eat* (page 86), one of our bestselling picture books. Brisson excels in creating captivating poems of thanks for young kids.

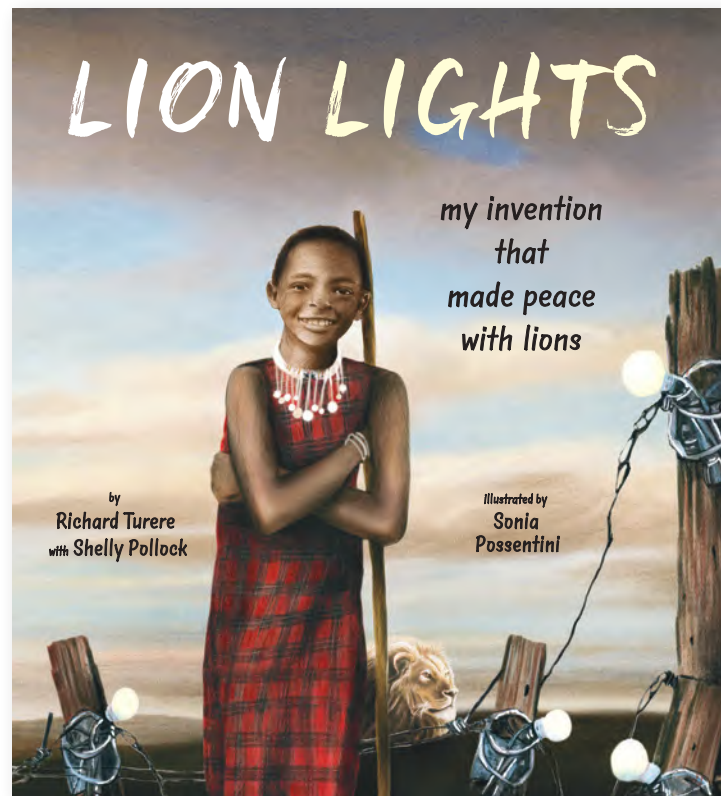


They’re Heroes Too
A Celebration of Community
Pat Brisson

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Lion Lights

My Invention That Made Peace with Lions

Richard Turere,
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Illustrated by Sonia Possentini



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“A true tale bound to inspire all young would-be inventors.”

—Booklist

This is Richard Turere's true story of growing up on a farm in Kenya. A Maasai boy, Richard attended school when he could but more often was needed to herd his family's cattle. Richard's challenge was to protect the cows from the lions who prowled the night

and were a constant threat to cattle. Desperate ranchers often killed lions, even though lions are at the core of Kenya's tourist trade and are protected. Richard noticed that lions stayed away when he was outside with a flashlight. At age 12, using salvaged electrical components, he surrounded the stockade with blinking lights, and the lions stayed away! His Lion Lights are now used on three continents to protect farm animals without harming predators.

“How could we protect lions and livestock? It was a conservation crisis. Expert solutions failed, but Richard came up with something that worked.”

—Paula Kahumbu, executive director of the Kenya Land Conservation Trust and CEO of Wildlife Direct

“Lion Lights seem simple, but then again the best solutions always do. Since Richard invented his system, lions have never killed our livestock.”

—Dr. Charles Musyoki, senior scientist, Kenya Wildlife Service

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—Lucy Waruingi, African Conservation Centre

“Sweet and lovely. Seamlessly weaves ‘big’ topics—perspective, frustration, patience—into a charming narrative that highlights the magical bond between father and son.”

—Savannah Guthrie, co-anchor of the NBC morning news show *Today* and co-author of *Princesses Wear Pants* and *Princesses Save the World*

“This wonderful story focuses on the bidirectional aspect of a good relationship between a dad and his child, in which they learn from each other.”

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In this charming picture book story distilled from Ben Feller's own experience as a single parent, a dad counsels his son not to sweat the small stuff, and later the boy gives that counsel right back to his panicky dad. This is a children and dads story about a secret handshake, life's daily challenges, the wisdom of kids, and love conquering frustration.

“Where was Ben Feller when I was raising little kids?!”

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“Beautifully shares social and emotional strategies that will benefit all kids.”

—Debbie Reber, parenting activist and author of *Differently Wired: Raising an Exceptional Child in a Conventional World*

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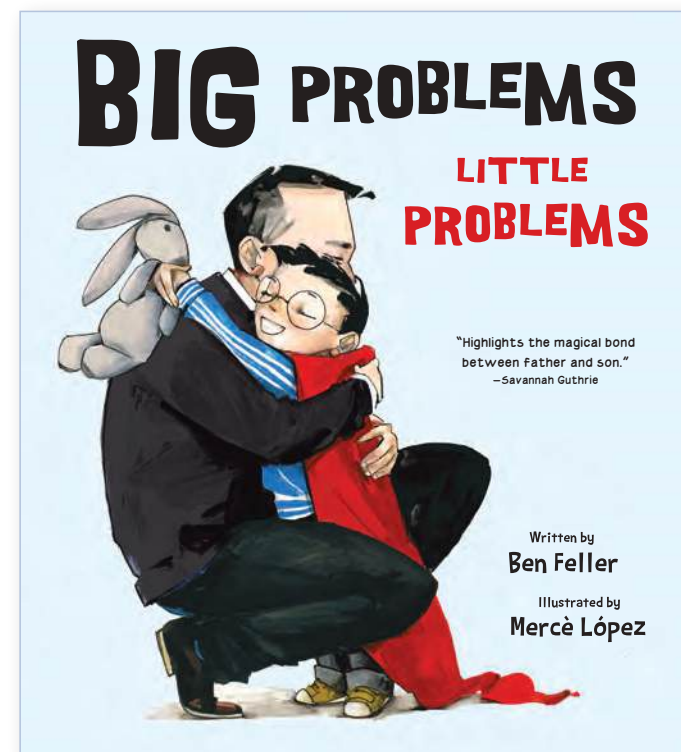
—Ron Fournier, author of *Love That Boy: What Two Presidents, Eight Road Trips, and My Son Taught Me About a Parent's Expectations*

★ “Relatable, honest, enjoyable.”

—*San Francisco Book Review* (starred)

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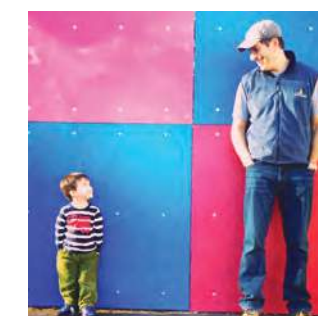
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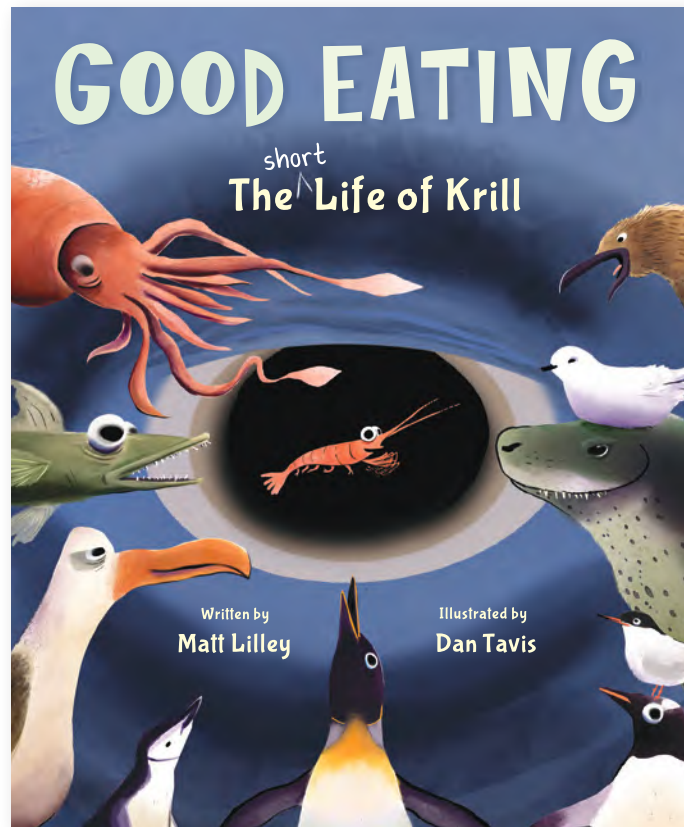
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Follow one krill among billions as it pursues its brief existence, eating and eating while metamorphosing from one thing into another and trying to avoid being eaten.

Krill are the largest animals able to catch and eat phytoplankton, and they in turn are eaten by the largest animals ever to live on earth—blue whales—as well as by seals, penguins, and a host of others. In other words, krill are really good at eating, and they make really good eating. And that makes them a keystone animal in the high-latitude oceans.

“Educating, engaging, and entertaining. Tavis’s adorable, vibrant illustrations are the perfect accompaniment. A funny, adventurous, great nonfiction treat for all readers, young and old.”

—Cybils Award judges

“The illustrations complement the light tone of the text but never distract from the scientific fact that krill are the keystone species of Earth’s southernmost ocean.”

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“Follows the ever-popular (to predators, anyway) Antarctic krill from blobby egg to shrimplike maturity.”

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★ “The book is perfect.”

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“As elucidating as it is mesmerizing.”

—Elizabeth Bird, “A Fuse #8 Production,” SLJ

“Lilley takes a playful tone. Tavis shows the krill exuding comic panache.”

—The Wall Street Journal

“What an engaging and clever book.”

—Archimedes Notebook
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★ “Great for a read-aloud.”

—YA Books Central (starred)



“A revealing glimpse of a rarely studied link in the oceanic food chain.”

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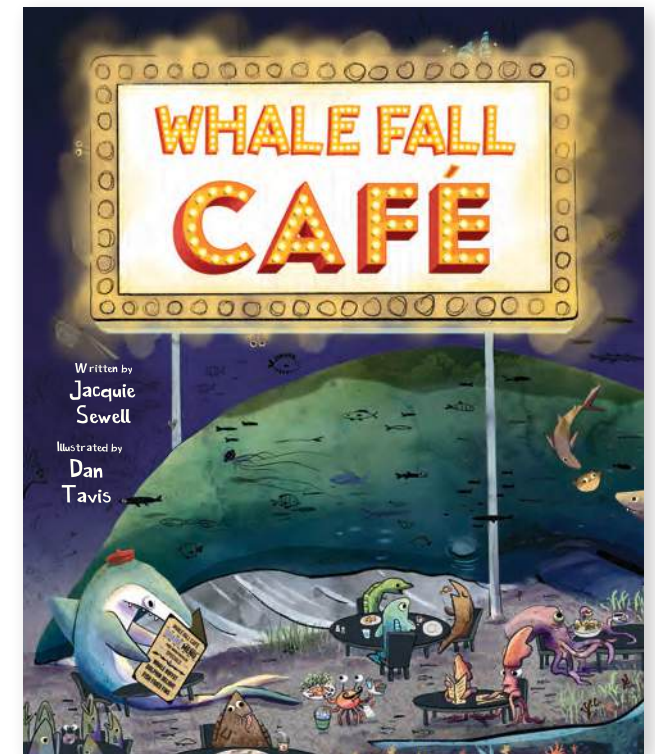
“This unique title joins the ranks of nonfiction works about unpleasant animals.”

—School Library Journal

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—Youth Services Book Review (starred)

One medium-size whale carcass delivers as much food to the dark, cold ocean depths as 4,000 years of sinking food particles. When a dead whale arrives, the café opens for business, and who better than Dan Tavis to show us the bizarre deep-ocean diners who show up? Hagfish, zombie worms, sleeper sharks—this group of patrons is stranger than the denizens of the Mos Eisley Cantina in *Star Wars*. A fish in a lab coat, piloting a deep-sea submersible, is our guide to the weirdly fascinating goings-on miles beneath the ocean surface.



Whale Fall Café
Jacquie Sewell

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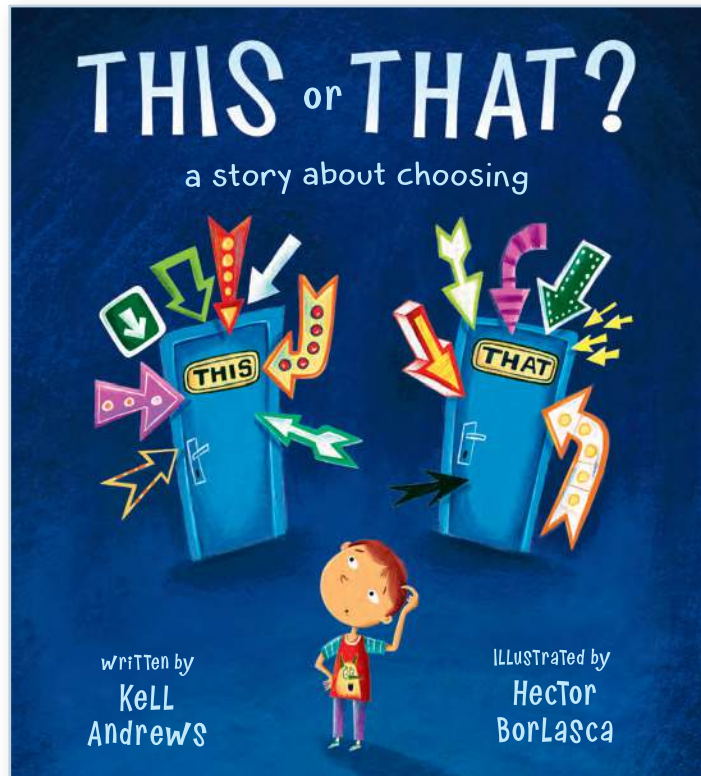
“Young whale enthusiasts will lap this up, and primary-grade science teachers will have the crown jewel of the next marine life unit.”

—Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books



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“Alexander’s indecisiveness puts him in some funny situations, which are amplified by the comical and colorful illustrations.”

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Teen Librarian Toolbox



“A delightful book about choices and making up your own mind. Alexander has a moment-by-moment crisis every time he must make a decision throughout his day. I love the story and highly recommend it.”

—Storywraps



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★ “A marvelous life survey of a perennially relevant historical figure.”

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One of Kirkus’s 40 Most Anticipated Books of 2022

I Begin with Spring weaves natural history around Thoreau’s life and times in a richly illustrated field notebook format that can be opened anywhere and invites browsing on every page. Beginning each season with quotes from Thoreau’s schoolboy essay about the changing seasons, *I Begin with Spring* follows him through the fields and woods of Concord, the joys and challenges of growing up, his experiment with simple living on Walden Pond, and his participation in the abolition movement, self-reliance, science, and literature.

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“Playful, engaging. A must read!”

—Elizabeth Bird, “A Fuse #8 Production,” SLJ

“A richly detailed field guide to Thoreau that offers older readers ample inspiration for outdoor exploration.”

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“Exemplifies narrative children’s nonfiction at the height of its powers.”

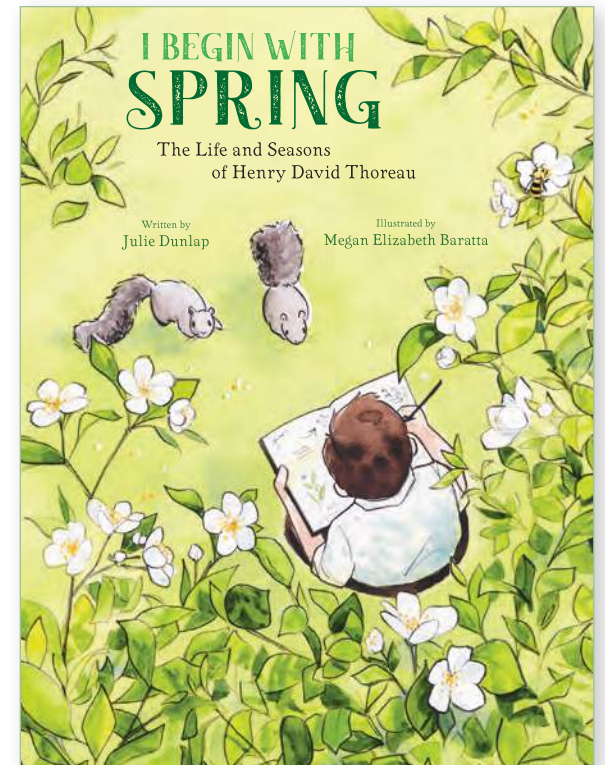
—“10 Children’s Books to Look Forward to in 2022,” Kirkus Reviews

★ “Engaging and inspiring.”

—School Library Journal (starred)

★ “An excellent introduction to Thoreau and the turbulent times in which he lived.”

—The Horn Book (starred)



I Begin with Spring

The Life and Seasons of Henry David Thoreau

Julie Dunlap

Illustrated by Megan Elizabeth Baratta

“Budding naturalists will be inspired by this engaging and accessible biography.”

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★ “Perfect for children who enjoy science but do not want something too technical.”
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★ “If you are looking for an educational fun book, this is the book for you.”
—Kids Book Buzz (starred review)



THE ACADIA FILES
Winter Science

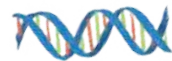
A melting snowman leads Acadia to explore climate change and how to reduce her carbon footprint. The helium balloons at her eleventh birthday party beg questions of molecular structure, weights of gases, and neutral buoyancy. Making paper airplanes with her friends brings discoveries in aerodynamics. Tracks in the snow lead to questions of how animals survive winter. And an afternoon of sledding slides into an investigation of momentum, acceleration, and friction.

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“The book concludes with a fitting challenge to labels’ utility. Novgorodoff’s illustrations aptly portray people of various abilities, ages, cultures, religions, and skin tones, and a final portrait of Gato beneath the framed, cross-stitched adage ‘You be you’ resoundingly drives home Miller’s message of acceptance.”
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Between his opening greeting and the bookend closing page on which he stalks away after taking no questions, Gato wants to make one thing perfectly clear: Although he has four legs, two ears, and a long, long tail, the word “cat” does not define him. His identity is his alone to describe and determine.

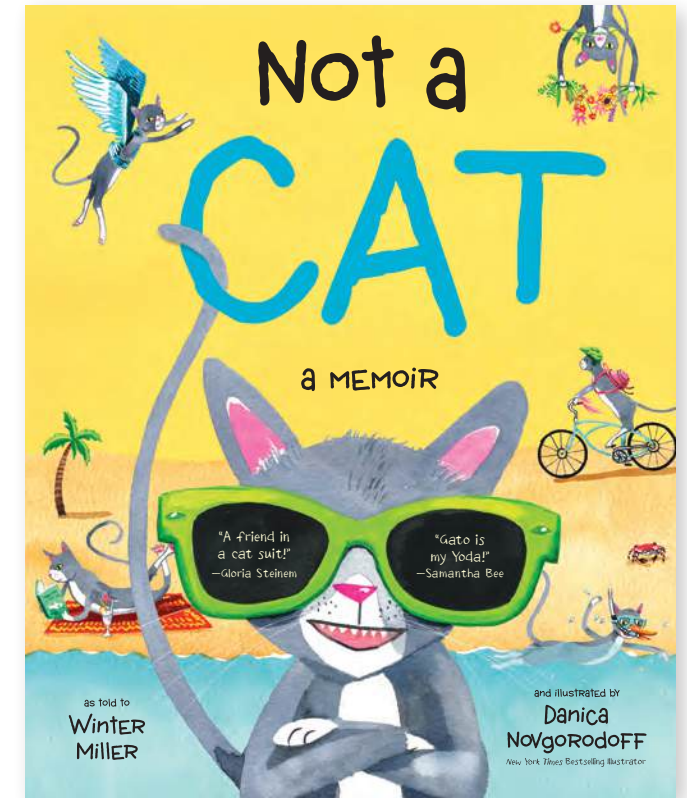
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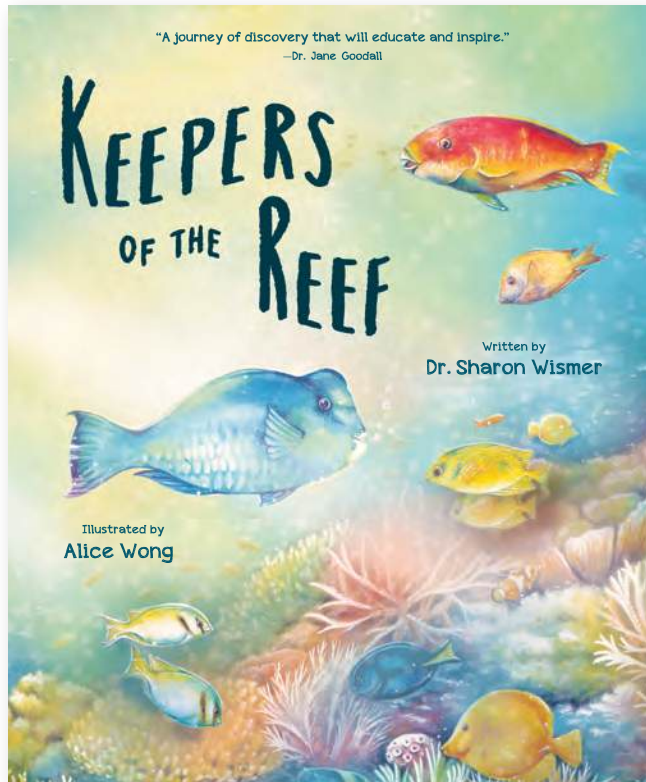
“Gato, like all really interesting people, contains multitudes.”

—Jessica Love, author of *Juliàn Is a Mermaid*

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Sharon Wismer—reef ecologist and mom—is the best tour guide a kid could have for a visit to the underwater world of Australia’s Great Barrier Reef. Alice Wong’s richly detailed, accurate watercolors take a boy and girl snorkeling to see the fishes that maintain the ecological balance between the corals and their main competitor, algae. Without the fish species that brush, crop, scrape, excavate, and browse the algae, coral reefs would die. A coral reef is a brilliant and colorful example of how a complex ecosystem functions and why its keystone species are critical to its health.

The Great Barrier Reef is one of Earth’s most celebrated natural treasures. Here children discover why the reef is threatened and what we can all do to help protect it. *Keepers of Reef* is the rare children’s book combining cutting-edge science with narrative and pictorial magic. Thorough backmatter sources and resources are included.

“One of those rare children’s book that deftly combines cutting-edge science with narrative and pictorial magic. An ideal and unreservedly recommended addition to family, elementary school, and community library marine life picture book collections.”

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Coral reefs are the gardens of the sea, and fish are the gardeners. Join two kids and a sea turtle for a journey through a fragile, beautiful ecosystem.

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“Stunning. Wong’s watercolor illustrations expertly present scientific diagrams while simultaneously lending a magical and whimsical backdrop to this important text. A perfect companion text to other habitat and ecosystem resources.”

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★ “Lustrous illustrations and meditative text. Exquisitely beautiful. Smoke dissipates quickly, but this poetic text will linger.”

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“A Best Nonfiction
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—Elizabeth Bird, Fuse 8 Productions, *SLJ*

“I lack a mouth, but I can speak.... I lack hands, but I can push out unwanted guests.... I’m gentler than a feather, but I can cause harm....”

By turns playful, challenging, and devious, smoke boasts of the ways it has helped human civilization advance: coaxing seeds to sprout; driving out termites and rodents; sending signals over long distances; preserving and flavoring foods; soothing bees; mixing medicines; aiding religious ceremonies. But smoke tells us that it can also cause harm and will never be tamed. Smoke has been borne aloft from flames, and its elements returned to earth, since before recorded time; its cycles never end.

Henry Herz’s spare, riddling narrative finds its ideal complement in Mercè López’s illustrations, which she created by holding art paper over smudgy burning candles to capture swirls of smoke. She then extended and deepened these textures with watercolors and finished in Photoshop, and the results are mesmerizing.

Backmatter about the uses of smoke through history enhances the book for STEM learning.



I Am Smoke

Henry Herz
Illustrated by Mercè López

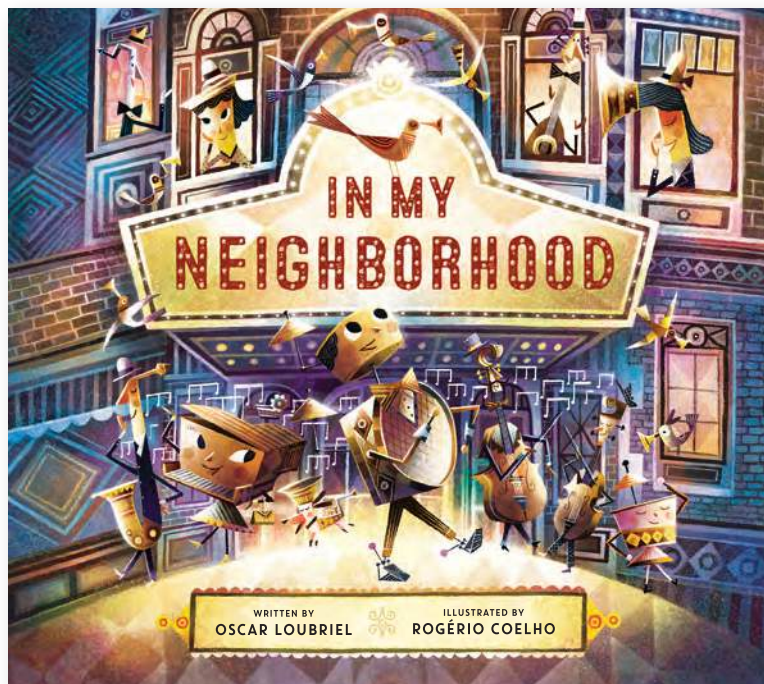
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A search for identity
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The narrator, a drum, wanders the streets of Coelho’s vividly realized city of musical instruments—where even the birds sprout miniature trumpets from their mouths—feeling like an outcast because he alone, among all his family and neighbors, can’t play a melody. He adores his violin brother, cello father, and piano mother but feels he has nothing to offer to their music. But one day a trio of saxophones ask him to join their band, and what they tell him gives him an epiphany: *So that’s what a drum does! I now understand. I don’t carry a tune; I carry a band.*

But he must still prove it to himself, and that takes all his courage. Loubriel’s story of bravery and identity, infused with Latin rhythms and joy, provides a fine vehicle for Coelho’s vibrant technique and palette. Coelho’s city of music bursts with exuberance. In backmatter, Loubriel, a lifelong drummer, explains how the drum kit lays a song’s foundation. The bass drum is the heartbeat; the hi-hat is the dynamic metronome; the snare drum is the drum kit’s singer.

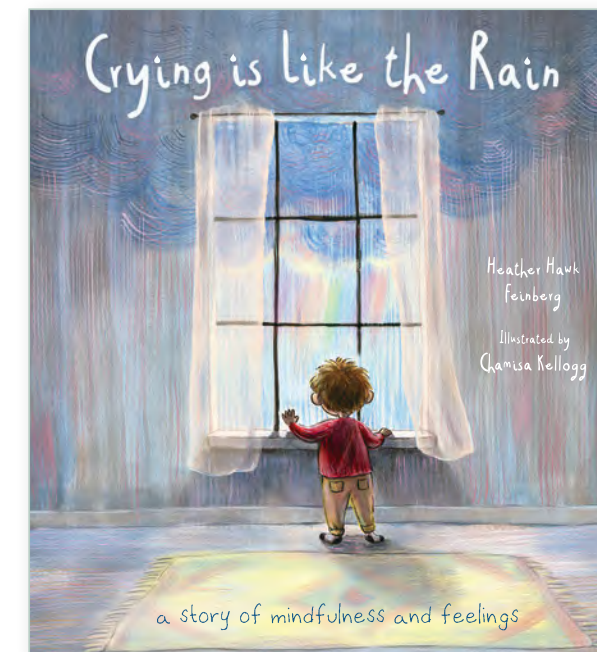
★ “With captivating, luminously colorful illustrations and a vintage feel, the story serves as an apt allegory in how each individual instrument holds value in the force of music’s power.”

—*School Library Journal (starred review)*

A story of coping
with anxiety and
sadness.

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—*Publishers Weekly*



Feelings come and go like the weather, and crying is like the rain. The words of this gentle book elaborate this soothing, encouraging theme, while the pictures tell a story of a little boy tearfully bound for his first day of school in the company of his older, wiser sister. In back matter, Feinberg sets forth her tested methods for helping children cope with sadness, frustration, and fear.



Crying is Like the Rain

A Story of Mindfulness and Feelings

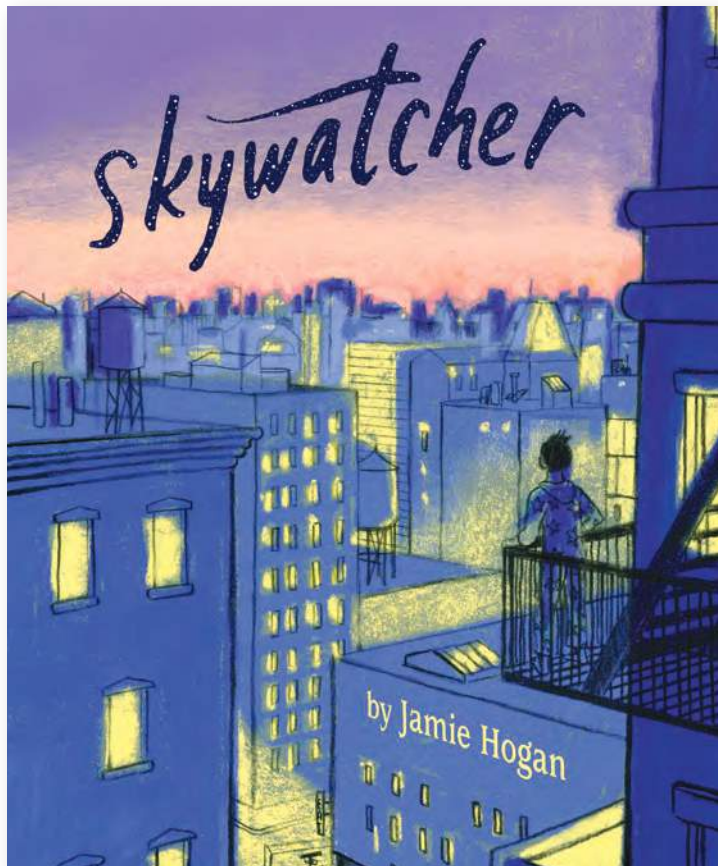
Heather Hawk Feinberg

Illustrated by Chamisa Kellogg

“This empowering book is a tool for caregivers and teachers wanting to explore social emotional learning with the very young.”
—*School Library Journal*

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★ “A simple, sweet story about a tiny but loving family. I loved the artwork.”
—*Youth Services Book Review* (starred)

“HIGH ADDITIONAL: Told with warmth, this story will inspire children to learn more about the constellations and astronomy.”
—The Association of Children's Librarians of Northern California

“Hogan’s illustrations are almost all in velvety shades of blue to convey the darkness of the night, except for a pale green Luna moth and the golds and purples surrounding the stars. One double-page spread shows mother and son sitting close together, their bodies sprinkled with the same stars that dot the sky.”
—*Horn Book Magazine*

“A celebration of the darkness, the mysteries of night, the importance of keeping places unpolluted by overlighting, and, most of all, that there’s wilderness out there, and there’s also wilderness within us, and we need to be connected to it.”
—*Boston Globe*

Tamen longs to see the stars, but none are visible in the light-polluted sky above the fire escape of his apartment building. Even in the neighborhood park, the stars are hidden by city lights. So his mom, a nightshift nurse, finds a way to take him camping. For one magical night on the shore of a wilderness pond, the Milky Way in all its glory belongs to them.

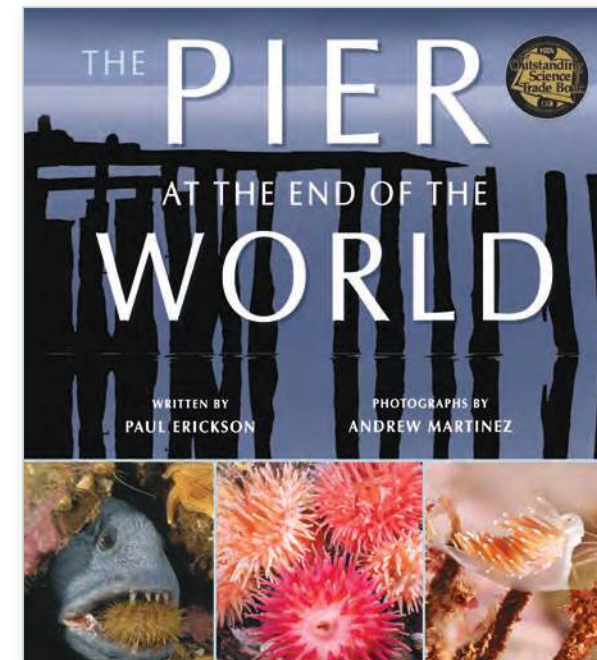
“What makes this story stand out is the relationship between a boy and his hardworking mother, and a special night they share together outside of their usual busy routine.”
—*Kirkus Reviews*

“Gorgeously illustrated. Kids will treasure this book.”
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“Beautifully illustrated.”
—International Dark-Sky Association

“The perfect book for a school or class library.”
—*NSTA Recommends*

“As educational as it is enthralling, a choice pick for grade school and public library children’s collections.”
—*Children’s Bookwatch*



The Pier at the End of the World

Paul Erickson

Photographs by Andrew Martinez

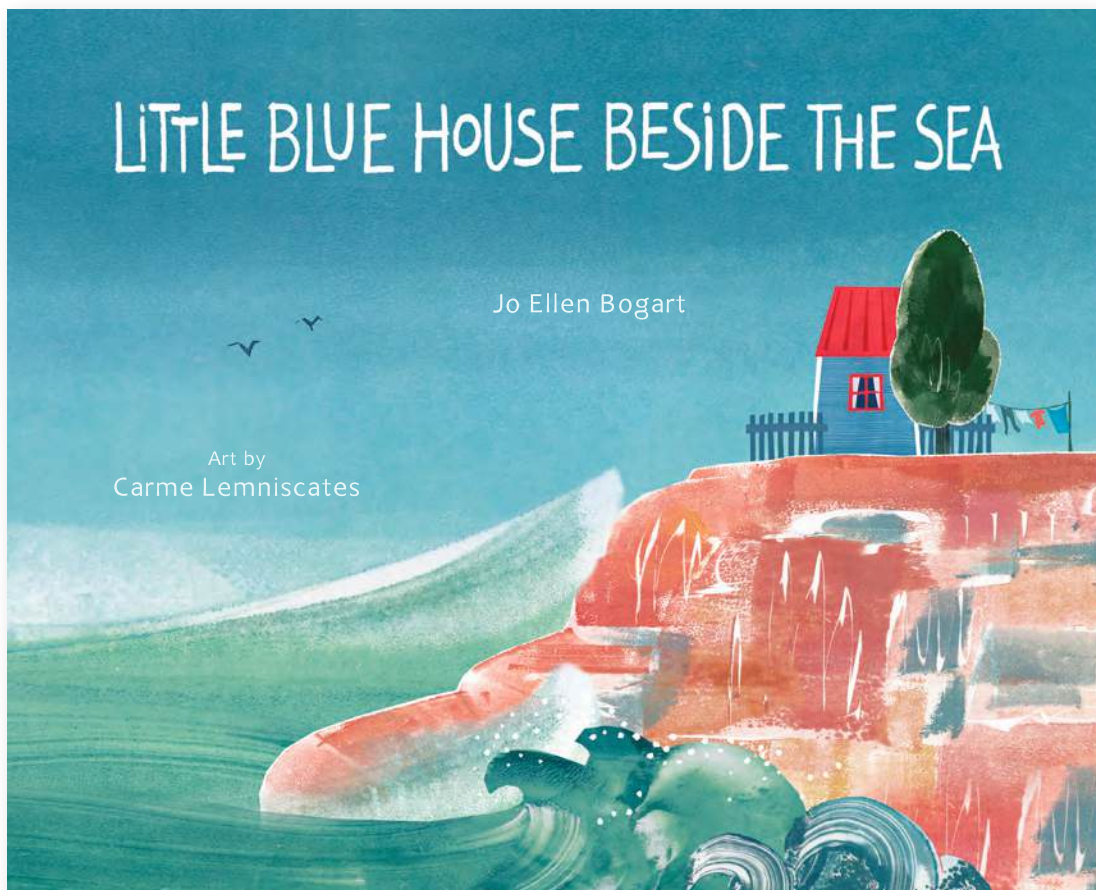
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With lyrical writing and outstanding underwater photography, this picture book follows a day in the life of the denizens lurking in the cold, tide-swept waters beneath a remote pier on the shore of a northern sea. A wolf fish munching a sea urchin, a hermit crab switching shells, a sea slug arming itself with stinging cells stolen from an anemone, a starfish thrusting its stomach through its mouth to digest its prey, exotic basket stars straining the water for food, a 35-pound hundred-year-old lobster guarding his domain, and other creatures take us from dawn to darkness. Panoramic paintings show the bigger picture, including the eyes of nighttime predators and the creatures who are missing the following morning. An appendix of macro-photos shows the tiny animals that are critical to the food web.

Paul Erickson (Newburyport, MA) creates exhibits, websites, guides, and videos for zoos, museums, and aquariums including the New England Aquarium, the Houston Zoo, ZooMiami, the Friends of the Los Angeles River, the Museum of Science and Discovery, and many others. He has authored or co-authored numerous magazine articles and three books about undersea life. He is the author of *Don't Mess with Me: The Strange Lives of Venomous Sea Creatures* (page 57). **Andrew Martinez** (Danbury, MA) travels the world to photograph sea life.

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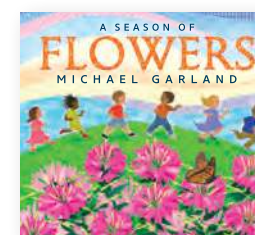
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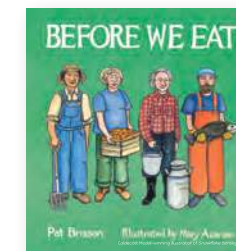
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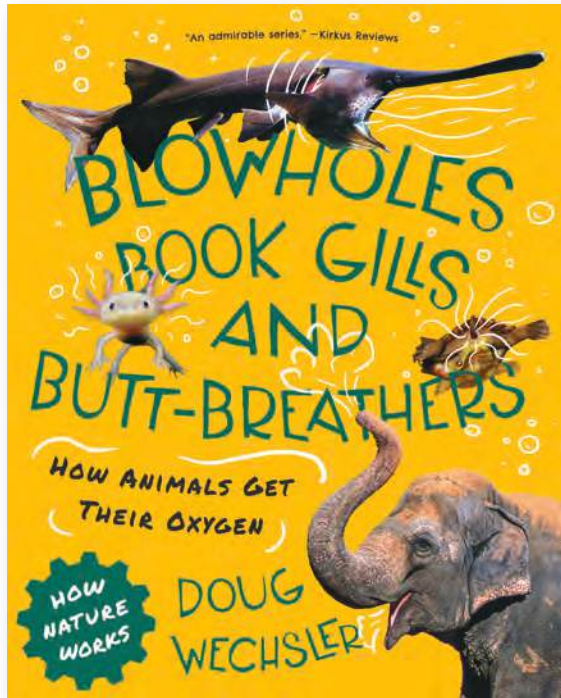
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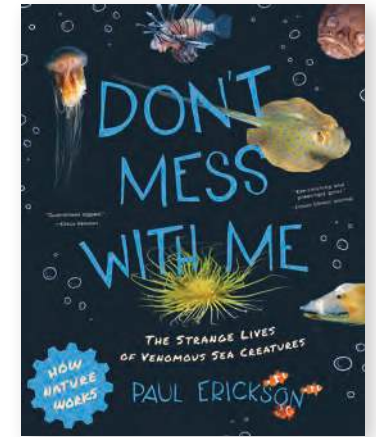
Scorpions and rattlesnakes are fine as far as they go, but they've got nothing on venomous sea creatures. Octopi, stingrays, stonefish, urchins—you can choose your poison in the ocean. Banded sea snakes wriggle into undersea caves to prey on vicious moray eels. Lion's mane jellies dangle tentacles like poisonous curtains as they drift through midnight seas, trolling the depths for prey. Delicate-looking anemones paralyze and ingest passing sea urchins, spines and all. Corals and fireworms and snails, oh my! How did these venomous animals evolve?

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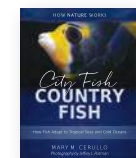
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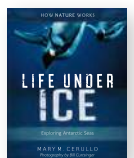
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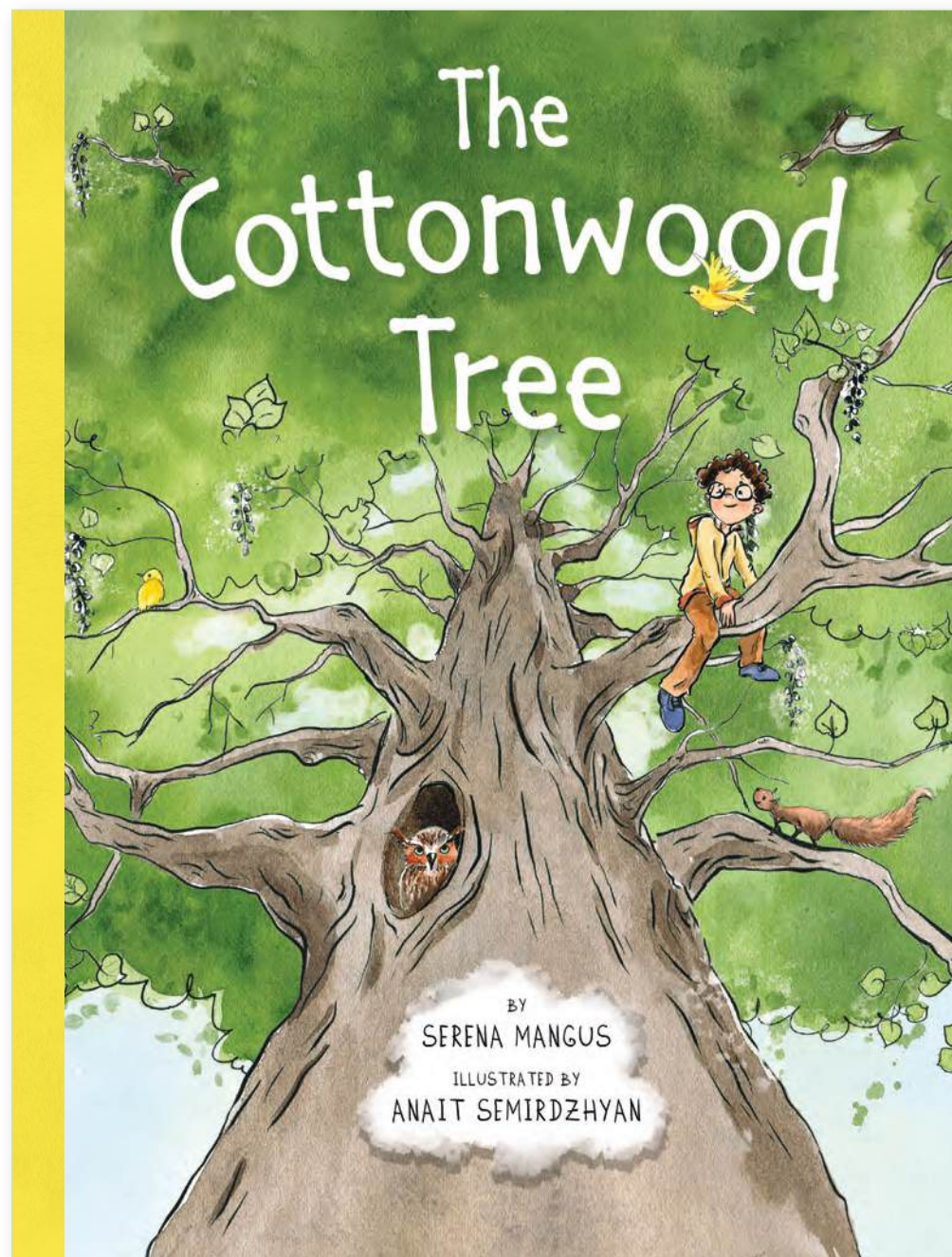
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Cottonwood trees grow throughout North America and play a critical role in their ecosystems, yet little has been written about them. In this “autobiography,” a cottonwood tree tells its life story beginning when it is only a seed in a bed of fluff, floating over a river somewhere in the American heartland, and ending more than 80 years later when it is toppled by a fierce storm. Along the way the seed grows into a majestic tree, spreading its life-giving branches to birds, insects, and animals.

The tree recounts its visits over the years by a special human who was born in the same year. As a boy, this human climbs the cottonwood’s branches to watch the river and dream. As a father, he brings his daughter to visit. As an old man he grieves to see the tree knocked down but rejoices when he sees new sprouts emerging from the stump. He knows the tree is not done yet!

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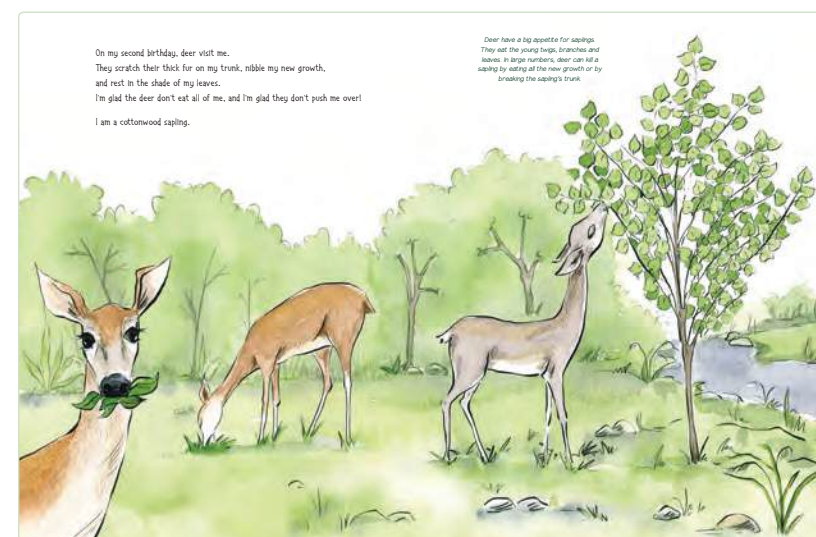
—Kirkus Reviews

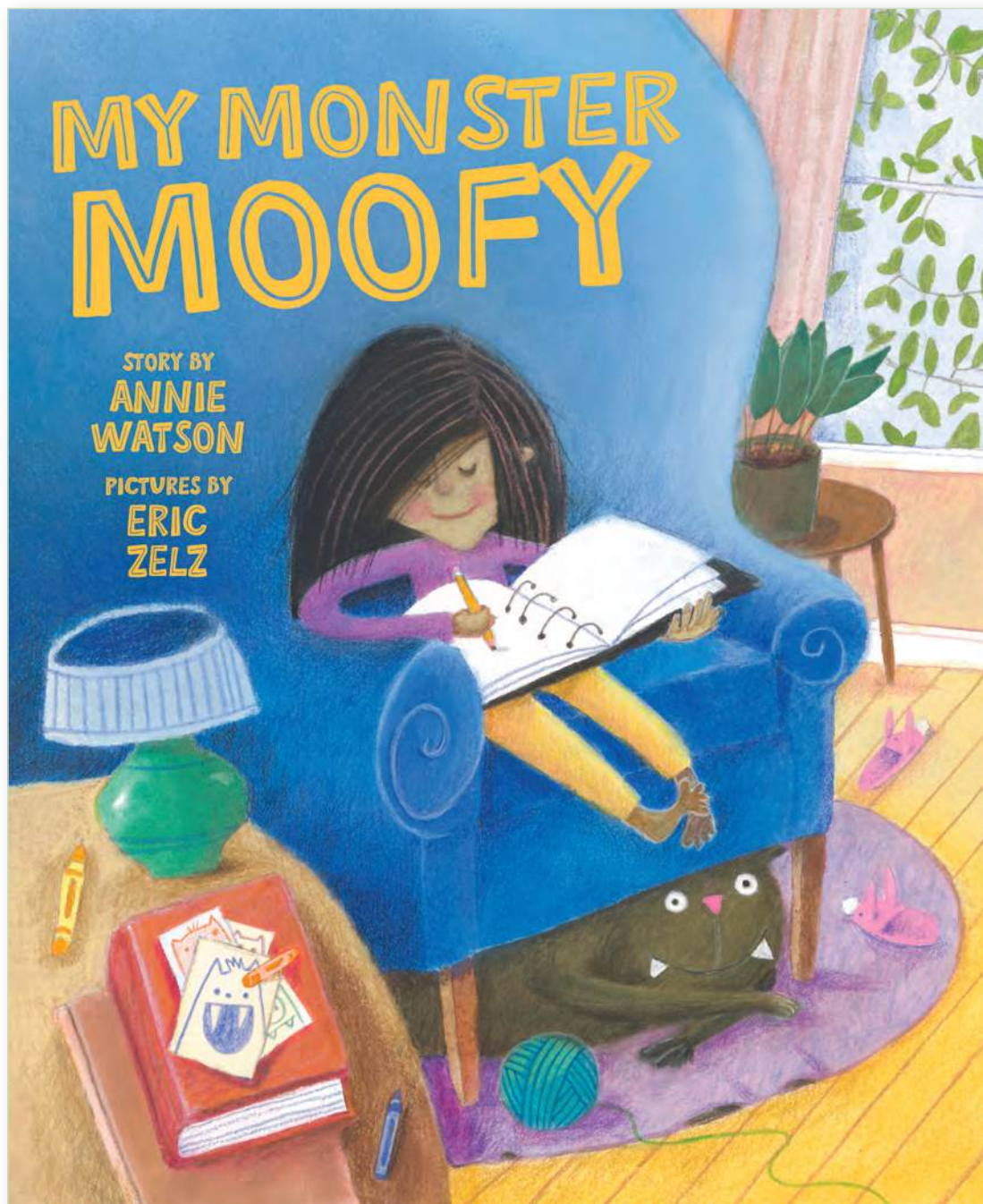
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My Monster Moofy

Story by Annie Watson • Pictures by Eric Zelz

*There's a monster under my bed who changes **like** a chameleon.*

*He can be motionless, **like** a rock with a tail, or he can strike with blinding speed, **like** a lightning bolt with claws.*

*My monster's name is Moofy. His ears are **as pointy as** tortilla chips and his tongue is **as pink as** bubblegum, but his teeth are **as sharp as** swords.*

*By day, Moofy is a **fur rug** in the sunshine.*

*By night, he's **a pair of glowing lights** in the darkness.*

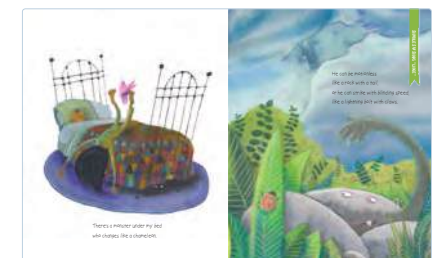
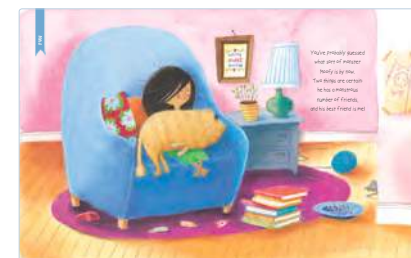
With those opening lines, we've already encountered similes using *like*, similes using *as*, and metaphors. Personifications, idioms, hyperboles, allusions, and much more lie ahead. But this isn't a writing guide, it's a picture book story about a little monster who oozes personality. The first pages leave us guessing, but kids will soon figure out, to their delight, that Moofy's a cat. And what else could this furball of mischief be?

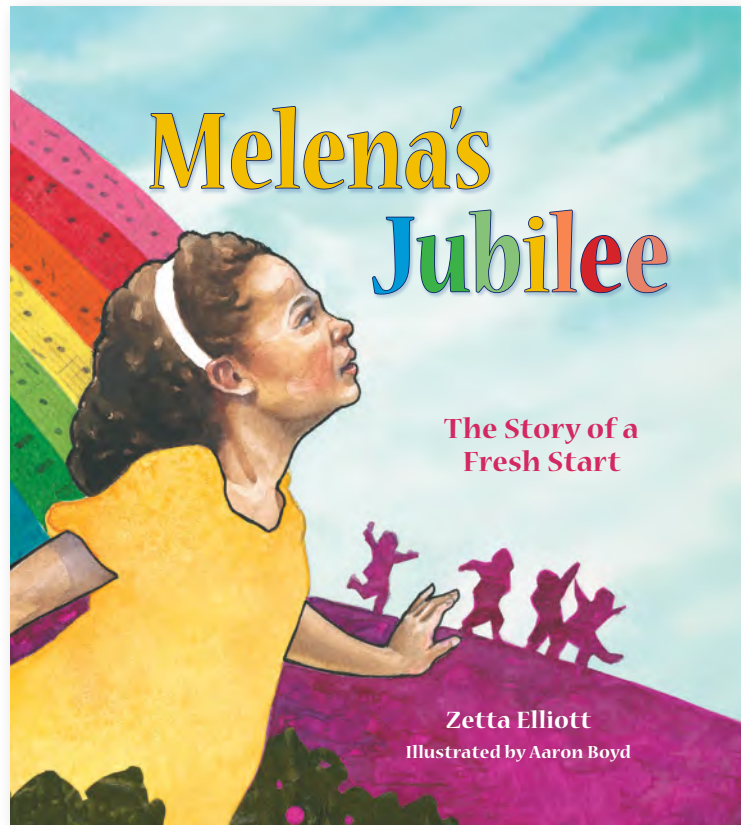
Fun is the order of the day, but an unobtrusive banner on each page lets interested readers know which figure of speech is being featured. This is a book a young reader and future writer can grow with.

★ "An excellent resource for an elementary language-arts classroom or an ideal gift for a young, budding writer. A delightful picture-book introduction to poetic devices."
—Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

"Should help children develop sensitivity to linguistic devices and be better able to notice them in the wild."
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"If I gave out stars, this savvy picture book would get many. A literary triumph."
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Born in Canada, **Zetta Elliott** moved to the U.S. in 1994 and now lives in Evanston, IL. Her poetry has been published in several anthologies, and her plays have been staged in New York, Chicago, and Cleveland. Her essays have appeared in *The Huffington Post*, *School Library Journal*, and *Publishers Weekly*. She is the author of more than twenty books for young readers, including the award-winning picture books *Bird* and *Say Her Name*. Three of her books have been named Best Children's Books of the Year by the Bank Street Center for Children's Literature.

Aaron Boyd is the illustrator of 25 children's books including *Luigi and the Barefoot Races*, *Babu's Song*, *Daddy Goes to Work*, and the *Panda Goes to School* series. His pop-up Storybook Year won a Clio Top 4 award and was inducted into the Smithsonian Rare Books collection. He has also received Children's Africana Book, Choices Sports, Notable Children's Book, and Hermes Creative awards, and his advertising graphics have received Addy Gold and Graphis awards.

"I write predominantly about Black children because I grew up believing I was invisible in the real world, and it hurt just as much to discover that I was also invisible in the realm of the imaginary. I write the books I wish I had had as a child."

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"Fun and engaging."

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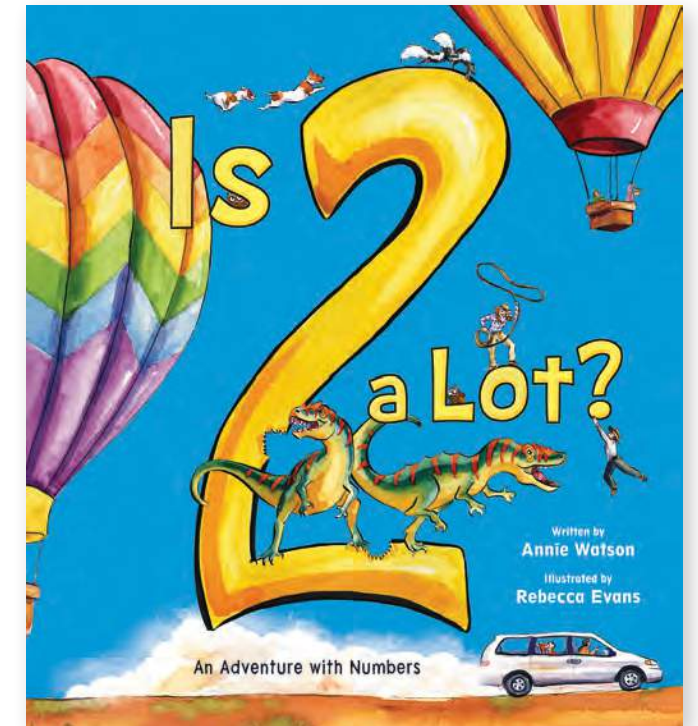
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"A great intro to the world of numbers and math."

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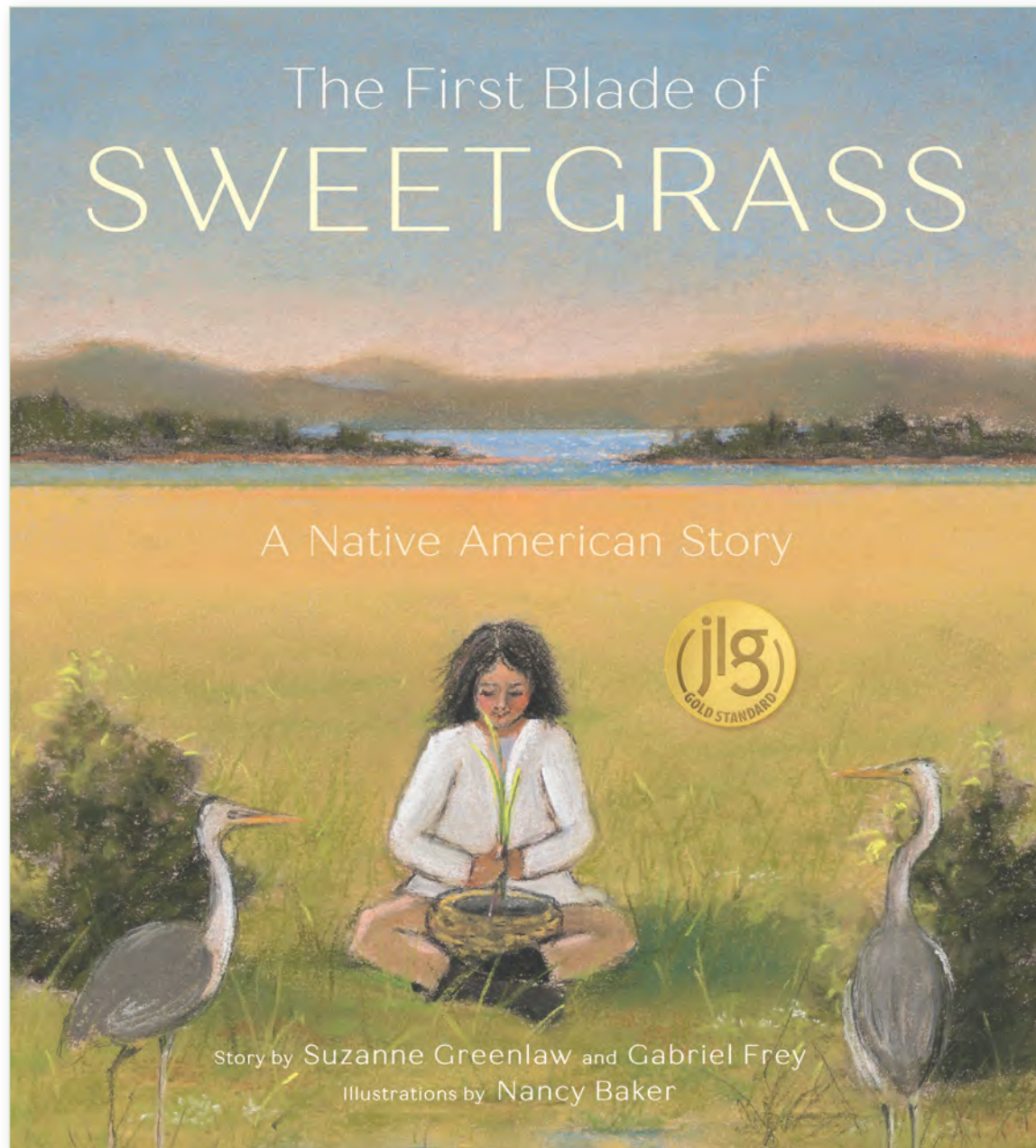
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Two is not a lot of pennies, but it *is* a lot of smelly skunks. Ten is not a lot of popcorn pieces, but it *is* a lot of chomping dinosaurs. Joey's questions and his mom's artful answers transform an ordinary car ride into a magical odyssey through the land of numbers.

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Rebecca Evans worked for nine years as an artist and designer before returning to her first love: children's book illustration and writing. Her books include *Someday I'll Fly*; *Friends in Fur Coats*; *The Shopkeeper's Bear*; *Naughty Nana*; *Mei Ling in China*; *Masterpiece Robot* (page 87); and *Finding the Speed of Light* (page 85). She lives in Maryland with her husband and four young children, teaches art at the Chesapeake Center for the Creative Arts, and works from her home studio whenever time permits. Rebecca's own boundless imagination enjoys free rein at www.rebeccaevans.net.



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The First Blade of Sweetgrass

Story by Suzanne Greenlaw and Gabriel Frey

Illustrations by Nancy Baker



In this Own Voices Native American picture book, a modern Wabanaki girl is excited to accompany her grandmother for the first time to harvest sweetgrass for basket making. She must overcome her impatience while learning to distinguish sweetgrass from other salt marsh grasses, but slowly the spirit and peace of her surroundings speak to her, and she gathers sweetgrass as her ancestors have done for centuries, leaving the first blade she sees to grow for future generations. This sweet, authentic story from a Maliseet mother and her Passamaquoddy husband includes backmatter about traditional basket making and a Wabanaki glossary.

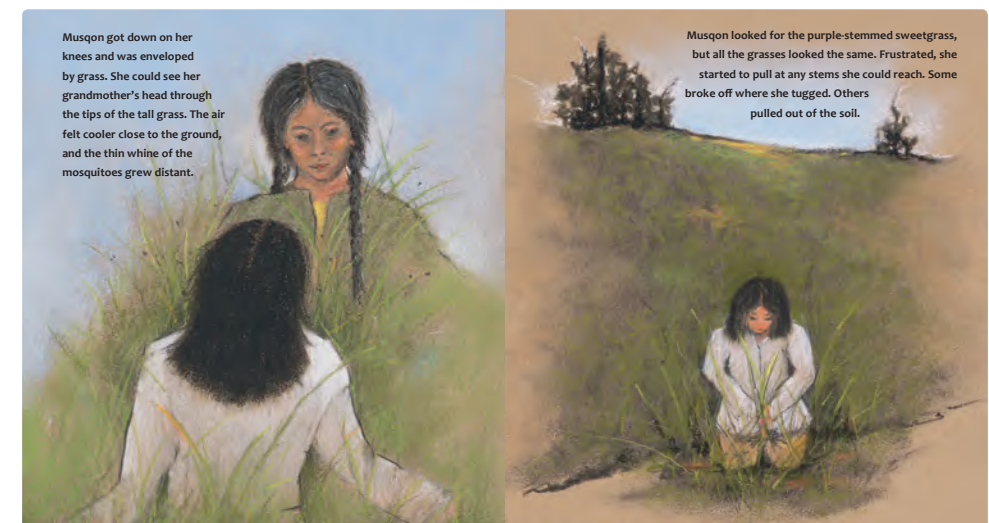
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★ “A sweet story, deeply personal, thoughtfully detailed.”
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“A great read-aloud about a Native American custom that is still practiced. HIGH ADDITIONAL.”
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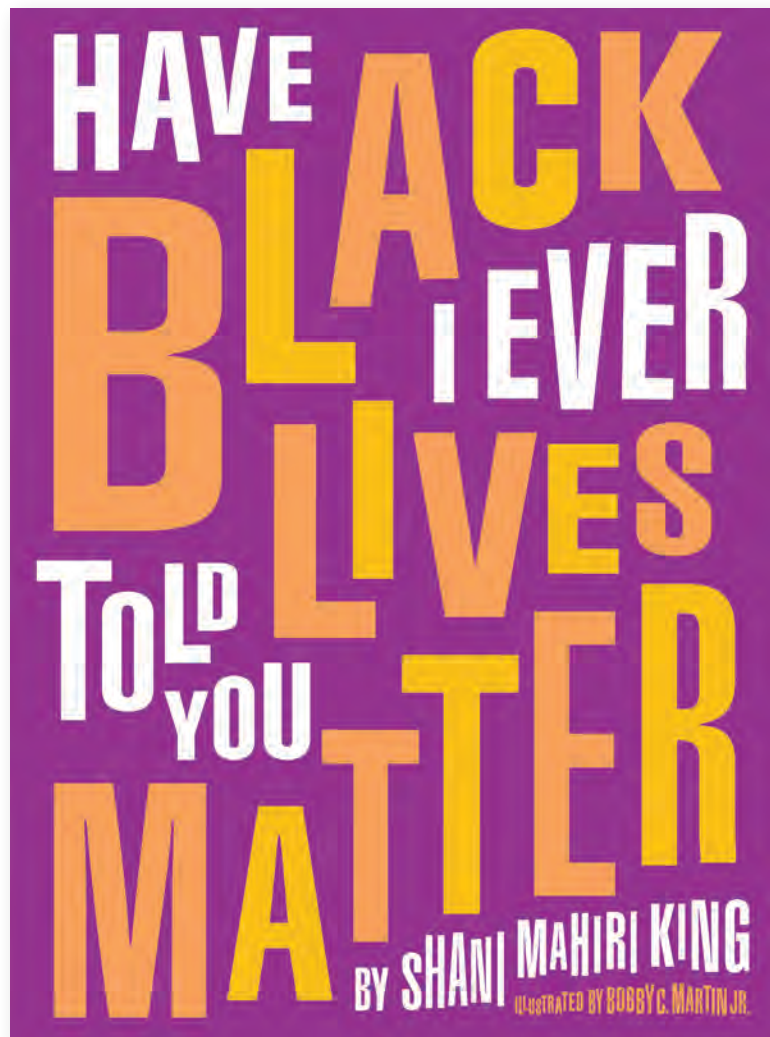
“This lyrical tale shows how careful observation and the respect of nature can provide unexpected gifts.”
—*Kirkus Reviews*

“By placing First Nations people in the present day, but showing their connection to ancient customs, the book fills a unique niche.”
—*Youth Services Book Review*



Musqon got down on her knees and was enveloped by grass. She could see her grandmother’s head through the tips of the tall grass. The air felt cooler close to the ground, and the thin whine of the mosquitoes grew distant.

Musqon looked for the purple-stemmed sweetgrass, but all the grasses looked the same. Frustrated, she started to pull at any stems she could reach. Some broke off where she tugged. Others pulled out of the soil.

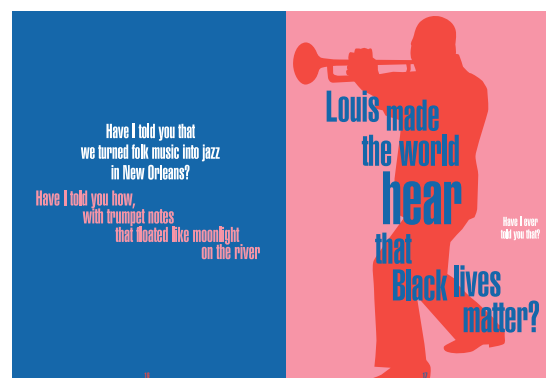


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“In this bold homage to the Black experience, kids can access a birthright of struggle, excellence and resilience.”
 —*San Francisco Chronicle*



Have I Ever Told You Black Lives Matter?

Shani Mahiri King

Illustrated and designed by Bobby C. Martin Jr.

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—*New York Times Book Review*

★ “Black history and culture come alive in this celebratory biography, whose fresh, pop-art style bursts with color and creatively sized and set sans-serif font. This book powerfully reflects current events and attitudes while raising up Black Americans past and present.”

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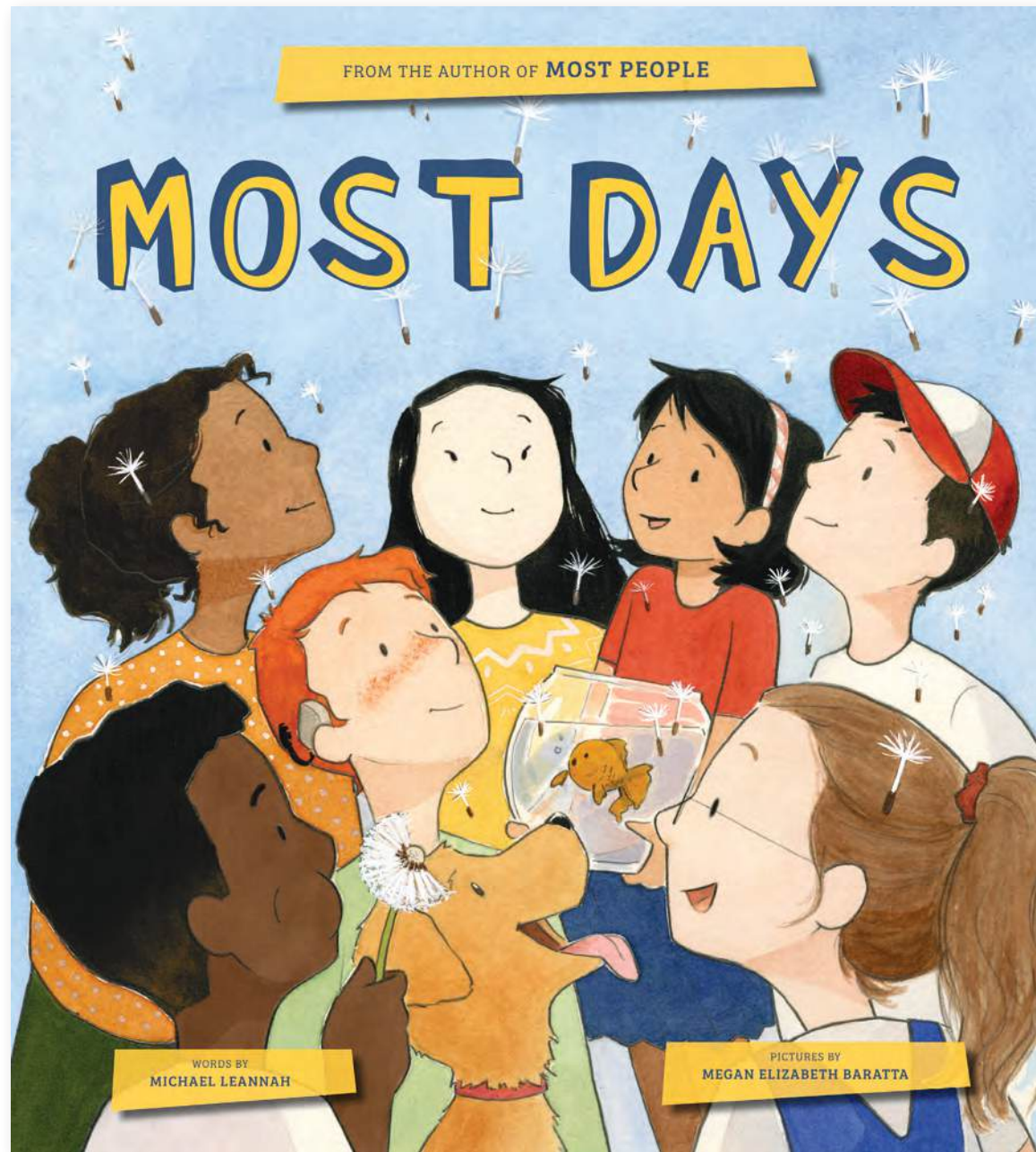
—*The Tiny Activist*

“Highly informative, beautifully designed, and accessibly written.”

—Boston Public Library 2021 “Black Is...” citation

Shani Mahiri King (Miami, FL) is a law professor at the University of Florida, where he is director of the Center on Children and Families and an Associate Director of the Center on Race and Race Relations. Shani teaches and writes in the areas of international human rights, children’s rights and family law, immigration law, and legal ethics. He is the father of a nine-year-old daughter and a six-year-old son, for whom he wrote the picture book *Have I Ever Told You?* (see page 88).

Bobby C. Martin Jr (Brooklyn, NY) is co-founder of Champions Design, a branding and design agency in New York City, and faculty member of the graduate design program at the School of Visual Arts, where he earned an MFA in 2003. Bobby’s son was born in 2019 and inspired him to take on this project.



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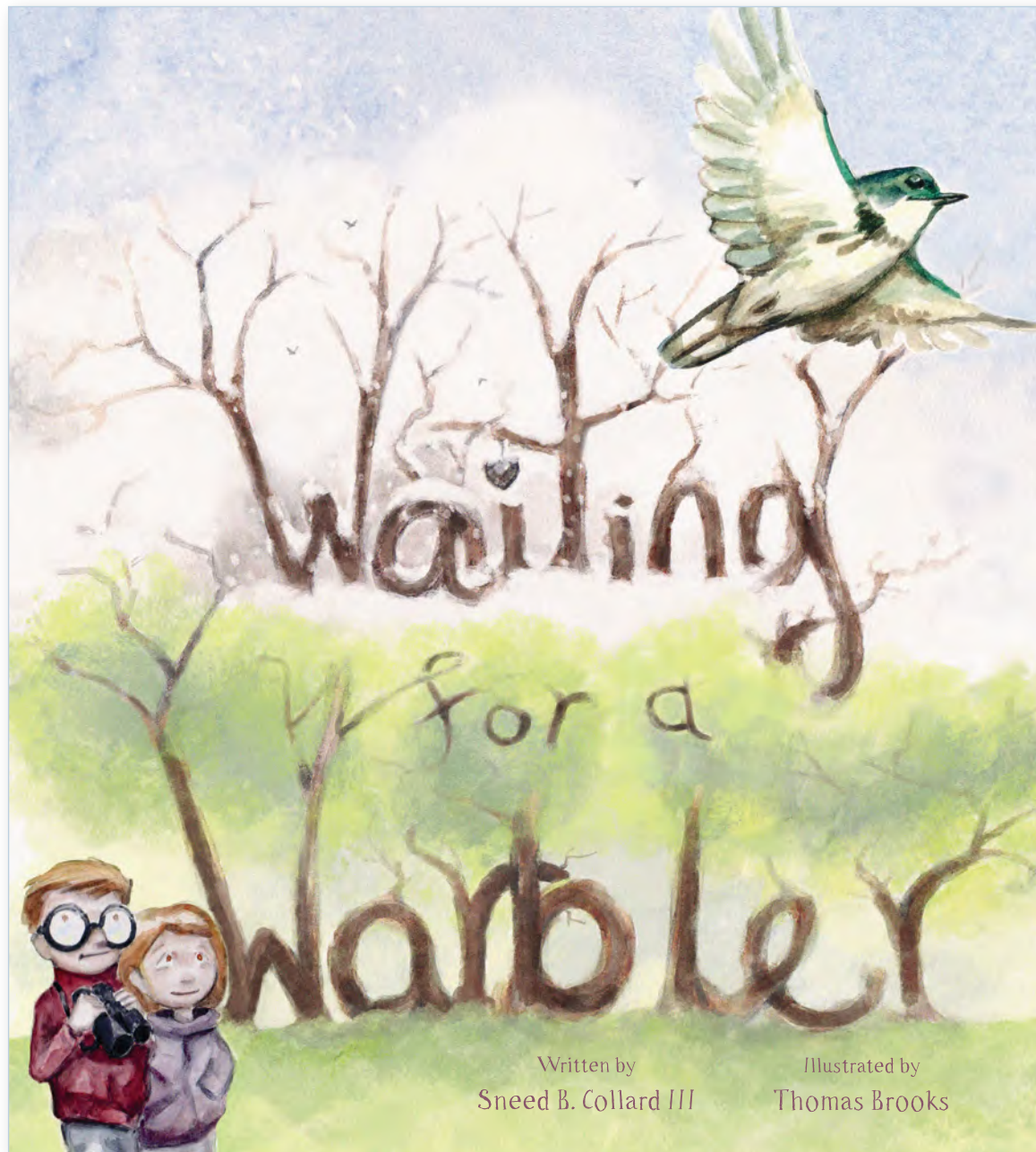
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GREEN EARTH BOOK AWARD HONOREE

“For kids who enjoy observing birds, here’s an informative introduction to bird-watching.”
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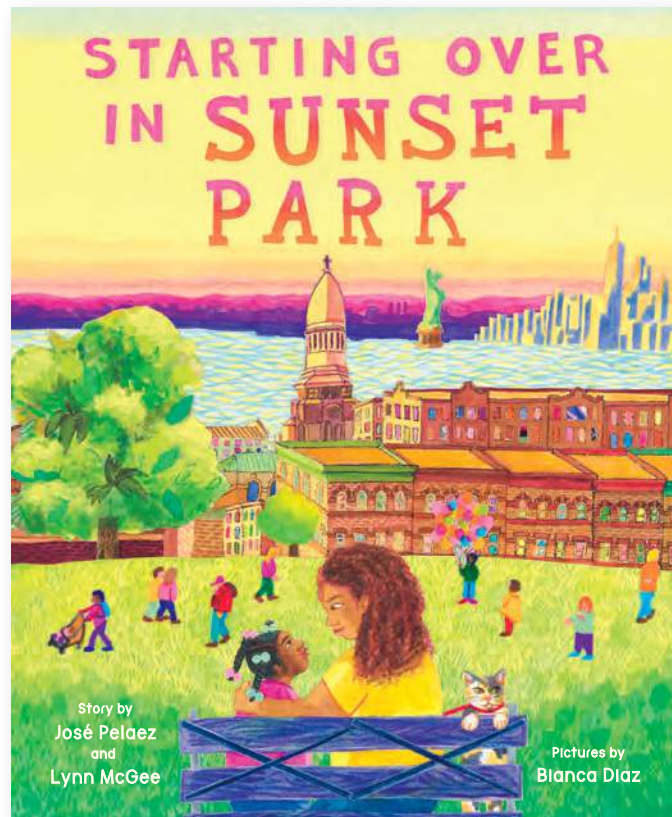
Owen’s family has planted native shrubs, trees, and perennials around their house, providing food and habitat for the birds Owen loves. He hopes to see a rare Cerulean warbler—perhaps the same one that visited last year.

In early April, as Owen and his sister search the hickories, oaks, and dogwoods for returning birds, a huge group of birds leaves the misty mountain slopes of the Yucatan peninsula for the 600-mile flight across the Gulf of Mexico to their summer nesting grounds. One of them is a Cerulean warbler. He will lose more than half his body weight even if the journey goes well. Aloft over the vast ocean, the birds encourage each other with squeaky chirps that say, “We are still alive. We can do this.”

Owen’s family watches televised reports of a great storm over the Gulf of Mexico, fearing what it may mean for migrating songbirds. In alternating spreads, we wait and hope with Owen, then struggle through the storm with the warbler.

This moving story with its hopeful ending appeals to us to preserve the things we love. The back-matter includes a North American bird migration map, birding information for kids, and guidance for how native plantings can transform yards into bird and wildlife habitat.





Starting Over in Sunset Park

José Pelaez and Lynn McGee

Illustrated by Bianca Díaz

“Pelaez and McGee sketch vivid portraits of the family’s culture. Detailed, marker-bright illustrations by Díaz effectively employ comics-style panels and speech bubbles, successfully reflecting one child’s gradual journey of adaptation.”

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“A new thread in the ever-growing tapestry of immigration stories in picture books. The Afro-Caribbean experience is seldom seen in children’s books, and cultural insiders will appreciate the text’s references to the Dominican Republic and its inclusion of Spanish language.”

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Brooklyn is a strange, intimidating place for a girl who speaks no English when she steps off her very first plane after a flight from the Dominican Republic. Jessica and her mom, Camila, must live in their cousins’ crowded apartment until Camila finds work making holiday decorations and they

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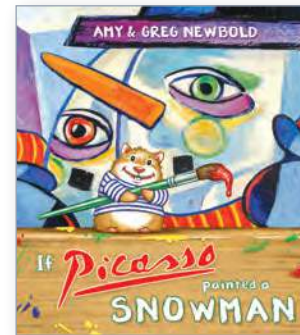
“The big, brightly colored original illustrations range from evocative to downright authentic-looking.”

“An inviting introduction to a range of important painters.”
—School Library Journal

“An engaging approach to fine art.”

—Booklist

—Kirkus Reviews



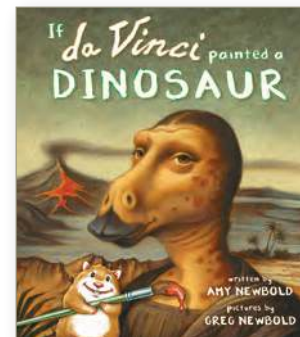
If Picasso Painted a Snowman

Amy Newbold

Illustrated by Greg Newbold

How does an artist’s imagination summon magic from a prosaic subject? Greg Newbold’s chameleon-like artistry shows us Roy Lichtenstein’s snow hero saving the day, Georgia O’Keeffe’s snowman blooming in the desert, Claude Monet’s snowmen among haystacks, Grant Wood’s American Gothic snowman, Jackson Pollock’s snowman in ten thousand splats, Salvador Dali’s snowmen dripping like melty cheese, and snowmen as they might have been rendered by J. M. W. Turner, Gustav Klimt, Paul Klee, Marc Chagall, Georges Seurat, Pablita Velarde, Piet Mondrian, Sonia Delaunay, Jacob Lawrence, and Vincent van Gogh.

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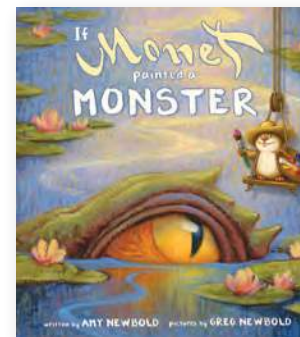
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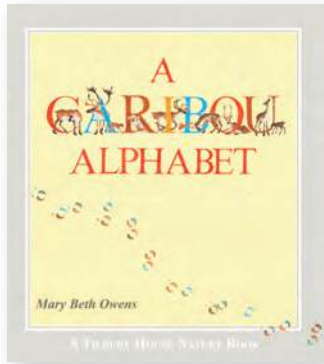
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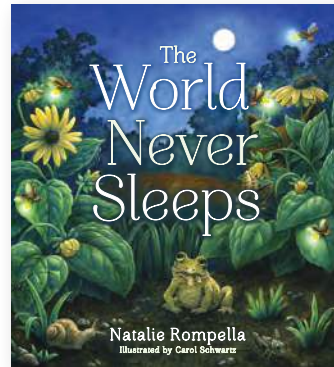


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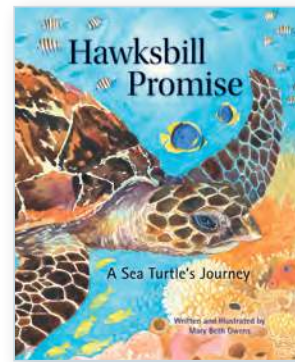
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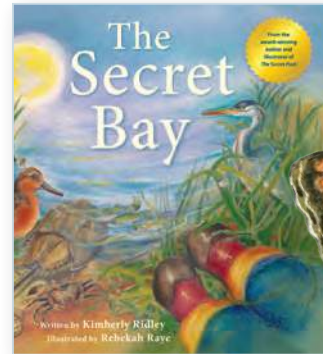
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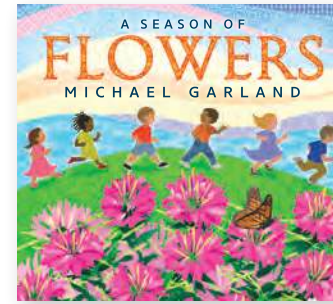
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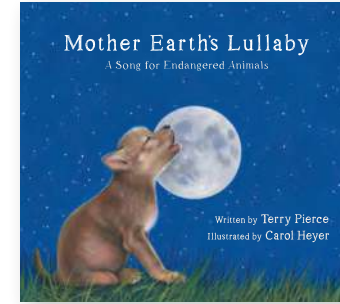
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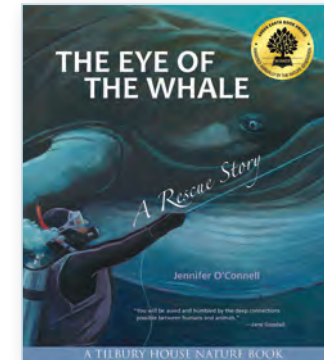
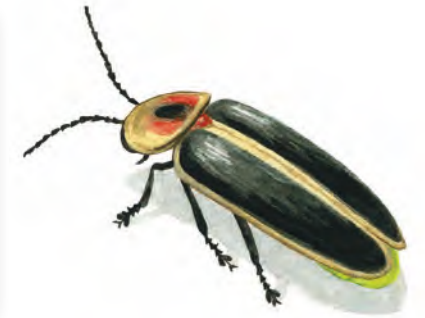
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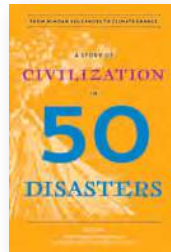
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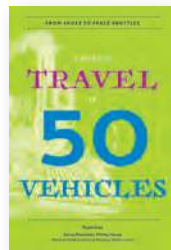
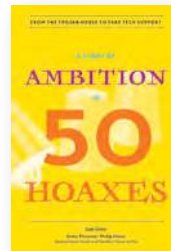
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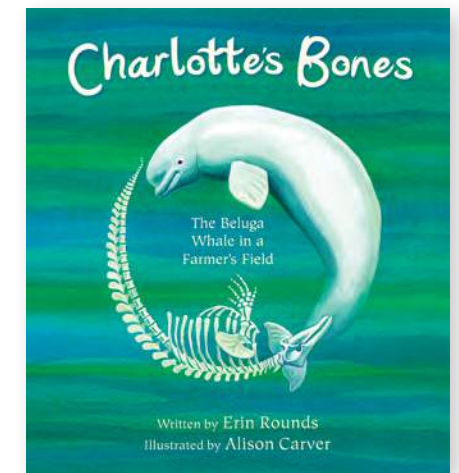
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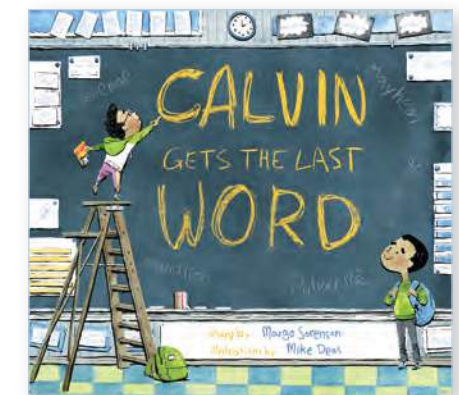
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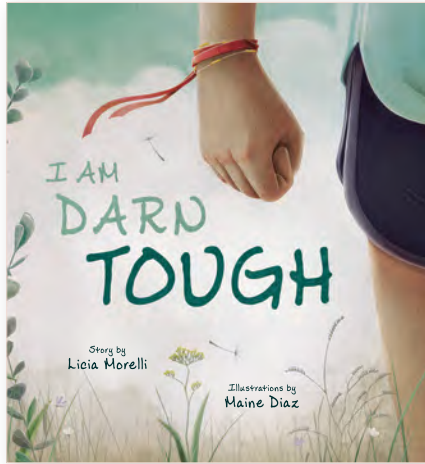


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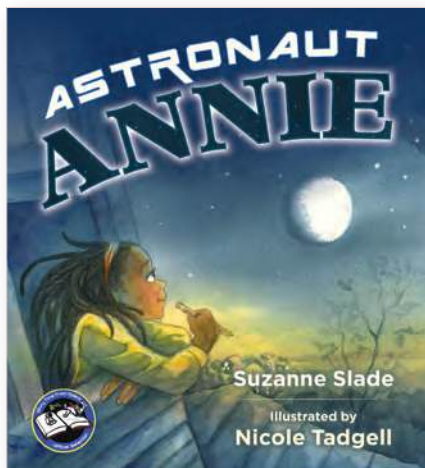
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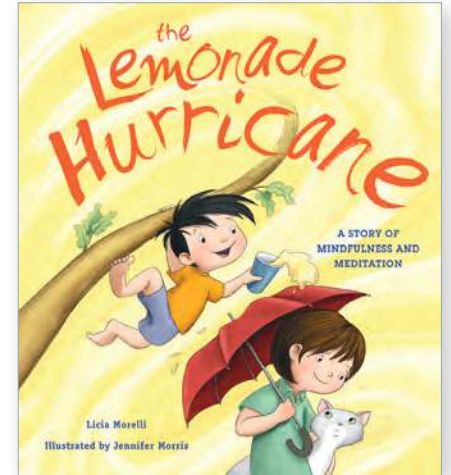
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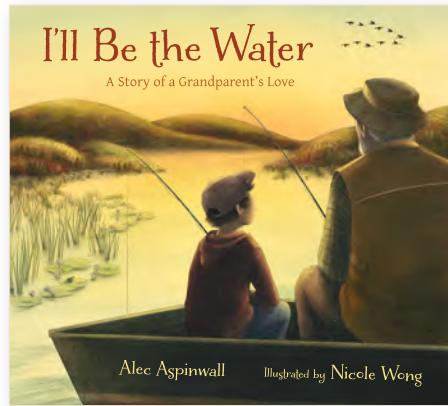
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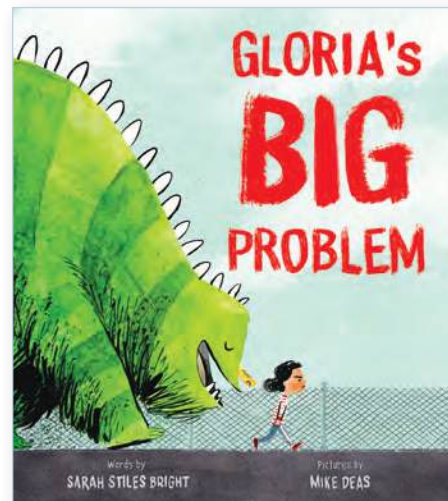
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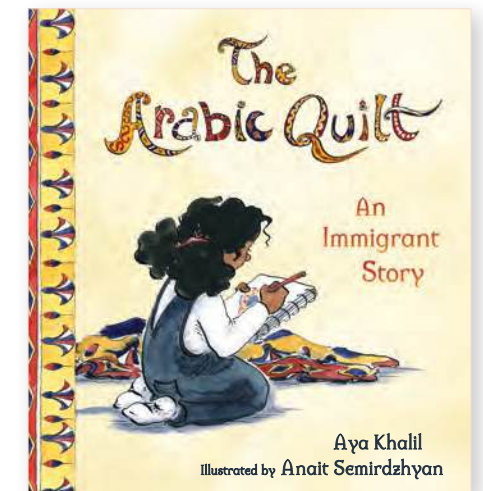
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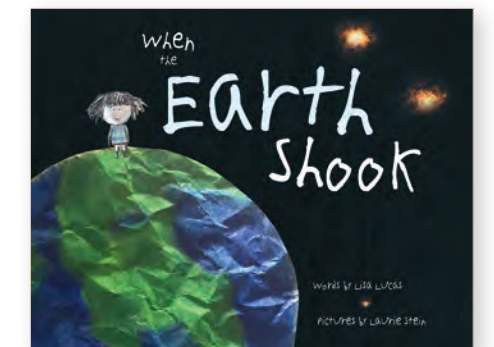
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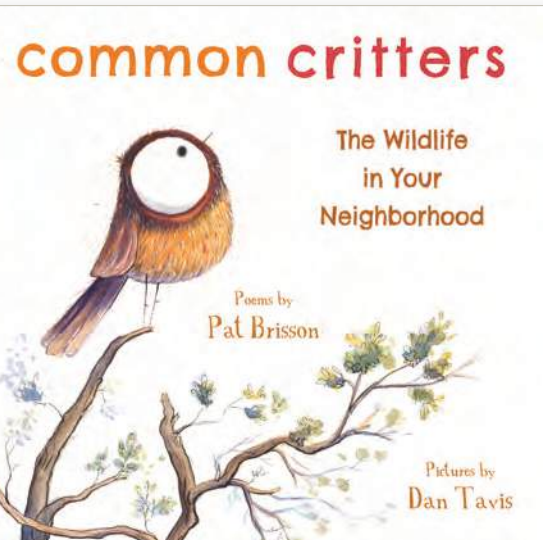
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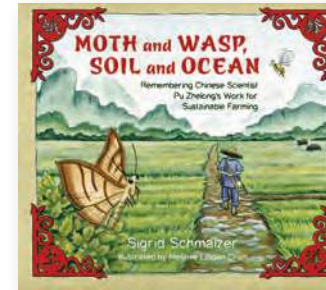
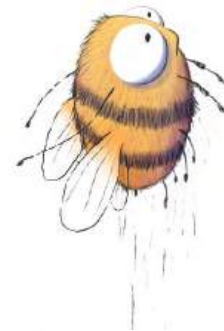
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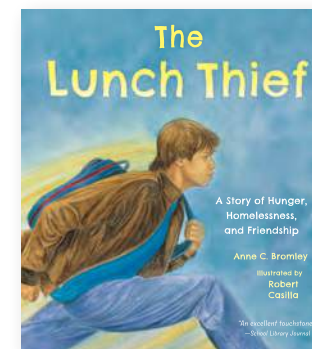
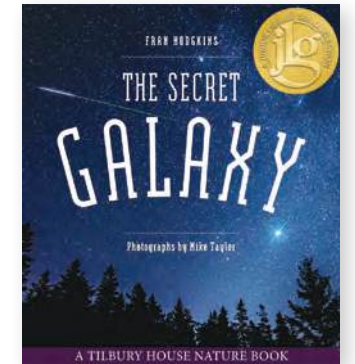
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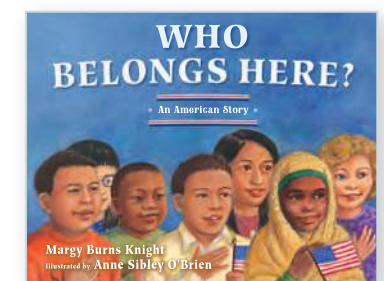
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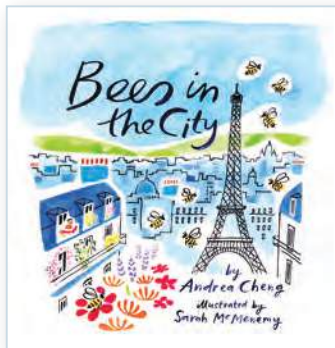
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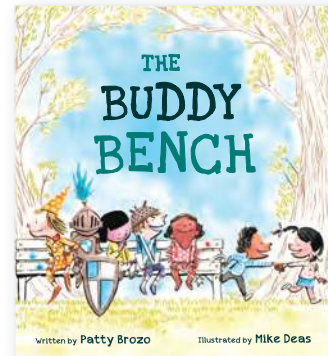
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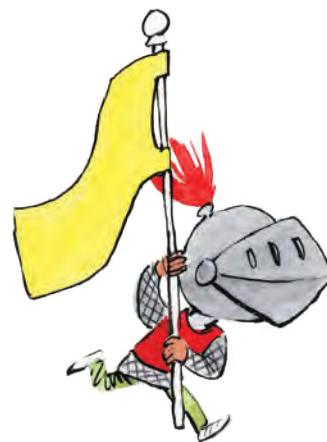
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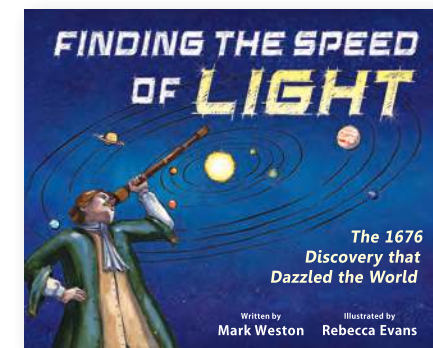
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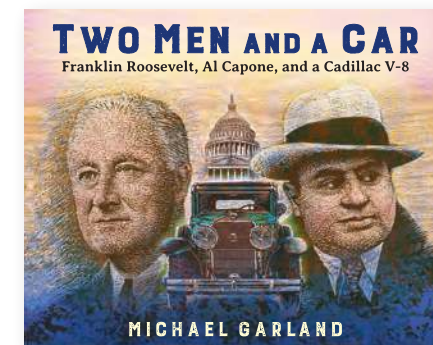
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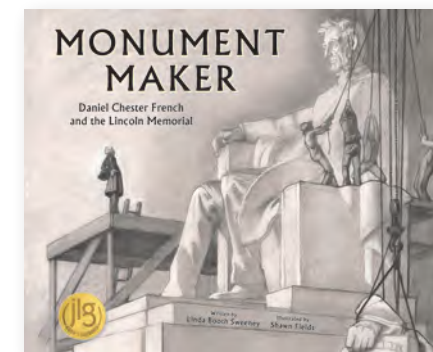
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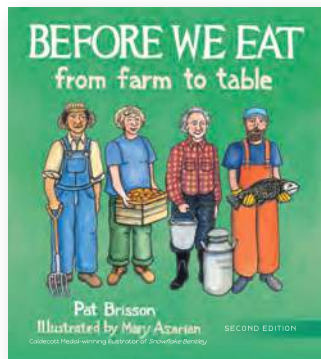
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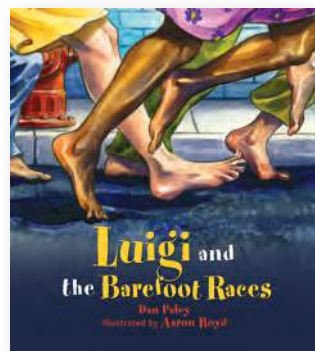
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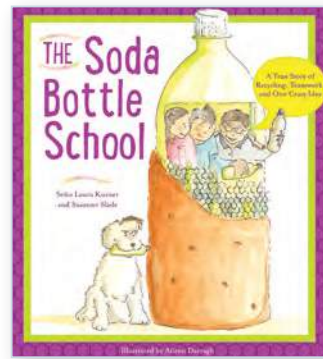
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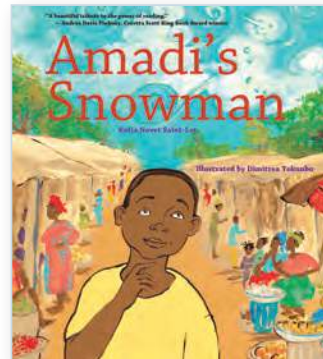
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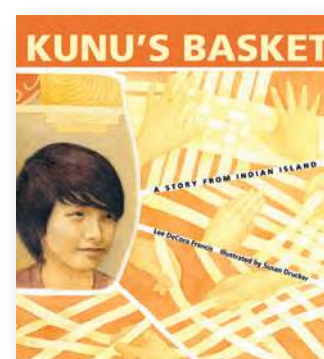
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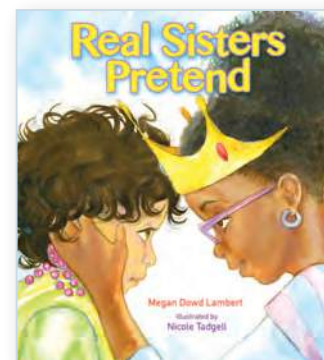
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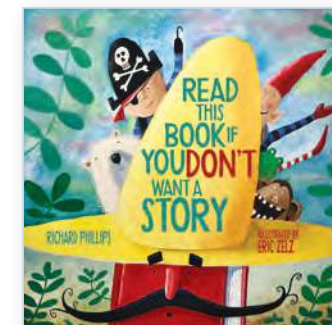
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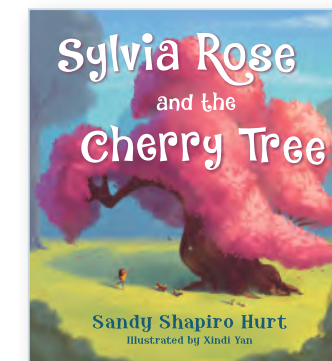
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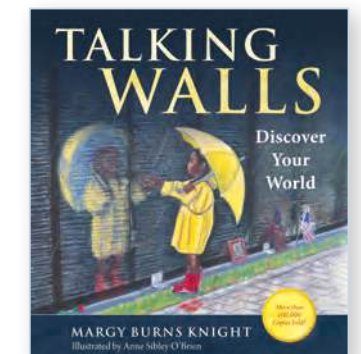


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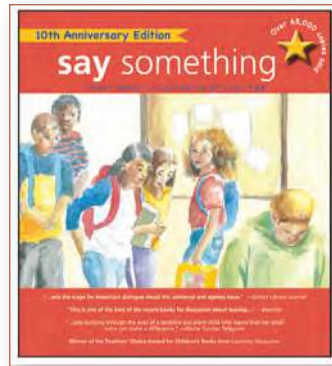
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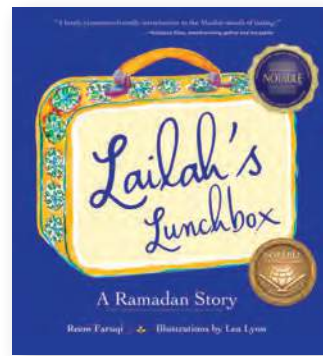
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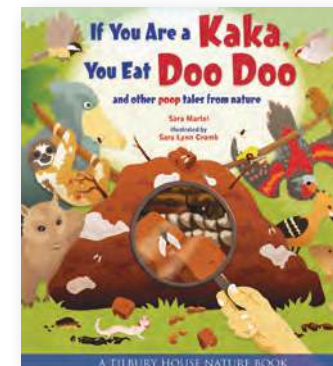
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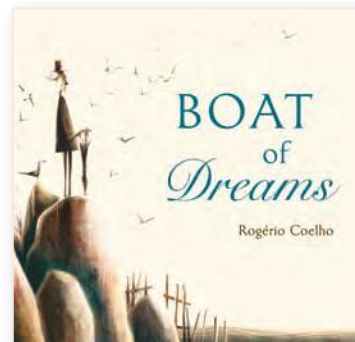
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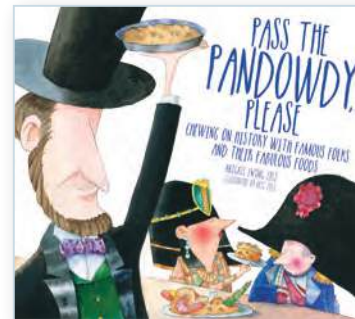


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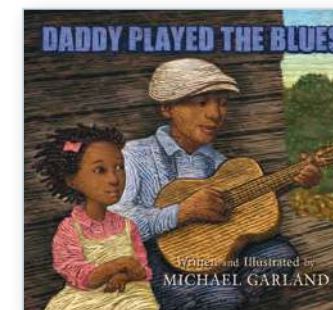
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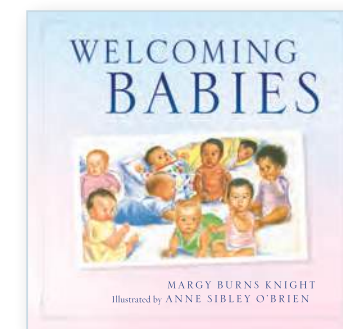


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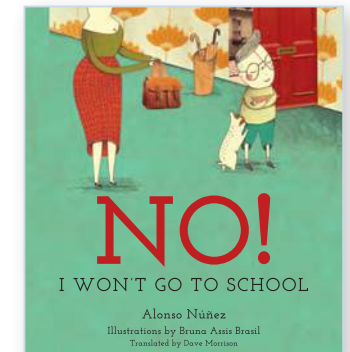
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