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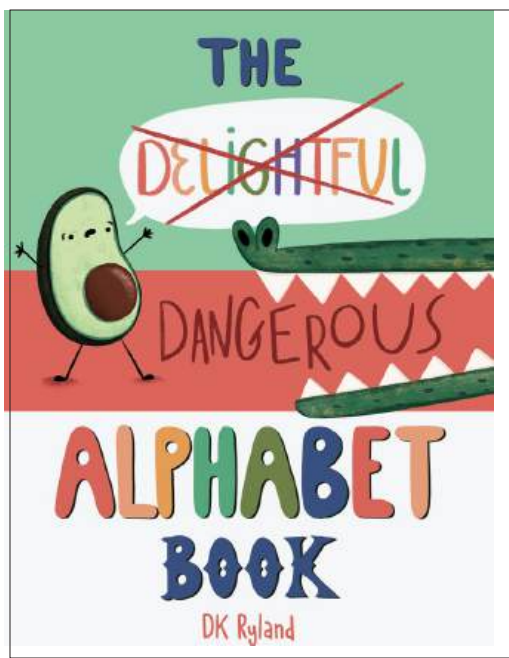

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FOR VISUAL READERS
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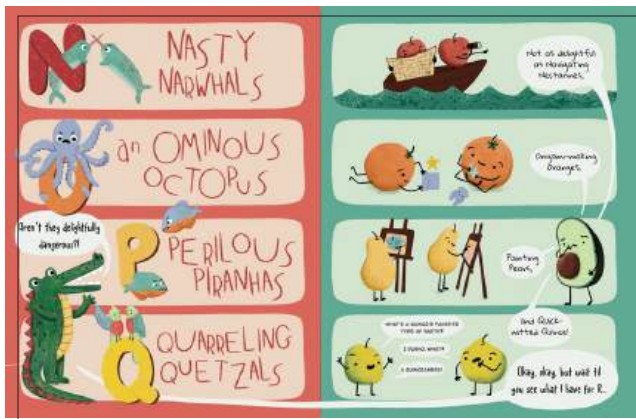


The Dangerous Alphabet Book

by DK Ryland

From Diabolical Dart Frogs to Perilous Piranhas, here's a unique, humorous alphabet book featuring a dangerous yet feisty cast of characters that will have readers gleefully giggling their way through the alphabet!

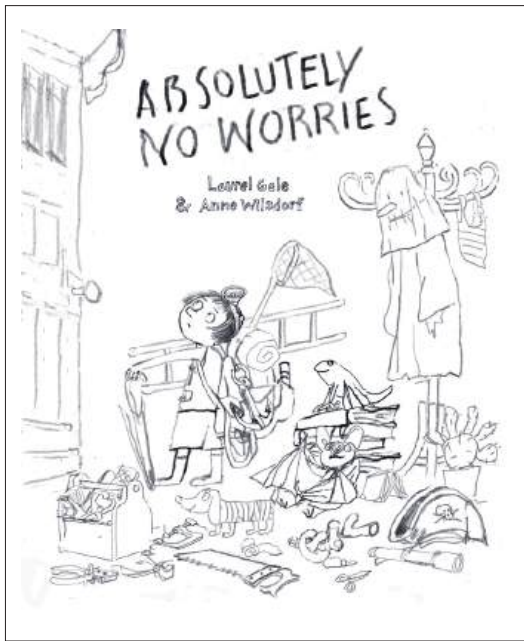
Adorable Avocado, our sweet narrator, is rudely interrupted by Angry Alligator who intends to throw the orderly world of the alphabet into sheer chaos. From A to Z, the two competing characters argue over what's better: Elegant Eggplants or Eerie Electric Eels? Kissing Kiwis or Killer King Cobras? With each letter providing a new zany battle between the delightful and the dangerous, and an unexpected twist ending, readers ages 3 to 7 will be on the edges of their seats as they relish this alphabet adventure.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

DK Ryland is an author-illustrator who loves creating funny and subversive picture books. Before she started writing and illustrating, she filmed wildlife in Africa, was a collegiate All-American and professional athlete, and was a teacher and coach. She is the author-illustrator of *Giraffe Is Too Tall for This Book*, *Have You Seen My Acorn?*, and *Giraffe's Book is Missing a Story*.

ON SALE: November 2025
Ages 3-7
40 pp
RIGHTS SOLD:
TERRITORY: World, all languages



Absolutely No Worries
 by Laurel Gale
 illustrated by Anne Wilsdorf

With an emergency parachute in her pocket and zombie self-defense skills under her belt, Emma is prepared for any catastrophe . . . so why does she still feel afraid?

Emma needs to make sure she’s prepared for whatever disasters may lie beyond the front door. A ladder to escape from exploding volcanoes? Check. Garlic in case a bloodthirsty vampire is poised to attack? Check. Extra socks for . . . well, just in case? Check!

When Emma is faced with a situation she is not prepared for, she learns the most valuable survival skill of all: to accept that it doesn’t have to be scary when some things are out of her control. Written for kids with big imaginations and everyday jitters, here is a picture book that shows that with a pinch of courage, you can be ready for absolutely anything.



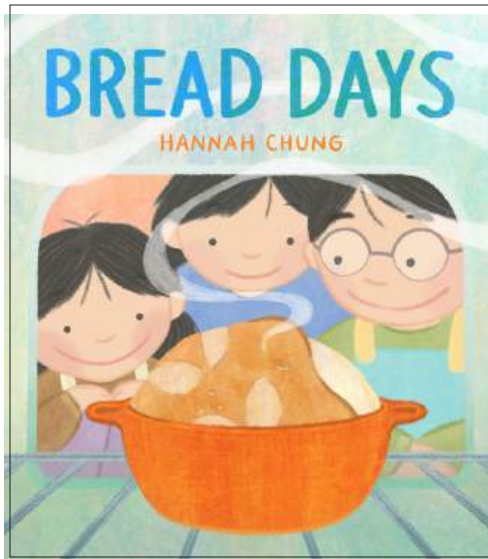
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Laurel Gale is a children’s book author whose middle-grade novels include *Dead Boy*, *Story Magic*, and *Monster, Human, Other*. She currently lives in Clarkson, WA. Visit laurelgale.com.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Anne Wilsdorf is the illustrator of several picture books, including Ezra Keats Honor Book *Sophie’s Squash* and ALA Notable Children’s Book *Ruby Lu, Brave and True*. She was the Swiss candidate for the Hans Christian Andersen Award in 2000.

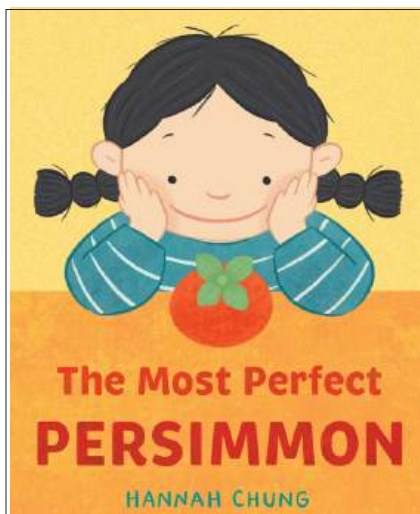
ON SALE: June 2025
Ages 4–8
40 pp
RIGHTS SOLD:
TERRITORY: World,
all languages



Bread Days

by Hannah Chung

Don't miss... *The Most Perfect Persimmon*



In this moving yet hopeful picture book for readers ages 4–8, a young girl rediscovers her passion for baking bread as she once did with her papa—and finds joy again in sharing it with her loved ones.

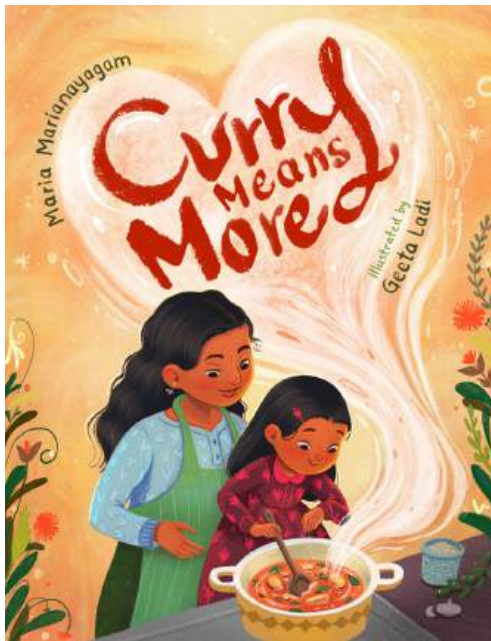
Nara loves nothing more than her bread days with Papa. Together, they mix, fold, and score dough, and eagerly watch as it rises to a delicious loaf in the oven. But one day, Papa is no longer there, and Nara's bread days are suddenly empty. Instead, she's left with feelings and memories that sadden and confuse her. But when Nara starts to take care of the sourdough starter she and Papa once made, she finds solace in bread days again—and, together with Mama, is able to keep a family tradition alive in memory of past loved ones.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Hannah Chung is an award-winning designer and entrepreneur in health care design for young patients. She is a frequent guest lecturer at universities and has presented at numerous conferences including TEDx and SXSW. Hannah spends her time both in Providence, Rhode Island, and Seoul, South Korea.

ON SALE: September 2025
Ages 4–8
40 pp
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TERRITORY: World,
all languages



Curry Means More

by Maria Marianayagam
illustrated by Geeta Ladi

Fry Bread meets *Bilal Cooks Daal* in this story about a girl and her mom introducing a school friend to curry—and discovering all the things that curry means to them as they learn to make it together.

When Shirin's friend Charlotte asks what curry is, Shirin realizes she's not sure—she's tried many curries and they're all so different. So Shirin's mom invites them to explore the fragrant world of curry by helping her cook a curry dish. Together, the two girls sniff tangy curry leaves, roll mustard seeds like tiny pearls in their palms, and watch with wonder as Shirin's mom measures ingredients with heart and hand. Over the course of the afternoon, the girls discover that the dish isn't just a form of sustenance—it's the scent of home, a piece of wisdom shared between generations, an art open to invention, and it's flavored with love.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Maria Marianayagam is a Tamil Sri Lankan Canadian chemical engineer turned picture book writer. She was awarded the Highlights Foundation Nonfiction Writing Scholarship and Writing Barn Courage to Create Scholarship based on her manuscripts. She lives in Calgary, Alberta, with her husband and two daughters.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Geeta Ladi is a children's book illustrator born and raised in Mumbai. She is the illustrator of picture books including *My Brain is Magic* by Prasha Sooful and *A Place for Feelings* by Corey Ann Haydu. You can find her on Instagram at @geetaladi_illustrations.

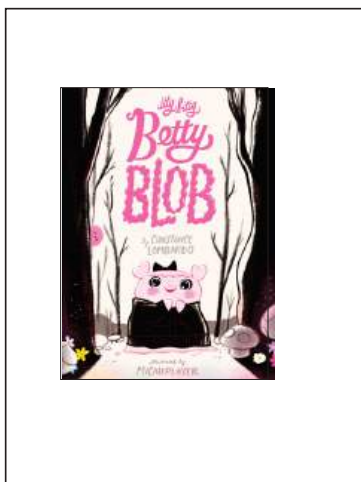
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40 pp
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all languages



Itty Bitty Betty Blob Makes a Splash

by Constance Lombardo;
Illustrated by Micah Player

Don't miss... *Itty Bitty Betty Blob*
More than 10,000 copies sold



Perfect for back-to-school and Halloween, Itty Bitty Betty Blob is back! This time Betty has to try out for an afterschool activity. Will it be cooking? Drama? Diving? Sweet and sensitive, Betty is a heroine who reminds kids ages 4 - 8 that being yourself is more than enough.

When Itty Bitty Betty Blob tries out for the Devil Divers, Coach wants her to CRASH and FLOP and make a big splash like a fierce monster--but fierce is not Betty! Can she follow her heart and do the unique dives she loves? In this sequel to the adorable Itty Bitty Betty Blob, our favorite blob has another opportunity to discover what it means to be yourself and follow your heart. Here's another perfectly-pitched story about the importance of being exactly who you are.



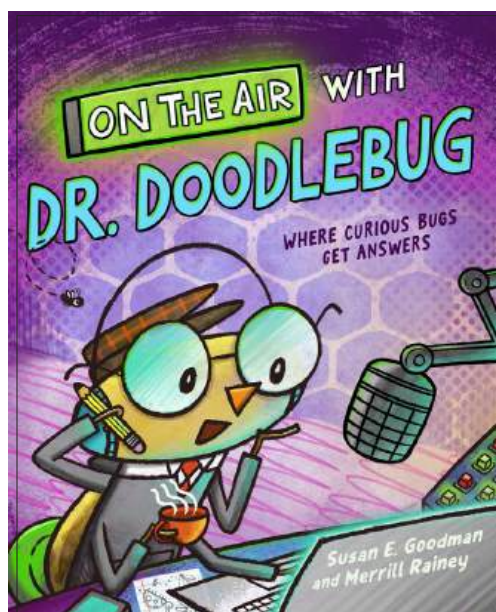
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Constance Lombardo began drawing when she was 10 years old. She's the author/illustrator of the middle grade Mr. Puffball series (HarperCollins), the picture book, Everybody Says Meow, Hippo Park's hilarious Tiny Spoon vs. Little Fork, and the original Itty Bitty Betty Blob. She lives in Asheville, NC with her family.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Micah Player began his illustration career designing and illustrating for Paul Frank Industries. He is the author-illustrator of *Chloe, Instead* and the Lately Lily series (Chronicle Books). He also illustrated two books by Lucky Diaz: *Paletero Man* and *La Guitarrista* (Harper). He lives in a little house beneath a giant tree in the Utah mountains.

ON SALE: August 2025
Ages 4-8
40 pp
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TERRITORY: World,
all languages



On the Air with Dr. Doodlebug

by Susan E. Goodman

illustrated by Merrill Rainey

Something bugging you? Ask Dr. Doodlebug: He's our on-the-air bug expert! The perfect picture book for curious six and seven year olds and filled with facts.

In bright colorful comics-style and buzzing with personality and insect facts, readers are introduced to a question-and-answer format that is both engaging and entertaining. Perfect for fans of Elise Gravel's Disgusting Critters series.

Meet our bug expert: Dr. Doodlebug. Dr. D hosts a radio talk show called On The Air With Dr. Doodlebug, where he answers the burning questions bugs have. Why does a caterpillar get SOOO hungry before . . . changing? How can lightning bugs use less electricity? With terrific repartee and fabulous illustrations, this inviting format, illustrated by Merrill Rainey in comic book style, will enchant bug enthusiasts, their adults, and educators alike. Bring all your questions. Dr. Doodlebug's got the answers!



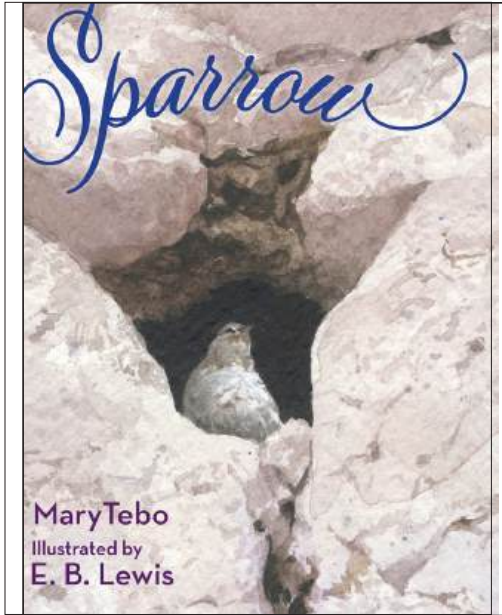
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Susan E. Goodman is the author of more than thirty nonfiction books for children, including *How Do You Burp in Space?: And Other Tips Every Space Tourist Needs to Know*; ; *All in Just One Cookie*, an ALA Notable Book; and *On This Spot: An Expedition Back Through Time*, a *Washington Post* Top Picture Book of the Year. She lives in Boston, Massachusetts.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Merrill Rainey likes to experiment with tools and uses marker, cut paper, or water-soluble graphite to create his illustrations. He has served on faculty at the Highlights Foundation and is currently the illustrator coordinator for the northern Ohio chapter of the SCBWI. Merrill lives in the historic town of Whitehouse, Ohio.

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Sparrow

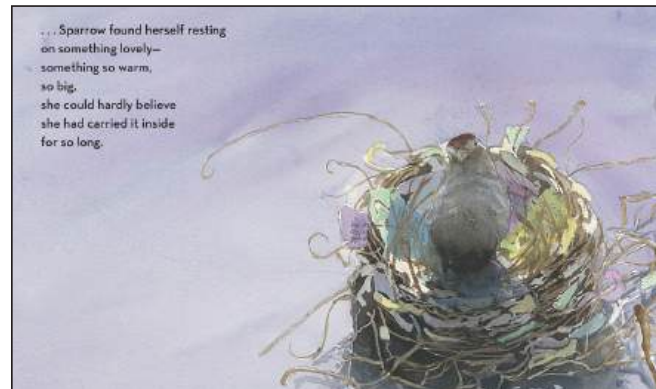
by Mary Tebo;

Illustrated by E.B. Lewis

In this moving picture book on the importance of hope, a small bird—nestled in a dusty crack in the Western Wall—feels a deep shift within, setting her on a path to overcoming her fear of change.

One day, Sparrow wakes up feeling different. Her world is on the brink of change and she knows that she must prepare. As she flies from one familiar corner of her life to the other—from the fruit stand to the top of the bell tower—she searches far and wide for the thing that will help her get ready for whatever tomorrow may bring.

Here is a soul-stirring picture book about change and how to embrace it with the help of hope—as demonstrated by a sweet sparrow embarking on the great journey of life.



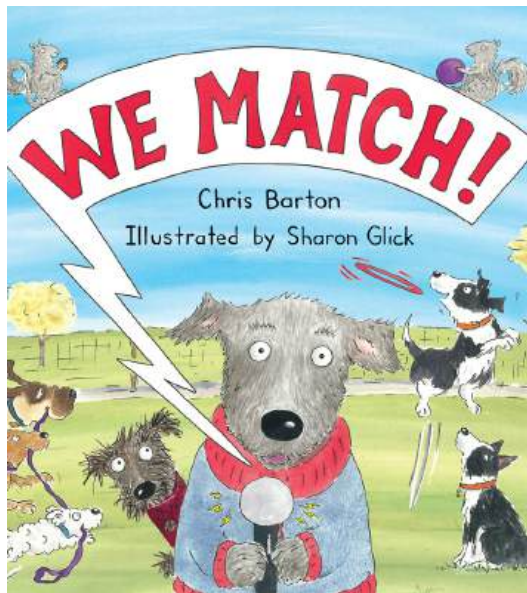
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Mary Tebo developed a strong connection with nature as a child, when she often rode horseback alone through North Florida backwoods. Through newspaper columns and local commentary for National Public Radio, she has aimed to acquaint her audience with everything from cowbirds to tai-tai thickets. *Sparrow* is her debut picture book.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

E. B. Lewis is the illustrator of more than seventy books for children. His recent titles include *The Soldier's Friend* and *Everywhere Beauty is Harlem*, both by Gary Golio, *You Are My Pride* by Carole Boston Weatherford, and *Lizzie Demands a Seat* by Beth Anderson.

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Ages 4–8
40 pp
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We Match!
 by Chris Barton
 illustrated by Sharon Glick

In this hilarious dog book for kids, *New York Times*-bestselling author Chris Barton introduces social emotional learning and math concepts in a fun comics-style picture book format.

A morning of mixing and matching is underway at the dog park as dogs gleefully discover the qualities that make them similar. Some love to play with balls, others prefer chasing squirrels. Some like wet food, others prefer kibble. Some like to wear sweaters, others to destroy them . . . As endless Venn diagrams of connection are shaped and reshaped, the dogs find that they may have more in common than they think!

Here’s an entertaining comics-style picture book that will visually introduce kids ages 4 to 8 to math concepts, and encourage them to seek connections with their peers—even if they aren’t immediately visible.



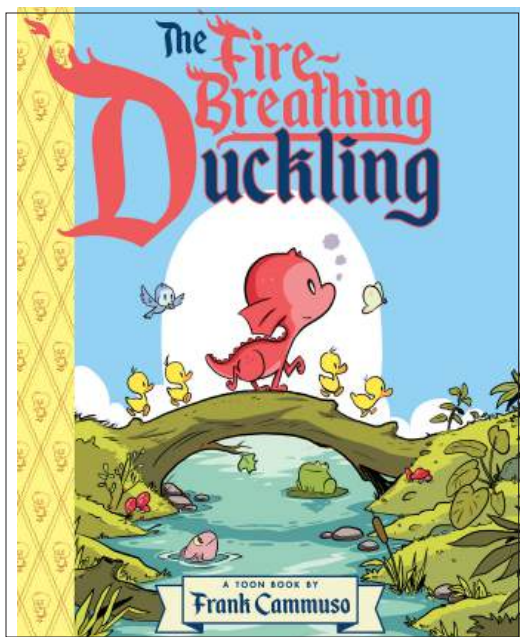
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Chris Barton is the author of many beloved books for children including *New York Times* bestseller *Shark Vs. Train*, Sibert Honoree *The Day-Glo Brothers*, and three Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List books, one of which—*Whoosh!*—was celebrated on 20 other state lists as well.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Sharon Glick is an illustrator and art educator. Her first children’s book, *¡Perros! ¡Perros! Dogs! Dogs!* was a Junior Library Guild selection and made the Bank Street College Best Books list. More recently, she illustrated 11 books for the Sharpen reading program and designed the exterior of the Bozeman Public Library’s bookmobile and the banners outside the Library itself.

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Ages 4–8
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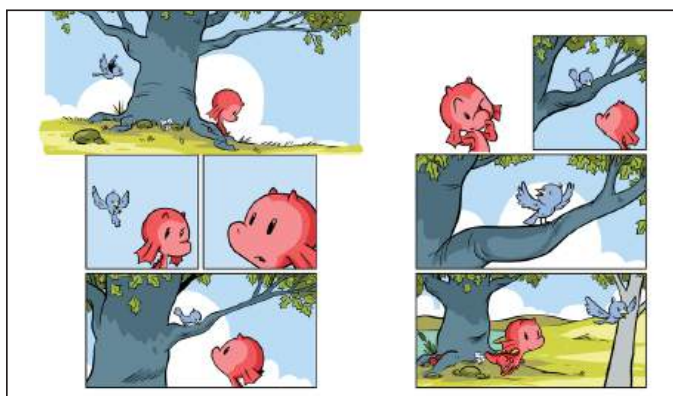
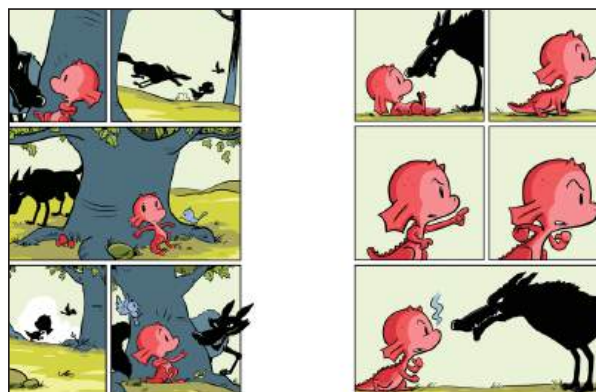


This graphic novel for young readers ages 5 to 7 updates the story of an ugly duckling becoming a beautiful swan—but the odd duck out is actually a dragon!

It's the classic ugly duckling tale—but this time around, the little one turns out not to be a swan, but a dragon. And when their duckling siblings find themselves in trouble, it's our little fire-breathing friend who saves the day. Whereas Hans Christian Andersen's original is synonymous with inner beauty, Frank Cammuso's loving update turns it into a parable of inner strength.

The Fire-Breathing Duckling

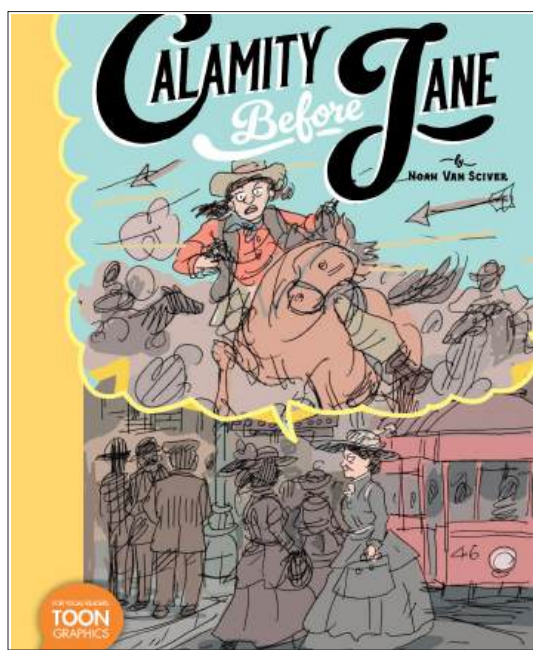
by Frank Camuso



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Frank Cammuso is the author-illustrator of the graphic novel series *The Misadventures of Salem Hyde* and *Knights of the Lunch Table*. Frank drew *Otto's Orange Day* and *Otto's Backwards Day* for TOON Books, the latter receiving an Eisner nomination. He also wrote and drew the self-published *Max Hamm*, *Fairy Tale Detective*, for which he received another Eisner nomination.

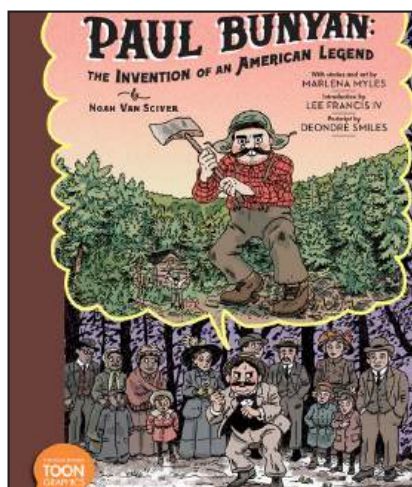
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Ages 4–8
40 pp
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TERRITORY: World,
all languages



Calamity Before Jane

by Noah Van Sciver

Don't miss... *Paul Bunyan*



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Noah Van Sciver is a multiple award-winning cartoonist who first came to comic readers' attention with his Eisner-nominated comic book series *Blammo*. His Van Sciver was a regular contributor to *MAD Magazine* and has written and drawn numerous bestselling graphic novels including *Joseph Smith and the Mormons*, *One Dirty Tree*, *Saint Cole* and the *Fante Bukowski: Struggling Writer* series for Fantagraphics books. In 2015 he was the Artist in

Residence/fellow at The Center for Cartoon Studies in White River Junction, Vermont. His books and comics are translated into more than 6 different languages around the world.

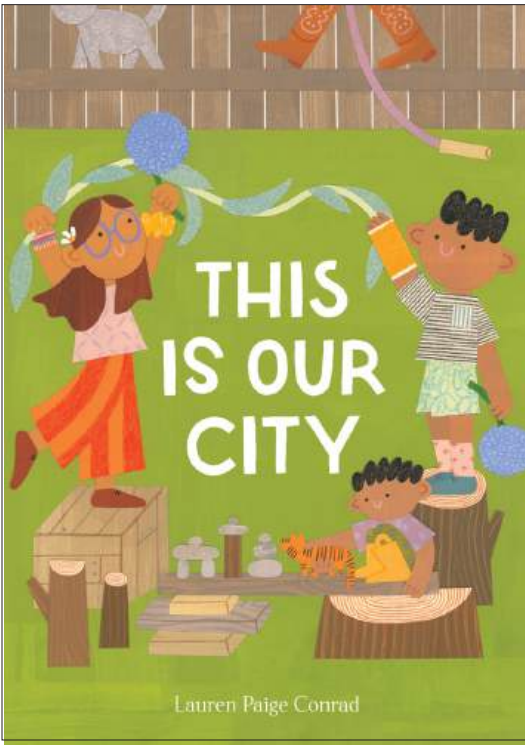
Calamity Jane and the stories surrounding her are famous, but this graphic novel for young readers 8 and up is here to tell the story of Martha Jane Canary—the real-life survivor, orphan, and storyteller behind the legend.

In 1901, the Pan-American Exposition World's Fair was held in Buffalo, New York. Amongst spectacles like advancements in electricity and new inventions like the X-ray machine is a woman with a story—but not the one you've heard. Calamity Jane's life is shrouded in exaggerations and lies told to sell a more marketable version of reality, but cartoonist Noah Van Sciver is here to tell the truth: Martha Jane Cannary struggled throughout her life, from her childhood as a destitute orphan to her bitter adulthood as she watched the West she loved disappear before her eyes.



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ON SALE: July 2025
Ages 8–12
48 pp
RIGHTS SOLD:
TERRITORY: World,
all languages



This Is Our City

by Lauren Paige Conrad

The power of children’s imaginations returns to center stage—this time in a shared backyard, where kids run a make-believe city full of hustle and bustle.

Welcome to Cat Pine Falls, a charming make-believe city made by kids, in their shared backyard! Here, pinecones are currency, the trees are tall skyscrapers for business up high, and a handy kid-run subway line zips between all the unmissable action. Young listeners will delight in eureka moments sparked by the delightfully imaginative pairing of words and pictures: the “carwash” is really a willow tree, the “café” is really an overturned kiddie pool, and more. As they follow along, kids will love being on the lookout for the Mayor of Cat Pine Falls— a cat! —who is expertly hidden on every spread of gorgeous, collage-style art.

With satisfying rhymes that make for a sweet read-aloud, here’s a story that will delight kids, creative-minded parents, and childcare professionals alike, encouraging kids to create community through a shared imaginative playtime.

Don’t miss...
This is A Window



RIGHTS SOLD: Turkish (Koç)

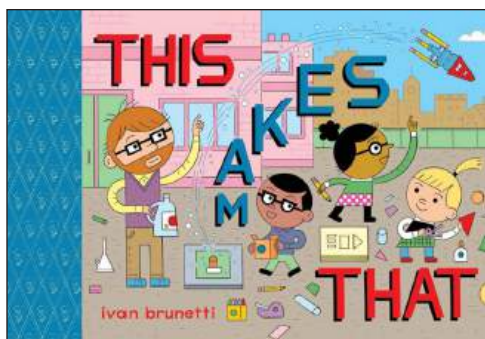


ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lauren Paige Conrad is a self-taught illustrator based in Asheville, NC. She received a BS in textiles from the University of Georgia in 2008 before going on to study fashion design at FIDM San Francisco. After working in product development and with small-scale textile studios, Lauren turned to illustration in 2016. Lauren works in cut paper, gouache, colored pencil, and Neocolor crayon. Lauren is the illustrator of *Your One and Only Heart*, written by Rajani LaRocca.

ON SALE: April 2024
Ages 4–8
40pp
RIGHTS SOLD:
TERRITORY: World,
all languages

With some help from your friends, candies can make colors, lemons can make batteries, and MORE!

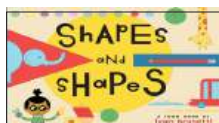


Respected art professor Ivan Brunetti, the author/artist of *Wordplay*, *3x4*, *Shapes and Shapes*, and *Comics: Easy as ABC*, is back with another TOON Level 1 Reader, and this time it's about SCIENCE! And not just any science, either—this is all about the science projects young readers do with their friends, peers, and classmates in their first years of elementary school! If you think it's impossible for a kid to learn to read, learn visual literacy, AND learn about science while having fun at the same time, prepare to be proven wrong!

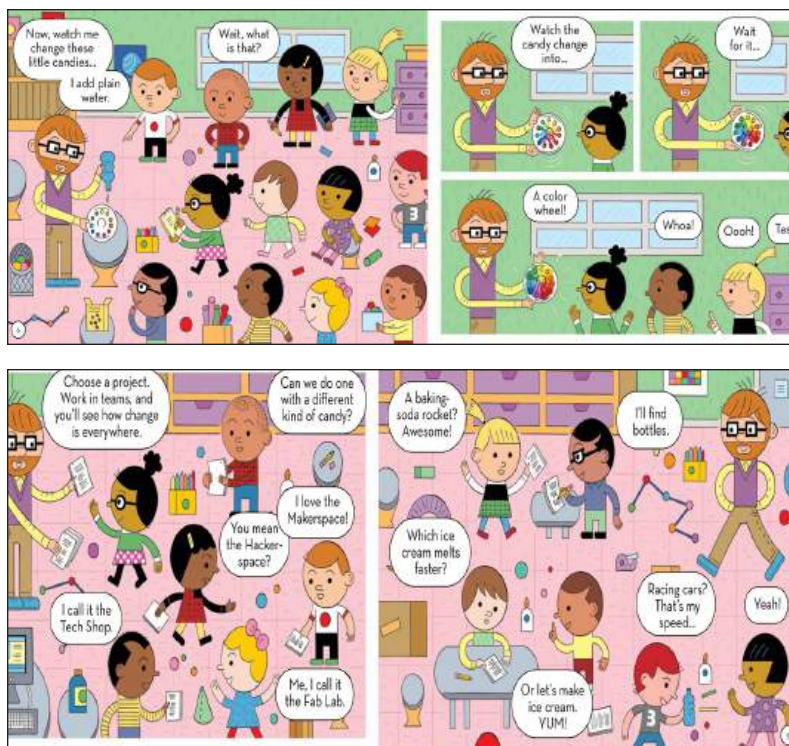
This Makes That

by Ivan Brunetti

Don't miss more from
Ivan Brunetti



33,000 copies sold



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ivan Brunetti lives and works in Chicago as a teacher, illustrator, and cartoonist, usually in that order. He is the author of *Cartooning: Philosophy and Practice* and *Aesthetics: A Memoir*, as well as the editor of both volumes of *An Anthology of Graphic Fiction, Cartoons, and True Stories*. His most recent books are *Wordplay*, *3x4*, *Shapes and Shapes*, and *Comics: Easy as ABC!*. His

drawings have appeared in the *New Yorker* and *New York Times*, among other publications.

ON SALE: June 2025

Ages 4--6

40pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Turkish (Vakifbank Kultur)

TERRITORY: World, all languages



After a day of bickering with her sister, might a magical journey on a dragon's back show a girl the path to peace and reconciliation? This rhythmically written, beautifully illustrated picture book is a celebration of imagination, of kindness, and of dragons.

Tired from sister squabbles, a dragon-loving child slips into sleep. Soon a dragon just the right size whirs through her window to invite her on a flight into the enchanting night. They soar to a Secret Gathering where dragons carrying children from all around the world fill the sky. There are dragons. There is dancing. There are wishes. And is that her sister over there? Could they share the same wish?

Dragon Dreams

by Roni Schotter

illustrated by Khoa Le



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Roni Schotter is the award-winning author of thirty books for children, including such popular picture books as *Nothing Ever Happens on 90th Street*, *Dreamland*, and *The Boy Who Loved Words*. Ms. Schotter received the National Jewish Book Award for Hanukkah!; a

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Khoa Le is an illustrator, graphic designer, painter, and writer. She has illustrated several award-winning children's books, four of which she also wrote. Her artwork has been featured in numerous exhibitions in Vietnam, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Korea.

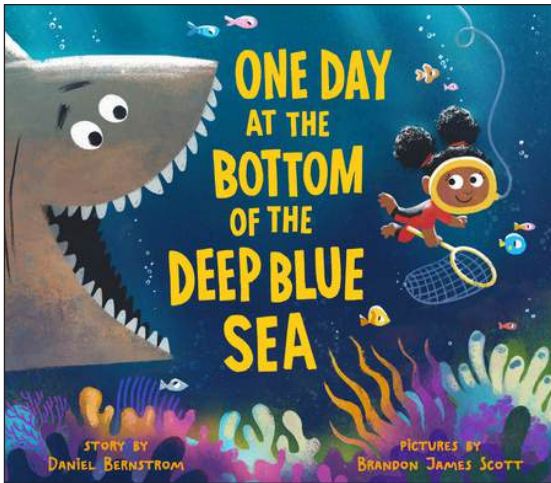
ON SALE: January 2025

Ages 4--8

40pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Greek (offer received)

TERRITORY: World, all languages



A clever little girl outsmarts a silly hungry shark in this richly illustrated, rhyming, underwater read-aloud romp—perfect for ages 3–7.

An underwater trickster tale jumps off the pages of this rhyming picture book romp. A clever little girl “with a net for catching pearls” meets a shark who wants nothing more than to eat her for dinner. Diving into these gorgeous pages, readers will find nothing short of a classic tale: a bully being shown up by his weaker and far more clever adversary! An ebullient and unabashedly entertaining read aloud—*One Day at the Bottom of the Deep Blue Sea* has enough bite to excite readers of all ages.

One Day at the Bottom of the Deep Blue Sea

by Daniel Bernstrom

illustrated by Brandon James Scott



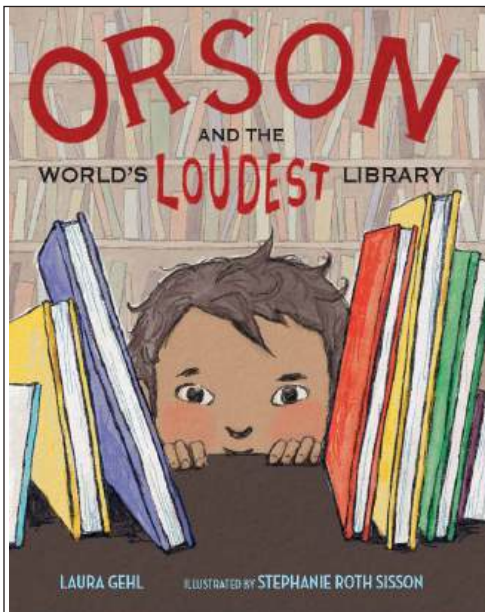
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Daniel Bernstrom is a poet and the author of seven picture books, including *One Day in the Eucalyptus*, *Eucalyptus Tree*, illustrated by Brendan Wenzel, and the wildly popular *A Bear, a Bee, and a Honey Tree*. Daniel lives in Worthington, Minnesota with his wife and five adorable children.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Brandon James Scott is by day a creative director working in animation, and by night he illustrates picture books. He loves to make art that brings adventure, levity, heart, and curiosity for the fantastic and whimsical world around us and in our dreams. A born and raised Canadian, he currently lives with his family in Toronto.

ON SALE: June 2025
Ages 4–8
40 pp
RIGHTS SOLD:
TERRITORY: World,
all languages



In this picture book love letter to public libraries, Orson learns to navigate his big feelings by sharing his love of reading with newfound friends at his local branch.

When Orson visits his local library, he likes to sit and read quietly by himself. However, not everyone is on the same page as him. One day, when the library is buzzing with activities like read-alouds and book club, Orson decides he's had enough and lets everyone know how he really feels! But when he goes to cool off in a quiet room after his emotional outburst, he realizes that he may be missing out on all that the library and its sometimes not-so-quiet community have to offer.

Here is a story for book lovers who love trips to the library, kids with big feelings, and readers learning to share their passion for books with new friends.

Orson and the World's Loudest Library

by Laura Gehl

illustrated by Stephanie Roth



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Laura Gehl is a children's book author with a B.A. in psychology from Yale University and a Ph.D. in neuroscience from Georgetown University. Laura's titles include *My Pillow Keeps Moving* and *I Got a Chicken for My Birthday* (Kirkus Best Picture Books of 2018 selection).

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Stephanie Roth Sisson is an award-winning author and illustrator. Her author-illustrator debut, *Star Stuff*, earned multiple starred reviews and was named an Orbis Pictus Honor Book.

ON SALE: February 2025

Ages 4--8

40pp

RIGHTS SOLD:

TERRITORY: World, all languages



Piece Out

by Alex Willan



Toy Story meets *Traction Man Is Here!* in this picture book that offers a fresh spin on a universal premise: the secret action-adventure story of a toy.

When Red, a game piece, is accidentally left out of the game box, nothing—not a hungry robot nor ferocious Lady Flufferton—will stop Red from reaching home.

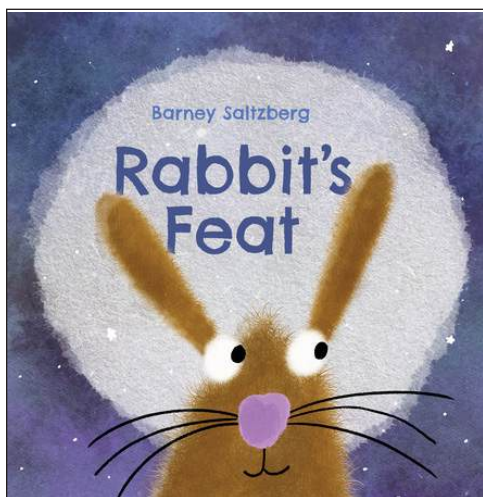
The unthinkable has happened! Red is alone on the living room floor, far from the safety of the game closet and best pal, Yellow. After almost being devoured by a ravenous robot (a.k.a. the vacuum cleaner), Red embarks on the dangerous journey home. There will be perils—a transparent cliffside to climb, hanging forests to conquer, and the beastly Lady Flufferton (a.k.a. the family dog) to escape. And there will be setbacks—as when Red is found and carelessly tossed into the junk drawer. But in this action-packed, humorous story, Red learns from mistakes and discovers that with perseverance and resourcefulness nothing is impossible.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Alex Willan's love of drawing led him to earn a BFA in illustration from Savannah College of Art and Design. Alex has exhibited in art galleries and has painted murals, theater sets, and squirmy kids' faces. He is the author-illustrator of the Jasper & Ollie series and The Worst! series.

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Ages 4–8
40 pp
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all languages



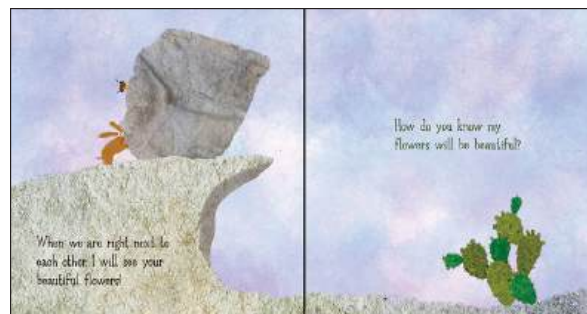
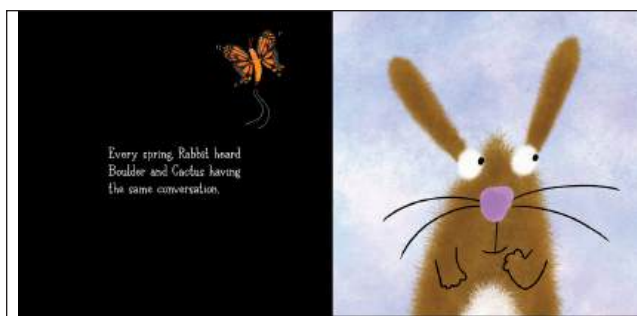
Frog and Toad meets *The Little Prince* in this touching picture book from *Beautiful Oops!* and *A Delicious Story* creator, Barney Saltzberg.

Touching and atmospheric, this picture book about kindness and friendship introduces a determined boulder who yearns to get close enough to his cactus friend to see her flowers bloom, and the thoughtful rabbit who makes their wish come true.

In a vast, open desert, Boulder is convinced that today is the day he'll see his shy friend Cactus's flowers bloom. But Boulder is too far away, and he can't move anyway! Unbeknownst to the two friends, enterprising Rabbit observes their plight and decides to help out. As Boulder and Cactus talk more about their dreams, Rabbit works harder and harder to make this wish a reality. The task is sisyphian, but with courage, determination, and a little bit of kismet, Rabbit might just move mountains.

Rabbit's Feat

by Barney Saltzberg

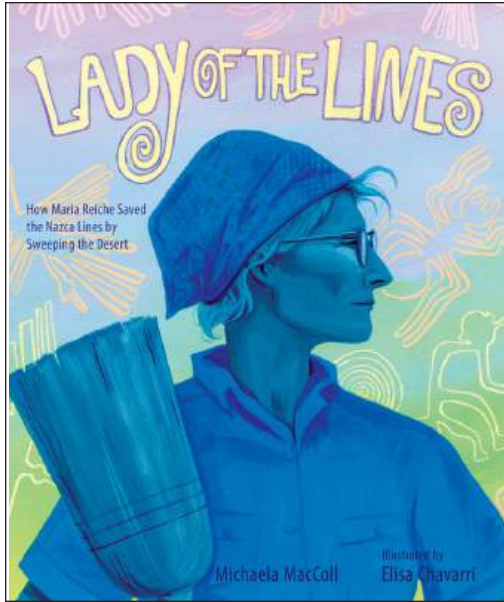


ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Barney Saltzberg is the author of more than 30 books for children, including *Beautiful Oops!*, *My Book of Beautiful Oops!*, *Good Egg*, and the best-selling *Touch and Feel Kisses* series. Additionally, he's recorded four albums of songs for children. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, two dogs, and a pond full of fish.

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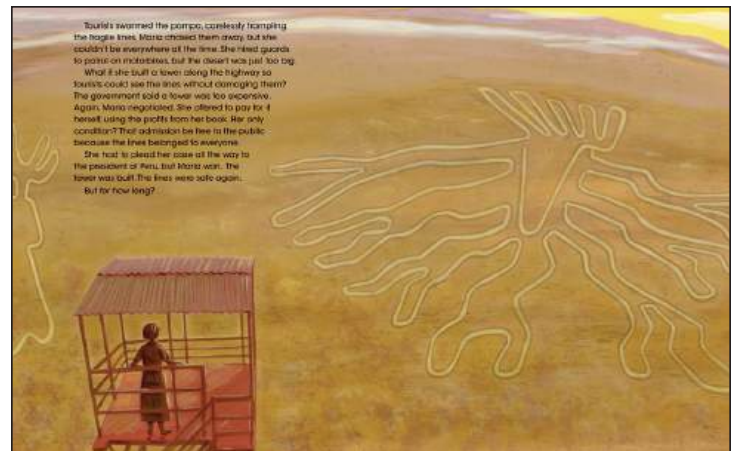
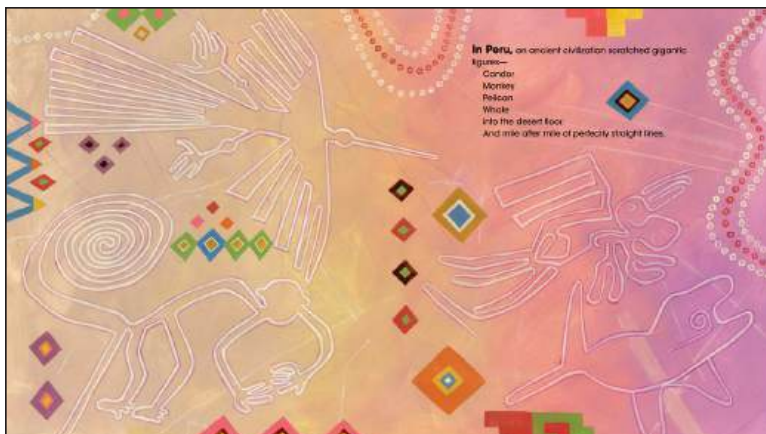
TERRITORY: World, all languages



Lady of the Lines
by Michaela MacColl
illustrated by Elisa Chavarri

This STEAM nonfiction picture book for young readers reveals the story behind one of the greatest indigenous artworks in the Americas, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Maria Reiche wanted to put her curious mind to the test. When visiting Peru in 1941, she trekked across the land and discovered hidden lines covered in centuries of clay and sand. Fasciated, she picked up a broom from her tools and began sweeping for miles and miles to uncover more details. Her first discovery was a spider-shaped carving spanning hundreds of feet of desert! Sweeping her way across the land, other shapes followed—a monkey, a condor, and a whale. But in the midst of these discoveries, she found out the land was going to be used for farming. She got to work again, this time demanding a press conference to announce her discoveries and stop the destruction of these ancient works of art—and it worked!



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Michaela MacColl is the author of several books, including *View from Pagoda Hill*, which received honorable mention from the Grateful American Book Prize. Her other books include *Promise the Night*, which was selected for the ALA's Amelia Bloomer Book List. *Lady of the Lines* is her picture book debut.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Elisa Chavarri is an award-winning Peruvian illustrator of several children's books, including *Sharuka*, a 2021 Pura Belpré Illustrator Honor Book and the winner of the 2021 Bank Street College Silver Medal for Best Children's Picture Books of the Year in Spanish.

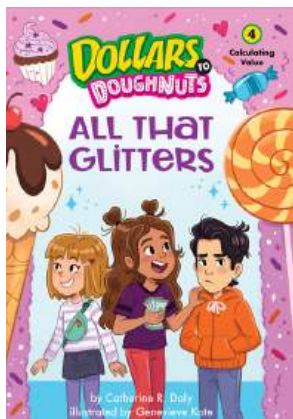
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Ages 7–10
40 pp
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TERRITORY: World,
all languages



A 4-book series

by Catherine Daly

Illustrated by Genevieve Kote



From budgeting to spending, from credit cards to gift cards, this new early chapter book series tackles and explains big financial topics for kids, Dollars to Doughnuts!

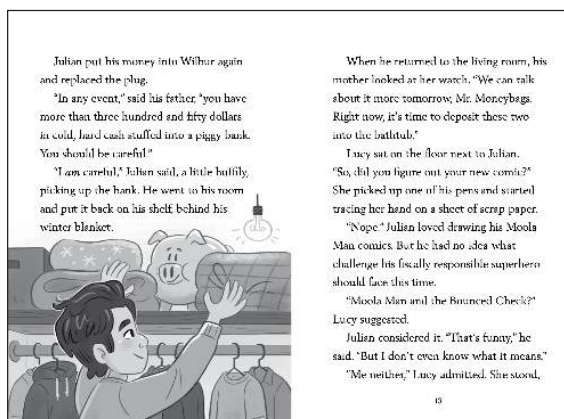
Birthday Bling: When Lucy gets a plastic card for her birthday, she knows just the blinged-out sweatshirt to spend it on. She plunks the card down at the store, but, cringe, it comes up short! Wait, what’s the difference between a gift card and a credit card? (Money topic: Spending)

Batter Splatter: After a batter disaster, Julian and Lucy’s cooking class needs a kitchen cleanup, including a new paint job. Luckily, they have a plan to throw the bake sale of the century! But their sweet dreams dissolve like sugar when faced with the b-word: Budget. What is a budget and how are they ever supposed to stay within it? (Money topic: Making a Budget)

Cash Stash: Julian has saved his money for ages. He keeps it safe in his trusty piggy bank, Wilbur. But now his parents and even his best friend, Lucy, say Wilbur isn’t safe enough. They want him to move his money to a bank! (Money topic: Savings)

All That Glitters: Lately Lucy has been spending a lot of time—and money—with Avery, the rich new girl in school: ice cream after school, boba teas, the arcade. Now Avery wants to go to SugarFest,. Lucy thinks it will be amazing. Her best friend, Julian, on the other hand, isn’t sure.

“Adults trying to instill some important fiscal lessons will appreciate the opportunity to share this book with young spenders.”—*School Library Journal*



Julian put his money into Wilbur again and replaced the plug.

"In any event," said his father, "you have more than three hundred and fifty dollars in cold, hard cash stuffed into a piggy bank. You should be careful."

"I am careful," Julian said, a little haughty, picking up the bank. He went to his room and put it back on his shelf behind his winter blanket.

When he returned to the living room, his mother looked at her watch. "We can talk about it more tomorrow, Mr. Moneybags. Right now, it's time to deposit these two into the bathtub."

Lucy sat on the floor next to Julian. "So, did you figure out your new comic?" She picked up one of his pens and started tracing her hand on a sheet of scrap paper.

"Nope." Julian loved drawing his Moola Man comics. But he had no idea what challenge his fiscally responsible superhero should face this time.

"Moola Man and the Budgeted Check?" Lucy suggested.

Julian considered it. "That's funny," he said. "But I don't even know what it means." "Me neither," Lucy admitted. She stood,

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

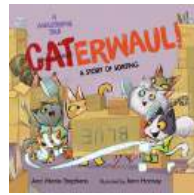
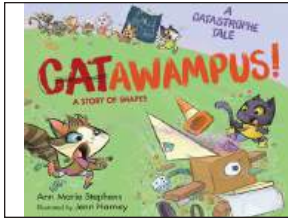
Catherine Daly has written many books for young readers, including *The Magical Reality of Nadia* and *The Magical Reality of Nadia: Middle School Mischief*, both with Bassem Youssef, *What Was the Age of Exploration?*, the *Petal Pushers* middle-grade series, and books in the *Makers Make It Work* series. She lives in New York City with her family and their feisty Boston terrier, Jack.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Genevieve Kote is a French Canadian illustrator who loves drawing kids and animals and bringing their adventures to life. She has illustrated the *Agents of H.E.A.R.T.*, *I Heart Band*, and *Animal Rescue Friends* series, as well as *American Girl's According to Aggie*.

ON SALE: August 2024
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64pp
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TERRITORY: World, all languages

CATastrophe



**Book 1: CATawampus
A Story of Shapes
Book 2: sCATtered!
A Story of Estimation
Book 3: CATERwaul: A
Story of Sorting**

**by Ann Marie Stephens
illustrated by Jenn Harney**

Math-loving kittens celebrate STEAM!

Author Ann Marie Stephens draws upon more than 30 years of teaching experience to ensure that readers absorb math while having fun in the adventure-filled CATastrophe Tale series. And Jenn Harney’s hilarious and energetic illustrations capture the antics of these enthusiastic kittens.

CATampus: It’s a wonderful day—because it’s STEM day! Kitties are challenged to build a robot and use the wind to make it move. With circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles, the kitties do their best to tape, glue, and paste—but oh no! The robot won’t move. How might these disorderly cats make sense of all these shapes and build a successful robot?

sCATtered: Nine kitties are purring with excitement for Grandma Cat’s upcoming visit. They’re going to throw her a party with cake, decorations, and a special gift. But when frantically cleaning cats misjudge how many toys they can hide in a closet, catastrophe looms. . . .

CATERwaul: Math-loving kittens help Grandma pack up her belongings for her move to the Catskill Mountains in this playful picture book that demonstrates the key math concept of sorting.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ann Marie Stephens is the author of the Arithmechicks series as well as a contributing writer for Kwame Alexander’s *The Write Thing*. She was an elementary school teacher for more than 30 years.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Jenn Harney is an illustrator and toy designer. She is the illustrator of *Probably a Narwhal*, “Smelly” *Kelly and His Super Senses: How James Kelly’s Nose Saved the New York City Subway*, and *George Washington’s Spectacular Spectacles*, among others. Her work has also been featured in *Highlights* magazine.

ON SALE: December 2025

Ages 4--8

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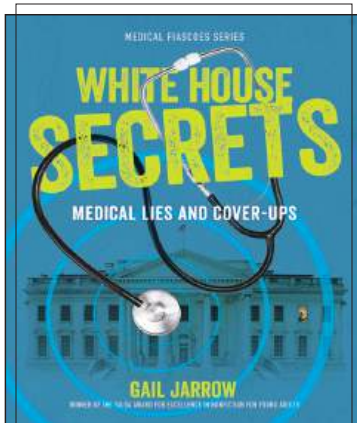
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TERRITORY: World, all languages

New from Calkins Creek

White House Secrets *Medical Lies and Cover-Ups*

by Gail Jarrow



Here are the shocking, yet true, stories of presidential medical cover-ups from the 19th to the 21st century—the latest thrilling title in award-winning author Gail Jarrow’s *Medical Fiascoes* series for readers ages 10 and up.

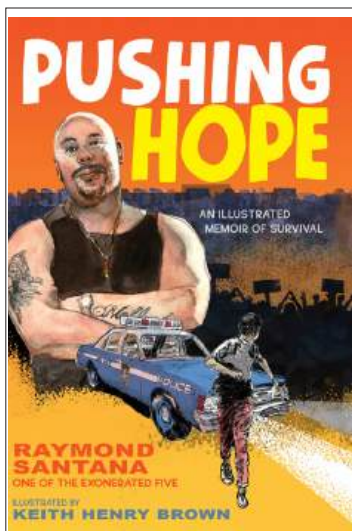
Did you know President Woodrow Wilson suffered a paralyzing stroke that his wife and doctors concealed for months? Or that Mrs. Wilson took total charge of his presidential duties? Neither did the American public. Did you know President John F. Kennedy suffered from Addison’s disease and was heavily medicated for years? Neither did most people. Too often when a president is sick or dying, he and the people around him have hidden his condition from the public, wanting to project an image of strength and power.

In this fascinating and provocative new installment in her acclaimed *Medical Fiascoes* series, author Gail Jarrow explores presidential cover-ups from the 19th to the 21st century—from James Garfield to Joe Biden.

Ages 10–17; World

Pushing Hope An Illustrated Memoir of Survival

by Raymond Santana;
Illustrated by Keith Henry Brown



Raymond Santana’s story is an example to teens of the power of hope and resilience—and the importance of fighting injustice to stand up for what’s right.

When Raymond Santana was just 14, he was accused of a crime he didn’t commit. The 1989 rape of a jogger in Central Park was pinned on Santana and four other young teens, a tragedy that would change their lives forever.

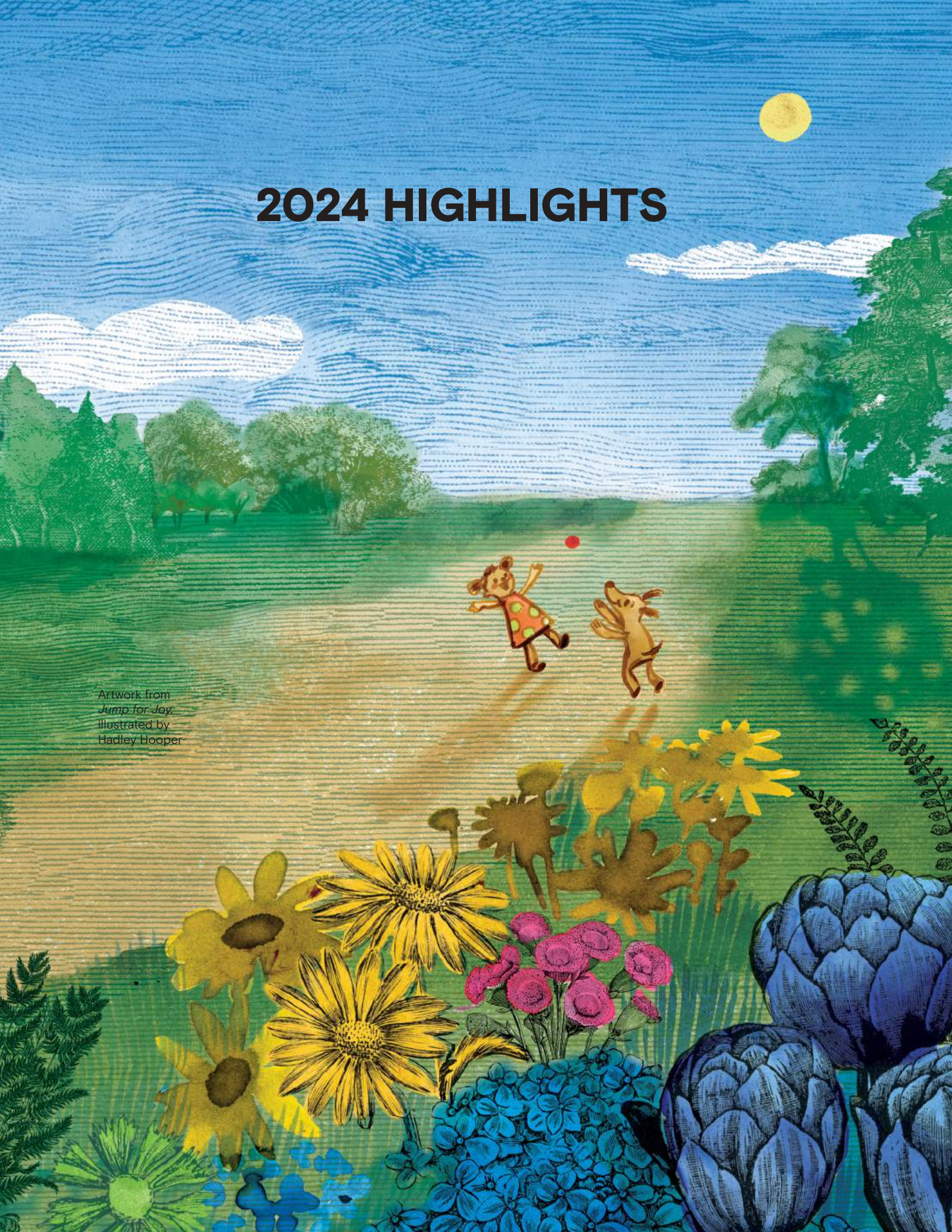
In this powerful graphic novel memoir, Raymond Santana takes readers on a journey from his move to Harlem, to his arrest and trial, and from his time in prison to his ongoing fight for justice. Exonerated in 2002, Santana has made it his mission to fight wrongful convictions and injustice. What has sustained him and given him the strength for that fight, is his creativity—art and fashion have always been a refuge and a source of hope.

Teaming up with celebrated graphic artist Keith Henry Brown, Raymond Santana shows in vivid color how one can survive by pushing a message of hope.

Ages 14 and up; World

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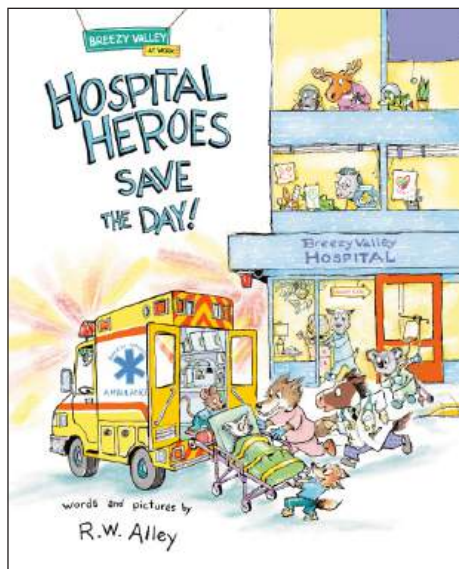
Artwork from
Jump for Joy,
illustrated by
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Hospital Heroes Save the Day!

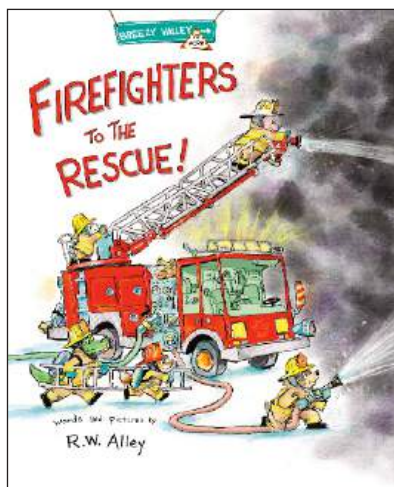
by R.W. Alley



For fans of Richard Scarry and Busytown, the funny and informative Breezy Valley at Work series features lively animals as workers children know from their local community in simple, dramatic stories coupled with detail-packed illustrations.

In *Hospital Heroes Save the Day!* meet the doctors, nurses, lab workers, kitchen staff, and maintenance workers working to keep Breezy Valley Hospital running smoothly. When Lemur injures their tail, the EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) and their ambulance bring them to get treatment! Lively action, peeks into key hospital rooms, and more will keep kids engaged in this second title in the series.

Firefighters to the Rescue! introduces Chief Piggie and her staff of firefighters, always ready to put out fires—or to rescue mischievous kittens from an ice-cream shop roof! A close look at firefighter clothing, equipment, and vehicles accompanies the fast-paced action.



Don't miss book #1: *Firefighters to the Rescue*, with rights sold in fourteen languages!

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

R.W. Alley is the author and illustrator of many children's books. For more than 20 years, he has been the illustrator of the revived Paddington Bear series. He received the Rhode Island Mock Caldecott Award for *There's a Wolf at The Door*, and a Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Book for *Pearl and Wagner: One Funny Day*. His books have been selected by Junior Library Guild and included in lists such as ALA Notable Books for Children, Bank Street Best Book of the Year, Notable Children's Books in the Language Arts, among others.

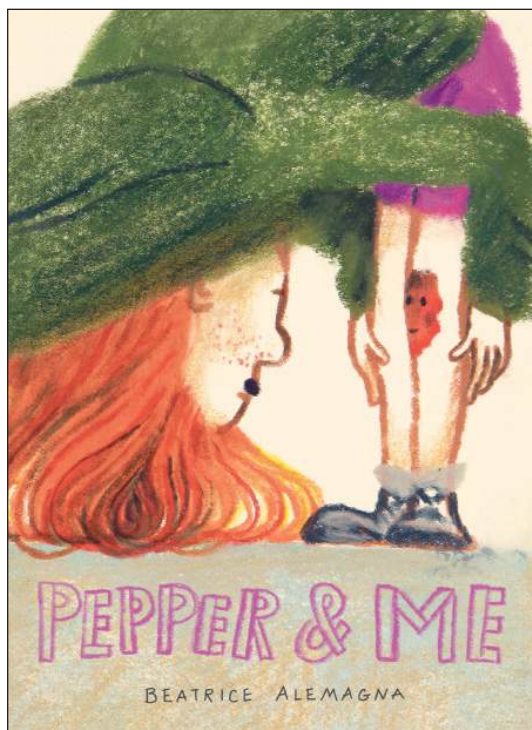
ON SALE: October 2024

Ages 3–7

40pp

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TERRITORY: World, all languages



Pepper & Me

by **Beatrice Alemagna**

2024 SOCIETY OF ILLUSTRATORS GOLD MEDAL WINNER

A January/February 2024 Kids' Indie Next List pick

Beatrice Alemagna won the prestigious Grande Ourse award in 2023

From three-time *New York Times* Best Illustrated creator of *On a Magical Do-Nothing Day* comes a stunning picture book about a little girl, the scab on her knee, and the healing they do together.

In this utterly enchanting and unexpected tale from international picture book star Beatrice Alemagna, a childhood mishap is the occasion for growth and self-reflection. When a little girl falls on the street, scraping her knee, her father tells her not to worry, that “a beautiful scab will form.” But she does worry! The scab is not beautiful and it’s keeping her from bending her knee! When will it ever go away? By the time the scab—who she has named Pepper—falls off, something astonishing has happened: the girl has come to feel affection for the scab and has a hard time letting go. With an unerring understanding of a child’s emotional life and a dash of absurdist wit, this picture book will stand with classics from creators like Tomi Ungerer and William Steig, who explore the weird, funny essence of childhood.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Beatrice Alemagna was born in Italy in 1973. At the age of eight, she decided that whatever the cost she would become a “painter and writer of novels” when she grew up. Alemagna is the author-illustrator of more than 40 books that have been translated and published in 25 countries, and she has received numerous awards for her books, including three New York Times Best Illustrated Children’s Book Awards, and a special prize at the Bologna Book Fair this past year. She has been nominated numerous times for the Astrid Lindgren Prize.

ON SALE: January 2024

Ages 4–8

48pp

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TERRITORY: World, all languages

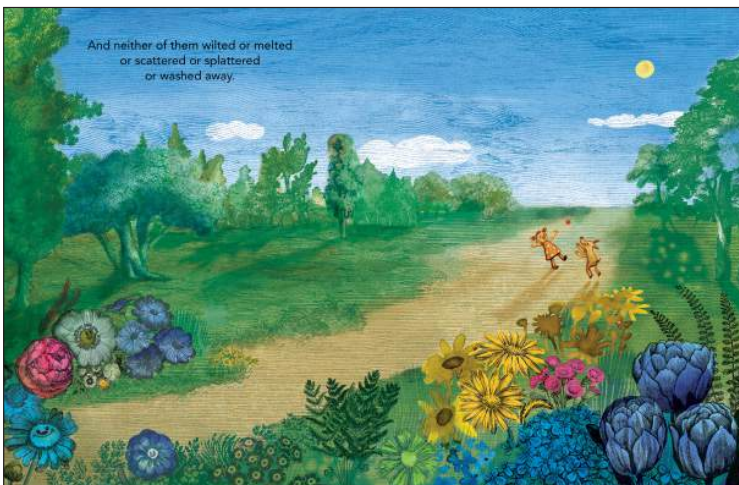


Jump for Joy

by Karen Gray Ruelle

illustrated by Hadley Hooper

Kid seeks dog. Dog seeks kid. In this charming and imaginative tale of friendship, picture book readers will delight in what it means to have a furry best friend.



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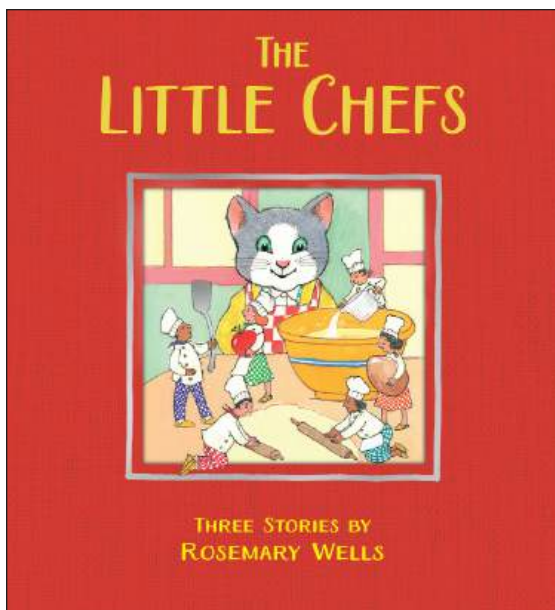
Ages 3–7

32pp

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TERRITORY: World, all language

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The Little Chefs

by Rosemary Wells

In three separate stories combined in one delightful 80-page book, Rosemary Wells introduces a small troupe of chefs who come to the rescue when kitchen disasters strike—just like elves would do for Santa.



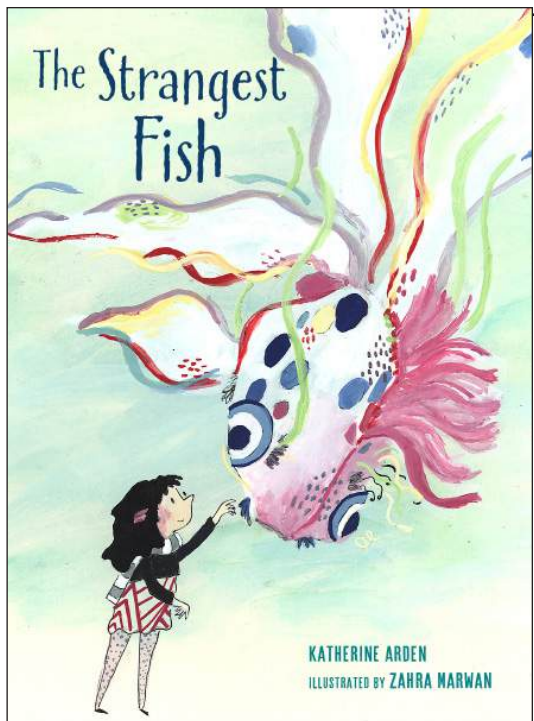
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Ages 4–8

80pp

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TERRITORY: World, all languages



With lyrical writing and stunning illustrations, this enchanting story about a girl and her goldfish reveals—with a touch of magic—the transformative power of unconditional love and care.



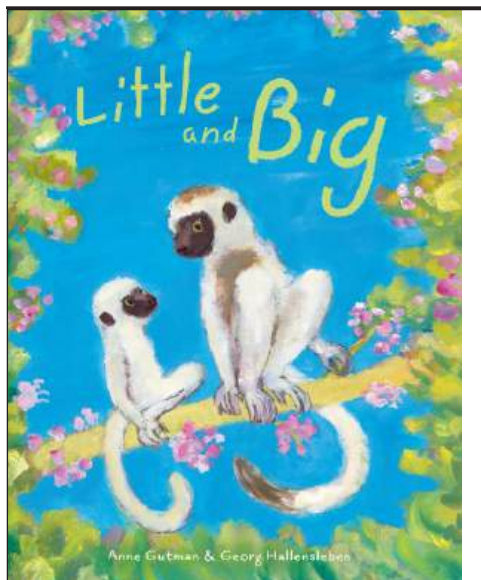
The Strangest Fish

by Katherine Arden

Illustrated by Zahra Marwan

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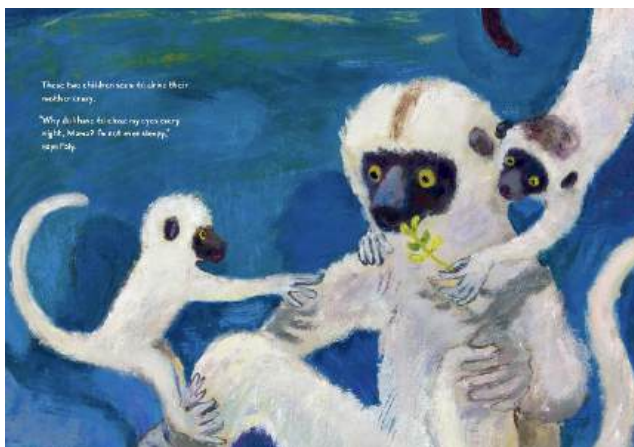


Little and Big

by Anne Gutman

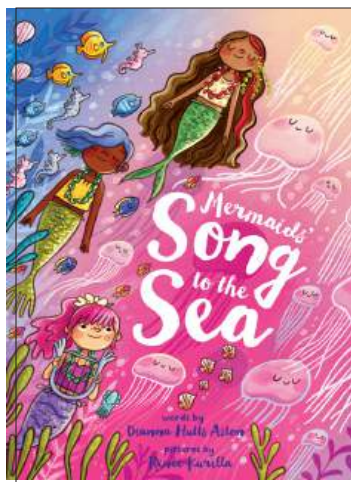
Illustrated by Georg
Hallensleben

In this fantastical picture book perfect for fans of Aaron Becker's *Journey*, a human child and a child from another planet discover that no matter where you live or what your books are like, reading—and sharing—are universal.



ON SALE: November 2024
Ages 4–8
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Three little mermaids deliver charming bedtime blessings to the creatures of the ocean in this sweetly reassuring rhyming picture book.



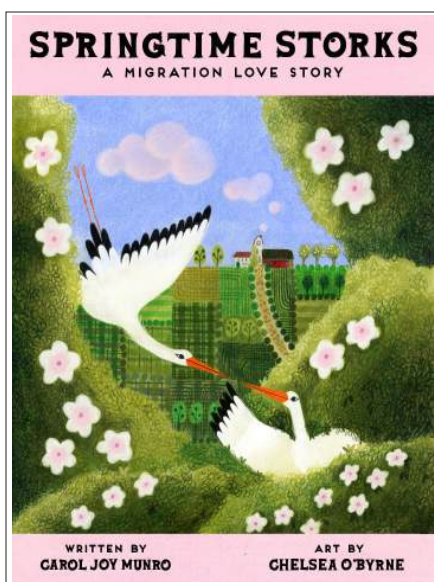
Mermaids' Song to the Sea

by Dianna Hutts Astin Illustrated
by Renée Kurilla



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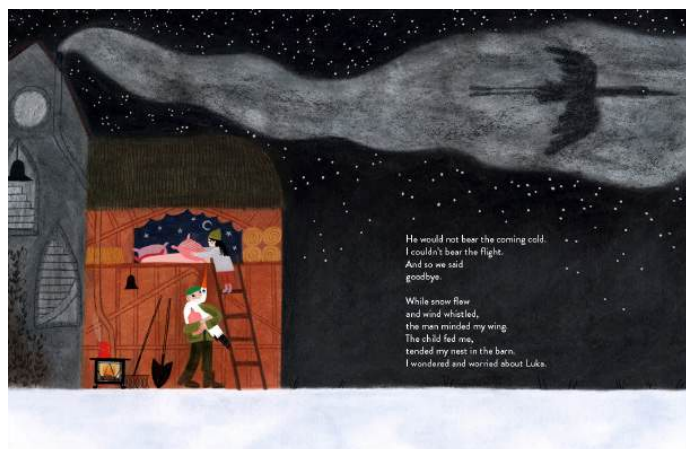
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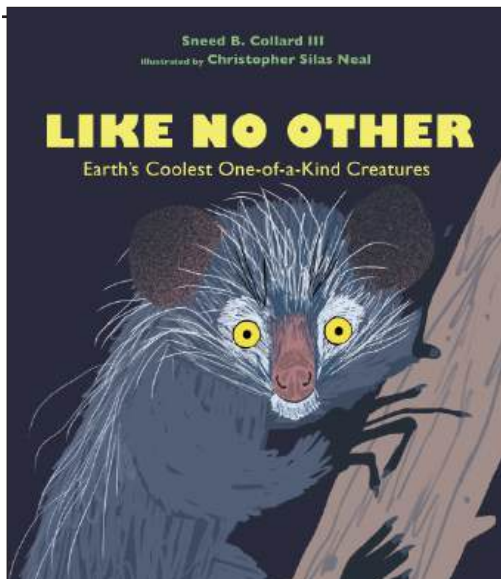
Springtime Storks A Migration Love Story

by Carol Joy Munro
Illustrated by Chelsea O'Byrne

Poetic and gorgeously illustrated, *Springtime Storks* is an ode to the resilience, dedication, and love between two migratory birds, while also delivering an urgent message of conservation.



ON SALE: December 2024
Ages 4–8
40pp
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TERRITORY: World, all languages



Like No Other Earth's Coolest One- of-a-Kind Creatures

by Sneed B. Collard III

Illustrated by

Christopher Silas Neal

Meet more than a dozen of these creatures (including humans!), learn what makes them unique, and explore the relationships among species on the evolutionary tree.



ON SALE: June 2024

Ages 5–8

40pp

RIGHTS SOLD:

TERRITORY: World,

all languages

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True Colors

by Abby Cooper

Turning Red meets *The Giver* in this novel about a town where everyone agrees to think positively—but one girl, whose emotions manifest as colors, can't hide her true feelings.

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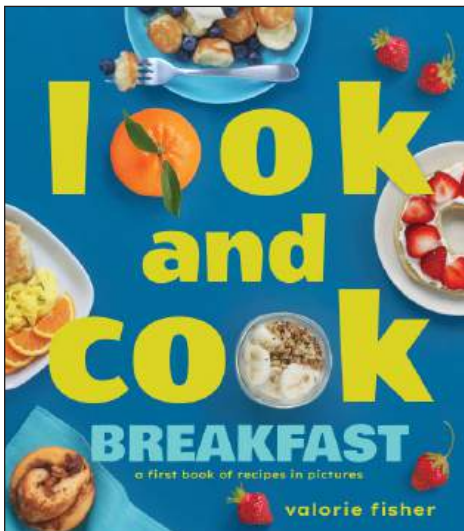
Ages 10 and up

192pp

RIGHTS SOLD:

TERRITORY: World,

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Look and Cook Breakfast A First Book of Recipes in Pictures

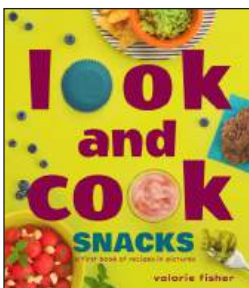
by Valorie Fisher

Don't miss...

Look and Cook Snacks

A completely unique, step-by-step visual guide snack-making for kids.

More than 10,000 copies sold



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Valorie Fisher is the author of numerous books for kids, which have earned multiple starred reviews and have been named best books of the year by *Publishers Weekly*, *School Library Journal*, *Parenting Magazine*, and *Child Magazine*, among others. Visit valoriefisher.com.

A completely unique visual approach to cooking—designed especially for pre-readers! The Look and Cook series features simple step by step picture instructions that introduce children to the joys of cooking.

Each book features nineteen easy, healthy, and delicious recipes as well as guides to basic cooking skills, like mixing and measuring. Kids will feel empowered to take charge in the kitchen and make delicious treats for the whole family!



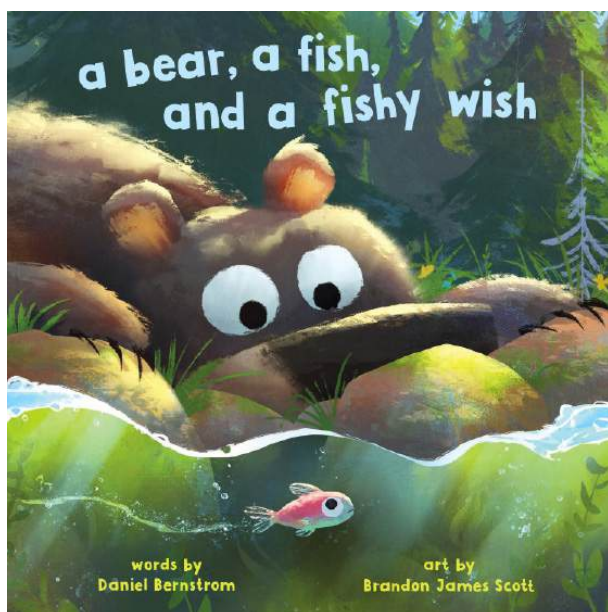
ON SALE: November 2024

Ages 4–8

56pp

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TERRITORY: World, all languages



Once again, Daniel Bernstrom and Brandon James Scott show off their deep understanding—in words and pictures—of what makes kids laugh.

Readers of the beloved *A Bear, a Bee, and a Honey Tree* met a bear who longed for honey, but never got to eat any. In this boisterous follow-up, will Bear's luck change? He's spotted a fish! And his wish? To gobble up this delicious fish dish, of course! Sadly for Bear, this is no ordinary fish—he's a homesick fellow determined to get back upstream where he belongs.

The longing, the chase, the action, and splash—and the spare but delightfully tongue twisting text—will have kids asking to hear this story again and again.

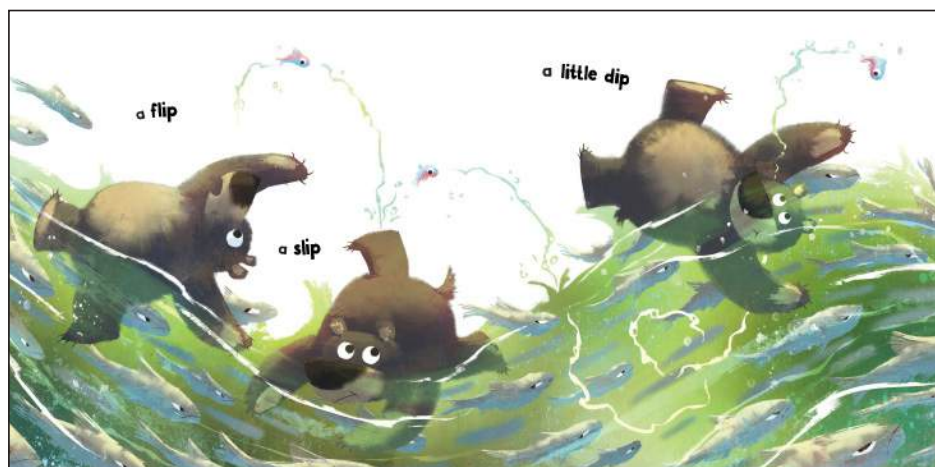
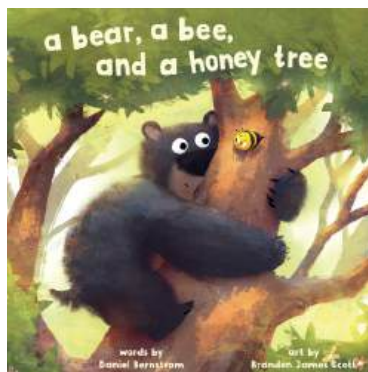
A Bear, a Fish, and a Fishy Wish

by Daniel Bernstrom

illustrated by

Brandon James Scott

Don't miss... *A Bear, a Bee, and a Honey Tree!* Over 15,000 copies sold



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Daniel Bernstrom is a poet and the author of six picture books, including *One Day in the Eucalyptus*, *Eucalyptus Tree*, illustrated by Brendan Wenzel. His book *Big Papa and the Time Machine* won the Minnesota Book Award. Daniel lives in Worthington, Minnesota with his wife and five adorable children.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

By day **Brandon James Scott** is a Creative Director working in animation and by night he illustrates picture books. He has worked on a range of hit animated entertainment including his own creation, the award-winning series, *Justin Time*. He loves to make art that brings adventure, levity, heart, and curiosity for the fantastic and whimsical world around us.

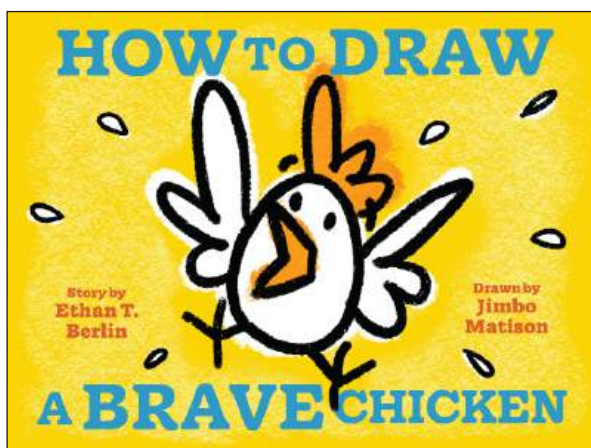
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Ages 4–8

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TERRITORY: World, all languages



How to Draw a Brave Chicken

by **Ethan T. Berlin**

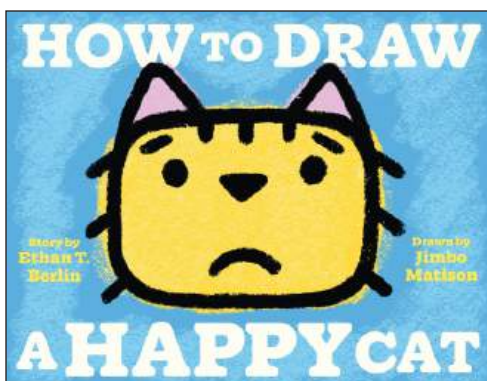
illustrated by **Jimbo Matison**

Don't miss

How to Draw a Happy Cat

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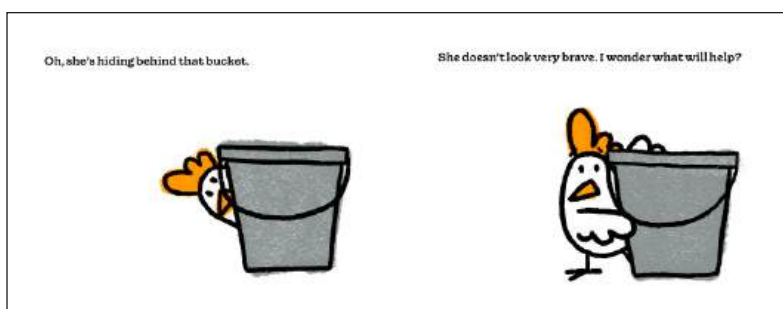
TERRITORY: World, all languages



“A winning combo of easy-to-draw figures and a wacky, interactive storyline with a subtle emotional point.” —Kirkus Reviews

Readers of *How To Draw a Happy Cat* got to follow along—and learned to draw—as Cat’s adventures led to smiles all around. With lessons in drawing, now follow Chicken as the reader tries to help her be brave. First she gets armor, a horse, and then a ride down a giant water slide! She even wants to fly to the moon and catch a dragon! Maybe she’s a little too brave?

Ethan T. Berlin and Jimbo Matison bring their talents together in this growing series, perfect for budding artists and new readers alike. The laugh-out-loud twists and turns keep readers on their toes, unsure of what will happen on the next page.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ethan T. Berlin is a dad, a writer, a comedy teacher, and an all-around funny guy. He lives with his family in New Jersey.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

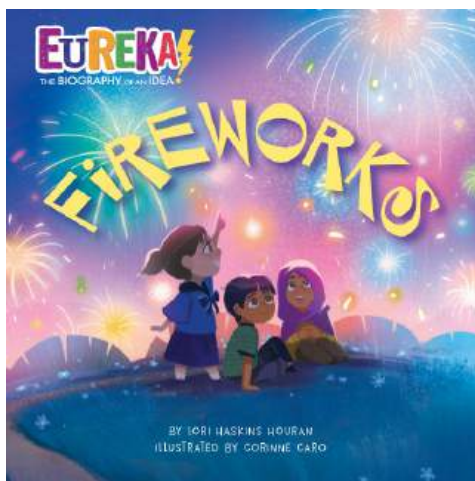
Jimbo Matison is an illustrator, a writer/director, and a former punk rocker. He lives with his family in Brooklyn.

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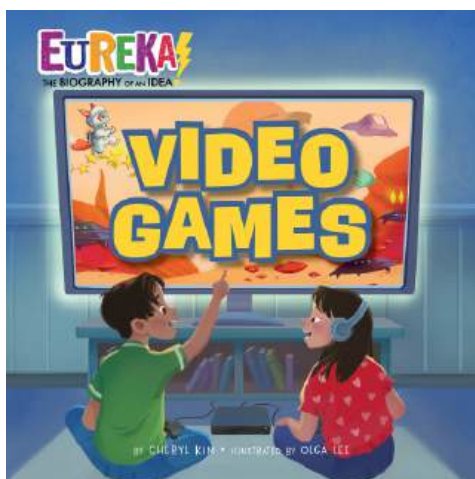
EUREKA!

THE BIOGRAPHY OF AN IDEA

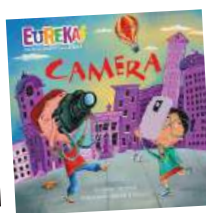
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Fireworks



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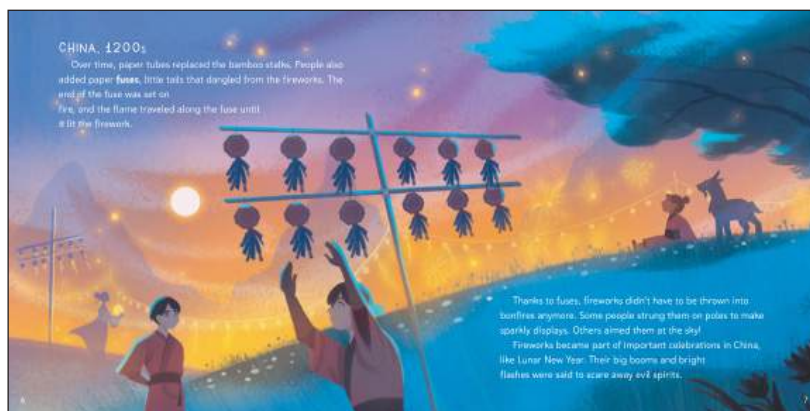


NSTA/CBC Best STEM Books

EUREKA! Great things happen when science crosses history! Discover the all-true stories of your favorite inventions with this multicultural STEM series that takes readers on a journey through time and around the world. A perfect choice for kids who love to figure out how things work!

Each book in this nonfiction series focuses on one groundbreaking, world-changing discovery that millions of people use every day. Titles include: *Bicycle*, *Camera*, *Fireworks (new)*, *Glasses*, *Guitar*, *Light Bulb*, *Video Games (new)*, and *Wind Power*.

“Perfect for STEM lessons and future innovators, this fun and informative series has a lot to offer.” —*School Library Journal*



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Ages 4–8

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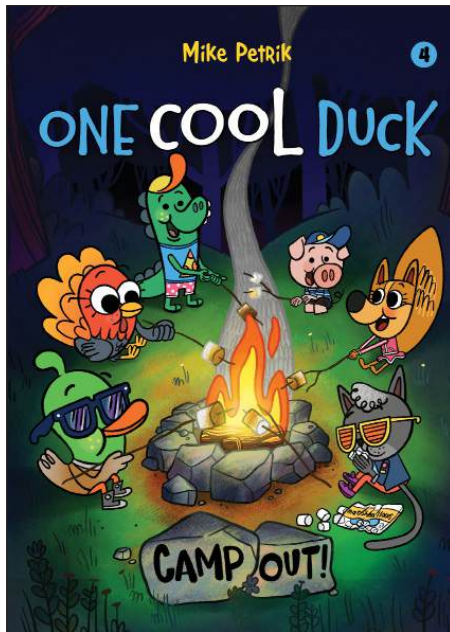
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TERRITORY: World, all languages

One Cool Duck

A 4-book series

by Mike Petrik



One Cool Duck is an early graphic chapter book series that follows a group of animal friends as they explore friendship and what it means to be cool. With laugh-out-loud dialogue and vibrant illustrations, this fourth installment by Mike Petrik brings Duck, Cat, Jeff and friends back together for a **CAMP OUT!**

Readers of the first three books in the One Cool Duck series followed the gang as they made new friends, built the Far-Out Fort, and played a rousing game of capture the flag. Now, on the heels of their victory, the gang gathers flashlights, sleeping bags, chocolate, and marshmallows (but no fish—sorry, Cat!) as they prepare for a night of big fun.

Hippo Park graphic chapter books are ideal for beginner and newly independent readers, with approachable page counts, easy-to-follow paneling, and artwork that supports text comprehension.

#4 Camp Out!

Don't miss One Cool Duck

#1: King of Cool

#2: The Far-Out Fort

#3: Summer Games



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Mike Petrik grew up in the Chicago suburbs, shredding on his skateboard, hanging out at the arcade, and just being a cool dude. He spent most of his days drawing. Fast forward a few years, and Mike has illustrated seven picture books (one of which he wrote) and created two lift-the-flap board books. Mike lives with his wife and three kids in Oak Lawn, IL. *One Cool Duck* is his first graphic novel series.

ON SALE: November 2024

Ages 6–9

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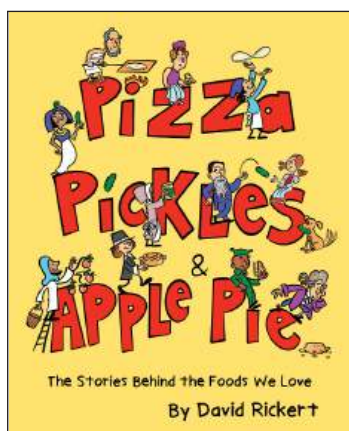
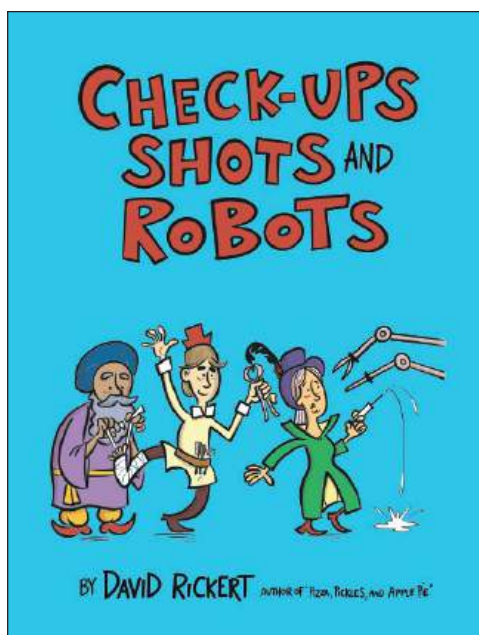
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TERRITORY: World, all languages

Check-Ups, Shots, and Robots

The Stories Behind How Doctors Treat Us

by David Rickert

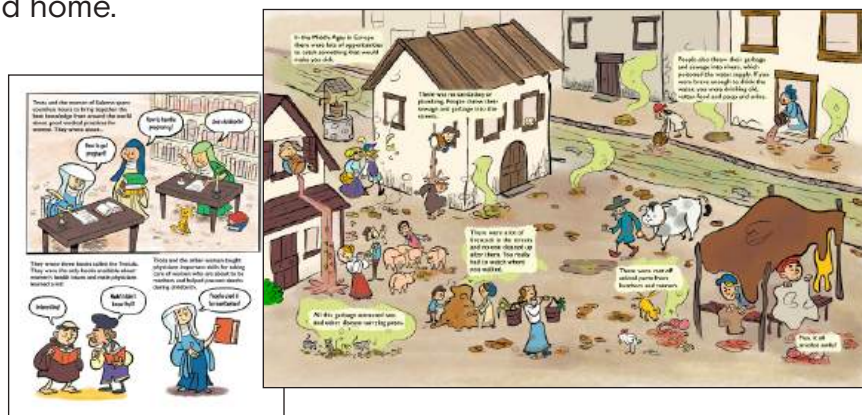


More from
David
Rickert!

*Pizza,
Pickles, and
Apple Pie:
The Stories
Behind the
Foods We
Love*

Why do I have to get a checkup? My head hurts—make it better! Kids can discover the science and history behind common medical practices and procedures and learn about health problems, treatments, and medical breakthroughs in this funny and educational graphic-format nonfiction book, a companion volume to *Pizza, Pickles, and Apple Pie*.

Common childhood illnesses and injuries and the methods to cure or treat them can lead to questions. This book offers answers, showing how people learned how to understand and care for the human body, from ancient times to the present day. Young readers will travel back in time—sometimes thousands of years—to cultures all over the globe to learn how and why medical breakthroughs occurred. They'll meet key people from medical history along the way, including early surgeons working without anesthesia and grave robbers seeking knowledge of human anatomy. The science behind antibiotics and how stitches work are two of many topics in this fascinating book, which includes projects and activities for both the classroom and home.



Praise from *Richie's Picks*: "*Pizza, Pickles, and Apple Pie* will readily lend itself to multicultural food discussions, related classroom cooking projects, and food-sharing activities. Young readers will enjoy the cartoonish digital illustrations featuring tons of food, multicultural characters, and a cartoonish Thomas Jefferson chowing down on his beloved waffles. Try it! It's good for you!"

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

David Rickert is an educator as well as an author and illustrator of comics. After receiving his teaching degree from Ohio State University, David had an itch to create comics for education. Working with the Teachers Pay Teachers marketplace, teachers around the world have embraced his comics as an effective way to teach English to young readers.

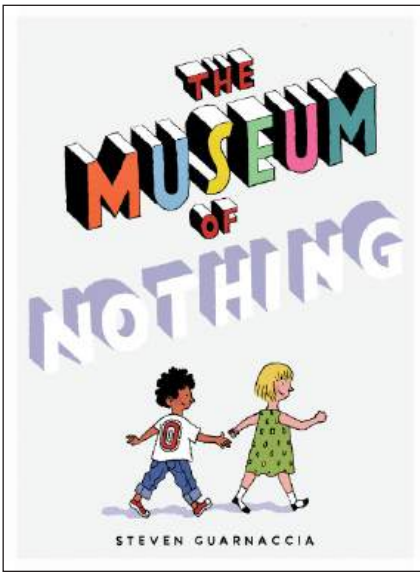
ON SALE: November 2024
Ages 8-12
128pp
RIGHTS SOLD:
TERRITORY: World, all
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NOTABLE BACKLIST

Don't miss these award-winning and best-selling titles from Astra Books for Young Readers!



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Sánchez

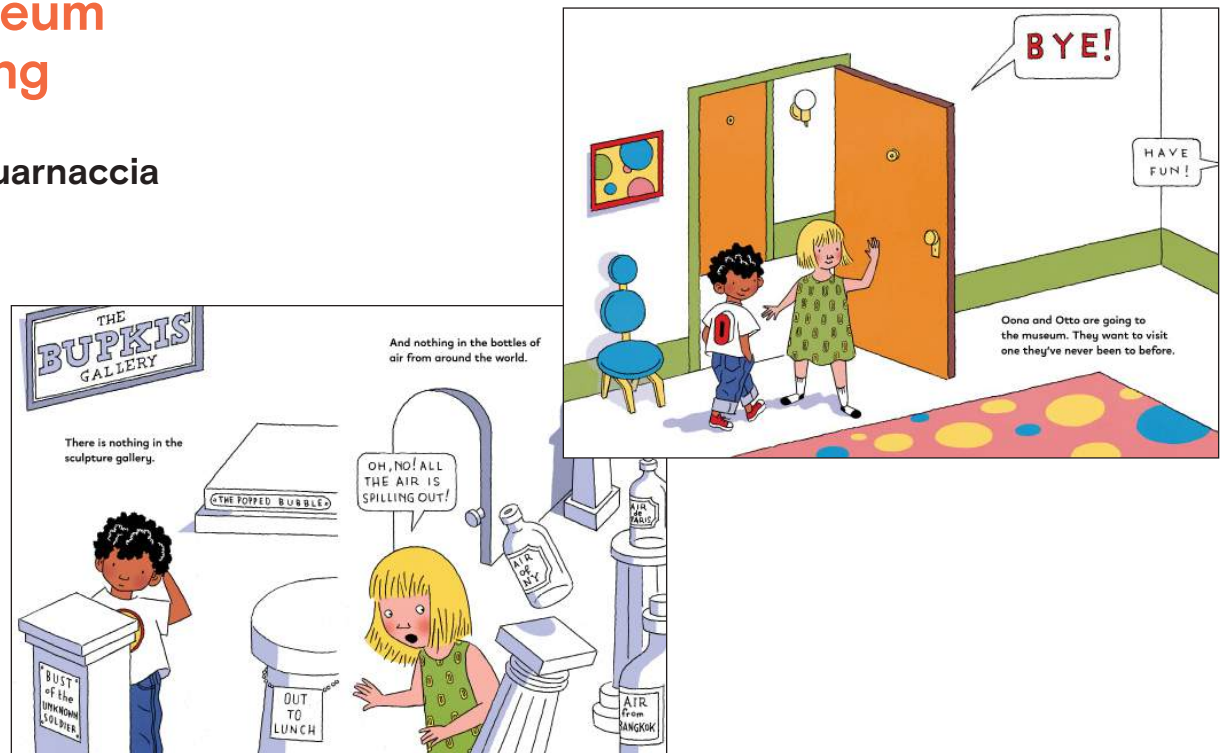


Discover all the many ways that nothing is really something! This mind-bendingly clever picture book about a visit to the Museum of Nothing will have curious readers marveling and laughing along.

There is so much more to nothing than you think! Join Oona and Otto on a tour of the funny, fascinating Museum of Nothing in this imaginative read-aloud from noted designer Guarnaccia. This museum proudly displays every kind of nothing. There's the Hall of Holes (donut, button, black), the Zero Wing, the Nobody Room—where the Invisible Man is the star attraction—and more. With pages full of witty details to discover, this captivating book is perfect for curious kids ages 5–9 looking for their next big mind-bending adventure.

The Museum of Nothing

by Steven Guarnaccia



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Steven Guarnaccia is an illustrator and Professor Emeritus of Parsons School of Design. He was formerly Op-Ed art director of the *New York Times*. His work has appeared in major magazines and newspapers including the *New York Times*, *Abitare*, and *Rolling Stone*, and he has created murals for Disney and exhibition drawings for the Museum of Modern Art. He is the author of books on popular culture and design including *Black and White* and *A Stiff Drink & A Close Shave*. He has designed watches for Swatch and greeting cards for the Museum of Modern Art, won awards from the AIGA, the Art Directors Club, and the Bologna Book Fair and has had one-man shows internationally. His children's books include his fairy tales about design, *The Three Bears: A Tale Moderne*; *The Three Little Pigs: An Architectural Tale*; and *Cinderella: A Fashionable Tale*.

ON SALE: Oct. 17, 2023

Ages 5–9

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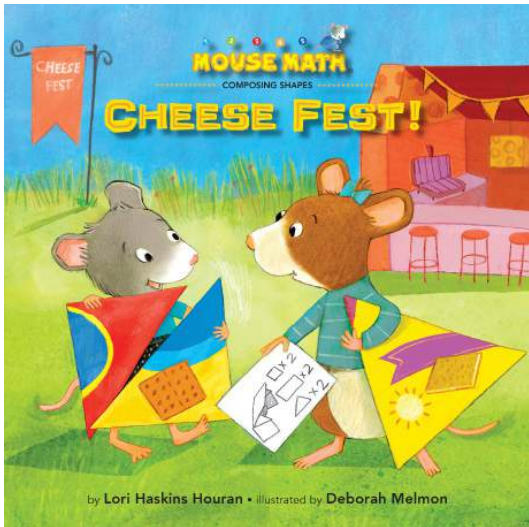
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TERRITORY: World, all languages

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MOUSE MATH

A 24-book series

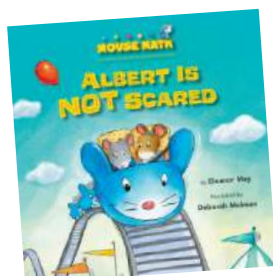
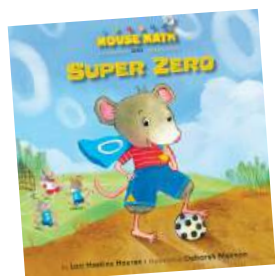


Cheese Fest! Composing Shapes

Books in this series have won a Mathical Honor, a Moonbeam Children's Book Medal, and an International Literacy Association Children's Choices selection.

Each read-aloud book in the Mouse Math series focuses on a single, basic math concept and features adorable mice, Albert and Wanda, who live in a People House. Entertaining fiction stories capture kids' imaginations as the mice learn about numbers, shapes, sizes and more.

Math topics covered in this series include: Counting & Skip Counting, Addition, Subtraction, Sorting, Patterns, Position Words, Counting Money, 2-D and 3-D Shapes, and many more!



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3 million
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books sold
worldwide!

LIFETIME SALES: 3 MILLION COPIES SOLD WORLDWIDE

Ages 4–8
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TERRITORY: World

Math Matters

A 46-book series



Discover Math Matters! With over 15 million books sold worldwide, this award-winning series of easy-to-read books will help young readers ages 5-8 approach math with enthusiasm. Great for fans of MathStart or Step Into Reading Math.

With engaging stories that connect math to kids' everyday lives, each book in this Teachers' Choice Award-winning series focuses on a single concept and reinforces math vocabulary and skills. Bonus activities in each book feature math and reading comprehension questions, and even more free activities online add to the fun!

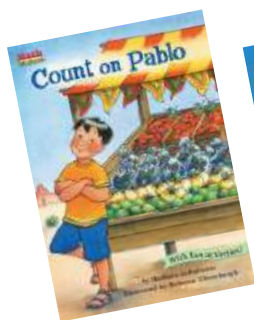
Math topics covered in this series include: Counting & Skip Counting, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, Telling Time, Measurement, Bar Graphs, Fractions, Estimation, Venn Diagrams, and many more!

New topics for 2023 include Angles, Decimals, Metric System, and Rounding.



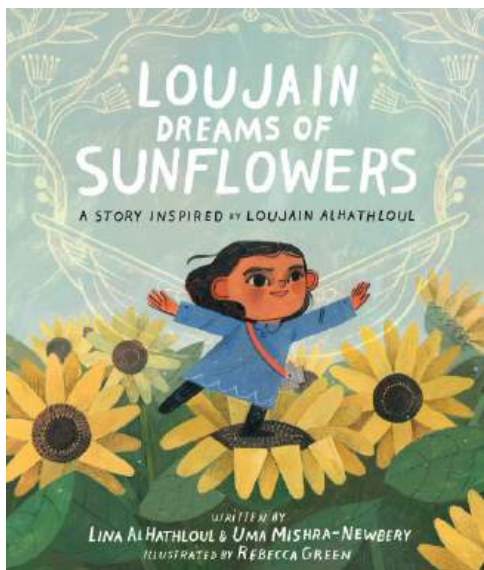
COMPARING GOALS
Woof! Time to fix up more bark parks for Coco and Lady! Sophie and Nolan made charts to keep track of the progress toward their goals.

• Which chart shows percentages?
• Which chart shows dollars?
• What does the 50 in each chart represent?
• Can you tell who has raised more money?



Over 15 million Math Matters books sold worldwide!

ON SALE: Fall 2023
Ages 5-8
32pp
RIGHTS SOLD: Simplified Chinese and English bilingual: Mainland China (New Buds)
TERRITORY: World



Loujain Dreams of Sunflowers

by Uma Mishra-Newbery,
Lina Al-Hathloul
illustrated by Rebecca Green

10,000 copies sold

A courageous girl follows her dream of learning to fly in this “clever narrative” filled with “extraordinary spirit... gorgeous colors... a magical quality” (*New York Times*). Inspired by formerly imprisoned human rights activist Loujain AlHathloul, this sparkling fantasy story is perfect for fans of *Malala’s Magic Pencil* and the Rebel Girls series.

“Poetic, moving, and empowering.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

Winner – 2022 Middle East Book Award (picture book)

Winner – A Bookstagang Best Picture Book Biography

“Read this if you want a powerful and moving story about how sometimes rules are meant to be broken. . . . beautifully-illustrated . . . introduces readers to the idea that unfair rules can be changed.” —Ciarra Chavarria, @girlsreadtheworld via MSNBC.com

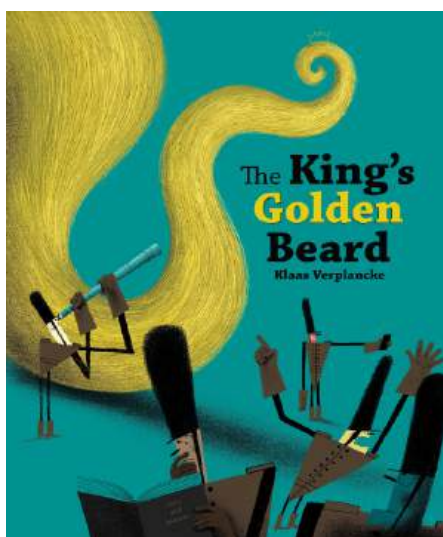
“A clever narrative filled with extraordinary spirit . . . gorgeous colors . . . a magical quality.” —*New York Times*

ON SALE: Sept. 1, 2022

Ages 4–8

40pp

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TERRITORY: World



The King’s Golden Beard

by Klaas Verplancke

Who’s to blame when a vain, heedless king meets his comeuppance? He is, of course! Fans of Tomi Ungerer’s mischievous humor and Jon Agee’s sly morality tales will be delighted by this hilarious read-aloud about a long, long beard and its short-sighted royal owner, by a popular Belgian illustrator, designer, and animation whiz.

A 2022 Bank Street Best Children’s Book of the Year

“Deeply satisfying.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

ON SALE: 2021

Ages 4–8

48pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Japanese: World (KAGAKU DOJIN); French: World (mineditionFr); Dutch: World (E.M. Querido’s Uitgeverij BV); German: World (mineditionAG); Simplified Chinese: Mainland China, HK & Macau (Thinkingdom), Bosnian; Turkish ebook (KidzBOO)
TERRITORY: World



A 12-book series



by Lewis B. Montgomery
illustrated by Amy Wummer



The Milo & Jazz Mysteries stars two kid detectives-in-training who use STEM problem-solving skills as they race to unravel cases and save the day!

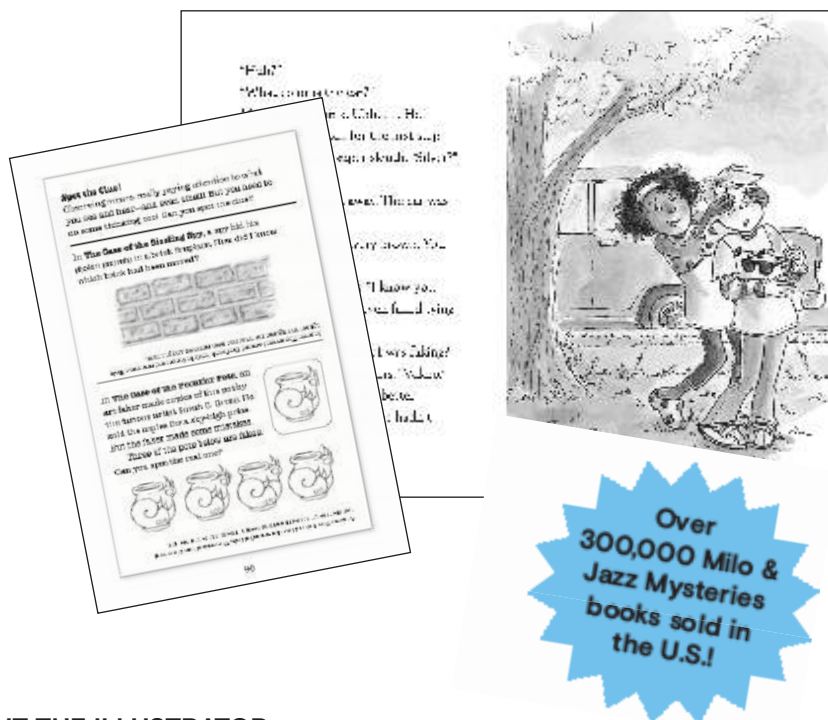
This ideal series for beginning readers making the transition to chapter books has incredible Super Sleuthing activities in each book, including hidden pictures, puzzles, mini-mysteries, and quizzes—plus free online activities in a Detective's Guide.

Problem-solving skills explored in this series include: Observing, Thinking Logically, Drawing Conclusions, Finding Patterns, Working Backward, and more!

★ *Booklist*: "Gets it just right."

Booklist's 100 Best Children's and YA Mysteries of the Past 10 Years

Winner of several Moonbeam Children's Book Awards and Silver Falchion Awards



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lewis B. Montgomery is the pen name of a writer whose favorite authors include CSL, EBW, and LMM. Those initials are a clue—but there's another clue, too. Can you figure out their names? Lewis lives in eastern Pennsylvania and also writes under the pen names Eleanor May and Nan Walker.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Amy Wummer has illustrated more than 50 children's books. Amy and her husband, who is also an artist, live in Pennsylvania.

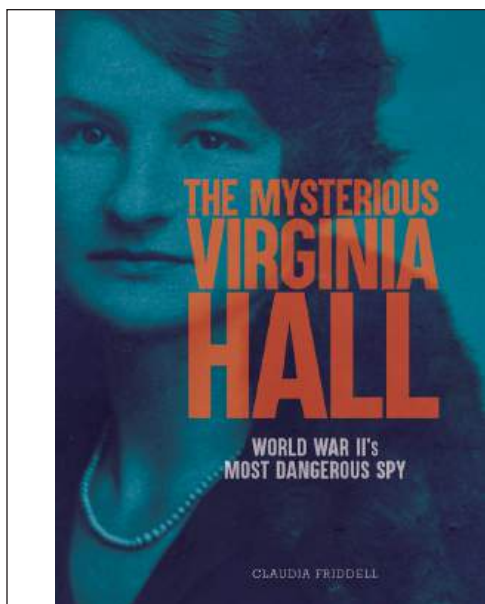
LIFETIME SALES: OVER 300,000

ON SALE: Jan. 1, 2009

Ages 7–11

96–112pp

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The Mysterious Virginia Hall

by Claudia Friddell

This YA biography of Virginia Hall, World War II's most successful female spy, will inspire reluctant readers and budding history buffs alike

Virginia Hall, known to her family as “Dindy,” was an athletic, outdoorsy girl who dreamed of joining the foreign service and becoming an ambassador. Despite numerous setbacks, including losing her leg to gangrene after an accident, Virginia never wavered in her determination to serve her country. After the outbreak of World War II, a chance meeting on a train changed her life—George Bellows, an agent of the British Special Operations Executive, recruited her as one of its first women agents. Working for Allied intelligence services in France, Virginia Hall organized French resistance fighters, performed daring rescues, and provided the Allies with intelligence that was key for ousting the Nazis and earned her numerous medals, including the US Army’s Distinguished Service Cross.

With chapters titled for each of the many aliases and nicknames used by Virginia Hall, this book takes readers through her extraordinary life and her evolution as a resistance fighter and intelligence operative. Award-winning author Claudia Friddell brings Virginia Hall’s bravery, intelligence, and determination to life in this thoroughly researched and photo-filled biography endorsed by Hall’s family.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Claudia Friddell is the author of several children’s books, including *Cool off and Ride: A Trolley Trip to Beat the Heat*; *Road Trip: Camping With the Four Vagabonds*; *Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, and John Burroughs*; *To the Front!: Clara Barton Braves the Battle of Antietam*; and *Grace Banker and Her Hello Girls Answer the Call: The Heroic*

Story of WWI Telephone Operators. She has been a therapist, a school counselor, and an elementary school teacher.

ON SALE: June 2025
Ages 12--18
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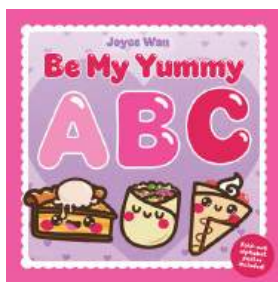
TERRITORY: World English

Lucky New Year: Red, Blue, Green

by Joyce Wan



Don't miss... *Be My Yummy ABC*



Celebrate Lunar New Year with Joyce Wan's irresistable petite picture book! Kids, ages 3–5, will encounter the colors of the holiday. Features a book jacket that opens into a poster!

From the RED of lucky envelopes and the ORANGE of tangerines to lovely PINK plum blossoms, LUCKY NEW YEAR: RED, BLUE, GREEN captivates young readers with Wan's signature cute-as-a-button style, a rainbow of colors, and an authentic cultural experience.

Step into a colorful journey through the widely celebrated holiday known as Chinese New Year with Lucky New Year: Red, Blue, Yellow. Bringing her own Chinese heritage to life through all the colors of the rainbow and playful rhymes, this book shares a wonderful combination—the concept of colors and the traditions of the holiday. The adventure culminates with the spectacular rainbow of lion dancers! A book that helps little ones enhance their color recognition skills while experiencing the joy of the holiday.

Ages 2–5; World English plus Chinese

The Mixed-Up Owl by Marzena Sowa; Illustrated by Joanna Lorho



Owl wonders why everyone else in the forest sleeps at night, in this sweetly-illustrated story about how we learn to know ourselves.

A splendid read for emerging readers, animal lovers, and fans of classics such as Winnie the Pooh, this book works both for bedtime and for budding lovers of adventure stories! Perfect for ages 4–8.

In this thoughtful, refreshing, and lovingly illustrated picture book, Owl embarks on a quest to answer the question that's making him feel mixed up: why can't he fall asleep at night when all of the other animals in the forest are sleeping? Setting out on a quest to learn, Owl asks the squirrels, the rabbits, and even a bear! But alas, all the animals are asleep at night and too busy in the daytime to help Owl solve his problem. But this owl is determined to find out what's up with sleeping at night, and the answer might just surprise him . . .

Ages 4–8; World English



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Calkins Creek Books introduces children to the many people, places, and events that shaped history. Our picture books, chapter books, and novels combine original and extensive research with creative, energetic writing. Our authors transport their readers back in time to recognizable places with living and breathing people.

Hippo Park books reflect the joyful, surprising, often befuddling, and endlessly fascinating world our children live in. Hippo Park books are fun and funny—because laughter brings people together, and it brings kids to reading! Done well, funny goes deep, too—helping kids feel seen and understood.

TOON Books has revolutionized the field by producing a series of award-winning comics designed specifically for readers grades K–3. The concept—to get top-notch practitioners to apply their magic to kids' comics—helped the imprint produce titles which have garnered top literary awards.