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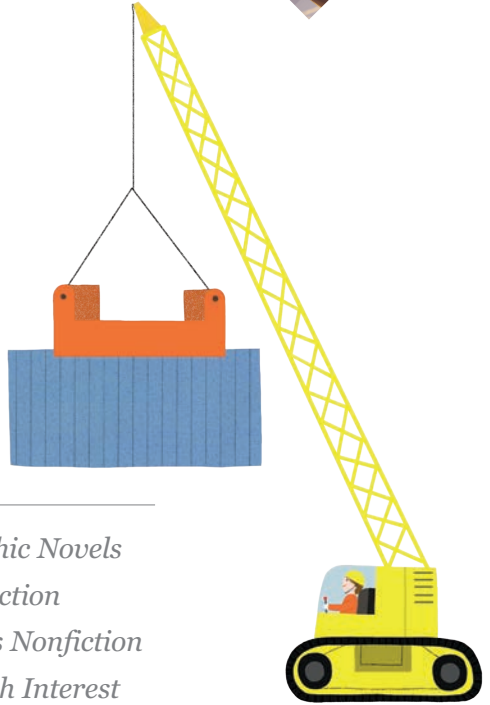
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## Touch the Sky

Stephanie V. W. Lucianovic, illus. Chris Park

Both heartfelt and hilarious, this picture book captures the unforgettable moment when a child learns how to pump on a swing. It's a story for every kid on the cusp of learning something new.

- Extremely relatable storyline for both kids and parents
- Young readers will soar right along with a young boy as he finally learns to pump on a swing!

**Stephanie V.W. Lucianovic** writes books in the San Francisco Bay Area surrounded by a few kids, a few cats, and one husband. Her work includes *The End of Something Wonderful*, *Hello Star*, and *The League of Picky Eaters*.

**Chris Park** has been a professional illustrator for over twelve years. He co-authored and illustrated his the picture books *Little Sock* and *Little Sock Makes a Friend* with his wife Kia. Chris lives in Minnesota with his wife and two sons.

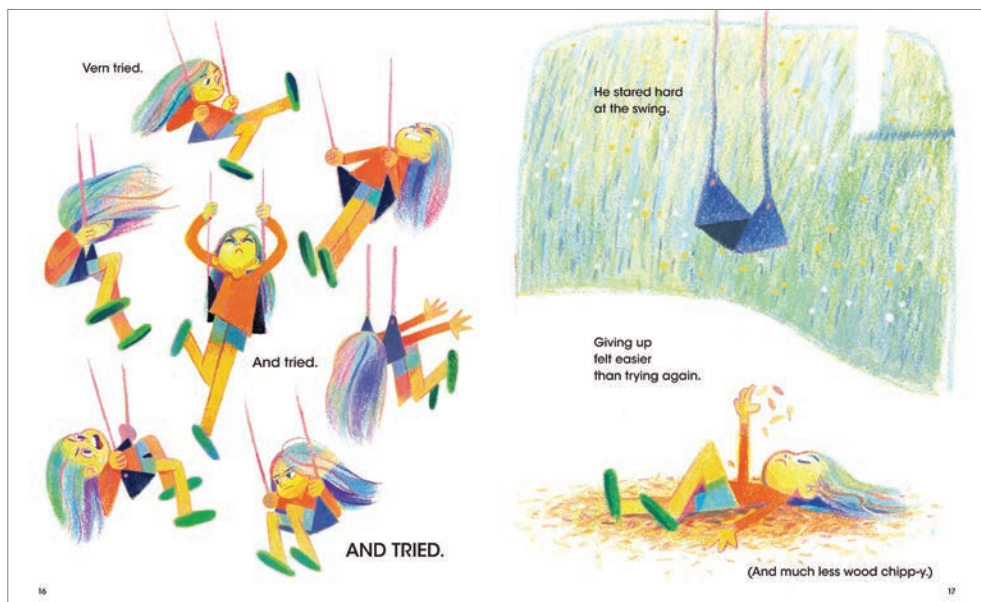
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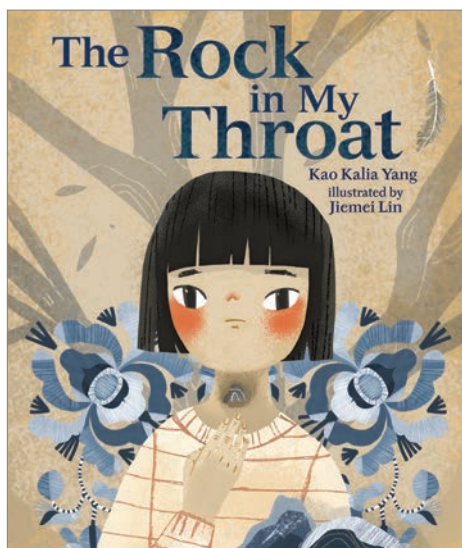
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## The Rock in My Throat

Kao Kalia Yang, illus. Jiemei Lin

In this moving true story, Kao Kalia Yang shares her experiences as a Hmong refugee child navigating life at home and school in America while carrying the weight of her selective mutism.

- Is a mirror for children experiencing selective mutism and a window book for other children
- Stunning illustrations by Jiemei Lin, in her debut picture book

**Kao Kalia Yang** lives in St. Paul, Minnesota, and is the author of the award-winning books *From the Tops of the Trees* and *The Song Poet*. Yang is a graduate of Carleton College and Columbia University's School of the Arts.

**Jiemei Lin** is an artist born in Hangzhou, China, currently living and working in the Inland Northwest, Washington State. Lin works with both digital media and traditional media to create paintings, murals, and illustrations.

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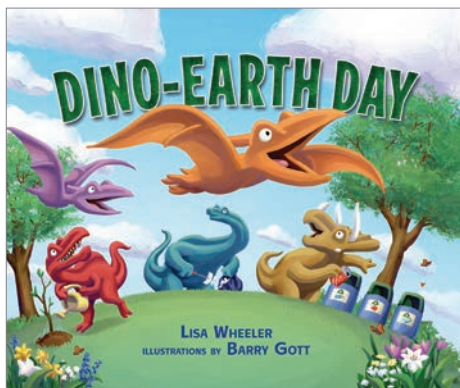
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## Dino-Earth Day

Lisa Wheeler, illus. Barry Gott

What do dinosaurs do on Earth Day? They care for the planet! They ride bikes and scooters, clean up a park, plant an urban garden, visit a recycling center, and more.

- Colorful art with lots of details for readers to pore over
- Next up is *Dino-Birthday* in Spring 2025

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

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

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## Dino-Hanukkah

Lisa Wheeler, illus. Barry Gott

Light the menorah! Enjoy the eight days of Hanukkah in this dino-sized celebration from Lisa Wheeler and Barry Gott.

- A fun and festive Hanukkah-themed addition to the beloved **Dino-Holidays** series
- Hilarious and detailed art for readers to pore over

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## Dino Board Books

*Lisa Wheeler, illus. Barry Gott*

There's tons of dino-fun for everyone in this high-energy board book series. Dinosaurs face off on the slopes, the skateboard park, the pool, and more!

- All-new text is accompanied by selected art from the original *Dino-Boarding* and *Dino-Swimming* books

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

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## Dino Board Books

*Lisa Wheeler, illus. Barry Gott*

There's tons of dino-fun for everyone in these high-energy board books, whether it's going trick-or-treating or waiting for the arrival of Santa Claws. Celebrate these holidays in epic Dino fashion!

- All-new text is accompanied by the art from the original *Dino-Christmas* and *Dino-Halloween* books
- Bouncy rhyme appeals to babies and toddlers
- Bright illustrations feature dinosaurs enthusiastically enjoying holiday activities

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

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## My First Board Books

**My First Board Books** introduce topics that empower and nurture the development of the whole child, such as body positivity and self-regulation. These action-packed books make for a prominent addition to a young child's library.

- Accessible approach to primary concepts
- Body positivity and self-regulation concepts tailored to young children
- Features BIPOC characters and characters with disabilities

**Ceece Kelley** had an active imagination growing up. Now she enjoys bringing her literary visions to life and into the hands of readers as an author. Her hometown is Fairfax, VA.

**Betania Zacarias** lives in Barcelona with her partner and two curious, imaginative boys who are her infinite source of inspiration. She works between many papers, acrylic paints, pencils, and scissors.

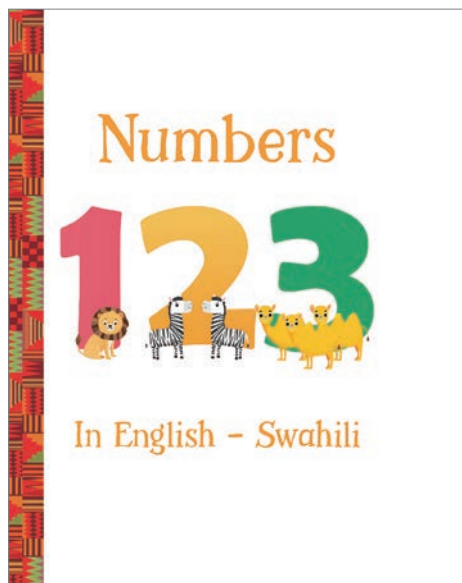
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## Numbers 123 in English — Swahili

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

Young English-speaking children will embark on a journey of learning basic vocabulary in Swahili by identifying and counting simple items.

A helpful introduction to Swahili, an official language of the African Union.

- Introduces children to world language and culture
- Fosters diversity

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

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

**Planting People Growing Justice Press**

Price: PB: \$7.99

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## More Than You Imagine

*Thelia Hutchinson, illus. Adriana Predoi*

More than you imagine, I want the best for you. I'll always be beside you in everything you do. A parent's unconditional love and support helps build a strong foundation for a child.

- Features diverse family structures
- Affirming and empowering message from parent to child

**Thelia Hutchinson** was born in Jamaica and raised in the Bronx, New York. Sis a registered nurse, mom, and debut author who discovered her love of writing from a poetry assignment.

**Adriana Predoi** grew up in Romania. After earning a B.A. in Fine Art, she started working as a freelance illustrator. Adriana's style is whimsical with a touch of magic.

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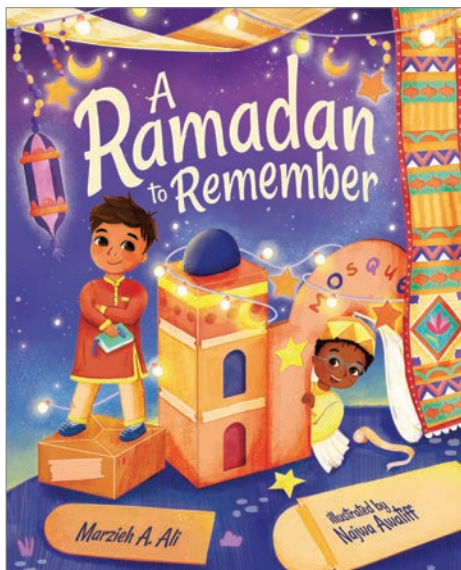
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## A Ramadan to Remember

Marzieh A. Ali, illus. Najwa Awatiff

Ramadan is almost here! It's Zain's favorite time of the year. Well, it usually is. After a recent move, will Zain find a new Muslim friend to celebrate with him?

- #OwnVoices author and illustrator
- Includes cultural back matter and a hands-on craft

**Marzieh A. Ali** is a baker-turned-author. She loves adding magic to her creations, including the books she writes for children. Marzieh lives in Pakistan with her husband and children.

**Najwa Awatiff** is an architect-turned-illustrator and lives with her husband and three young children in Malaysia. Najwa loves to inject nature and architectural features in her illustrations.

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## The Lunar New Year Surprise

Jade Wang, illus. Tammy Do

"It's the first day of the Lunar New Year—the biggest, yummiest, NOISIEST celebration of the year!" During the festivities, can Gege find the perfect moment to present his handcrafted surprise to his little sister?

- A lively introduction to the Lunar New Year and the food and traditions surrounding it
- #OwnVoices: Both author and illustrator are of Asian descent and grew up celebrating Lunar New Year

**Jade Wang** is a speech pathologist and a bilingual English and Mandarin-Chinese author. When Jade is not indulging in her writing, she enjoys crocheting, art-making, and playing with her daughter.

**Tammy Do** is a Vietnamese illustrator who embraces her culture by using bright and vibrant colors. Through illustration, Tammy frees her inner child, letting herself wander through places and stories.

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## The Knight of Little Import

Hannah Batsel

Charlie is a young knight who can't find a single beast to slay—until she discovers there are monsters all around! Only she knows what to do to save her little town.

- A fresh and charming tale told with lots of humor
- Pair this with *Knight Owl* by Christopher Denise

**Hannah Batsel** is a book artist and illustrator who grew up in Georgia and lives and works in Chicago, IL. She loves rabbits, magic, and making everything from furniture to stained glass.

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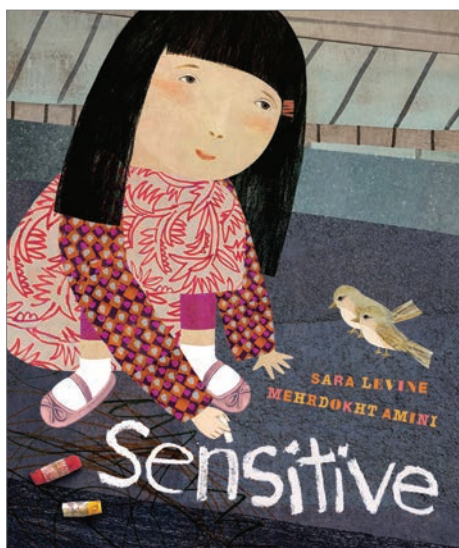
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★*"Batsel's artwork is a mesmerizing display of extraordinary mixed-media collage using a variety of handmade and purchased paper alongside paints, ink, watercolors, embroidery floss, artificial turf, and painted sawdust. . . . [Her] second book as author-illustrator is quite the achievement."*

— starred, *Booklist*



## Sensitive

Sara Levine, illus. Mehrdokht Amini

A young girl hears messages that she's too sensitive and needs to change. In a slightly surreal moment, the messages travel inside her body and won't leave her alone. It is only when she gets time to herself that she finds a solution—she transforms the negative comments into a poem affirming that being sensitive is her strength. A unique and thoughtful picture book that builds empathy and compassion.

- The text is both a narrative and a word puzzle
- Visually striking art from Mehrdokht Amini

**Sara Levine** is a veterinarian, educator, and award-winning author of science books for kids. She lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts, with her daughter, two dogs, some spider plants, a philodendron, and an angel leaf begonia.

**Mehrdokht Amini** is an Iranian-born children's book illustrator. She has been nominated for a Kate Greenaway Medal and been invited to participate in the prestigious Bratislava Biennial of Illustrations. She lives in the UK.

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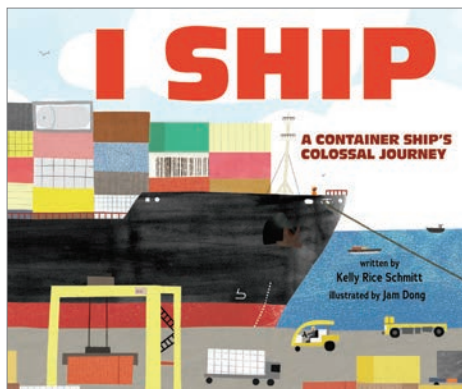
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*"An informative peek at  
our global infrastructure's  
major lifeline."*

— **Kirkus Reviews**

## I Ship

### A Container Ship's Colossal Journey

Kelly Rice Schmitt, illus. Jam Dong

Engines ahead! Come aboard a container ship and voyage across oceans to deliver goods to people who need them.

- Highly engaging first-person narrative from the ship's perspective will appeal to fans of books like *Earth! My First 4.54 Billion Years*
- Back matter includes a glossary of shipping terms, descriptions of jobs related to shipping and trade, and an activity to find imported goods at home or school

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

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

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## Mami King

How Ma Mon Luk Found Love, Riches, and the Perfect Bowl of Soup

Jacqueline Chio-Lauri, illus. Kristin Sorra

The true story of an intrepid young man, Ma Mon Luk, who leaves China for the Philippines, desperate to earn a living—and the approval of the parents of the woman he loves.

- A heartwarming true story with fictionalized dialogue
- Touches on a wide range of themes including immigration, creativity, persistence, and love
- Back matter includes a recipe for Mami soup

**Jacqueline Chio Lauri** is a writer, anthologist, and editor. Her work includes *The New Filipino Kitchen: Stories and Recipes from around the Globe*, and articles on global media sites, such as Huffington Post and Epicurious. She currently resides in Manchester, England.

**Kristin Sorra** is an award-winning children's book illustrator. After earning her degree in Illustration from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY, Kristin co-owned a digital coloring house that catered to comic book publishers. She lives in New York's Hudson Valley with her family.

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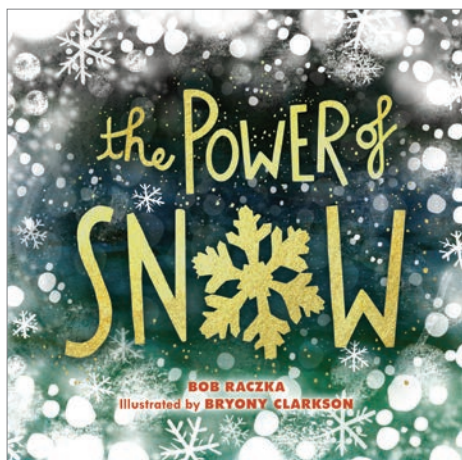
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*"The lush, textured illustrations, created from cut pieces of painted-paper collage, then assembled digitally, capture nature at its wintry best... Cool! Snow really has the power to wow—and teaches math, too."*

*—Kirkus Reviews*

## The Power of Snow

Bob Raczka, illus. Bryony Clarkson

Experience a snowstorm through playful verse and the power of exponential growth! Clever rhymes and dynamic illustrations combine in a fun winter readaloud in this snow-tastic exploration of exponents.

- Incorporates multiplication and exponents throughout the book
- Includes a comprehensive and accessible explanation of exponents and exponential growth

**Bob Raczka** is a children's author and poet based in Illinois. His work includes the **Bob Raczka's Art Adventures** series. He is married with three grown children, but not quite grown up himself.

**Bryony Clarkson** is a designer, Illustrator and collage artist. She specializes in children's book illustration, working with a mixture of cut paper collage and digital techniques to create magical worlds and quirky creatures. She works in a studio in Oxford, UK.

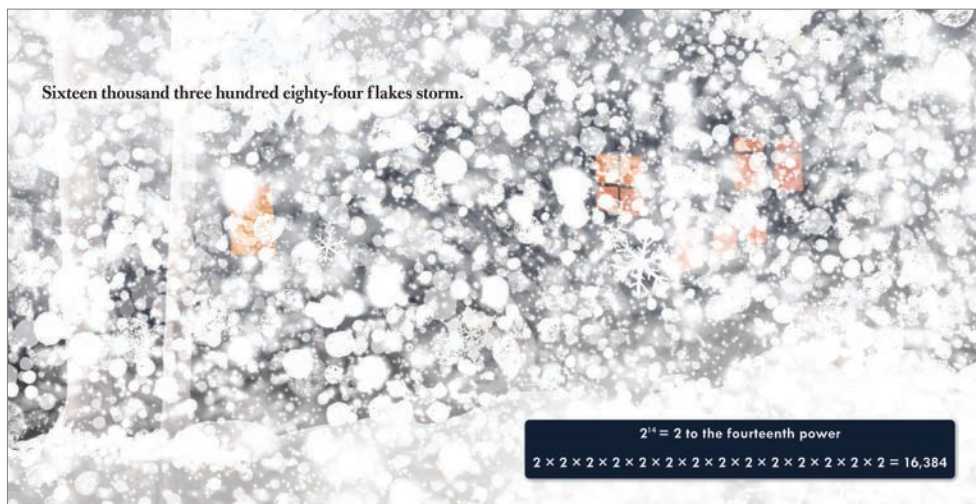
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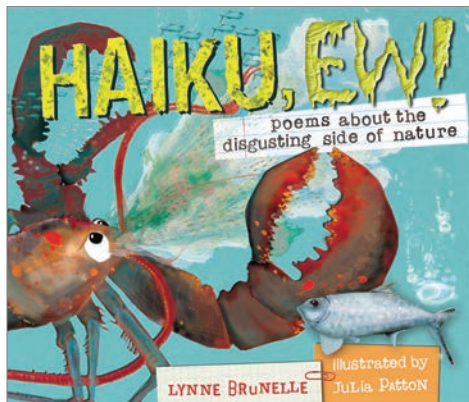
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## Haiku, Ew!

Celebrating the Disgusting Side of Nature

Lynn Brunelle, illus. Julia Patton

These gross and engrossing haiku highlight thirteen animals (and a few fungi) and the exceptionally icky things they do! Accompanied by bonus facts that will delight—and disgust—readers of all ages.

- Combines gross-out kid appeal with great science info
- Packed with information that will surprise kids and adults alike

**Lynn Brunelle** is a four-time Emmy Award-winning writer for the television series *Bill Nye the Science Guy*, with over twenty-five years of writing experience and over forty published titles. She is based in Washington.

**Julia Patton** is an award-winning author and illustrator who works from a rustic woodshed in the wilds of rural Northumberland, UK. Her work includes *The Very Very Long Dog* and *Snail Mail*.

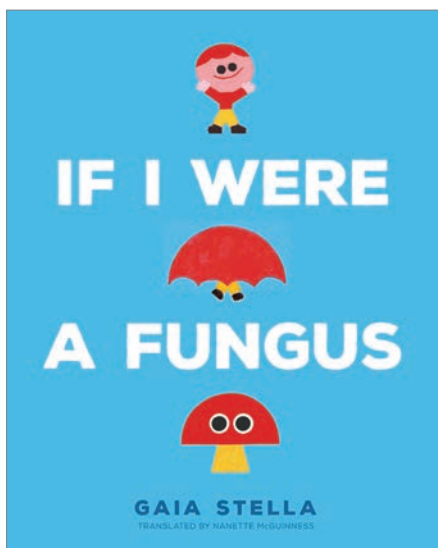
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## If I Were a Fungus

Gaia Stella

If you were a fungus, what would you do? Would you live in the mountains or the city? Or on some cheese? Discover more in this colorful introduction to these surprisingly fascinating life-forms!

- Bright, kid-friendly illustrations
- Combines humor with essential information about fungi

**Gaia Stella** is an award-winning illustrator and author. She has authored and illustrated picture books and novelty books for Italian and international publishers. She lives and works in Milan, Italy.

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## Best Believe

The Tres Hermanas, a Sisterhood for the Common Good

NoNieqa Ramos, illus. Nicole Medina

Rhythmic verse presents three sisters who moved from Puerto Rico to New York City as children and grew up to be pioneering activists in their Bronx community, focusing on schools, libraries, and the arts.

- #OwnVoices author and Latinx illustrator
- Great for Women's History Month in March as well as Hispanic Heritage Month

**NoNieqa Ramos** grew up in the Bronx, where she started her own publishing company and sold books for twenty-five cents until the nuns shut her down. A frequent foster parent, NoNieqa lives in Ashburn, Virginia, with her family.

**Nicole Medina** is a first generation Latina American and proud. She's a Philly-based illustrator with a love for art history, horror movies (the good and the bad), fun pattern and bold color.

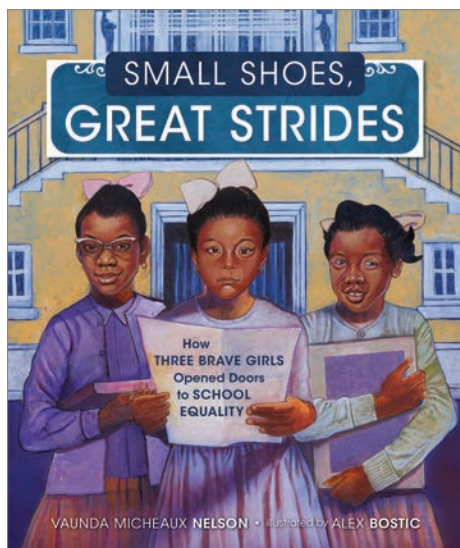
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## Small Shoes, Great Strides

How Three Brave Girls Opened Doors to School Equality

Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, illus. Alex Bostic

A powerful true story about three Black girls—Leona Tate, Gail Etienne, and Tessie Prevost—who courageously integrated a New Orleans school on November 14, 1960. Award-winning author Vaunda Micheaux Nelson brings this little-known event in the Civil Rights Movement to light.

- Encompasses both the day of integration and the challenges the girls faced well after that first day
- Back matter includes information about school desegregation in New Orleans, Norman Rockwell's famous painting *The Problem We All Live With*, and what happened to the girls in the following years

**Vaunda Micheaux Nelson** is the author of numerous titles for young readers, including three Coretta Scott King Award-winning books: *No Crystal Stair*, *Bad News for Outlaws*, and *Almost to Freedom*. She lives in New Mexico.

**Alex Bostic** is a nationally award-winning realist painter based in Mississippi. With more than forty years of being an illustrator, Alex has illustrated several picture books.

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Jamariah Cross, Kimani Prince  
and Ariyah Webster

## J Is for Juneteenth

Jamariah Cross; Kimani Prince; Ariyah Webster,  
illus. Reyhana Ismail

J is for Justice. U is for Union Army.

By spelling out the word "Juneteenth," young readers partake in a joyful and thoughtful celebration of the history of this important holiday.

- Encourages children in learning more about cultural celebrations
- A beautifully illustrated introduction to the history of Juneteenth

**J is for Juneteenth** was written by three students as part of a collaborative youth writing competition hosted by Planting People Growing Justice Leadership Institute.

**Reyhana Ismail** is a designer and illustrator from the UK who works in children's publishing. Whilst she has designed a wide range of books, she finds children's picture books a wonderfully creative challenge and an absolute delight to work on and is particularly passionate about working with publishers that encourage a love of reading through representation and inclusion.

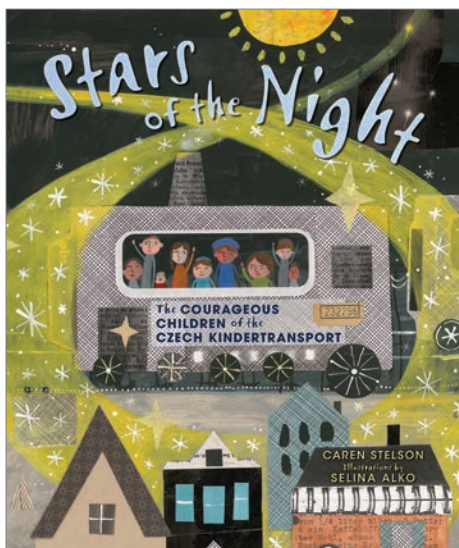
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CAREN STELSON  
Illustrated by  
SELINA ALKO

## Stars of the Night

The Courageous Children of the  
Czech Kindertransport

Caren Stelson, illus. Selina Alko

Discover the powerful and sensitively told true story of the Czech Kindertransport, which rescued 669 children from Nazi persecution on the eve of World War II.

- A great complement to *Nicky & Vera* by Caldecott Medalist, Peter Sis

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

**Selina Alko** is an award-winning children's book author and illustrator who lives in Brooklyn with her two children. Her work includes *B is for Brooklyn* and *The Case for Loving* which was a Children's Book Council's 2016 Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People.

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★ "A necessary and inspirational book about a little-known light amid a dark period of history."

— starred, *School Library Journal*



# The Color of Sound

Emily Barth Isler

Musical prodigy Rosie stops playing the violin, upsetting her ambitious mother but making room in her life for new experiences, including a glitch in space-time that lets her meet her mom as a twelve-year-old.

- A unique spin on a time-travel story, with a focus on intergenerational trauma and connection
- A rare depiction of synesthesia (in which the brain associates one sense with another, such as perceiving sound as having colors), a condition that the author also has

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## CHAPTER 2

*divertimento*: a piece of music written for entertainment, usually light and somewhat upbeat

My mother says there is exactly one right way—and a million wrong ways—to do basically anything. Family size: Parents should have only one child so they can focus all their energy on that child. Food: If you don't make it at home, you shouldn't eat it. Pets: Why bother? They're not human. And see above, re: children—you should focus all your attention on your child. Birthdays: Should be in the spring. That's the best/only time to be born. Books: The greats have already been written. Music: Classical, obviously.

That's just a sampling. As for me, I have other ideas. For example, I think it would've been nice to

have a sibling. But since Mom's only sibling, Aunt Lily, has lived in Europe since Mom was in high school, and Dad is an only child, I guess they didn't really see the value. I would've liked to have a little sibling. It would've taken some of the pressure off me.

"Children should play outside" is another one of those pronouncements Mom likes to make, her words like the trumpet solo in the middle of Mahler's Symphony no. 5. Usually it makes me laugh, because I've rarely played outside. I have violin lessons or rehearsals or concerts practically every moment of the day, and also I'm twelve now, which is past the prime age for that sort of thing.

But as we're eating lunch on our first day in Hawthorne, Connecticut, Mom advises me to spend the afternoon outdoors. And what's my alternative? I've skipped out on camp, I'm not playing the violin, I'm self-conscious around Grandpa Jack after my outburst earlier today, and the last thing I want to do is spend time with Mom.

Lunch is casual but awkward. Tamar, the housekeeper who helps out a few times a week, keeps the fridge stocked, so Grandpa and Mom and I make sandwiches out of cold cuts and other prepared food.



# Forsooth

Jimmy Matejek-Morris

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**Jimmy Matejek-Morris** is an author and screenwriter. His first novel, *My Ex-Imaginary Friend*, was named a Children's Book Committee at Bank Street College Best Children's Book of the Year. He lives in Massachusetts with his husband and their dog, Rudy.

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## PROLOGUE

Okay, so you're standing on the stage, right? Surrounded by these cardboard cobblestone houses. Everyone's staring at you, but it's not because you're the dreamy prince with the loose black curls and gap-toothed grin that makes all the seventh-grade drama maidens swoon. That's Jonah. It's because you're holding this glass shoe in your hands, you know the one, and I guess that's why you're called the Footman. Except instead of a glass heel it's this silver slipper that Maia's mother spent hours hot-gluing sequins all over. They glisten in the spotlight.

"Surely," Jonah says with a dramatic flip of the head, "there must be another eligible foot from whence this shoe came."

"Forsooth," you whisper. That's not the project-for-the-folks-in-the-back voice that Miss H. insisted

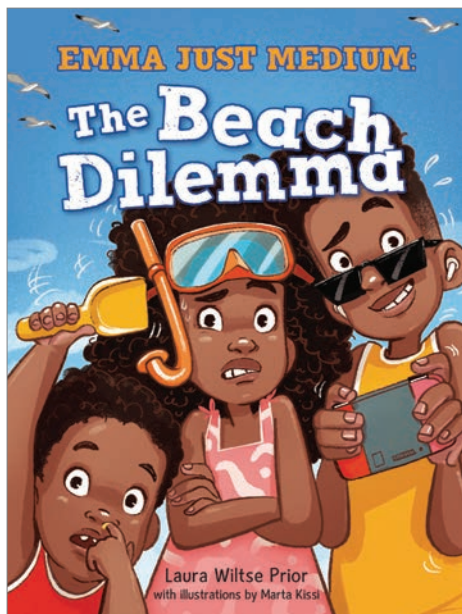
you use because she could only afford to rent microphones for the leads. You scan the sea of heads. Your parents are out there somewhere, and your snooty sister, Sarah, and probably a few talent scouts if they've heard anything about Jonah's swoopy hair or Kennedy's gorgeous voice.

Speaking of your best friend, Kennedy glides onto the stage. There's a collective swoon as if the audience somehow didn't expect she'd be back for the final scene. Even without the sparkling purple ball gown, she's stunning. A strategic reddish-brown curl dangles along the side of her freckled face, perfectly hiding the rental microphone taped to her cheek. You can tell she's a good actress because you'd never know this timid peasant has over 5,000 Instagram followers. "If you please, sir," she softly implores. God bless technology reserved for the leads. Even though her whispered voice trembles, everyone can hear.

"FORSOOTH!" you shout as you realize people in the back row might have missed the pivotal line that called her onto the stage. Kennedy jumps. Whoops, too loud. Somebody in the audience snickers and you can bet it's Sarah. Sisters.

You sneer into the crowd, but all you can see are faceless heads. Hundreds of heads. Hundreds of heads





## Emma Just Medium

### The Beach Dilemma

Laura Wiltse Prior, illus. Marta Kissi

Even though her family calls her Emma Bemma, Emma knows she is really a dilEmma. The middle kid between her two brothers, whom everyone calls Big and Little, Emma is just Medium. What if she could get out of being the middle by taking on a new role? What if she acted BIG. Will things go as planned? Or will she have another huge dilEmma?

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## Frankinschool

### Monster Match: Book 1

Caryn Rivadeneira, illus. Dani Jones

Fred is working on his "What-If" writing assignment when a mist fills the room, and the words on his page come to life. Suddenly Fred—now Frankinschool—must save the school from a mysterious potion and a ghost in the attic!

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

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## Cruzita and the Mariacheros

Ashley Granillo

Cruzita wants to be a pop star. She doesn't want to take mariachi lessons—until she and her fellow mariacheros come up with a plan to save her family's struggling bakery and to let Cruzita shine.

- Lighthearted, humorous, yet honest exploration of complex family dynamics
- Mexican American protagonist and Mexican American author

**Ashley Granillo** is a Mexican-American writer based in Los Angeles. She volunteers as a local artist judge for the annual Sidewalk Poetry Project, reads fiction submissions for *The Coachella Review*, and teaches as an associate professor of English. *Cruzita and the Mariacheros* is her debut novel.

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## CHAPTER 1

My gran tío Chuy was the only person in my family who believed I could do absolutely anything, from learning Spanish to preserving his legacy: Lupe's Bakery. Ever since he died a month ago, that's all I've been able to think about. I do want to help out with Lupe's—but in my own way. If I become a super-famous pop star, everyone will want to come to my family's panadería, and I'll be rich enough to open *ten* Lupe's Bakeries. After all, singing is way easier than rolling tortillas or baking conchas.

Unless the singing has to be in Spanish.

"Atención a todos!" Mr. Torres's voice is megaphone-loud at the back of the classroom. "Vamos a dar nuestras presentaciones finales ahora."

Chairs squeak with anticipation. No one raises their hand. I squirm in my front-row seat. *Please don't pick me.* I'm so not ready for my debut. Not yet.

A blast of air from the AC sweeps under the folded paper rectangle on my desk, almost blowing it across the aisle. I clamp my hands over it and glance back at



## Eyes Open

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## Free Verse

I don't have time  
to rhyme.

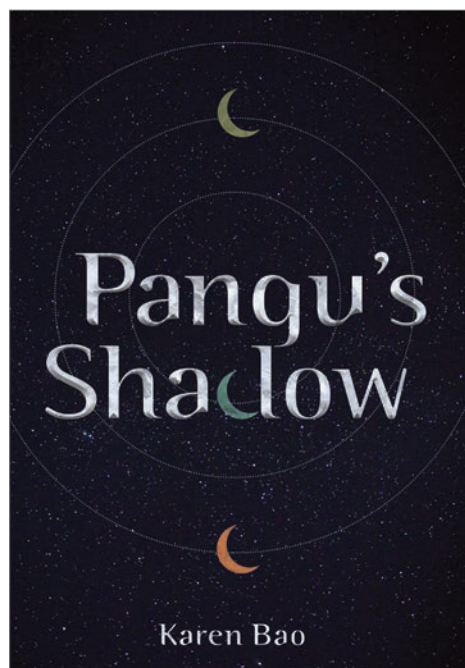
My cousin's wife is  
pregnant, pale and queasy.  
No one wants their waitress  
dropping her tray and dashing to  
the toilet, hand over mouth.

Now I race from school, steal time  
from homework and friends to  
cover her shifts at the  
fado restaurant my family has owned  
for three generations—three  
generations  
of our most beloved singers  
in photos on the wall  
the aroma of fried fish  
deep in wood and plaster  
(my pai's the chef, so that's his part)  
floors worn down by shoes of  
neighbors, tourists, musicians—fadistas all.

The mournful strains of guitarra  
and violão weave into my verses  
notes floating in the stuffy air  
of our classroom  
into the sacred space  
of my mind.

Sacred because God has given me  
the power to think  
to question  
to dream.





## Pangu's Shadow

Karen Bao

When Ver and Aryl, rival apprentices at the most prestigious biology lab in the Pangu Star System, become the prime suspects in their teacher's murder, they must team up to clear their names.

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Karen Bao is a Ph.D. candidate at Harvard University, where she blasts mosquito brains with an electron beam. She is the author of *Pangu's Shadow* and *The Dove Chronicles* trilogy.

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### CHAPTER 3

## Aryl

Cal's lying face down, completely still.

When I stop screaming long enough to catch my breath, I lift his head off the floor. My hands are shaking. My chest is heaving. I can barely see.

Blood dribbles out of a gash on his forehead. He's gone limp, reminding me of the lab mice I've sacked. I slip my arms under his side. Bending my knees at a right angle, I suck air into my belly, dig my heels into the floor, and heave to roll him over. Proper hip-hinging, just like Dad taught me.

Cal's body easily flips. His head lolls 180 degrees, loose curls flopping, and I recoil.

Deep breaths: In, out. In, out.

Kneeling down, I lay my hand over Cal's heart. No pulse. I pump on his chest, almost pushing it into the floor.

A minute passes this way, according to the digital clock on the wall. He doesn't move.

Ver clatters over to me, a pastel-colored mess of snot and tears.

"It's not working," I whisper. My party makeup has left sparkling green streaks on Cal's white lab coat.

"We should try adrenaline." Ver lurches over to the

controlled-substances cabinet. She fills a syringe with clear solution, an amount presumably proportional to Cal's mass, and stumbles back to us. Refusing my offer of help, she uses a desk to lower herself onto the floor. Her hands are trembling more than usual, but she manages to jam the syringe tip into Cal's neck and push the clear adrenaline solution into his artery.

I'm almost expecting his heart to jump-start beneath my hands. Cal's always called me too optimistic. *It's nice to want things, Aryl.* He'd say it now, if he weren't unconscious.

Unconscious. He's got to be. I can't consider the alternative.

Images flash through my mind: Cal's droning criticisms of my work, the times I tuned him out by fantasizing about dancing out of lab meeting. Like last month, when he tossed six weeks of my data because I'd failed to control the tissues' growing conditions before experimenting on them. I can't say I didn't snicker into my hand when he nicked himself with a surgical blade during a dissection later that day. But I never wanted Cal dead.

If he dies, what'll happen to me? This lab's my escape from my past. It's my present and future and hope. It reassures my parents that they raised me right. And it lets me access the Institute dance team, which feels more real than my actual apprenticeship.

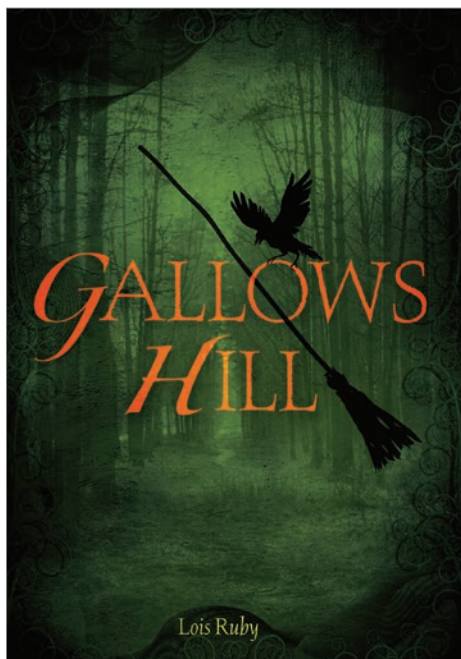
The empty syringe clatters from Ver's hand onto the floor. She's kneeling beside me, weeping. Is the science prodigy really out of ideas?

"Stop crying!" I urge. "Try again. Doesn't Cal mean anything to you?"

Ver's black eyes narrow, her glare sharp as a laser-cutter beam. "You will never understand what he means to me."

I glare back. Frankly, I don't want to know.

Without breaking eye contact, I take the flexitab off my wrist, unroll the screen, and call the authorities.



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Lois Ruby

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"I think it's time to start making some money," Grace yelled. As the team captain, she liked to take the lead.

Imani started to stomp her feet. The girls came together.

**Stomp, clap, pat, snap.**  
Come to the shade and  
get your lemonade!

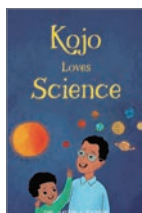
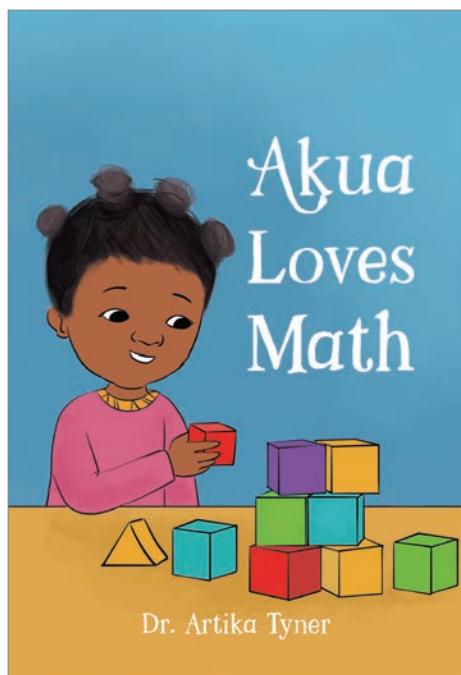
Imani's beads clinked together to make a **click-clack** sound as she clapped her hands and then tapped her legs.

It's the best.  
It's better than all the rest!  
So let your dollars and cents go—  
To help get us to the talent show!

**Clap, clap, slap, stomp.**  
**Click! Clack!**







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

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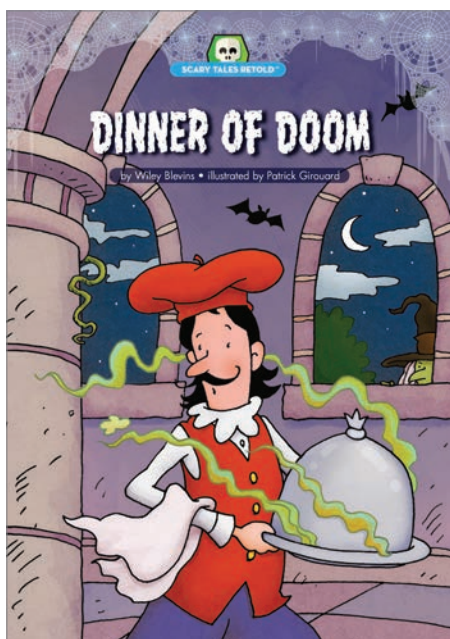
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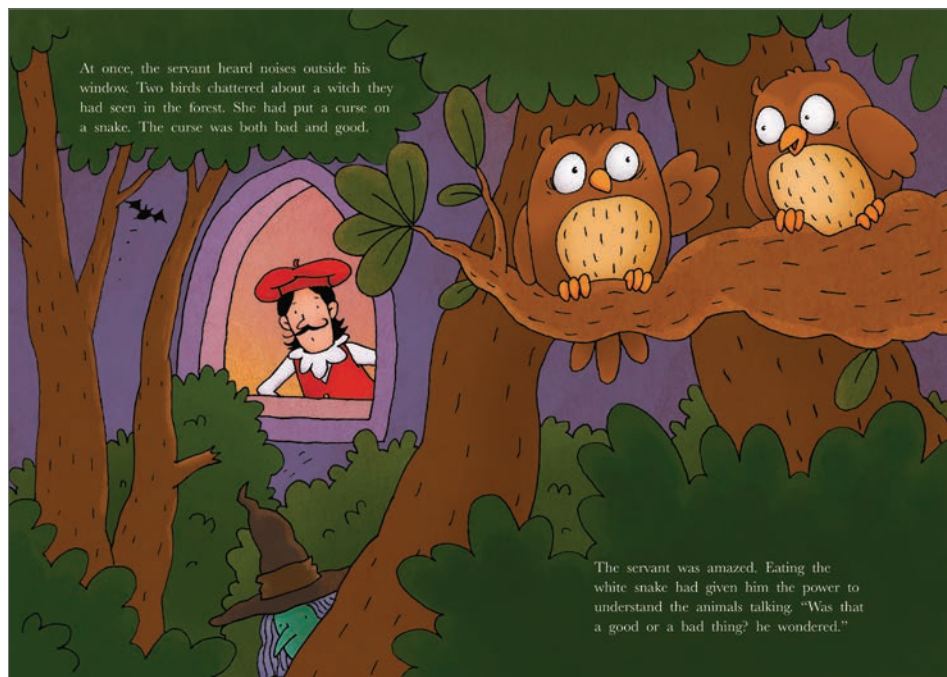
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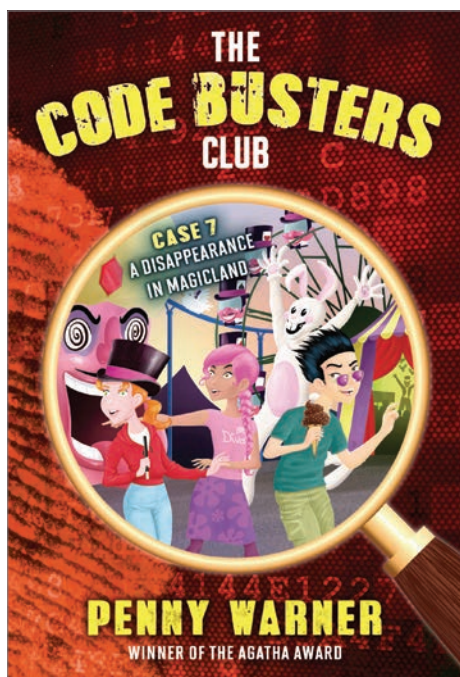
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### Chapter 8



Cody spun around. This time, she caught a glimpse of the masked magician right before he ducked out of sight. Luke had been right all along—that fake Houdini was following them.

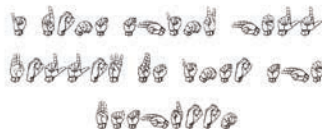
But why?

"Guys," Cody whispered to the others. "We've got to get out of here. Fast. The masked magician is back, and we don't want to hang around long enough to find out what he's up to. Plus, we've got to find Tana before anything happens to her."

"I have an idea about how to ditch this guy," Luke said. He gestured for them to move in closer, then

used ASL to tell the others his plan. Cody thought that was smart, just in case the guy could read lips or had some kind of Magician's ESP. He raised his hand, made the letter "T" hand shape, and shook it side to side.

Quinn grinned and M.E. giggled, while Cody shook her head. Luke had just given the sign for "toilet." Then he fingerspelled the rest of his message.



*Code Busters Key and Solution found on pp. 153 and 164.*

Everyone nodded and headed for the nearest restrooms. Once inside, Cody's phone chirped. It was a text message from Luke in the boys' bathroom, using LEETCode:





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

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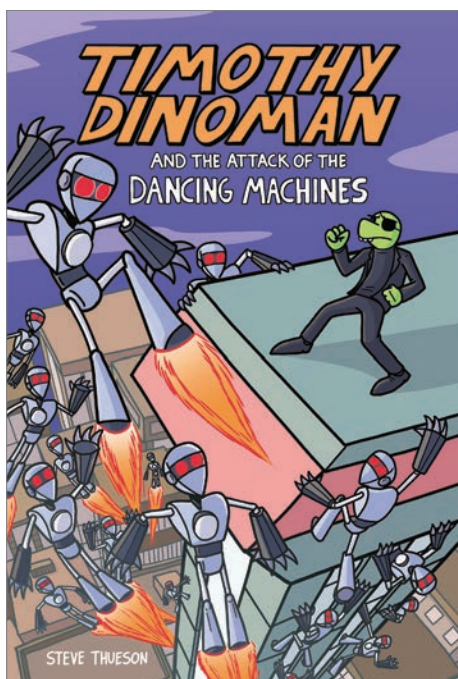
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## Timothy Dinoman and the Attack of the Dancing Machines

Book 2

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**Steve Thueson** is a cartoonist living in Philadelphia. They got an MFA from the Center for Cartoon Studies in 2017. They've made the **Timothy Dinoman** series as well as comics for *Good Boy Magazine* and *Silver Sprocket*.

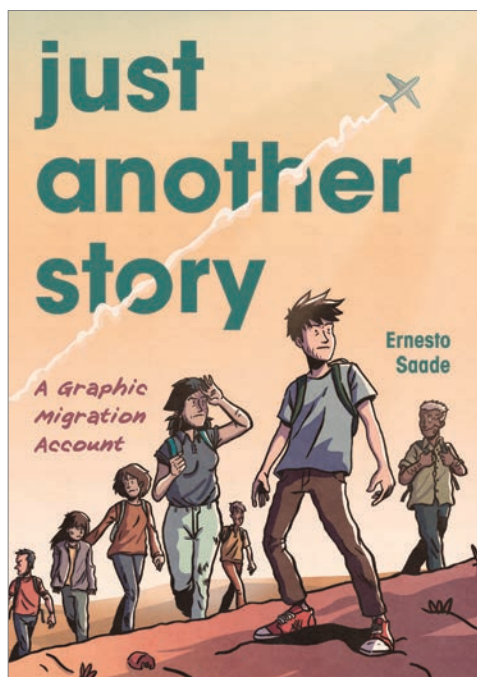
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**Josh Hicks** is a cartoonist from Wales, UK. He has been creating comics since 2015, working with anthologies and independent publishers in the UK and self-publishing his own minicomics. His most recent book is *The Glorious Wrestling Alliance*.

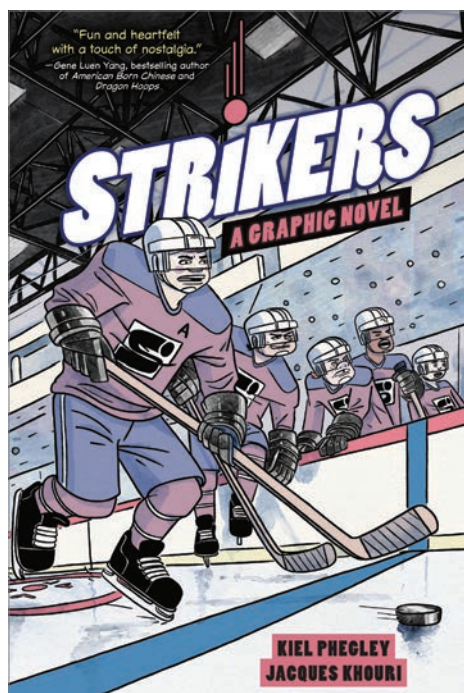
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- A winning mix of humor and heart
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**Kiel Phegley** writes books, comics and other literature for kids. A graduate of Hamline University's MFA in Writing For Children & Young Adults, he lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan with his family and teaches courses in Children's Literature at Eastern Michigan University.

**Jacques Khouri** makes animated films, works on commercials, teaches, and draws comics for a living. His influences range from animated cartoons to European and American comics. He currently lives in Montreal.

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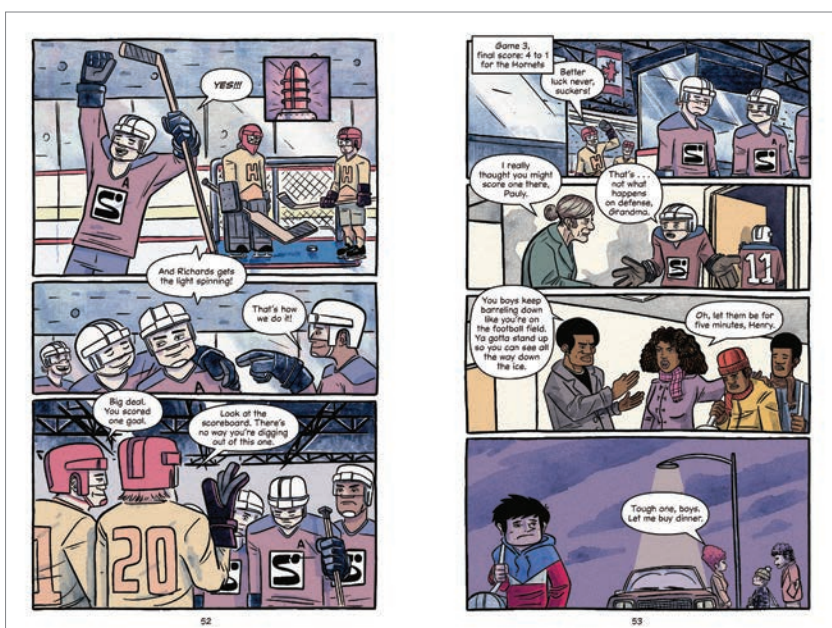
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Anya Davidson

A creative coming-of-age story for the climate-change era, as a horror fanatic and aspiring special-effects maker finds inspiration as an activist.

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**Anya Davidson** is freelance comic journalist and comic book author based in Chicago. She has worked with the Chicago Reader and the Newberry Library. Her graphic novels include *School Spirits* (2013), *Band for Life* (2016), and *Lovers in the Garden* (2016).

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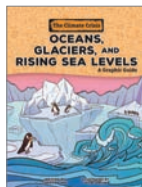
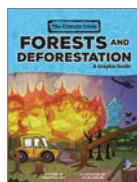
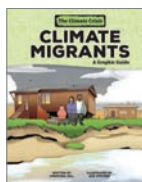
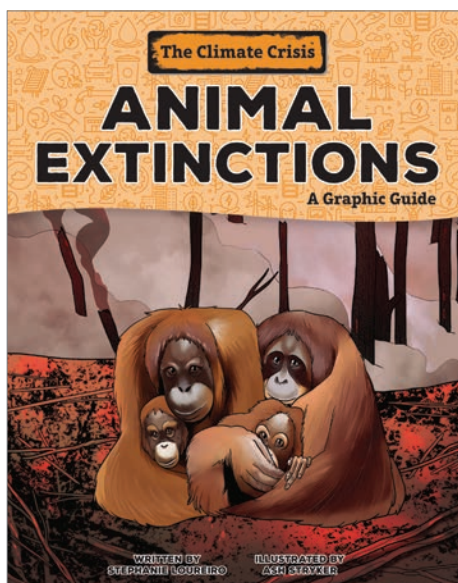
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## The Climate Crisis

The impacts of climate change are becoming more and more visible, transforming people's lives and the environments around them.

This series explores the causes and effects of climate change in an accessible graphic nonfiction format.

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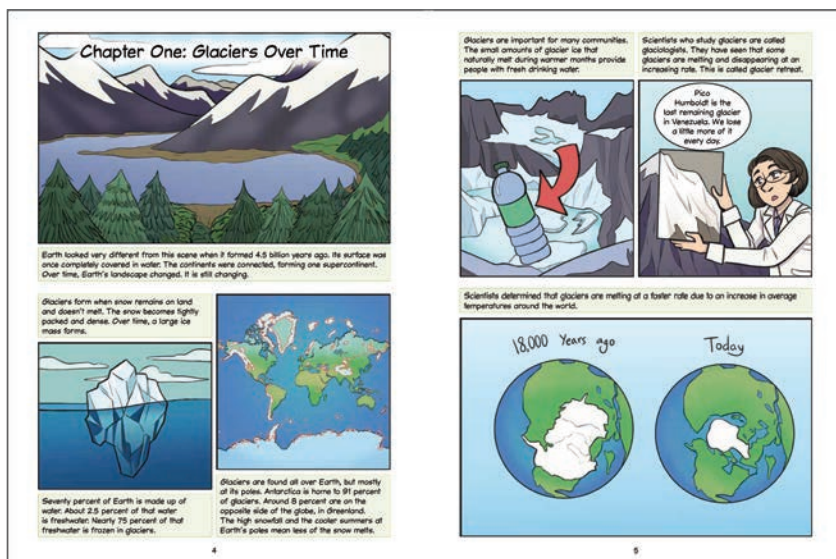
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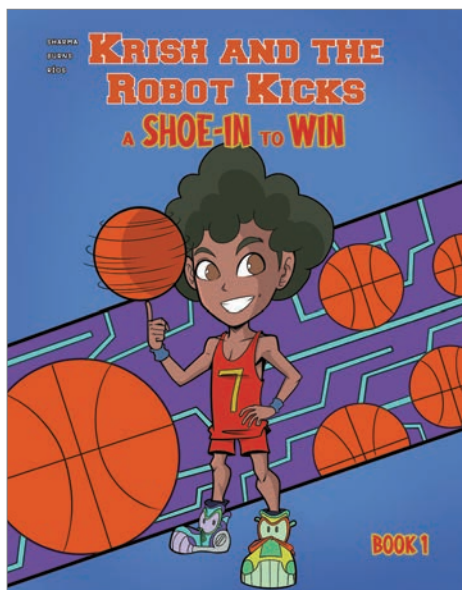
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Vinay Sharma and Jason M. Burns  
illus. Dustin Evans

Follow in the footsteps of Krish Banerjee, a young basketball player with one thing that sets him apart from the competition—a pair of robot sneakers.

- STEAM/STEM-themed stories with lessons and morals about teamwork and cheating
- Multicultural, diverse characters

**Vinay Sharma** is a guitarist, technologist, and economist. His parents immigrated to America, encouraging him to study hard, care about others, and play every youth sport in town.

**Jason M. Burns** has had a successful career in the comic book industry where he has spent the last 15 years as a content creator, writer, and editor. In addition, his resume includes two original novels and multiple film and television projects in Hollywood. Jason currently lives in Massachusetts with his wife, two children, and a pair of rescue dogs with unnecessarily silly names—Gabriella Von Gooley III and Bark W. Grizwold.

**Dustin Evans** graduated from Oklahoma State University in 2005 with a BFA and has worked as an illustrator for a long list of clients that include Disney, Dreamworks, Warner Brothers and IDW to name a few. He currently resides in Oklahoma with his wife and family.

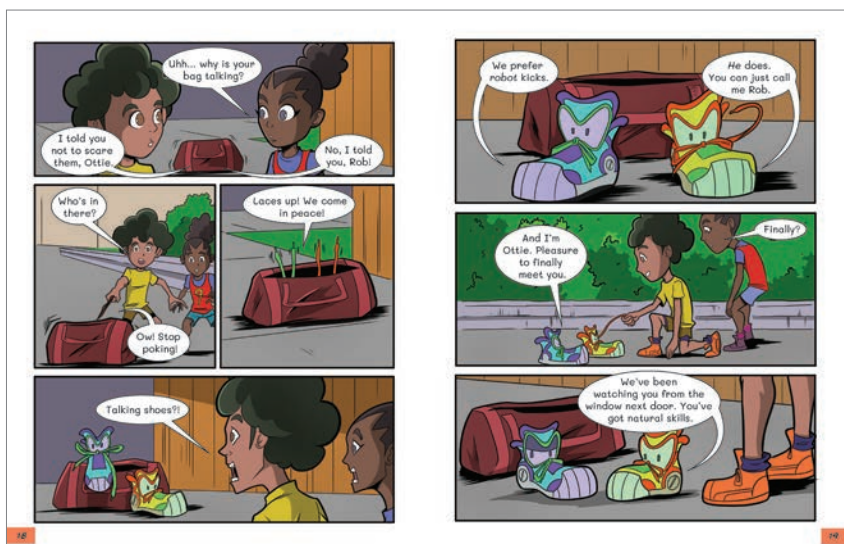
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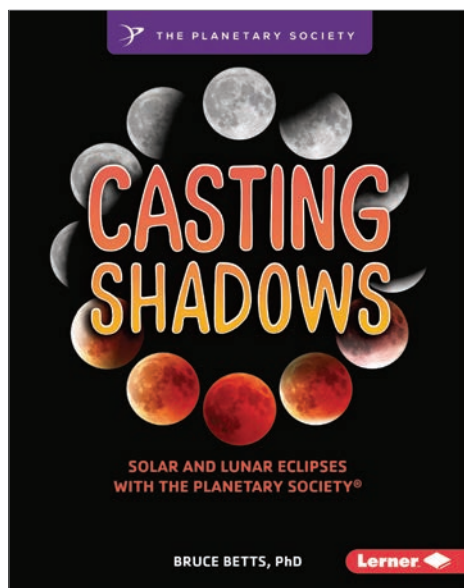
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## Casting Shadows

### Solar and Lunar Eclipses with The Planetary Society®

Bruce Betts, PhD

The year 2024 is set to have multiple solar and lunar eclipses. But what do you know about eclipses? With engaging diagrams and photos, readers will learn all about eclipses in an approachable way.

- Introductory note from Bill Nye, CEO of *The Planetary Society*
- Diagrams and sidebars draw readers in and expand on the main text

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

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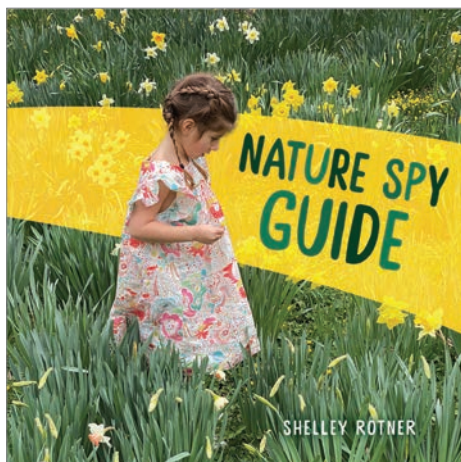
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## Nature Spy Guide

Shelley Rotner

What can you find in nature? Use all five senses to explore the outdoors. This guide is full of tips and activities to encourage close observation and foster connection with nature!

- Explores the five senses for children in a very tangible way
- Eye-catching photos, showcasing a diverse range of kids, will engage young readers

**Shelley Rotner** is an award-winning children's book author and photographer. She has published many books in the **Shelley Rotner's Early Childhood Library** series and lives in Massachusetts.

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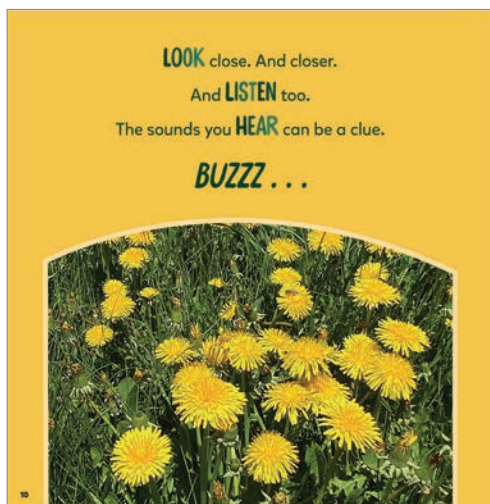
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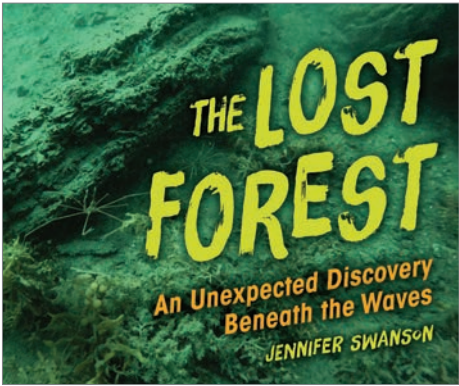
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# The Lost Forest

## An Unexpected Discovery Beneath the Waves

Jennifer Swanson

Take a deep dive with scientists exploring a sunken cypress forest that had been undisturbed in the Gulf of Mexico for fifty thousand years. Page Plus links lead to videos of the scientists at work.

- Page Plus content includes multiple videos of the underwater forest
- Features ongoing research on a unique underwater site in the Gulf of Mexico

Jennifer Swanson is the author of more than twenty nonfiction and fiction award-winning books for children. Her skill is taking complex science and engineering concepts and boiling them down to interesting, accessible concepts. She lives with her family in Jacksonville, Florida.

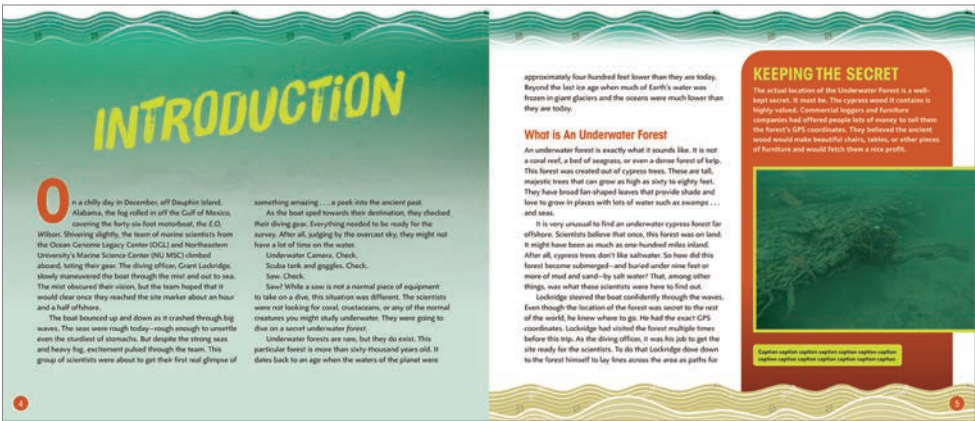
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## The Great Wolf Rescue

### Saving the Red Wolves

*Sandra Markle*

Red wolves had been hunted until only fourteen survived in the wild. So scientists hatched a daring plan—capture all of the wild red wolves and breed them in captivity. Discover the story of their recovery.

- Features a charismatic, critically endangered species
- Fabulous photographs featuring both full-grown wolves and pups

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

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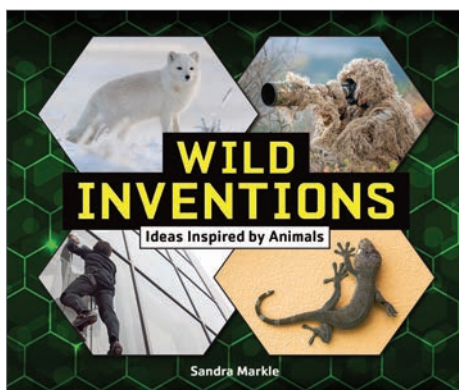
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## Wild Inventions

### Ideas Inspired by Animals

*Sandra Markle*

Where do inventors find inspiration? Sometimes they look to animals! Author Sandra Markle presents twelve animal adaptations and the amazing inventions they've inspired.

- Highlights how a single animal species can inspire multiple types of technology and how multiple animals can offer different solutions to the same problem
- Amazing photographs of animals and the inventions they inspired

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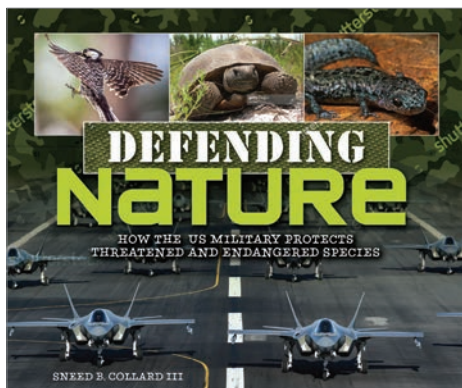
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# Defending Nature

## How the US Military Protects Threatened and Endangered Species

Sneed B. Collard III

On Eglin Air Force Base, scientists and soldiers work together to protect endangered red-cockaded woodpeckers, gopher tortoises, and reticulated flatwoods salamanders. Discover the challenges endangered species face and how the military works to protect them.

- Fascinating blend of military operations and conservation work
- Features a variety of endangered species and conservation solutions

Sneed B. Collard III has written more than fifty highly acclaimed books for young people including *The Prairie Builders*, *One Night in the Coral Sea*, *Little Killers*, and the novels *Dog Sense* and *Flash Point*. He lives in Missoula, Montana with his family.

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**E**glin Air Force Base is one of more than a thousand military bases operated by the United States Department of Defense, or DoD. These include 750 to 800 bases overseas and 450 to 500 on US soil. Some bases are small, staffed with only a dozen or so people. Others are home to tens of thousands of military personnel and stretch across hundreds of thousands of acres. The bases hold all six branches of the DoD: the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and Space Force. Military and civilian personnel at these bases perform thousands of activities to keep the United States safe and protect its interests around the world. They house and train combat soldiers, maintain ships and aircraft, keep watch over enemy nations, provide support to allies, and respond to both security and humanitarian crises. In recent decades, military bases have assumed another essential role: protecting the nation's animals and plant species. It's a role that happened almost entirely by accident.

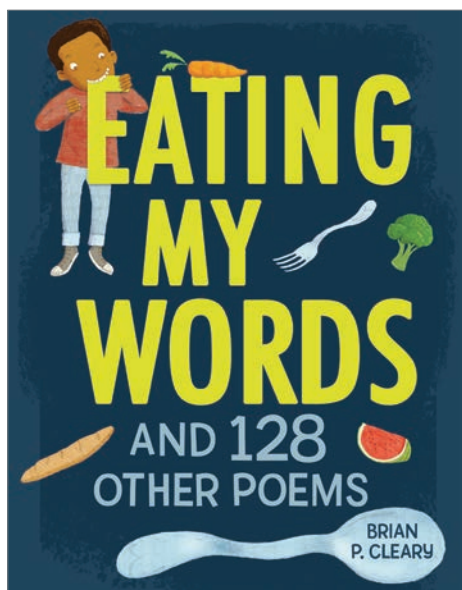
### ISLANDS OF LIFE

Most United States military bases were established during or before World War II (1939–1945). Back then, it was still fairly easy to set aside large tracts of land with few or no people on them. Installations such as Fort Bragg in North Carolina, Camp Pendleton in California, and Fort Hood in Texas carved out hundreds of square miles of land at a time when the US human population was only about a third of what it is today. What's more, many of these bases were in locations that later would become very desirable places to live. As the US population boomed after World War II, cities and towns sprouted up

around many bases, destroying habitat for animal and plant species. The only places some species survived were on the military bases themselves. Justin Johnson is Eglin's Supervisory Wildlife Biologist. He is part of a team of about fifty civilian biologists, foresters, and other personnel in charge of conservation at the base. We usually think of all people working for the military as having a rank, such as private, sergeant, captain, or general. About one-third of DoD employees, though, are civilian professionals like Johnson. They do not hold ranks but are hired by the Department of Defense to do specific jobs.

Johnson explains, "The bases weren't intended for [conservation], but that's the way things worked out. Today, almost 500 threatened and endangered species live on military installations that were not set aside for biodiversity and conservation. That's just what happened with urban sprawl and development."





# Eating My Words

And 128 Other Poems

Brian P. Cleary

A playful and punny illustrated poetry collection from Brian Cleary that's perfect for middle grade readers. Includes quick tips about poetic forms and poetic devices that teachers can use in poetry lessons.

- Like a poetry collection with *Cliff's Notes* included right inside the book
- Will appeal to fans of Shel Silverstein, Jack Prelutsky, and Chris Harris

Brian P. Cleary is the author of the **Words Are CAtegorical®**, **Math Is CAtegorical®**, **Food Is CAtegorical™**, and **Animal Groups Are CAtegorical™** series, as well as several picture books. He lives in Cleveland, Ohio.

While studying for a degree in Manchester, **Andy Rowland** accepted his first drawing award, the Macmillan Children's Book Prize. Years later, he has more than twenty published books to his name. He lives in England.

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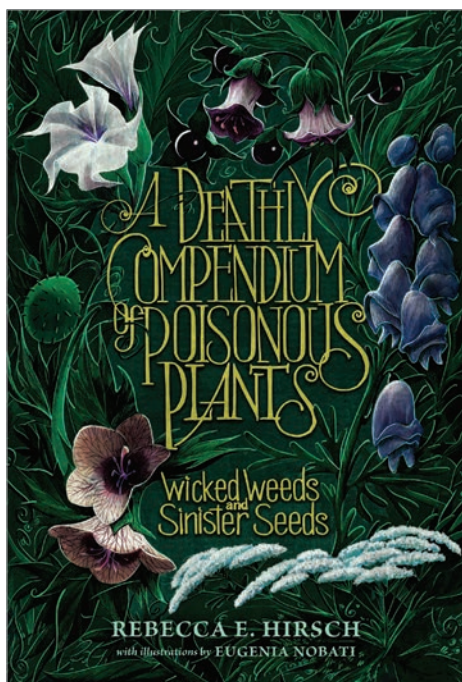
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# A Deathly Compendium of Poisonous Plants

Wicked Weeds and Sinister Seeds

Rebecca E. Hirsch

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

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

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

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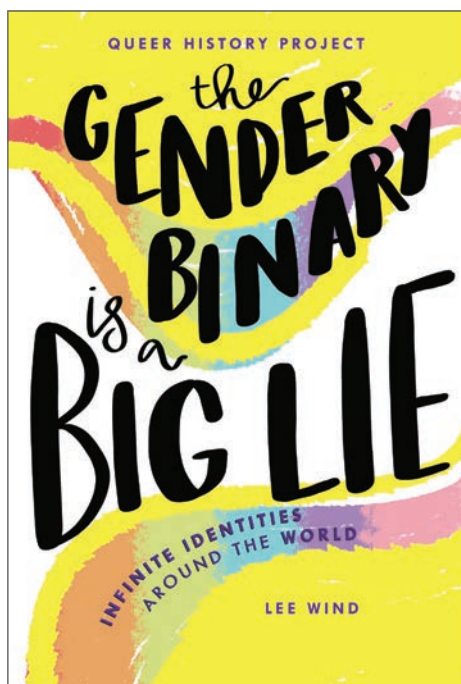
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## The Gender Binary Is a Big Lie

Infinite Identities around the World

Lee Wind

Author Lee Wind takes readers on a journey to examine gender identity and representation throughout history—from ancient third-gender burial sites to people identifying as gender fluid today. Learn how cultures past and present debunk the idea of a gender binary.

- Provides an accessible source for LGBTQIA+ teenagers to learn about historical figures who identify as nonbinary and supports discussion around topics involving gender identity
- Respectfully and empathetically depicts gender across cultures

Lee Wind is the founding blogger and publisher of *I'm Here. I'm Queer. What The Hell Do I Read?*, an award-winning website about books, culture, and empowerment for Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans, Questioning and Queer youth, and their Allies. He also works for IBPA and SCBWI. Visit him online at [www.leewind.org](http://www.leewind.org) to see and share how #QueerHistoryIsEverywhere.

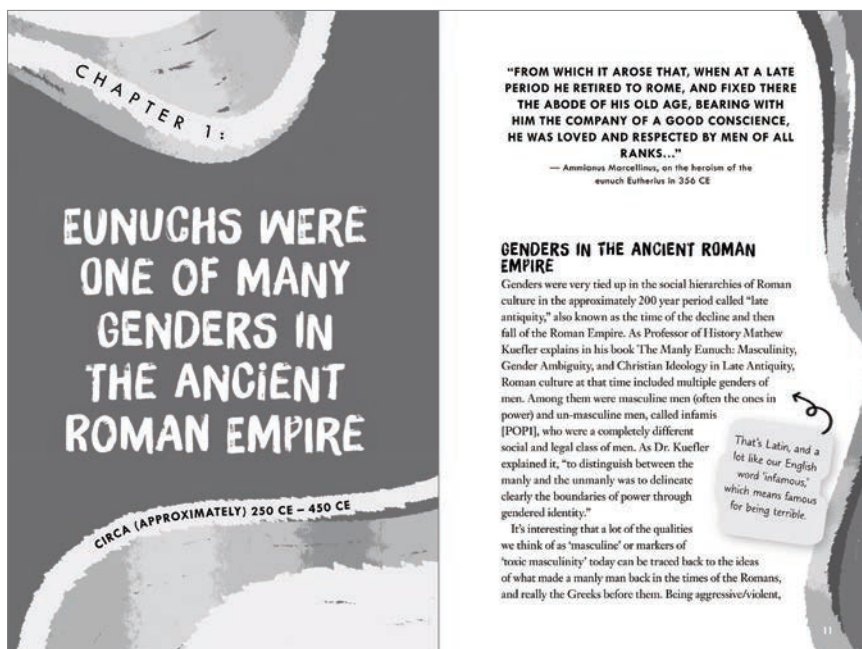
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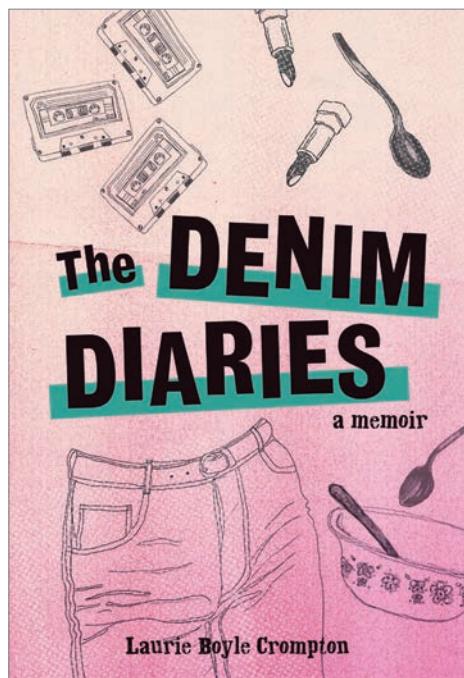
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## The Denim Diaries

A Memoir

Laurie Boyle Crompton

From relationships and makeup to divorce and disordered eating, Laurie Boyle Crompton recounts the humor and heartbreak of her coming of age in rural Pennsylvania and New York City during the 1970s and '80s.

- A memoir written in free verse poems
- Hand-drawn spot illustrations by the author brings imagery of the '70s and '80s to life

**Laurie Boyle Crompton** is the author of many young adult novels. She earned BA in English and Journalism from St. John's University and has written for national magazines like *Glamour* and *Allure*. After having lived in Orlando and England, she now lives in New York with her husband and two children.

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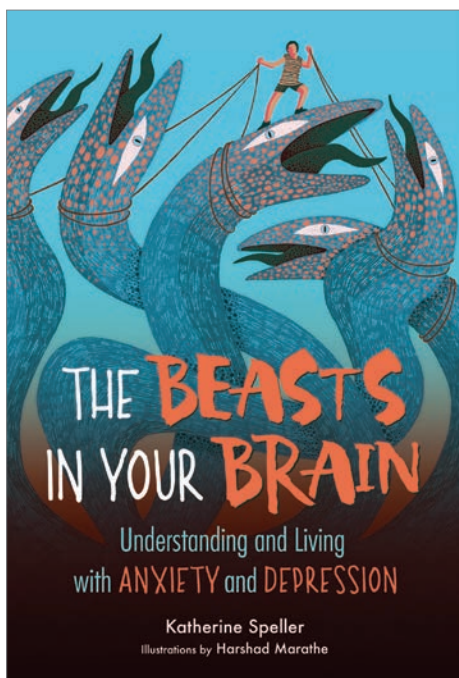
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## The Beasts in Your Brain

Understanding and Living with Anxiety and Depression

Katherine Speller, illus. Harshad Marathe

A clever, fun, and empathetic read that reminds readers they are not alone in their feelings, teaches them the science of mental illness, and empowers them to quell the brain beasts of depression and anxiety.

- Author's voice features prominently as a caring narrator and authority on mental illness, providing both anecdotes and research to back up her points
- Inclusive approach acknowledges how culture, race, gender, and sexuality influence stigma and treatment

**Katherine Speller** is a writer, journalist, and the Editorial Director of Evergreen and Growth at *Parents*. She is based in Brewster, New York.

**Harshad Marathe** is an illustrator and storyteller. He has an M.F.A. from the School of Visual Arts in New York City, and has illustrated many books. He has backpacked all over the world. He lives in India.

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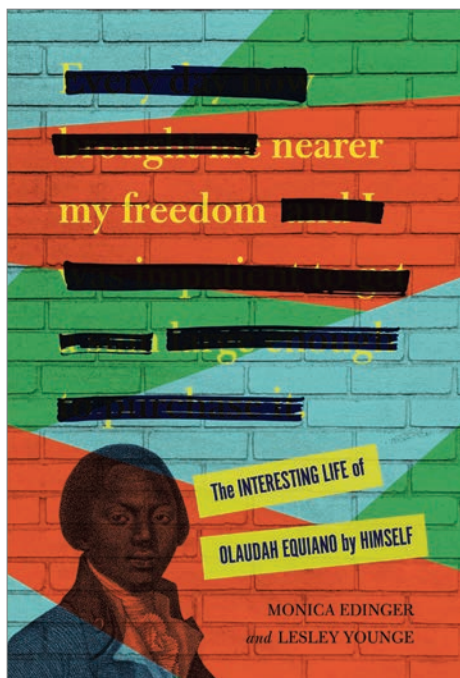
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## Nearer My Freedom The Interesting Life of Olaudah Equiano by Himself

Monica Edinger; Lesley Youngue

The autobiography of Olaudah Equiano, a former enslaved African, is retold in “found verse”—a creative approach to primary source analysis and synthesis. Explore his life story—his childhood in Africa, enslavement, liberation, and life as a free man.

**Monica Edinger** is an elementary and middle school educator, book reviewer, and children’s book author. She received her master’s degrees from Teachers College at Columbia University. She is based in New York.

**Lesley Youngue** is an author, mother, and middle school educator. She lives in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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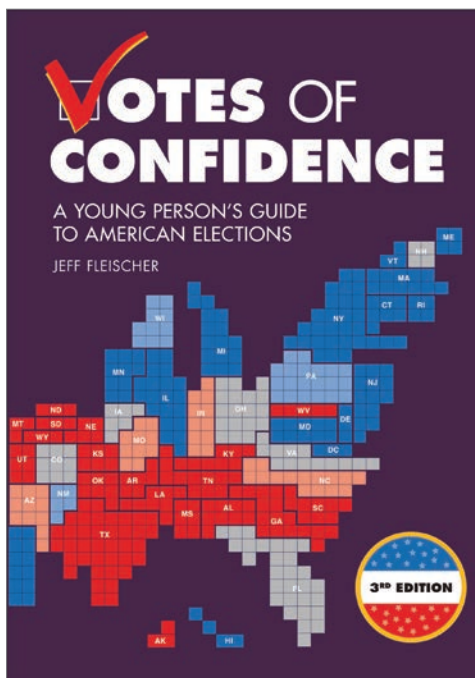
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*"This moving found-verse adaptation of the formerly enslaved Equiano's 1789 memoir makes a seminal work of history accessible to young readers."*

—New York Times Book Review



## Votes of Confidence, 3rd Edition A Young Person's Guide to American Elections

Jeff Fleischer

In this newly updated 3rd edition, author Jeff Fleischer explains how the US election process has evolved throughout history and into the present, why understanding it matters, and how young adult citizens can get involved.

- Just in time for the United States General Election, this book explains how US politics and election processes evolved with fascinating historical information and anecdotes
- Engages readers with or without prior civics knowledge through an engaging but impartial approach

**Jeff Fleischer** is a Chicago-based author, editor, and journalist. He is the author of *A Hot Mess: How the Climate Crisis is Changing Our World* and has written for numerous publications including the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *National Geographic Traveler*, and *Chicago Magazine*.

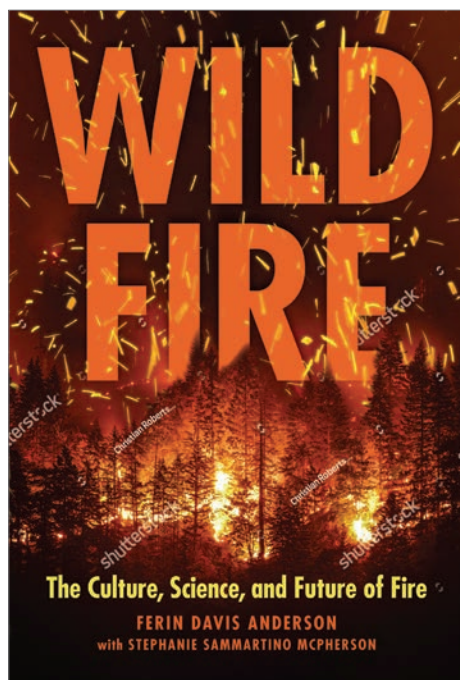
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## Wildfire

### The Culture, Science, and Future of Fire

Stephanie Sammartino McPherson;  
Ferin Davis Anderson

Environmental scientist Ferin Anderson and author Stephanie Sammartino McPherson examine how Indigenous people, farmers, and forestry departments have used fire to manage resources and how climate change is impacting the future of fire.

- Environmental science with an emphasis on human-driven sustainability efforts
- Expert authors provide first-hand knowledge of how fire and humanity go hand-in-hand

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

**Ferin Anderson** is an environmental scientist and author based in Prior Lake, Minnesota. She works as the Supervisor of Environmental Sciences for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC).

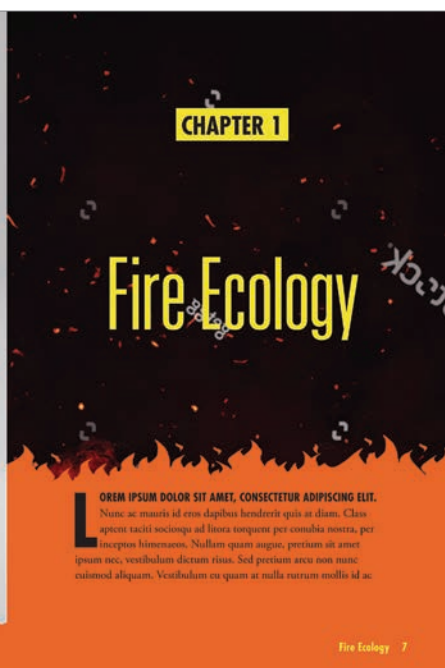
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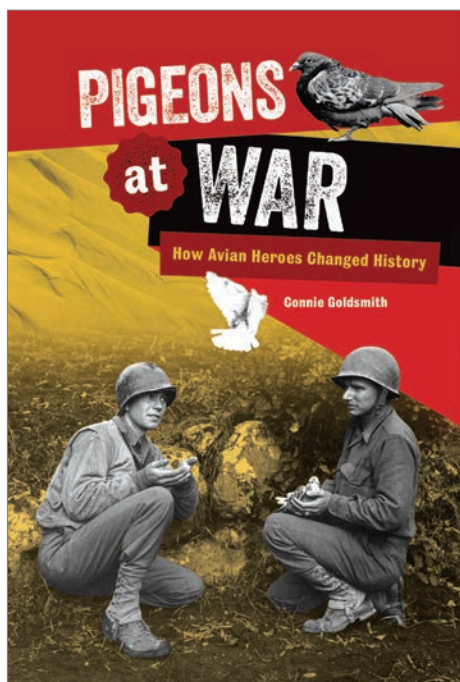
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## Pigeons at War

### How Avian Heroes Changed History

Connie Goldsmith

Pigeons were crucial to communications between Allied troops in both world wars. When phone, radio, and telegraph lines were cut or officers needed to send top secret messages, pigeons delivered information from the front. Discover how pigeons accomplished these daring flights.

- Captivating narratives of animal bravery on the front lines during the world wars
- Sidebars highlighting pigeon attributes add ornithological content for bird lovers

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

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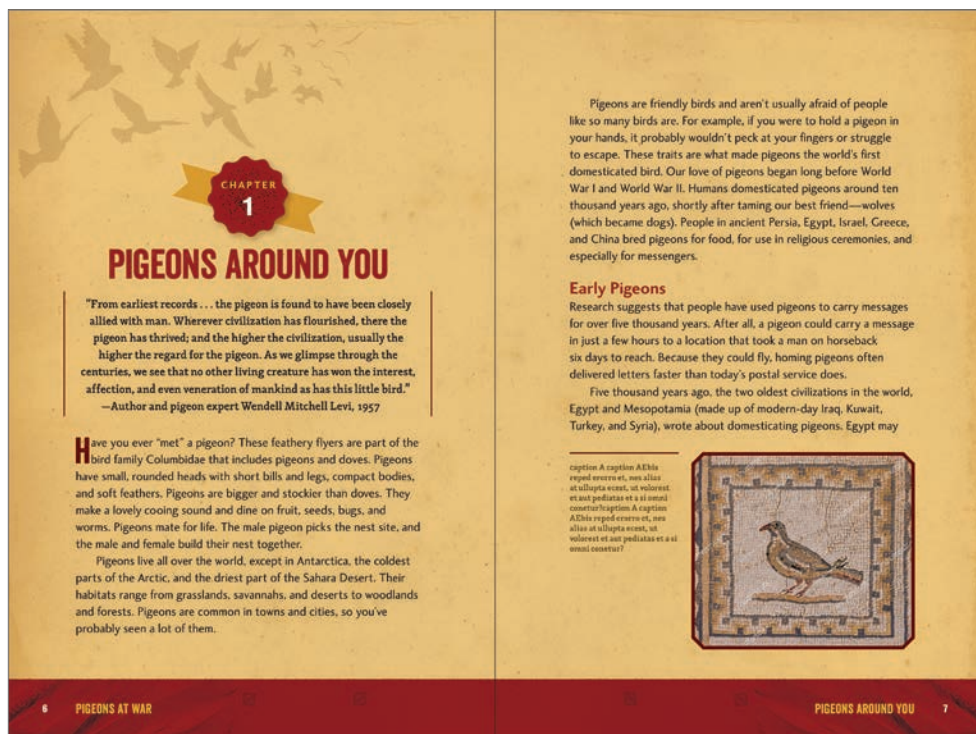
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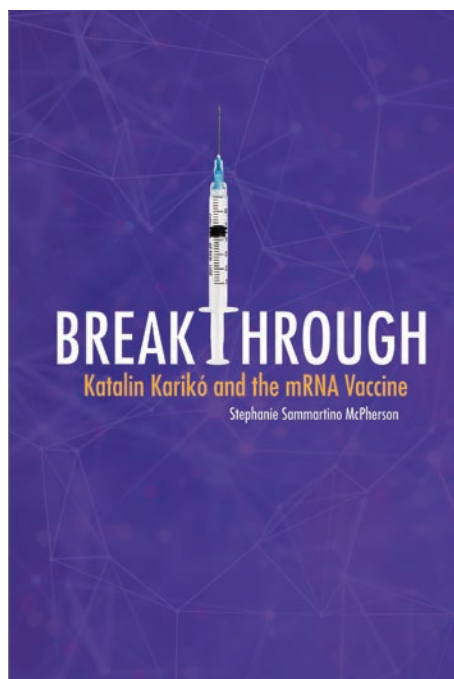
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## Breakthrough

Katalin Karikó and the mRNA Vaccine

Stephanie Sammartino McPherson

*Breakthrough* chronicles the life, hard work, and accomplishments of Katalin Karikó, one of the pioneering mRNA researchers whose work led to COVID-19 vaccines, depicting her as an inspirational figure for readers interested in science.

- Thoroughly details the early life and career of a significant, topical medical researcher
- Encourages young girls and women to pursue their passions, work hard, and keep pushing in the face of adversity

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

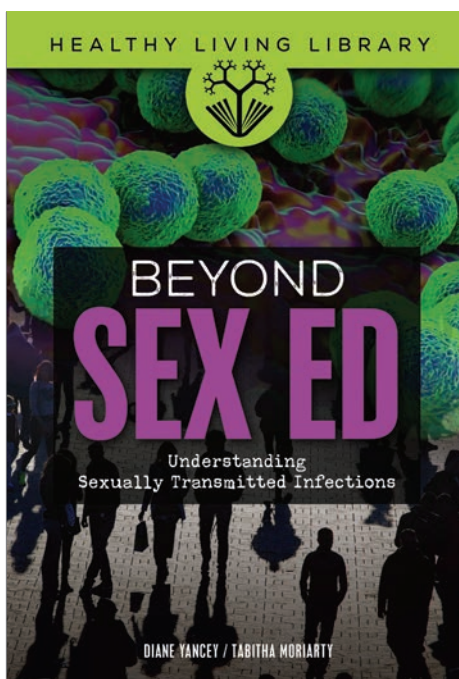
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## Beyond Sex Ed

Understanding Sexually Transmitted Infections

Diane Yancey; Tabitha Moriarty

Young people account for almost half of the 26 million new sexually transmitted infections reported in the US each year. This timely and informative book outlines symptoms, treatment, and risk reduction practices for common STIs.

- Experts provide a thoughtful approach to sensitive and complicated topics
- Resources for identifying, managing, and treating health conditions

**Diane Yancey** is the author of *Tuberculosis and Eating Disorders for Twenty-First Century Medical Library* as well as several other nonfiction titles for young people. She lives in western Washington.

**Tabitha Moriarty** is a medical student living in Atlanta, Georgia. She has co-authored several titles in the *Healthy Living Library* series.

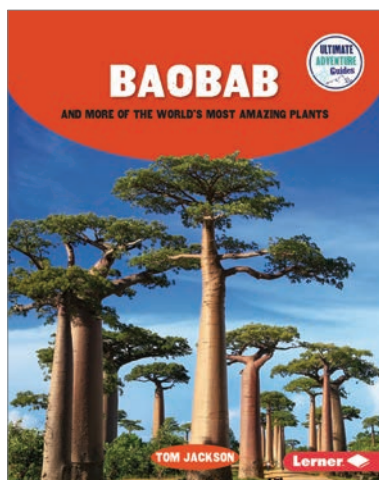
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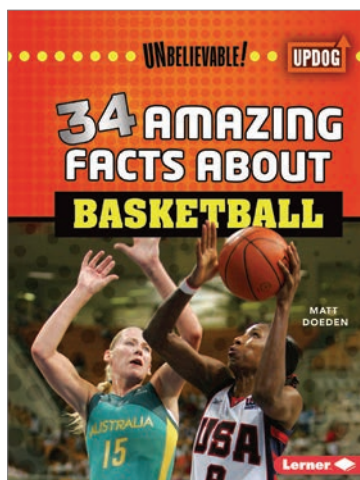
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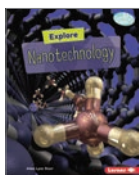
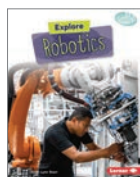
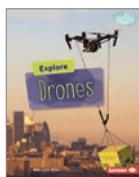
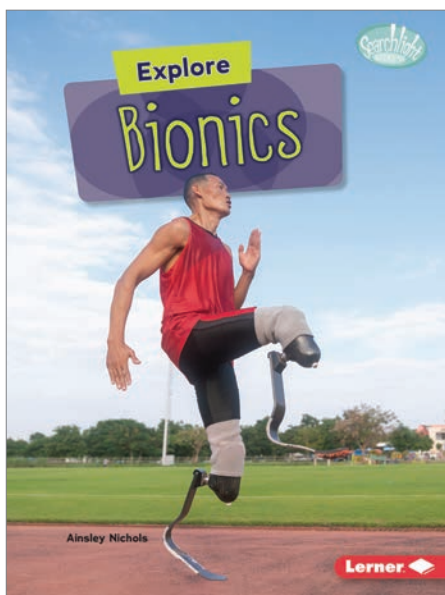
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- Timely, high-interest topics
- Discusses up-to-date information and future possibilities of cutting-edge science

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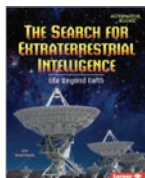
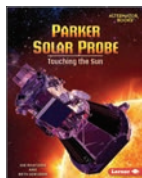
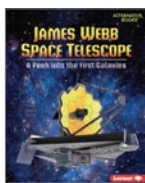
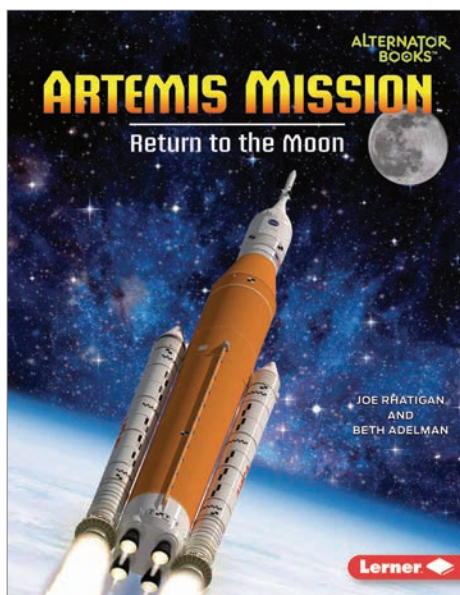
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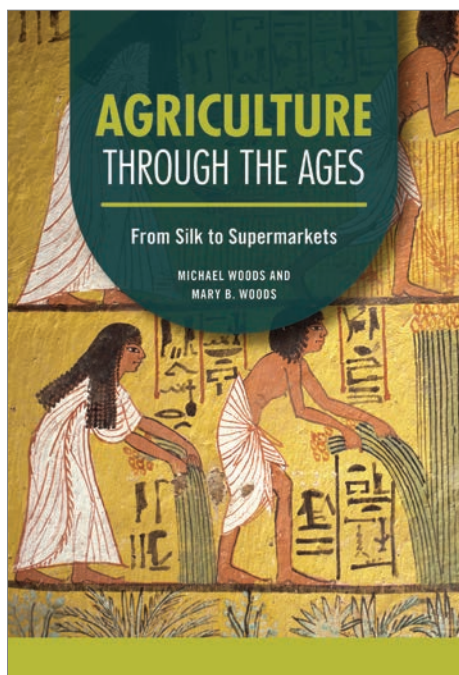
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- Quotes from primary sources allow readers to engage with contemporary perspectives
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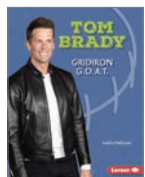
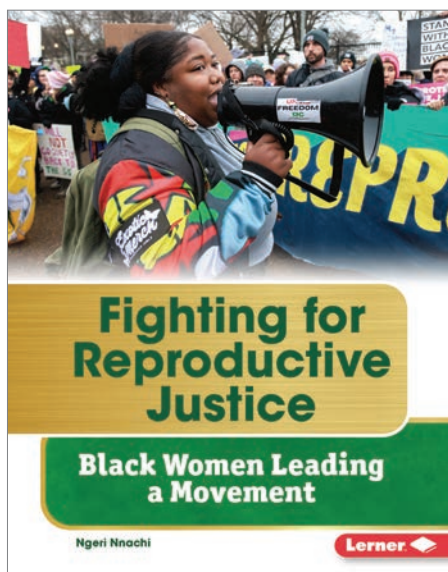
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## The Future Is Female (Alternator Books®)

Celebrate the accomplishments of women over the years in this exciting series. Readers discover how women shaped our world through their contributions to arts, science, politics, sports, and more.

- Introduction provides an in-scene moment to hook readers
- Quotes from featured women allow readers to get to know them in their own words

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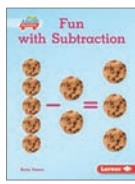
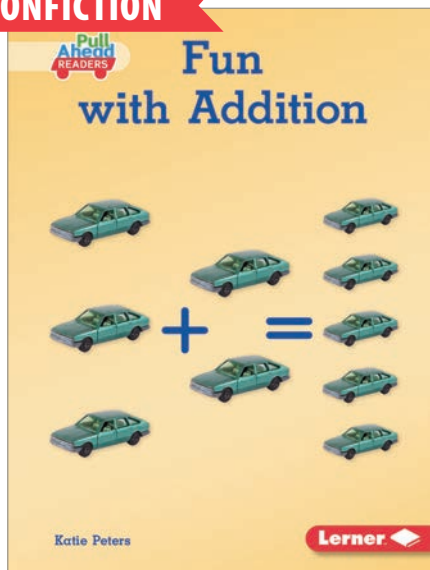
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## **Math All Around**

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Math is everywhere in these fictional stories that show math in the real world. Each story features full-color illustrations and carefully leveled text to support young readers as they learn beginning math concepts.

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## **Math All Around**

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Learning early math concepts has never been more accessible to young readers. These nonfiction books stand out with full-color photographs and carefully leveled text to support young readers as math becomes part of their world.

- Each nonfiction title is paired with a fiction title of the same topic
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- Carefully leveled text for children just learning to read

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## Read about Weather (Read for a Better World™)

Let beginning readers learn more about the different types of weather that they observe each day. With STEM connections and engaging questions, this series is perfect for young readers and young scientists alike.

- Accessible introduction to learning about weather
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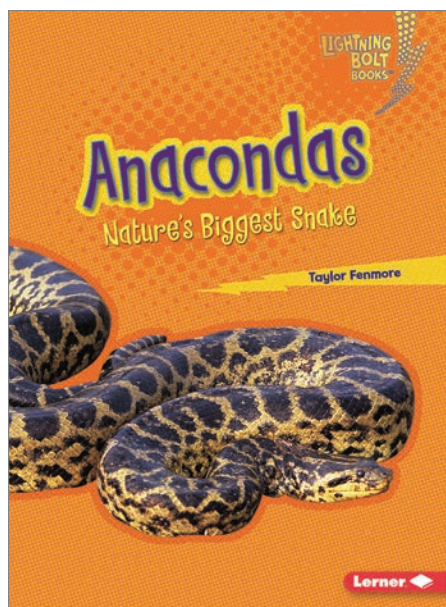
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Introduce young readers to the lives of nature's most massive animals, including their life cycle, what they eat, and how they behave. These books combine updated scientific research with high-impact photos and accessible, engaging text.

- Features updated scientific research and facts about massive animals
- Photo captions explain imagery and expand on the information in the main text

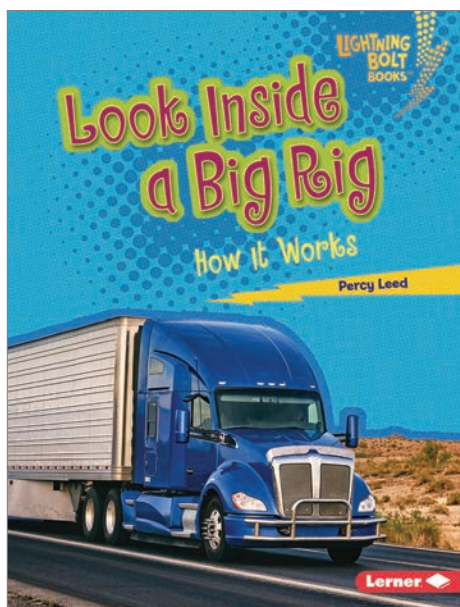
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## Lightning Bolt Books® — Under the Hood

From big rigs to drones, vehicles come in all shapes and sizes. Readers get an inside look at vehicles that drive, fly, and run on electricity to learn what makes them go.

- Presents high-interest vehicle content in accessible ways
- Clear photo-text match aids comprehension and accessibility

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## All-Access Gymnastics (Lerner™ Sports)

Gymnastics is a popular and highly viewed sport. This engaging series gives readers an inside look at gymnastics, including its history and the top gymnasts of the past and present.

- Perfect for gymnastics and sports fans and striving readers
- Presents gymnastics terms in simple and accessible ways

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## Sports VIPs (Lerner™ Sports)

Explore the lives of the world's best and hottest sports superstars. From childhood to the present, find out how they rule their sports, prepare for big events, and help their communities.

- Perfect for sports fans and reluctant readers
- Colorful, action-packed photos and lively text
- Engaging profiles of the world's most famous athletes

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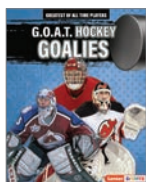
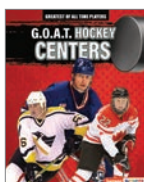
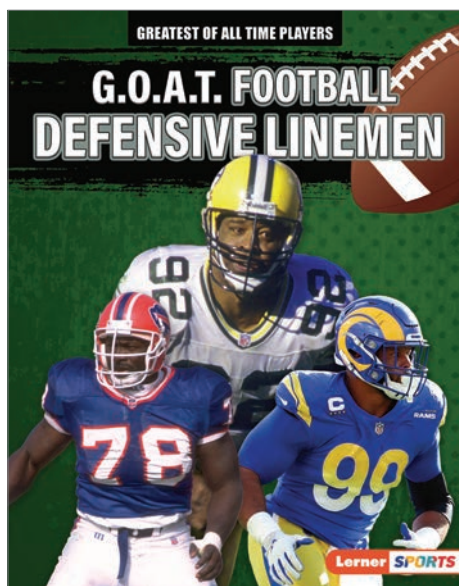
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## Greatest of All Time Players (Lerner™ Sports)

Read about the world's greatest athletes who play some of the most important positions in sports. The amazing stats, thrilling moments, and record-breaking performances packed into each book will fascinate sports fans.

- Sports stars presented in a fun top-10 format
- Action-packed text and photos
- Perfect for sports fans

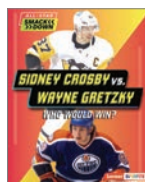
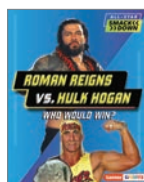
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## All-Star Smackdown (Lerner™ Sports)

Read about the world's greatest athletes and compare their careers in a fun and exciting head-to-head format. Explore their stats and greatest moments, and then choose a winner. Will your favorite come out on top?

- Two familiar sports superstars are featured in a head-to-head format
- Action-packed text and photos

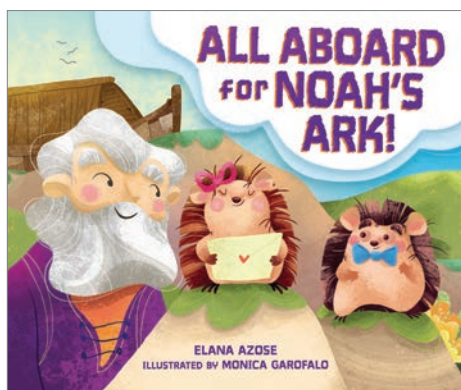
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# All Aboard for Noah's Ark!

*Elana Azose, illus. Monica Garofalo*

Noah is building an ark and Lionel and Dolores, a pair of hedgehogs, are there to make sure the plan goes off without a hitch. Luckily for Noah, the two hedgehogs have thought of everything.

- A new twist on the story of Noah's Ark featuring two cute hedgehogs as the heroes
- Shows that all creatures have an important role to play, despite their size or strength

**Elana Azose** began her writing career in the first grade with a novel about a unicorn family. She went on to earn a BA in English Literature and a Master's in Educational Technology. Elana lives in sunny Los Angeles, where she heads to the beach as often as she can.

**Monica Garofalo** lives in Trento, a city in northern Italy, and has been drawing since she was a child. She loves to mix styles and techniques in her illustrations.

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One flustered, blustery morning, Noah gathered the animals for an announcement.

"A big rain is coming," Noah said. "But don't worry. God has told me what to do. I will build an ark to keep us all safe and warm through the storm."



## The Apple Argument

Jane Yolen, illus. Anita Barghigiani

In the Garden of Eden, God buried the vegetables and put the fruits where they could be seen. Wanting easy picking, the caretakers of the Garden listen to the snake, pick the apples, and suffer the consequences.

- The story of the Garden of Eden from a different perspective of the fruit
- Portrays the first man and woman as equals and as caretakers of their environment

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

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

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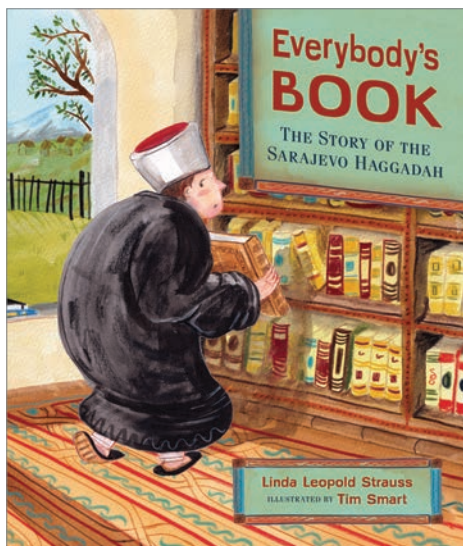
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## Everybody's Book

### The Story of the Sarajevo Haggadah

Linda Leopold Strauss, illus. Tim Smart

The true story of the famous Sarajevo Haggadah begins long ago in Spain. Used for centuries and declared a treasure, people of many faiths have protected the haggadah up to this day.

- Tells the remarkable story of the Sarajevo Haggadah, one of the oldest books of its kind in the world that has been saved and cared for by many
- Shows people of different faiths recognizing a piece of history and working together to keep it safe

**Linda Leopold Strauss** is a graduate of Vassar College and Columbia University. She has been writing for young people for more than 40 years. Her previous books include *A Different Kind of Passover*. She lives with her husband in a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Tim Smart's** illustrations draw inspiration from his experiences growing up by the ocean and climbing trees in forests. He likes making faces in the mirror, sitting by fires, rolling down hills, and chasing dogs. He hates surprising noises, sticky fingers, boring grown-ups, and birthdays. He lives in the United Kingdom.

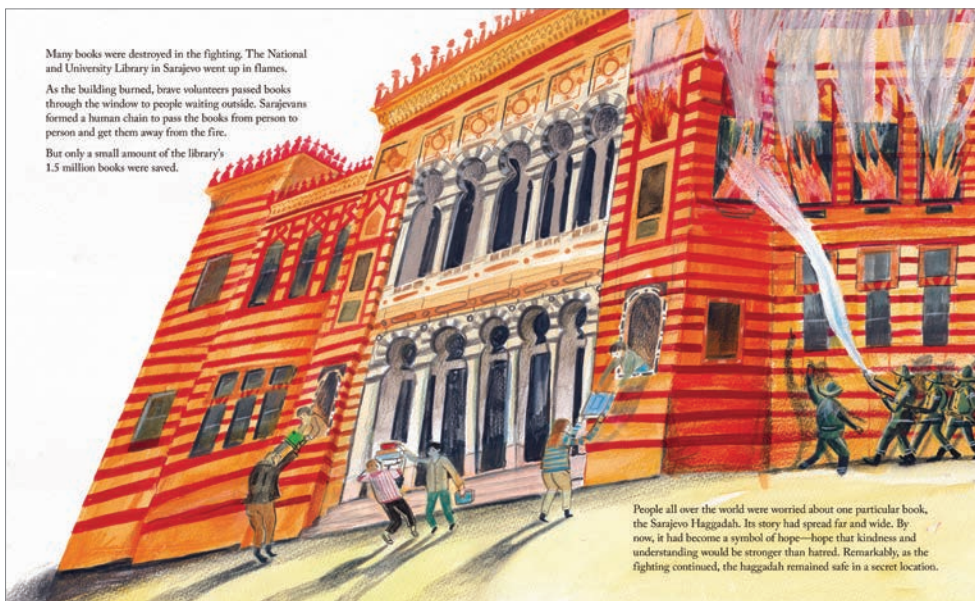
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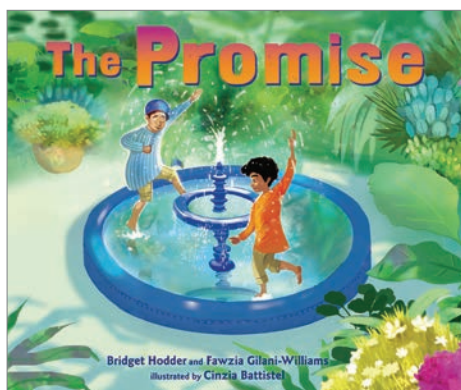
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# The Promise

Fawzia Gilani-Williams; Bridget Hodder, illus. Cinzia Battistel

In a Moroccan village, a Jewish boy, Jacob, and a Muslim boy, Hassan, are best friends who care for a beautiful garden. When war comes, and it's time for Jacob's family to leave, his friend promises to care for their garden.

- Inspired by a true story of a friendship between a Jewish boy and a Muslim boy in Morocco
- Shows commonalities between faiths, and how people can live harmoniously together
- Explores the themes of connectedness to the earth and caring for plants

"Tender and heart-rending."

— Kirkus Reviews

**Fawzia Gilani** is the author of many children's books. She has a PhD in children's literature and character development. She spends her time between the UAE, Ohio, and England.

**Bridget Hodder** began her career as an Aztec archaeologist, translating ancient stories. Then she realized she had her own tales to tell. She is Sephardic, the daughter of a Holocaust survivor, and a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, UCLA and Vanderbilt University.

**Cinzia Battistel** has been illustrating children's books for more than 20 years. She is also an author of art books for children and has worked as a set designer of animated films. She also co-created a TV series for children.

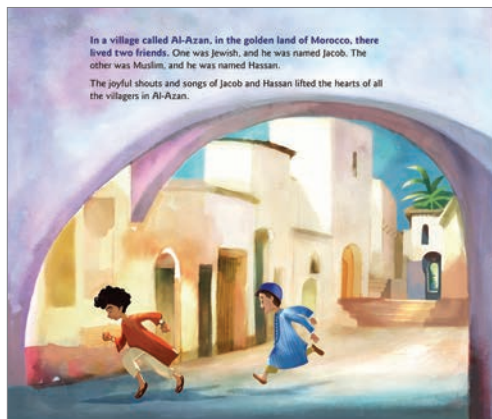
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## Afikotective

*Amalia Hoffman*

During the bear family's Passover seder, Grandma breaks the middle matzah and hides the afikomen. It's a good thing one little bear has turned his toy elephant into an Afiko-Sniffer. Can it help find the afikomen?

- A playful story about the beloved tradition of searching for the afikomen at the Passover seder
- Protagonist is a clever bear, who is also an inventor and detective

**Amalia Hoffman** is an avid storyteller, author and illustrator of children's books, including *The Klezmer Bunch* and *Purim Goodies*. Amalia's entertaining presentations include props and interactive elements. She lives in Larchmont, New York.

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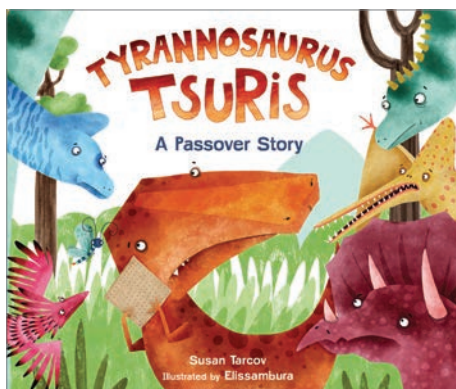
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## Tyrannosaurus Tsuris

*A Passover Story*

*Susan Tarcov, illus. Elissambura*

The dinosaurs are getting ready for Passover, but no one will come to Tyrannosaurus Rex's seder because they think their host will eat them. This gives him terrible tsuris until the dinosaurs come up with an idea.

- A fun and whimsical Passover story set in a dinosaur world
- Explores the theme of hospitality that is central to Passover

**Susan Tarcov** grew up next to the Bronx Zoo, a great inspiration for writing children's books. She is married, has three children, and lives in Chicago. Her previous books include *Maya Prays for Rain*, *Raisins and Almonds: A Yiddish Lullaby*, *The Rabbi and His Donkey*, and *Professor Buber and His Cats*.

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

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## Frankenstein's Matzah

### A Passover Parody

*K. Marcus, illus. Sam Loman*

Vee, Victor Frankenstein's great, great, great Jewish non-binary grand ancestor, wants to win the science fair and be the world's greatest scientist. Vee experiments, and zany chaos ensues in this exciting science fiction Passover adventure!

- Unique Passover Frankenstein parody
- Includes exciting Passover science experiments, called "Super Seder Science"

**K. Marcus** reads anything and everything. She follows her curiosity wherever it leads, loves to ask questions, and spends hours researching the answers. *Frankenstein's Matzah* is her debut picture book. Find more info on [kmarcus.com](http://kmarcus.com)

#### Intergalactic Afikoman

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## Mrs. Maccabee's Miracle

*Elka Weber, illus. Amélie Videlo*

The five Maccabee sons are always losing things. A spear. A traveling cloak. A scroll. Good thing their mom is always there to remind them where to look. After defeating the Greek army, they can't find oil to light the Temple menorah, until they remember their mom's words.

- A new spin on the Hanukkah story in which Mom is the hero of the story of the Maccabees
- A funny relatable story about kids who are always losing their things and need their mom's help to find them

When **Elka Weber** is not busy serving as her family's finder-of-lost-items-in-chief, she writes for children and adults. Her books include *The Yankee at the Seder*, *One Little Chicken*, and *Shimri's Big Idea*.

**Amélie Videlo** was born in Paris. A graduate of the Penninghen School of Art Direction, she lives in the British countryside, close to the Welsh mountains, with her partner and her cat Chichi. Her preferred illustration media are paints, crayons, inks, and digital applications.

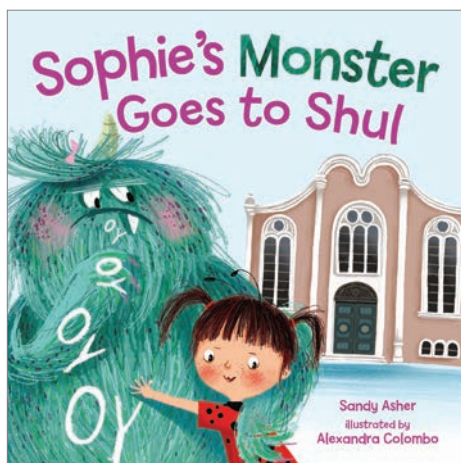
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## Sophie's Monster Goes to Shul

Sandy Asher, illus. Alexandra Colombo

There's an imaginary monster in Sophie's closet, and he follows her everywhere, even to shul. When she uses her imagination to write a story about him, everyone can see him and he isn't scary anymore.

- Demonstrates the imagination and creativity of a child
- Features a little girl learning to let go of her lovable imaginary friend

**Sandy Asher** has authored over two dozen books for young readers, including *With All My Heart, With All My Mind: 13 Stories about Growing Up Jewish*, winner of the National Jewish Book Award for Children's Literature. She lives in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, with her husband, cat Friday and dog Gracie. Sandy and Gracie love visiting Lancaster Public Library as a KPETS Therapy Dog Team.

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

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# This Is Not a Cholent

Sarah Sassoon, illus. Viviana Garofoli

Amira loves her Nona's Iraqi cholent and it's time for the "Best Cholent Competition Down Under." "This is not a cholent," say the other participants. But everyone agrees the stew is the best cholent ever.

- A story about a girl and her grandmother, both of Iraqi descent, sharing their culture
- Includes the author's family recipe for the traditional Jewish Iraqi t'bit

**Sarah Sassoon** grew up in Sydney, Australia where she learnt to cook t'bit with her grandmother, Nana Aziza. She is a writer, poet and educator, and author of the children's picture book *Shoham's Bangle*. Sarah lives in Jerusalem where she regularly cooks t'bit for her husband and four hungry boys.

**Viviana Garofoli** was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where she lives with her husband and two daughters. She has illustrated more than 70 children's books.

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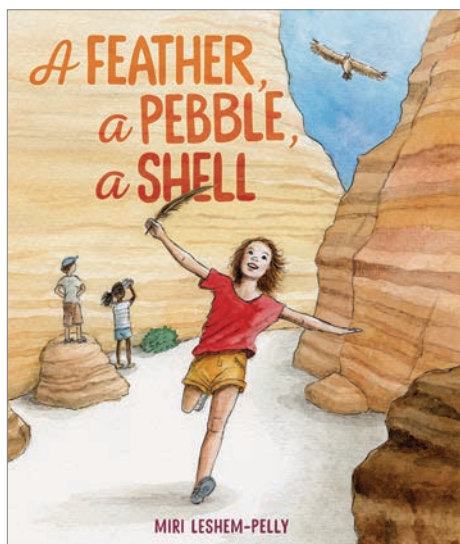
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Miri Leshem-Pelly has written and illustrated more than a dozen children's books, many featuring animals and their environments. Her most recent books have been about creativity.

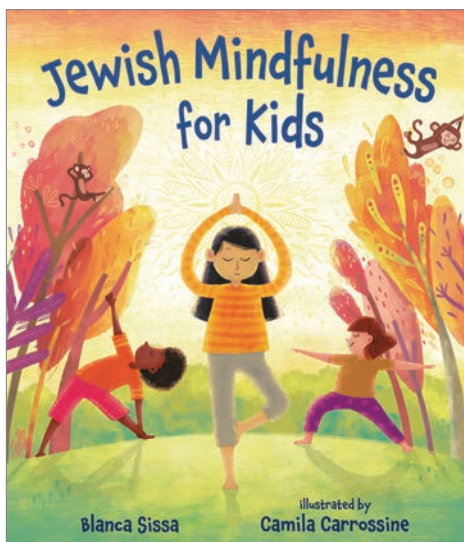
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Blanca Sissa, illus. Camila Carrossine

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- An introduction to the principles of mindfulness for kids from a Jewish perspective
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# Things That Shimmer

Deborah Lakritz

Melanie desperately wants to be accepted by the Shimmers, the popular kids in her class—until she gets to know the new girl in town. Soon she must choose between popularity and true friendship.

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## Chapter 2

### THE WAY DORIT EASES DOWN THE HALL AFTER

only two weeks at school reminds me of the goldfish I won at our synagogue's Purim carnival last year. At home, I untied the plastic bag it came in and dumped the fish into the aquarium on my dresser. After mouthing some pebbles and spitting them back out, that little fish glimmered and glided around with all the others as if it had always lived in there. That's Dorit.

"You look worried," she says, eyeing the mess by my locker, as everyone gets ready to go home. "What's the matter?"

I rifle through my overstuffed folder. "I can't find my math homework. And Vicky's late again. And I . . . I have to get home."

"I'll help you look, but my mom's picking me up for my allergy shots. She's probably waiting."

My heart jumps as the clock glares from the wall—3:30. Yeah, my mom's visiting for me too, in front of our house, even though it's still too early for me to be home.

"Look, isn't that it?" Dorit picks up a crinkled sheet of algebra equations.

"Yes! You're a lifesaver!" I stuff the worksheet inside my book bag. "If I only knew how to do them . . ."

Dorit scribbles on a scrap of paper. "Here's my number, *again*. I keep telling you, if your dad's busy, you can call me for help. I already learned it—"

"I know"—I wave—"at your old school."

Dorit disappears into the stairwell. There she is: that little goldfish, darting away.

The locker door presses cold against my back as the clock ticks. I poke my fingers through the holes of my crocheted vest. Mom says I've been waiting for Vicky ever since we met, which I can't even remember because we were both so little. As the story goes, I spotted her playing in her front yard one day as Mom and I walked through our neighborhood. Eventually, whenever we'd pass by her house, I'd wait until she'd come outside so we could play together. The rest is history.

But now everything's so complicated. If I'm five minutes late, Mom starts to worry that something's happened to me. I wish Vicky could understand that and hurry up after school. Sometimes I think about leaving without her, but we promised we'd always wait for each other. As the minutes tick by, I plan the fastest route home: a jog across the park, a shortcut through



## Space Torah

### Astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman's Cosmic Mitzvah

Rachelle Burk, illus. Craig Orback

As a child, Jeff's head was often in the clouds. As an astronaut, he journeyed far beyond them. On his final mission, Jeff brought a miniature Torah into orbit for an out-of-this-world Shabbat celebration!

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- Includes a note from astronaut Jeff Hoffman in the back matter

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