

LEVINE QUERIDO

FALL 2020

Mission Statement:

Levine Querido is born of a fervent mission to give voice to a uniquely talented, exceptionally diverse group of authors and artists whose books will inspire a true LOVE of reading in young people while offering them a sense of their (and others') rightful place in the world.

Our books will be characterized by great storytelling, undeniably powerful and beautiful artwork, and a fearless commitment to telling deep truths. (Full disclosure: Sometimes we will make you laugh while doing so.)

Levine Querido is a team of passionate book-lovers, and our audience is as wide and diverse as that term encompasses. We look forward to an ongoing, exciting relationship with you about books, authors, and artists, and making the world a better place, book by book.

Our Two Lists:

Arthur A. Levine

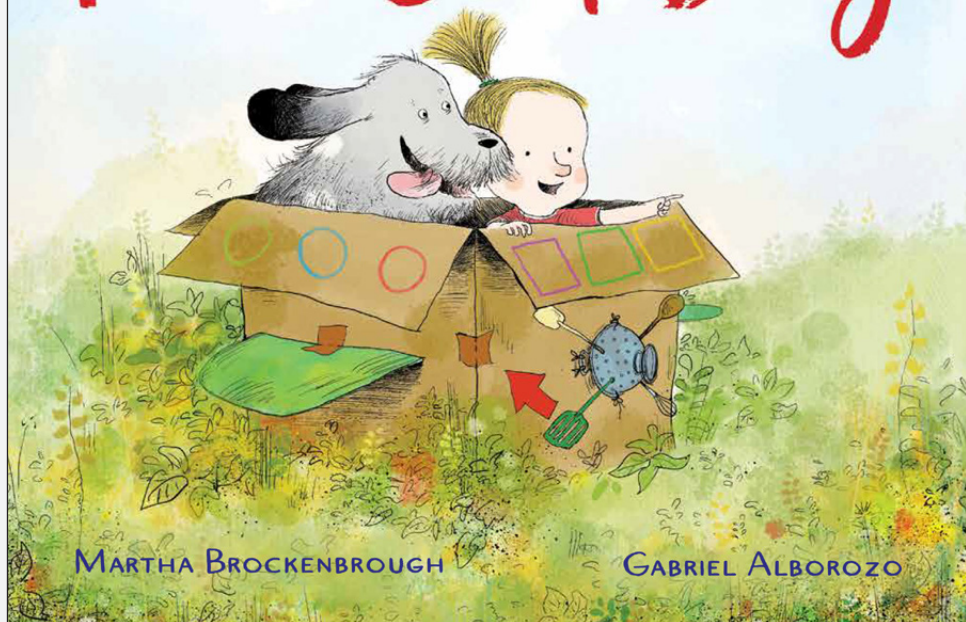
Extraordinary Picture Books, Poetry, Novels, Nonfiction, and Graphic Novels, written & illustrated by, and centered on the experiences and points of view of the magnificently diverse creators among us, writing in English.

Em Querido

An exciting selection of the work of some of the world's most gifted authors and artists, translated from other languages around the world, created and curated in partnership with Querido NL.

This Old Dog

by Martha Brockenbrough
Illustrated by Gabriel Alborozo

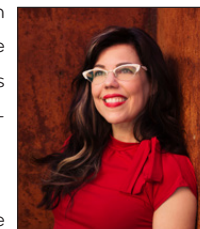


When so much of the world is new, you want to go slowly...to stop and enjoy everything; hills to roll down, perfect-sized rocks, trees that seem to whisper their thoughts. It's the same when you're much, much older, and every time 'round the seasons seems precious. Yet the folks in the middle (we know who we are) are always rushing, rushing, rushing. Appointments to make, trains to catch, places to be, FAST.

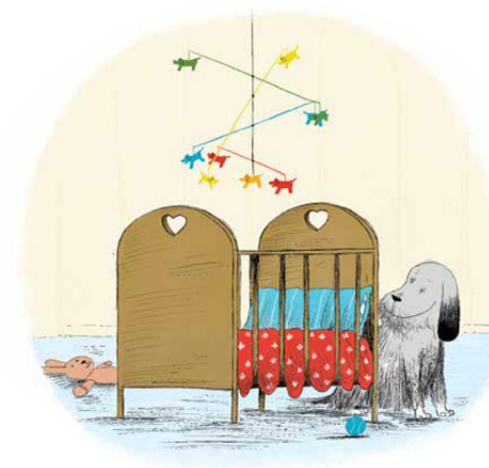
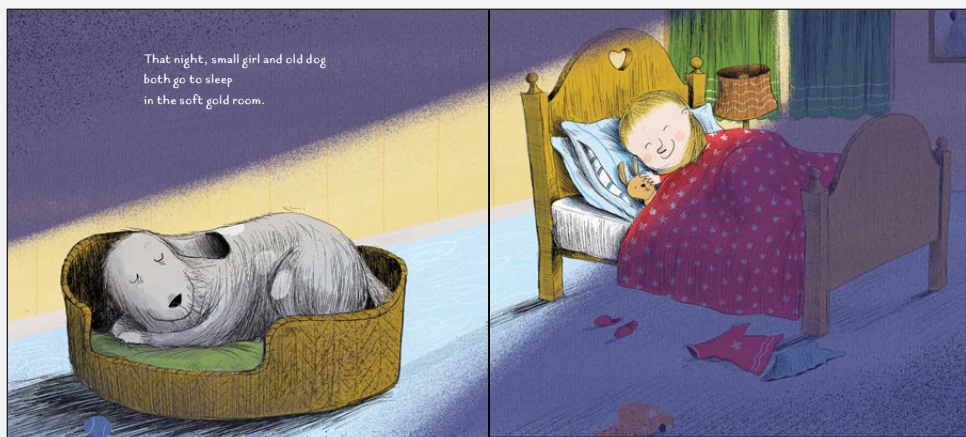
That's what makes the bond between Old Dog and the little girl so special. From the time she takes her first steps, Old Dog finds someone – at last! – who wants to go the same pace he does. To walk with everywhere, through this wide, wonderful world.

A love song to the bond between young and old, this book will make you want to sit right down and read to someone you care about.

Martha Brockenbrough wrote this book as a tribute to her own little girl and her precious old dog. She is a National Book Award Nominee (for *The Gave of Love and Death*) and a brilliant writer of picture books including *Love*, *Santa* and *Cheerful Chick*. She lives with her family, including two dogs and two cats, in Seattle, Washington.



Gabriel Alborozo is a dog lover, for sure, as you can see in these illustrations, the best of his career. His energetic line, and beautiful sense of color have graced numerous picture books published around the world. This is his first for LQ. Gabe lives in Bexhill On Sea, East Sussex.



This Old Dog
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Trim: 9 1/2 x 8 1/2
Page count: 40
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Ginger and Chrysanthemum

by Kristen Mai Giang
Illustrated by Shirley Chan

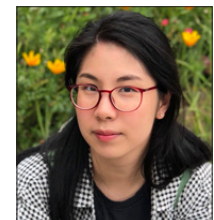
No doubt you can be close to someone who's very different from you. Ginger is excitable; she leaps into action, throwing herself headfirst into any project. Chrysanthemum is cooler-headed; she likes to plan, she's organized. She makes lists. Yet they are cousins, close as two beans in a pod.

But planning Grandma's birthday together is a pretty huge challenge. There are presents to buy, decorations to pick, and a special birthday cake to bake. Together. How they manage it is a testament to affection being stronger than differences.

Kristen Mai Giang is a Chinese American author who immigrated from Vietnam when she was 18 months old and grew up in San Gabriel, California, a melting pot of Asian cultures and cuisines, which inspired Grandma's New Asian Kitchen. *Ginger and Chrysanthemum*, her debut picture book, draws from these memories as well as the antics of her two children and their cousins.



Shirley Chan is secretly an alien from outer space, though she claims to be an illustrator in Brooklyn. Her favorite pastimes are eating snacks and taking naps. *Ginger and Chrysanthemum* is her debut.



Ginger and Chrysanthemum are so excited. It's Grandma's birthday. And her two little soybeans want it to be perfect. "I made a checklist for the party, Ginger. First, we have to..." "DRESS UP!"



Ginger has no idea what to wear. She tries every color, shimmer, and stripe in her closet.

Chrysanthemum knows exactly what to wear. She puts on her favorite dress she packed the night before, then picks two matching headbands.



Two beans in a pod!



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Elatsoe

by Darcie Little Badger

Imagine an America very similar to our own. It's got Mountain Dew, homework, best friends, and pistachio ice cream. Some good people, some horrible people, some in-between. There are some differences. This America has been shaped by the magics and ancestral knowledge of its peoples, those Indigenous and those not. Some of these talents are charmingly everyday: making an orb of light appear, a little extra strength here and there. Some of them are less charming, and should never see the light of day. Elatsoe lives in this slightly stranger America. She can raise the ghosts of the dead, a knowledge passed down through generations of her Lipan Apache family. Her beloved cousin has just been murdered, in a town that wants no prying eyes. But she is going to do more than pry. *Darcie Little Badger is an extraordinary debut talent in the world of speculative fiction. We have paired her with her artistic match in illustrator Rovina Cai for a book singular in feeling and beauty.*

Darcie Little Badger is an Earth scientist, writer, and fan of the weird, beautiful, and haunting. She is an enrolled member of the Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas.

Rovina Cai is a freelance illustrator based in Melbourne, Australia. She works out of an old convent building that is possibly haunted. Her work has been recognized by the Society of Illustrators and the Children's Book Council of Australia. Recently she has illustrated books by Patrick Ness and Margo Lanagan.



Interior Spot Art



Elatsoe

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Apple (Skin to the Core)

by Eric Gansworth

How about a book that makes you barge into your boss's office to read a page of poetry from? That you dream of? That every movie, song, book, moment that follows continues to evoke in some way?

The term "Apple" is a slur in Native communities across the country. It's for someone supposedly "red on the outside, white on the inside."

Eric Gansworth is telling his story in *Apple (Skin to the Core)*. The story of his family, of Onondaga among Tuscaroras, of Native folks everywhere. From the horrible legacy of the government boarding schools, to a boy watching his siblings leave and return and leave again, to a young man fighting to be an artist who straddles two worlds.

Eric is shattering that slur and reclaiming it, in verse and prose and imagery that truly lives up to the word heartbreaking.

Eric Gansworth, S.ha-weñ na-sae, is an enrolled Onondaga writer and visual artist, raised at the Tuscarora Nation. His award-winning books include *If I Ever Get Out of Here*, *Give Me Some Truth*, and *Extra Indians*. He is a Professor and Lowery Writer-in-Residence at Canisius College.



Apple (Skin to the Core)

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HC ISBN: 978-1-64614-013-8

Trim: 6 x 9

Page count: 368

Rights: World All, Audio

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The **Big**
QUESTIONS
Book of
Sex &
Consent

DONNA FREITAS

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The Big Questions Book of Sex & Consent

by Donna Freitas

What this book is NOT:

The fear-based How-To on sex and consent, oversimplified and focused on technicalities, that represents so much of our sexual education today.

What this book IS:

A journey into the Big Questions that will turn you into a thinking person about sex and consent, with the ability to wrestle towards the answers that work for YOU and continue to wrestle towards them for the rest of your life.

Questions like: What is the meaning and purpose of sex? Why are people so afraid of it? What does a healthy and joyful approach to sex look like for you? What is hookup culture? Is consent just a yes or no question?

Who this book is FOR:

Everybody!! No matter your sexuality, gender, religion, or race.

What could be more essential?

Donna Freitas is a college professor whose research has focused on issues related to sex, romance, relationships and consent for over a decade. She has spoken about this work at schools across the country as well as on NPR, The Today Show, and many other radio and tv shows.



The Big Questions Book of Sex & Consent

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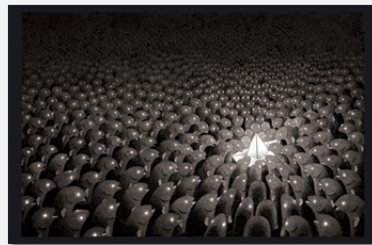
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The Wanderer

by Peter Van den Ende

Shaun Tan said of this book, "Wonderfully strange and strangely wonderful, Peter Van den Ende's *Wanderer* is an epic dream captured in superbly meticulous detail." As with Shaun's own *The Arrival*, it gives us collective goosebumps to introduce the singular talent and imagination of Peter Van den Ende to North America.



Sample Art

The Wanderer

Retail Price: \$21.99

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Trim: 9 x 12

Page count: 96

Rights: World English

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Bye, Penguin!

by Seo-wu Lee

You'd think that a Penguin stranded on an ever smaller block of ice, on a trip around the world, wouldn't be so...FUN! But it is! There's our fearless Penguin passing the gondolas of Venice...there's Penguin floating by the Sydney Opera house! From the Aurora Borealis to a hilarious encounter with a surfer in Hawaii, this is a wordless journey that truly FROLICKS. In fact the adventures are so amusing that most readers will barely register the nod to global warming until it's slipped right in on the breath of a laugh.



Bye, Penguin!

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Trim: 10 x 7

Page count: 40

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Little Fox

by Edward van de Vendel • Illustrated by Marije Tolman

Little Fox has been warned by his father of danger everywhere...but he still loves to frolic! Then one day he takes a tumble, bumps his head, and starts to dream. Marije Tolman's ingenious illustrations use a fresh technique that FEELS like a movie and a dream, starring the cheerful, bright orange Little Fox on grainy mixed media landscapes of blue and green. And when Little Fox wakes up, he's perhaps a little wiser, but still every bit as curious and full of life.



Little Fox

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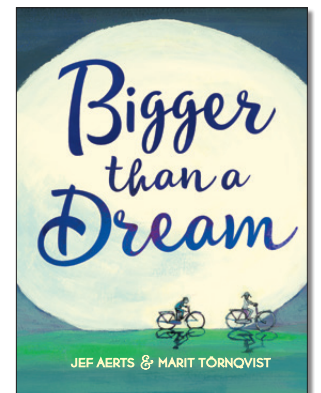
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Bigger Than a Dream

by Jef Aerts • Illustrated by Marit Törnqvist

One night, a boy hears the voice of his sister calling him, a sister he's never met because she died before he was born. On a dreamy, carefree adventure they ride their bikes together, (not always on the ground), visiting places that were special to her. And she talks to him in the older sister, teasing, loving way that he needs. Much, much more than bibliotherapy, this is a work of art that speaks with honesty and tenderness about one of life's great mysteries.



Bigger Than a Dream

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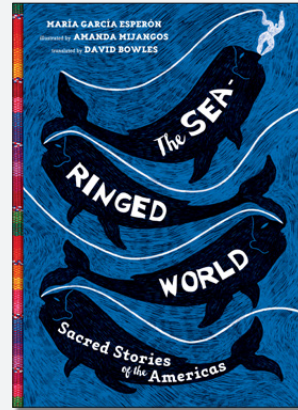
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The Sea-Ringed World: Sacred Stories of the Americas

by María García Esperón • Illustrated by Amanda Mijangos
Translated by David Bowles

Fifteen thousand years before Europeans stepped foot in the Americas, Native people had already spread from tip to tip and coast to coast. Like all humans, they sought to understand their place in the universe, the nature of their relationship with the divine, and the origin of the world into which their ancestors had emerged.

The answers lay in their sacred stories.



The Sea-Ringed World: Sacred Stories of the Americas
Retail Price: \$21.99
HC ISBN: 978-1-64614-015-2
Trim: 7.5 x 10.5
Page count: 240
Rights: World English; USC Spanish; Audio
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The Blue Wings

by Jef Aerts • Illustrated by Martijn van der Linden

Two brothers are bound together by affection and responsibility. When they find an injured young crane, one wants to bring it back to their small apartment and teach it to fly at any cost. And it turns out the cost is high. Intensely moving without ever slipping into sentimentality, *The Blue Wings* is a warm, love-filled story about fragility, strength, and brotherhood, in all its complications.



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The Blue Wings
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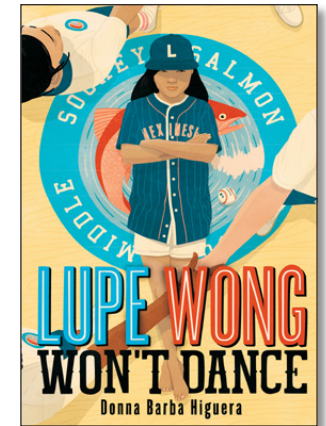
Lupe Wong Won't Dance

by Donna Barba Higuera

My gym shorts burrow into my butt crack like a frightened groundhog.

Don't you want to read a book that starts like that??

Lupe Wong is going to be the first female pitcher in the Major Leagues. She's championed causes her whole young life—some worthy, some not so much. She needs an A in all her classes in order to meet her favorite pitcher, so when the horror that is square dancing rears its head in gym? Obviously she's not gonna let that slide. Not since *Millicent Min*, *Girl Genius* has a Middle Grade debut introduced a character so memorably, with such humor and emotional insight. Even square dancing fans will agree...



Lupe Wong Won't Dance
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The Boys in the Back Row

by Mike Jung

Matt Park and Eric Costas are band geeks, comic nerds, and really close friends. It makes life basically okay. But Eric's moving away, and that makes it harder to tolerate the casually stupid, racist bullies at their middle school...so the boys decide to go out with a bang. It's the rare book for kids that has something smart and tender to say about male friendship. And it's the even rarer one that makes you laugh while saying it.

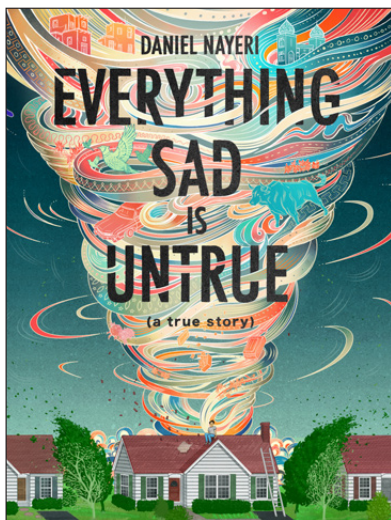


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Everything Sad Is Untrue

by Daniel Nayeri

At the front of a middle school classroom in Oklahoma, a boy named Khosrou (whom everyone calls "Daniel") stands, trying to tell a story. His story. But no one believes a word he says. To them he is a dark-skinned, hairy-armed boy with a big butt whose lunch smells funny; who makes things up and talks about poop too much. But Khosrou's stories, stretching back years, and decades, and centuries, are beautiful, and terrifying, from the moment his family fled Iran in the middle of the night with the secret police moments behind them, back to the sad, cement refugee camps of Italy...and further back to the fields near the river Aras, where rain-soaked flowers bled red like the yolk of the sunset had burst over everything, and further back still to the jasmine-scented city of Isfahan. Like Scheherazade in a hostile classroom, Daniel weaves a tale to save his own life: to stake his claim to the truth. And it is (a true story).



Everything Sad Is Untrue

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A Sneak Preview of Spring 2021

PICTURE BOOKS:

The Four Questions, by Lynne Sharon Schwartz,
illustrated by Ori Sherman

Shy Willow, by Catherine Min

Home Sweet Home, by Rashin Kheiriyeh

Osnat and Her Dove, written by Sigal Samuel,
illustrated by Vali Mintzi

MIDDLE GRADE:

Middletown, by Sarah Moon

Dawn Raid, by Pauline Vaeluaga Smith,
illustrated by Mat Hunkin

YOUNG ADULT:

Second Coming, by André-Naquian Wheeler

No Comas Renacuajos (English title TK), written by Francisco
Montaña Ibáñez, translated by David Bowles

The Days of Bluegrass Love, by Edward Van de Vendel
IJzerkop (English title TK), by Jean-Claude van Rijckeghem

NON-FICTION:

**Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians But Were Afraid
to Ask (Young Readers Edition)**, by Anton Treuer

