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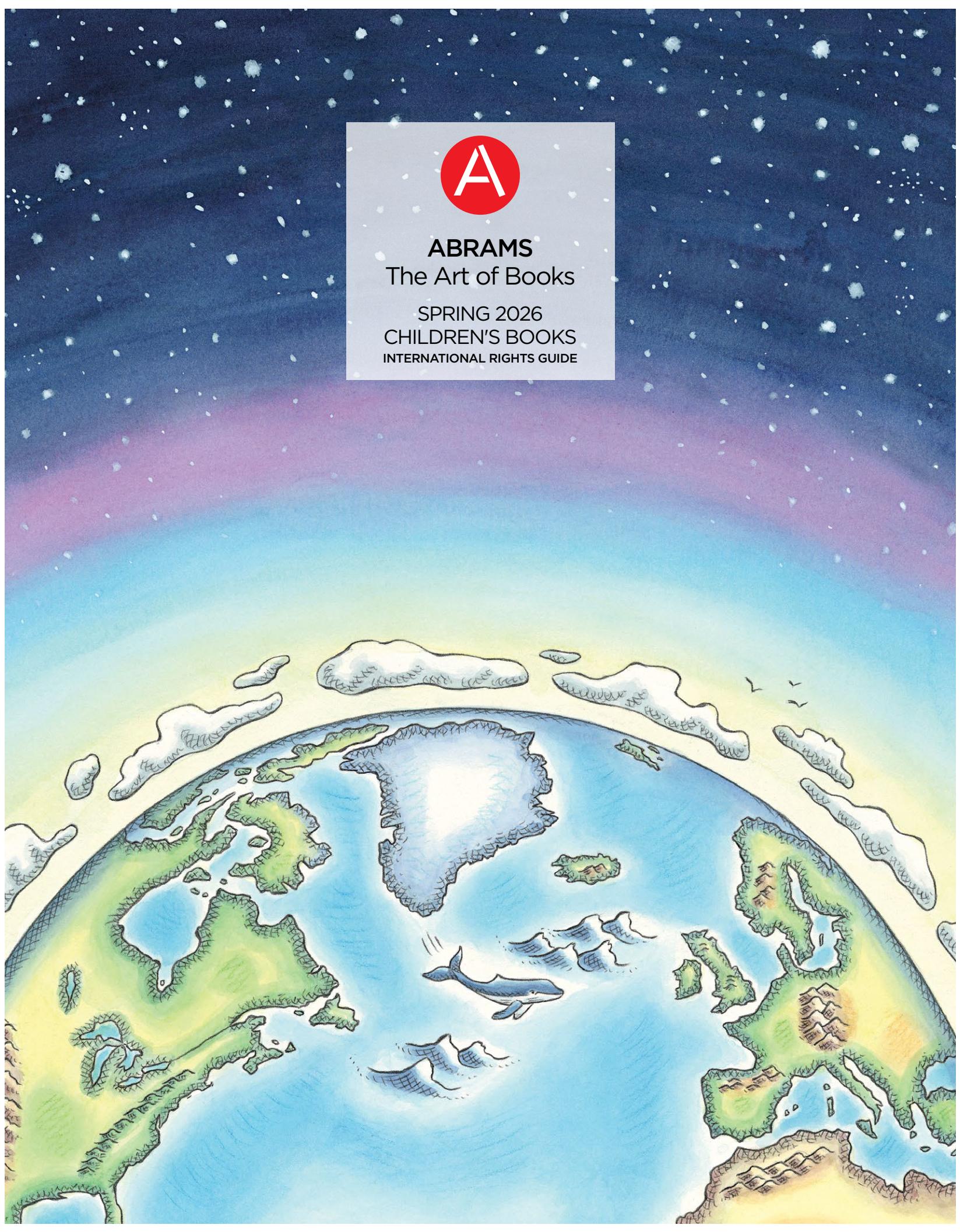




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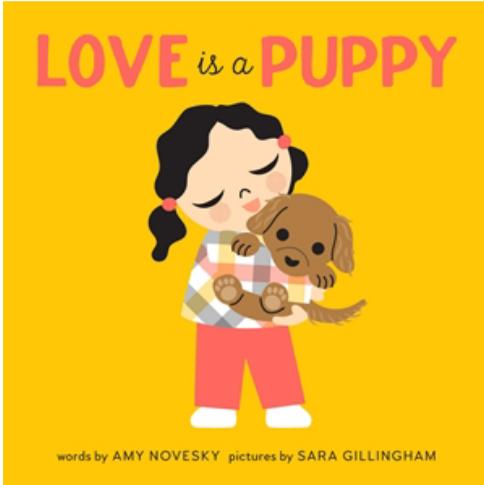
LOVE IS

Love Is a Puppy

A BOARD BOOK

● BY AMY NOVESKY, ILLUSTRATED BY SARA GILLINGHAM

A tail-wagging board book celebration of loyal pups—from pugs to poodles to rescue mutts—and the lucky kids who give them wonderful homes



Love is a puppy—a shy little mutt.

Heart-shaped, wet nose. A wiggling butt.

A sweet, rhythmic ode to beloved pups of all kinds: from doodles to poodles to pugs to rescue mutts, and to the kids who love and care for them.

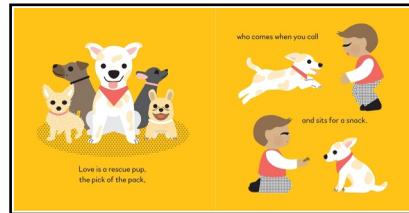
With thick, sturdy pages, and a textured, hardcover case, this board book is perfect for dog lovers of all ages!



Amy Novesky is an award-winning picture book author. Her many books for young readers include *The Poet and the Bees*, illustrated by Jessica Love; and *Me, Frida*, illustrated by David Diaz. Novesky lives just north of San Francisco. **Sara Gillingham** is an



award-winning author-illustrator, designer, and art director. Her many titles for children include *Snuggle the Baby*, *How to Grow a Friend*, the *In My Habitat* series, and the *Empowerment* series. She lives with her family in Vancouver, Canada.

**SELLING POINTS**

DYNAMIC DUO: Amy Novesky and Sara Gillingham are the dynamic duo behind this proven series that includes *Love is a Tutu*, *Love is a Truck*, and *Love is a Ball*.

PUPPY POWER: Dogs are a beloved and evergreen subject across ages and audiences. This book is sure to appeal to new puppy owners and longtime dog lovers—there are at least 90 million dog owners in the United States!

UNIVERSAL: Perfect for all animal lovers, this story is gender-neutral and universal. Can be sold in pet stores or used in promoting animal shelters.

PERFECT READ-ALOUD: Simple, lyrical text is ideal for reading aloud.

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout

* 22 pages

* WIDTH: 7" - 178mm

* HEIGHT: 7" - 178mm

* **Casebound Board Book**

PUB MONTH: **DECEMBER 2026**

BOARD BOOK

ISBN 978-1-4197-8390-6

US \$14.99

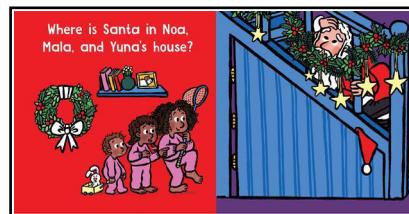
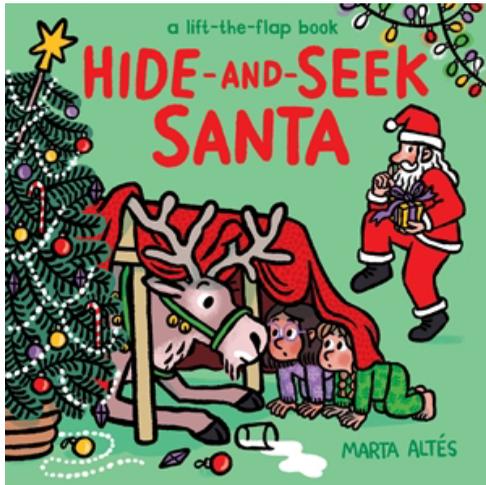
A HIDE-AND-SEEK BOARD BOOK

Hide-and-Seek Santa

A LIFT-THE-FLAP BOOK

● BY MARTA ALTÉS

Ready or not, here I come! A hilarious hide-and-peek game between toddlers and Santa Claus, who is just trying to do his job



*Santa loves playing hide-and-peek,
and it turns out he's VERY good at it!*

Once a year when Santa visits, he loves to play hide-and-peek. He's great at staying hidden, but his reindeer? Not so much. They always pick the goofiest hiding spots that are much too easy to find. Delighted readers will spot Santa doing his best to stay out of sight, but his reindeer *might* just give him away . . .

Charming, funny, and relatable for any adult who has ever hidden from a determined toddler just to have a moment of peace, *Hide-and-Seek Santa* is a vibrant peek-a-boo board book perfect for little seekers and fans of the Karen Katz lift-the-flap books. With 14 sturdy flaps to lift, young readers will love looking for Santa and spotting all of the funny hiding places his reindeer have chosen instead!



Marta Altés is the award-winning creator of numerous picture books, including *My Grandpa*, *I Am an Artist!*, *Five More Minutes*, and *Little Monkey*. While living in Barcelona, she earned a degree in graphic design and then moved to the UK to study for an MA in children's book illustration. Since then, her books have been translated into 34 different languages! *My Grandpa* (Abrams BYR, 2013) was an Ezra Jack Keats New Illustrator Award Honoree in the US, and *I Am an Artist!* was long-listed for the Kate Greenaway Medal in the UK. Altés has also won the Read It Again! Award and the Nottingham Children's Book Award, and her first book, *No!*, was short-listed for the Peoples Book Prize and the Waterstones Picture Book Prize. Altés lives in London.

SELLING POINTS

HOLIDAY PROMOTION: With its focus on finding Santa and his reindeer, this makes for a funny and sweet addition to Christmas and winter holiday tables and promotions.

FUNNY TEXT: This text will have children and their caretakers laughing out loud with its lighthearted, tongue-in-cheek humor.

NOVELTY ELEMENT: With sturdy flaps to reveal where Santa's reindeer are hiding (not so successfully!), this is perfect for play and honing motor skills.

BRIGHT ILLUSTRATIONS: Bold, vibrant, and accessible, Marta Altés's art is perfect for this age group.

HIDE-AND-SEEK SERIES: We're excited to have *Hide-and-Seek Mommy* come out on our Spring 2026 list. We have two more books signed up after *Hide-and-Seek Santa*, *Hide-and-Seek Daddy*, and *Hide-and-Seek Kitty*.

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout
* 30 pages

* WIDTH: 8" - 203mm

* HEIGHT: 8" - 203mm

* **Casebound Board Book**

PUB MONTH: **SEPTEMBER 2026**

**BOARD BOOK, KIDS
NOVELTY**

ISBN 978-1-4197-8596-2

US \$14.99

ALSO AVAILABLE

Hide-and-Seek Mommy

ISBN 978-1-4197-8594-8

US \$14.99 CAN \$19.99

UK £10.99

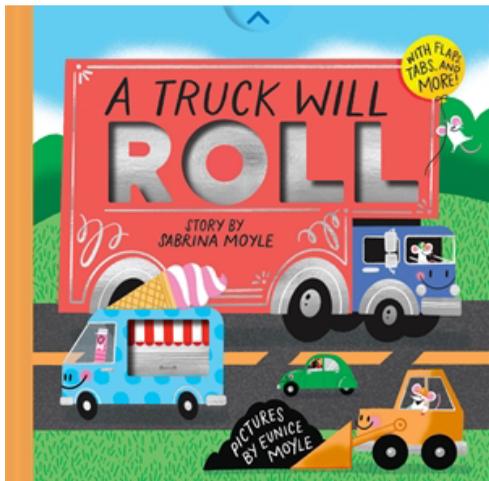
A HELLO!LUCKY BOOK

A Truck Will Roll (A Hello!Lucky Hands-On Book)

AN INTERACTIVE BOARD BOOK

● A HELLO!LUCKY BOOK; STORY BY SABRINA MOYLE; PICTURES BY EUNICE MOYLE

From Sabrina and Eunice Moyle—also known as Hello!Lucky—the superstar creators of *My Mom is Magical!* and *My Dad is Amazing!* comes a brand-new novelty board book for little truck lovers, with tabs to pull and wheels to turn



Dump trucks move dirt into piles.

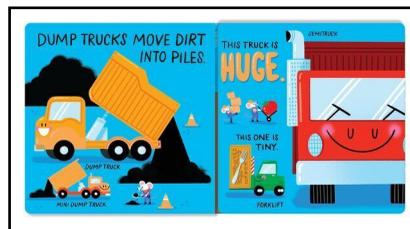
Trucks haul goods for miles and miles!

Filled with exuberant illustrations in Hello!Lucky's inimitable style, *A Truck Will Roll* is a deluxe, interactive board book that introduces young readers to a wide variety of trucks—25 to be exact!—and ends with a brilliant quadruple gatefold that opens up to showcase a bustling county fair that all the trucks and their drivers have helped to build.

With a little digging, a lot of cargo carrying, and a good bit of tidying up, different trucks are highlighted on every spread. Readers will love spotting all the specialized vehicles, from mail trucks to garbage trucks to ice-cream trucks. Clever interactive elements such as wheels, pull-tabs, and multiple flaps that readers can lift to reveal the cargo inside each truck, highlight the cargo-to-festival transformation. A fifth color of construction-site orange ink throughout as well as shiny chrome-colored foil on the front cover are sure to catch the eye of truck-loving kids and educators alike!



Hello!Lucky is all about using creativity to spread joy, fun, and kindness. Founded by sisters Eunice and Sabrina Moyle in 2003, Hello!Lucky is an award-winning letterpress greeting card and design studio working with dozens of partners to create products, including Abrams' pun-derful children's books: *My Mom Is Magical!*; *My Dad Is Amazing!*; *My Grandma Is Great!*; *My Grandpa Is Grand!*; *My Brother Is the Best!*; *My Sister Is Super!*; *Super Pooper and Whizz Kid: Potty Power!*; *Kindness Rules!*; *Christmas Is Awesome!*; *Sloth and Smell the Roses!*; *Go Get 'Em, Tiger!*; *Thanks a Ton!*; *School Is Cool!*; *Bananas for You!*; *Halloween Is a Treat!*; *A Seed Will Grow!*; *You Are Fantastic!*; *Preschool is Cool!*; *Easter is Egg-cellent!*; *My Box of Feelings*, and the Astrid and Stella graphic novel series. They also offer gifts, ceramics, stationery, kids' partyware, and more. Hello!Lucky is based in San Francisco. Find them @helloluckykids.



SELLING POINTS

STRIKING ILLUSTRATIONS:

Cleverly designed and illustrated with a fifth color of ink throughout and stamped with shiny silver foil on the front cover, this is very eye-catching package.

SPECIAL NOVELTY ELEMENTS:

Includes an interactive element (such as a wheel, a pull tab, or flaps to lift) on every page, perfect for curious hands. The grand finale is a spectacular four-panel scene to unfold.

SENSATIONAL SALES:

More than 2 million combined sales for the Hello!Lucky program! The companion book, *A Seed Will Grow*, has sold more than 22,000 copies to date.

STRONG FOLLOWING:

Hello!Lucky has over 75,000 followers on Instagram and nearly 70,000 followers on Pinterest.

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout

* 14 pages

* WIDTH: 8" - 203mm

* HEIGHT: 8" - 203mm

* Casebound Board Book with Novelty

PUB MONTH: AUGUST 2026

BOARD BOOK, KIDS NOVELTY

ISBN 978-1-4197-7510-9

US \$14.99

ALSO AVAILABLE

A Seed Will Grow (A Hello!Lucky Hands-On Book)

ISBN 978-1-4197-5982-6

US \$14.99 CAN \$19.99

A HELLO!LUCKY BOOK

My Box of Feelings (A Hello!Lucky Book)

6 MINI BOARD BOOKS!

- A HELLO!LUCKY BOOK; WORDS BY SABRINA MOYLE; PICTURES BY EUNICE MOYLE

From Sabrina and Eunice Moyle—also known as Hello!Lucky—the superstar creators of *My Mom Is Magical!* and *My Dad Is Amazing!* comes *My Box of Feelings*, a collection of six mini board books all about feelings

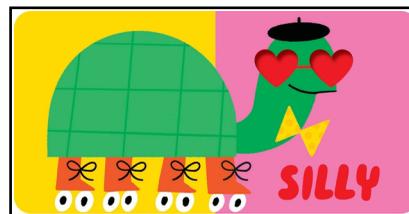
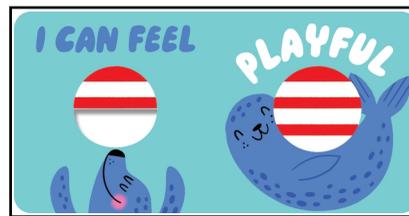


How do you react when you feel angry? Or when you feel love? Or when you feel calm, scared, happy, or sad? Featuring Hello!Lucky's bright, bold art, these six small, sturdy board books explore six big feelings with gentle, guiding text. Perfect for helping little ones identify, describe, and regulate their emotions—Are you furious when you feel mad? Are you focused when you feel calm?—this is a wonderful teaching tool. With one main color per book—red for anger, yellow for happiness, etc.—the bright, graphic treatment of this all-important topic will appeal to young children as much as to their caregivers.

Stacked neatly inside a box, these small board books are perfect for little hands and are easy for caretakers to carry or to keep in a classroom or playroom.



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SELLING POINTS

SENSATIONAL SALES: More than 2 million combined sales for the Hello!Lucky program!

STRONG FOLLOWING:

Hello!Lucky has almost 75,000 followers on Instagram and nearly 70,000 followers on Pinterest.

TOP-SELLING CONCEPT:

Books about feelings consistently outsell most other early-childhood concepts.

EMOTIONAL MINDFULNESS:

Exploring feelings, how to talk about them, and how to regulate them, this is a perfect SEL tool to help little ones accurately identify their emotions.

KID-SIZE BOOKS:

These six sturdy mini-board books come in a resealable box, measuring 3–5/8" x 2–5/8" x 7". Irresistible to little hands, the books can either be stored neatly back inside the box or tossed individually into a shoulder bag for viewing in restaurants, cars, or any on-the-go need.

DIE-CUTS:

Each mini-board book features clever die-cuts for a peek-through, interactive element.

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout

* 60 pages

* WIDTH: 3 1/2" - mm

* HEIGHT: 3 1/2" - mm

* Board Book

PUB MONTH: MAY 2026

BOARD BOOK, KIDS

NOVELTY

ISBN 978-1-4197-7509-3

US \$16.99

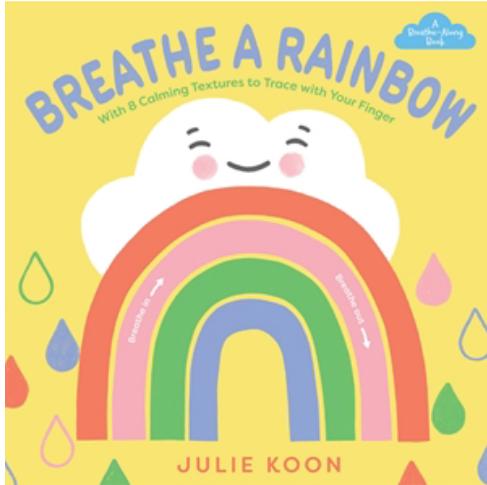
A BREATHE-ALONG BOOK

Breathe a Rainbow (An Interactive Board Book)

WITH 8 CALMING TEXTURES TO TRACE WITH YOUR FINGER

● BY JULIE KOON

Breathe in . . . and breathe out . . . with this unique, interactive board book that offers mindful breathing exercises and calming textures for children to trace with their fingers as they inhale and exhale

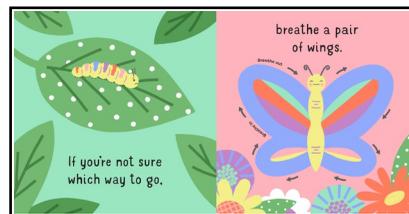


This unique, interactive board book combines textured calming strips and deep-breathing exercises to encourage mindfulness. With inspiring affirmations and a textured calming strip for kids to trace with their fingertips on each spread, this is a wonderful playroom or classroom tool to help lessen anxiety, anger, overstimulation, and many more big emotions little ones may not yet understand how to identify, describe, or regulate.

If you feel stuck in the mud, breathe in and out as you trace the outline of a bright flower's petals. If you feel your worries whirl and swirl, breathe in and out as you trace textured ocean waves. Other shapes include a rainbow, a star, a butterfly's wings, mountain tops, a swirling breeze, and a heart.



Julie Koon is a children's book author and illustrator who loves making sweet and silly books for kids. As a preschool teacher and former school counselor, Koon brings playfulness and heartfelt warmth to each page. She loves helping kids learn positive strategies to cope with big feelings. Koon lives in Massachusetts with her husband, three kids, and two guinea pigs.



SELLING POINTS

MINDFULNESS IS KING: Books about the body–mind connection and calming techniques are a hot topic, as shown by the success of *Alphabreaths* and Abrams' own *I Am Yoga*.

UNIQUE FORMAT: Calming strips are hugely popular with children and adults alike, and are mostly sold as big stickers, easy to place on desks, phones, and water bottles. Breathing boards are also popular, helping children regulate emotions and master breathing deeply as they trace their fingers along grooved paths. There are no other titles on the market offering breathing boards and calming strips in book form. We're excited to expand our original, novelty board book line with this wonderful title that we think will have major appeal for a wide array of markets!

SERIES POTENTIAL: A second title, focusing on the anxieties surrounding the first day of school, will offer more breathing exercises and delightful, tactile scenes to trace. If this unique format takes off, we have many ideas to expand the series to include seasonal topics, and maybe even licensed characters (trace Captain America's shield to feel brave!).

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout
* 16 pages

* WIDTH: 8" - mm

* HEIGHT: 8" - mm

* **Board Book**

PUB MONTH: **APRIL 2026**

**BOARD BOOK, KIDS
NOVELTY**

ISBN 978-1-4197-8043-1

US \$14.99

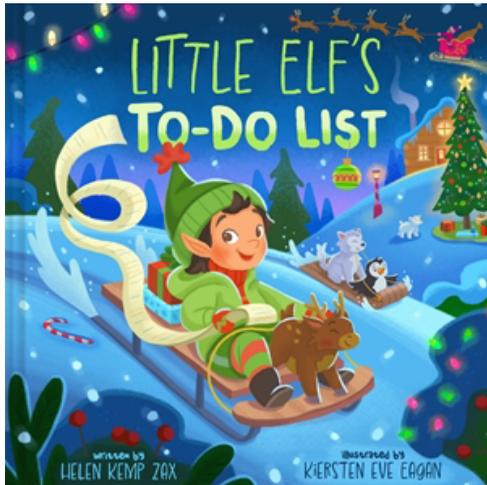
A MAGICAL LIST BOOK

Little Elf's To-Do List (A Magical List Book)

A PICTURE BOOK

● WRITTEN BY HELEN KEMP ZAX; ILLUSTRATED BY KIERSTEN EVE EAGAN

From baking cookies to sculpting snow families, *Little Elf* will get through a long daily to-do list one item at a time in this festive, Christmas-themed picture book that gently teaches time management



Pile sleigh mile high with presents / Make Rudolph's red nose glow

> Sing joyful Christmas carols / Cheer Santa's, "Ho ho ho!"

Little Elf is very busy from morning to night—and a to-do list is a huge help! From baking cookies to wrapping presents to packing the sleigh and celebrating takeoff, this Elf has many tasks to complete before bedtime. But it'll all get done; one thing at a time. And when all the tasks are finally completed, Little Elf is rewarded with a fantastically finished list and a sweet good-night kiss from Mrs. Claus.

Perfect for Christmas or everyday read-alouds, *Little Elf's To-Do List* offers a gentle lesson on the importance of organization. The sparkly glitter stamped on the front cover is so inviting that young readers will be eager to go on this Christmas Eve adventure with Little Elf, and they are in for another sparkly surprise when they unfold a secret flap at the end of the book to see all the items checked off the to-do list in magical ink!



Helen Kemp Zax could spend all day musing over rhymes, so daily to-do lists keep her life on track. Her poetry has appeared in many anthologies and magazines, and she was co-awarded the 2021 YorkMix International Children's Poetry Prize and won the 2018 Middle Grade Katherine Paterson Prize. A former lawyer and teacher, Kemp Zax holds an MFA in writing from Vermont College of Fine Arts. She lives in Washington, D.C., with her husband, Leonard, and their Aussiedoodle, Huckleberry Finn. **Kiersten Eve Eagan** is an illustrator working in children's publishing and design for television and film. Eagan is passionate about storytelling and loves using design to help bring stories to life. She studied illustration at the Academy of Art in San Francisco and now lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, where she loves exploring the mountains or spending time by the sea.



SELLING POINTS

- CLEVER TEXT:** Sweet, relatable, and perfect to read aloud all year long, but especially at Christmas!
- LIGHT EDUCATIONAL HOOK:** Highlights list-making (in the most fun way possible), which is an age-appropriate aspect of executive functioning.
- NOVELTY ELEMENTS:** The cover shines with sparkly glitter, and a big gatefold at the end of the book reveals a completed to-do list, with each item checked off in Little Elf's magical ink.
- HOLIDAY HOOK:** This book is the perfect Christmas gift to get kids in the winter holiday mood and is perfect for promotional tables and lists!
- NEW SERIES:** Joining *Little Witch* and *Little Bunny*, this third book is a continuation of a strong series. *Little Leprechaun* is next!

SPECIFICATIONS

- * Full-color illustrations throughout
- * 40 pages
- * WIDTH: 8 1/2" - 216mm
- * HEIGHT: 8 1/2" - 216mm
- * **Hardcover POB**
- PUB MONTH: **SEPTEMBER 2026**
- PICTURE BOOK**
- ISBN 978-1-4197-7949-7**
- US \$14.99

ALSO AVAILABLE

- Little Witch's To-Do List (A Magical List Book)***
- ISBN 978-1-4197-7895-7**
- US \$14.99 CAN \$18.99
- Little Bunny's To-Do List (A Magical List Book)***
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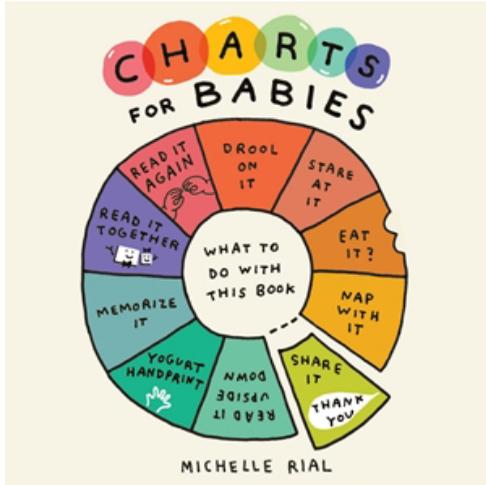
A CHARTS FOR BABIES BOOK

Charts for Babies

A PICTURE BOOK

● BY MICHELLE RIAL

From Michelle Rial, the writer of viral favorite *Am I Overthinking This?*, comes a quirky and delightful picture book exploring multiple early-learning concepts through simple graphic charts and graphs

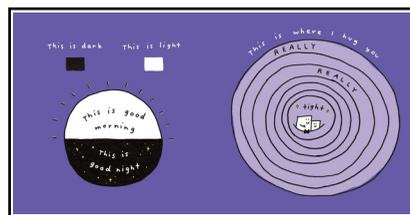
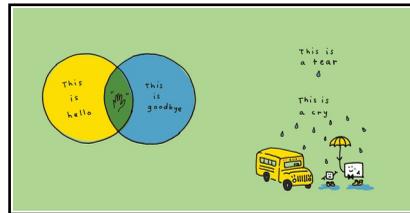
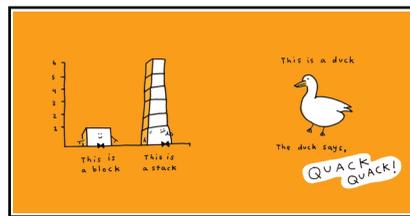


Little charts for big hearts! Through boldly illustrated timelines, pie charts, bar graphs, and Venn diagrams, young readers will learn about colors, opposites, shapes, feelings, and much more in this unconventional STEM picture book with the sweetest ending ever.

Michelle Rial's colorful, graphic style and infectious rhyming text make this a real off-the-charts read-aloud.



Michelle Rial is a graphic designer who makes charts. Named by *Vulture* as one of “9 of the Funniest Cartoonists and Illustrators on Instagram,” she is the author and illustrator of the books *Am I Overthinking This?* and *Maybe This Will Help*, and her work has been featured by *The New Yorker*, *Oprah Daily*, *USA Today*, *Wired*, and more. She lives in the redwoods of California with Lenny, Jude, and Einstein.



SELLING POINTS

CORE CONCEPTS: With rhyming text perfect for read-alouds, this warm, clever book teaches early-learning concepts of colors, opposites, shapes, sounds, and feelings, cleverly represented in bar graphs, pie charts, Venn diagrams, and more!

UNIQUE APPROACH: Utilizing simple graphs, this is a unique STEM-based approach to teaching core educational stepping stones.

GRAPHIC STYLE: Bold and vibrant, Michelle Rial's graphic style in her debut picture book is sure to appeal to young audiences and their caretakers alike.

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout
* 32 pages

* WIDTH: 8 1/2" - mm
* HEIGHT: 8 1/2" - mm

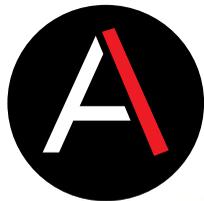
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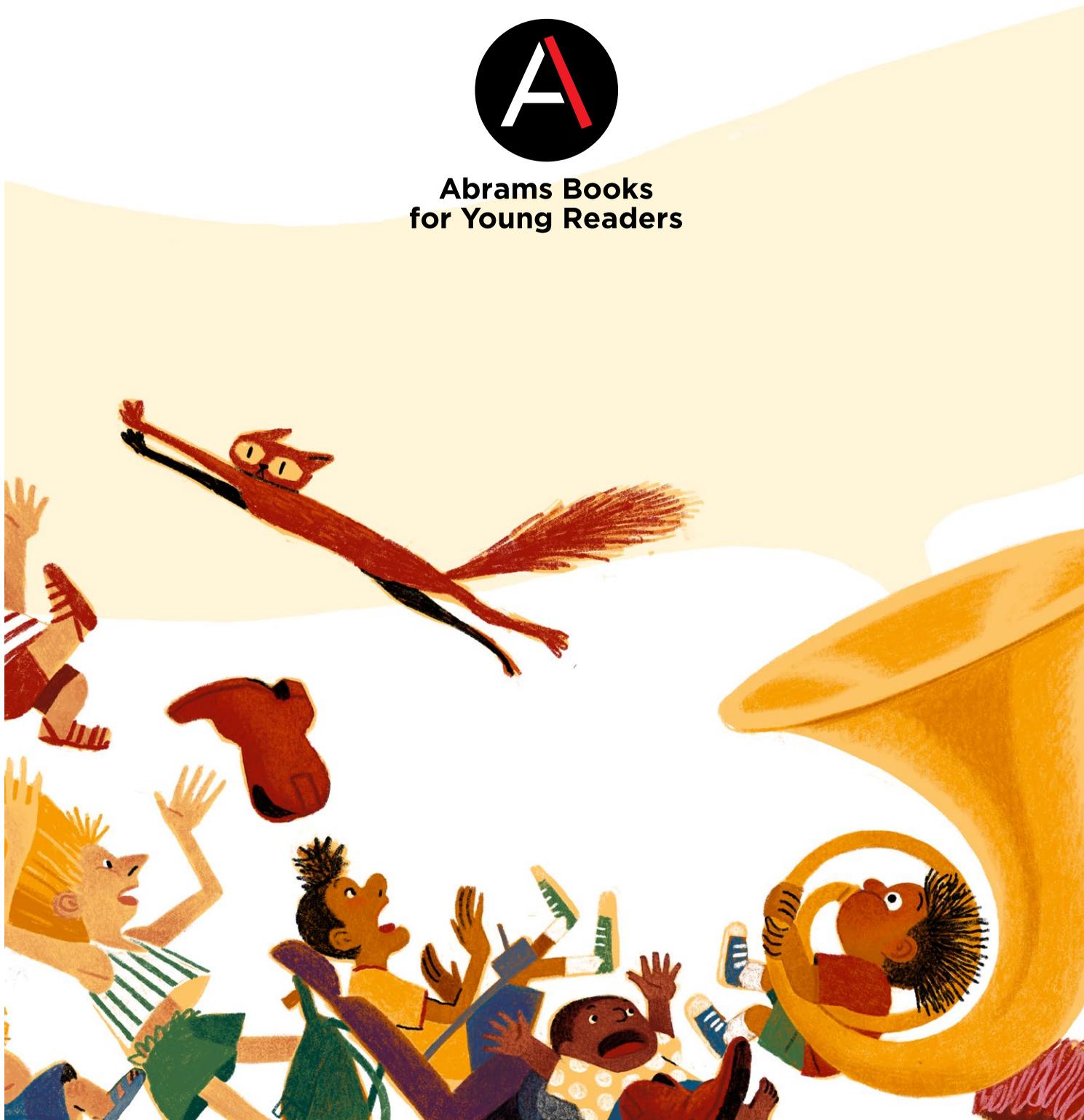
PICTURE BOOK

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**Abrams Books
for Young Readers**



From *A Very Good Parade* • by Eleanor Davis

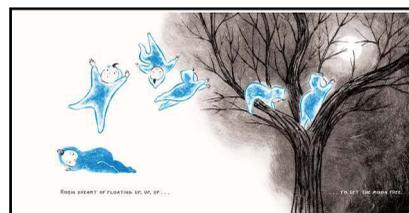
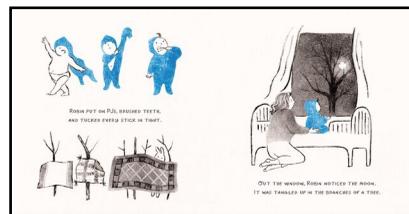
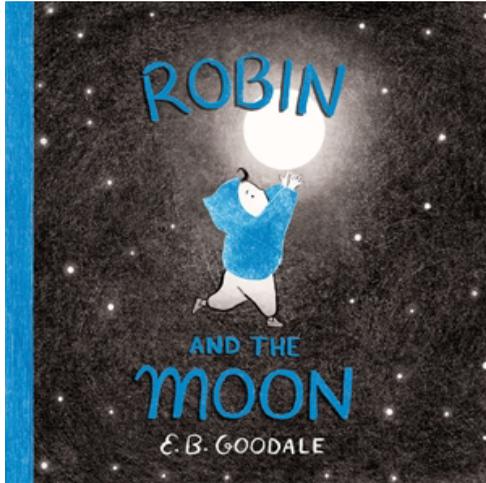
ROBIN'S WORLD

Robin and the Moon

A PICTURE BOOK

● BY E. B. GOODALE

Welcome to Robin's world, from the creative mind of award-winning author-illustrator E. B. Goodale! Robin goes on a dreamy nighttime adventure in this series about a young child experiencing little triumphs in big ways



Reflecting all of the imagination, wonder, and delight inherent in a preverbal child's perspective of the big world around them, award-winning author-illustrator E. B. Goodale's Robin is an irresistible and relatable character whose bite-size everyday adventures are perfect for the littlest littles.

Out the bedroom window, Robin noticed the moon all tangled up in the branches of a tree. *The moon is stuck!*

"Don't worry about the moon," Mama soothed. But Robin was worried.

As Robin drifts off to sleep, bedtime anxieties fade into a dreamy nighttime adventure . . . Can little Robin free the big moon?



E. B. Goodale can often be found wandering in her local arboretum, looking for the perfect stick. She is the author/illustrator of the *Robin's World* series, *The Moon Remembers*, *Also*, and *Under the Lilacs*, and has illustrated many other books for children, including *Windows* by Julia Denos, and *The Bees of Notre-Dame* by Meghan P. Browne. She lives with her family under a big old tree in coastal Massachusetts.

SELLING POINTS

CHARACTER-DRIVEN: Robin is a memorable, charming protagonist who stands up next to long-standing favorites like Harold, Maisy, or Olivia. Robin's stories have a rare, classic-feeling intimacy and wit, and an iconic simplicity and accessibility.

GROWING SERIES: We've signed up three Robin books, launching with *Robin and the Stick* (Spring 2026) and followed by *Robin and the Moon* (Fall 2026) and *Robin and the Flowers* (Spring 2027). The books can be read independently but also complement each other to form a larger emotional arc.

AWARD-WINNING CREATOR: We're excited to bring widely admired author-illustrator E. B. Goodale to our list, whose many accolades include an Ezra Jack Keats illustration honor and numerous starred reviews and best-of lists.

BEDTIME READ-ALoud: The moon is a perennially fascinating subject. This dreamy and soothing story will inspire readers of all ages to wonder at the natural world!

PERFECT LITTLE PACKAGE: Like the stories themselves, these were conceived as bite-size books, at a small 7" x 7" trim. Like Maurice Sendak's classic Nutshell Library, these books will be the first that little hands reach for on any shelf.

SPECIFICATIONS

- * Two-color illustrations throughout
- * 32 pages
- * WIDTH: 7" - 178mm
- * HEIGHT: 7" - 178mm
- * Hardcover with jacket

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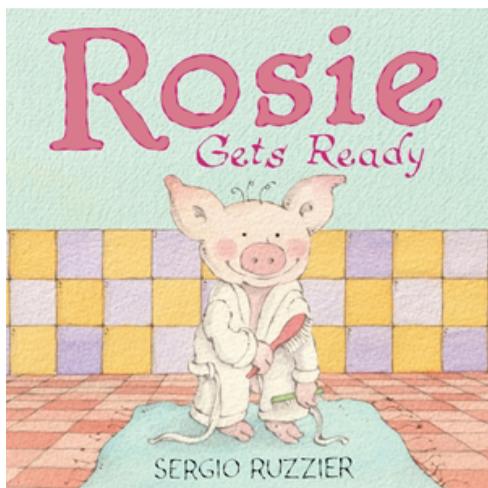
ROSIE'S ROUTINES

Rosie Gets Ready

A PICTURE BOOK

● BY SERGIO RUZZIER

Follow the graceful and tidy—mostly!—morning routine of a cheeky, charming new character, from two-time Geisel-winning author-illustrator Sergio Ruzzier



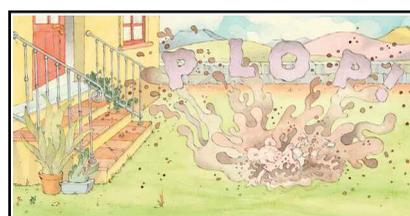
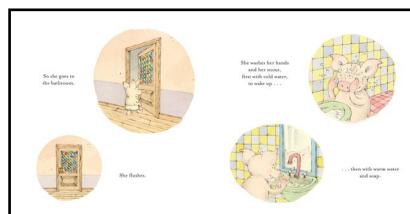
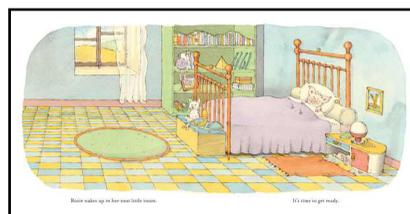
Wake up, wash your hands and snout, soak in the bath, and pick out the perfect outfit—it's time to get ready with Rosie!

Follow one piglet as she prepares for her day, step by careful step. Where is she going, neat as a pin? Just wait and see!

With an endearing new porcine star and his signature offbeat sense of humor, award-winning author-illustrator Sergio Ruzzier presents the perfect read-aloud for little ones and their morning routines.



Sergio Ruzzier is a Sendak Fellow who has written and illustrated many critically acclaimed children's books, including *NO! Said Custard the Squirrel* and *The Real Story*. Born in Milan, Italy, he now divides his time between Brooklyn and the Apennine Mountains in Italy.

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SELLING POINTS**BELOVED, AWARD-WINNING**

CREATOR: Known for his Geisel-winning books *Fox & Chick: The Party and Other Stories* and *Fish and Wave*, Sergio Ruzzier has received countless accolades and starred reviews, earning him a stellar reputation.

SERIES LAUNCH: The start of a delightful new young picture book series about kids' daily activities, with signature Ruzzier flair! We have a second Rosie book signed up.

DAILY ROUTINES: Kids love routines, which are important ways to provide consistency, and for parents to teach independence and responsibility. Going through a child's morning steps is soothing fun; and #getreadywithme is an increasingly popular trend!

KID HUMOR WITH A TWIST: This young, spare text shines with Ruzzier's offbeat, absurdist sense of humor—particularly with this story's delightful surprise ending!

ADORABLE, UNIQUE ART:

Ruzzier's signature settings are welcoming but always quirky and fresh, and his characters are sweet and endearing but never saccharine.

SPECIFICATIONS

- * Full-color illustrations throughout
- * 32 pages
- * WIDTH: 9" - 229mm
- * HEIGHT: 9" - 229mm
- * Hardcover with jacket

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PICTURE BOOK

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US \$18.99

ALSO AVAILABLE*The Real Story*

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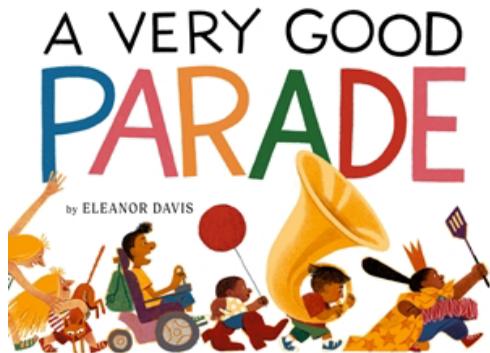
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A Very Good Parade

A PICTURE BOOK

● WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY ELEANOR DAVIS

From award-winning cartoonist Eleanor Davis, this hilarious and heartwarming picture book celebrates kindness, community, imagination, and outdoor play—perfect for fans of *The World Belonged to Us* and *Everybody in the Red Brick Building*

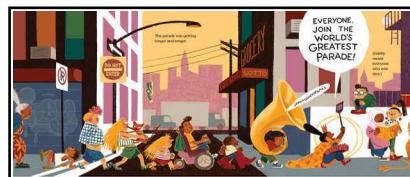


It's time for a parade! Why? Because Gabby said so! Gabby and her grandma set out through the streets of their neighborhood, and Gabby invites everyone (well, everyone who is nice) to join her. There's a lot of talent in Gabby's parade: Fatima can double hula-hoop, Rashad can walk like a crab, and Anthony has very, very good boots. Gabby is bossy, but she's also kind, and the resulting parade is silly, noisy, righteous, and just plain fun.

Full of humor and heart, *A Very Good Parade* is a scrappy celebration of empowerment, kids, and community.



Eleanor Davis is an award-winning cartoonist making books for children and adults. Her recent graphic novel *The Hard Tomorrow* won the *LA Times* Book Prize for Best Graphic novel, and her early reader *Stinky* was celebrated with a Geisel Honor, among many other accolades. She is the illustrator of Traci N. Todd's *Make a Pretty Sound*. *A Very Good Parade* is Davis's author-illustrated picture book debut. She lives in Athens, Georgia, with her family.



SELLING POINTS

DAZZLING DEBUT: This is the highly-anticipated picture book debut from celebrated cartoonist and graphic novel creator Eleanor Davis, whose accolades include an Eisner Award, a Geisel Honor Award, an Ignatz award, and more.

EMPOWERING MESSAGE: In a world that often likes to label confident, opinionated girls as bossy, *A Very Good Parade* is a celebration of how those very characteristics make a good leader.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY: Featuring a diverse cast of characters, *A Very Good Parade* shows readers the joys of coming together as a community, celebrating each other's talents, and being kind to the people around you.

LAUGH-OUT-LOUD FUNNY: Full of true-to-life kid antics, *A Very Good Parade* is sure to be a read-aloud favorite in classrooms and at storytimes. Little readers will love seeing all the silly ways these characters participate in the parade and may be inspired to lead their neighborhood (or classroom! or family!) in a parade of their very own.

CREATIVE PACKAGE: The underside of the jacket will be printed with a stunning full spread of the parade, making it the perfect decoration for a classroom or library wall.

SPECIFICATIONS

- * Full-color illustrations throughout
- * 48 pages
- * WIDTH: 11" - 279mm
- * HEIGHT: 9" - 227mm
- * **Hardcover with jacket**

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PICTURE BOOK

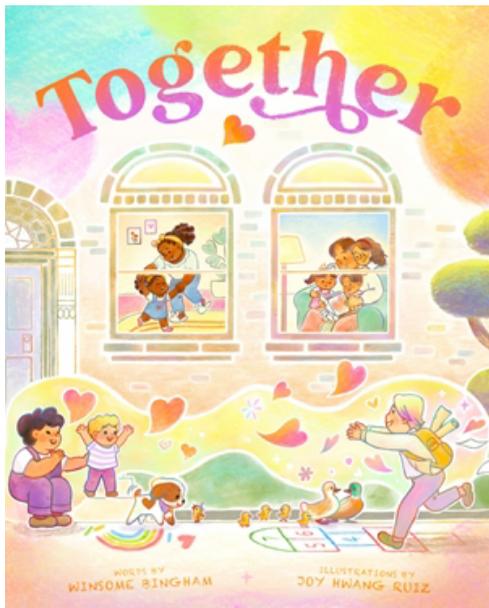
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US \$19.99

Together

A PICTURE BOOK

● BY WINSOME BINGHAM; ILLUSTRATED BY JOY HWANG RUIZ

A radiant ode to family love in its many forms, from award-winning author Winsome Bingham and *New York Times* bestselling illustrator Joy Hwang Ruiz



Whether biking or hiking, baking or caking, breakdancing or tap-dancing—or simply living, laughing, and loving—we were meant to be together.

And during those times when we *can't* be together, we have the memories that imprint our minds and the knowledge that Together is in our hearts.

Featuring a diverse array of families and circumstances, this tender picture book is an ode to togetherness that also acknowledges the difficult times when being together isn't possible—while reassuring young readers that “together” will come again.

With spare, moving text by award-winning author Winsome Bingham and warm, inclusive illustrations by *New York Times* bestselling illustrator Joy Hwang Ruiz, *Together* celebrates the joy of time spent with loved ones and the family bonds that connect us whether we're near or far.



Winsome Bingham is a soul food connoisseur, master cook, U.S. Army war and disabled veteran, and the author of one of the *New York Times* Best Books of the Year, *Soul Food Sunday* (illustrated by C.G. Esperanza), as well as *The Walk* (illustrated by E.B. Lewis). She received both bachelor's and master's degrees in education and has more than 15 years of teaching experience. She lives in Connecticut. **Joy Hwang Ruiz** enjoys capturing the magical and fleeting moments of parenthood as she tries to figure out what it's all about. Her illustrations celebrate love in families and embrace inclusivity. She lives with her husband and two daughters in Southern California.



SELLING POINTS

ACCLAIMED AUTHOR: Winsome Bingham's books have earned numerous starred reviews and accolades, including a *Publisher's Weekly* Flying Start, a *New York Times* Best Book selection, and a Coretta Scott King Illustration honor for *Soul Food Sunday*. *The Walk* was named a finalist for the Jane Addams Children's Book Award and received four starred reviews, while *Missing Momma* was a 2025 NCTE Charlotte Huck Recommended Book.

BESTSELLING ILLUSTRATOR: Joy Hwang Ruiz is the illustrator of the *New York Times* bestseller *I Love You More Than You'll Ever Know* by Leslie Odom Jr. and Nicolette Robinson, in addition to other picture books, including *A Thousand Years* by singer Christina Perri and *Every Little Letter* by Deborah Underwood.

FAMILY LOVE: Highlights the simple joys and small moments of spending time with loved ones, whether it's riding bikes, cooking, dancing, or exploring together.

TOGETHER OR APART: Gently depicts difficult moments of separation, whether through day jobs, migrant work, or incarceration; while reassuring children that until the day they can be together again, they'll hold loved ones close in their hearts.

BEAUTIFUL GIFT BOOK: With its glowing artwork, sweetly simple text, and warm message, *Together* will make a wonderful gift for any family occasion.

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout
* 32 pages

* WIDTH: 8" - 203mm

* HEIGHT: 10" - 254mm

* Hardcover with jacket

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PICTURE BOOK

ISBN 978-1-4197-7945-9

US \$18.99

ALSO AVAILABLE

Missing Momma

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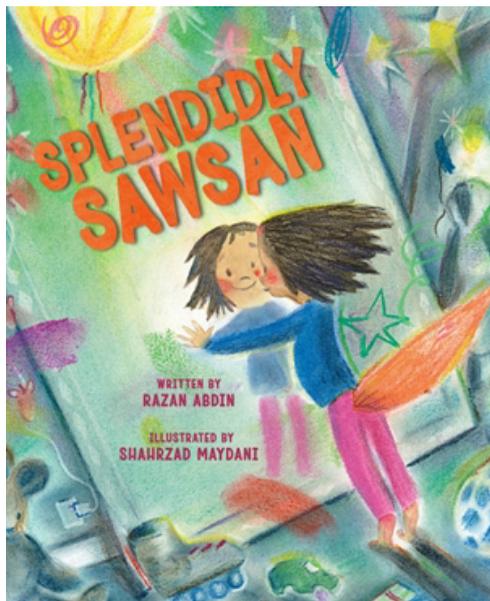
UK £13.99

Splendidly Sawsan

A PICTURE BOOK

● WRITTEN BY RAZAN ABDIN; ILLUSTRATED BY SHAHRZAD MAYDANI

From award-winning illustrator Shahrzad Maydani and debut author Razan Abdin, this affirming, social-emotional learning picture book follows a vivacious little girl who sees the world differently—while offering a fresh, intersectional approach to neurodivergence



Sawsan is a storyteller and a dreamer, a mover and a shaker. Her imagination sends her soaring into space or diving deep into the ocean with the jellyfish!

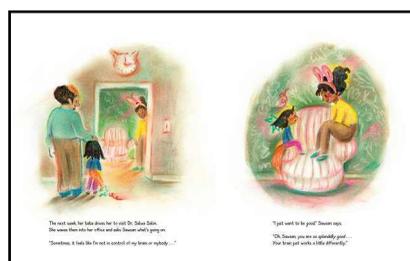
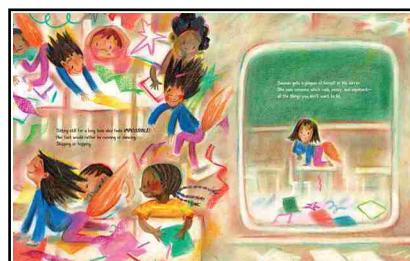
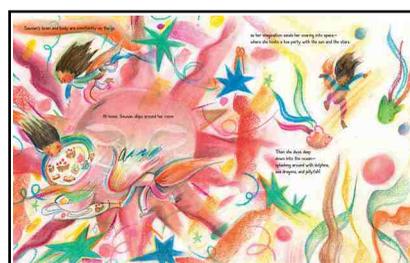
With all her energy and excitement, words EXPLODE out of her mouth during story time. Sitting still at school feels IMPOSSIBLE! And sometimes, when her feelings swell up and BURST! like waves, it feels like she's not in control of her brain or her body—even though she's trying her best.

"Let's create a strategy, you and me," says Dr. Salim . . . After all, she knows Sawsan isn't "rude" or "bad"—she just needs a little help navigating her big, bursty emotions.

A story of affirming others and learning to love yourself, this social-emotional learning picture book follows a vivacious, neurodivergent child who sees the world a little differently—and maybe that's a pretty splendid thing.

Razan Abdin is a Palestinian writer who grew up in the American South and spent many summers in her ancestral homeland. She has been scribbling down stories since elementary school. When Abdin isn't busy arranging words on a page, she can be found exploring places near and far, filling her life with art (in all its forms), or daydreaming about a better world where everyone has what they need to thrive. She currently lives in Little Rock, Arkansas—on the traditional land of the Caddo, Osage, and Quapaw people—with her wild, wonderful standard poodle, Margot. *Splendidly Sawsan* is her debut book.

Shahrzad Maydani is an award-winning illustrator and storyteller, and the author-illustrator of *Leila and the Voice*. She has illustrated picture books including *Sister Friend* by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow and *Francis Discovers Possible* by Ashlee Latimer, among others. Her work has received honors such as the Crystal Kite Award, a Kids Indie Next List pick, Junior Library Guild selection, multiple Bank Street Best Books, the Pedro and Daniel Intersectionality Book Award, and starred reviews.



SELLING POINTS

NEURODIVERGENT REP: Picture books about neurodivergence have seen recent success, including *Too Much! An Overwhelming Day* (over 30,000 copies sold!)

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL

LEARNING: Meets the demand for books that help kids manage their emotions, grow social awareness and empathy, and build positive relationships.

ACCLAIMED ARTIST: Maydani's accolades include the Pedro and Daniel Intersectionality Book Award, a Bank Street Best Book, a CBC Best Children's Book of the Year, and starred reviews.

AUTHOR DEBUT: Abdin's spirited text centers the child's POV and never feels didactic.

SELF-ACCEPTANCE: With a universal message about learning to love yourself, an empathetic doctor reassures Sawsan that she's splendid just as she is, and Sawsan makes a friend who truly "sees" her.

INTERSECTIONALITY: Portrays a neurodivergent Palestinian American child.

PERSONAL AUTHOR'S NOTE: Based on Abdin's own neurodivergent experience, she reassures readers that brains and bodies show up in many different ways.

KID-FRIENDLY ART: Imaginative illustrations capture how Sawsan sees the world.

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout

* 40 pages

* WIDTH: 8.5" - 216mm

* HEIGHT: 10.5" - 267mm

* Hardcover with jacket

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PICTURE BOOK

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ALSO AVAILABLE

Sister Friend

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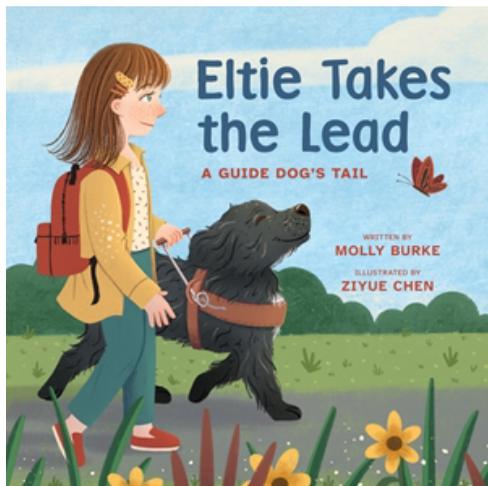
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Eltie Takes the Lead

A GUIDE DOG'S TAIL

● WRITTEN BY MOLLY BURKE; ILLUSTRATED BY ZIYUE CHEN

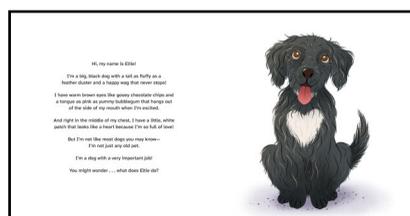
From social media star and disability advocate Molly Burke comes a sweet story of friendship, connection, and accessibility—as told by Burke’s real-life guide dog, Eltie



Like most dogs, Eltie loves belly rubs, playing in the grass, and spending time with his human, Molly. But there’s something that makes Eltie different than the other pups at the playground—Eltie’s got a job! His best friend Molly is blind, and she needs Eltie’s help to navigate the world. Eltie helps Molly get to class, finds what she wants in the cafeteria (and doesn’t take a bite even though it smells *really* good), and plays with Molly at the park. Join Molly and Eltie as they work together through the school day and learn all about the important ways guide dogs help their humans.



Molly Burke is a blind public speaker, content creator, consultant, model, and author. With more than five million followers across social media, she uses her platform to advocate for greater inclusivity and representation at every touchpoint, uplifting and empowering others. She has partnered with major brands such as Aerie, Google, Bose, Samsung, Estée Lauder, Disney, Dove, Microsoft, Tommy Hilfiger, Crocs, and more. She received a Clio Lifetime Achievement Award and has spoken at the United Nations and the World Economic Forum in Davos. Burke is a *Forbes* 30 Under 30 recipient who has been featured in *TheWall Street Journal*, *People*, *Paper*, *Forbes*, *Adweek*, *Teen Vogue*, and *Allure* and appeared on *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah* and *The Today Show*. She is based in Los Angeles. Raised on sunny island of Singapore, **Ziyue Chen**, aka Angeline, lives with her husband, Zw, and her two darling children. Dabbling in art was her form of escape from the struggles and confusion of growing up deaf. This led her to discover the beauty of how the art communicates with the viewer. Her life goal has been to have an emotional connection with those who view her work. She enjoys visualizing stories through illustrations, working on mostly children’s books.



SELLING POINTS

MASSIVE PLATFORM: Molly Burke has more than five million followers across social media, including 1.9 million subscribers on YouTube and 1.4 million followers on TikTok. Her audience is highly engaged and hungry for more of Burke’s authentic content.

ACCESSIBLE BOOKMAKING: *Eltie Takes the Lead* is loaded with accessible features so that as many readers as possible can connect with the story. The picture book includes a page of braille for readers to try, as well as two spreads with tactile textures integrated into the art so that blind and low-vision readers can meet the characters.

Additionally, the text is set in a font that is specifically designed for low-vision readers.

DISABILITY REPRESENTATION: A day-in-the-life of a blind child and her guide dog, this picture book celebrates accessibility and centers a disabled point of view. Both the author and illustrator are disabled, bringing their lived experience to the bookmaking.

IRRESISTIBLE CHARACTER: The star of this story is Burke’s real-life guide dog, Eltie. Fans of Burke will be familiar with Eltie from her social media pages, where she’s made many posts and videos about their relationship. Burke has included a note in the back matter teaching readers how to interact with on-duty guide dogs.

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout
* 40 pages

* WIDTH: 9 1/2" - 241mm

* HEIGHT: 9 1/2" - 241mm

* Hardcover with jacket

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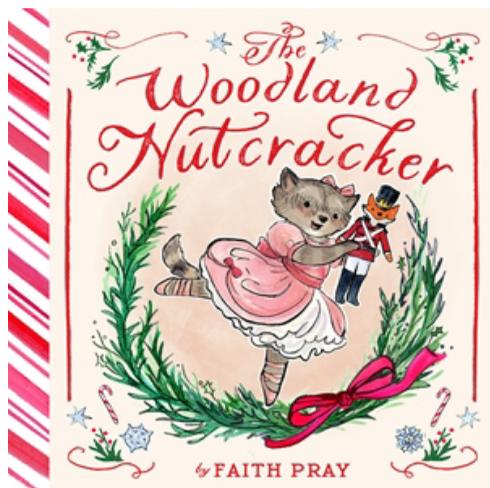
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The Woodland Nutcracker

A PICTURE BOOK

● WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY FAITH PRAY

Join Clara and the Nutcracker on an enchanting journey of dance, dreams, and holiday magic in this gentle young retelling of *The Nutcracker* featuring adorable woodland creatures



Clara and her family are throwing a splendid woodland party full of music, dancing, and a beautiful Christmas tree. When the big clock strikes—*chime! chime!*—Uncle Drosselmeyer arrives with a nutcracker doll for Clara!

But once the guests go home and the lights turn low, tinsel twinkles, branches sway . . . Is the tree growing?

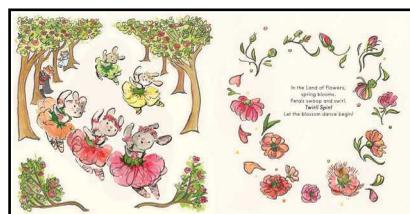
Higher, higher! Follow the glowing . . . enchantment awaits!

In this cozy animal reimagining of a holiday classic, follow Clara and her Nutcracker as they battle the Mouse King, ride a hot air balloon, and explore the Land of Snowflakes and the Kingdom of Sweets! Perfect for holiday gifts, ballet lovers, and aspiring sugar plum fairies, Faith Pray's spare, melodic retelling and charming illustrations bring a beloved tale to the littlest readers.



Faith Pray (yes, that's her name, by marriage) is an award-winning author-illustrator from Port Townsend, Washington. After a stroke left her struggling to find her writing self again, Pray set out to tell stories through art as a form of therapy, and rediscovered picture books.

Pray has since written and/or illustrated seven books for children, with more in the works. When not writing, illustrating, or wrangling four kids (twins plus two), a curious cat, and a rambunctious puppy, Pray loves to sketch at the beach, explore the woods, and of course, read all the books.



SELLING POINTS

HOLIDAY GIFT: A wintertime story to make you cozy up by the fire, with classic-feeling illustrations and a luxe package to set this apart from other retellings—perfect as a timeless holiday gift or for families who see *The Nutcracker* as part of their seasonal traditions.

GENTLE RETELLING: Reminiscent of the Baby University, Baby Lit, and Baby Loves series, this light and playful read-aloud makes a classic ballet accessible for little ones and avoids the traditional violence and gendered elements.

TINY DANCERS: A must-have for small dancers who are just starting their lessons, or anyone who loves ballet. Participating in their local *Nutcracker* production is a rite of passage for even the littlest ballerinas!

BEDTIME READ: As Clara drifts off to sleep, reality and imagination blur together in this dreamy, soothing fantasy.

ANIMAL CHARACTERS: Kids will be immersed in this charming world of woodland creatures, including a raccoon, fox, owl, and bunnies.

MORE TO COME: The first of two enchanting picture book story retellings featuring Faith Pray's joyous, sweet art style and woodland characters.

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout; foil, faux cloth spine
* 32 pages

* WIDTH: 9" - 229mm

* HEIGHT: 9" - 227mm

* **Hardcover POB**

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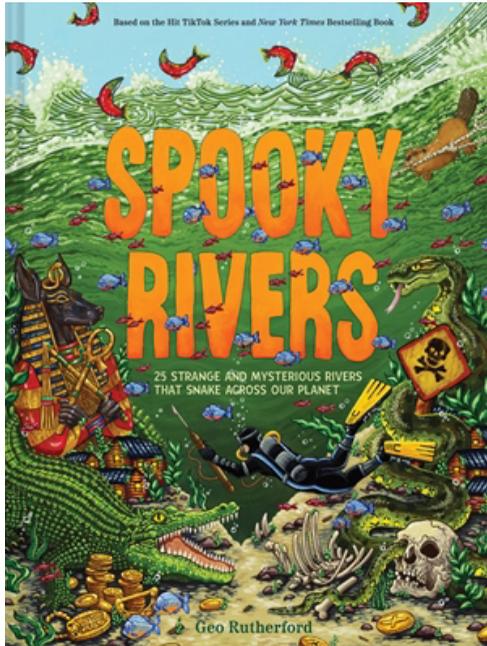
HAUNTED HYDROLOGY

Spooky Rivers

25 STRANGE AND MYSTERIOUS RIVERS THAT SNAKE ACROSS OUR PLANET

● BY GEO RUTHERFORD

Take the plunge into the strangest, spookiest, and most fascinating rivers around the world in this illustrated companion to *Spooky Lakes*—the *New York Times* and Indiebound bestseller from TikTok star Geo Rutherford



Praise for *Spooky Lakes*

"Amazingly quirky and educational." —*Booklist* starred review

From Geo Rutherford—the creator of the hit series *Spooky Lake Month* (over 79 million likes!)—comes this thrilling nonfiction book that follows the winding histories of 25 mysterious rivers around the world. Readers will explore natural phenomena, scientific oddities, historical events, and environmental disasters, as well as the myths and legends tied to these waterways, which are increasingly threatened by climate change.

Rivers are Earth's restless travelers—carving landscapes, shaping history, and holding secrets. Some are forces of destruction, sweeping away everything in their path, while others are lifelines, sustaining civilizations for millennia. And some are both, bringing prosperity and devastation in equal measure.

From deadly whirlpools to lost cities submerged beneath their waves, these rivers challenge everything we think we know about the natural world. There are rivers that catch fire, rivers that boil, and rivers so deep they seem bottomless. Some slither beneath the ground you stand on, while others vanish without a trace. Who knew rivers could be so . . . spooky?

Backed by extensive research and packed with all-new content—including eerie and eye-popping gouache illustrations in full color—*Spooky Rivers* takes readers on an adventure through weird and wild waters.

Includes river facts, author's note, glossary, bibliography, and index.

Geo Rutherford is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Spooky Lakes*, as well as an artist and teacher who has spent her entire professional career working in art education. She is an adjunct professor at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, and the visual arts director at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. While Rutherford's interest in lakes began as a part of her artistic practice, she soon found a captive audience after sharing the information she was learning on TikTok. Her videos explaining the science behind strange ice formations or drifting islands piqued the interest of viewers worldwide, but her channel found its stride when she began posting videos about spooky lakes every October. She was born in Canada and has both Canadian and American citizenship.



SELLING POINTS

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BESTSELLER: Rutherford's debut, *Spooky Lakes*, made repeat appearances on the *New York Times* and Indiebound bestseller lists, was featured on NPR, *Scientific American*, and *National Geographic*, and received a starred review.

TIKTOK STAR: The creator of the hit series *Spooky Lake Month*, Rutherford has over 1.8M TikTok followers (@geodesaurus, plus 790K on Instagram). Featuring all-new content, this book will attract both longtime fans and new audiences.

SPOOKY LAKE MONTH: Every day in October, Rutherford highlights the fascinating history behind a different "spooky lake"—and "spooky rivers" are a natural next step. Across TikTok and Instagram, her videos have over 79M likes.

FANS OF ALL AGES: *Spooky Lake Month* has fans from middle-grade to YA to adult.

UNIQUE NONFICTION: With stunning art, a spooky-light feel, a kid-friendly voice, and a STEAM hook, Rutherford knows how to engage kids with science.

EXPERT AUTHOR-ARTIST: An artist and art educator who works with kids—and who knows this subject inside and out—Rutherford is positioned to continue making big waves in the kids' nonfiction space.

SPECIFICATIONS

- * Full-color illustrations throughout
- * 96 pages
- * WIDTH: 10 1/2" - 267mm
- * HEIGHT: 14" - 356mm
- * Hardcover POB

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MIDDLE-GRADE NONFICTION

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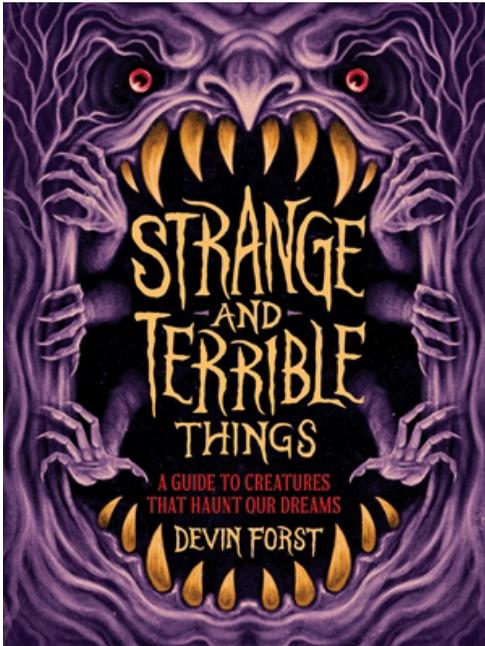
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Strange and Terrible Things

A GUIDE TO CREATURES THAT HAUNT OUR DREAMS

● BY DEVIN FORST

A spine-tingling collection of scary creatures from around the world that will keep kids turning the pages and wanting to sleep with the lights on



A Romanian Strigoi rising from its grave. The Boogeyman's claws scraping beneath the bed. A Banshee's wail echoing through Ireland. The glowing eyes of the Mothman staring from a West Virginia tree line. Krampus arriving to punish naughty children in the Yuletide season.

In *Strange and Terrible Things: A Guide to Creatures that Haunt Our Dreams*, author and artist Devin Forst takes you on a global tour of nightmares. Packed with eerie folklore, monstrous myths, and creepy tales from every corner of the world, this thoroughly-researched guide uncovers nearly 80 sinister beings that live in the heart of humanity's oldest fears.

Perfect for fans of horror and role-playing games, this illustration-heavy older middle-grade book explores the stories we tell about monsters—and what those stories say about us. Creatures include those from classical mythology and contemporary folklore, and from diverse cultural traditions, including African, Aztec, British, Chinese, Egyptian, Filipino, Greek, Indian, Irish, Japanese, Mesopotamian, Mexican, Middle Eastern, Nordic, Native American and North American, Slavic, and South American.

Open the book if you dare. But beware . . . sometimes the creatures are known to bite.

A true fan and friend of boogeymen, **Devin Forst** is a Pennsylvania-born illustrator with a penchant for the dark and supernatural. Forst's first book, *Witches Through History: Grimoire and Oracle Deck* (Rizzoli, 9/23), went back to press after two months and spawned an Italian edition, as well as a 2025 calendar. Outside of his growing Instagram presence, he has conjured up multiple designs for Wicked Clothes and Creep-O-Rama and produced cover and interior art for horror tales from Dark Hart Books, Illuminate, and Macmillan. An honors graduate from the Pennsylvania College of Art and Design, he also illustrated Liz Kay's poetry in *The Witch Tells the Story and Makes It True* (Quarter Press), which won the IPPY 2021 bronze award. He lives in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.



SELLING POINTS

HAPPY HALLOWEEN: Perfect for Halloween promotions, this eerie collection is tailor-made for those who are fascinated by monsters, cryptids, and all things spooky.

MACABRE ART: Similar to the art of Brom and Neil Gaiman, Forst's creepy, enigmatic creature portraits will capture kids' attention and imagination.

INDIRECT COMPANION: While this isn't a direct companion to *Amazing Immortals* (which received two starred reviews and landed on several best-book lists), both heavily illustrated collections share the same gifty format and take a similar multicultural approach to exploring myths and lore.

CULTURALLY DIVERSE: Features over 60 popular and lesser-known creatures from countries and cultures around the world.

ACCESSIBLE FORMAT: Many encyclopedias are large-trim picture books that feel too young for middle-grade readers, whereas this smaller, portable format is the perfect size for tweens and teens to dip in and out of and fit in their backpacks.

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout
* 208 pages

* WIDTH: 6" - 152mm
* HEIGHT: 8" - 203mm

* **Hardcover POB**

PUB MONTH: **AUGUST 2026**
MIDDLE-GRADE NONFICTION

ISBN 978-1-4197-8061-5

US \$19.99

100 Things You Love to Draw

CREATING YOUR ARTISTIC VOICE

● WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY JOHN HENDRIX

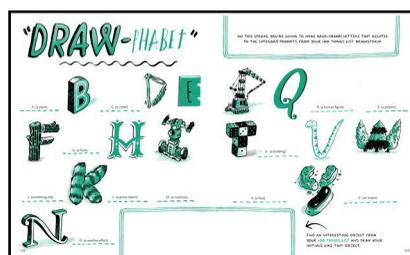
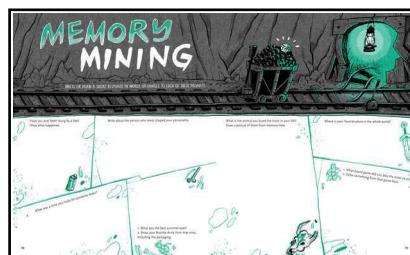
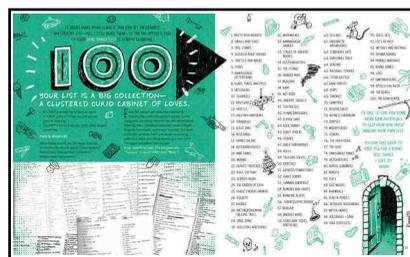
A companion to *Drawing Is Magic: Discovering Yourself in a Sketchbook*, this playful and motivational sketchbook from *New York Times* bestselling author–artist John Hendrix will inspire creativity in artists of any age



Have you ever wanted to draw but fear of being “bad” kept you from even trying? Or you have no idea where to start? Good news: There is no “wrong” way to draw!

Blending drawing prompts, visual metaphors, and entertaining games, award-winning and bestselling illustrator John Hendrix will help you build an expansive list of 100 things and more that you love to draw—and to unlock your boundless imagination.

John Hendrix is a *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator. His books include the Eisner-nominated graphic novel *The Mythmakers: The Remarkable Fellowship of J. R. R. Tolkien and C. S. Lewis*; *The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler*, an NPR Best Book; *Drawing Is Magic: Discovering Yourself in a Sketchbook*; and many others. Hendrix is the Kenneth E. Hudson Professor of Art and founding chair of the MFA in illustration and visual culture program at the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts at Washington University in St. Louis. He lives in Webster Groves, Missouri.



SELLING POINTS

BESTSELLING AND AWARD-WINNING CREATOR:

The author–artist behind *The Mythmakers: The Remarkable Fellowship of C. S. Lewis & J.R.R. Tolkien* (an Indiebound bestseller with over 43,000 copies sold!) and illustrator of the *New York Times* bestselling Ronan Boyle series, John Hendrix has established himself as a successful creator with a strong sales track. His books have received numerous Society of Illustrators medals, “Best Book” recognitions, and starred reviews.

SUCCESSFUL FORMAT:

Drawing Is Magic: Discovering Yourself in a Sketchbook proved to be a very successful format, with over 35,000 copies sold.

POPULAR TREND: The book’s basis is built around the “100 things I like to draw” exercise that is popular among artists as a way to generate ideas.

ALL AGES: Whether you’re a budding artist looking to get started or an advanced artist in search of a creative refresh, there’s something for everyone in this sketchbook that’s aimed at both kids and adults.

ENCOURAGING AND FUN:

Hendrix motivates and entertains, debunking myths about drawing while keeping a light tone that will inspire artists to think of the page as a playground and enjoy the adventure of learning.

SPECIFICATIONS

- * Two-color illustrations throughout
- * 160 pages
- * WIDTH: 7 1/2" - 191mm
- * HEIGHT: 9" - 227mm
- * Hardcover POB

PUB MONTH: **SEPTEMBER 2026**
ART

ISBN 978-1-4197-7616-8

US \$22.99

ALSO AVAILABLE

Drawing Is Magic

ISBN 978-1-61769-137-9

US \$24.99 CAN \$31.99

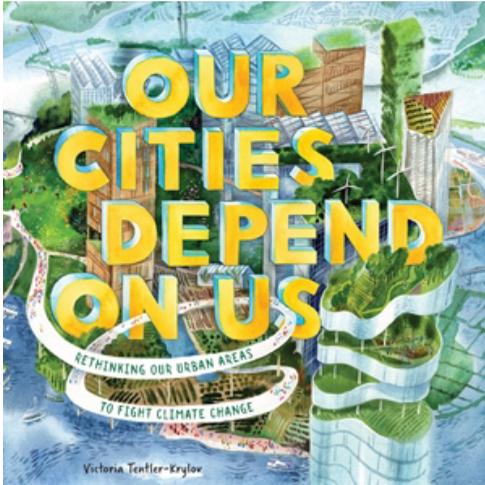
UK £13.99

Our Cities Depend on Us

RETHINKING OUR URBAN AREAS TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE (A PICTURE BOOK)

● BY VICTORIA TENTLER-KRYLOV

Acclaimed author–artist Victoria Tentler–Krylov highlights cities that are fighting climate change around the world in this gorgeously illustrated picture book about sustainability and green building



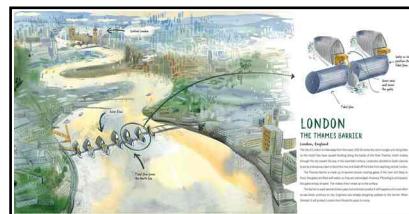
As people, animals, and even plants all over the world face environmental changes—rising sea levels, droughts, frequent and intense hurricanes and floods, and more—our cities must adapt.

We hear the terms “greenhouse effect” and “global warming,” but what do they mean? And can cities be rethought to not only fight climate change but to become more sustainable and meet the varying needs of their populations?

From the living roofs of Singapore to the Netherlands’ floating parks made of recycled trash, and innovative environmental efforts like transforming the Chicago River and saving the sinking city of Venice, many cities around the world have been incorporating new ways to fight these issues head-on. In *Our Cities Depend on Us*, author–illustrator and architect Victoria Tentler–Krylov shows young readers how cities around the world are taking action and how we must reimagine our urban areas to protect their history and more importantly provide them and us a future.



Victoria Tentler–Krylov is an architect turned children’s book author and artist, as well as an editorial illustrator. In addition to award–winning children’s books, she has created multiple covers for *The New Yorker*, and her editorial illustrations appear in the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and other publications. *The Horn Book* says Tentler–Krylov’s illustrations “exude energy and power.” She lives with her family just outside of New York City.



FOREIGN RIGHTS SOLD

German (Knesebeck)

SELLING POINTS

ACCLAIMED ARTIST: In addition to many starred reviews, Victoria Tentler–Krylov’s accolades include the 2022 Goddard Riverside CBC Youth Book Prize for Social Justice, a 2023 Jane Addams Peace Association Children’s Book Award Honor, a RISE Feminist Book selection, an Oregon Book Award Finalist, a *Horn Book* Fanfare pick, and a *Kirkus* Best Book.

EARTH DAY: Touching on climate change and sustainability, this title is the perfect purchase for Earth Day (April 22, 2026).

LUSH ARTWORK: Perfect for museums and gift stores, Tentler–Krylov’s exquisite watercolors have been recognized with an Ezra Jack Keats Illustrator Honor and a Silver Medal at the Society of Illustrators’ Original Art Show.

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout

* 40 pages

* WIDTH: 10" - mm

* HEIGHT: 10" - mm

* Hardcover with jacket

PUB MONTH: MARCH 2026

PICTURE BOOK, KIDS
NONFICTION

ISBN 978-1-4197-5669-6

US \$19.99

ALSO AVAILABLE

The High Line

ISBN 978-1-4197-5670-2

US \$19.99 CAN \$24.99

UK £13.99

BEARSUIT TURTLE

Bearsuit Turtle Plays a Game

A PICTURE BOOK

● WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY BOB SHEA

Two friends invent an imaginative new game in this laugh-out-loud story that captures the silliness of playtime, from award-winning author-illustrator Bob Shea



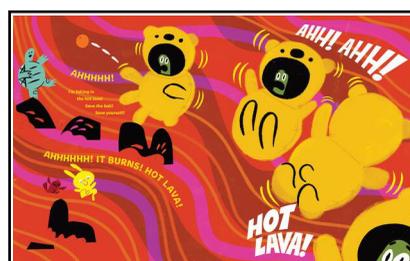
When a bear suit-wearing turtle and his best friend are left to their own devices, the fun and games begin!

Pass the ball, but be careful—the grass is hot lava! As “bearsケットball” gets increasingly off-the-wall, the two friends compete to see who can find the biggest stick in the forest, roll down the hill without dropping the ball, and guess the number each one is thinking. Who will be the winner? And what *are* the rules to this game, anyway?

From Bob Shea, author-illustrator of the popular *Dinosaur vs.* series and *Unicorn Thinks He’s Pretty Great*, this charming and hilarious tale is an ode to the joy and freedom of childhood. With true-to-life kid dynamics, offbeat humor, and memorable characters, this picture book companion to *Bearsuit Turtle Makes a Friend* proves that everyone wins when you’re having fun.



Bob Shea has written and/or illustrated over 20 picture books, including the popular *Dinosaur vs.* series, *Unicorn Thinks He’s Pretty Great*, and the *Ballet Cat* early readers series. His most recent picture book, *Chez Bob*, received three starred reviews, with *Booklist* calling it “terrifically funny and surprisingly sweet.” Shea’s characters and animations have appeared on Nick Jr., Playhouse Disney, and PBS Kids.



SELLING POINTS

STAR CREATOR: Bob Shea’s *Dinosaur vs.* series has sold over 150,000 copies across hardcover and board. In addition to strong sales, numerous awards, and starred reviews for his many other author-illustrated books, Shea is also the author of *Who Wet My Pants?*, a 2020 Eisner Award nominee.

NEW STAR CHARACTER:

Bearsuit Turtle has quickly become an in-house favorite, and book one is poised to make a splash with readers. This is the second of two picture books signed up in a competitive auction (with hopefully more Bearsuit adventures to come—the possibilities for other stories, formats, and age categories seem endless!).

ENDEARING FRIENDSHIP

STORY: Imaginative play leads to silly sports-themed adventures between two new friends.

HILARIOUS READ-ALoud:

Shea is known for his kid-perfect sense of humor. This energetic, simple, VERY funny text is perfect fans of Jon Klassen, with a goofier, sweeter sensibility.

KID-FRIENDLY ART:

With Shea’s signature spare, graphic style, bold color palette, and visual humor on every spread.

POPULAR ANIMAL: Turtles are evergreen favorite characters in picture books.

SPECIFICATIONS

- * Full-color illustrations throughout
- * 40 pages
- * WIDTH: 8 1/2" - mm
- * HEIGHT: 10 1/2" - mm
- * Hardcover with jacket

PUB MONTH: MAY 2026

PICTURE BOOK

ISBN 978-1-4197-7157-6

US \$19.99

ALSO AVAILABLE

Bearsuit Turtle Makes a Friend

ISBN 978-1-4197-7155-2

US \$19.99 CAN \$24.99

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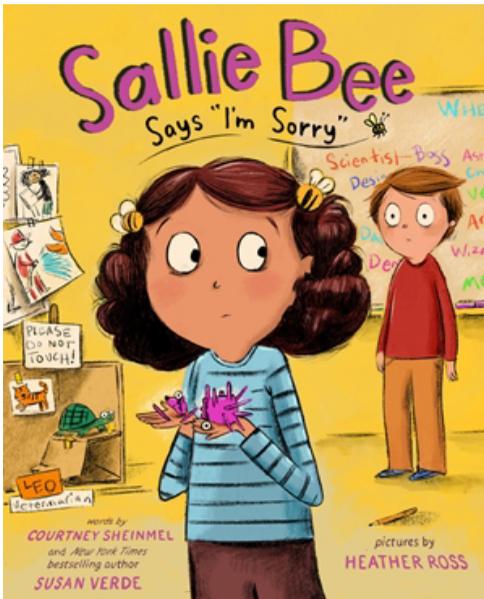
SALLIE BEE

Sallie Bee Says "I'm Sorry"

A PICTURE BOOK

- WRITTEN BY SUSAN VERDE AND COURTNEY SHEINMEL; ILLUSTRATED BY HEATHER ROSS

Sallie Bee learns how to apologize authentically in this funny and encouraging companion to *Sallie Bee Writes a Thank-You Note* from *New York Times* bestselling author Susan Verde, Courtney Sheinmel, and Heather Ross



Sallie Bee didn't mean to break Leo's project, but it wasn't her fault! Someone left a pencil on the floor—of *course* she tripped!

She tries to make it better. A knock-knock joke? Check. A snickerdoodle? Yum. A quick "sorry"? Done! So why is Leo still upset?

Maybe because Sallie hasn't thought about *how* Leo feels—or added the most important part to her apology: the *because*.

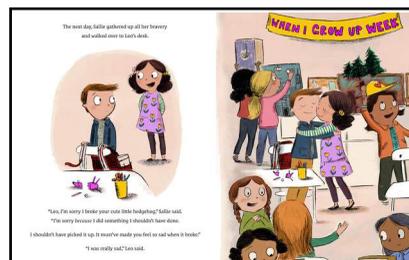
Time for a do-over. With a little courage and a lot of heart, Sallie is ready to make things right—for real.

Sallie Bee Says "I'm Sorry" is a warm, relatable story about taking responsibility, offering true apologies, and learning from our mistakes.

Includes an author's note with steps for saying "sorry"



Susan Verde is the author of many picture books including the *New York Times* bestselling *I Am* series with Peter Reynolds. In addition to writing books, she is a certified yoga and mindfulness instructor for kids of all ages. She lives in East Hampton, New York, with her three children, a cat, a dog, and a tarantula. **Courtney Sheinmel** is a chocolate lover, mac 'n' cheese expert, mom to Archer, and the author of over 30 books for kids and teens, including the Stella Batts and *My Pet Slime* series for young readers. Sheinmel and her family live in New York City. **Heather Ross** is an illustrator, author, and textile designer. She is the author-illustrator of *Boys: An Illustrated Field Guide* and *How to Catch a Frog* and has illustrated picture books such as *How to Behave at a Tea Party* and *Crafty Chloe*. She also wrote the bestselling craft books *Weekend Sewing* and *Heather Ross Prints*. She lives just outside New York City and in the Catskill Mountains with her husband and daughter.

**SELLING POINTS****BESTSELLING AUTHOR:**

Cowriting with Courtney Sheinmel, Susan Verde is Abrams' *New York Times* bestselling author of the *I Am* series (over 2 million copies sold across formats).

STAR ILLUSTRATOR:

Known for her two bestselling craft books and her authentic, whimsical kid characters seen in *Boys: An Illustrated Field Guide* and the *Crafty Chloe* picture books, Heather Ross is a beloved children's book artist.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL

LEARNING: With a compassionate, accessible approach to conflict resolution that never feels too didactic, this story shows kids that a good apology takes self-reflection, honesty, responsibility, and bravery—and plenty of practice.

FUNNY READ-ALoud:

The authors get their point across with plenty of lighthearted humor, creating a story kids will love to read and that is perfect for sharing at home and in classrooms.

BACK MATTER:

Includes tips from the authors on how to apologize, like being specific about what you're sorry for (no buts!) and thinking about what you can do to make things better.

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout

* 32 pages

* WIDTH: 8.5" - mm

* HEIGHT: 10.5" - mm

* Hardcover

PUB MONTH: JUNE 2026

PICTURE BOOK

ISBN 978-1-4197-8301-2

US \$18.99

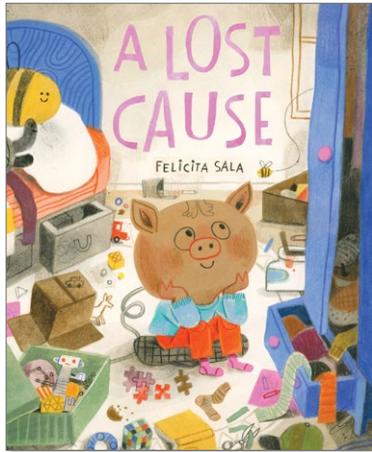
ALSO AVAILABLE

Sallie Bee Writes a Thank-You Note

ISBN 978-1-4197-4960-5

US \$17.99 CAN \$22.99

UK £12.99



A Lost Cause

Pablo just can't stop losing his things: at the bus stop, in the park, on a plane, everywhere! When his exasperated parents give him the responsibility of keeping track of everything, Pablo tries—he really does. But his room has become a frightful mess, and with show-and-tell just around the corner, Pablo needs to find his things now more than ever. Where have they gone to? And who can help him now?

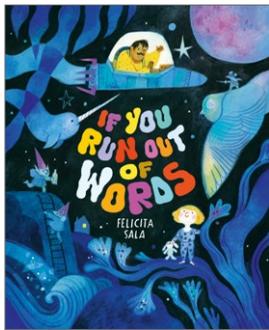
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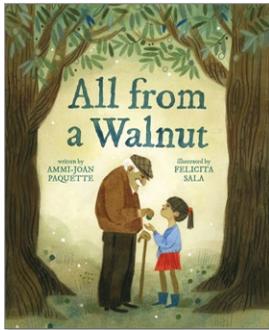
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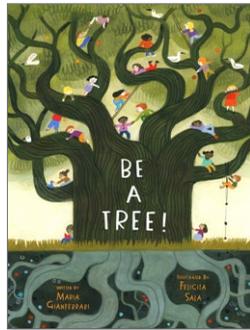
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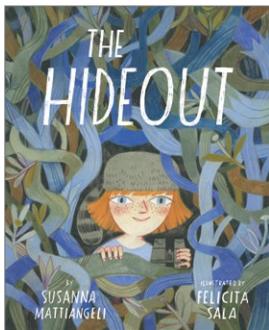
All From a Walnut



Be a Tree



The Hideout



Ode to an Onion



SPECIFICATIONS

If You Run Out of Words

o 216 × 203 mm
o Page Count: 48
o **Hardcover with jacket**
PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2025**
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Be a Tree

o 216 × 267 mm
o Page Count: 40
o **Hardcover with jacket**
PUB MONTH: **MARCH 2021**
RIGHTS SOLD:
CHINESE COMPLEX (LINKING) CHINESE SIMPLIFIED (HAITIAN) DUTCH (LUITINGH-SIJTHOF) FRENCH (LA PASTEQUE) GERMAN (INSEL) GREEK (METAIXMIO) ITALIAN (RIZZOLI) JAPANESE (HYORONSHA) KOREAN (BEAR BOOKS) PORTUGUESE EU (20/20) RUSSIAN (NIGMA) SLOVENIAN (DESK) SPANISH/CATALAN/BASQUE (EDELVIVES) TURISH (KOC) VIETNAMESE (MESSY)

All From a Walnut

o 229 × 279 mm
o Page Count: 40
o **Hardcover with jacket**
PUB MONTH: **MARCH 2022**
RIGHTS SOLD:
CHINESE COMPLEX (SAN MIN) CHINESE SIMPLIFIED (CHINA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY) DUTCH (STANDAARD) FRENCH (LA PASTEQUE) GERMAN (INSEL) ITALIAN (RIZZOLI) JAPANESE (HYORONSHA) SLOVENIAN (DESK) TURKISH (FIBULA)

The Hideout

o 216 × 241 mm
o Page Count: 40
o **Hardcover with jacket**
PUB MONTH: **JUNE 2019**
RIGHTS SOLD:
CHINESE COMPLEX (LOCUS) CHINESE SIMPLIFIED (GUIZHOU) FRENCH (CAMBOURAKIS) GERMAN (INSEL) ITALIAN (LUPO GUIDO) SPANISH/CATALAN/BASQUE (EDELVIVES)

Ode to an Onion

o 254 × 292 mm
o Page Count: 40
o **Hardcover with jacket**
PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2018**
RIGHTS SOLD:
CHINESE SIMPLIFIED (GUIZHOU) FRENCH (CAMBOURAKIS) ITALIAN (RIZZOLI) SPANISH (PANAMERICANA)

Felicita Sala is the self-taught illustrator of several picture books, including *All from a Walnut* by Ammi-Joan Paquette, *Be a Tree!* by Maria Gianferrari, and *The Hideout* by Susanna Mattiangeli, as well as her own book of recipes for children, *What's Cooking at 10 Garden Street?*, and her author-illustrator debut, *If You Run Out of Words*. She grew up between Italy and Australia and now lives in Rome with her family.



AMULET

DREAMDARK

The Guardians of Dreamdark: Silksinger (Book Two)

● BY LAINI TAYLOR

From *New York Times* bestselling author Laini Taylor comes a new edition of her first cult favorite series, *Guardians of Dreamdark*, about a djinn–protector faerie and her quest to save her world



Whisper Silksinger—the last of her clan—is on the run. As the guardian of the Azazel, one of the seven djinn who created the world, it's Whisper's sacred duty to keep him safe from the bloodthirsty devils hot on their trail. The stakes couldn't be higher, for if the Azazel dies before he's restored to his ancient temple, the very Tapestry of the Universe will unravel, and life as she knows it will be lost.

But devils aren't the only ones who seek the Azazel. Pursued by a band of mercenaries, Whisper is surprised to find herself drawn to Hirik, a mysterious faerie with a powerful sword and a secret agenda of his own. Behind them follows Magpie Windwitch, desperate to reach Whisper before the devils do. With danger closing in from all sides, Whisper will have to learn who to trust . . . before it's too late.



Laini Taylor is a *New York Times* bestselling author, National Book Award finalist, and Printz Honor recipient. Her work includes the *Daughter of Smoke & Bone* series and the *Strange the Dreamer* duology. She lives with her husband, Jim Di Bartolo, and their daughter, Clementine, in Portland, Oregon.

FOREIGN RIGHTS SOLD

Spanish (Nocturna)

SELLING POINTS

BESTSELLING AUTHOR: Laini Taylor is a National Book Award finalist and *New York Times* bestselling author whose books have sold nearly 400,000 copies. She's also received excellent critical acclaim. She was a finalist for the National Book Award, a Cybils Award winner, and a Michael L. Printz Award winner.

FAIRY TALES: From Holly Black to Disney reimaginings, darker stories with fairies in them have done well in the market. This twisting, adventurous story is sure to enthrall a new generation of readers.

EXCITING NEW LOOK: This new release will come with brand–new cover art by acclaimed cover artist Sija Hong. We will also be publishing *The Guardians of Dreamdark: Silksinger* simultaneously in hardcover and paperback, inviting even more readers to join the adventure.

NEW FORMATS: We will be publishing a brand–new graphic novel adaptation of this series in 2026, giving new readers another entry point to the series and inviting old fans to return to this magical world.

NEW MATERIAL: Features an all–new bonus material from Taylor.

SPECIFICATIONS

* 400 pages

* WIDTH: 5 1/2" - 140mm

* HEIGHT: 8" - 203mm

* Paperback

PUB MONTH: **SEPTEMBER 2026**

MIDDLE-GRADE FICTION

ISBN 978-1-4197-5391-6

US \$9.99

ALSO AVAILABLE

The Guardians of Dreamdark: Windwitch (Book One)

ISBN 978-1-4197-5387-9

US \$9.99 CAN \$12.99

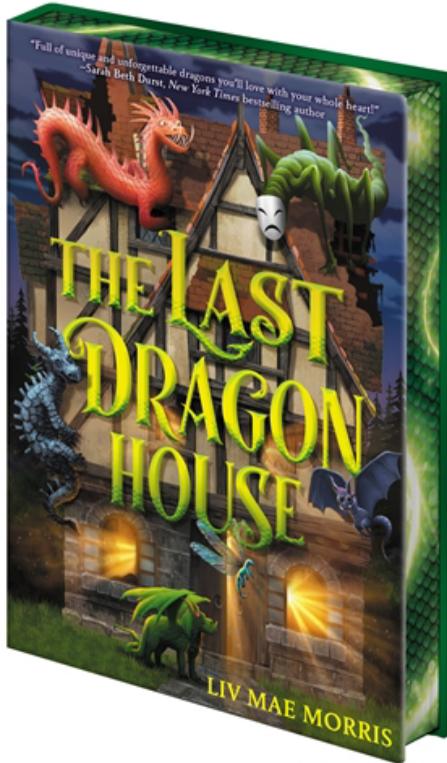
THE LAST DRAGON HOUSE

The Last Dragon House

A NOVEL

● BY LIV MAE MORRIS

A spellbinding middle-grade debut about a magical boarding house for dragons and the unlikely boy destined to save it



Praise for *The Last Dragon House*

An ABA Indies Introduce Title

"An absolutely wonderful tale full of unique and unforgettable dragons you'll love with your whole heart!" —Sarah Beth Durst, *New York Times* bestselling author

When Olly Atwood turns 11, it's time for him to get a job. Every kid his age in Oakridge already has one, mostly at the hazardous silverware factory. Olly wants more for his life than a dangerous job on the factory line, so when the brilliant Dr. Lady Abernathy offers him a high-paying position at a mysterious house outside of town, he accepts. Only after accepting does he find out his job is to care for dragons—from the gentle fairy dragons to the terrifying death wyrm and everything in between. And when Dr. Lady is poisoned, Olly and his new friends find themselves in a race against time (and political conspiracies, and foreboding prophecies, and one very large corgi).

Nine-year-old Jenny Atwood has found a strange scaly creature in the family's garden. When her older brother leaves with a pack of dragons to find an antidote for a dying woman, she knows just where to bring it—the Dragon House. Jenny has always felt different, but it's only after meeting the dragons that she realizes why: She can do magic. Maybe her newfound abilities will be enough to keep Dr. Lady, who's sicker than anyone realized, alive until Olly returns with a cure. Maybe Jenny can do a whole lot more. Maybe Jenny is about to become as powerful and fearsome as any dragon.



Liv Mae Morris is a writer, bookseller, and professional dragon enthusiast. She was a 2022 Lambda Literary Fellow and a recipient of the Susan Kamil Scholarship for Emerging Writers. She grew up in Kentucky and now lives in Boston with her wife, two cats (Bo and Pawl Simon), a husky/chihuahua mix (Diana Wynne Bones), and a frankly irresponsible number of books.

SELLING POINTS

DRAGONS FOREVER: Dragons are a perennial favorite in middle-grade fantasy, and they're having a particularly hot moment with bestsellers such as *Impossible Creatures* and *The Last Dragon on Mars*.

SERIES LAUNCH: *Dragon House* is the first in a three-book series following Olly and Jenny as they save dragons, learn magic, and topple an evil king. With immersive world-building, lovable characters, and hilarious dragon hijinks, we think this series has all the makings of a middle-grade classic.

COMPETITIVE AUCTION: We won this title in a very competitive auction, so there's lots of excitement around this series.

ACCESSIBLE MIDDLE GRADE: With fast-paced storytelling, hilarious hijinks, and relatable characters, *Dragon House* expertly combines much of what's working in the middle-grade genre right now to create a fun and accessible read.

SPECIFICATIONS

* 336 pages

* WIDTH: 5 1/2" - mm

* HEIGHT: 8" - mm

* **Hardcover with jacket**

PUB MONTH: **MAY 2026**
MIDDLE-GRADE FICTION

ISBN **978-1-4197-8461-3**

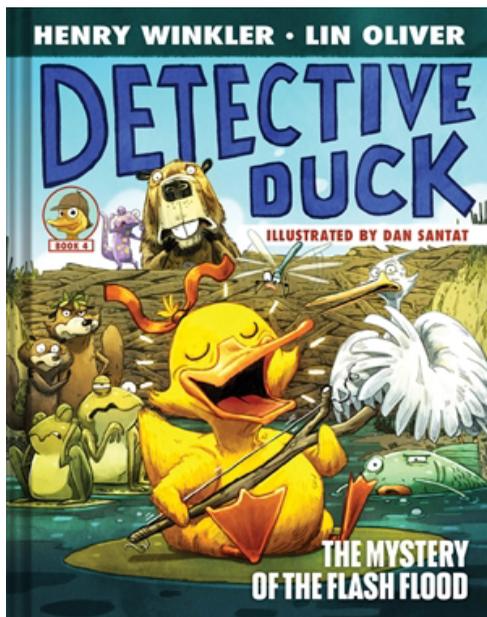
US \$19.99

DETECTIVE DUCK

Detective Duck: The Mystery of the Flash Flood (Detective Duck #4)

● WRITTEN BY HENRY WINKLER AND LIN OLIVER, ILLUSTRATED BY DAN SANTAT

From *New York Times* bestselling creators—Emmy Award–winning actor Henry Winkler, children’s book author Lin Oliver, and Caldecott Medal–winning author–illustrator Dan Santat—comes a hysterical, full–color chapter–book adventure



Willow Feathers McBeaver is ready to live out her rock star dreams . . . but her singing voice has her fellow Dogwood Pond residents swimming for the hills. Willow needs a *lot* of practice, so Beaver McBeaver offers to build her a soundproof studio in their dam. Beaver has been building dams his whole life, so this construction project should be no problem.

But when someone punctures a hole in the dam, the McBeaver home—and all of Dogwood Pond—is put in danger. With a massive rainstorm brewing, it will be up to Detective Duck and her Pond Squad to solve the mystery of the hazardous hole and patch the dam before the storm floods their beloved community.



Henry Winkler is an Emmy Award–winning actor, writer, director, and producer who has created some of the most iconic TV roles, including Arthur “the Fonz” Fonzarelli on *Happy Days* and Gene Cousineau on *Barry*. **Lin Oliver** is a children’s book writer and a writer and producer for both TV and film. She is the cofounder of the Society of Children’s Books Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) and is the managing director of the SCBWI Impact and Legacy Fund. Oliver and Winkler have written 39 children’s novels together. **Dan Santat** is the *New York Times* bestselling author of more than 100 books for children, including *A First Time for Everything*, winner of the National Book Award, and *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*, for which he won the Caldecott Medal. He lives in Southern California with his wife, two kids, and many, many pets.

SELLING POINTS**NEW YORK TIMES**

BESTSELLING SERIES: *Detective Duck and the Strange Splash* and *Detective Duck: The Case of the Missing Tadpole* are both *New York Times* bestsellers, and the series has sold over 65,000 copies, with no signs of slowing down.

SUPERSTAR TEAM:

Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver’s *Alien Superstar* was an instant *New York Times* bestseller, and Dan Santat is the winner of the Caldecott Medal and the National Book Award for Young People’s Literature.

CHARMING READ: With hilarious text and full–color illustrations throughout, this new chapter–book series is perfect for fans of *Princess in Black* or *Mercy Watson*.

ENVIRONMENTAL HOOK: Each mystery includes a light environmental message and discusses the impact that humans are having on the environment and the animals who call it home.

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout
* 80 pages

* WIDTH: 6 1/2" - 165mm

* HEIGHT: 8 1/4" - 210mm

* **Hardcover POB**

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CHAPTER BOOK

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ALSO AVAILABLE

Detective Duck: The Case of the Strange Splash (Detective Duck #1)

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Detective Duck: The Case of the Missing Tadpole (Detective Duck #2)

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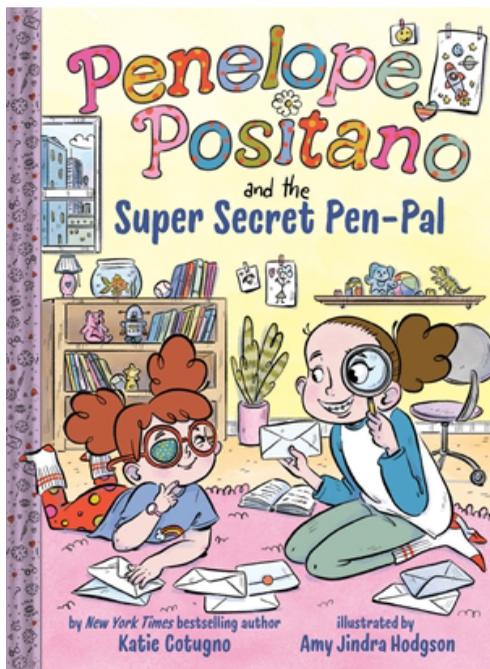
PENELOPE POSITANO SEES IT ALL

Penelope Positano and the Super-Secret Pen Pal

A CHAPTER BOOK

● WRITTEN BY KATIE COTUGNO, ILLUSTRATED BY AMY JINDRA HODGSON

From bestselling author Katie Cotugno and illustrator Amy Jindra Hodgson comes a charming new chapter-book series about a plucky seven-year-old who can see things other people miss, perfect for fans of *Ivy & Bean*

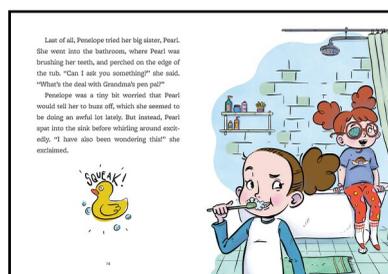


For as long as Penelope can remember, her grandma has had a super-secret pen pal. After years of wondering, Penelope and her sister Pearl are determined to find out who their grandma has been writing to all this time. Could it be Quinn, the glamorous tailor? Could it be Mr. Lee, the kind man who runs the grocery store?

Penelope can't wait to investigate this mystery with her sister, but the longer they look for the secret pen pal, the less excited Pearl seems. Can Penelope solve the mystery before Pearl loses interest, or has her sister outgrown their adventures together?



Katie Cotugno is the author of more than a dozen books for readers of all ages. Her books have been honored by the Junior Library Guild, the Bank Street Children's Book Committee, and the Kentucky Association of School Librarians, among others, and translated into more than 15 languages. Cotugno is a Pushcart Prize nominee whose work has appeared in *The Iowa Review*, *The Mississippi Review*, and *Argestes*, as well as many other literary magazines. She studied writing, literature, and publishing at Emerson College and received her MFA in fiction at Lesley University. She lives in Boston with her family. Determined to make every child feel special, **Amy Jindra Hodgson** is an illustrator from Cleveland, Ohio. Growing up, her parents read to her every night, and she fell in love with the art of storytelling and creativity. She knew at a young age that her imagination and love for the arts would lead her to the world of children's book illustration. Hodgson's creative inspiration is driven by her wonderful family, friends, and good sushi.



Last of all, Penelope tried her big sister, Pearl. She went into the bathroom, where Pearl was brushing her teeth, and peered on the edge of the tub. "Can I ask you something?" she said. "What's the deal with Grandma's pen pal?" Penelope was a tiny bit worried that Pearl would tell her to buzz off, which she seemed to be doing as she'd let her brush. But instead, Pearl spat into the sink before whirling around excitedly. "I have also been wondering about" she exclaimed.



CHAPTER THREE

Penelope was almost asleep that night when Pearl came into her room and sat down on the edge of her bed. "I have a theory," she announced, "about Grandma's pen pal." "You do?" Penelope inhaled in closer. Pearl frowned. "What are you doing?" "You leaning in closer," Penelope explained. "Oh," said Pearl, looking at her a little strangely. "Okay. Well, anyway, I think it might be Quinn." "Quinn the tailor?" Penelope asked, intently listening. She considered the evidence. Quinn was an excellent cook, just like Penelope's grandmother. They had traded recipes for soups



CHAPTER FIVE

On Wednesdays, Penelope's school got out thirty minutes early for teacher's meetings, and on those days, Penelope was allowed to walk the eight blocks home with her friends Gus and Joe instead of taking the bus. Gus lived on the fourth floor of 1st Electric Avenue. He and Penelope had been best pals since they were babies, lying on the same blanket in the courtyard outside and doodling on each other's toolboxes. Gus and Joe had become friends last year, and Penelope now liked Joe more than she used to, even though he still sometimes picked his nose and ate it. More than sometimes, actually.

SELLING POINTS

BESTSELLING AUTHOR: Katie Cotugno is a *New York Times* bestselling author whose books have been recognized by the Junior Library Guild and the Bank Street Children's Book Committee. She's written several popular adult and YA titles, and we're thrilled to bring even more readers to her work with this chapter-book series.

ADORABLE ILLUSTRATIONS: The chapter book will include lots of full-color illustrations to bring Penelope's world to life.

POPULAR CATEGORY: Young, full-color chapter books are popular with emerging readers, and this is a masterfully written and charming new addition to the category.

MYSTERY HOOK: *Penelope Positano and the Super-Secret Pen Pal* has a light mystery hook that will keep new readers turning the pages.

SPECIFICATIONS

- * Full-color illustrations throughout
- * 80 pages
- * WIDTH: 6" - 152mm
- * HEIGHT: 8 1/4" - 210mm
- * Hardcover POB

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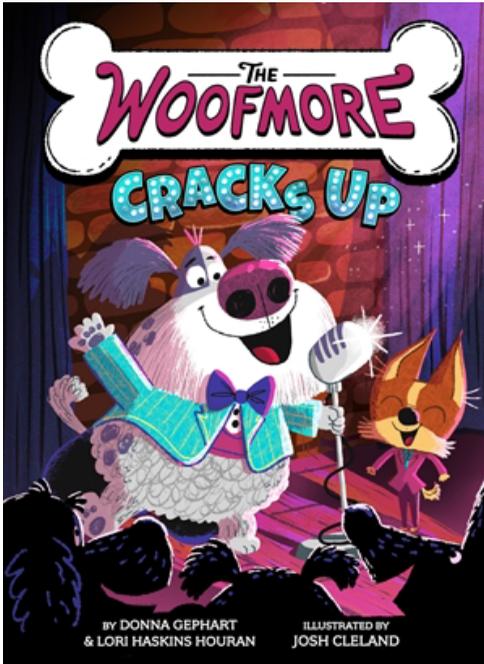
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THE WOOFMORE

The Woofmore Cracks Up (The Woofmore #4)

- WRITTEN BY DONNA GEPHART AND LORI HASKINS HOURAN; ILLUSTRATED BY JOSH CLELAND

Return to the luxury hotel for dogs in *The Woofmore Cracks Up*, the fourth book in the *pawsome* full-color chapter-book series from authors Donna Gephart and Lori Haskins Houran and illustrator Josh Cleland

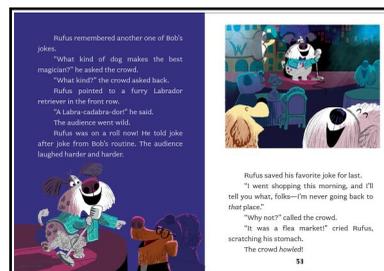
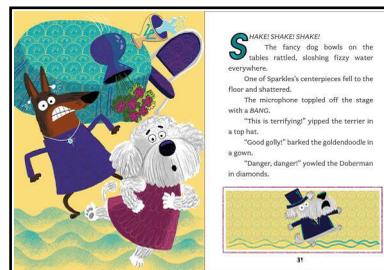


Welcome to the Woofmore, where the water bowls are always full and there's kibble on every pillow! Rufus and his boss, Ms. Coco, work hard to make every guest feel like a VIP (Very Important Pooch).

The Woofmore is hosting its first fundraiser, and Rufus's favorite comedian is scheduled to be the star performer. Rufus can't wait to help Ms. Coco raise money for the new dog park, and he's ready to make sure everything goes pawfectly. But when an earthquake shakes the hotel, the whole show is at risk of falling apart. Can Rufus overcome his stage fright and save the day, or will this fundraiser turn into a furry fiasco?



Lori Haskins Houran and Donna Gephart are longtime *forends* who love books, dogs, and books about dogs! They had a *pawsome* time writing this one. Houran lives in *Massachihuahassetts* and Gephart hails from *Chew Jersey*. Get more *details* at lorihaskinshouran.com and donnaagephart.com. Josh Cleland is an illustrator working out of his home studio just outside of Portland, Oregon, where he resides with his wife, Rayna, and creative director/dog, Newman. His work has been featured in various children's magazines, including *Highlights* and *Storytime*, as well as on greeting cards, billboards, and more.



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SELLING POINTS

AWESOME AUTHORS: Donna Gephart and Lori Haskins Houran have written a number of books that have sold well, received starred reviews, and gotten on best-of-the-year lists. Gephart's *Lily and Dunkin* was an Indie Next Pick, a JLG selection, a Goodreads Choice Award winner, a Southern Book Award Winner, a YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers, and a California Young Reader Medal Winner, among many others. Houran's books have won the Paterson Prize for Books for Young People, received starred reviews, and been named a Best Children's Book by the Smithsonian *Air & Space* magazine.

DOG DELIGHT: Dog stories are perennially popular, and this pet-centered adventure is filled with puns and is super kid-friendly.

ADORABLE ILLUSTRATIONS: The chapter book will include lots of full-color illustrations so kids can see just how adorable every hotel pup really is!

SERIES SUCCESS: The Woofmore books have been warmly received, with a starred review from *School Library Journal* ("recommended for all collections") and translation rights sold in four languages and counting.

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout
* 80 pages

* WIDTH: 6" - 152mm

* HEIGHT: 8 1/4" - 210mm

* Hardcover POB

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CHAPTER BOOK

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Welcome to the Woofmore (The Woofmore #1)

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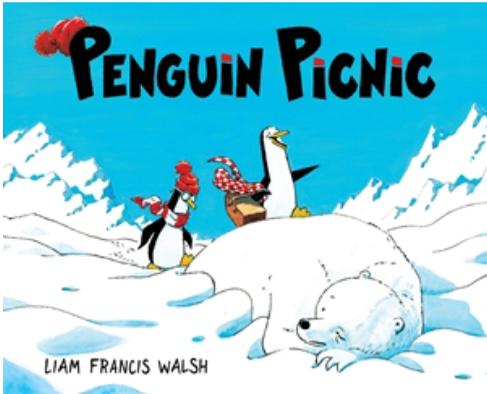
PENNY & ALBERT, PENGUIN PALS

Penguin Picnic

PICTURE BOOK COMICS

● BY LIAM FRANCIS WALSH

From award-winning bookmaker and cartoonist Liam Francis Walsh, this hilarious and heartwarming picture book is all about friendship and finding patience for the ones we love—perfect for young comics fans

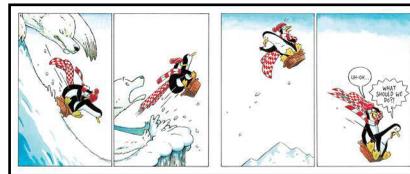


Siblings Penny and Albert Penguin just want to have a picnic, but they can't agree on the perfect spot to set down their blanket. This spot is too loud! This spot is too sunny! This spot is taken by a hungry polar bear! After a whole lot of searching (and a little bit of running for their lives), the two decide they're sick of looking and would rather have lunch alone. But they quickly realize it's the people (or the penguins) you're with who make a place perfect.

From award-winning cartoonist and bookmaker Liam Francis Walsh comes a hilarious comics-inspired picture book that explores the magic of compromise and celebrates the joy of exploring the outdoors with the people you love.



Liam Francis Walsh an award-winning author, illustrator, and cartoonist. His cartoons and drawings have been published in *The New Yorker*, *Reader's Digest*, *Esquire*, and *The Guardian*. He's the author of two children's picture books, *Fish and Make a Wish*, *Henry Bear*, and a graphic novel, *Red Scare*, that was called one of the best books of the year by *The New York Times*, NPR, and the Bank Street Children's Book Committee.



SELLING POINTS

LAUGH-OUT-LOUD FUNNY:

Liam Francis Walsh's humor shines in this friendship story that's sure to be a read-aloud favorite in classrooms and at storytimes. Little readers will love seeing all the ridiculous situations Penny and Albert get into and will enjoy revisiting their favorite scenes.

EVERGREEN THEMES: At its core, *Penguin Picnic* explores friendship and the importance of working together, perennial themes for the picture book set and their caretakers.

STAND-OUT STYLE: Walsh has brought his graphic novel chops to the picture-book format, creating a delightful read and a fun introduction to comics for the youngest readers.

AWARD-WINNING CREATOR: Walsh is a renowned author, illustrator, and cartoonist. His debut graphic novel, *Red Scare*, was named a best book of the year by *The New York Times*, NPR, and more.

SERIES LAUNCH: *Penguin Picnic* is the first in this humorous and character-driven picture book comics series, with more laugh-out-loud adventures from Albert and Penny coming in Fall 2027.

SPECIFICATIONS

- * Full-color illustrations throughout
- * 40 pages
- * WIDTH: 10 1/2" - 267mm
- * HEIGHT: 8 1/2" - 216mm
- * **Hardcover with jacket**

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PICTURE BOOK

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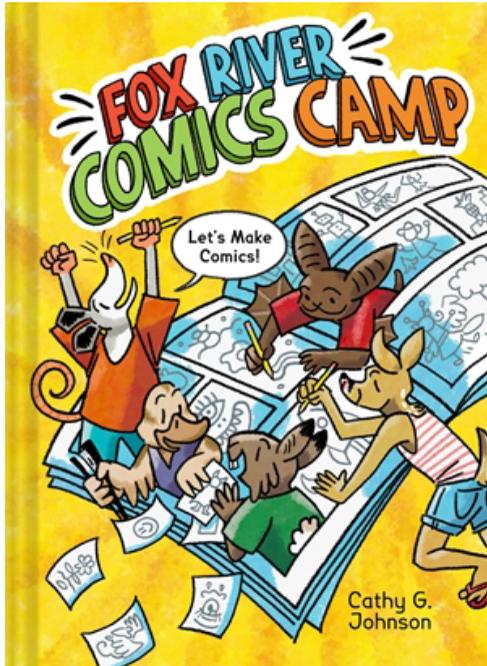
FOX RIVER COMICS CAMP

Fox River Comics Camp

AN ORIGINAL GRAPHIC NOVEL

● BY CATHY G. JOHNSON

A delightful early–reader graphic novel that captures adventures in imagination and creativity at comics camp



Fox River Comics Camp is an early–reader graphic novel that follows five young artists who are excited to learn all about comics! Each camper encounters different challenges and finds creative solutions by working together—from Fawn, who’s a skilled artist but struggles with finish their drawings, to Ducky, who falters when their art doesn’t look exactly like the comics they love to read.

Join the campers as they bring their ideas to life on the page with the help of their instructor, Puma, who is always ready with a helpful tip or explanation. With plenty of games and activities for kids and adults along the way, *Fox River Comics Camp* is both a fun story and an interactive guide that is sure to delight readers and engage their imaginations!



Cathy G. Johnson is an award–winning cartoonist and educator living on occupied Wampanoag and Narragansett land in Providence, Rhode Island. They are the author of the middle–grade graphic novel *The Breakaways*. With their teaching project *Comic Art Ed!*, they lead comics classes for all ages at libraries, schools, and universities across New England. They are also a Thesis Professor in the MFA Visual Narrative department at Boston University College of Fine Arts in Boston, Massachusetts. When they aren’t drawing or teaching comics, Johnson makes band posters, watches scary movies, and hangs out with their pet box turtle that they’ve had since they were seven years old.



SELLING POINTS

GROWING FORMAT:

Early–reader graphic novels are on the rise with the success of *Batcat* (over 65,000 gross sales across volumes), *Fox & Rabbit* (over 115,000 gross sales across volumes in the series and formats), and *Mighty Marvel Team Up* (over 260,000 gross sales across volumes in the series and formats), with no signs of slowing down.

EDUCATIONAL HOOK: A comic about making comics, this early–reader graphic novel teaches kids the fundamentals of the format! From making a sketchbook to designing characters to making thumbnails, this is a fun way to teach the beginning steps to making comics.

ADORABLE ART: Cathy G. Johnson’s art is adorable and accessible, with a fun style reminiscent of the way an early reader audience would draw.

SPECIFICATIONS

- * Full-color illustrations throughout
- * 112 pages
- * WIDTH: 6" - 152mm
- * HEIGHT: 8 1/4" - 210mm
- * Hardcover POB

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GRAPHIC NOVELS

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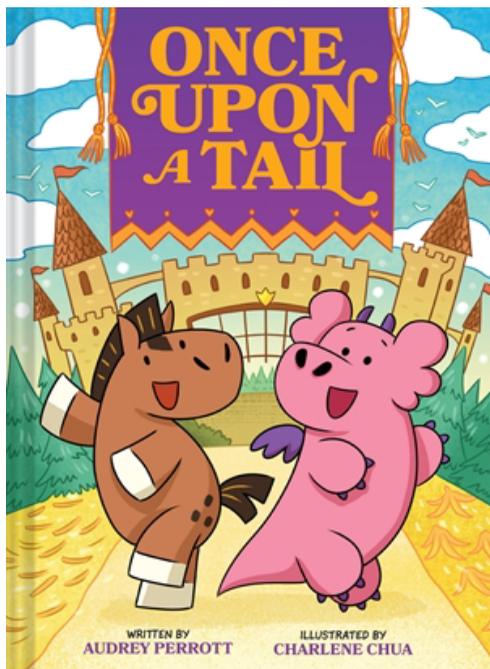
ONCE UPON A TAIL

Once Upon a Tail (Once Upon a Tail #1)

A HORSE AND DRAGON GRAPHIC NOVEL

● WRITTEN BY AUDREY PERROTT, ILLUSTRATED BY CHARLENE CHUA

Full of heart and humor, this early reader graphic novel series stars two best friends in a fantastical medieval setting, for fans of Narwhal and Jelly and Peter & Ernesto

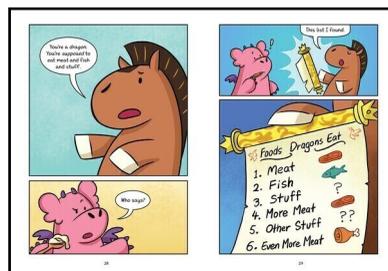
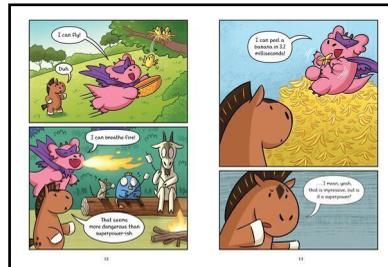


Wallace is a knightly horse who loves rules. Poppy is a free-spirit dragon who loves adventure. These two unlikely pals disagree on most everything—but still manage to have a lot of fun-filled shenanigans together in the Land of La-Dee-Dah.

Told in three short and silly stories with subtle social-emotional themes, this young graphic novel follows the everyday adventures of two best buds as they step out of their comfort zones, discover hidden powers, and eat a LOT of banana pudding. With a high-interest fantasy setting, accessible reading level, and kid-perfect humor, this series is designed for emerging and reluctant readers alike.



Audrey Perrott is the award-winning author of the beloved picture books *Moo Hoo, Baa Haa*, and *A Hat for House*, as well as board books and many nonfiction books for kids. She believes funny books are just as important as serious ones, and writes both in her North Carolina home. **Charlene Chua** is the illustrator of the Amy Wu picture book series and *Love, Violet*, a 2023 Stonewall Award winner. When they are not making art, they enjoy cooking, reading, and playing with their cats. She now lives with her husband (and cats!) in Hamilton, Ontario.



SELLING POINTS

SERIES LAUNCH: This debut graphic novel from both Perrott & Chua launches a new series starring an odd-couple pair in medieval times, with Book 2 to follow!

HIGH-LOW READ: Featuring full-color art, simple panels, and an energetic pace, these three self-contained short stories are perfect for emerging and reluctant readers.

AWARD-WINNING

ARTIST: Chua is known for *Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao* (over 20,000 copies sold, a starred review, and a *Kirkus* Best Book nod); the 2023 Stonewall winner, *Love, Violet*; and most recently, *When You Go To Dragon School* (an Amazon Best Book of June for Ages 3–5, a July/August Kids' Indie Next list pick, and a starred review).

FAVORITE CREATURES:

Dragons and horses are perennially popular with kids.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL

LEARNING: Includes subtle emotional themes like trying new things, embracing what makes you special, and learning to be an attentive friend.

HEART & HUMOR: Silly, kid-perfect comedy (including a deadpan goat who's sure to become a fan favorite) balances a sweet friendship story.

SPECIFICATIONS

- * Full-color illustrations throughout
- * 72 pages
- * WIDTH: 6" - mm
- * HEIGHT: 8 1/4" - mm
- * **Hardcover POB**

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KIDS GRAPHIC NOVELS

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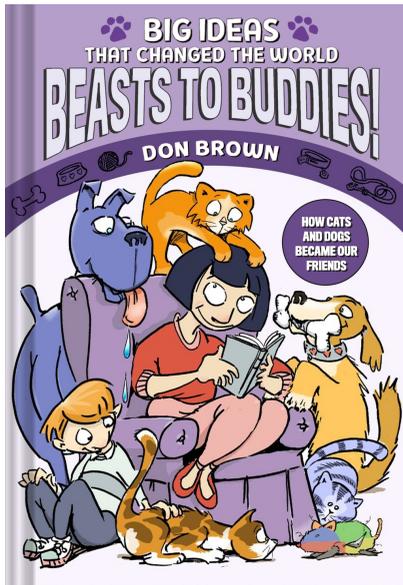
BIG IDEAS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

Beasts to Buddies!

HOW CATS AND DOGS BECAME OUR FRIENDS

● BY DON BROWN

A new addition to the popular *Big Ideas That Changed the World* series, this entertaining nonfiction graphic novel from award winner Don Brown explores the fascinating science and history behind pets—from wild animals to our best friends



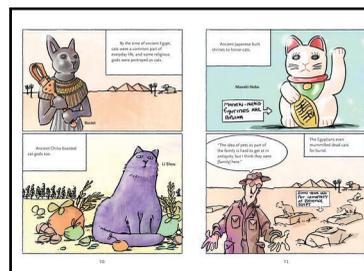
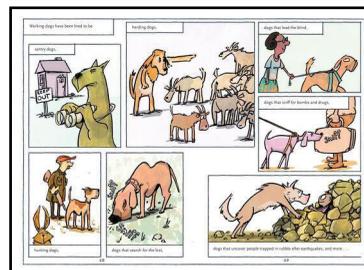
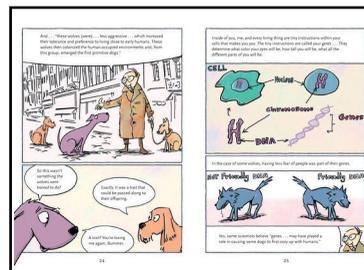
Beasts to Buddies: Cats and Dogs! tells the history of dogs and cats, an evolving journey through the ages, from the wild to the mild—narrated by Bummer and Lazarus, a couple of stray dogs who captured the hearts of San Franciscans in the 1860s.

Acclaimed author–illustrator Don Brown takes readers on a journey through history and around the world, from the evolution and taming of wolves 40,000–20,000 years ago, to the revered cats of ancient Egypt, to the birth of the barnyard, and to the present day, when pets are part of our families. Full of fascinating facts and key inventions in the domestication of animals, Brown demonstrates the many ways that pets have shaped humankind, like from protection, herding, and emotional support, and even saving lives.

A middle–grade graphic novel series perfect for the classroom, this full–color book includes a timeline, endnotes, and a bibliography.

Big Ideas That Changed the World is a graphic novel series that celebrates the hard–won succession of ideas that ultimately changed the world. Humor, drama, and art unite to tell the story of events, discoveries, and ingenuity over time that led humans to come up with a big idea and then make it come true.

Don Brown is the award–winning author and illustrator of many nonfiction graphic novels and picture books, including *Keep It Clean!*, *It's About Time!*, *All Charged Up!*, *We the People!*, *A Shot in the Arm!*, *Machines that Think!*, and *Rocket to the Moon!* His books have been called “masterful” and “a must for youth graphic collections.” Brown has received an Eisner Award nomination, two Sibert Honors, a Boston Globe–Horn Book Award honor, a YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults Award, and multiple starred reviews, among other accolades. He lives in the Hudson Valley in New York with his family.

**SELLING POINTS**

BACKLIST STAPLE SERIES: The *Big Ideas* series has sold more than 100,000 copies to date!

CELEBRATED AUTHOR: Don Brown is an award–winning author–illustrator well–known to booksellers, teachers, and librarians. His graphic novel *The Unwanted* was a Sibert Honor Medalist and a YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction winner.

SERIES PRAISE: The series has received multiple starred reviews, and *Rocket to the Moon!* was chosen for the Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List. *Keep It Clean!* (Book #7) was published October 2025.

ANIMAL APPEAL: Everyone loves their pets. Kids can get their questions answered about how their *own* furry companions got to where they are today. Relatable as there are about 90 million dogs in America and about 74 million cats.

SCHOOL/STEM APPEAL: Covering a wide span of history, the science of evolution, and how pets became domesticated (a topic that isn't often taught), this is an educational read that schools and libraries will love.

POPULAR FORMAT: The graphic novel genre remains wildly popular with kids, especially in nonfiction, where Brown is a master.

SPECIFICATIONS

- * Full-color illustrations throughout
- * 128 pages
- * WIDTH: 5 1/2" - 140mm
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- * Hardcover POB

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**KIDS GRAPHIC NOVELS,
MIDDLE-GRADE
NONFICTION, KIDS
NONFICTION**

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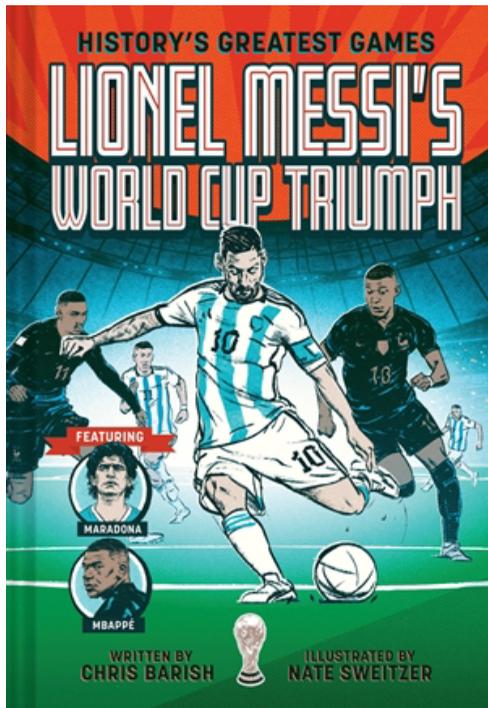
HISTORY'S GREATEST GAMES

Lionel Messi's World Cup Triumph

(HISTORY'S GREATEST GAMES #1)

● BY CHRIS BARISH; ILLUSTRATED BY NATE SWEITZER

This thrilling new nonfiction graphic novel series offers a front row seat to the greatest moments in sports history, starting with Lionel Messi and the incredible 2022 FIFA World Cup



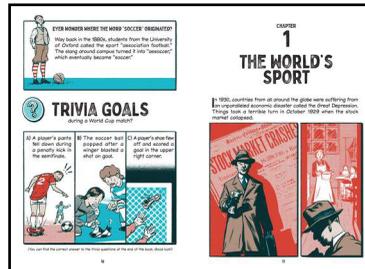
Hear the whistle blow, watch the crowd go wild, and take your front row seat to one of history's greatest games.

It's the 2022 FIFA World Cup final, and Lionel Messi—one of the greatest players to ever take the field—is one match away from victory. Despite his many awards and accolades, Messi has never been able to add a World Cup trophy to his collection. If Argentina wins, this would be a historic moment not just for the country, but for the entire legacy of soccer on the international stage. Travel back in time to learn how the World Cup began and see the incredible players—from Maradona to Mbappé—who built it into the global phenomenon we know today. Along the way, you'll learn about the social, historical, and political factors that made this game one for the ages.

This exciting new graphic novel series offers a portal to the past, putting young readers in the middle of the most epic moments in sports history. Along with action-packed games and nail-biter victories, this series zooms out to explore the incredible backstories, social and political issues, and larger historical context that truly make these games the greatest in history.



When **Chris Barish** is not reading about sports or history, he's writing about sports history. Barish currently lives in New York with his family, in a house filled with sports gear, books, instruments and lots of muddy boots. **Nate Sweitzer** is a Chicago-born illustrator who graduated from the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. His work has been awarded and featured by *3x3* magazine, the American Illustration Awards, the Society of Illustrators, Illustration West, and the One Club for Creativity. His clients include the *Washington Post*, *Rolling Stone*, NPR, ProPublica, *Sports Illustrated*, *The New Republic*, and *Forbes*.



SELLING POINTS

GLOBAL SUPERSTAR

SUBJECT: Lionel Messi is a household name to soccer fans around the world. 1.5 billion people tuned in to watch Messi lead Argentina to victory in the 2022 World Cup.

NEW FORMAT: While there are many books about Lionel Messi on the market, this will be the first graphic novel to tell his incredible story for middle-grade readers. Along with play-by-play scenes from actual games, Chris Barish expertly adds trivia, fun facts, and historical context that soccer fans will love.

STANDOUT CATEGORY: With series like *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales* and *Big Ideas That Changed the World*, Abrams has seen a huge appetite for action-packed nonfiction graphic novels, and we think *History's Greatest Games* could be another breakout series in this space.

ILLUMINATING HISTORY: Barish has a particular talent for weaving together historical context, social issues, and show-stopping sports moments to create a truly engaging and innovative series.

WORLD CUP EXCITEMENT: Publication is timed to coincide with the 2026 World Cup, which will take place in North America.

SPECIFICATIONS

- * Full-color illustrations throughout
- * 136 pages
- * WIDTH: 5 1/2" - mm
- * HEIGHT: 8" - mm
- * Hardcover POB

PUB MONTH: **MARCH 2026**
GRAPHIC NOVELS

ISBN 978-1-4197-7939-8

US \$24.99

NATHAN HALE'S HAZARDOUS TALES#14

The Web of War (Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales #14)

A WORLD WAR II TALE

● BY NATHAN HALE

Learn about one of the most pivotal battles in World War II in the newest installment of author-illustrator Nathan Hale's *New York Times* bestselling *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales* series



In the summer of 1944, the Allied forces carried out the largest seaborne invasion in military history. American, British, and Canadian soldiers took to the skies and the sand, bombarding the beaches of Normandy, France in the infamous operation known as D-Day.

This pivotal battle turned the tides against the Nazis, but how did the French find themselves overtaken by enemy forces to begin with? How did Hitler and his Nazi ideology sweep through Germany so quickly? And how did American military service members and civilians, from generals, to war correspondents, to heroic Black soldiers, work together to defeat the Nazi government and bring an end to Hitler's reign of terror?

In *The Web of War*, history is in your hands! Pick your path and unravel the thrilling, shocking, gruesome, and TRUE stories of the second World War in this all-new hazardous tale.



Nathan Hale is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator of the *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales* series. He also wrote and illustrated the graphic novels *One Trick Pony*, *Apocalypse Taco*, and *The Mighty Bite* series. Hale lives in Utah, and you can find him online.

SELLING POINTS

BESTSELLING SERIES: Across the series, we have sold more than two million copies, and momentum shows no signs of slowing down.

KID-FRIENDLY: The stories are equally gruesome and hilarious, and the format and art are welcoming for reluctant readers.

GREAT STORIES: Nathan Hale has found the most fascinating true facts from American history, and these books transform textbook lessons into wild romps through America's past.

WORLD WAR II: Hale returns to the events of World War II, a topic all kids learn about in school, with his 14th *Hazardous Tale*. Hale's previous book about World War II, *Raid of No Return*, sold over 200,000 copies across formats, and fans will be excited to see him return to this period of history.

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout

* 128 pages

* WIDTH: 5 1/2" - 140mm

* HEIGHT: 7 1/2" - 191mm

* **Hardcover POB**

PUB MONTH: **NOVEMBER 2026**

KIDS GRAPHIC NOVELS

ISBN 978-1-4197-7321-1

US \$15.99

ALSO AVAILABLE

Above the Trenches (Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales #12)

ISBN 978-1-4197-4952-0

US \$15.99 CAN \$19.99

Bones and Berserkers (Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales #13)

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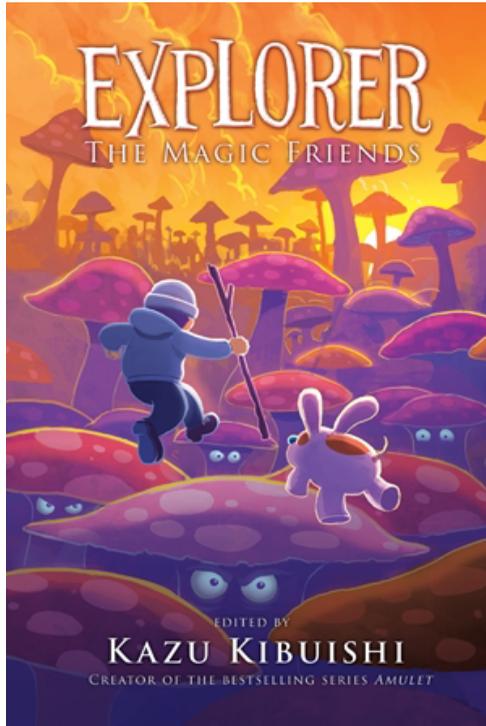
EXPLORER

Explorer (The Magic Friends #4)

A GRAPHIC NOVEL

● EDITED BY KAZU KIBUISHI

Edited by the *New York Times* bestselling comics creator Kazu Kibuishi, this new entry in the *Explorer* series offers a collection of 11 stories written and illustrated by an award-winning roster of comics artists



A boy and his dog cross a mysterious ravine, an evil alien attacks a far-off planet, and a wish comes true . . . with unexpected consequences. Funny, fast-paced, spooky, and spectacular, these 11 bite-size adventures bring together an all-star list of comics creators in this beautifully illustrated anthology.

Edited by *New York Times* bestselling creator Kazu Kibuishi, who is also a contributor, *Explorer: The Magic Friends* includes stories from Johane Matte (*Explorer: The Mystery Box* and *Explorer: The Hidden Door*), Kean Soo (the *Jeallaby* series), Phil Craven (the *Flight* series), Jake Parker (the *Missile Mouse* series), Steve Hamaker (colorist of Jeff Smith's *Bone* series), Ben Hatke (the *Zita the Spacegirl* series), Rad Sechrist (the *Flight* series), Bannister (the *Elsewhere Chronicles*), and Matthew Armstrong (the *Flight* series).



Kazu Kibuishi is the author of *Amulet*, the award-winning *New York Times* bestselling graphic novel series; the illustrator of the new paperback covers for J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter series; and the editor of eight volumes of *Flight*, the Eisner-nominated anthology series. He lives in Bellevue, Washington.

SELLING POINTS

BESTSELLING EDITOR: Kazu Kibuishi is the *New York Times* bestselling creator of the *Amulet* series. He's beloved in the comics and graphic novel space, and he has over 42,000 followers across social media who are anxiously awaiting his next project.

SUCCESSFUL SERIES: The first three books in the *Explorer* series have sold over 315,000 copies across formats, with no signs of slowing down. This volume was originally published as a spin-off of the *Flight* series from Random House, but it has been long out of print, and it is now joining the official *Explorer* series for the first time, with an additional story by Kibuishi that was not included in the original collection.

POPULAR CREATORS: Kibuishi has brought together beloved comics creators, including Johane Matte (*Avatar: The Last Airbender* and *The Legends of Korra*), Kean Soo (the *Jeallaby* series), Jake Parker (the *Missile Mouse* series), and more.

ACCESSIBLE FORMAT: Featuring 11 bite-size, action-packed stories, this anthology is perfect for young graphic novel fans and for reluctant readers.

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout

* 120 pages

* WIDTH: 6" - 152mm

* HEIGHT: 9" - 227mm

* Hardcover with jacket

PUB MONTH: **SEPTEMBER 2026**

KIDS GRAPHIC NOVELS

ISBN 978-1-4197-8867-3

US \$24.99

ALSO AVAILABLE

Explorer (The Mystery Boxes #1)

ISBN 978-1-4197-0010-1

US \$19.95 CAN \$24.95

UK £13.99

Explorer (The Lost Islands #2)

ISBN 978-1-4197-0881-7

US \$19.95 CAN \$24.95

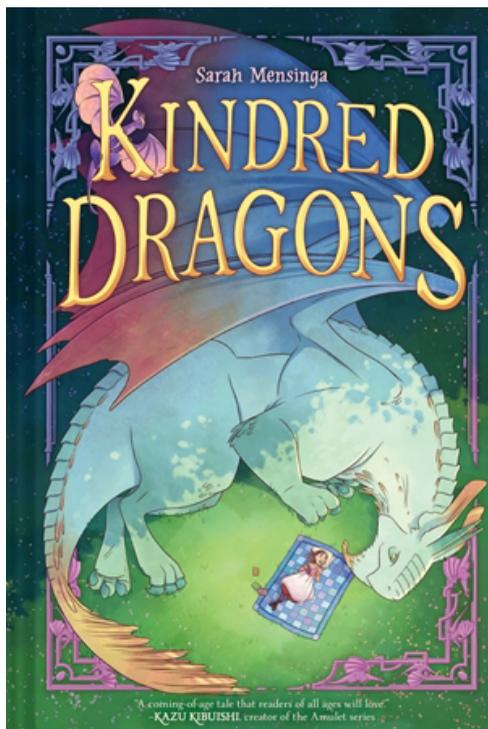
UK £13.99

Kindred Dragons (Book 1)

A GRAPHIC NOVEL

● BY SARAH MENSINGA

Anne of Green Gables meets *How to Train Your Dragon* in *Kindred Dragons*, a middle-grade graphic novel about a brave young girl and the dragon whose life depends on her



Alice has been unhappy ever since her parents sent her to Prince Edward Island to live with her strict grandmother. Alice is fanciful, prone to telling tall tales, and absolutely *obsessed* with dragons! Fairies deliver dragon eggs to a select few, known as Kindreds, but no egg has ever arrived for Alice.

While wandering the woods alone she finds and secretly befriends a mysterious, old dragon named Brim. Alice is excited to finally have a dragon friend of her own, but there's something strange about him—he doesn't have a Kindred. When Brim suddenly falls ill, Alice sets out on a desperate quest to save him.

As Alice searches for a cure, she discovers that her connection to dragons is unlike that of any Kindred—but will her new power be enough to save her friend? This heartfelt story of friendship, family, and learning to love who you are is perfect for readers who loved *Snapdragon*, *Witch Boy*, and the *City of Dragons* series.

Sarah Mensinga has illustrated several books, including *Flipping Forward Twisting Backwards*, the Trillium Sisters series, and the *New York Times* bestseller *Different: A Great Thing to Be!* Her short stories have appeared in comic anthologies such as *Flight 4* and *Flight 5*, she's published two indie novels, and she has also worked on a variety of animated movies and TV shows. Born in Canada, Sarah now lives in Texas with her husband and three kids.



FOREIGN RIGHTS SOLD

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SELLING POINTS

CELEBRATED CREATOR:

Mensinga is the seasoned illustrator and cartoonist of several *New York Times* bestselling picture books and original stories in well-known comic anthologies.

DRAGONS FOREVER:

Dragons are a perennial favorite in middle-grade fantasy, and we're excited to publish *Kindred Dragons* as Fanfare's first dragon-focused graphic novel.

INSPIRED BY ANNE OF GREEN

GABLES: Like Anne, Alice is a plucky and mischievous misfit that girls and boys will find no difficulty relating to as she finds out more about the dragons she loves and the family she feels she doesn't fit into.

TWO FORMATS:

Available in hardcover (978-1-4197-7116-3) and paperback (978-1-4197-7115-6).

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout

* 208 pages

* WIDTH: 6" - mm

* HEIGHT: 9" - mm

* **Hardcover POB**

PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2025**

**KIDS GRAPHIC NOVELS,
KIDS FANTASY**

ISBN 978-1-4197-7116-3

US \$24.99

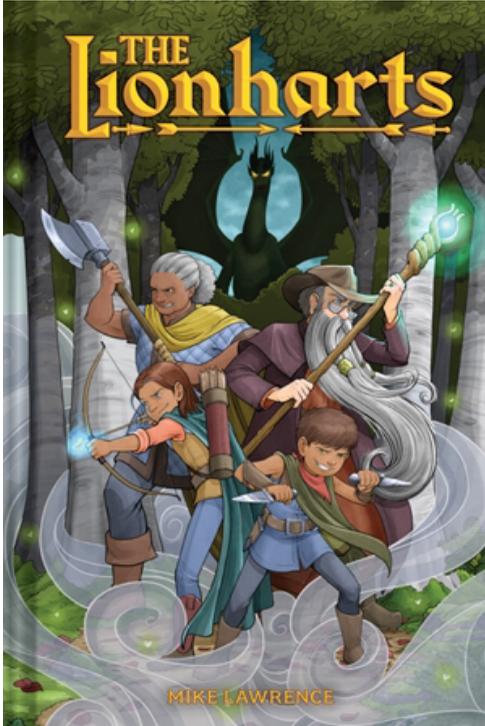
THE LIONHARTS

The Lionharts

A GRAPHIC NOVEL

● BY MIKE LAWRENCE

In this high-octane *Dungeons & Dragons*-inspired middle-grade graphic novel, the Lionhart brothers must save their parents and uncover the truth behind their legendary adventuring family!



Adventuring isn't just in the Lionhart family's blood—it's the family business. Grammy and Baba Lionhart were once a famous questing duo—slaying dragons and fighting monsters, they were legends throughout the land.

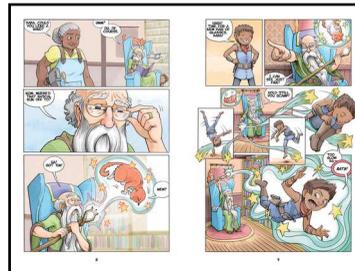
Now, their daughter, Lenna, has taken over the business, questing under the famous Lionhart name with her husband, Gerard, and their young sons, Alder and Flynt, are desperate to be included!

When their parents go missing after accepting an unusually high-paying job from a mysterious woman, the boys set out to find them, eager to prove they're ready to carry on the family legacy. Nothing can shake a Lionhart, right? But Grammy and Baba know better and swiftly catch up with the boys, who have already gotten themselves in heap of trouble.

Along the journey, Alder and Flynt tackle big challenges and discover new skills, but as they get closer to finding their parents, they also unearth a secret that could tear their family apart and, even worse, bring the Lionhart name to ruin. From Mike Lawrence, creator of the *Star Scouts* series, comes book 1 in a fast-paced and adventurous middle-grade graphic novel duology sure to appeal to fans of *Lightfall*, *5 Worlds*, and *Dungeon Critters*.



Mike Lawrence began self-publishing comics after graduating from art school. At Stumptown Comics Fest, he met local author Elizabeth Rusch, and they collaborated on *Muddy Max: The Mystery of Marsh Creek*. Lawrence debuted as an author-illustrator with the *Star Scouts* trilogy from First Second, which received multiple starred reviews and was called one of the 10 Best Kids Comics by *Paste* magazine. Lawrence switched gears to nonfiction with *Maker Comics: Survive the Outdoors* and *Science Comics: Deep-Sea Creatures*. Lawrence lives in Portland, Oregon, with his wife and two sons.

**FOREIGN RIGHTS SOLD**

Danish (Bogoo)

SELLING POINTS**THRIVING MARKET:**

Middle-grade graphic novels focusing on fantasy and adventures continue to do very well in the market.

TABLETOP ROLE-PLAYING**INSPIRED:** Author Mike Lawrence

was inspired to write *The Lionharts* after learning to play *Dungeons & Dragons* with his two sons. Tabletop role-playing games have grown in popularity in the last few years, and the pandemic has only increased public interest in RPGs. *Dungeons & Dragons* alone has over 64 million fans across various platforms!

A DELIGHTFUL DUOLOGY: With

another book signed up, the Lionhart family's adventure continues. We have two volumes in the pipeline, and if they take off, there's a large world for the Lionharts to explore, full of new and exciting creatures and villains.

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout

* 240 pages

* WIDTH: 6" - mm

* HEIGHT: 9" - mm

* **Hardcover POB**

PUB MONTH: **MARCH 2026**

**KIDS GRAPHIC NOVELS,
GRAPHIC NOVELS, KIDS
FANTASY**

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US \$24.99

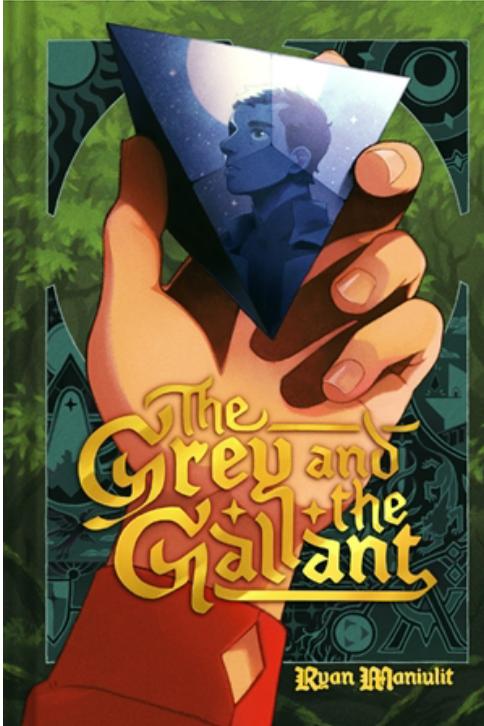
THE GREY AND THE GALLANT

The Grey and the Gallant

AN ORIGINAL GRAPHIC NOVEL

● BY RYAN MANIULIT

A struggling scribe-in-training, a seemingly perfect squire, and an unruly princess will have to work together to save their kingdom in this genre-bending YA adventure



In the kingdom of Gavroy, squires Merek and Eliot couldn't be more different; Merek's head is always up in the clouds while Eliot is the model knight-to-be. Yet, when the two find themselves drawn into the orbit of the unruly Princess Emeline, the trio makes a discovery that will rock the kingdom to its very foundation.

With strange beasts on the prowl, alchemical mysteries to be unraveled, romantic entanglements simmering, and unidentified objects falling from the stars, they will have to unlock the secrets that brought them together to become the heroes their kingdom needs. Medieval fantasy and science fiction are on a collision course in this epic, gorgeous tapestry woven by author Ryan Maniulit.



Ryan Maniulit is a queer Filipino American author, cartoonist, and aspiring farmer living in the Pacific Northwest with their husband. Self-taught, they specialize in queer narrative stories through sci-fi and fantasy lenses. They've done work for *Minecraft*, *Dungeons & Dragons*, and a myriad of indie projects.

**SELLING POINTS**

GENRE CROSSOVER: With one foot in a medieval tale and the other in a sci-fi epic, *The Grey and the Gallant* appeals to fans of both evergreen genres!

DIVERSE CAST: Featuring LGBTQIA+ and POC characters, Ryan Maniulit's diverse cast is sure to capture the hearts of readers hungry for more inclusive genre graphic novels.

EPIC STORY: This story is sure to appeal to fans of shows like *Voltron: Defenders of the Universe* and *The Dragon Prince*, and graphic novels like *5 Worlds* and the *Legend* series.

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout

* 272 pages

* WIDTH: 6" - 152mm

* HEIGHT: 9" - 227mm

* Hardcover POB

PUB MONTH: JANUARY 2027

YOUNG ADULT GRAPHIC NOVEL, GRAPHIC NOVELS, KIDS LGBTQ+ HISTORY & CULTURE

ISBN 978-1-4197-6620-6

US \$24.99

BUUZA!!

Heaven Lies Beneath (BUUZA!! Volume 2)

AN ORIGINAL GRAPHIC NOVEL

● BY SHAZLEEN KHAN

Cartoonist Shazleen Khan brings their Ignatz Award–winning young adult web series to print in the second of three volumes collecting the original *BUUZA!!* Webtoon



Get ready for a second helping as *BUUZA!!* returns in Volume 2: *Heaven Lies Beneath* . . .

The events set in motion by Zhen's fateful misdialed call continue to unfold against the backdrop of the lush, low-fantasy world of Dalwat Al-Harir; in Kashgar, Zhen has finally embraced his career as a photographer, but his past is swiftly catching up with him. Across the continent, in Salwa, Sam and Zach continue to build a new life as roommates, but their friendship with the heir to the infamous Faris family, Musa, may put all their bonds to the test.

Queer romance, ancestral magic, and political intrigue collide with enthralling results in *Heaven Lies Beneath!*



Shazleen Khan is an award-winning illustrator and author based in London, specializing in narrative illustration. Khan began self-publishing their comics as a teenager and now works full time as an illustrator; some of their notable clients include Simon & Schuster, Bloomsbury, and Dishoom. Khan's works include their Eisner and Harvey Award-nominated illustrator debut graphic novel, *Saving Sunshine* (written by Saadia Faruqi), the upcoming *My First Monster* (written by Cecil Castellucci), and of course, their self-authored LGBTQ webcomic *BUUZA!!*, which recently won the 2024 Ignatz Award for Best Web Comic.



SELLING POINTS

WEBTOONS IN PRINT: Webtoons in print have become major successes within the graphic novel industry, with titles *Heartstopper*; *Lore Olympus*; *Check, Please!*; and *Hooky*, which have all become huge commercial hits.

ACCLAIMED SERIES: *BUUZA!!* has continued to build an audience and acclaim in its five years of being released on Webtoon and won the Ignatz Award for Best Web Comic in 2024. The series has 1.2 million views on Webtoon and 1.8 million views on Tapas, as well as over 200,000 likes on each site, and the audience has grown apace with the story.

RICH WORLD AND STORYTELLING: Shazleen Khan has a unique and gorgeous art style that appeals to YA and crossover readers who love queer romance and fantasy settings.

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout
* 368 pages

* WIDTH: 6" - 152mm
* HEIGHT: 9" - 227mm

* **Hardcover POB**

PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2026**

ISBN 978-1-4197-8850-5

US \$26.99

ALSO AVAILABLE

Good Morning, Salwa (BUUZA!! Volume 1)

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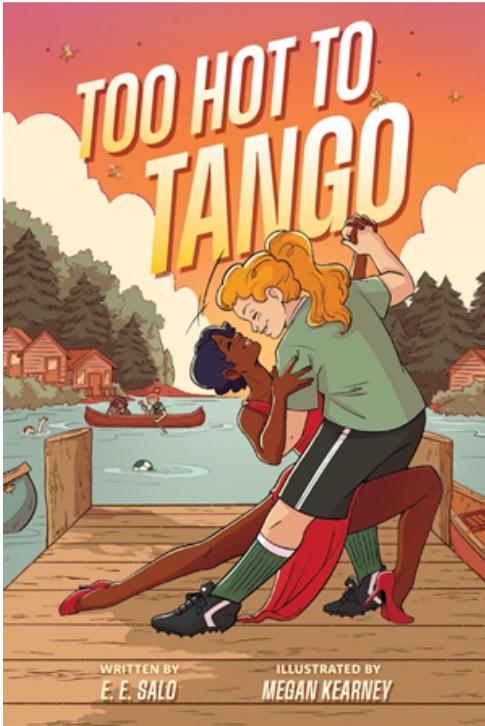
US \$26.99 CAN \$37.00

Too Hot to Tango

A GRAPHIC NOVEL

● WRITTEN BY EMMA SALO; ILLUSTRATED BY MEGAN KEARNEY

High School Musical meets *Dirty Dancing* in this feel-good queer romance with high stakes, hot tango, and camp hijinks delivered by two-time Emmy-winning writer E.E. Salo and acclaimed cartoonist Megan Kearney



This summer, soccer superstar Honey is the coach at an elite sports camp. Soccer is Honey's whole world—after all, it got her a full ride to Stanford. Life is a game, that game is about winning, and Honey knows the rules by heart—that is, until she meets Teddi, the brusque Australian dance coach at the arts camp across the lake. Suddenly, Honey's heart has her forgetting all the rules . . .

When an inter-camp competition gone awry accidentally lands Teddi's dance partner with a broken arm, Honey volunteers to step in. With a crucial audition coming up, Teddi has no choice but to accept the offer.

As Teddi teaches Honey the steps, they start to match each other's rhythm on *and* off the dance floor . . . but do these opposites have what it takes to tango their way to the top? With steamy routines, camp shenanigans, and a high-stakes competition coming up fast, these girls will have to show the whole world just how in step with each other they really are.



Emma Salo is a two-time Emmy-nominated producer for documentary television. She has worked on shows about history, murder, politics . . . and cowboys. She is also an amateur tap dancer who grew up on *Singin' in the Rain*, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, and *Center Stage*. *Too Hot to Tango* is her answer to the eternal question: But what if this was gayer? **Megan**



Kearney is a Toronto-based cartoonist with a background in animation and education. Her previous works have received favorable reviews, including two Kirkus Stars (*Gothic Tales of Haunted Love*, *Swan Lake: Quest for the Kingdoms*) and an ALA Rainbow Project Selection (*Secret Loves of Geek Girls*, 2017). Her most recent title, *Swan Lake: Quest for the Kingdoms*, was an ALSC reading list selection. She played the flute at band camp and has heard all the jokes already, thanks.



SELLING POINTS

STRONG YA COMPS: LGBTQIA+ graphic novels and series focused on classic teen tropes like summer camp and sports are flourishing with the YA market, with strong comps like *Check, Please!* and *Fence*.

FEEL-GOOD ROMANCE: The perfect book for YA readers seeking queer romance, *Too Hot to Tango* is a classic rom-com with a fresh cast. Fans of cleverly written diverse teen rom-coms like *To All the Boys I Loved Before* will be swept away.

AMAZING ART: Megan Kearney is an acclaimed and experienced cartoonist whose previous works have received starred reviews from Kirkus and have received attention from ALA, the ALSC, and JLG. Her most recent work, *Swan Lake: Quest for the Kingdoms*, is currently in film development with Paramount Animation.

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout
* 208 pages

* WIDTH: 6" - 152mm

* HEIGHT: 9" - 227mm

* **Hardcover POB**

PUB MONTH: **SEPTEMBER 2026**

GRAPHIC NOVELS, YOUNG ADULT, COMICS

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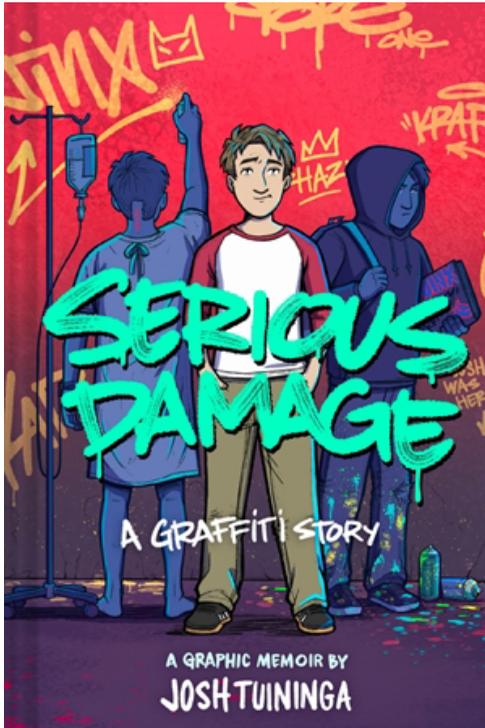
US \$24.99

Serious Damage: A Graffiti Story

A GRAPHIC MEMOIR

● BY JOSH TUINGA

An autobiographical YA coming-of-age graphic novel that explores how art and graffiti helped author Josh Tuininga recover after a devastating trauma



It's 1997 and Josh has everything going for him—a great family, good grades, and lots of friends. But it all grinds to a vicious halt when he's diagnosed with a serious neurological condition. Josh undergoes a dangerous surgery that saves his life but leaves him scarred—both physically and mentally. Battling depression, he finds comfort in the unlikeliest of places: graffiti.

The thrill of making street art gives Josh relief from the pain and trauma—but keeping it secret from his parents, and the police, isn't easy. When he eventually discovers an underground competition presented by Seattle's biggest—and most infamous—street-art crew, Josh is desperate to participate, but will the risk be worth it? After all, the harsh truth about making graffiti is that sooner or later . . . you're going to get caught.

Based off Josh Tuininga's experience with the underground street art scene of the '90s, *Serious Damage* also highlights the history of graffiti and the communities and figures who defined the medium, giving depth and context to an often misunderstood art form with extensive back matter and a foreword from noted graffiti historian Alan Ket. This YA graphic novel grapples with themes of depression and recovery while celebrating artistic expression.



Josh Tuininga is an author, artist, and designer living in North Bend, Washington. After studying fine art at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, he founded an art and design agency, where he continues to work as its creative director. His work has been published in *Communication Arts* magazine and *HOW* design magazine, and he was awarded with the Communication Arts Award for excellence in illustration. His debut graphic novel *We Are Not Strangers*, was awarded the 2023 Pop Culture Classroom Best YA Nonfiction Award, and was a finalist for the Washington State Book Award. He is also the author of the children's books *Why Blue?* and *Dream On*. His latest work, *Serious Damage* (Abrams ComicArts 2026), has received a 4Culture Heritage Grant.

SELLING POINTS

HOUSE TALENT: Josh Tuininga is the author-illustrator behind *We Are Not Strangers*, which has grossed over 13,000 copies since its release in Fall 2023. With his superb eye for art and storytelling, we're excited to continue fostering Tuininga's talents on the Fanfare list and be the home for his first YA graphic novel.

EXTENSIVE BACK MATTER: Bonus materials include an essay by Alan Ket, a noted graffiti historian and co-founder of the Museum of Graffiti in Miami FL as well as back matter from author Josh Tuininga's research into the history of graffiti.

FRESH PERSPECTIVE: Graffiti, street art, and the culture around it has only become more popular as time has gone on, with artists like Basquiat, Keith Haring, and Banksy becoming household names.

CROSSOVER APPEAL: The exploration of the culture and history of graffiti art in the '90s and the story's emotion-driven core, this is sure to appeal to not only YA readers, but also to adult graphic novel readers with an interest in graffiti.

SPECIFICATIONS

* Full-color illustrations throughout
* 240 pages

* WIDTH: 6" - 152mm

* HEIGHT: 9" - 227mm

* **Hardcover POB**

PUB MONTH: **FEBRUARY 2027**

GRAPHIC NOVELS, COMICS, YOUNG ADULT

ISBN 978-1-4197-8318-0

US \$26.99

ALSO AVAILABLE

We Are Not Strangers

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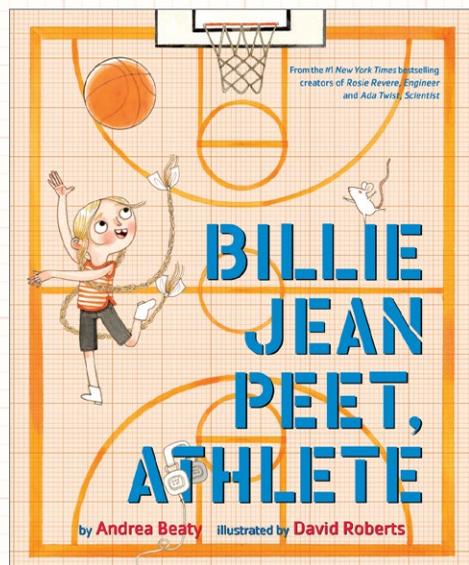
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Billie Jean Peet, Athlete

Billie Jean Peet is the middle kid in a house full of music. Her older sister sings, her younger sister drums, and even her mouse Pop knows how to bust a move. But when Billie Jean tries to join in, her notes come out sharp and flat. She just wants to find her niche, but the more she tries, the more she worries she's not good at anything. Billie Jean is sure she's stuck being so-so, but when a mistake on the basketball court flips into an unexpected revelation, she's able to combine all her interests and create something completely her own. From author-illustrator team Andrea Beaty and David Roberts comes an unforgettable story about embracing what makes you unique in order to forge your own path.

SPECIFICATIONS

- o Color illustrations throughout
- o 279 × 229 mm
- o Page Count: 32
- o Hardcover with jacket

Billie Jean Peet, Athlete

PUB MONTH:

SEPTEMBER 2025

Lila Greer, Teacher of the Year

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Aaron Slater, Illustrator

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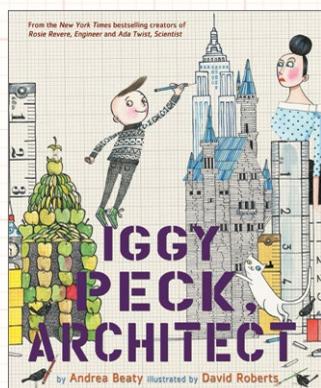
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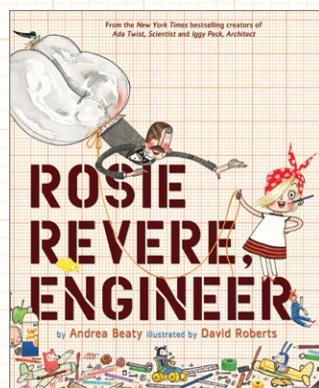
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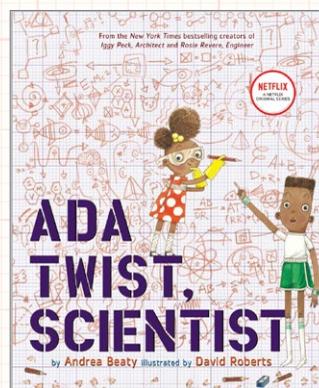
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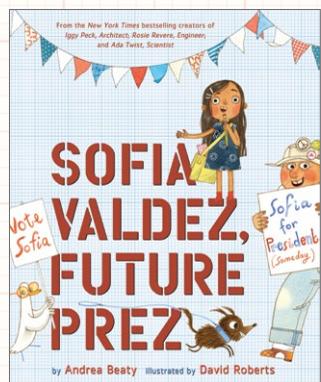
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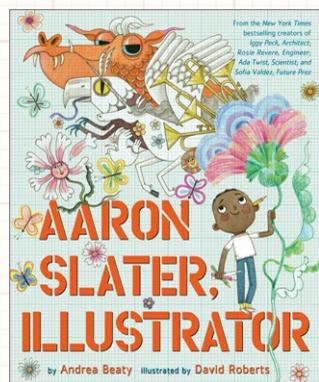
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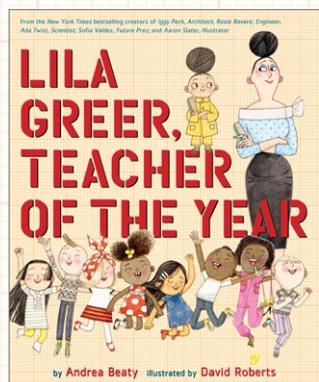
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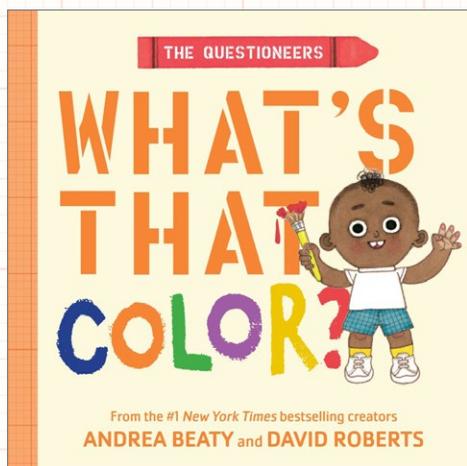


Aaron Slater, Illustrator



Lila Greer, Teacher of the Year





The Questioners: What's that Color?

Aaron has yellow. Rosie has red. Mix them together—it's something new instead!

Aaron Slater, Illustrator and his fellow Questioners star—as babies!—in their first-ever board book all about the dazzling world of colors. What happens when you mix yellow and blue? What about blue and red? What if you mix all the colors together?

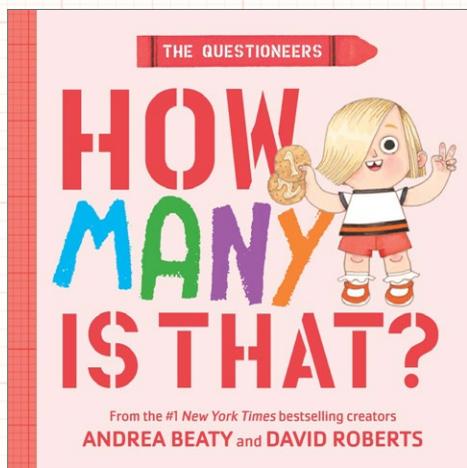
PUB MONTH: MARCH 2026

SELLING POINTS

- **BESTSELLING SERIES:** The Questioners picture books and chapter books have sold millions of copies and are *New York Times* bestsellers.
- **SERIES VISIBILITY:** The popular Questioners series has inspired a museum exhibit, a stage musical, a series on Netflix, and a balloon in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.
- **NEW FORMAT:** We've seen huge success with Questioners books aimed at picture-book and chapter-book readers, and we're thrilled to bring these beloved characters to a younger audience with this first concepts series.

SPECIFICATIONS

- Color illustrations throughout
- 178 × 178 mm
- Page Count: 20
- Board book



The Questioners: How Many is That?

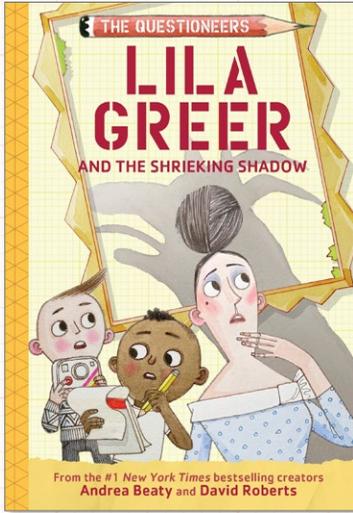
Billie Rosie has one cookie. Sofia has two. Add them together, you get something new!

What happens when you add all the cookies together? What happens when you eat a few? What happens when you eat them all? Rosie Revere and her fellow Questioners star—as babies!—in this charming first concepts book all about counting.

PUB MONTH: OCTOBER 2026

Andrea Beaty is the author of many beloved children's books, including the bestselling Questioners series; *I Love You Like Yellow*; *Happy Birthday, Madame Chapeau*; and *One Girl*. She lives just outside Chicago. **David Roberts** has illustrated many children's books, including the bestselling Questioners series. He lives in London. Beaty and Roberts are both executive producers of the Emmy Award-winning show *Ada Twist, Scientist* on Netflix.

Over
1 MILLION
copies sold
of chapter
books!



Lila Greer and the Shrieking Shadow

THE QUESTIONEERS BOOK 7

Lila Greer has always loved mysteries, even when they scare her. When a spooky storm blows into Blue River Creek and Lila is startled awake by a strange shrieking shadow, she knows something is afoot. Stranger still, Lila and the Questioneers discover that someone broke into Iggy's parents' art gallery and stole all the paintings for the new exhibit. Ms. Greer and her Questioneers will have to use their detective skills to solve the mystery of the missing paintings!

SPECIFICATIONS

- o Two-color illustrations throughout
- o 203 × 140 mm
- o Page Count: 144
- o Hardcover

Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters
PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2018**

Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants
PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2019**

Iggy Peck and the Haunted Mansion
PUB MONTH: **MAY 2020**

Sofia Valdez and the Vanishing Vote
PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2020**

Ada Twist and the Disappearing Dogs
PUB MONTH: **MAY 2022**

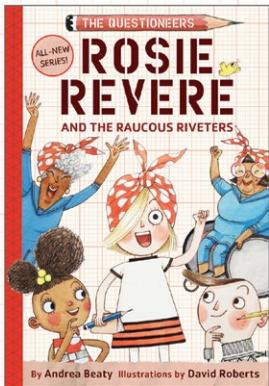
Aaron Slater and the Sneaky Snake
PUB MONTH: **MAY 2023**

Lila Greer and the Shrieking Shadow
PUB MONTH: **JANUARY 2025**

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ITALIAN (DEAGOSTINI)
POLISH (KINDERKULKA)
RUSSIAN (KARIERA)
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Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters

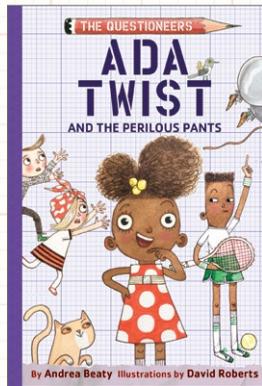
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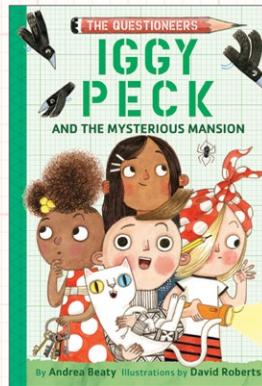
Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants

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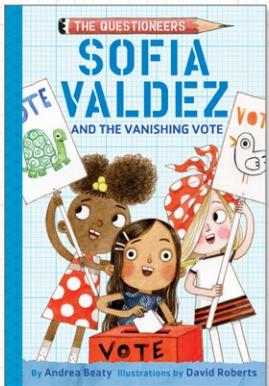
Iggy Peck and the Mysterious Mansion

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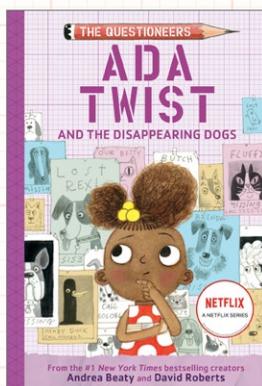
Sofia Valdez and the Vanishing Vote

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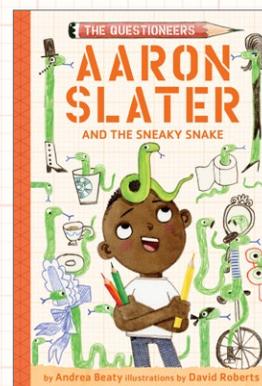
Ada Twist and the Disappearing Dogs

BOOK 5



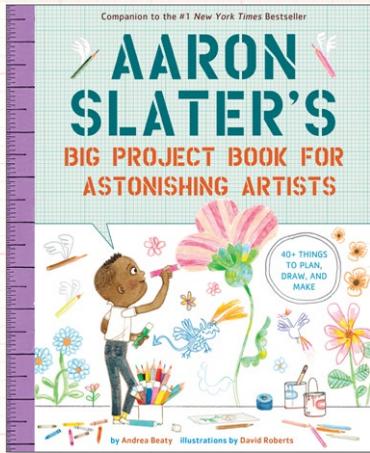
Aaron Slater and the Sneaky Snake

BOOK 6



Andrea Beaty is the author of the Questioneers series, *Attack of the Fluffy Bunnies*, and *Happy Birthday, Madame Chapeau*, among other children's titles. She lives just outside Chicago. **David Roberts** has illustrated many children's books, including the Questioneers series, *The Cook and the King*, and *Happy Birthday, Madame Chapeau*. He lives in London, where, when not drawing, he likes to make hats.

An inspiring, hands-on book about art, creativity, and how we see the world



Aaron Slater's Big Project Book for Astonishing Artists

Make art of all sorts in this project book from the team behind the bestselling Questioneers series. Aaron Slater shows readers how art is everywhere in our world—from the famous paintings and photographs that we know so well to places you may not think as much about, like on stamps or coins—and encourages them to make art of their own based on what they see. Activities will help to spark creativity, encourage curiosity, and show some of the traits most important to being an artist: being observant, being persistent, and being flexible. From coloring pages to drawing prompts to instructions on how to make your very own puppet show and so much more, this project book encourages and uplifts the youngest artists and the creators of tomorrow.

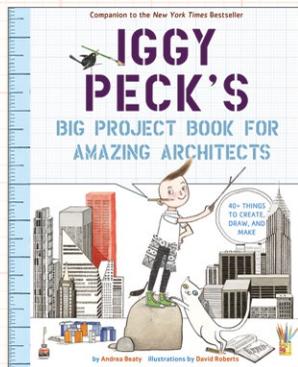
SPECIFICATIONS

o Color illustrations throughout • 279 × 229 mm • Page Count: 96 • **Paperback**

PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2022**



Iggy Peck's Big Project Book for Amazing Architects

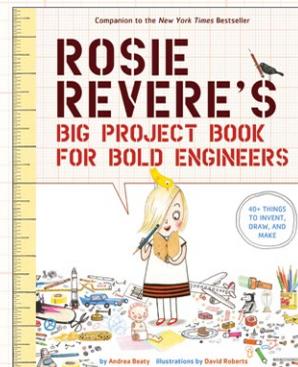


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SPECIFICATIONS

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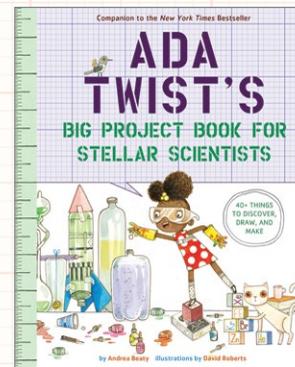
Rosie Revere's Big Project Book for Bold Engineers



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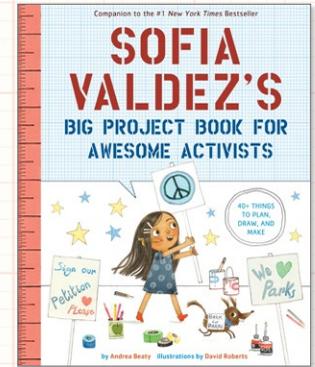
Ada Twist's Big Project Book for Stellar Scientists



SPECIFICATIONS

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GERMAN (BOJE/LUEBBE)
SIMPLIFIED CHINESE
(THINKINGDOM)
TURKISH (EPSILON)

Sofia Valdez's Big Project Book for Awesome Activists



SPECIFICATIONS

PUB MONTH: **MAY 2021**
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SIMPLIFIED CHINESE
(THINKINGDOM MEDIA)

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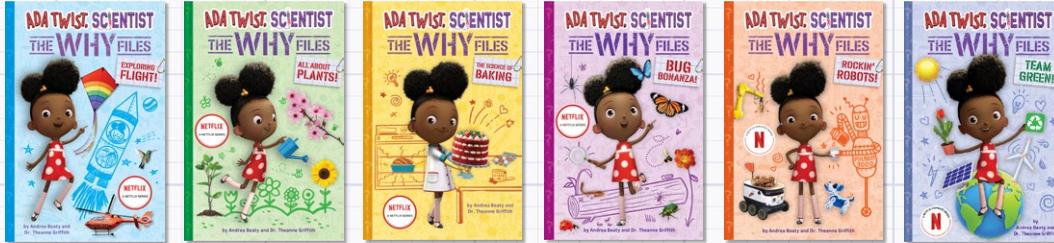


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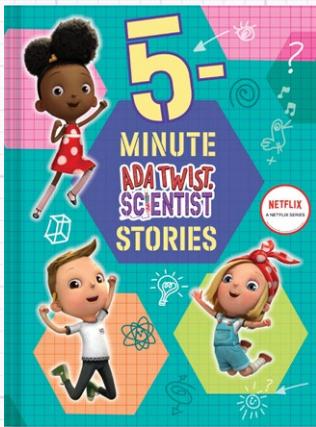
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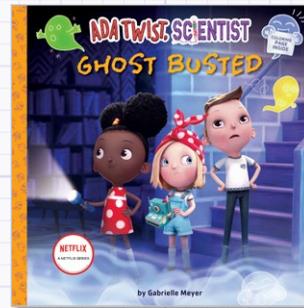
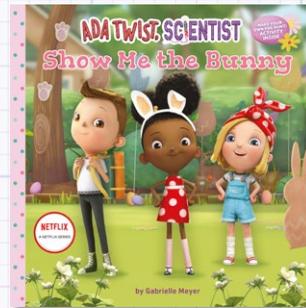
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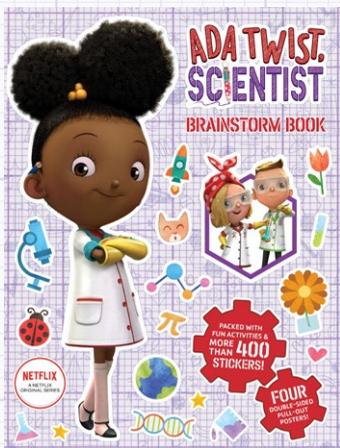
5-Minute Stories



Story Books



Brainstorm Book



ADA TWIST, SCIENTIST NETFLIX

A NEW ANIMATED PRESCHOOL SERIES
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from Peabody, Humanitas and Emmy Award-winning
children's television creator **CHRIS NEE**
(*Doc McStuffins, Vampirina*)
and President Barack Obama and Michelle Obama's
HIGHER GROUND PRODUCTIONS

Follow the adventures of 8-year-old Ada Twist, a pint-sized scientist with a giant-sized curiosity who aspires to discover the truth about absolutely everything. With the help of her two best friends, Rosie Revere and Iggy Peck, Ada unravels and solves mysteries for her friends and family. But solving the mystery is only the beginning, because science isn't just about learning how and why and what—it's about putting that knowledge into action to make the world a better place.

SPECIFICATIONS

- o Color illustrations throughout
- o 229 × 152 mm
- o Page Count: 80
- o **Hardcover**
RIGHTS SOLD:
SPANISH (PRHGE)

The Why Files: Exploring Flight!
PUB MONTH: **DECEMBER 2021**

The Why Files: All About Plants!
PUB MONTH: **JULY 2022**

**The Why Files:
The Science of Baking!**
PUB MONTH: **SEPTEMBER 2022**

The Why Files: Bug Bonanza!
PUB MONTH: **MARCH 2023**

The Why Files: Rockin' Robots!
PUB MONTH: **APRIL 2024**

The Why Files: Team Green!
PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2024**

SPECIFICATIONS

- o Color illustrations throughout
- o 267 × 197 mm
- o Page Count: 176
- o **Hardcover**
**5-Minute Ada Twist,
Scientist Stories**
PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2022**

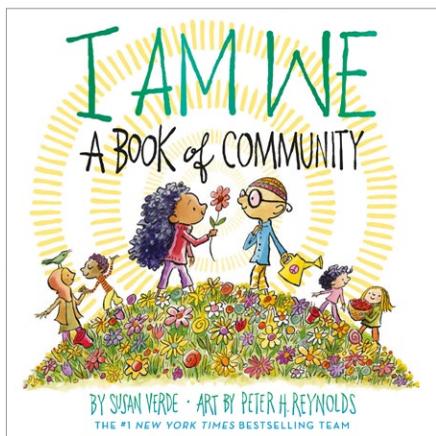
SPECIFICATIONS

- o Color illustrations throughout
- o 235 × 235 mm
- o Page Count: 32
- o **Hardcover**
**Ada Twist, Scientist:
Show Me the Bunny**
PUB MONTH: **FEBRUARY 2022**
RIGHTS SOLD **FRENCH (HACHETTE)**
**Ada Twist, Scientist:
Ghost Busted**
PUB MONTH: **AUGUST 2022**
RIGHTS SOLD **FRENCH (HACHETTE)**

SPECIFICATIONS

- o Color illustrations throughout
- o 267 × 203 mm
- o Page Count: 76
- o **Paperback Activity book**
**Ada Twist, Scientist:
Brainstorm Book**
PUB MONTH: **FEBRUARY 2022**
RIGHTS SOLD **FRENCH (HACHETTE)**

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I Am We

Sometimes we may wonder, how does caring for ourselves help anyone else? But then we realize that the better we feel inside, the more we can be there for others—our friends, families, and communities. We are part of something bigger than ourselves, and when we each turn our goodness and compassion outward, we can create, learn, and love. From the *New York Times* bestselling team behind the I Am series comes a celebration of caring for ourselves AND others with open hearts and minds. Whether it's listening to a friend, welcoming newcomers with open arms, or standing up against injustice, *I Am We* shows us what true community looks like—and the amazing things that can happen when we come together.

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FALL 2027

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SPECIFICATIONS

- o Color illustrations throughout
- o 203 × 203 mm
- o Page Count: 32

o Hardcover with jacket

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- CHINESE COMPLEX (COMMONWEALTH)
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- FRENCH NA (SCHOLASTIC CANADA)
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- ROMANIAN (DIDACTICA)
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- THAI (SOOK)

I Am We

PUB MONTH: OCTOBER 2024

Who I Am

PUB MONTH: SEPTEMBER 2023

I Am Me

PUB MONTH: SEPTEMBER 2022

I Am Courage

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I Am One

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I Am Love

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I Am Human

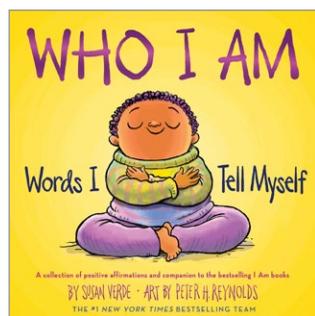
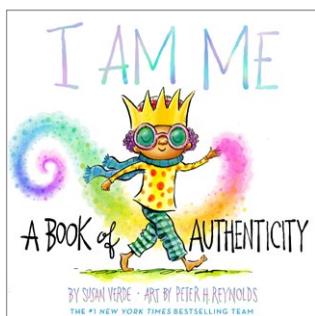
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I Am Peace

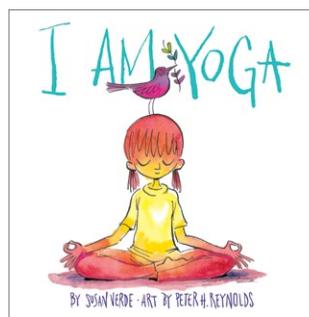
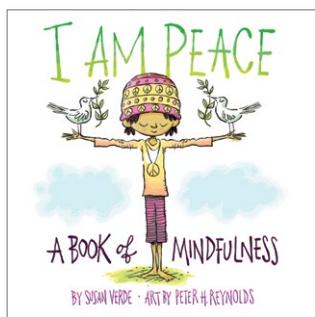
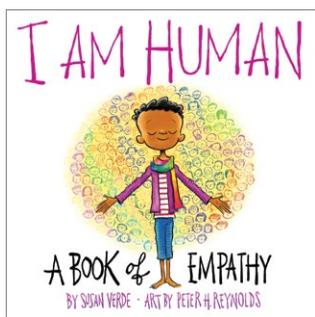
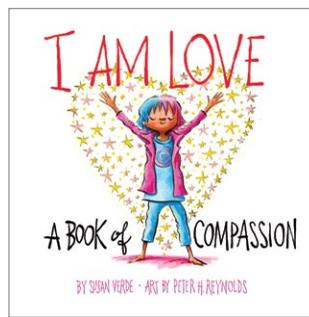
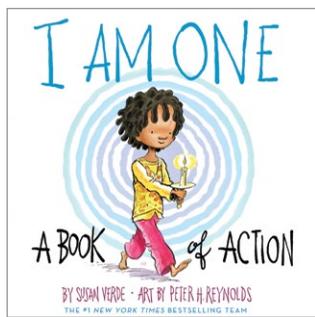
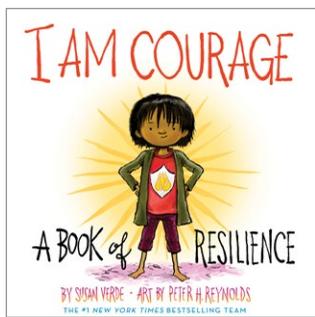
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I Am Yoga

PUB MONTH: SEPTEMBER 2015



“For young readers who need help believing in themselves and for those with friends who do the same.”
—*Kirkus Reviews*

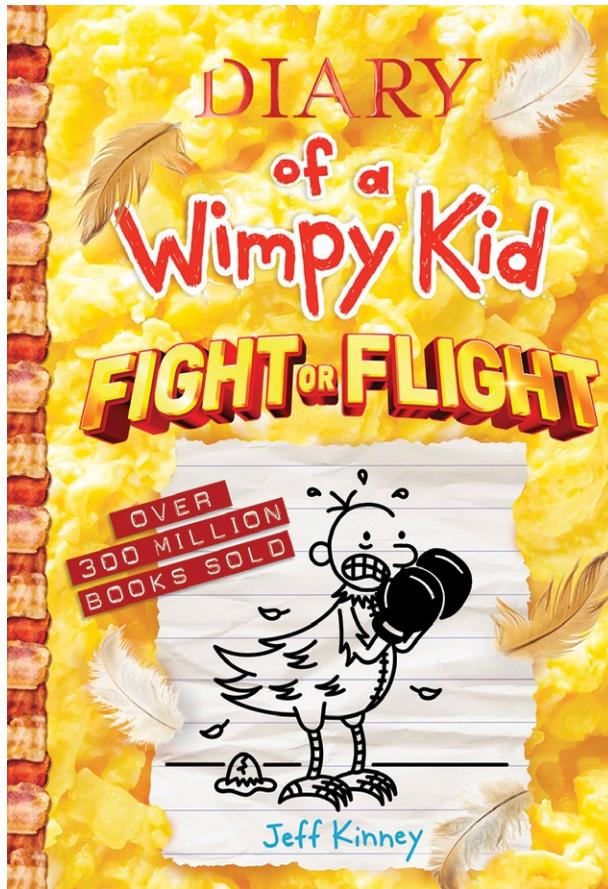


Susan Verde is the bestselling author of the I Am Wellness series and the Feel-Good Fairy Tales books. She teaches yoga and mindfulness to children and lives with her three children in East Hampton, New York. Peter H. Reynolds is the illustrator of many bestselling and award-winning picture books, including *The Dot* and *Ish*. He lives in Dedham, Massachusetts, where he operates Blue Bunny Books and Toys.

FROM #1 INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLING AUTHOR Jeff Kinney

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Fight or Flight

BY JEFF KINNEY



Selling Points

- **GLOBAL PHENOMENON:** With over 300 million books sold around the world in 87 editions and 70 languages, *Wimpy Kid* has turned millions of kids into readers. The series is one of the top-five bestselling book series—adult and kids—of all time.
- **MEGA BESTSELLING SERIES:** A consistent fixture on the *New York Times* bestseller list for almost 900 weeks—longer than any other kids' series! *Wimpy Kid* is also a #1 bestseller on the *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Publishers Weekly*, and *IndieBound* bestseller lists.
- **NOW A MAJOR DISNEY MOVIE FRANCHISE:** There have been four original animated *Wimpy Kid* movies released on Disney+.
- **WIDE SOCIAL MEDIA REACH:** Over 7 million fans across social media, with 4+ million fans on Facebook; 28+ million YouTube views; 1.7+ million TikTok followers; 770,000+ Instagram followers and 1.8 billion views on GIPHY.

Specifications

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Fight or Flight
US \$15.99

PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2026**

When the going gets tough, what's a wimpy kid to do?

In *Fight or Flight*, Greg Heffley faces his biggest challenge yet as he becomes a target for the school bully. Luckily for Greg, his best friend, Rowley Jefferson, takes karate, so at least Greg's got someone in his corner. But an unexpected twist makes Greg realize he's facing an uphill battle. Will Greg step into the ring or throw in the towel? One thing's for sure—*Fight or Flight* is a knockout!

Jeff Kinney is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series and the *Awesome Friendly Kid* series. He is a six-time Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Award winner for Favorite Book and has been named one of *Time* magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World. He spent his childhood in the Washington, DC, area and moved to New England, where he and his wife own a bookstore named An Unlikely Story.

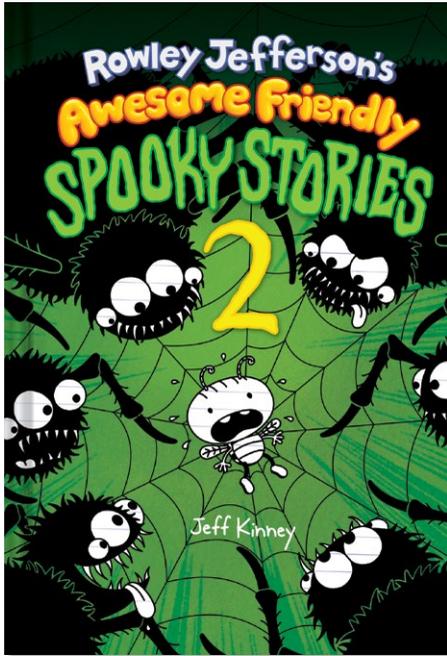
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FROM #1 INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLING AUTHOR Jeff Kinney

Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories 2

BY JEFF KINNEY



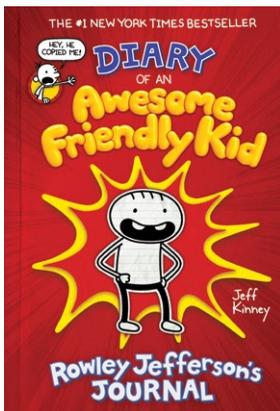
Rowley Jefferson is back with another book in his Awesome Friendly series—Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories 2—which is even more hilariously terrifying than the first!

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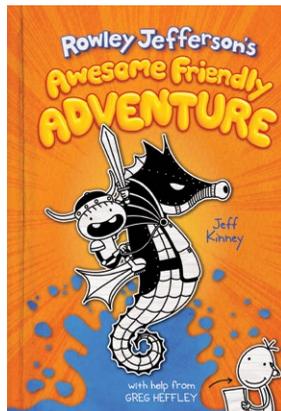
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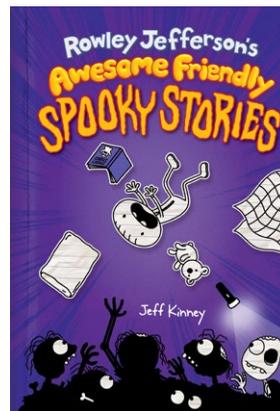
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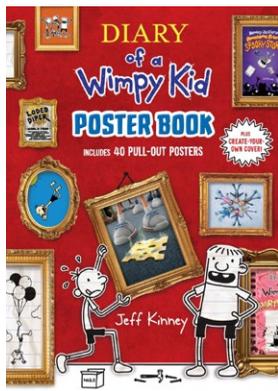
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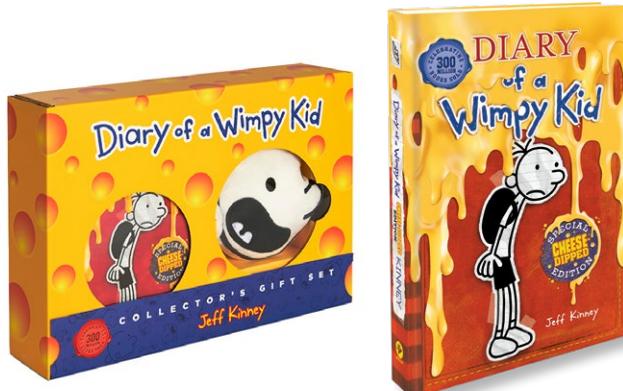
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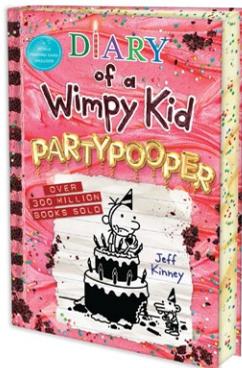
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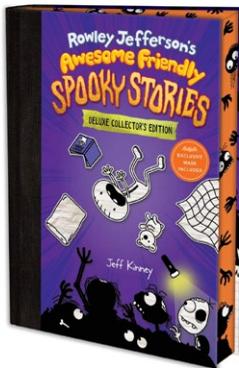
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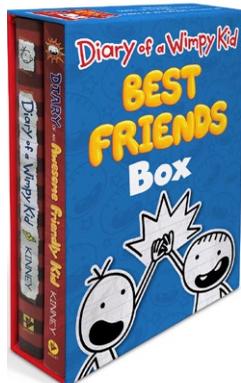
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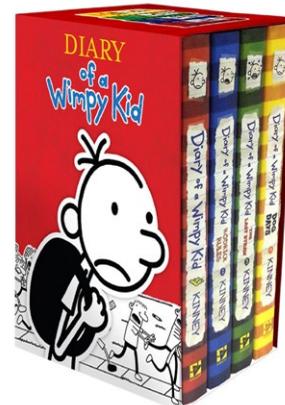
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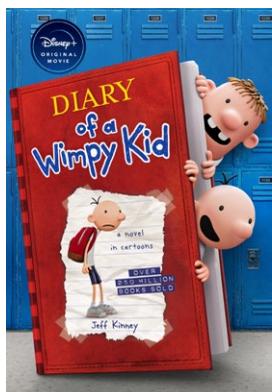
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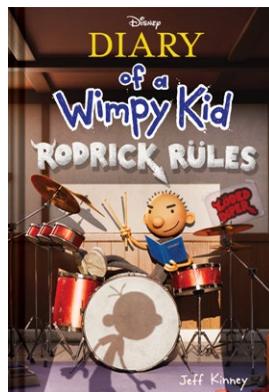
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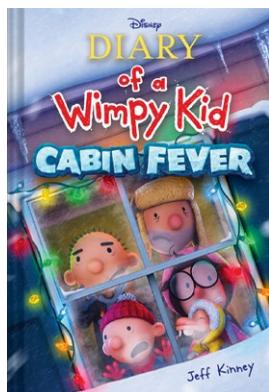
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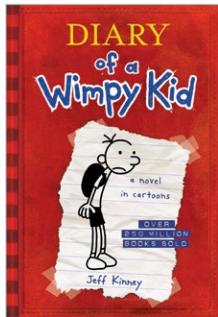


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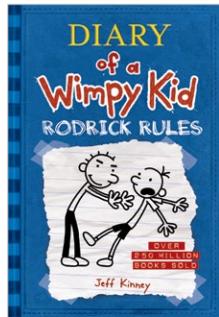


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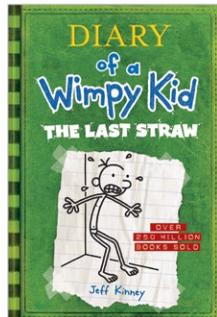
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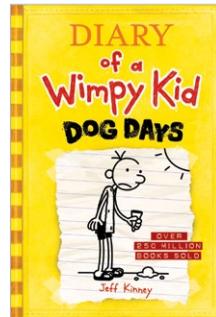
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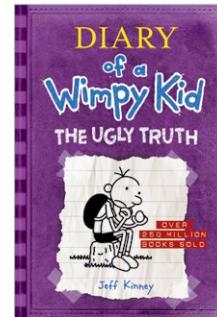
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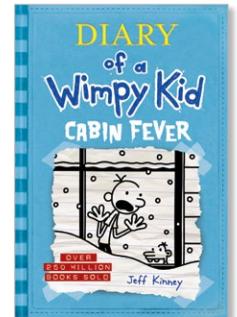
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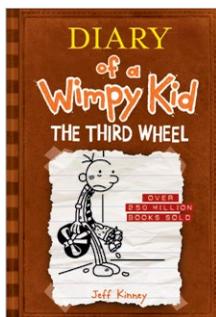
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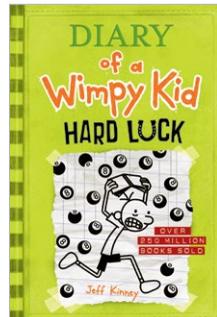
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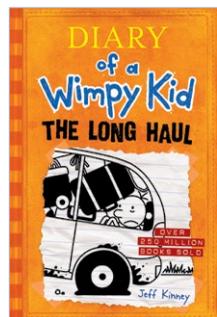
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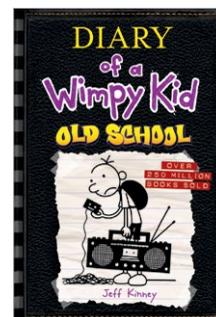
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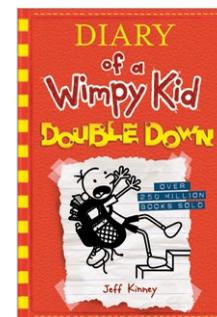
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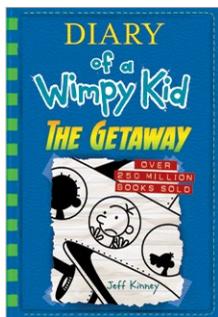
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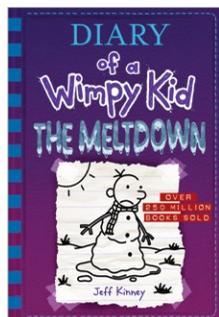
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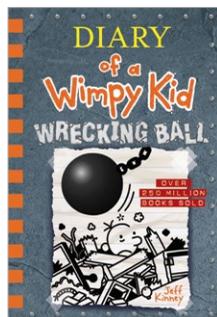
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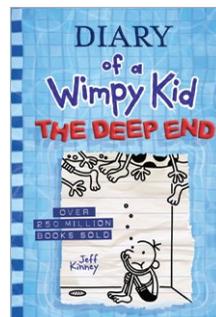
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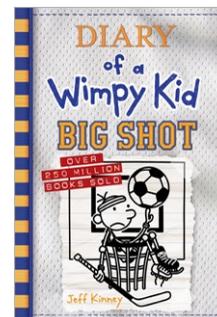
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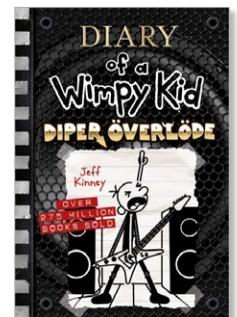
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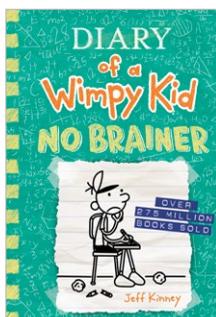
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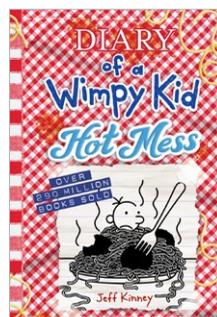
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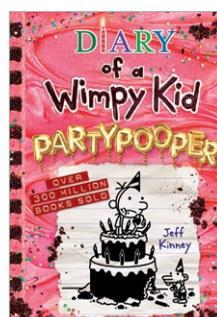
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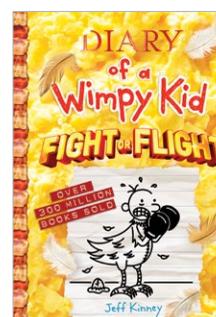
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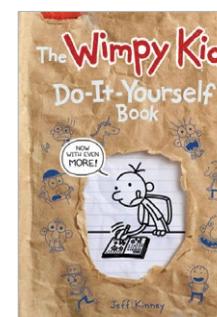
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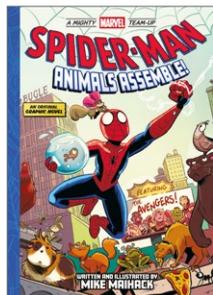
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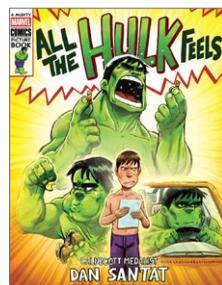


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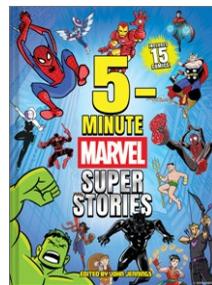


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