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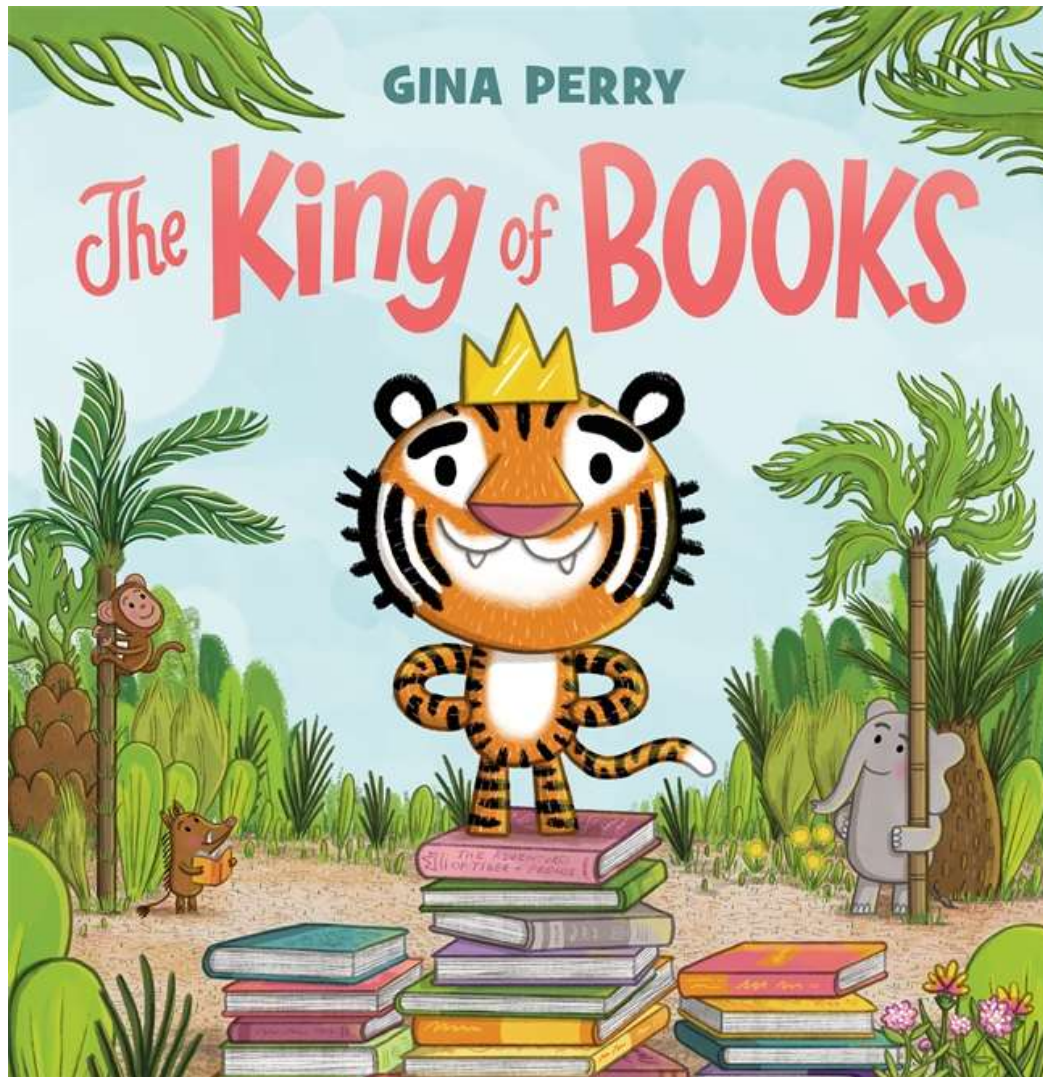
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THE KING OF BOOKS

By Gina Perry



A laugh-out-loud story about an enthusiastic king who learns the power of books!

The King of Books cannot wait to show off all the things that he can do with his magnificent collection. He can make dizzying book towers, fearsome book-quakes, and even handy book trays for his meals. Much to the horror of his trusty advisors, though, it seems that the King of Books is oblivious to their original purpose.

But when a fearsome Moat Monster takes exception to the King's antics, the King of Books has to unlock the full potential of reading in order to save the realm.

Gina Perry has crafted a comical story with friendly and bright art that showcases the power of the written word (and also that books are much easier to read when you hold them the right side up).

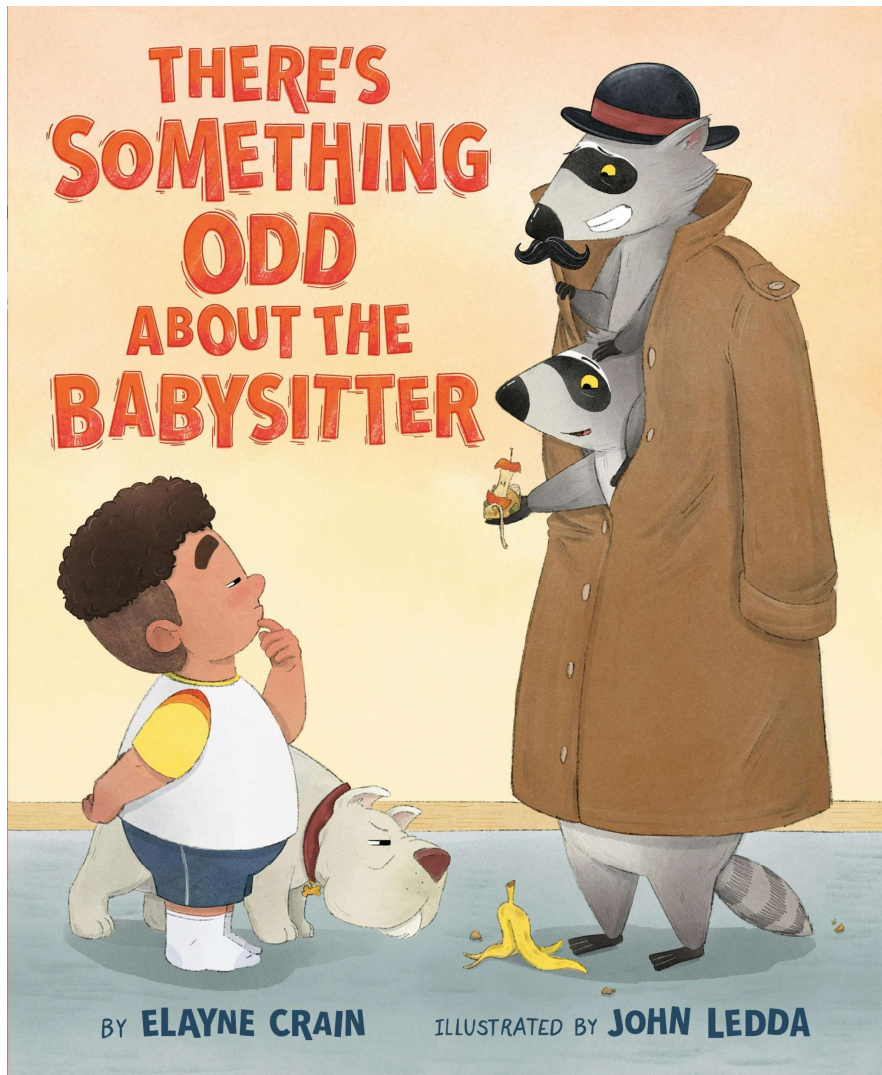
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Publisher: Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan

THERE'S SOMETHING ODD ABOUT THE BABYSITTER

By Elayne Crain and John Ledda



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Freddie has had many *many* babysitters over the years. And he's never liked a single one.

So when a new one shows up, he's sure he's in for a boring night. Yet the babysitter seems nervous. Their table manners are appalling. And dinner is garbage. . . literally.

But after Freddie decides to team up with the babysitter to turn the evening around, what started out as boring becomes a night he won't forget.

Humorous and heartfelt, this picture book full of delightful art is about letting new people (or raccoons) in...even when it's hard.

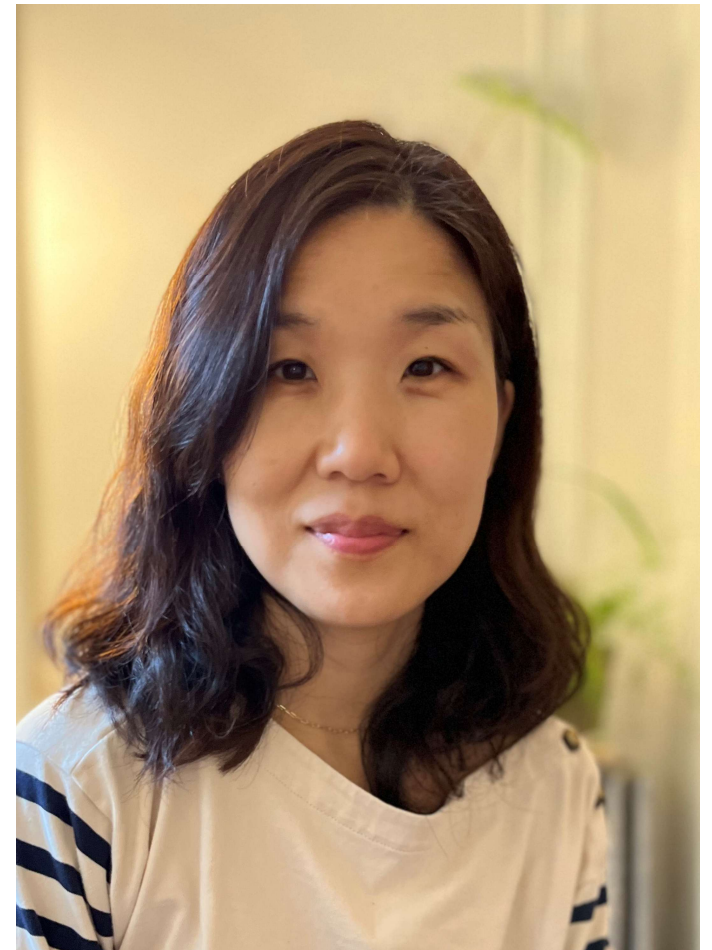
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BACKLIST TITLES FROM HYEWON YUM

- **Lifetime Rights Licensed: Korean, Chinese (Complex and Simplified), French, Japanese, Thai, Italian, Spanish, Catalan, Brazilian, German, and Hebrew**
- **Boston Globe-Horn Book Picture Book Honor Winner**
- **Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association Picture Book Winner**
- **Charlotte Zolotow Award - Honor and Commended Titles**
- **Ezra Jack Keats Book Award for Writer/Illustrator**
- **Bologna Ragazzi Award Honorable Mention for Fiction**



SATURDAY IS SWIMMING DAY

Charlotte Zolotow Honor

Bank Street Best Books of the Year

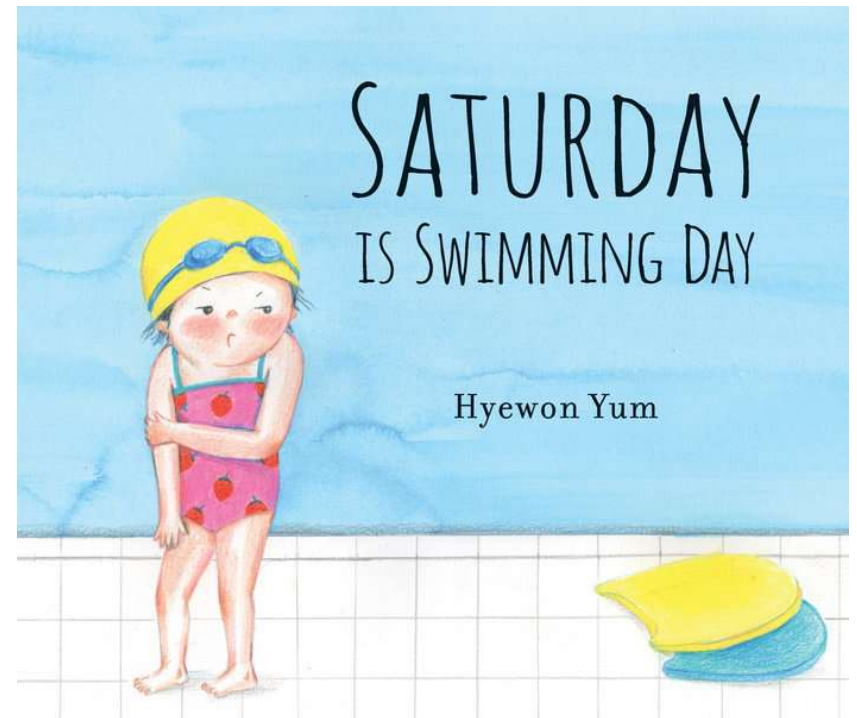
ALA Notable Mention – Picture Books

New things can be scary — but as one endearing little girl discovers, it's perfectly fine to take your time.

Swimming lessons are on Saturdays, and every Saturday one little girl has a stomachache. When she gets to the pool it's loud, the floor is wet and slippery, and her swim cap is too tight. Her swimming instructor, Mary, says it's OK to sit by the edge if she doesn't want to get in the water this week. The next Saturday the girl has a stomachache again, but with Mary's gentle encouragement, she eventually manages to make it into the pool to practice her kicks. Little by little, the girl's confidence grows — until one Saturday comes around when she has no stomachache at all! In a charming and relatable story about trying something new, author-illustrator Hyewon Yum shows that sometimes a little bravery and a lot of patience are all you need to face your fear.

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Publisher: Candlewick



THE TWINS' BLANKET

STARRED REVIEWS: Publishers Weekly, School Library Journal

Reviewed by *The New York Times*

School Library Journal Best Picture Books of the Year

These look-alike twins have always shared everything—their room, their toys, a crib, and, since the day they were born, a blanket. But as they grow into new beds, they need new blankets, too. Now they face a new dilemma: they don't know how not to share.

Told from the perspective of two five-year-olds, *The Twins' Blanket* playfully illuminates squabbles and affection between young siblings. Yum's minimalistic art astutely captures these twins' emotions as they toss, turn, and tug their new and old blankets—and embrace their growing independence.

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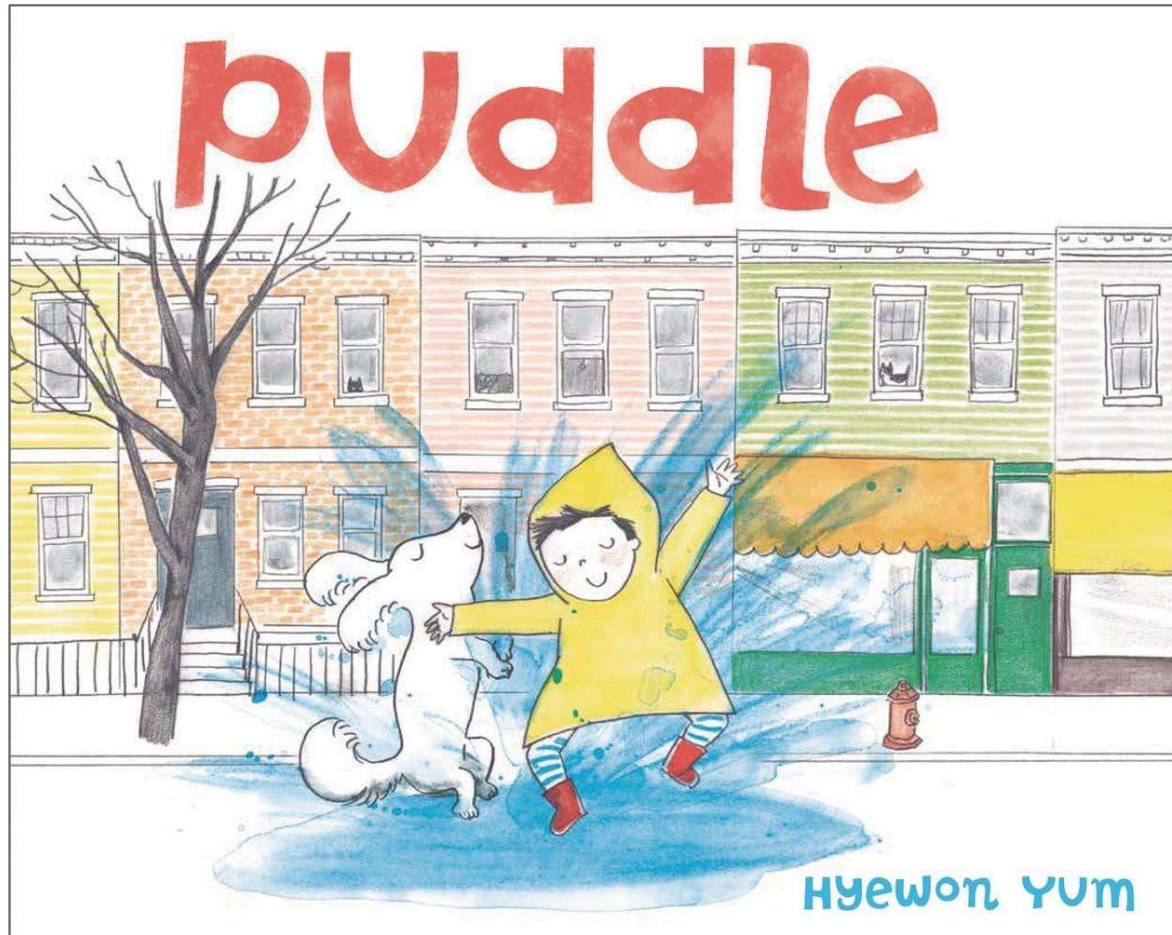
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HYEWON YUM

the twins' blanket



PUDDLE



STARRED REVIEW: PW

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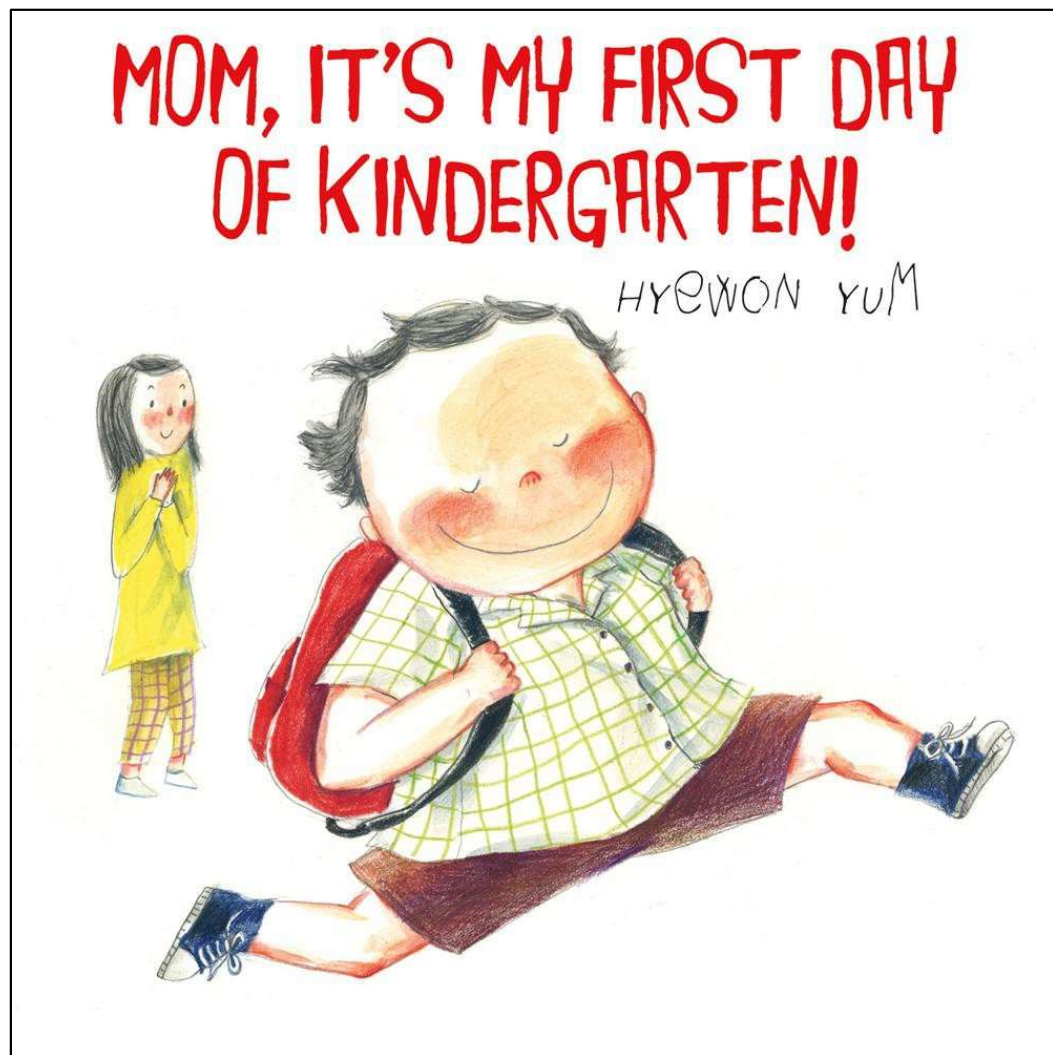
**Asian American Librarian
Picture Book Winner**

One rainy day, a little boy is upset because he can't go out and play. His mom comes up with a way to keep him entertained--by drawing a picture of herself and him going outside, playing in the rain, and splashing in a giant puddle. They have so much fun drawing themselves that they decide to venture out and make the most of the rainy weather.

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Publisher: FSG/Macmillan

MOM, IT'S MY FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN



STARRED REVIEWS: PW, KIRKUS, THE HORN BOOK

Reviewed by the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*

It's a child's first day of kindergarten, but who is worried about all the new people and the different things he'll meet--the child? No! The mother. In a refreshing reversal of roles, the child takes it upon himself to comfort and reassure his mother that everything will be fine, she'll get used to him going to big-kid school, and yes, he is ready for the first day of kindergarten. Utterly charming in its simplicity, Yum playfully uses size and color to reveal emotions of this milestone beginning.

Mom, It's My First Day of Kindergarten! is a **Kirkus Reviews Best Children's Book of 2012**

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Publisher: FSG/Macmillan

THIS IS OUR HOUSE

STARRED REVIEW: Kirkus

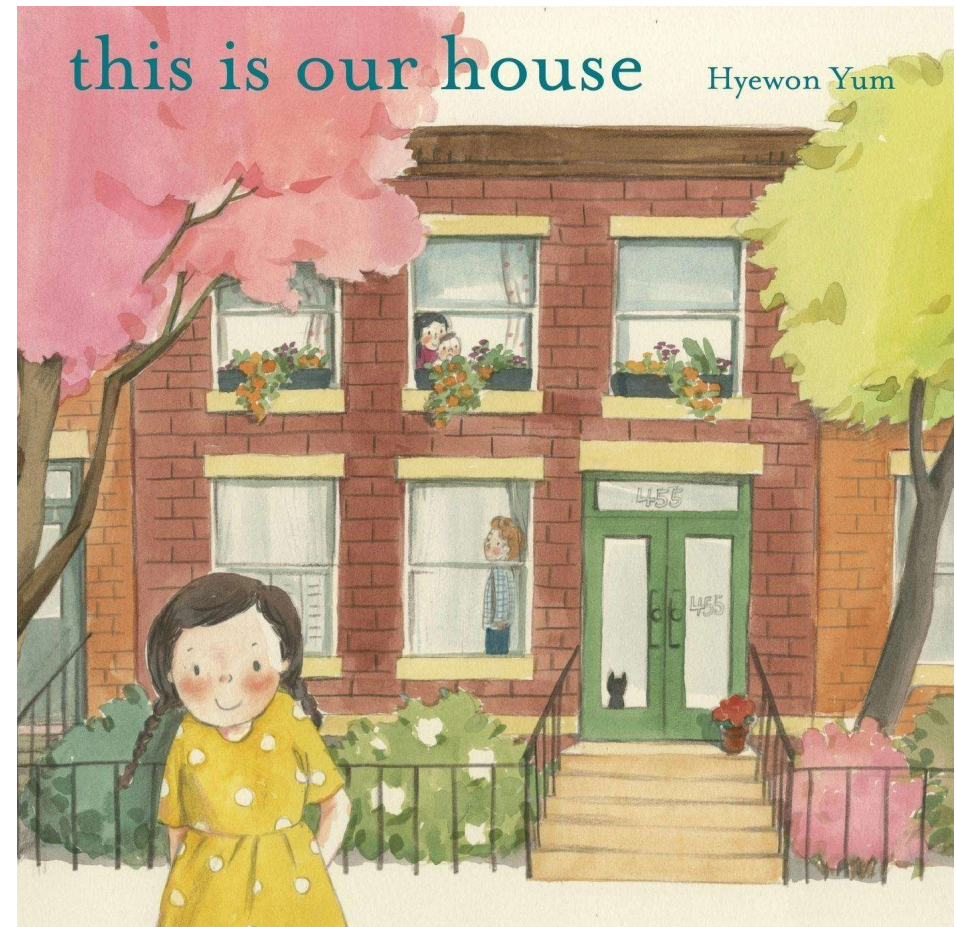
Reviewed by *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*

A tree has bloomed on a city block outside a house for many years. Inside that house, several generations of a family have grown up. Grandma and Grandpa arrived at the house from a country far away, and Mom and her brothers played on the steps on warm summer days. This little girl learned how to walk on that street, too.

Hyewon Yum's *This is Our House* is a warm story with spare text that follows a family through seasons and generations, from the early days of immigration to the times that made their house into a home.

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Publisher: FSG/Macmillan

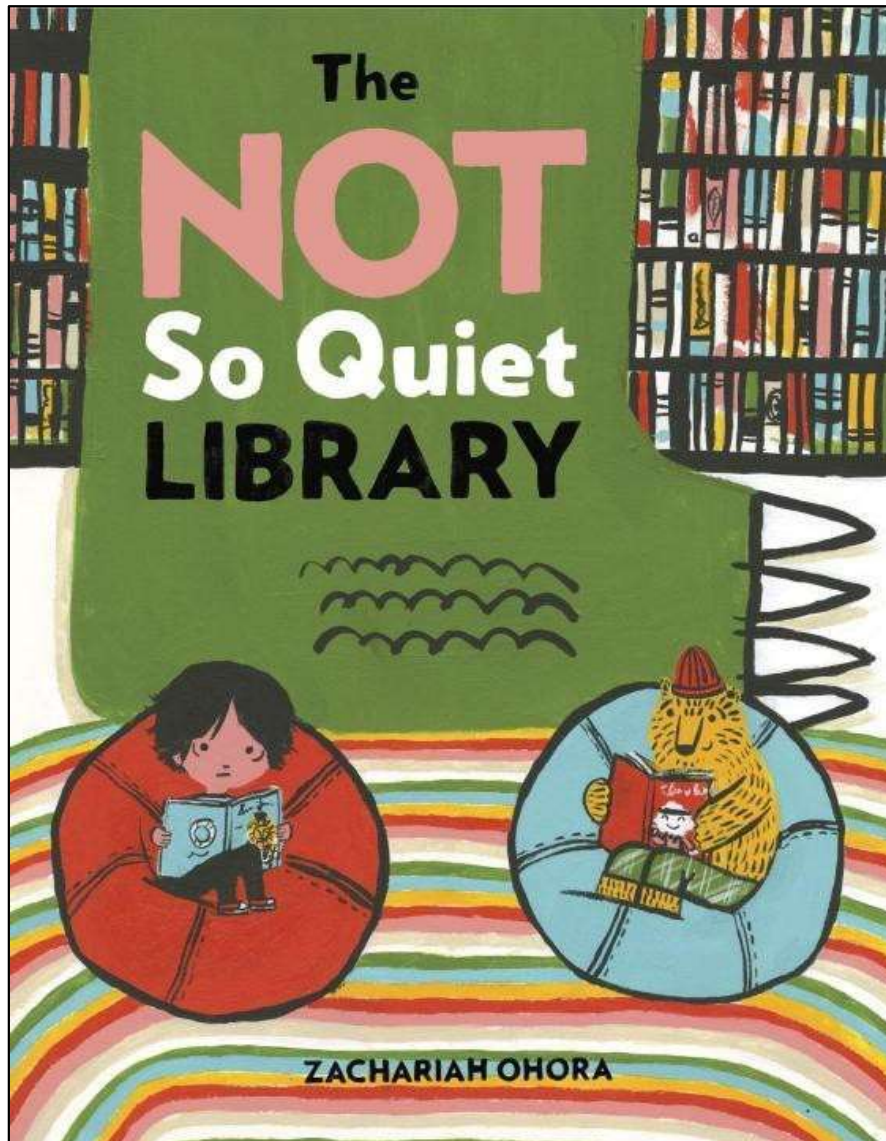


BACKLIST TITLES FROM ZACHARIAH OHORA

- Lifetime Rights Licensed: Korean, Chinese (Complex and Simplified), French, German, Dutch, Russian, Turkish, and Finnish
- *New York Times* Bestseller
- Show Creator and Executive Producer of the animated TV show *Carl the Collector*, airing on PBS
- 2025 recipient of the Excellence in Early Learning Digital Media Award from ALA
- *Society of Illustrators* Founders Award Winner



THE NOT SO QUIET LIBRARY



STARRED REVIEWS: KIRKUS, SLJ

A story that celebrates the power of books and libraries in the vein of *It's a Book*

It's Saturday, which means Oskar and Theodore get to go to the library with their dad! It means donuts for breakfast! And it means endless quiet hours lost in stories while their dad is busy doing research (aka napping).

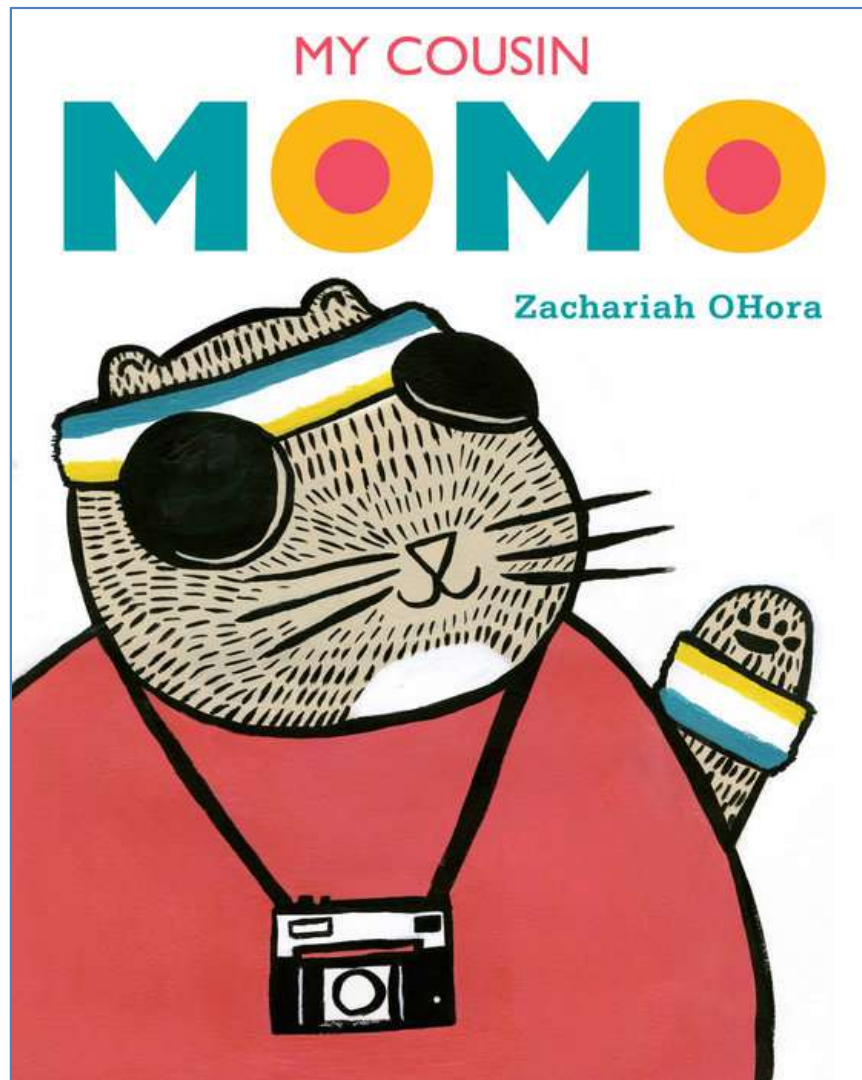
But on this not so quiet Saturday, Oskar and Teddy get a rude surprise when they're interrupted by a five-headed, *hangry* monster! Will Oskar ever get to finish his book in peace? Will Teddy ever get to gorge on his donuts? Or might both of them hold the secret weapons to taming the beast?

Ohora brings his signature humor and quirkiness to a story with evergreen appeal.

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Publisher: Dial/PRH

MY COUSIN MOMO



Zachariah OHora's distinctive retro art and kid-friendly humor take the stage in this story about accepting and celebrating differences.

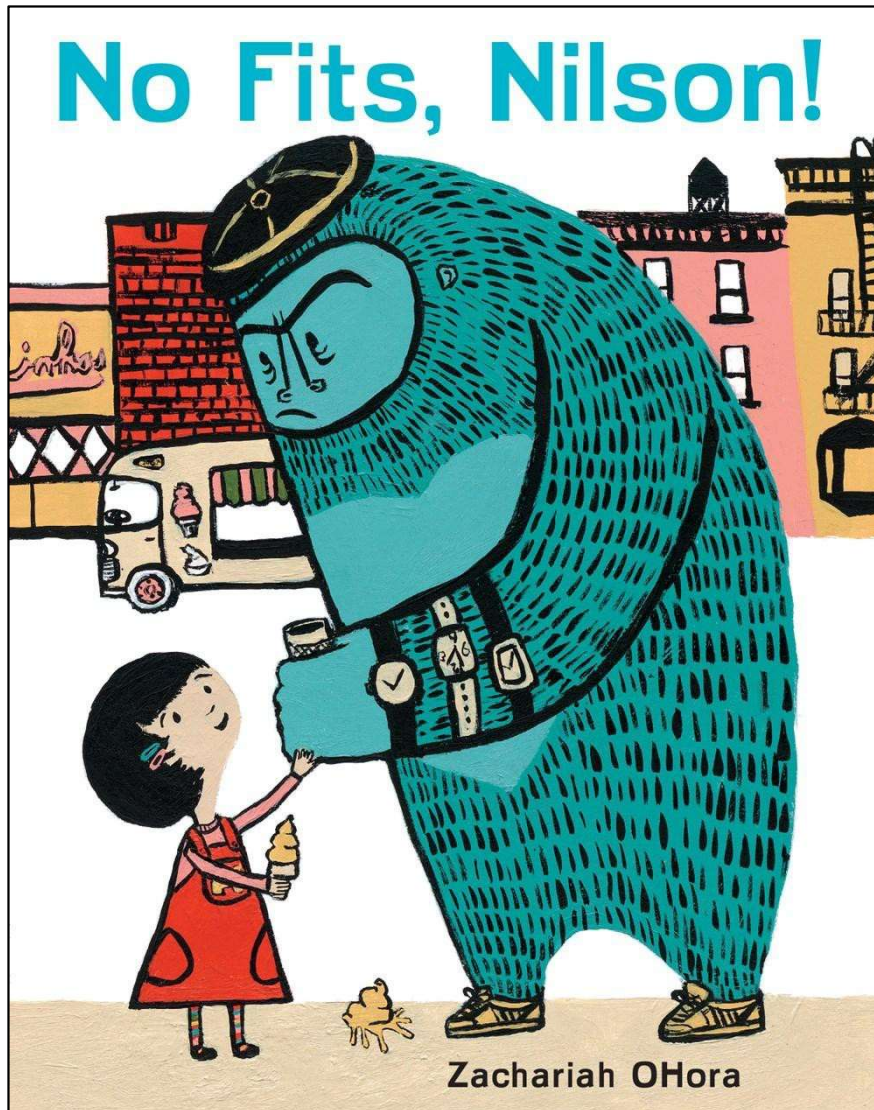
Momo is coming to visit, and his cousins are SO excited! But even though Momo is a flying squirrel, he won't fly for his cousin's friends. Plus, his games are weird. He can't even play hide and seek right! But when Momo's cousins give his strange ways a chance, they realize that doing things differently can be fun...almost as much fun as making a new friend.

Fans of Peter Brown and Bob Shea will fall in love with Zachariah OHora's bold artwork and hilarious characters.

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Publisher: Dial/Penguin Random House

NO FITS, NILSON!



- ★ *The Huffington Post's* BEST Overall Picture Book of 2013
- ★ *Kirkus Reviews* Best Picture Books of 2013
- ★ *A New York Public Library* Book for Reading and Sharing

Nilson and Amelia do everything together. But if one little thing goes wrong, Nilson throws the biggest, most house shaking-est fit ever! Amelia helps Nilson control his gorilla-sized temper by promising him banana ice cream and letting him play with her froggy coin purse. But, sometimes, Amelia needs to be calmed down, too.

Inspired by O'Hara's own "negotiations" with his two sons, *No Fits, Nilson!* is a hilarious preschool pick for kids and parents navigating the treacherous tantrum phase.

On-Sale Date: June 13, 2013

Publisher: Dial/PRH



**BACKLIST TITLES from
MARK FEARING and DANA
WULFEKOTTE**

ONE SNOWY MORNING illustrated by Dana Wulfekotte

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Two woodland friends spot a mysterious pile of snow decked out with funny objects which they put to use in unintended and highly original ways, proving that things are what you make of them

One morning, a squirrel and a chipmunk find the oddest things stuck in a giant pile of snow. Readers will recognize a snowman, but the two friends have their own ideas about what they've found. The top hat is a tall rowboat; the carrot nose is a rare dragon's tooth; and the mittens, of course, are fish puppets. The squirrel and the chipmunk wonder what all of these items are doing in a giant pile of snow, but when they take them home they figure out just what to do with them. The tall rowboat makes a perfect table; the rare dragon's tooth makes a delicious soup; and the fish puppets make amazing hats! They throw a dragon tooth soup party for all their friends, and the next morning they put (almost) everything back, nearly where they found.

Readers will still see a snowman, but they'll also see how the snowman can be so much more.

"[C]harmingly silly . . . Tseng's minimal, witty text . . . works with Wulfekotte's cheery, cheeky illustrations . . . [W]ill elicit giggles."—Publishers Weekly

"[R]eminiscent of Antoinette Portis's Not a Box or Not a Stick . . . Wulfekotte's illustrations provide thoughtful animation to the story . . . A quick, amusing read, this would be a good pick for most collections looking to round out their winter-themed selections."—School Library Journal

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers/PRH



GIANT PANTS

by Mark Fearing

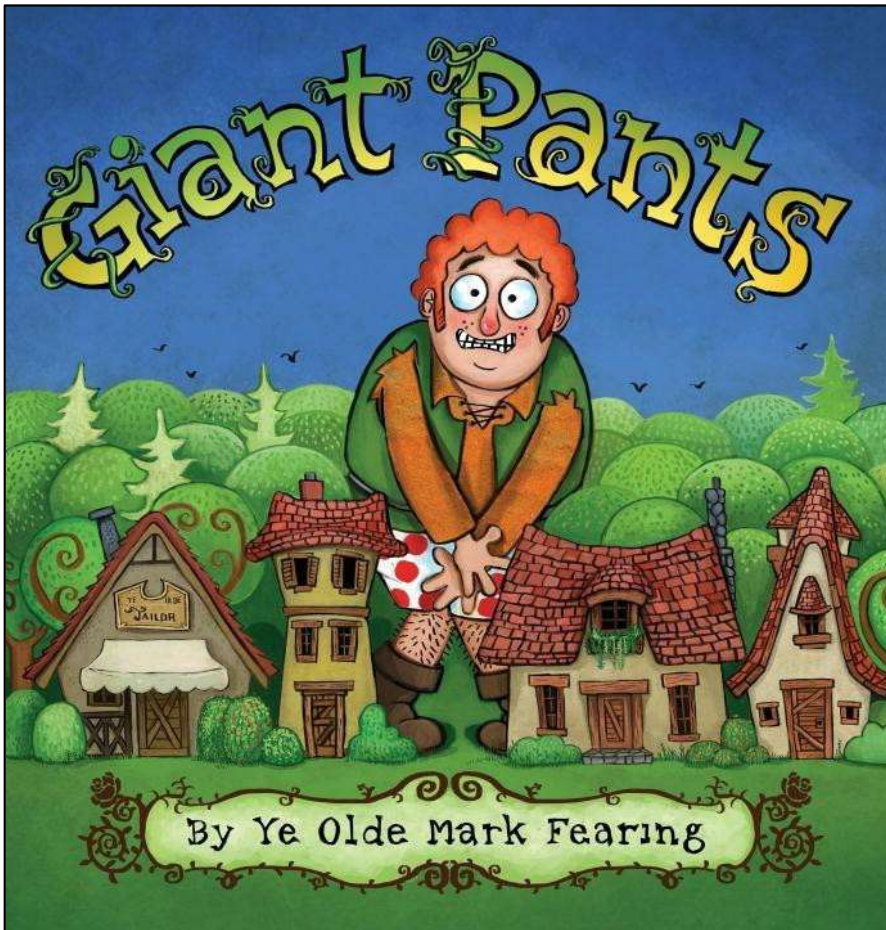
Parents Choice - Fun Stuff Award

Who hasn't misplaced something important? Readers large and small will laugh knowingly along with this relatable (and rather giant) case of forgetfulness.

Belbum is a giant. Like most giants, he is very good at stomping, napping, and losing things. One day he loses something especially important, though: his only pair of pants. After searching high and low, Belbum sets off to ask his friends whether they have any pants he can borrow. But the cyclops only wears tunics. The gnome's pants, stretchy as they may be, are far too small for Belbum. And unicorns don't even *wear* pants. There's only one thing left for Belbum to do: walk to the tailor in town...in his underwear!

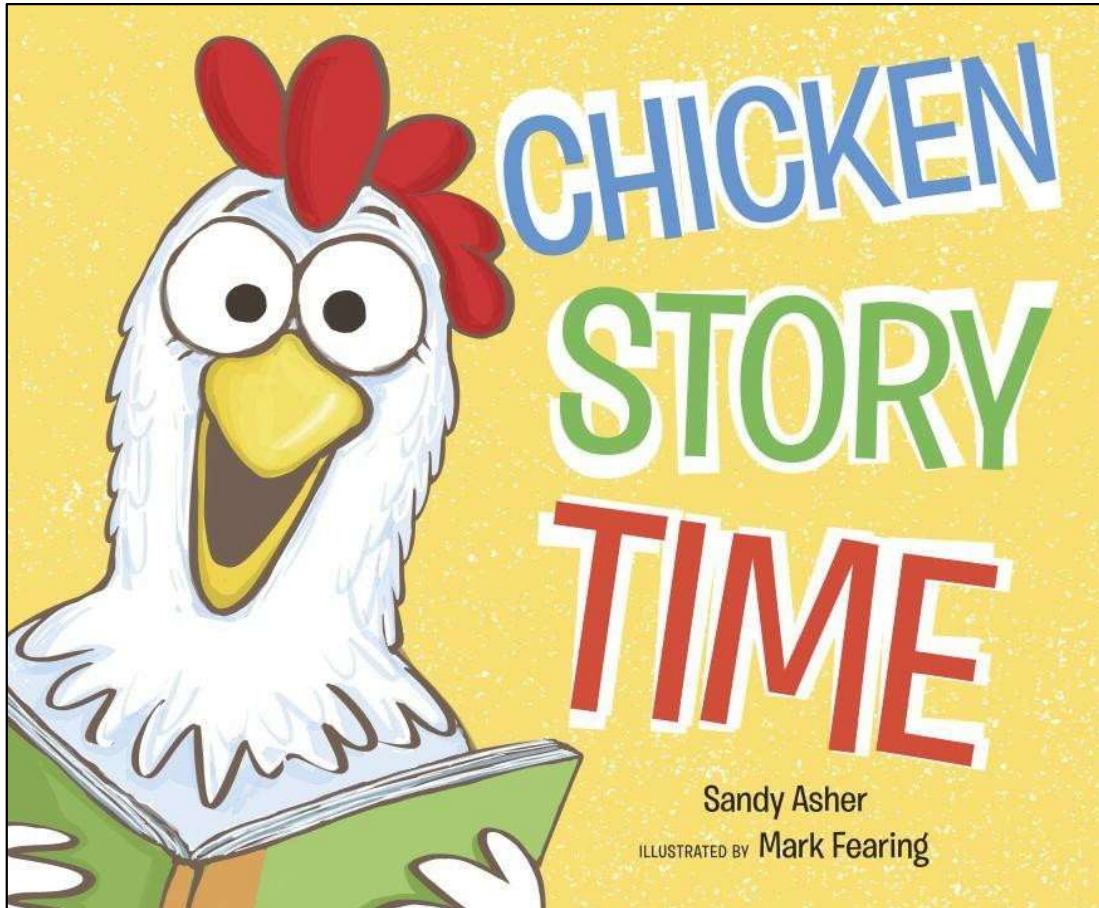
From the author-illustrator of *The Great Thanksgiving Escape* comes an enchantingly silly tale about forgetting your things — and holding your head up high.

Publisher: Candlewick Press



CHICKEN STORY TIME

Illustrated by Mark Fearing



*** Illustration Rights Only ***

A wonderfully silly take on library story time that's perfect for children, chickens, and everyone in between

Why did the chicken cross the road? To get to storytime at the library, of course! The children like the chicken, the chicken likes the children, and everyone loves story time. So it's no surprise that more children (and more chickens!) get in on the fun until there are more kids and critters than the librarian knows what to do with. Luckily, she comes up with a creative solution and manages to find little R & R for herself.

Fans of *Bats in the Library* and *Library Lion* will fall in love and story time will never be the same!

Kids Indie Next List Selection!

Publisher: Dial/PRH