



# Our Favorite Children's Books of 2022



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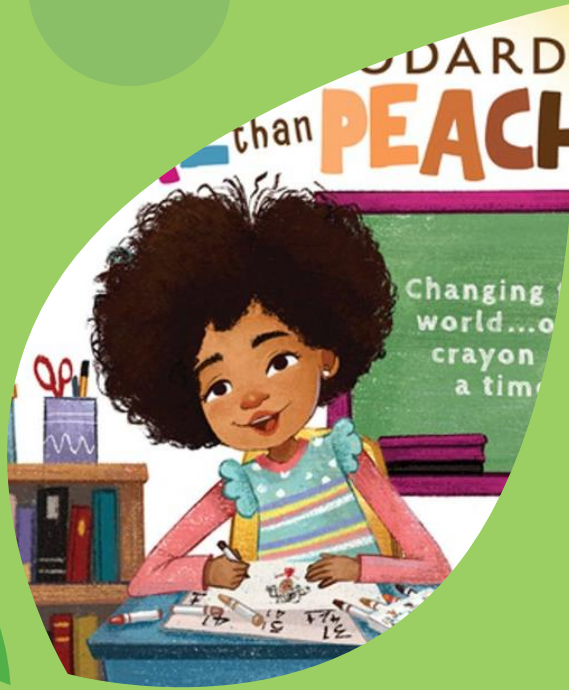


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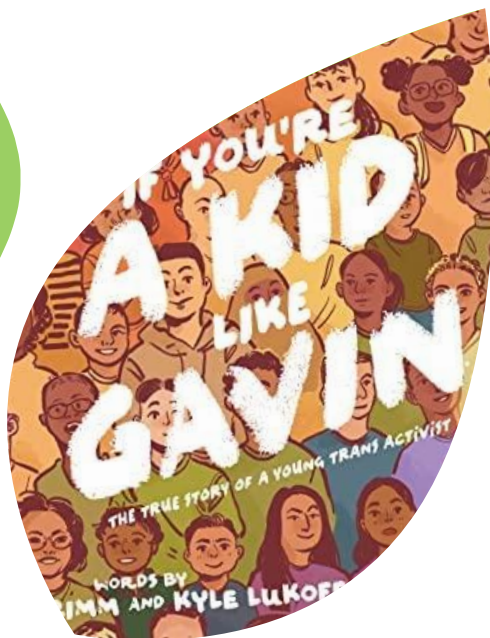
## The Fabulous Trio



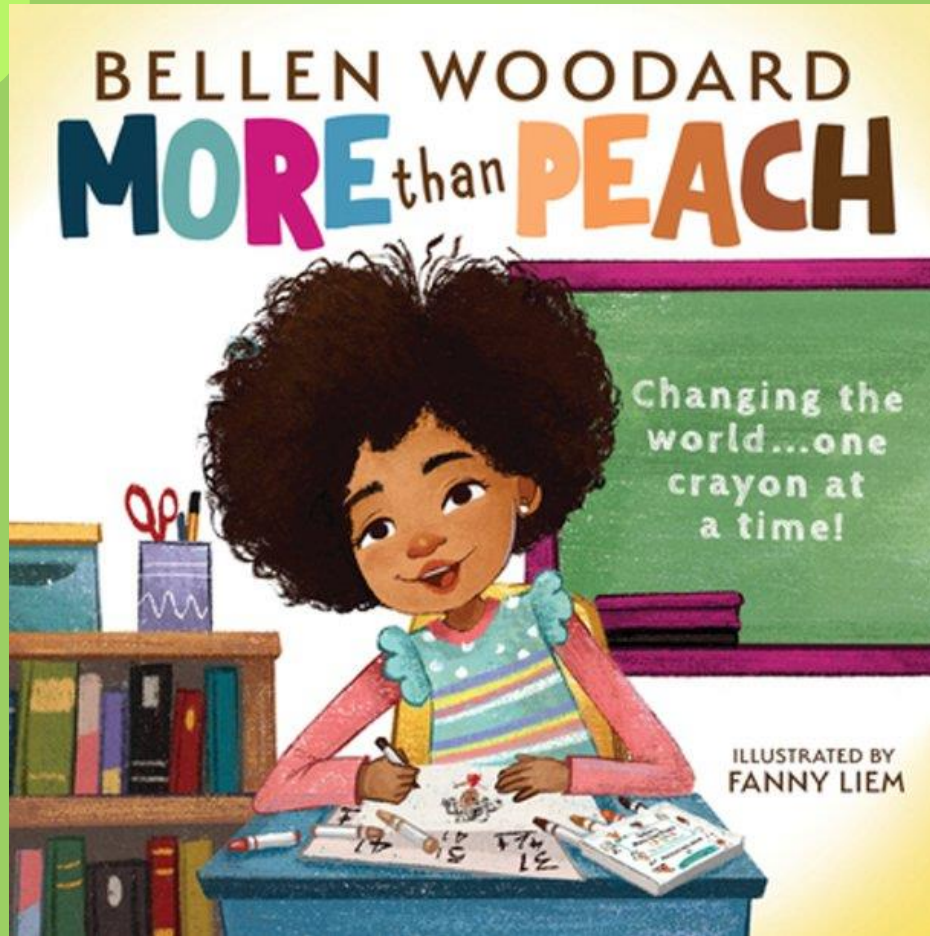
# Our Favorite Books About People

# Celebrating Biographies

- Biographies can be exciting! From graphic novels to picture book memoirs there is something for every reader.







## ***More than Peach***

Bellen Woodward  
Fanny Liem

Picture book  
Kid author  
Kindergarten and up

A Story About **BORDERS, FAMILY,**  
and One Girl's **MISSION**



# UNTIL SOMEONE LISTENS

**ESTELA JUAREZ** with **LISSETTE NORMAN**

illustrated by **TERESA MARTÍNEZ**

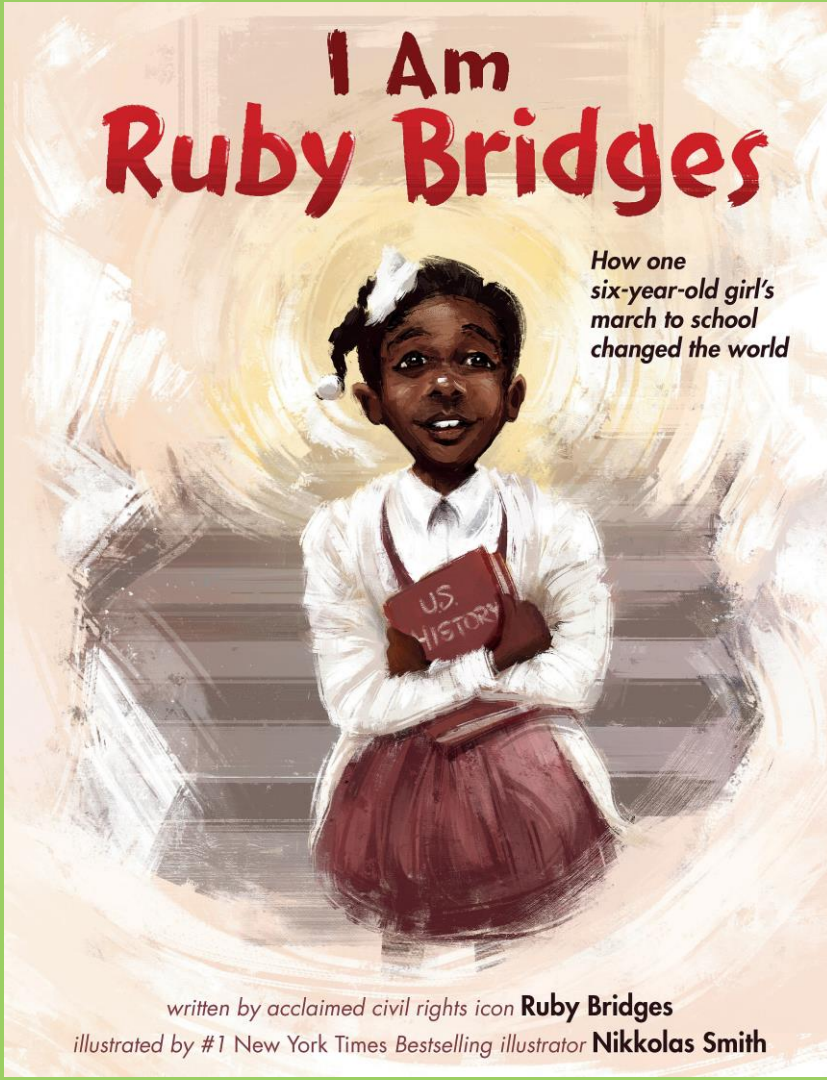
## ***Until Someone Listens: A story about Borders, Family, and One Girl's Mission***

Estella Juarez  
Lisette Norman  
Teresa Martinez

Picture book memoir  
Kid author  
Kindergarten and up

# I Am Ruby Bridges

*How one  
six-year-old girl's  
march to school  
changed the world*



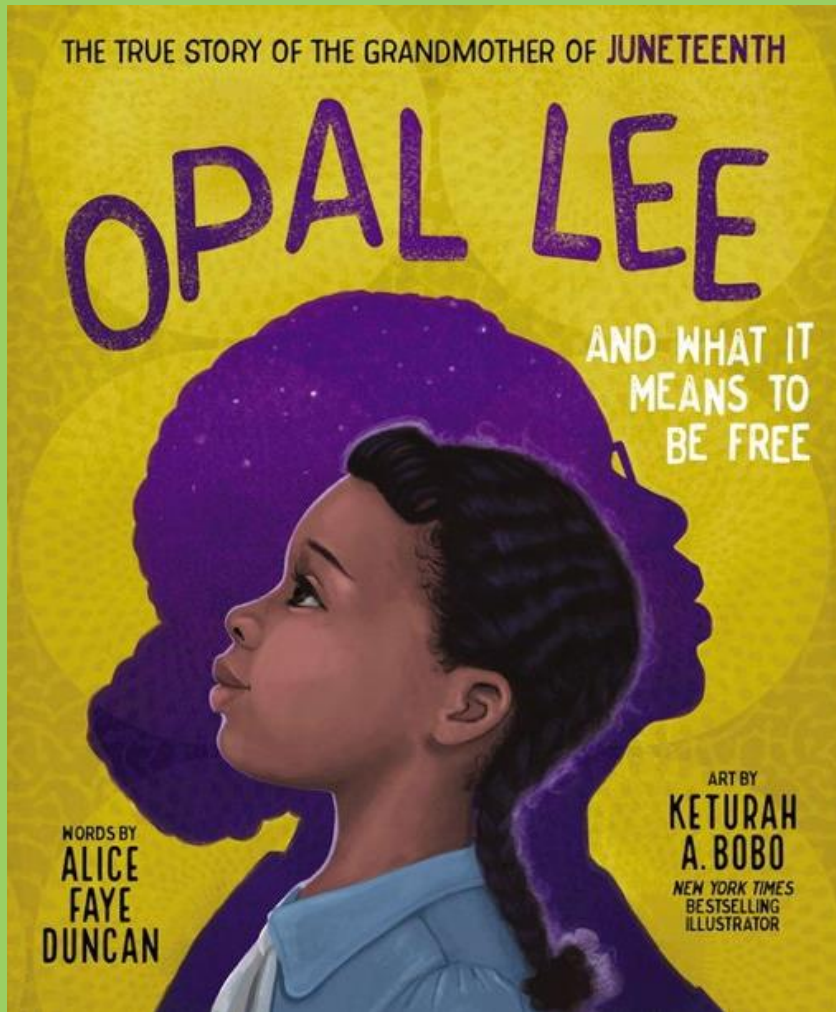
written by acclaimed civil rights icon **Ruby Bridges**  
illustrated by #1 New York Times Bestselling illustrator **Nikkolas Smith**

## *I Am Ruby Bridges*

Ruby Bridges  
Nikkolas Smith

Picture book biography  
Kindergarten and up

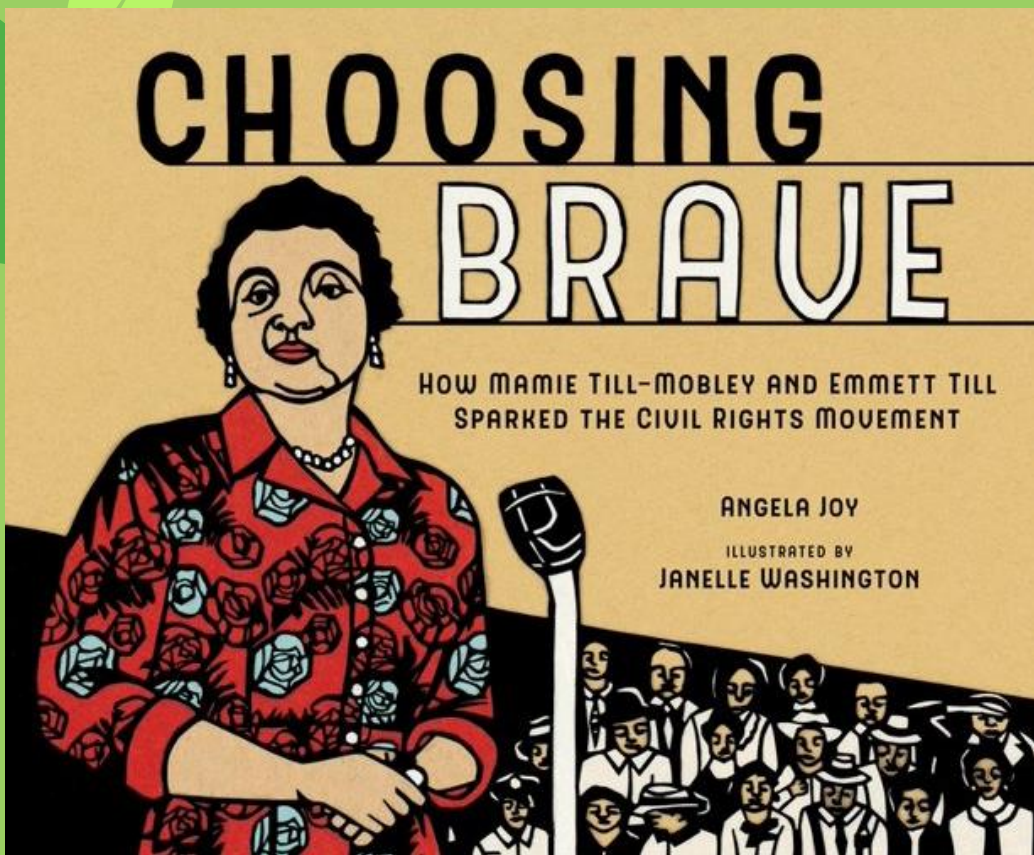




# ***Opal Lee: The True Story of the Grandmother of Juneteenth***

Alice Faye Duncan  
Keturah A. Bobo

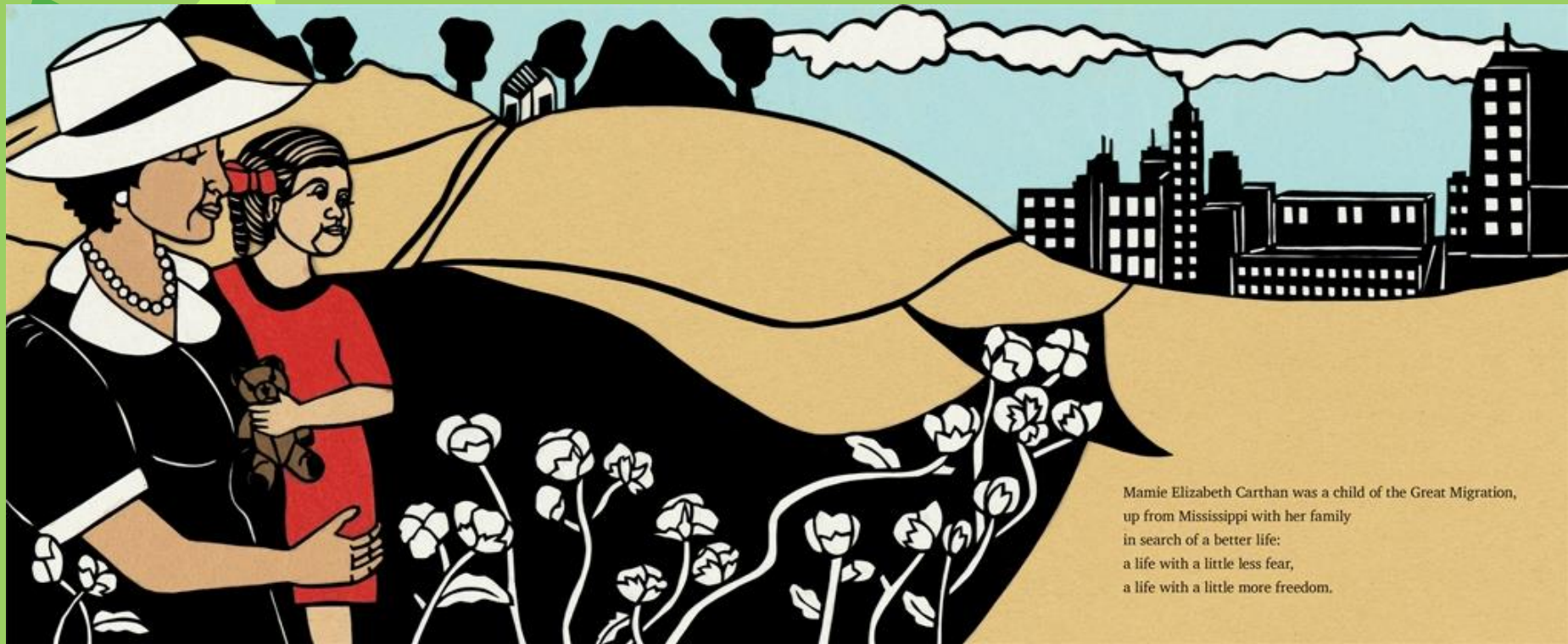
Picture book biography  
Kindergarten and up



***Choosing Brave:  
How Mamie Till-  
Mobley and Emmett  
Till Sparked the Civil  
Rights Movement***

Angela Joy  
Janelle Washington

Picture book biography  
Robert F. Sibert Informational Book  
Medal Honor Book  
Randolph Caldecott Honor Medal  
Kindergarten and up

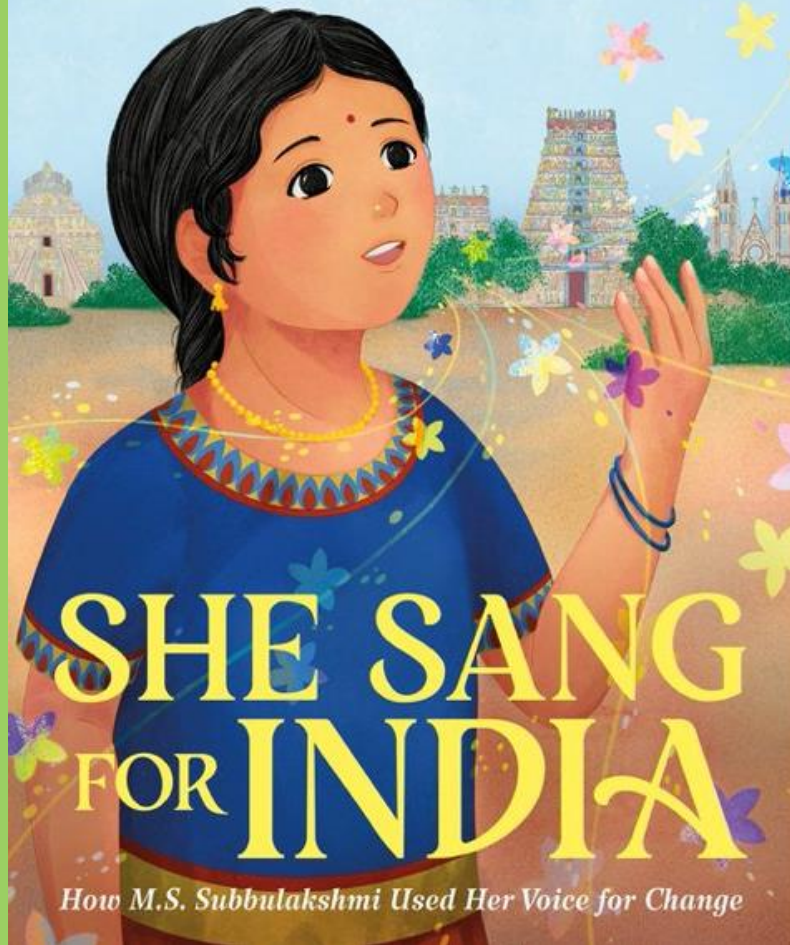


Mamie Elizabeth Carthan was a child of the Great Migration, up from Mississippi with her family in search of a better life: a life with a little less fear, a life with a little more freedom.



Suma Subramaniam

Illustrated by Shreya Gupta



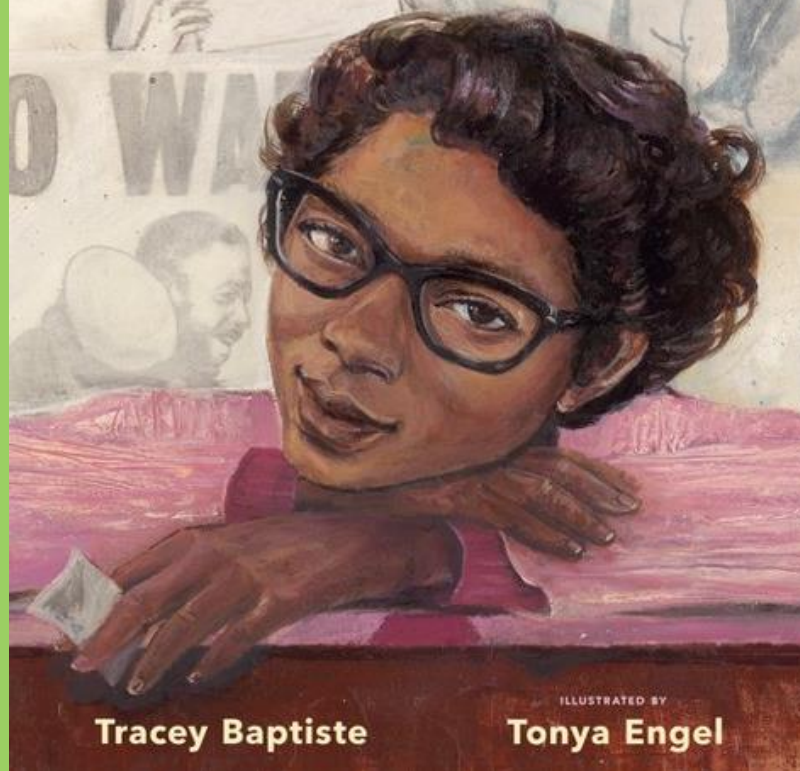
***She Sang for India:  
How M.S.  
Subbulakshmi Used  
Her Voice for Change***

Suma Subramaniam  
Shreya Gupta

Picture book biography  
Kindergarten and up



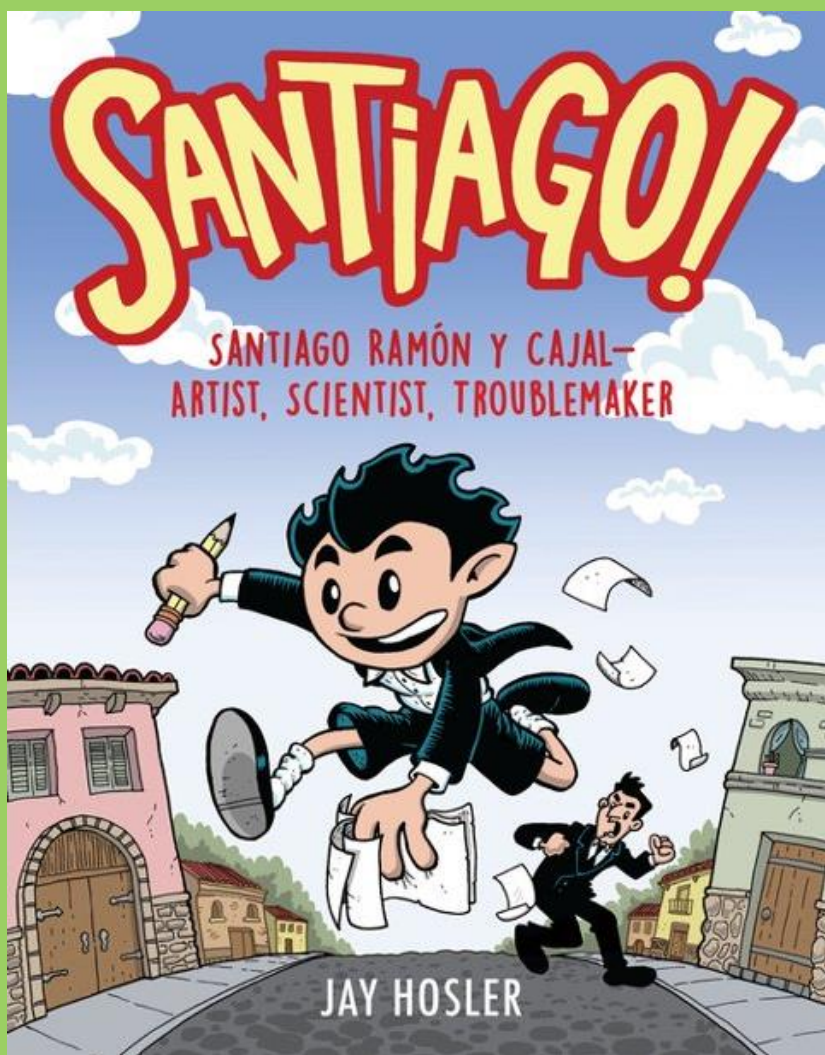
# BECAUSE CLAUDETTE



## ***Because Claudette***

Tracey Baptiste  
Tonya Engel

Picture book biography  
Second grade and up

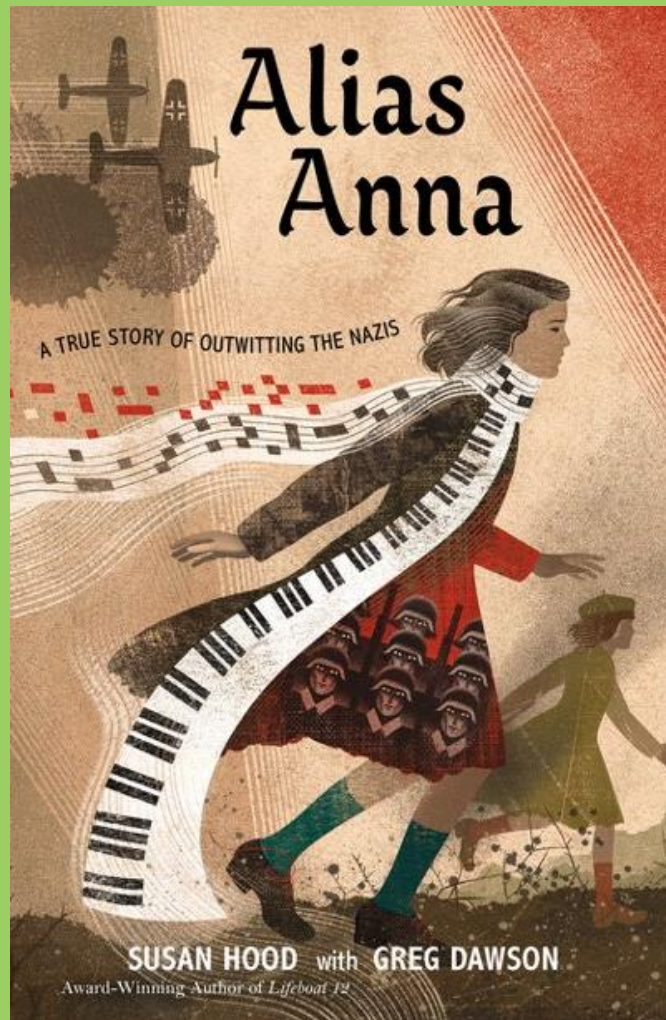


***Santiago!***  
***Santiago Ramon y***  
***Cajal- Artist,***  
***Scientist,***  
***Troublemaker***

Jay Hosler

Graphic novel  
Biography  
Fourth grade and up

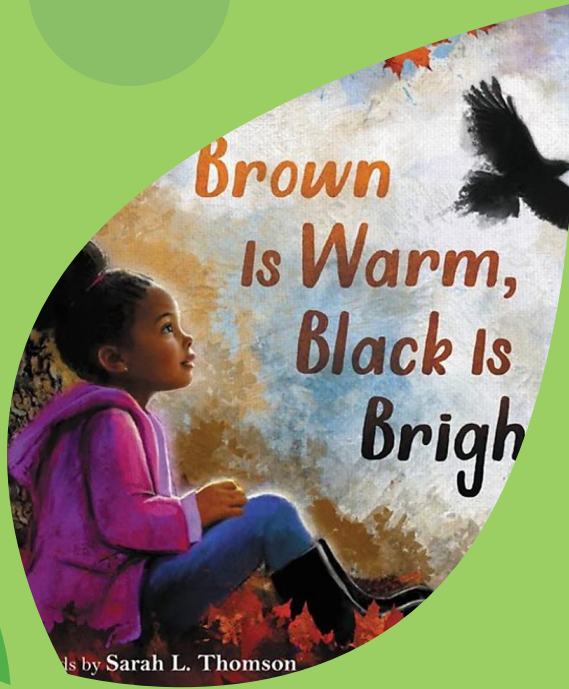




# *Alias Anna: a True Story of Outwitting the Nazis*

Susan Hood  
Greg Dawson

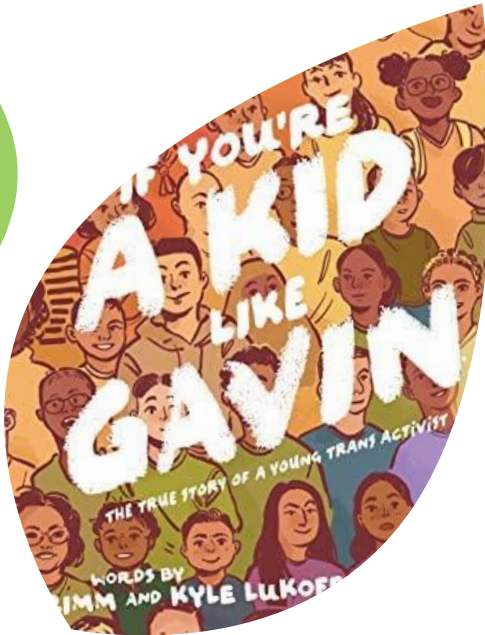
Biography  
Written in verse  
Fifth grade and up



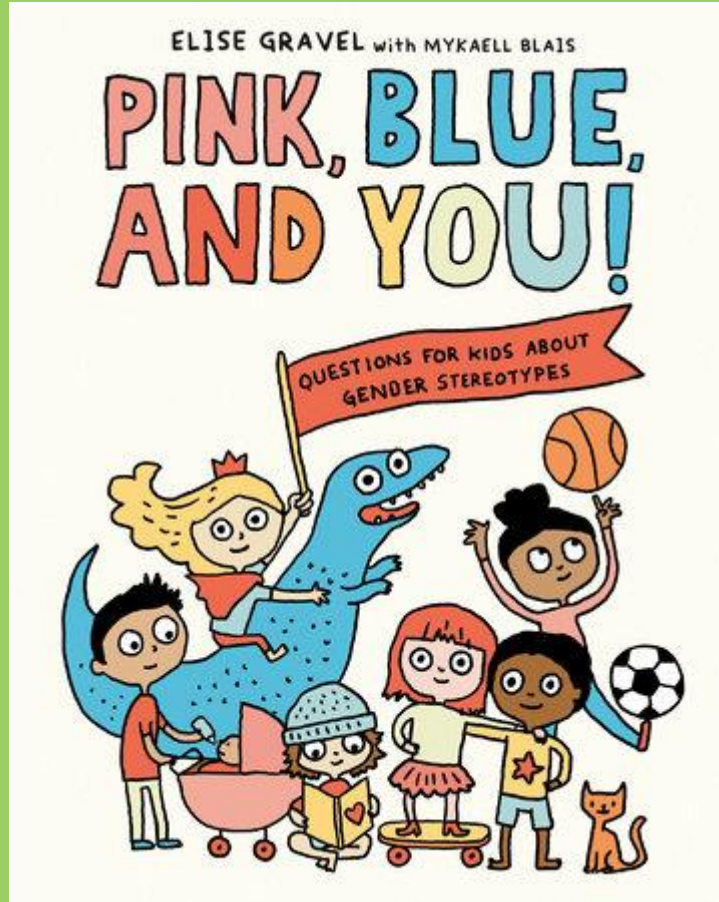
# Our Favorite Books for Celebrating Identity

# Celebrating Identity

- From the foods we eat to the clothes we wear, the stories we tell and the way we wear our hair, so many things go into making each of us a unique individual, someone to be celebrated.



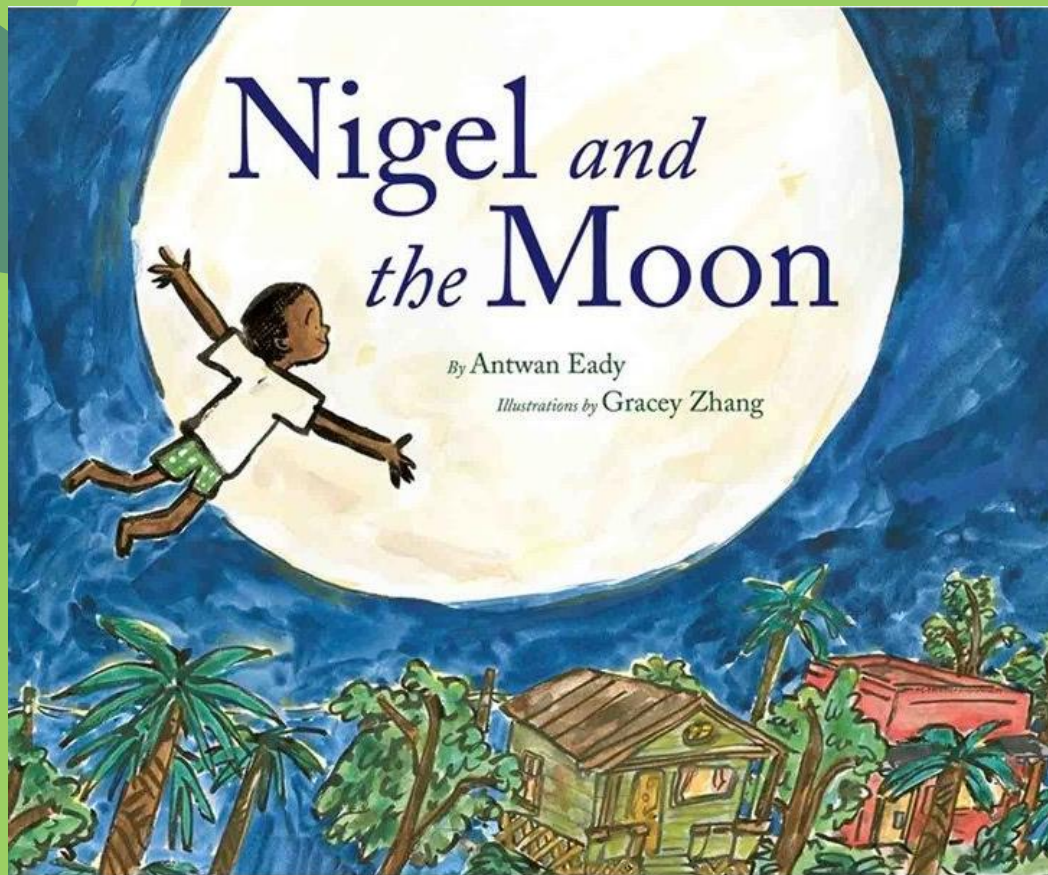




# ***Pink, Blue, and You!:*** ***Questions for Kids*** ***about Gender*** ***Stereotypes***

Elise Gravel

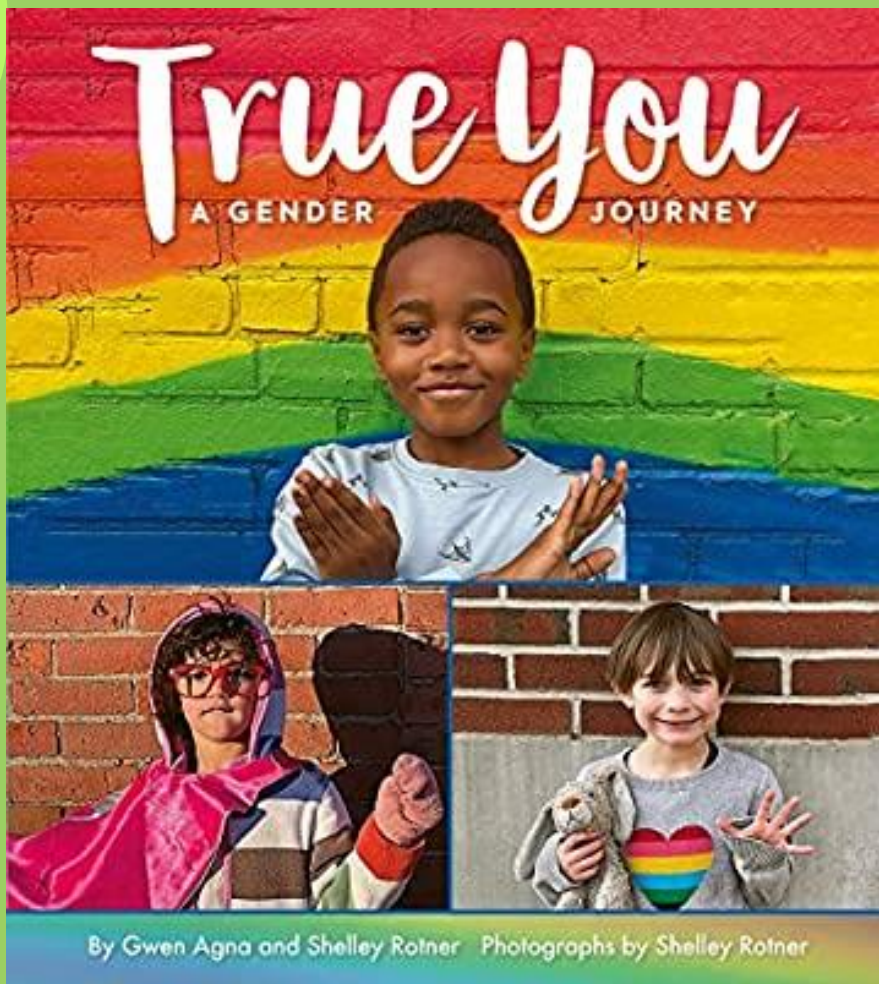
Informational picture book  
PreK and up



## ***Nigel and the Moon***

Antwan Eady  
Gracey Zhang

Picture book  
PreK and up

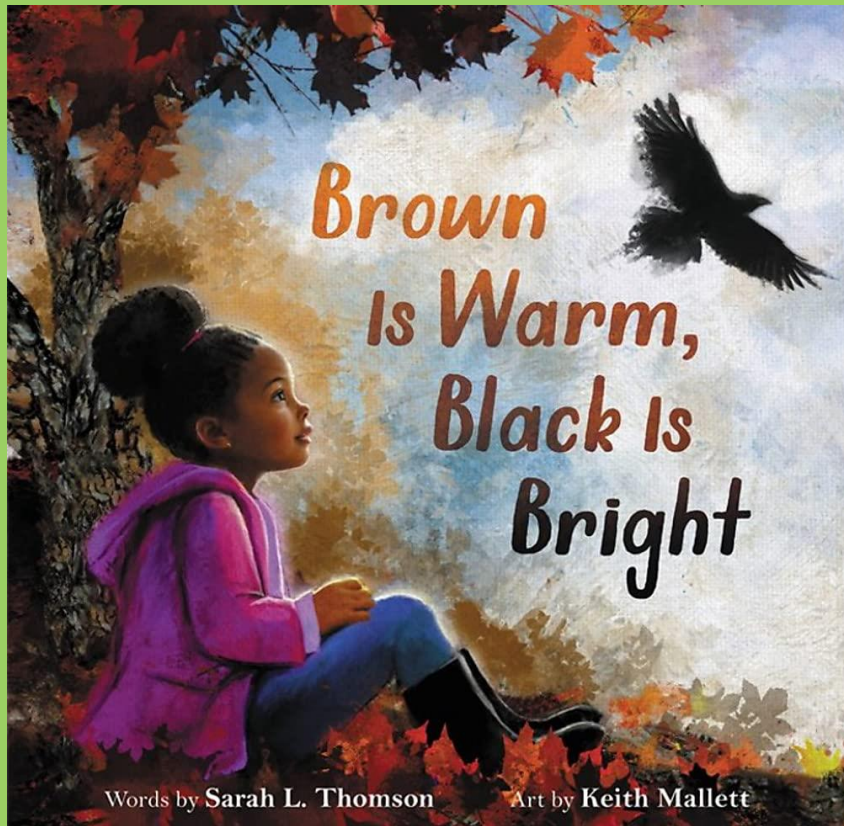


# ***True You: A Gender Journey***

Gwen Agna  
Shelly Rotner

Informational picture book  
PreK and up





# ***Brown is Warm, Black is Bright***

Sarah L. Thomson  
Keith Mallett

Picture book  
PreK and up

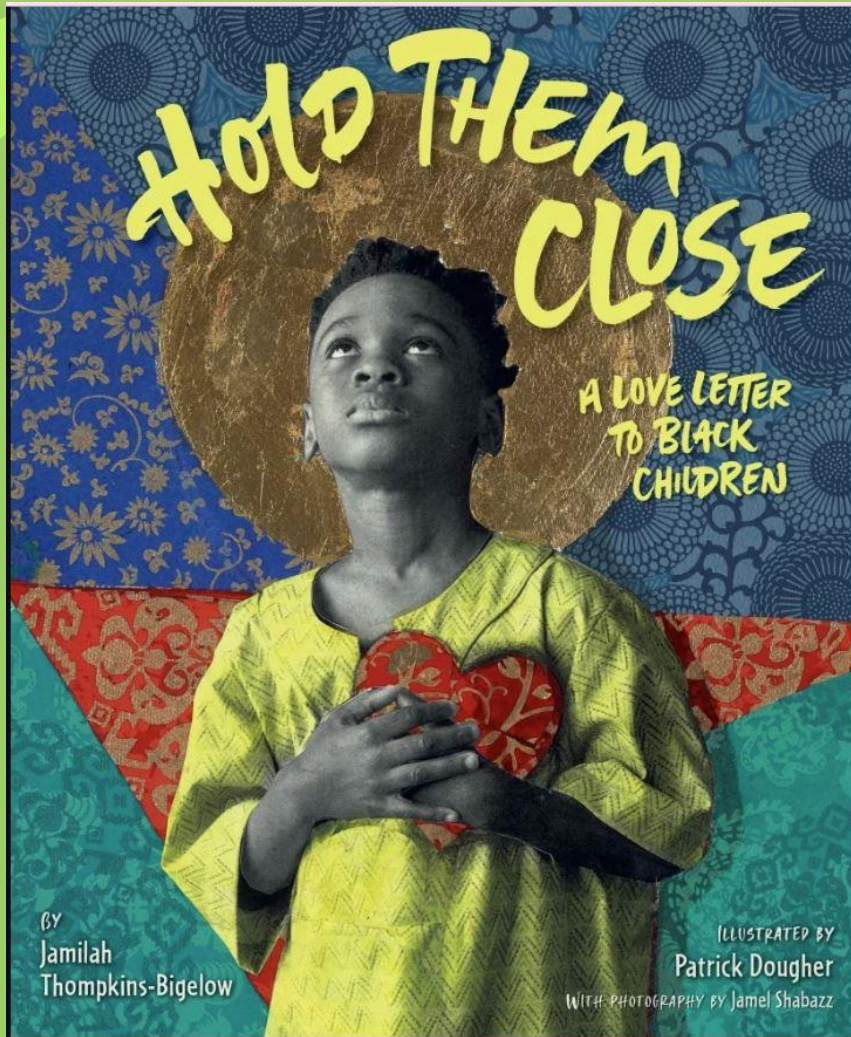
# My Bindi

***My Bindi***  
Gita Varadarajan  
Archana Sreenivasan

Picture book  
PreK and up

Written by  
Gita Varadarajan

Illustrated by  
Archana Sreenivasan



# ***Hold Them Close: A Love Letter to Black Children***

*Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow  
Patrick Dougher  
Jamel Shabazz*

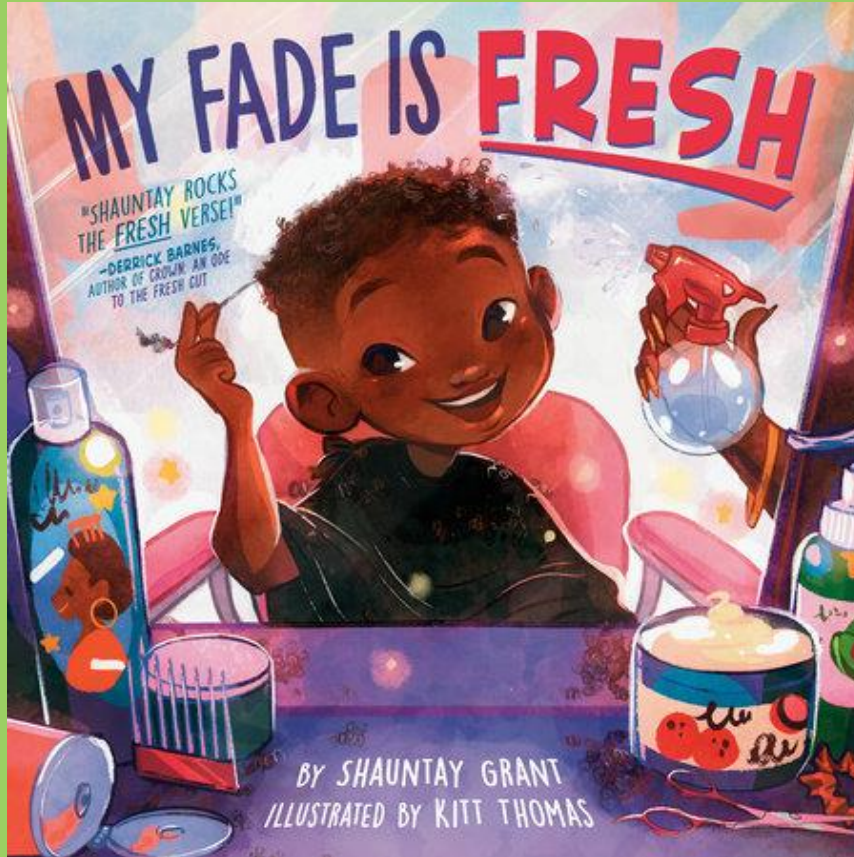
Picture book  
First grade and up



Of fighters and poets,

of changemakers and truth-tellers  
and the first ones to break through.





# ***My Fade is Fresh***

Shauntay Grant  
Kitt Thomas

Picture book  
PreK and up



# I AM GOLDEN



By New York Times–bestselling author

**EVA CHEN**

Illustrated by

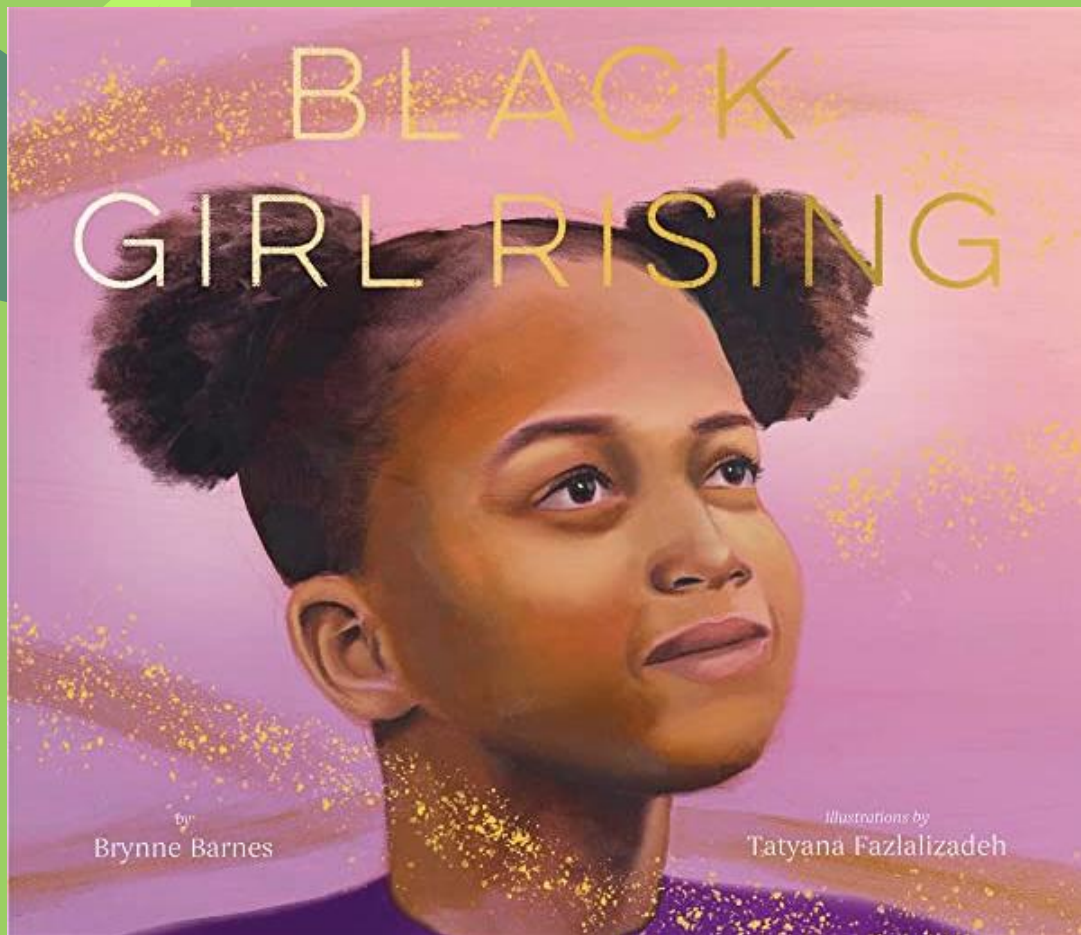
**SOPHIE DIAO**

## ***I am Golden***

Eva Chen  
Sophie Diao

Picture book  
PreK and up



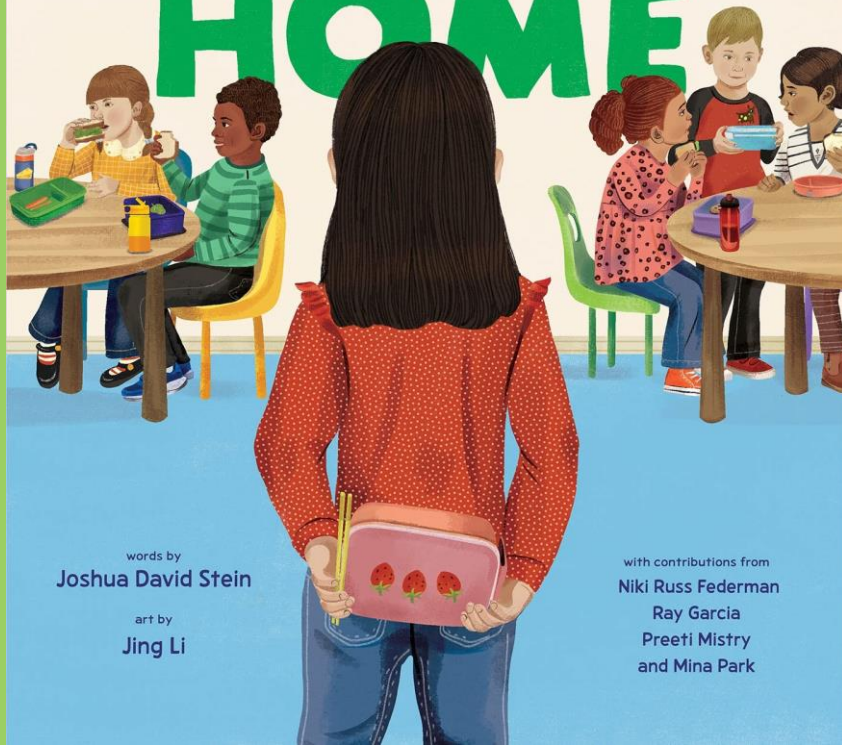


## ***Black Girl Rising***

Brynne Barnes  
Tatyana Fazlalizadeh

Picture book  
Kindergarten and up

# LUNCH from HOME



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Joshua David Stein

art by  
Jing Li

with contributions from  
Niki Russ Federman  
Ray Garcia  
Preeti Mistry  
and Mina Park

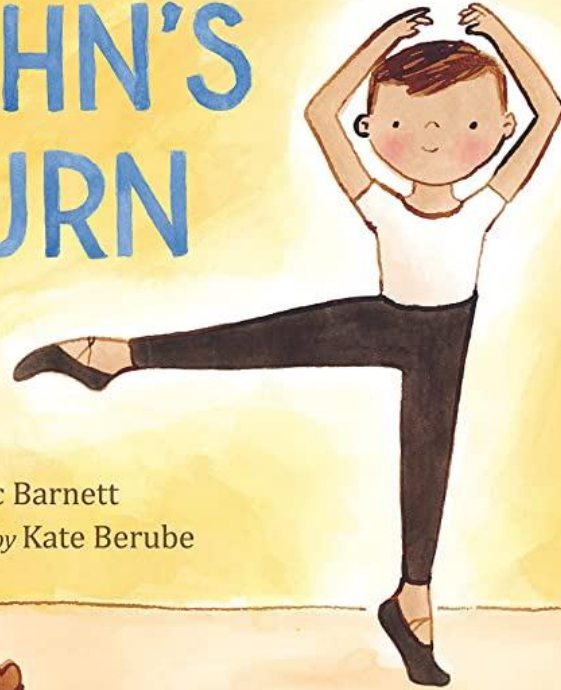
## *Lunch from Home*

Joshua David Stein  
Jing Li

Picture book  
Kindergarten and up



# JOHN'S TURN



Mac Barnett  
*illustrated by* Kate Berube

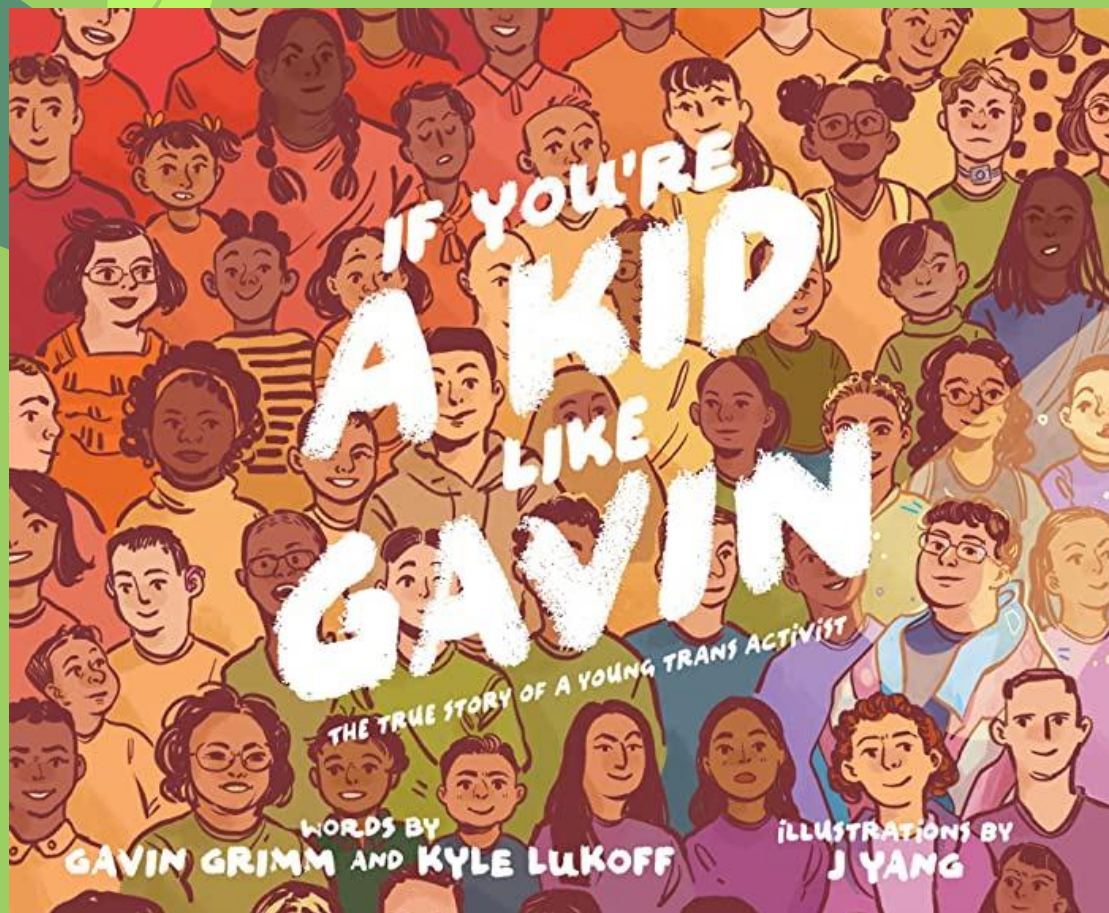


## ***John's Turn***

Mac Barnett  
Kate Berube

Picture book  
Kindergarten and up

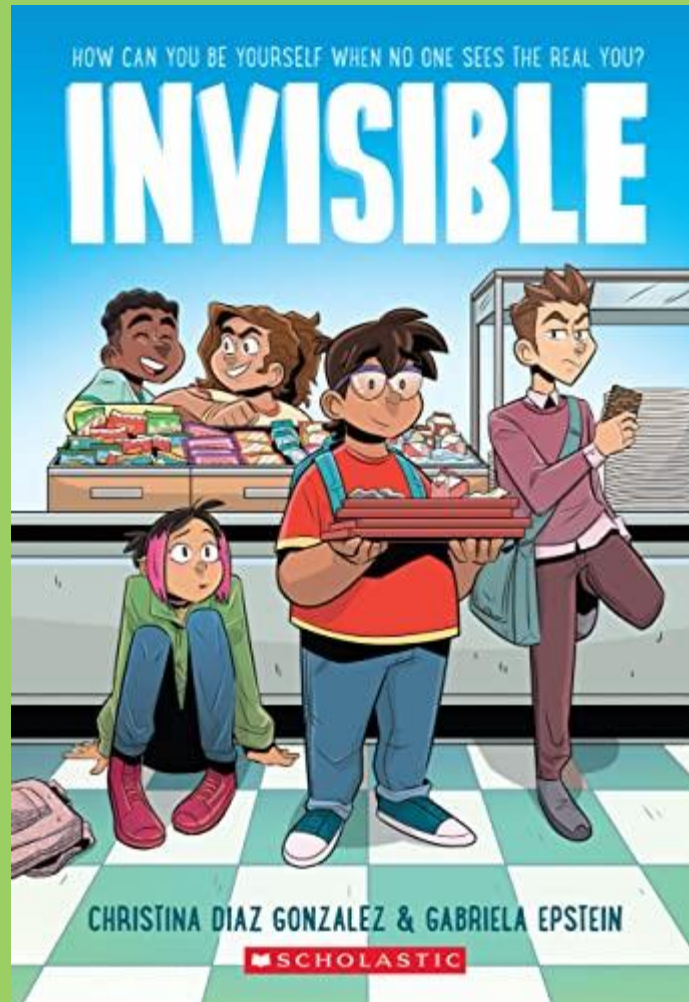




# ***If You're a Kid Like Gavin: The True Story of a Young Trans Activist***

Gavin Grimm and Kyle Lukoff  
J Yang

Informational picture book  
Third grade and up



## ***Invisible***

Christina Diaz Gonzalez  
Gabriela Epstein

Graphic novel  
Realistic fiction  
Fourth grade and up

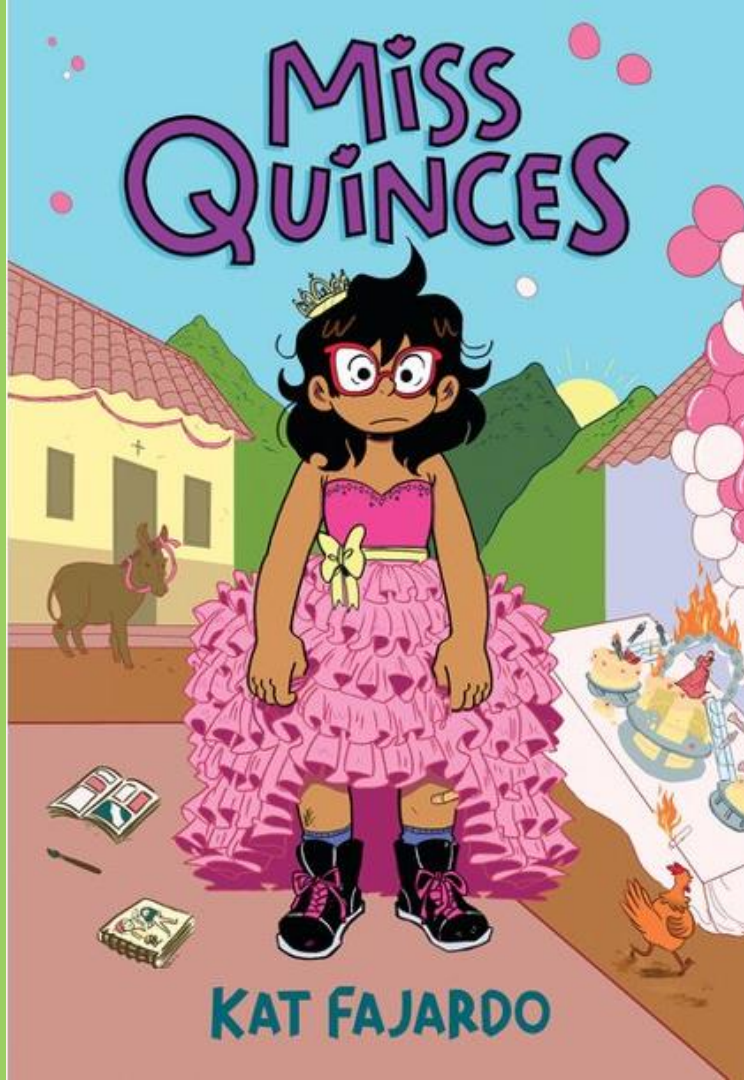


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Gabriela Epstein

Graphic novel  
Realistic fiction  
Fourth grade and up





## ***Miss Quinces***

Kat Fajardo

Graphic novel

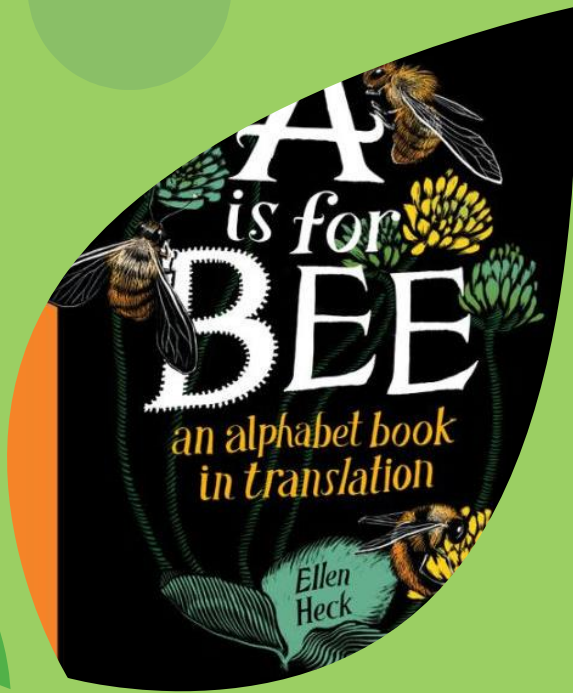
Realistic fiction

Spanish version won a Pura Belpré

Youth Illustration Award

Fifth grade and up





# Our Favorite World Language Books

# World Languages

- The words we use and the stories we tell are important. These are some of our favorite books in languages that are spoken in our community.



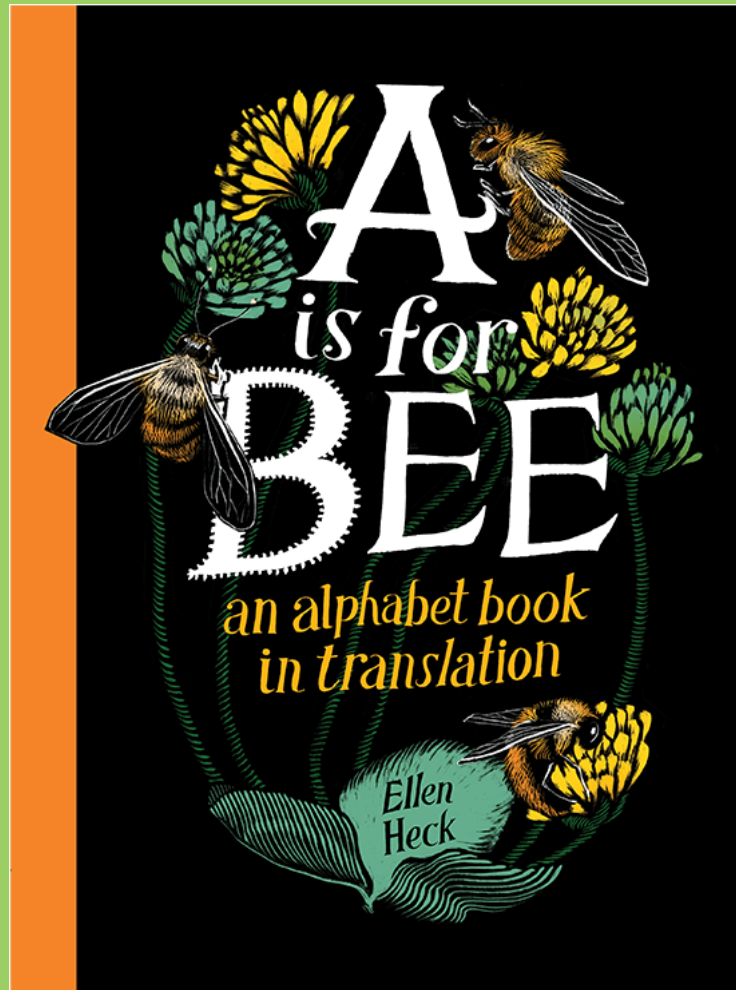
# ME GUSTA



Angela Dominguez

***Me Gusta***  
Angela Dominguez

Bilingual picture book  
PreK and up

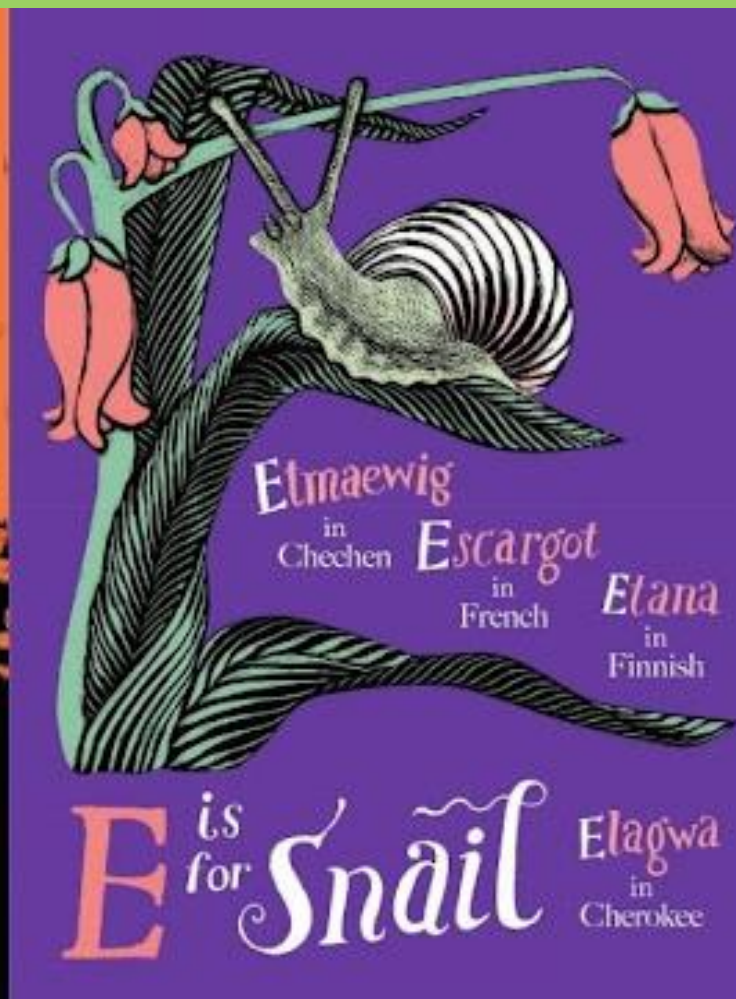
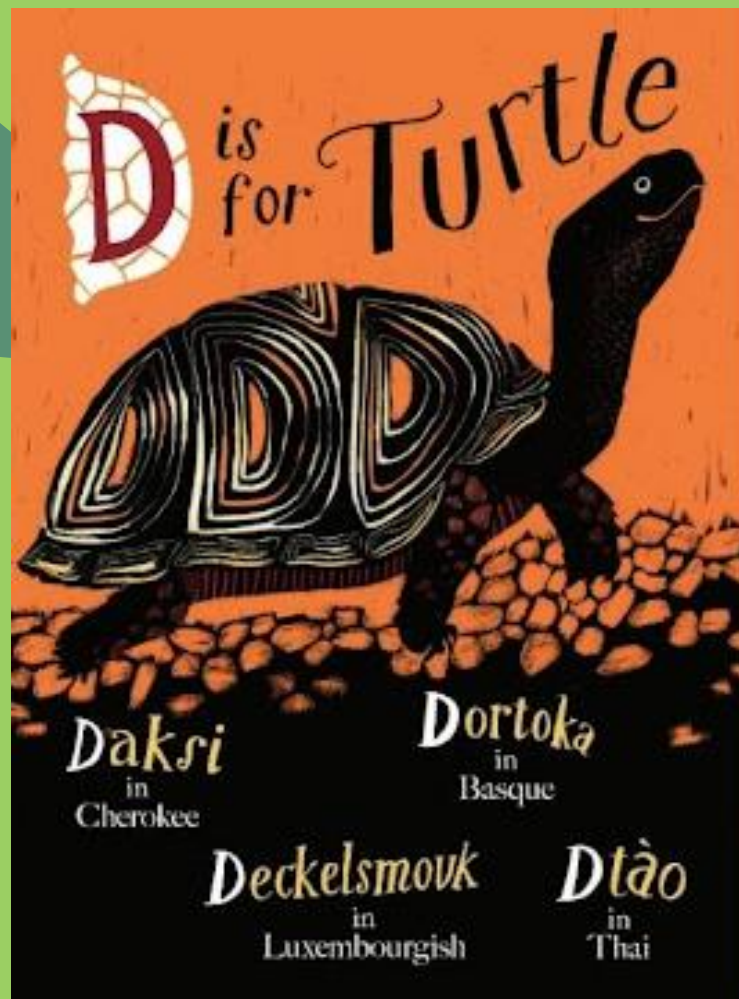


# ***A is for Bee: an Alphabet Book in Translation***

Ellen Heck

Picture book  
Kindergarten and up



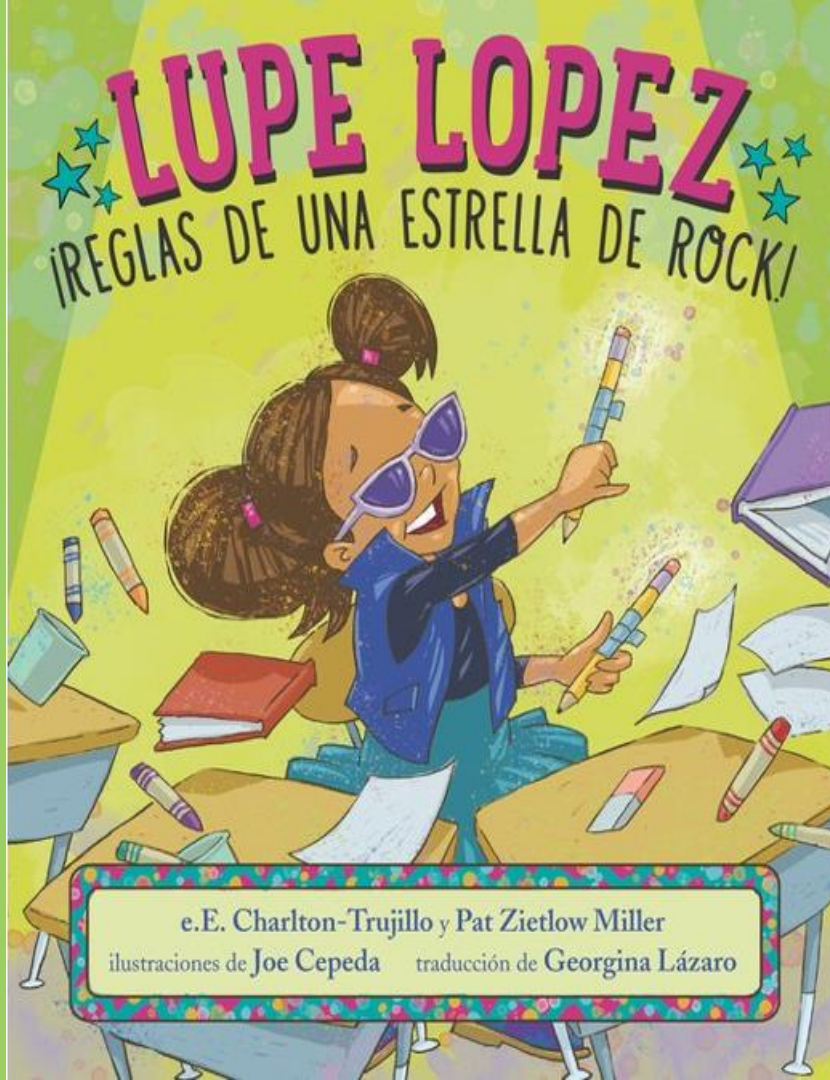




# ***The Story of Ukraine***

Olena Kharchenko and Michael  
Sampson  
Polina Doroshenko

Bilingual picture book  
English-Ukraine  
Kindergarten and up



# ***Lupe Lopez: Reglas de una Estrella de Rock!***

E.E. Charlton-Trujillo  
Pat Zietlow Miller  
Joe Cepeda  
Georgina Lazaro

Picture book  
Kindergarten and up



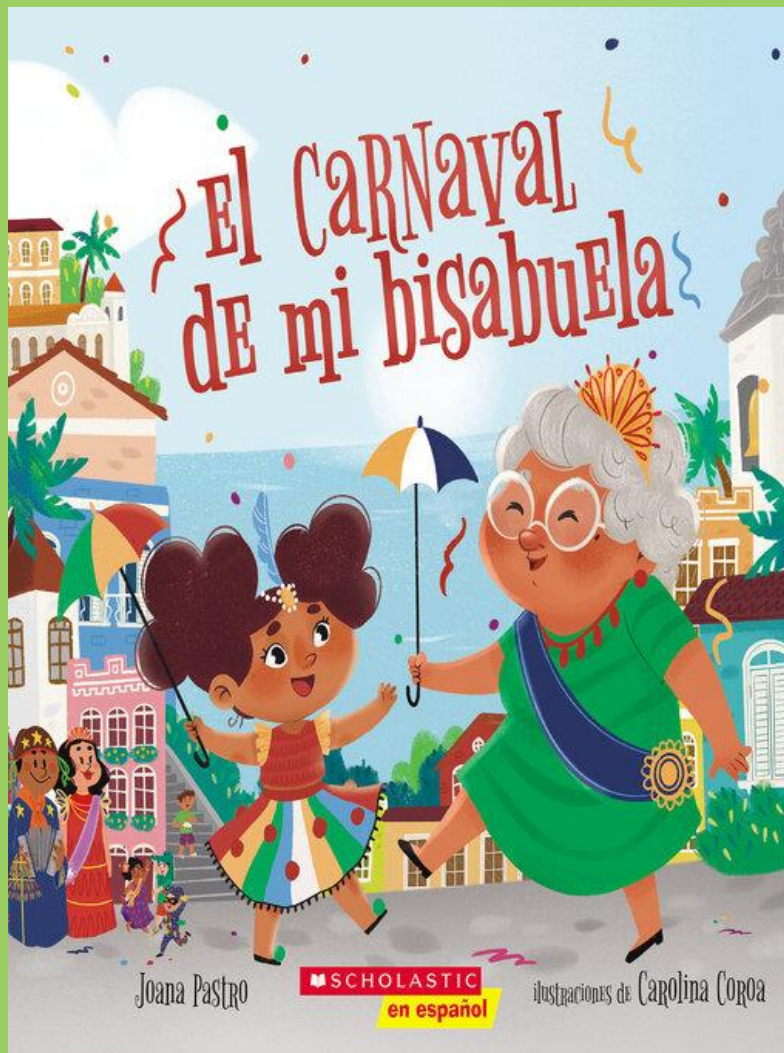


# ***Leila La Brujita Perfecta***

Flavia Z. Drago

Spanish picture book  
PreK and up

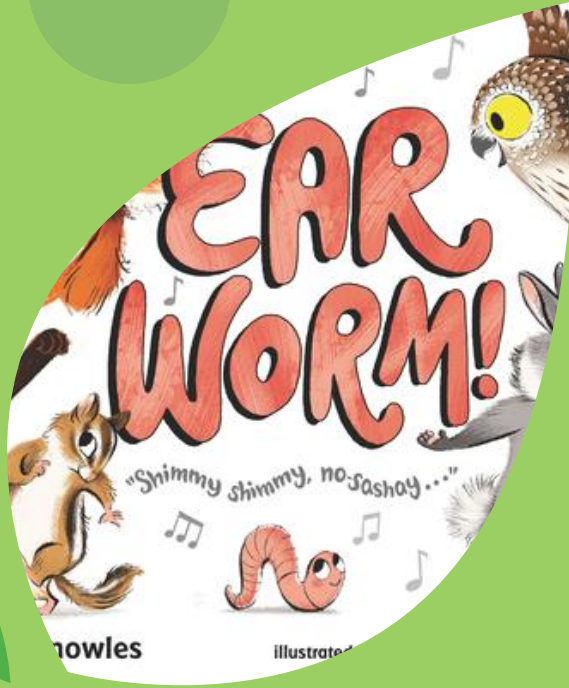




# ***El Carnaval de mi bisabuela***

Joana Pastro  
Carolina Coroa

Spanish picture book  
First grade and up



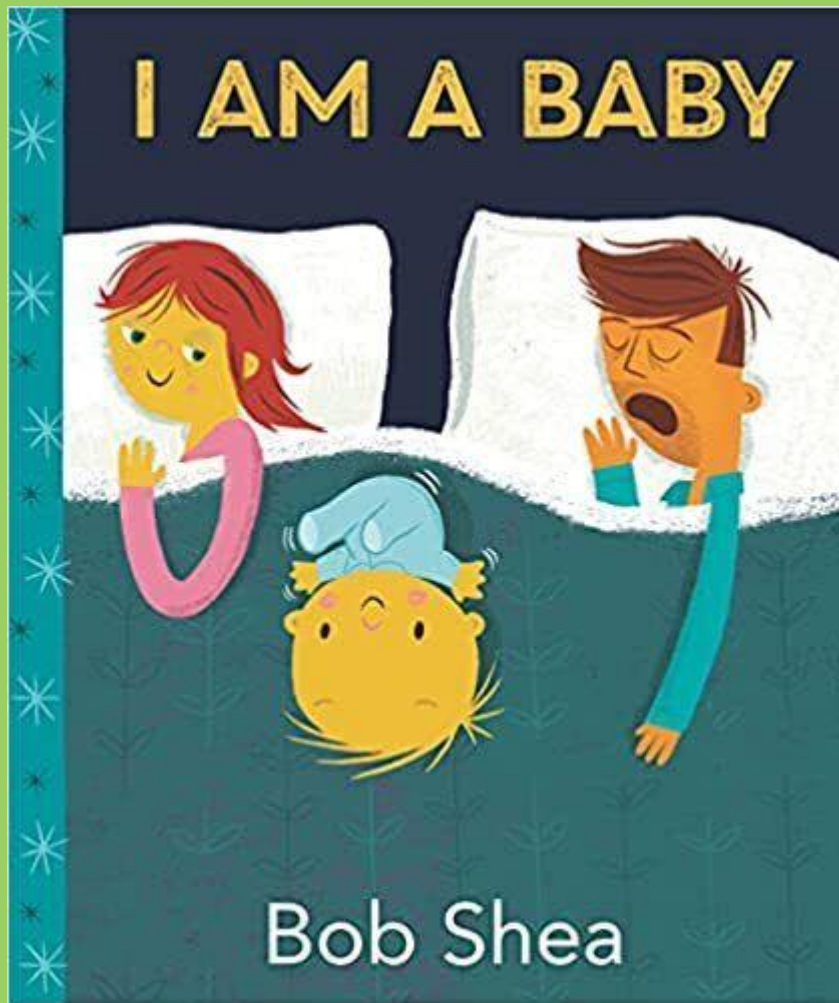
Our Favorite  
Books for  
Reading  
Aloud  
+ Listening

# Reading Aloud + Listening

- You're never too old to have someone read you a story. Whether it is a picture book, chapter book, or audio book, these are some of our favorite listening experiences for kids.







## *I am a Baby*

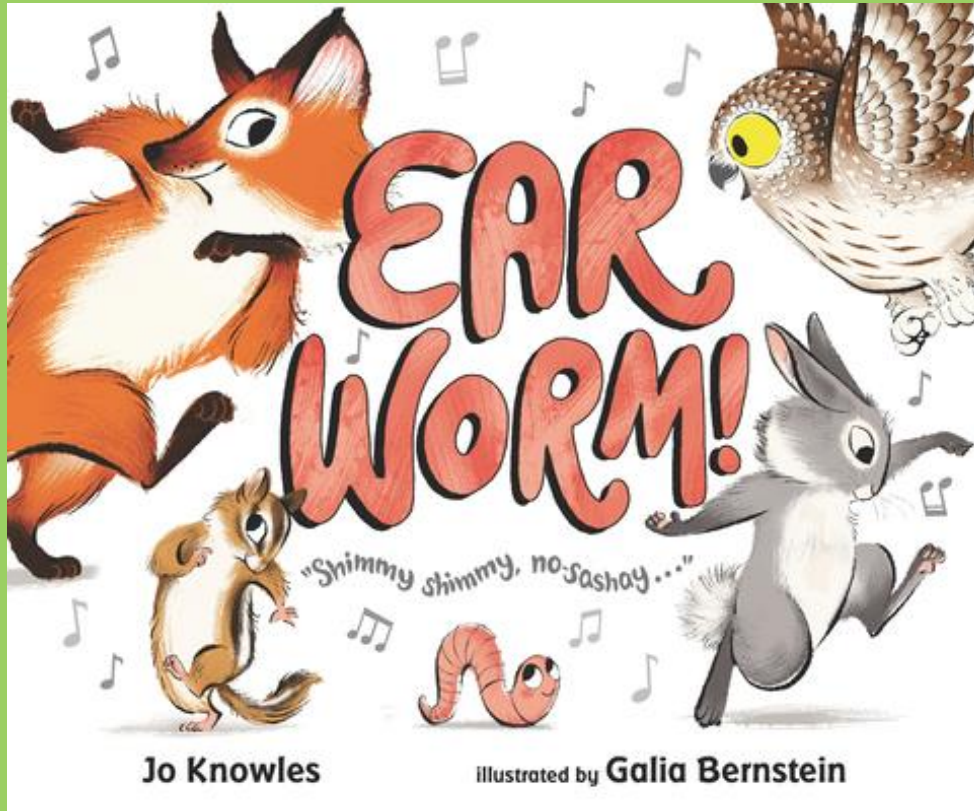
Bob Shea

Picture book  
Toddler and up

# ***Ear Worm!***

Jo Knowles  
Galia Bernstein

Picture book  
PreK and up



The illustration depicts a small white mouse with a pink nose and whiskers, wearing a red and white striped shirt and dark pants. The mouse is holding a colorful umbrella with segments of yellow, orange, and red. It stands on a dark brown mound of earth. The background is a dense, vibrant garden with various stylized plants, flowers, and foliage in shades of green, yellow, orange, and pink. The overall style is whimsical and artistic.

# MINA

MATTHEW FORSYTHE

***Mina***

Matthew Forsythe

Picture book  
PreK and up

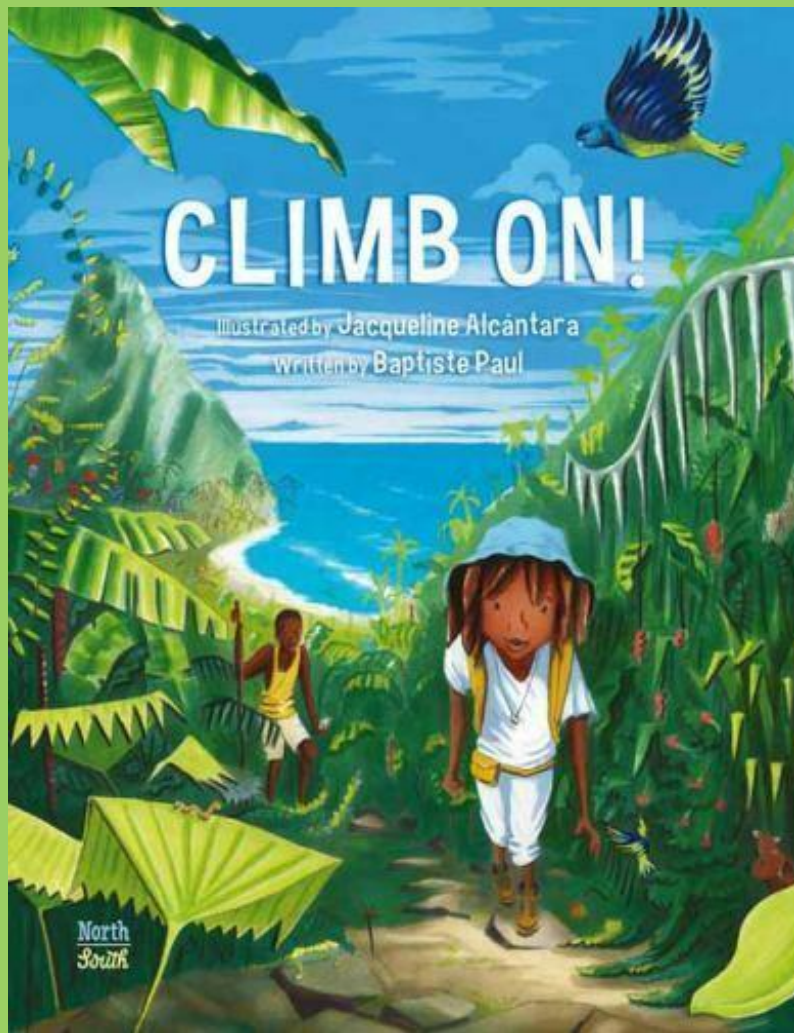




"It's a squirrel!" he said.



"I don't think that's a squirrel," said Mina.

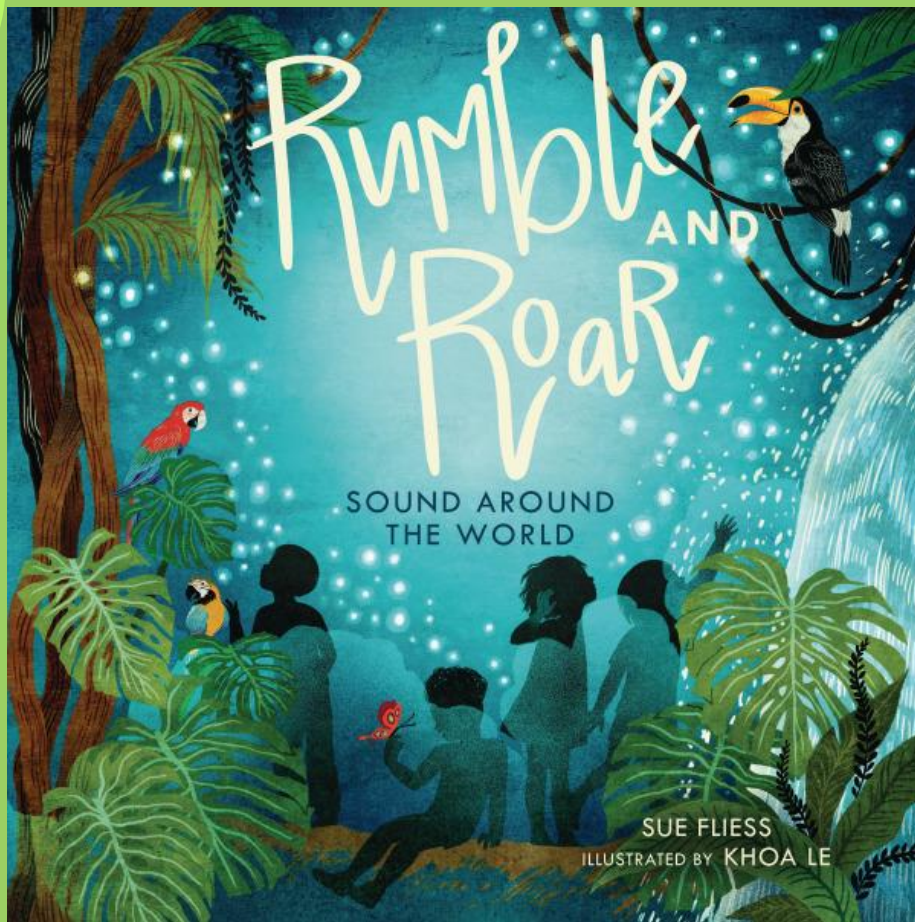


# *Climb On!*

Baptiste Paul  
Jacqueline Alcantara

Picture book  
PreK and up



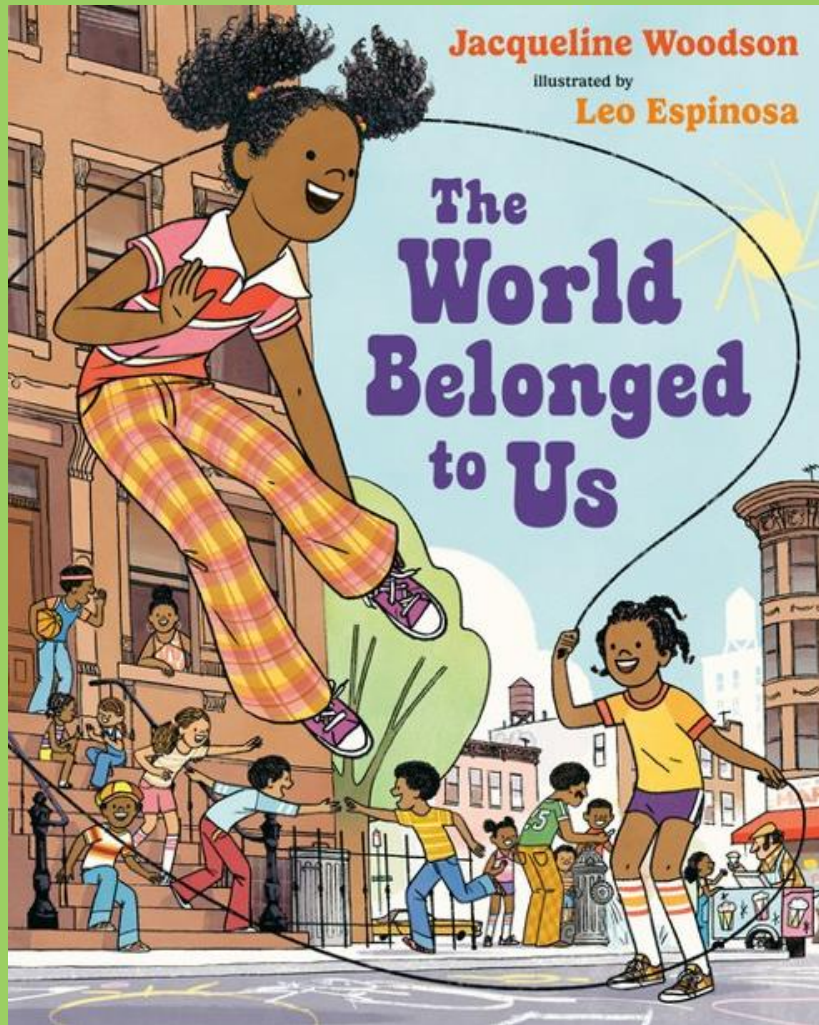


# ***Rumble and Roar***

Sue Fliess  
Khoa Le

Picture book  
PreK and up

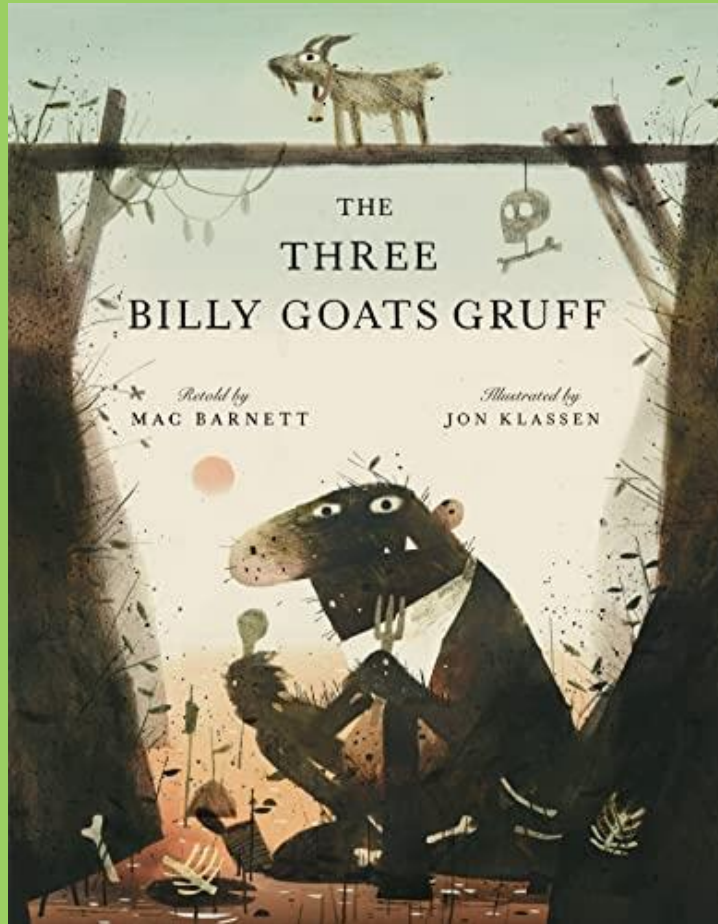




# *The World Belonged to Us*

Jacqueline Woodson  
Leo Espinosa

Picture book  
PreK and up



# *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*

Mac Barnett

Jon Klassen

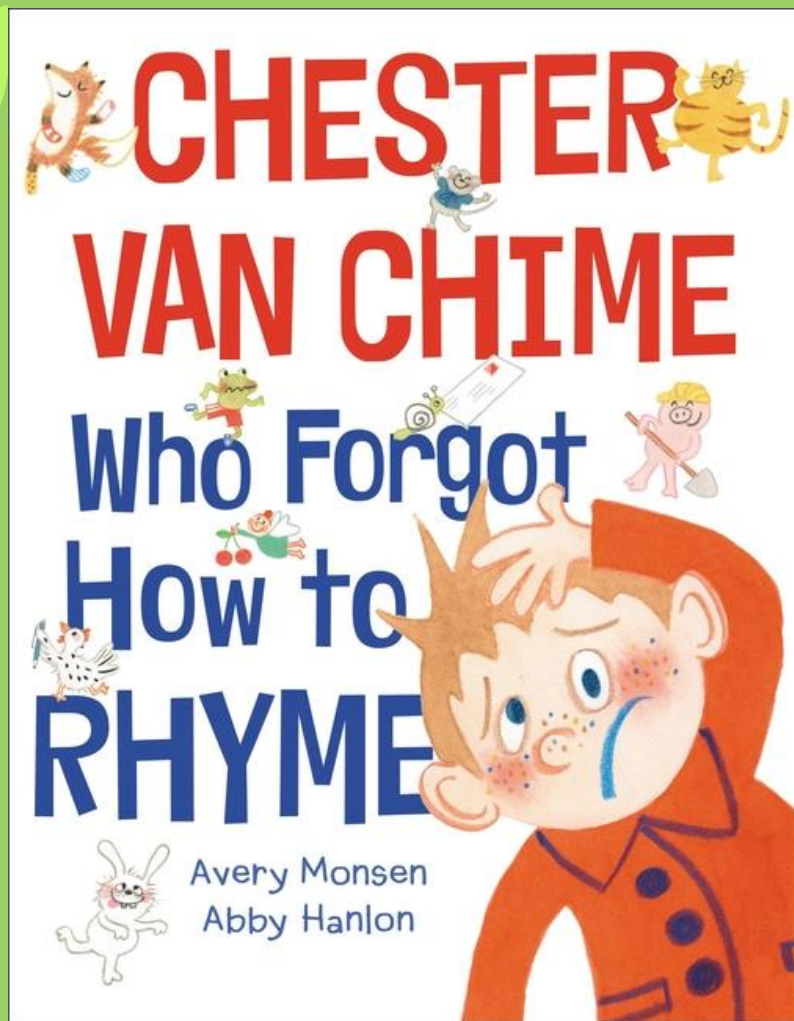
Narrated by Mac Barnett

Picture book

Folk Tale

Odyssey Honor book for audiobook

PreK and up



*Chester Van Chime Who  
Forgot How to Rhyme*

Avery Monsen  
Abby Hanlon

Picture book  
Kindergarten and up

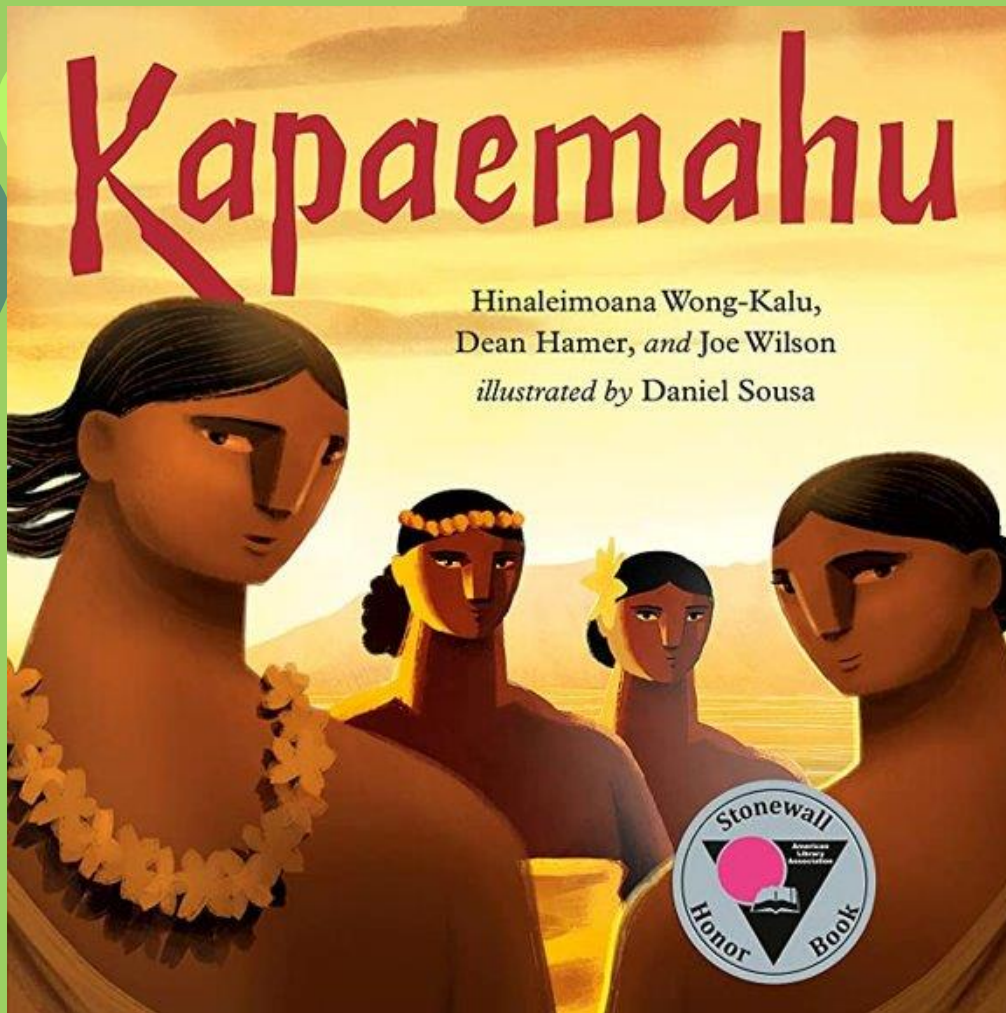




It baffled poor Chester. He felt almost queasy.  
To match up two sounds, it was always so...

...simple for him.





## ***Kapaemahu***

Hinaileimoana Wong-Kalu

Dean Hamer

Joe Wilson

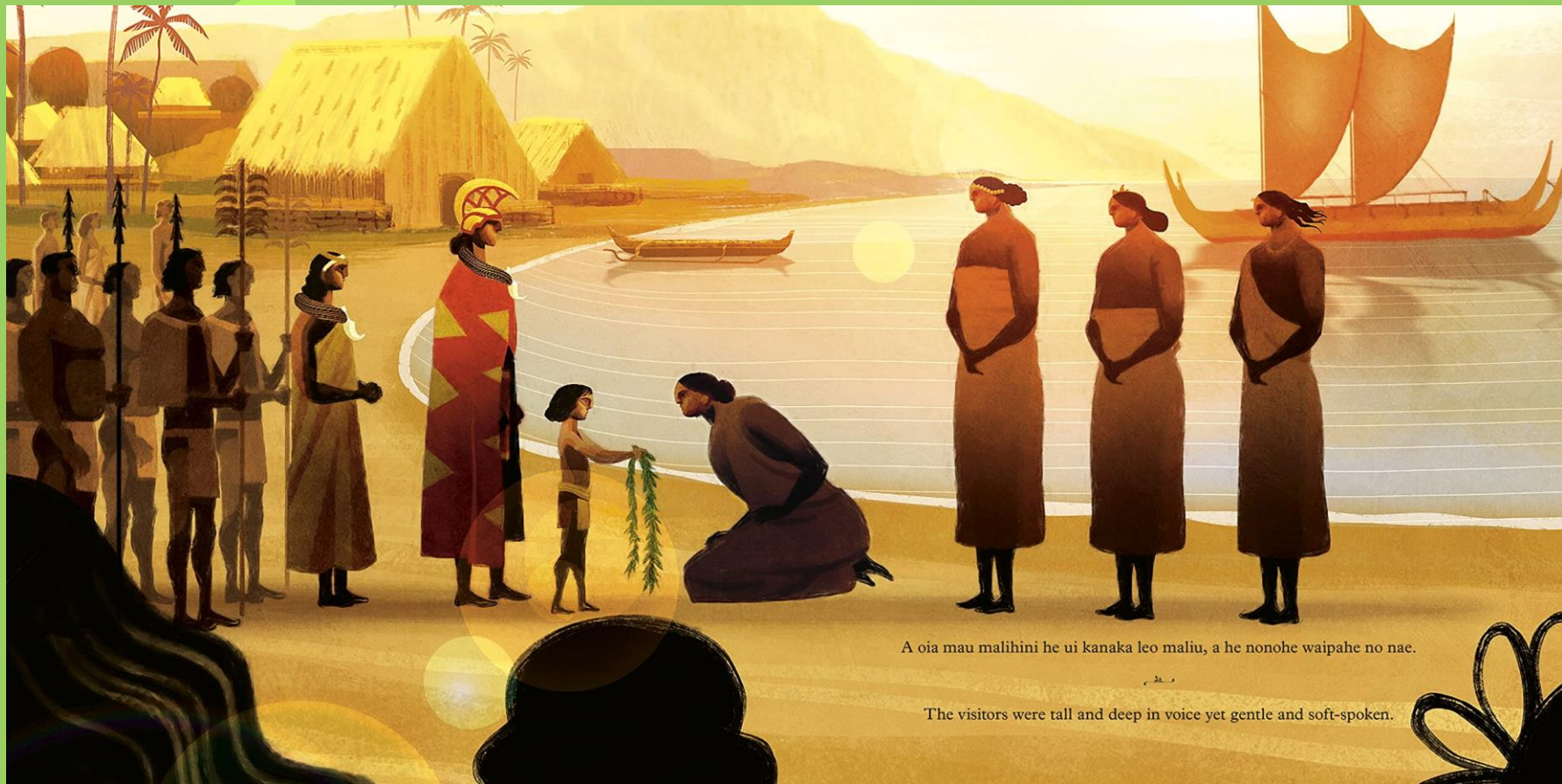
Daniel Sousa

Picture book

Stonewall Honor Book

Kindergarten and up

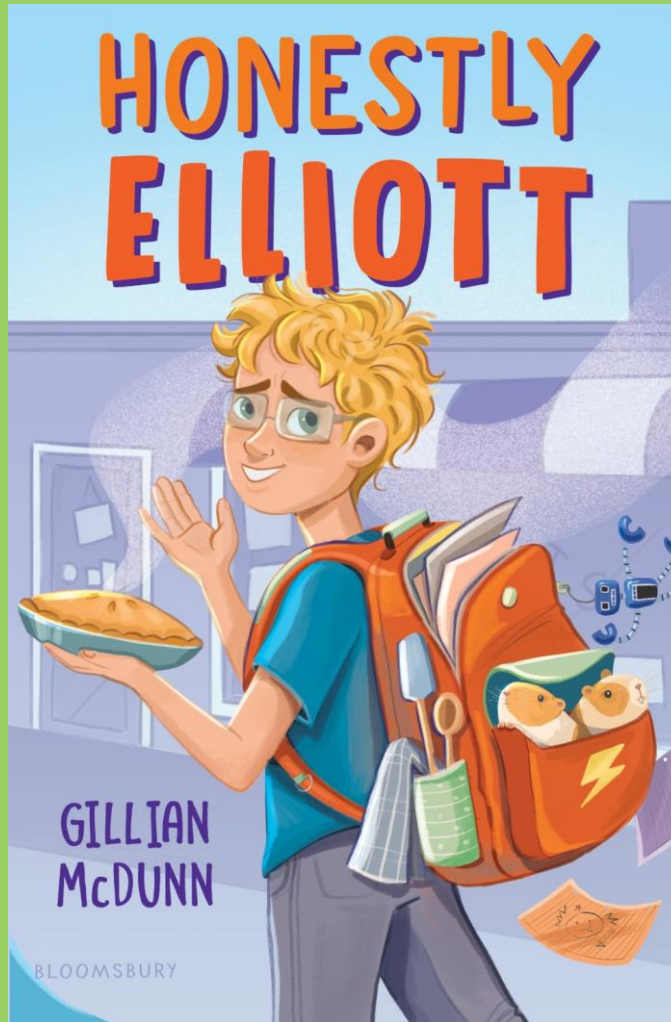




A oia mau malihini he ui kanaka leo maliu, a he nonohe waipahe no nae.

The visitors were tall and deep in voice yet gentle and soft-spoken.





## ***Honestly Elliott***

Gillian McDunn

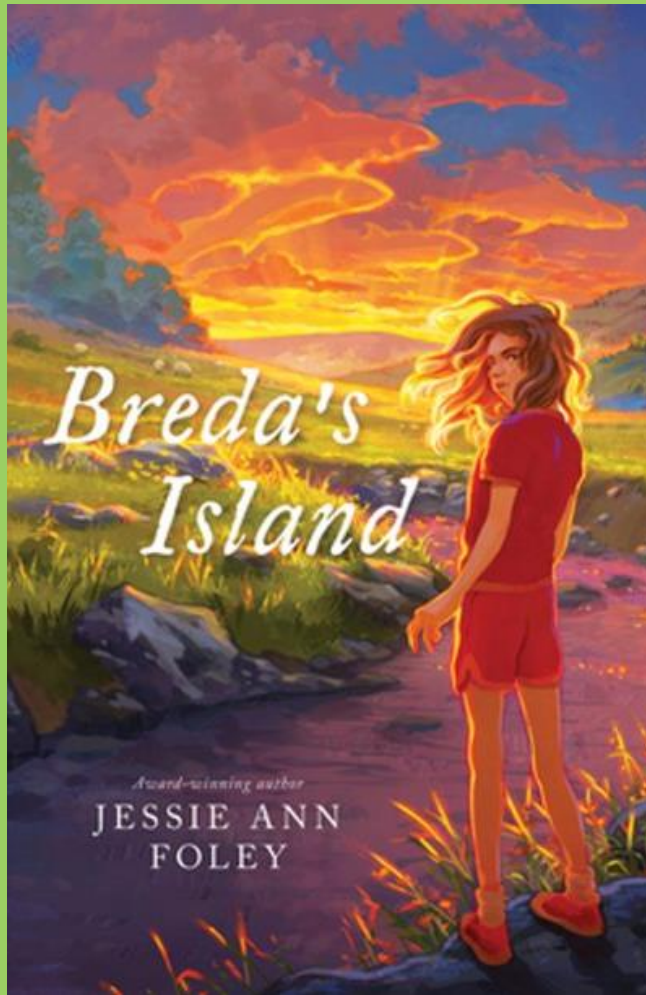
Chapter book

Realistic fiction

Schneider Family Book Award Honor

Middle Grade

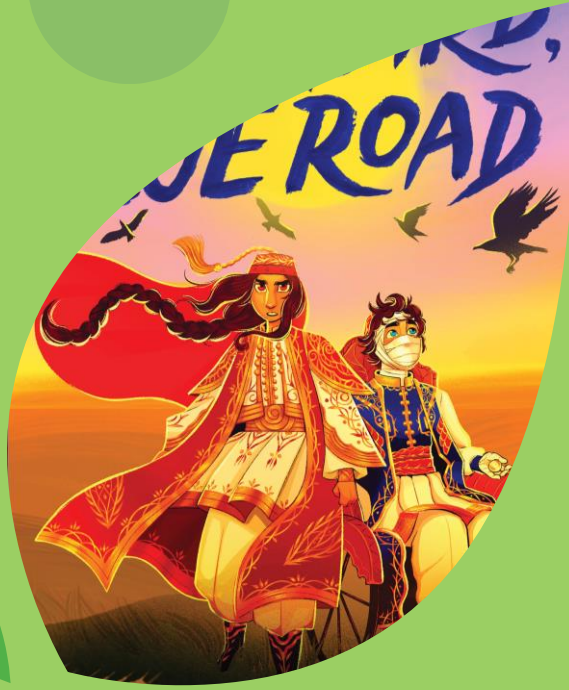
Fourth grade and up



## *Breda's Island*

Jessie Ann Foley

Chapter book  
Realistic fiction  
Fifth grade and up



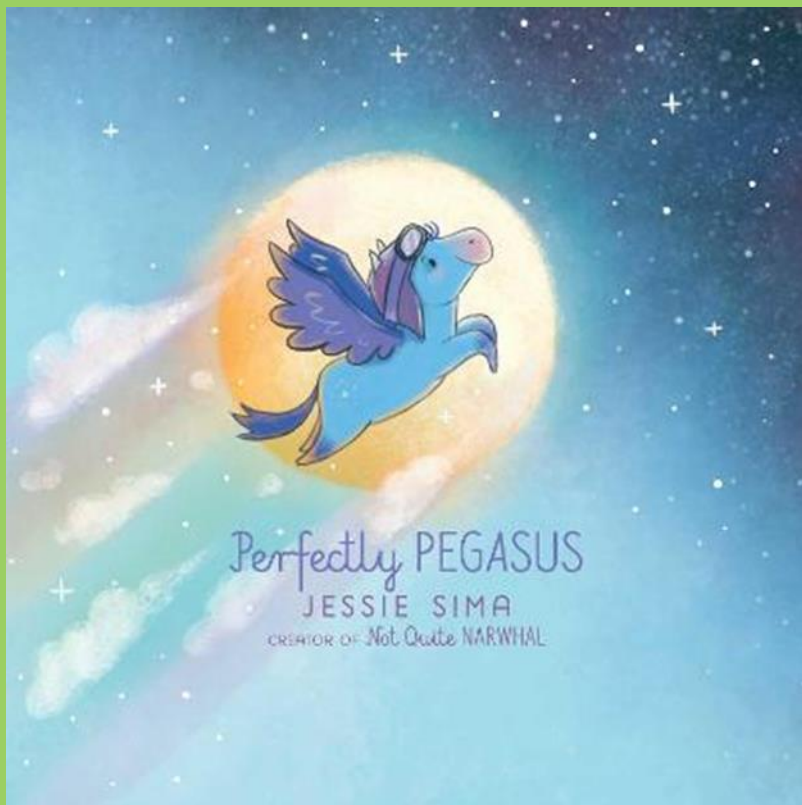
Our  
Favorite  
Fairy tales,  
Folktales,  
and  
Fantasies



# Fairytales, Folktales, and Fantasies

- Folktales and fairytales are some of our oldest stories. Kids love to explore worlds beyond their imagination, featuring magical objects, unexpected guests, talking animals, and epic quests.

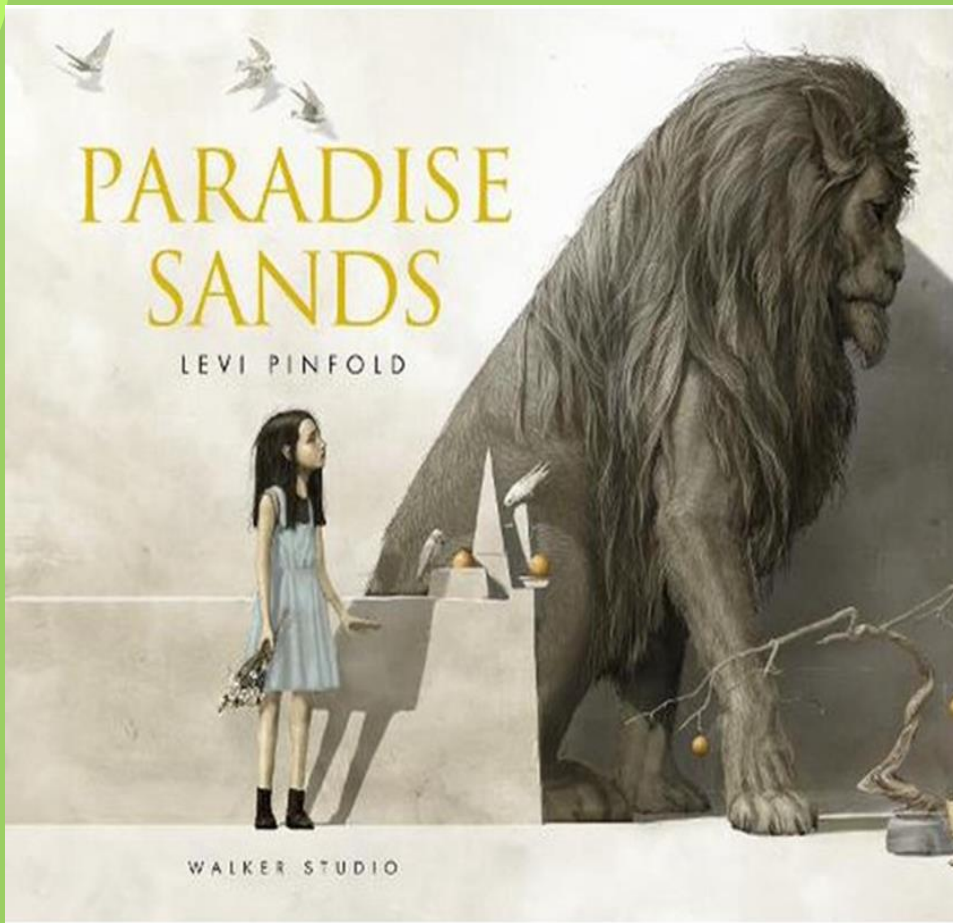




# ***Perfectly Pegasus***

Jessie Sima

Picture book  
Magical creatures  
PreK and up

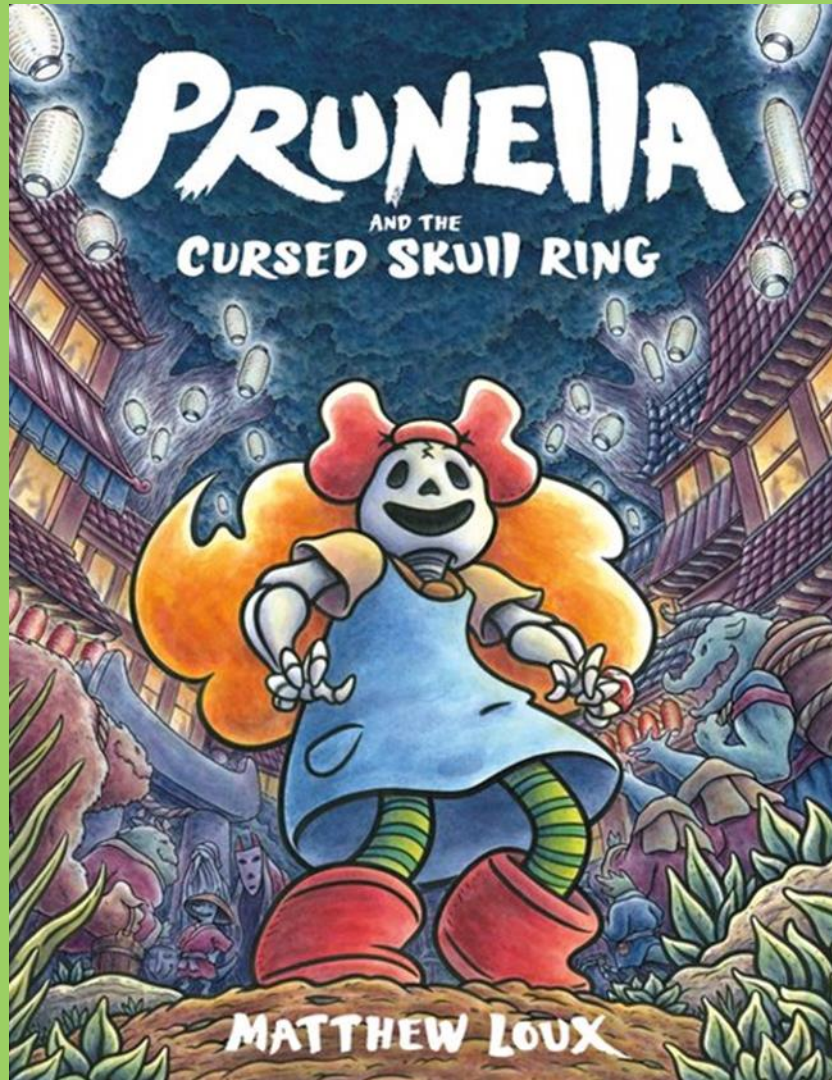


## ***Paradise Sands***

Levi Pinfold

Picture book  
Kindergarten and up





# ***Prunella and the Cursed Skull Ring***

Matthew Loux

Graphic novel  
Fantasy  
Second grade and up

FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE TEA DRAGON SOCIETY  
"Full of wonder and magic." —TILLIE WALDEN, AUTHOR OF SPINNING

# AQUICORN COVE



K. O'NEILL



## ***Aquicorn Cove***

K. O'Neill

Graphic novel  
Third grade and up

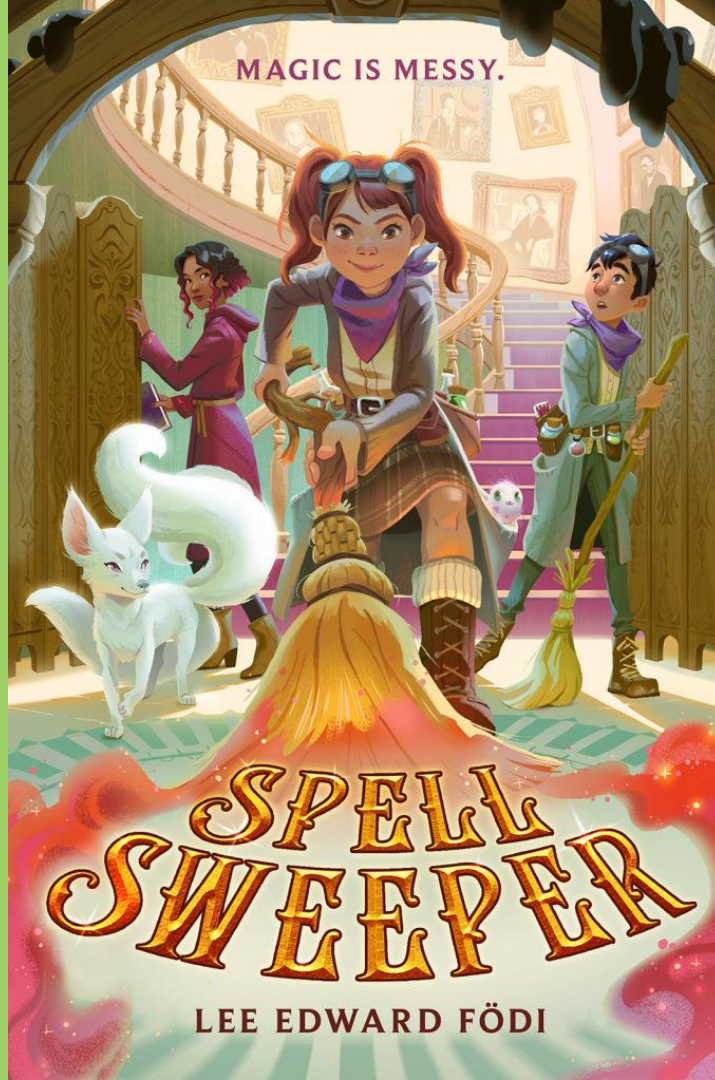


# ***Wingbearer***

Marjorie Liu  
Teny Issakhanian

Graphic novel  
Fantasy adventure  
Fourth grade and up

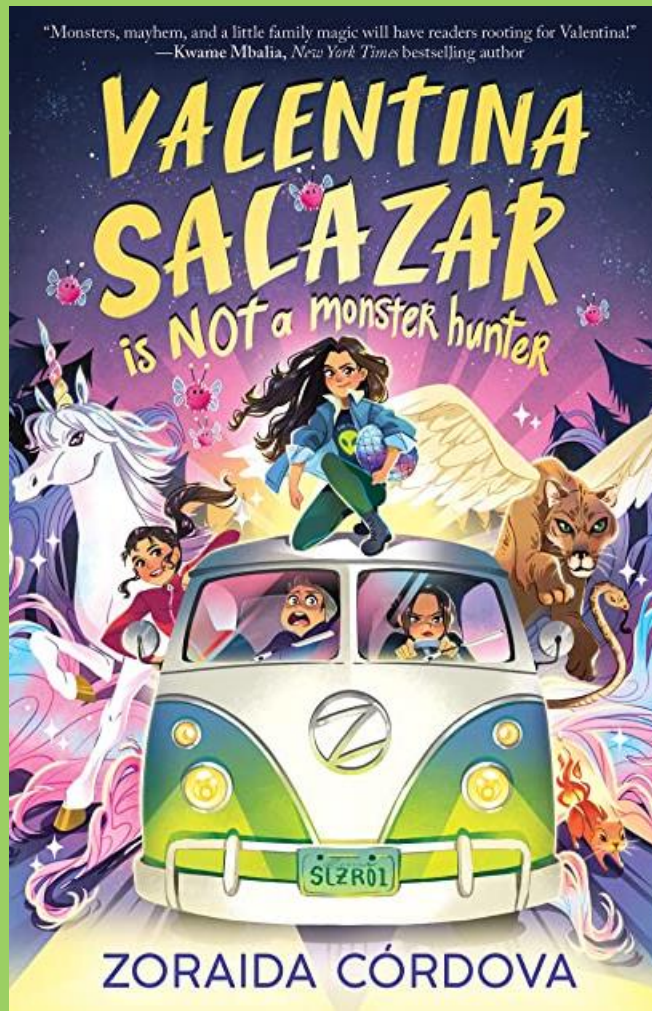




# *Spell Sweeper*

Lee Edward Fodi

Chapter book  
Harry Potter readalike  
Fourth grade and up



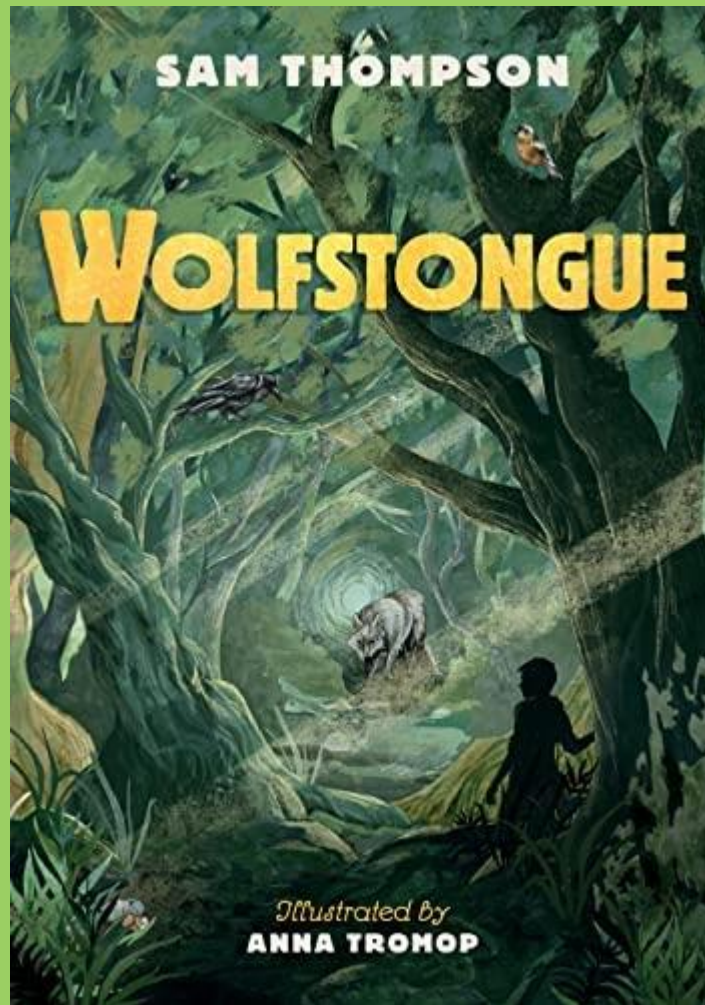
# **Valentina Salazar is NOT a Monster Hunter**

Zoraida Cordova

Chapter book

Fantasy

Fourth grade and up



# ***Wolfstongue***

Sam Thompson

Chapter book  
Adventure animal fiction  
Fourth grade and up



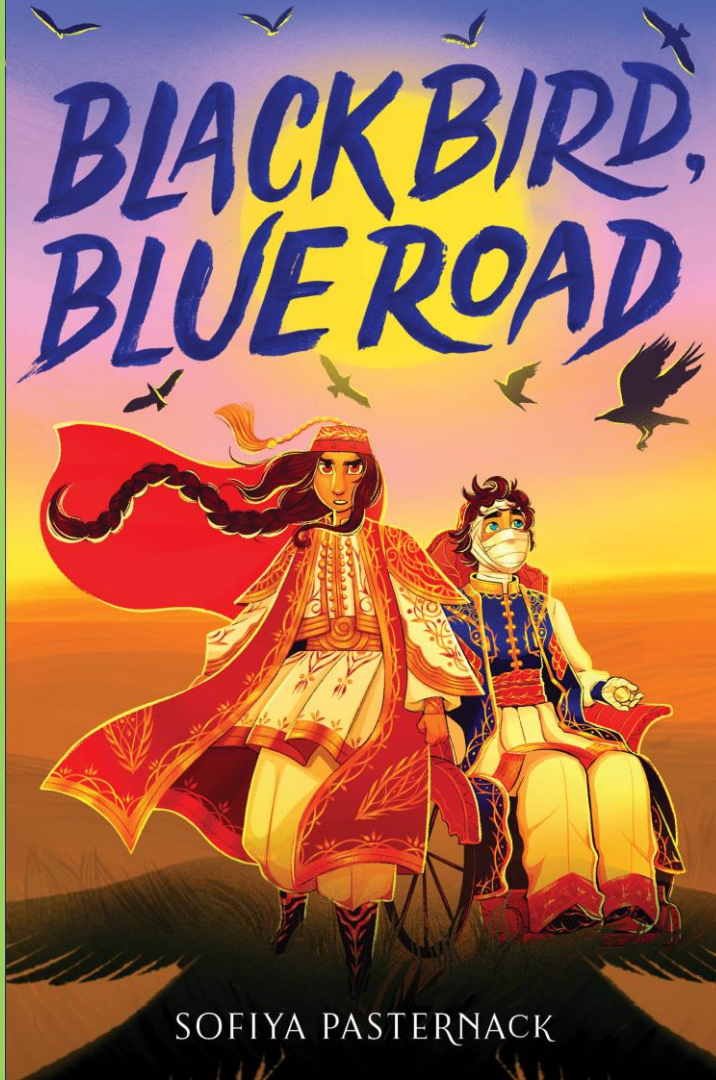




## ***The Lock-Eater***

Zach Loran Clark

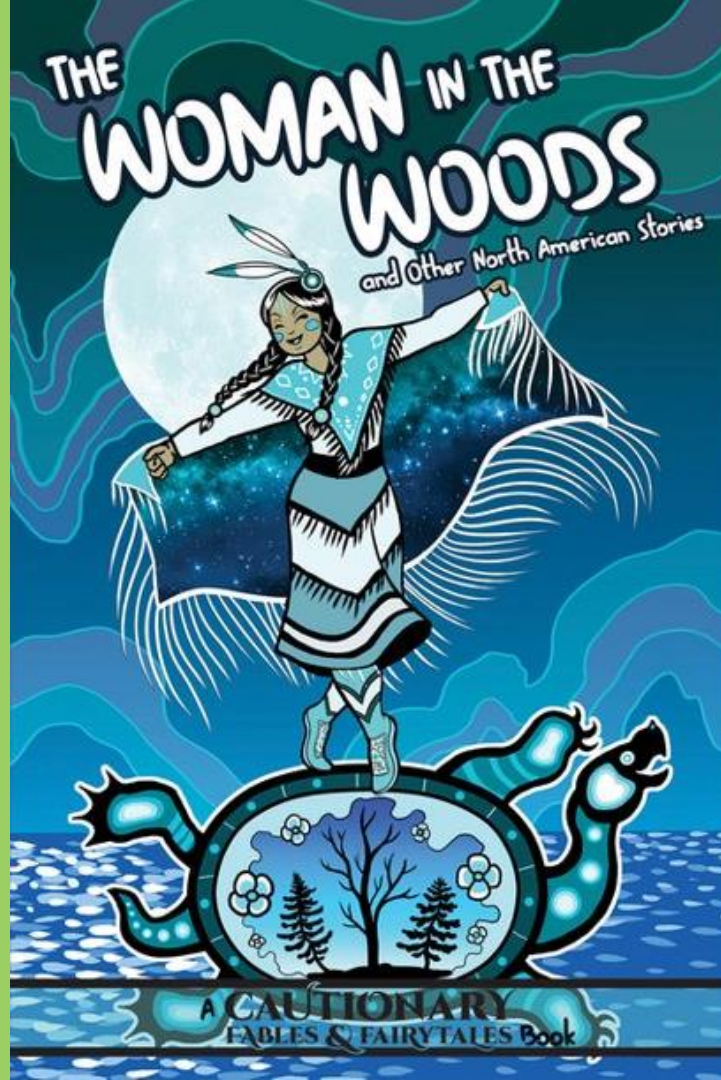
Chapter book  
Steampunk fantasy  
Fourth grade and up



***Black Bird, Blue Road***  
Sofiya Pasternack

Chapter book  
Fantasy  
Sydney Taylor Book Award Middle  
Grade Honor  
Fourth grade and up

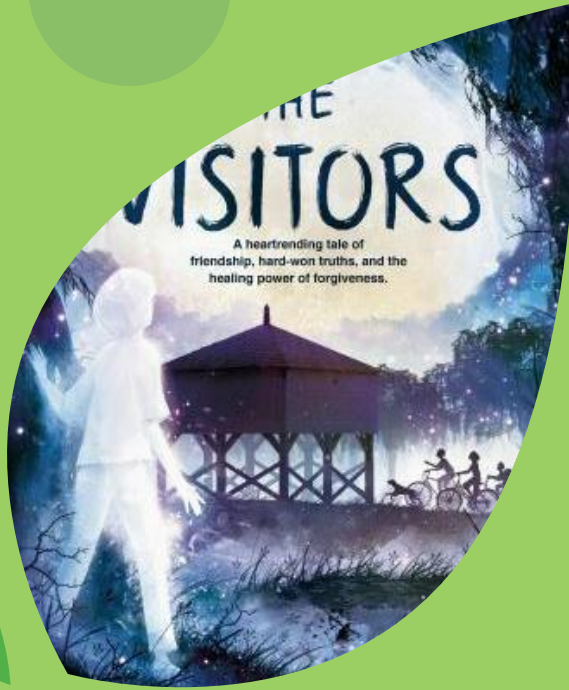




# ***The Woman in the Woods and other North American Stories***

Edited by Kel McDonald

Graphic novel  
Fifth grade and up



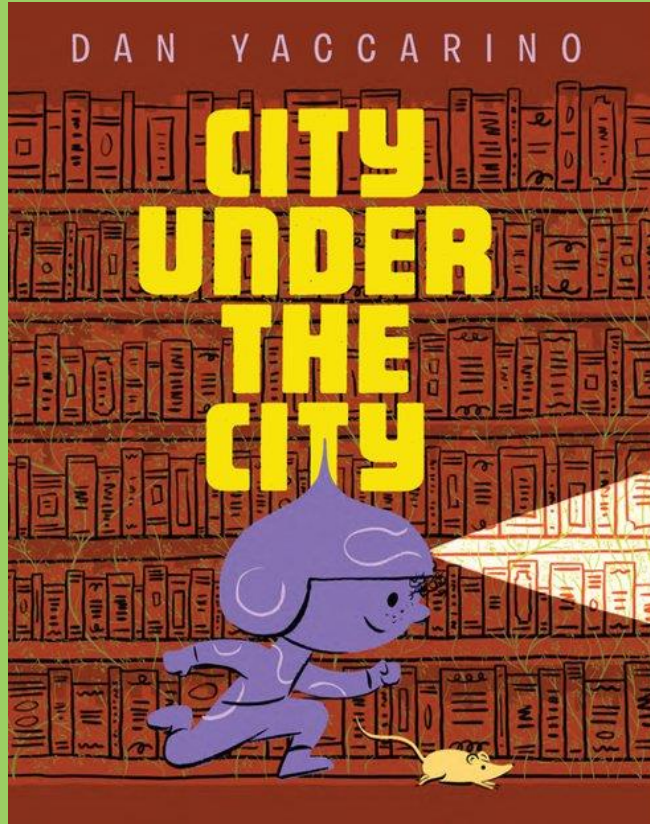
# Our Favorite Scary, Spooky, & Suspenseful Stories

# Scary, Spooky, and Suspenseful

- Whether it is a ghost story with a historical bent or a post-apocalyptic story with humor, these books all touch on the strange and mysterious.



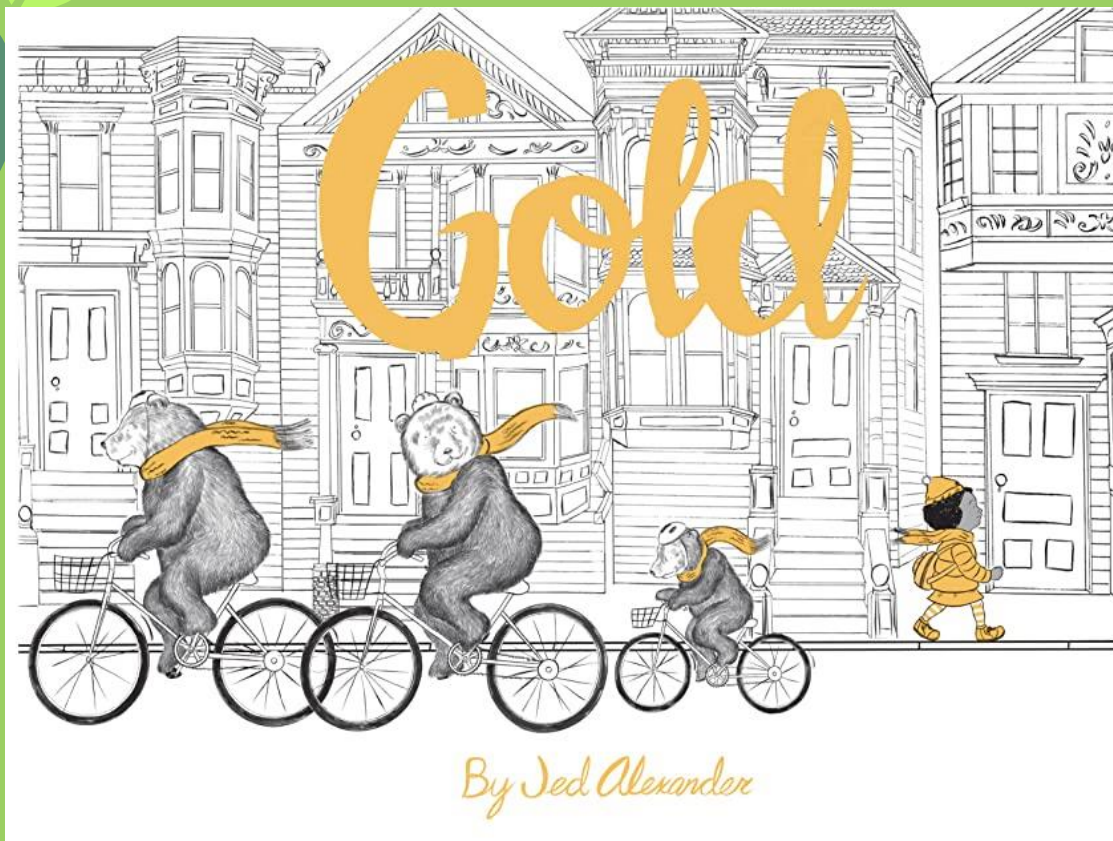




# *City Under the City*

Dan Yaccarino

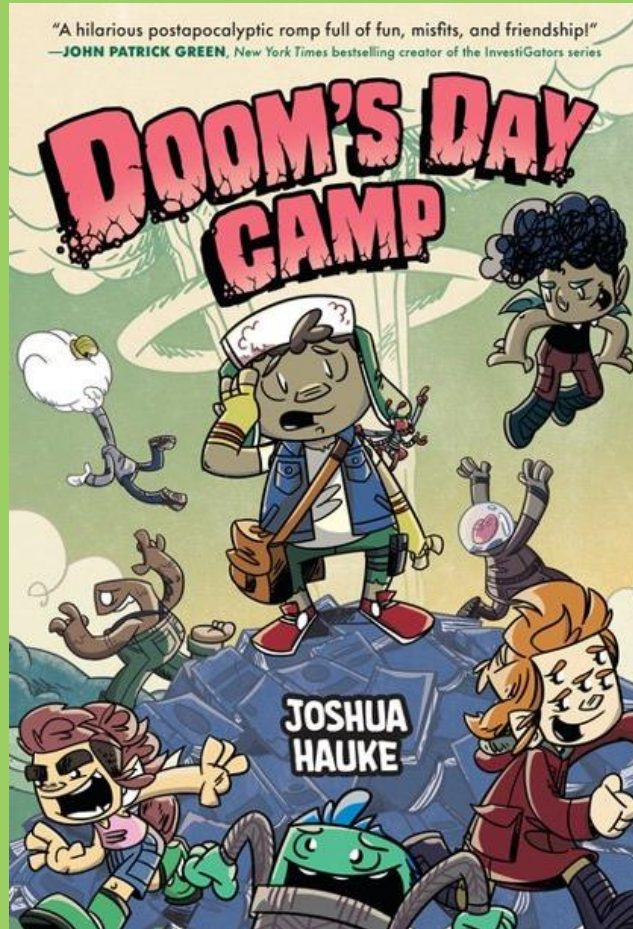
Picture book  
PreK and up



# *Gold*

Jed Alexander

Picture book  
Wordless  
Kindergarten and up



# *Doom's Day Camp*

Joshua Hauke

Graphic Novel

Fantasy

Third grade and up

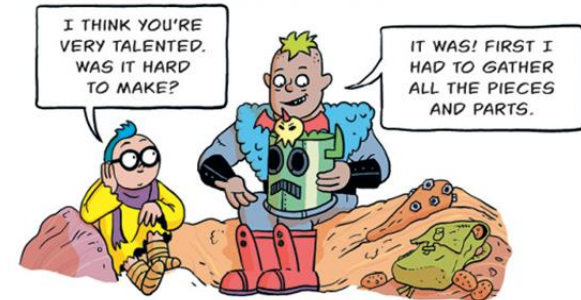




## ***Your Pal Fred***

Michael Rex

Graphic Novel  
Science Fiction  
Third grade and up



# IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD AND I'M IN MY BATHING SUIT



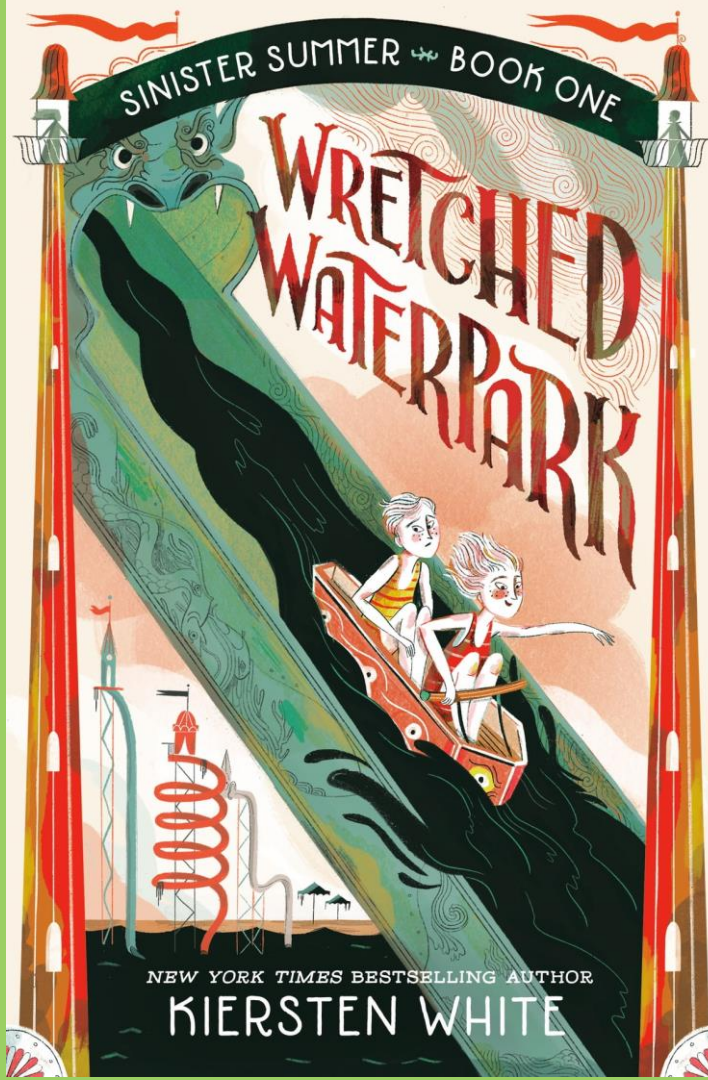
justin a. reynolds

## *It's the End of the World and I'm in my Bathing Suit*

Justin A. Reynolds

Chapter book  
Survival humor  
Fourth grade and up

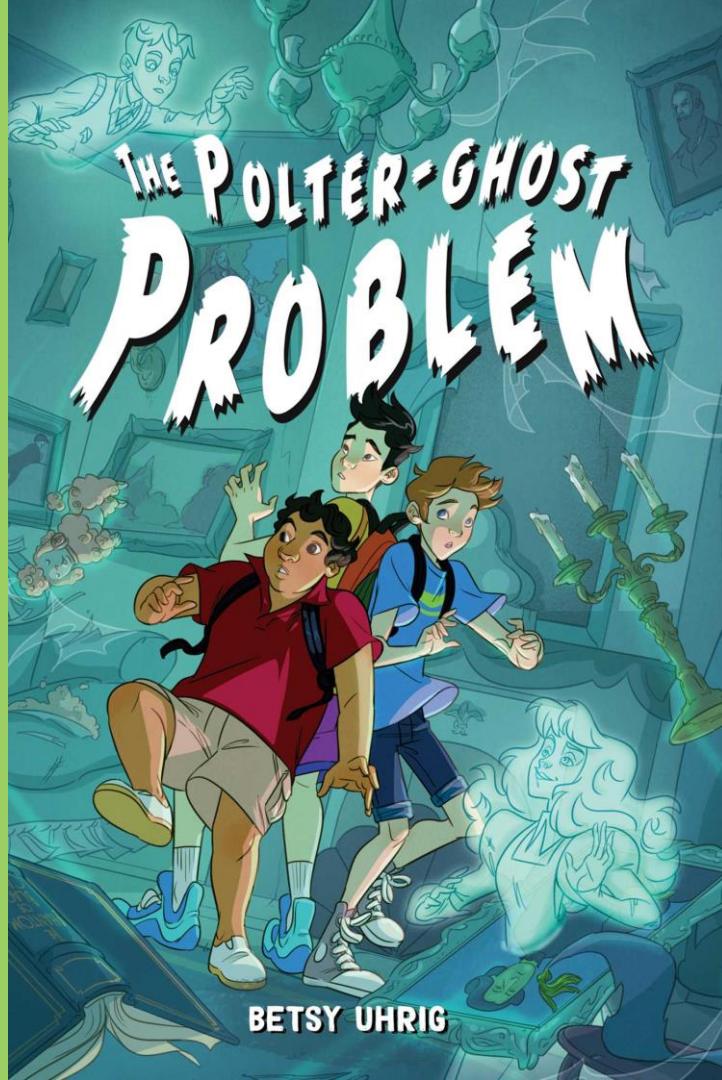




# ***Wretched Waterpark***

Kiersten White

Chapter Book  
Mystery fiction  
Fourth grade and up



# ***The Polter-Ghost Problem***

Betsy Uhrig

Chapter book  
Humorous ghost story  
Fourth grade and up



# ***Futureland: Battle for the Park***

H.D. Hunter

Chapter book  
Fourth grade and up



Lisa Stringfellow

# *A Comb of Wishes*



"The world is wondrous,  
these pages assure us,  
and dangerous. Get ready."

—*Newbery Medalist*  
*Kelly Barnhill*

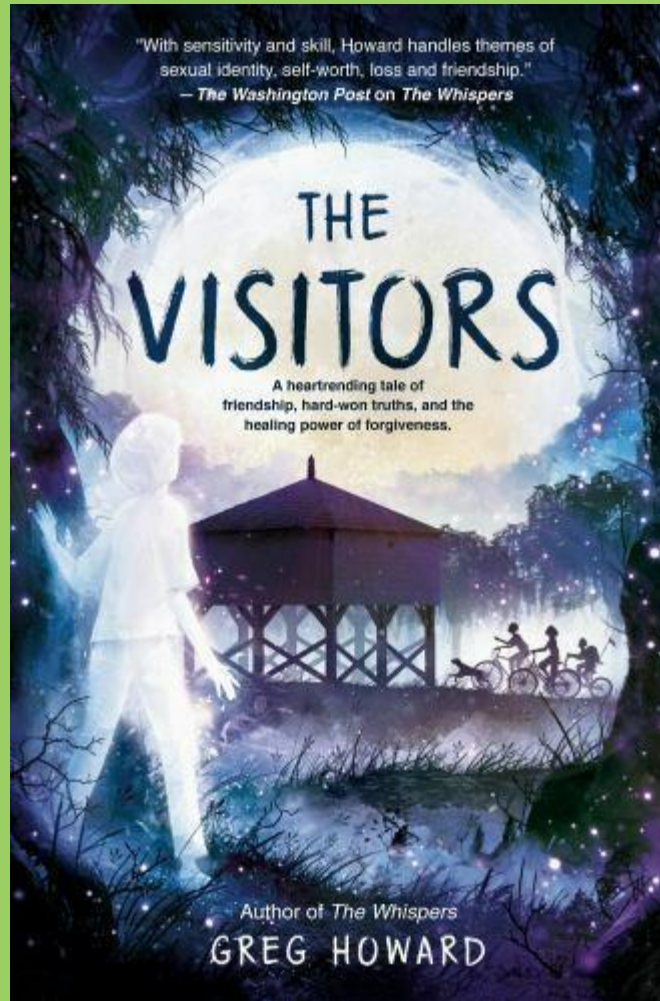
## ***A Comb of Wishes***

Lisa Stringfellow

Chapter book

Ghost story

Fifth grade and up



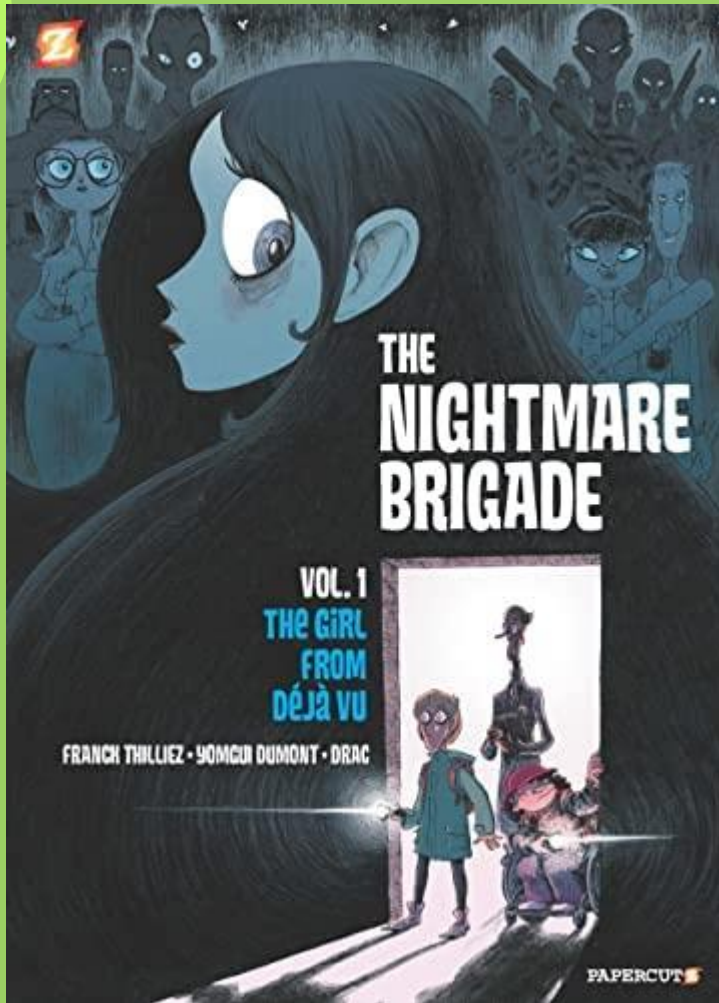
# ***The Visitors***

Greg Howard

Chapter book

Ghost story

Fifth grade and up

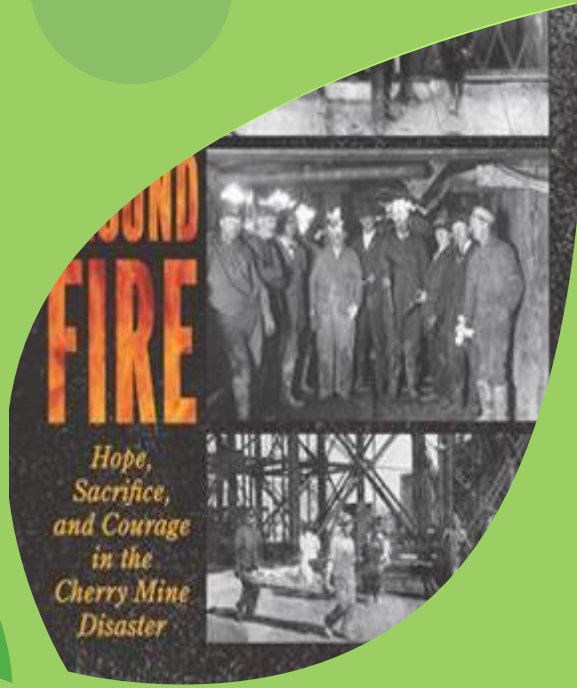


# ***The Nightmare Brigade: The Girl from Déjà Vu Franck Thilliez***

Graphic Novel  
Paranormal story  
Fifth grade and up







# Our Favorite Books for Exploring History

# Exploring History

- Historical events are brought to life in these books, either through fictional tales or well-researched nonfiction.

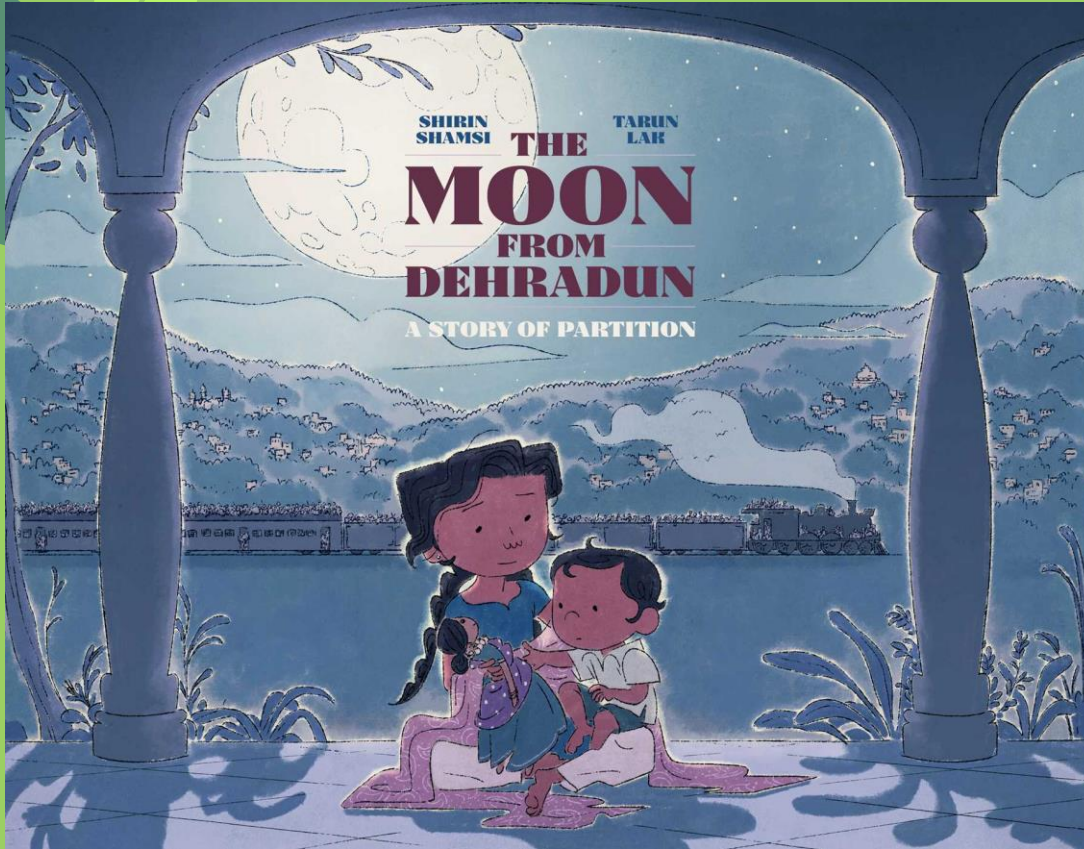




# *The Moon from Dehradun: A Story of Partition*

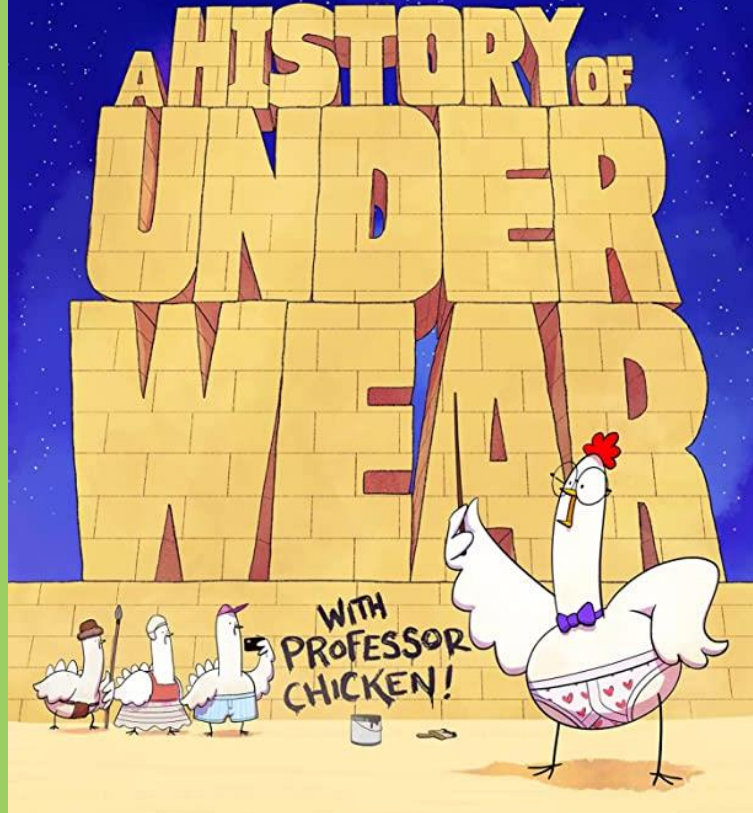
Shirin Shamsi  
Tarun Lar

Picture book  
PreK and up



WRITTEN BY  
Hannah Holt

ILLUSTRATIONS BY  
Korwin Briggs



# ***A History of Underwear: with Professor Chicken***

Hannah Holt  
Korwin Briggs

Informational picture book  
Kindergarten and up

# FOREVER & COUSINS



Laurel Goodluck *Illustrated by* Jonathan Nelson

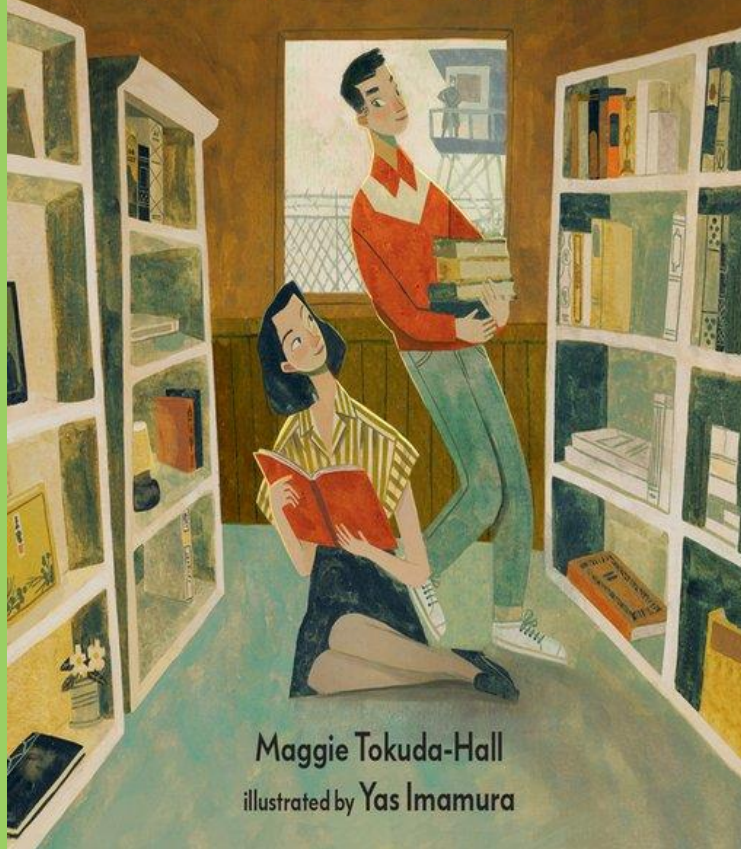
## ***Forever Cousins***

Laurel Goodluck  
Jonathan Nelson

Picture book  
Kindergarten and up



# LOVE IN THE LIBRARY



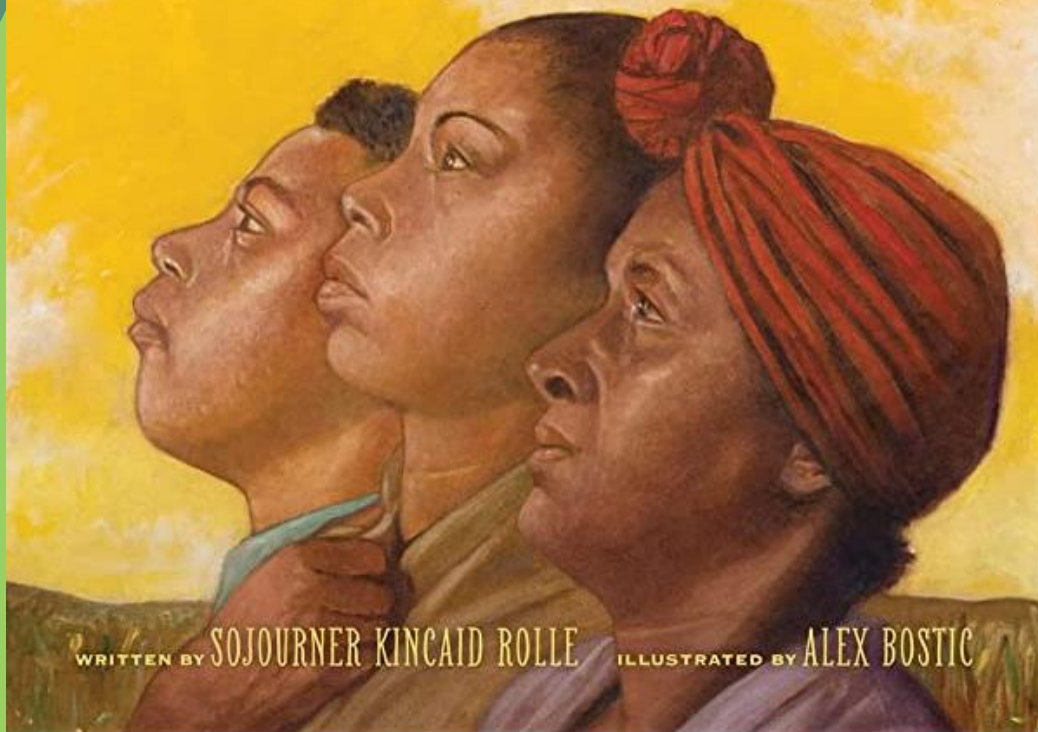
## ***Love in the Library***

Maggie Tokuda-Hall  
Yas Imamura

Picture book  
First grade and up

# FREE AT LAST

A JUNETEENTH POEM



## ***Free at Last: A Juneteenth Poem***

Sojourner Kincaid Rolle

Alex Bostic

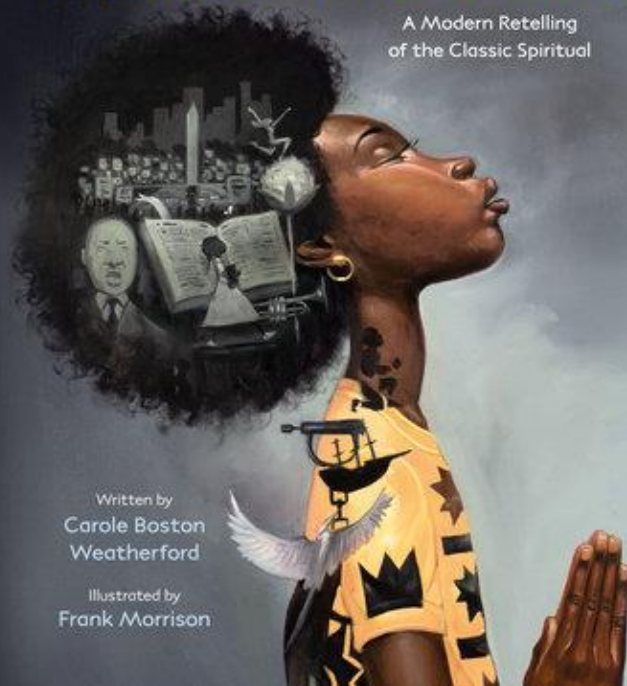
Informational picture book

Poetry

First grade and up

# STANDING <sup>IN THE</sup> NEED OF PRAYER

A Modern Retelling  
of the Classic Spiritual



Written by  
Carol Boston  
Weatherford

Illustrated by  
Frank Morrison

## ***Standing in the Need of Prayer: A Modern Retelling of the Classic Spiritual***

Carol Boston Weatherford  
Frank Morrison

Informational picture book  
Coretta Scott King (Illustrator) Award  
Winner  
First grade and up





# ***Fighting for Yes! The Story of Disability Rights Activist Judith Heumann***

Maryann Cocca-Leffler  
Vivian Mildenberger

Informational picture book  
First grade and up

# MY NAME IS HAMBURGER



JACQUELINE  
JULES

## ***My Name is Hamburger***

Jacqueline Jules

Chapter book  
Novel in verse  
Fourth grade and up



# ***Isla to Island***

Alexis Castellanos

Graphic novel

Wordless

Fifth grade and up



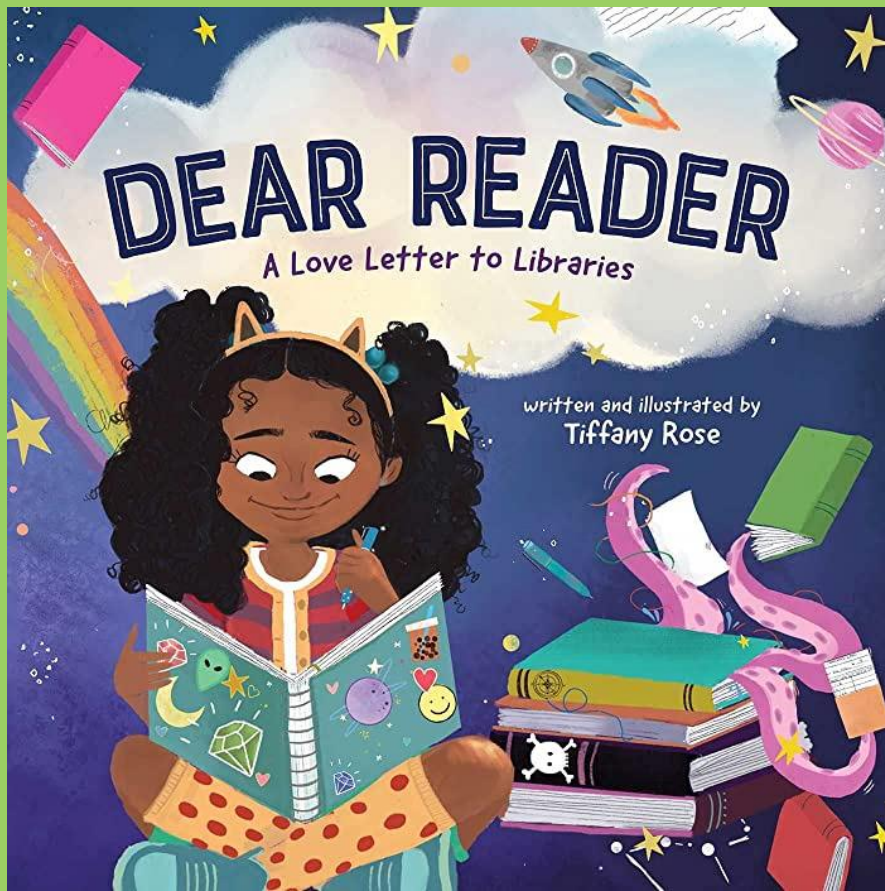


Our Favorite  
Books  
To Spark  
Creativity

# Spark Creativity

- From writing to storytelling, music to painting, there are many ways to be creative, and these books all ignite a creative spark to inspire children to express themselves.



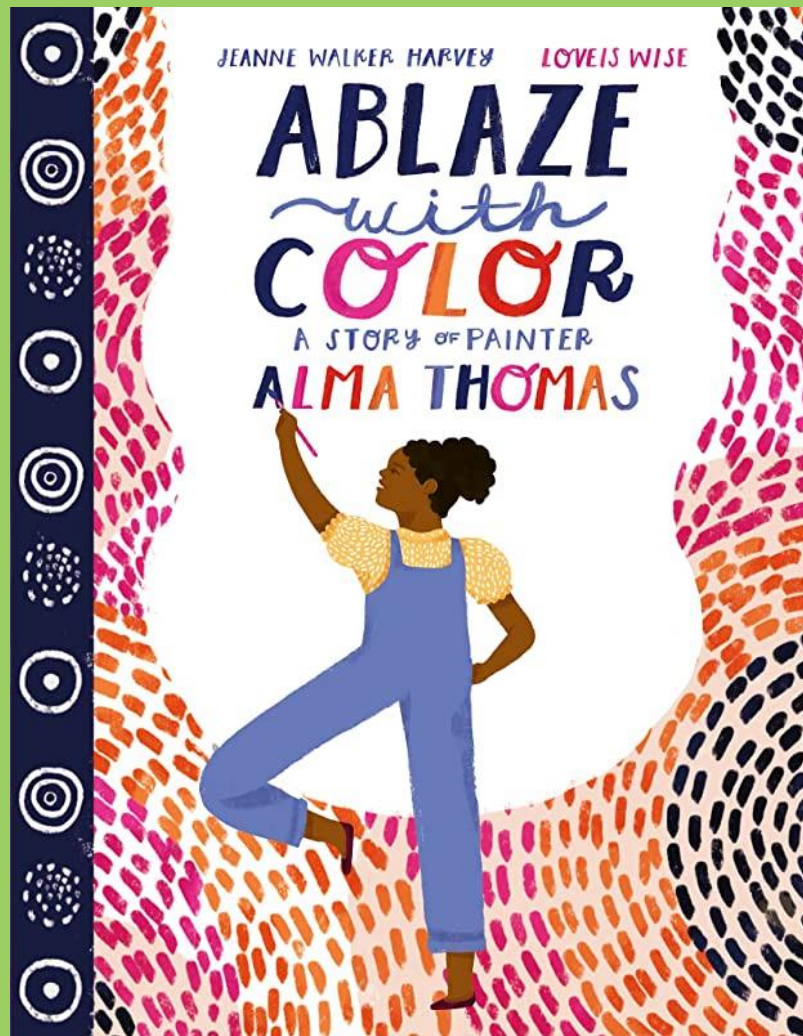


# *Dear Reader: A Love Letter to Libraries*

Tiffany Rose

Picture book  
PreK and up





# ***Ablaze with Color: a Story of Painter Alma Thomas***

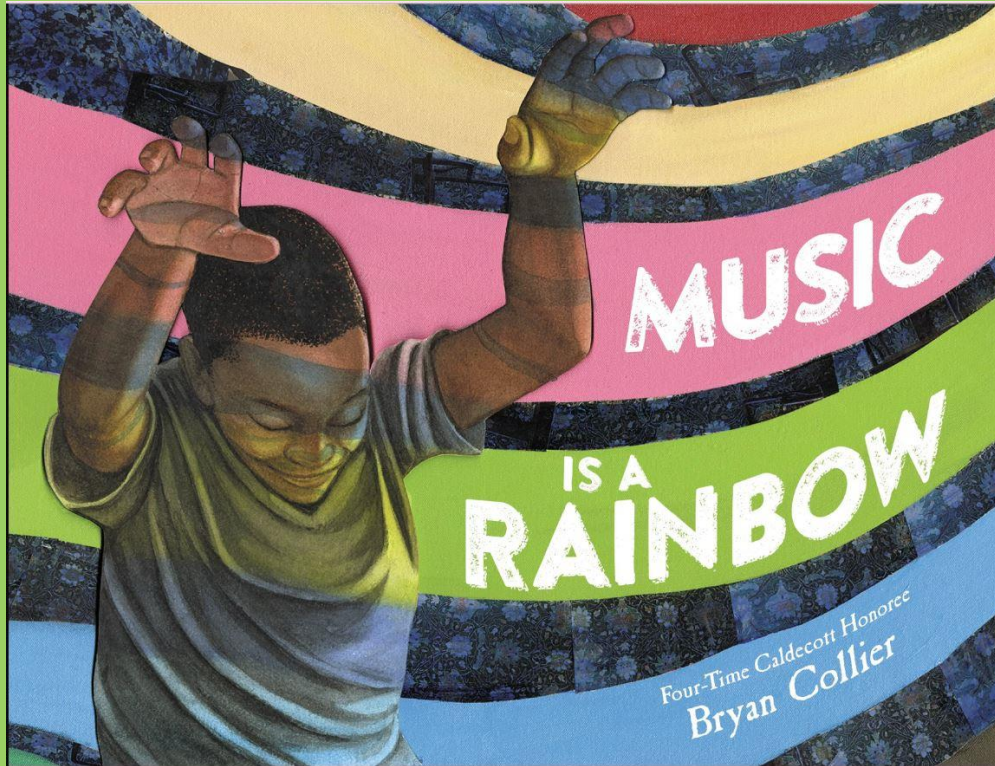
Jeanne Walker Harvey  
Loveis Wise

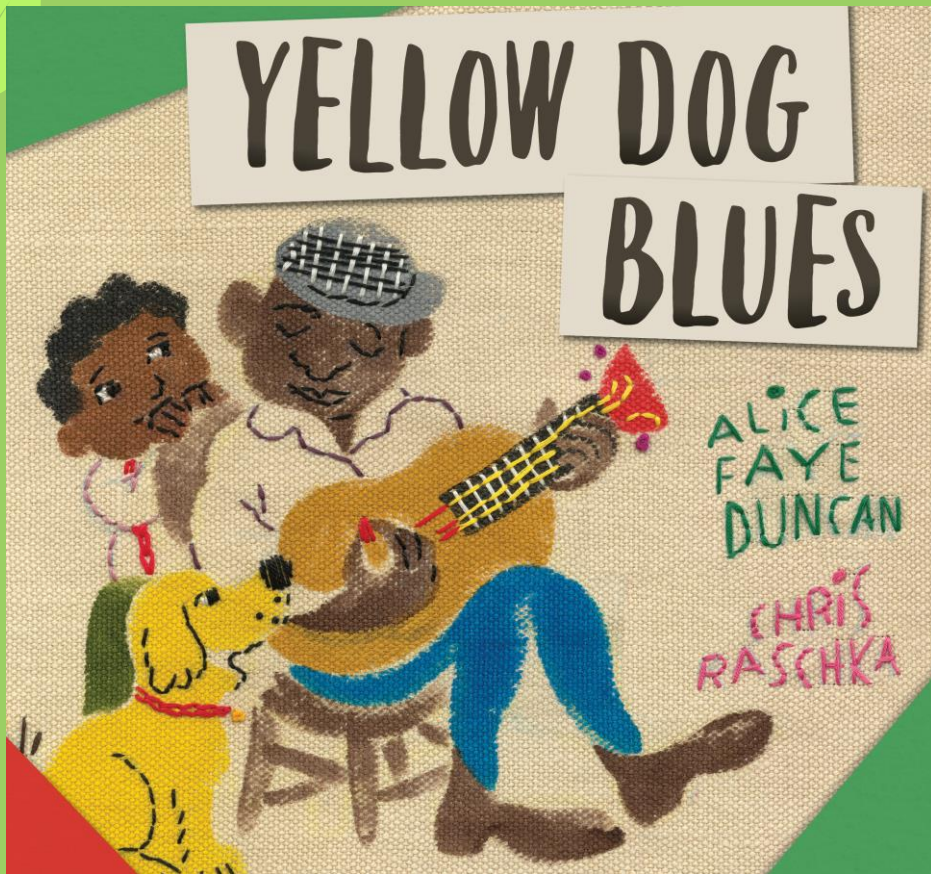
Picture book biography  
PreK and up

# ***Music is a Rainbow***

Bryan Collier

Picture book  
Kindergarten and up





## ***Yellow Dog Blues***

*Alice Faye Duncan*

*Chris Raschka*

Picture book  
PreK and up





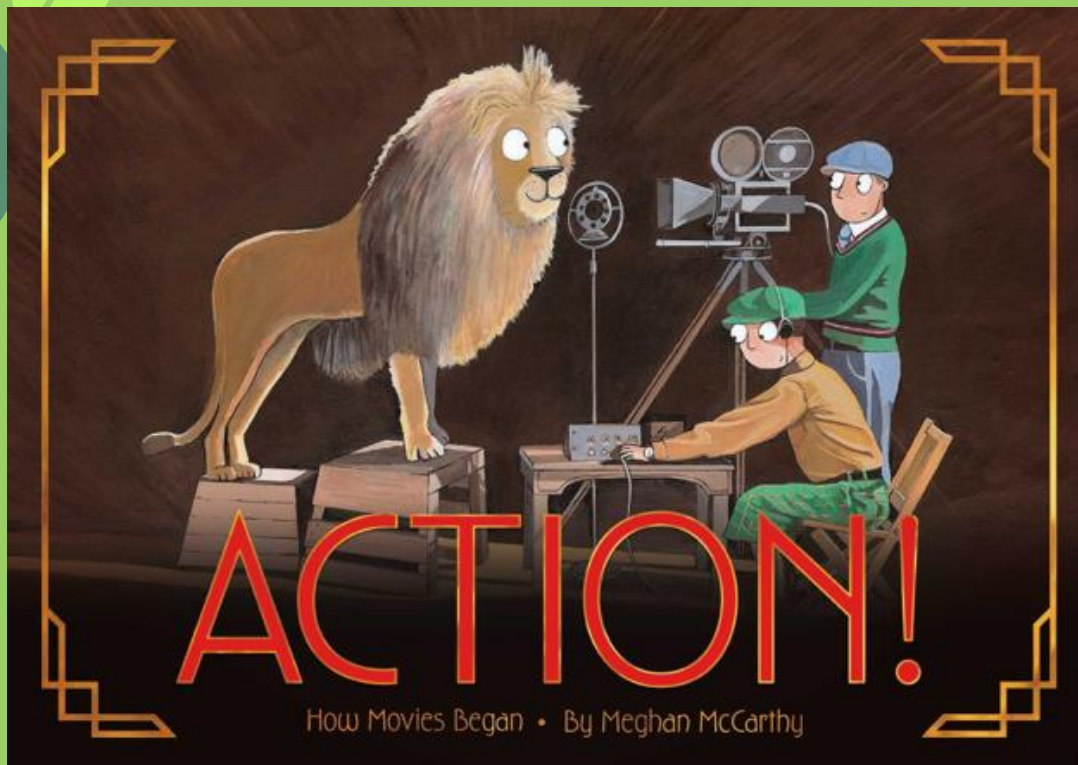
## ***Blue***

Nana Ekua Brew-Hammond  
Daniel Minter

Informational picture book  
Kindergarten and up

You can crush iris petals for a brilliant shade,  
but just add water, and away  
it fades.





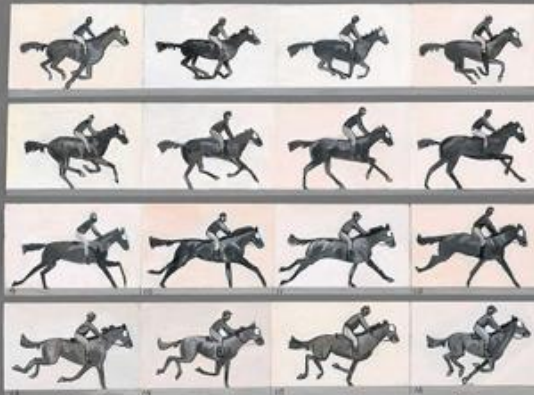
# ***Action! How Movies Began***

Meghan McCarthy

Informational Picture book  
Kindergarten and up



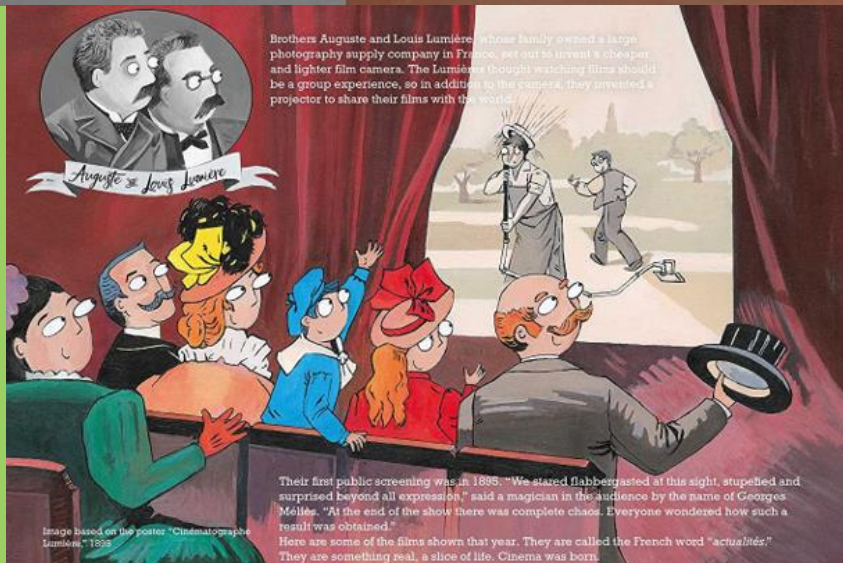
Maybridge set up a row of cameras with threads that stretched across a track. When the horse broke the threads SNAP! SNAP! SNAP! The camera recorded a series of photos. This is one example. Does the horse look the same as the one in the painting?



The Horse in Motion, 1878



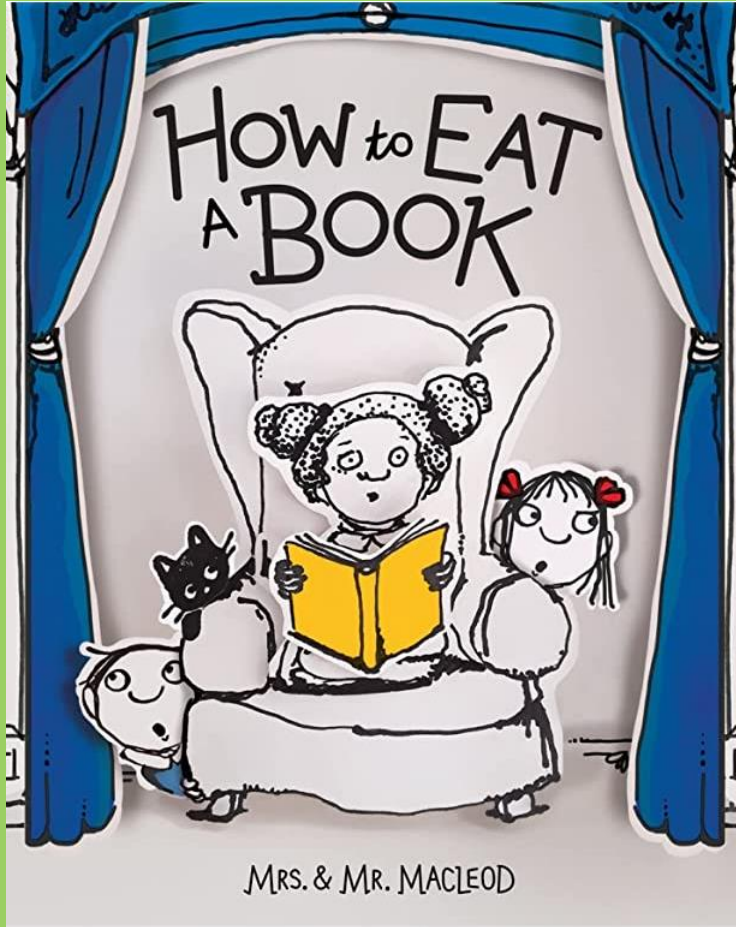
Maybridge's photographs were inspired by the motion experiments of a French scientist named Étienne-Jules Marey. The two men met while Maybridge was testing Paris in 1881. Marey wanted to record birds in flight, but Maybridge's technique didn't work well with birds. Therefore in 1882, Marey invented a handheld camera to better record motion. The photographer had to pull the trigger in quick succession to get results. These are a few of Marey's photographic studies.



Brothers Auguste and Louis Lumière, whose family owned a large photography supply company in France, set out to create a cheaper and lighter film camera. The Lumières thought watching films should be a group experience, so in addition to the camera, they invented a projector to share their films with the world.

Their first public screening was in 1895. "We stared flabbergasted at this sight, stupefied and surprised beyond all expression," said a magician in the audience by the name of Georges Méliès. "At the end of the show there was complete chaos. Everyone wondered how such a result was obtained." Here are some of the films shown that year. They are called the French word "actualités." They are something real, a slice of life. Cinema was born.

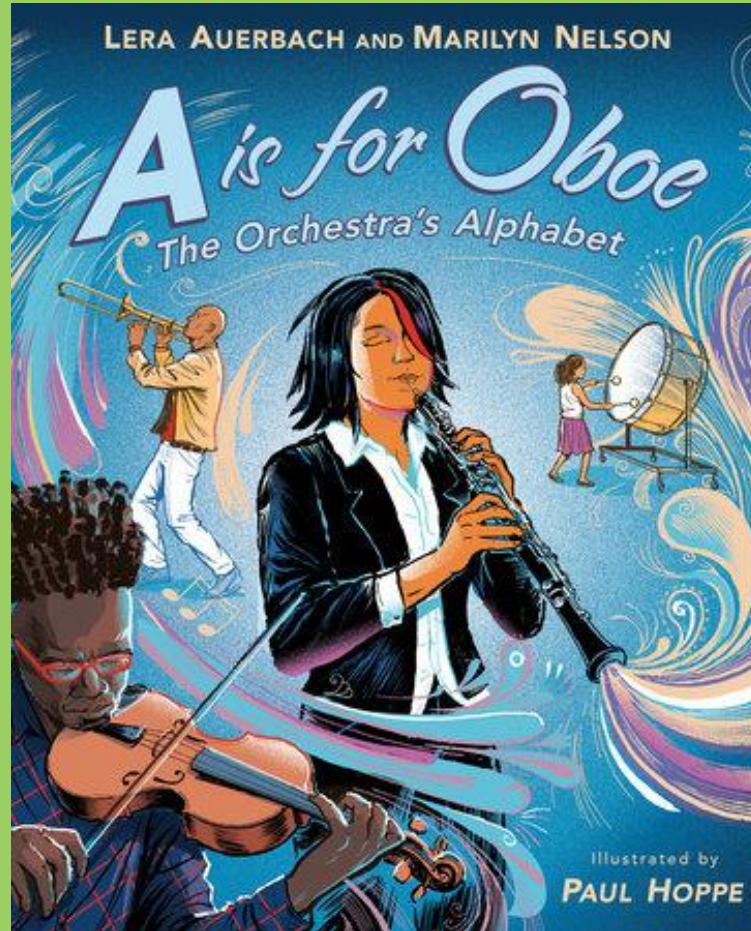
Image based on the poster "Cinématographe Lumière," 1895



# ***How to Eat a Book***

Mrs. and Mr. Macleod

Picture book  
Kindergarten and up

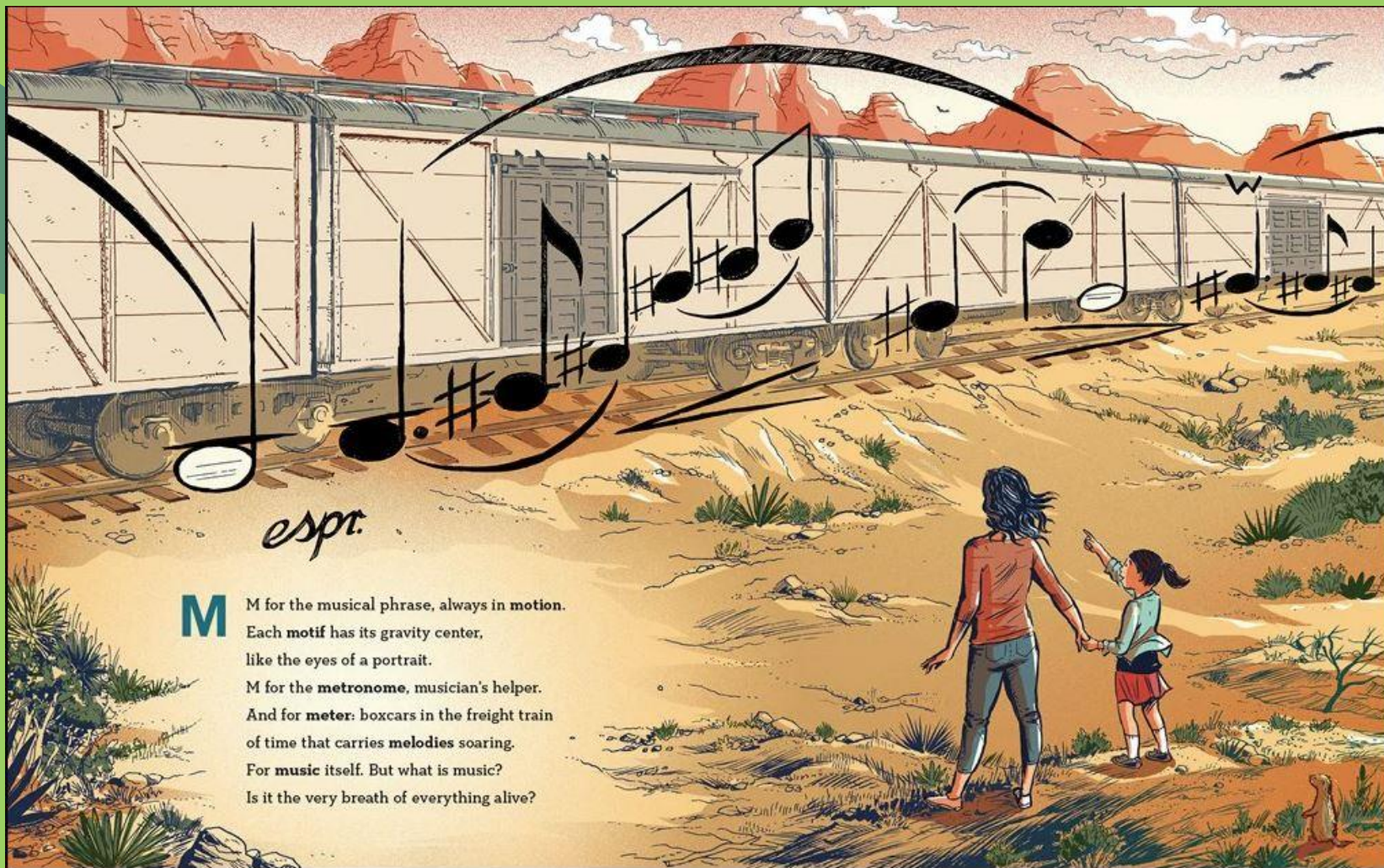


# ***A is for Oboe: The Orchestra's Alphabet***

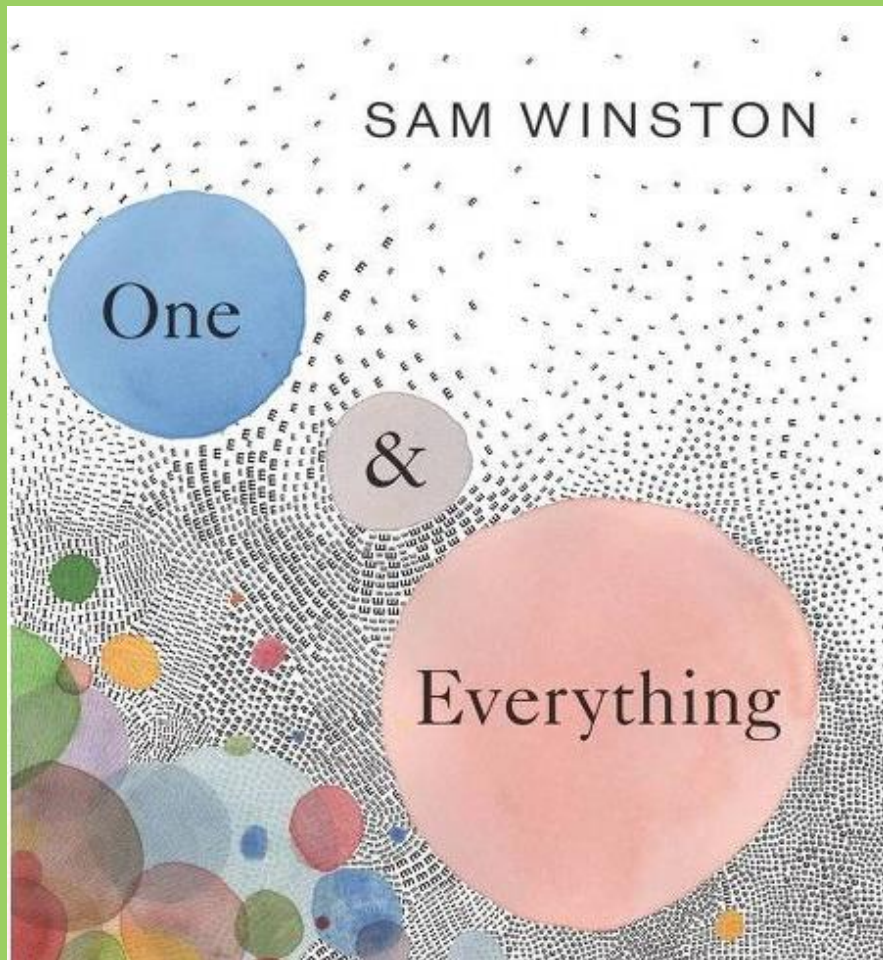
Lera Auerbach and Marilyn Nelson  
Illustrated by Paul Hoppe

Informational Picture book  
Poetry  
First grade and up





**M** M for the musical phrase, always in motion.  
Each **motif** has its gravity center,  
like the eyes of a portrait.  
M for the **metronome**, musician's helper.  
And for **meter**: boxcars in the freight train  
of time that carries **melodies** soaring.  
For **music** itself. But what is music?  
Is it the very breath of everything alive?

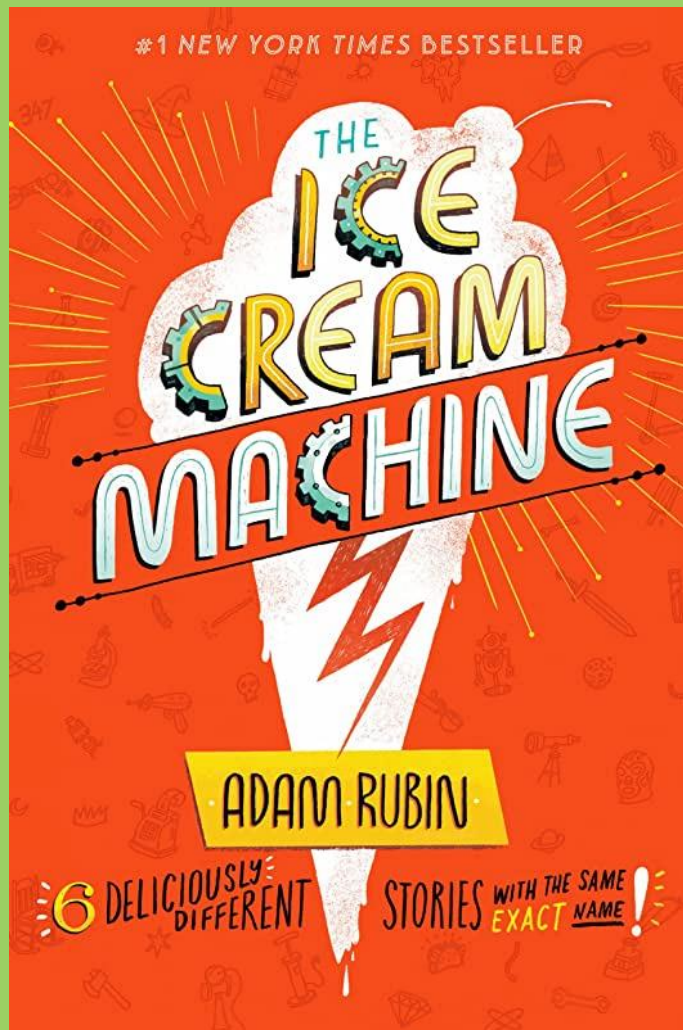


# ***One and Everything***

Sam Winston

Picture book  
Second grade and up





# ***The Ice Cream Machine***

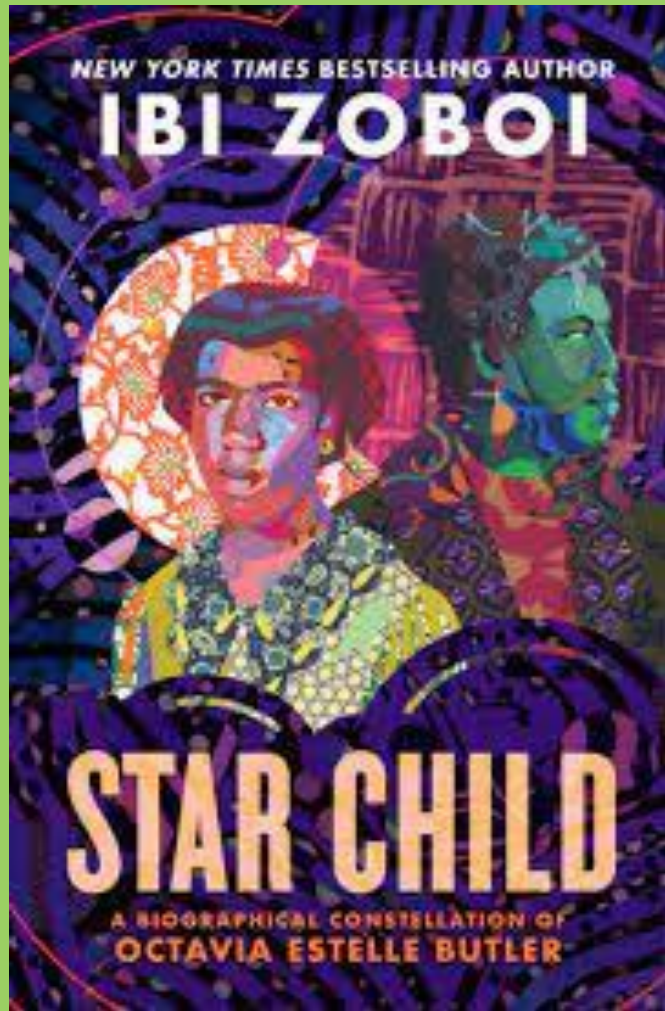
Adam Rubin

Chapter book

Short stories

Third grade and up





***Star Child: A  
Biographical  
Constellation of  
Octavia Estelle Butler***

Ibi Zoboi

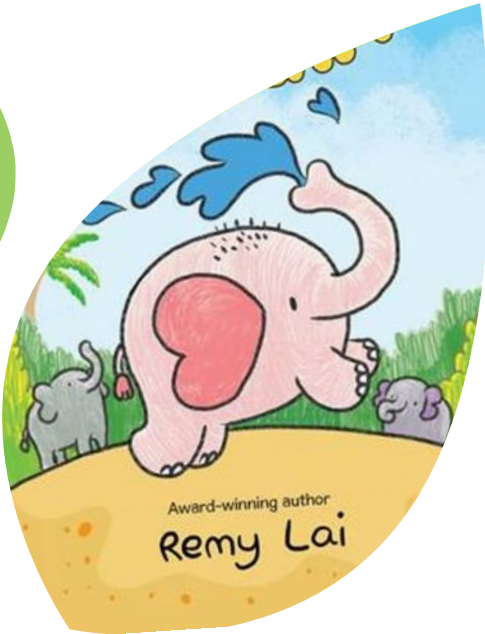
Biography book  
Fifth grade and up



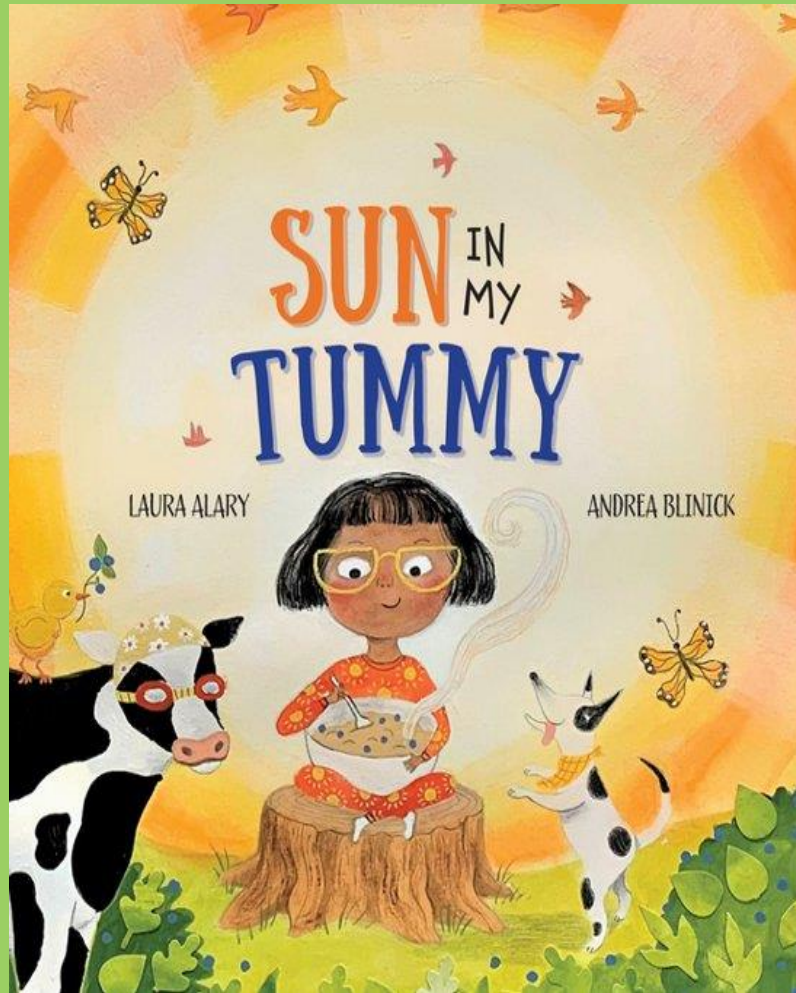
# Our Favorite Books for Exploring Science and Nature

# Science and Nature

- Whether you're interested in space, the sun, or have always wanted to best friends with an otter, we have some books for you.



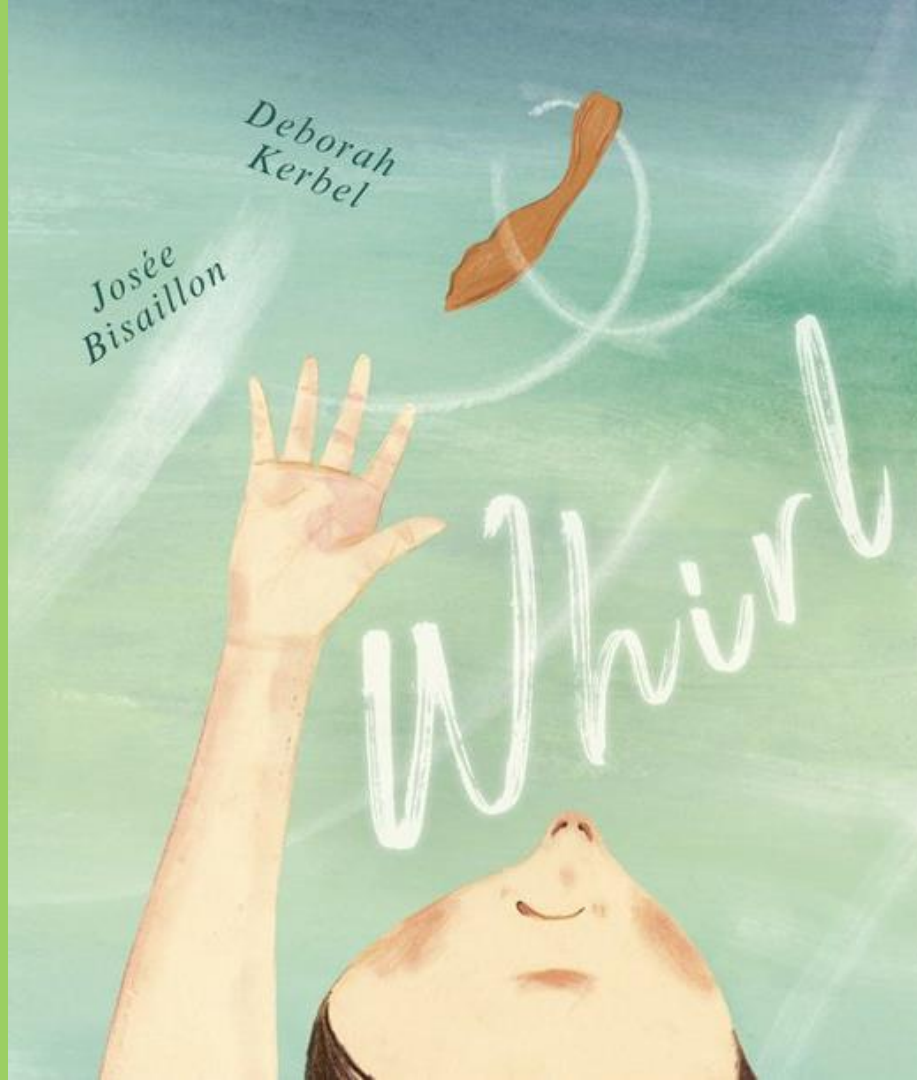




# ***Sun in My Tummy***

Laura Alary  
Andrea Blinick

Picture book  
PreK and up



# ***Whirl***

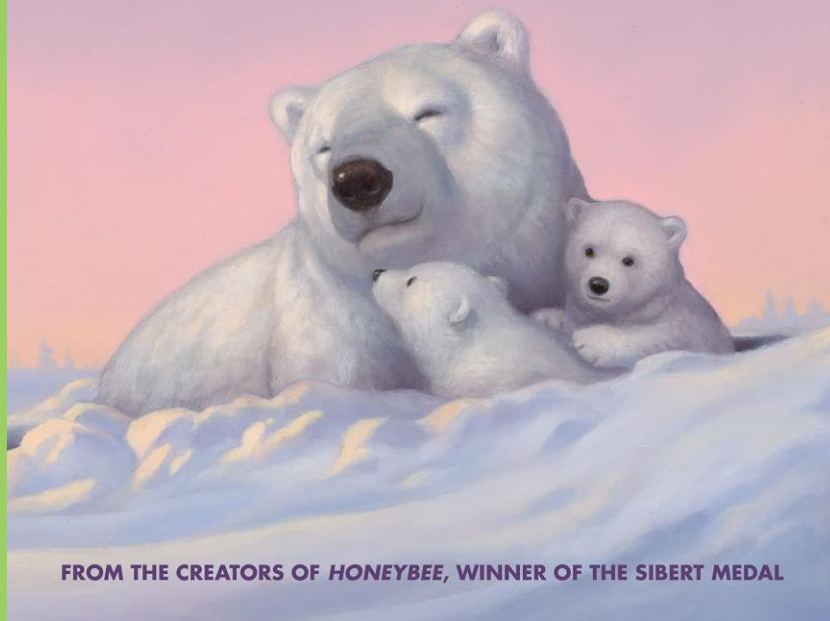
Deborah Kerbel  
Josée Bisaillon

Picture book  
Wordless  
PreK and up



CANDACE FLEMING ERIC ROHMANN

# POLAR BEAR




FROM THE CREATORS OF *HONEYBEE*, WINNER OF THE SIBERT MEDAL

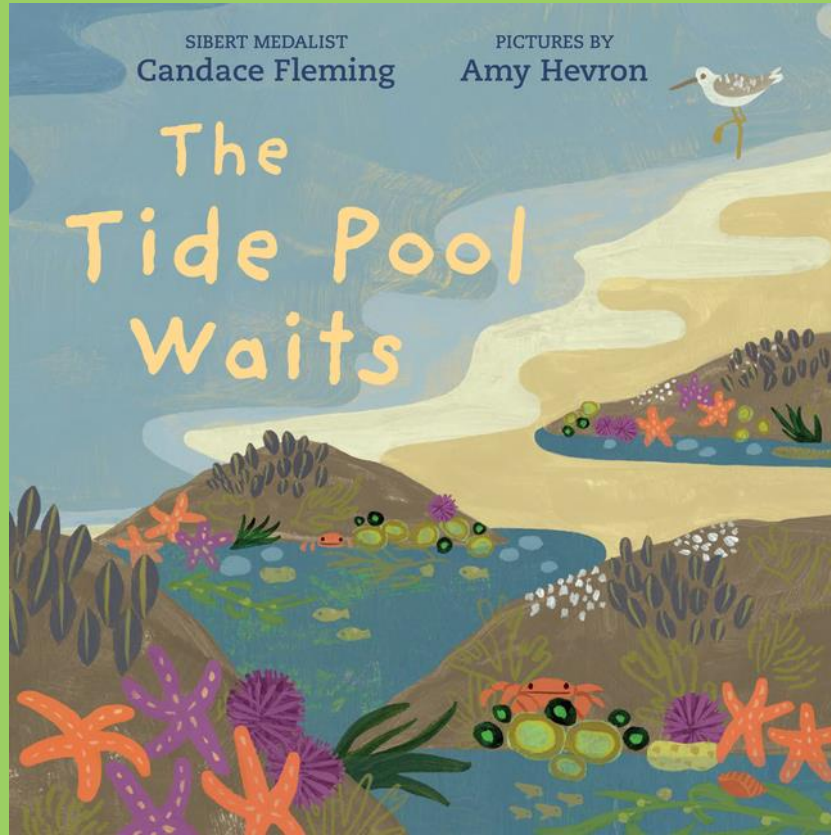
## ***Polar Bear***

Candace Fleming  
Eric Rohmann

Informational picture book  
PreK and up







# ***The Tide Pool Waits***

Candace Fleming  
Amy Hevron

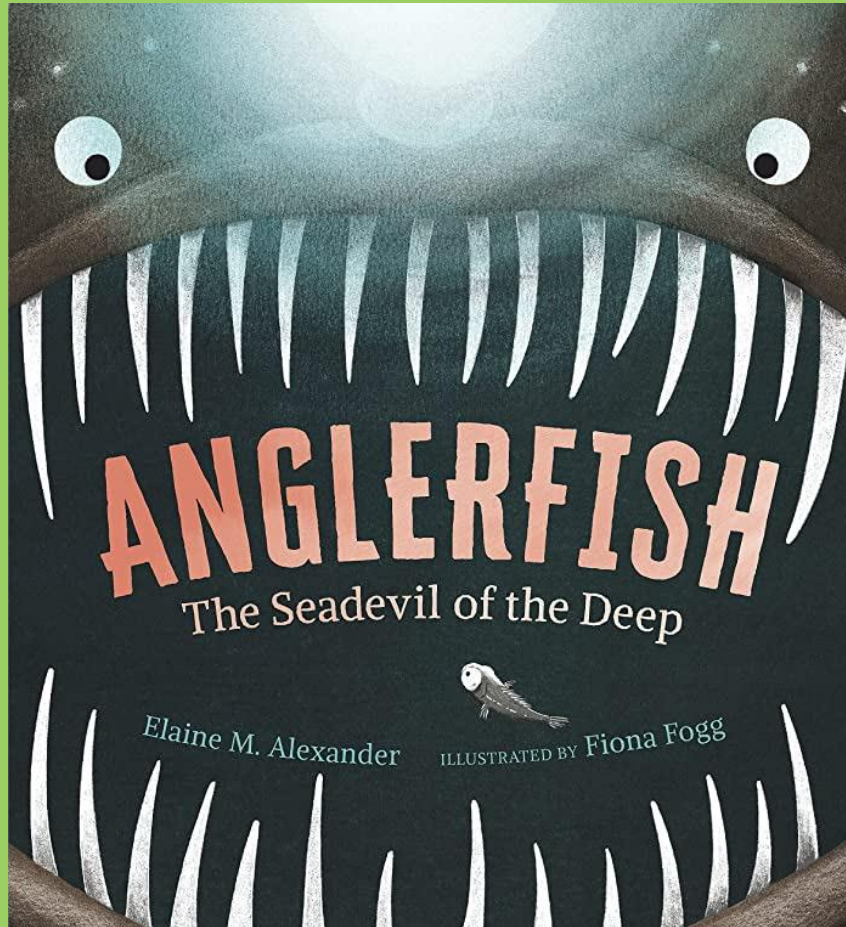
Informational picture book  
Kindergarten and up



# ***Anglerfish: the Seadevil of the Deep***

Elaine M. Alexander  
Fiona Fogg

Informational picture book  
Kindergarten and up



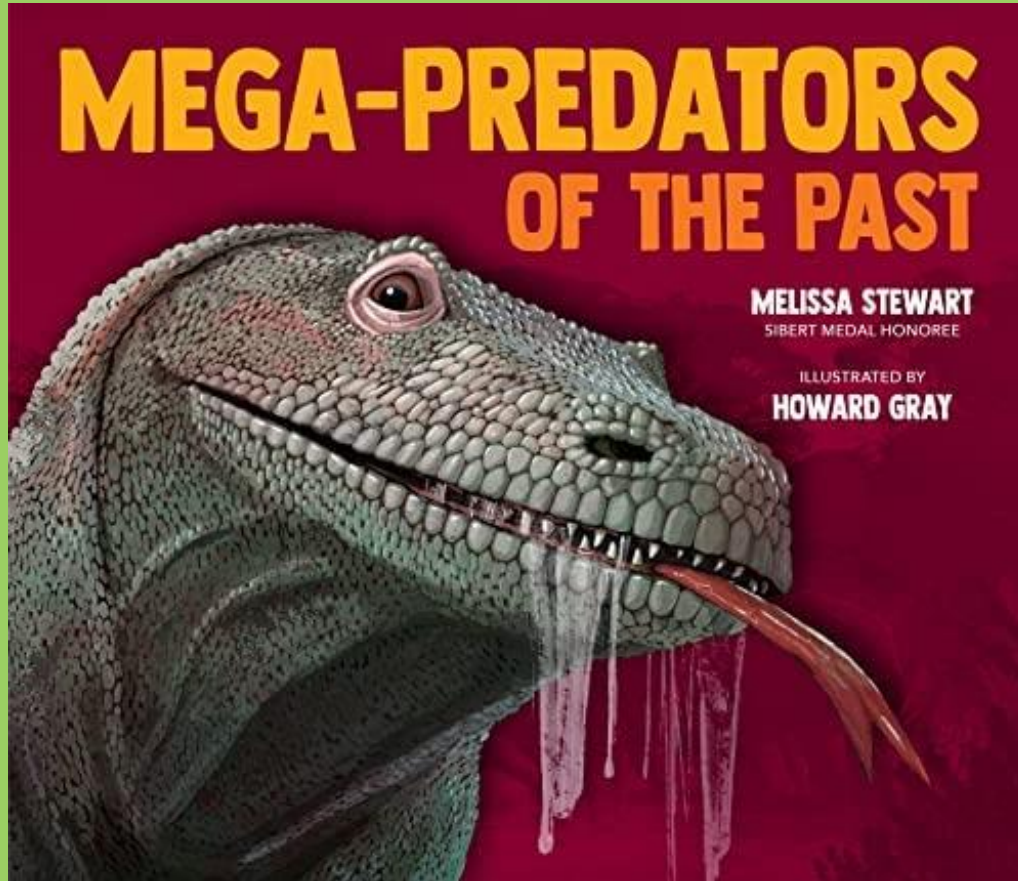


# ***Harriet's Ruffled Feathers: the Woman who Saved Millions of Birds***

Joy McCullough  
Remina Galotta

Picture book biography  
Kindergarten and up

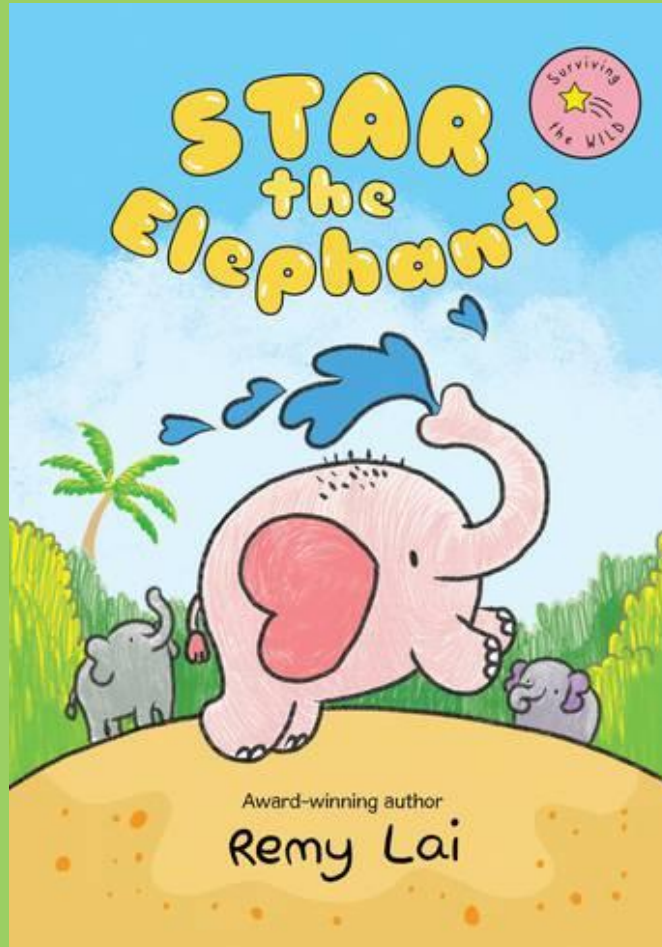




# ***Mega-Predators of the Past***

Melissa Stewart  
Howard Gray

Informational picture book  
First grade and up



# ***Star the Elephant***

Remy Lai

Graphic novel  
First grade and up

# How Do Meerkats Order Pizza?

Who likes olives?

Me!

No thanks.

What are they?



Wild Facts about Animals and  
the Scientists Who Study Them  
by BROOKE BARKER  
author of SAD ANIMAL FACTS

## *How Do Meerkats Order Pizza?*

Brooke Barker

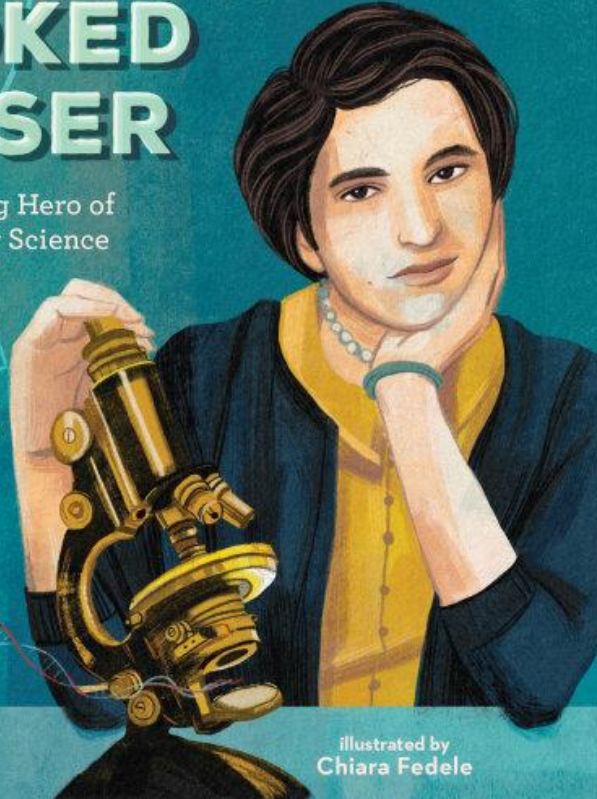
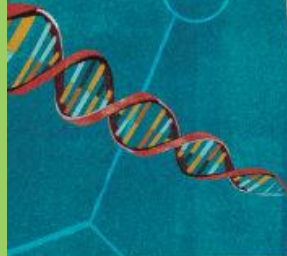
Graphic Nonfiction  
Second grade and up





# ROSALIND LOOKED CLOSER

An Unsung Hero of  
Molecular Science




by Lisa Gerin

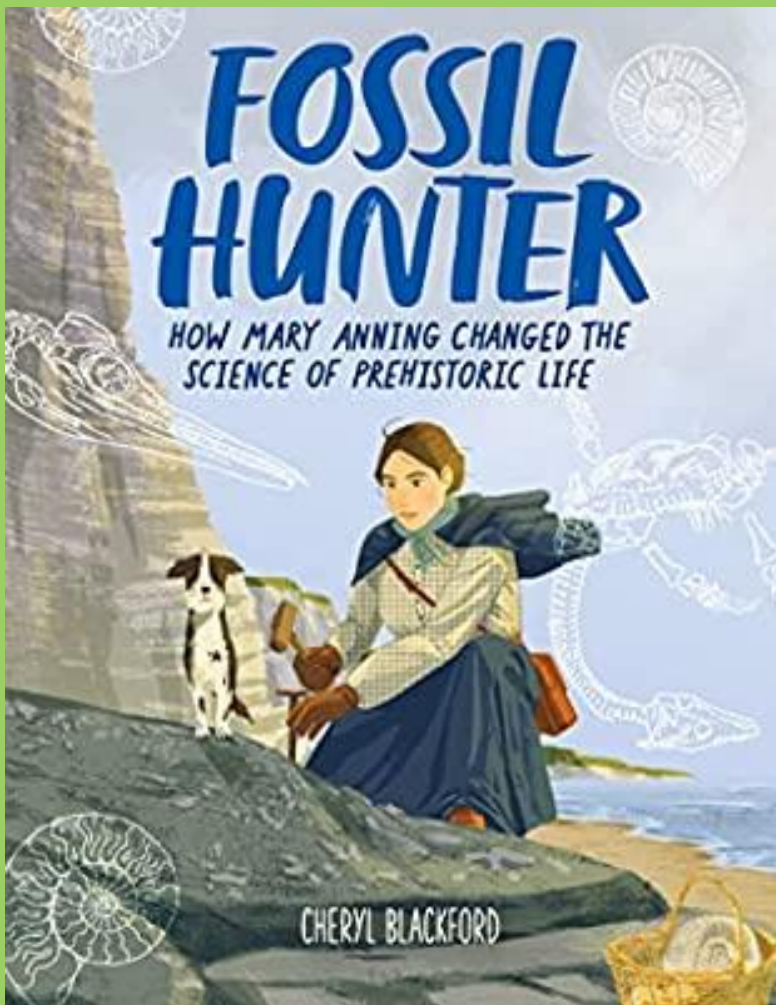
illustrated by  
Chiara Fedele

## *Rosalind Looked Closer: An Unsung Hero of Molecular Science*

Lisa Gerin  
Chiara Fedele

Picture book biography  
Second grade and up





# ***Fossil Hunter: How Mary Anning Changed the Science of Prehistoric Life***

*Cheryl Blackford*

Biography  
Fourth grade and up



# Odder

**Odder**  
Katherine Applegate

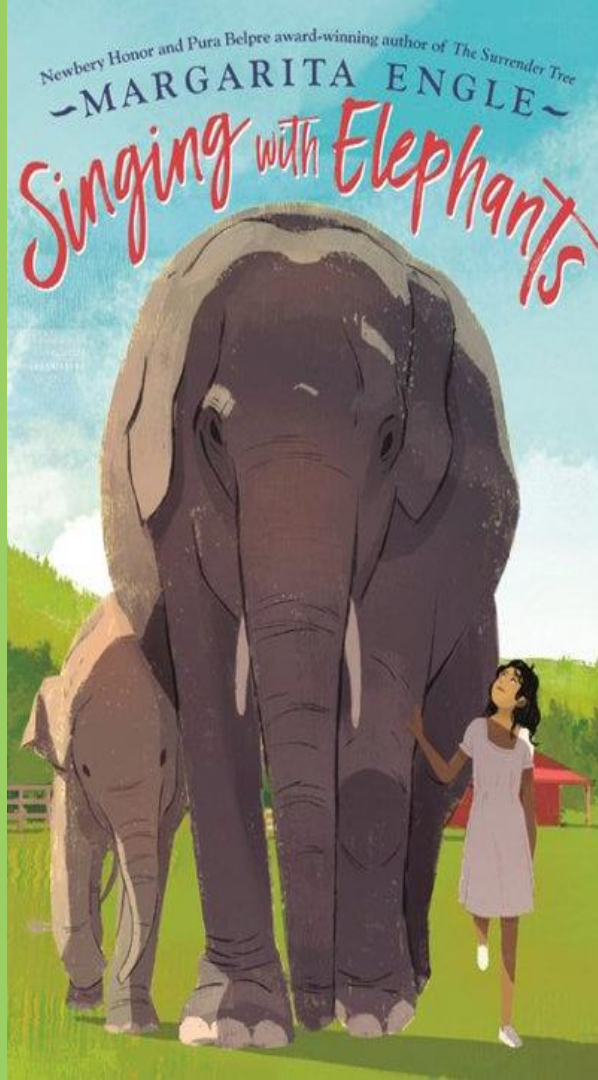
Chapter book  
Novel in verse  
Third grade and up



**KATHERINE APPLEGATE**

NEWBERY MEDALIST AND  
NEW YORK TIMES-BESTSELLING AUTHOR

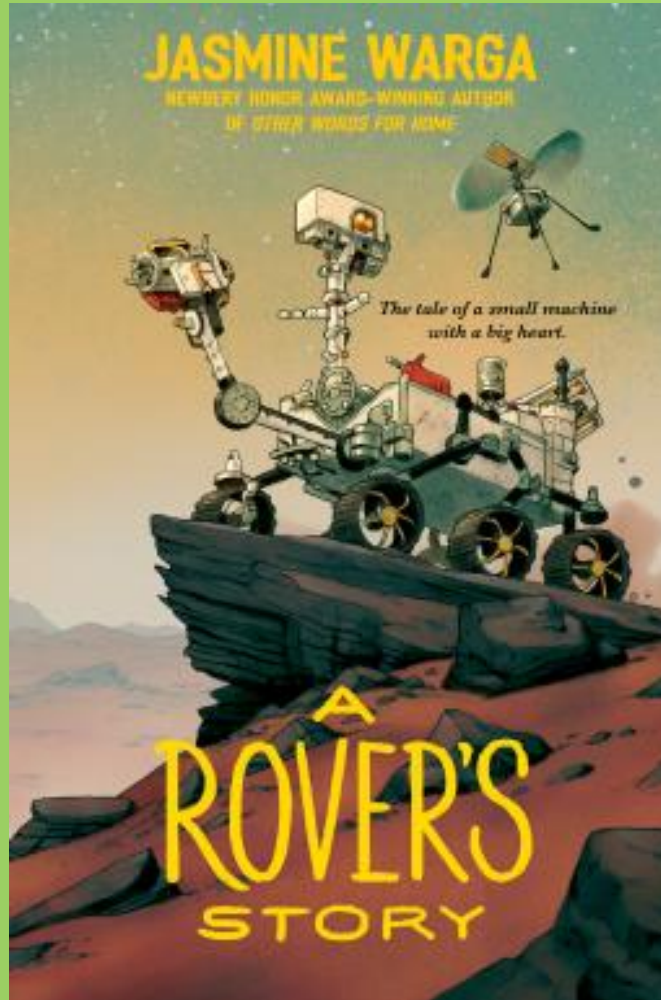




# ***Singing with Elephants***

Margarita Engle

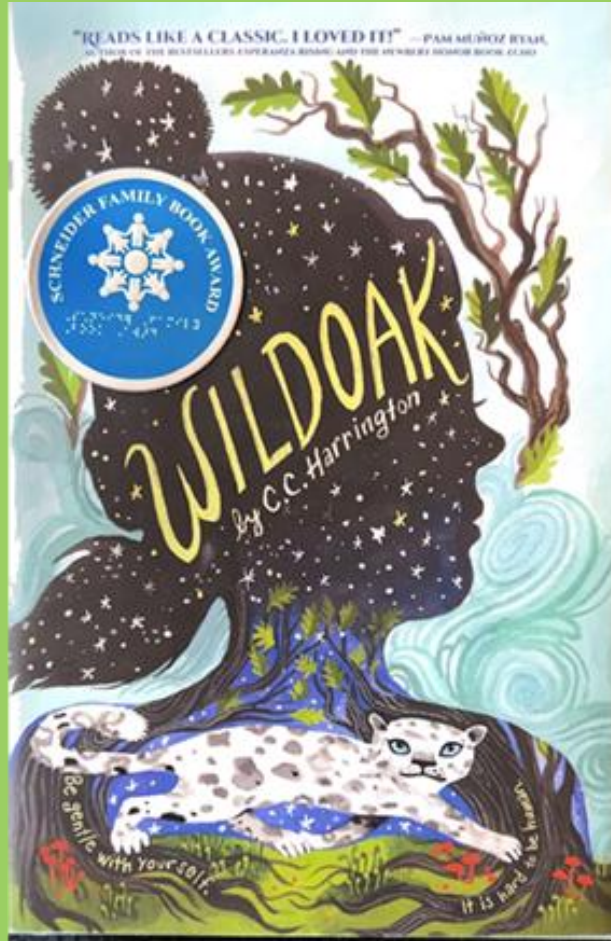
Chapter book  
Historical fiction  
Novel in verse  
Fourth grade and up



# ***A Rover's Story***

Jasmine Warga

Chapter book  
Science fiction  
Fourth grade and up



## ***Wildoak***

C.C. Harrington

Chapter book

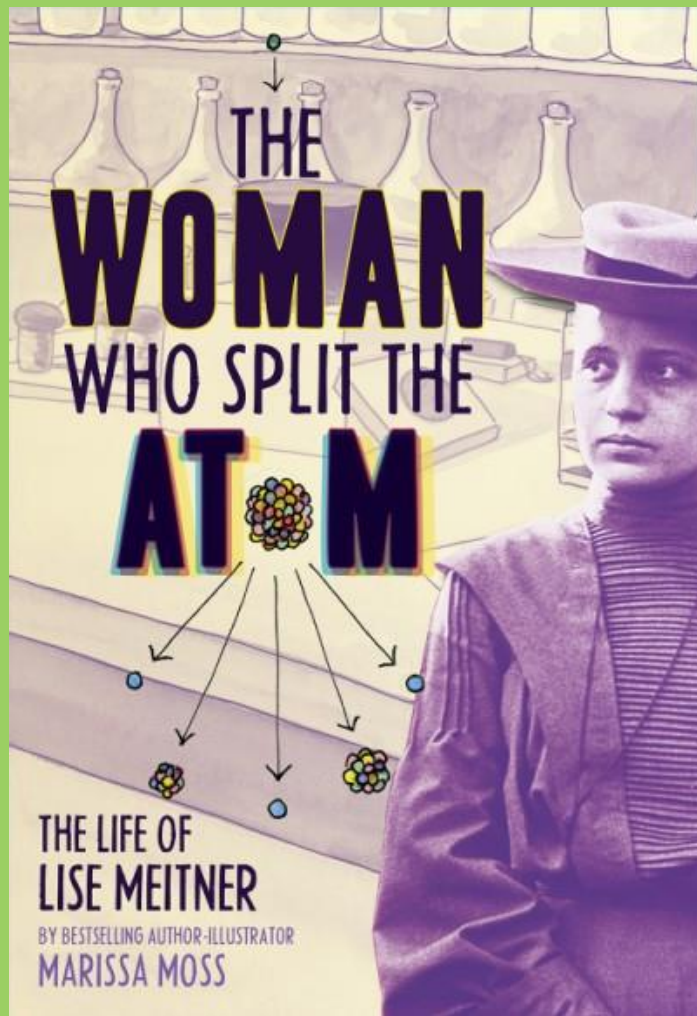
Historical fiction

Middle grade winner of Schneider

Family Book Award

Fourth grade and up





# ***The Woman who Split the Atom: the Life of Lise Meitner***

Marissa Moss

Biography  
Fourth grade and up



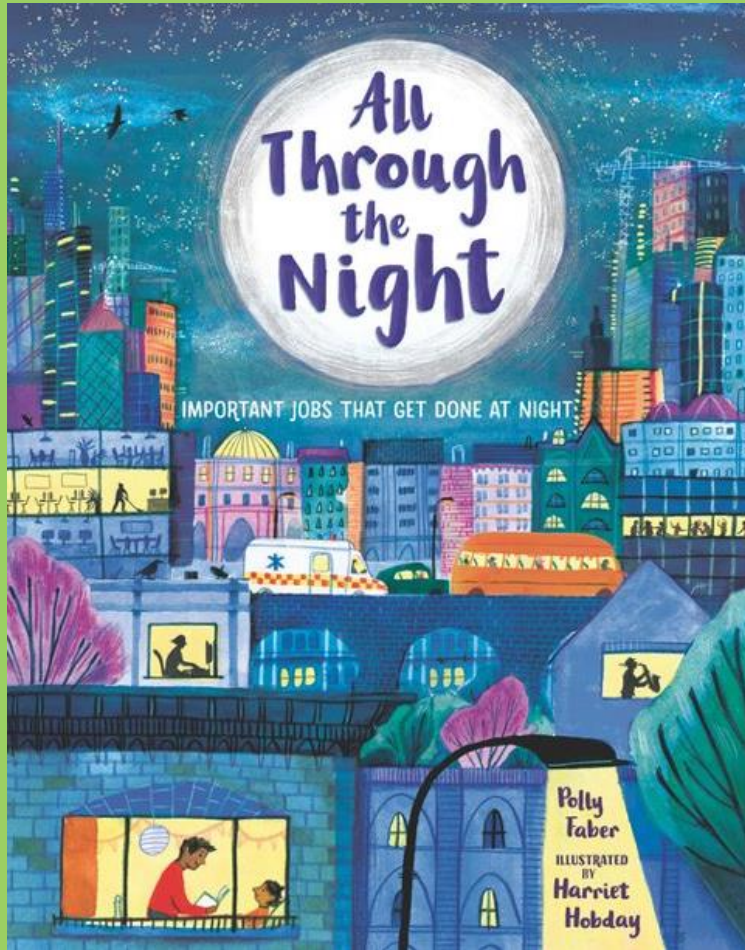
# Our Favorite Books for Exploring Our World

# Exploring Our World

- Our world includes our family, friends, community helpers, and more. These books all explore how we're all connected, and what we have in common as well as what makes us unique.







# *All Through the Night*

Polly Faber  
Harriet Hobday

Picture book  
PreK and up

It's getting dark. I've had my tea. I've brushed my teeth and put on my pyjamas.

My mum's had her breakfast. She's brushed her hair and put on her coat.



While Dad tidies up, Mum blows a kiss and waves goodbye.

She's got an important job to do.

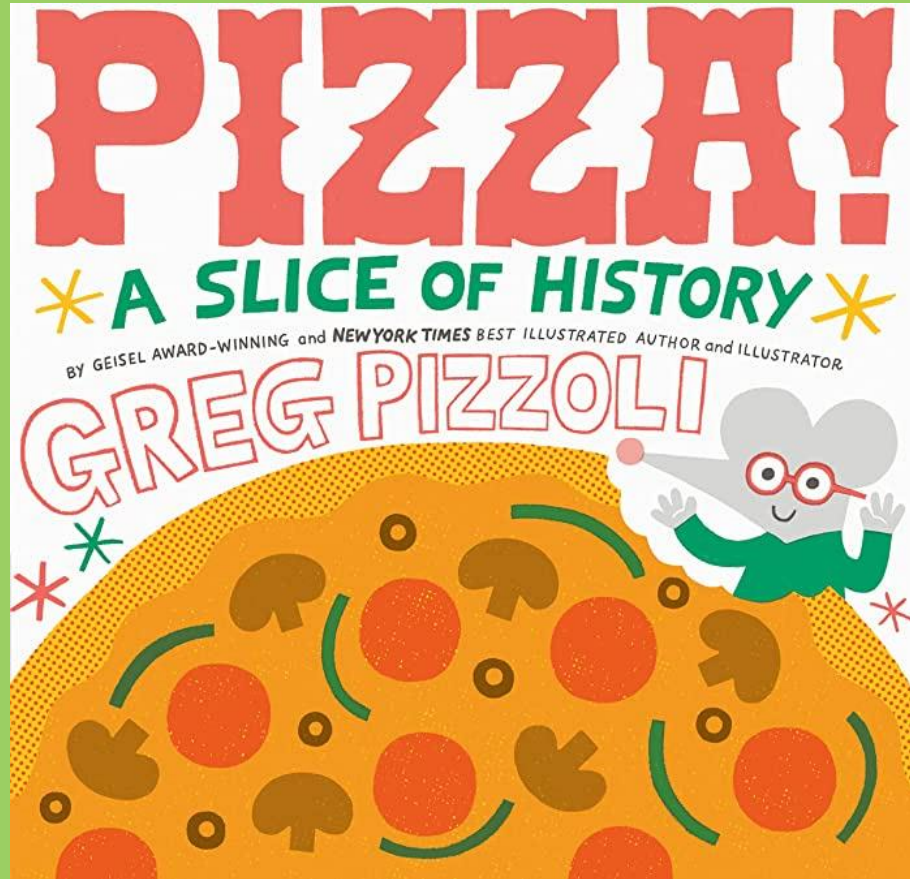


# ***On This Airplane***

Lourdes Heuer  
Sara Palacios

Picture book  
PreK and up



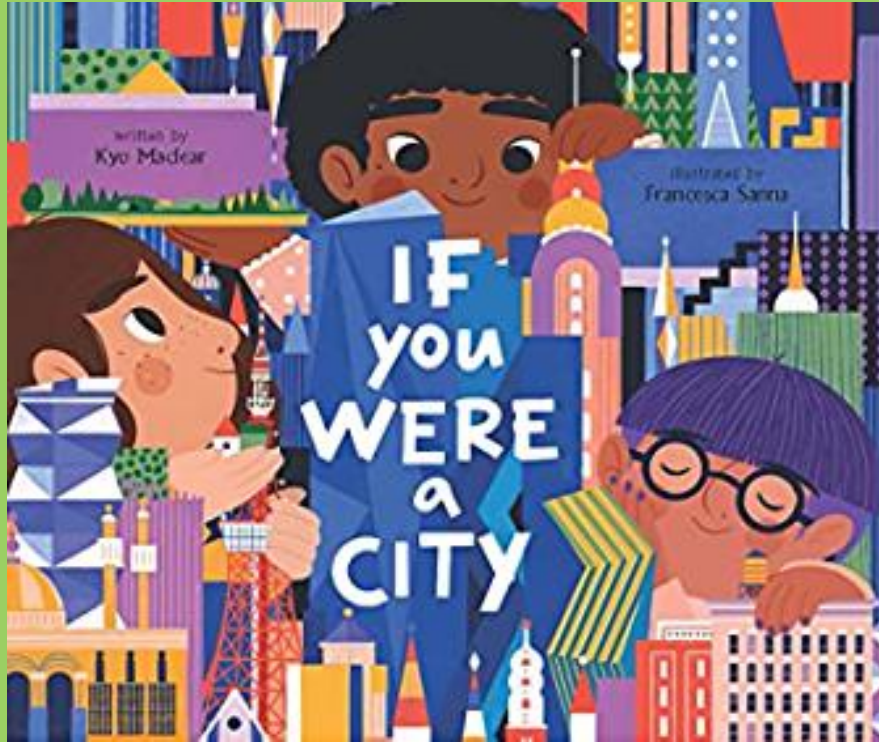


## ***Pizza: A Slice of History***

Greg Pizzoli

Informational picture book  
PreK and up

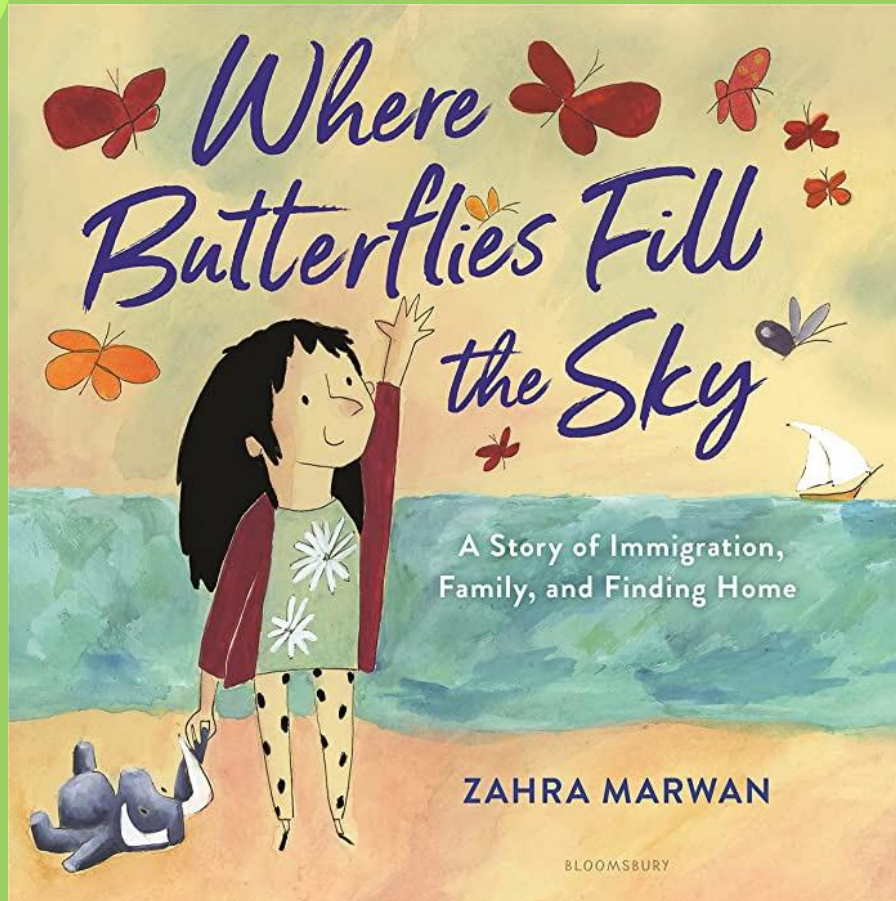




## ***If You Were a City***

Kyo Maclear  
Francesca Sanna

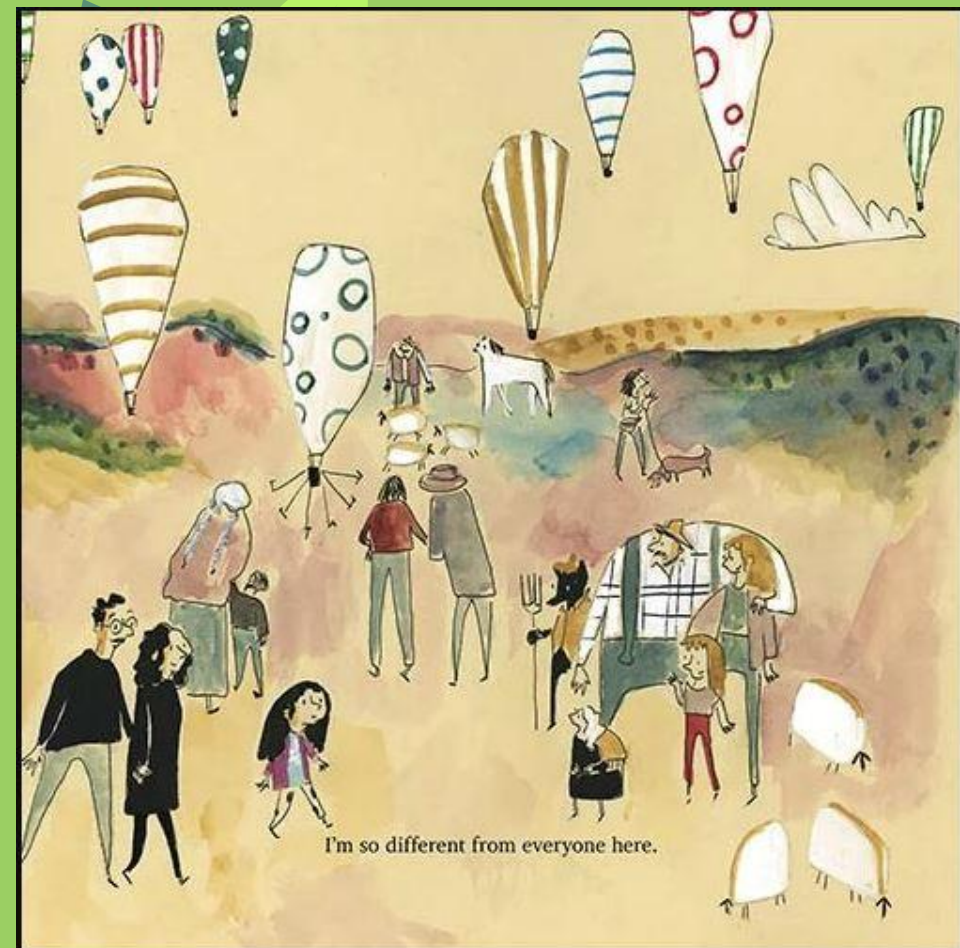
Picture book  
Kindergarten and up



# ***Where Butterflies Fill the Sky: A Story of Immigration, and Finding Home***

Zahra Marwan

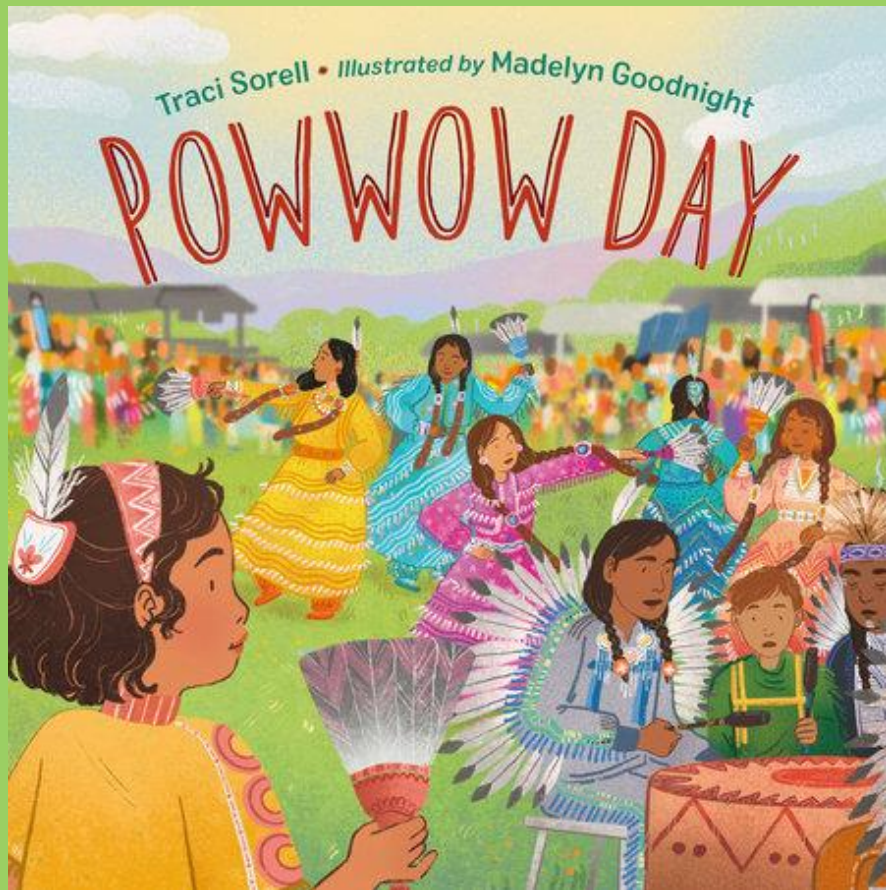
Picture book  
Kindergarten and up



But these new people show me I'm home.







# ***Powwow Day***

Traci Sorell  
Madelyn Goodnight

Picture book  
Kindergarten and up



# MORNING SUN IN WUHAN



## *Morning Sun in Wuhan*

*Ying Chang Compestine*

Chapter book  
Realistic fiction  
Third grade and up

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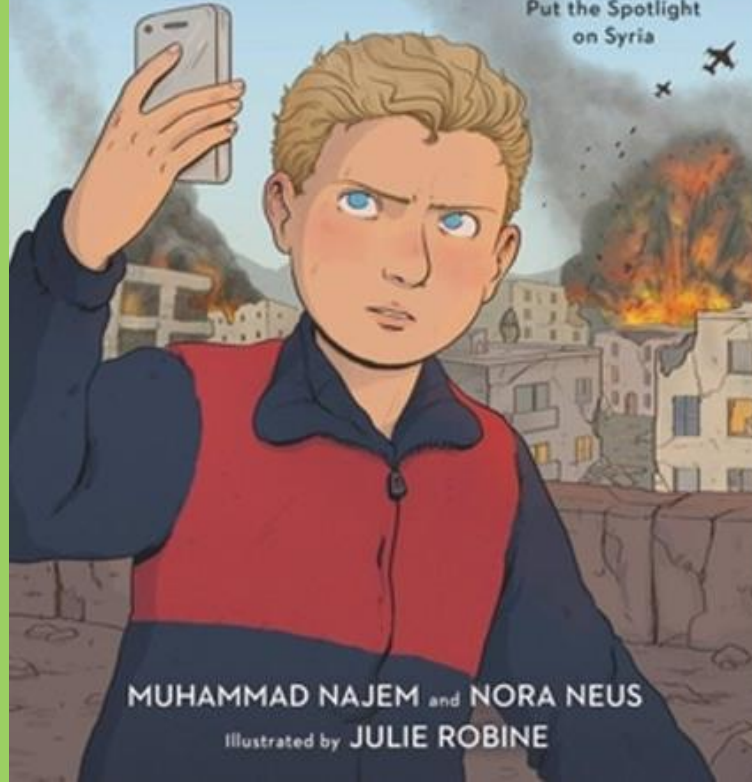
## *Morning Sun in Wuhan*

*Ying Chang Compestine*

Chapter book  
Realistic fiction  
Third grade and up

# MUHAMMAD NAJEM, WAR REPORTER

How One Boy  
Put the Spotlight  
on Syria



MUHAMMAD NAJEM and NORA NEUS

Illustrated by JULIE ROBINE

## *Muhammad Najem, War Reporter*

Muhammad Najem

Nora Neus

Julie Robine

Graphic novel memoir  
Fourth grade and up







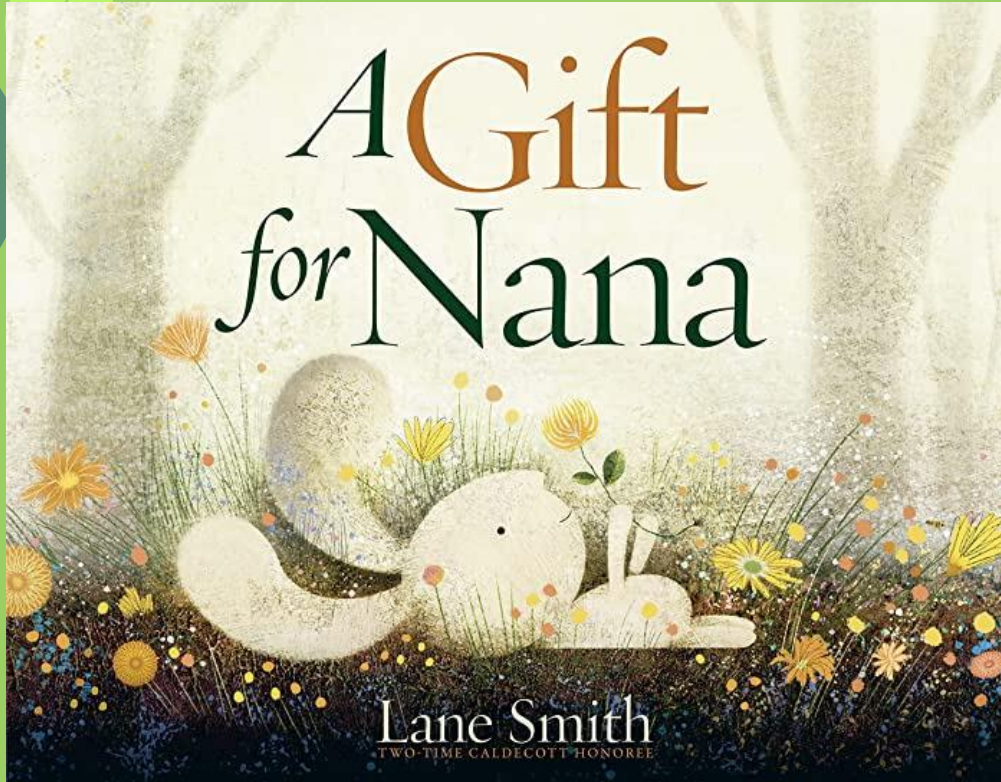
# Our Favorite Intergenerational Stories

# Intergenerational Stories

- Children are always curious about where they come from and what their family history is. All of these stories explore how children's lives connect with the past, present, and future.







## ***A Gift for Nana***

Lane Smith

Picture Book  
PreK and up

# Amah Faraway

Margaret Chiu Greanias

illustrated by Tracy Subisak

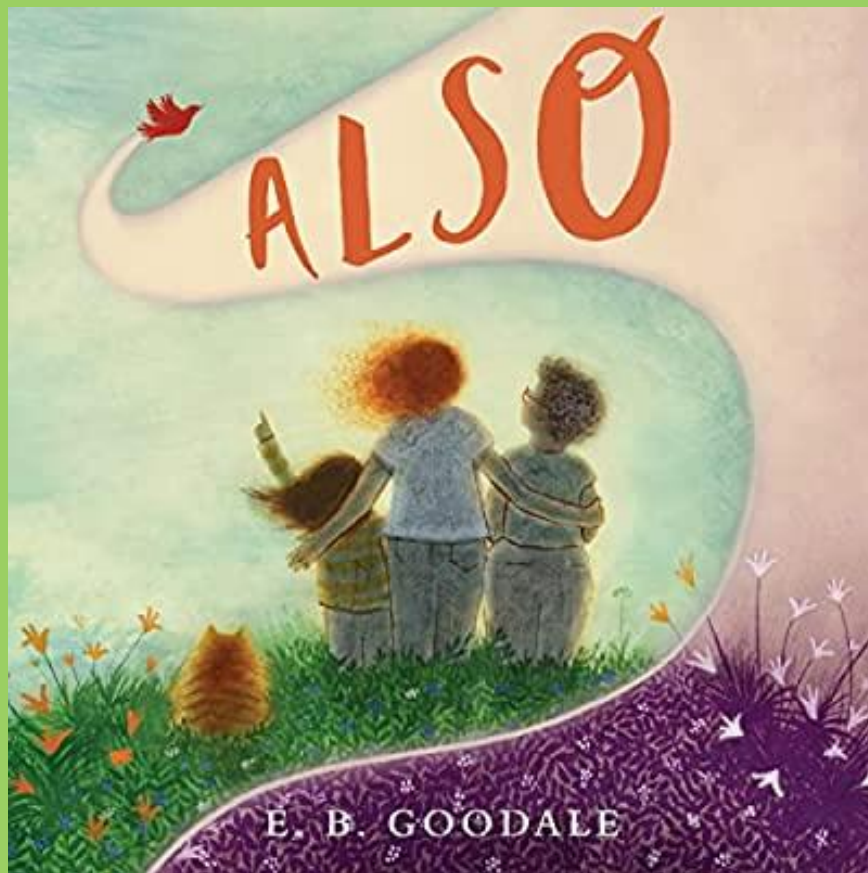
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## *Amah Faraway*

*Margaret Chiu Greanias*

*Tracy Subisak*

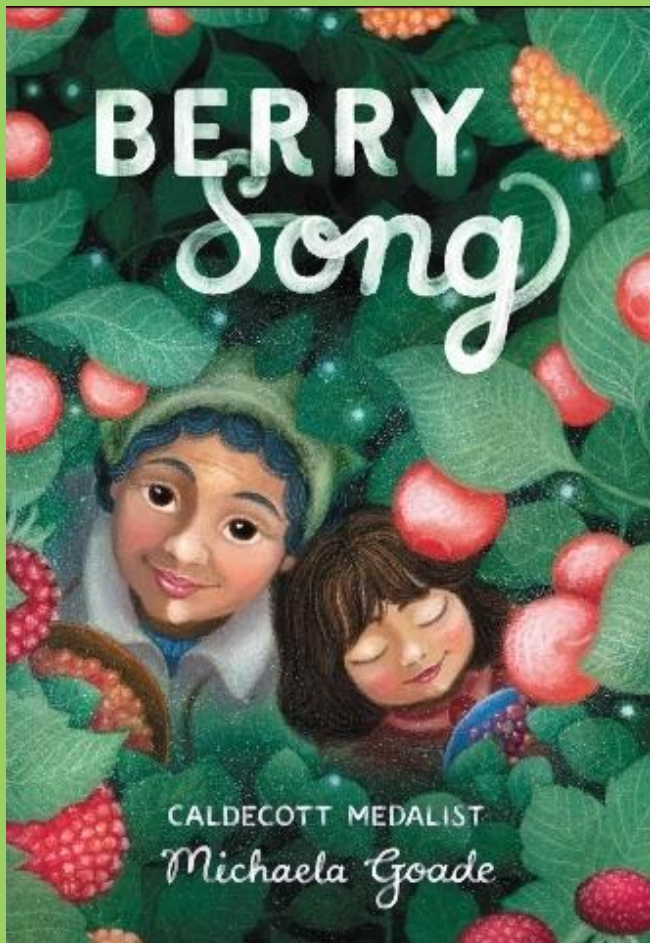
Picture book  
PreK and up



***Also***  
E.B. Goodale

Picture book  
PreK and up





## ***Berry Song***

Michaela Goade

Picture book

Randolph Caldecott Honor Medal

PreK and up

Salmonberry, Cloudberry, Blueberry, Nagoonberry.  
Huckleberry, Soapberry, Strawberry, Crowberry.

The berries sing to us, glowing like little jewels.  
We sing too, so berry—and bear—know we are here.



# While We Wait



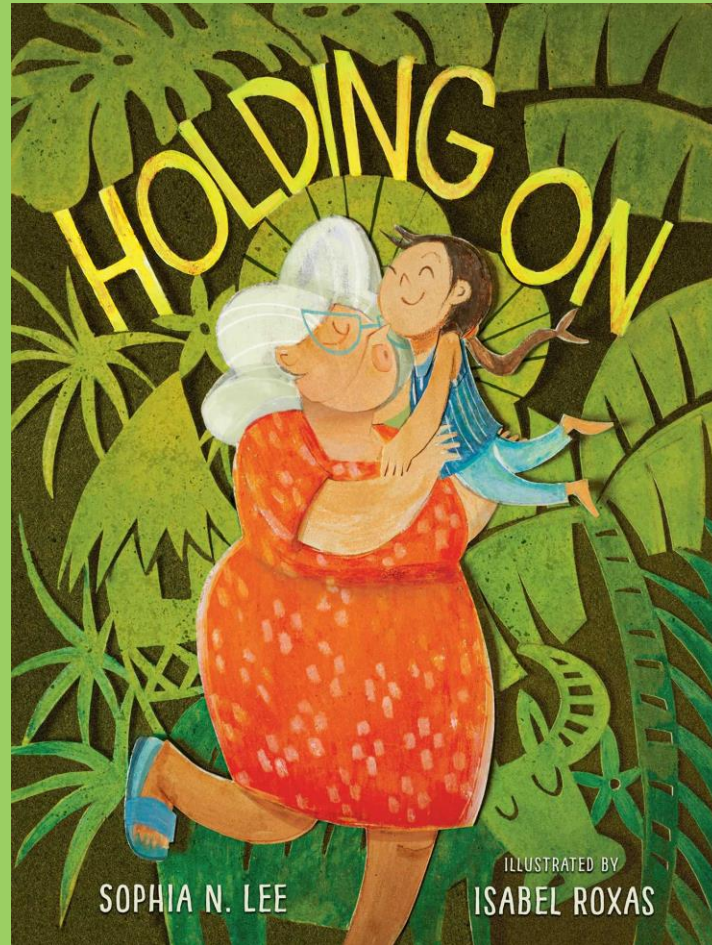
Judy Ann Sadler & Élodie Duhamneau

## ***While We Wait***

Judy Ann Sadler  
Elodie Duhamneau

Picture book  
Kindergarten and up

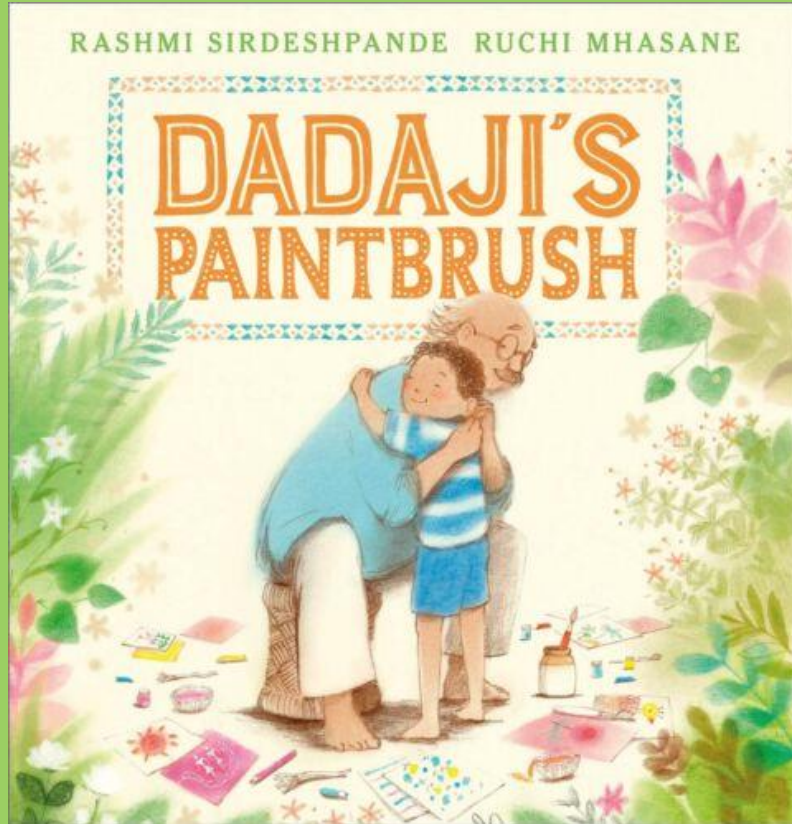




## ***Holding On***

Sophia N. Lee  
Isabel Roxas

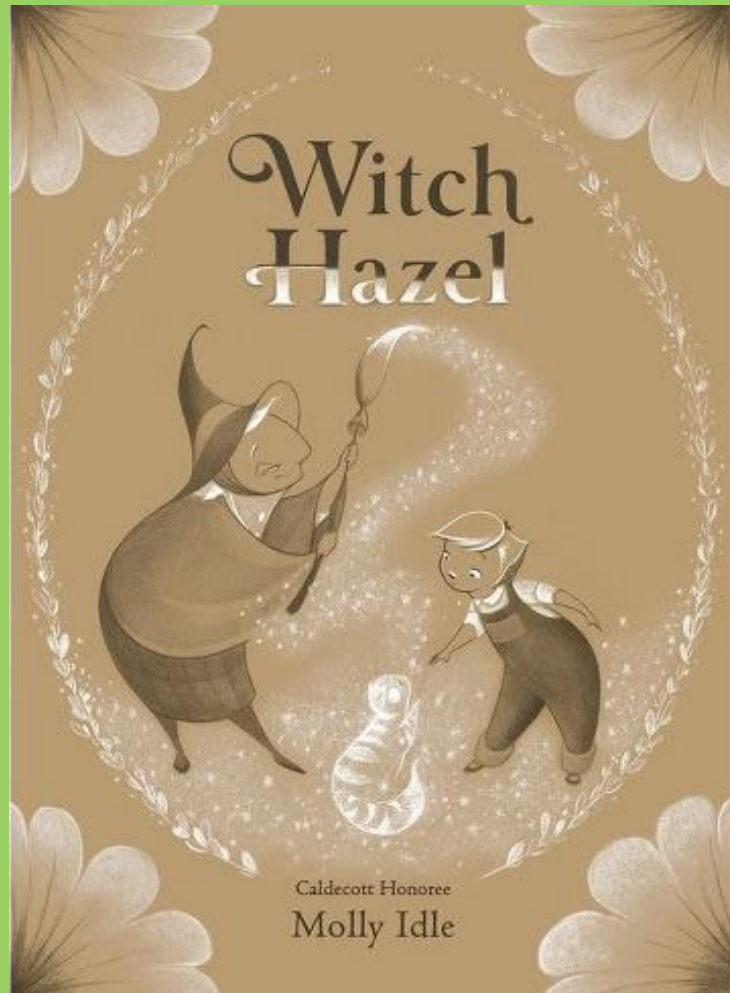
Picture Book  
PreK and up



## ***Dadaji's Paintbrush***

Rashmi Sirdeshpande  
Ruchi Mhasane

Picture Book  
Kindergarten and up



# ***Witch Hazel***

Molly Idle

Picture Book  
First grade and up





## ***Gigi and Ojiji***

Melissa Iwai

Early Reader  
Realistic Fiction  
First grade and up



# *Maizy Chen's Last Chance*

Lisa Yee

Chapter Book

Realistic Fiction

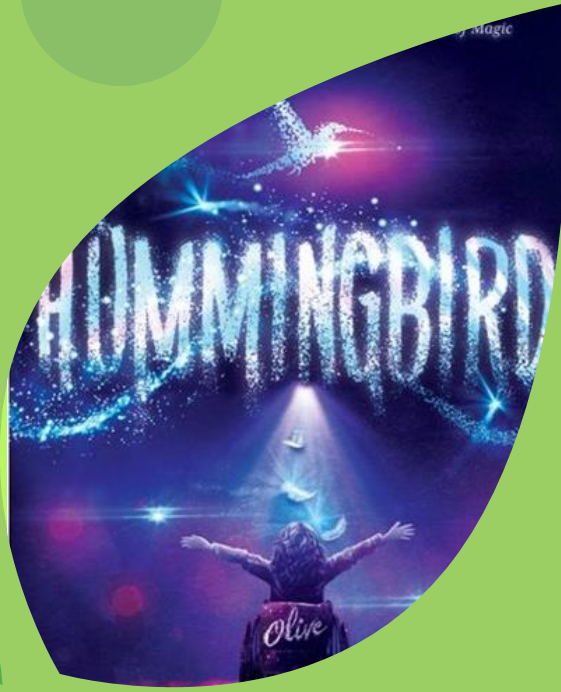
John Newbery Honor Book

Asian/Pacific American Award for  
Children's Literature

Finalist for the National Book Award

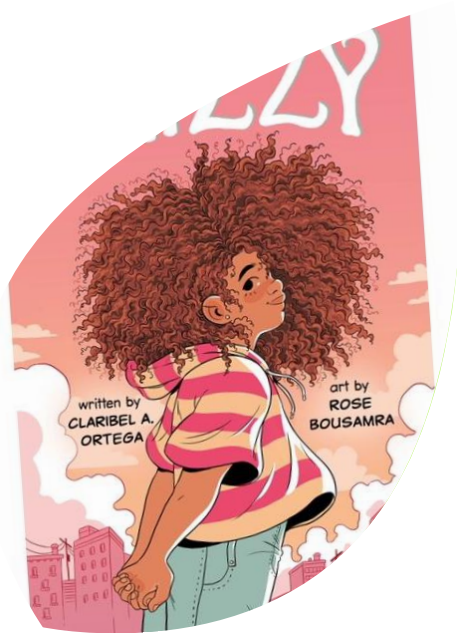
Rebecca Caudill Award Nominee

3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up



# Our Favorite Realistic Fiction





## Realistic Fiction

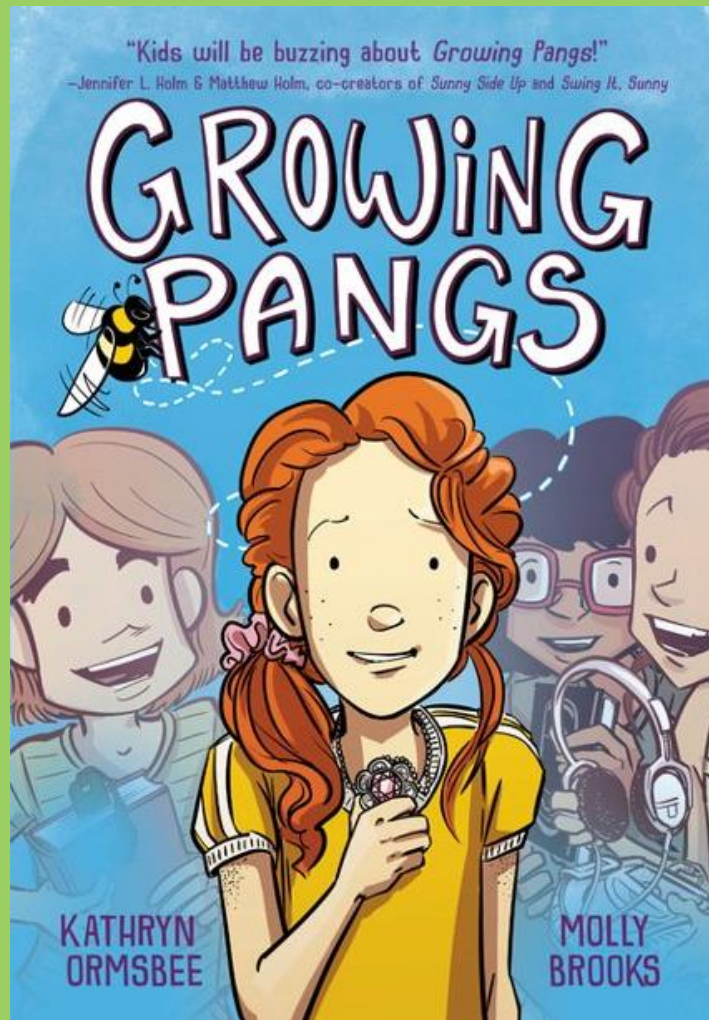
- It's not always easy being a kid today, and these stories all explore the trials and triumphs of kids in situations that many kids will find easy to relate to.



# ***Swim Team***

Johnnie Christmas

Graphic novel  
Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award  
Honor  
Third grade and up

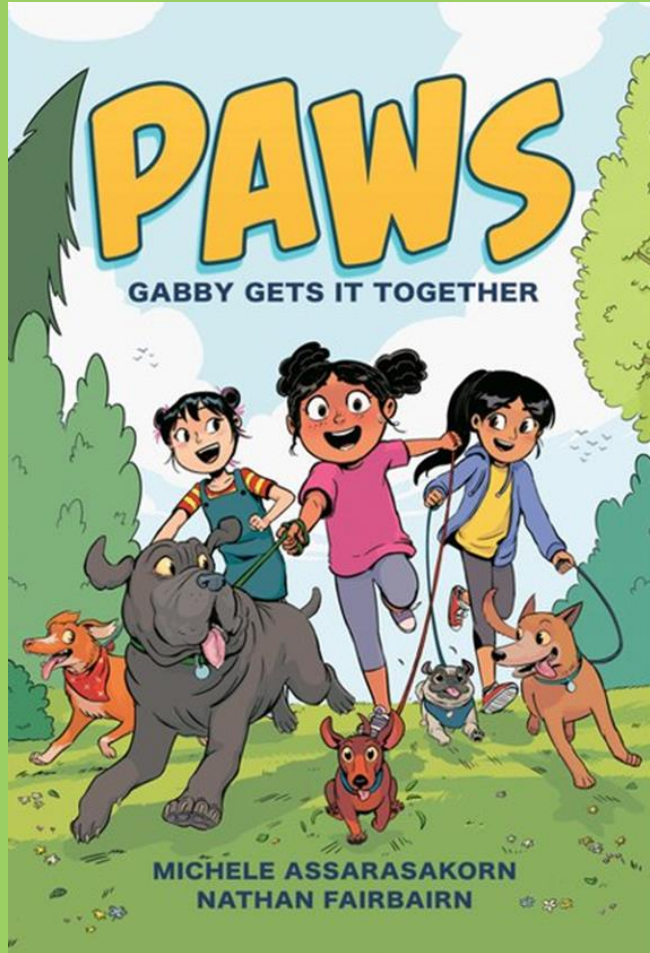


# ***Growing Pangs***

Kathryn Ormsbee  
Molly Brooks

Graphic novel  
Third grade and up

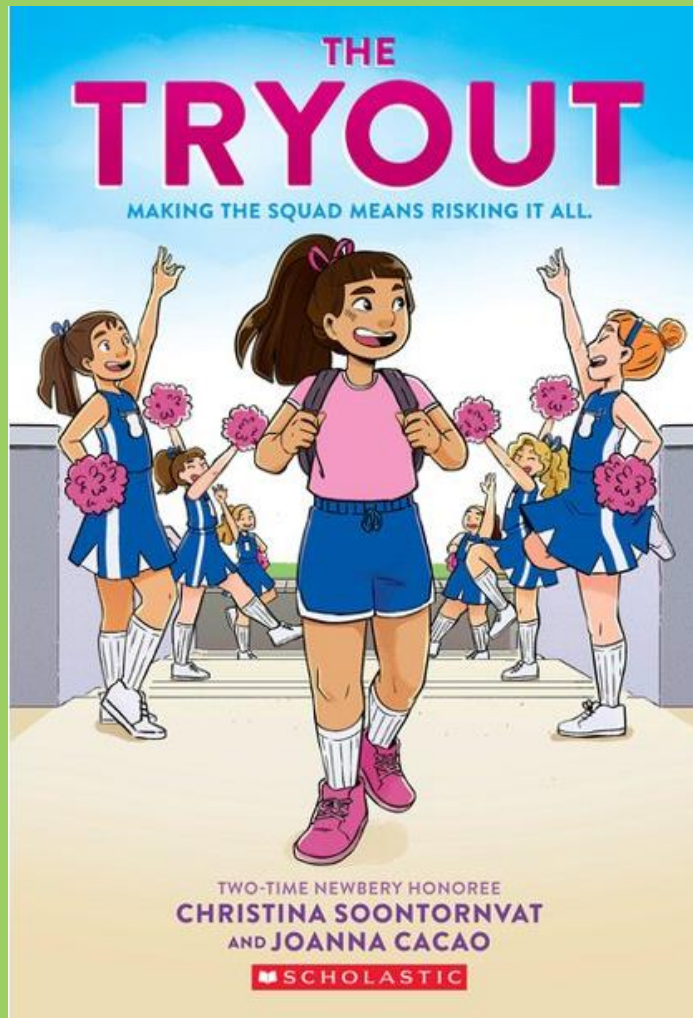




# ***PAWS: Gabby Gets It Together***

Michele Assarasakorn  
Nathan Fairbairn

Graphic novel  
Third grade and up



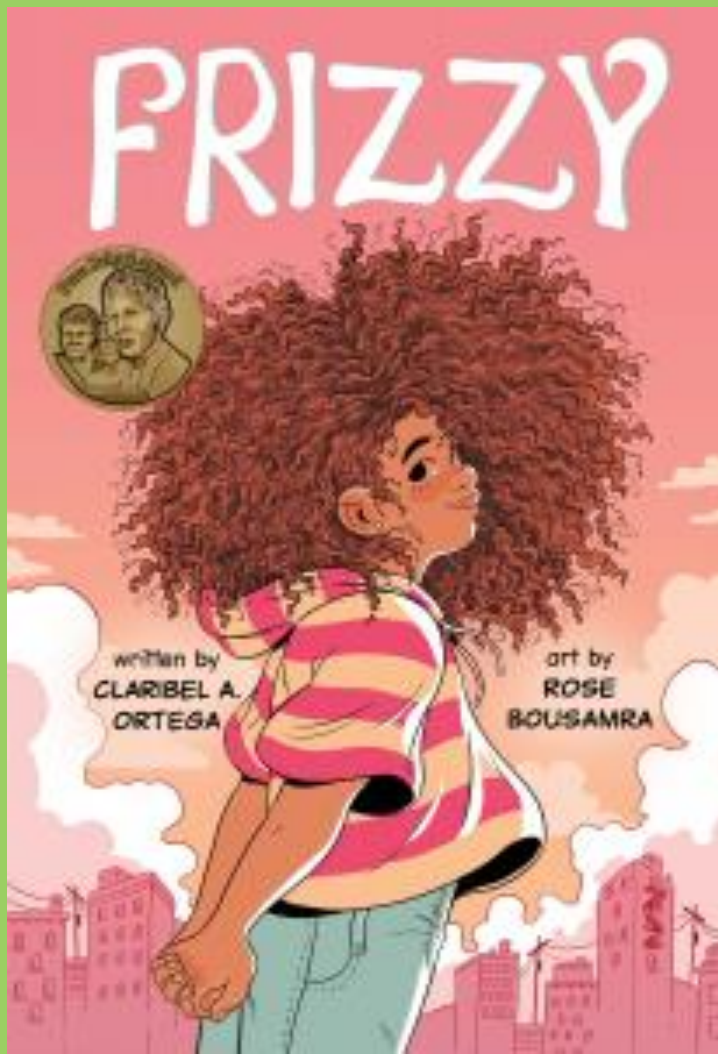
## *The Tryout*

Christina Soontornvat

Joanna Cacao

Graphic novel

Fourth grade and up

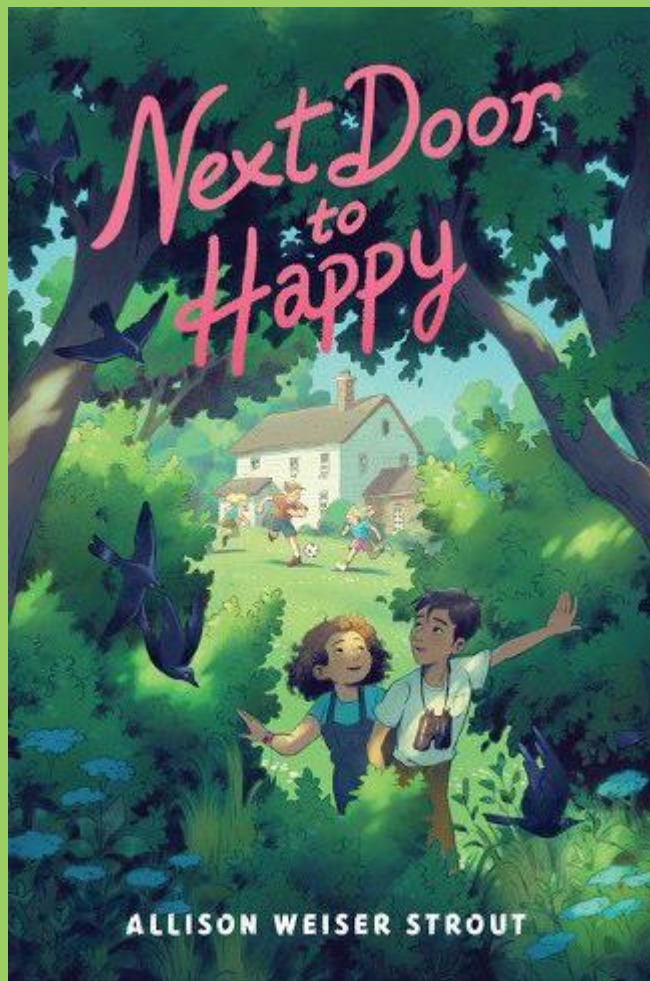


## *Frizzy*

Claribel A. Ortega  
Rose Bousamra

Graphic novel  
Pura Belpré Children's Author Award  
Fourth grade and up



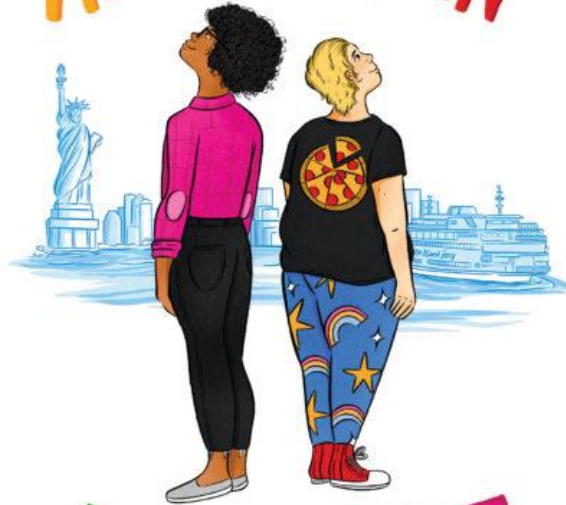


## ***Next Door to Happy***

Allison Weiser Strout

Chapter book  
Fourth grade and up

# ALICE AUSTEN



## LIVED HERE

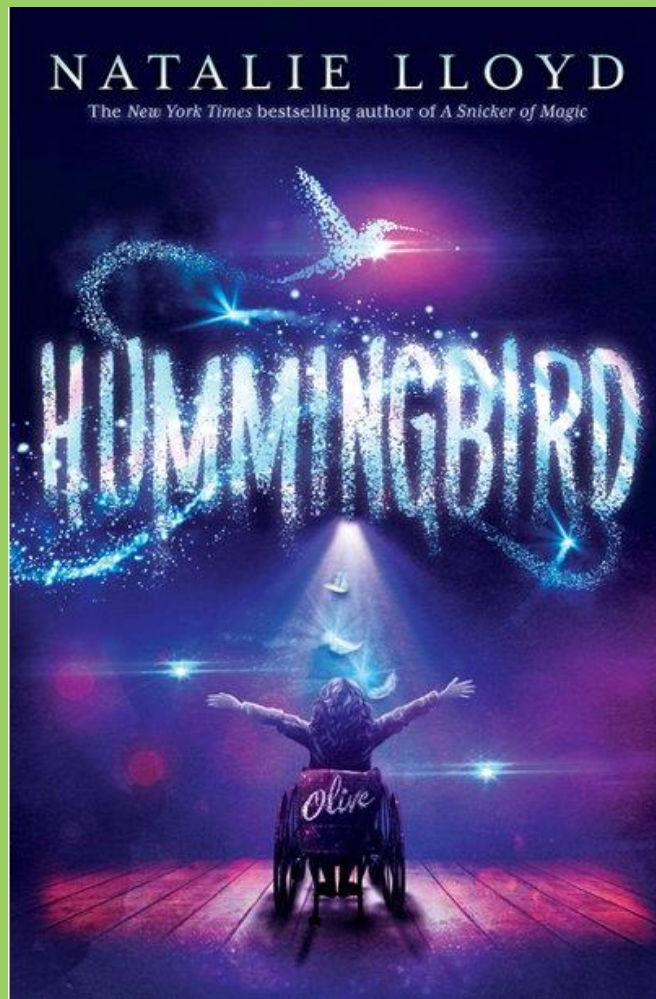
ALEX GINO

AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR OF MELISSA

## *Alice Austen Lived Here*

Alex Gino

Chapter book  
Fourth grade and up

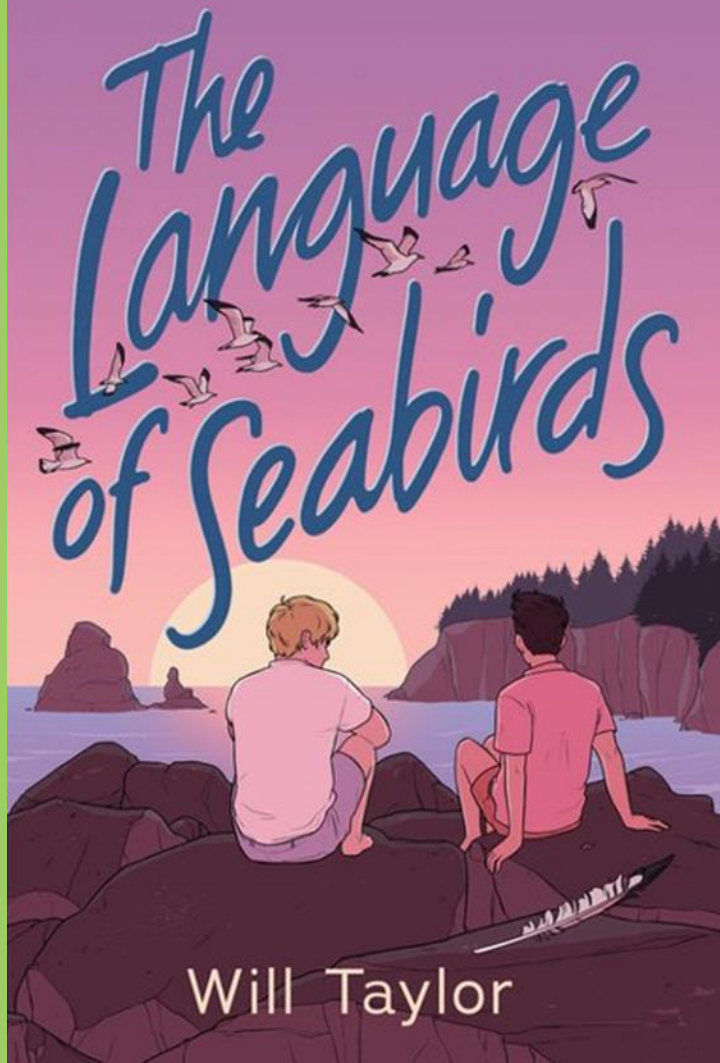


## ***Hummingbird***

Natalie Lloyd

Chapter book  
Schneider Family Book Award  
Middle Grade Honor  
Fourth grade and up





# ***The Language of Seabirds***

Will Taylor

Chapter book  
Fourth grade and up



# ***The Language of Seabirds***

Will Taylor

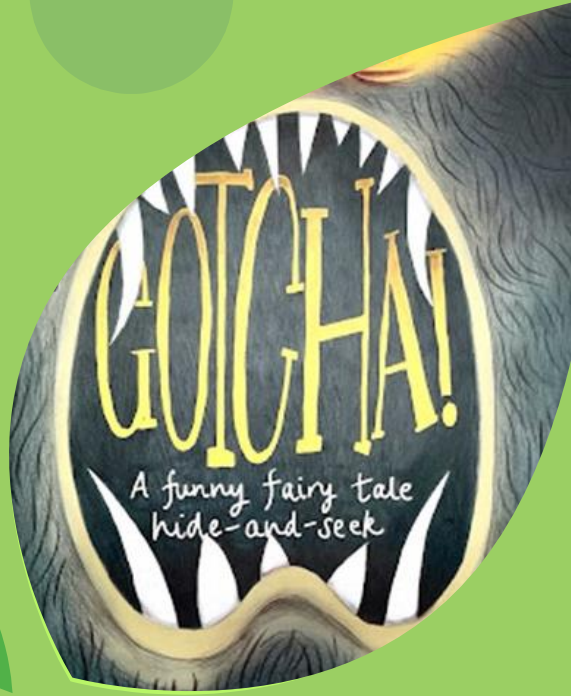
Chapter book  
Fourth grade and up

Heerman's gull = annoying



Cormorant = beautiful





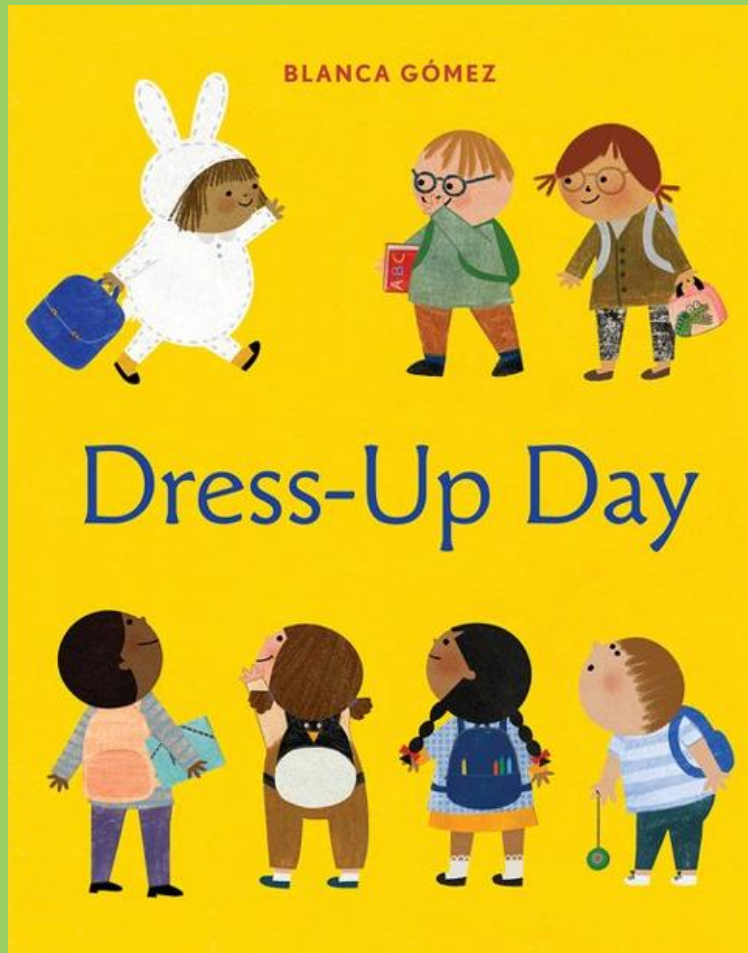
# Our Favorite Playful Books





## Playful Books

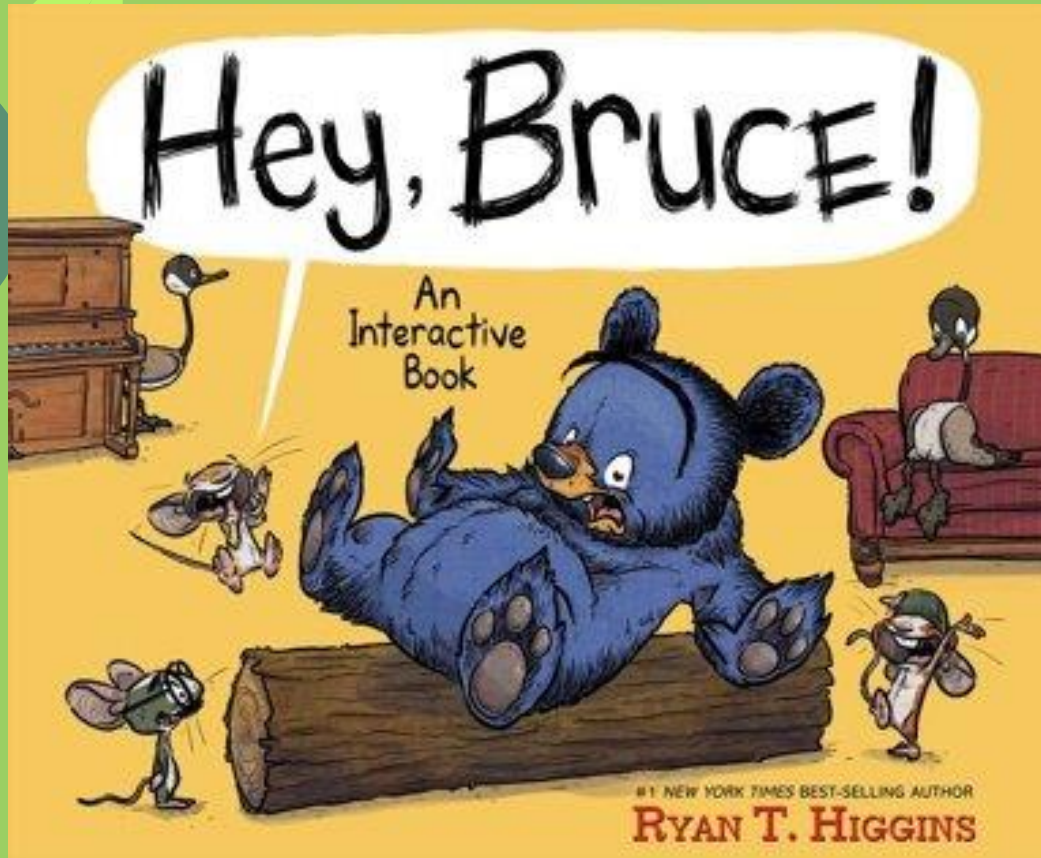
- As Mr. Rogers said, play is the work of children, and these stories will all spark some imaginative playtime for kids and their grownups.



# ***Dress-up Day***

Blanca Gomez

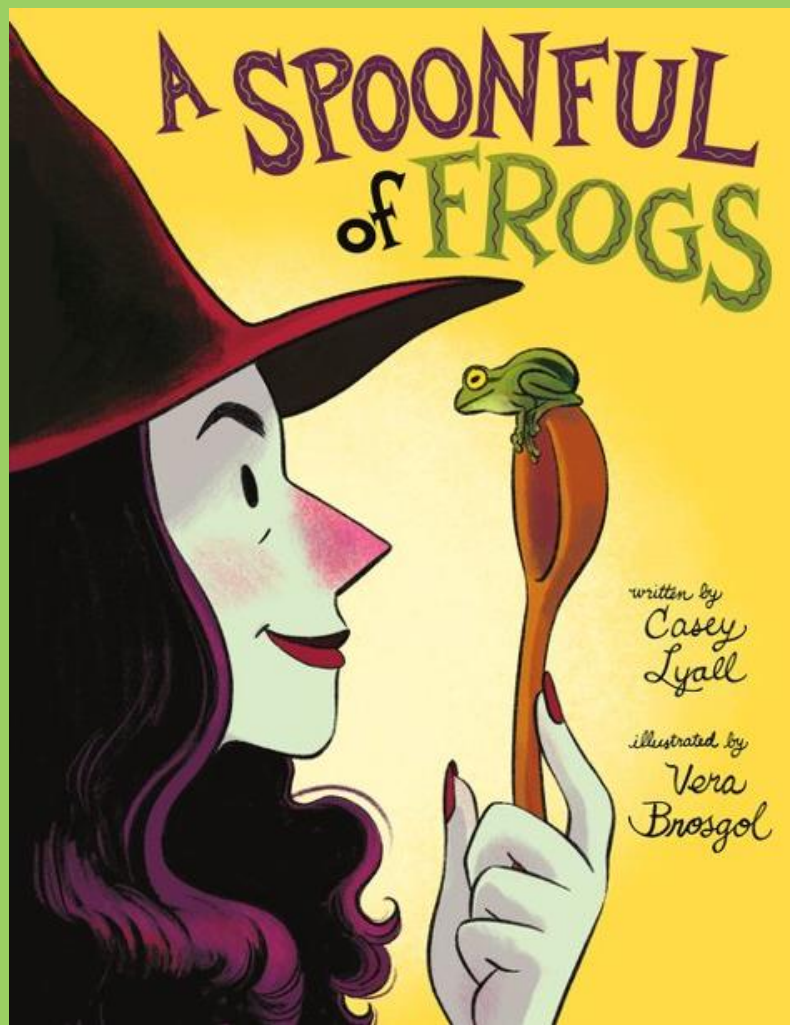
Picture book  
Story time pick  
PreK and up



# ***Hey Bruce!: An Interactive Book***

Ryan T. Higgins

Picture book  
Kindergarten and up

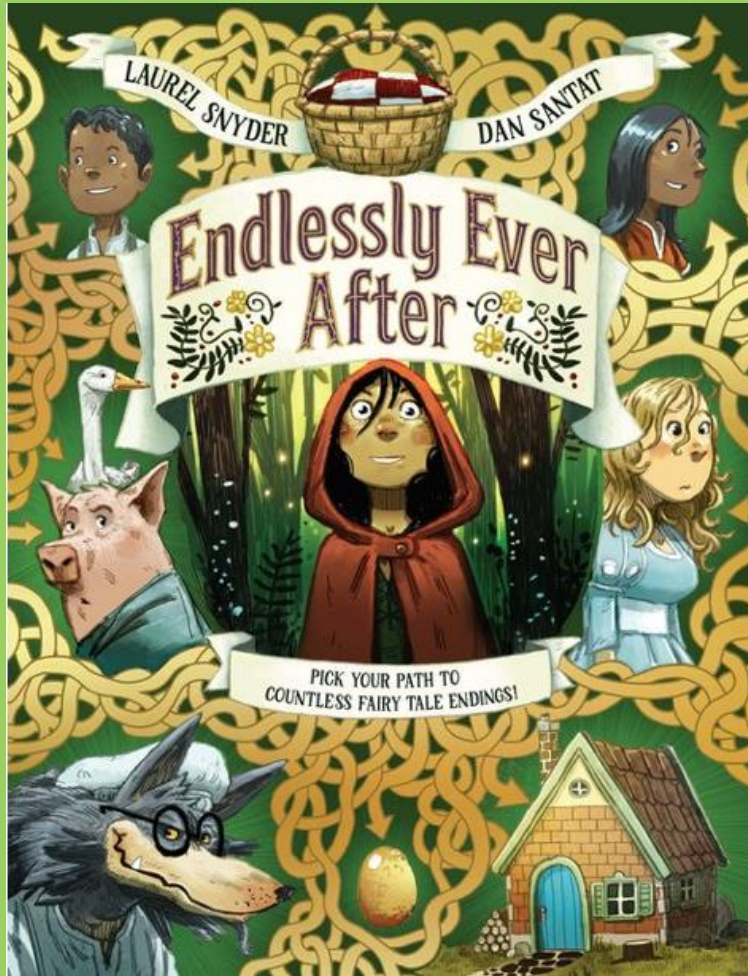


## ***A Spoonful of Frogs***

Casey Lyall  
Vera Brosgol

Picture book  
PreK and up

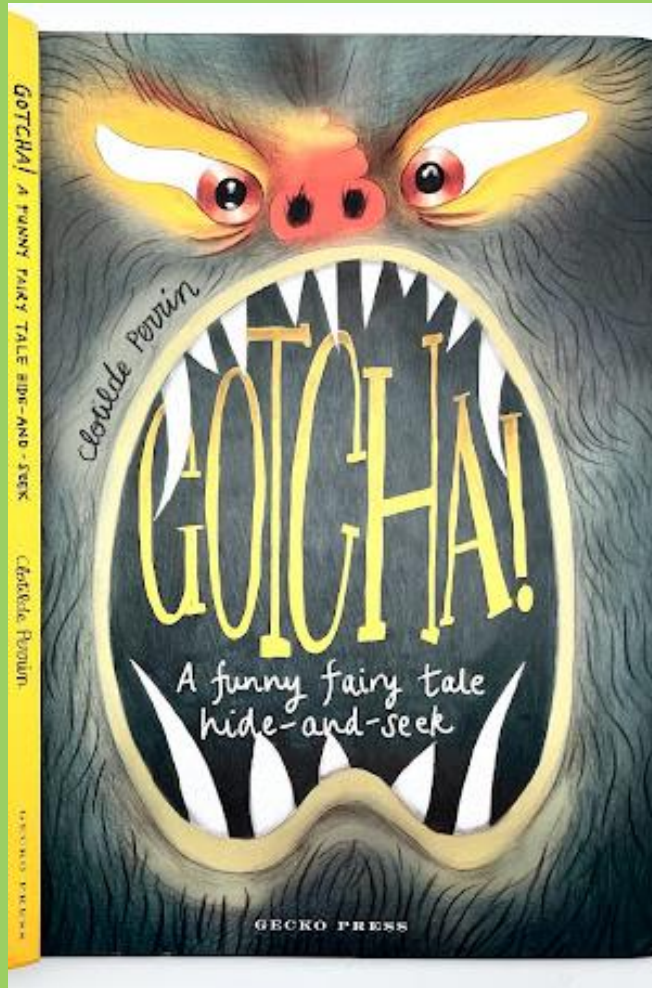




# ***Endlessly Ever After***

Laurel Snyder  
Dan Santat

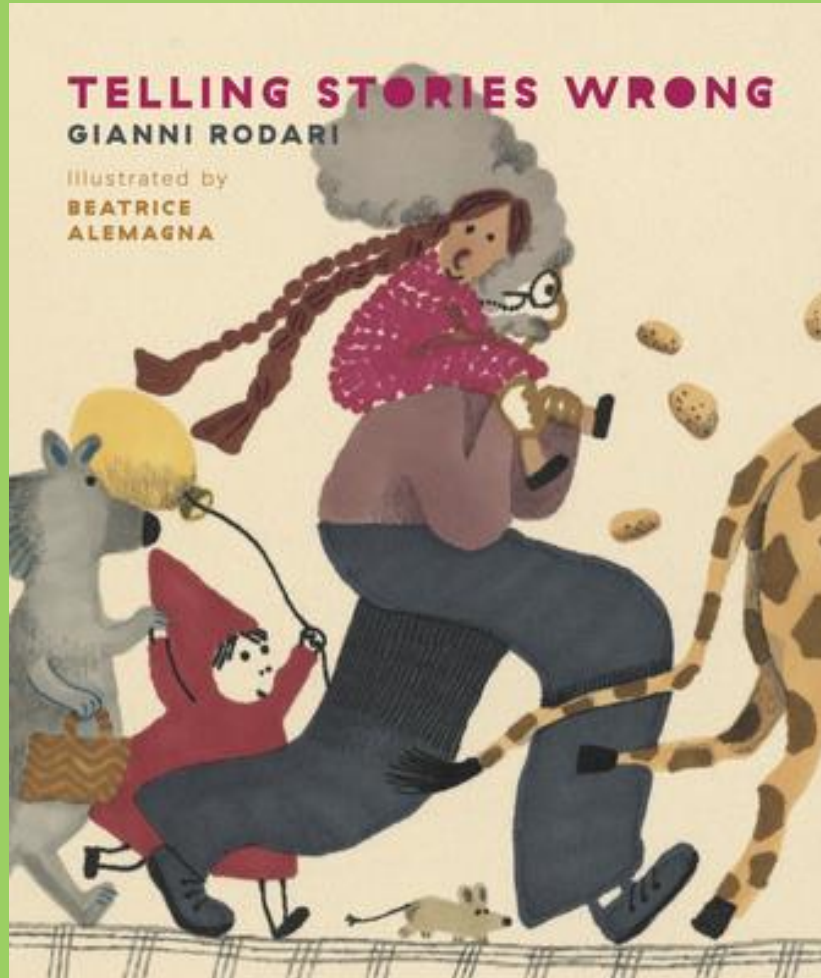
Picture book  
Choose your own adventure  
Kindergarten and up



# ***Gotcha!: a funny fairy tale hide-and-seek***

Clotilde Perrin

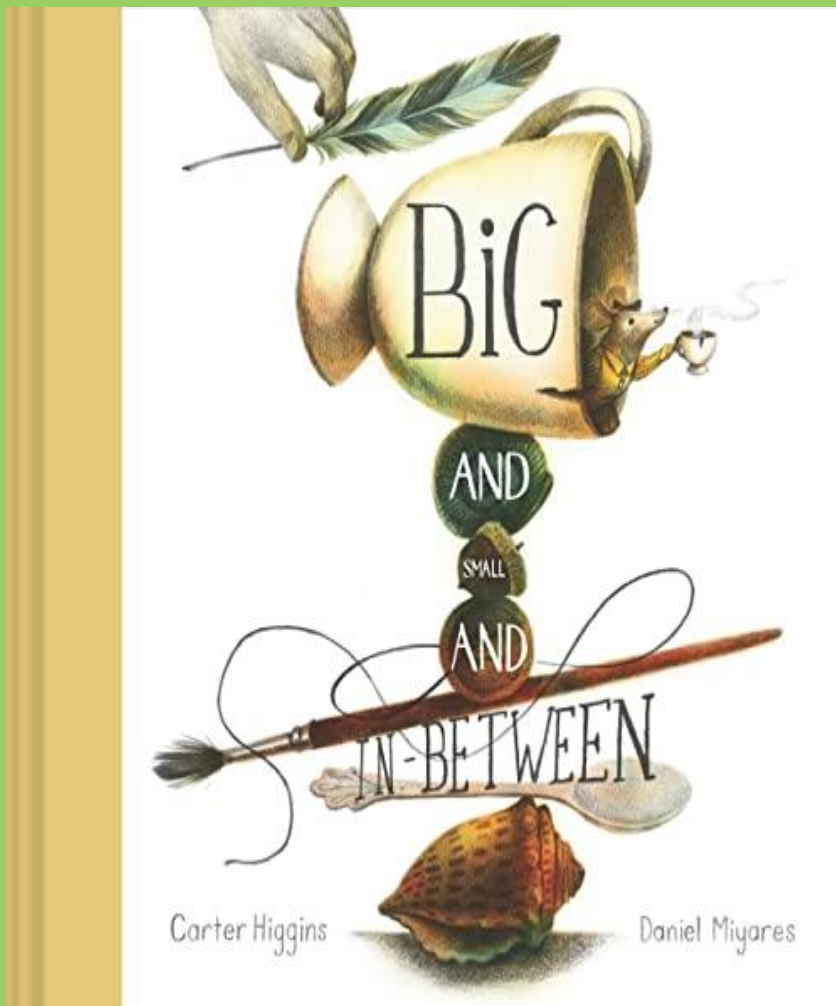
Oversize nonfiction  
Kindergarten and up



# ***Telling Stories Wrong***

Gianni Rodari  
Beatrice Alemagna

Picture book  
Kindergarten and up

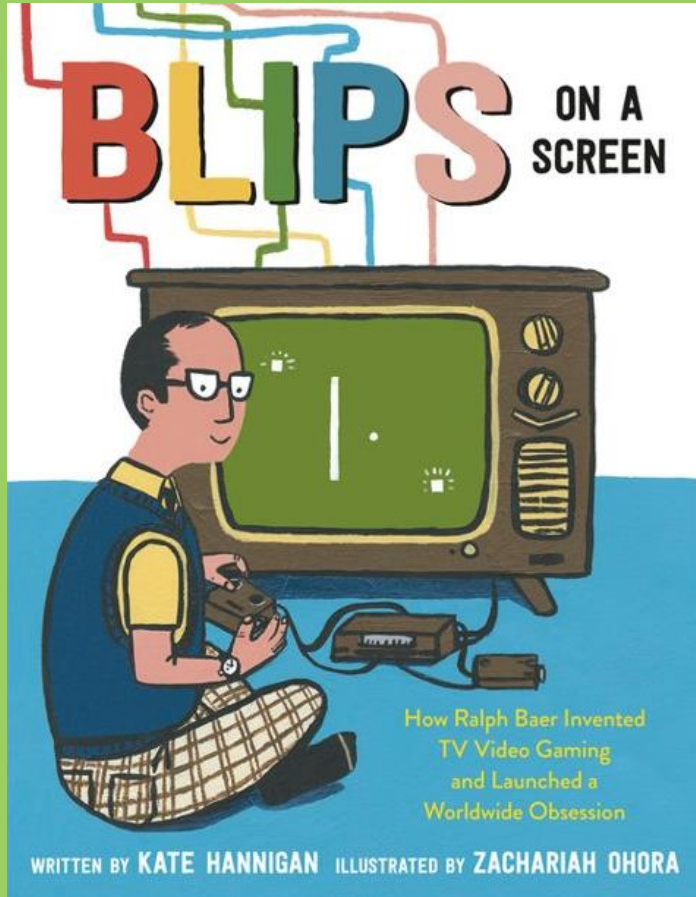


# ***Big and Small and In-Between***

Carter Higgins  
Daniel Miyares

Picture book  
First grade and up

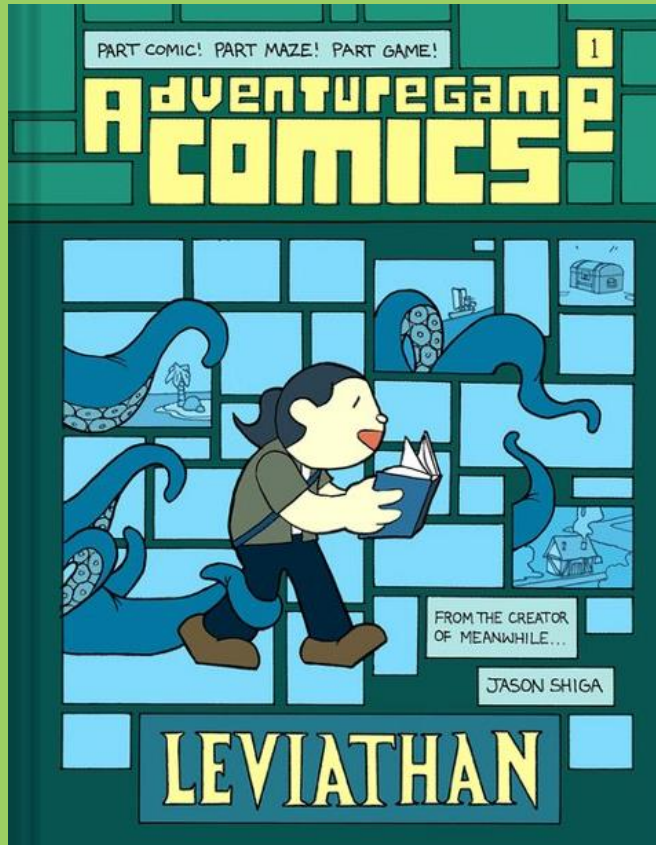




## ***Blips On a Screen***

Kate Hannigan  
Zachariah Ohora

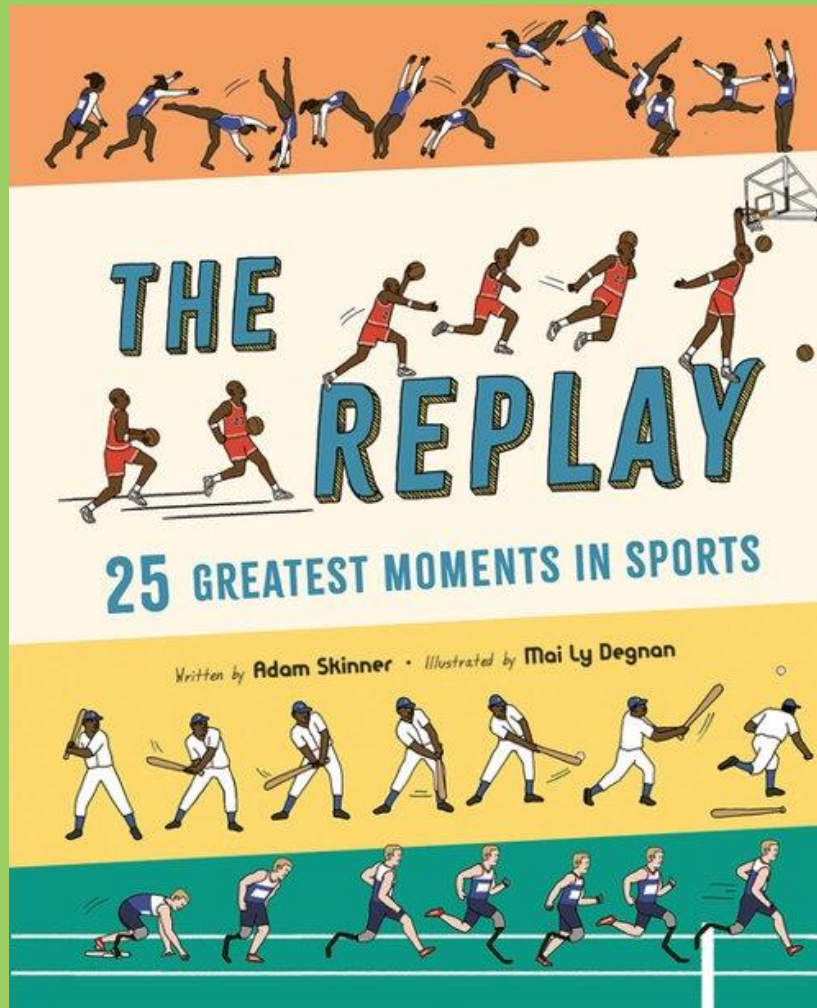
Picture book biography  
First grade and up



# ***Adventure Game Comics: Leviathan***

Jason Shiga

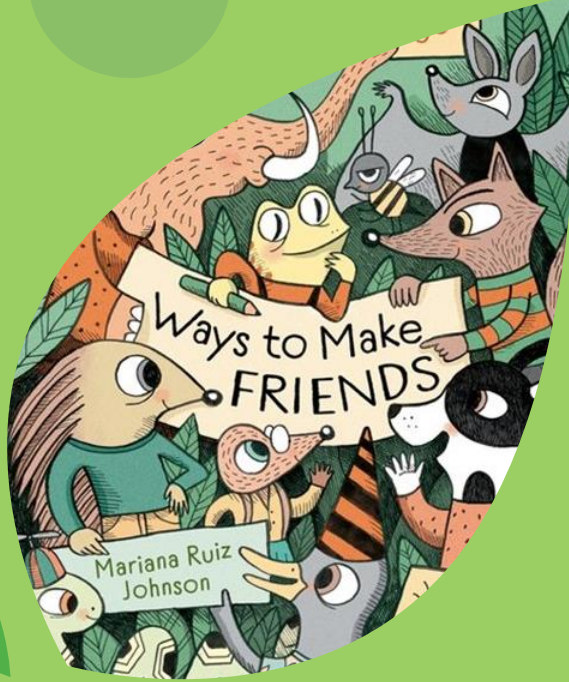
Graphic novel  
Third grade and up



# ***The Replay: 25 Greatest Moments in Sports***

Adam Skinner  
Mai Ly Degnan

Nonfiction book  
Fourth grade and up



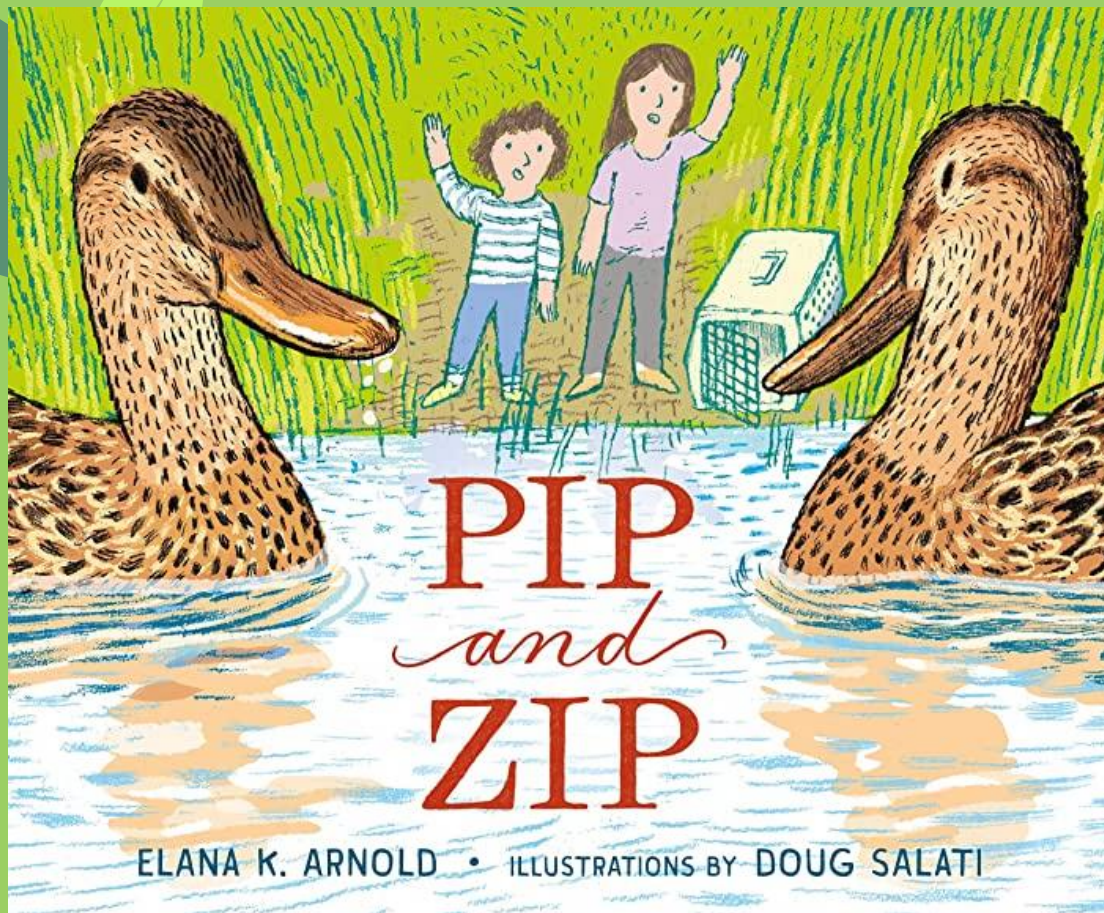
# Our Favorite Books With a Social/Emotional Connection





# Social Emotional

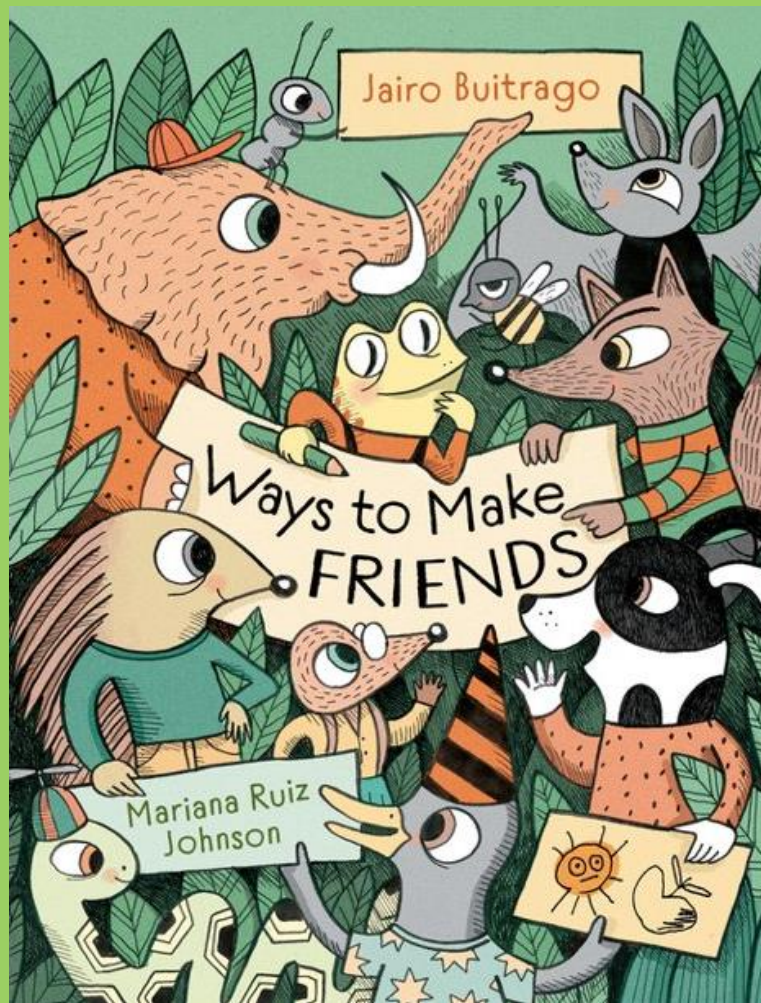
- Social skills and emotional intelligence are not always easy things to develop. However, with these stories as a starting point, kids and adults both can work on being kind and connecting with others.



## ***Pip and Zip***

Elana K. Arnold  
Doug Salati

Picture book  
PreK and up

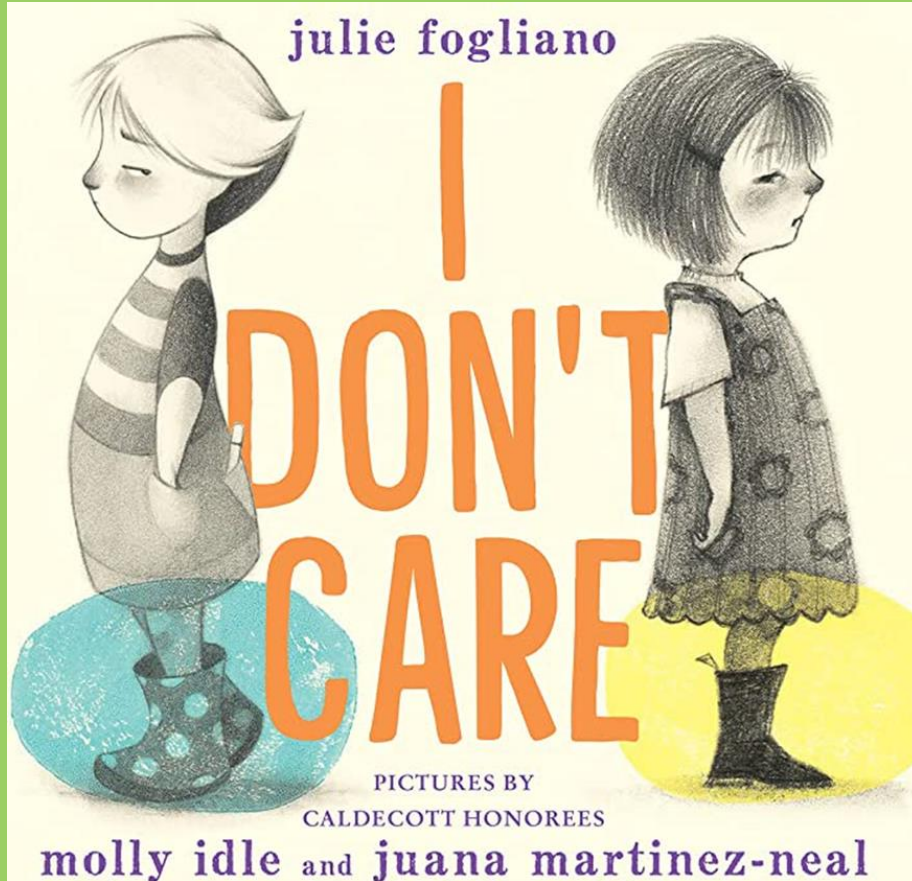


# ***Ways to Make Friends***

Jairo Buitrago  
Mariana Ruiz Johnson

Picture book  
PreK and up





## ***I Don't Care***

Julie Fogliano

Pictures by Molly Idle and Juana  
Martinez-Neal

Picture book  
PreK and up





i don't care if you think  
that my singing is funny

or whether my frog drawing  
looks like a bunny





# ***Courage Hats***

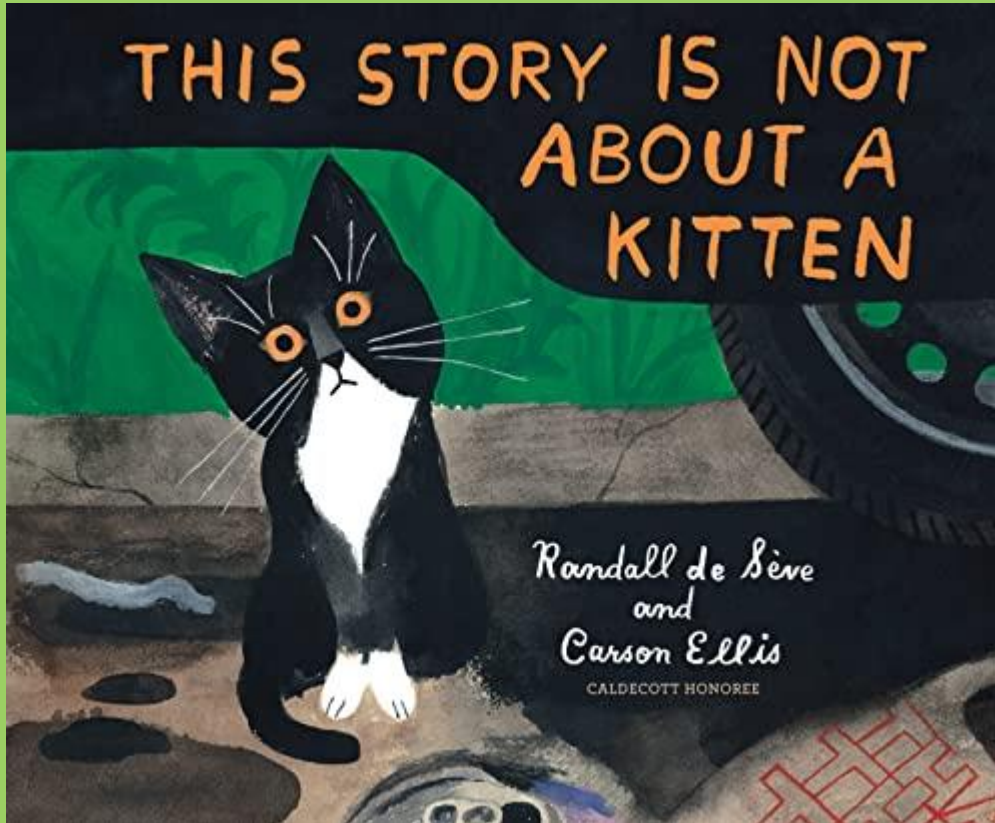
Kate Hoefler  
Jessixa Bagley

Picture book  
Kindergarten and up

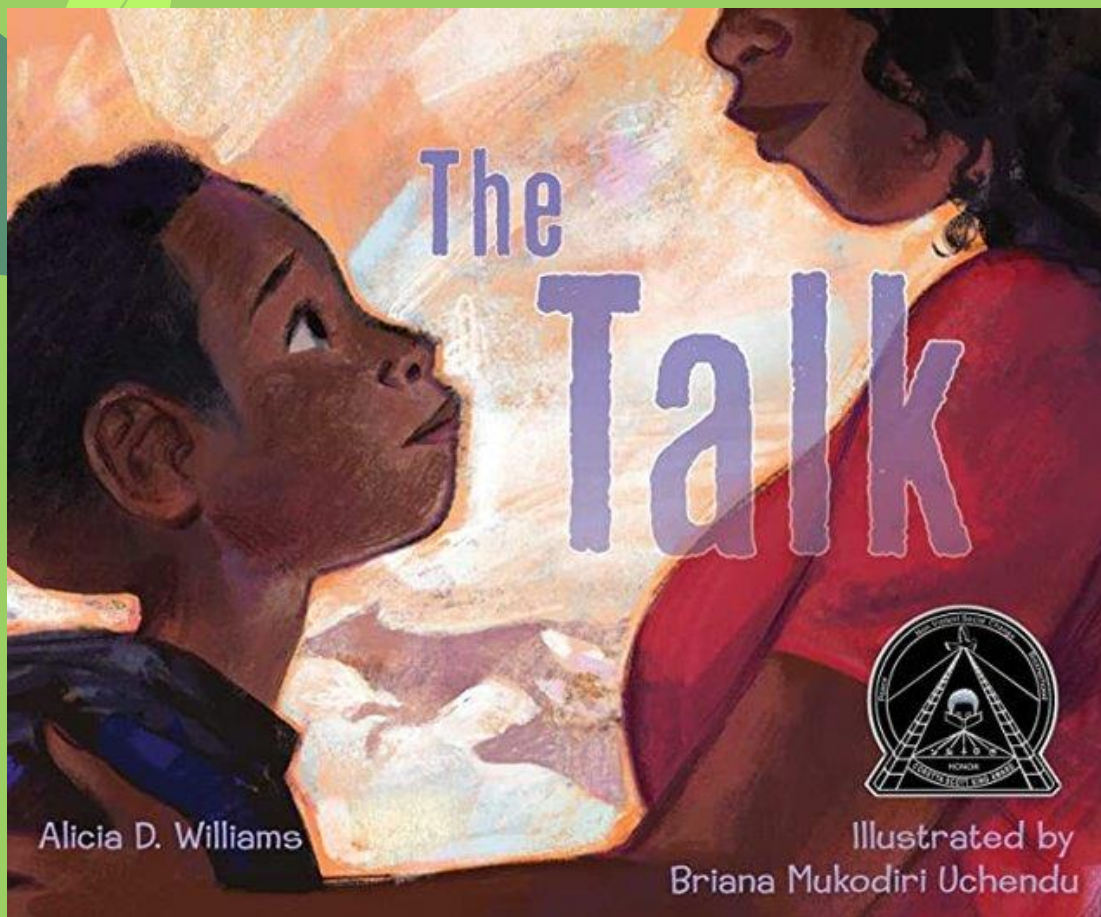
# ***This Story is Not About a Kitten***

Randall de Sève  
Carson Ellis

Picture book  
Kindergarten and up





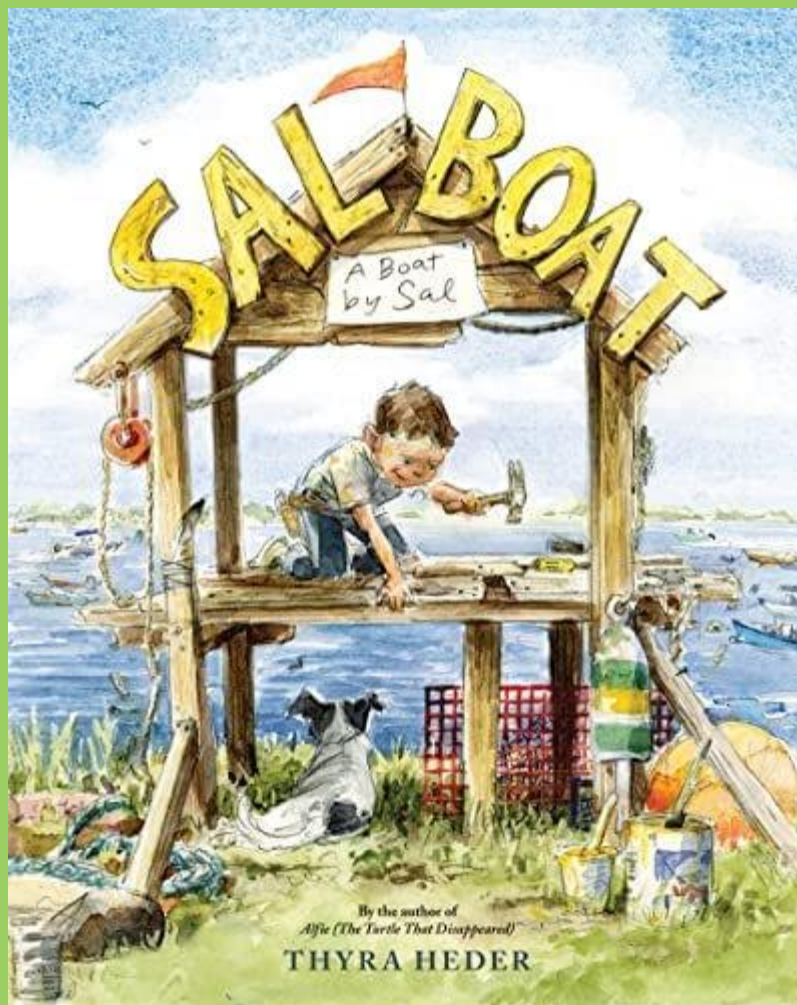


## ***The Talk***

Alicia D. Williams  
Briana Mukodiri Uchendu

Picture book  
Coretta Scott King (Author) Award  
Honor Book  
Kindergarten and up

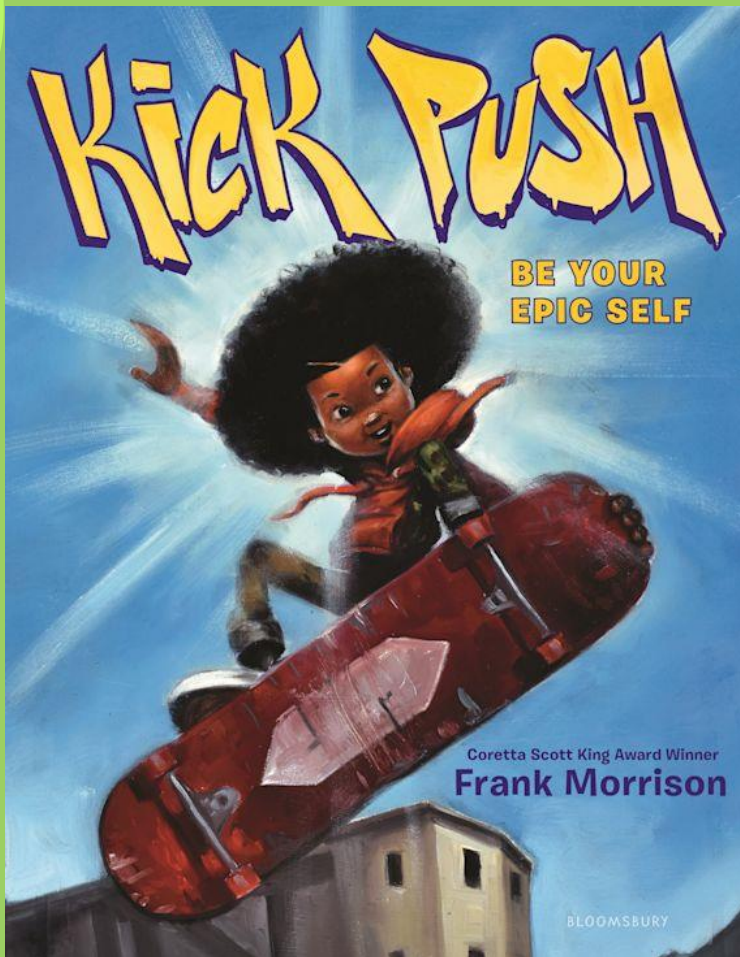




# ***Sal Boat***

Thyra Heder

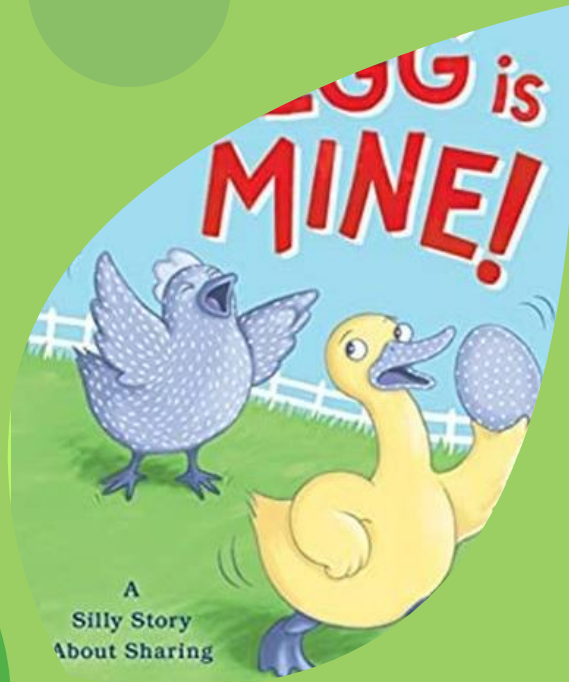
Picture book  
Kindergarten and up



## ***Kick Push***

*Frank Morrison*

Picture book  
Kindergarten and up



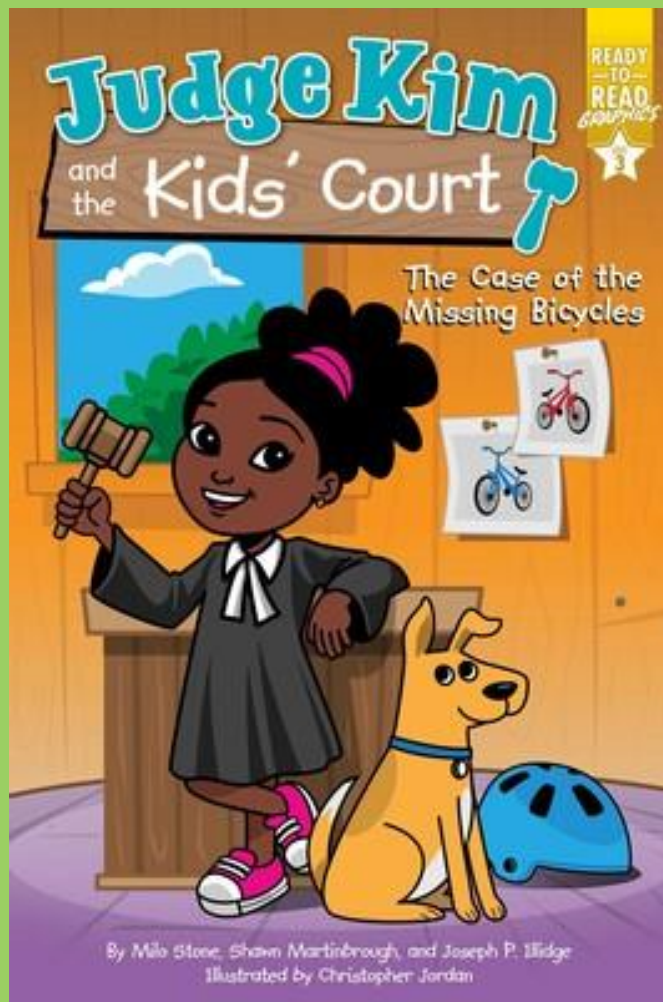
# Our Favorite Early Readers



## Early Readers

- When kids start becoming independent readers, they need books that will be fun to read and build their confidence. With best friends and shark princesses, you can't go wrong with these choices.





# *Judge Kim and the Kids' Court: The Case of the Missing Bicycles*

Milo Stone  
Christopher Jordan

Early reader  
First grade and up

Kim and Miles love riding their bicycles to school.

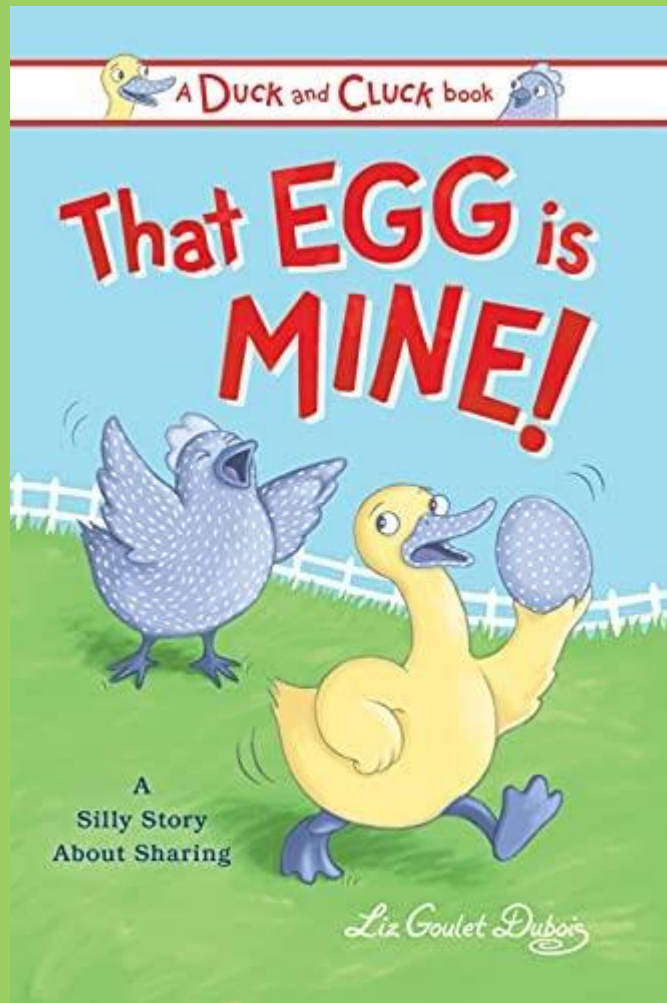


All the kids in Fairville pedal their bicycles to school.



Except for Neil Strong. His electric bicycle does the pedaling for him.





# ***That Egg is Mine!***

Liz Goulet Dubois

Early reader  
Kindergarten and up

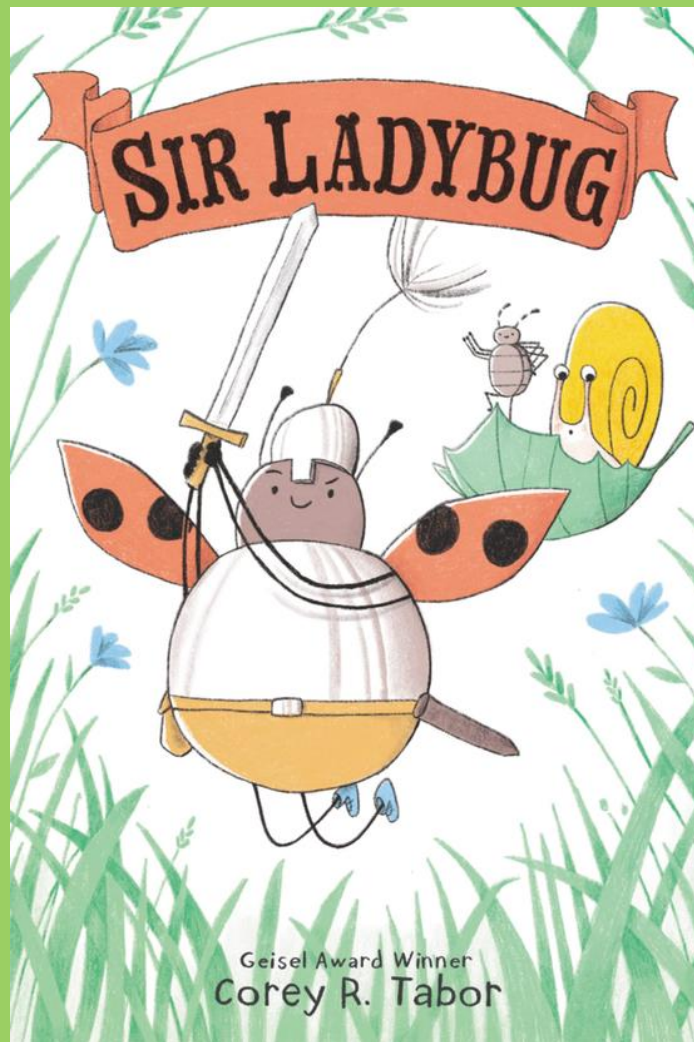


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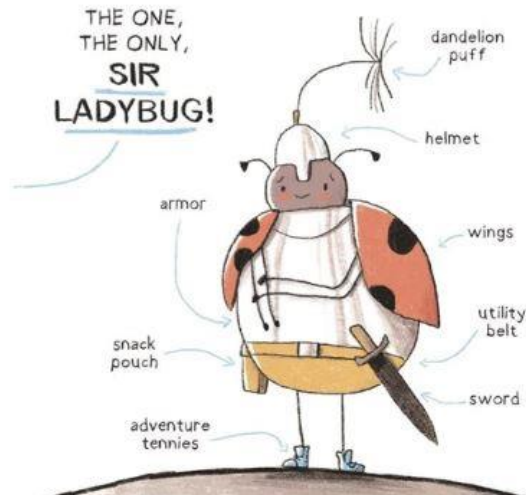
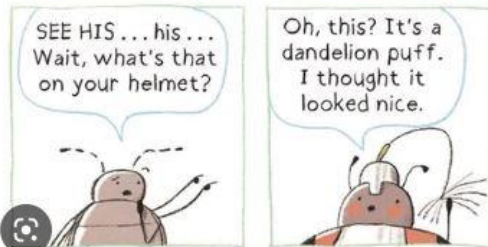
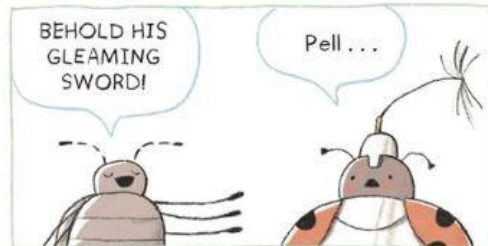


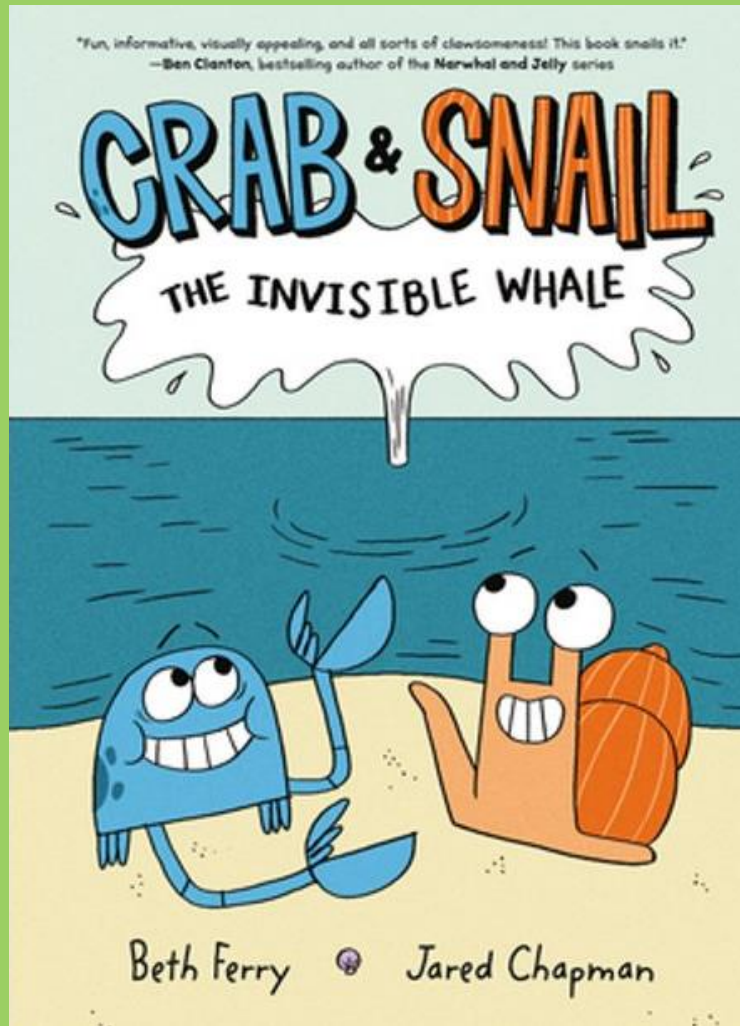


# ***Sir Ladybug***

Corey R. Tabor

Early reader  
First grade and up

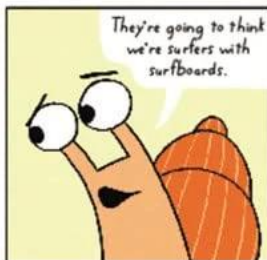
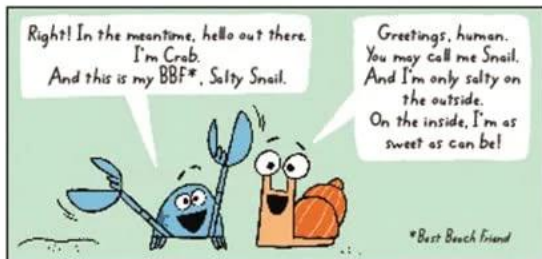




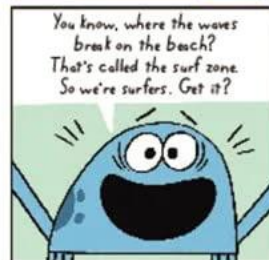
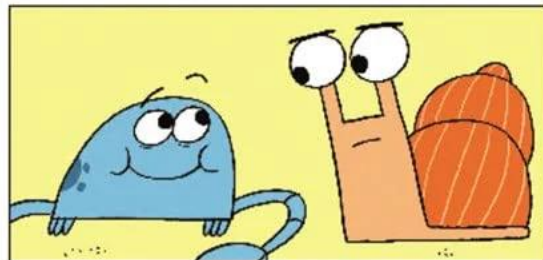
# *Crab and Snail: The Invisible Whale*

Beth Ferry  
Jared Chapman

Early Reader  
First grade and up

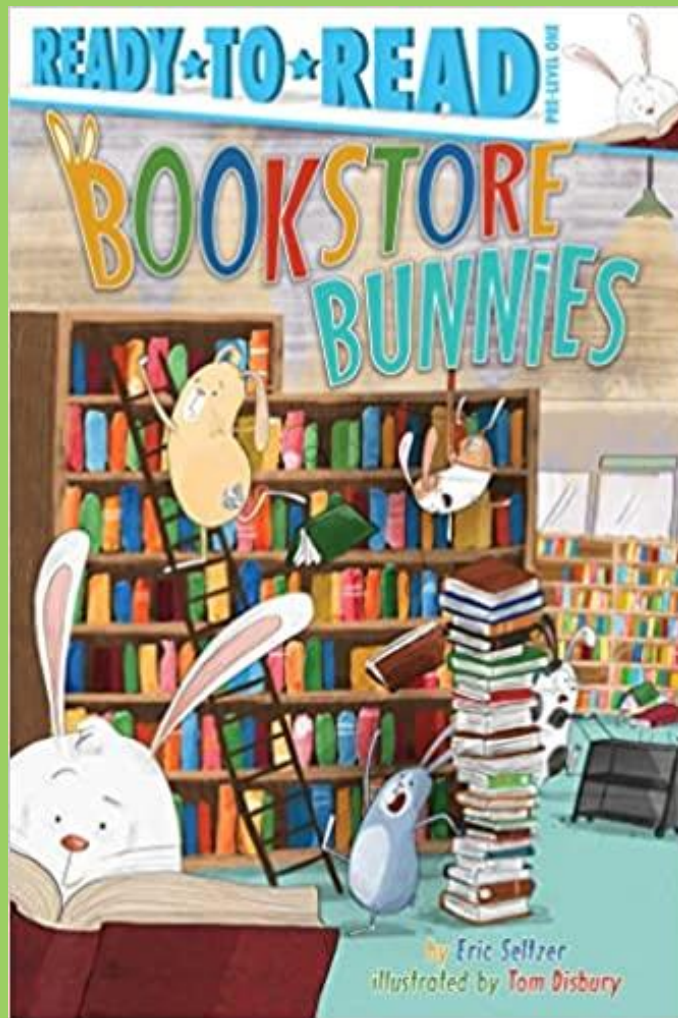


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## *Bookstore Bunnies*

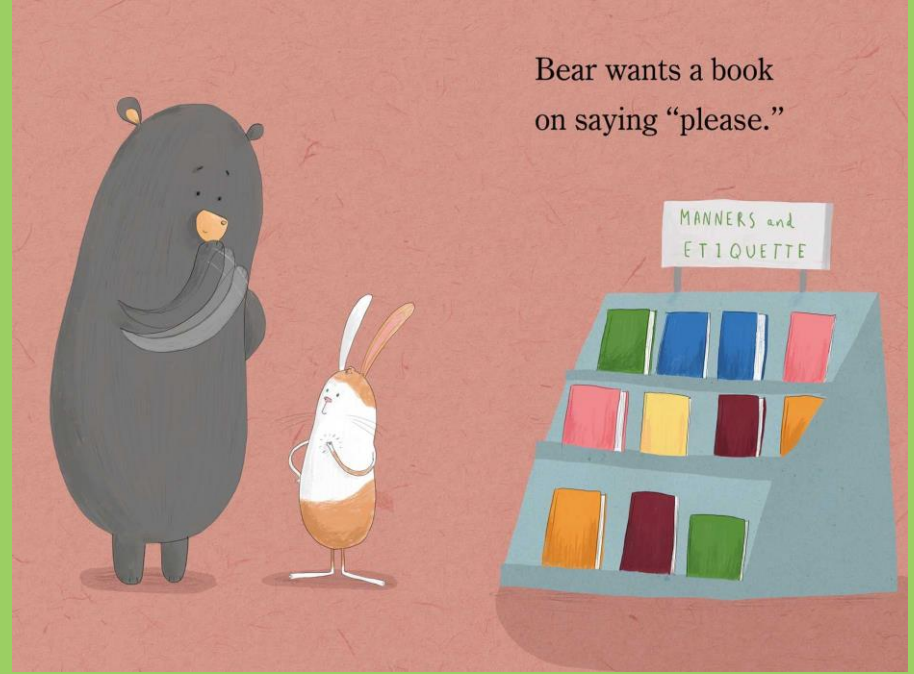
Eric Seltzer  
Tom Disbury

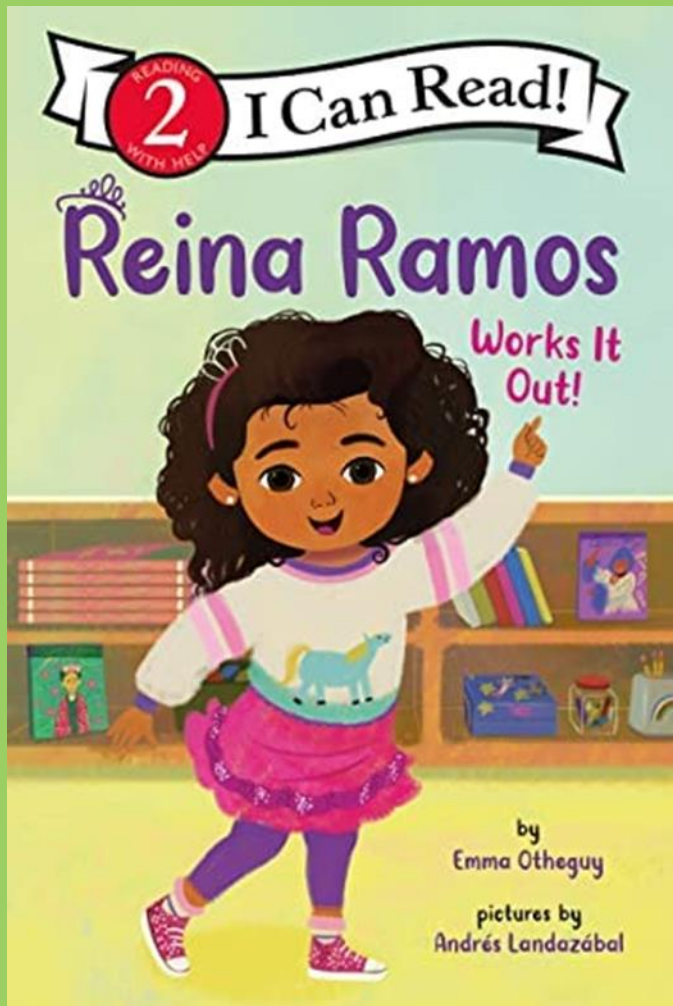
Early reader  
PreK and up

Mouse wants a book  
about grilled cheese.



Bear wants a book  
on saying "please."



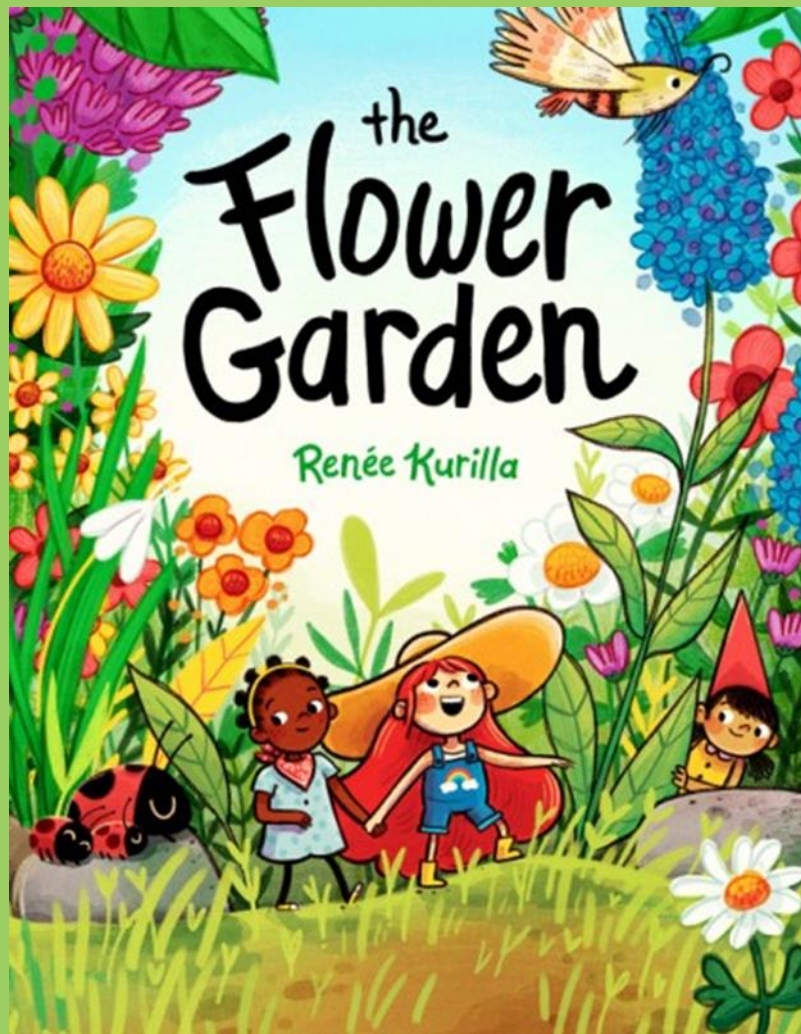


# ***Reina Ramos: Work It Out!***

Emma Otheguy  
Andres Landazabal

Early reader  
PreK and up



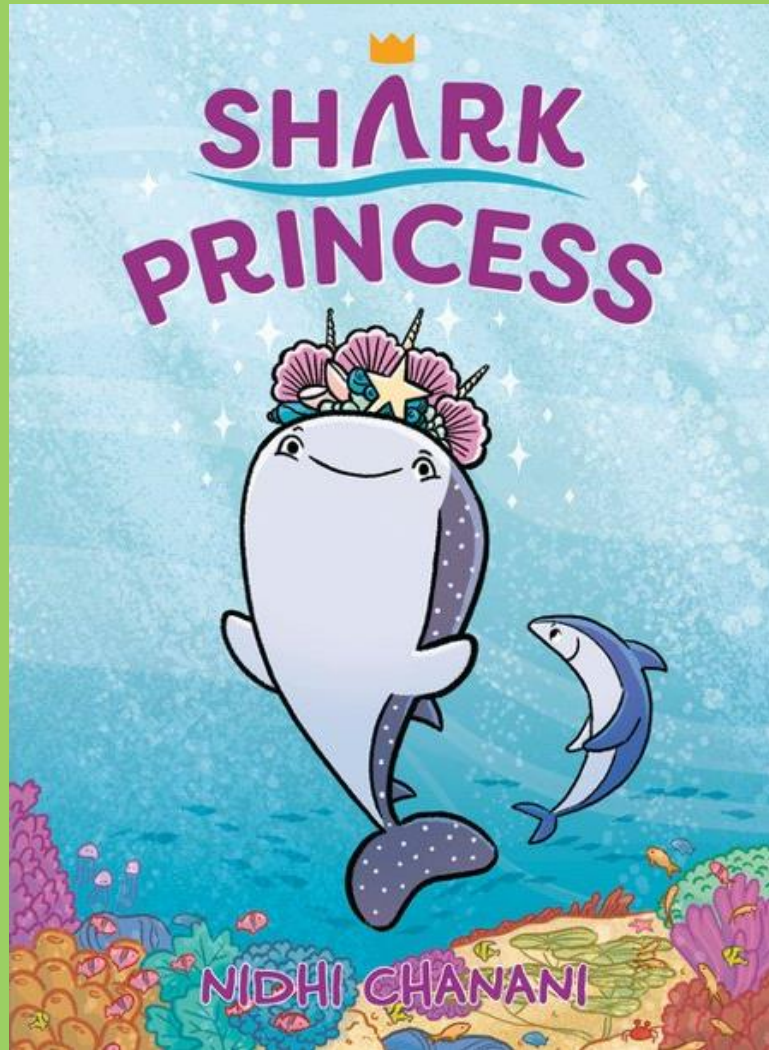


# ***The Flower Garden***

Renee Kurilla

Graphic novel  
First grade and up



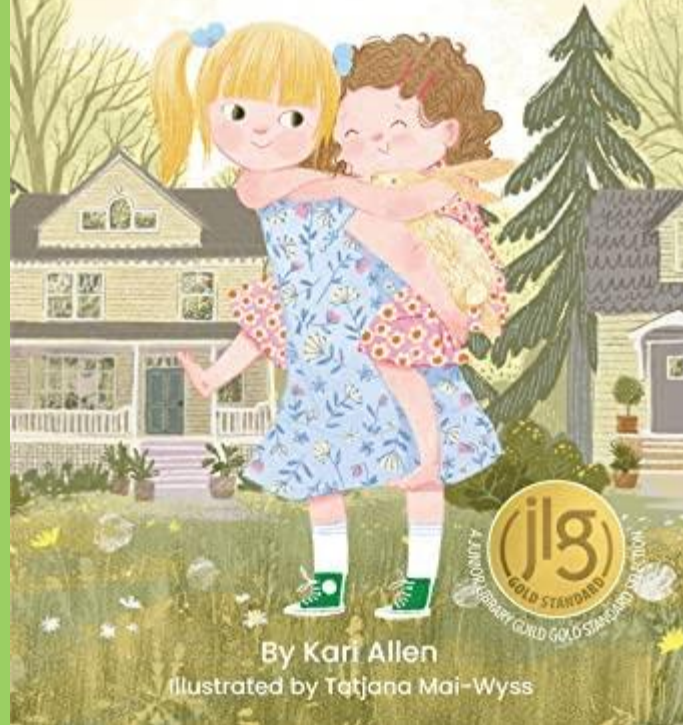


# ***Shark Princess***

Nidhi Chanani

Graphic novel  
Kindergarten and up

# MADDIE AND MABEL



## ***Maddie and Mabel***

Kari Allen  
Tatjana Mai-Wyss

Early reader  
Kindergarten and up

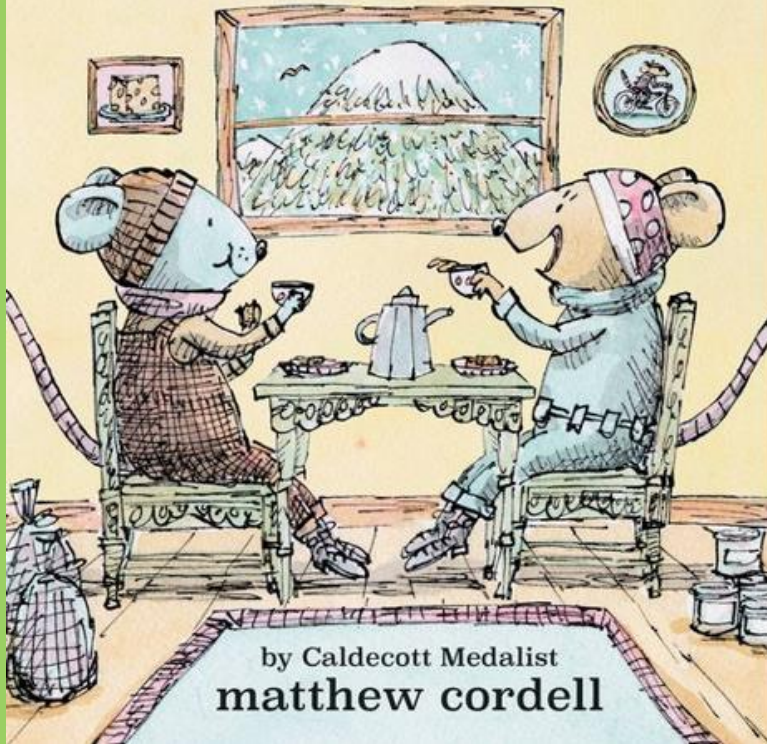


# ***Jalen's Big City Life: Sharing the Mound***

Dorothy H. Price  
Shiane Salabie

Early reader  
Realistic fiction  
Kindergarten and up

# cornbread & poppy



## *Cornbread & Poppy*

Matthew Cordell

Early reader  
Kindergarten and up



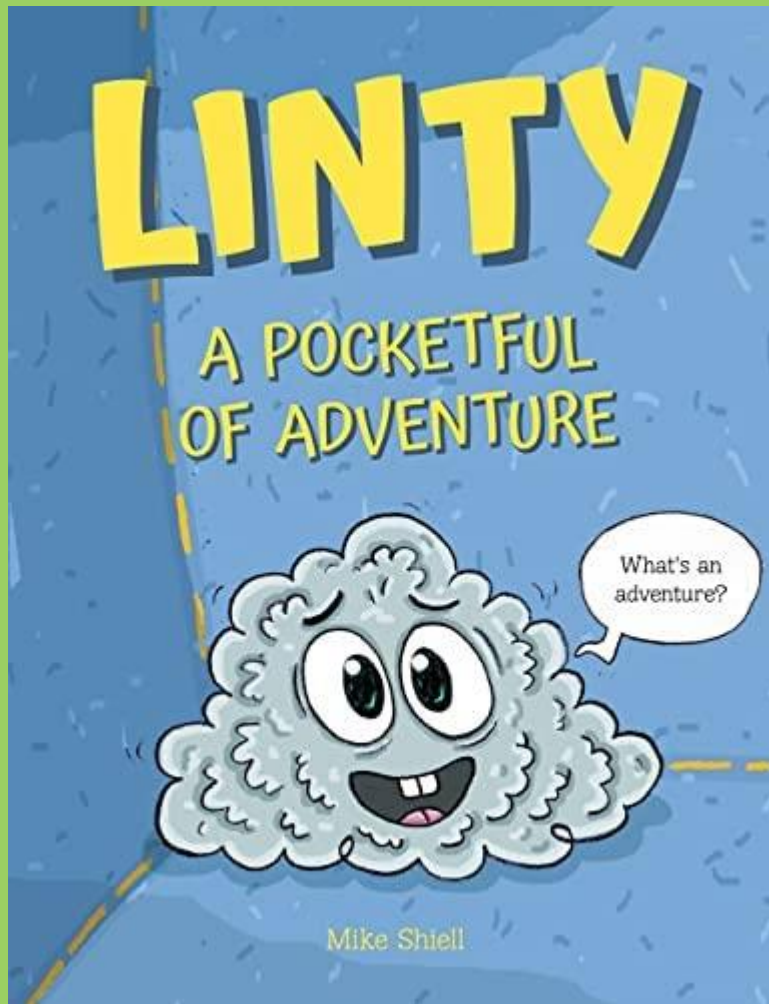


# Our Favorite Transitional Chapter Books

# Transitional Chapter Books

- Some kids need a little more time before they jump into middle grade chapter books, and these heavily illustrated, highly motivational transitional books will be great bridges for lots of kids.





# ***Linty: A Pocketful of Adventure***

Mike Shiell

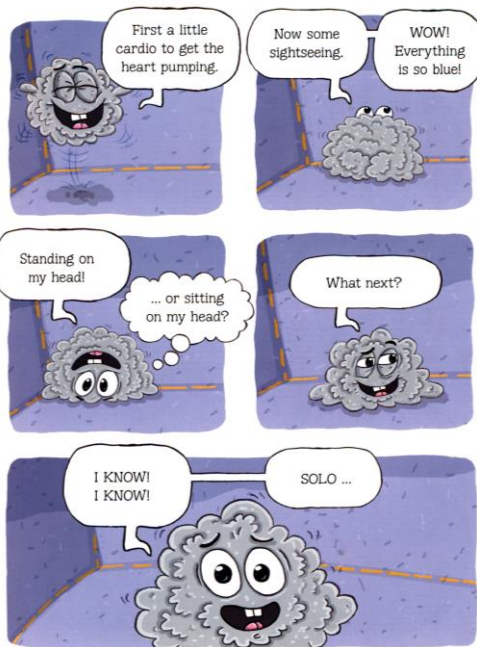
Graphic novel  
Kindergarten and up

A TINY BALL OF LINT WOKE UP TO A NEW DAY.

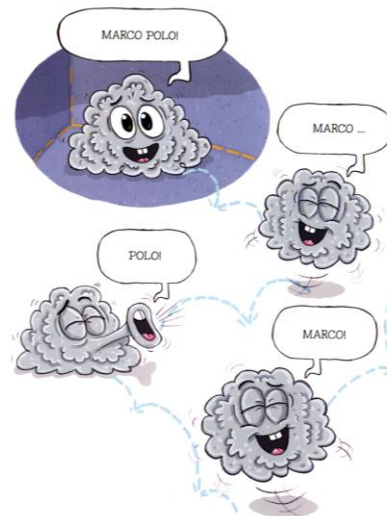
YAAAAAWN!

What should I do today?  
The possibilities are endless!

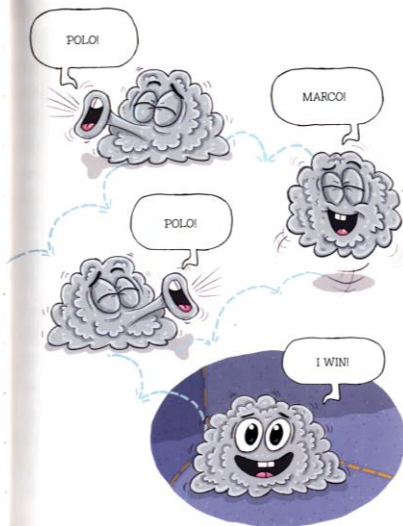
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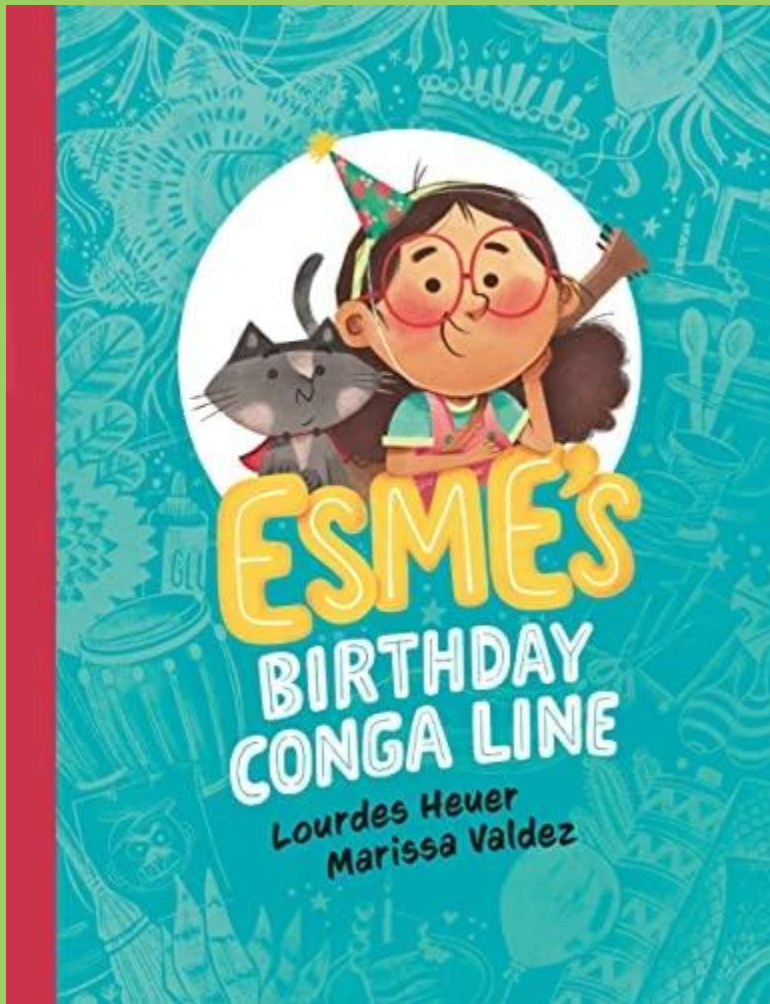


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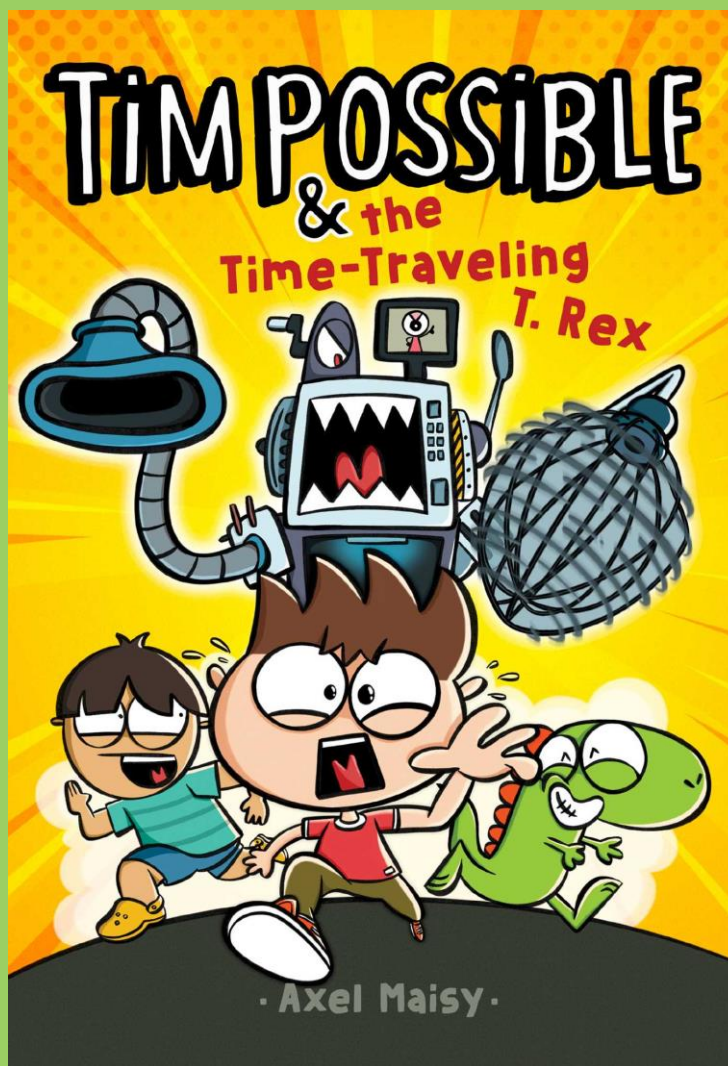




# ***Esme's Birthday Conga Line***

Lourdes Heuer  
Marissa Valdez

Chapter book  
First grade and up



*Tim Possible and the  
Time-Traveling T.*

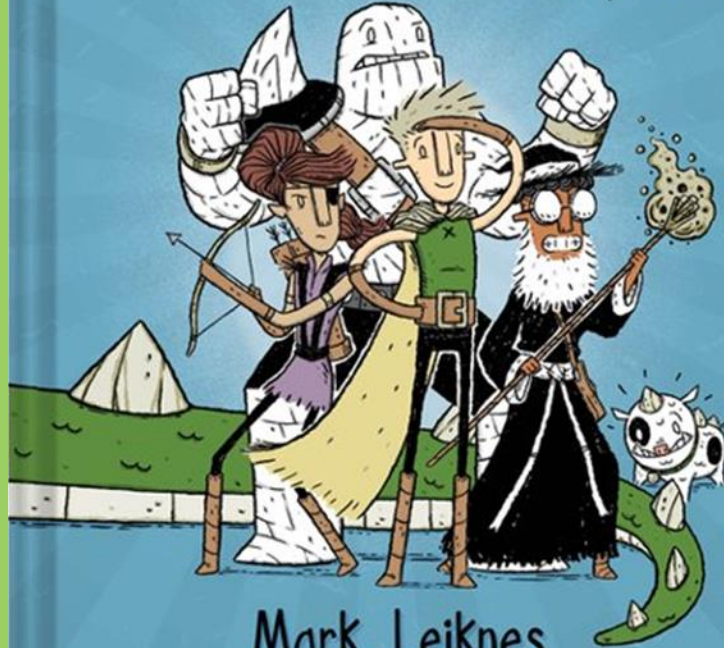
**Rex**

Axel Maisy

Chapter book  
Second grade and up

# QUEST KIDS

and the DRAGON PANTS of GOLD



Mark Leiknes

## *Quest Kids and the Dragon Pants of Gold*

Mark Leiknes

Chapter book  
Second grade and up





## CHAPTER 4

**B**efore the start of any quest, it's important to gear up. Quests usually take some time, so making sure you have plenty of supplies to carry you through is key. My friends and I split up once again to visit the mountain village's **VARIOUS VENDORS**, and I stumble upon something I completely missed the first time around. A "Ye Ole Bagel Shoppe." We used to have one of those back home. Best bagels in Hamhaven! 'Til they closed, that is.



That voice? Can it be? I look behind the bagel counter and it's her. **JENNIFER!** This must be where she moved after her parents closed up shop in Hamhaven!



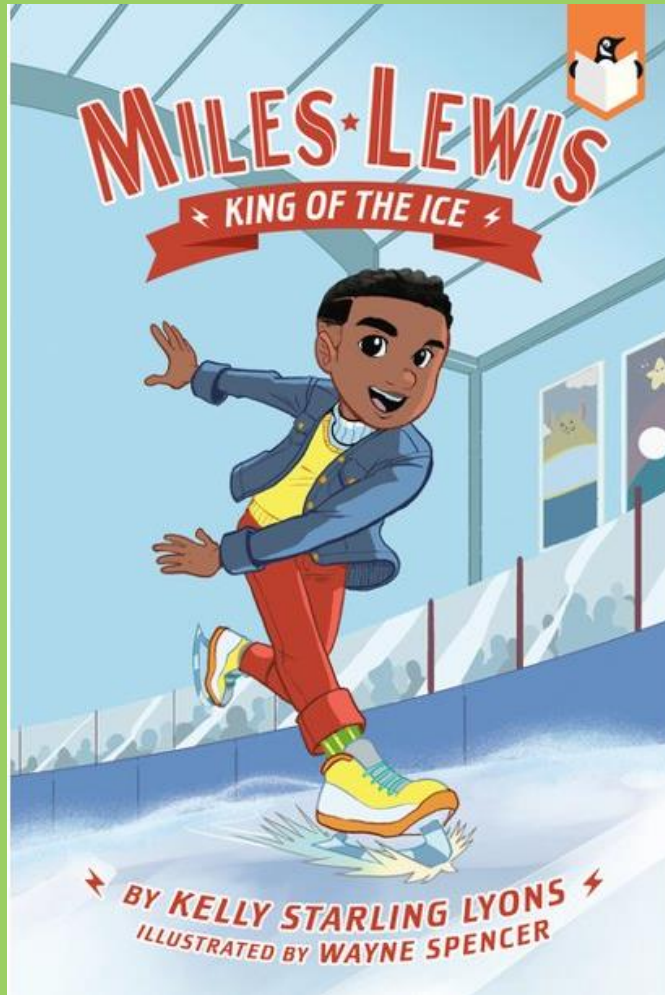




# ***The Mythics: Marina and the Kraken***

Lauren Magaziner

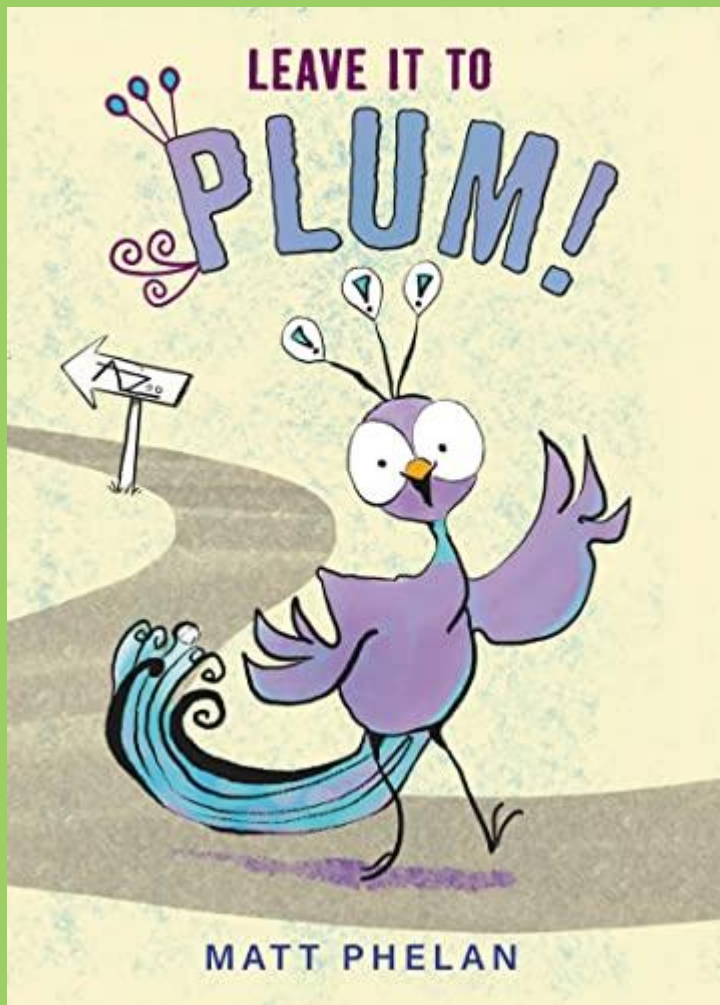
Chapter book  
Second grade and up



# ***Miles Lewis: King of the Ice***

Kelly Starling Lyons  
Wayne Spencer

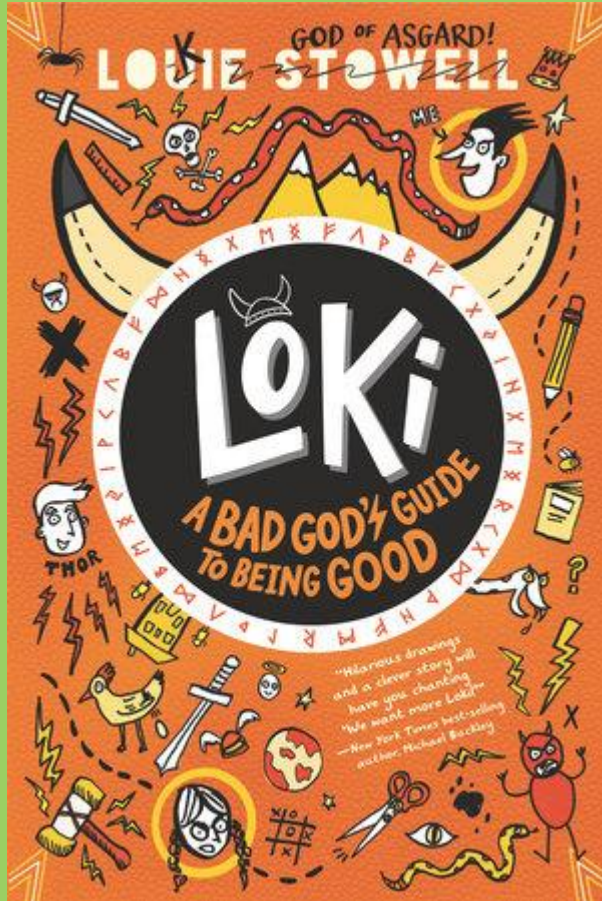
Chapter book  
Second grade and up



## ***Leave It to Plum!***

Matt Phelan

Chapter book  
Third grade and up



# ***Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good***

# Louie Stowell

Chapter Book  
Third grade and up





# *The Area 51 Files*

Julie Buxbaum

Chapter book  
Third grade and up

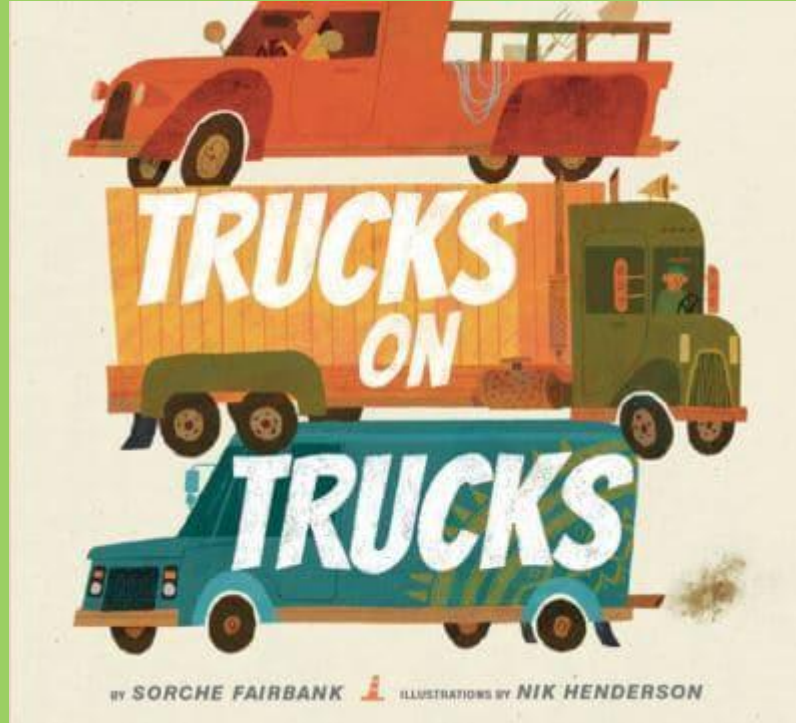


# Our Favorite Books About Things That Go

# Things That Go

- Trucks and bikes and skateboards, oh my! Something for every fan of things that go.



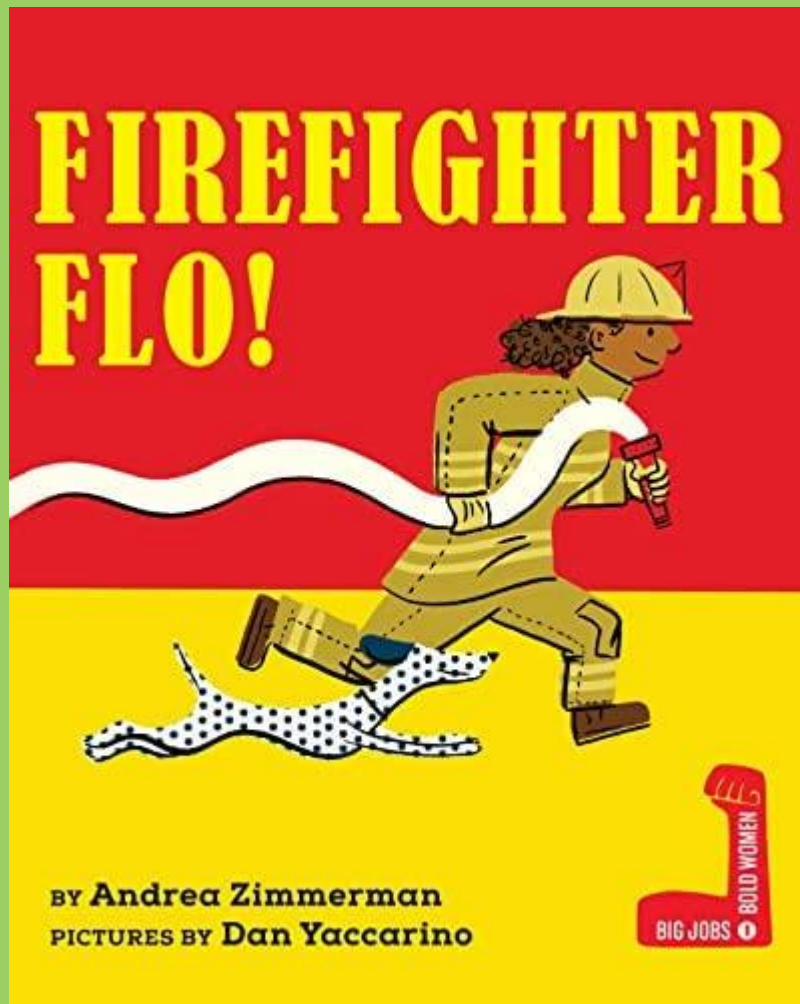


# ***Trucks on Trucks***

Sorche Fairbank  
Nik Henderson

Picture book  
Toddler and up

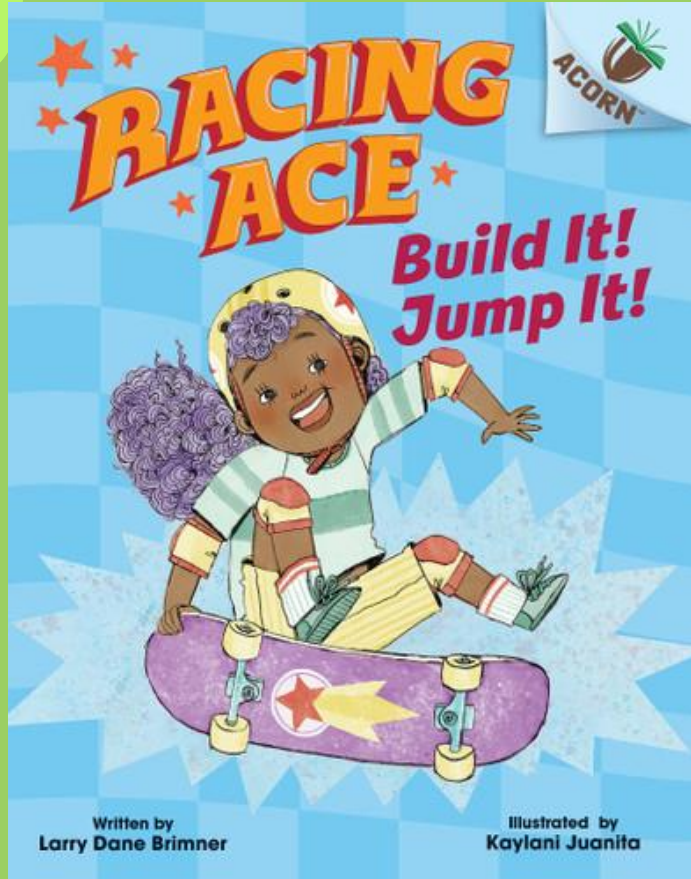




## ***Firefighter Flo!***

Andrea Zimmerman  
Dan Yaccarino

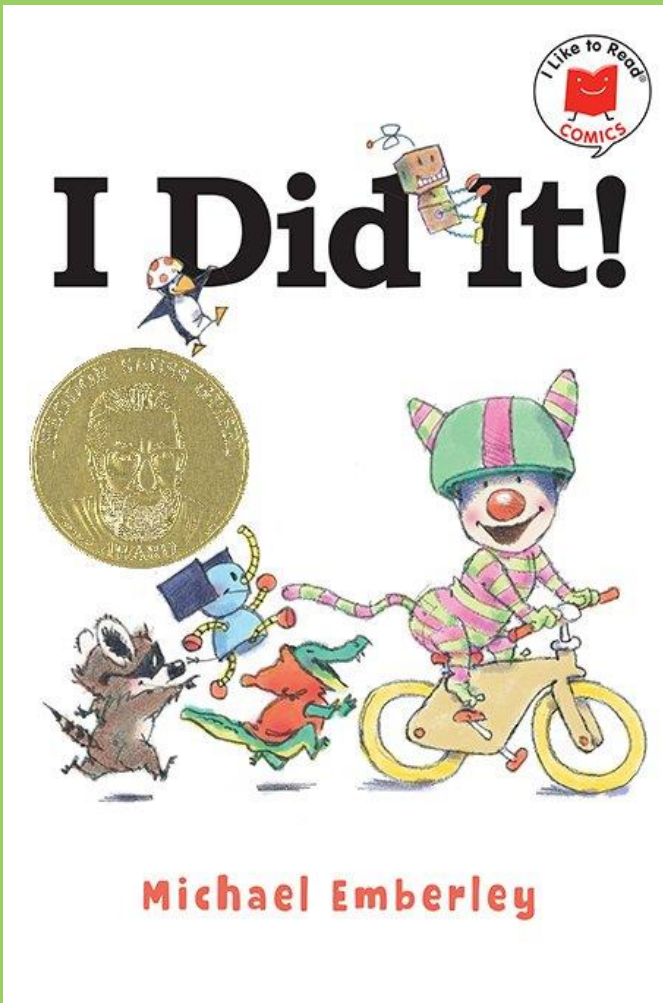
Picture book  
Toddler and up



# *Racing Ace: Build It! Jump It!*

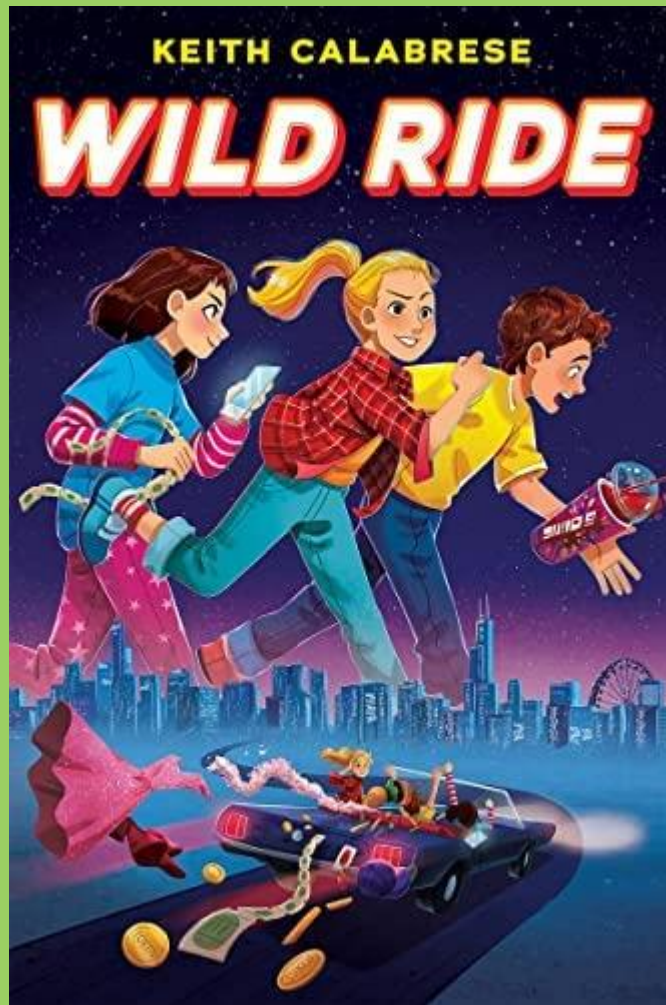
Larry Dane Brimner  
Kaylani Juanita

Early Reader  
Kindergarten and up



***I Did It!***  
Michael Emberly

Early Reader Graphic Novel  
Theodor Seuss Geisel Award Winner  
Kindergarten and up



## *Wild Ride*

Keith Calabrese

Chapter book  
Fourth grade and up



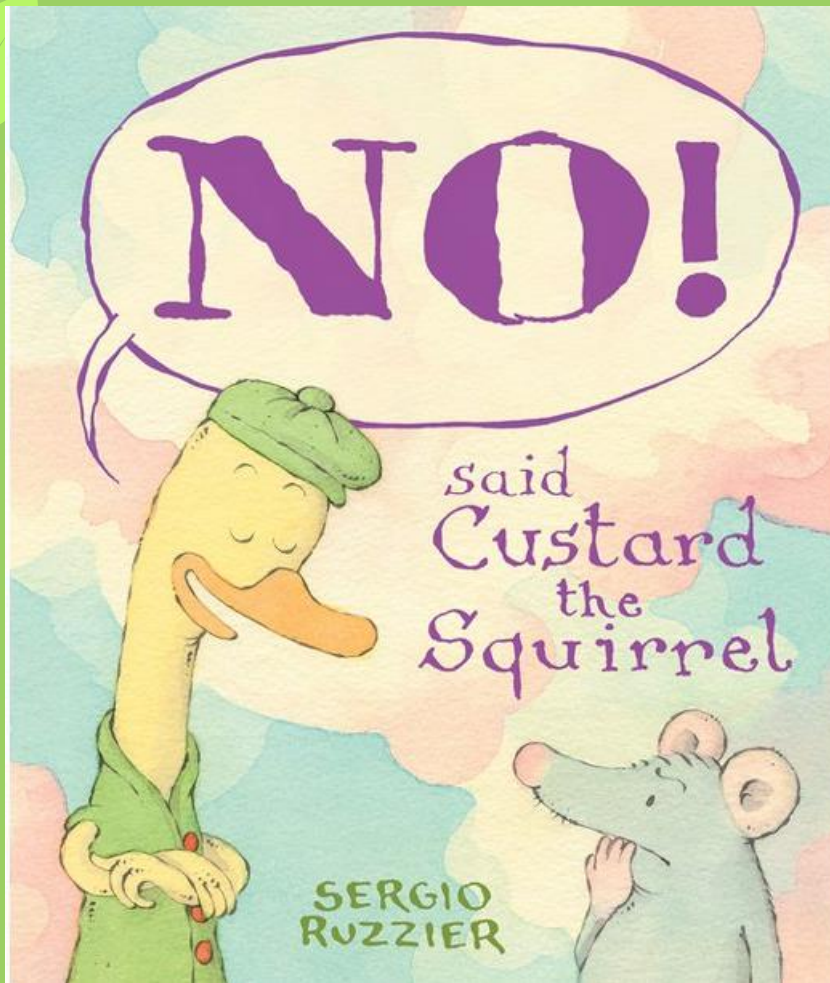


Our Favorite  
Books That  
Make Us Laugh

# Laugh

- Laughter lowers stress and improves mood, so grab one of these books and become happier almost instantly!

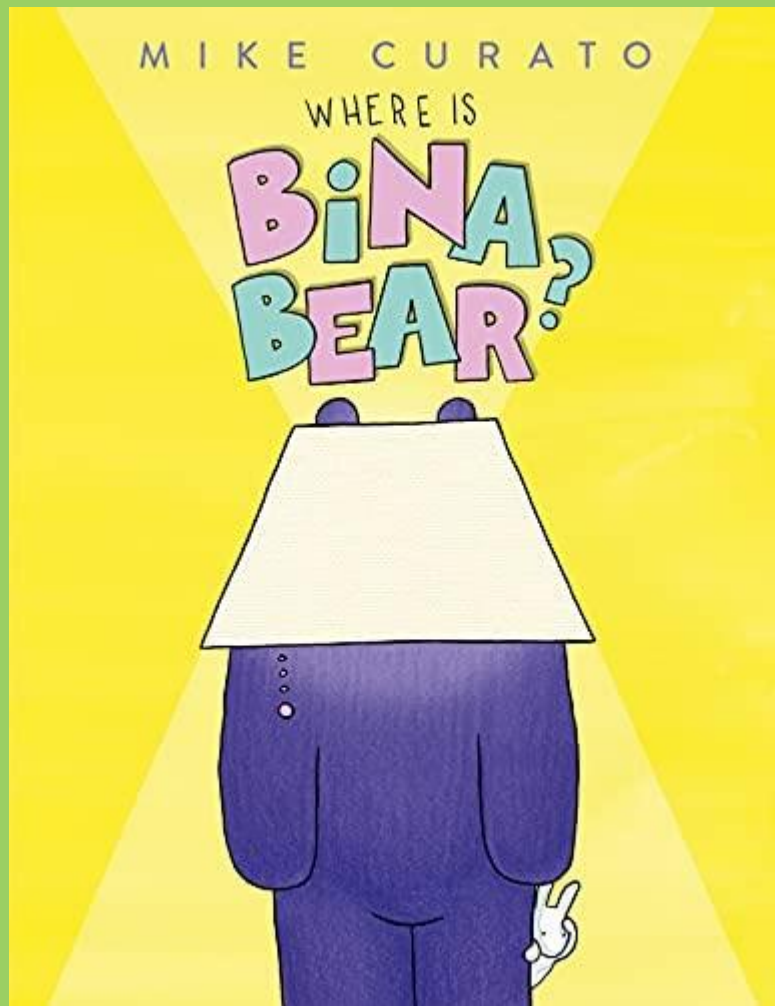




# ***No! Said Custard the Squirrel***

Sergio Ruzzier

Picture book  
Toddler and up



# ***Where is Bina Bear?***

Mike Curato

Picture book  
Toddler and up





# I WON'T GIVE UP MY RUBBER BAND

Shinsuke Yoshitake

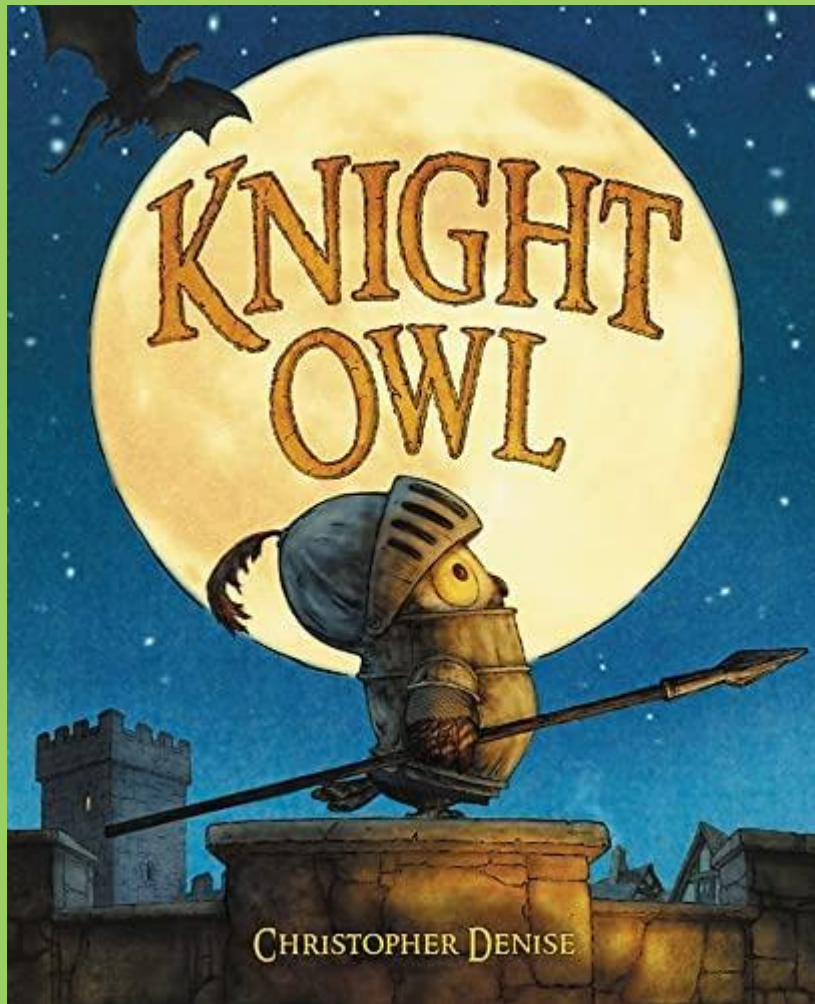


## ***I Won't Give up my Rubber Band***

Shinsuke Yoshitake

Picture book  
PreK and up





## ***Knight Owl***

Christopher Denise

Picture book

Randolph Caldecott Honor Book  
Kindergarten and up

# Poo-Dunit?

## A FOREST FLOOR MYSTERY



Katelyn Aronson illustrated by Stephanie Laberis

# ***Poo-Dunit? A Forest Floor Mystery***

Katelyn Aronson  
Stephanie Laberis

Picture book  
Kindergarten and up



# The Weird Sisters

A Note, a Goat, and a Casserole



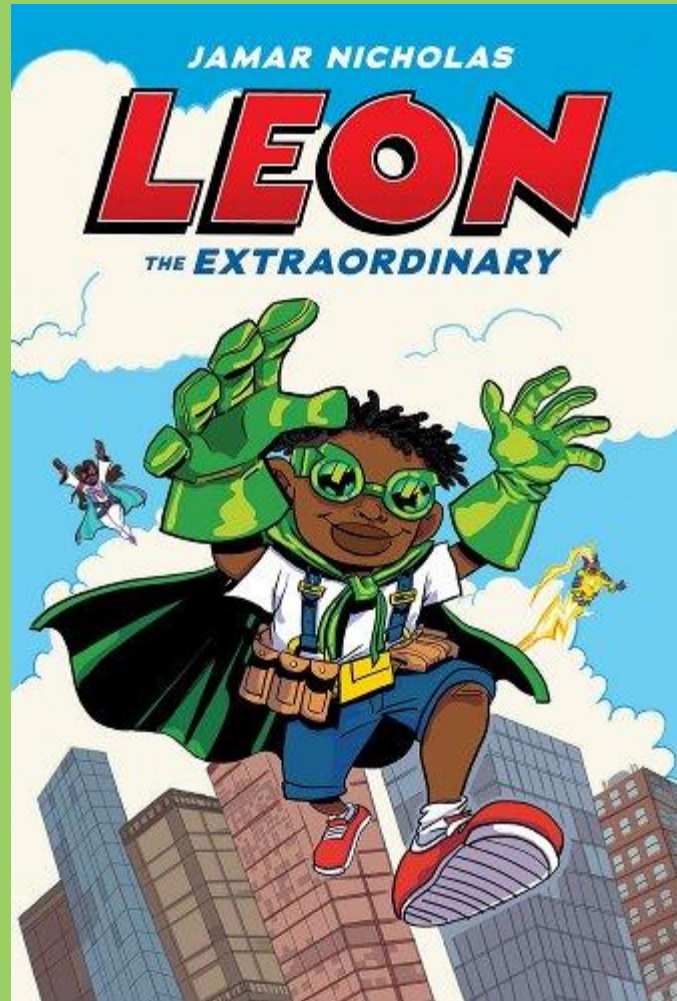
Mark David Smith Illustrated by Kari Rust

## ***The Weird Sisters: A Note, a Goat, and a Casserole***

Mark David Smith  
Kari Rust

Picture book  
Second grade and up





# *Leon the Extraordinary*

Jamar Nicholas

Graphic Novel  
Third grade and up



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# Our Favorite Books About Pets

# Pets

- What kid wouldn't want to read about a pet rock or a dog who wants to take over the world? These fun and interesting tales of furry companions are sure to paw-lease.





# HOT DOG

Doug Salati



## ***Hot Dog*** Doug Salati

Picture book  
Toddler and up  
Caldecott Winner





too close!

*too loud!*

*too much!*

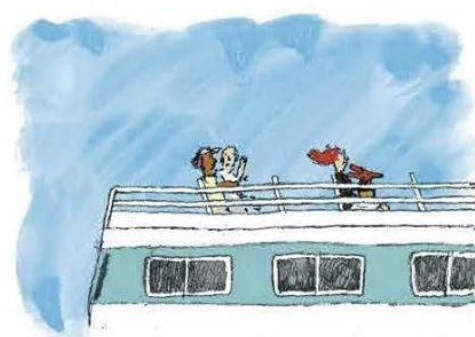


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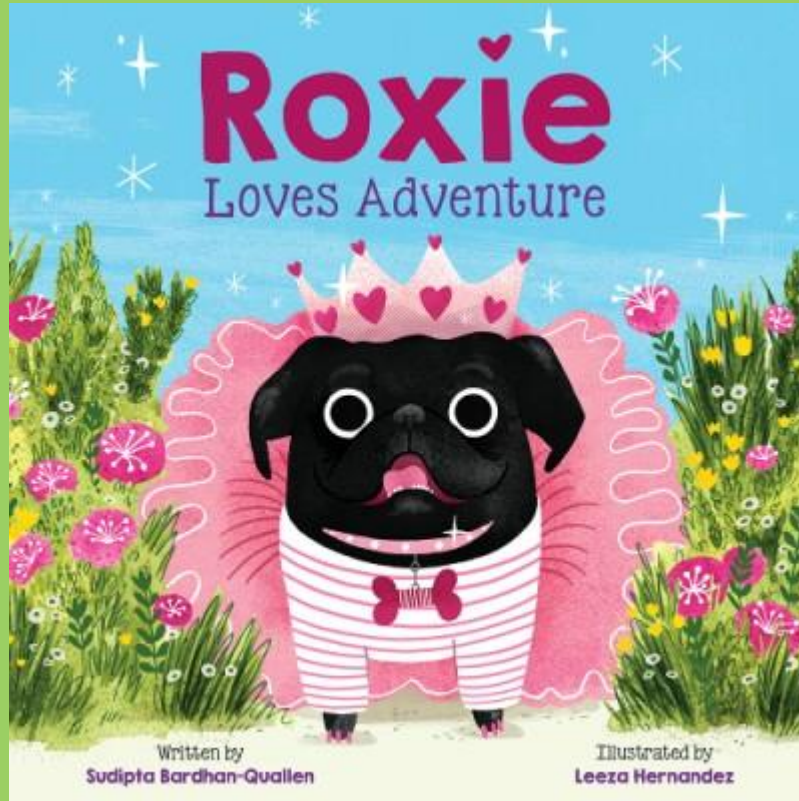


unfolding sky, a salty breeze



a welcome whiff of someplace new



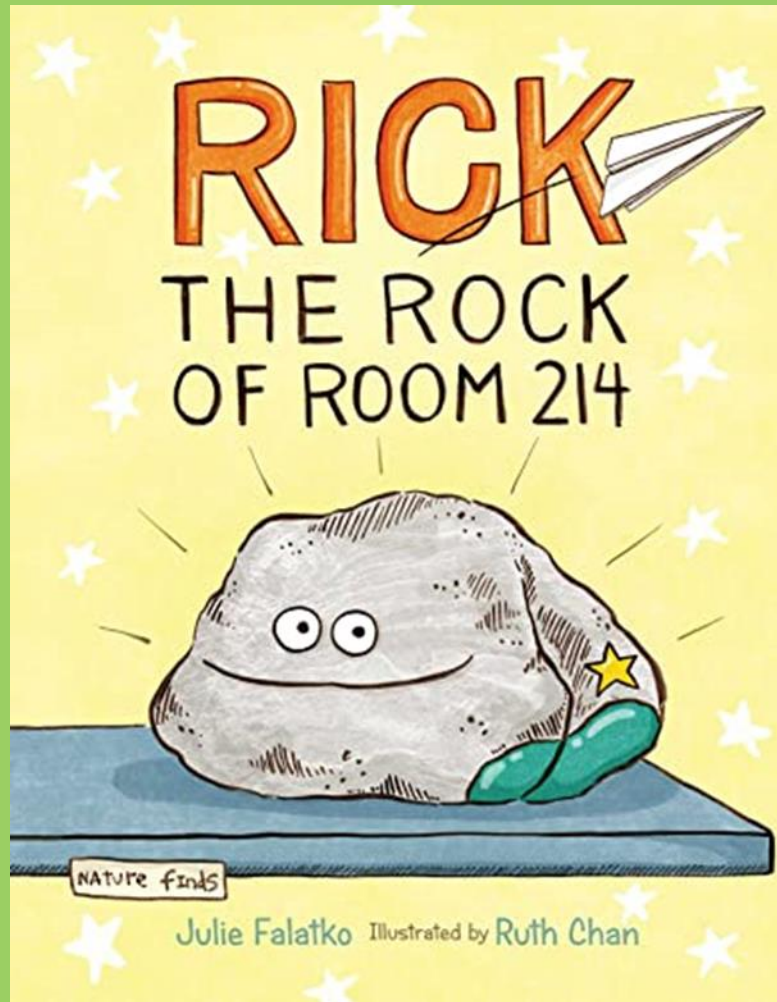


# ***Roxie Loves Adventure***

Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen  
Leeza Hernandez

Picture book  
Kindergarten and up





# ***Rick the Rock of Room 214***

Julie Falatko  
Ruth Chan

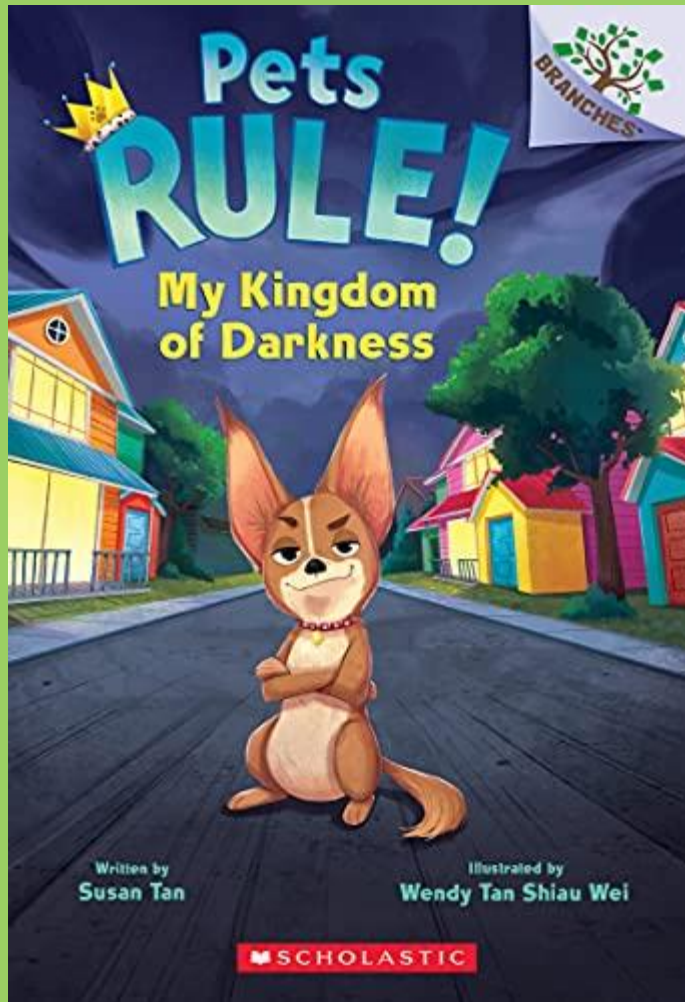
Picture book  
Kindergarten and up



# ***The Corgi and the Queen***

Caroline L. Perry  
Lydia Corry

Picture book  
Kindergarten and up

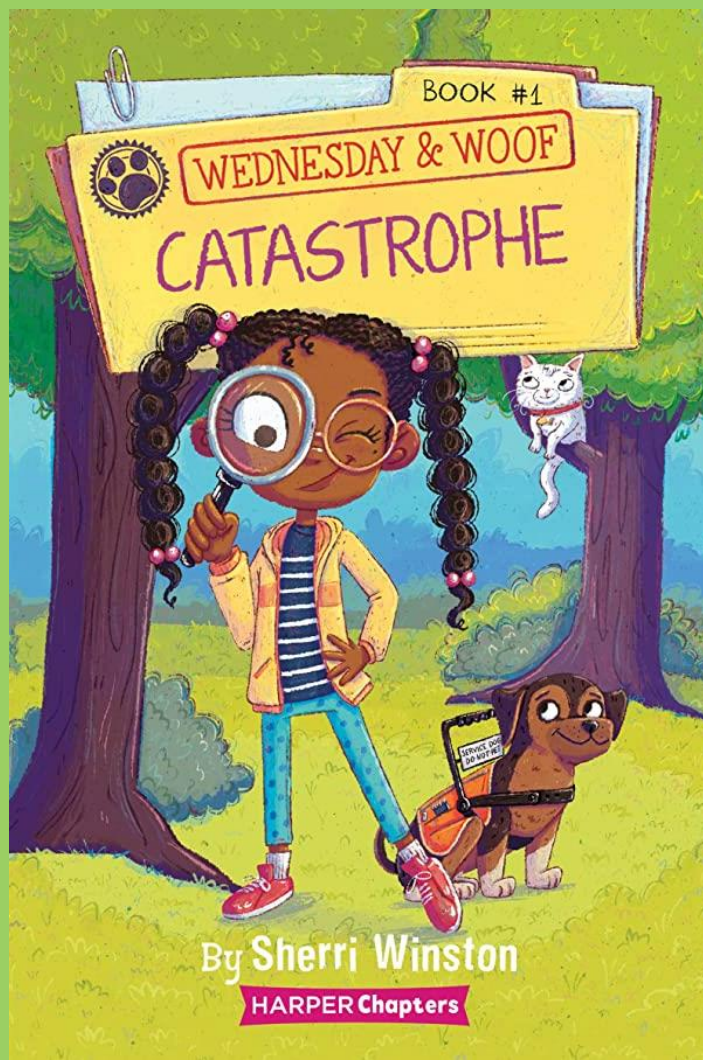


# ***Pets Rule: My Kingdom of Darkness***

Susan Tan

Wendy Tan Shiau Wei

Transitional chapter book  
Second grade and up



# ***Wednesday and Woof: Catastrophe***

Sherri Winston

Transitional chapter book  
Second Grade and up

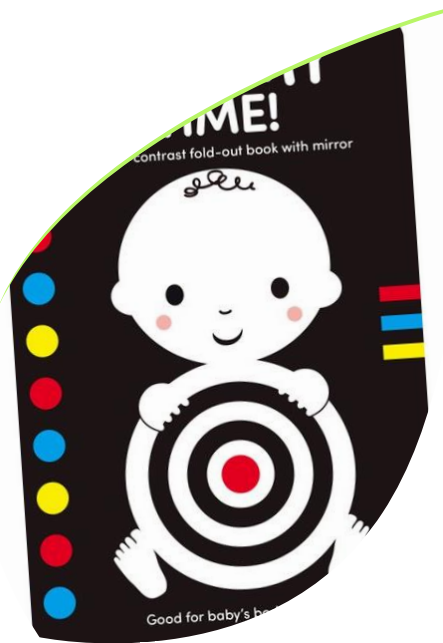


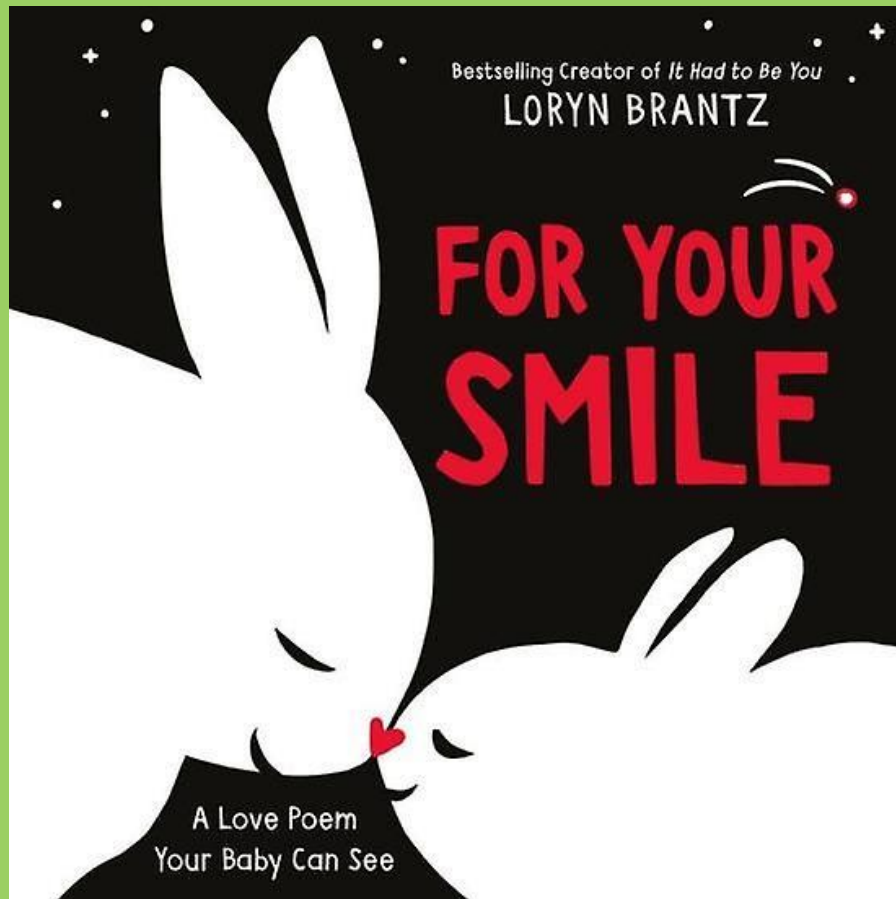


# Our Favorite Board Books

# Board books

- For the youngest readers, these bold, chunky books stand up to lots of love, and are lots of fun to read together.

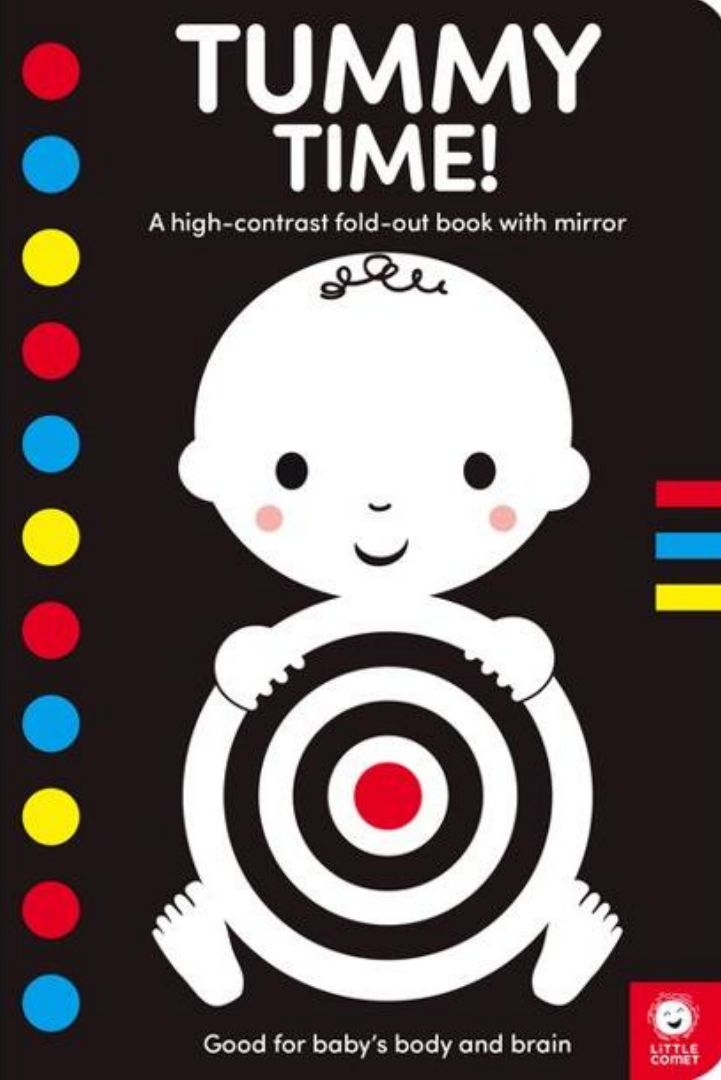




# ***For Your Smile***

Loryn Brantz

Board book  
Newborn and up

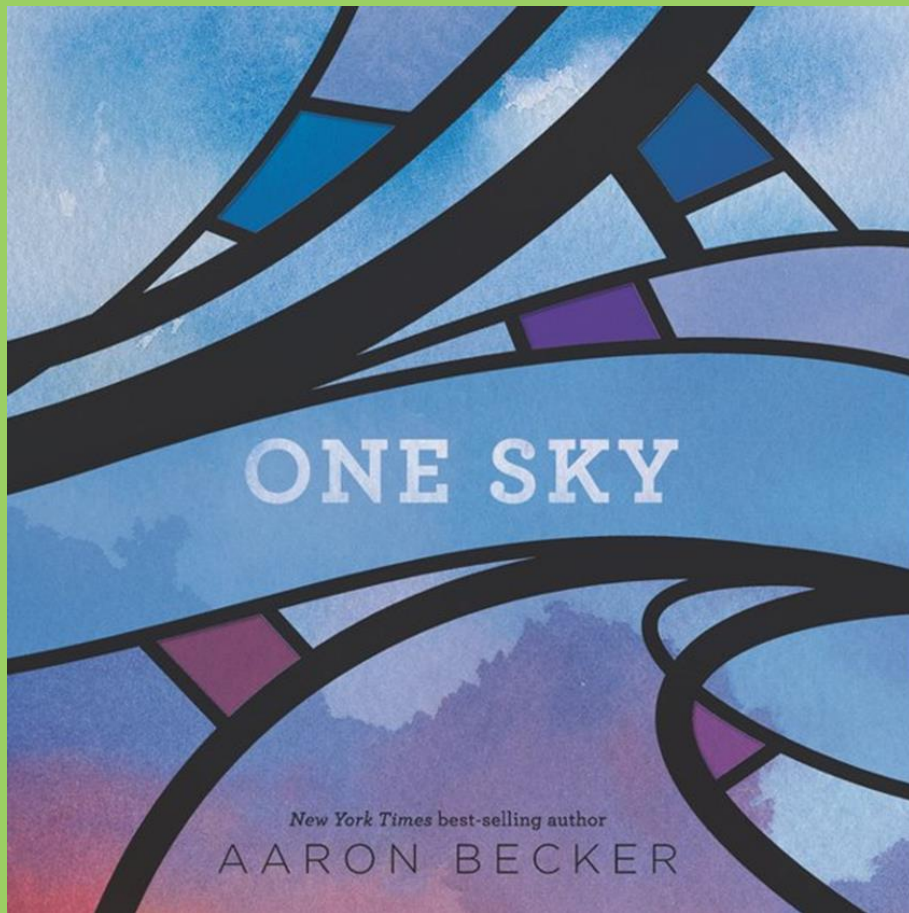


***Tummy Time!***  
Red Comet Press

Board Book  
Newborn and up  
Perfect for tummy time







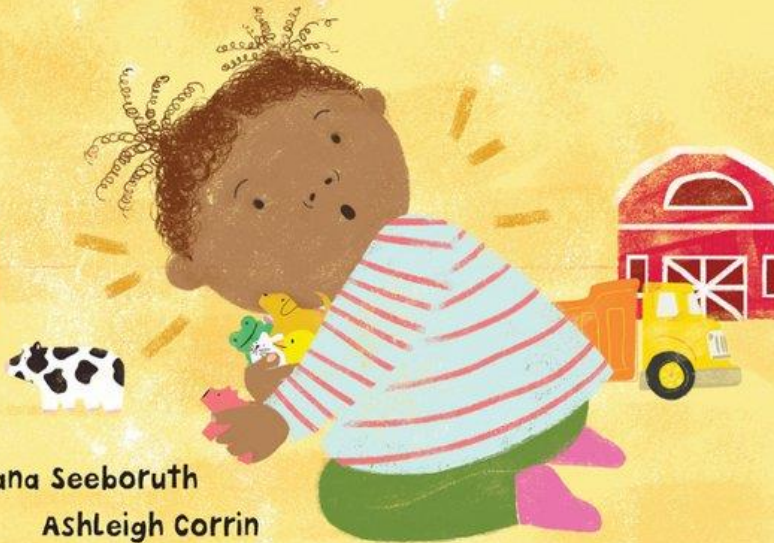
# ***One Sky***

Aaron Becker

Board book  
Infant and up

# ¡Eso es mío! That's Mine!

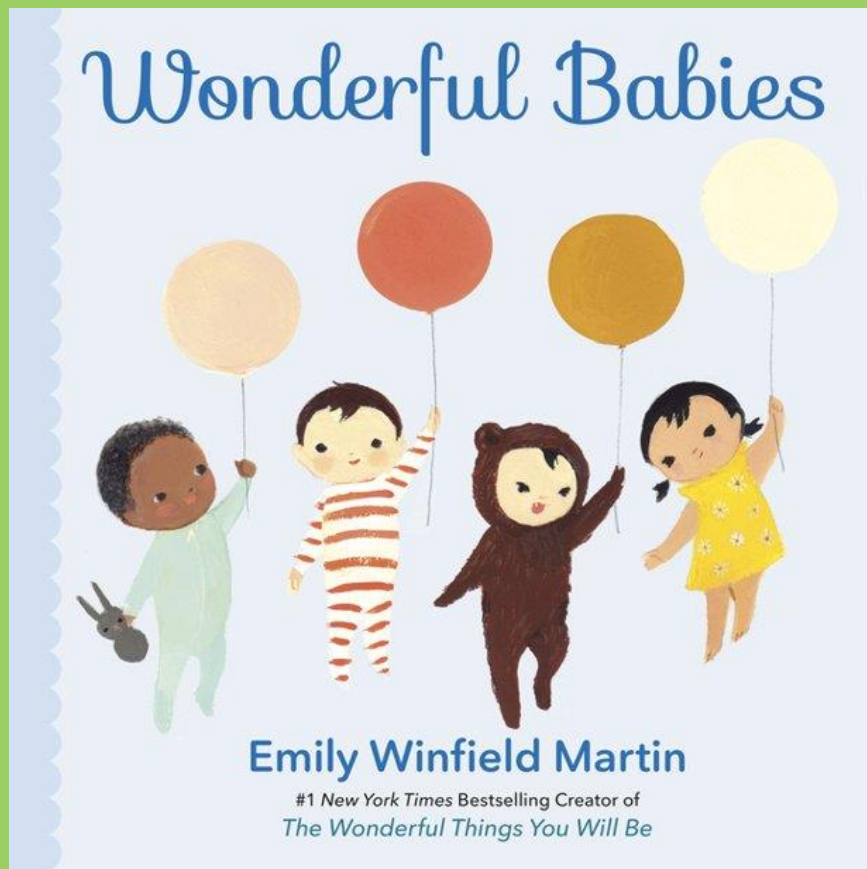
Sumana Seeboruth  
Ashleigh Corrin



## *Eso es mio! That's Mine!*

Sumana Seeboruth  
Ashleigh Corrin

Board Book  
Infant and up  
Bilingual

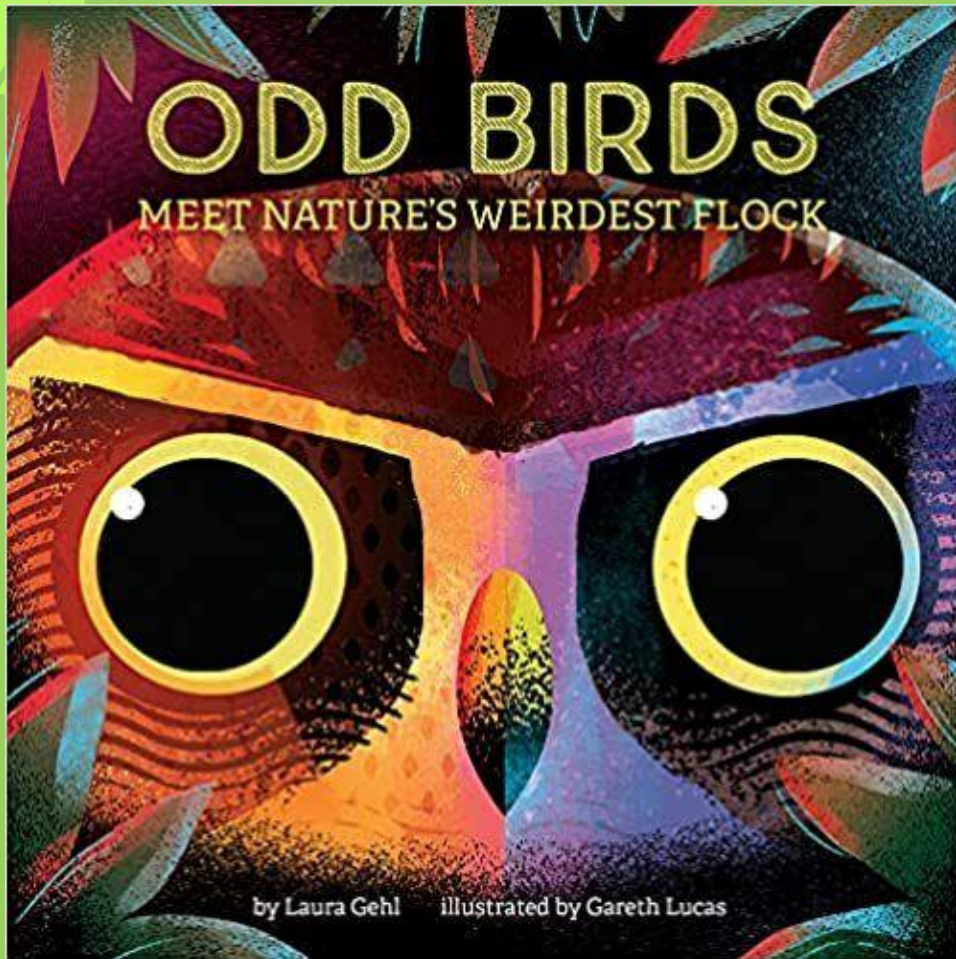


## ***Wonderful Babies***

Emily Winfield Martin

Board book  
Infant and up





# ***Odd Birds: Meet Nature's Weirdest Flock***

Laura Gehl  
Gareth Lucas

Board Book  
Infant and up



# Our ULTIMATE Faves of 2022

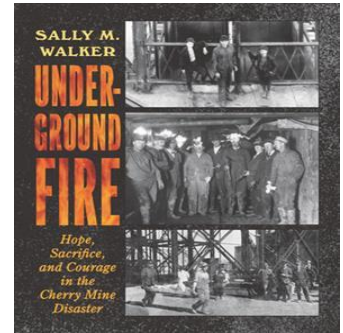
● Becca's Pick

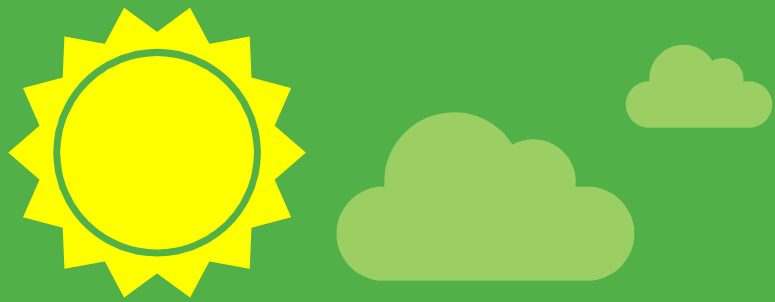


● Julie's Pick

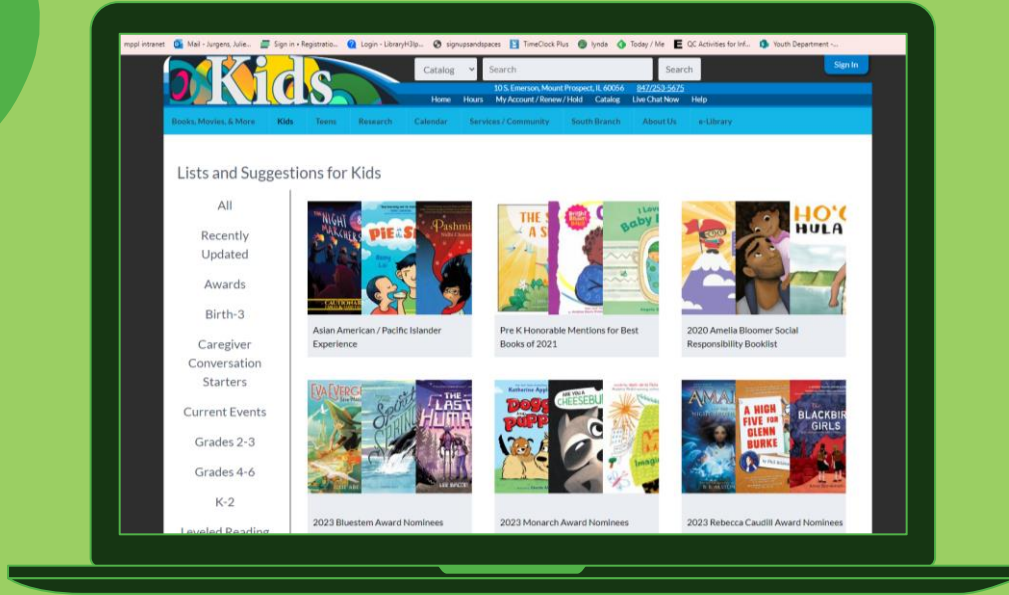


● Megan's Pick





The End.



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favorite books  
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