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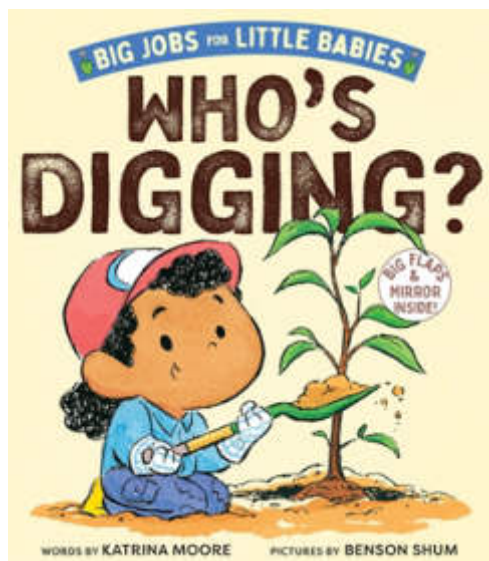
## BIG JOBS FOR LITTLE BABIES

## Who's Digging? (Big Jobs for Little Babies)

## A BOARD BOOK

● WORDS BY KATRINA MOORE; PICTURES BY BENSON SHUM

**A board book series exploring big careers based on Baby's favorite activities—in this case, digging!**



*She's digging for treasure. / Will Baby get lucky?  
What's she discovered? / It's Baby's lost . . . DUCKY!*

What do a farmer, a construction worker, a paleontologist, an arborist, and a baby have in common? They're all amazing diggers, of course!

Big Jobs for Little Babies is a board book series exploring the core basics of major careers and how they relate to a physical activity toddlers love! In *Who's Digging?* take a look into the many vocations that involve digging—from a paleontologist unearthing fossils to a garden-tending farmer! With a fun, simple rhyme, five dramatic gatefold reveals, and a high-quality mirror on the final page of this sturdy board book, *Who's Digging?* will nurture the youngest explorer's curiosity about the world and their own bright futures.



**Katrina Moore** is an author and former elementary school educator with more than 13 years of experience in classrooms across multiple states. Her mission is to create books that children will hug for ages. She is the author of the Teeny Houdini chapter book series as well as several acclaimed picture books including *The Star in You*, *Grumpy New Year*, and *Sometimes Love*. Moore lives in Georgia with her family. Connect with her online @kmoorebooks or at katrinamoorebooks.com. **Benson Shum** is an award-winning children's book author and illustrator. Among his many books for young readers is *Anzu the Great Kaiju*, an ABA Kid's Indie Next Pick and awarded for Outstanding Achievement in Social Emotional Literature by the Children's Literature Council of Southern California (CLCSC). *School Library Journal* called it "a triumph" in a starred review. Shum is also an animation supervisor at the Walt Disney Animation Studios. Originally from Vancouver, British Columbia, Shum now lives in sunny southern California. Connect with him online @bshum79 or at BensonShum.com.



## SELLING POINTS

**BOOMING CATEGORY:** The Nerdy Babies board book series continues to have strong sales, and we hope to tap into the same market of explaining concepts in simple, concise ways.

**BIG SERIES POTENTIAL:** We look forward to growing the Big Jobs for Little Babies series on our Appleseed list with a focus on other careers, such as *Who's Building?*, *Who's Swimming?*, and *Who's Counting?*

**NOVELTY FORMAT:** This sturdy board book has five gatefolds, perfect for curious, little hands, revealing what Baby is digging for, and a sturdy, high-quality mirror on the final page so readers can see themselves in the various roles explored in the book.

## SPECIFICATIONS

\* Full-color illustrations throughout  
\* 22 pages

\* WIDTH: 6 1/2" - 165mm

\* HEIGHT: 7 1/2" - 191mm

\* **Board Book**

PUB MONTH: **AUGUST 2025**

**BOARD BOOK, KIDS  
NOVELTY**

**ISBN 978-1-4197-7461-4**

US \$11.99



A JEWISH HOLIDAY CONCEPT BOOK

Hanukkah 1-2-3!: A First Counting Book (A Jewish Holiday Concept Book)

BOARD BOOKS TO CELEBRATE THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS

● BY JOY NELKIN WIEDER; ILLUSTRATED BY AURA LEWIS

Learning to count is as easy as 1, 2, 3 in this unique board book celebrating the holiday of Hanukkah!

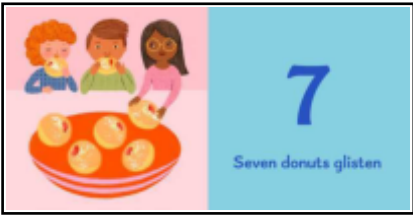
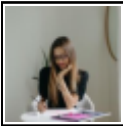


From opening one gift to lighting two menorah candles and from frying three latkes all the way to ten people singing a round, young readers will grasp how to count as they learn about the Jewish holiday Festival of Lights!

With simple but clever rhyming text paired with stylish, appealing art, this is a perfect starter board book for children just beginning to learn core concepts—and it doubles as a perfect Hanukkah gift! The book also includes an age-appropriate explanation of Hanukkah and the ways in which the holiday is celebrated.



Joy Nelkin Wieder is an author, artist, and educator. Her picture book *The Passover Mouse*, illustrated by Shahar Kober, was awarded the SCBWI PJ Library Jewish Stories Award and was chosen as a PJ Library Selection. Wieder's historical novel *The Secret Tunnel* was selected for the PJ Our Way program. When she's not writing or illustrating books for children, she might be painting landscapes or training service dogs. Wieder lives outside Boston with her husband and two cats. Learn more at [jnwieder.com](http://jnwieder.com). Aura Lewis is an illustrator, author, and designer inspired by women's history, fashion, social activism, and culture from around the world. Her books include *The Illustrated Feminist*, *Spectacular Sisters*, *Dazzling Zelda*, and *We the People*, which was a NCSS Notable Social Studies Trade Book and a California Reading Association Eureka! Nonfiction Children's Book Honoree. Lewis holds an MFA from the School of Visual Arts in New York City and currently lives near Shanghai. Learn more at [AuraLewis.com](http://AuraLewis.com).



SELLING POINTS

**RHYMING TEXT:** Wieder's uplifting, rhyming text is a delight to read aloud.

**CORE LEARNING HOOK:** The first book in a series designed for little ones just learning core concepts—such as counting to ten, identifying shapes, learning colors, and more—with a wonderful cultural twist.

JEWISH REPRESENTATION:

Hanukkah, or Chanukah, is an underrepresented holiday in the board book space. This book will help expand the market by bringing more awareness to the specific aspects of this beautiful celebration.

SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 24 pages
- \* WIDTH: 8" - 203mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8" - 203mm
- \* Board Book

PUB MONTH: SEPTEMBER 2025

BOARD BOOK, KIDS JEWISH HISTORY & CULTURE

ISBN 978-1-4197-7618-2

US \$9.99

A WE CELEBRATE BOOK

How We Love (A We Celebrate Book)

A BOARD BOOK

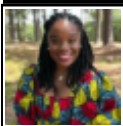
● A LITTLE FEMINIST BOOK; BY KATI DOUGLAS AND ASHLEY JEFFERSON

From the ALA Stonewall Award–winning team Little Feminist comes a gorgeous photographic board book celebrating the many ways we can express love!



Love is listening even if there's nothing to say.  
Love is working to fix things and trying another way.

From award–winning indie publisher Little Feminist comes an engaging board book celebrating all the different ways love can be shown and enjoyed between friends, between siblings, and within many kinds of families (two moms, two dads, one parent, caretaker grandparents—it's all love)!  
Bright and sturdy, *How We Love* is the perfect companion to *We Are Little Feminists: Families*, the first board book to ever win the ALA Stonewall Award. With stellar photography of real families, readers will see love in action as kids, their siblings, and their adoring adult caretakers share, listen, hug, dance, show kindness, demonstrate bravery, and step in to help their families and communities. The book also includes family discussion questions and a note for grownups on how to use this book with young children.



Little Feminist is an intersectional collective and indie publisher dedicated to creating and curating diverse, inclusive stories for young children. Their mission is to fill crucial gaps in children's literature through anti–racist, body–positive, and LGBTQI+ books. They are located in Oakland, CA. **Kati Douglas** (she/her) is an educator, literacy consultant, and photographer. She believes all people deserve to have their stories told and has the uncanny ability to authentically capture every child and family she photographs. She lives in the Bay Area. **Ashley Jefferson** (she/her) is an early childhood educator and play enthusiast that hails from Boston and currently lives near Atlanta. She is the visionary founder behind Play Plan Afrikan Kids, an initiative focused on early learning and outdoor education, and Nguzo Babies, a children's edutainment brand that uses puppetry arts for storytelling.



SELLING POINTS

**SELF–PUBLISHED SUCCESS:**  
Along with winning the ALA Stonewall Award for their board book *We Are Little Feminists: Families*, the Little Feminist box set is featured on the *New York Times*’ “28 Best Gifts for 2–Year–Olds” list. We are proud to partner with this small publisher to create more highly inclusive books based on the needs and specific requests of their extensive book club.

**DIVERSE PHOTOGRAPHY:**  
Featuring fabulous full–color photography, this unusual board book offers a rare glimpse into our wonderfully diverse communities, featuring children and families of differing abilities and ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

**TIMELESS SUBJECT:** Books on different ways to express love are always timely and relevant. This one stands out for the intentionally diverse array of family units in this book.

**HOLIDAY HOOK:** Perfect for Valentine’s Day promotions and tables!

SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Full-color photographs throughout
- \* 24 pages
- \* WIDTH: 7" - 178mm
- \* HEIGHT: 7" - 178mm
- \* **Board Book**
- PUB MONTH: **DECEMBER 2025**
- BOARD BOOK**

ISBN 978-1-4197-8014-1  
US \$9.99



# Yellow Is a Banana

A PICTURE BOOK

● BY JOHN HIMMELMAN

Are bananas yellow . . . or is yellow a banana? Learn all about yellow—and other colorful things—in this rollicking picture book from John Himmelman, author of the Bunjitsu Bunny series



That yellow is a banana. No, a banana is yellow. These purples are grapes. No, these grapes are purple! This orange is a pumpkin. No, that pumpkin is orange! And this orange is . . . orange?

With two charming siblings and a fresh, limited palette that allows each featured color to really shine, young readers will learn as they laugh in this side-splittingly funny, unique picture book. Approaching the concept of color, and the creative ways in which young children assign names to things in the world around them, with a fun, playful tone, this picture book is perfect for group or individual read-aloud story times.



**John Himmelman** is a naturalist, a martial arts instructor, and the award-winning author-illustrator of nearly 90 books for young readers, including the Bunjitsu Bunny series praised by *School Library Journal* as “Delightful . . . reminiscent of Arnold Lobel’s ‘Frog and Toad’ stories or Jon Muth’s ever-popular *Zen Shorts*.” What his books have in common is his desire to share what makes him laugh, what gives him hope, and what he wants to learn more about. Himmelman lives in Killingworth, Connecticut, with his wife, Betsy, and their menagerie of dogs, cats, and chickens.



## SELLING POINTS

**PERFECT READ-ALoud:** With a spare text and a very funny, unpredictable punchline, kids will delight in yelling alongside the increasingly exasperated sister on every page.

**PROLIFIC PROFILE:** Himmelman is the creator behind the Bunjitsu Bunny series and more than 80 picture books. Quick-witted with a bright, appealing visual style, we’re excited to add this hilarious picture book to our list and to Himmelman’s impressive repertoire.

**EDUCATIONAL:** Young readers will learn to associate colors with objects (not the other way around) and hone a big developmental skill.

## SPECIFICATIONS

\* Full-color illustrations throughout  
\* 40 pages

\* WIDTH: 8 1/2" - 216mm  
\* HEIGHT: 8 1/2" - 216mm

\* Hardcover POB

PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2025**  
**PICTURE BOOK**

**ISBN 978-1-4197-7680-9**  
US \$16.99

A MAGICAL LIST BOOK

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

A PICTURE BOOK

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

From harvesting jellybeans to practicing mega-hops, the Easter Bunny will get through his daily to-do list one item at a time in this brand-new picture book that gently teaches time management.



*Deliver treats by moonlight / Bunny Hop with gnomes*

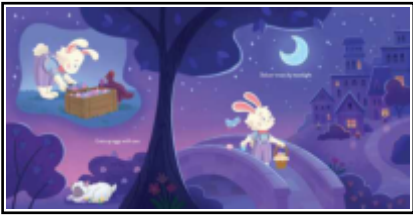
*Fill every Easter basket / Hide eggs at all the homes*

Little Bunny is very busy from morning to night—good thing he has a to-do list! From stirring pots of pastel colors to dye eggs to knitting lambswool sweaters for tiny chicks, he has many tasks to complete before bedtime. But it'll all get done; one thing at a time. And when all his tasks are finally completed, Little Bunny is rewarded with a fantastically finished list and a warm cup of parsley tea.

The textured glitter-stamped cover is so inviting that young readers will be eager to accompany Little Bunny during his very busy day, and they will be in for another sparkly surprise when they unfold a secret flap at the end of the book to see all the items in Little Bunny's to-do list checked off in glittery ink! Perfect for Easter or every-day read-alouds, *Little Bunny's To-Do List* offers a gentle lesson on the importance of organization.



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



SELLING POINTS

**CLEVER TEXT:** Sweet, relatable, and perfect to read aloud all year long, but especially at Easter!

**LIGHT EDUCATIONAL HOOK:** Highlights list-making—in the most fun way possible—which is an age-appropriate aspect of executive functioning.

**NOVELTY ELEMENTS:** The cover shines with glitter UV, and a gatefold at the end of the book flips down to reveal a completed to-do list, with each item checked off in sparkly glitter.

**SERIES POTENTIAL:** We think the Magical List series has *big* backlist potential, as it allows kids to join in the day-to-day activities of other magical characters including a witch, the Easter bunny, a Christmas elf, and many more through their funny to-do lists.

SPECIFICATIONS

\* Full-color illustrations throughout  
\* 40 pages

\* WIDTH: 8 1/2" - 216mm  
\* HEIGHT: 8 1/2" - 216mm

\* Hardcover POB

PUB MONTH: JANUARY 2026  
PICTURE BOOK

ISBN 978-1-4197-7948-0

US \$14.99

ALSO AVAILABLE

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

ISBN 978-1-4197-7895-7

US \$14.99 CAN \$18.99



A Hug Like Michelle's, a Voice Like Beyoncé's

A PICTURE BOOK

● WRITTEN BY CAROLE BOSTON WEATHERFORD; ILLUSTRATED BY SAVANNA DURR

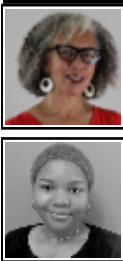
From Misty Copeland to Rosa Parks to Nina Simone, this picture book companion to *Hair Like Obama's*, *Hands Like Lebron's* is a celebration of Black history and excellence from powerhouse author Carole Boston Weatherford



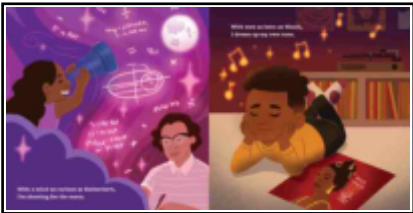
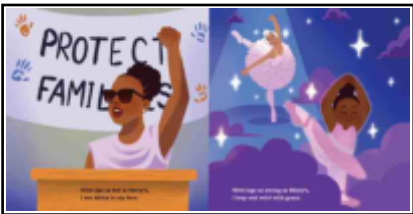
*With a voice as bold as Beyoncé's, my vocals strike a chord.*  
*With vision as clear as Oprah's, success is my reward.*  
*With arms as open as Michelle's, I'm bringing others along.*  
*With the breath of my ancestors, I'm singing a new song.*

Inspired by photographs of Michelle Obama's famously warm hugs, this is a delightful companion book to *Hair Like Obama's*, *Hands Like LeBron's*. Carole Boston Weatherford's powerful text—illuminated by Savanna Durr's accessible, jewel-toned art—is an ode to the beauty, strength, resilience, and power that all children have within them. Young readers will learn about 17 inspiring female figures, gaining confidence in their own abilities and cultural legacy as they see themselves in each one. From ballerina Misty Copeland to NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson to Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, this is a celebration of Black history and excellence.

Back matter includes an author's note and biographies of the featured figures: Simone Biles, Misty Copeland, Angela Davis, Kamala Harris, Iman, Ketanji Brown Jackson, Katherine Johnson, Beyoncé Knowles-Carter, Edna Lewis, Michelle Obama, Rosa Parks, Faith Ringgold, Nina Simone, Dawn Staley, Harriet Tubman, Kerry Washington, and Oprah Winfrey.



**Carole Boston Weatherford** is a *New York Times* bestselling author, a two-time NAACP Image Award winner, the Young People's Poet Laureate for 2025–2026, and the winner of the 2025 Children's Literature Legacy Award. She has authored more than 80 books, including nine Coretta Scott King Award winners, a Newbery Honor winner, and four Caldecott Honor winners. She now lives in Baltimore. **Savanna Durr** is an illustrator and art teacher based in Richmond, Virginia. She has spent her life being inspired by animated movies, cartoons, and children's books, and focuses on creating representation within her work so that others can look at her art and see themselves.



SELLING POINTS

**SUPERSTAR CREATOR:** Carole Boston Weatherford, the *New York Times* bestselling author and winner of multiple major book awards, focuses on Black history and experience.

REPRESENTATION MATTERS:

Shining a spotlight on Black leaders, athletes, explorers, musicians, and more, this inspirational book helps young readers realize that there is always a space for them.

**EDUCATIONAL:** Back matter includes biographies of each featured famous figure, fleshing out their accomplishments and legacy, and a touching author's note.

SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 40 pages
- \* WIDTH: 9" - 229mm
- \* HEIGHT: 9" - 229mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

PUB MONTH: OCTOBER 2025

PICTURE BOOK, KIDS  
AFRICAN AMERICAN  
HISTORY & CULTURE

ISBN 978-1-4197-7150-7  
US \$18.99

ALSO AVAILABLE

*Hair Like Obama's*, *Hands Like Lebron's*  
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## THE DESIGN STUDIO FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART!

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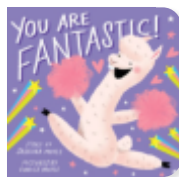
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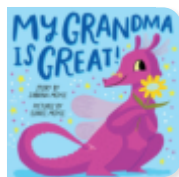
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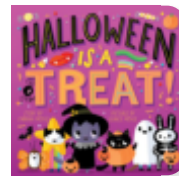
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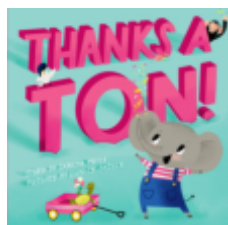


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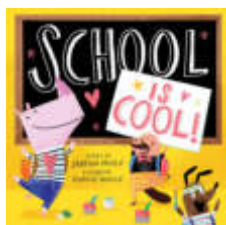
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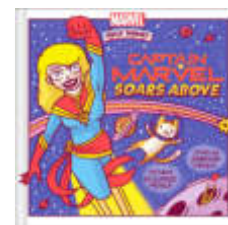
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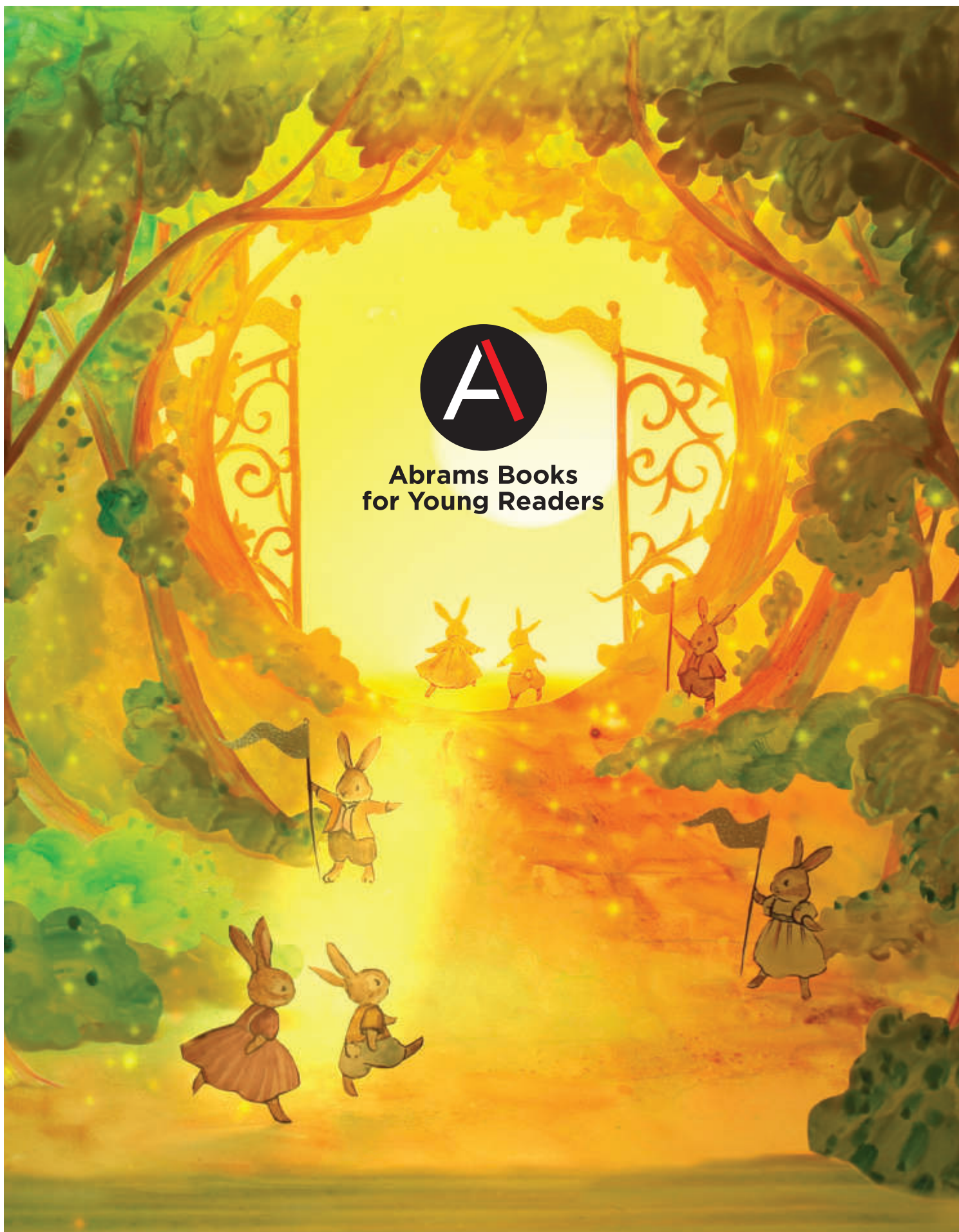
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#### PICTURE BOOKS





**Abrams Books  
for Young Readers**





## A Lost Cause

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

Where have they gone to? And who can help him now?

Relatably told from a child's point of view, this playful tale from internationally beloved author-illustrator Felicita Sala explores the secret lives of the countless little things that go missing every day.

### SPECIFICATIONS

○ Color illustrations throughout • Page Count: 48 • 216 × 203 mm • Hardcover with jacket

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## All From a Walnut



## Be a Tree



## The Hideout



## Ode to an Onion



### SPECIFICATIONS

#### *If You Run Out of Words*

- Color illustrations throughout
  - 216 × 203 mm
  - Page Count: 48
  - Hardcover with jacket
- PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2025**
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#### *Be a Tree*

- Color illustrations
  - 216 × 267 mm
  - Page Count: 40
  - Hardcover with jacket
- PUB MONTH: **MARCH 2021**
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#### *All From a Walnut*

- Color illustrations
  - 229 × 279 mm
  - Page Count: 40
  - Hardcover with jacket
- PUB MONTH: **MARCH 2022**
- RIGHTS SOLD:
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  - CHINESE SIMPLIFIED (CHINA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY)**
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  - ITALIAN (RIZZOLI)**
  - JAPANESE (HYORONSHA)**
  - SLOVENIAN (DESK)**
  - TURKISH (FIBULA)**

#### *The Hideout*

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

#### *Ode to an Onion*

- Color illustrations throughout
  - 254 × 292 mm
  - Page Count: 40
  - Hardcover with jacket
- PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2018**
- RIGHTS SOLD:
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  - ITALIAN (RIZZOLI)**
  - SPANISH (PANAMERICANA)**

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

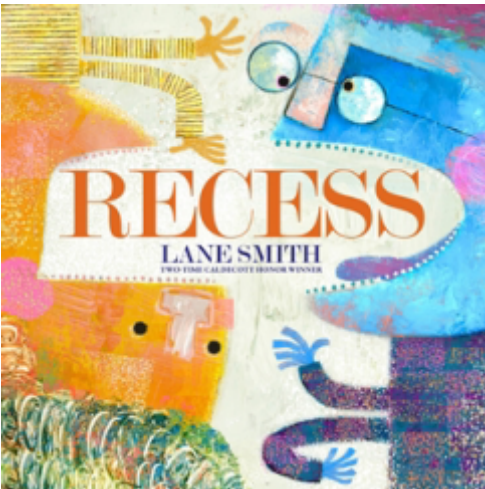


Recess

A PICTURE BOOK

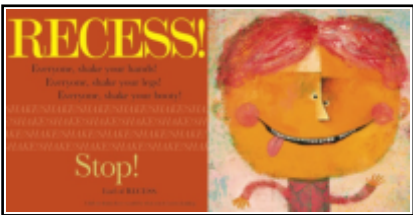
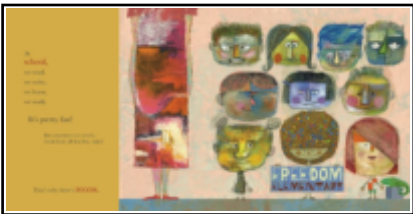
- WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY LANE SMITH

Bestselling and award-winning creator Lane Smith presents an interactive read-aLOUD that invites readers to take a break, run wild with their imaginations, and join in on some good-natured, school-sanctioned shenanigans



School is where you go to learn. It is fun.  
But sometimes you need a little break from all the fun.  
That is why there is recess.  
But what if it's not recess time?  
No problem!  
You can have a Now Recess, a Really-Need-a-Break Recess, a  
Wherever-You-Are Recess.  
It doesn't matter what you call it. Just make sure you shout it:  
**RECESS!**  
Featuring the distinctive humor and beloved art of bestselling Caldecott honoree Lane Smith, this irresistibly fun, interactive read aLOUD is the perfect stress reliever to send kids into fits of giggles and shaking out their wiggles.

**Lane Smith** is the author and illustrator of *It's a Book*, *A Stickler Christmas*, *Stickler Loves the World*, and *A Gift for Nana*, as well as *Grandpa Green*, a Caldecott Honor book. He is also known for illustrating *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales*, *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*, and *James and the Giant Peach*. He has received awards such as the Kate Greenaway Medal, Lifetime Achievement honors from the Society of Illustrators and the Eric Carle Museum, and five *New York Times* Best Illustrated Books awards. Smith and book designer Molly Leach live in rural Connecticut.



SELLING POINTS

**BIG BESTSELLER:** Smith is the illustrator behind several huge, longtime bestsellers including *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs*, *James and the Giant Peach*, and *The Stinky Cheese Man: And Other Fairly Stupid Tales*.

**MAJOR AWARD-WINNER:** Among many other awards, Smith is a two-time Caldecott honoree (for *The Stinky Cheese Man* and *Grandpa Green*) and a Kate Greenaway Medal winner.

**FRESH SCHOOL STORY:** While school-themed books are always popular, there are few picture books about many kids' favorite "subject," recess! Plus, this book can be read *any* time kids might have a little extra energy to wiggle out.

**INTERACTIVE READ-ALOUD:** The hilarious, high-energy text asks readers to make trombone sounds, air-type on an imaginary keyboard, quack like a duck, and more—before finally calming themselves back down.

**DYNAMIC DESIGN:** Featuring a diverse cast of classroom children in Smith's signature playful art style, mixed with bold, type-driven spreads (à la *The Book with No Pictures*).

SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 40 pages
- \* WIDTH: 10" - 254mm
- \* HEIGHT: 10" - 254mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

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PICTURE BOOK

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US \$19.99

# Make New Friends

## A PICTURE BOOK

- WRITTEN BY JOSHUA DAVID STEIN; ILLUSTRATED BY MARIACHIARA DI GIORGIO

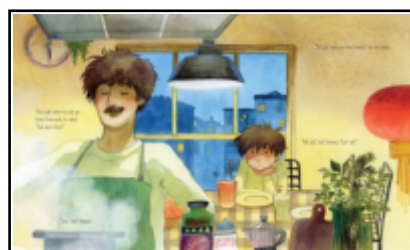
From an acclaimed team comes this empathetic and reassuring picture book about the loaded question that every “new kid” or socially anxious child dreads, “Did you make any new friends today?”



Tomasso doesn't know anyone at his new school and has no one to play with at recess. So, knowing his dad will ask, he resolves to make a few new friends. Each day his crew grows; there's Roland (a foam ball), Coco (a milk carton), and Karen (a very pink eraser). But when his dad insists on having his friends over for pizza, Tomasso knows that soon his secret will be out. Will his dad welcome his new friends, even if they're not who he expects?

Written for any child who struggles with making friends or social anxiety, and featuring warm, witty illustrations, *Make New Friends* is both silly and sincere, inviting kids to trust the unconditional love and acceptance of a parent.

**Joshua David Stein** is an author, editor, and musician. He is a professional restaurant critic and coauthor of several cookbooks and chef's memoirs as well as many children's books, including *Can I Eat That?*; *Brick: Who Found Herself in Architecture*; *The Ball Book*; *The Invisible Alphabet*; *Solitary Animals: Introverts of the Wild*; and *Lunch from Home*. He is the founder of The Band Books, a band that performs children's books to music. Stein lives in Brooklyn with his two sons, Achilles and Augustus, and a doggie, Hermione. **Mariachiara Di Giorgio** is an illustrator, storyboard artist, and concept designer. She is the illustrator behind two wordless picture books, *Professional Crocodile* with writer Giovanna Zoboli and the acclaimed *The Midnight Fair* with writer Gideon Sterer. Her work has been exhibited at the Bologna Children's Book Fair and with the New York Society of Illustrators. She lives in Rome, Italy.



## SELLING POINTS

**ACCLAIMED AUTHOR:** Stein's *Solitary Animals* was widely acclaimed, receiving a Camellia Award nomination, Bank Street and Amazon Best Book nods, and a starred review, as well as inclusion on the Texas Topaz Reading List.

**ACCLAIMED ARTIST:** Di Giorgio's *Midnight Fair* received an impressive six starred reviews; her art is equally tender and layered here.

**FATHER-SON BOND:** When Tomasso's dad finally meets his new “friends,” a moment of surprise turns into an understanding hug. The hopeful ending shows Tomasso and his dad spending time together as Tomasso lets go of his shame—with a subtle hint that maybe he'll make (human!) friends tomorrow.

**SCHOOL AND FRIENDSHIP STORY:** This “new kid at school” story is widely relatable, especially for the many young children who've struggled with social anxiety, the pressure to make friends, or adjusting to a new environment.

**SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL THEMES:** While there's no shortage of friendship stories, the vulnerability and acceptance displayed in this story, which never leans too message-heavy, will resonate with kids, parents, and educators.

## SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 40 pages
- \* WIDTH: 9" - 229mm
- \* HEIGHT: 10 1/2" - 267mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

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PICTURE BOOK

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US \$18.99

# Never Give a Baby a Library Card

A PICTURE BOOK

● WORDS BY ERIN SANDBERG; PICTURES BY TOM BOOTH

From creative team Erin Sandberg and Tom Booth comes *Never Give a Baby a Library Card*, a rhyming, rollicking picture book read-aloud about the power of books and the perfect introduction to the library for little readers—for fans of *If You Ever Want to Bring an Alligator to School, Don't!*



*"Never give a baby a library card.  
They could learn to do anything! Just think, and think hard!  
Ideas come from books, and too many of those  
can lead to big problems, as everyone knows!"*

Babies could learn how to cook; they could learn how to sew; they could learn to drive baby cars to-and-fro! From running barber shops to styling everyone in the latest diaper fashion, just think of all the chaos babies could cause if we let them loose in the library! Books can teach us anything we want to know. Can we really trust babies with that power?

This love letter to libraries from debut author Erin Sandberg and acclaimed illustrator Tom Booth offers a common sense critique of book banning and a hilarious read-aloud that kids will return to over and over again.



**Erin Sandberg** spends her days writing about public health and her nights crafting essays, short fiction, and children's stories. When she's not writing, she's probably taking a very long walk or reading about space travel. She lives in Maine with her partner, Tom Booth. **Tom Booth** is an author, illustrator, and character designer working in bookmaking and animation. Booth made his earliest marks—sometimes on his parents' antique kitchen table—growing up just outside of Philadelphia. Today, Booth lives in Portland, Maine, with his partner author Erin Sandberg, where he illustrates and designs projects for publishers and studios.



## SELLING POINTS

**ROLICKING READ-ALoud:** Written in delightful, silly rhyme, *Never Give a Baby a Library Card* will be a read-aloud favorite in classrooms and at storytime. It's the perfect introduction to the library for little readers.

**LAUGH-OUT-LOUD FUNNY:** Sandberg's hilarious text and Booth's visual humor pair perfectly to make picture book magic! Readers will want to revisit their favorite (ridiculous!) scenes.

**SOCIAL THEMES:** With book bans on the rise across the country, this picture book—though very tongue-in-cheek—offers an accessible introduction to the issue, and can be an excellent conversation starter for teachers, librarians, and caregivers.

**BOOKS ABOUT BOOKS:** Books about books are perennial favorites among librarians and booksellers. This hilarious celebration of the power of books combines with a much-needed critique of book banning to create a fresh take in this space.

## SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 40 pages
- \* WIDTH: 9" - 229mm
- \* HEIGHT: 9" - 229mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket
- PUB MONTH: OCTOBER 2025
- PICTURE BOOK

ISBN 978-1-4197-7471-3  
US \$18.99



# Time to Go, Sid!

A PICTURE BOOK

● BY ISABEL GREENBERG

A “big kid” gets ready to go all on their own—and on their own timeline—in this hilarious and quirky picture book about a child’s growing independence and imagination, from bestselling author–illustrator Isabel Greenberg

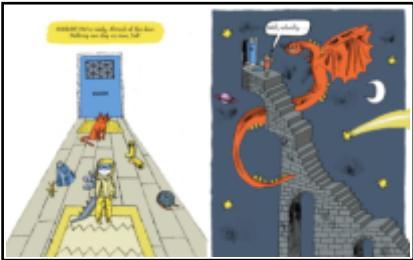
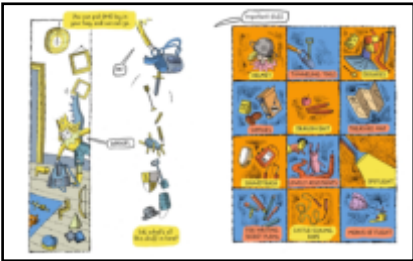


Shall we go to the park, Sid? Ready? Let's go!

It's time to go, and Sid doesn't need ANY help getting out the door. Getting dressed means highly creative outfits; eating breakfast requires elaborate contraptions; going to the bathroom is an opportunity for practicing acrobatics. And of course, Sid must pack a bag filled with all of the Important Stuff, including snacks, disguises, dragon food, a map, and several trusted assistants (i.e. stuffed animals).

Imaginatively told through a child's-eye view and full of entertaining moments that parents will relate to, this delightful picture book by Isabel Greenberg follows a headstrong child moving through their own world at their own pace, in their "I can do it myself!" phase.

Isabel Greenberg is an award-winning illustrator, comic artist, and writer. She is the author-illustrator of the picture book *The Midnight Babies*, and the illustrator of *A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars*, which has more than 60,000 copies in print, won the Mathical Book Prize, and was named a *Boston Globe* Horn Book Award honor and "best of the year" by Amazon, Space.com, and the Planetary Society. Her graphic novels, including the *New York Times* bestseller *The Encyclopedia of Early Earth*, have received starred reviews, won the Best Book Award at the British Comic Awards, and received the Jonathan Cape/Observer/Comica Graphic Short Story Prize, among other praise. Greenberg has worked with a variety of clients, including the *Guardian*, Nobrow Press, The National Trust, and the *New York Times*. She lives in London and enjoys illustrating all things historical.



## SELLING POINTS

### ACCLAIMED CREATOR:

Greenberg is a *New York Times* bestselling graphic novelist and the artist behind *Young Hag* and *the Witches' Quest* (four starred reviews) and the Tales of Great Goddesses series (*Gaia* and *Athena*, which received a starred review) on the Amulet list; and on ComicArts, the graphic novel *Glass Town*, which received two starred reviews. Of her picture book *The Midnight Babies*, Kenny Brechner wrote for *Publishers Weekly*, "a book so captivating that the fate of humanity must surely hinge squarely on its success."

### CHILDHOOD MILESTONE:

Focuses on a universal stage of childhood where independent little ones begin to express their personalities and assert themselves. Sid's parent gives them space to do things independently (sometimes with hilarious results).

**PARENT-CHILD BONDING:** In a sweet, unexpected ending, the park trip is abandoned in favor of home playtime. Instead of getting frustrated at Sid's delays, the parent joins in on the fun.

**LAUGH-OUT-LOUD:** With quirky, irreverent humor reminiscent of Kate Beaton.

**DISTINCTIVE ART:** Greenberg's playful, bold style lends extra humor and whimsy to a memorably imaginative character.

## SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 32 pages
- \* WIDTH: 8 1/2" - 216mm
- \* HEIGHT: 10 1/2" - 267mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

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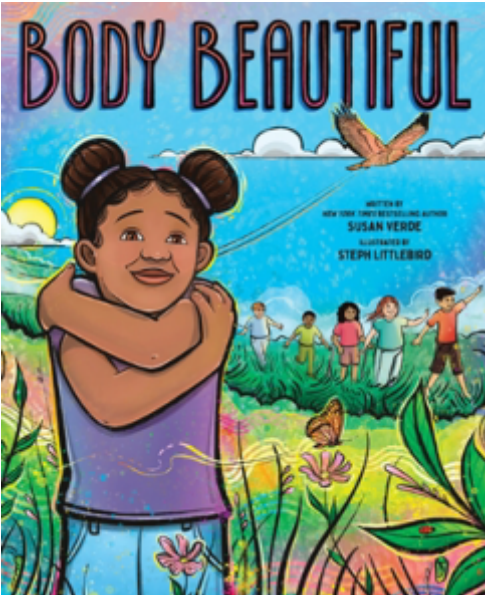
*The Midnight Babies*  
ISBN 978-1-4197-5954-3  
US \$18.99 CAN \$23.99  
UK £12.99

# Body Beautiful

A PICTURE BOOK

● WRITTEN BY SUSAN VERDE; ILLUSTRATED BY STEPH LITTLEBIRD

From award-winning creators Susan Verde and Steph Littlebird comes an empowering celebration of the strength, diversity, worthiness, and beauty of our bodies



Did you know your body is beautiful?

And not only is it beautiful—it is also unique, miraculous, wise, worthy, and 100% your own. *New York Times* bestselling author Susan Verde (the *I Am* series) and acclaimed illustrator Steph Littlebird (*My Powerful Hair*) team up to celebrate all of the beautiful things our bodies can be and do: from mirroring the wonders in nature and carrying the stories of our ancestors, to speaking up for what they need, growing, dancing and more!

With an empowering, lyrical text and bold, vibrant illustrations, *Body Beautiful* feels like a hug for every body.

**Susan Verde** is the bestselling author of *I Am Yoga*, *I Am Peace*, *I Am Human*, *I Am Love*, *I Am One*, *I Am Courage*, *I Am Me*, *Who I Am*, *I Am We*, and *The Museum*, all illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds, as well as: *Sallie Bee Writes a Thank-You Note*, cowritten with Courtney Sheinmel and illustrated by Heather Ross; the *Sensing Your World* series, illustrated by Juliana Perdomo; the *Feel-Good Fairy Tales* books, illustrated by Jay Fleck; and *Rock 'n' Roll Soul*, illustrated by Matthew Cordell. She teaches yoga and mindfulness to children and lives with her three children in East Hampton, New York. **Steph Littlebird** is an Indigenous artist, writer, curator, and a member of Oregon's Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. She is the award-winning illustrator of the picture book *My Powerful Hair*, written by Carole Lindstrom, and the chapter book *The Summer of the Bone Horses*, written by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve. She currently lives in Las Vegas, Nevada.



## SELLING POINTS

**SUPERSTAR TEAM:** Verde is a *New York Times* bestselling author whose *I Am* series has sold more than 2 million copies, while Littlebird is the illustrator of *My Powerful Hair*, which received four starred reviews. This first collaboration is a passion project for both of them.

**BODY-POSITIVE:** Readers who loved *Bodies Are Cool* will appreciate the empowering messages of self-love, self-expression, and the reminder that ALL bodies are worthy, important, and should be celebrated.

**UNIQUE FOR THE CATEGORY:** Like other body positivity-themed picture books, *Body Beautiful* showcases and affirms the diversity of our appearances. It also reaches deep, with a distinctive focus on mindfulness and our connection to nature.

**INCLUSIVE ART:** Kids will see their own bodies reflected within the diversity of body types included in Littlebird's spirited illustrations.

**BACK MATTER:** Personal notes from both author and illustrator highlight their connections to the subject and its importance to them.

## SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 40 pages
- \* WIDTH: 9" - 229mm
- \* HEIGHT: 11" - 279mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

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**PICTURE BOOK**

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## ALSO AVAILABLE

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UK £12.99

**My Powerful Hair**  
**ISBN 978-1-4197-5943-7**  
US \$18.99 CAN \$23.99  
UK £13.99

# We Are the Theater

● BY CHELSEA LIN WALLACE; ILLUSTRATED BY MOLLY IDLE

From critically acclaimed author Chelsea Lin Wallace and Caldecott Honoree Molly Idle comes *We Are the Theater*, a rhyming, rollicking picture book read-aloud that reminds us—no matter what—the show must go on!



The tickets were taken,  
the seats were packed tight.  
You could feel in the air  
it was opening night.  
But nerves had them shaking,  
the crew was askew.  
And that's when the theater—  
fell apart too.

When a group of children stumble upon an abandoned theater, they seize their chance to put on a show. They joyfully mend the curtains, build the sets, and practice their lines to perfection.

But on opening night everything goes wrong! The curtain is stuck, the costumes are torn, and everyone's more than a little nervous. It's only with the help of an unexpected hero that the kids are reminded, no matter what, the show must go on!

From the script writers to the stage managers to the stars in the spotlight, this delightful rhyming picture book is a celebration of thespians and theater lovers everywhere—and a reminder that when it comes to putting on a show there's no role too small.

**Chelsea Lin Wallace** is a children's author, poet, and former elementary school teacher with a master's in education. She is the author of *Dare to Be Daring* and *Ode to a Bad Day*, among other books for children. When she isn't busy writing for kids, she can be found cheering them on—coaching volleyball, directing musicals, and encouraging them through their ups and downs. She lives in Los Angeles, California, with her husband, her daughter, Charlee, and her dog, Lucky. Based in Tempe, Arizona, **Molly Idle** is the award-winning author and illustrator of numerous books, including the Caldecott Honor-winning *Flora and the Flamingo*. When she's not making mischief with her boys, or watching old Technicolor musicals, Idle can be found in her workshop with a pencil in one hand and a cup of espresso in the other—scribbling away on her next book!

## SELLING POINTS

### LAUGH-OUT-LOUD FUNNY:

Wallace's turns of phrase and Idle's visual humor pair perfectly to make picture book gold! Readers will want to revisit their favorite (silliest!) scenes, and theater fans will especially appreciate the Easter eggs that have been hidden just for them.

### ROLICKING READ-ALoud:

Written in a bouncy, buoyant rhyme, *We Are the Theater* will be a read-aloud favorite in classrooms and at storytime. It is sure to delight listeners for read after read.

### SUPERSTAR ILLUSTRATOR:

Idle is a force in the children's book world. She's a *New York Times* bestselling creator and won a Caldecott Honor for *Flora and the Flamingo*. Her books have found a place on numerous best book lists, and she boasts a constellation of starred reviews.

### RISING STAR AUTHOR:

Wallace's much-anticipated *Dare to Be Daring* was published this summer and has been lauded with an Amazon Best of the Month pick and a starred review from Kirkus. Her *Ode to a Bad Day* was named a Boston Globe-Horn Book Award honoree.

**EVERGREEN THEMES:** At its core, *We Are the Theater* celebrates creativity, teamwork, and resilience—perennial themes for the picture book set and their caretakers.

## SPECIFICATIONS

\* Full-color illustrations throughout  
\* 40 pages

\* WIDTH: 8 1/2" - 216mm

\* HEIGHT: 10 1/2" - 191mm

\* Hardcover with jacket

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PICTURE BOOK

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## ALSO AVAILABLE

*Dare to Be Daring*  
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US \$18.99 CAN \$23.99  
UK £13.99



The Bunny Ballet

A PICTURE BOOK

- WRITTEN BY NORA ERICSON; ILLUSTRATED BY ELLY MACKAY

Prepare to be dazzled from your whiskers to your paws! From Nora Ericson and Elly MacKay, the creators of the award-winning picture book *Too Early*, comes a showstopping performance with precious performers, perfect for animal and dance lovers everywhere



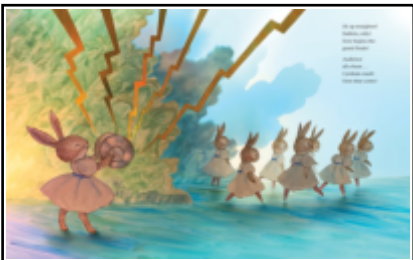
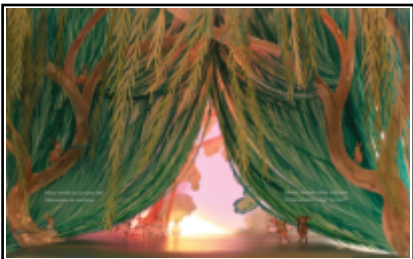
Doors are closing, lights are dimming. Strings are singing, it's beginning.

Hop on in, take your seat, and watch the curtains rise on the Bunny Ballet! When a brother and sister stumble upon an extraordinary woodland show, they're introduced to the magic of dance. Noses twitch, whiskers quiver, and graceful bunnies leap and soar across the stage as the audience sits on the edge of their seats.

Nora Ericson and Elly MacKay's enchanting picture book full of fluffy plies, grand jetés, and perfect bunny pirouettes is the ultimate read-aloud for dancers and dreamers of all ages and species.

Also Available from Nora Ericson and Elly MacKay:  
*Too Early*

**Nora Ericson** studied painting at Yale University and writing for children at Vermont College of Fine Arts. Originally from central New York, she now lives in Portland, Oregon, with two kids, two dogs, and two cats. Besides reading and writing, she loves cooking, tromping in the woods, and whittling spoons while daydreaming of her future miniature donkey farm. She's also the author of *Too Early*, *Dill & Bizzy: An Odd Duck and a Strange Bird*, and *Dill & Bizzy: Opposite Day*. **Elly MacKay** is an internationally recognized paper artist and children's book creator. She is the illustrator of the picture book *Too Early* and *The Enchanted Symphony*, written by Julie Andrews and Emma Walton Hamilton, as well as the author-illustrator of *Red Sky at Night*, *If You Hold a Seed*, and *Butterfly Park*, among others. The distinctive three-dimensional quality in her works is made by setting up layers of painted paper in a miniature theater. She lights the scene and photographs it to create her unique illustrations. MacKay lives in Owen Sound, Ontario, with her family.



SELLING POINTS

**ACCLAIMED DUO:** Ericson and MacKay's first collaboration, *Too Early*, received a Margaret Wise Brown Honor; ALA Notable, Bank Street "Best," and Amazon Editor's Pick nods; and four starred reviews.

**POPULAR SUBJECTS:** Bunnies are perennial favorite animals, and ballet is a common kid-favorite activity. Together, as the popular *Ballet Bunnies* chapter book series has proven (with nearly 130,000 copies sold), these evergreen topics make a winning mashup.

**ENCHANTING ART:** Beatrix Potter meets Degas' dancers in MacKay's warm, glowing illustrations, made from expertly lit dioramas that add an extra touch of magic and welcome children into the bunnies' dreamy woodland world.

**READ-ALoud APPEAL:** Through her descriptive rhythm and lyrical rhymes, Ericson's text ensures this title will become a bedtime (and other-time) favorite.

**GIFTABLE NEW CLASSIC:** This gorgeous book with a foil-stamped, decorative package, has all the makings of a new classic. A perfect gift for any special day (and with the bunny content, can be re-promoted at Easter!).

SPECIFICATIONS

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

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ALSO AVAILABLE

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US \$18.99 CAN \$23.99  
UK £13.99

# The Wishing Leaf

THE PERFECT PICTURE BOOK READ-ALOUD FOR FALL AND WINTER

● WRITTEN BY KALLIE GEORGE; ILLUSTRATED BY PAOLA ZAKIMI

As the seasons change from fall to winter, Bear eagerly waits for the last leaf to fall so that he can make a wish in this charming and cozy picture book from author Kallie George and illustrator Paola Zakimi

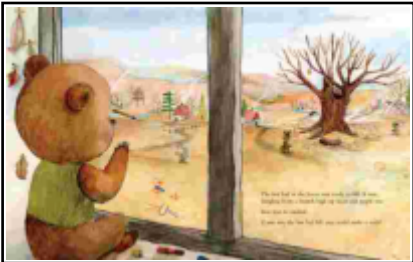


Bear knows that when the last leaf falls in the forest, whatever wish you make is sure to come true! Although it's almost time to sleep, Mama allows Bear to watch and wait with his friends.

But it seems like the leaf is never going to fall, so one by one, the other animals grow impatient and start to head home. Bear, however, finds active ways to wait, all the while wondering what to wish for—until finally, he's the only one left, and he's growing tired. Will Bear see the last leaf fall? And if so, what wish will he make?

A story of patience, friendship, and awe, *The Wishing Leaf* is a picture book full of wonder for the changing seasons, with a perfectly cozy ending.

**Kallie George** is an author, editor, and creative writing teacher living in Vancouver, British Columbia. She has written acclaimed books for children, including *The Lost Gift*; *Secrets I Know*; *Duck, Duck, Dinosaur*, and *The Melancholic Mermaid*, as well as The Magical Animal Adoption Agency series and The Heartwood Hotel series. She has also taught writing workshops for children and adults across Canada, as well as in South Korea, and she currently teaches at Emily Carr University. **Paola Zakimi** spent her childhood in cold Patagonia, Argentina. She studied arts and graphic design in Buenos Aires before moving to Villa Giardino, Cordoba, where she resides today. She is the illustrator of Estelle Laure's *Before the World Wakes*, Meg Fleming's *Here Comes Ocean*, Jacqueline Veissid's *Ruby's Sword*, as well as Newbery Medalist Cynthia Voigt's *Teddy & Co.*, among other picture books.



## SELLING POINTS

### STRONG AUTHOR TRACK:

George's chapter book series with a similarly heartwarming feel and animal focus, the Heartwood Hotel books, have sold more than 140,000 copies combined.

### NEW SEASONAL FAVORITE:

We can see this warm—and-cozy picture book landing on seasonal round-ups and gift tables throughout the fall and winter, and enjoying a long backlist life.

### GENTLE BEDTIME STORY:

After the last leaf falls, a sleepy little Bear snuggles up to Mama who brings him home and tucks him into bed.

### CLASSIC ART:

With sweet, gentle illustrations full of adorable animal characters, Zakimi's art, which has received several starred reviews, is reminiscent of Renata Liwska's (*The Quiet Book*).

### TIMELESS THEMES:

Encourages kids to pay close attention to the natural world, appreciate the smallest wonders, enjoy experiences with friends, and practice patience.

## SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 40 pages
- \* WIDTH: 8" - 203mm
- \* HEIGHT: 10" - 254mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

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PICTURE BOOK

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US \$18.99

# Ren's Pencil

A PICTURE BOOK

● WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY BO LU

A beautifully illustrated tale of immigration and imagination, about the struggle to fit into a new place, make new friends, and see yourself in new stories—from Bo Lu, Ezra Jack Keats Illustrator Honor–winning creator of *Bao's Doll*



When her family moves to a new country, Ren is heartbroken to leave Popo and her magical stories behind. In her new home, nothing feels familiar—until Ren discovers that, with her pencil, she can bring to life what she can't find the words to say. Through drawing, she bridges the gap between her two worlds and transforms her loneliness into a meaningful connection.

Inspired by the childhood experiences of award-winning author-illustrator Bo Lu, this heartfelt picture book is a celebration of resilience, friendship, and finding a sense of belonging through art and storytelling.

**Bo Lu** moved from the bustling streets of Taipei to the quiet suburbs of Kansas as a little girl, knowing just three English words: *Apple, Banana,* and *so-so*. Before she could express herself in English, her drawings became the bridge between her two worlds. She now lives in San Mateo with her husband and their two daughters. Her debut book, *Bao's Doll*, won an Ezra Jack Keats Illustrator Honor and tells the story of a girl who, after stealing a doll, creates one that ultimately becomes the bridge connecting her and her immigrant mother.



## SELLING POINTS

**GROWING PROFILE:** Lu's debut was praised as "a resonant debut" and "an immigrant story that heals wounds present and past" in trade reviews. Like *Bao's Doll*, this book tackles big feelings and complicated topics beautifully while centering the child reader.

**HAROLD VIBES:** Ren's pencil allows her to explore her dreams and imagination and express who she is, in a nuanced modern twist on *Harold and the Purple Crayon*.

**ASIAN-AMERICAN IMMIGRANT STORY:** Ren struggles to settle into life in the United States and longs to return to her old home before making a new friend. These themes can speak to many immigrant children in the US—and are deeply personal for Lu, who struggled with moving from Taipei to Kansas as a young girl. As proven by the massive success of titles like *Eyes that Kiss in the Corners*, books that feature Asian American protagonists and show cultural pride are very much in demand.

**AWESOME ILLUSTRATIONS:** Lu's illustrations are cool and inviting, seamlessly blending the real and the imaginary through Ren's eyes. Lu's style here takes a touch of inspiration from funky art of the sixties and seventies, like Milton Glaser's posters and Sendak's *In the Night Kitchen*, resulting in a very unique book.

## SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 40 pages
- \* WIDTH: 8 1/2" - 216mm
- \* HEIGHT: 10 3/4" - 273mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

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PICTURE BOOK

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US \$18.99

## ALSO AVAILABLE

*Bao's Doll*  
ISBN 978-1-4197-6921-4  
US \$18.99 CAN \$23.99  
UK £13.99



# Fall Is for Beginnings

A PICTURE BOOK

● WRITTEN BY RAJANI LARocca; ILLUSTRATED BY ABHI ALWAR

From Newbery Honor author Rajani LaRocca and critically acclaimed illustrator Abhi Alwar, an authentic celebration of friendship and finding your place in this back-to-school picture book and follow up to *Summer Is for Cousins*



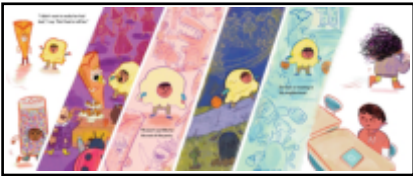
For Ravi, fall means cool weather, new school supplies, and spending time with his best friend Joe. But when a new girl named Ellie joins their class, Ravi and Joe's duo suddenly becomes a trio. Ravi's not so sure about Ellie—she plays her horn too loud in music lessons and gets them lost on the way to class. Worst of all, she keeps saying she's Joe and Ravi's best friend.

All these big changes are challenging for Ravi, but with time—and a little help from his wise older sister—he realizes that fall is the perfect time to begin a new friendship.

From Newbery Honor author Rajani LaRocca and acclaimed artist Abhi Alwar comes an authentic celebration of friendships—both new and old—in this heartfelt companion to the beloved *Summer Is for Cousins*.



**Rajani LaRocca** is a physician and an author of books for young readers, such as *Summer Is for Cousins*, *Midsummer's Mayhem*, and *Seven Golden Rings*. She won a Newbery Honor in 2022 for her novel *Red, White, and Whole*. She was born in Bangalore, India, and immigrated to the United States when she was very young. She now lives in eastern Massachusetts with her family. You can find her online at [rajanilarocca.com](http://rajanilarocca.com). **Abhi Alwar** is an Indian American illustrator and designer based in New York City. She is the illustrator of *Summer Is for Cousins* and *Hamsters Make Terrible Roommates*.



## SELLING POINTS

### AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR:

LaRocca's work is consistently well reviewed, and she received a Newbery Honor in 2022 for her middle-grade novel-in-verse *Red, White, and Whole*.

### STAR-STUDED COMPANION:

LaRocca and Alwar's first collaboration, *Summer is for Cousins*, received three starred reviews, was named to multiple best books lists, and has sold more than 13,000 copies. This charming follow up expands Ravi's world while still remaining accessible to new readers.

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL RULES:

Back-to-school picture books are in high demand, as evidenced by the strong sales of Abrams' own *School is Cool!* (*A Hello! Lucky Book*) and *Mae's First Day Of School*. We think this heartwarming friendship story is the perfect addition to back-to-school favorites.

### TIMELESS THEMES:

Picture books about friendship are perennially popular, and Ravi's complicated feelings about making a new friend will be relatable to many kids who have struggled to find their place within their community.

## SPECIFICATIONS

\* Full-color illustrations throughout  
\* 40 pages

\* WIDTH: 10 1/2" - 267mm

\* HEIGHT: 8 1/2" - 216mm

\* Hardcover with jacket

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PICTURE BOOK

ISBN 978-1-4197-7740-0

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## ALSO AVAILABLE

*Summer Is for Cousins*

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US \$17.99 CAN \$22.99

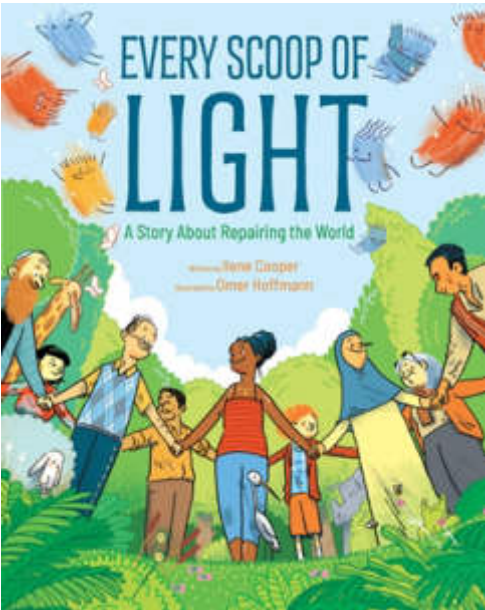
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# Every Scoop of Light

A STORY ABOUT REPAIRING THE WORLD

● WRITTEN BY ILENE COOPER; ILLUSTRATED BY OMER HOFFMANN

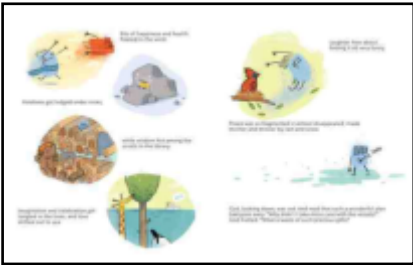
**Ilene Cooper creates a companion to her bestselling book *The Golden Rule* in this timely and universal creation story about “repairing the world” that will resonate with people across diverse religious and spiritual backgrounds**



After creating the heavens and earth, the plants and animals, and then humans, God decides to give humans wonderful gifts such as happiness and health. Wisdom and kindness. Love and laughter. Imagination and celebration. Peace. Serene, soothing Peace. However, in God's eagerness to share the gifts, God places them in clay vessels that easily break. The wind soon scatters the gifts around the earth. And so God asks the humans to gather them. And to this day that is what humans try to do.

To create a universal message, Omer Hoffmann depicts God as brilliant colors and the humans are from many places and cultures around the world. This story will resonate with all people no matter their religion or culture. It is inspired by the Jewish concept of Tikkun Olam—Hebrew for “repairing the world”—that encourages and instructs people to make the world a better place, similar to the Golden Rule. From author Ilene Cooper and illustrator Omer Hoffmann, this acclaimed team brings to life a universal message: that each of us can do our part through kindness, charity, helpfulness, and social action to bring about change.

**Ilene Cooper** was the children’s books editor at *Booklist* for many years. She is the award-winning writer of many acclaimed children’s books, including *Jewish Holidays All Year Round*, *The Golden Rule*, *A Woman in the House (and Senate)*, and *Eleanor Roosevelt, Fighter for Justice*. She lives in Highland Park, Illinois. **Omer Hoffmann** is an illustrator and comics artist. He has illustrated numerous published children’s books, comics, advertisement campaigns, and editorials. He likes drawing funny and humorous pieces. He also likes coffee. He lives in Givatayim, Israel, with his wife, Maia, and their daughter, Zoe, and son, Lenny.



## SELLING POINTS

**AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR:** Among many other honors and starred reviews, Cooper’s accolades include the National Jewish Book Award, the Orbis Pictus Award, and the Illinois Reading Council Prairie State Award for Excellence in Writing for Children. Her *Absolutely Lucy* series has sold more than 300,000 copies.

**ACCLAIMED ARTIST:** Hoffman is the illustrator of *Hanukkah Upside Down*, which earned a Sydney Taylor Honor, a *School Library Journal* Best Picture Book, and a starred review.

**CATEGORY TRACK:** This book serves as a companion of sorts to *The Golden Rule* and is in the same vein as other parable-esque picture books like *Go and Do Likewise!* and *Miracle Man*, as well as gifty, inspirational titles such as the Growing Hearts series.

**UNIVERSAL STORY:** Charity, kindness, working together, and protesting injustice are themes that anyone can relate to, a message highlighted by the diverse, global community depicted in the art.

**BACK MATTER:** The author note provides context around the Jewish concept of Tikkun Olam, an inspiration behind this book, as well as influences from Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, and other religions.

## SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 40 pages
- \* WIDTH: 8" - 203mm
- \* HEIGHT: 10" - 254mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

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**PICTURE BOOK, KIDS  
JEWISH HISTORY &  
CULTURE**

**ISBN 978-1-4197-6421-9**  
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## ALSO AVAILABLE

***The Golden Rule***  
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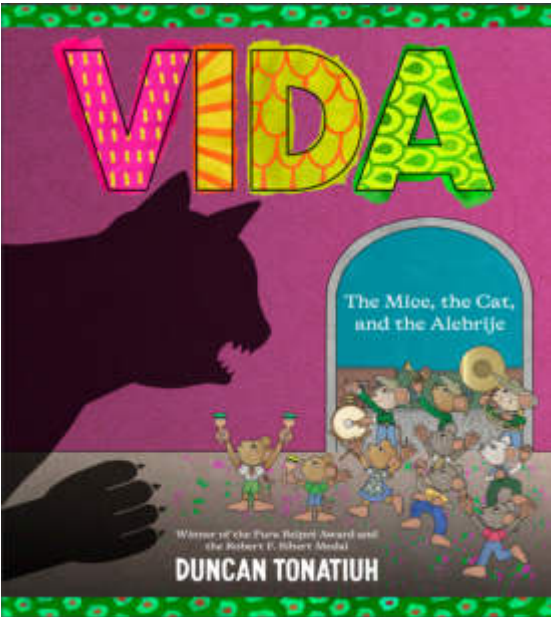


Vida

THE MICE, THE CAT, AND THE ALEBRIJE

● BY DUNCAN TONATIUH

From Sibert Award– and Pura Belpré Medal–winning creator Duncan Tonatiuh comes a highly original fable inspired by Mexican folk art



The city of Mousetepec is a lively place filled with color, music, and alegría (joy). But everything changes one night when the shadow of un gato appears, growing larger and larger until it looms over the whole city. Fiestas are cancelled and the mercado empties as the cat terrorizes the townsfolk.

To save their town, two little mouse siblings—Vida and her brother, Máximo—make a brave plan to scare away the cat after a bright, fantastical creature called an alebrije appears to them in a dream.

Acclaimed author–illustrator Duncan Tonatiuh presents this imaginative fable that will encourage young readers to confront any “shadows” they may face in their lives with a spirit of courage and alegría.

**Includes a note on alebrijes, the inspiration behind this fable, glossary, pronunciation guide, and bibliography**

**Also available in Spanish**

**Duncan Tonatiuh** is an award–winning author–illustrator whose accolades include: a Pura Belpré Medal and multiple Honors, the Robert F. Sibert Medal, the Tomás Rivera Mexican American Children’s Book Award, the Américas Award, the Jane Addams Children’s Book Award, and multiple Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List selections and *New York Times* Best Illustrated mentions. Both Mexican and American, Tonatiuh aims to create images and stories that honor the past but are still relevant to people today, especially children. He grew up in and currently lives in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, with his wife and children, but travels to the United States often.



SELLING POINTS

ACCLAIMED

AUTHOR–ILLUSTRATOR:

Tonatiuh’s books have received many accolades, including the Sibert Award and multiple Pura Belpré Medals and Honors.

STRONG SALES TRACK:

Tonatiuh’s books consistently backlist well, selling more than 750,000 copies combined.

MEXICAN CULTURE AND

**HISTORY:** Created by Pedro Linares and adopted by artists like Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo, alebrijes—brightly colored, symbolic sculptures of fantastical creatures—are now featured in museums and galleries around the world. Seen in the Disney film *Coco* and in *Alebrijes*, Donna Barba Higuera’s Pura Belpré Honor–winning middle–grade novel, their popularity continues to grow.

**HOPEFUL MESSAGE:** Tonatiuh uses alebrijes to represent life, joy, and solidarity—powerful ways for people to cope with the darker aspects of life.

SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 48 pages
- \* WIDTH: 9" - 229mm
- \* HEIGHT: 10" - 254mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

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**PICTURE BOOK**

ISBN 978-1-4197-6459-2  
US \$18.99

# Spooky Lakes Coloring Book

● WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY GEO RUTHERFORD

Explore weird and wild waters around the world—if you dare—in this coloring book from TikTok star and educator Geo Rutherford, creator of the *New York Times* bestselling book *Spooky Lakes*



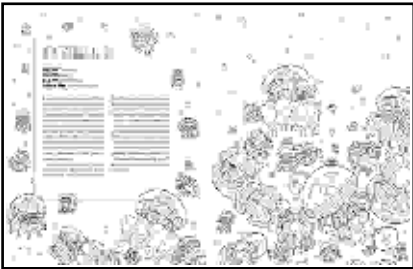
Dive into the science of hydrology and uncover the mystery of what lies beneath the surface of 35 lakes found around the world. *Spooky Lakes Coloring Book* features 25 black-and-white drawings based on the *New York Times* bestselling book, and 10 all-new drawings of lakes to discover. Whether you're coloring for pleasure or delving into the strange phenomena of Earth's most mysterious waters, this book is a must-have for spooky lovers of all ages.

**As a bonus, the book features a pull-out, oversized poster to color!**

Also available:  
*Spooky Lakes*



**Geo Rutherford** is a working artist, illustrator, writer, and the creator of the hit TikTok series Spooky Lake Month. She is an adjunct lecturer at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, and in the summer, the art director at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. Geo lives on the shore of a spooky lake in Wisconsin with her dog, Padfoot.



## SELLING POINTS

**INSTANT BESTSELLER:** *Spooky Lakes* has appeared on the *New York Times*, Indiebound, *Publisher's Weekly*, and *USA Today* bestseller lists!

## EVERGREEN CATEGORY:

Rutherford's gorgeous and intricately detailed nature scenes are perfectly suited for a high-end coloring book. The paperback includes flaps, art on the inside cover, and a tear-out poster for maximum gift appeal.

**MAJOR PROGRAM:** There's new content for *Spooky Lakes* fans to look forward to each year, with *Spooky Rivers* and *Spooky Seas* rounding out the Haunted Hydrology trilogy in fall 2026 and fall 2028, as well as a second activity book in fall 2027.

**SPOOKY LAKE MONTH:** Every day for the month of October, the author highlights the fascinating and ghastly history behind a different "spooky lake." Across TikTok and Instagram, these videos have more than 65 million likes.

**TIKTOK STAR:** The creator of the hit series Spooky Lake Month, Rutherford herself has over 1.8 million TikTok followers (@geodesaurus, plus another 600,000 on Instagram). Featuring over 80 percent new content, this book will attract both longtime fans and new audiences.

**SPOOKY + STEM:** With a spooky-light feel and an environmental focus, Rutherford knows how to captivate kids while encouraging them to engage with science.

## SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Black-and-white illustrations throughout
- \* 96 pages
- \* WIDTH: 8 1/4" - 210mm
- \* HEIGHT: 10 1/2" - 267mm
- \* Paperback with flaps

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**PUZZLES, COLORING, AND  
ACTIVITY BOOKS**

**ISBN 978-1-4197-8410-1**

US \$15.99

# Howdy! Welcome to the Grand Ole Opry!

A PICTURE BOOK

- WRITTEN BY EMILY FRANS; ILLUSTRATED BY SUSANNA CHAPMAN; FOREWORD BY LAINEY WILSON

Celebrating 100 years of the Grand Ole Opry, this vibrantly illustrated picture book for children is a behind-the-scenes look at the world-renowned stage for country music



Also includes quotes from contemporary performers telling about their first time on the Opry stage!

*Howdy! I'm the home of country music. On my famous stage, history is made and stars are born. Do you like to sing and play an instrument? Do you like to dance or make people laugh? Well, this is the place to do it!*

Get ready for your Grand Ole Opry debut in this showstopping picture book featuring the most famous stage in country music! After receiving your backstage pass, you'll take a tour behind the scenes, spruce up your costume in the dressing room, and warm up with the band. And when the curtain starts to rise—it'll be time to start the show! And you're on center stage! Filled with fun, dazzling illustrations and photos of celebrated performers from yesterday and today, this official picture book from the Grand Ole Opry will inspire all readers both young and old.

**The Grand Ole Opry** features today's country music stars, superstars, and rising stars all on one stage, every week in Nashville, Tennessee—Music City, USA. Their world-famous show is where aspiring stars dream of playing and music lovers connect with their favorite artists up close. From the radio show that made it famous in 1925 to the cultural landmark and global phenomenon it is today, the Opry is country's biggest stage. **Emily Frans** is the Director of Archives and Content for Opry Entertainment Group and has been passionate about music for as long as she can remember. Growing up in Mesquite, Texas, her love for country music ignited a deep curiosity about its people and history, which led to countless hours reading books on the subject and dreaming of moving to Nashville. While studying music business and public relations at Middle Tennessee State University, Emily landed her dream job at the Grand Ole Opry. She lives in Brentwood, Tennessee, with her husband, Scott, their two daughters, Harper and Evie, and their dogs, Minnie and Rosie, and cat, Olive. **Susanna Chapman** is an illustrator, muralist, and designer. Her illustrated picture books include *Covered in Color: Christo and Jeanne-Claude's Fabrics of Freedom*, which *Kirkus* called "A gem of a biography!" in a starred review, and *Dragonflies of Glass: The Story of Clara Driscoll and the Tiffany Girls*. She lives in Nashville, Tennessee.



SELLING POINTS

**GREAT SALES TRACK:** A cultural institution, the Opry has sold 90,000 copies of their self-published 90th anniversary book in their store alone.

**YEARLONG CELEBRATION:** The Opry has plans to promote and market their 100th anniversary all year in 2025, with a massive media campaign dedicated to promoting the anniversary, of which the book will be a centerpiece. This includes major TV broadcasts, radio, live events, and print media coverage.

**FOREWORD:** Grammy Award winner and Opry member Lainey Wilson tells of her first appearance on the Opry stage.

**ROBUST PROGRAM:** In addition to *Howdy! Welcome to the Grand Ole Opry*, Abrams publishes an adult book in spring 2025, *100 Years of the Grand Ole Opry*, which has extensive marketing and publicity efforts and big-name celebrities supporting the book, as well as calendars.

**MIXED MEDIA:** Archival photographs of famous Opry members are collaged throughout Chapman's colorful and lively illustrations.

**FUN STORYTELLING:** In the vein of picture books like *The Philharmonic Gets Dressed* or *School's First Day of School*, the Opry itself is personified here, speaking directly to readers and guiding them through a backstage tour.

SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 32 pages
- \* WIDTH: 10" - 254mm
- \* HEIGHT: 10" - 254mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

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**PICTURE BOOK**

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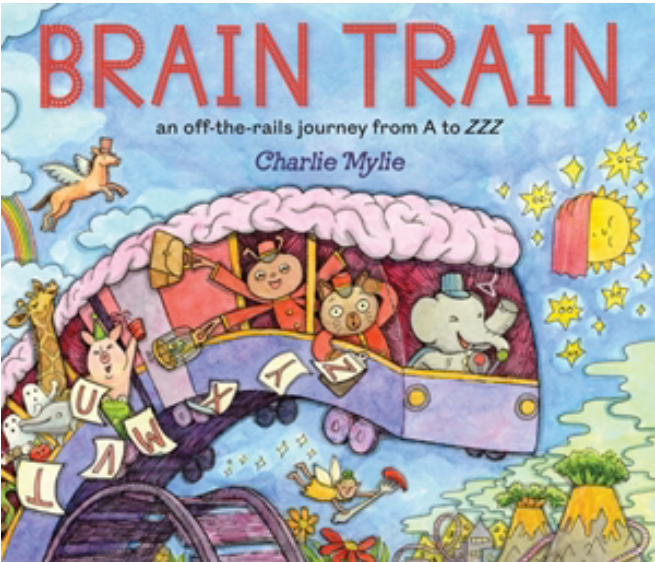


# Brain Train

AN OFF-THE-RAILS JOURNEY FROM A TO ZZZ

● BY CHARLIE MYLIE

For fans of *P Is for Pterodactyl*, this groundbreaking alphabet picture book from rising star Charlie Mylie is chock-full of letter shape seek-and-finds and other literacy-building twist and turns that will keep readers coming back for more



All aboard the brain train! The conductor has mapped out a smooth route from A to Z, but when the train goes off the tracks, the whole alphabet goes off the rails! What's I doing next to G? Shouldn't Q come before R? Does anyone know how to get out of O?

The train has to fly through the fog at F, slip past sea creatures at S, and hitch a ride with the horned horses at H if they want to make it safely to the memory palace. Written to reinforce readers' literacy building blocks, this totally twisted take on the ABCs is both a joy to read and a tool for new readers.

With seek-and-find elements on every page, kids and caregivers are sure to return to this hilarious alphabet book over and over again.



**Charlie Mylie** is an author and illustrator living the dream in Kansas City, Kansas. It's only occurring to him now that his interdisciplinary art degree from Kansas City Art Institute might have actually helped in making children's books. His wife and preschooler, however, have had a significant, obvious impact on his work and life, while the cat has contributed nothing. Mylie wants to keep exploring, for as long as he is allowed, how words and pictures-together-help us making sense of this confounding world.



## SELLING POINTS

**RIISING STAR CREATOR:** Mylie's picture books are well-received, and he innovates his style with every new title. *We Might See* was called "a vivid, child's-eye view of the world" by *Kirkus*, and his latest book, *Hello Day*, received a starred review from *Publishers Weekly*.

**EYE-CATCHING PACKAGE:** Bold colors and pages overflowing with seek-and-find illustrations make up the lively, energetic artwork for this picture book. *Brain Train* is sure to make an impact on bookstore tables.

**LITERACY BUILDER:** Written with lots of alliteration and letter repetition, this lively read mimics the way kids learn to recognize letters, words, and sounds. It's the perfect building block for everyone from little ones learning their letter shapes to emerging readers building words and caretakers who are along for the ride.

**ELEVATED SEEK-AND-FIND:** On each page, readers can pore over the illustration to find the appropriate letter shape hidden in the artwork. Close readers will also notice objects whose names start with that letter in the illustration. Back matter will include an author's note about literacy building as well as an answer key.

## SPECIFICATIONS

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- \* 48 pages
- \* WIDTH: 10" - 254mm
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- \* Hardcover with jacket
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## ALSO AVAILABLE

- We Might See**  
**ISBN 978-1-4197-5894-2**  
US \$14.99 CAN \$18.99  
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- Hello Day**  
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## SPECIFICATIONS

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- 203 × 203 mm
- Page Count: 32

## ○ Hardcover with jacket

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*Who I Am*

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*I Am Courage*

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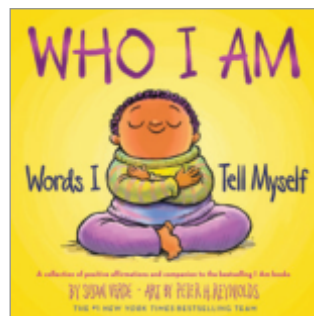
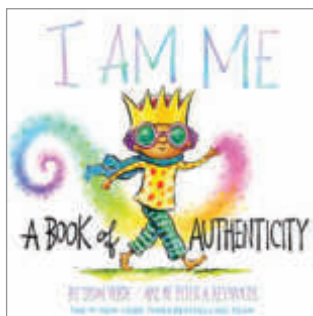
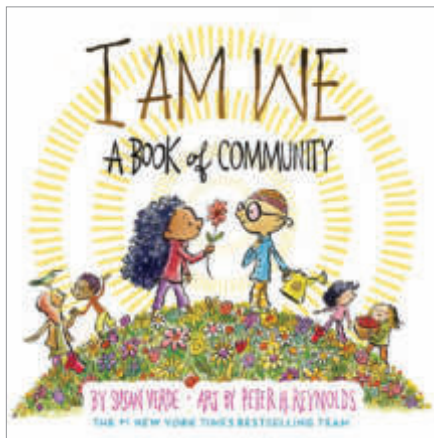
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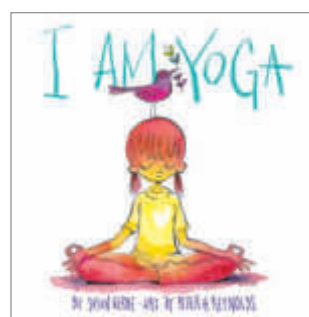
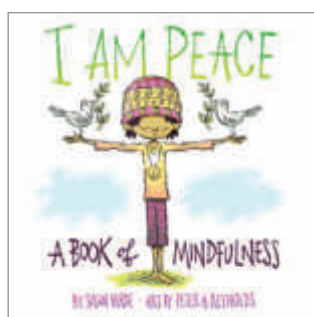
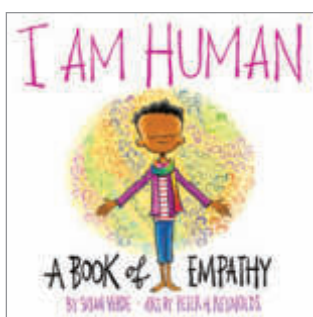
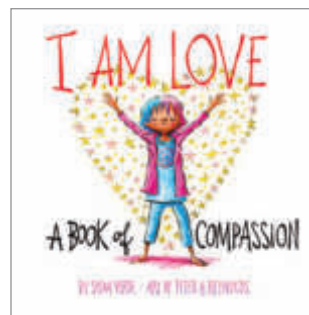
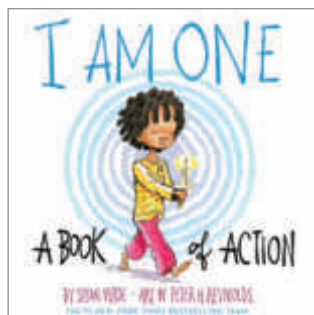
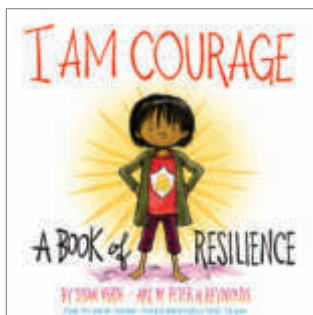
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## I Am We

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



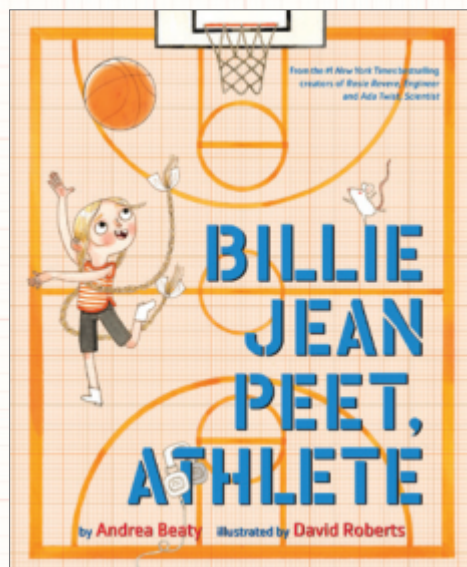
“For young readers who need help believing in themselves and for those with friends who do the same.”  
—*Kirkus Reviews*



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



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- 279 × 229 mm
- Page Count: 32
- Hardcover with jacket

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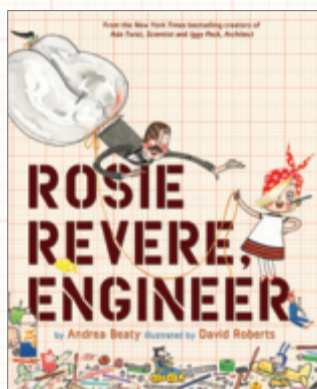
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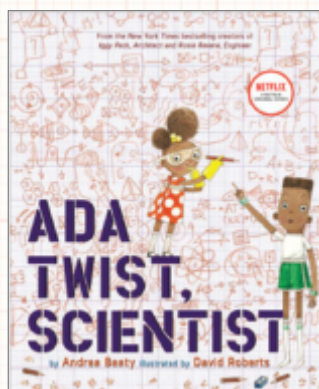
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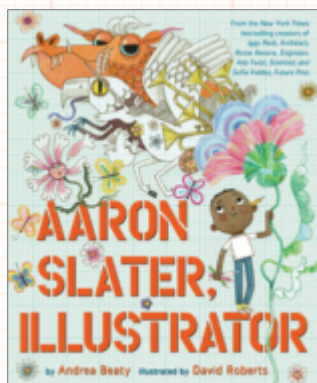
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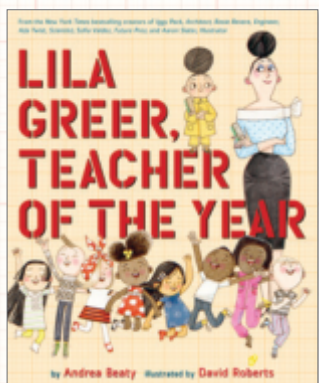
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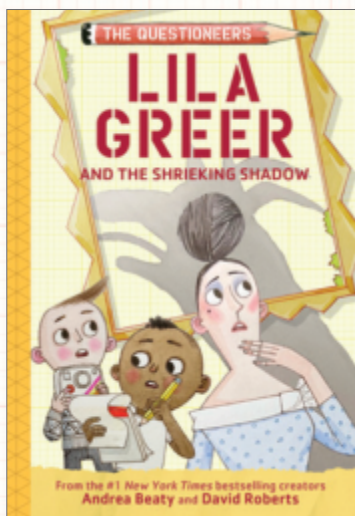
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## Lila Greer and the Shrieking Shadow

THE QUESTIONEERS BOOK 7

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

### SPECIFICATIONS

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

*Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters*

PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2018**

*Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants*

PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2019**

*Iggy Peck and the Haunted Mansion*

PUB MONTH: **MAY 2020**

*Sofia Valdez and the Vanishing Vote*

PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2020**

*Ada Twist and the Disappearing Dogs*

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*Aaron Slater and the Sneaky Snake*

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*Lila Greer and the Shrieking Shadow*

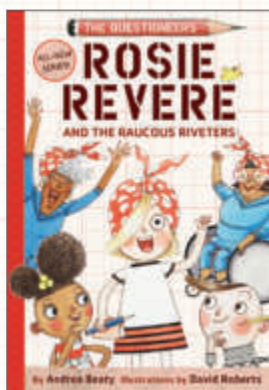
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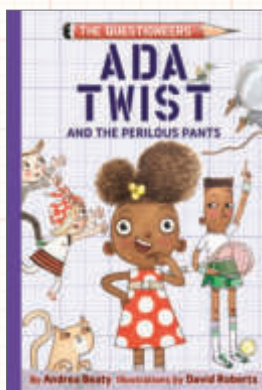
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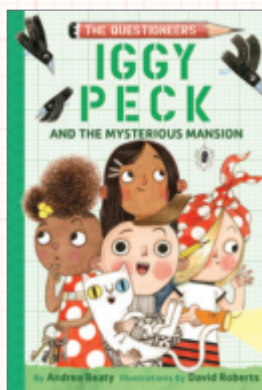
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### Sofia Valdez and the Vashing Vote

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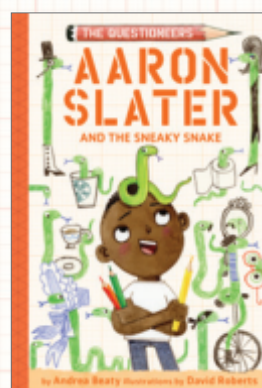
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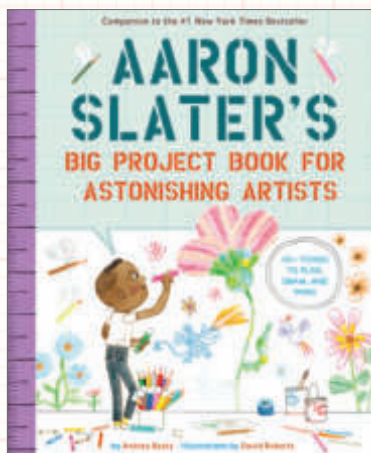
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**Andrea Beaty** is the author of the Questioneers series, *Attack of the Fluffy Bunnies*, and *Happy Birthday, Madame Chapeau*, among other children's titles. She lives just outside Chicago. **David Roberts** has illustrated many children's books,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



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



## Aaron Slater's Big Project Book for Astonishing Artists

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

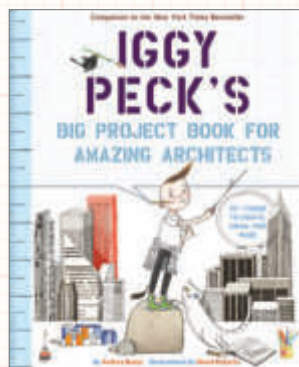
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○ Color illustrations throughout • 279 × 229 mm • Page Count: 96 • **Paperback**

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## Iggy Peck's Big Project Book for Amazing Architects



### SPECIFICATIONS

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**TURKISH (EPSILON)**

## Rosie Revere's Big Project Book for Bold Engineers



### SPECIFICATIONS

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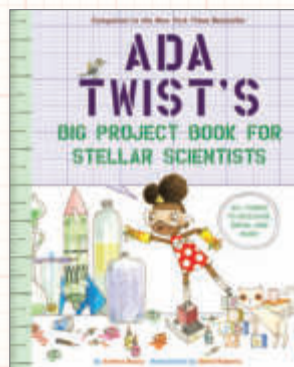
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## Ada Twist's Big Project Book for Stellar Scientists



### SPECIFICATIONS

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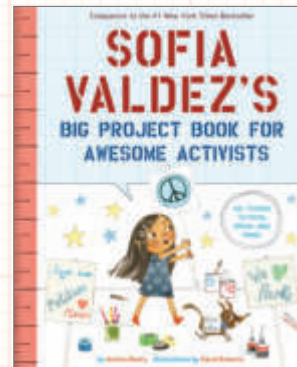
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## Sofia Valdez's Big Project Book for Awesome Activists



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## SPECIFICATIONS

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

*The Why Files: Exploring Flight!*

PUB MONTH: **DECEMBER 2021**

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PUB MONTH: **JULY 2022**

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*The Science of Baking!*

PUB MONTH: **SEPTEMBER 2022**

*The Why Files: Bug Bonanza!*

PUB MONTH: **MARCH 2023**

*The Why Files: Rockin' Robots!*

PUB MONTH: **APRIL 2024**

*The Why Files: Team Green!*

PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2024**

## SPECIFICATIONS

- Color illustrations throughout
- 267 × 197 mm
- Page Count: 176
- Hardcover

*5-Minute Ada Twist,  
Scientist Stories*

PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2022**

## SPECIFICATIONS

- Color illustrations throughout
- 235 × 235 mm
- Page Count: 32
- Hardcover

*Ada Twist, Scientist:  
Show Me the Bunny*

PUB MONTH: **FEBRUARY 2022**

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*Ada Twist, Scientist:  
Ghost Busted*

PUB MONTH: **AUGUST 2022**

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## SPECIFICATIONS

- Color illustrations throughout
- 267 × 203 mm
- Page Count: 76
- Paperback Activity book

*Ada Twist, Scientist:  
Brainstorm Book*

PUB MONTH: **FEBRUARY 2022**

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DREAMDARK

The Guardians of Dreamdark: Windwitch Collector's Edition (Book One)

● BY LAINI TAYLOR

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



For centuries the fairies have lived safely in their peaceful forest, but now their world is under threat. Devils are escaping the prisons that have held them for millennia, and only one fairy stands in their way. Magpie Windwitch is the greatest djinn hunter of her kind. Together with her trusted band of crows, she's on a mission to recapture the devils and save her people.

Her hunt brings her to the wild forests of Dreamdark—the legendary land of the djinn. These dangerous woods hold the secret of the greatest foe her kind has ever known. With her enemies growing more powerful, can Magpie defeat the threat to the fairies, or will the darkness destroy her world?



Laini Taylor is a *New York Times* bestselling author whose work has received numerous awards including a Cybils Award, a National Book Award finalist, and a Printz Honor Book. Her work includes the Daughter of Smoke & Bone series and the Strange the Dreamer series. She lives with her husband, Jim Di Bartolo, in Portland.

SELLING POINTS

**BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Taylor is a National Book Award finalist and *New York Times* bestselling author whose books have sold nearly 400,000 copies. She's well-known in the YA world and has more than 112,000 followers across social media. She's also received excellent critical acclaim. She was a finalist for the National Book Award, a Cybils Award winner, and a Michael L. Printz Award winner.

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

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

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

**NEW MATERIAL:** Features an all-new bonus chapter scene from Taylor—a never-before-seen alternate opening chapter of the book, plus a letter from Taylor introducing the bonus material.

SPECIFICATIONS

- \* 400 pages
- \* WIDTH: 5 1/2" - 140mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8" - 203mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket
- PUB MONTH: **SEPTEMBER 2025**
- [MIDDLE-GRADE FICTION,](#)
- [KIDS FANTASY, KIDS](#)
- [SERIES](#)
- ISBN 978-1-4197-5386-2**
- US \$24.99



# The Beasts Beneath the Winds

TALES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA'S MYTHICAL CREATURES

● EDITED BY HANNA ALKAF

Featuring work by Newbery medalist Erin Entrada Kelly and National Book Award finalist Shing Yin Khor, a sweeping and magical middle-grade story collection showcasing the cryptids and mythical creatures of Southeast Asia



A turtle the size of an island. A cricket that can possess you if swallowed. A giant who turns enemies to stone. The legends of Southeast Asia—or “the lands below the winds,” as explorers used to call it—are populated with a whole menagerie of colorful beasts that inspire awe and fear in equal measure. Yet, passed on as they are through story and song, so many of these stories remain rooted in some long-forgotten past and bound by the borders of the region, creatures of myth and memory and nothing more. Until now.

Welcome to *The Beasts Beneath the Winds*, a collection of Southeast Asia’s most elusive cryptids by a team of bestselling and award-winning authors. Within these gorgeously illustrated pages, readers will find the stories of 17 regular kids who encounter these mythical creatures in the here and now, and—fortunately or unfortunately—live to tell the tale.

Contributors include **Hanna Alkaf** (*The Weight of Our Skies*, *Queen of the Tiles*), **Nadia Mikail** (*The Cats We Meet Along The Way*), **Brandon Hoang** (*Gloria Buenrostro Is Not My Girlfriend*), **Mandy Moe Pwint Tu** (*Monsoon Daughter*), **Moniza Hossain** (*Being Ace*), **V.T. Bidania** (*Astrid & Apollo and the Happy New Year*), **Emma Goddard**, **Dow Phumiruk** (*One Girl, Maya Lin*), **Erin Entrada Kelly** (*Hello Universe*, *We Dream of Space*), **Gail D. Villanueva** (*My Fate According to Butterfly*, *Sugar and Spite*), **Greg van Eekhout** (*The Boy at the End of the World*, *COG*), **Jesse Q. Sutanto** (*Dial A for Aunties*), **June CL Tan** (*Jade Fire Gold*), **Mae Respicio** (*The House that Lou Built*, *Any Day With You*), **Shing Yin Khor** (*The Legend of Auntie Po*), **Van Hoang** (*Girl Giant & The Monkey King*), **Veeda Bybee** (*Courage on Ice*, *Lily and the Great Quake*).



**Hanna Alkaf** is a critically acclaimed author of books for kids and teens. She writes unapologetically Malaysian YA and MG novels, including *The Weight of Our Sky*, *The Girl & The Ghost*, *Queen of the Tiles*, and a short story in *Once Upon an Eid*. Alkaf graduated with a degree in journalism from Northwestern University, and is a Freeman Award winner and a Kirkus Prize finalist. She lives in Kuala Lumpur with her family.

## SELLING POINTS

**STAR POWER:** Alkaf is a Freeman Award–winning author whose work is consistently named to best book lists. For this anthology, she’s pulled together an incredible list of contributors, including Erin Entrada Kelly, Jesse Q Sutanto, Mae Respicio, and many more award–winning creators.

**ANTHOLOGY SUCCESS:** Middle–grade anthologies like *Once Upon an Eid* have done well in the market. *Eid* has sold more than 70,000 copies, received five starred reviews, won the Middle East Book Honor Award, and was on many best of the year lists. Anthologies like this are in demand by the school and library market.

**INNOVATIVE FORMAT:** Designed to look like a field guide, with stunning illustrations to introduce each creature or cryptid, this thrilling collection is sure to stand out on bookstore shelves.

**MYTHOLOGY MAGIC:** Perfect for fans of the Rick Riordan Presents imprint, these modern–day stories about mythical creatures will appeal to mythology fans far and wide.

## SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Black and white illustrations throughout
- \* 352 pages
- \* WIDTH: 5 1/2" - 140mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8" - 203mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket
- PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2025**
- MIDDLE-GRADE FICTION**

**ISBN 978-1-4197-7009-8**  
US \$18.99



# Girl Haunts Boy

A NOVEL

● BY CESAR VITALE

This heartfelt and sweet YA romance follows a boy who falls for the ghost haunting his family’s new house—perfect for fans of *My Life with the Walter Boys* and *The Dead Romantics*. Soon to be an original film starring Peyton List (*Cobra Kai*, *School Spirits*) and Michael Cimino (*Love, Victor*, *Never Have I Ever*)!



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After the death of his father, Cole and his mother move from New York City to a sleepy town in Jersey for a fresh start. There’s just one problem—Cole is shocked to learn he’s sharing a room in his new house with the ghost of 17-year-old Bea, who died in the 1920s and is under the curse of an ancient ring.

When Cole wears the ring, he’s able to see Bea, and the two become fast friends over their shared love of music. As Cole and Bea start to develop strong feelings for each other, Cole discovers a way to undo the curse—which would mean that Bea’s spirit can finally move on.

Faced with an impossible choice, Cole must decide if he’s willing to lose the girl he loves forever.

**Cesar Vitale** was born in Santos, Brazil. He earned his Communications degree from ESPM–SP college and moved to the United States soon after, where he received his Screenwriting certificate from UCLA Extension. He is a recipient of the Academy Nicholl Fellowship in Screenwriting and an Academy Gold Alumnus. He currently lives in California.

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SELLING POINTS

**MOVIE TIE-IN:** The movie will be available to stream, rent, or buy everywhere in early October, just ahead of the novelization. Teen entertainment on major streaming services has been proven to drive book sales (*Outer Banks*, *The Summer I Turned Pretty*, *Kissing Booth*, *To All The Boys I’ve Loved Before*, *My Life with the Walter Boys*)!

**MAJOR PR:** The film will be supported by a major PR campaign, including an original soundtrack which will be available on Spotify, Apple, and Amazon. Stars Peyton List (*Cobra Kai*) and Michael Cimino (*Love, Victor*) have large followings and are committed to promoting the book adaptation via social media and through appearances and PR.

Peyton List:

Instagram: 20.6M followers

Michael Cimino:

Instagram: 1.3M followers

TikTok: 715K followers

**COMMERCIAL PREMISE:** This sweet romance with a ghostly twist has a lot of layers and heart, perfect for fans of Ashley Poston, Nicola Yoon, and Dustin Thao.

SPECIFICATIONS

\* 272 pages

\* Paperback

PUB MONTH: OCTOBER 2024  
YOUNG ADULT

ISBN 978-1-4197-8263-3

US \$13.99

# Sea Change

A NOVEL

● BY SUSAN FLETCHER

An original and timely new YA novel from acclaimed author Susan Fletcher, set in a near-future where rogue gene editing has changed humanity—loosely based on *The Little Mermaid*



A girl torn between two worlds . . .

Turtle is scavenging a drowned town when she saves a stranger's life. There's something special about Kai—an attraction she's never felt before. She would do anything to see him again.

But Turtle can never truly be with Kai, because Kai is Normal, and Turtle is one of the Mer, kids whose genes were illegally hacked before birth and who now have working gills as well as lungs. Turtle lives on an old cruise ship with the other Mer in order to be close to the water she needs to survive.

Yet she sneaks away and lies to her friends to spend more time on land with Kai. And the pull of the shore grows even stronger when Turtle reconnects with her sisters and learns that her father, who has been in prison for having her genes modified, has escaped and may be hiding out nearby.

When scientists come up with a way for the Mer to surrender their gills and live as Normals, Turtle faces a terrible choice. Turtle loves her life with her Mer friends, but she desperately misses her family. And then there's Kai . . .

Should she give up her Mer community and their way of life, along with the joy of living freely under the sea? Or give up the guy she's falling for . . . and any hope of reconnecting with her family?



**Susan C. Fletcher** is the award-winning author of eleven novels for kids and young adults. Collectively, her books have been translated into nine languages and her accolades include a Golden Kite Honor Book, the American Library Association's Notable Books and Best Books for Young Adults, BCCB Blue Ribbon Books, and School Library Journal's Best Books. She lives in Bryan, Texas, with her husband.

## SELLING POINTS

**REIMAGINED CLASSIC:** Loosely inspired by *The Little Mermaid*, this story is an updated take on a classic sure to captivate fans of fairytale retellings.

**EMOTIONAL HOOK:** *Sea Change* explores themes of fitting in, first love, and family—both the one you're born to and the one you make for yourself. Readers will see themselves in Turtle's coming-of-age journey.

**MODERN ROMANCE:** Much like Ariel in *The Little Mermaid*, Turtle changes her whole life for a boy. However, in Fletcher's reimagining, things are much more complicated, and Turtle's romance takes an unexpected turn. Readers will appreciate the way this modernized love story interrogates the challenges that come with changing your whole life for a partner.

**SCIENCE FUTURE:** *Sea Change* grapples with the moral complexities and consequences of our near future. Characters deal with the late-stage effects of climate change and rising sea levels, and explore the moral ambiguity around genetic modification.

## SPECIFICATIONS

\* 352 pages

\* WIDTH: 5 1/2" - 140mm

\* HEIGHT: 8 1/4" - 210mm

\* Hardcover with jacket

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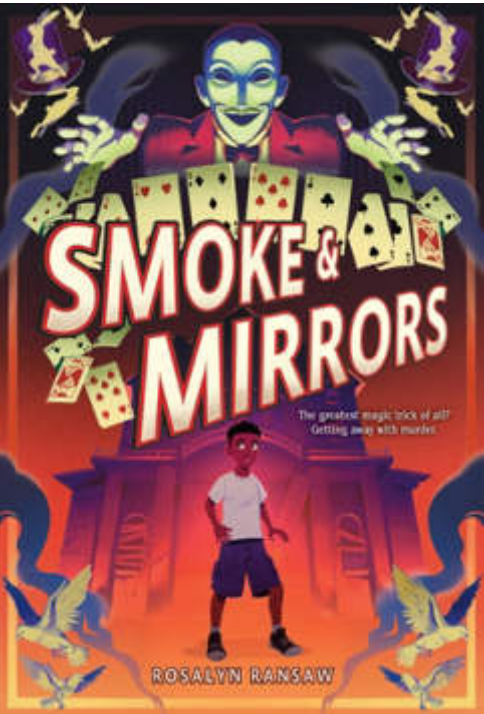
US \$19.99

# Smoke & Mirrors

A NOVEL

● BY ROSALYN RANSAW

An exciting and twisty middle-grade debut mystery novel—perfect for fans of *From the Desk of Zoe Washington* and *The Parker Inheritance*—about the disappearance of a famous magician, and one boy’s quest to find the truth



Spending the summer with his aunt as the only Black kid in a small Midwestern town was bad enough, but now Andy Carter’s summer has been effectively ruined. His dad’s parole hearing is postponed, he misses his friends, and—when an old barn burns down—he’s stuck taking the blame. Andy is sentenced with helping the barn’s owner, a cantankerous old man, renovate his crumbling mansion—a mansion that hides a mystery. It was once owned by the famous magician the Red Nave. In 1954, the Nave was a wanted suspect in the town’s most infamous murder before disappearing without a trace.

The whole town is sure the Red Nave is guilty, but to Andy, things just don’t add up. Investigating a mystery from the ’50s isn’t the same as spending time with his dad, but Andy can’t help but be drawn into the Red Nave’s exciting world of magic and illusion. To solve the Nave’s final vanishing act, Andy teams up with another boy he doesn’t quite trust. Secret by secret, they try to uncover the Red Nave’s identity and learn why his last performance came to such a tragic end.

With a gripping combination of hidden doors, shocking twists, and deep emotional heart, *Smoke & Mirrors* asks the question: How much of the truth is what you can get people to believe?



**Rosalyn Ransaw** is a Columbia University graduate living in Columbus, Ohio. When not writing, she works as a digital marketing manager and enjoys claiming her best friend’s dog as her own. *Smoke & Mirrors* was loosely inspired by her time working as a small-town summer camp counselor and witnessing the way white children’s side of the story was always easier believed, coupled with her mother’s unshakable belief that the only difference between illusion and magic is perspective.

**SELLING POINTS**

**STRONG SOCIAL THEMES:**  
Ransaw tackles delicate social topics such as bullying, prejudice, and the injustices of our justice system with a refreshing mix of realism and compassion.

**COMPELLING MYSTERY:**  
Packed to the brim with twists and turns, readers will fly through this book as they accompany Andy in solving this mystery.

**INTERGENERATIONAL FRIENDSHIP:** The heart of this story comes from the unlikely friendship formed between Andy and Mr. Gilbert, a curmudgeonly old man who gives Andy a second chance when no one else will.

**COMBATING ASSUMPTIONS:**  
This story encourages readers to stand up for the truth, even when others can’t see it, and reminds us all that sometimes it’s the kids in our lives who see things most clearly.

**SPECIFICATIONS**

\* 288 pages

\* WIDTH: 5 1/2" - 140mm

\* HEIGHT: 8" - 203mm

\* Hardcover with jacket

PUB MONTH: JUNE 2025  
MIDDLE-GRADE FICTION

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US \$18.99

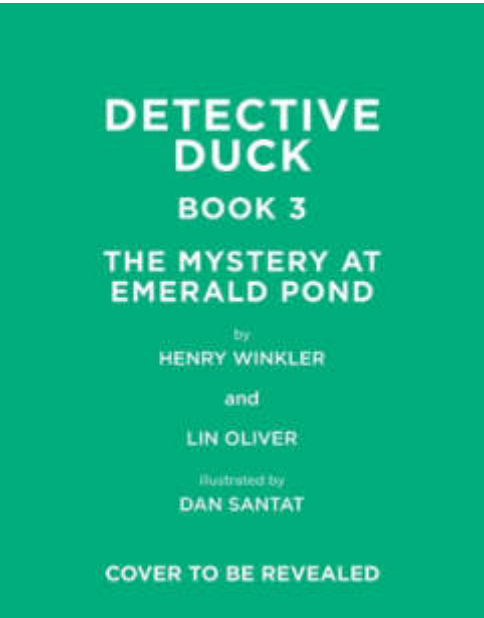


DETECTIVE DUCK

Detective Duck: The Mystery at Emerald Pond (Detective Duck #3)

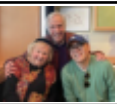
● WRITTEN BY HENRY WINKLER AND LIN OLIVER, ILLUSTRATED BY DAN SANTAT

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



When the Pond Squad is invited to participate in the Emerald Pond Games, they can’t wait to compete. Playing sports, making new friends, and spending time with Maxwell—Emerald Pond’s cool mallard duck—sounds like a perfect afternoon to Willow. But when Maxwell mysteriously disappears in the middle of a game, the animals know something’s wrong.

With all the strange plastic items floating around the pond, Willow is sure Maxwell is in danger. Fortunately, Detective Duck is on the job, solving these puzzling mysteries before they get out of hand and destroy another habitat! The Pond Squad will have to work together to clean up their environment and rescue Maxwell in this charming new mystery.



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

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Hungarian (Maxim)

SELLING POINTS

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES:** *Detective Duck* and *the Strange Splash* and *Detective Duck: The Case of the Missing Tadpole* are both *New York Times* bestsellers, and the series has sold nearly 60,000 copies with no signs of slowing down.

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

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

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

SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 80 pages
- \* WIDTH: 6 1/2" - 165mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8 1/4" - 210mm
- \* Hardcover POB
- PUB MONTH: **SEPTEMBER 2025**
- CHAPTER BOOK**

**ISBN 978-1-4197-8048-6**  
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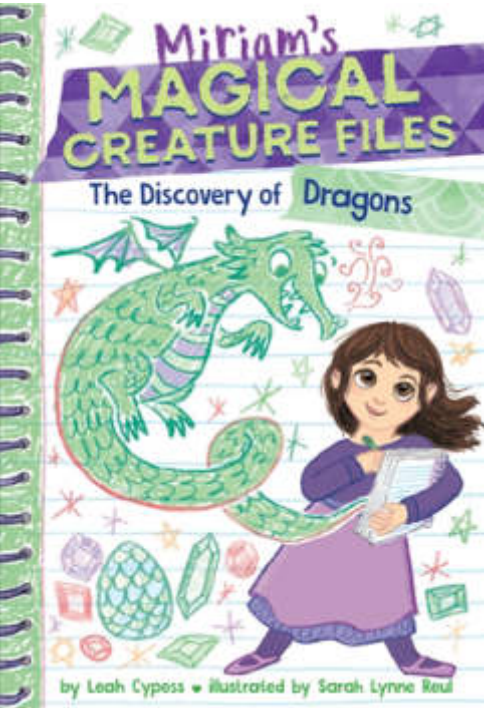
***The Princess and the Pit Stop***  
**ISBN 978-1-4197-2848-8**  
US \$16.99 CAN \$21.99  
UK £12.99

MIRIAM'S MAGICAL CREATURE FILES

The Discovery of Dragons (Miriam's Magical Creature Files #2)

● WRITTEN BY LEAH CYPRESS; ILLUSTRATED BY SARAH LYNNE REUL

A charming chapter book series about a young Orthodox Jewish girl out to discover the truth about all the magical mysteries in her world, perfect for fans of Marya Khan and Zoey and Sassafras



Miriam is the youngest, but that doesn't mean she doesn't know things. She's not as gullible as her parents or older siblings think, and she is too old for ridiculous stories that make no sense. So, using her superior detective skills, she sets out to find the truth about all of the fantastical things that people tell gullible kids.

It's finally time for Miriam's class to take their field trip to the zoo, and each student has to write a report about one of the animals they see. Her classmates want to research swans, elephants, and monkeys, but Miriam's got something way more interesting in mind. Her older sister swears that when she went on this field trip, she found the secret dragon that the zoo keeps hidden, and Miriam is determined to find it too . . . if it's even real.



**Leah Cypess** wrote her first story when she was in the first grade and has been writing ever since. She's the author of the Sister Ever After series along with many books for young adults. She lives in Silver Spring, Maryland. **Sarah Lynne Reul** is the author-illustrator of many books for children including *Bubbie & Rivka's Best-Ever Challah (So Far!)*, *The Breaking News*, and *Allie All Along*. She grew up in Brooklyn and now lives just outside of Boston with her family.



SELLING POINTS

JEWISH REPRESENTATION:

Miriam's family and community are observant of the Jewish faith and traditions, an underrepresented community in the chapter book category.

SCRAPBOOK FORMAT:

Notebook-style illustrations and lists make the format accessible for reluctant readers and will inspire kids to investigate their own mysteries.

LAUGH-OUT-LOUD FUNNY:

Full of silly schemes and just the right amount of sass, Miriam is sure to be a favorite of emerging readers everywhere.

**MAGICAL TWIST:** Miriam will investigate the magical creatures all around her, from dragons to mermaids, fairies, and more!

**TWO FORMATS:** Available in hardcover (978-1-4197-7242-9) and paperback (978-1-4197-7243-6).

SPECIFICATIONS

\* Black-and-white illustrations throughout  
\* 112 pages

\* WIDTH: 5 1/2" - 140mm  
\* HEIGHT: 8" - 203mm

\* Hardcover POB

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**CHAPTER BOOK**

**ISBN 978-1-4197-7242-9**  
US \$19.99

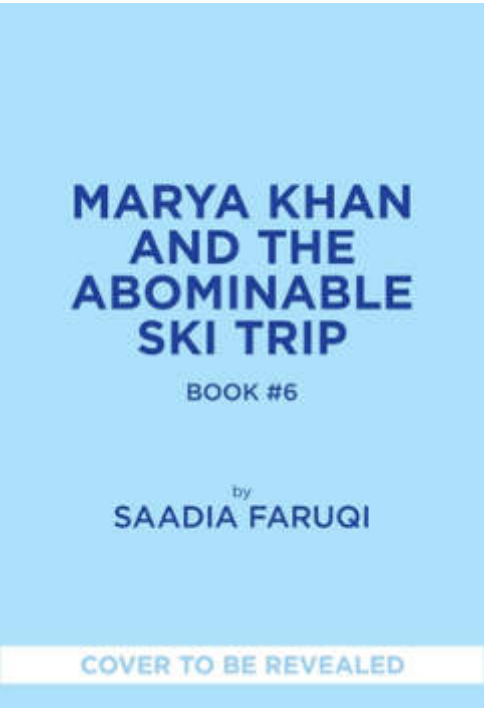


MARYA KHAN

Marya Khan and the Abominable Ski Trip (Marya Khan #6)

● WRITTEN BY SAADIA FARUQI; ILLUSTRATED BY ANI BUSHRY

Perfect for fans of Ivy & Bean and Stella Diaz, this charming chapter book series by the author of the successful Yasmin series follows a Pakistani American third-grader whose plans may backfire but whose persistence and heart are inspiring



It's winter break and Marya and Hanna are joining Alexa and her aunt at a luxurious ski resort. A fancy, snowy vacation may sound like a dream to most kids, but not Marya. She hates being cold, and five days with her frenemy Alexa might be too much to handle. There's only one thing that can save this vacation: finding the Abominable Snowman.

Cue Operation Catch a Monster! Marya is set on proving the Snowman exists—especially to her bossy older sister, Aliyah, who thinks Marya's a baby. But with Marya's friends set on sledding, hiking, and board games, Marya starts to worry the trip is a bust. Will she ever be able to surprise Aliyah, or—after five eventful days—will the most surprised person be . . . Marya herself?



**Saadia Faruqi** was born in Pakistan and moved to the United States when she was 22 years old. She writes the Yasmin series and popular middle-grade novels such as *Yusuf Azeem Is Not a Hero*. Besides writing books for kids, she also loves reading, binge-watching her favorite shows, and taking naps. She lives in Houston, Texas, with her family. **Ani Bushry** graduated from the University of West England with a background in graphic design and illustration. She grew up listening to stories her mom used to tell her and always wanted to tell her own. She lives in the Maldives with her husband and cat, Lilo, whom she loves to spoil.



SELLING POINTS

**ALL-STAR AUTHOR:** Faruqi's books consistently garner acclaim. *Meet Yasmin!* received two starred reviews, was a JLG selection and a *Kirkus* Best of the Year, and the series has sold more than 700,000 copies; *A Place at the Table* was a Sydney Taylor Book Award Notable Book and a TLA Lone Star reading list pick; and *A Thousand Questions* was a JLG selection and a NYPL Best Book. The second Marya Khan book also received a starred review from *School Library Journal*.

SUCCESSFUL TRACK IN

**CATEGORY:** Starring a Pakistani American girl with a charming voice, this is perfect for readers who have aged out of Faruqi's Yasmin series and are looking for their next great read.

**GROWING SERIES:** The Marya Khan series has sold almost 60,000 copies across all formats and shows no signs of slowing down!

**BONUS BACK MATTER:** Like the other books in the series, this book will feature back matter with an activity relating to the story.

SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Black-and-white illustrations throughout
- \* 144 pages
- \* WIDTH: 5 1/2" - 140mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8" - 203mm
- \* Hardcover POB

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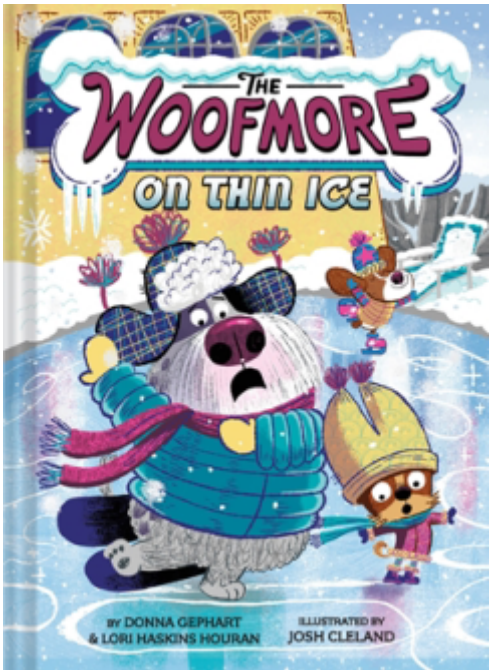
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US \$14.99

THE WOOFMORE

The Woofmore on Thin Ice (The Woofmore #3)

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

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



Welcome to the Woofmore, where the water bowls are always full and there's kibble on every pillow! Rufus and his boss, Ms. Coco, work hard to make every guest feel like a VIP (Very Important Pooch). It's winter at the Woofmore and the hotel is down to one guest—famous figure skater Furya LaBone. Ms. Coco wants her visit to be pawfect. The Woofmore needs more guests to stay open, and a good review from a VIP like Furya could save the hotel. But when the local ice rink closes and Furya is left with nowhere to practice for her big competition, it looks like the hotel may be on thin ice. If Rufus can't help this skating superstar come up with a showstopping move for her routine, it could be a ruff winter for the Woofmore. With adorable illustrations and hilarious text, this new early chapter book series will hit young dog lovers smack in the funny bone!



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



**FOREIGN RIGHTS SOLD**  
Dutch (Pelckmans BV)  
Simplified Chinese (Guangzhou Tianwen Kadokawa)  
Turkish (Hep Kitap)

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

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

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

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
\* Full-color illustrations throughout  
\* 80 pages  
\* WIDTH: 6" - mm  
\* HEIGHT: 8 1/4" - mm  
\* Hardcover POB  
PUB MONTH: FEBRUARY 2025  
CHAPTER BOOK  
ISBN 978-1-4197-6766-1  
US \$14.99



MONSTER HIGH SCHOOL SPIRITS

A Fright to Remember (Monster High School Spirits #1)

● BY ADRIANNA CUEVAS

The first book in a fangtastic new series inspired by Nickelodeon’s animated show *Monster High*!



As Monster High prepares for its annual talent show, Frankie Stein is left wondering what they could perform. When Torelei Stripe mocks Frankie’s music playing abilities, Frankie is left even more confused about which of their brain parts is exciting enough for the talent show. Luckily, Headmistress Bloodgood presents Frankie with new information about their brain that might hold the answer. Except Frankie discovers that their brain part is from a disgraced scientist accused of unethical experiments. Plagued by dreams from the scientist’s life, Frankie teams up with Draculaura and Clawdeen to discover the truth about their past—and save Monster High in the process.



**Adrianna Cuevas** is the author of the Pura Belpre honor book *The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez, Cuba in My Pocket, The Ghosts of Rancho Espanto, and Mari and the Curse of El Cocodrilo*. She is a first-generation Cuban–American originally from Miami, Florida. A former Spanish and ESOL teacher, Adrianna currently resides in Austin, Texas with her husband and son. When not working with TOEFL students, wrangling multiple pets including an axolotl, and practicing fencing with her son, she is writing her next middle grade novel.

**FOREIGN RIGHTS SOLD**

Czech (Albatros)  
Polish (Bukowy Las)

**SELLING POINTS**

**POPULAR BRAND:** Since launching Monster High, Mattel has sold more than 150 million dolls, including a 2020 collector’s edition that sold out almost immediately. The brand is still just as relevant today, with loyal fans who grew up with the show generating more than three billion views on TikTok and ranking it as the #7 toy brand on Instagram.

**MULTIMEDIA RELAUNCH:** In addition to a brand–new animated show, Mattel and Nickelodeon have partnered on a new live–action Monster High film, released on October 6th 2022. The show and film draws new fans of all ages to the books, as well as older fans revisiting their favorite characters.

**INCLUSIVE STORYTELLING:**

Monster High believes strongly in embracing one’s true, unique self. Mattel has updated its storytelling and branding to represent a more diverse and inclusive cast of characters, all while staying true to their original hook.

**SPECIFICATIONS**

\* Black-and-white illustrations throughout

\* 248 pages

\* **Hardcover POB**

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**MIDDLE-GRADE FICTION, KIDS SERIES, FICTION, SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY**

**ISBN 978-1-4197-6986-3**

US \$14.99

Once Bitten, Twice Dead (A Monster High YA Novel)

● BY TIFFANY SCHMIDT

Get your spook on with Draculaura and the other O.G.s—Original Ghouls—while they hit up their old haunts in this all-new YA novel set in the world of Mattel’s *Monster High* and written by Tiffany Schmidt.



When a horrific loss throws Monster High into a state of grave upheaval, Draculaura and the other ghouls find themselves coping in different ways. Cleo and her family sense opportunity in the mayhem, grasping at control and leaving the rest of the ghouls’ loyalties divided.

For her part, the chaos at school is making Draculaura sick. She feels more exhausted by the day, and she finds escape only by slipping away to the cemetery to pore over her mom’s old journals. It’s there that she meets Poe, a handsome human harboring some darkness of his own. Soon Draculaura finds herself caught in an impossible web of lies. If her ghoulfriends find out she’s fallen for a normie, they’ll freak. And if Poe discovers she’s a vampire, his monster–hunting dad may have a stake in the matter.

Meanwhile, dangerous events have begun plaguing the halls of Monster High. The gargoyles stage a mutiny, and the water in the swimming pool boils while Lagoona is swimming laps. When the magical protections around the school borders falter and a group of normies stumble onto campus, Draculaura and the other ghouls know something needs to be done before Monster High becomes Monster Die.

But there’s a secret about Draculaura that no one—not Poe, the other ghouls, or even she—was aware of until now: a secret tied to the school’s very marrow. When Draculaura and Ghoulia uncover ancient texts that reveal the full implications of her identity, Draculaura is forced to make an impossible choice that will alter her identity forever.

Will her loyalties to Monster High determine all their fates? Or will Draculaura succumb to a dangerous passion that makes her feel more . . . *alive* than she ever has?



**Tiffany Schmidt** is the author of *Once Bitten, Twice Dead* in addition to nine other acclaimed young adult novels. She is a former sixth grade teacher and is married to a saint, the mother of three impish boys, and owns a pair of mischievous pups. Tiffany lives and writes in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. Find out more at [TiffanySchmidt.com](http://TiffanySchmidt.com).

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Polish (Bukowy Las)

SELLING POINTS

**POPULAR BRAND:** Since its initial launch in 2010, Monster High has gained a cult following and has become the second–bestselling doll, with more more than 150 million dolls sold, including a 2020 collector’s edition that sold out in less than a day. The brand continues to thrive, with loyal fans generating more than 10 billion views on TikTok.

GHOULISHLY GRAND

**RELAUNCH:** In addition to the brand–new 2022 animated show, Mattel and Nickelodeon partnered on a new live–action Monster High film, which released on October 6, 2022. Abrams will be kicking off a brand–new Monster High book program across different age groups and formats, with our first title (middle–grade novel *A Fright to Remember*) pubbing this fall.

INCLUSIVE STORYTELLING:

Monster High believes strongly in embracing one’s true, unique self. Mattel has updated its storytelling and branding to represent a more diverse and inclusive cast of characters, including LGBTQIA+ themes, all while staying true to their original hook.

SPECIFICATIONS

- \* 320 pages
- \* WIDTH: 5 1/2" - mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8 1/4" - mm
- \* **Hardcover with jacket**

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**YOUNG ADULT, FICTION**

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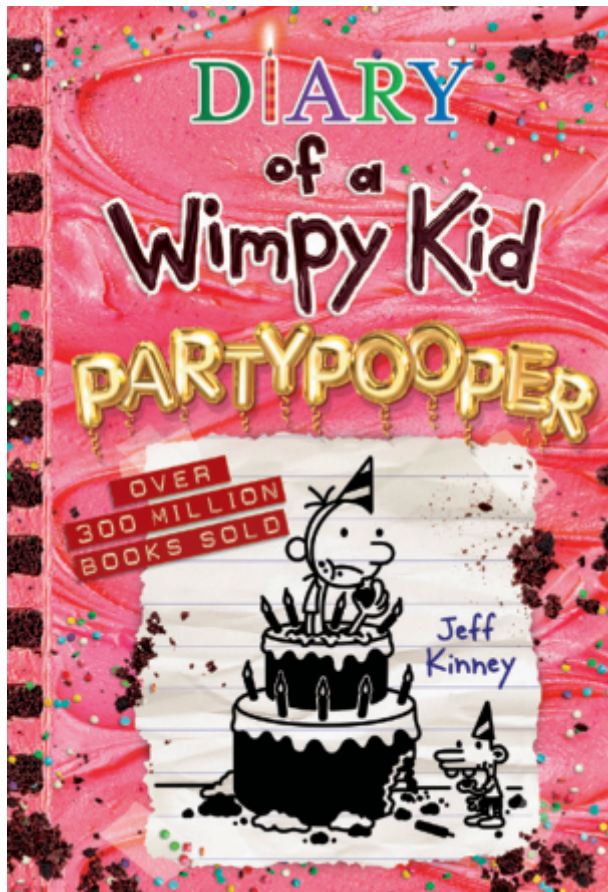


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BESTSELLING AUTHOR Jeff Kinney

AGES 8 TO 12  
MIDDLE-GRADE FICTION

## Diary of a Wimpy Kid Partypoooper

BY JEFF KINNEY



### Selling Points

- **GLOBAL PHENOMENON:** With over 300 million books sold around the world in 86 editions and 70 languages, Wimpy Kid has turned millions of kids into readers. The series is the third bestselling book series—adult and kids—of all time.
- **MEGA BESTSELLING SERIES:** A consistent fixture on the *New York Times* bestseller list for over 800 weeks—longer than any other kids' series! Wimpy Kid is also a #1 bestseller on the *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Publishers Weekly*, and *IndieBound* bestseller lists.
- **NOW A MAJOR DISNEY MOVIE FRANCHISE:** Three original animated Wimpy Kid movies released on Disney+ in 2021, 2022, and 2023.
- **WIDE SOCIAL MEDIA REACH:** Over 7 million fans across Facebook, X, and Instagram, over 2.2 billion TikTok views for #diaryofawimpykid, 20+ million YouTube views, and 1.4 billion views on GIPHY.

### Specifications

*Diary of a Wimpy Kid Partypoooper*  
US \$14.99

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### 86 EDITIONS in 70 LANGUAGES!

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**Vietnamese** (HaGiang)  
**Welsh** (Rily House)

International bestselling author Jeff Kinney serves up heaps of laughs in *Partypoooper*, the 20th book in the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series

You're invited—RSVP for fun!

Over the years, Greg Heffley has chronicled his mishaps and misadventures in a series of diaries—make that journals—but book 20 of the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series, *Partypoooper*, really takes the cake! Expect gobs of fun and over-the-top antics as Greg throws an epic birthday party for none other than himself. So come celebrate and laugh alongside Greg, his family, and the entire world of Wimpy Kid fans.

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

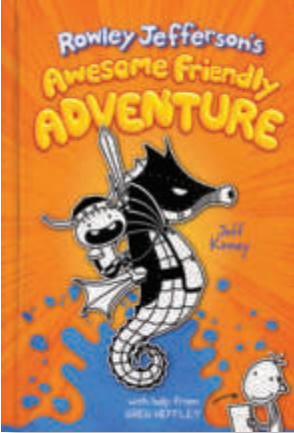
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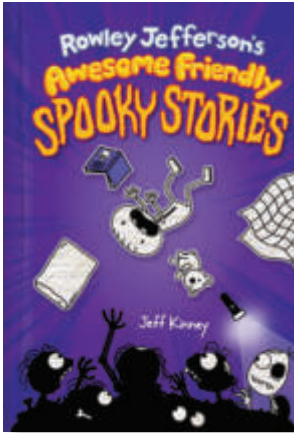
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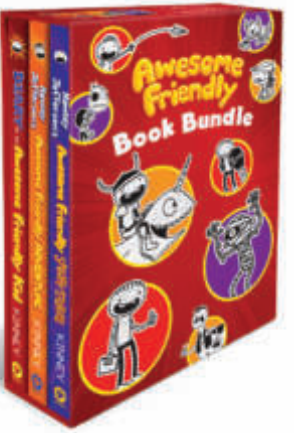
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Spooky Stories



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Book Bundle



Best Friends Box



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Yourself Book  
(revised and  
expanded edition)



Diary of a Wimpy Kid  
(Special Disney+  
Cover Edition)



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

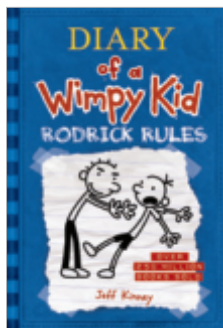


# Diary of a Wimpy Kid

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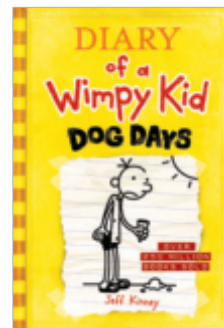
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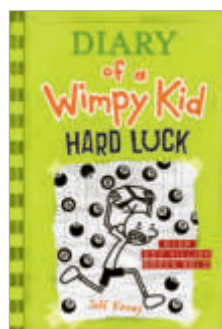
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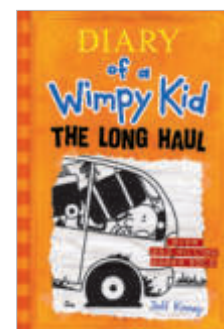
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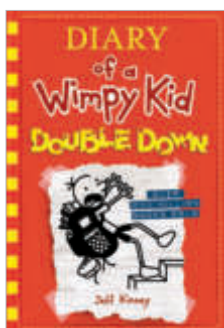
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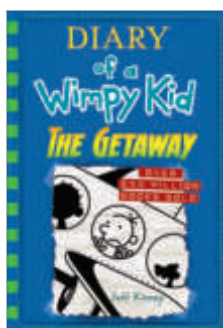
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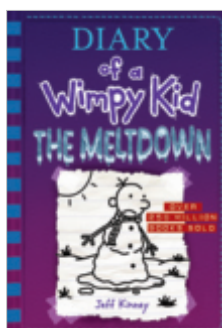
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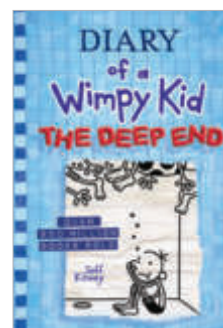
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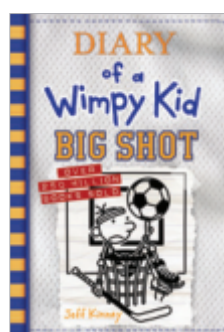
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Book 14: *Wrecking Ball*  
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Book 15: *The Deep End*  
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Book 17: *Diper Överlöde*  
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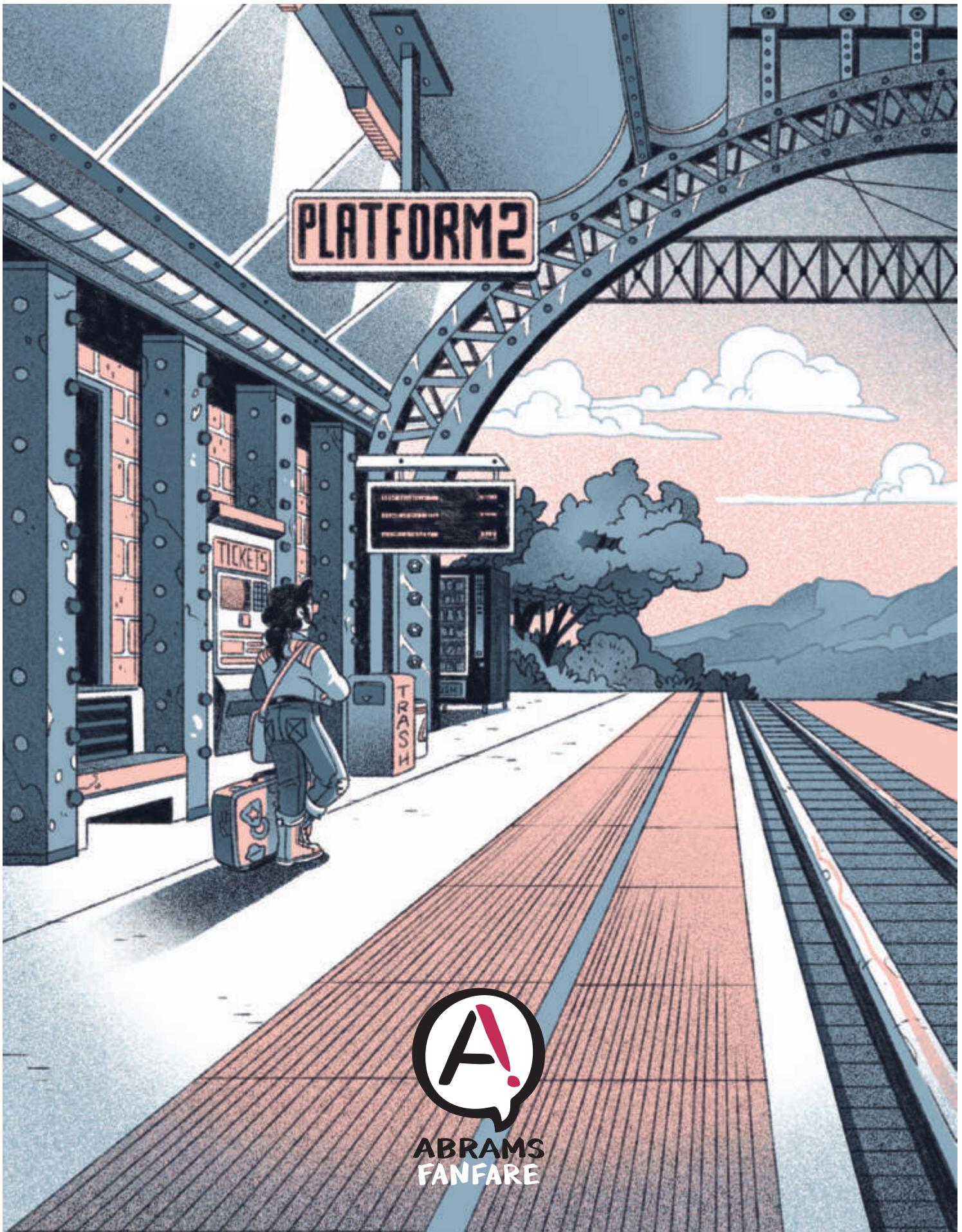


Book 19: *Hot Mess*  
OCTOBER 2024



Book 20: *Partypoopers*  
OCTOBER 2025







# Red Threads

A GRAPHIC NOVEL

● BY ILA NGUYEN-HAYAMA

In this manga-inspired YA graphic novel, Tokyo schoolgirl Hana Suzuki's life is changed forever when she is chosen to attend Japan's premier magical academy



Fifteen-year-old Hana is bored by her humdrum existence in Tokyo—there must be more to life than cram school and chores. After she rescues a crow caught in a net by her house, a mysterious visitor arrives at her door, offering her the chance to enroll in the most prestigious magic academy in Japan: The Benten School of Esoterics. Hana jumps at the chance for adventure and life at Benten is everything she ever dreamed of—magic, mystical creatures, and making a new best friend in fellow new student Yoomi. But before long, Hana's dream becomes a nightmare. Something is haunting the halls, and a series of horrifying attacks leave everyone wondering: is Benten cursed? Will the legendary school have to close its doors for good? If Hana and Yoomi want to save their new home, they'll have to unravel the mystery or die trying!

A magical story of friendship and new beginnings, *Red Threads: A Witch's Tale* is perfect for fans of *Magic Fish*, *Beetle and the Hollowbones*, and *Spirited Away*.



Ila Nguyen-Hayama is a Japanese-Vietnamese American artist who stumbled into comics after studying evolutionary biology and culinary arts. She lives in the California East Bay and enjoys being a mom to two humans, a dog, a cat, a small parrot, and four chickens.



## SELLING POINTS

**AAPI VOICES:** Inspired by Nguyen-Hayama's experience as a half-Japanese person living in Japan and having to overcome the prejudices she faced—and overcame—*Red Threads: A Witch's Tale* is a heartfelt story richly steeped in Japanese and Korean folklore.

**AMAZING ART:** Bubbly and bright, Nguyen-Hayama's art is inspired by manga and is sure to appeal to fans of Studio Ghibli movies and series like *Inuyasha*, *Sailor Moon*, and *Witch Hat Atelier*.

**WHICH WITCH:** Witches continue to be popular and perennial, and with a fresh, cultural twist, we're sure this will stand out among the competition.

**TWO FORMATS:** Available in hardcover (978-1-4197-6302-1) and paperback (978-1-4197-6303-8).

## SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 256 pages
- \* WIDTH: 6" - 152mm
- \* HEIGHT: 9" - 229mm
- \* Hardcover POB
- PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2025**
- YOUNG ADULT GRAPHIC NOVEL, KIDS FANTASY**
- ISBN 978-1-4197-6302-1**
- US \$26.99

# On Starlit Shores

A GRAPHIC NOVEL

● BY BEX GLENDINING

In this YA urban fantasy graphic novel, Alex must return to the town where she was born to unravel the magical mysteries her late grandmother left behind



Alex Wilson hasn't been back to Indigo Harbor, the seaside village where she grew up, in years. In fact, she can barely remember anything about it. But when her grandmother dies unexpectedly, Alex will have to return to her childhood home to say goodbye.

Accompanied by her best friend, Grim, Alex travels back to her hometown and begins cleaning out her grandmother's house, but the longer they stay, the stranger things get. Indigo Harbor isn't your average town—there are falling stars, witches running tea shops, and a name that comes up again and again: Elizabeth. Who was this woman, and how did she know Alex's grandmother?

As she explores the town and sorts through her grandmother's belongings, Alex reconnects with her past and tries with increasing desperation to uncover the greatest secret of all, the identity of the mysterious Elizabeth. Tackling grief, acceptance, and how to honor a loved one's life, Bex Glendining has crafted a beautiful and moving graphic novel perfect for readers who loved *The Dark Matter of Mona Starr*, *Girl From the Sea*, and *the Magic Fish*.



**Bex Glendining** is an award-winning, biracial, queer, UK-based illustrator, comic artist, and colorist. Their clients include Netflix, *Huffpost*, DC Comics, Marvel, Penguin Random House, the *New York Times*, and NPR. When not working, they can usually be found building miniature rooms, playing video games with friends or fussing Cookie, their very spoilt tortoiseshell cat.



## SELLING POINTS

**MOVING STORY:** Taking place after the passing of a beloved grandparent, *On Starlit Shores* explores grief, healing, and acceptance.

**STUNNING ART:** With a dreamy palette and beautiful character designs, Bex Glendining's art is beautiful and will appeal to fans of Tillie Walden, Trung Le Nguyen, and Valero O'Connell.

## LGBTQ+ AND MYTHOLOGY

**THEMES:** *On Starlit Shores* explores themes of queer love, acceptance, and coming out through a fantasy lens.

**TWO FORMATS:** Available in hardcover (978–1–4197–6504–9) and paperback (978–1–4197–6505–6).

## SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 192 pages
- \* WIDTH: 6" - 152mm
- \* HEIGHT: 9" - 229mm

\* Hardcover POB

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**YOUNG ADULT GRAPHIC NOVEL, YOUNG ADULT**

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# Kindred Dragons (Book 1)

A GRAPHIC NOVEL

● BY SARAH MENSINGA

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



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

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

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

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



## SELLING POINTS

### CELEBRATED CREATOR:

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

### DRAGONS FOREVER:

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

### INSPIRED BY ANNE OF GREEN

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

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

## SPECIFICATIONS

\* Full-color illustrations throughout  
\* 208 pages

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\* **Hardcover POB**

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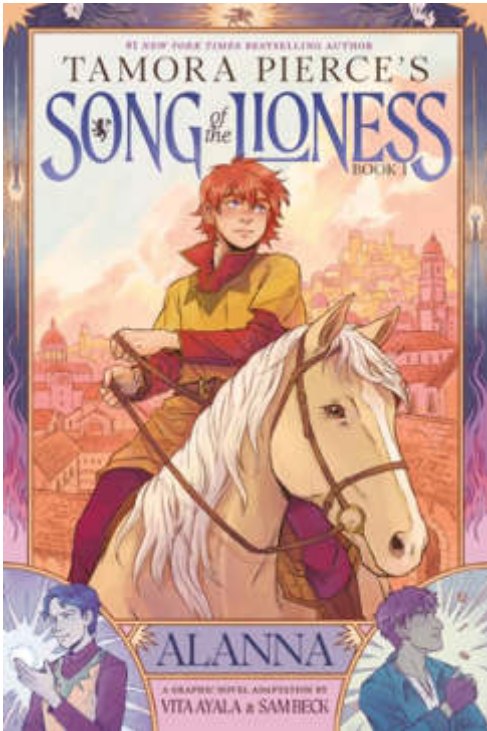
SONG OF THE LIONESS

Song of the Lioness, Book 1: Alanna

A GRAPHIC NOVEL ADAPTATION

● BY TAMORA PIERCE; ADAPTED BY VITA AYALA; ILLUSTRATED BY SAM BECK

The first book in #1 New York Times bestselling author Tamora Pierce’s award-winning Song of the Lioness quartet, adapted into a gorgeous, full-color graphic novel



In *Song of the Lioness, Book 1: Alanna*, the first of four volumes adapting #1 *New York Times* bestseller Tamora Pierce’s *Song of the Lioness* quartet, we meet Alanna of Trebond, a young noblewoman from the kingdom of Tortall. However, Alanna isn’t like other girls from noble families—what she really wants is to become a knight and earn her shield, something women *definitely* aren’t allowed to do.

But Alanna will not be deterred, and she arrives in the capital disguised as a boy to begin training as a page, the first step toward becoming a knight. Despite the tough conditions and grueling work, Alanna’s skills and stubbornness win her friends amongst the nobility *and* the denizens of the lower city. But not everyone wishes her well . . .

Filled with magic and mayhem, adventure and action, swords and spells, book one in the *Song of the Lioness* quartet is the ultimate introduction to Alanna and Tamora Pierce’s legendary Tortall universe.



**Tamora Pierce** is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of over 18 novels set in the fantasy realm of Tortall. She is the winner of the Margaret A. Edwards Award for her "significant and lasting contribution to young adult literature." Pierce lives in Syracuse, New York, with her husband, Tim. **Vita Ayala** is a queer Afro–Puerto Rican writer born and bred in New York City. Their work includes *The Wilds* (Black Mask Studios), *Submerged* (Vault), *Static* (DC Comics), *Xena: Warrior Princess* (Dynamite), *Shuri* and *New Mutants* (Marvel), and *Livewire* (Valiant), among others. **Sam Beck** is an artist living in Toronto, and the author of the fantasy trilogy *Verse*. When she’s not working on her comics, you can find her admiring the forests of northern Ontario.



SELLING POINTS

**EVERGREEN SERIES:** The *Song of the Lioness* series is classic, one of *Time*’s 100 Best Fantasy Books of All Time. Originally published in 1983, this title has never gone out of print, with lifetime sales nearing 500,000 copies across editions (since Bookscan began reporting—actual sales much higher).

**LGBTQ–FOCUSED:** In 2019, Pierce said, “Alanna has always defied labels. She took the best bits of being a woman and a man and created her own unique identity. I think the term is ‘gender–fluid,’ though there wasn’t a word for this (to my knowledge) when I was writing her.” With feminist themes and a diverse cast, and examined through this new queer lens, this story is timelier than ever.

**TALENTED CREATORS:** Ayala and Beck are stars in the comics community. Ayala has written for publishers such as DC Comics, Dynamite, IDW, Image Comics, Marvel, Macmillan, and Valiant. Beck has worked with Valiant and Dark Horse, and her webcomic, *Verse*, was published by Wonderbound in 2021.

**CROSSOVER AUDIENCE:** This new adaptation will usher in a new generation of fans.

**TWO FORMATS:** Available in hardcover (978–1–4197–6558–2) and paperback (978–1–4197–6557–5).

SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 256 pages
- \* WIDTH: 6" - mm
- \* HEIGHT: 9" - mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

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BIG IDEAS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

Keep It Clean!

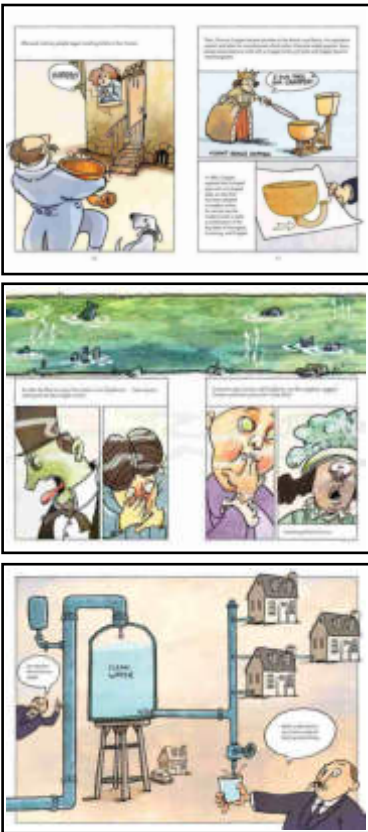
BIG IDEAS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD #7 (A NONFICTION GRAPHIC NOVEL)

● WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY DON BROWN

Part of the Big Ideas That Changed the World graphic novel series, award-winning author-illustrator Don Brown explores the history of dealing with poop, pee, and dirty hands in *Keep It Clean!*



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



*Keep It Clean!* explores the concept of public health, which means ensuring clean water and adequate sewage disposal for everyone. Acclaimed author-illustrator Don Brown takes readers on a journey through history and around the world, from Greek, Roman, and Aztec aqueducts and the dawn of bathing (including social public bathing in Japan and religious bathing ceremonies in Machu Picchu) to the invention of soap in the Middle East, the first use of flush toilets approximately 4,000 years ago, and the first toilets used in outer space—a Big Idea when you consider that early astronauts on Apollo 11 had none!

Full of facts and colorful historical figures, Brown chronicles both historical mishaps—like rivers full of human waste and King Henry VI’s notorious basement of poop—and monumental scientific breakthroughs including Louis Pasteur and Robert Koch’s discovery of the link between microbes (germs) and disease.

Breaking down concepts in an accessible, kid-friendly way, this nonfiction graphic novel shows why “keeping it clean” is vitally important whether it’s a city, town, home, or person.

Includes Who Was George Waring?, timeline, endnotes, and a bibliography.

**Don Brown** is the award-winning author and illustrator of many nonfiction graphic novels and picture books and has received an Eisner Award nomination, two Sibert Honors, a Boston Globe–Horn Book Award honor, a YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults Award, and multiple starred reviews, among other accolades. He lives in the Hudson Valley in New York.

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SELLING POINTS

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

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

**SERIES PRAISE:** The series has received multiple starred reviews (with Book 6 released in January 2025), and *Rocket to the Moon!* was chosen for the Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List.

**GROSS APPEAL:** Plenty of kid-funny references to pooping, peeing, and other messes that need cleaning up!

**CLASSROOM APPEAL:** A must-have for science and history curricula.

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

**RICH BACK MATTER:** Includes a narrator biography, timeline, author’s note, bibliography, and endnotes.

SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 128 pages
- \* WIDTH: 5 1/2" - 140mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8" - 203mm
- \* Hardcover

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NONFICTION

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## COSMIC ADVENTURES OF ASTRID AND STELLA

**Blast from the Past! (The Cosmic Adventures of Astrid and Stella Book #5 (A Hello!Lucky Book))****A GRAPHIC NOVEL**

- WRITTEN BY SABRINA MOYLE; ILLUSTRATED BY EUNICE MOYLE

**Best friends Astrid and Stella are back for another out-of-this-world adventure in *Blast from the Past!*, the fifth story in the graphic novel series from bestselling creators Hello!Lucky**



Fire up the turbo pumps, best friends Astrid and Stella are off on another high-flying adventure!

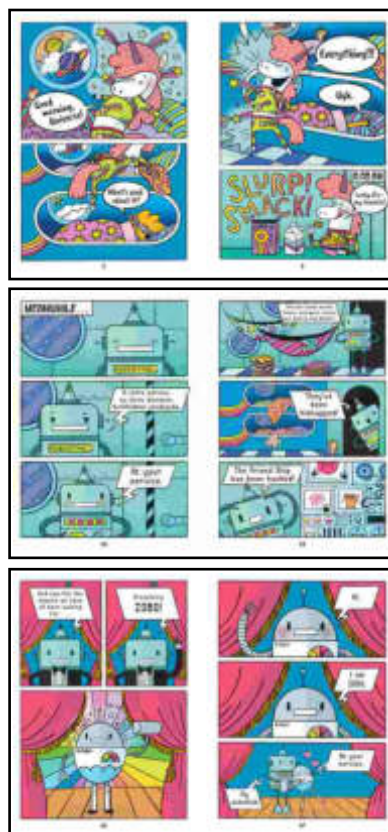
Alert! Alert! The Friend Ship's been hacked! A pack of evil pugs have infected Bobo with a computer virus and taken Astrid and Stella hostage! Unable to rescue his friends alone, Bobo builds a sidekick—Zobo, a friendly new robot with a talent for smashing things—and the two will have to work together to free Astrid and Stella from Pugnacious D and his hungry hounds.

Their daring rescue mission goes awry when the team discovers that the pugs have united with Evil Screenius and Kittywonkus—villains from their past bent on destruction. This terrible trio is bad to the bone, but—with the help of an old friend—Astrid and Stella just might be able to defeat them and escape the doghouse.

With a focus on social-emotional learning and hilarious storytelling from the bestselling Hello!Lucky team, the fifth book in The Cosmic Adventures of Astrid & Stella series is perfect for emerging readers and graphic novel fans.



**Hello!Lucky** is all about using creativity to spread joy, fun, and kindness. Founded by sisters Eunice and Sabrina Moyle in 2003, Hello!Lucky is an award-winning letterpress greeting card and design studio working with dozens of partners to create products, including Abrams' pun-derful children's books *My Mom Is Magical!*, *My Dad Is Amazing!*, *Super Pooper* and *Whizz Kid: Potty Power!*, *Kindness Rules!*, *Christmas Is Awesome!*, *Sloth and Smell the Roses*, *Go Get 'Em, Tiger!*, and *Thanks a Ton!* They also offer bedding, ceramics, socks, stationery, custom photo albums, and more. Hello!Lucky is based in San Francisco.

**SELLING POINTS**

**BESTSELLING TEAM:** Sabrina and Eunice Moyle are the team behind Hello!Lucky. Their books have sold more than two million copies across formats, and they boast nearly 75,000 followers on Instagram.

**HIGH-DEMAND FORMAT:**

Graphic novels for emerging readers are an in-demand category that's only growing. We've seen great success with titles like *Fox and Rabbit*, *Batcat*, and *The Cosmic Adventures of Astrid and Stella*—and we see no signs of slowing.

**EVERGREEN THEMES:**

Friendship, teamwork, resilience, and more make an appearance in the pages of this latest outing from the social-emotional learning pros behind Hello!Lucky.

**BELOVED SERIES:** We've sold nearly 80,000 copies of the Astrid and Stella books and counting! And *Kirkus* says reading these graphic novel stories is "like being enveloped in a nonstop hug."

**SPECIFICATIONS**

\* Full-color illustrations throughout  
\* 112 pages

\* WIDTH: 6" - 152mm

\* HEIGHT: 8 1/4" - 210mm

\* Hardcover POB

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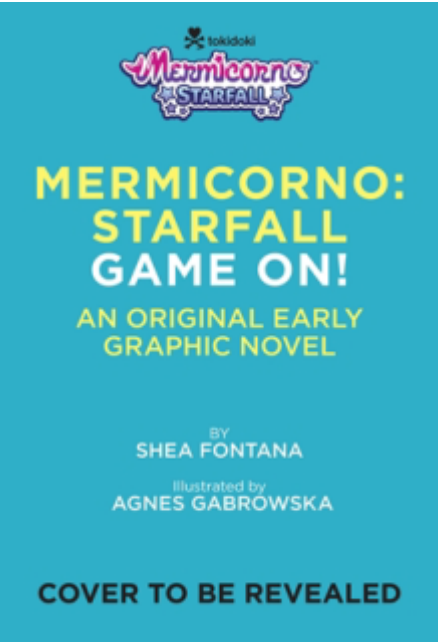
MERMICORNO: STARFALL UNDERSEA ADVENTURES

Mermicorno: Starfall—GAME ON!

AN EARLY GRAPHIC NOVEL

- WRITTEN BY SHEA FONTANA; ILLUSTRATED BY AGNES GABROWSKA

Join Astra as she and the Merמי-crew set out on an exciting original adventure to save the ocean from Ika Inkblot— an evil squid who’s bent on draining the sea of its creativity! Written by *Mermicorno: Starfall* showrunner and bestselling author Shea Fontana, and perfect for new and old fans of tokidoki’s Mermicorno brand!



In the first original Mermicorno graphic novel, join Astra, Gwen, Squishella, Kameko, and Nautique on a mer-mazing adventure to save the Pearl Kingdom and stop Ika Inkblot’s evil plan! Using Baby Bones’s nighttight to follow the squidion’s trail leads Astra and the team through a series of ghost towns. It turns out one town has been taken over by a bunch of frightening bottom-feeder fish. But to keep following the trail, they have to go through the town, and the Merמי-crew must win a baseball game and pass a series of quizzes and quests to make it out. Will they escape?

**Shea Fontana** is a writer for film, television, and graphic novels. She is the executive producer and showrunner of *Mermicorno: Starfall* for Atomic Cartoons/MAX and the co-executive producer and showrunner of the *Monster High* series for Nickelodeon and Mattel. She has also written numerous DC Super Hero Girls graphic novels. She enjoys hiking, hanging out with her pups, and tulip season.

SELLING POINTS

**NOW STREAMING ON MAX:** tokidoki and Atomic Cartoons have partnered to produce a new TV show *Mermicorno: Starfall*. All 26 episodes will be streaming on Max by May 2025. Our first early graphic novel title will hit the market as toys, bedding and other series merchandise lands, making a statement at mass-market retailers.

**BIG GLOBAL MOMENT:** tokidoki is one of the most sought-after global art, fashion and lifestyle brands. Its ever-growing fan base can't get enough of its larger-than-life characters and wide range of products. The global launch of its new Mermicorno: Starfall product lines and TV show includes a major global marketing campaign in 2025 and beyond.

**HOT CATEGORY:** Graphic novels continue to be a hot category that shows no signs of slowing down. This title is an exciting addition to our outstanding graphic novel program that includes strong series like The Smurfs and Spider Man Mighty Marvel Team-Up!

SPECIFICATIONS

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- \* 96 pages
- \* WIDTH: 6" - 152mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8 1/4" - 210mm
- \* **Hardcover POB**  
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US \$13.99

MERMICORNO: STARFALL

5-Minute Mermicorno: Starfall Stories

● BY SUDIPTA BARDHAN-QUALLEN

A charming collection of short stories set in the world of tokidoki's *Mermicorno: Starfall* and designed to be read in five minutes or less! Relive the most exciting adventures, memorable moments, and heartwarming friendships of the most Mer-mazing crew in the ocean with Astra, Gwen, Kameko, Squishella, and Nautique!



A collectible volume of short stories set in the world of tokidoki's *Mermicorno: Starfall* and designed to be read in five minutes or less! Based on the Max show, *5-Minute Mermicorno: Starfall Stories* gives readers the opportunity to meet their favorite Mermicorno characters and revisit some of the most magical episodes in the show. Appearing in print for the first time—and in a gifty storybook package—each of the 13 stories retells a beloved episode, making it perfect for read-alouds or when it's time to settle down for bed.

**Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen** is the author of many children's books, including the chapter book series *Purrrmaids*, as well as picture books *Tyrannosaurus Wrecks!*, *Quackenstein Hatches a Family*, *Chicks Rule!*, *Chicks Rock!*, and *Roxie Loves Adventure*. She lives in New Jersey with her family.

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**POPULAR FORMAT:** The 5-Minute Stories format has consistently been popular with beginning readers aged 5–8. It's a great way to introduce a new audience to the brand and a unique opportunity for fans of the show to revisit their favorite stories.

SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 176 pages
- \* WIDTH: 7 3/4" - 197mm
- \* HEIGHT: 10 1/2" - 267mm
- \* **Hardcover POB**
- PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2025**
- PICTURE BOOK, FICTION

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US \$12.99



MERMICORNO: STARFALL

Mermicorno: Starfall Official Sticker Book

● TOKIDOKI

Dive into the magical world of tokidoki’s *Mermicorno: Starfall* with this deluxe sticker book packed with 96 pages of stickers, exclusive posters, and activities! A must-have for all fans of the TV show!



This giftable sticker book is set in the world of the forthcoming animated TV series *Mermicorno: Starfall*, premiering soon on Max in the U.S. and other major platforms worldwide. The epic adventure–comedy takes place in a fantastical undersea world and is based on tokidoki’s collectible Mermicorno line. The show follows a group of Mermicornos—enchanted mermaid–unicorn creatures—on their adventures in the magical undersea world known as the Pearl Kingdom. In this sticker book, fans can explore the entire ocean—including the Pearl Palace, the city of Octokyo, the mysterious Arcadicornos, and even Ika Inkblot’s secret lair—in a variety of colorful backdrop pages perfect for decorating with their favorite *Mermicorno: Starfall* characters from 20 pages of included stickers. The sticker book also includes four exclusive double–sided pull–out posters.

SELLING POINTS

**COMING TO MAX:** tokidoki and Atomic Cartoons have partnered to launch the first season of the new TV show *Mermicorno: Starfall* on Max in early 2025.

**BIG GLOBAL MOMENT:** tokidoki is one of the most sought–after and iconic global art, fashion and lifestyle brands. Its ever–growing loyal fan base of all ages can’t get enough of its larger–than–life characters and wide range of products. The global launch of its new *Mermicorno: Starfall* product lines and TV show include major marketing campaigns, targeting millions of consumers in the US in spring 2025 with an eye toward vaulting *Mermicorno: Starfall* to stratospheric levels of popularity.

**MANGA–INSPIRED:** *Mermicorno: Starfall* draws inspiration from manga comics and graphic novels, which have surged in popularity, becoming the fourth–largest fiction category in the US market.

SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 96 pages
- \* WIDTH: 8" - mm
- \* HEIGHT: 10 1/2" - mm
- \* Paperback

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A MIGHTY MARVEL TEAM-UP

Iron Man: Something Strange! (A Mighty Marvel Team-Up)

AN ORIGINAL GRAPHIC NOVEL

- WRITTEN BY DEAN HALE; ILLUSTRATED BY DOUGLAS HOLGATE

Iron Man must team up with Doctor Strange to outsmart an otherworldly force that threatens New York City in this new Mighty Marvel Team-Up series



There's chaos at Avengers Tower! When the communications system goes down at the tower, technical genius and super hero Tony Stark, a.k.a. Iron Man, thinks there will be a quick and easy solution. But when Iron Man learns that the root of the problem is the arrival of the otherworldly creature Gargantos and it's missing children that are loose across New York City, Iron Man quickly finds that he's out of his depth. Luckily for him, mystical expert Doctor Strange arrives to team up with Iron Man and save the day! The two heroes must find the missing Gargantots within the hour or Gargantos will return to take its anger out on the city. Can the two heroes gather the mystical toddlers in time?

**Dean Hale** is the *New York Times* bestselling coauthor of over 20 books for young readers, including Eisner Award–nominee *Rapunzel's Revenge*, popular early chapter book series *The Princess in Black*, two graphic novels about young Wonder Woman, and two novels about the Unbeatable Squirrel Girl. It has been said that if you look in the mirror and say Hale's name three times, he will appear and give you a piggyback ride. This is mostly untrue. **Douglas Holgate** is the illustrator of the #1 *New York Times* bestselling series *The Last Kids on Earth* from Penguin Kids, now also an Emmy Award–winning Netflix animated series, and the cocreator and illustrator of the graphic novel *Clem Hetherington and the Ironwood Race* for Scholastic Graphix. He has worked for the last 20 years making books and comics for publishers around the world from his garage in Victoria, Australia.

SELLING POINTS

**MIGHTY BRAND:** Marvel Comics continues to be one of the most recognizable and biggest brands worldwide, with Iron Man being one of the most popular characters among younger readers and fans.

**SPIN-OFF TO HIT SERIES:** The Spider-Man: Mighty Marvel Team-Up series has been extremely successful, with critical and commercial success and nearly 200,000 copies sold between the three books in all formats.

**ALL-START TALENT:** Author Dean Hale has cowritten several hit series and graphic novels with Shannon Hale in this category, including the *New York Times* bestselling series *Princess in Black*, with this being his solo debut, and artist Douglas Holgate has been the ongoing illustrator for the *New York Times* bestselling series *Last Kids on Earth*, making this a power team for launching a new series.

SPECIFICATIONS

\* Full-color illustrations throughout

\* 96 pages

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\* Hardcover POB

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MARVEL SUPER STORIES

Amazing Adventures (Marvel Super Stories Book #2)

- BY MARVEL ENTERTAINMENT WITH VARIOUS CONTRIBUTORS; EDITED BY JOHN JENNINGS

The second volume of the first–ever middle–grade anthology series, featuring all–new Marvel comics stories by 15 all–star cartoonists



The second volume in a brand–new middle–grade anthology series with Marvel Comics, edited by John Jennings. Featuring 15 all–new six–page stories written and illustrated by some of the biggest names in comics for young readers, this all–star lineup features original stand–alone stories featuring Spider–Man, Captain America, The Avengers, Guardians of the Galaxy, the Incredible Hulk, Doctor Strange, Silver Surfer, Thor, Moon Knight, Silk, Spider–Man 2099, the Fantastic Four, Black Panther, Ant–Man, and Hawkeye. This all–star roster takes a fun, fresh look at everyone’s favorite Marvel super heroes, delivering delightful stories that will introduce them to first–time fans for a whole new generation of readers.

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SELLING POINTS

ALL-STAR CONTRIBUTORS:

The biggest and most diverse names in comics for kids join forces in this super hero–size anthology edited by John Jennings, featuring all–new Marvel stories by 15 notable names! Jennings, curator of our Megascopes line of graphic novels, will act as our spokesperson for all interviews, along with our esteemed contributors.

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**MIGHTY BRAND:** Marvel Comics celebrated its 85th anniversary in 2024 and is one of the most recognizable brands worldwide.

SPECIFICATIONS

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 160 pages
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