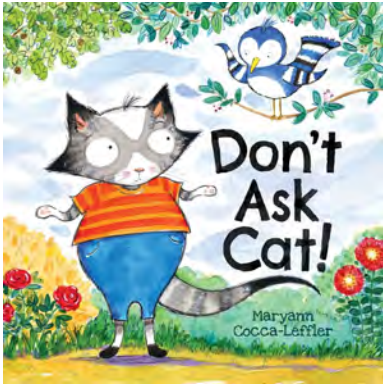


A cartoon illustration of a young boy with brown hair, wearing a yellow hoodie with white stripes on the sleeves, dark pants, and purple shoes. He is wearing large, glowing green goggles and has a small purple object on his left wrist. He is running happily with his arms outstretched. The background is a dark blue night sky with a white crescent moon in the top left. There are green trees and bushes, some with brown sticks and leaves scattered on the ground. The overall style is bright and colorful.

SPRING AND SUMMER 2024



Don't Ask Cat!

Maryann Cocca-Leffler

Key Selling Points:

- Helps children learn the importance of honesty and tact
- Reminds readers to think before they speak
- Encourages understanding of neurodivergent perspectives and communication styles

Summary

A cat who struggles with social skills learns ways to be honest without being rude.

A cat who struggles with social skills learns ways to be honest without being rude.

Cat always says what's on his mind, no matter how much his words may upset others. But when he hears his friends talk about him, Cat realizes that words can hurt, even though that may not be the intention.

Contributor Bio

Maryann Cocca-Leffler has been a passionate disability rights advocate since the birth of her daughter Janine. Maryann is also an award-winning author and illustrator of over sixty books for children, including *We Want to Go to School!*, *Same Way Ben*, and *Theo's Mood*. She lives and works on the coast of Maine.

Maryann Cocca-Leffler has been a passionate disability rights advocate since the birth of her daughter Janine. Maryann is also an award-winning author and illustrator of over sixty books for children, including *We Want to Go to School!*, *Same Way Ben*, and *Theo's Mood*. She lives and works on the coast of Maine.

Marketing Plans

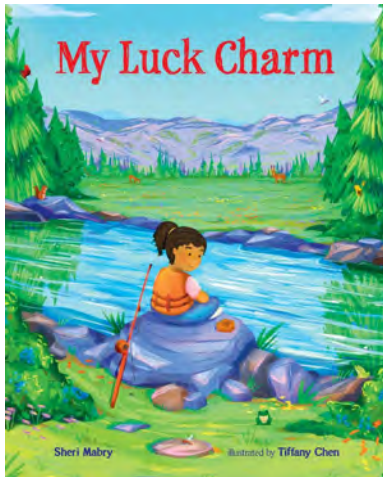
- Trade, library, and school advertising
- ARC distribution to trade, media, and top accounts via mail and Edelweiss
- Promotion at school and library in-person and virtual conferences
- Social media and email marketing campaign inclusion across all Albert Whitman & Company platforms

Albert Whitman & Company
9780807517031
Pub Date: 3/7/2024
\$18.99/\$25.99 Can.
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
Carton Qty: 0
Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes
JUV039200
9 in H | 9 in W

Contributor Images





My Luck Charm

Sheri Mabry, Tiffany Chen

Key Selling Points:

- A moving story about a child's discovery of her connection with nature
- Promotes conversations about the food we eat and where it comes from
- Encourages readers to listen to their intuition

Summary

When a girl gets a close look at a fish out of water, she thinks twice about her actions.

When a girl gets a close look at a fish out of water, she thinks twice about her actions.

It's early morning at the cabin. A girl tucks her honeybee good luck charm in her pocket and sets out to catch fish for everyone's breakfast. She can smell the pine trees, hear the birds, and see the squirrels. But when her line snaps taut and a fish is right on the rock with her, gasping for air, her excitement turns into concern.

Contributor Bio

Sheri Mabry lives in a small town in the Midwest. She has a master's degree in curriculum and instruction, a BS in education, and various other certifications. She teaches yoga and meditation and offers writing services to authors. With over a dozen books published, Sheri hopes that each book she writes brings something positive to the world. She spends much of her free time in nature with her two dogs, and is the founder of All Kind Project.

Tiffany Chen is a self-taught illustrator who enjoys drawing brave characters exploring the big wide world. She is the illustrator of *Meowloween*, has had her work displayed at the Wing Luke Museum and Gallery 839, and has also created illustrations for numerous clients including Citibank. She lives in Seattle, Washington.

Marketing Plans

- Trade, library, and school advertising
- ARC distribution to trade, media, and top accounts via mail and Edelweiss
- Promotion at school and library in-person and virtual conferences
- Social media and email marketing campaign inclusion across all Albert Whitman & Company platforms

Albert Whitman & Company
9780807547830
Pub Date: 3/7/2024
\$18.99/\$25.99 Can.
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
Carton Qty: 0
Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes
JUV039050

10 in H | 8 in W

Contributor Images





Purple Up!

We Salute Our Friends

Sarah Scheerger, Leah Giles

Key Selling Points:

- Inspired by Purple Up! Day, held every April 15 throughout the US in support of the 1.9 million military children in the nation, as well as those based overseas
- Spotlights the sacrifices made by children of military personnel, and shows a community coming together to celebrate them
- Offers ways to make new people feel welcome at school and in the neighborhood

Summary

While military parents are away serving and protecting, their children are at home, taking care of themselves and each other.

While military parents are away serving and protecting, their children are at home, taking care of themselves and each other.

April 15 is Purple Up! Day—a day when Americans around the world recognize and celebrate the children who make sacrifices along with their military parents.

Classmates mix the colors of the different military branches to create banners that say, "Thank you for your service!"

Contributor Bio

Sarah Scheerger, LCSW, provides school-based counseling and other mental health services. She is grateful for the opportunity to support students along their journey. They inspire her daily with their strength and wisdom. Sarah is the author of eight books for young readers. She lives in California, with her family and their dog, Daisy.

Leah Giles grew up outside of Toronto, Canada. She now resides in a noisy little apartment in Brooklyn, New York, where she splatters paint and collages paper to create stories that celebrate joy. Leah is a fan of all things brightly bold, colorfully collaged, and radically lovely. Most of the time, she can be found with her kitten napping on her shoulder while she draws.

Marketing Plans

- Trade, library, and school advertising
- ARC distribution to trade, media, and top accounts via mail and Edelweiss Promotion at school and library in-person and virtual conferences
- Social media and email marketing campaign inclusion across all Albert Whitman & Company platforms

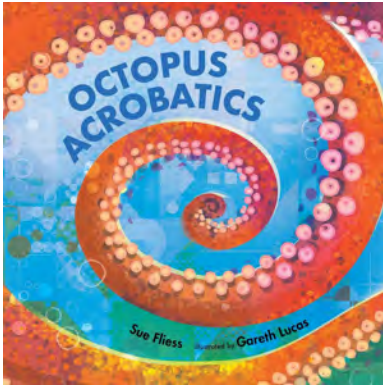
Albert Whitman & Company
9780807566671
Pub Date: 3/7/2024
\$18.99/\$25.99 Can.
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
Carton Qty: 0
Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
Juvenile Fiction / Holidays &
Celebrations
JUV017130

10 in H | 8 in W

Contributor Images





Octopus Acrobatics

Sue Fliess, Gareth Lucas

Key Selling Points:

- Follow-up to star-reviewed *Cicada Symphony*, by the same author-illustrator team
- Learn about the characteristics and behaviors of the octopus, including its fascinating hunting and hiding techniques
- Two ways to read: focus on the rhythmic, rhyming verse or the fun fact boxes on every spread

Summary

Master of disguise. Skilled escape artist. Behold the wondrous octopus!

Master of disguise. Skilled escape artist. Behold the wondrous octopus!

Though octopuses live in every ocean and along every US coast, you may never catch a glimpse of one in the wild. All 300 species, from the tiny wolff octopus to the enormous Pacific octopus, can camouflage themselves by changing color, pattern, and texture. Some octopuses are also capable of regenerating limbs, surviving on land for short periods of time, and fitting through impossibly small spaces!

Contributor Bio

Sue Fliess is the award-winning, bestselling author of more than fifty children's books including *Cicada Symphony*, *The Earth Gives More*, and the Kid Scientist series. Her books have been named to notable lists and translated into multiple languages. Sue lives in Northern Virginia.

Gareth Lucas is an illustrator and designer living in Essex, England. He studied at Brighton and Central Saint Martin's Art Schools, and since graduating he has worked as a full-time artist, illustrating many well-loved books—all with the natural world at their center. Gareth combines digital processes with a colorful palette and a charming style to produce work that is joyful and exuberant.

Marketing Plans

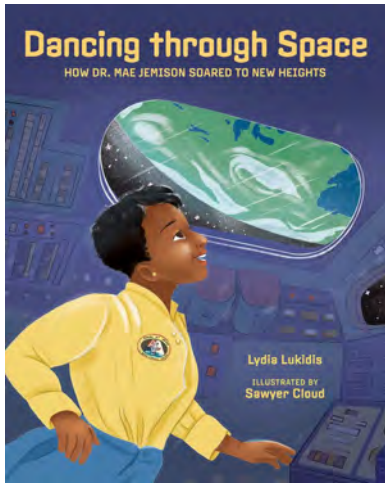
- Trade, library, and school advertising
- ARC distribution to trade, media, and top accounts via mail and Edelweiss
- Promotion at school and library in-person and virtual conferences
- Social media and email marketing campaign inclusion across all Albert Whitman & Company platforms

Albert Whitman & Company
9780807558188
Pub Date: 3/7/2024
\$18.99/\$25.99 Can.
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
Carton Qty: 0
Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
Juvenile Fiction / Animals
JUV002170
10 in H | 10 in W

Contributor Images





Dancing through Space

Dr. Mae Jemison Soars to New Heights

Lydia Lukidis, Sawyer Cloud

Key Selling Points:

- Highlights the power of combining creativity and art with science and technology
- Provides a model of someone who spent her life keeping her mind and her body strong
- A timely story coinciding NASA's plans to land the first woman and person of color on the moon in 2024

Summary

The true story of Dr. Mae Jemison, whose lifelong passions of science and dance prepared her to become a trailblazing astronaut.

The true story of Dr. Mae Jemison, whose lifelong passions of science and dance prepared her to become a trailblazing astronaut.

Today, Dr. Mae Jemison is famous for being the first Black woman to travel into outer space. But when she was growing up, she felt torn between two passions: science and dance. It seemed like an impossible choice. There had to be some way to make room for both—and Mae found one. As an adult, she combined her gifts of scientific logic and artistic creativity and became an astronaut.

Contributor Bio

Lydia Lukidis is the author of more than fifty trade and educational children's books. Her titles include *Deep, Deep Down* and *The Broken Bees' Nest*, which was nominated for a CYBILS Award. A STEAM enthusiast from a young age, Lydia now incorporates her studies in art and science into her books. She lives in Quebec, Canada, with her daughter.

Sawyer Cloud is a self-taught artist living in Madagascar, her birth country. She is a passionate artist with a huge interest in dreams and freedom. Her previous titles include *The Juneteenth Story* and *Sugar Pie Lullaby*, among many others. Sawyer loves music and has a long list of dreams to accomplish, including traveling around the world.

Marketing Plans

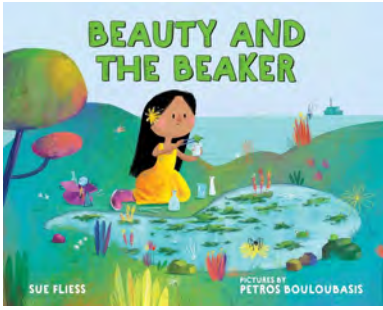
- Trade, library, and school advertising
- ARC distribution to trade, media, and top accounts via mail and Edelweiss
- Promotion at school and library in-person and virtual conferences
- Social media and email marketing campaign inclusion across all Albert Whitman & Company platforms

Albert Whitman & Company
9780807514580
Pub Date: 4/4/2024
\$18.99/\$25.99 Can.
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
Carton Qty: 0
Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
Juvenile Nonfiction / Biography &
Autobiography
JNF007090
10 in H | 8 in W

Contributor Images





Beauty and the Beaker

Sue Fliess, Petros Bouloubasis

Key Selling Points:

- Rhyming and rhythmic stories inspired by real discoveries in STEM fields
- Clever twists on classic tales by the same author-illustrator team
- Each adventure features a curious and capable girl scientist

Summary

In the aftermath of a cyclone, scientist Beauty finds the key to restoring power in a nearby pond.

In the aftermath of a cyclone, scientist Beauty finds the key to restoring power in a nearby pond.

Beauty is a scientist who is never without her beaker. When a beast of a storm hits her island home, Beauty discovers a type of green energy that will restore power to the community, and help many others, too.

Contributor Bio

Sue Fliess is the award-winning, bestselling author of more than fifty children's books including *Cicada Symphony*, *The Earth Gives More*, and the Kid Scientist series. Her books have been named to notable lists and translated into multiple languages. Sue lives in Northern Virginia.

Petros Bouloubasis graduated from the Graphic Design Institute of Athens. His work is published and exhibited in Greece, Spain, Japan, Iran, Australia, France, Korea, Belgium and Turkey. He is also the illustrator of *Mary Had a Little Lab*, *Little Red Rhyming Hood*, and *The Princess and the Petri Dish*. He lives in Athens, Greece.

Marketing Plans

- Trade, library, and school advertising
- ARC distribution to trade, media, and top accounts via mail and Edelweiss
- Promotion at school and library in-person and virtual conferences
- Social media and email marketing campaign inclusion across all Albert Whitman & Company platforms

Albert Whitman & Company
9780807506578
Pub Date: 4/4/2024
\$18.99/\$25.99 Can.
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
Carton Qty: 0
Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
Juvenile Fiction / Science & Nature
JUV029000

8.5 in H | 10.8 in W

Contributor Images





Way Past Mean

Hallee Adelman, Karen Wall

Key Selling Points:

- Describes the causes and symptoms of common emotions
- Encourages understanding and empathy
- Characters model coping technique and skills to work through big emotions

Summary

Ruby wants her friends to like her more than she wants to be nice to the new girl at school.

Ruby wants her friends to like her more than she wants to be nice to the new girl at school.

Once Ruby starts being mean to the new girl, Nelly, she can't stop. She likes being part of Yaz and Keya's group, so she also makes fun of Nelly and hurts her feelings. It's like Ruby's on an out-of-control roller coaster, but it's up to her to stop the ride.

Contributor Bio

Hallee Adelman, author of numerous books for children, works to better the lives of kids and families through education, story, and film. With a PhD in education, she has taught elementary through university students and was nominated twice for the Disney Teacher of the Year Award, and she also produces documentaries. Hallee lives outside Philadelphia, PA, with her family.

Karen Wall was born in Scotland, where she studied art and textile design, and now illustrates picture and chapter books for children. Karen dreams up her ideas in a studio above her local library in London, England.

Marketing Plans

- Trade, library, and school advertising
- ARC distribution to trade, media, and top accounts via mail and Edelweiss
- Promotion at school and library in-person and virtual conferences
- Social media and email marketing campaign inclusion across all Albert Whitman & Company platforms

Albert Whitman & Company
9780807580219
Pub Date: 4/4/2024
\$18.99/\$25.99 Can.
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
Carton Qty: 0
Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes
JUV039050
Series: GREAT BIG FEELINGS™
10 in H | 8 in W

Contributor Images





Love Grows Here

Chloe Ito Ward, Violet Kim

Key Selling Points:

- Written by a Japanese American author who experienced racism as a child
- A timely story about prejudice against Asian-Americans, from the internment camps of World War II to the present day
- Illustrates how words and actions can grow fear and anger, or compassion and hope

Summary

After a racist encounter, an Asian American girl decides to fight hate by spreading love.

After a racist encounter, an Asian American girl decides to fight hate by spreading love.

Aiko learns that Japanese Americans were once put in prison camps in her own country—the US—and that there are still some people who don't like her, for no reason. But Aiko also learns that people respond to acts of kindness.

Contributor Bio

Chloe Ito Ward is a Japanese-American author. A former curriculum director, she has a M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction. She spent the last decade teaching kindergarten, where she discovered her passion for picture books. When Chloe isn't perfecting her ramen recipe, you can find her rock climbing or dancing in the kitchen with her husband, son, and their imaginary dog, Miso.

Violet Kim (Jung Ah Kim) received a degree in illustration from the Rhode Island School of Design. She is also an illustrator of *Earth Day, Birthday!* and *If You're Going to a March*. Her book *Luna's Yum Yum Dim Sum* was named one of the 2023 Best Children's Picture Books of the Year by Bank Street College. She lives in Taipei, Taiwan, waiting for her next journey while drinking coffee and working on her art.

Marketing Plans

- Trade, library, and school advertising
- ARC distribution to trade, media, and top accounts via mail and Edelweiss
- Promotion at school and library in-person and virtual conferences
- Social media and email marketing campaign inclusion across all Albert Whitman & Company platforms

Albert Whitman & Company
9780807531242
Pub Date: 4/4/2024
\$18.99/\$25.99 Can.
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
Carton Qty: 0
Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes
JUV039120

10 in H | 8 in W

Contributor Images





Zoologists on the Trail

Sue Fliess, Mia Powell

Key Selling Points:

- Entertaining introductions to popular scientific careers
- Makes advanced STEM concepts easier to understand
- Told from a kid's perspective, with a focus on their natural curiosity

Summary

The kid scientists are in Yellowstone National Park, checking on a wolf pack they last saw one year ago.

The kid scientists are in Yellowstone National Park, checking on a wolf pack they last saw one year ago.

Kai is a zoologist. He and his team study animals and how they behave in their environments. Their latest assignment: observing wolves in Yellowstone National Park. Using a combination of old and new technology, Kai's team checks the pack's health and its effect on the environment. Inspired by a real-world study, this story introduces readers to the terms, tools, and techniques zoologists use in their research, including bioacoustics, the study of making and receiving animal sounds.

Contributor Bio

Sue Fliess is the award-winning, bestselling author of more than fifty children's books including *Cicada Symphony*, *The Earth Gives More*, and the Kid Scientist series. Her books have been named to notable lists and translated into multiple languages. Sue lives in Northern Virginia.

Mia Powell is a children's illustrator based in Birmingham, England. She studied illustration at Birmingham City University, where she graduated at the top of her class. She has since illustrated children's books, art for print, greeting cards, and children's clothing.

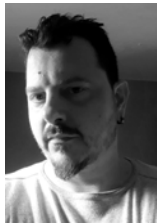
Marketing Plans

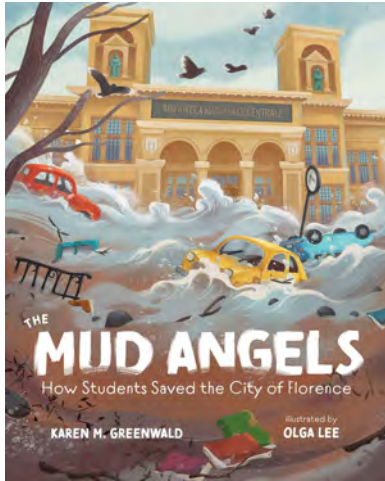
- Trade, library, and school advertising
- ARC distribution to trade, media, and top accounts via mail and Edelweiss
- Promotion at school and library in-person and virtual conferences
- Social media and email marketing campaign inclusion across all Albert Whitman & Company platforms

Albert Whitman & Company
9780807541388
Pub Date: 4/4/2024
\$18.99/\$25.99 Can.
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
Carton Qty: 0
Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
Juvenile Nonfiction / Science &
Nature
JNF051150
Series: Kid Scientist
10 in H | 8 in W

Contributor Images





The Mud Angels

How Students Saved the City of Florence

Karen M. Greenwald, Olga Lee

Key Selling Points:

- An inspiring historical example of international cooperation
- Portrays young people working together to make a positive impact
- Reminds readers that it's possible to help others even when you don't speak the same language

Summary

Based on real events, this story shows how a team of international volunteers worked together to save priceless artifacts after a flood.

Based on real events, this story shows how a team of international volunteers worked together to save priceless artifacts after a flood.

When the Arno River floods the city of Florence, Italy in 1966, it leaves slimy, smelly mud everywhere. A young girl watches students from around the world, many from the US, help save the town's rare treasures, earning themselves the nickname Gli Angeli del Fango, the Mud Angels.

Contributor Bio

Karen M. Greenwald is the author of *A Vote for Susanna*, which was a Kansas 2022 Notable Book. It represented Kansas at the Library of Congress National Book Festival and in the Great Reads from Great Places initiative. She cofounded the #SunWriteFun writing contest, which raises money for kidlit charities, and her strategic branding efforts have earned seventeen international awards. Karen shares her Maryland office with a very noisy dog.

Olga Lee is an illustrator of Korean ethnicity currently based in Moscow, Russia. After studying animation at Max the Mutt Art and Animation College in Toronto, Canada, she returned to Russia to work as an animator on a feature film while freelancing as an illustrator whenever she could to practice drawing. Eventually she realized she wanted to focus on illustrating full time. Olga takes her inspiration from everyday life and stories. When not illustrating, she loves spending time with her dog and skating.

Marketing Plans

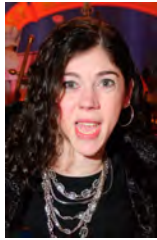
- Trade, library, and school advertising
- ARC distribution to trade, media, and top accounts via mail and Edelweiss
- Promotion at school and library in-person and virtual conferences
- Social media and email marketing campaign inclusion across all Albert Whitman & Company platforms

Albert Whitman & Company
9780807552780
Pub Date: 4/4/2024
\$18.99/\$25.99 Can.
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
Carton Qty: 0
Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
Juvenile Fiction / Science & Nature
JUV029030

10 in H | 8 in W

Contributor Images



School of Fish

Mary Boone, Milena Godoy

No Image
Available

Summary

Students work together to raise salmon in the classroom.

Students work together to raise salmon in the classroom.

Emmy and her classmates have a special hands-on assignment: raising salmon and releasing them into the wild! At school, they learn about the biology, life cycle, and habitat of salmon, and watch them grow from egg stage to fry stage. When Release Day comes, the students wish their fry goodbye and good luck, hoping that one day they'll find their way back to spawn.

Contributor Bio

Mary Boone has ridden an elephant, jumped out of an airplane, and baked dozens of cricket cookies—all in the interest of research for her books and magazine articles. She's written sixty-nine nonfiction books for young readers. Mary lives in Tacoma, Washington, with her husband, Mitch, kids, Eve and Eli, and the world's most opinionated airedale terrier, Ruthie Bader. *School of Fish* is Mary's debut picture book.

Milena Godoy is an illustrator from São Paulo, Brazil. She started her career right after graduating in animation and is currently focused on children's books. Her most recent and notable works include illustrations for *Superinteressante* and *Você S/A* magazines.

Albert Whitman & Company
9780807572917

Pub Date: 8/8/2024

\$18.99/\$25.99 Can.

Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages

Carton Qty: 0

Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3

Juvenile Fiction / Science &
Nature

JUV029000

10 in H | 8 in W



Mission: Moon

Andrea J. Loney, Wendy Tan

Summary

Abby is taking a giant leap onto the lunar surface.

Abby is taking a giant leap onto the lunar surface.

On a field trip to the moon, Abby is excited to try low-gravity bouncing and lunar rover rides. Unfortunately, her friend Gracie's older sister Claire is seriously spoiling the mood with her constant criticism of Abby. When Abby accidentally gets her friends trapped in an abandoned lab, she starts to wonder if Claire is right after all. Can Abby prove her wrong, escape the lab, and do something extra interstellar on the moon?

Contributor Bio

Andrea J. Loney is an award-winning children's author whose books celebrate diversity, joy, and kindness. She holds an MFA from New York University and, in addition to the Abby in Orbit series, has published several acclaimed picture books, including *Bunnybear* and *Double Bass Blues*, which won a Caldecott Honor. Andrea lives in Los Angeles, California, with her family and their incredibly spoiled pets.

Wendy Tan is a Chinese-Malaysian artist known for her captivating illustrations and passion for storytelling. She graduated with a diploma in multimedia design and started her career as a storyboard and visual development artist in the animation industry. Her publications include the Pets Rule! and Girls Survive series. In her free time, Wendy enjoys reading, traveling, spending time with family and her puppy, Lucky.

Albert Whitman & Company
9780807504208
Pub Date: 4/4/2024
\$13.99/\$19.99 Can.
Hardcover with printed dust jacket

96 Pages
Carton Qty: 0
Ages 7 to 10, Grades 1 to 5
Juvenile Fiction / Technology
JUV036010
Series: Abby in Orbit
8 in H | 5.5 in W

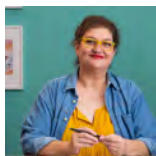


AW Teen
9780807504123
Pub Date: 3/7/2024
\$17.99/\$24.99 Can.
Hardcover with printed dust jacket

368 Pages
Carton Qty: 0
Ages 13 to 18, Grades 8 to 12
Young Adult Fiction / Social Themes
YAF058090

8.3 in H | 5.5 in W

Contributor Images



Here I Am

Shaunta Grimes

Key Selling Points:

- Nuanced portrayal of a fat character dealing with stigmatization and its resulting mental health effects
- Cathartic view of contemporary high school relationships
- Uplifting message of personal acceptance and empowerment

Summary

An honest, uplifting story about learning to live in the body you're born with.

An honest, uplifting story about learning to live in the body you're born with.

When seventeen-year-old Marcella Boucher asks Lou Duncan to her high school's "reverse prom" she expects a few snickers. After all, no one else knows that outside school the star football player has a thing for the girl everyone calls Moocella. However, she could never have anticipated the splashy aftermath of her very public display of affection. Or how it would send her to the edge of despair. But life has a way of putting exactly what, and who, you need in front of you at the right time...you just need to be brave enough to accept them.

Contributor Bio

Shaunta Grimes lives in Warren, Pennsylvania. She has a MFA from Sierra Nevada College and runs a writing school and community called Ninja Writers. She's also the author of *Viral Nation*, *Rebel Nation*, *The Astonishing Maybe*, and *Center of Gravity*.

Marketing Plans

- Trade, library, and school advertising
- ARC distribution to trade, media, and top accounts via mail and Edelweiss
- Promotion at school and library in-person and virtual conferences
- Social media and email marketing campaign inclusion across all Albert Whitman & Company platforms



South of Somewhere

Kalena Miller

Key Selling Points:

- Explores a girl's relationships with family and friends during a period of monumental change
- Addresses relevant themes surrounding class differences and the rural/urban cultural divide in the U.S.
- Compelling story with endearing characters, a strong voice, and a sense of humor

Summary

The unforgettable tale of a girl, her maybe-criminal mom, her babysitting business, and her pet pineapple.

STARRED REVIEW! "Precise, subtle details and complete emotional honesty bring these characters to life from the first page."—Kirkus Reviews starred review

The unforgettable tale of a girl, her maybe-criminal mom, her babysitting business, and her pet pineapple.

When FBI agents swarm twelve-year-old Mavis Callahan's downtown Chicago home, her mom goes on the run. With the family's house and bank accounts seized, Mavis's dad takes her and her siblings to seek refuge with his sister just south of rural Somewhere, Illinois—a far cry from the big city lifestyle Mavis is used to. As Mavis grapples with her sudden turn in fortune, she learns to make new friends and starts a babysitting business to bring in some much-needed cash for the family. But she can't help but wonder—is her mom truly guilty? And if not, why has she gone into hiding, contacting Mavis only through a series of postcards from exotic locales? Mavis isn't sure if she's ready for the truth, but she'll do anything to find it.

Contributor Bio

Kalena Miller is the author of several books for children and teens. She graduated from Carleton College before receiving an MFA in creative writing from Hamline University. She currently lives with her husband and lovable, if slightly neurotic, dog in College Station, Texas, where she runs a bookstore with her mom. When she is not writing, reading, or selling books, Kalena enjoys tap dancing, crocheting, and watching an embarrassing amount of reality television.

Marketing Plans

- Trade, library, and school advertising
- ARC distribution to trade, media, and top accounts via mail and Edelweiss
- Promotion at school and library in-person and virtual conferences
- Social media and email marketing campaign inclusion across all Albert Whitman & Company platforms

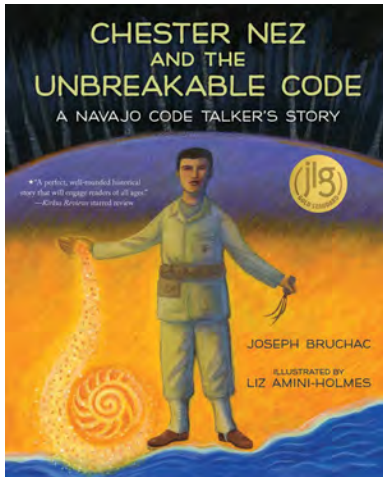
Albert Whitman & Company
9780807577141
Pub Date: 4/4/2024
\$17.99/\$24.99 Can.
Hardcover with printed dust jacket

288 Pages
Carton Qty: 0
Ages 9 to 12, Grades 3 to 7
Juvenile Fiction / Mysteries &
Detective Stories
JUV028000

8 in H | 5.5 in W

Contributor Images





Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code

A Navajo Code Talker's Story

Joseph Bruchac, Liz Amini-Holmes

Summary

Chester Nez was a boy told to give up his Navajo roots. He became a man who used his native language to help America win World War II.

A Junior Library Guild Selection April 2018

2018 Cybils Award Finalist, Elementary Non-Fiction

BRLA 2018 Southwest Book Award

2019 Southwest Books of the Year: Kid Pick

2020 Grand Canyon Award, Nonfiction Nominee

2020-2021 Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award Master List

STARRED REVIEW! "A perfect, well-rounded historical story that will engage readers of all ages. A perfect, well-rounded historical story that will engage readers of all ages."—Kirkus Reviews starred review

Chester Nez was a boy told to give up his Navajo roots. He became a man who used his native language to help America win World War II.

As a young Navajo boy, Chester Nez had to leave the reservation and attend boarding school, where he was taught that his native language and culture were useless. But Chester refused to give up his heritage. Years later, during World War II, Chester—and other Navajo men like him—was recruited by the US Marines to use the Navajo language to create an unbreakable military code. Suddenly the language he had been told to forget was needed to fight a war.

Contributor Bio

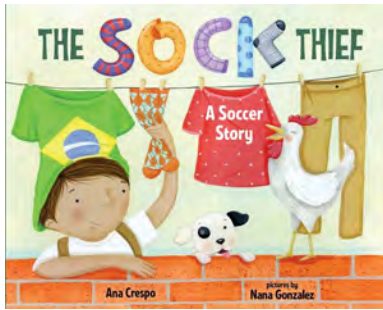
Joseph Bruchac is a writer and storyteller who often draws on his Native American (Abenaki) ancestry. Joseph is the author of over 130 books for young readers and adults, including *Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two*. He holds a bachelor's degree from Cornell University, a master's degree from Syracuse, and a PhD from the Union Institute. He lives in New York.

Liz Amini-Holmes holds a bachelor's of fine arts degree in illustration from the Academy of Art University and the University of San Francisco. She has illustrated other books for children including *Fatty Legs*, *Miracle*, and *A Stranger at Home*. She lives in California.

Albert Whitman & Company
9780807511350
Pub Date: 3/7/2024
\$9.99/\$13.99 Can.
Trade Paperback

32 Pages
Carton Qty: 0
Ages 7 to 10, Grades 1 to 5
Juvenile Nonfiction / Biography &
Autobiography
JNF007050

10 in H | 8 in W | 0.6 in T



The Sock Thief

A Soccer Story

Ana Crespo, Nana Gonzales

Summary

A Brazilian boy in need of a soccer ball comes up with a creative solution.

2016 International Latino Book Award: Best Latino Focused Children's Picture Book—Bilingual

A Brazilian boy in need of a soccer ball comes up with a creative solution.

Felipe wants to play soccer with his friends, but it's his turn to bring the ball, and he doesn't have one. So, on the way to school, he makes his own out of socks that he swipes from his neighbors. But Felipe is a considerate sock thief—he leaves delicious mangoes in exchange for each one, and at the end of the day, he returns them all (with thank you notes!).

Contributor Bio

Ana Crespo is originally from Brazil and has lived in the United States for fifteen years. Before becoming a children's book author, Ana worked as an academic advisor and as a translator. She holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's in education. She lives in Colorado with her husband, two kids, and a variety of wildlife.

Nana Gonzales has illustrated several children's books. As a child, she often carried around a pencil and paper so that she could draw for her family and friends. She lives in Argentina with her husband and his son.

Albert Whitman & Company
9780807574874
Pub Date: 3/7/2024
\$9.99/\$13.99 Can.
Trade Paperback

32 Pages
Carton Qty: 0
Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
Juvenile Fiction / People & Places
JUV030040

8.5 in H | 10.8 in W



Way Past Lonely

Hallee Adelman, Karen Wall

Summary

Macy is way past lonely. What will she do?

Macy is way past lonely. What will she do?

It's a weekend. Two whole days. Dez is away, Keya and Hooper can't play. Her mom is busy and her brother Luke doesn't need her help. Even Princess Paws rushes away. What will Macy do?

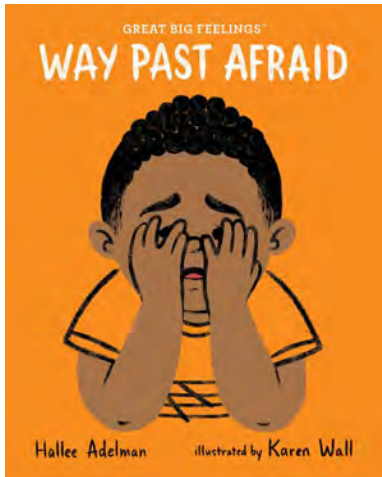
Contributor Bio

Hallee Adelman, author of numerous books for children, works to better the lives of kids and families through education, story, and film. With a PhD in education, she has taught elementary through university students and was nominated twice for the Disney Teacher of the Year Award, and she also produces documentaries. Hallee lives outside Philadelphia, PA, with her family.

Karen Wall was born in Scotland, where she studied art and textile design, and now illustrates picture and chapter books for children. Karen dreams up her ideas in a studio above her local library in London, England.

Albert Whitman & Company
9780807580479
Pub Date: 3/7/2024
\$9.99/\$13.99 Can.
Trade Paperback

32 Pages
Carton Qty: 0
Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes
JUV039050
Series: GREAT BIG FEELINGS™
10 in H | 8 in W



Way Past Afraid

Hallee Adelman, Karen Wall

Summary

Van is already way past scared of the storm outside. Then the power goes out!

Van is already way past scared of the storm outside. Then the power goes out!

Abbi and Van are having a sleepover at Grammy and Pop's. Should be fun! But there's a storm, with loud thunder and bursts of lightning. The lights go out. Van is way past afraid. What can make him feel better?

Contributor Bio

Hallee Adelman, author of numerous books for children, works to better the lives of kids and families through education, story, and film. With a PhD in education, she has taught elementary through university students and was nominated twice for the Disney Teacher of the Year Award, and she also produces documentaries. Hallee lives outside Philadelphia, PA, with her family.

Karen Wall was born in Scotland, where she studied art and textile design, and now illustrates picture and chapter books for children. Karen dreams up her ideas in a studio above her local library in London, England.

Albert Whitman & Company
9780807580462
Pub Date: 3/7/2024
\$9.99/\$13.99 Can.
Trade Paperback

32 Pages
Carton Qty: 0
Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes
JUV039050
Series: GREAT BIG FEELINGS™
10 in H | 8 in W



Freddie Ramos and the Beach Monster

Jacqueline Jules, Keiron Ward

Summary

Can Freddie's superpowers help him catch a beach monster?

Can Freddie's superpowers help him catch a beach monster?

Freddie takes his first trip to the beach, where his superpowered shoes make him bounce on the sand. While Freddie's mom hangs out with her boyfriend, David, and gets to know his family, Freddie investigates the giant monster tracks that mysteriously appear on the beach. When David's sister and baby niece disappear, can Freddie find them before the monster does?

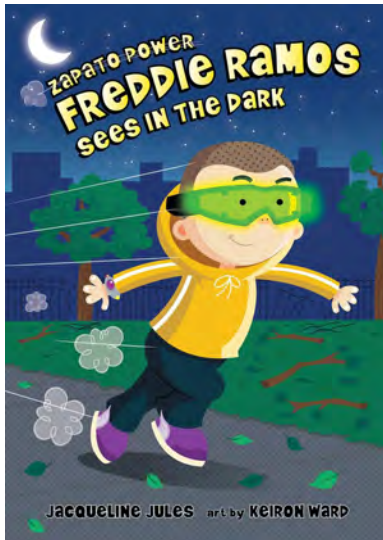
Contributor Bio

Jacqueline Jules is the author of fifty books, including *Freddie Ramos Takes Off*, a Cybils Award winner, and *Never Say a Mean Word Again*, a Sydney Taylor Honor Book. She lives on Long Island, New York. A former school librarian, she loves to interact with young readers and teachers.

Keiron Ward has worked as a children's illustrator for over twenty years, combining his love of fantastical and imaginative stories with his love of drawing. He lives in Wales.

Albert Whitman & Company
9780807580455
Pub Date: 3/7/2024
\$6.99/\$9.99 Can.
Trade Paperback

96 Pages
Carton Qty: 0
Ages 7 to 10, Grades 1 to 5
Juvenile Fiction / People & Places
JUV011030
Series: Zapato Power
7.5 in H | 5.3 in W



Freddie Ramos Sees in the Dark

Jacqueline Jules, Keiron Ward

Summary

Can a special new pair of goggles help Freddie get over his fear of the dark?

Can a special new pair of goggles help Freddie get over his fear of the dark?

Every superhero has a super weakness, and Freddie's is his fear of the dark. When a power outage hits Starwood Park Apartments, Freddie has to rely on a special new set of night vision goggles as he helps his neighbors. Meanwhile, Freddie's friend Maria seems to be getting suspicious of him. Can he conquer his fear while keeping Maria in the dark about his Zapato Power?

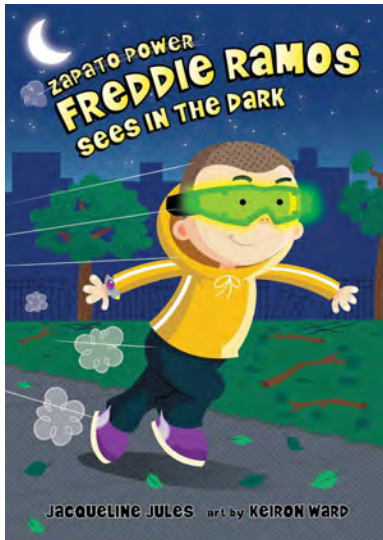
Contributor Bio

Jacqueline Jules is the author of fifty books, including *Freddie Ramos Takes Off*, a Cybils Award winner, and *Never Say a Mean Word Again*, a Sydney Taylor Honor Book. She lives on Long Island, New York. A former school librarian, she loves to interact with young readers and teachers.

Keiron Ward has worked as a children's illustrator for over twenty years, combining his love of fantastical and imaginative stories with his love of drawing. He lives in Wales.

Albert Whitman & Company
9780807580196
Pub Date: 4/4/2024
\$6.99/\$9.99 Can.
Trade Paperback

96 Pages
Carton Qty: 0
Ages 7 to 10, Grades 1 to 5
Juvenile Fiction / People & Places
JUV011030
Series: Zapato Power
7.5 in H | 5.3 in W



Freddie Ramos Sees in the Dark

Jacqueline Jules, Keiron Ward

Summary

Can a special new pair of goggles help Freddie get over his fear of the dark?

Can a special new pair of goggles help Freddie get over his fear of the dark?

Every superhero has a super weakness, and Freddie's is his fear of the dark. When a power outage hits Starwood Park Apartments, Freddie has to rely on a special new set of night vision goggles as he helps his neighbors. Meanwhile, Freddie's friend Maria seems to be getting suspicious of him. Can he conquer his fear while keeping Maria in the dark about his Zapato Power?

Contributor Bio

Jacqueline Jules is the author of fifty books, including *Freddie Ramos Takes Off*, a Cybils Award winner, and *Never Say a Mean Word Again*, a Sydney Taylor Honor Book. She lives on Long Island, New York. A former school librarian, she loves to interact with young readers and teachers.

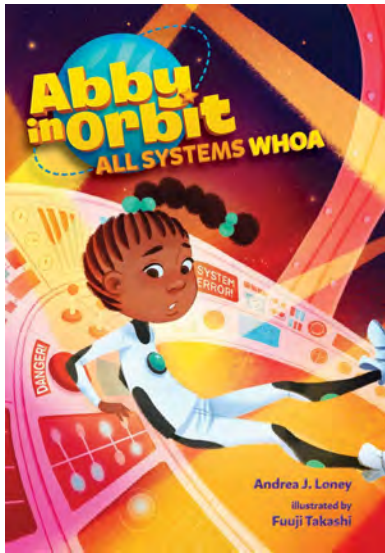
Keiron Ward has worked as a children's illustrator for over twenty years, combining his love of fantastical and imaginative stories with his love of drawing. He lives in Wales.

Albert Whitman & Company
9780807580394
Pub Date: 4/4/2024
\$14.99/\$20.99 Can.
Hardcover with printed dust jacket

96 Pages
Carton Qty: 0
Ages 7 to 10, Grades 1 to 5
Juvenile Fiction / People & Places
JUV011030
Series: Zapato Power
7.5 in H | 5.3 in W

Contributor Images





All Systems Whoa

Andrea J. Loney, Fuji Takashi

Summary

How can Abby Baxter prove she's not a Bad Baxter, but an Awesome Abby?

Good Housekeeping 2023 Kids' Book Award Winner

How can Abby Baxter prove she's not a Bad Baxter, but an Awesome Abby?

On Career Day, Abby Baxter's classmates are excited to learn about all the jobs adults do on the space station. But Abby has no idea what her career should be—next to her brilliant doctor parents, she always feels like a Bad Baxter. Even worse, she makes a few mistakes that cause systems on the space station to start going haywire. Can Abby untangle the mess and find her own strengths?

Contributor Bio

Andrea J. Loney is an award-winning children's author whose books celebrate diversity, joy, and kindness. She holds an MFA from New York University and, in addition to the Abby in Orbit series, has published several acclaimed picture books, including *Bunnybear* and *Double Bass Blues*, which won a Caldecott Honor. Andrea lives in Los Angeles, California, with her family and their incredibly spoiled pets.

Fuji Takashi is a children's book illustrator and character designer from General Santos, Philippines. She is best known for illustrating *Love Is Bubblegum*, and for her work on children's books featuring diverse characters. In her spare time, she likes cooking, singing, and taking long, peaceful walks.

Albert Whitman & Company

9780807504192

Pub Date: 3/7/2024

\$6.99/\$9.99 Can.

Trade Paperback

96 Pages

Carton Qty: 0

Ages 7 to 10, Grades 1 to 5

Juvenile Fiction / Technology

JUV036010

Series: Abby in Orbit

7.6 in H | 5.3 in W



Albert Whitman & Company
 9780807514238
 Pub Date: 3/7/2024
 \$9.99/\$13.99 Can.
 Trade Paperback

288 Pages
 Carton Qty: 0
 Ages 9 to 12, Grades 3 to 7
 Juvenile Fiction / Family
 JUV013080

8 in H | 5.5 in W

Dad's Girlfriend and Other Anxieties

Kellye Crocker

Summary

Anxiety has always made Ava fearful of change, but plunging headfirst into a new situation might be just what she needs.

2023 Colorado Book Awards Juvenile Literature Finalist

Anxiety has always made Ava fearful of change, but plunging headfirst into a new situation might be just what she needs.

Dad hasn't even been dating his new girlfriend that long, so Ava is sure that nothing has to change in her life. That is, until the day after sixth grade ends, when Dad whisks her away on vacation to meet The Girlfriend and her daughter in terrifying Colorado, where even the squirrels can kill you! Managing her anxiety, avoiding altitude sickness, and surviving the mountains might take all of Ava's strength, but at least this trip will only last two weeks. Right?

Contributor Bio

Kellye Crocker is a journalist who has written for *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Parents*, and *Glamour*. She holds an MFA in writing for children and young adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts and a bachelor's degree in news-editorial from the Missouri School of Journalism. She lives in Denver, Colorado.