

NEW TITLES

FALL
2023



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Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Sleigh!

Mo Willems

Key Selling Points

Top Talent—Award-winning, best-selling author and illustrator Mo Willems has published over 70 books for children, including 49 *New York Times* best sellers, with nearly 25 million books sold in North America alone. His live-action comedy special *Mo Willems and the Storytime All-Stars Present: Don't Let the Pigeon Do Storytime!* premiered on HBO Max. His CGI rock opera special *Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed: The Underground Rock Experience* and his animated series *Unlimited Squirrels!* are both scheduled to air in Fall 2022.

Best-selling Series—*The Pigeon Will Ride the Roller Coaster!* is the eighth picture book in The Pigeon collection, which has sold over 6 million copies in North America plus numerous foreign language editions.

Gift Appeal—This is a great holiday addition to The Pigeon Collection that parents and children can enjoy together.

Summary

From #1 *New York Times* bestselling, award-winning author and illustrator Mo Willems comes a new holiday classic.

It's the most wonderful time of the year—for driving a sleigh! 'Tis also the season—for driving a sleigh! Oh, and joy to the—driving a sleigh! The Pigeon has made a list and checked it once. Can his holiday dream come true? Or will The Pigeon be left out in the cold?

You'll share some HO-HO-HOs and HA-HA-HAs finding out in three-time Caldecott Honoree Mo Willems' ninth Pigeon book, *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Sleigh!*

Contributor Bio

Mo Willems is a number one *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator and the inaugural Education Artist-in-Residence at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. He has been awarded three Caldecott Honors for his picture books, two Theodor Seuss Geisel Medals and five Geisel Honors for his celebrated ELEPHANT & PIGGIE early readers. His debut book, *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*, was inducted into the Picture Book Hall of Fame. Mo began his career as a writer and animator on *Sesame Street*, where he garnered six Emmy Awards. Mo spends his holidays with his family in Massachusetts.

Illustrations



Union Square Kids
9781454952770
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Pub Date: 9/5/2023
\$18.99/\$24.99 Can.
Hardcover Picture Book

40 Pages
all in color
Carton Qty: 32
Ages 3 to 5, Grades P to K
Juvenile Fiction / Holidays &
Celebrations
JUV017010
9 in H | 9 in W



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\$17.99/\$23.99 Can.
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
all in color
Ages 3 to 5, Grades P to K
Juvenile Nonfiction / Concepts
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9 in H | 9 in W

Are You Big?

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TOP TALENT—Award-winning, bestselling author and illustrator Mo Willems has published over 70 books for children, including 49 *New York Times* bestsellers, with more than 31 million books sold in North America alone. His live-action comedy special, *Mo Willems and the Storytime All-Stars Present: Don't Let the Pigeon Do Storytime!*, premiered on HBO Max. His CGI rock opera special, *Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed: The Underground Rock Experience*, debuted on HBO Max in June 2022.

INVENTIVE NONFICTION—Willems puts the world into perspective for young readers through a simple progression of scale, traveling from the barely visible to as large as the universe.

EDUCATIONAL APPEAL—Carefully researched perspectives are presented in a kid-friendly concept book filled with facts and wonder.

Summary

Mo Willems, #1 *New York Times* bestselling, award-winning author-illustrator, tackles a BIG concept in this hilarious nonfiction picture book about the relationship between size and scale.

Are YOU big?

A simple question sends readers to the far reaches of the universe. From an average-size kid . . . to a hot air balloon . . . to a storm cloud . . . to the M100 Galaxy, size is a matter of perspective.

Bold text, expressive art, and real-world science come together in this original Mo Willems STEAM-based, early-learning concept book.

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Jingle! Jingle! I'm a Reindeer!

Jo Lodge

Key Selling Points

INTERACTIVE THEME—This is a fun book that lets kids interact with the pages and play with the creatures of Christmas!

SOCIAL APPEAL—This book is a great gift for adults and children to play with and enjoy together. Full of onomatopoeia and great to read aloud.

HOLIDAY GIFT APPEAL—This book is the perfect holiday gift or stocking stuffer for the Christmas season.

SAFETY TESTED—Rigorously safety tested with good production values on sturdy board, with finger tabs that are perfect for little hands.

SERIES POTENTIAL—A scalable series that can cover all sorts of early learning subjects and key interests in a young child's life.

Summary

A great new addition to a highly successful novelty series—the perfect stocking stuffer.

Jo Lodge is a master of highly original, simple yet effective novelty books. Building on the success of *Roar! Roar! I'm a Dinosaur!*, which launched with a print run of more than 80,000 copies, this Christmas-themed title explores all the magic of Christmas—from reindeer and snowmen to elves and Christmas decorations. Simple pull-tabs and a fun fact on every page.

Contributor Bio

Jo Lodge is an illustrator and a paper engineer. She comes from a highly creative family—her mother, Maureen Roffey, is an illustrator, and her father, Bernard Lodge, is a graphic designer. Jo is best known for her books starring Mr. Croc, which have sold more than a million copies worldwide, and *Roar! Roar! I'm a Dinosaur!*, with sales of more than 150,000. She lives in West Sussex, England, with her husband and two sons.

Illustrations



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Board Book

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all in color
Carton Qty: 40
Ages 0 to 3, Grades P And Under
Juvenile Fiction / Holidays &
Celebrations
JUV017010
7 in H | 7 in W



Chirp! Chirp! I'm a Chick!

Jo Lodge

Key Selling Points

INTERACTIVE THEME—This is a fun book that lets kids interact with the pages and play with lots of baby chicks!

SOCIAL APPEAL—This book is a great gift for adults and children to play with and enjoy together. Full of onomatopoeia and great to read aloud.

HOLIDAY GIFT APPEAL—This book is the perfect holiday gift for the spring season.

SAFETY TESTED—Rigorously safety tested with good production values on sturdy board, with finger tabs that are perfect for little hands.

SERIES POTENTIAL—A scalable series that can cover all sorts of early learning topics and key interests in a young child's life.

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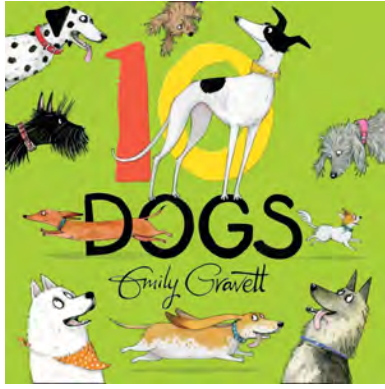
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Ages 0 to 3, Grades P And Under
Juvenile Fiction / Imagination &
Play
JUV051000
7 in H | 7 in W



10 Dogs

Emily Gravett

Key Selling Points

ENGAGING ART—The personality-packed cast jumps, leaps, and snarls across each spread, drawing readers into their dogged game of pursuit.

EDUCATIONAL APPEAL—The inventive plot showcases early-learning applied math skills as the ten sausages are unevenly split into hilarious groups of “haves” and “have-nots.”

GIFT APPEAL—A trifecta of perennial favorite themes of dogs, numbers, and cooperative play make for an evergreen, all-seasons giftable title.

Summary

Award-winning, bestselling author and illustrator Emily Gravett delivers a hilarious tale of mishap and mayhem as ten dogs pursue a chain of sausage links.

From dachshund to dalmatian, every dog wants a piece of the prize. Follow this high-stakes adventure as the scales tip from one dog with all the sausages and nine dogs with none to nine dogs with all the sausages and one dog with none. Will ten hungry dogs ever find a way to share ten tasty treats?

Gravett’s playful art and clever plot twists create page-turning suspense, perfect for repeat read-aloud fun.

Contributor Bio

Emily Gravett is the two-time winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal with *Wolves* and *Little Mouse’s Big Book of Fears*. Her internationally award-winning picture books include *Meerkat Mail*, *Tidy*, and *Old Hat*. She has illustrated bestselling fiction, including Matt Haig’s *Evie and the Animals* and a recent full-color edition of *Quidditch Through the Ages*.

Illustrations



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1914912594
Pub Date: 9/19/2023
\$16.99/\$22.99 Can.
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
all in color
Ages 3 to 5, Grades P to K
Juvenile Fiction / Concepts
JUV009030
9.9 in H | 9.9 in W



Love and Hugs: Winter

Tracey Colliston

Key Selling Points

SOCIAL THEMES—Encourages friendship, sharing, kindness, and helping.

EDUCATIONAL APPEAL—This book is a great asset for households and classrooms, teaching children about seasons and encouraging teamwork.

GIFT APPEAL—This book is a great gift for any household, with stunning, award-winning watercolor artwork.

AWARD-WINNING ILLUSTRATOR—esteemed card artist, Tracey Colliston has won the Brand Licensing Europe competition License This! Her greeting card range won Best Cute in the Henries Awards 2021 (the greeting card equivalent to the Oscars), and is now in the 2022 finals in the same category.

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Pub Date: 10/3/2023
\$12.99/\$16.99 Can.
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
all in color
Carton Qty: 48
Ages 3 to 5, Grades P to K
Juvenile Fiction / Concepts
JUV009100
8 in H | 8 in W

Summary

Created by award-winning card artist Ginger Betty (Tracey Colliston), this series of heartfelt picture books explores the warmth and emotions of friendship and family. The perfect gift for those you love.

Love and Hugs: Winter explores and celebrates all things wintery with a whole host of delightful new characters rendered in soft watercolors. There are winter walks, hot chocolate and log fires, being with friends, and spending time together.

Contributor Bio

Tracey Colliston is the creator and owner of Ginger Betty, a greeting card company. She aims to create feelings and emotions by combining delicate watercolor illustrations with heartfelt text.

Tracey won the Brand Licensing Europe competition License This! in 2020, and her work has gained recognition in several countries. Her greeting card work won Best Cute Range in the Henries Awards 2021 (the greeting card equivalent of the Oscars), and is now in the 2022 finals in the same category.

Illustrations





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\$12.99/\$16.99 Can.
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
all in color
Ages 3 to 5, Grades P to K
Juvenile Fiction / Concepts
JUV009100

8 in H | 8 in W



The Night Before Christmas

Ben Kirchner

Key Selling Points

BESTSELLING STORY—“The Night Before Christmas” is an evergreen tale beloved by parents and children alike that continually sells time and time again.

HOLIDAY GIFT APPEAL—This book is the perfect holiday gift for the Christmas season.

STUNNING ARTWORK—Full of character and humor, this is Ben’s debut children’s book—though his style is recognizable from wrapping papers and prints.

Summary

Santa is a Polar Bear and he’s visiting some penguins in their ice house. They’ve hung up their stockings and are awaiting their gifts. A wonderful re-imagining of the famous Christmas poem by new author-illustrator Ben Kirchner.

Contributor Bio

Ben Kirchner lives in Bath, England. His artworks are full of both human and animal characters with detailed observations of expression and body language, providing both humor and empathy. He has worked for Fortnum & Mason, Adobe, The New Yorker and Adidas amongst others.

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\$18.99/\$24.99 Can.
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
all in color
Ages 3 to 6, Grades P to 1
Juvenile Fiction / Holidays &
Celebrations
JUV017010

10 in H | 10 in W

Illustrations





The Overeager Egg

Milja Praagman

Key Selling Points

SOCIAL THEMES—Teaches children to be curious and ask questions, providing a base to understanding belonging, family, and separation.

EDUCATIONAL APPEAL—An asset for households and classrooms, teaching children about animals they may see in their own environment.

GIFT APPEAL—Great gift potential particularly in the spring and near Easter. The theme is universal.

Summary

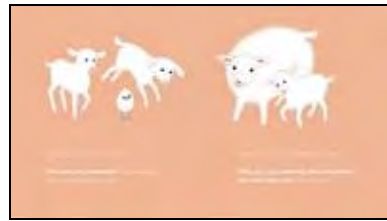
Beautifully illustrated picture book by an award-winning author-illustrator.

A little egg falls out of its nest and goes in search of its mommy. Can it find her? He asks lots of other animals for help—but eventually Daddy finds the egg and takes it back to the nest to hatch into a beautiful swan.

Contributor Bio

Milja Praagman is a celebrated illustrator and writer from the Netherlands, whose fresh and distinctive graphic style results in colorful and naive pictures. She has won numerous awards.

Illustrations



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\$17.99/\$23.99 Can.
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
all in color
Ages 3 to 6, Grades P to 1
Juvenile Fiction / Animals
JUV002040

10.3 in H | 9.1 in W



Lion, Lion Peekaboo

Grace Habib

Key Selling Points

PEEKABOO THEME—"Peekaboo" is scientifically proven to be the number-one way to make babies laugh, which is why it is played by families worldwide!

SERIES POTENTIAL—A scalable series that can cover animals, people, vehicles, and more.

INTERACTIVE ELEMENTS—Mirrors provide babies up to 18 months of age with social stimulation, and grab handles and pull mechs are great for developing gross motor skills.

Summary

A baby board book that brings a game of peekaboo to life with grab-and-pull mechanisms and a mirror.

Playing peekaboo is proven to be the most effective way to make a baby laugh.

In Lion, Lion PEEKABOO!, little ones' favorite game is brought to life with easy grab-and-pull mechanisms and a shiny mirror.

Open the pages to reveal many different wild animals! With stunning illustrations by Grace Habib, punchy Pantone colors to engage babies' senses and soft learning about colors, this is a perfect gift for babies aged 6 months and over.

Contributor Bio

Grace Habib was born in the suburbs of Chicago to immigrant parents. Her mom is from Seoul, South Korea, and her father is from Beirut, Lebanon. Living with two different ethnic backgrounds, her life was enriched with art, food, and culture. Since she was a little girl, she has loved to draw animals all the time. Her parents encouraged her to follow her passion in art. From there, she graduated with honors with a BFA in Illustration from Columbus College of Art and Design. She worked as a kid's greeting card designer at American Greetings for over four years, and she is now freelancing. In her free time, she loves to find new places to eat and travel, and the cutest coffee shops nearby. She has two mini dachshunds named Olive and Copper.

Illustrations



Boxer Books

9781915801166

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Pub Date: 9/5/2023

\$10.99/\$14.50 Can.

Board Book

8 Pages

all in color

Carton Qty: 30

Ages 0 to 2, Grades P And Under

Juvenile Fiction / Animals

JUV002340

Series: Peekaboo

7.1 in H | 7.1 in W



Moo Cow, Moo Cow Peekaboo

Grace Habib

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Illustrations



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Board Book

8 Pages
all in color
Carton Qty: 30
Ages 0 to 2, Grades P And Under
Juvenile Fiction / Animals
JUV002310
Series: Peekaboo
7.1 in H | 7.1 in W



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1914912977
Pub Date: 10/3/2023
\$17.99/\$23.99 Can.
Hardcover Picture Book

60 Pages
all in color
Ages 3 to 6, Grades P to 1
Juvenile Fiction / Animals
JUV002050
8.3 in H | 9.8 in W

Can You Catch Me? Tutu and the Vehicles

Piotr Karski

Key Selling Points

ENGAGING STORYTELLING—Follow this cat on a hilarious adventure as he travels around the world to catch his tail.

BOLD ILLUSTRATIONS—This book is filled with charming illustrations that will appeal to the youngest readers.

EDUCATIONAL APPEAL—An asset for households and classrooms, teaching children about the many different modes of transportation.

Summary

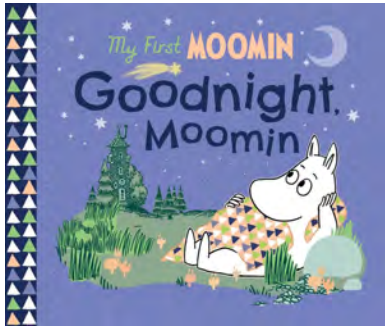
Humorous preschool picture book about a cat chasing his tail!

Tutu can see his tail—but he can't catch it! He is determined that nothing will stop him from catching it, so he takes a plane, a train, a bus, a boat—every form of transport you can possibly think of—and guess what? He catches his tail!

A fun picture book with a simple concept that explores all forms of transportation. Perfect for preschool children.

Contributor Bio

Piotr Karski lives in Warsaw, Poland. He loves to write, illustrate, and design books, and usually spends his free time with a backpack!



Goodnight, Moomin

Tove Jansson

Key Selling Points

CAPTIVATING ART—Enjoy Tove Jansson’s unique illustrations as you meet all the characters of Moominvalley.

ENGAGING CONCEPTS—A great book to teach kids about getting ready for bed.

GIFT APPEAL—These titles have tremendous gift appeal, combined with educational value.

Summary

A board book highlighting bedtime in Moominvalley.

Follow the Moomins through Moominvalley and learn about what the Moomins do to get ready for bed.

Contributor Bio

Tove Jansson is a Finnish artist and writer-illustrator of children’s books. She is the creator of the fantastic world of Moomins. Her books have been translated into more than 30 languages and have gained a worldwide audience.

Illustrations



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Board Book

16 Pages

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Carton Qty: 36

Ages 0 to 3, Grades P And Under

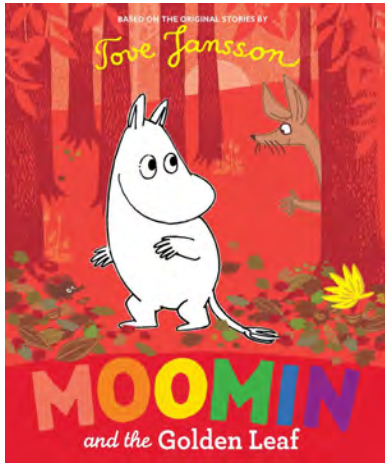
Juvenile Fiction / Bedtime &

Dreams

JUV010000

Series: Moomin

6.3 in H | 7.5 in W



Moomin and the Golden Leaf

Tove Jansson

Key Selling Points

CAPTIVATING ART—Enjoy Tove Jansson’s unique creations as readers meet favorite characters of Moominvalley.

ENGAGING CONCEPT—This is a great book to teach children about the importance of friendship.

GIFT APPEAL—Moomin stories, images, and characters always provide a perfect gift.

Summary

Moomintroll and Sniff find a treasure that they want to share with their friends.

The Autumn Ball is happening in Moominvalley, and Moomintroll and Sniff are preparing the decorations. When they discover a golden leaf in the forest, they decide to search for a tree of golden leaves to give to their friends.

Contributor Bio

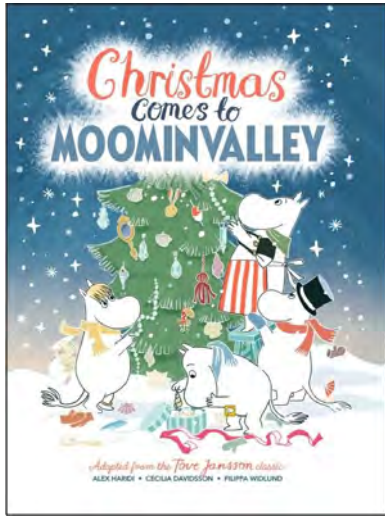
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Illustrations



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Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
all in color
Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes
JUV039060
Series: Moomin
10.3 in H | 8.5 in W



Christmas Comes to Moominvalley

Tove Jansson

Key Selling Points

CAPTIVATING ART—Enjoy Tove Jansson’s beautiful and unique illustrations as you meet the characters of Moominvalley.

ENGAGING STORYTELLING—Follow Moomintroll’s exciting adventures as he travels around Moominvalley.

GIFT APPEAL—This title has a classic holiday theme that will make for an excellent collectible.

Summary

An exquisitely illustrated retelling of Tove Jansson's classic story *The Fir Tree*, in which the Moomins are awakened from their Long Winter Sleep to be told that Christmas is coming. The only trouble is, the Moomins have no idea who—or what—Christmas is. As the Moomins prepare for Christmas, they learn what Christmas is really about.

Contributor Bio

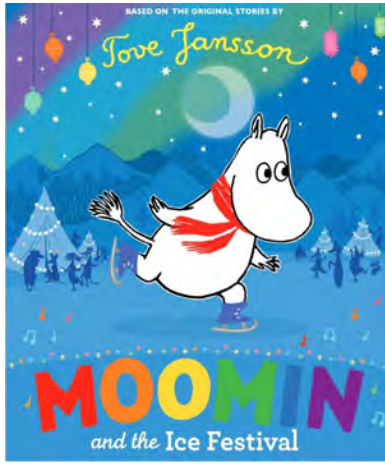
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Illustrations



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Hardcover Picture Book

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Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
Juvenile Fiction / Holidays &
Celebrations
JUV017010
Series: Moomin
10.2 in H | 7.8 in W



Moomin and the Ice Festival

Tove Jansson

Key Selling Points

CAPTIVATING ART—Enjoy Tove Jansson’s beautiful and unique illustrations as readers meet the characters of Moominvalley.

ENGAGING STORYTELLING—Follow Moomintroll’s exciting adventures as he travels around Moominvalley.

GIFT APPEAL—This title has a classic, enjoyable theme, and the series is an excellent collectible.

Summary

The Moomins enjoy an ice festival as winter hits Moominvalley.

Moomintroll and his family are getting ready for the Long Winter Sleep. But before their slumber, they are invited to the Moominvalley Ice Festival. Will they be able to travel through the winter snow to spend time with their friends?

The Moomins are celebrating a major revival. These contemporary editions of the classic tales, in which Moomintroll goes on adventures with his friends and family in the winter, are a joy for all Moomin fans as well as those just discovering this extraordinary world. Gently exploring the nature of friendship, these are picture books for all ages.

Contributor Bio

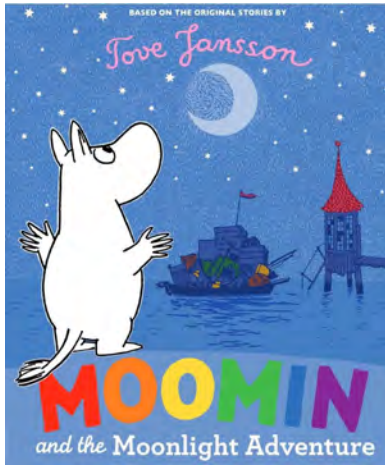
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Illustrations



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Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
all in color
Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes
JUV039060
Series: Moomin
10.3 in H | 8.5 in W



Moomin and the Moonlight Adventure

Tove Jansson

Key Selling Points

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ENGAGING STORYTELLING—Follow Moomintroll’s exciting adventures as he travels around Moominvalley.

GIFT APPEAL—This title has a classic, enjoyable theme, and the series is an excellent collectible.

Summary

It had been raining for days in Moominvalley, but now the clouds have cleared and it is a fine day for an adventure. Moomintroll is excited - he and Snorkmaiden and Little My, Moominpappa and Moominmamma, were all going to sail to Lonely Island to look for treasure! But by the time everyone is ready to leave, the sun had set and night had fallen. Would they ever be able to find any treasure just by the light of the moon?

Contributor Bio

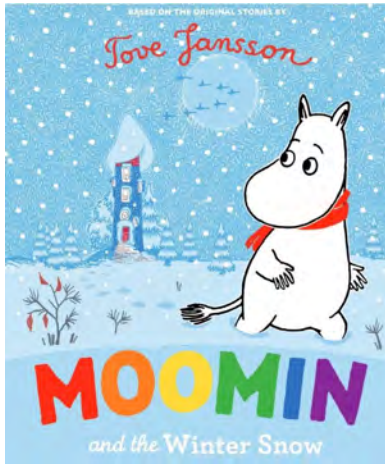
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Illustrations



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Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
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Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes
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Series: Moomin
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Moomin and the Winter Snow

Tove Jansson

Key Selling Points

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ENGAGING STORYTELLING—Follow Moomintroll’s exciting adventures as he travels around Moominvalley.

GIFT APPEAL—This title has a classic, enjoyable theme, and the series is an excellent collectible.

Summary

A heartwarming exploration of friendship as Snufkin travels south for the winter.

Snufkin is traveling south for the winter season and travels through the village to say good-bye to his friends. Moomintroll is sad about his friend’s departure. Can anyone make him feel better?

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A charming story of friendship and magical wishes.

Moomintroll and Snorkmaiden have found a shiny pebble that might be a star. But they cannot decide what to wish for. As they ponder over what to wish for, they start to worry as star’s shine begins to fade.

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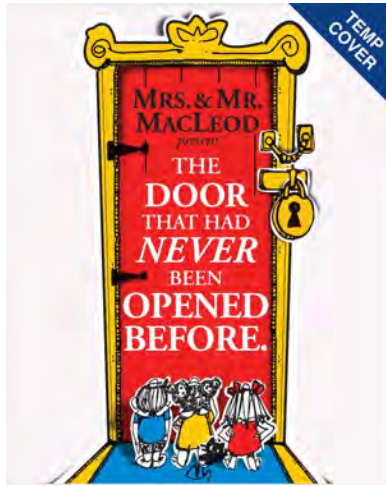
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The Door That Had Never Been Opened Before

Mrs. & Mr. MacLeod

Key Selling Points

BREAKOUT TALENT—Husband-and-wife team Mrs. & Mr. MacLeod (*Mac-Cloud*), self-described children’s bookmakers, are poised for success. Their addictive storytelling sensibility and one-of-a-kind style have broad-reaching intrigue and series-driven hit potential.

CHARACTER-BASED SERIES—Serious Sheila, timid Gerald, and spirited Geraldine Grunion have a lot more stories to tell and adventures to take, each as surprisingly peculiar as the last.

MERCHANDISE POTENTIAL—The surreal imagery, distinctive characters, and standout voice are primed for book merchandising extensions into the stationery market and more.

Summary

Mrs. & Mr. MacLeod, authors of *How to Eat a Book*, present a whimsical, thought-provoking picture book about coming face-to-face with the unknown. Beautifully illustrated and lyrically written, *The Door That Had Never Been Opened Before* has strong read-aloud appeal for families, libraries, booksellers, and educators.

The Grunions’ house has many doors. But there is one door that has never been opened before. At least, not yet. The door that had never been opened before was built closed shut, locked tight, and never opened for a reason. A reason that nobody knew.

Sheila Grunion tried every key in the house, in every lock in the door, but the door did not open. Sheila’s cousin Gerald knew nothing about the door—except that it must never be opened. And Geraldine, well, Geraldine would not stop until the door that had never been opened before . . . opened.

***The Door That Had Never Been Opened Before* is a quirky, modern look at a timeless question—with hints of Shel Silverstein and a smattering of Edward Gorey. Fantastically illustrated with dipped pen-and-ink cutout art, photographed in a three-dimensional stage diorama and hand-colored, this children’s picture book is a hit from the talented Mrs. & Mr. MacLeod.**

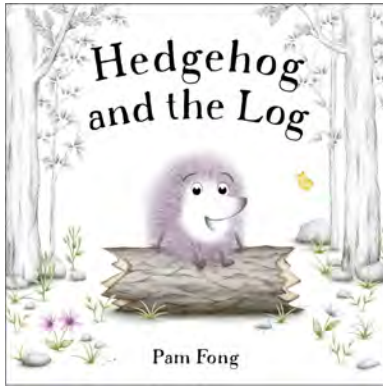
Hardcover picture book; 48 pages; 8.5 x 10.9 in.

Contributor Bio

Mrs. & Mr. MacLeod are children’s bookmakers, living off the grid with their five children in the redwoods of Mendocino, California. Mrs. MacLeod received her MFA from the Savannah College of Art and Design and spent her early career as an art director in San Francisco. She combines dipped pen-and-ink with cut paper and light to create original illustrations. Mr. MacLeod spends a heap of time engaging with the wild in the world and has the scars to prove it. Those scars have turned into stories.

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Juvenile Fiction / Books &
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10.9 in H | 8.5 in W



Hedgehog and the Log

Pam Fong

Key Selling Points

DISTINCTIVE ARTWORK: With a minimalist art palette and an adorable main character, HEDGEHOG AND THE LOG is destined to stand out in the marketplace.
EVERGREEN THEMES: Hedgehog's own emotional journey provides a gentle and reassuring reminder for readers of all ages to feel their emotions and face their challenges.

EDUCATOR APPEAL: HEDGEHOG AND THE LOG is perfect for use in classrooms, libraries, and homes to discuss social-emotional tools such as radical acceptance and growth mindsets.

Summary

Hedgehog loves his new home. But even before he can set foot inside, his house is destroyed. No matter how much he cries, yells, complains, worries, or even feels sorry for himself, Hedgehog is powerless to change the situation. It isn't until he learns to see things differently that Hedgehog turns his obstacle into an opportunity.

With its tender, openhearted text and beautifully rendered illustrations, *Hedgehog and the Log* is about acceptance, perseverance, and, most of all, hope.

Contributor Bio

Pam Fong is the author-illustrator of *Rou and the Great Race*, *Once Upon a Forest*, and *A Spark in the Dark*. After decades working in the art world, Pam is now committed to the important work of creating timeless picture books. She earned a degree in visual arts and art history from the University of California, San Diego, and a master of arts management from Carnegie Mellon University. She lives in San Diego, CA, with her family. She invites you to visit her online at www.pamfong.com.

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Ally-sauria y el primer día de escuela (Spanish Edition)

Richard Torrey

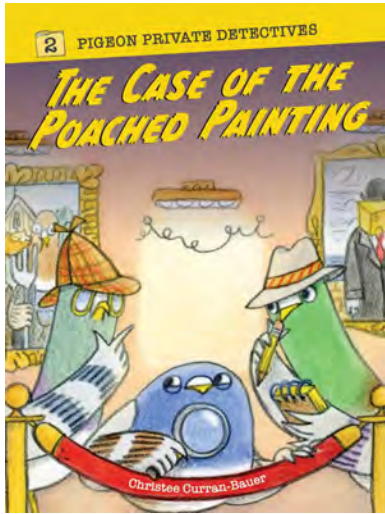
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Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes
JUV039090
Series: Ally-saurus
11 in H | 8.5 in W





The Case of the Poached Painting

Christee Curran-Bauer

Key Selling Points

DYNAMIC CHAPTER BOOK SERIES: This funny, engaging series is poised to meet the competitive demands of the chapter book space.

FRESH, GRAPHIC STYLE: The mix of comic panel and traditional prose is perfect for readers who are just diving into graphic novel reading.

CHOCK-FULL OF HUMOR: The story is full of age-appropriate humor and laugh-out-loud moments and pays homage to the popular detective story genre.

TALENTED AUTHOR-ILLUSTRATOR: Curran-Bauer has illustrated several picture books, including *Sugar and Spice and Everything Mice*, Union Square Kids, 2020. The Pigeon Private Detectives series marks her debut as an author-illustrator.

Summary

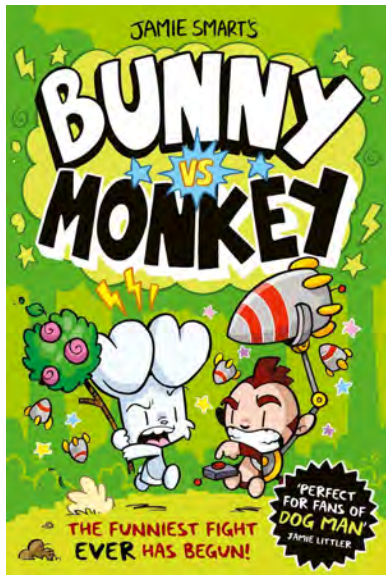
The Museum of Food Art is in a state of panic! A priceless painting was pilfered in the middle of the night. Fortunately, the Pigeon Private Detectives—PPD for short—are on the scene. These three detectives crave cracking a good case almost as much as they like snacks. But can they catch a thief who appears to be a master of disguise? Once again, author-illustrator Christee Curran-Bauer pokes fun at detective procedurals with kid-friendly humor, as she did in book one of the series, *The Case of the Missing Tarts!*

Contributor Bio

Christee Curran-Bauer has a BFA from Pratt Institute in communications design/illustration, and is a proud member of The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. Curran-Bauer is a Jersey girl currently living in Maryland with her family and spoiled French bulldog. She invites you to visit her at christeewithadoublee.blogspot.com and on Twitter at @ChristeeDoubleE.

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Juvenile Fiction / Mysteries &
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Bunny vs. Monkey

Jamie Smart

Key Selling Points

NEW AND IMPROVED FORMAT—The increase in Bunny vs. Monkey UK sales since reformatting the series has been notable. (32K for book 1 since 2020 versus 10K from 2014 for book 1 with earlier format) A complete storyline in every book and more readable, meatier editions will mean more appeal for graphic-novel-loving kids in North America, too.

HIGH DEMAND—With two books currently planned in this series and material for more, UNSQ Kids is prepared to meet the high demand for humorous middle-grade graphic novels.

UNIQUE VOICE—Jamie’s brand of humor and storytelling is reminiscent of graphic novels and shows like *Invader Zim* and *Adventure Time*, and the funny villains theme is akin to The Bad Guys series, but Jamie has his own voice and style. Bunny vs. Monkey is simultaneously more friendly (and kinder) than those examples, while also managing to have an even more unpredictable sensibility.

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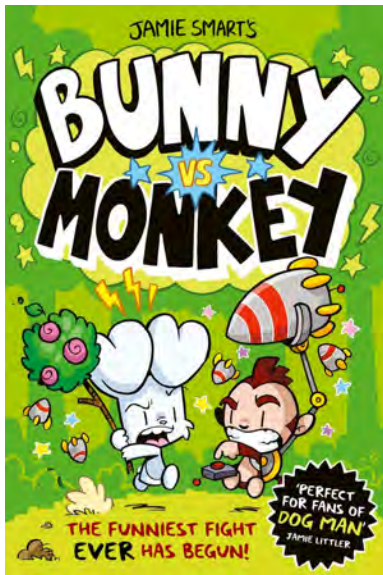
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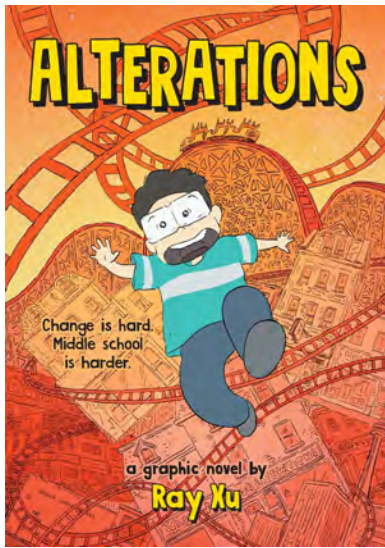
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Alterations

Ray Xu

Key Selling Points

FILM/TV INTEREST—A Cartoon Network show based on the book is in development.

EXCITING OWN VOICES TALENT—Raymond Xu’s extensive experience in animation is on full display in this vibrant, emotive, semi-autobiographical immigration story.

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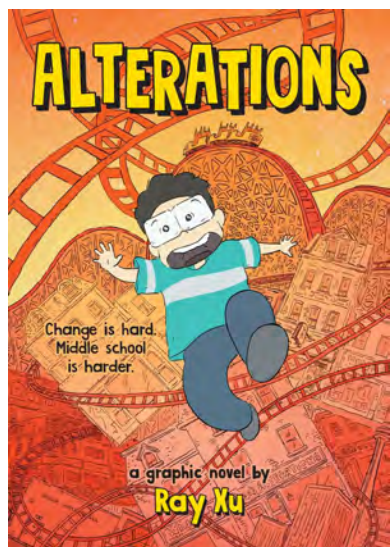
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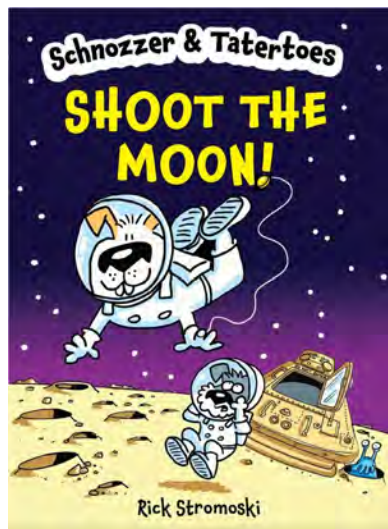
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Schnozzer & Tatertoos: Shoot the Moon!

Rick Stromoski

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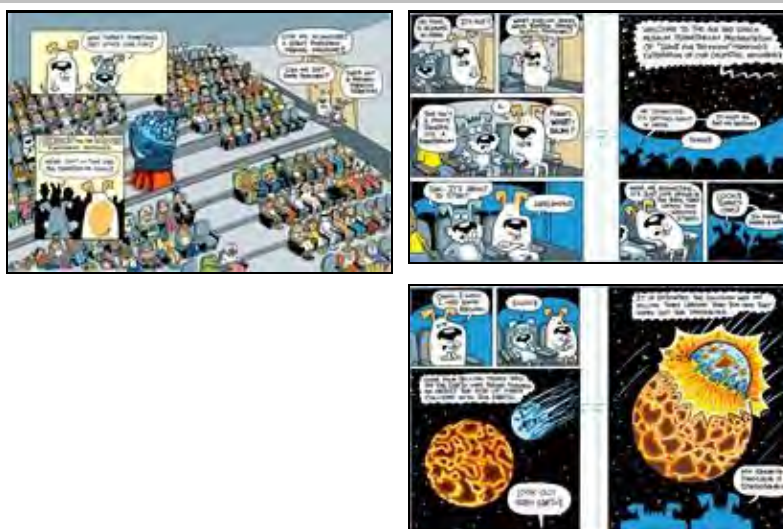
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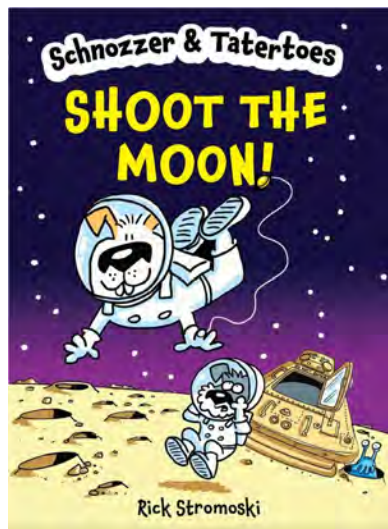
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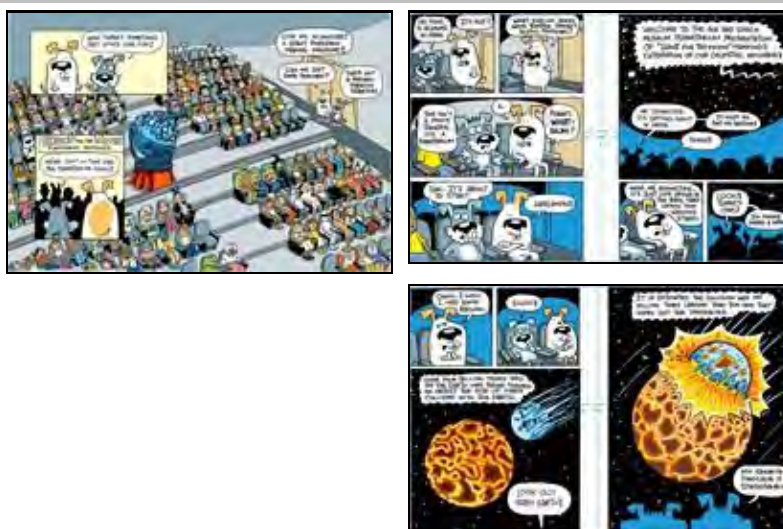
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The A&A Detective Agency: The Fairfleet Affair

K. H. Saxton

Key Selling Points

DIVERSE CHARACTERS: Alex and Asha's world is populated with believable characters from a variety of cultural backgrounds.

CULTURAL HERITAGE ISSUES: The novel makes literature and history compelling while also grappling with the topic of repatriation of cultural artifacts.

EVER POPULAR PUZZLE MYSTERIES: Books like *The Parker Inheritance*, *Greenglass House*, and Mr. Lemoncello's Library series show that these types of mysteries are becoming increasingly popular among middle-grade readers.

DEBUT AUTHOR: Kate (K. H.) Saxton is a new author we can grow within the UNSQ brand.

Summary

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Key Selling Points

DIVERSE CHARACTERS: Alex and Asha's world is populated with believable characters from a variety of cultural backgrounds.

CULTURAL HERITAGE ISSUES: The novel makes literature and history compelling while also grappling with the topic of repatriation of cultural artifacts.

EVER POPULAR PUZZLE MYSTERIES: Books like *The Parker Inheritance*, *Greenglass House*, and Mr. Lemoncello's Library series show that these types of mysteries are becoming increasingly popular among middle-grade readers.

DEBUT AUTHOR: Kate (K. H.) Saxton is a new author we can grow within the UNSQ brand.

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Quest Kids and the Dark Prophecy of Doug

Mark Leiknes

Key Selling Points

SEQUEL TO QUEST KIDS AND THE DRAGON PANTS OF GOLD—Mark Leiknes has raised the stakes for the Quest Kids in a follow-up story characterized by its laugh-out-loud narration and humorous comic illustrations.

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Juvenile Fiction / Science Fiction
JUV053010
Series: Ethan Fairmont
8.3 in H | 5.5 in W

Too Many Interesting Things Are Happening to Ethan Fairmont

Nick Brooks

Key Selling Points

SCI-FI FOR A MODERN AUDIENCE—Featuring a diverse cast of characters in a solidly contemporary setting, this novel is a perfect introduction to sci-fi for young readers.

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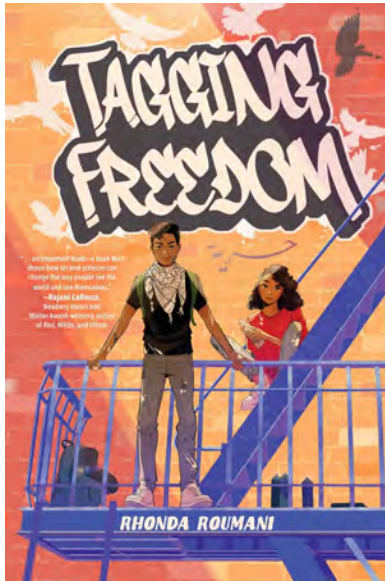
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Weaving issues of racial profiling, community struggles, and everyday life in a fast-paced science fiction adventure, Brooks’s debut middle-grade series is destined to be a favorite out-of-this-world adventure for kids 9–12. A timely—and timeless—sci-fi epic for fans of *Tristen Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* and the *Artemis Fowl* series.

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THE RISE OF YOUNG ACTIVISTS AND ARTIVISM: From Malala Yousafzai to Greta Thunberg to local protesters all over the world, young people are engaged and using their voices to advocate for change in their communities. TAGGING FREEDOM captures the experience of kids stepping out of their comfort zone and making their voices heard on issues that shape their world. It also celebrates artists whose work fuels social change.

IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE STORIES: Stories of new immigrants are growing in popularity in the middle-grade space, especially those about Muslim immigrants and Muslim American children.

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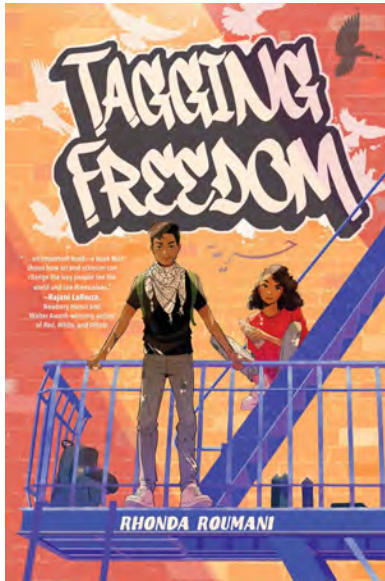
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The Sky Over Rebecca

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Rare Birds

Jeff Miller

Key Selling Points

LITERARY APPEAL—Author Jeff Miller’s heartbreaking, coming-of-age story is beautifully written and authentically inspired by his personal experience of living through his own parent’s heart transplant.

HIGH-STAKES ADVENTURE—Harrowing mishaps in the Florida Everglades and gripping organ transplant surgeries leave readers on the edge to the very last page.

QUINTESSENTIAL MIDDLE-GRADE THEMES—Classic middle-grade topics are skillfully woven throughout: family, friendship, and the meaning of life.

MEMORABLE WORLD—Set against the backdrop of the Florida Everglades, the richness of life and the fragility of death are brilliantly on display. Miller uses the vibrant setting to enhance the storytelling experience, much as Carl Hiaasen, Jennifer L. Holm, and Kate DiCamillo do.

Summary

Jeff Miller’s heartbreaking, coming-of-age middle-grade novel—inspired by his personal experience living through his own parent’s heart transplant—invites readers into the world of a twelve-year-old birdwatcher looking for a place to call home and a way to save his mother, even if it means venturing deep into Florida swampland.

Twelve-year-old Graham Dodds is no stranger to hospital waiting rooms. Sometimes, he feels like his entire life is one big waiting room. Waiting for the next doctor to tell them what’s wrong with his mom. Waiting to find out what city they’re moving to next. Waiting to see if they will finally get their miracle—a heart transplant to save his mom’s life.

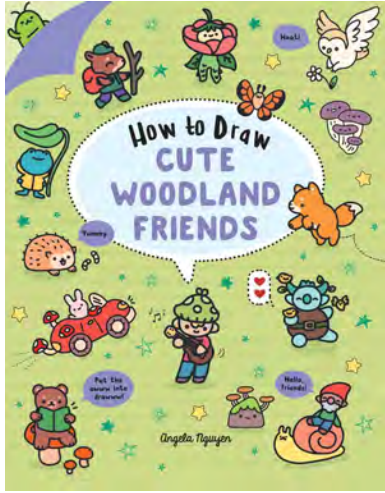
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Jeff Miller crafts a heartfelt story about what it means to live in this unforgettable middle-grade novel. *Rare Birds* is a rare find that will resonate with fans of the Carl Hiaasen’s *Hoot* and Melissa Savage’s *Lemon*. For readers looking for novels with literary appeal and classic themes of family, friendship, and the meaning of life, *Rare Birds* is a perfect pick.

Hardcover with dust jacket; 288 pages; 5.5 x 8.3 in.

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Jeff Miller is a middle-grade author and former camp counselor originally from Kent, Ohio. He loves snow, coffee, and visiting schools to connect with young readers. His mom, a 2018 heart transplant recipient, has always inspired him to face life with humor and heart. He is the author of The Nerdy Dozen series, middle-grade books about video games, friendship, top-secret aircraft, positivity, and ostriches. His latest middle-grade novel, *Rare Birds*, is authentically inspired by his personal experience of living through his own parent’s heart transplant. Miller currently lives in Chicago, where he keeps asking his cats for writing advice.



How to Draw Cute Woodland Friends

Angela Nguyen

Key Selling Points

- The first book, How to Draw Cute Stuff, has a strong reprint history that speaks for itself (almost 725k copies in print worldwide), and has been translated into 18 different languages.
- Clear and easy-to-follow step-by-step diagrams are great for visual learners and make following the instructions a breeze.

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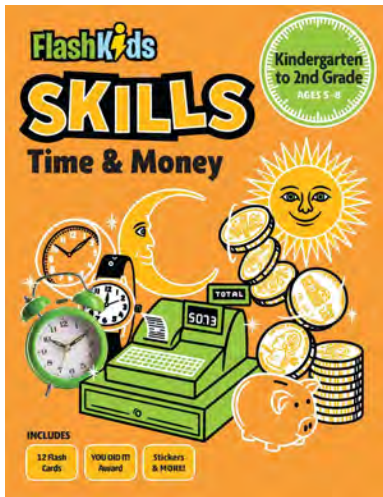
This kids' how-to art book lets the inquisitive child experience the woodland world through drawing. Each spread—drawn in Angela's trademark playful style—offers a step-by-step guide to drawing adorable animals (badgers, bears, and bugs), fungi, ferns and flowers, grasses, rock-dwelling creatures, and forest trees.

Contributor Bio

Angela Nguyen is a Seattle-based illustrator and author, known for her cute illustrations inspired by pop culture, video games, and dogs. She runs an online art business and travels the world showcasing her work at art conventions. She has published five other Draw Cute books. Nguyen also streams live-art tutorials and games on Twitch. Her goal as an art business owner is to continue her craft while empowering other artists to pursue their passions. For more information, visit her website, pikarar.com.

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Juvenile Nonfiction / Art
JNF006020
Series: Draw Cute
9 in H | 7 in W



Time and Money: Grades K–2

Key Selling Points

- **FLASH KIDS 2.0:** Time and Money was first published in 2006. A new cover, higher-quality paper, vetted content, and increased add-ons will reinvigorate Flash Kids as consumers' go-to workbook line.
- **MORE ADDED VALUE:** Colorful illustrations, 2 pages of stickers, and 12 perf-out cardstock flash cards will keep kids engaged and excited to learn.
- **CONSUMER-FRIENDLY SERIES DESIGN:** The Flash Kids educational products specialize in fun and digestible learning. The newly refreshed workbooks are color-coded by grade, making it easy for customers to discover even more Flash Kids products for their children.

Summary

This activity-filled workbook—complete with 2 pages of stickers and 12 flash cards—will help turn elementary school students into time-telling and money-counting experts.

Kindergartners, first graders, and second graders will learn how to read the clock and count coins with this Flash Skills workbook, which contains dozens of activities to practice and reinforce the concepts.

This Flash Skills workbook includes:

- A letter to parents and caregivers
- Full-color illustrations
- Answer key
- 2 pages of stickers
- 12 flash cards to extend the learning and fun

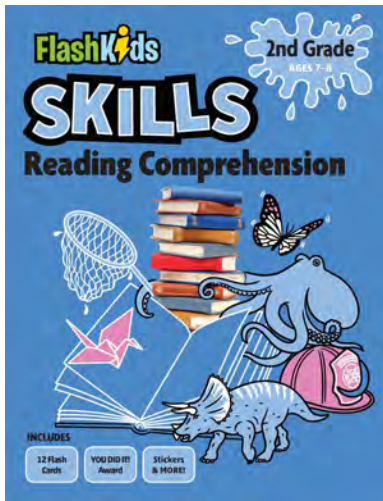
Contributor Bio

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Developed by educators and caregivers in accordance with educational standards, Flash Kids flash cards and workbooks cover essential skills in a way that makes learning quick, easy, and fun!

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Trade Paperback

64 Pages
all in color
Ages 7 to 8, Grades 2 to 3
Juvenile Nonfiction / Language
Arts
JNF029000
Series: Flash Skills
10.9 in H | 8.4 in W

Reading Comprehension: Grade 2

Key Selling Points

- **FLASH KIDS 2.0:** Reading Comprehension: Grade 2 was first published in 2006. A new cover, higher-quality paper, vetted content, and increased add-ons will reinvigorate Flash Kids as consumers' go-to workbook line.
- **MORE ADDED VALUE:** Colorful illustrations, 2 pages of stickers, and 12 perf-out cardstock flash cards will keep kids engaged and excited to learn.
- **BUILDING FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS:** The passages in this workbook cover topics from geography to animal science, allowing children to learn about the world while they grow their reading skills, too!
- **CONSUMER-FRIENDLY SERIES DESIGN:** The Flash Kids educational products specialize in fun and digestible learning. The newly refreshed workbooks are color-coded by grade, making it easy for customers to discover even more Flash Kids products for their children.

Summary

Complete with comprehension questions, flash cards, and stickers, this Flash Skills workbook will build the reading skills necessary to ace second grade!

Reading comprehension is a key skill to succeeding in all school subjects—solving math word problems, decoding a map, and so much more. Second graders can strengthen their reading ability with this Flash Skills workbook, complete with 28 different passages and activities.

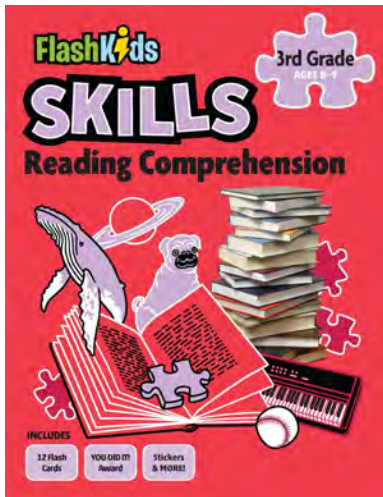
This Flash Skills workbook includes:

- A letter to parents and caregivers
- Full-color illustrations
- Answer key
- 2 pages of stickers
- 12 vocabulary flash cards

Contributor Bio

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Developed by educators and caregivers in accordance with educational standards, Flash Kids flash cards and workbooks cover essential skills in a way that makes learning quick, easy, and fun!



Reading Comprehension: Grade 3

Key Selling Points

- **FLASH KIDS 2.0:** Reading Comprehension: Grade 3 was first published in 2006. A new cover, higher-quality paper, vetted content, and increased add-ons will reinvigorate Flash Kids as consumers' go-to workbook line.
- **MORE ADDED VALUE:** Colorful illustrations, 2 pages of stickers, and 12 perf-out cardstock flash cards will keep kids engaged and excited to learn.
- **BUILDING FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS:** The passages in this workbook cover topics from history to earth science, allowing children to learn about the world while they grow their reading skills, too!
- **EVERY STUDENT'S GO-TO SERIES:** The Flash Kids educational products specialize in fun and digestible learning. The newly refreshed workbooks are color-coded by grade, making it easy for customers to discover even more Flash Kids products for their children.

Summary

Complete with comprehension questions, flash cards, and stickers, this Flash Skills workbook will build the reading skills necessary to ace third grade!

Reading comprehension is a key skill to succeeding in all school subjects—solving math word problems, analyzing historical artifacts, and so much more. Third graders can strengthen their reading skills with this fun workbook, which includes 28 different passages and activities.

This Flash Skills workbook includes:

- A letter to parents and caregivers
- Full-color illustrations
- Answer key
- 2 pages of stickers
- 12 vocabulary flash cards

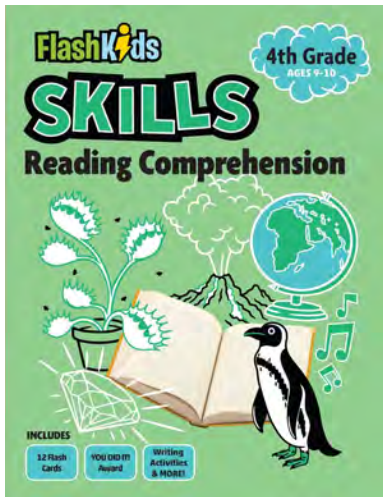
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Developed by educators and caregivers in accordance with educational standards, Flash Kids flash cards and workbooks cover essential skills in a way that makes learning quick, easy, and fun!

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Juvenile Nonfiction / Language
Arts
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Series: Flash Skills
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Reading Comprehension: Grade 4

Key Selling Points

- **FLASH KIDS 2.0:** Reading Comprehension: Grade 4 was first published in 2006. A new cover, higher-quality paper, vetted content, and increased add-ons will reinvigorate Flash Kids as consumers' go-to workbook line.
- **MORE ADDED VALUE:** Colorful illustrations, a completion certificate, and 12 perf-out cardstock flash cards will keep kids engaged and excited to learn.
- **BUILDING FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS:** The diversity of topics in each passage allows children to practice their reading skills in different situations, from recipes and letters to speeches and biographies.
- **CONSUMER-FRIENDLY SERIES DESIGN:** The Flash Kids educational products specialize in fun and digestible learning. The newly refreshed workbooks are color-coded by grade, making it easy for customers to discover even more Flash Kids products for their children.

Summary

Complete with comprehension questions, flash cards, and a completion certificate, this Flash Skills workbook will build the reading skills necessary to ace fourth grade!

Reading comprehension is a key skill to succeeding in all aspects of school—researching at the library, voting in student council elections, and so much more. Fourth graders can strengthen their reading skills with this fun workbook, which includes 28 different passages and activities.

This Flash Skills workbook includes:

- A letter to parents and caregivers
- Full-color illustrations
- Answer key
- A completion certificate
- 12 vocabulary flash cards

Contributor Bio

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Developed by educators and caregivers in accordance with educational standards, Flash Kids flash cards and workbooks cover essential skills in a way that makes learning quick, easy, and fun!



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Straight Expectations

Calum McSwiggan

Key Selling Points

TIMELY ISSUES: LGBTQ+ teens experience more bullying than their straight peers simply for being who they are (stopbullying.gov). This novel reaches out to teens who may be doubting or struggling with their identities and reminds them that who they are matters.

STRONG AUTHOR PLATFORM: Calum McSwiggan is an influencer and LGBTQ+ advocate with a huge audience. Instagram: @calummcsiggan: 61.8k followers; YouTube (inactive): 88.7k subscribers; Twitter: 74.5k followers.

GROWING GENRE: LGBTQ+ romance novels for teens as a category has been growing over the last decade, but few titles are rom coms. *Straight Expectations* would help fill a hole in this hungry market that's currently being fulfilled by adult titles like *Boyfriend Material* and *Red, White & Royal Blue*.

Summary

If you were granted one wish, what would it be?

Seventeen-year-old Max has always been out and proud. But every time he looks around his small school, he sees straight couples everywhere. It's everything he's ever wanted for himself, but there are few queer boys to choose from. When his frustrations get the better of him, he lashes out at his best friend, Dean, and wishes he had what everyone else has. And he wishes they'd never been friends.

Max gets more than he bargained for when he wakes up to find his wish has come true—his feelings for boys have vanished, and so has Dean. And he got exactly what he wanted... a girlfriend. With his school life turned upside down and his relationship with his family in tatters, Max sets out on a journey of rediscovery to find a way back to the life he took for granted, and the love story he thought he'd never have.

Contributor Bio

Calum McSwiggan is an LGBTQ+ writer, advocate, and award-winning creator who is passionate about gender and sexuality, queer politics, and LGBTQ+ history. Whether sharing his own personal experiences or using his platform to tell the stories of others, meaningful storytelling is at the heart of everything he does. His travel memoir, *Eat, Gay, Love* was published in 2020. *Straight Expectations* is his first novel. He lives in London, UK, and you can find him on Twitter and Instagram at @CalumMcSwiggan.



For Girls Who Walk through Fire

Kim DeRose

Key Selling Points

- **FRESH, COMPELLING TAKE ON A TOUGH AND TIMELY SUBJECT:** The girls' use of witchcraft to seek revenge is a new angle on how victims usually exercise agency over their attackers. The story meets teen readers where they are—with raw, biting humor and with an aspirational magical twist.
- **DIVERSE CAST REFLECTS RANGE OF SURVIVOR EXPERIENCES:** Each girl is vibrant and highly memorable, and their friendships, family members, and personalities are more in focus than their trauma.
- **MAGIC ADDS EMPOWERMENT TO PAINFUL TOPIC:** Most teen girls have experienced sexual assault or harassment or know a peer who has—giving survivors magical powers is a brilliant way of recentering the narrative.
- **TALENTED DEBUT AUTHOR:** Kim DeRose writes in an absorbing, compulsively readable voice that is simultaneously sensitive, raw, and cool.

Summary

Those who would suppress and destroy you stand not a chance when confronted with the power that lies within these pages . . .

Elliott D'Angelo-Brandt is sick and tired of putting up with it all. Every week, she attends a support group for teen victims of sexual assault, but all they do is talk. Elliott's done with talking. What she wants is justice.

And she has a plan for getting it: a spell book that she found in her late mom's belongings that actually works. Elliott recruits a coven of fellow survivors from the group. She, Madeline, Chloe, and Bea don't have much in common, but they are united in their rage at a system that heaps judgments on victims and never seems to punish those who deserve it.

As they each take a turn casting a hex against their unrepentant assailants, the girls find themselves leaning on each other in ways they never expected—and realizing that revenge has heavy implications. Each member of the coven will have to make a choice: continue down the path of magical vigilantism or discover what it truly means to claim their power.

For Girls Who Walk Through Fire is a fierce, deeply moving novel about perseverance in the face of injustice and the transformational power of friendship.

Contributor Bio

Kim DeRose grew up in Santa Barbara, California, where she spent childhood summers holed up in her bedroom, reading and writing stories (which she was convinced her local bookstore would publish). She now lives in New York City, where she still holes up in her bedroom reading, and writing stories. DeRose earned her MFA in film directing from UCLA, and she currently works in digital media. When she isn't reading or writing, she can be found geeking out over her favorite obsessions (*Twin Peaks*, Harry Potter, and anything Halloween-related, to name a few), drinking way too much coffee, listening to way too many podcasts, and spending time with her family. *For Girls Who Walk Through Fire* is her debut novel.

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A Bright Heart

Kate Chenli

Key Selling Points

- **HIGHLY COMPELLING, ASPIRATIONAL PREMISE:** Who *wouldn't* want the chance to take down the man who betrayed and killed her? It is impossible not to become deeply invested in Mingshin's second-chance vengeance mission, which was inspired by a popular trope in Chinese storytelling.
- **BRILLIANT, LOVEABLE HEROINE:** Mingshin swiftly wins readers over with her quick wits, strategic mind, and fierce protectiveness of her family and household.
- **FABULOUS COURT INTRIGUE:** With four princes vying for the throne, and a crafty princess in the mix, the story is packed with shifting alliances, manipulation, and betrayals.
- **SLOW-BURN ROMANCE:** Mingshin has vowed to never fall in love again – but fate keeps bringing her and arrogant, handsome Prince Jieh together.
- **TALENTED DEBUT AUTHOR:** Kate Chenli is a natural storyteller with impeccable pacing, colorful characters, and tons of teen accessibility.

Summary

What if you could avenge your own murder? A brilliant young woman gets a second chance at life in this debut YA tale of vengeance, court intrigue, and romance, inspired by classic Chinese tropes.

Mingshin outsmarted three princes to help the man she loved become king. But she doesn't see Ren's betrayal coming, not until she's lying in a pool of her own blood on the palace steps.

As she's dying, Mingshin makes a desperate plea to the gods to turn back time and give her a chance to make things right.

Mingshin wakes up two years earlier, her prayer granted, and swears two things: Ren will never become king, and she will never fall in love again.

But the timeline in this life has changed: a dignitary gifted with dark magic is threatening her kingdom's peace, and Ren's thirst for power runs deeper than Mingshin could have imagined.

She finds herself allying with Jieh, another contender for the throne. Mingshin knows better than anyone not to give her heart to a prince. But in the viper's nest of the royal court, she and Jieh prove a phenomenal team. Can Mingshin avert the catastrophe of her past by once again learning to trust...and maybe even love?

Master storyteller Kate Chenli introduces a singular YA heroine in this vividly rendered and utterly original new fantasy series.

Contributor Bio

As a Chinese immigrant, **Kate Chenli** is a proud US citizen who also cherishes her Chinese heritage. She has an MS in Electrical and Computer Engineering, but has always enjoyed designing complex worlds and characters more than designing complex software. Other than reading and writing, her passion is world travel (five continents down and counting).

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Red

Annie Cardi

Key Selling Points

TIMELY ISSUES: Since the recent overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, states across the US have quickly been enacting strict abortion laws. *Red* tackles this controversial subject with care and sensitivity.

#METOO IS STILL RELEVANT: Annie Cardi's *Red* showcases the insidious nature of the subtle behaviors often perpetrated on young women. Teens are especially vulnerable to authority figures taking advantage of their lack of experience.

REIMAGINED CLASSIC: *Red*, as a reimagined *Scarlet Letter*, fits our publishing goals to bring classic stories to reach readers where they are now. The adult signature classics program is releasing a new edition of *The Scarlet Letter* in Spring 2023, and this novel is a great follow-up/tie-in.

Summary

Moving to Hawthorne was something Tess and her mom never anticipated, but after Tess's mom loses her job, it's their only option. Tess's grandparents welcome them into their home, but with the condition that Tess and her mom attend church, something Mom isn't too pleased about. But Tess enjoys the church community, finding a place in youth group and the church choir. Faith fills a void Tess didn't know she had.

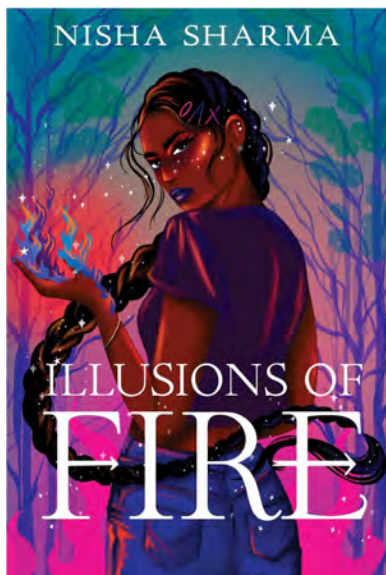
After a very personal decision goes public, Tess faces daily harassment and rejection by her former friends, and singing in the church choir is no longer an option. When she meets some kids in the music room, her only place of solace in the school, who don't judge her for what's happened, she learns to find her voice again. Against the backdrop of the Spirit Light Festival, Tess will need to find the strength to speak out if she has any chance of ending a silent cycle of abuse in Hawthorne.

Contributor Bio

Annie Cardi is the author of *The Chance You Won't Return*, which received starred reviews from *Kirkus* and *Publishers Weekly*, and was named a Bank Street College of Education Best Book of the Year for 2015. She has an MFA from Emerson College, and she currently lives with her family and dog in the Boston area.

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Illusions of Fire

Nisha Sharma

Summary

Unlike most of her classmates, Laila Bansal doesn't roll out of bed and head to school. Instead, she wakes up early and trains in hand-to-hand combat with her adopted aunts who, when not tending to their thriving vineyard, are immortal Rakshasi demons sworn to protect Laila. Laila was born into a mythological bloodline—one infused with magic and entrusted with Lord Krishna's secrets of the universe. By all appearances, though, Laila leads a peaceful, protected life.

Then Ahvi, the new boy in town, arrives and immediately seeks out Laila. He happens to be a descendant of a demi-god. Both his and Laila's origin stories (found in the *Mahabharata*, an ancient Hindu epic poem about the great war between demi-gods, witches, and demons) come crashing to the forefront. Magical powers are activated, dark forces converge, and it looks like Laila's quiet town in upstate New York might be the setting of the next epic battle.

Author Nisha Sharma deftly weaves together romance, magic, and mythology in this contemporary young adult urban fantasy novel.

Contributor Bio

Nisha Sharma is the author of the contemporary YA novels *My So-Called Bollywood Life* (a Kirkus starred review, NPR Best Book of 2018, and RITA Award Winner for Best Young Adult Romance) and *Radha and Jai's Recipe for Romance*. She is also the author of The Singh Family trilogy (contemporary adult romance) and the rom-com series *If Shakespeare Was an Aunty*. You can find her online at nisha-sharma.com. She's also on Twitter and Instagram at @nishawrites. Nisha and her family live in Pennsylvania.

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Going Dark

Melissa de la Cruz

Key Selling Points

- **FRESH, ENTHRALLING THRILLER FROM YA POWERHOUSE:** Melissa de la Cruz's books have sold more than a million copies and she is at the top of her game in this dark, gripping story of a beautiful young influencer who is anything but what she seems—and the boyfriend who appears to be responsible for her disappearance.
- **TIMELY TAKE ON RACE, MEDIA, AND CRIME:** Our heroine is fueled by rage over her sister's unsolved disappearance and the lack of concern over missing women of color when any missing white woman owns the news cycle.
- **A TART, EYE-OPENING EXAMINATION OF INFLUENCER CULTURE:** Amelia's thousands of followers are breathlessly following her case—and she expertly manipulates societal assumptions about the blonde, blue-eyed travel influencer who just wants to have fun on the road with her gorgeous, charming boyfriend.
- **HIGHLY COMPELLING FEMALE VIGILANTE:** Like the heroine of *Promising Young Woman*, Amelia is willing to cross ambiguous moral lines in order to seek justice.
- **MARKET HUNGER FOR YA THRILLERS:** The recent success of hits like *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*, Karen M. McManus's thrillers, and *Ace of Spades* reflect a hunger for twisty YA thrillers—this razor-sharp, white-knuckle ride with fascinating race and gender politics will meet the demand among YA and adult crossover readers.

Summary

From #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Melissa de la Cruz comes a ripped-from-the-headlines new adult mystery about all the missing girls who fall off the radar...

#WhereisAmeliaAshley

The Influencer

Amelia Ashley shares everything with her followers – her favorite hole-in-the-wall restaurants, her best fashion tips, *and* her European trip-of-a-lifetime with her hot boyfriend.

The Boyfriend

Josh has no choice but to return home without Amelia after she abandons him in Rome. He has no clue where she went or how her blood got in his suitcase. Why won't anyone believe him?

The Hacker

To Harper Delgado, Amelia Ashley is just another missing white girl whipping up a media frenzy. But with each digital knot she untangles about the influencer, Harper wonders: who *is* Amelia Ashley?

The Other Girl

Two years ago, another girl went missing, one who never made headlines or had a trending hashtag.

The Truth

Amelia's disappearance has captured the world's attention. What comes next? Watch this space...

Contributor Bio

Melissa de la Cruz is the #1 *New York Times*, #1 *Publishers Weekly*, and #1



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Wait for Me

Sara Shepard

Key Selling Points

AUTHOR WITH A STELLAR TRACK RECORD—Sara Shepard knows how to write compelling, binge-worthy teen angst as evidenced by her *Pretty Little Liars* novels. In *Wait for Me* she weaves together popular tropes like one true pairings and a Cinderella story, set against an atmospheric backdrop.

WILDLY POPULAR GENRES—Contemporary YA with dark, romantic plot twists are mainstays of the New York Times bestseller lists. People can't get enough of true crime films, television series, and podcasts, and as *PW* notes, "YA readers have a voracious appetite for murder and suspense these days, and this trend shows no signs of abating."

EXCITING FILM/TV PARTNERSHIP—*Wait for Me* is based on a treatment written by Kevin Williamson (*Scream* movie franchise, *Dawson's Creek*, *The Vampire Diaries*) and Julie Plec (*The Vampire Diaries*, *The Originals*, *Legacies*).

Summary

Who is Casey Rhodes?

Is she a no-nonsense realist or a hopeless romantic? A just-getting-by scholarship student or a sometimes Cinderella dating the cool, cultured heir to a media empire and New York City's most eligible? At seventeen years old and already in her sophomore year at NYU, Casey sheds disguises effortlessly. It's how she navigates school and avoids the second-guessing that's plagued her since she and her boyfriend Marcus got together.

But then Casey starts hearing voices that terrify her so badly she flees to the remote beach town of Avon Shores where she can sort through her thoughts and reset. But the voices only get more intense and are now accompanied by visions of places she's never been and people she's never met, like Jake who's lived in Avon Shores his whole life. There's no way Casey could know him, yet she feels an immediate connection. And, crazier still: he feels it too. Together they search for answers, finding only questions —about their connection, Avon, Casey's memories . . .

And whose voice is she hearing inside her head?

Contributor Bio

Sara Shepard is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the 16-book *Pretty Little Liars* series, which has sold millions of copies worldwide, has been translated into more than twenty different languages, and became a popular TV show on Freeform. She's also the author of *The Perfectionists* and *The Lying Game*, which also were TV series, as well as *The Amateurs* series, and several books for adults such as *The Heiresses*, *Reputation*, and *The Elizas*. She's written more than thirty novels in total and is also active in the screenwriting and podcasting spaces.



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The Second Death of Edie and Violet Bond

Amanda Glaze

Key Selling Points

PERFECT BLEND OF THRILLS, CHILLS & FUN—Full of spook and suspense, magic and mystery, this is escapist reading with just the right amount of social commentary. **SPIRITUALITY & MYSTICISM**—These have seen a rise in mainstream interest in uncertain times, and the nineteenth-century Spiritualist movement is a timely period of history to revisit today. **TIMELY FEMINIST THEMES**—The subject of gender inequality feels surprisingly relevant in a setting where young women can only display their talents as fake conduits for male spirits, and who can lose their freedom at the whim of a man who deems them mentally ill. **SWOONY ROMANCE**—Intrepid reporter Laws and sharp-tongued Edie have plenty of verbal sparring and chemistry to spare.

Summary

Deliciously chilling and edge-of-your-seat suspenseful.”
—Nina LaCour, Printz Award-winning author of *We Are Okay*

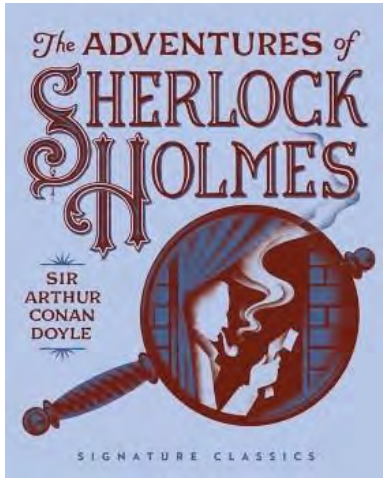
Sacramento, 1885

Edie and Violet Bond know the truth about death. The seventeen-year-old twins are powerful mediums, just like their mother—Violet can open the veil between life and death, and Edie can cross into the spirit world. But their abilities couldn't save them when their mother died and their father threatened to commit them to a notorious asylum.

Now runaways, Edie and Violet are part of a traveling Spiritualist show, a tight-knit group of young women who demonstrate their real talents under the guise of communing with spirits. Each night, actresses, poets, musicians, and orators all make contact with spirits who happen to have something to say. . . notions that young ladies could never openly express.

Contributor Bio

Amanda Glaze is the bestselling author of *The Second Death of Edie and Violet Bond*, a Barnes & Noble YA Book Club pick. She grew up in Northern California where she spent most of her time with her nose in a book or putting on plays with friends. Since then, she's lived many lives: as a bookseller, a theater director, and an Emmy award-winning film and television producer. When she's not running off to the mountains, she lives in Los Angeles with her partner and their two cat writing familiars. You can find her online at amandaglaze.com



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Pub Date: 11/14/2023
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Hardcover with dust jacket

352 Pages
10 b-w illustrations
Carton Qty: 20
Ages 10 And Up, Grades 5 And Up
Juvenile Fiction / Classics
JUV007000
Series: Children's Signature
Classics
8 in H | 6.1 in W

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Key Selling Points

- **NEW PACKAGE:** Bold and dynamic new covers with a sophisticated design give this unabridged hardcover classic new life.
- **NEW INTERIOR ILLUSTRATIONS:** Each interior features new black-and-white illustrations from talented artist Jim Tierney.
- **COLLECTIBLE GIFT GIVING:** This keepsake jacketed hardcover edition is perfect for collectors and gift giving.

Summary

Experience the thrill and genius of the world's most famous detective—now available in an unabridged, illustrated hardcover edition.

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes includes fan-favorite short stories such as "A Scandal in Bohemia," "The Red-Headed League," and "The Adventure of the Speckled Band." Thoughtful set-ups and subtle clues will keep young readers on the edge of their seats, eager to see Sherlock use his sleuthing skills to solve the mystery.

The Children's Signature Classics hardcovers are giftable, high-quality editions that will withstand the wear and tear of time. Each interior features brand-new black-and-white illustrations to help bring the story to life.

Contributor Bio

Sir Arthur Ignatius Conan Doyle (1859-1930) was a British writer and physician. He first introduced the character Sherlock Holmes in 1887 before going on to write many more novels and short stories featuring the detective. Sherlock Holmes is one of the most famous literary detectives in the world, with his mysteries being adapted many times in television, film, and other media.



The Wind in the Willows

Kenneth Grahame

Key Selling Points

- **NEW PACKAGE:** Bold and dynamic new covers with a sophisticated design give this unabridged hardcover classic new life.
- **NEW INTERIOR ILLUSTRATIONS:** Each interior features new black-and-white illustrations from talented artist Jim Tierney.
- **COLLECTIBLE GIFT GIVING:** This keepsake jacketed hardcover edition is perfect for collectors and gift giving.

Summary

Ride along with Mole, Ratty, Toad, and Badger in this unabridged, illustrated hardcover edition of the beloved classic.

Mole, Ratty, Toad, and Badger are four friends living in the Wild Wood. From racing in a motorcar to getting lost in the forest, their days are always full of high-energy hijinks and adventures. Today's young readers will be charmed by this story of friendship and generosity.

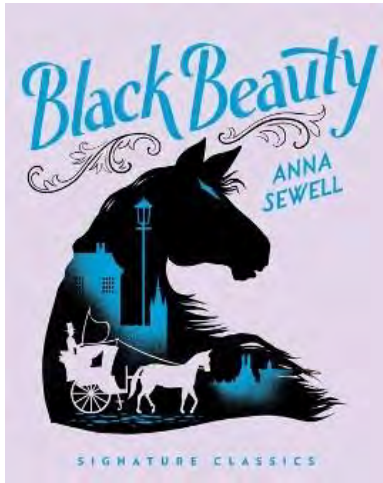
The Children's Signature Classics hardcovers are giftable, high-quality editions that will withstand the wear and tear of time. Each interior features brand-new black-and-white illustrations to help bring the story to life.

Contributor Bio

Kenneth Grahame was born in 1859 in Edinburgh, Scotland, and moved to Berkshire, England, as a young child. In 1900, his son was born, and Grahame made up stories to tell him at bedtime. These stories eventually turned into *The Wind in the Willows*, a story that has been beloved by children for ages.

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Pub Date: 11/14/2023
\$17.99/\$23.99 Can.
Hardcover with dust jacket

208 Pages
10 b-w illustrations
Carton Qty: 32
Ages 8 And Up, Grades 3 And Up
Juvenile Fiction / Classics
JUV007000
Series: Children's Signature
Classics
8 in H | 6.1 in W



Black Beauty

Anna Sewell

Key Selling Points

- **NEW PACKAGE:** Bold and dynamic new covers with a sophisticated design give this unabridged hardcover classic new life.
- **NEW INTERIOR ILLUSTRATIONS:** Each interior features new black-and-white illustrations from talented artist Jim Tierney.
- **COLLECTIBLE GIFT GIVING:** This keepsake jacketed hardcover edition is perfect for collectors and gift giving.

Summary

This powerful narrative, told from the perspective of a horse, is now available in an unabridged, illustrated hardcover edition.

Black Beauty chronicles the life of a horse in Victorian England. At the hands of different owners, he experiences discipline, friendship, overwork, and, ultimately, love. Young readers will be moved by this empathetic novel about animal hardship—a story that's still relevant even today.

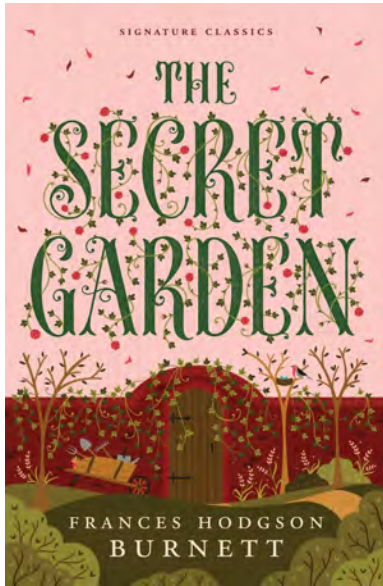
The Children's Signature Classics hardcovers are giftable, high-quality editions that will withstand the wear and tear of time. Each interior features brand-new black-and-white illustrations to help bring the story to life.

Contributor Bio

Anna Sewell (1820–1878) was an English novelist. She is known as the author of the 1877 novel *Black Beauty*, her only published work, which is considered one of the top ten bestselling novels for children, although the author intended the work for an adult audience. Sewell died only five months after *Black Beauty* was published, but lived long enough to experience the positive reception to her work.

Union Square Kids
9781454951117
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Pub Date: 11/14/2023
\$17.99/\$23.99 Can.
Hardcover with dust jacket

224 Pages
10 b-w illustrations
Carton Qty: 32
Ages 8 And Up, Grades 3 And Up
Juvenile Fiction / Classics
JUV007000
Series: Children's Signature
Classics
8 in H | 6.1 in W



The Secret Garden

Frances Hodgson Burnett

Key Selling Points

- **NEW PACKAGE:** Bold and dynamic covers with a sophisticated design give this unabridged trade paperback classic new life.
- **READING LIST STAPLE:** Affordable pricing, unabridged text, and discussion questions make this the go-to edition for summer reading lists and literature course assignments.
- **AFFORDABLY GIFTABLE:** This edition is perfect for readers who want to build their reading collection.

Summary

New friendships and new beginnings abound in *The Secret Garden*, now available as an unabridged paperback edition for today's young readers.

When Mary Lennox begins living with her uncle in the English countryside, she feels bored and lonely. Before long, however, she discovers many mysteries hiding within the walls of the estate. What will it take for Mary to unearth these secrets?

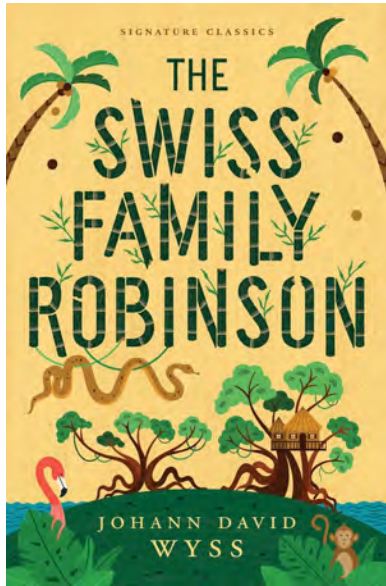
This unabridged edition of the beloved twentieth-century classic is perfect for young readers' libraries.

Contributor Bio

Frances Eliza Hodgson Burnett (1849–1924) was a British novelist and playwright. She is best known for the three children's novels *Little Lord Fauntleroy* (published in 1885–86), *A Little Princess* (1905), and *The Secret Garden* (1911).

Union Square Kids
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Pub Date: 9/5/2023
\$9.99/\$12.99 Can.
Trade Paperback

272 Pages
Carton Qty: 41
Ages 8 And Up, Grades 3 And Up
Juvenile Fiction / Classics
JUV007000
Series: Children's Signature
Classics
8 in H | 5.3 in W



The Swiss Family Robinson

Johann David Wyss

Key Selling Points

- **NEW PACKAGE:** Bold and dynamic covers with a sophisticated design give this unabridged trade paperback classic new life.
- **READING LIST STAPLE:** Affordable pricing, unabridged text, and discussion questions make this the go-to edition for summer reading lists and literature course assignments.
- **AFFORDABLY GIFTABLE:** This edition is perfect for readers who want to build their reading collection.

Summary

If you were stranded on a desert island, what would you do? Young readers can read and imagine in this unabridged paperback edition of *The Swiss Family Robinson*.

After their ship crashes onto a deserted island, the Robinson family begins a castaway life of adventure, scientific exploration, and the primal instinct to survive. As the years pass, the family begins to wonder: do they want to be rescued and return to civilization, or continue their island life forever?

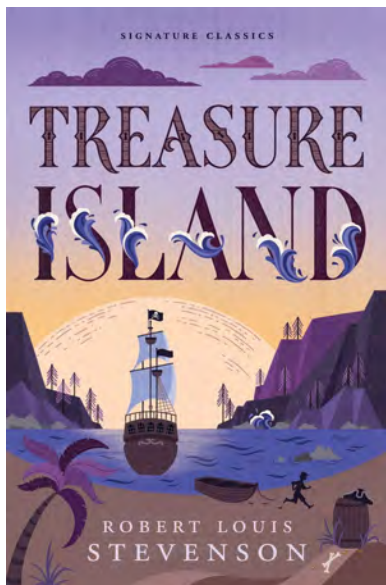
This high-action novel—available in its unabridged entirety—is perfect for young readers' libraries.

Contributor Bio

Johann David Wyss (1743–1818) was a Swiss writer best known for *The Swiss Family Robinson*. Wyss was inspired by Daniel Defoe's classic novel *Robinson Crusoe* but wanted to create a story that would be accessible to children. His iconic novel has been adapted numerous times for television, film, and the stage.

Union Square Kids
9781454951193
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Pub Date: 9/5/2023
\$11.99/\$15.99 Can.
Trade Paperback

480 Pages
Carton Qty: 23
Ages 10 And Up, Grades 5 And Up
Juvenile Fiction / Classics
JUV007000
Series: Children's Signature
Classics
8 in H | 5.3 in W



Union Square Kids
9781454951209
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Pub Date: 9/5/2023
\$9.99/\$12.99 Can.
Trade Paperback

256 Pages
Carton Qty: 42
Ages 8 And Up, Grades 3 And Up
Juvenile Fiction / Classics
JUV007000
Series: Children's Signature
Classics
8 in H | 5.3 in W

Treasure Island

Robert Louis Stevenson

Key Selling Points

- **NEW PACKAGE:** Bold and dynamic covers with a sophisticated design give this unabridged trade paperback classic new life.
- **READING LIST STAPLE:** Affordable pricing, unabridged text, and discussion questions make this the go-to edition for summer reading lists and literature course assignments.
- **AFFORDABLY GIFTABLE:** This edition is perfect for readers who want to build their reading collection.

Summary

Sail the high seas and search for treasure in this paperback edition of the classic novel—but beware of pirates!

Jim Hawkins sets sail with a treasure map in hand, but he eventually discovers that his crewmates are pirates-in-hiding, hungry for gold. Will Jim be able to safely find the treasure, or will the infamous Long John Silver beat him to it?

This swashbuckling adventure—in its unabridged entirety—is perfect for aspiring pirates and any young reader who loves action and thrills.

Contributor Bio

Robert Louis Stevenson was born in Edinburgh in 1850. He studied at Edinburgh University and then went on to write novels, short stories, and poems, including the beloved *A Child's Garden of Verses*. Like the adventure-loving seafarers in *Treasure Island*, Stevenson traveled the world. He died in Samoa in 1894.



Glittery Dancers Sticker Book

Sara Ugolotti

Key Selling Points

- Includes 250+ stickers, about 80 of them with glitter.
- Adorable art created by an award-winning illustrator.

Summary

Dress up the dancers and decorate the fun scenes with more than 250 dazzling stickers!

This enchanting book is full of dancers to dress up with glittery stickers of outfits and accessories. Use stickers to enhance the wonderful settings too, from the fitting room to the stage. The stickers are removable, so you can change up the characters and scenes as much as you want!

Contributor Bio

Sara Ugolotti studied architecture and illustration at the International School of Comics in Reggio Emilia. She has specialized in children's books and now works as a freelance illustrator. Her titles are translated worldwide.

White Star Kids
9788854419889
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Pub Date: 10/3/2023
\$7.99/\$10.99 Can.
Trade Paperback

24 Pages
all in color
Ages 4 And Up, Grades P And Up
Juvenile Fiction / Activity Books
JUV054020

11.5 in H | 9 in W



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Trade Paperback

24 Pages
all in color
Ages 4 And Up, Grades P And Up
Juvenile Fiction / Activity Books
JUV054020
11.5 in H | 9 in W

Glittery Fashion Designer Sticker Book

Sara Ugolotti

Key Selling Points

- Includes 250+ stickers, about 80 of them with glitter.
- Adorable art created by an award-winning illustrator.

Summary

Dress up the models and decorate the fun scenes with more than 250 dazzling stickers!

This enchanting book is full of models to dress up with glittery stickers of outfits and accessories. Use stickers to enhance the wonderful settings too, from the fitting room to the runway. The stickers are removable, so you can change up the characters and scenes as much as you want!

Contributor Bio

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White Star Kids
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Pub Date: 9/12/2023
\$14.99/\$19.99 Can.
Hardcover

20 Pages
all in color
Ages 5 And Up, Grades K And Up
Juvenile Fiction / Holidays &
Celebrations
JUV017010
14.1 in H | 10.3 in W

Christmas Is Coming!

Claudia Bordin

Key Selling Points

- Open one flap a day to add a little Christmas magic from December 1st to 24th.
- Beautiful illustrations by Claudia Bordin.

Summary

Journey through Santa's village in this advent calendar book with 24 flaps containing stories, crafts, recipes, and more!

In *Christmas Is Coming!*, children will accompany an elf as he travels the North Pole on a quest to deliver carrots to Santa's reindeer in time for Christmas Eve. For each day, from December 1st to the 24th, there is a flap to open revealing an activity (like making a 3D snowflake or writing a letter to Santa), a fun song, or a delicious Christmas recipe (like making gingerbread men or carrot muffins). In addition, the book includes scannable Spotify codes for the perfect holiday soundtrack!

Contributor Bio

Claudia Bordin taught art and image in primary schools for five years after graduating from the European Institute of Design. She now works as an illustrator for publishing houses and advertising agencies and produces custom-made wedding stationery.

Illustrations





The Most Dangerous Dinosaurs

Cristina Banfi

Key Selling Points

- An engaging way to discover unexpected facts that trigger a love for learning.
- Dinosaurs are a perennial favorite.
- Includes a bonus quiz at the end of the book to test the child's knowledge of what they read.

Summary

Discover the top-ten most lethal dinosaurs to have roamed the earth—which are not as obvious as you might think!

The new Top Ten series introduces a wide range of subjects to children in a way that plays off their innate sense of excitement and curiosity. *The Most Dangerous Dinosaurs* presents the deadliest dinosaurs ranked from 10 down to 1, some of which may surprise you. You'd probably imagine large carnivores, such as the T-Rex, but did you know that brute force doesn't always prevail? Sometimes an unsuspected secret weapon used at the right time can be more effective and destructive. So even a peaceful herbivorous dinosaur could turn into a deadly machine! Fun facts and stats show why each dinosaur is worthy of its ranking.

Contributor Bio

Cristina Banfi graduated in the field of natural sciences from the University of Milan. She has over 20 years of experience in the fields of science and teaching.

White Star Kids
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Pub Date: 10/3/2023
\$9.99/\$12.99 Can.
Hardcover

40 Pages
all in color
Ages 6 And Up, Grades 1 And Up
Juvenile Nonfiction / Animals
JNF003050
Series: Top Ten
8.3 in H | 6.3 in W

Illustrations





The Most Explosive Volcanoes

Cristina Banfi

Key Selling Points

- An engaging way to discover unexpected facts that trigger a love for learning.
- Includes a bonus quiz at the end of the book to test the child's knowledge of what they read.

Summary

Discover the top-ten most dangerous volcanoes on earth—and what makes them so explosive!

The new Top Ten series presents a wide range of subjects to children in a way that plays off their innate sense of excitement and curiosity. *The Most Explosive Volcanoes* presents a countdown of volcanoes from around the world ranked from 10 down to 1. The types of volcanoes, the structure of a volcano, types of eruptions, and volcanic rock are discussed, plus fun facts and stats show why each volcano is worthy of its ranking.

Contributor Bio

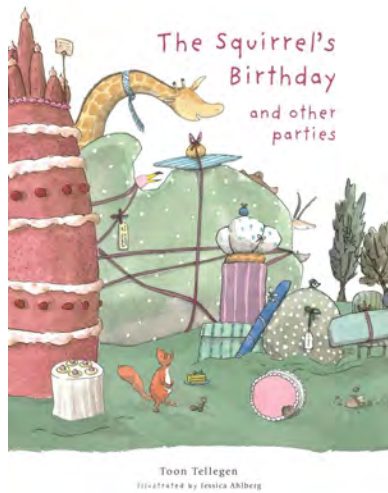
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Illustrations



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Hardcover

40 Pages
all in color
Ages 6 And Up, Grades 1 And Up
Juvenile Nonfiction / Science &
Nature
JNF037010
Series: Top Ten
8.3 in H | 6.3 in W



Boxer Books
9781915801098
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Pub Date: 11/7/2023
\$18.99/\$24.99 Can.
Hardcover

160 Pages
all in color
Carton Qty: 26
Ages 8 to 10, Grades 3 to 5
Juvenile Fiction / Short Stories
JUV038000

9.7 in H | 6.9 in W

The Squirrel's Birthday and Other Parties

Toon Tellegen, Jessica Ahlberg, Martin Cleaver

Key Selling Points

STUNNING ILLUSTRATIONS—This book is filled with beautiful illustrations that are engaging to readers and have been compared to E. H. Shepard's illustrations for *Winnie-the-Pooh*.

SOCIAL THEMES—This is a great book for young readers that teaches the importance of empathy, friendship, and caring for others.

GIFT APPEAL—This charming collection of stories teaches important life lessons that make it a timeless gift for all young readers.

Summary

A new gift edition of a classic title—with illustrations that are reminiscent of *Winnie-the-Pooh*!

A whale and a seagull dance silently on a moon-drenched beach. A grasshopper pays a fortune for a speck of dust. A squirrel and an ant discover a mysterious feast with an invisible host in the depths of a forest.

These whimsical animal tales will captivate readers of all ages.

"Toon's stories are beautifully told, quirky and delightful . . . they're a joy!"

—Wendy Cooling, MBE, founder of Bookstart

"You cannot read this book and understand how anyone but Ahlberg could have illustrated it. She is the E. H. Shepard of the 21st century."

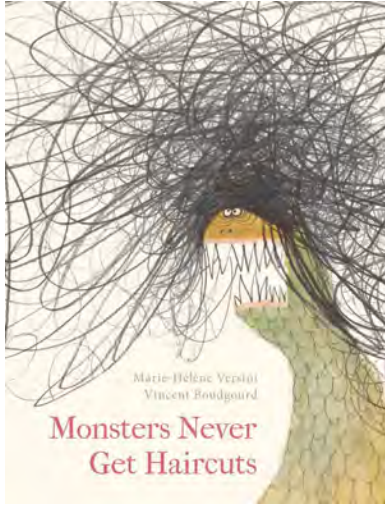
—Elizabeth Bird, *School Library Journal*

Contributor Bio

Toon Tellegen, author and poet, is one of the Netherlands' most celebrated writers. His animal stories have been translated into 19 languages and are loved by children and parents the world over. He lives in Amsterdam, and he loves reading, telling stories, and huge, sweet cakes.

Jessica Ahlberg, daughter of the acclaimed author-illustrator team of Janet and Allen Ahlberg, studied at Winchester School of Art and has gone on to illustrate several books for children. She likes, among other things, writing letters, looking at maps, reading books, doing DIY projects, and making cakes. She lives in Brighton, England, and loves walking by the sea and sometimes swimming in it.

Translated by Martin Cleaver



Monsters Never Get Haircuts

Marie-Hélène Versini, Vincent Boudgourd

Key Selling Points

AN ENTERTAINING READ FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN—Parents and children can enjoy reading this hilarious story together.

EDUCATIONAL APPEAL—An asset for parents to teach children to practice good routines.

GIFT APPEAL—Great gift potential all year round.

Summary

This funny and quirky picture book celebrates children's imagination.

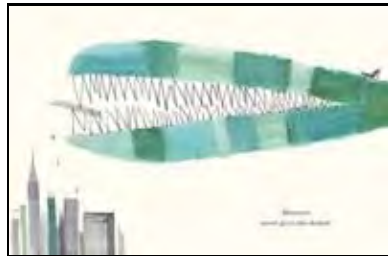
The narrator of this book knows exactly what monsters are like: they never brush their hair or go to the dentist; they don't wear glasses or play the piano or put on their shoes . . . Monsters don't know they are monsters. They don't do this and they don't do that, and do you know why? Because monsters don't exist!

Contributor Bio

Marie-Hélène Versini is a former journalist, who currently works as a copywriter in advertising. She likes the sea, Italy, animals, plastic arts, clothes (with an obsession for shoes), books, talking nonsense, and making children laugh. She now lives in Rennes, France.

Vincent Boudgourd is the art director at a publicity agency. He enjoys posters and illustrations from the 1950s through the 1970s, traveling, waves, wide-open spaces, and meat and potatoes. He lives in Rennes, France.

Illustrations



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\$18.99/\$24.99 Can.
Hardcover Picture Book

40 Pages
all in color
Carton Qty: 28
Ages 3 to 6, Grades P to 1
Juvenile Fiction / Monsters
JUV052000
11.5 in H | 8.8 in W



Union Square Kids
9781454942443
1454942444
Pub Date: 12/5/2023
\$9.99/\$12.99 Can.
Hardcover

160 Pages
10 b-w illustrations
Carton Qty: 52
Ages 7 to 9, Grades 2 to 4
Juvenile Fiction / Classics
JUV007000
Series: Classic Starts®
7.5 in H | 5.4 in W

Classic Starts®: The Jungle Book

Rudyard Kipling, Lisa Church

Key Selling Points

- **INTRODUCTION TO CLASSICS:** These abridged chapter books are the perfect choice for seven- to nine-year-olds transitioning from leveled reads to middle-grade fiction.
- **UPDATED PACKAGE:** This paper-over-board format features bold, dynamic new cover art and new whimsical interior illustrations.
- **PERFECT FOR COLLECTIONS:** This series is a natural fit for classroom libraries and chapter book read-alouds.

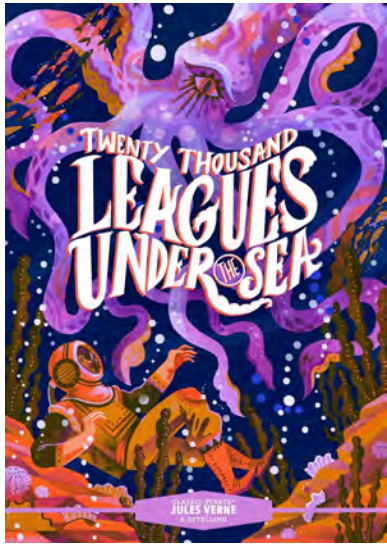
Summary

Run with the jungle animals in this illustrated chapter-book retelling of *The Jungle Book*, part of the bestselling Classic Starts® series that has sold more than 8 million copies!

Mowgli has lived among his wolf brothers for as long as he can remember. Baloo and Bagheera teach him the ways of the jungle, but some animals view him as a threat—or, even worse, as prey. Can Mowgli find a place where he truly belongs? This abridged retelling is the perfect way to introduce young readers to Mowgli's life among elephants, giant snakes, and monkeys. The book also includes discussion questions.

Contributor Bio

Rudyard Kipling was born in Bombay in 1865. *The Jungle Book*, which he published in 1894, became a children's classic all over the world. Tales of every kind continued to flow from Kipling's pen, including *Kim* (1901) and *Just So Stories* (1902). Kipling was the first English writer to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature, and in 1926 he received the Gold Medal of the Royal Society of Literature. Kipling died in 1936.



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Hardcover

160 Pages
10 b-w illustrations
Carton Qty: 52
Ages 7 to 9, Grades 2 to 4
Juvenile Fiction / Classics
JUV007000
Series: Classic Starts®
7.5 in H | 5.4 in W

Classic Starts®: Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea

Jules Verne, Lisa Church

Key Selling Points

- **INTRODUCTION TO CLASSICS:** These abridged chapter books are the perfect choice for seven- to nine-year-olds transitioning from leveled reads to middle-grade fiction.
- **UPDATED PACKAGE:** This paper-over-board format features bold, dynamic new cover art and new whimsical interior illustrations.
- **PERFECT FOR COLLECTIONS:** This series is a natural fit for classroom libraries and chapter book read-alouds.

Summary

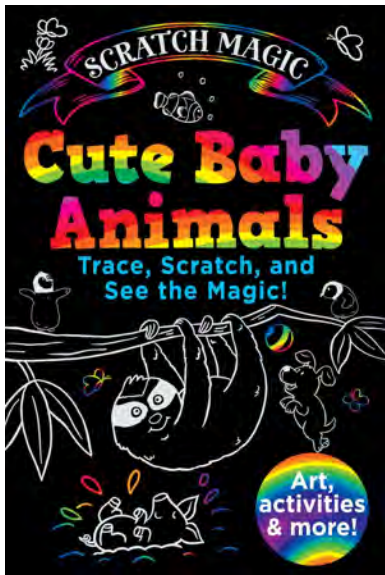
Explore the mysterious underwater world in this illustrated chapter-book retelling of *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*, part of the bestselling Classic Starts® series that has sold more than 8 million copies!

Professor Aronnax embarks on an underwater exploration, only to be captured by Captain Nemo, the head of a submarine with a mysterious backstory. As they travel through underwater forests filled with enormous sea creatures, Professor Aronnax can't help but wonder: will he ever safely return to land?

This retelling is the perfect way to introduce young readers to what is arguably Jules Verne's most popular sci-fi novel. The book also includes discussion questions.

Contributor Bio

Born in 1828, Jules Verne initially followed the career track of an ordinary bourgeois Frenchman. However, literary ambition soon took over, and at the age of 20 he began publishing plays and short stories. By the end of his life, in 1905, Verne had published more than 60 books. Verne remains best known for *Journey to the Center of the Earth*, *From the Earth to the Moon*, and *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*.



Cute Baby Animals

Susan Buescher, Scott DuBar

Key Selling Points

- Includes a wooden stylus for 20 scratch-off cards that reveal rainbow swirls or shiny foil underneath.
- 20 coloring pages to color in with crayons, colored pencils, or markers.
- 20 pages of games, puzzles, and activities (providing more value to the reader than the blank pages for “sketches and doodles” that scratch & sketch books have).
- Includes a wide variety of baby animals to color and trace.

Summary

This fun and engaging activity book full of scratch-off art pages, coloring pages, games, puzzles, and more provides hours of entertainment for kids—and educates them with facts about adorable baby animals.

Get Creative 6
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Pub Date: 10/3/2023
\$16.99/\$22.99 Can.
Hardcover

64 Pages
80 b-w illus.
Ages 5 And Up, Grades K And Up
Juvenile Nonfiction / Activity
Books
JNF001000
Series: Scratch Magic
8.5 in H | 6.4 in W

Readers use the wooden stylus that comes with the book to trace illustrations of adorable baby animals, scratching off the magic ink to reveal rainbow swirls or sparkly foil underneath. *Cute Baby Animals* contains 20 of these magic scratch-off pages along with 20 regular coloring pages to color in with crayon, colored pencil, or marker, as well as 20 pages of games and puzzles such as word searches, word scrambles, and more. In addition to the hours of entertainment provided by these art activities, there is a fun fact for each of the 20 animals featured, so kids and grown-ups alike can learn new information as they have fun. The book includes a wide variety of pets, farm animals, and wild animals, from puppies and kittens to sloths and pandas.

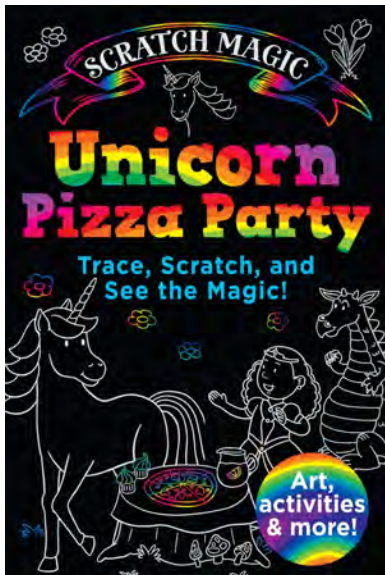
Contributor Bio

Susan Buescher is a children’s librarian and bad pun enthusiast. She lives in Illinois with one partner, two kids, three cats, and assorted other creatures.

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Illustrations





Unicorn Pizza Party

Susan Buescher, Scott DuBar

Key Selling Points

- Includes a wooden stylus for 20 scratch-off cards that reveal rainbow swirls or shiny foil underneath.
- 20 coloring pages to color in with crayons, colored pencils, or markers.
- 20 pages of games, puzzles, and activities (providing more value to the reader than the blank pages for “sketches and doodles” that scratch & sketch books have).
- Engaging story about a unicorn that teaches kids the power of teamwork.

Summary

This fun and engaging activity book full of scratch-off art pages, coloring pages, games, puzzles, and more provides hours of entertainment for kids—and tells the story of a unicorn who learns the power of teamwork and friendship.

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Hardcover

64 Pages
80 b-w illus.
Ages 5 And Up, Grades K And Up
Juvenile Nonfiction / Activity
Books
JNF001000
Series: Scratch Magic
8.5 in H | 6.4 in W

Pippa the unicorn loves pizza, but she needs all her friends’ help to learn how to make it! Readers use the wooden stylus that comes with the book to trace illustrations of Pippa’s story, scratching off the magic ink to reveal rainbow swirls or sparkly foil underneath. *Unicorn Pizza Party* contains 20 of these magic scratch-off pages along with 20 regular coloring pages to color in with crayon, colored pencil, or marker, as well as 20 pages of games and puzzles such as word searches, word scrambles, and more. In addition to the hours of entertainment provided by these art activities, kids will learn the power of teamwork and friendship alongside Pippa and her magical friends.

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Your Alien

Tammi Sauer, Goro Fujita

Key Selling Points

PROLIFIC AUTHOR—Tammi Sauer has a stellar track record, and is a favorite of teachers, booksellers, and librarians.

OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND OUR PAPERBACK PROGRAM—With its heartwarming storyline, *Your Alien* is an ideal candidate to further establish our paperback program.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL THEMES—This book has terrific themes of the power of friendship, cooperation, and creative problem-solving that readers of all ages will enjoy.

Summary

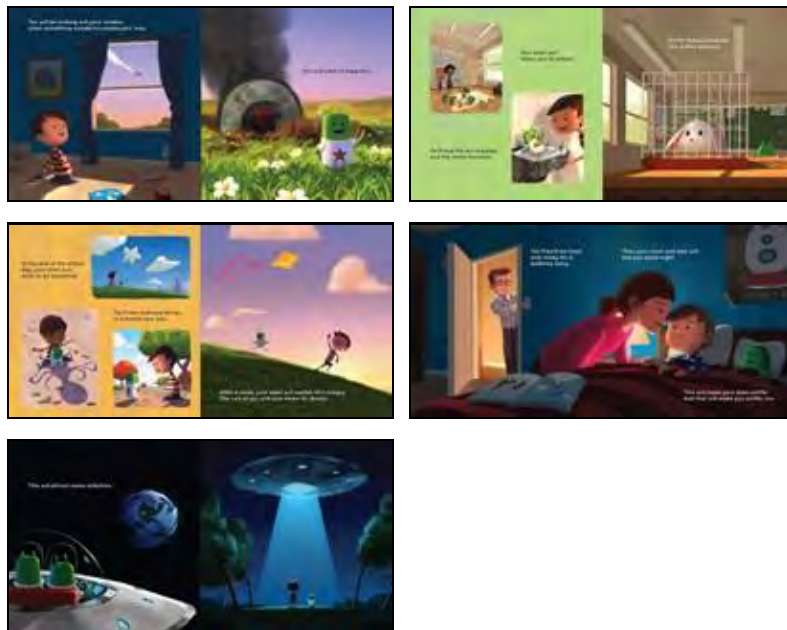
A little boy meets a stranded alien child and the two instantly strike up a fabulous friendship. They go to school, explore the neighborhood, and have lots of fun all day. However, when bedtime rolls around, the little boy must comfort his homesick new friend. This funny, heartwarming story proves that friends and family are the most important things in the universe . . . no matter who or where you are.

Contributor Bio

Tammi Sauer is the author of *Cowboy Camp*, *Chicken Dance*, *Mary Had a Little Glam*, and *Your Alien*, which has earned starred reviews from *Publishers Weekly* and *Kirkus Reviews*. She and her family live in Oklahoma. To learn more about Sauer and her books, visit tammisauer.com or find her on Twitter at @SauerTammi.

Goro Fujita was born in Japan and moved with his family to Germany when he was 3 years old. He was fascinated by drawing ever since he was a little child. In 2008 he moved to San Jose, California, where he works as a book illustrator and visual development artist on feature films. Rumor has it that aliens taught him how to paint.

Illustrations



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Paperback Picture Book

36 Pages
all in color
Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 1
Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes
JUV039060
10 in H | 10 in W



The Beatles

Claire Sipi, Leanne Goodall

Key Selling Points

- Outlines the lives and main achievements of John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, and Ringo Starr told to the reader as a first-person account.
- A timeline at the end of the book lists the main biographical events, and some simple questions will help children to further understand and test their knowledge.
- Engaging and educational.

Summary

Meet The Beatles and discover the story of their lives and musical career in this engagingly illustrated biography—narrated by John, Paul, George, and Ringo themselves.

The Genius Series is a series of illustrated books specifically designed for elementary school children, narrating the stories of great historical figures who have left their mark on humanity. This volume dedicated to The Beatles tells the story of how four boys from Liverpool became the most influential rock band of all time. It covers everything from their British invasion to their debut into the American pop scene, to their amicable, but world-shattering, dissolution.

Contributor Bio

Claire Sipi is a writer and editor with over 30 years of experience in children's book publishing. She enjoys working in an industry where she gets to be creative every day, whether it's writing fun activity and novelty books, engaging storybooks, educational reference titles for children, or licensed character publishing and TV/film tie-ins. She loves coming up with ideas and planning creative and innovative ways to produce new children's books.

Leanne Goodall, winner of the Kelpies Prize for Illustration, has worked on a variety of children's book projects since graduating from Gray's School of Art, Scotland, in 2021. Inspired by her love for history and fantastical worlds, she has a passion for bringing inspirational stories to life.

Illustrations



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Juvenile Nonfiction / Biography &
Autobiography
JNF007040
Series: Genius Series
9.3 in H | 7.6 in W



Malala Yousafzai

Claire Sipi, Leanne Goodall

Key Selling Points

- Outlines Malala Yousafzai's life and main achievements told to the reader as a first-person account.
- A timeline at the end of the book lists the main biographical events, and some simple questions will help children to further understand and test their knowledge.
- Engaging and educational.

Summary

Meet Malala Yousafzai and discover the story of her life and work in this engagingly illustrated biography—narrated by Malala herself.

The Genius Series is a series of illustrated books specifically designed for elementary school children, narrating the stories of great historical figures who have left their mark on humanity. This volume on Malala Yousafzai, a young, Pakistani, female activist who stood up (and continues to stand up) for injustice is a must-read for all children. It covers everything from her life-changing ride to school in October 2012, to her Nobel Peace Prize in 2014, and the incredible work she is still doing today.

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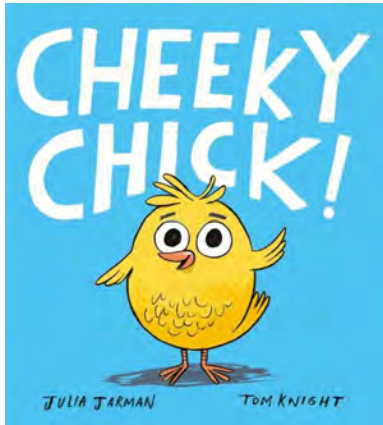
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Cheeky Chick

Julia Jarman, Tom Knight

Key Selling Points

ENGAGING ARTWORK—Heartwarming illustrations showcase an exciting chick with a bold, engaging attitude.

SOCIAL APPEAL—A great book about community, this book teaches the importance of a willingness to learn and be curious.

HOLIDAY GIFT APPEAL—This book is the perfect holiday gift for the Easter season.

Summary

A curious and single-minded baby chick takes off to explore the farm.

Cheeky Chick can't help being cheeky—he just wants to explore. With a dollop of luck and under the watchful eye of the farmyard animals, he learns a valuable lesson that he can pass on to the next generation of eager chicks!

A funny, characterful picture book that children will want to read again and again.

Contributor Bio

Julia Jarman has won the Stockport Children's Book Awards twice for her brilliant picture-book texts. She has written more than 100 books for children and loves keeping in touch with readers through numerous school and library visits.

Tom Knight reckons he's the quintessential cheeky chick, having grown up on a farm! He lives with his wife and two children and loves plonking away on stringed instruments in his spare time.

Illustrations



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Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
all in color
Ages 3 to 6, Grades P to 1
Juvenile Fiction / Animals
JUV002040
10.8 in H | 9.9 in W



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256 Pages
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Ages 8 to 12, Grades 4 to 7
Juvenile Fiction / Horror
JUV018000
Series: Graveyard Girls
8.3 in H | 5.5 in W

Scream for the Camera

Lisi Harrison, Daniel Kraus

Key Selling Points

COMPELLING GENRE MASHUP—This series is at the nexus of a wildly popular thriller genre, stellar writing by two powerhouse authors, and a fresh/contemporary sensibility.

STRONG, GIRL-CENTRIC STORYTELLING—These are stories about middle school girls with agency. Their issues, interests, and actions are relatable.

UNIQUE, RELATABLE CHARACTERS—Each story focuses on a different girl in the friend group, allowing readers to find a protagonist and point of view to connect with.

GENRE BLENDING—The combination of friendship stories and horror is an unexpected, exciting blending of genres.

A MULTITUDE OF LOYAL AUDIENCES AWAIT—Lisi Harrison and Daniel Kraus are two high-profile authors with loyal fan bases across genres and age groups.

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The good news: There might be one person with some answers. The bad news: She’s a mortician . . . with a deadly secret.

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1-2-3-4, I Declare a Thumb War

Lisi Harrison, Daniel Kraus

Key Selling Points

THE SWEET SPOT OF CHILDREN'S SERIES—Graveyard Girls is at the nexus of a wildly popular genre, and it features stellar writing by two powerhouse authors and a fresh/contemporary sensibility.

STRONG, GIRL-CENTRIC STORYTELLING—These are stories about young teen girls with agency.

FRESH, GENRE-BLENDING—The new and unexpected yet perfect blend of friendship story and horror.

A MULTITUDE OF LOYAL AUDIENCES AWAIT—Daniel and Lisi are two extremely high-profile authors with loyal fan bases across genre and age groups.

Summary

#1 New York Times bestselling authors Lisi Harrison and Daniel Kraus deliver a slightly scary, extremely addictive, contemporary middle-grade book series. This first installment of *Graveyard Girls* is part mystery book and part friendship story, centered around five young teen girls in for the fright of their lives.

Meet Whisper, Frannie, Sophie, Gemma, and Zuzu, five friends who tell eerie tales by night and navigate middle school drama by day. In Misery Falls, Oregon, it is the 100th anniversary of the electrocution of the town's most infamous killer, Silas Hoke, and the town is abuzz. When a mysterious text message leads the girls to the cemetery—where Silas Hoke is buried!—life can't get any creepier. Except, yes, it can, thanks to the surprise storyteller who meets them at the cemetery, inspires the first-ever meeting of the Graveyard Girls, and sets the stage for a terrifying tale from Whisper that they'll never forget.

Book one in a five-book series, *Graveyard Girls* blends popular scary books for kids (think: *Goosebumps*) with strong teen girl characters into a fresh, genre-blending middle-grade series. For kids ages 9–12 in search of girl friendship stories and mystery books, you'll find horror and heartfelt relationships in *1-2-3-4, I Declare a Thumb War*.

Hardcover with dust jacket; 256 pages; 5.5 x 8.3 in. Illustrations by Flavia Sorrentino.

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The Great Book of Forest Legends

Tea Orsi, Anna Lang

Key Selling Points

- A collection of tales from different parts of the world, brought to life with evocative illustrations by Anna Láng.
- Children will enjoy exploring the adventures of the forest world and reading about different types of magical creatures throughout folklore.
- Includes a quiz at the end of the book to test the reader's knowledge of what they read.

Summary

From the Legend of the Fairy Fortress (France) to the Legend of Momotaro (Japan), here are fantastical stories of magical creatures from all over the world.

The Great Book of Forest Legends offers a selection of short stories about charming and magical creatures of the forest. Each of the folkloric tales is preceded by a description of the forest creature represented in that tale, like leprechauns, elves, and water nymphs. The book features 11 beautifully illustrated stories that children can easily dip into and out of.

Contributor Bio

Tea Orsi is a screenwriter for animated TV series, and an author of comic stories, books, and magazines for children.

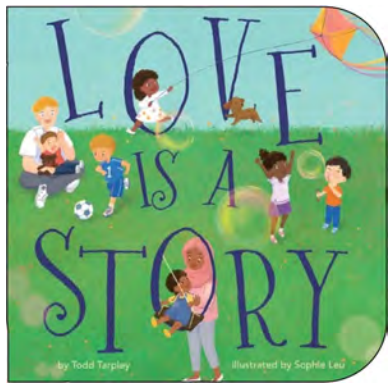
Anna Láng attended the Hungarian University of Fine Arts. She lives and works in Italy as a freelance graphic designer and illustrator and is one of White Star's bestselling illustrators.

Illustrations



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Love Is a Story

Todd Tarpley, Sophie Leu

Key Selling Points

ENDEARING MOMENTS & DIVERSE CHARACTERS: This book features sweet moments between parents, grandparents, caregivers, and children. It also features a diverse array of families and characters.

HOLIDAY & EVERGREEN TOPIC: This title has Valentine's Day appeal, as well as Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Grandparents Day interest.

SWEET ARTWORK: Sophie Leu's adorable artwork is perfectly suited to the poetic, tender text.

Summary

*Love is the patter
of ten little toes
as the first light
of day trickles in.*

Follow parents, grandparents, and a wide array of kids throughout all the seasons as they learn about the meaning of love. Love can be the way your smile starts to curve when a giggle is about to begin, a puddle with you in the middle, a story read with a flashlight, or a morning that bursts into color. This is a sweet and reassuring story that resonates with kids and adults.

Author Todd Tarpley's joyful celebration of everyday expressions of love is matched perfectly by Leu's cozy, inviting art.

Contributor Bio

Todd Tarpley is the author of 13 picture books, including *Beep! Beep! Go to Sleep!*, a 2016 ALA Notable Book, and *Naughty Ninja Takes a Bath*, which spent several days as the #1 children's book on Amazon at the end of 2019. His books have been featured in the *New York Times*; included on Best Books of the Year lists by *Huffington Post*, Chicago Public Library, and Bank Street College; and translated into Chinese, German, Italian, and Danish. Other books include *Would You, Could You Plant a Tree?* and *Would You, Could You Save the Sea?* Both feature Dr. Seuss's Lorax and celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. Seuss's classic book. Three more Dr. Seuss-themed books are coming soon. Tarpley lives in New York City with his family. Learn more at toddtarpley.com

Sophie Leu is a Taiwanese illustrator based in Taipei with a particular passion for art and children's education. Her art is inspired by cultural experiences, self-introspection, everyday moments, and memories sprinkled with the bitter and sweet in life. She loves to combine traditional with digital media and always feels excited to experiment with new things. Learn more at sophieleu.com

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Classic Starts®: Around the World in Eighty Days

Jules Verne, Deanna McFadden

Key Selling Points

- **ANNIVERSARY:** 2023 is the 150th Anniversary of the first book edition (and first English edition) of *Around the World in Eighty Days*.
- **INTRODUCTION TO CLASSICS:** These abridged chapter books are the perfect choice for seven- to nine-year-olds transitioning from leveled reads to middle-grade fiction.
- **UPDATED PACKAGE:** This paper-over-board format features bold, dynamic new cover art and new whimsical interior illustrations.
- **PERFECT FOR COLLECTIONS:** This series is a natural fit for classroom libraries and chapter book read-alouds.

Summary

Travel worldwide in this illustrated chapter-book retelling of *Around the World in Eighty Days*, part of the bestselling Classic Starts® series that has sold more than 8 million copies!

Whether it's by foot, camel, boat, or train, Phileas Fogg is determined to travel across the world in 80 days. Will he win his race against the clock? And who is the man following in Fogg's footsteps wherever he goes?

This retelling is the perfect way to introduce the joy of traveling to young readers. The book also includes discussion questions.

Contributor Bio

Born in 1828, Jules Verne initially followed the career track of an ordinary bourgeois Frenchman. However, literary ambition soon took over, and at the age of 20 he began publishing plays and short stories. By the end of his life, in 1905, Verne had published more than 60 books. Verne remains best known for *Journey to the Center of the Earth*, *From the Earth to the Moon*, and *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*.

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The Night Before Christmas (Deluxe Edition)

Tom Browning, Clement C. Moore

Key Selling Points

Deluxe Edition of a Treasured Classic—Generations have included this classic work in their holiday traditions. This deluxe edition is the perfect way to share this timeless tale with new readers! It features Browning's classic art, elegant foil stamping on the cover, and expanded back matter that includes a collection of beloved Christmas carols.

A Milestone Anniversary—2023 marks the 200th anniversary of Clement C. Moore's iconic holiday poem.

Iconic Illustrations—Tom Browning, known as THE Santa illustrator, infuses this poem with a timeless sense of joy and wonder.

Summary

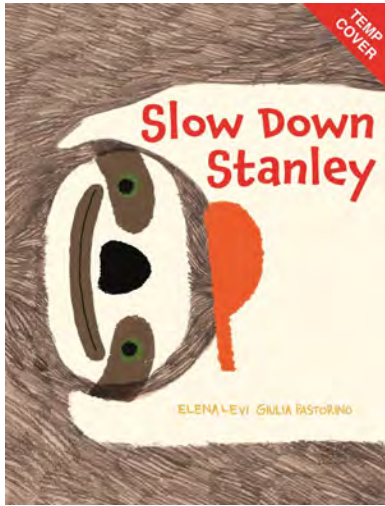
For decades, families have gathered together to read *The Night Before Christmas*. Featuring beautiful illustrations by award-winning artist Tom Browning, this deluxe edition is the perfect way to introduce a new generation to Clement C. Moore's enchanting poem. Browning has created a classic Saint Nick—the quintessential round, jolly, white-bearded figure that everyone imagines. This deluxe edition features Browning's classic art, elegant foil stamping on the cover, and expanded back matter that includes a collection of beloved Christmas carols.

Contributor Bio

Tom Browning is a nationally acclaimed and award-winning artist known for both his Santa images and his fine art, which includes a wide array of subjects. His paintings of Santa Claus have been licensed for countless products with global distribution and are now famous around the world. Although Tom now spends his time primarily painting fine art, he continues to create several Santas each year and to add them to his private collection. Tom lives in Bend, OR. For more information, visit his website at tombrowning.com.

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Slow Down, Stanley

Elena Levi, Giulia Pastorino

Key Selling Points

SOCIAL THEMES—This is a great book for teaching children to be true to themselves and to inspire others to do the same.

EDUCATIONAL APPEAL—This book is a great asset for households and classrooms, teaching children about animals in the wild and the importance of taking care of the environment.

GIFT APPEAL—This book is a great gift for any household.

Summary

Fabulous art and a lovely story make this a standout picture book that celebrates differences and being oneself!

Sloths are known for being slow, but not Stanley—he's always rushing from one thing to the next, driven on by adventure and curiosity. He's different from the other sloths, and happy to be so—though his dad worries. One day, when there is a fire in the forest, Stanley's speed helps to save the sloths, and he is finally accepted for who he is.

Contributor Bio

Elena Levi has always written—for adults, teenagers, schools, politics—but the thing she loves most is to write for children, and she loves to celebrate freedom and imagination.

Giulia Pastorino lives in Genoa, Italy, and studied graphic design at the Academy of Fine Arts there. She also did a specialist course in Illustration at ISIA (Istituto Superiore delle Industrie Artistiche). Today her best friends are oil pastels and cream-colored backgrounds. She loves warm colors, is not afraid to get dirty, and has never stopped drawing (and dancing).

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Hardcover Picture Book

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Juvenile Fiction / Animals
JUV002340

11.5 in H | 9 in W

Los bindis de Bindu (Spanish Edition)

Supriya Kelkar, Parvati Pillai

Illustrations



Union Square Kids
9781454950752
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Pub Date: 9/5/2023
\$8.99/\$11.99 Can.
Paperback Picture Book

28 Pages
all in color
Carton Qty: 60
Ages 4 to 8, Grades K to 3
Juvenile Fiction / Family
JUV013030
10.9 in H | 8.5 in W



Around New York

Daniela Celli, Laura Re

Key Selling Points

- A fun introduction to travel for kids.
- Fully illustrated maps for each area on the tour.
- Includes activities, like search and find, throughout the book.

Summary

Children can explore New York in this fun travel guide made just for them!

Kids are naturally curious, and that curiosity is enhanced when traveling. With this children's travel guide, they can visit popular sites around New York like the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The book is broken up into different itineraries, and it includes facts about each iconic place visited. It can be used for inspirational travel or to take along with you on a real trip to this fascinating city.

Contributor Bio

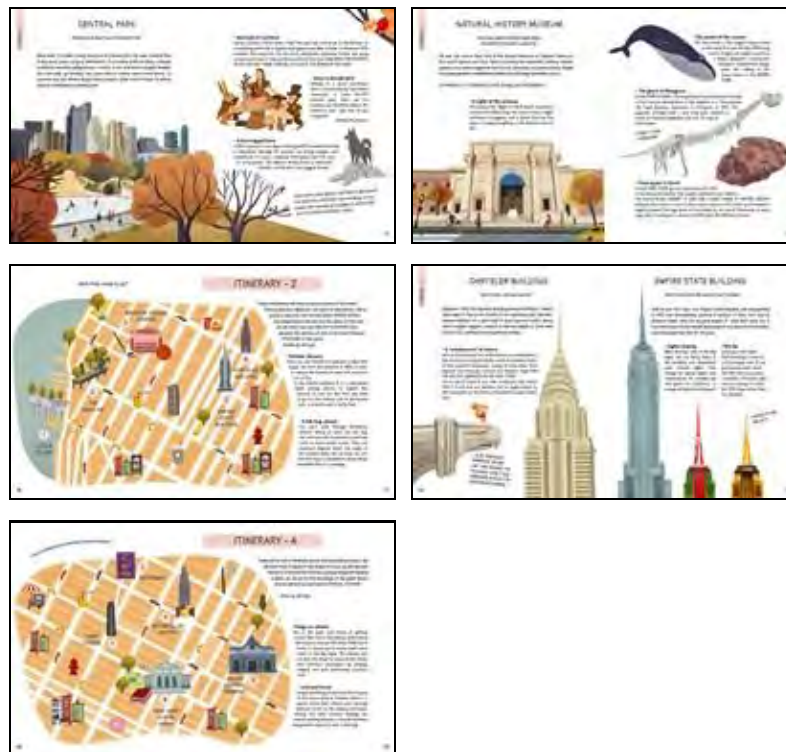
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Hardcover

48 Pages
all in color
Ages 6 And Up, Grades 1 And Up
Juvenile Nonfiction / Travel
JNF058000
Series: Young Explorers
9.3 in H | 7.8 in W

Illustrations





Around Rome

Daniela Celli, Laura Re

Key Selling Points

- A fun introduction to travel for kids.
- Fully illustrated maps for each area on the tour.
- Includes activities, like search and find, throughout the book.

Summary

Children can explore Rome in this fun travel guide made just for them!

Kids are naturally curious, and that curiosity is enhanced when traveling. With this children's travel guide, they can visit popular sites around Rome like the Colosseum, the Pantheon, and the Trevi Fountain. The book is broken up into different itineraries, and it includes facts about each iconic place visited. It can be used for inspirational travel or to take along with you on a real trip to this historical city.

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The Magical Snowflake

Bernette Ford, Erin Robinson

Key Selling Points

POWERFUL WRITING—Bernette’s visual writing is crafted into a story that every child and adult will enjoy reading together.

COMMUNITY THEME—Readers will enjoy the story’s sense of community and friendship.

WINTER THEME—This is a great gift book that celebrates the winter season.

ENGAGING ARTWORK—Erin’s work is recognizable from her U.S. postage stamp. She is fantastic at creating character and atmosphere.

HIGH-PROFILE AUTHOR—Bernette Ford was hugely influential in children’s publishing throughout her career, championing BAME editors, illustrators, and writers, and an award in her name is to be established in 2023.

Summary

This holiday season enjoy a magical and timeless tale of expectation, anticipation and wonder.

It's the middle of winter, it's very cold, and Ori and her friends want to play outside. But there's no snow! Ori makes a wish and soon a special snowflake brings delight to an entire town. The Magical Snowflake is beautifully told, capturing the warmest feelings amid the frosty snow.

Contributor Bio

Bernette Ford was an author, editor, and publisher, and a great champion of children's books by people of color. She wrote many successful books for children, including *No More Diapers for Ducky!* and *First Snow* for Boxer Books.

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1914912225
Pub Date: 10/17/2023
\$18.99/\$24.99 Can.
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
all in color
Carton Qty: 38
Ages 3 to 6, Grades P to 1
Juvenile Fiction / Holidays &
Celebrations
JUV017010
11 in H | 8.5 in W

Illustrations





Classic Starts®: Monkey King

Cheng'en Wu, Anita Sheih

Key Selling Points

- **BRAND-NEW TITLE:** Monkey King is the first new addition to the Classic Starts series in nearly a decade!
- **INTRODUCTION TO CLASSICS:** These abridged chapter books are the perfect choice for seven- to nine-year-olds transitioning from leveled reads to middle-grade fiction.
- **UPDATED PACKAGE:** This paper-over-board format features bold, dynamic new cover art and new whimsical interior illustrations.
- **PERFECT FOR COLLECTIONS:** This series is a natural fit for classroom libraries and chapter book read-alouds.

Summary

An illustrated chapter-book retelling of the Monkey King's adventures from *Journey to the West*—part of the Classic Starts series, which has cumulatively sold more than 8 million copies!

Sun Wukong is the “Monkey King”—and he has all the power and magic to prove it! But when his mischief lands him out of favor with the heavens, he must embark on a dangerous quest to deliver Buddhist scriptures. Will Monkey be able to control his impulsive behavior and complete his journey to the West?

This retelling is the perfect way to introduce young readers to the famous and cherished Chinese story. The book also includes discussion questions.

Contributor Bio

Cheng'en Wu was born in the early 1500s in the Jiangsu province of China during the Ming Dynasty. Although he briefly worked as a political official, his true passion was writing poetry and stories. After writing and traveling extensively, Wu died in the 1580s. He is widely considered to be the author of *Journey to the West*, which was published anonymously in 1592.

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Pub Date: 2/6/2024
\$9.99/\$12.99 Can.
Hardcover

160 Pages
10 b-w illus.
Ages 7 to 9, Grades 2 to 4
Juvenile Fiction / Classics
JUV007000
Series: Classic Starts®
7.5 in H | 5.4 in W



Classic Starts®: Winnie-the-Pooh and the House at Pooh Corner

A. A. Milne, Cala Spinner

Key Selling Points

- **BRAND-NEW TITLE:** *Winnie-the-Pooh and the House at Pooh Corner* is the first new addition to the Classic Starts series in nearly a decade!
- **INTRODUCTION TO CLASSICS:** These abridged chapter books are the perfect choice for seven- to nine-year-olds transitioning from leveled reads to middle-grade fiction.
- **UPDATED PACKAGE:** This paper-over-board format features bold, dynamic new cover art and new whimsical interior illustrations.
- **PERFECT FOR COLLECTIONS:** This series is a natural fit for classroom libraries and chapter book read-alouds.

Summary

An illustrated chapter- book retelling of Winnie-the-Pooh and the House at Pooh Corner—part of the Classic Starts series, which has cumulatively sold more than 8 million copies!

There's nothing else that Winnie-the-Pooh loves more than his friends—well, except for maybe a full honey pot! No matter their age, young readers will be captivated by the story's honest portrayal of childhood emotions and experiences.

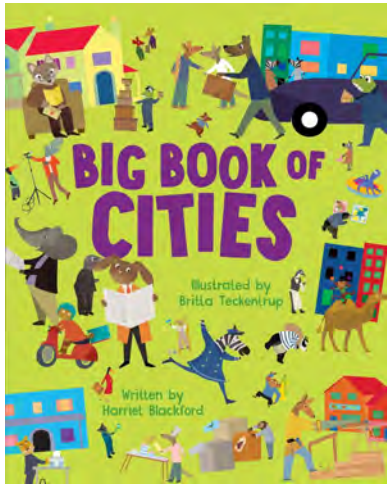
This retelling is the perfect way for chapter-book readers to experience the magic of Christopher Robin, Eeyore, Piglet, Tigger, and all their friends. The book also includes discussion questions.

Contributor Bio

A. A. Milne, also known as Alan Alexander Milne, was born in 1882 in London, England. He wrote plays, poetry, and novels. He became most well-known for his children's stories inspired by his son, Christopher Robin, and his son's teddy bear, named Winnie-the-Pooh. Milne passed away in 1956.

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Juvenile Fiction / Classics
JUV007000
Series: Classic Starts®
7.5 in H | 5.4 in W



Big Book of Cities

Harriet Blackford, Britta Teckentrup

Key Selling Points

BIG FORMAT— These books are perfect for sharing among children, adults, and groups.

EDUCATIONAL APPEAL—Contains 40 pages crammed with fun facts about towns. Learn all about how busy towns function.

BEST-SELLING ILLUSTRATOR—Britta Teckentrup is a known name in the trade for her distinctive artwork style, which has proved very popular and appealing to both adults and children. She has won many awards, including the ABC Best Books for Children (American Booksellers Association) and been shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal.

Summary

Learn many interesting facts about the structure and set-up of towns.

What does a school look like? What can you find in a shopping center?

These huge-format, 40-page books, illustrated by Britta Teckentrup, feature fun-filled busy places. Bursting with information, humor, and color, they teach children about how towns function.

Contributor Bio

HARRIET BLACKFORD has a degree in zoology from the University of London and began her career there in the zoology department. Harriet is the author of numerous nonfiction titles for children, a business director, and a keen bird watcher. She has three children and two grandchildren and is married to the author and illustrator Sam Williams.

BRITTA TECKENTRUP published her first major works with Boxer Books, including *Big Smelly Bear*, *Grumpy Cat*, and *Clumsy Duck*. She is an internationally acclaimed bestselling author.

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Hardcover Picture Book

40 Pages
all in color
Carton Qty: 22
Ages 3 to 6, Grades P to 1
Juvenile Nonfiction / Lifestyles
JNF031000
12.2 in H | 9.6 in W



Big Book of Vehicles

Ronne Randall, Britta Teckentrup

Key Selling Points

BIG FORMAT—These books are perfect for sharing among children, adults, and groups.

EDUCATIONAL APPEAL—Contains 40 pages crammed with fun facts about vehicles. Learn all about how vehicles work.

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR / ILLUSTRATOR—Britta Teckentrup is a known name in the trade for her distinctive artwork style, which has proved very popular and appealing to both adults and children. She has won many awards, including the ABC Best Books for Children (American Booksellers Association) and been shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal.

Summary

Learn many interesting facts about how vehicles on the ground, in the air, and on water feature in our everyday lives and discovery of the world.

What is the importance of electric vehicles? What can you find out at sea?

These huge-format, 40-page books, illustrated by Britta Teckentrup, feature fun-filled vehicles. Bursting with information, humor, and color, they teach children about all the different vehicles that exist.

Contributor Bio

RONNE RANDALL was born in New York and has been writing and editing books since the 1980s. She has published more than 130 titles and now lives in the UK.

BRITTA TECKENTRUP published her first major works with Boxer Books, including *Big Smelly Bear*, *Grumpy Cat*, and *Clumsy Duck*. She is an internationally acclaimed bestselling author.

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Ages 3 to 6, Grades P to 1
Juvenile Nonfiction
/ Transportation
JNF057030

12.2 in H | 9.6 in W



What Do You Celebrate?

Holidays and Festivals Around the World

Whitney Stewart, Christiane Engel

Key Selling Points

EXCELLENT RESOURCE FOR SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES—For children to learn about diversity, different cultures, and heritage.

OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND OUR PAPERBACK PROGRAM—With its interesting facts about celebrations from around the world, *What Do You Celebrate?* is an ideal candidate to further establish our paperback program.

ENGAGING INTERACTIVE ELEMENT— Fourteen detailed spreads offer background and cultural context, vocabulary words, photographs, and instructions for festive projects that kids and adults can enjoy together.

Summary

Fourteen holidays celebrated around the world come alive in this kid-friendly guide of how to celebrate each holiday. The wide-ranging collection of holidays includes Holi, Purim, Halloween, and more!

Contributor Bio

Whitney Stewart is an award-winning author, and the author of *Who Was Walt Disney?*, which is part of the *Who Was?...* *New York Times* bestselling series. When not writing or traveling, she teaches mindfulness and meditation to children. Learn more about Stewart at whitneystewart.com.

Christiane Engel is an award-winning illustrator and children's book writer. She loves creating quirky characters, map illustrations, and using her own hand-lettering in her projects across publishing and advertising. She lives by the sea in South East England with her family. Learn more about Engel at chengelillustration.com.

Illustrations



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Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 1
Juvenile Nonfiction / Holidays &
Celebrations
JNF026000
10 in H | 10 in W



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9781684620708
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Pub Date: 9/5/2023
\$17.99/\$23.99 Can.
Trade Paperback

112 Pages
all in color
Carton Qty: 40
Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7
Juvenile Nonfiction / Animals
JNF003220
Series: Our Tomorrow
9.5 in H | 7.5 in W

Project PAWsome

Saving Shelter Pets One Bow Tie at a Time

Sir Darius Brown

Key Selling Points

- Heartwarming dog adoption stories, complete with adorable photos of dogs wearing bow ties.
- Inspirational story of a teen entrepreneur and activist making a difference in the world.
- Practical advice for young readers on how to get involved with animal shelters in their own communities.
- Includes detailed instructions on how to make a bow tie for your own pet (one set of instructions using a sewing machine and one set of instructions using fabric glue).
- October is Adopt-a-Dog Month and November includes National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week.

Summary

Heartwarming pet adoption stories and practical activism advice from award-winning teen social entrepreneur and shelter animal advocate, Sir Darius Brown.

When Sir Darius Brown was eight years old, his older sister helped him improve his motor skill deficits by teaching him how to sew bow ties. A few years later, when he learned about dogs being euthanized due to overcrowding in animal shelters, he realized his skills might be able to help. If he made bow ties for the dogs, they'd look extra cute and, therefore, extra appealing to potential adopters. He soon founded Beaux & Paws, a company that donates one stylish handmade bow tie to an animal shelter for every bow tie sold. He then started the PAWsome Mission, an initiative to help shelter pets find their forever homes by donating bow ties to shelters all over the world, volunteering and participating in adoption events, and spotlighting shelter pets on social media.

In *Project PAWsome: Saving Shelter Pets One Bow Tie at a Time*, Sir Darius shares his own story alongside the heartwarming tales of adopted and rescued pets as well as pets and animal shelters he's helped along the way, complete with adorable photos. Readers will also learn how they can make a difference for animals in their own community—and how to make bow ties for shelter pets.

Contributor Bio

Sir Darius Brown is an award-winning teenage social entrepreneur and shelter pet advocate from Newark, New Jersey. He is the founder of Beaux & Paws and the PAWsome Mission GoFundMe campaign, where he donates bow ties to animal shelters and raises awareness for shelter pets through adoption events and social media. In addition to helping countless shelter pets find FURever homes, he's helped raise more than \$300,000 to support animal shelters. Sir Darius has been featured on *Good Morning America*, *CNN*, *Animal Planet*, *Teen Vogue*, and *People* magazine. Sir Darius has been awarded the most prestigious accolades that a young individual can receive for his philanthropic efforts. Among other honors, he's received PETA's Hero to Animals Award, the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, the Diana Award, and, in 2022, Sir Darius was named one of 100 Global Child Prodigies in the world.

Illustrations



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Juvenile Nonfiction / History
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Series: How It Happened
9 in H | 6 in W

How It Happened! Pizza

The Cool Stories and Facts Behind Every Slice

Paige Towler

Key Selling Points

- **NARRATIVE NONFICTION:** The narrative structure of the text allows readers to digest facts and keep turning the pages without getting overwhelmed.
- **HIGH-INTEREST UNIQUE SUBJECTS:** Each book focuses on a universal “cool” object, such as gum or sneakers, that will capture the interest of reluctant and striving readers.
- **HIGHLY ILLUSTRATED:** The interior design features photos, illustrations, bursts, and sidebars to make the reading experience lively and visually approachable.
- **PACKED WITH STEAM CONTENT:** Each subject is discussed from scientific, technological, business, historical, and cross-cultural perspectives.

Summary

Find out how pizza became the world’s favorite comfort food in this nonfiction book, part of the HOW IT HAPPENED! Series.

Did you know that every hour, more than one million slices of pizza are eaten in the United States? But this cheesy flatbread had a long journey before becoming a global comfort food. This fact-filled book delivers the deep dish on pizza culture, history, and science. Whether you like thin crust or Sicilian-style, this book is one that pizza lovers won’t want to miss!

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