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Going Down Home with Daddy is a 2020 Caldecott Honor Book

Written by Kelly Starling Lyons
Illustrated by Daniel Minter
Madeline Finn and the Therapy Dog
Lisa Papp

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Ages 4–8

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Themes: dogs, volunteering, reading, community
✎ Activity kit

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Companion titles

Madeline Finn and Star are back!

Star is old enough to become a therapy dog, so he and Madeline Finn are off to Walker Oaks, a retirement community where Star will be tested in a variety of challenges. They meet a number of new friends, but there’s one resident who Madeline Finn just can’t stop thinking about—an elderly man in a wheelchair, who never smiles. Might there be something she and Star can do to help?

Praise for Madeline Finn

“A gentle, heartwarming introduction to the world of therapy dogs.”
—Kirkus Reviews on Madeline Finn and the Therapy Dog

“A warm, encouraging story that suggests that perfection isn’t necessary in order to achieve one’s goals, and that help can be found in unexpected corners.”
—Publishers Weekly on Madeline Finn and the Library Dog

“A gentle first-person text accompanies the watercolor-and-pencil illustrations on soothing beige pages, which perfectly befit the reassuring, happy ending.”
—Booklist on Madeline Finn and the Shelter Dog
"Welcome back, Madeline Finn," Mr. Finch says.
This time, he leads us to a big room. "Why don’t you and
Star go in and say hello?"
I’m kind of nervous, but Star isn’t. He walks right up
and smiles.

"Oh, isn’t he the sweetest thing," a lady says.
"He reminds me of a dog I had when I was a boy," a man says.
He gives Star a kiss, right on his nose.
A lady with a big hat talks about her garden. She even reads Star
a letter. Star is a good listener.

Everyone seems happy.
Everyone except a man in
the corner.

"This is Mr. Humphrey," a nurse says.
"Would you like to pet Star?" I ask.
Mr. Humphrey doesn’t say anything.
Mr. Finch takes some more notes.
Then it’s time to go.

"Star did well on his second test," Mom says.
"But he didn’t make Mr. Humphrey
smile," I say.
"Some people need time," Mom says.
"Remember how patient Bonnie was with
you when you were learning to read?"
I think about that all the way home.
A breathtakingly beautiful book for bedtime

Arlo is a very tired lion, and he’s tried everything to get to sleep. But the grass is too prickly, the trees are too noisy, and his family wriggles awfully too much. Goodness! How is an exhausted lion ever to get a wink of shut-eye? Luckily, Owl has a few tricks up her sleeve, and Arlo couldn’t be happier to follow her advice.
“Will I ever sleep again?” Arlo sighed

But Arlo wasn’t the only one who was zombie...

“Of course you will,” said a voice from above. “I sleep through the day when it’s bright, noisy, and hot. Shall I tell you how?” And the owl began to sing.
A boisterous trip through the alphabet—letter by letter and sound by noisy sound!

Follow along on this alphabet adventure as the amusing and often onomatopoeic text guides the reader through Mouse’s journey. First, a sniff of his special flower—Achoo!—and a bee flies out—Bzzz! Then, Chirp! warns the bird. Here comes the cat with its bell and collar—Ding-a-ling! As Mouse works his way through the alphabet and a colorful cast of animals, each reader can individually interpret the visual story. There’s tons of fun to be had in anticipating what will come next!

Praise for Eek!

★ “This clever take on the alphabet book lets readers fill in the story on their own… An absolute zoo of an ABC book—in the best possible way.”

—Kirkus Reviews
William Still and His Freedom Stories
The Father of the Underground Railroad
Don Tate

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Ages 6-10 / Biography / History

Territory: World
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Themes: Underground Railroad, Black history, slavery, freedom
_teacher’s guide

Don Tate is the author and illustrator of numerous critically acclaimed books for children. He lives in Texas.
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The remarkable, little-known story of the man known as the Father of the Underground Railroad

William Still’s parents escaped slavery, but had to leave two of their children behind—a tragedy that haunted the family. Many years later, William went to work for the Pennsylvania Anti-Slavery Society, where he collected the stories of those who had traveled north to freedom. As his records grew, William was able to reunite families, build a remarkable source of information, and interact with persons like Harriet Tubman. And then, one day, a strangely familiar man came into William’s office, searching for his long-lost family… Could it be?

♦ Back matter: author’s note, timeline, bibliography
❖ A Junior Library Guild selection

Praise for Don Tate

★ “Tate’s mixed-media illustrations glow…radiating a warmth, hope, and promise that echo this stirring biography’s closing message.”
—Publishers Weekly on Poet: The Remarkable Story of George Moses Horton

“A go-to title for Black History Month.”
—BCCB on Carter Reads the Newspaper
The captain then addressed the crowd.

"We have come to bring news of the future."

The audience listened attentively, eager for the details.

"We have secured passage on the next voyage of the "Freedom,"" the captain announced with a smile.

The crowd erupted in cheers, their excitement palpable.

"But there is a catch," the captain continued, "We need volunteers to join us on this journey.

The volunteers will be the first to experience the freedom that awaits us.

Are you ready to take the first step towards a new life?"

The crowd roared in agreement, ready to make the journey towards freedom.
The fascinating story of the woman who created the US Social Security system

After Frances Perkins witnessed the Triangle Waist Factory fire in 1911, she was forever changed. While some activists pressed factory owners for change, Frances decided to try to establish new laws that would force employers to treat workers better and create safer workplaces. As Secretary of Labor in the FDR administration, Frances was the first woman cabinet member and had an opportunity to realize her bold vision of a country where no one was left out.
At a time when the nation was in turmoil, Frances decided to action.
She moved to New York City, where the immigrant families lived in crowded, run-down tenements.

Many women, and some children, worked day after day, from dawn to dusk, in dirty, smelly factories called sweatshops.
Rooms and factories were hot all the year. Workers had few rights or benefits.

One Saturday, March 25, 1911, Frances witnessed a terrible tragedy.
While having tea with her friends in Washington Square, Frances heard sirens and police blaring. She rushed outside. She saw flames growing from high up in the Triangle Waif Coop Co. building, where young women worked while Bureau workers called firemen.

When the fire broke out, the workers were trapped by broken doors. Some made a pact toitled lodges, but the factory's doors weren't strong enough to reach them, and they jumped to their deaths.

Oneundred and forty-six people, mostly young girls, perished in a tragedy that shocked the nation.

A week later, a rally was held in Washington Square. Frances went to a meeting gathering where young labor activists from different states met.

She heard from a number of people about the conditions they had endured.

“Today, Frances, has truly spoken!” the speaker began, his voice echoing in the crowd, calling for better conditions.

Frances was so moved by Rear's words, she decided to join the fight for justice. She wanted to help make new laws for factory owners and employees to treat people better and make workplaces safer. So Frances went to work for a movement set up to improve safety—and to keep tragedies like the Triangle Factory fire from ever happening again.
**Picture Book • November**

**Dangerous Jane**
*The Life and Times of Jane Addams, Crusader for Peace*
Suzanne Slade
Illustrated by Alice Ratterree

PB: $8.99 / 978-1-68263-206-2
Ebook available
9 ½ x 11 / 40 pages
Media: watercolor

AR • RC • Lexile • F&P
GRL S; Gr 4
Ages 6-10 / Biography

“An inspiring testament to the power of activism.”
—*Publishers Weekly*

❖ Back matter: author’s note, bibliography, timeline
❖ Bank Street Best Children’s Books of the Year, starred;
  CCBC Choices

**See other empowering women in history on page 79**

**Picture Book • October**

**The Story Blanket**
Ferida Wolff and Harriet May Savitz
Illustrated by Elena Odriozola

PB: $8.99 / 978-1-68263-219-2
9 x 10 ½ / 32 pages
Media: pencil, ink, and collage

AR • RC • Lexile • F&P
GRL L; Gr 2
Ages 4-8

Themes: sharing, recycling, secrets, circular tale

“A powerful, pay-it-forward story of kindness and community”

Babba Zarrah lives in a tiny village in the snow-covered mountains. The children love to visit her and settle down on her big, old story blanket to listen to her imaginative tales. One day, Babba Zarrah notices Nikolai needs new socks, but she has no more yarn. So she unravels some of her story blanket, and knits the villagers gifts to keep them warm. When folks discover Babba Zarrah’s charity, they decide to give her a nice surprise.

“Charming illustrations make this sweet tale of a close-knit community even more special.” —*School Library Journal*

❖ Bank Street Best Children’s Books of the Year;
Parents’ Choice Silver Honor

**You may also like Albert the Fix-it Man (page 53)**
Izzy Gizmo’s inventions are marvelous, magnificent…and they often malfunction.

But when Izzy Gizmo finds a crow with a broken wing, she just has to help! She tries again and again to build a new pair of wings for her new friend, Fixer, but nothing is working! Can Izzy overcome her failures? Or is Fixer the crow destined to live without flying?

“This story of a girl engineer is sorely needed and has potential to develop and nourish readers’ interest in STEAM subjects.” — Kirkus Reviews

❖ ALSC Building STEAM with DIA; CBC Best STEM Books; Parents’ Choice Fun Stuff Award; Honor Book, Storytelling World Resource Awards

See companion title on page 47
Opposites attract—but can they work together?

When Gnu says there’s a cave across the river filled with diamonds, Shrew is intrigued and offers to help. But Gnu laughs so hard his tail nearly falls off! Still, every time Gnu dreams up a big idea, Shrew comes up with plans to make them a reality. With Gnu’s imagination and Shrew’s hard work, maybe crossing that river won’t be so impossible after all.
The next morning, Gus waded at
the river and his tummy wasn’t
very hungry. Gus thought the
crocodiles looked a little funny.
Billy started to snore.

Gus sprinted to Slim’s body bag
and found his sleeping mask.

“Thank heavens!” Gus said. “I thought the crocodiles got you up.”

“Not me,” Gus laughed. “I’m still alive.”

“I have a plan,” Shrew said. “I built a boat.”

“That will never work,” Gus said. “The crocodiles will hire your tiny boat
and you’ll drown. One day I’ll finish my boat. Then I’ll hop on a ten-story
bus with a tar roof, to keep the rain out.”

“Hmm, thought Slim.

That gives me an idea.

Shrew attached a chain and paddle to his paddle-wheel.

...while Shrew built a boat and painted the hull of his boat with two coats of tar, so not even a crocodile could...
A hilarious bedtime romp tackles the thrills and anxieties of sleeping over

Duck and Penguin do not like sleepovers, despite what their owners, Betty and Maud, might have you think. They do not like snuggly sleeping bags, they do not like super-soft pillows, and they ESPECIALLY do NOT like being extra cozy together in a teeny-weeny tiny tent! But when Betty and Maud abandon Duck and Penguin outside, Duck and Penguin have no choice but to stick together. The dark outdoors is full of strange noises, after all, and they have the oddest feeling that…something…is watching them.

Praise for Duck and Penguin Do NOT Like Sleepovers

“Lively and expressive.” —Kirkus Reviews

Praise for Duck and Penguin Are NOT Friends

“Energetic, expressive, and childlike illustrations will elicit chuckles.” —Kirkus Reviews

“The text is keenly funny…pure whimsical fun with a sweet little lesson attached.” —Booklist
Betty and Maud anchor the tent with pegs and check that everything is safe and secure. "The ropes are nice and tight," says Betty.

"Be careful not to trip over them," says Maud.

"Oh yes," says Betty. "Otherwise you could fall over."

Inside the tent, Betty and Maud get ready for bedtime.

"These sleeping bags are so snuggly," says Betty.

"These pillows are supersoft," says Maud. "Duck and Penguin are going to love them!"
It's another busy day for Stanley and friends!

Stanley keeps his fire engine in tip-top condition. It needs to be ready for anything. It has a tall ladder, a big water tank, and a long hose. Uh-oh. The fire station has a phone call: Charlie’s barbecue has gotten out of control. CLANG! CLANG! CLANG! Out of the way! Stanley’s on the job!

Praise for everybody’s favorite hamster

“Kids will be asking for these by name.”
— School Library Journal on Stanley's Opposites

“Stanley and his fellow rodents are adorable...little listeners are sure to come back to Stanley over and over, as he explores jobs and uses equipment sure to pique their interest.”
— Kirkus Reviews on Stanley's Garage
Stanley’s fire engine also has VERY long hoses.

They’re perfect for extinguishing Charlie’s annual barbecue...

or cooling down anyone on the sunniest of days.
Can I Come Too?
Brian Patten
Illustrated by Nicola Bayley

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Themes: courage, adventure, cumulative tales, challenges, goals

A very small mouse decides to have a very big adventure! I'll go and find the biggest creature in the world, she thinks. Along the way, she meets many animal friends. But which of them is the biggest of them all? Follow along in this gentle, cumulative tale and find out!

“Stunning art, paired with a simple poetic text, pulls readers along as they wonder which animal they will meet next.”
—School Library Journal

“Will attract many families. The evergreen ‘dream big’ message… is nicely designed.” —Kirkus Reviews

You may also like Where is Catkin? (page 53), If You See a Kitten (page 49)

Pipsqueaks, Slowpokes, and Stinkers
Celebrating Animal Underdogs
Melissa Stewart
Illustrated by Stephanie Laberis

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10 ⅞ x 9 ⅞ / 32 pages
Media: digital

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 Territory: World
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page 59

Themes: animal behavior, humor, strengths and weaknesses, survival
Teaer’s guide, reader’s theater

A lighthearted look at the surprising traits that help some animals survive

A lively and playful narrative introduces young readers to a variety of “animal underdogs” and explains how characteristics we may see as weaknesses actually play a critical role in animal survival.

“A tribute to underappreciated animals of all kinds… Friendly and approachable, this compendium is sure to create some new favorites in the animal kingdom.” —Kirkus Reviews

“Offers discussion-encouraging questions…this makes an appealing addition.” —Booklist

♦ Back matter: sources, more information about the underdogs

You may also like Aliens from Earth (page 60)
This entertaining guide for young children introduces informative facts about the amazing birds that live on or near oceans.

Did you know there are 325 species of seabirds all over the world? From the Arctic tern, a bird that migrates farther than any other animal, to the albatross, a seabird that can lock its wings and nap while flying, the variety of seabirds is astounding. This addition to the acclaimed About... series uses simple language to teach readers what seabirds are, where they live, what they eat, and how they move. Gorgeous illustrations depict the Blue-footed Booby in all its Booby glory—not to be outdone by the Magnificent Frigatebird, mind you.

- Back matter: afterword, glossary

**Praise for About... series**

★ “Exceptionally detailed and uniformly accurate.”
—*School Library Journal* on About Birds

“Excellent classroom or pleasure reading for science and nature fans and for any beginning readers drawn to nonfiction.”
—*Booklist* on About Insects

“An excellent first resource book for young children.”
—*Kirkus Reviews* on About Crustaceans

**About Seabirds**

*A Guide for Children*

Cathryn Sill
Illustrated by John Sill

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**10 x 8 ½ / 48 pages**
**Media:** watercolor

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**GRL:** I; Gr 1
**Ages 3-7 / Nonfiction / Nature**

**Territory:** World
**All rights available**

**Themes:** seabirds, habitats, ecosystems

**Series teacher’s guide**

**Cathryn and John Sill** are a dynamic duo and have garnered praise from educators and won awards for the About... series (pages 54–55) and the About Habitats... series (pages 56). Cathryn, a graduate of Western Carolina University, was an elementary school teacher for thirty years. John holds a BS in wildlife biology and has an impressive reputation as a wildlife artist. The Sills live in North Carolina.

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**In the same series**

- [About Penguins](#)
  - **HC:** 978-1-56145-743-4
  - **PB:** 978-1-56145-741-0
  - **page 55**

- [About Fish](#)
  - **HC:** 978-1-56145-987-2
  - **PB:** 978-1-56145-988-9
  - **page 54**
Informative text introduces organisms that have survived millions of years in one of Earth’s most extreme environments and examines how climate change is affecting them.

Antarctica—intensely cold, windy, and dry. And yet over millions of years, many organisms have evolved in amazing ways that enable them to thrive on, in, and under the ice. An Antarctic fish makes a natural antifreeze to keep their blood from freezing solid, while a forest of giant seaweed flourishes underwater. With warming waters and a hotter atmosphere on the horizon, can these creatures survive? Though at the bottom of the globe, Antarctica affects weather, ocean currents, and sea levels all over the planet. Antarctica’s creatures depend on the ice, but in the long run—so do we.

♦ Back matter: author’s note, glossary, bibliography, further facts
Kelpie seals are the most abundant seals in Antarctica and the rest of the world. Couples breed several times a year, giving birth to one or two pups. Pups are born in November and can last up to 24 kilograms. In just a day, a pup gains one-fifth of its birth weight. pups can swim after just a few days. Stainless steel bracelets are sometimes tied around their bodies, but they are not harmed. They can now stand up on their hind legs, pausing and basking in the sun and sound with each other nearby.
Middle Reader • August

The Bookshop Girl
Sylvia Bishop
Illustrated by Poly Bernatene

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Ebook available
6 x 8 / 144 pages
18 black-and-white drawings

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Ages 8-12

The Joneses have just won the Great Montgomery Book Emporium in a contest, and it’s every book lover’s dream! But there is more to the mechanical bookshop than a wondrous ability to call forth extravagant displays like the Room of Ocean Tales, with its aquarium ceiling, or the Room of Space Adventures, with its rocket ship. The previous owner is hiding something that could destroy absolutely everything for the Joneses. Fortunately, Property Jones has a whopper of a secret too—and it might be just the key to saving her family and their bookshop from a crooked con man.


Themes: literary, family, identity, mystery

Discussion guide

Middle Reader • October

Nina Soni, Former Best Friend
Kashmira Sheth
Illustrated by Jenn Kocsmiersky

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Ebook available
5 ½ x 7 ½ / 148 pages
15 black-and-white drawings

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GRL Q; Gr 4
Ages 7-10

Nina tried as hard as she could but still somehow forgot about her school project. Fortunately, a class lesson about Alexander Fleming suggests how she might make a great discovery—and thus a great project! But with little sister Kavita’s birthday party around the corner, and her longtime friendship with Jay on the rocks, Nina’s got a lot to keep track of.


Themes: family, friendship, problem-solving, school

In the same series Nina Soni, Sister Fixer (page 101)
Meet Mr. Penguin: adventurer (and penguin)!

When Mr. Penguin and Colin crash-land on a snowy mountain, they discover strange noises coming from an old, ruined fortress. Might it be connected to the mystery of missing pets? Why are there shadowy figures lurking about? And will Mr. Penguin conquer his fear of flying?

Praise for Mr. Penguin and the Fortress of Secrets

“Mr. Penguin’s second caper is as silly as the first… Fans will be happy more adventures are in the offing.” —Kirkus Reviews

“Smith delivers a peppy mystery brimming with absurdity and laughs, suspenseful moments, and detailed two-tone illustrations. The idiosyncratic crew has more heart than talent, which results in some genuinely funny moments… Hero and villain tropes give the entire adventure the feel of a well-crafted cartoon episode, and kids will eagerly stay tuned.” —Booklist Online

Mr. Penguin and the
Fortress of Secrets
Alex T. Smith

PB: $9.99 / 978-1-68263-195-9
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5 ¾ x 8 ¾ / 288 pages
Two-color illustrations throughout

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Themes: adventure, problem-solving, mystery
Series activity sheets

Alex T. Smith briefly considered careers in space travel, cookery, and being a rabbit before finally deciding to become an illustrator (pages 26–27, 84–85, 88). He lives in England.

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In the same series

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PB: 978-1-68263-170-6
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HC: 978-1-68263-213-0
pages 26–27
Meet Mr. Penguin: Adventurer (and Penguin)!

He has a dashing hat. He has a battered satchel. He has a packed lunch of fish finger sandwiches. Now he just needs an adventure! Well, maybe not this time. A bit of rest and relaxation seems in order, actually. And that’s just what Mr. Penguin and his Adventuring gang are getting as they board a luxury cruise ship! Well, er, they would be…if odd little scraps of a threatening note hadn’t turned up. And if the ship’s crew wasn’t having suspiciously secret meetings. Oh, and did somebody say “pirate?” Certainly not!

Praise for Mr. Penguin and the Lost Treasure

★ “Lighthearted and humorous… The short chapters and riotous plot will easily win this series starter fans.” —Booklist

“Slapstick humor and satire combine to create lots of laughs. Memorable, quirky characters are depicted in detailed, intricate illustrations that add to the over-the-top comedy… Fresh and funny.” —School Library Journal

“Quirky, sharply illustrated… A plot twist and strategic pops of orange among detailed drawings are sure to pull readers along… For fans of the author’s Claude series who are looking for a longer chapter book.” —Kirkus Reviews

❖ A Junior Library Guild selection
There was a sudden, loud, and VERY beastly PAAAAAAAAAAARPPPPP!

Edith Hedge stood with Gordon, her pigeon, on her head and her hands on her belt bag. She took a great big sniff.

“Smell that, Mr. Penguin?” she cried, her eyes watering slightly. “Isn’t it wonderful!”
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory meets Bugsy Malone

In a city where candy is crime and sugar is scandalous, Nelle Faulkner is a twelve-year-old private detective itching for her next client. So when notorious candy gangster, Eddie de Menthe, asks for help finding a missing teddy bear, Nelle is on the job. But soon, Eddie himself disappears without a trace, and a seemingly innocent investigation turns up a shady underworld of sweet smugglers, back alley deals, and storefront firebombs. Can Nelle unmask the villains and crack the case before it all comes to a sticky end?

Praise for The Candy Mafia

“Snappy dialogue...this comical mystery begs to be read aloud.” —Kirkus Reviews

“Witty and original.” —Carousel

“Completely unique.” —Bookwagon

“A treat.” —The Financial Times

❖ A Junior Library Guild selection
Chapter 5

He shrugged like it didn’t concern him. “People gotta have candy,” he said, “I just help ‘em out.”

I kind of liked him. He didn’t make excuses for himself, but he was trouble and I knew it, and he knew that I knew.

“So how can I help you, Mr. de Meester?” I said.

“Eddie, please.”

“If you insist.”

“I need a private investigator. A gun,” he smiled. Took out a packet of gum and offered it to me. “Want some?”

“No.”

“Not a crime,” he said.

“It’s actually, it is.”

He chewed and smiled like he didn’t care, which I guess he didn’t.

“So how can I help you?” I said.

“It’s complicated.”

“If it’s illegal...”

“No, no,” he said. “It’s nothing like that. I’ve got...people for that.”

The Candy Make

They said he had every other kid in the city working for him, smuggling in candy and then selling it on. I couldn’t imagine what he wanted with me and I told him so.

“Someone stole something of mine,” he said. “I need it back.”

“Well,” I said reasonably. “What did they steal?”

For the first time he looked nervous. “This is just between us, right?” he said.

“We private detectives,” I said solemnly, “are like priests or doctors. Whatever you say stays in this room.”

“It’s not really a room, though, is it?” he said. “It’s a garden shed.”

“It’s my office.”

“But it’s a shed,” he said, “in your mom’s garden. I can see her out the window, weeding the roses.”

“Look, buddy,” I said, becoming irritated. “You came to me. I didn’t come to you. Where’s your office, some disused school playground?”

“Another...”

I should have known.

Chapter 6

“The one on Malloy Road? Closed down for renovations six months ago?” I said.

“You’ve never been?” He smirked. “When you go, just make sure you don’t lose your marbles.”

“What are you talking about?”

He kept the smirk on. “You’ll see.”

I sighed. I sat back and stretched my legs under the desk. I thought about candy. I thought about other cities they could just buy it in a shop, and we couldn’t—not anymore. I thought of how good it tasted, and now, just because you make something illegal, doesn’t mean it goes away.

“You’re avoiding my question,” I said.

“Which was?”

“What did you lose?”

“I didn’t lose it. I told you, it got stolen.”

“What?” I yelled, staring him. He was really beginning to irritate me. “What did you have stolen?”

“It’s a teddy, OK?” he said. “I drew myself up and looked at him across the table. His eyes were soft and a little sad.
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Truth is, I’m kind of obsessed with the funny. I spend hours and hours with comedy and comedians every day. Watching their stand-up acts on the internet, listening to their podcasts, and reading any book on comedy and comedians I can get my hands on. And, when I’m not watching and listening to comedy, I’m secretly writing my own material, and (even more secretly) dreaming that one day I might have the courage to actually perform it. Which I probably never will, but I’m hoping that, maybe in a decade or so, I’ll have had a complete personality overhaul and be able to stomach the idea of publicly baring my soul onstage only to have it potentially shattered and rejected. And funny is my soul—it’s the core of me. I look for it in everything around me, listen out for it in every conversation. And, when you find the funny in this serious world so often full of pain and cruelty, it’s like discovering a diamond in a cave of crap. It’s precious. Maybe more precious than anything.

Money, beauty, fame, power? Not interested. I just want to get people laughing. To be able to say something, just words, that shoot into someone else’s brain making them feel nothing but happiness for just a moment... never mind the Amazing Henry—that’s true magic. And suddenly I find that someone else here shares my same love of the funny, and it’s only Leo—ruddy—Jackson!
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I'm not alone.

The accompaniment isn't just in my head. It's here, in the room. It's real. I look around, heart quickening. Miraculously I keep singing. The sound is coming from the other half of the room—the side beyond the folding doors. There's a sliver of an opening in the middle but from where I am, I can only see the back of the piano.

I won't stop singing.

I can't stop. Like Moira Shearer in The Red Shoes, twirling and fouetté until she no longer exists, if I stop maybe I'll stop forever. Maybe I'll never see Mum's face again.

Whoever it is, they're...good.

The last notes fade into the air. The sudden silence brings me back to earth with a jolt. Shocked, I grab my bag and run out of the studio door, through the foyer, and all the way to the underground station. I don't dare stop until I get back to the dorms. Only when I reach my tiny room do I let everything that just happened filter through.

Who were they? What were they doing in the studio theatre?

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I try singing again, certain that I must be able to do it, but I hear people laughing down the hall and my throat closes up on cue. So I can do it in a huge studio with a random stranger, but not in my own room? That's messed up. I should find out who it was. Maybe they can help.

Wait. This is massive for me. It's the first time I've sung since before the audition. What if finding out ruins it? It was surely the anonymity that stopped me drying up. Because, I didn't stop, did I? Even after I knew I wasn't alone.

It can remain a mystery. I don't mind not knowing. But I know one thing.

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Kevin Luthardt, a graduate of the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, is an author-illustrator of several books for children (page 50). His art and murals have appeared in galleries and other venues. He lives in Illinois. kevinluthardt.com

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**Themes:** friendship, perseverance, family, creativity, ingenuity, consequences

✎ Activity sheets

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**Izzy Gizmo and the Invention Convention**
Pip Jones
Illustrated by Sara Ogilvie

HC: $17.99 / 978-1-68263-164-5
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Simon & Schuster UK

Izzy Gizmo and Fixer are back in this charming and eccentric tale of ambition, determination, and finding your inner strength!

“The bright, rhyming text keeps a brisk pace and scatters just the right amount of whimsical vocabulary throughout.” — *Booklist*

**Themes:** creativity, consequences, family, self-confidence, teamwork

✎ Activity sheets, teacher’s guide

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**Penguin’s Hidden Talent**
Alex Latimer

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-629-1
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Random House UK

The talent show is coming up and Penguin doesn’t have a special skill to showcase—or does he?

“Delightfully droll...Quirky, with a side of self-esteem.” — *Kirkus Reviews*

**Themes:** friendship, talent, compassion, self-discovery

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**Pig and Small**
Alex Latimer

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-797-7
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-68263-036-5
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Random House UK

Two friends learn that size doesn’t matter in this hilarious story about finding common ground.

“Latimer...once again proves he’s adept at conveying life lessons with the lightest of touches.” — *Publishers Weekly*

✎ Bank Street Best Books of the Year; Parents’ Choice Recommended

**Themes:** friendship, overcoming differences
**Picture Books • Backlist**

**John Butler**

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**Can You Cuddle Like a Koala?**
John Butler

BB: $6.95 / 978-1-56145-965-0
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Orchard UK

A simple, interactive look at different animals and the way they move.

“A perfect title for curling up together during one-on-one reading.”
— *School Library Journal*

Themes: baby animals, movement, questions

orthy Street Best Books of the Year

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**Ten in the Den**
John Butler

PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-965-0
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Orchard UK

As adorable animals make room in their den for sleepy friends, one after another gently tumbles out until Little Mouse is left all alone.

“This entertaining incarnation of a well-known and often-used counting rhyme incorporates many concepts and opportunities for young listeners to become involved in the story.”
— *School Library Journal*

Themes: animals, bedtime, counting, song

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**Hush Little Ones**
John Butler

BB: $6.95 / 978-1-56145-297-2
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Orchard UK

One by one, baby animals are gently put to bed by their mothers and fathers.

“A visually appealing book that is perfectly suited for bedtime reading.”
— *School Library Journal*

AR
GRL J; Gr 1
Ages 1–5
Themes: baby animals, bedtime, family

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**While You Were Sleeping**
John Butler

Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Orchard UK

A vivid, lyrical look at what animals do while we’re asleep.

“Butler’s soothing, restrained text reads like a lullaby.”
— *Publishers Weekly*

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**Ten in the Meadow**
John Butler

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Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Orchard UK

Out in the meadow, ten cuddly friends play a game of hide-and-seek. But it’s almost time for bed. Where is Mouse?

“Butler’s soft, wide-eyed animals will appeal to children.”
— *School Library Journal*

Themes: animals, bedtime, counting, friends

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— *School Library Journal*
Bedtime in the Jungle
John Butler
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-68263-145-4
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Hodder UK
This gorgeous bedtime counting story is written in the style of the familiar children’s song, “Over in the Meadow.”
“Stunning illustrations...A lovely addition.” — Kirkus Reviews
Themes: baby animals, bedtime, counting, family

If You See a Kitten
John Butler
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-68263-145-4
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Hodder UK
This simple, interactive look at various animals and the responses they evoke will coax giggles and spirited responses from young children as they follow along.
“Perfect for preschoolers and younger, Butler’s tale easily lends itself to group read aloud settings, with each successive reading sure to become more riotous as the children become familiar with their responses.” — Kirkus Reviews
Themes: animals, cause and effect, reactions, sounds

Where Is Baby?
Kathryn O. Galbraith
Illustrated by John Butler
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-707-6
Territory: World • All rights available except Korean
Adorable illustrations and a soothing text depict the many ways animal babies hide.
“Sweet, simple introduction to animal babies...the language is quietly poetic, with audience-appropriate descriptive vocabulary.” — Kirkus Reviews
Themes: baby animals, behavior, camouflage, questions

Little One
Jo Weaver
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-897-3
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Penguin UK
Join a new bear cub and his mother as they discover the world together, through every season.
★ “Quietly stunning.” — Kirkus Reviews
★ Publishers Weekly
❖ Instagram Best Kids Books; Parents’ Choice Silver Award
Themes: parent-child relationship, seasons, bears

Little Tigers
Jo Weaver
HC: $17.95 / 978-1-68263-110-2
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Hodder UK
A family of tigers searches for a new home in the jungle.
★ “Perfectly paced, accessible, and appealing.” — Kirkus Reviews
❖ CCBC Choices; Kirkus Reviews Best Books; Bank Street Best Books of the Year
Themes: habitats, migration, motherhood, siblings

Little Whale
Jo Weaver
HC: $17.95 / 978-1-68263-049-5
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Hodder UK
Gray Whale gently guides her baby as they migrate to the cool, rich waters of the North to feed.
“A soothing and appealing read-aloud, this lovely look under the sea may spark scientific curiosity in listeners.”
❖ Parents’ Choice Recommended
**Picture Books • Backlist**

**Kevin Luthardt**

**Flying!**
Kevin Luthardt

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-430-3
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-724-3
 Territory: World • All rights available except Korean

A series of simple questions triggers a playful, imaginative exchange between a child and his father.

“An engaging and effective father-son story...and an apt choice for parent-child reading.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

**Peep!**
Kevin Luthardt

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-046-6
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-682-6
BB: $6.99 / 978-1-68263-200-0
 Territory: World • All rights available except Korean

A baby duck and a young boy become fast friends. But the baby duck is growing up. Is it time for a change?

“A visual and emotional depth that draws in the audience.”
—*Publishers Weekly*

**Larabee**
Kevin Luthardt

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-300-9
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-482-2
 Territory: World • All rights available except Korean

Larabee loves delivering the mail, but he’d really like to receive a letter himself.

“Luthardt sends his direct storytelling out with gentle, happy illustrations, enclosing characteristic emotional content in the package.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

♀ IRA/CBC Children’s Choice; *Child Magazine* Best Books of the Year

**Zoom!**
Diane Adams
Illustrated by Kevin Luthardt

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-332-0
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-683-3
 Territory: World • All rights available

A timid young boy joins his eager father for a ride on a roller coaster.

“Luthardt’s quirky acrylic cartoons make effective use of bright colors and crisp lines and should have substantial child appeal.”
—*School Library Journal*

**When Edgar Met Cecil**
Kevin Luthardt

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-706-9
 Territory: World • All rights available

Moving to a new home is hard—even when you’re a robot.

“This far-out lesson in making friends understands that to the new kid in school, everyone is going to seem scary and weird.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

♀ IRA/CBC Children’s Choices

Themes: fathers, reading, imagination

AR • F&P
GRL H; Gr 1
Ages 2–6

Themes: change, friendship, pets

Lexile • F&P
GRL E; Gr 1
Ages 2–6

Themes: community, letter writing

AR • RC • Lexile • F&P
GRL I; Gr 1
Ages 2–6

Themes: moving, making new friends, fears, expectations and assumptions

AR • Lexile
GRL G; Gr 1
Ages 4–8

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I Can Do It Myself!
Diane Adams
Illustrated by Nancy Hayashi

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-630-7
Territory: World • All rights available

Emily Pearl is mastering all sorts of skills, but she does need a little help herself every now and then—especially at the end of the day, when she’s waiting to get picked up and is just a little bit scared.

“Children will appreciate this relatable tale with likable characters.”
—School Library Journal

F&P
GRL H; Gr 1
Ages 2–6
Themes: creativity, fear, independence, security

✎ Teacher’s guide

Can I Come Too?
Brian Patten
Illustrated by Nicola Bayley

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-796-0
PB: $7.99 / 978-1-68263-218-5
Territory: US & nonexclusive Canada • Rights: Andersen Press UK

Join a tiny mouse as she searches for the biggest creature in the world.

“Stunning art, paired with a simple poetic text, pulls readers along as they wonder which animal they will meet next.”
—School Library Journal

AR • RC • Lexile • F&P
F&P GRL L; Gr 2
Ages 4–8
Themes: courage, adventure, cumulative tales, challenges, goals

✎ Teacher’s guide

Lali’s Feather
Farhana Zia

HC: $17.99 / 978-1-68263-129-4
Ebook available
Territory: World • Rights: Peachtree except dramatic, commercial (Unter Agency); Art: Peachtree

Set in an Indian village, this amusing story of identification and value shows the rewards in looking closely and thinking imaginatively.

“A beautifully balanced storyline that is predictable yet surprising.”
—Kirkus Reviews

Lexile • F&P
GRL L; Gr 2
Ages 4–8
Themes: birds, discovery, imagination, investigation, play
✎ Teacher’s guide

I Want to Help!
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Emily Pearl is mastering all sorts of skills, but she does need a little help herself every now and then—especially at the end of the day, when she’s waiting to get picked up and is just a little bit scared.

“Children will appreciate this relatable tale with likable characters.”
—School Library Journal

AR • RC • Lexile • F&P
GRL K; Gr 2
Ages 2–6
Themes: imagination, school, helping, cooperation, responsibility

✎ Parents’ Choice Recommended; Bank Street Best Books of the Year

No Bows!
Shirley Smith Duke
Illustrated by Jenny Mattheson

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-356-6 / 1-56145-356-0
Territory: World • All rights available

The delightful contrariness of young children is celebrated in this upbeat book featuring a likeable little girl determined to get her own way.

“Destined to be a high-volume read-aloud, and much fun can be had.”
—Kirkus Reviews

F&P
GRL LB; Gr Pre-K
Ages 2–6
Themes: determination, independence

✎ Teacher’s guide

Three Scoops and a Fig
Sara Laux Akin
Illustrated by Susan Kathleen Hartung

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-522-5
Ebook available
Territory: World • All rights available

A young chef’s messy misadventures in the kitchen are quickly forgotten when she comes up with a special recipe all her own.

“A graceful, satisfying text.”
—Booklist

✎ Bank Street Best Books of the Year
The Scarecrow’s Hat
Ken Brown

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-240-8
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-570-6
Territory: US & nonexclusive Canada
Rights: Andersen Press UK

A resourceful chicken seeks the help of her farm animal friends to solve a problem, while giving something of herself along the way.

★ “Children will enjoy the repetition and refrain…satisfying, funny.”
—School Library Journal

AR • RC • Lexile • F&P
GRL J; Gr 1
Ages 2–6
Themes: circular tale, negotiation, problem solving

What’s the Time, Grandma Wolf?
Ken Brown

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-250-7
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-891-2
Ebook available
Territory: US & nonexclusive Canada
Rights: Andersen Press UK

Children will delight in discovering the surprise Grandma Wolf has in store for some curious animals.

“Brown takes this game of tag and turns it into something quite delightful…A fun read-aloud.” —Booklist

AR • RC • Lexile • F&P
GRL L; Gr 2
Ages 2–6
Themes: animals, fear, game

The Boy Who Thought He Was a Teddy Bear
Jeanne Willis
Illustrated by Susan Varley

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-270-5 / 1-56145-270-X
Territory: US & nonexclusive Canada
Rights: Andersen Press UK

A human baby falls under the care of three teddy bears, who raise him with the best intentions and a lot of love.

“The genuine sweetness of this story is hard to resist.” —Publishers Weekly

AR • F&P
GRL L; Gr 2
Ages 3–7
Themes: family, imagination, teddy bears

Captain Small Pig
Martin Waddell
Illustrated by Susan Varley

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-519-5
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-982-7
Ebook available
Territory: US & nonexclusive Canada
Rights: Andersen Press UK

A charming story of a mixed family and a day on the water.

★ “This book pleases at every level.”
—Booklist

★ Bank Street Best Books of the Year; CCBC Choices; Parents’ Choice Recommended

My G-r-r-r-r-reat Uncle Tiger
James Riordan
Illustrated by Alex Ayliffe

PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-228-6
Territory: US • Rights: Orchard UK

When Marmaduke the tabby cat discovers a picture of a tiger, he decides they must be related—after all, they both have yellow eyes and stripes!

“Showcases both Riordan’s concise storytelling…and Ayliffe’s humor-imbued, color-drenched paper-cutting.”
—Publishers Weekly

AR • RC • Lexile • F&P
GRL L; Gr 2
Ages 2–6
Themes: bragging, cats, honesty, tigers

Something Special
Nicola Moon
Illustrated by Alex Ayliffe

HC: $14.95 / 978-1-56145-137-1 / 1-56145-137-1
Territory: US • Rights: Orchard UK

Friday is “special” day in Miss Brown’s class, but Charlie can’t think of anything that is special enough to bring to school and his mom is too busy with his baby sister to be of much help.

“A warm, loving story for uncertain older siblings or for children who are new to the school.”
—School Library Journal

AR • Lexile • F&P
GRL L; Gr 2
Ages 2–6
Themes: new sibling, school, show and tell

★ IRA/CBC Children’s Choices
Backlist • Picture Books

Julie Paschkis

Albert the Fix-it Man
Janet Lord
Illustrated by Julie Paschkis

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-433-4
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-830-1
 Territory: World • All rights available except Korean

Albert has a tool for every job and he’s never too busy or too tired to fix things for his neighbors. But what will happen when Albert is the one that needs help?

★ “Lord’s rhythmic, simple text is perfectly cadenced for reading aloud, while Paschkis’ cheerful illustrations, filled with scrolling designs and smiling friends, reinforce the sense of the close, busy community working together.” — Booklist

Mooshka, A Quilt Story
Julie Paschkis

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-620-8
 Territory: World • All rights available except Korean

A delightful, intergenerational bedtime story featuring a remarkable quilt and a reluctant new big sister.

★ “Vivid artwork, a lively, endearing heroine and a warm, loving look at a pivotal experience give this one classic potential.” — Kirkus Reviews

Kalinka and Grakkle
Julie Paschkis

HC: $17.95 / 978-1-68263-030-3
 Territory: World • All rights available except French

Grakkle doesn’t care one bit about cleaning, but Kalinka has other ideas and tries to tidy up his messes. Kalinka and Grakkle simply aren’t on the same wavelength, but can an unfortunate accident help this odd couple see eye to eye?

“Paschkis writes with concision and an ear for words that make for great readalouds.” — Publishers Weekly

★ Parents’ Choice Recommended

Where is Catkin?
Janet Lord
Illustrated by Julie Paschkis

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-523-2
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-684-0
 Territory: World • All rights available except Chinese (simplified)

A cat’s curiosity lands him in a tight spot in this simple but stunning book, featuring cheerful animal sounds and an entertaining seek-and-find element.

“Kids will pick up on the story’s mood of both love and adventure.” — Booklist

P. Zonka Lays an Egg
Julie Paschkis

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-819-6
 Territory: World • All rights available except Chinese (simplified), French, Japanese, Korean

When P. Zonka decides to give egg-laying a try, all the other chickens are in for a spectacular surprise!

★ “A lyrical and lushly illustrated allegory about creativity and taking time to notice beauty.” — Publishers Weekly

★ Kirkus Reviews, School Library Journal

★ Bank Street Best Books of the Year, CCBC Choices, Parents’ Choice Recommended

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★ “Exceptionally detailed and uniformly accurate.”
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“An essential tool for capturing the attention of any elementary level student!”
—NSTA Recommends on About Penguins

“Excellent classroom or pleasure reading for science and nature fans and for any beginning readers drawn to nonfiction.”
—Booklist on About Insects

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HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-641-3
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-636-9
 Territory: World • All rights available except Chinese (simplified), Japanese, Korean

“A great choice for beginning readers and for sharing aloud.” —School Library Journal

- Bank Street Best Children's Books of the Year

**Forests**
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-734-2
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-68263-126-3
 Territory: World • All rights available except Chinese (simplified), Korean

“An effective, gentle, and realistic introduction.” —Booklist

- NSTA/CBC Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K–12

**Grasslands**
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-559-1
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-68263-034-1
 Territory: World • All rights available except Chinese (simplified), Japanese

“Great for classroom sharing.” —Booklist

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**Mountains**
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-469-3
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-731-1
 Territory: World • All rights available except Chinese (simplified), Japanese

“A beautiful and informative selection.” —School Library Journal

- NSTA Recommends

**Oceans**
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-618-5
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-960-5
 Territory: World • All rights available except Chinese (simplified), Japanese, Korean

“A fine addition to science collections.” —Booklist

- NSTA/CBC Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K–12

**Polar Regions**
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-832-5
 Territory: World • All rights available except Chinese (simplified)

“A solid read-aloud to introduce young children to this area of the world.” —School Library Journal

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HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-432-7
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-689-5
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“The artwork is stunning, filled with realistic details and a beautiful balance of colors.” —School Library Journal

- NSTA Recommends

**Seashores**
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-968-1
 Territory: World • All rights available except Chinese (simplified)

“Useful for introductory units on marine and earth science.” —School Library Journal

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HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-455-0
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-730-4
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“Wonderful for introductory units on marine and earth science.” —School Library Journal

- NSTA Recommends

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Bring On the Birds
Susan Stockdale

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-560-7
BB: $6.95 / 978-1-56145-692-5
Territory: World • All rights available except Australia/New Zealand

An energetic exploration of distinctive birds and their unique qualities.

“Children will want to linger over the colorful images.”
—Wall Street Journal

✈ Parents’ Choice Recommended; ALSC Notable Children’s Books; Bank Street Best Books of the Year

Fabulous Fishes
Susan Stockdale

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-429-7
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-68263-099-0
BB: $6.95 / 978-1-56145-637-6
Territory: World • All rights available except Australia/New Zealand

A stunning survey of different kinds of fish their underwater world.

“An excellent teaching tool and an appealing introduction to the wide world of fish.”
—Kirkus Reviews

✈ NSTA/CBC Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K–12; Science Books & Films Best Books of the Year

Stripes of All Types
Susan Stockdale

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-695-6
English/Spanish PB: $8.99 / 978-1-56145-793-9
English/Spanish BB: $6.95 / 978-1-56145-823-3
Territory: World • Rights: Peachtree except audio, dramatic (Gina Maccoby)
Licensed: French

Bouncy, alliterative rhyme and gorgeous illustrations introduce readers to a wide range of striped animals.

“A lovely, interactive exploration of stripes and a good introduction to some new animals.”
—Kirkus Reviews

✈ NSTA/CBC Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K–12; Parents’ Choice Silver Honor Award; Bank Street Best Books of the Year

Fantastic Flowers
Susan Stockdale

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-952-0
English/Spanish PB: $8.99 / 978-1-56145-978-0
Territory: World • Rights: Peachtree except audio, dramatic (Gina Maccoby)

With engaging rhymes and bright, bold images, discover a wide range of unusual flowers.

“Optically striking...This is a book to closely pore over.”
—Kirkus Reviews

✈ NCTE Notable Children’s Books in the Language Arts; Bank Street Best Books of the Year

Spectacular Spots
Susan Stockdale

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-817-2
English/Spanish PB: $8.99 / 978-1-56145-978-0
Territory: World • Rights: Peachtree except audio, dramatic (Gina Maccoby)

You’ll be amazed to discover all the reasons why animals have spots!

“A spot-on animal gallery for budding naturalists.”
—Kirkus Reviews

✈ Correll Book Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Informational Text; Keystone to Reading Elementary Book Award

Carry Me!
Animal Babies on the Move
Susan Stockdale

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-328-3
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-449-5
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Learn about the many ways animal parents carry their young.

“A beautifully sweet look at how babies are carried...Sure to become a calm and soothing bedtime favorite.”
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“Eye-catching and informative.”

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❖ Green Earth Book Award; Bank Street Best Books of the Year; Science Books & Film Best Books of the Year

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HC: $16.95 / 978-1-68263-096-9
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“A classroom-friendly blend of story and fact.” —Booklist

❖ Green Earth Book Award; NSTA/CBC Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K–12; Sigurd F. Olson Nature Writing Award for Children’s Literature; SSLI Book Award

Series themes: nature, conservation, habitats

❖ Teacher’s guides
When Rain Falls
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When snow falls, what do animals do?
“Will complement the science curriculum and also makes for a great read aloud.”
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- Bank Street Best Books of the Year; CCBC Choices
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A cozy look at the amazing ways animals behave and interact with their environments on a rainy day.

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Mary Batten

Aliens from Earth
When Animals and Plants Invade Other Ecosystems
Mary Batten
Illustrated by Beverly Doyle
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-900-1
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-903-2
Territory: World • All rights available except Chinese (simplified)

An introduction to the serious and ongoing environmental problems caused by invasive plant and animal species.

“Nonstop intriguing.” — Booklist

- NSTA Recommends

Please Don’t Wake the Animals
A Book About Sleep
Mary Batten
Illustrated by Higgins Bond
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-393-1

“Far from your cozy bedtime lullaby, this big bright picture book is an exciting way to talk about the biology that connects humans with many kinds of animals.”

— Booklist

- Bank Street Best Books of the Year

Hey, Daddy!
Animal Fathers and Their Babies
Mary Batten
Illustrated by Higgins Bond
HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-272-9

Numerous examples of males caring for their young are presented in accurate and clear language.

“A good deal of information in an attractive format.” — Booklist

Who Has a Belly Button?
Mary Batten
Illustrated by Higgins Bond
HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-235-4 / 1-56145-235-1

An informative, fascinating look at the lifeline that attaches mammals to their mothers before birth.

“An especially wonderful book to share with youngsters awaiting the birth of a sibling, and a great addition to the nonfiction library collection.”

— Kirkus Reviews

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A Tree for Emmy
Mary Ann Rodman
Illustrated by Tatjana Mai-Wyss
HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-475-4
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-68263-037-2
Territory: World • All rights available

When Emmy decides she wants a mimosa of her own for her birthday, she is dismayed to find that many grown-ups do not share her enthusiasm for this wild tree.

“A spunky and independent heroine, a satisfying story and a gentle environmental message combine nicely here in an arboreal celebration that will delight many a young reader.” — Kirkus Reviews

- Teacher’s guide

My Mother Talks to Trees
Doris Gove
Illustrated by Marilynn H. Mallory
HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-166-1 / 1-56145-166-5

A lesson in tree identification is adeptly woven into this charming story featuring a special mother-daughter relationship.

“Will encourage children to notice and protect the trees around them.”

— School Library Journal

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**Butterfly Tree**  
Sandra Markle  
Illustrated by Leslie Wu  
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-954-4  
Territory: World • All rights available  

The mystery of monarch butterfly migration is revealed in this sensitive, eloquent mother-daughter story.  

“Masterful evocation of a child’s sense of wonder at the natural world.” —Kirkus Reviews  

- NSTA/CBC Noteworthy Books; CBC Women of Color Protagonists Showcase; Parents’ Choice Silver Award  

**Toad Weather**  
Sandra Markle  
Illustrated by Thomas Gonzalez  
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-818-9  
Territory: World • All rights available  

Something amazing is happening in the rainy city—and with Mama’s help, Ally is going to find it.  

“A fine addition to the sense-of-wonder shelf.” —Kirkus Reviews  

- Parents’ Choice Recommended  

**Bird Count**  
Susan Edwards Richmond  
Illustrated by Stephanie Fizer Coleman  
HC: $17.95 / 978-1-56145-954-4  
Territory: World • All rights available  

A young girl eagerly identifies and counts the birds she observes around her town.  

“An engaging, informative introduction.” —Kirkus Reviews  

- Capital Choices Noteworthy Books; CBC Women of Color Protagonists Showcase; Parents’ Choice Silver Award  

**Arbor Day Square**  
Kathryn O. Galbraith  
Illustrated by Cyd Moore  
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-517-1  
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-922-3  
Territory: World • All rights available  

Katie and Papa order trees from back East to make their new settlement feel like home in this fictional retelling of the creation of Arbor Day.  

“An attractive introduction to the celebration of Arbor Day.” —Booklist  

- Parents’ Choice Approved Award; Bank Street Best Books of the Year  

**Planting the Wild Garden**  
Kathryn O. Galbraith  
Illustrated by Wendy Anderson Halperin  
HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-563-8  
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-791-5  
Territory: World • All rights available  

Eloquent text and stunning illustrations combine to explore the many ways seeds are distributed.  


- Parents’ Choice Gold Award; NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K–12  

**Firefly Mountain**  
Patricia Thomas  
Illustrated by Peter Sylvada  
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-360-9  
Territory: World • All rights available  

A family experiences the magic of fireflies in this story of anticipation.  

“Thomas’s prose is lyrical and engaging as she describes the sights, smells, and sounds of the fading afternoon and gradual coming of night.” —School Library Journal
Immi’s Gift
Karin Littlewood
HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-911-7
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-813-4
 Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Otter Barry Books

Two children half a world away from each other are connected in an unexpected way in this timeless, fanciful story.

★ “With shades of David Wiesner’s Flotsam and Suzy Lee’s Wave, it’s a story with a quiet magic and beauty.”
—Publishers Weekly

Themes: generosity, interconnectedness, friendship

The Snow Lion
Jim Helmore
Illustrated by Richard Jones
HC: $17.95 / 978-1-68263-048-8
 Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Simon & Schuster UK

Caro wishes she had a friend in her new neighborhood, but she’s too shy. With a little imagination, however, Caro finds the Snow Lion.

★ “A well-crafted tale about healthy adaptation to new environs merges with superb artwork.”
—Kirkus Reviews

Themes: shyness, confidence, friendship, imagination, play

The Story Blanket
Ferida Wolff and Harriet May Savitz
Illustrated by Elena Odriozola
PB: $8.99 / 978-1-68263-219-2
 Territory: US & nonexclusive Canada
Rights: Andersen Press UK

Babba Zarrah unravels part of her story blanket and knits some socks, a scarf, and a shawl for friends. Meanwhile, the story blanket is getting smaller and smaller.

“The arresting illustrations…sweetly vivid.”
—Booklist

Themes: sharing, recycling, secrets, circular tale

Society of Distinguished Lemmings
Julie Colombet
HC: $17.99 / 978-1-68263-156-0
 Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Kings Road UK

Bertie ventures outside and discovers a bear. But will Bertie’s new friend fit in with the other lemmings? Or is the bear simply too big and clumsy?

“Colombet packs her story with vivid personalities… There is much to linger over and return to in these pages.”
—Publishers Weekly

Themes: conformity, friendship, identity, rules

Paper Planes
Jim Helmore
Illustrated by Richard Jones
HC: $17.99 / 978-1-68263-161-4
 Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Simon & Schuster UK

A compassionate and lyrical story of staying in touch after a friend has moved away.

“A beautiful and sensitive treatment of a common childhood experience.”
—Kirkus Reviews

Themes: connections, friendship, grief, moving away

Zebra on the Go
Jill Nogales
Illustrated by Lorraine Rocha
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-911-7
 Territory: World • All rights available except Russian

An energetic read-aloud about the circus running away with itself.

★ “Equally entertaining for both adults and children.” —Kirkus Reviews

Themes: tigers, zebras, circus, cause and effect

Parents’ Choice Silver Honor Award; Bank Street Best Books of the Year
Backlist • Picture Books

Aalfred and Aalbert
Morag Hood

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-68263-121-8
Territory: US • Rights: Macmillan UK

A heartwarming story of blossoming love between two aardvarks

“A charming depiction of friendship and love.” — Kirkus Reviews

Themes: friendship, LGBTQ+, matchmaking, relationships, romance
Ages 4–8

AR • RC • Lexile • F&P
GRL I; Gr 1

Duck & Penguin Are NOT Friends
Julia Woolf

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-68263-132-4
Territory: US & nonexclusive Canada • Rights: Andersen Press UK

A humorous and ironic look at building friendship on your own terms.

“Pure whimsical fun with a sweet little lesson attached.” — BCCB

Themes: conflict, friendship, identity, play dates
Ages 4–8

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Back to Bed, Ed!
Sebastien Braun

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-518-8
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-775-5
Territory: US • Rights: HarperCollins UK

Ed loves going to bed, but he doesn’t like staying in bed.

“Right up a toddler’s nighttime alley.” — Kirkus Reviews

★ School Library Journal
★ CCBC Choices; Bank Street Best Books of the Year

Themes: bedtime, family, fear, independence
Ages 2–6

AR • Lexile • F&P
GRL J; Gr 1

Nighty Night!
Margaret Wild
Illustrated by Kerry Argent

PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-812-7
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: HarperCollins Australia

It’s bedtime on the farm, but the baby animals aren’t ready to go to sleep. Will they ever be ready to say “Nighty night?”

“Young readers won’t want these characters to say good night and will surely use this book to forestall their own imminent bedtimes.” — Publishers Weekly

Themes: baby animals, bedtime, parents, pranks
Ages 2–6

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GRL L; Gr 2

Who Is It?
Sally Grindley
Illustrated by Rosalind Beardshaw

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-224-8
Territory: US • Rights: Bloomsbury UK

Featuring well-loved fairy tale characters and a surprise ending, this is the perfect interactive read-aloud story young children will ask for again and again.

“Here’s a nifty idea…should induce a cascade of giggles.” — Publishers Weekly

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Hat Tricks
Satoshi Kitamura

HC: $16.99 / 978-1-68263-150-8
Territory: US & Canada exclusive; nonexclusive World except UK, Commonwealth, & Europe • Rights: Scallywag Press UK

Come one, come all! It’s time for Hattie’s magic show!

★ “Dynamic, fun-filled, imaginative, and ideal for participatory reading aloud.” — Kirkus Reviews

Themes: friendship, guessing, magic, surprises
Ages 2–6

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**The Gold Miner’s Daughter**
*A Melodramatic Fairy Tale*
Jackie Mims Hopkins
Illustrated by Jon Goodell

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-362-7
Territory: World • All rights available
An hysterical collision of fairy tales, melodrama, and the Gold Rush West.

“Goodell’s delightful and action-packed illustrations feature expressive characters and plenty of visual humor.”
—*School Library Journal*

**The Horned Toad Prince**
Jackie Mims Hopkins
Illustrated by Michael Austin

PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-548-5
Territory: World • All rights available
When Reba Jo finds herself in a mess of trouble, she’s forced to strike a deal with a horned toad.

“An entertaining version of ‘The Frog Prince’ with a Texas twist.”
—*School Library Journal*

**Prairie Chicken Little**
Jackie Mims Hopkins
Illustrated by Henry Cole

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-694-9
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-834-9
Spanish HC: $17.95 / 978-1-56145-841-7
Spanish PB: $8.95 / 978-1-56145-842-4
Ebook available
Territory: World • All rights available
When Mary McBlicken the prairie chicken hears a rumblin’ and a grumblin’, she sets off to warn her friends.

“Hopkins’ prairie take on ‘Chicken Little’ is made storytime perfect by Cole’s characteristically hysterical, watercolor-and-colored-pencil cartoons of goggle-eyed critters.”
—*Kirkus Reviews*

**The Three Armadillies Tuff**
Jackie Mims Hopkins
Illustrated by S. G. Brooks

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-258-3
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-598-0
Territory: World • All rights available except Korean
Three fun-loving armadillo sisters are eager to cross a busy highway to get to the new dance hall on the other side, but inside the culvert lurks a spindly legged coyote.

“Droll turns of phrase and hints of dialect add fun and flavor to the tale.”
—*School Library Journal*

**Railroad John and the Red Rock Run**
Tony Crunk
Illustrated by Michael Austin

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-363-4
Territory: World • All rights available
Lonesome Bob is set to marry Wildcat Annie today, if only the Sagebrush Flyer can get to Red Rock on time.

“Kids will eagerly climb aboard for repeat rides.”
—*Publishers Weekly*

**Ol’ Bloo’s Boogie-Woogie Band and Blues Ensemble**
Jan Huling
Illustrated by Henri Sørensen

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-436-5
Territory: World • All rights available except French
Ol’ Bloo Donkey realizes it’s time to pursue his ambition of being a star in this hilarious retelling of “The Bremen Town Musicians.”

“Bayou cadences, outré metaphors for each animal’s singing, and an easy way with a rueful folkloric voice make this a treasure.”
—*Kirkus Reviews*

❖ Bank Street Best Books of the Year
**Backlist • Picture Books**

### Bo the Brave
**Bethan Woollvin**

**HC:** $17.99 / 978-1-68263-182-9  
**Territory:** US • Rights: Macmillan UK

Bo sets out to capture fearsome monsters and prove to her brothers that she isn’t too small. But the real beasts aren’t hiding in the woods, the ocean, or dark and scary caves...

★ “Highly recommended for elementary libraries.” — *School Library Journal*

**Lexile • F&P**  
**GRL L; Gr 2**  
**Ages 5–9**

**Themes:** bravery, confidence, friendship, monsters

### Little Red
**Bethan Woollvin**

**HC:** $16.95 / 978-1-68263-917-9  
**PB:** $8.99 / 978-1-68263-217-8  
**Territory:** US • Rights: Macmillan UK

The big bad wolf has a plan…but so does Little Red!

“This is how fairy tales were meant to be told.” — *School Library Journal*

**New York Times Best Illustrated Children’s Books; CCBC Choices; Bank Street Best Books of the Year**

**AR • RC • Lexile • F&P**  
**GRL K; Gr 2**  
**Ages 5–9**

**Themes:** Little Red Riding Hood, empowerment, bravery, ingenuity  
% Teacher’s guide

### Hansel and Gretel
**Bethan Woollvin**

**HC:** $16.95 / 978-1-68263-073-0  
**Territory:** US • Rights: Macmillan UK

Willow never used to worry about messy breadcrumb trails. Or entire portions of her gingerbread house being devoured. Or anyone fiddling with her spells and magic books and causing a ruckus. But Hansel and Gretel are two very naughty and very rude children, and they are trying Willow’s patience.

“Marked by sly humor and an impish sense of mischief… Wicked fun.” — *Horn Book Magazine*

**Mighty Girl Best Books of the Year**

### Rapunzel
**Bethan Woollvin**

**HC:** $16.95 / 978-1-68263-003-7  
**Territory:** US • Rights: Macmillan UK

Rapunzel lives all alone in a tall, dark tower. Under the threat of a witch’s fearsome curse, the poor girl seems doomed to a life in captivity. But is Rapunzel frightened? Oh no, not she!

“Empowerment in leaps and bounds.” — *Kirkus Reviews*

**Parents’ Choice Recommended**

### The Princess and the Packet of Frozen Peas
**Tony Wilson**  
**Illustrated by Sue deGennaro**

**HC:** $16.95 / 978-1-68263-635-2  
**PB:** $7.95 / 978-1-68263-051-8  
**Territory:** US & Canada • Rights: Scholastic Australia

This modern remix of the beloved fairy tale delivers a freshly humorous take on one prince’s search for the just-right girl of his dreams.

“A must for would-be princesses.” — *Kirkus Reviews*
No one in the town of Bonnyripple ever kept a grudge. No one, that is, except old Cornelius, the Grudge Keeper.  

“A clever fable characterized by ornate language, extraordinary characters and billowy atmosphere.” —Kirkus Reviews

On the first day of school, Hayley quickly finds out that first grade is different from kindergarten, but in all the wrong ways!  

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“A stirring tale of friendship based on the legend of the Lucky Cat.” —School Library Journal

Only the King of Little Things stands between King Normous and his goal of conquering the world.  

“Adults and children who read this delightful and imaginative book together will find lots to talk about.” —Kirkus Reviews

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**Loveykins**
Quentin Blake

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 Territory: US • Rights: Andersen Press UK

When Angela Bowling rescues a baby bird after a storm, she finds her very own Loveykins.

★ “Appealingly offbeat, this droll tale is classic Blake.” —*Publishers Weekly*

**Hungry! Hungry! Hungry!**
Malachy Doyle
Illustrated by Paul Hess

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-241-5 / 1-56145-241-6
 Territory: US & nonexclusive Canada
 Rights: Andersen Press UK

What is a boy to think when a mischievous, spidery-legged, knobbly kneed goblin shows up in his front yard?

“The imaginative, whimsical, and colorful pictures are full of details to be discovered...will be enjoyed by young monster enthusiasts.” —*School Library Journal*

**Rodeo Red**
Maripat Perkins
Illustrated by Molly Idle

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-816-5
 Territory: World • All rights available

Rodeo Red and her hound dog Rusty are happier than two buttons on a new shirt—until Sideswiping Slim shows up.

★ “Playfully spirited and upbeat...a rootin'-tootin' tale that won't fail to quick-draw a smile.” —*Booklist*

偎 Honor Book, ILA Children's and Young Adults' Book Award; CCBC Choices

**Mrs. Armitage, Queen of the Road**
Quentin Blake

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-287-3 / 1-56145-287-4
 Territory: US • Rights: Random House UK

A delightfully unconventional woman finds liberation and new friends out on the open road.

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Picture Books • Backlist

Kashmira Sheth

Feast of Peas
Kashmira Sheth
Illustrated by Jeffrey Ebbeler

Ebook available
Territory: World • Rights: Text: Peachtree except dramatic (Charlotte Sheedy); Art: Peachtree

Jiva can’t wait to harvest his peas for a delicious feast! But each time Jiva is ready to pick the pea, they’re already gone. What’s amiss in Jiva’s garden?

“[A] dazzlingly illustrated new fairy tale…a nice lesson on friendship and forgiveness.” —Booklist

My Dadima Wears a Sari
Kashmira Sheth
Illustrated by Yoshiko Jaeggi

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-392-4
Territory: World • All rights available

This multigenerational story offers a glimpse into the distinctive culture and customs of India.

“The continuous, loving exchange heightens the intergenerational warmth that’s extended in Jaeggi’s delicate watercolors.” —Booklist

NCSS/CBC Notable Social Studies
Trade Books for Young People; CCBC Choices; Bank Street Best Books of the Year

Monsoon Afternoon
Kashmira Sheth
Illustrated by Yoshiko Jaeggi

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-455-6
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-68263-061-7
Territory: World • All rights available

During monsoon season, a young boy and his Dadaji head out into the rainy weather.

“The cyclical rhythms of the rain seasons echo the story’s larger themes of time’s passage and the links between generations.” —Booklist

NCSS/CBC Notable Social Studies
Trade Books for Young People; CCBC Choices

Sona and the Wedding Game
Kashmira Sheth
Illustrated by Yoshiko Jaeggi

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-735-9
Territory: World • Rights: Text: Peachtree except commercial, dramatic (Charlotte Sheedy); Art: Peachtree

Sona has been given an important job for her big sister’s wedding.

★ “Everyone will want to attend this wedding.” —Kirkus Reviews

Bank Street Best Books of the Year,
Kirkus Best Books; CCBC Choices; Highly Commended, South Asia Book Award

Tiger in My Soup
Kashmira Sheth
Illustrated by Jeffrey Ebbeler

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-696-3
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-890-5
Territory: World • Rights: Text: Peachtree except commercial, dramatic (Charlotte Sheedy); Art: Peachtree • Licensed: Portuguese

A sister and brother battle it out in this story of imagination, reading, and tigers!

★ “In the current run of titles about older siblings feeding younger ones, this one stands out for its inventive imagery.” —Kirkus Reviews

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AR • Lexile • F&P
GRL N; Gr 3
Ages 4–8
Themes: Indian / Hindu culture, wedding traditions, family

AR • Lexile • F&P
GRL I; Gr 1
Ages 4–8
Themes: siblings, imagination, reading

AR • Lexile • F&P
GRL N; Gr 3
Ages 4–8
Themes: intergenerational relationship, traditions, culture

AR • Lexile • F&P
GRL L: Gr 2
Ages 4–8
Themes: gardening, food, mystery, friendship, anticipation

AR • Lexile • F&P
GRL M: Gr 2
Ages 4–8
Themes: intergenerational relationship, traditions, culture

AR • Lexile • F&P
GRL I; Gr 1
Ages 4–8
Themes: sibling, imagination, reading
**Backlist • Picture Books**

**Orange Cheeks**  
Jay O’Callahan  
Illustrated by Patricia Raine  
HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-073-2 / 1-56145-073-1  
Territory: World • All rights available  

Four-year-old Willie loves visiting his grandma, but his mother has warned him—if he gets into trouble again, there’ll be no more overnight visits for an entire year.  

“With plenty of tension and with characters that are true to life, this yarn celebrates an intergenerational love that is guaranteed to captivate an audience.”  
—*Booklist*

**Tulips**  
Jay O’Callahan  
Illustrated by Debrah Santini  
HC: $15.95 / 978-156145-134-0 / 1-56145-134-7  
Territory: US & Canada • All rights available  

When practical joker Pierre decides to play a trick on his beloved Grand Ma Mere, the results are anything but what he expects!  

“An unusual, enchanting story.”  
—*Booklist*

**Harriet’s Horrible Hair Day**  
Dawn Lesley Stewart  
Illustrated by Michael P. White  
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-68263-035-8  
Territory: World • All rights available  

Harriet’s sister and brother launch a series of outrageous, hair-raising schemes to tame her wayward ringlets.  

“If you’re looking to take the knots out of a bad hair day, try this.”  
—*BCCB*

**Kiss! Kiss! Yuck! Yuck!**  
Kyle Mewburn  
Illustrated by Ali Teo and John O’Reilly  
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-457-0  
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-759-5  
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Scholastic Australia  

Every time Auntie Elsie comes to visit she gives Andy two big sloppy kisses. Andy is a fast runner, but not fast enough to outrun Auntie Elsie!  

“Multiple perspectives add a sense of fun to the story. The rhythmic text and repetition will make this useful as a read-aloud and good for beginning readers to tackle.”  
—*School Library Journal*

**That’s Not How You Play Soccer, Daddy!**  
Sherry Shahan  
Illustrated by Tatjana Mai-Wyss  
HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-416-7  
Territory: World • All rights available  

After a tough soccer practice, Mikey’s dad takes him to play in the park, but Mikey only wants to practice for the Big Game.  

“In a warm reversal of the usual competitive sports message, a parent teaches his son to let go and just have fun.”  
—*Booklist*

**Flora the Frog**  
Shirley Isherwood  
Illustrated by Anna C. Leplar  
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-223-1 / 1-56145-223-8  
Territory: US • Rights: Bloomsbury UK  

Flora is dismayed when she is asked to be a frog in the class play. Frogs are green and fat, and she is afraid that everyone will laugh at her.  

“Children will relate to Flora’s feelings, due in particular to the large, full-page pen-and-watercolor illustrations that wonderfully depict her emotions.”  
—*School Library Journal*
Are the Dinosaurs Dead, Dad?
Julie Middleton
Illustrated by Russell Ayto
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-690-1
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Random House UK
What were the dinosaurs like when they were alive? Dave and Dad are about to find out!
“A comedic treat…A highly entertaining selection that is sure to be a big hit.”
—School Library Journal
Themes: dinosaurs, imagination

Churchill’s Tale of Tails
Anca Sandu
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-738-0
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-782-3
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Random House UK
Churchill couldn’t be prouder of his perfect tail. And then one day it goes missing…
“The tale’s themes of individuality, identity and forgiveness are nicely presented.”
—Kirkus Reviews
ILA-CBC Children’s Choices

Ding Dong! Gorilla!
Michelle Robinson
Illustrated by Leonie Lord
HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-730-4
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Hachette UK
A little boy has a lot of explaining to do when a gorilla makes a mess of his house… and that’s not even the BAD news!
“Read it with a little fibber and just laugh and enjoy.” —School Library Journal
Parents’ Choice Silver Honor Award
Themes: tall tales, humor, honesty, imagination

Gilbert de la Frogponde
A Swamp Story
Jennifer Rae
Illustrated by Rose Cowles
HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-163-0
Territory: US • Rights: Whitecap Books, Canada
Too fat to escape, Gilbert must convince two chefs that bugs, not frogs, are all the rage in culinary circles.
“Do not read Gilbert de la Frogponde to your child at bedtime, or you may find yourself in the same predicament I did: I couldn’t get him to stop laughing and go to sleep… witty, creative and downright hilarious.” —Boston Herald
Themes: cooking, frogs, persuasion

One More Sheep
Mij Kelly
Illustrated by Russell Ayto
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-378-8
Territory: US • Rights: Hodder UK
A shepherd wants to make sure he’s rounded up all of his sheep, but counting them always makes him fall asleep.
“Ayto’s pen-and-ink and watercolor illustrations…steal the show.”
—The Horn Book
Children’s Book Sense Pick
Themes: bedtime, counting, deception

Raymond and Nelda
Barbara Bottner
Illustrated by Nancy Hayashi
HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-394-8 / 1-56145-394-3
Territory: World • Rights: Text: Peachtree except dramatic (Kirchoff-Wohlberg); Art: Peachtree
Laugh-out-loud letters enhance this endearingly quirky story about repairing a friendship.
“In the great tradition of Arnold Lobel’s Frog and Toad.” —Booklist
Themes: disagreements, forgiveness, friendship, letters
The Boy Who Was Raised By Librarians
Carla Morris
Illustrated by Brad Sneed
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-591-7
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-68263-123-2
Territory: World • All rights available except Korean

The humorous tale of a curious young boy and his single-minded quest for knowledge.

★ “Morris clearly gets what makes librarians tick, and Sneed’s humorous watercolor illustrations capture the soul of ‘how librarians are.’” —Kirkus Reviews

❖ Bank Street Best Books of the Year;
Children’s Book Sense Picks

Late for School
Mike Reiss
Illustrated by Michael Austin
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-491-4
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Text: Peachtree except dramatic, translation (First Book); Art: Peachtree

Smitty is never late for school. Not when his shoes get stuck in a sea of thick, black tar. Not when snowmen rain down from the sky. Not even when he encounters a very hungry T. Rex!

“Children tardy and timely will laugh at this droll recitation.” —Kirkus Reviews

❖ IRA/CBC Children’s Choices

Mr. President Goes to School
Rick Walton
Illustrated by Brad Sneed
HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-538-6
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-892-9
Territory: World • All rights available

When the president has a frustrating day, he decides to go back to the place where he learned the most important lessons of all.

“Overall, a fun introduction to the great things that can be learned in school.” —School Library Journal

❖ IRA/CBC Children’s Choices

Ebenezer Has a Word for Everything
Chelsea H. Rowe
Illustrated by Frank Dormer
HC: $17.95 / 978-1-56145-848-6
Territory: World • Rights: Text: Peachtree except dramatic (Foreword Literary); Art: Peachtree

No one understands Ebenezer’s peculiar collection, until one day Ebenezer meets Fitzgerald.


Lost and Found
Bill Harley
Illustrated by Adam Gustavson
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-628-4
Ebook available
Territory: World • Rights: Text: Peachtree except dramatic (author); Art: Peachtree

When Justin loses his special hat, he is forced to visit the lost and found.

“Telling a realistic tale of fears faced and rewards earned, this picture book has its own hidden treasures, revealed in the understated first-person narrative and realistic dialogue.” —Booklist

❖ Parents’ Choice Approved Award;
Bank Street Best Books of the Year

Mrs. McBee Leaves Room 3
Gretchen Brandenburg McLellan
Illustrated by Grace Zong
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-944-5
Territory: World • All rights available

Join the children of Room 3 and Mrs. McBee as they find their own ways of helping each other get ready to leave and say good-bye.

“Has all the earmarks of becoming a staple for schools and students facing similar transitions.” —Publishers Weekly
Lester L. Laminack

**Jake's 100th Day of School**
Lester L. Laminack  
Illustrated by Judy Love

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-355-9  
PB: $8.95 / 978-1-56145-463-1  
Territory: World • All rights available

What will Jake do when he forgets to bring the special collection for the 100th day of school?

“Love’s richly realistic, abundantly detailed pencil, ink, and watercolor illustrations spill across the pages.” — *Booklist*

❖ Bank Street Best Books of the Year

**The King of Bees**
Lester L. Laminack  
Illustrated by Jim LaMarche

HC: $17.95 / 978-1-56145-953-7  
Territory: World • All rights available

When Henry learns that the bees are looking for a new place for their hive, he tries to find a way to convince them to stay.

“Visually lovely and tonally appealing.” — *Kirkus Reviews*

❖ Parents’ Choice Recommended; Green Earth Book Award; Honor Book, Paterson Prize

**Saturdays and Teacakes**
Lester L. Laminack  
Illustrated by Chris Soentpiet

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-303-0  
HC & CD: $19.95 / 978-1-56145-513-3  
CD: $6.95 / 978-1-56145-514-0  
Ebook available  
Territory: World • All rights available

Laminack’s tender tribute to his grandmother.

“The brilliant watercolor paintings glow with light and idyllically capture the world of yesteryear.” — *School Library Journal*

❖ CCBC Choices

**Snow Day!**
Lester L. Laminack  
Illustrated by Adam Gustavson

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-418-1  
HC & CD: $19.95 / 978-1-56145-554-6  
CD: $6.95 / 978-1-56145-556-0  
Ebook available  
Territory: World • All rights available except Korean

A clever take on a familiar childhood lament.

“A cheerful tribute to muffled, white, unexpected days off.” — *New York Times*

❖ CCBC Choices

**The Sunsets of Miss Olivia Wiggins**
Lester L. Laminack  
Illustrated by Constance R. Bergum

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-139-5  
PB: $6.95 / 978-1-68263-063-1  
Territory: World • All rights available

The story of a young boy’s visit with his great-grandmother, who is suffering from the mental and physical deterioration associated with old age.

“An unusually empathic look at the reality of aging.” — *Publishers Weekly*
**Lost for Words**
Natalie Russell

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-739-7
PB: $7.99 / 978-1-68263-157-7

Tapir wants to express himself, but he can't find the words! The harder he tries the more upset he becomes, until finally Tapir stops trying to write and begins to draw.

“The seemingly simple, rhythmic text blossoms into a tender story of longing and accomplishment.” —*School Library Journal*

*Themes: collaboration, creativity, inspiration*

**Madeline Finn and the Library Dog**
Lisa Papp

HC: $17.95 / 978-1-56145-910-0
PB: $8.99 / 978-1-68263-059-4

Madeline Finn does NOT like to read. But maybe Bonnie the Library Dog can change her mind.

“So adorable readers may attempt to hug the page.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

*Themes: reading, libraries, dogs, friendship*

**Three Hens and a Peacock**
Lester L. Laminack
Illustrated by Henry Cole

PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-726-7

When a peacock suddenly arrives at a quiet farm, everything changes.

“Good farm fun.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

*Themes: animals, farm, teamwork*

**Trevor's Wiggly-Wobbly Tooth**
Lester L. Laminack
Illustrated by Kathi Garry McCord

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-175-3
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-279-8

When Trevor’s Grandma Sally shows his class how to make old-fashioned taffy, he learns there are also fun ways to pull a tooth!

“The surprise ending will make readers laugh out loud.” —*Book Links*

*Themes: school, friendship, grandparents*

**Lana Lynn Howls at the Moon**
Rebecca Van Slyke
Illustrated by Anca Sandu

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-68263-050-1

An adventurous sheep takes a walk on the wild side and encounters more than she expected. Is life with a wolf pack everything it seems?

*Themes: independence, loyalty, security*

**Madeline Finn and the Shelter Dog**
Lisa Papp

HC: $17.95 / 978-1-68263-075-4

After visiting an animal shelter, Madeline Finn has some questions for her mother. Does anyone play with the shelter dogs? Snuggle with them under the blankets? Tell them they’re loved?

“Charming…provides a positive look.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

*Themes: dogs, volunteering, animal shelters, reading, community*

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Carmen Agra Deedy

Agatha’s Feather Bed
Not Just Another Wild Goose Story
Carmen Agra Deedy
Illustrated by Laura L. Seeley
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-096-1
Spanish PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-404-4
Ages 4-8
Themes: conservation, environment, quilting, resources

Agatha loves her new feather bed, but then six shivering, naked geese pay her a visit to discuss the origin of the feathers.

“This finely crafted collection abounds with information and whimsy. It also teems with puns and word play…A ducky book.” —Publishers Weekly

The Library Dragon
Carmen Agra Deedy
Illustrated by Michael P. White
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-091-6
HC & CD: $19.95 / 978-1-56145-669-0
CD: $6.95 / 978-1-56145-660-6
Ages 6-10
Themes: books, libraries, rules

Sunrise Elementary School has a BIG problem. Their new librarian, Miss Lotta Scales, is a real dragon.

“Deedy’s text sparkles with sly humor…This wonderful book will delight children.” —School Library Journal

The Secret of Old Zeb
Carmen Agra Deedy
Illustrated by Michael P. White
PB: $8.95 / 978-1-56145-280-4
Ages 6-10
Themes: adventure, dreams, fear

Walter fears he is in for the worst summer ever until he befriends a mysterious neighbor.

“The ‘follow your dream’ moral is prevalent throughout the text and reinforced by the dreamlike quality of the illustrations.” —School Library Journal

Martina the Beautiful Cockroach
A Cuban Folktale
Carmen Agra Deedy
Illustrated by Michael Austin
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-399-3
PB: $6.95 / 978-1-56145-767-6
CD: $6.95 / 978-1-56145-468-6
Spanish HC: $17.95 / 978-1-56145-425-9
Spanish PB: $6.95 / 978-1-56145-532-4
Ebook available

When Martina decides to choose a husband, her grandmother gives her some advice.

“This Latino folktale has a rollicking voice imbued with sly tongue-in-cheek humor.” —Booklist

The Yellow Star
The Legend of King Christian X of Denmark
Carmen Agra Deedy
Illustrated by Henri Sørensen
HC: $17.99 / 978-1-56145-208-8
PB: $8.99 / 978-1-68263-189-8
Ebook available

“The magnificently illustrated…the peaceful and moving exploration of moral courage.” —USA Today

 Bennet's Greenhouse
The Cheshire Cheese Cat
*C A D I E N C K o f a T a l e*
Carmen Agra Deedy and
Randall Wright
Illustrated by Barry Moser

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-109-8
PB: $9.95 / 978-1-56145-810-3
Ebook available
Territory: World • All rights available except
Chinese (simplified), French, Italian, Japanese, Korean,
Romanian, Russian, Spanish

★ “A delight.” —Publishers Weekly
★ Kirkus Reviews, School Library Journal

† Honor Book, E. B. White Read-Aloud; *Kirkus* Best Children’s Books; *SLJ* Best Fiction; ALSC Notable Children’s Books; NCTE Notable Children’s Books in the Language Arts; Parents’ Choice Gold Award; Bank Street Best Books of the Year; *VOEA* Top Shelf Fiction

Growing Up Cuban in Decatur, Georgia
Carmen Agra Deedy

CD: $14.95 / 978-1-56145-318-4
Territory: World • All rights available

“Deedy has a velvety smooth voice...her tone is warm and bubbly...Without a doubt, this is a case where listening to stories is better than reading them.” —AudioFile

★ Parents’ Choice Gold Award; *Publishers Weekly* Best Audiobook, Adult Storytelling

The Last Dance
Carmen Agra Deedy
Illustrated by Debrah Santini

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-109-8
Territory: World • All rights available

Bessie tells the story of her friendship with Ninny, of Ninny’s grandfather, and of the very special dance they share.

“Debrah Santini’s masterful sketches and watercolors tell as much as the text.” —The Horn Book

14 Cows for America
Carmen Agra Deedy, in collaboration with
Wilson Kimeli Naiyomah
Illustrated by Thomas Gonzalez

HC: $17.95 / 978-1-56145-490-7
PB: $8.95 / 978-1-56145-561-2
Spanish HC: $17.95 / 978-1-56145-550-8
Spanish PB: $8.95 / 978-1-56145-555-3
Ebook available
Territory: World • All rights available except French

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★ “The suspenseful pace is especially striking when surrounded by Gonzalez’s exquisite colored pencil and pastel illustrations.” —School Library Journal

★ “A wonderful read-aloud that could also be used with older students.” —Library Media Connection

“A stirring, heartwarming story that made headlines when it happened and is now, thankfully, preserved on the page for children.” —Kirkus Reviews

“A moving tale of compassion and generosity.” —Publishers Weekly

“The glowing mixed-media illustrations show empathy and connections across communities.” —Booklist

“Could generate some excellent discussion in classrooms and families.” —Huffington Post

Danny Schnitzlein

The Monster Who Ate My Peas
Danny Schnitzlein
Illustrated by Matt Faulkner
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-533-1
Ebook available
Territory: World • All rights available
A young boy makes a bargain with a fiendishly funny monster to avoid eating his peas.

“The rollicking rhythms and madcap, over-the-top art give this…plenty of comic energy.” — Kirkus Reviews

The Monster Who Did My Math
Danny Schnitzlein
Illustrated by Bill Mayer
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-420-4
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-668-0
Ebook available
Territory: World • All rights available except Korean
A math-phobic boy is facing another evening of multiplication when a monster offers him a deal he cannot refuse.

“An entertaining addition to math classes and a useful warm-up to tutoring sessions with less-than-enthusiastic students.” — School Library Journal

Trick or Treat on Monster Street
Danny Schnitzlein
Illustrated by Matt Faulkner
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-465-5
Territory: World • All rights available
A jittery, jumpy kid comes face-to-face with a band of trick-or-treating monsters on Halloween.

“Faulkner’s watercolors feature a gruesome cast of cartoonish ghouls and are entertaining.” — School Library Journal

Clatter Bash!
A Day of the Dead Celebration
Richard Keep
PB: $8.95 / 978-1-56145-461-7
Territory: World • All rights available
Graveyard skeletons shake, rattle, and roll in this spirited Day of the Dead celebration.

“[A] zesty look at a special night… This will be a popular title in Mexican-American communities and an eye-opener for others.” — School Library Journal

13 Monsters Who Should Be Avoided
Kevin Shortsleeve
Illustrated by Michael Austin
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-146-3 / 1-56145-146-0
Territory: World • All rights available
Professor LeGrand warns readers about the outrageous habits and appalling behavior of thirteen mischievous monsters.

“Austin’s illustrations have a surreal edginess…young readers will likely be entertained.” — Publishers Weekly

Where Teddy Bears Come From
Mark Burgess
 Illustrated by Russell Ayto
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-487-7
Territory: US • Rights: Penguin UK
A little wolf knows just what he needs to get a good night’s sleep: a teddy bear to cuddle, just like in his favorite story book.

“All the elements of a winner come together in this enchanting effort.” — Kirkus Reviews

∇ Bank Street Best Books of the Year
**Christmas in the Trenches**
John McCutcheon
Illustrated by Henri Sørensen

**HC & CD: $19.95 / 978-1-56145-962-9**
Territory: World • Rights: Text: Peachtree except dramatic, translation; (First Book); Art: Peachtree • Licensed: Japanese, Korean

A moving tribute based on an actual event from World War I.

“Sørensen’s atmospheric oil paintings bring the miraculous night of peace to life.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

**Santa’s Eleven Months Off**
Mike Reiss
Illustrated by Michael G. Montgomery

**PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-962-9**
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Text: Peachtree except dramatic, translation; (First Book); Art: Peachtree • Licensed: Japanese, Korean

What does Santa do with his hard-earned vacation time? The same stuff you would do to relax and have fun—and a whole lot more!

“Expansive oil paintings keep the energy high, depicting the jolly fat man zooming off for sushi in Hollywood, sumo wrestling in Japan and lounging on the beach in summer.” —*Publishers Weekly*

**The Santa Trap**
Jonathan Emmett
Illustrated by Poly Bernatene

**HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-670-3**
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Macmillan UK

When Santa Claus refuses to give him anything but socks, Bradley vows to get revenge.

★ “The cleverly constructed plot unfolds with perfect comedic timing and dry wit, complemented by digitally produced mixed-media illustrations that have a suitably sinister, magnetic charm.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

**Jingle Bells**
How the Holiday Classic Came to Be
John Harris
Illustrated by Adam Gustavson

**HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-590-4**
Territory: World • Rights: Available

The story of the creation of a holiday classic—in the most unlikely of places.

“Captur[es] the atmosphere of a community willing to stick together as they journey against the grain, whether that means bringing snow somehow to the South or standing by an unpopular belief.” —*School Library Journal*

**Santa’s Last Present**
Marie-Aude Murail and Elvire Murail
Illustrated by Quentin Blake

**HC: $12.95 / 978-1-56145-319-1**
Territory: US • Rights: Random House UK

Julian thinks he’s getting too big to believe in Santa, but when he finds an extra present under the tree, he discovers that he may not be too old after all.

“The story is charmingly told…Blake’s colorful cartoons are as appealing as ever.” —*School Library Journal*

**To Whom the Angel Spoke**
A Story of the Christmas
Terry Kay
Illustrated by Eileen Blyth

**HC: $14.95 / 978-1-56145-502-7**
Text: Territory US & Canada; Rights: Harvey Klinger • Art: Territory World; Rights: Peachtree

The unifying power of simple belief reminds us that, for different people with different feelings, there is a celebration that brings us all together.

“Delightfully illustrated…simple enough for children but holds an appeal, as well, for adults.” —*The Miami Herald*
Abraham Lincoln's Dueling Words
Donna Janell Bowman
Illustrated by S. D. Schindler
HC: $17.95 / 978-1-56145-852-3
Territory: World • All rights available
Abraham Lincoln was known for his sense of humor. But early in his adult life, it nearly got him into trouble.

“[A] lively, engaging book.” —Booklist

Themes: honor, honesty, humor, consequences, journalism
% Teachers’ guide

Carter Reads the Newspaper
Deborah Hopkinson
Don Tate
HC: $17.95 / 978-1-56145-934-6
Territory: World • Rights: Text: Peachtree except dramatic (Writer’s House); Art: Peachtree except audio, commercial, dramatic (Andrea Brown)
Without Carter G. Woodson, we might not have Black History Month to celebrate heroes like Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

“A go-to title for Black History Month.” —BCCB

Themes: pioneers, Black History Month, cultural heritage
% Teacher’s guide, poster

Keep On!
The Story of Matthew Henson, Co-discoverer of the North Pole
Deborah Hopkinson
Illustrated by Stephen Alcorn
HC: $17.95 / 978-1-56145-473-0
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-886-8
Territory: World • All rights available
“Conveys a good bit of information within a clearly written narrative.” —Booklist

Themes: perseverance, strength, polar exploration, African-American history
% Teacher’s guide

King of the Tightrope
When the Great Blondin Ruled Niagara
Donna Janell Bowman
Illustrated by Adam Gustavson
HC: $17.95 / 978-1-56145-937-7
Territory: World • All rights available
Jean-François climbed toward stardom as a tightrope walker, but he grew bored—until he heard of a place called Niagara Falls.

“Rich with the drama and tension of Blondin’s performances.” —Booklist

Themes: engineering, performing arts, problem-solving
% Discussion guide

Poet
The Remarkable Story of George Moses Horton
Don Tate
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-935-3
PB: $8.95 / 978-1-68263-062-4
Ebook available
Territory: World • Rights: Peachtree except audio, commercial, dramatic (Andrea Brown)
A powerful biography of the first southern African-American man to be published.

“A lovely introduction to an inspirational American poet.” —School Library Journal

Themes: poetry, African-American history, slavery, freedom
% Teacher’s guide, poster, poetry kit

Sweet Land of Liberty
Deborah Hopkinson
Illustrated by Leonard Jenkins
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-825-7
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-68263-124-9
Ebook available
Territory: World • Rights: Peachtree except audio, commercial, dramatic (Andrea Brown)
The inspiring story of civil rights champion Oscar Chapman and his role in Marian Anderson’s concert at the Lincoln Memorial.

“Underscores the very worthwhile message that one does not need to be a star to make a difference.” —Kirkus Reviews

Themes: perseverance, strength, problem-solving, African-American history, civil rights, Marian Anderson
% Discussion guide
Away With Words
The Daring Story of Isabella Bird
Lori Mortensen
Illustrated by Kristy Caldwell
HC: $17.95 / 978-1-56145-913-1
Territory: World • All rights available
A daring journey around the world with a nineteenth-century female explorer and author.
“Captures the spirit of a woman who embraced new experiences.” — Publishers Weekly

Flowers for Sarajevo
John McCutcheon
Illustrated by Kristy Caldwell
HC & CD: $19.95 / 978-1-56145-943-8
CD: $6.95 / 978-1-68263-000-6
Digital audio available
Territory: World • All rights available except UK
⭐ “Beauty will always find a way to rise from violence, but this is a reminder all readers need.” — Kirkus Reviews

Dangerous Jane
Suzanne Slade
Illustrated by Alice Ratterree
HC: $17.95 / 978-1-56145-915-5
PB: $8.99 / 978-1-68263-206-2
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This inspiring picture book biography of activist Jane Addams focuses on the peace work that won her the Nobel Peace Prize.
“Hand to readers looking to make a difference in the world.” — School Library Journal

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Claire Rudolf Murphy
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PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-979-7
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A child’s eye view of the fight for women’s right to vote, based on the experiences of a real girl.

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Leslie Kimmelman
Illustrated by Adam Gustavson
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-492-1
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Teddy Roosevelt’s unconventional daughter’s antics charmed and shocked a nation.
“A lively, fictionalized portrait of a very independent girl.” — Publishers Weekly

Yours for Justice, Ida B. Wells
The Daring Life of a Crusading Journalist
Philip Dray
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Dori Chaconas
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Though her legs are weakened and twisted by polio, Katya dreams of dancing again.

“A warm and inspiring tribute to one sister’s love and the other’s courage.” —Kirkus Reviews

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Themes: polio, siblings, farm life

Pennies in a Jar
Dori Chaconas
Illustrated by Ted Lewin
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-422-8
Territory: World • All rights available

When his father goes off to fight in World War II, a young boy promises to be brave.

“Will resonate with contemporary children, especially those with parents in the military overseas.” —School Library Journal

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Blacksmith’s Song
Elizabeth Van Steenwyk
Illustrated by Anna Rich
HC: $17.95 / 978-1-56145-580-5
Territory: World • Rights: Text: Peachtree except dramatic (Erin Murphy); Art: Peachtree

The son of an enslaved blacksmith learns that his father is hammering rhythms to communicate with travelers on the Underground Railroad.

“An intriguing new angle on an important story.” —Kirkus Reviews

Parents’ Choice Recommended; Paterson Prize; Starred, Bank Street Best Children’s Books of the Year

Themes: Underground Railroad, slavery, communication, escape

Teacher’s guide

Miguel’s Brave Knight
Young Cervantes and His Dream of Don Quixote
Margarita Engle
Illustrated by Raúl Colón
HC: $17.95 / 978-1-56145-856-1
Spanish HC: $18.95 / 978-1-68263-019-8
Spanish PB: $8.95 / 978-1-68263-020-4
Territory: World • All rights available

Follows the early years of the child who grows up to pen Don Quixote, the first modern novel.

“Teachers and parents looking for picture books that celebrate the nation and its military will welcome Nolan and Gonzalez’s work.” —Publishers Weekly

ILA Teachers’ Choices

Themes: Don Quixote, poetry, Miguel de Cervantes

Teacher’s guide, poster

Seven and a Half Tons of Steel
Janet Nolan
Illustrated by Thomas Gonzalez
HC: $17.95 / 978-1-56145-912-4
Territory: World • Rights: Text: Peachtree except dramatic (Chudney Agency); Art: Peachtree • Licensed: Spanish

Something remarkable emerges from a devastating event in this powerful post-9/11 story.

“Teachers and parents looking for picture books that celebrate the nation and its military will welcome Nolan and Gonzalez’s work.” —Publishers Weekly

ILA Teachers’ Choices

Themes: shipbuilding, 9/11, US Navy

Teacher’s guide
Myron Uhlberg

Dad, Jackie, and Me
Myron Uhlberg
Illustrated by Colin Bootman

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-329-0
PB: $8.95 / 978-1-56145-531-7
Ebook available
Territory: World • All rights available

A young boy shares the excitement of Jackie Robinson’s rookie season with his deaf father.

“An affecting tribute to Robinson, to a dedicated son and to a thoughtful deep-feeling father. And of course, to baseball.”
—Publishers Weekly

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Lemuel the Fool
Myron Uhlberg
Illustrated by Sonja Lamut

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Lemuel dreams of traveling across the sea to the magical city that he is sure must lie just beyond the horizon. But when he arrives at his destination, he discovers that it’s strangely similar to the home he’s just left behind.

“Fresh and diverting.”
—Publishers Weekly

AJL Notable Book for Younger Readers

The Sound of All Things
Myron Uhlberg
Illustrated by Ted Papoulas

HC: $17.95 / 978-1-56145-833-2
Territory: World • Text: Peachtree except dramatic (Susan Schulman); Art: Peachtree

Experience the sights and sounds of 1930’s Brooklyn and Coney Island through the eye—and ears—of a hearing boy and his deaf parents.

“[A] tender demonstration of how familial love is like translation—inexact, difficult, and beautiful.”
—Kirkus Reviews

ILA Notable Books for a Global Society; NCSS/CBC Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People; CCBC Choices; Bank Street Best Books of the Year

A Storm Called Katrina
Myron Uhlberg
Illustrated by Colin Bootman

HC: $17.95 / 978-1-56145-591-1
PB: $8.95 / 978-1-56145-887-5
Territory: World • Rights: Text: Peachtree except dramatic (Susan Schulman); Art: Peachtree

“A Storm Called Katrina: A tender demonstration of how familial love is like translation—inexact, difficult, and beautiful.”
—Kirkus Reviews

Booklist, Publishers Weekly

Flying Over Brooklyn
Myron Uhlberg
Illustrated by Gerald Fitzgerald

HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-194-4 / 1-56145-194-0
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-294-1
Territory: World • All rights available

Based on the Great Blizzard of 1947, this story tells of a young boy’s imaginary flight over Brooklyn and the new perspective on the world around him that results.

“Youngsters will delight in the idea of such a snow-filled flight…a magical winter storytime.”
—School Library Journal

The Printer
Myron Uhlberg
Illustrated by Heni Sørensen

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-221-7
PB: $8.95 / 978-1-56145-483-9
Territory: World • All rights available

A deaf father and his hearing son show their love for each other and their dedication to the craft of printing.

“A heartfelt tale of an ordinary person rising to meet an extraordinary challenge.”
—Kirkus Reviews

Selector’s Choice; NCSS/CBC Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People; USBBY/IBBY Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities; Bank Street Best Books of the Year
Can You Hear a Rainbow?
The Story of a Deaf Boy Named Chris
Jamee Riggio Heelan
Illustrated by Nicola Simmonds
HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-268-2
Territory: World • All rights available

Chris describes what it is like to be deaf, typical events in his life, and the ways in which he has adjusted.

“Interesting…accurate…appealing.”
—School Library Journal

+ IBBY Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities

Rolling Along
The Story of Taylor and His Wheelchair
Jamee Riggio Heelan
Illustrated by Nicola Simmonds
HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-219-4
Territory: World • All rights available except Korean

Taylor and Tyler are twin brothers who are different in one significant way: Taylor has cerebral palsy, while Tyler does not.

“The facts are here, the frustration, the courage, the hope.”
—Booklist

How to Rock Your Baby
Sibley Fleming
Illustrated by John Amoss
HC: $14.95 / 978-1-56145-142-5 / 1-56145-142-8
Territory: World • All rights available

The delightful, nocturnal adventure of a mother, a father, and a brand-new, wide-awake baby.

“What a delightful book of bedtime love.”
—Publishers Weekly

What Do Parents Do? (When You’re Not Home)
Jeanie Franz Ransom
Illustrated by Cyd Moore
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-409-9
Territory: World • All rights available except Korean

The tables are turned and the grown-ups have all the fun in this wickedly silly story of parental mayhem.

“Giggles abound as this cheerful tale of imagined role-reversal plucks at the seams of conventionality and lets out a little stuffing.”
—Kirkus Reviews

You’ve Got Dragons
Kathryn Cave
Illustrated by Nick Maland
PB: $8.99 / 978-1-68263-171-3

Worries, fears, and anxieties are all dragons that sneak up on most of us at one time or another.

“[An] excellent metaphor for the fears and worries of every child…A great choice for the walking worried.”
—Booklist
The Blue House Dog
Deborah Blumenthal
Illustrated by Adam Gustavson
HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-537-9
Territory: World • All rights available
A boy without a dog and a dog without an owner find each other in this powerfully moving story of loneliness and redemption.
“The emotions are raw and authentic, while the way in which they’re delivered is elegant—a potent combination.”
—Publishers Weekly

Rosa’s Room
Barbara Bottner
Illustrated by Beth Spiegel
HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-302-3 / 1-56145-302-1
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-776-2
Territory: World • Rights: Text: Peachtree except dramatic (Kirchoff-Wohlberg); Art: Peachtree
Rosa had a new room in a new house. It seemed empty.
“A welcome addition sure to calm the worries of youngsters facing a similar situation.”
—Kirkus Reviews

The Wheat Doll
Alison L. Randall
Illustrated by Bill Farnsworth
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-456-3
Territory: World • All rights available
When Mary Ann’s beloved doll disappears during a fierce, sudden storm, she refuses to give up searching for her.
“A sweet story of loss and renewal told with empathy and feeling that is never heavy-handed.”
—School Library Journal

The House on Dirty-third Street
Jo S. Kittinger
Illustrated by Thomas Gonzalez
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-619-2
Territory: World • All rights available
A mother and daughter turn a hopeless old house into a loving family home with faith, hard work, and the support of their community.
“A tale of generosity, faith and friendship. Share it quietly within and with others.”
—Kirkus Reviews

Seed Magic
Jane Buchanan
Illustrated by Charlotte Riley-Webb
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Territory: World • All rights available
A gift from the crazy old Birdman shows Rose that even in the barren, gray city, there are ways to make a beautiful garden.
“Together with brevity of words and motion and vibrancy of rhythm and color, the text and paintings create an unexpected joie de vivre. This is a must-buy for all libraries.”
—School Library Journal

Zayde Comes to Live
Sheri Sinykin
Illustrated by Kristina Swarner
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-631-4
Territory: World • All rights available except Korean
A Jewish girl tries to make peace with the impending death of her grandfather.
★ “[A] beautiful and accessible tale that gives expression to many children’s fears about dying.”
—Publishers Weekly
★ Booklist
★ Booklist Editors’ Top 10 Religion Books for Youth; Honor Book; Sydney Taylor Book Award; Parents’ Choice Recommended

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Ebook available
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GRL M; Gr 2

Claude on the Big Screen
HC: $12.95 / 978-1-68263-009-9
AR • Lexile • F&P
GRL M; Gr 2

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HC: $12.95 / 978-1-56145-905-9
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"Will delight early readers, especially dog lovers.” —Kirkus Reviews

Series themes: investigation, dogs, friendship

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PB: $9.99 / 978-1-68263-170-6
Ebook available
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Hachette UK

When Boudicca Bones from the museum calls for help, Mr. Penguin springs into action. Can he and Colin the spider find the museum’s missing treasure before bandits do?

★ “Lighthearted and humorous.”

Themes: adventure, problem-solving, mystery
% Series activity sheets

Mr. Penguin and the Fortress of Secrets
Alex T. Smith
HC: $16.95 / 978-1-68263-130-0
PB: $9.99 / 978-1-68263-195-9
Ebook available
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Hachette UK

When Mr. Penguin and Colin crash-land on a snowy mountain, they discover strange noises coming from an old, ruined fortress.

“Will appeal to established readers looking for a quick, engaging read.”

—School Library Connection

Themes: adventures, problem-solving, mystery
% Series activity sheets

The Last Cowboys
Harry Horse
HC: $12.95 / 978-1-56145-451-8
Territory: US • Rights: Penguin UK

Grandfather and Roo set off on an exciting expedition to the Wild, Wild West in search of Roo’s grandfather.

“Imaginative and fun.” —Kirkus Reviews

The Last Gold Diggers
Harry Horse
HC: $12.95 / 978-1-56145-435-8
Territory: US • Rights: Penguin UK

Grandfather and Roo travel to Australia, on an expedition to find long-lost Uncle Vincent, who ran away to seek his fortune years ago.

“Silly fun.” —Kirkus Reviews

The Last Castaways
Harry Horse
HC: $12.95 / 978-1-56145-439-6
Territory: US • Rights: Penguin UK

A routine holiday for Grandfather and Roo turns into an adventure when the two are lost at sea.

“Packed with silly hijinks and fantastical creatures.” —Kirkus Reviews

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Themes: Australia, fantasy, letters, travel

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The Somewhat True Adventures of Sammy Shine
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HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-866-0
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-778-6
Ebook available
 Territory: World • All rights available except Chinese (simplified), German, Turkish

When Sammy Shine’s plane takes off unexpectedly, he ends up in a whole new world. Now he’s lost in the woods, with no way to get home and a dangerous enemy.

“Cole’s endearing adventure will hit home with lovers of animal fantasy.” — Kirkus Reviews

The Bookshop Girl
Sylvia Bishop
Illustrated by Poly Bernatene

HC: $17.99 / 978-1-68263-045-7
PB: $8.99 / 978-1-68263-199-7
Ebook available
 Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Text: Scholastic UK; Art: Peachtree Publishers • Licensed: Arabic

The Joneses have just won the Great Montgomery Book Emporium in a contest, and it’s every book lover’s dream! But the previous owner is hiding something that could destroy absolutely everything for the Joneses.

“Bishop’s fast-paced story charms and entertains.” — Booklist

Featherbys
Mary Steele

PB: $6.95 / 978-1-56145-135-7 / 1-56145-135-5
 Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Hyland House, Australia

Jess and Sophie investigate the old house called Featherbys. Once they meet the elderly residents, they become determined to return it to its past glory.

“The conversations and actions will keep the pages turning throughout this rewarding novel.” — Booklist

Lilliput
Sam Gayton
Illustrated by Alice Ratterree

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-806-6
PB: $8.95 / 978-1-68263-006-8
Ebook available

In a city full of giants, can one tiny girl find her way home?

“This delightful adventure inspired by Gulliver’s Travels will appeal to budding fantasy readers—and position them for the source material later on.” — Kirkus Reviews

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Three American siblings on holiday in a small Italian town encounter an extraordinary creature in their garden and find adventure, mystery, and a whole new world of trouble.

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Themes: literacy, family, identity, mystery

Discussion guide

Lilliput
Sam Gayton
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The Somewhat True Adventures of Sammy Shine
Henry Cole

HC: $16.95 / 978-1-56145-866-0
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-778-6
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When Sammy Shine’s plane takes off unexpectedly, he ends up in a whole new world. Now he’s lost in the woods, with no way to get home and a dangerous enemy.

“Cole’s endearing adventure will hit home with lovers of animal fantasy.” — Kirkus Reviews

Themes: home, friendship, adventures

Teacher’s guide

The Bookshop Girl
Sylvia Bishop
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The Joneses have just won the Great Montgomery Book Emporium in a contest, and it’s every book lover’s dream! But the previous owner is hiding something that could destroy absolutely everything for the Joneses.

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Discussion guide
Middle Reader • Backlist

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Ruth Ashby
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Everyone knows Benjamin Franklin was an important statesman, inventor, and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. But did you know he started the first library in America for the public good?

“An attractive and highly readable account of Franklin’s life.” —Booklist

- NCSS/CBC Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People; CBC Champions of Change

AR • RC • Lexile • F&P
GRL S; Gr 4
Ages 7-10 / Historical Fiction
Themes: Benjamin Franklin, books, education, libraries

Rocket Man
The Mercury Adventure of John Glenn
Ruth Ashby
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-68263-104-1
Ebook available
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A biography of one of modern America’s greatest heroes, focusing on his contributions to our nation’s fledgling space program.

“Highly readable…Ashby also skillfully includes historical events in the narrative.” —School Library Journal

- NSTA/CBC Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K–12; NSTA Recommends; CBC Champions of Change

AR • RC • Lexile • F&P
GRL T; Gr 5
Ages 7-10 / Historical Fiction
Themes: John Glenn, space travel

Charles Darwin and the Voyage of the Beagle
Ruth Ashby
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In 1831, young adventurer and nature enthusiast Charles Darwin set sail on a remarkable five-year voyage that changed the study of biology forever.

“Ashby makes good use of Darwin’s own writing, sprinkling quotes throughout the text, which allow his adventures and opinions to come to life.” —School Library Journal

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GRL W; Gr 6
Ages 7-10 / Biography
Themes: Charles Darwin, biology, seafaring

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My Journey to Gold Mountain
Li Keng Wong
HC: $14.95 / 978-1-56145-367-2
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Wong shares her family’s difficult but ultimately triumphant journey from their small village in China to a new life in California.

“Wong’s memoir touchingly reminds us how much we take for granted…[an] honest and moving book.” —The Boston Globe

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It Can’t Be Done, Nellie Bly!
A Reporter’s Race Around the World
Nancy Butcher
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Why did somebody hide a case of dynamite right near the schoolhouse? That’s what Billy and Finn want to know.

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Themes: airplanes, mystery, railroad, work camps
Billy, Finn, and Dannie investigate the smuggling of bootleg liquor, gun-toting gangsters and botched police raids.

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Ghost Train (Book #3)
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Themes: mystery, railroad, work camps
When Billy finds a mysterious burlap sack containing a threatening note, he, Finn, and Dannie have a new case to solve.

“An exciting and fast-paced story that will hold readers’ attention.” —School Library Journal

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HC: $12.95 / 978-1-56145-334-4 / 1-56145-334-X
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Themes: mystery, railroad, work camps
There is a thief in the camp and Billy, Dannie, and Finn must find out who it is.

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Zeb and Hannah desperately try to reunite with their families, but end up head-to-head with sinister villains who stand in their way.
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Jacob tries to find his family in the aftermath of the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906.

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Susan Verrico
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PB: $7.95 / 978-1-68263-040-2
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When Jameson is kidnapped and taken to sea, he must learn how to survive—and how to apply the skills he has learned at home as a printer’s son.

“The driving plot, including a harrowing battle at sea and an escape on a mysterious island, whets readers’ appetites for more action.” —*School Library Journal*

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Day after day, Hugh looks for signs of German spies. It seems like a harmless way to spend time…at least at first.

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In 1919, a dog saves the passengers of the S.S. Ethie, cast onto the rocks of the coast of Newfoundland.

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GRL V; Gr 5
Ages 7–10 / Historical fiction
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When Thomas’s family needs money, he and his dog, Finder, are forced to go to work in the coal mines.

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Themes: steamboat travel, immigration, 1800s, social classes

Join Murphy as he finds a home with Sally and Mama, who have recently arrived in gold rush-era Alaska to seek a new life.

“Equal parts heart-wrenching and heartwarming.” —Kirkus Reviews

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Gabriel’s Horses
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No longer a slave, Gabriel leaves behind a successful horse racing career to work as a groom at Camp Nelson, home of the Fifth US Colored Calvary of the Union Army.

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In 1937, the Depression is in full force, Joe Louis is the new heavyweight champion of the world, and Champion Luckey has just arrived in Snow Hill, Alabama. Brother Sayre’s life will never be the same.

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Charlie wants two things he can’t have: to make the local Wildcats baseball team and to have life return to the way it was before his father died two years ago in the Korean War.

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 bring about change in their worlds.

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Basanta longs for the beautiful ring worn by her young mistress, but when it is finally hers, she realizes that it’s not the wonderful possession she expected.

“A sweet, authentic Indian slice of middle-grade life.” —Kirkus Reviews

Themes: friendship, jealousy, gratitude, community, privilege

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“There’s more than just a message here; there’s a real story...the pages depict the power of working as a community.” —Booklist

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A spirited young girl must travel far from home to finally find herself.

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Simon French

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How is Ari to find his footing in a new country, accept his new stepfather, and leave behind his beloved grandfather?

 “[A] thoughtful piece about music, family, and memories.” —Kirkus Reviews

Themes: change, family, moving, music, travel

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Themes: friendship, jealousy, gratitude, community, privilege
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—School Library Journal

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A history of car manufacturing offered through a front-seat view of the science and engineering behind automobile safety

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Take a free-form trip though the human body with these humorous riddle poems.

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Parents’ Choice Recommended; Bank Street Best Books of the Year; NSTA/CBC Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K–12

★ BCCB; Booklist

* NCTE Notable Poetry Books

** NCTE Notable Poetry List; NSTA Recommends; Science Books & Films Best Books of the Year; Parents’ Choice Approved Award

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How can Jonah explain that he is afraid of what lurks in the dark salt water?

“Realistic details about marine biology research and boat motor mechanics are engaging, and reluctant readers, especially boys, will identify with Jonah.”

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For a young science whiz, an eagerly awaited day at the fair turns into a wacky adventure with more twists and loops than the Gravity Whirl ride!

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Nina tried as hard as she could, but she still forgot about her school project. And with her friendship with Jay on the rocks and her little sister’s birthday party around the corner, she’s got a lot to keep track of.

“A sweet and entertaining series opener about family and friendship.”

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Nina Soni is restless indoors and hungry for a new project. Luckily, a fresh pile of dirt has just been delivered to the neighbors next door...

“Sheth’s clear and distinctive narratorial voice effortlessly leads readers through the intricacies of Nina’s quirky, innocent world.”

—Kirkus Reviews

Themes: friendship, gender, school

Themes: marine life, boating, honesty

Themes: responsibility, siblings, community, trust, physics, science

% Teacher’s guide

Themes: family, friendship, problem-solving, school

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% Discussion guide

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Chris Platt
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Horses are Lily’s life—just like they’d been her mother’s. But will her overprotective father stop her from fulfilling her dreams?

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A spirited young girl’s determination and affection turns a fading horse into a rising competitor.

“Should please most horse-crazy middle-school girls, all of whom dream of the day when they attend a horse auction with money in their hands.” —Kirkus Reviews

❖ Parents’ Choice Approved

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Chris Platt
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PB: $6.95 / 978-1-56145-546-1
Territory: World • Rights: Peachtree except electronic (Richard Curtis)

A young girl’s love for a beautiful Mustang mare fuels her fierce determination to save the life—against all odds—of the wild horse’s orphaned filly.

“Readers will quickly come to care about the life-or-death issue at the heart of the story...horse lovers will find plenty to enjoy.” —Booklist

❖ Bank Street Best Books of the Year

**Storm Chaser**
Chris Platt
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Jessica hopes to become a great horse trainer someday like her father and her brother, so she can’t help working with the wild Storm Chaser behind her father’s back.

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**Wind Dancer**
Chris Platt
HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-736-6
Ebook available
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Can a rescued horse help Ali get through to her brother, who has returned from Afghanistan with PTSD?

“Horse-crazy kids will love it, as always.” —Kirkus Reviews

❖ NCSS/CBC Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People; VOYA Top Shelf Fiction for Middle School Readers

With so much at stake, can King and Katie win the race and earn a spot in the prestigious Kentucky Derby?

“Horse-crazy readers will find themselves immersed in the racing world, and will root for Willow King and for Katie all the way.” —Kirkus Reviews

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The Amazing Flight of Darius Frobisher
Bill Harley
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-494-5
Ebook available
Territory: World • Rights: Peachtree except dramatic (author)
A young boy’s hopes and an unusual bicycle bring about magical results.
“[A] pleasant blend of melodrama and fantasy.” —School Library Journal

Night of the Spadefoot Toads
Bill Harley
PB: $8.99 / 978-1-56145-638-3
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When his family moves to Massachusetts, Ben finds a kindred spirit in his eccentric science teacher.
“Harley’s appealing story shows readers that adults and children can connect in meaningful friendships, and reminds them that conservation can begin in their own backyards.” —Kirkus Reviews

Bravo Zulu, Samantha!
Kathleen Benner Duble
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Territory: World • All rights available
An independent-minded girl and her crotchety retired grandfather find common ground when they work together to build an airplane.
“A warm account of a turbulent but strong relationship between a grandfather and granddaughter.” —Kirkus Reviews

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Guy hatches a plan to train his border collie to compete against the school bully and his dog at the town’s Frisbee-catching competition.
“Believable characters…enough action to keep reluctant readers interested.”
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Paul has been sheltered from the harsh realities of the ties between his family’s business and the underworld of cockfighting until a friend reminds him of the terrible fate that awaits the roosters.
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Hide and Seek
Katy Grant
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Ebook available
Territory: World • Rights: Peachtree except dramatic (Erin Murphy)
When a teenage boy on a high-tech treasure hunt inadvertently stumbles into the middle of a crime, he finds himself in a dangerous situation that could turn deadly.
“Mystery and adventure propel this readable survival story that will hit the spot with Gary Paulsen’s fans and may also entice reluctant readers.” —School Library Journal
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Bill Harley
Illustrated by Adam Gustavson

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Can Charlie be a polite host to the most annoying little cousin in the universe?
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Parents’ Choice Silver Honor Award
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Bill Harley
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Charlie convinces everyone at school that his dad will be the greatest Career Week speaker ever! What will happen when they find out the truth about his dad's job?

“Master storyteller Harley scores again with fourth-grader Charlie Bumpers.”
—Kirkus Reviews

Charlie Bumpers vs. the Puny Pirates
Bill Harley
Illustrated by Adam Gustavson

HC: $14.95 / 978-1-56145-939-1
PB: $6.95 / 978-1-68263-001-3
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Charlie has high hopes for his soccer team until he finds out that the new coach isn’t all that interested in fantabulous plays.

“A master storyteller Harley scores again with fourth-grader Charlie Bumpers.”
—Kirkus Reviews

Charlie Bumpers vs. the End of the Year
Bill Harley
Illustrated by Adam Gustavson

HC: $14.95 / 978-1-68263-042-6
PB: $7.99 / 978-1-68263-162-1
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Hector wants to deal with bullies by himself before he moves back to Chile at the end of the year, but Charlie and Tommy are determined to help their friend before he goes.

“Narrated in a balance of warmhearted insight and wacky naïveté.”
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Ages 7–10
Territory: World • All rights available
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When Kate meets a middle-class African-American family, she becomes aware of the undercurrent of discrimination and prejudice that runs through her community, and the complex roles of race and class in her own relationships.  

“A tender, satisfying offering.”  
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Rosa Jordan  
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Justin struggles with conflicting choices and important decisions about family, loyalty, and responsibility.  

“The animal cruelty issues will draw readers, and so will the friendships across race, gender, and age that show the meaning of community.” —Booklist  

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The Last Wild Place  
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Ebook available  
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Chip discovers something unbelievable in the marshy woods: a family of Florida panthers that have been driven out of their home and dangerously close to human settlement.  

“An empowering story of friendship and kids who step up to make a difference.”  
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ASPGA Henry Bergh Young Adult Award; Honor Book, Green Earth Book Award

The Real Question  
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Fish tries to escape his responsibilities, and gains a new understanding of his commitments to others.  

“Readers will empathize with the engaging young man who, without a guidebook, sorts through life’s real questions.” —Kirkus Reviews

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Adrian Fogelin  
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Roxanne discovers her mother’s teenage diary and uncovers a painful past while questioning the future.  

“Fogelin captures the fragility of this unique family with a lot of humor and great characters.” —School Library Journal  

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PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-785-4  
Ebook available  
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A move from the inner city to an unfinished suburban development turns Socko’s world inside out.  

“A winsome tale chock-full of strong-minded people providing mutual support and well-timed nudges in good directions.” —Booklist  

IRA Social Justice Literature Award
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Anna must deal with the loss of her family and adjust to living in a foster home.

“In this sensitive portrait of black-white relations in a changing neighborhood, Fogelin offers a tactful, evenhanded look at prejudice.” —USA Today

Themes: change, conservation, foster children, friendship, moving, military veterans  
% Teacher’s guide

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Justin begins to find himself after the people he has always depended on let him down.

★★ “Serious and humorous by turns, this seemingly simple story is actually quite complex but not weighty and will be enthusiastically embraced.” —School Library Journal

Themes: change, family, friendship, mental health, music  
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When African-American Jemmie moves in next door to white Cassie, the two girls must learn how to address their parents’ deeply held prejudices.

“In this sensitive portrait of black-white relations in a changing neighborhood, Fogelin offers a tactful, evenhanded look at prejudice.” —USA Today

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Ben longs for a taste of adventure—and then an unexpected turn of events provides a welcome opportunity to escape his routine.

“‘This story has plenty of action, but it’s the emotional drama, revealed in funny, realistic dialogue and spot-on descriptions, that distinguish the novel.” —School Library Journal

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“A heartfelt story that shows the many factors that create family, friends, and home.” —Booklist

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The Misfits are summoned to a comic book convention, where a villain commits a daring crime.

“With a great ensemble cast, appealing villains and heroes, and lots of action and surprises, this is an excellent transitional bridge for reluctant readers from comics to novels.” — Booklist

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When the Misfits explore the national forest near Byte’s family cabin, they find themselves in the middle of a terrifying ecological mystery and a looming political scandal.

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Misfits, Inc. No. 5: The Protester’s Song
Mark Delaney
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The Misfits investigate a thirty-year-old mystery.

“This skillfully woven mystery will have readers looking for further adventures of ‘The Misfits, Inc.’” — School Library Journal

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What at first seems like a routine investigation quickly turns dangerous as the Misfits find themselves caught in a complicated plot involving a gang-controlled car-theft ring.

“The author does a fine job of weaving intricate mystery tales that will appeal to YA readers.” — Christian Library Journal

Ages 10-14 / Mystery
Series themes: friendship, loyalty, mystery, teamwork
The Brain Finds a Leg
Martin Chatterton
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Licensed: German, Korean

With a missing human leg and a crocodile who likes to play fetch as clues, Sheldon and The Brain turn detective and uncover a web of evil.

“Readers shouldn’t expect anything remotely realistic and instead surrender themselves to the industrial-strength zaniness.” — Kirkus Reviews

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Dori Hillestad Butler
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Samantha’s quest to answer her questions about her past sets in motion a chain of events that change her life forever.

“Butler has a simplicity of narrative voice that makes the story easy to read while reflecting the often-complex emotions.” — School Library Journal

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Sheldon and The Brain encounter parallel universes, flying cows, carnivorous cuckoo clocks, and shrinking scientists in this fast-paced adventure that features the silly side of physics.

“Yes, I Know the Monkey Man
Dori Hillestad Butler
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Ebook available
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T.J. always believed that her twin sister and her mother were dead—because that’s what her father had told her. But Mom and Sam are very much alive.

“Highly readable.” — School Library Journal

My Life and Death by Alexandra Canarsie
Susan Heyboer O’Keefe
PB: $7.95 / 978-1-56145-387-0
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Allie’s strange new hobby—attending the funerals of strangers—takes an ominous turn when she becomes preoccupied with the death of an adolescent boy.

“A strong first offering for young adults.” — School Library Journal

Suspect
Kristin Wolden Nitz
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Jen is drawn into her grandmother’s plans to solve a real mystery from the past involving the disappearance of a beautiful and accomplished young woman—Jen’s own mother.

“A darned good little mystery. Intriguing, suspenseful fun.” — Kirkus Reviews
**Young Adult • Backlist**

**Charlie’s Story**  
Maeve Friel  
**PB: $6.95 / 978-1-56145-315-3 / 1-56145-315-3**  
Territory: US & Canada • Rights: Poolbeg Press  
Charlie learns that her individuality is also her strength, and that she holds the power to change her destiny.  
“A masterful portrait of children’s torment of other children and the bleak emotional landscape of a desperate young teen…an extraordinary tale about the power that bullies wield, a bit reminiscent of Cormier’s Chocolate War.” —Booklist  
AR • F&P  
GRL W; Gr 6  
Ages 12-16  
Themes: bullying, single parents, peer pressure

**Death Mountain**  
Sherry Shahan  
**PB: $8.95 / 978-1-56145-428-0**  
Ebook available  
Territory: World • All rights available  
An afternoon hike in the Sierra Mountains turns into a struggle for survival.  
“A great addition to the adventure-survival genre.” —School Library Journal  
AR • RC • Lexile • F&P  
GRL U; Gr 5  
Ages 10-14  
Themes: safety, self-reliance, survival, storms, nature

**Eleanor’s Story**  
_Eleanor Ramrath Garner_  
**PB: $9.95 / 978-1-56145-296-5**  
Ebook available  
Territory: World • All rights available except Chinese (complex)  
The dramatic memoir of a young American girl trapped in Berlin during World War II.  
★ “A must-have memoir about an aspect of wartime survival not often written about in children’s literature.” —Booklist  
IRA/CBC Children’s Book Award; IRA Teachers’ Choices; IRA Young Adults’ Choices; NCSS/CBC Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People; YALSA Best Books for Young Adults  
AR • RC • Lexile • F&P  
GRL Y; Gr 6  
Ages 12-16 / Memoir  
Themes: Europe during WWII, coming of age, memoir % Discussion guide

**The Glow Stone**  
Ellen Dreyer  
**HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-370-2 / 1-56145-370-6**  
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The death of her uncle triggers a chain of events that threatens to overwhelm Phoebe and her family.  
“Introspective teens should appreciate Phoebe’s hard-won journey to self-acceptance.” —School Library Journal  
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GRL Z; Gr 7 & 8+  
Ages 12-16  
Themes: caving, death, family, geology, relationships % Teacher’s guide

**The Passage**  
James Killgore  
**HC: $15.95 / 978-1-56145-384-9 / 1-56145-384-6**  
Ebook available  
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