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Spring 2017

Picture Books:

HOW THE QUEEN FOUND THE PERFECT CUP OF TEA BY Kate Hosford, illustrations by Gabi Swiatkowska

Ages 5-9

40 pages

March 1, 2017 publication

Each day when the Queen wakes up, three maids dress her, two more style her hair, and her butler James makes her tea. But when she grows dissatisfied with her brew, the Queen and James set out in search of the perfect cup. With each stop on their hot-air balloon journey, the Queen encounters charming and diverse young characters who expand her horizons—in the kitchen and beyond. From the New York Times Best-Illustrated team behind *Infinity & Me*.

●Kate Hosford is the author of several picture books, including *Feeding the Flying Fanellis*. She lives in Brooklyn. ●Gabi Swiatkowska is the illustrator of several books for children including *Mary Cassatt: Extraordinary Impressionist Painter* and *My Name is Yoon*. She lives in France.

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NIKO DRAWS A FEELING by Bob Raczka, illustrations by Simone Shin

Ages 5-9

32 pages

April 1, 2017 publication

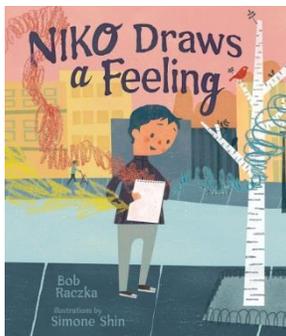
Niko loves drawing his world: the energetic ring-a-ling of the ice cream truck, the bright and warm of the sun on his face. But to his dismay, no one quite understands or appreciates his artwork. Finally, a new neighbor sees the world in the same way Niko does, leading the young artist to create a new illustration that reflects the act of making a new friend.

●Bob Raczka has written many books for children. His most recent book is *Santa Clauses: Short Poems From the North Pole*. He lives in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. ●Simone Shin is an award-winning editorial and children's book illustrator based in California's Bay Area. She has illustrated numerous children's books since 2011, and her work can also be seen in magazines and newspapers.

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Film & TV Rights Text: Lerner Publishing Group

Film & TV Rights Art: Andrea Brown Literary Agency



IF YOU WERE THE MOON by Laura Purdie Salas, illustrations by Jaime Kim

Ages 5-8

32 pages

March 1, 2017 publication

What would you do if you were the moon? Do you think you would rest quietly in the night sky? Oh, no. The moon does so much more than you might imagine! It spins like a twilight ballerina, plays tug-of-war with the ocean, and lights a pathway for baby sea turtles. Discover the many other roles the moon plays in this whimsical and lyrical picture book.

●Laura Purdie Salas is the author of more than 120 books for kids and teens, including *Water Can Be...*, *A Leaf Can Be...* and *A Rock Can Be...*. She lives with her family near Minneapolis, Minnesota.. ●Jaime Kim was born South Korea and moved to the US when she was eighteen. Her favorite things are the sun, moon, and stars—which is why they always creep into her artwork. She is the illustrator of *And Then Comes Summer* by Tom Brenner (Candlewick). She lives in North Carolina.

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Film & TV Rights Text: Transatlantic Literary

Film & TV Rights Art: Painted Words

PORCUPINE'S PICNIC: *Who Eats What?* by Betsy Rosenthal, illustrations by Giusi Capizzi

Ages 4-8

32 pages

February 1, 2017 publication

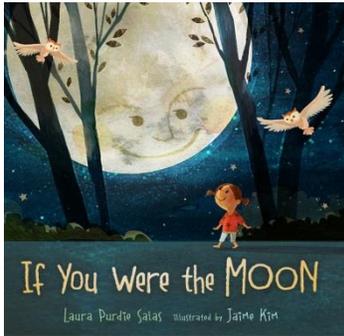
Porcupine is going on a picnic! First he's joined by Koala. Then Squirrel scampers down a nearby tree. Porcupine offers to share his clover. But Koala eats eucalyptus, and Squirrel loves acorns! What will they all eat? Luckily each animal has brought along the perfect food. Tortoise, Butterfly, Ostrich, and other animals join the fun. Everything is going well until Tiger shows up. Uh-oh! This clever story is the perfect bite-sized introduction to herbivores, omnivores, and carnivores.

●Betsy Rosenthal left behind a career as a civil rights lawyer to raise her three children and focus on writing. *An Ambush of Tigers* (Lerner) is her fifth book for children. ●Giusi Capizzi is a digital artist who uses bold designs and playful images to engage and entertain young readers. She lives in Italy.

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STRANGE FRUIT: *Billie Holiday and the Power of a Protest Song* by Gary Golio, illustrations by Charlotte Riley-Webb

Ages 8-12

40 pages

February 1, 2017 publication

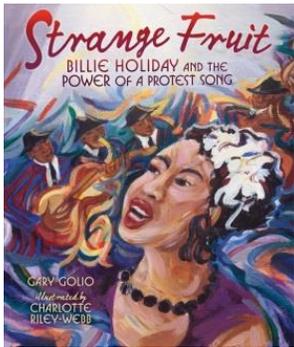
This distinctive, memorable picture book for older readers tells the story of how the racism protest song "Strange Fruit" came into being in 1939. This is also the inspiring story of two outsiders—Billie Holiday, a young black woman raised in poverty, and Abel Meeropol, the son of Jewish immigrants—whose combined talents created a truly unforgettable song. Back matter provides the full lyrics of the song along with additional explanations and context to help readers understand the history behind the song.

●Gary Golio is an artist and acclaimed picture book author. His *Jimi: Sounds Like a Rainbow* was a New York Times bestseller. ●Charlotte Riley-Webb is the illustrator of several books for children. She resides in the Atlanta area.

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NOAH WEBSTER'S FIGHTING WORDS by Tracy Nelson Maurer, illustrations by Mircea Catusanu

Ages 7-11

40 pages

April 1, 2017 publication

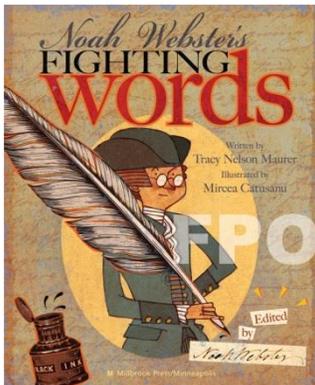
Noah Webster, famous for writing the first dictionary of the English language as spoken in the United States, was known in his day for his bold ideas and strong opinions about, well, everything. Spelling, politics, laws, you name it—he had something to say about it. He even commented on his own opinions! With a red pencil in hand, Noah often marked up work that he had already published. So who edited this book? It certainly looks like the ghost of the great American author and patriot picked up a pencil once again to comment on his own biography!

●Tracy Nelson Maurer has published more than 100 titles for children and teens. Tracy holds an MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults from Hamline University and lives with her family near Minneapolis, Minnesota. ●Mircea Catusanu was born in Romania and studied painting at the National University of Arts in Bucharest. He now lives and works in New York City as a freelance illustrator and painter, incidental photographer, and occasional author.

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Fiction:

THE SIX-DAY HERO by Tammar Stein

Ages 8-13

256 pages

April 1, 2017 publication



Motti knows that war is coming. Israel is only nineteen years old—the same age as Motti's older brother, Gideon—and the tiny country is surrounded by enemies. It's only a matter of time before Egypt, Jordan and Syria attack. Motti wishes he could join the Israeli army like Gideon and be a hero. But when his best friend's family flees the country and his brother goes off to fight, he realizes this war isn't a game. His family is in danger, and Israel's very survival is at stake. But hope comes to Motti in unexpected forms. In the kind Ethiopian priest who lives nearby; in his grouchy neighbor, old Mrs. Friedburg; in the young Germans who come to offer help; and in his father's childhood friend, a Jordanian man who harbors none of the hate Motti expects. Through the six days of the war that will decide Israel's fate, Motti discovers that bravery can be found in the most surprising places.

- Tammar Stein is the award-winning author of four young adult novels including *Light Years*, which was named a Sydney Taylor Notable Book and an ALA Best Book for Young Adults. She lives in Virginia.

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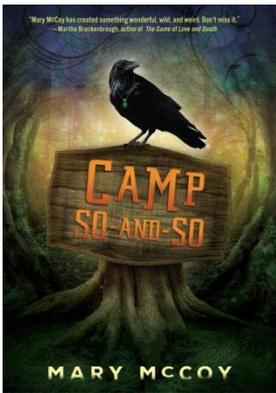
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CAMP SO-AND-SO by Mary McCoy

Ages 13 and up

424 pages

March 1, 2017 publication



Twenty-five teenage girls divided into five cabins at a mysterious summer camp. Five “classic” camp stories you've heard before—or think you have: a camp rivalry story, a camp love story, a murder-in-the-woods horror story, and a coming-of-age quest. One mastermind controlling each girl's fate—unless the girls can turn the tables. Will they make it out alive? “The Cabin in the Woods” by way of “A Mid-Summer Night’s Dream”, CAMP SO-AND-SO is a wildly original, whip-smart and genre-busting novel starring a cast of amazing and unforgettable characters.

"THE DNA OF THIS SINGULAR BOOK WINDS STRANDS OF M. C. ESCHER, JOSS WHEDON, AND HEATHERS—MARY MCCOY HAS CREATED SOMETHING WONDERFUL, WILD, AND WEIRD. DON'T MISS IT."—MARTHA BROKENBROUGH, AUTHOR OF *THE GAME OF LOVE AND DEATH*

- Mary McCoy's debut novel, *Dead to Me* (Disney-Hyperion) has been published to excellent reviews.

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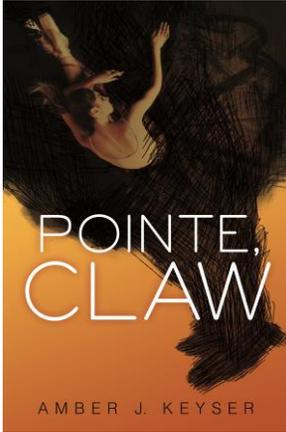
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POINTE, CLAW by Amber J. Keyser

Ages 13 and up

288 pages

April 1, 2017 publication



Jessie is practically killing her body to become a professional ballerina. Meanwhile, her childhood friend, Dawn, is having blackouts and fugues, and experiencing changes in her body and language that could only point to one thing: she's turning into a bear. When the girls reconnect after many years, their relationship grows in intensity as they each fight to confront society's narrow definition of what femininity means. When Jessie's dreams of becoming a professional ballet dancer are ultimately shattered and Dawn faces a future trapped in an institution, the two girls make a break for it, each finally embracing her own wildness.

"[A BRILLIANT] STORY OF PAIN AND WONDER BETWEEN TWO GIRLS STRADDLING THE EDGE OF BODY AND MIND."—BRIE SPANGLER, AUTHOR OF *BEAST*

●Amber J. Keyser writes both fiction and nonfiction for tweens and teens. Her most recent books for Lerner are *The Way Back From Broken* and *Sneaker Century: A History of Athletic Shoes*. She lives in the Pacific Northwest.

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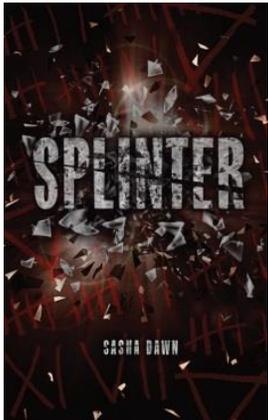
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SPLINTER by Sasha Dawn

Ages 13 and up

304 pages

March 1, 2017 publication



Sami's mother disappeared ten years ago, when Sami was six, and the police have always suspected that Sami's father killed her. She's sure her father's innocent. But when new evidence emerges linking him to another woman's mysterious death, Sami sets out to uncover the truth. Will she prove her father's innocence—or will she stumble onto secrets she'd rather not confront?

"A GRIPPING THRILLER WHOSE PLOT KEPT ME TURNING PAGES, WRITTEN WITH SUCH SKILL AND NUANCE THAT I COULDN'T HELP GOING BACK TO RE-READ SOME PASSAGES SIMPLY FOR THEIR BEAUTY." —JESSICA WARMAN, AUTHOR OF *THE LAST GOOD DAY OF THE YEAR*

●Sasha Dawn teaches writing at community colleges and offers pro bono writing workshops to local schools. Her most recent novel for Lerner is *Oblivion* which [Kirkus](#) called “Thoroughly compelling”. She lives in her native northern Illinois.

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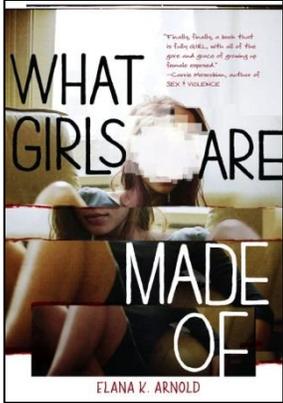
WHAT GIRLS ARE MADE OF by Elana K. Arnold

Ages 13 and up

208 pages

April 1, 2017 publication

When Nina Faye was fourteen, her mother told her there was no such thing as unconditional love. Nina believed her. Now Nina is sixteen. And she'll do anything for the boy she loves, just to prove she's worthy of him. But when he breaks up with her, Nina is lost. What is she if not a girlfriend? What is she made of? Broken-hearted, Nina tries to figure out what the conditions of love are. She's been volunteering at a high-kill animal shelter where she realizes that for dogs waiting to be adopted, love comes only to those with youth, symmetry, and quietness. She also ruminates on the strange, dark time her mother took her to Italy to see statues of saints who endured unspeakable torture because of their unquestioning devotion to the divine. Is this what love is? Raw, compelling, and unflinching, Elana K. Arnold's newest novel explores the darkest crevices of femaleness. What girls are made of might just surprise you.



"FINALLY, FINALLY, A BOOK THAT IS FULLY GIRL, WITH ALL OF THE GORE AND GRACE OF GROWING UP FEMALE EXPOSED." –CARRIE MESROBIAN, AUTHOR OF THE WILLIAM C. MORRIS FINALIST, *SEX & VIOLENCE*

- Elana K. Arnold completed her M.A. in Creative Writing / Fiction at the University of California, Davis. Her first book with Lerner, *Infamous*, was published to critical acclaim.

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Series Fiction

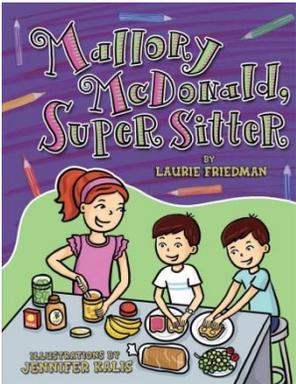
Mallory #27: MALLORY MCDONALD, SUPER SITTER by Laurie Friedman black and white illustrations by Jennifer Kalis

Ages 7-11

160 pages

March 1st 2017 publication

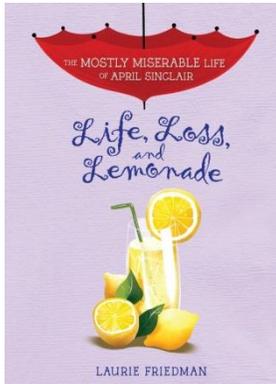
In the 27th installment of this popular early middle-grade series, Mallory's new neighbors, the Goldmans, have twin five-year-old boys who need babysitters. Mrs. Goldman hires Mallory and her friend Chloe Jennifer to watch the boys while she works from home. Mallory can't wait! The boys are adorable, so this job will be tons of fun . . . right? Actually, the boys turn out to be a handful. Plus, Mallory has trouble balancing her babysitting duties with her schoolwork, friends, and preparation for an upcoming school poetry slam. Will she figure out how to prioritize the things that matter the most before her new career ruins her life?



- Laurie Friedman is the author of many award-winning books for children including her newest series, *The Mostly Miserable Life of April Sinclair*. She lives in Miami, Florida. •Jennifer Kalis is the illustrator of several *Mallory* books. She lives in Ohio.

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***The Mostly Miserable Life of April Sinclair #8: LIFE, LOSS AND LEMONADE* by Laurie Friedman**

Ages 10-14

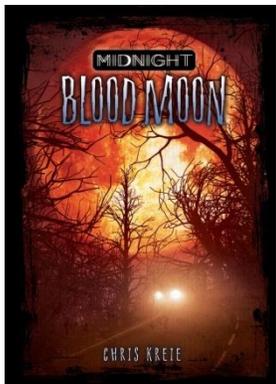
168 pages

April 1, 2017 publication

Laurie Friedman's witty heroine faces saying hard goodbyes, moving forward, and following her heart in this honest, humorous and touching final chapter in the *Mostly Miserable Life of April Sinclair* series. As freshman year winds down, April has a lot to look forward to, including getting her driving permit and spending the summer with her quirky almost-boyfriend, Leo. But she also knows her beloved grandmother, who is battling cancer, doesn't have much time left. On top of that, her closest friend, Sophie, is moving away. And April is struggling to make sense of everything. What would her Grandmother tell April to do when life has handed her lemons?

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Midnight 6-book series

Ages 11 and up

96-104 pages

April 1, 2017 publication

Weird things keep happening in Middleton. From unexpected strangers to dangerous "accidents," the teens in this town realize it is no longer fun and games. In this action-filled series of spooky stories, relatable characters must figure out how to escape what feels like a real-life nightmare. Twists and turns will keep readers on the edge of their seats as they wait to see how these teens survive . . . or IF they survive!

BLOOD MOON by Chris Kreie - Mateo has waited all year to go see the blood moon eclipse with his friends. But when a driverless truck drives them off the road, their fun turns to terror. Something sinister is happening. Are Mateo and his friends cursed?

DARK STAR by R.T. Martin - When a new girl enrolls at Middleton High, nobody pays her any attention—that is, until students start disappearing during a class field trip. Will they all make it out alive? And who is this mysterious new student?

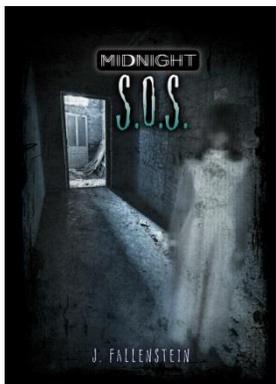
GRAFFITI by J. Fallenstein - Legend has it that couples who paint their names on the bridge at midnight will stay together forever. Now, couples are having freak accidents after breaking up. Can Lucia get to the bottom of it before someone gets hurt?

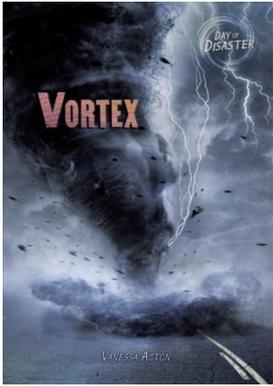
S.O.S. by J. Fallenstein - One night at midnight, Tyrell sees a strange light in the window of an abandoned factory, signaling S.O.S. Tyrell tries to help the signaler, but when a scissor-wielding ghost appears, things start to get creepy. What does the ghost want?

TRUTH OR DARE by K.R. Coleman - Trey and his friends plan a camping trip to celebrate graduating. But when someone goes missing, Trey begins to suspect that an otherworldly force is stalking the local lake. Can he and his friends escape before they, too, vanish?

THE WITCHING HOUR by J. Fallenstein - Rosie moves to Middleton, where star football player Mackie has just died. Rosie tries to help Mackie's best friend Omar get over his grief, but Mackie's ghost doesn't seem to be satisfied. What can they do to stop the haunting?

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Day of Disaster 6-book series by Vanessa Acton and Kristin F. Johnson

Ages 11 and up

104 – 112 pages

March 1, 2017 publication

Do you have what it takes to survive? In these fast-paced and highly engaging stories about natural disasters, teens face life-or-death situations in which they need luck and quick thinking to survive. While outrunning storms and surviving in the most extreme conditions, relatable characters encounter larger-than-life excitement!

AFTERSHOCK - Ray, Sasha, Liam, and Harper have been friends since they were young, but a recent argument might end their friendship. That is, until the earthquake hits. Personal drama doesn't seem so serious when every moment is a struggle to survive.

BACKFIRE - Elijah is having the worst summer ever. Little does he know, it's about to get worse. A wildfire is burning out of control—and it's headed straight for his town. Can he and his friends escape the flames?

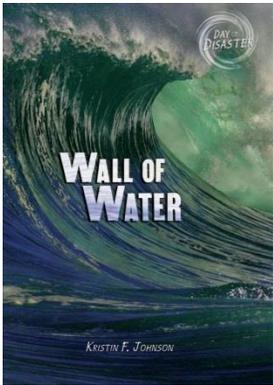
BLACK BLIZZARD - After causing his speech team to lose, all Tyler wants is get home. But the wind is picking up and ominous clouds are approaching. His teammates are starting to panic. Can Tyler help his team survive the incoming dust storm?

DEEP FREEZE - When the heat goes out in Zach's family cabin, Zach and his dog are forced out into the freezing blizzard. They'll have to do everything possible to find help before they freeze to death. Will they survive the storm?

VORTEX - Blair and her brothers are driving home from a disastrous road trip when their day suddenly gets worse. After facing down a tornado, their car is barely functioning. Can Blair get her brothers to safety before the next twister hits?

WALL OF WATER - When Alexandra's dad gets a new job, her family moves to Hawaii. But a tsunami slams into their new island home, turning paradise into a living nightmare. Can Alexandra survive the flood, or will everything she loves be swept away?

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Graphic Novels:

Game for Adventure: ANDREW THE SEEKER by Lee Nordling and Scott Roberts

Ages 5-9

32 pages

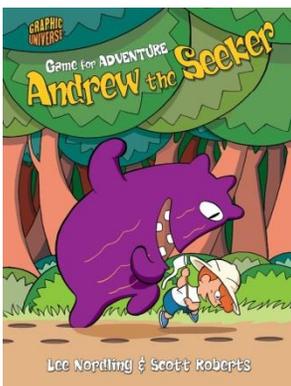
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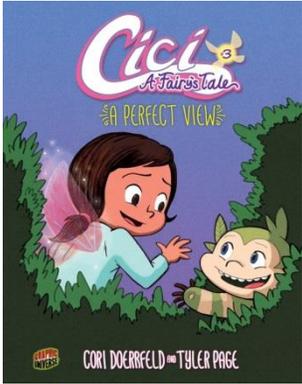
When Andrew spots a friendly forest monster outside his window, he knows it's time to play. Get ready to follow along with Andrew as he starts the strangest round of hide-and-seek you've ever seen! Can he track down the tricky creature? Find out in this wild, word-free graphic novel.

●Lee Nordling is an award-winning writer who has worked at Disney Publishing, DC Comics, and Nickelodeon Magazine. His book, *The Bramble*, won the 2013 Moonbeam Gold Medal for Picture Books. He lives in Pennsylvania. ●Scott Roberts (also known as Thomas Scott Roberts) is a writer and cartoonist. He's the creator of the comic *Patty-Cake* and the author of the fantasy novel *The Troubling Stone*. He lives in Delaware.

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Film / TV Rights: Lee Nordling & The Pack





***Cici A Fairy's Tale #3: A PERFECT VIEW* by Cori Doerrfeld and Tyler Page**

Ages 7-11

48 pages

March 1, 2017 publication

Cici is ready for all her favorite camping activities! She has everything planned for the trip with her dad, her sister, and her friend Kendra. But with Cici's new fairy powers, nature has more in store for her than she'd expected. A campsite mix-up, stormy weather, and a forest sprite keep testing her good spirits. Can Cici come to see the magic in surprises, before their whole trip is ruined?

●Cori Doerrfeld is a freelance author and illustrator. Her husband, Tyler Page, is a comic artist. They live in Minneapolis with their two children.

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***Hotel Strange #4: THE GHOSTS IN THE CLOUDS* by Katherine Ferrier and Florian Ferrier**

Ages 7-11

40 pages

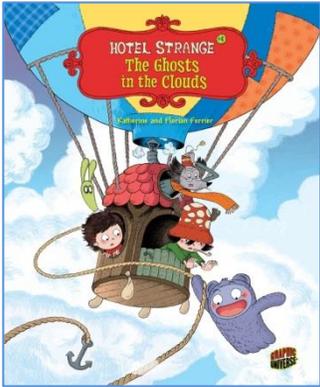
March 1, 2017 publication

In the final installment of the *Hotel Strange* series the guests are getting ready to sleep for the winter. But Mr. Snarf has been dragged back to his home kingdom by a group of grumpy ghosts in order to stand trial for being a friendly ghost. The hotel's other residents set off to rescue him, but once they arrive, they find themselves on trial, too—for having too much fun! Can the Hotel Strange gang save the day?

●Katherine Ferrier is a French graphic novel author and illustrator. ●Florian Ferrier is a French producer of animated television programs.

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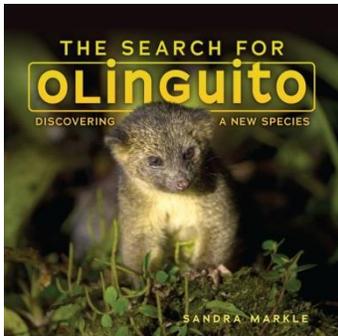
Single-title Nonfiction

THE SEARCH FOR OLINGUITO: *Discovering a New Species* by Sandra Markle

Ages 6-10

40 pages

March 1, 2017 publication



In the dark, Kristofer Helgen and a group of scientists peered up into the treetops of the Ecuadorian cloud forest. Staring back at them was a furry, four-legged creature. Could it be the mysterious, wild olinguito? Helgen had been studying the olingo, a relative of raccoons, for years. As he examined their pelts and skulls in museums, he noticed differences in a few. Through scientific investigating, he realized the different examples weren't olingos at all—he had discovered a completely new species. Next, he just had to find it—if it still existed. Follow Helgen's real-life science adventure through museums, laboratories, and the cloud forest as he makes an exciting modern discovery.

- Sandra Markle is the author of numerous award-winning books for children, including *The Case of the Vanishing Golden Frogs: A Scientific Mystery* and *The Case of the Vanishing Honeybees: A Scientific Mystery*. She lives in Lakewood Ranch, Florida.

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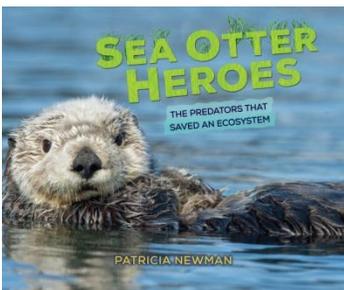
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SEA OTTER HEROES: *The Predators That Saved an Ecosystem* by Patricia Newman

Ages 9-12

56 pages

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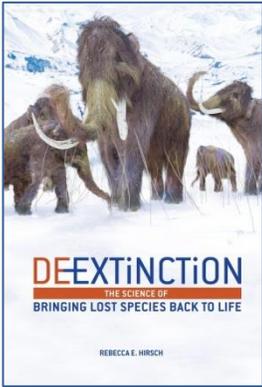


In Elkhorn Slough, an inlet on the California coast, seagrass grows healthy and strong in the shallow water. This healthy seagrass baffled marine biologist Brent Hughes. The scientist expected this estuary to be overrun with algae, causing the seagrass to die. Why was the seagrass thriving? As Brent investigated, signs pointed to an unexpected player helping to keep the seagrass healthy: sea otters! What do these top predators have to do with an aquatic grass at the opposite end of the food chain? Brent's amazing discovery gave scientists insight into the delicate balance of ecosystems. Follow science in action as Brent conducts the research that led to this major discovery.

- Patricia Newman is the author of several books and magazine articles. Her most recent book for Lerner is *Plastic, Ahoy!*

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DE-EXTINCTION: *The Science of Bringing Lost Species Back to Life* by Rebecca E. Hirsch

Ages 13 and up

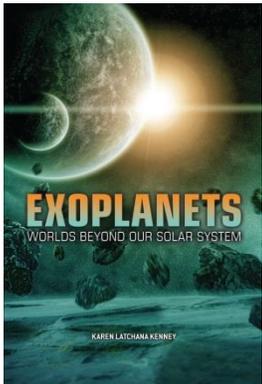
120 pages

April 1, 2017 publication

In the twenty-first century, because of climate change and other human activities, many animal species have become extinct, and many others are at risk of extinction. Once they are gone, we cannot bring them back—or can we? With techniques such as cloning, scientists want to reverse extinction and return lost species to the wild. Some scientists want to create clones of recently extinct animals, while others want to make new hybrid animals. Many people are opposed to de-extinction. Some critics say that the work diverts attention from efforts to save species that are endangered. Others say that de-extinction amounts to scientists "playing God." Explore the pros and cons of de-extinction and the cutting-edge science that makes it possible.

- Rebecca E. Hirsch is the author of many books for children and teens. A former plant biologist and molecular biologist, she writes frequently about science and nature. Rebecca lives in Pennsylvania.

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EXOPLANETS: *Worlds beyond Our Solar System* by Karen Latchana Kenney

Ages 13 and up

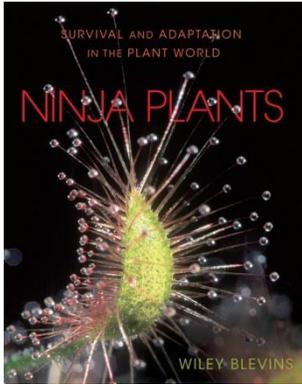
88 pages

March 1, 2017 publication

Until the mid-1990s, scientists only guessed that the universe held exoplanets, or planets beyond our solar system. But using advanced physics and powerful telescopes, scientists have since identified more than three thousand exoplanets. This work has revealed fascinating worlds, including a planet that oozes lava-like fluids and a planet that glows bright pink. Even more fascinating, scientists think that some exoplanets might contain life. Many orbit in the Goldilocks zone, the region around a star that's not too hot or too cold for liquid water, a key ingredient for life. This book examines exoplanets, the possibilities for life beyond Earth, and the cutting-edge technologies scientists use to learn about distant worlds.

- Karen Latchana Kenney is a children's book author who lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She has written a number of children's school and library books, including titles in Lerner's *Key Questions in Physical Science* series and the *Presidential Powerhouses* series.

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NINJA PLANTS: *Survival and Adaptation in the Plant World* by Wiley Blevins

Ages 13 and up

96 pages

March 1, 2017 publication

What can communicate but has no mouth, and can attack but has no hands? A plant! You might love the beauty and fragrance of flowers, but plants are far more complex than meets the eye. Some plants have ways of luring insects for pollination. Others mimic the look of the female insects whose male counterparts they want to attract. The Venus flytrap eats insects and other small animals for extra nourishment. You might see some of these ninja plants—with their sneaky and deceitful ways—in your own backyard. These plants might even be sitting on a windowsill in your home. This fascinating world of ninja plants is waiting to be discovered.

●Wiley Blevins has written over 70 books for children, as well as created reading programs for schools in the U.S. and Asia. He currently lives and writes in New York City.

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FIND YOUR STYLE: *Boost Your Body Image through Fashion Confidence* by Sally McGraw

Ages 13 and up

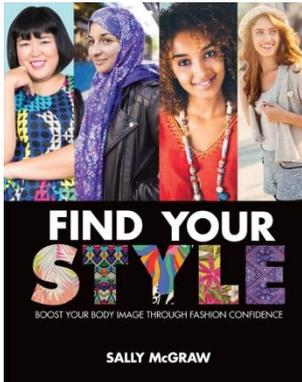
88 pages

February 1, 2017 publication

Style can be a flag we wave, a declaration of who we are. Discover awesome tips about understanding your body type so you can build flattering outfits, using colors, shapes, patterns, and accessories to your advantage. Learn how to build self-esteem by busting media myths about beauty standards and create your own fashion rules that make you feel confident. Meet girls and young women who are redefining what it means to be stylish, fashionable, and confident—in their own unique ways. When you look and feel great, you are telling the world that you are an amazing individual!

●Sally McGraw is a Minneapolis-based freelance writer, editor, blogger, and personal stylist. In addition writing her popular style and body image blog, *Already Pretty* (alreadypretty.com), she writes a monthly style column for the Minneapolis Star Tribune and contributes body image articles to the Huffington Post.

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DOGS AT WAR: *Military Canine Heroes* by Connie Goldsmith

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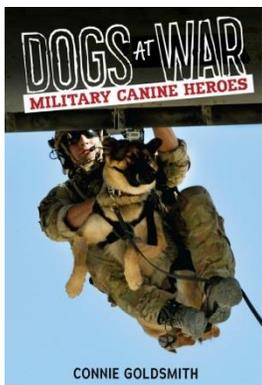
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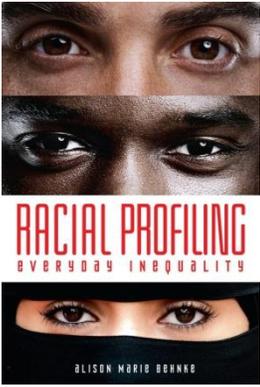
February 1, 2017 publication

While in a war zone, a military working dog (MWD) and its handler live together, eat together, play together, sleep together, and risk their lives for each other every day. The dogs work with handlers in every branch of the US military. They guard military bases, sniff out concealed explosives and other weapons, and alert their handlers to hidden enemies. Learn how the military selects these special dogs and trains them for the many tasks they perform while on duty. Meet Rex, Clipper, Maci, Iva, Ikar, and other MWDs who have served the US military in conflicts around the world.

●Connie Goldsmith writes books about history, health, and science for older children. An RN with a master's degree in health, Ms. Goldsmith lives near Sacramento, California.

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RACIAL PROFILING: *Everyday Inequality* by Alison Marie Behnke

Ages 13 and up

160 pages

April 1, 2017 publication

In the United States, racial profiling affects thousands of Americans every day. Both individuals and institutions—such as law enforcement agencies, government bodies, and schools—routinely use race or ethnicity as grounds for suspecting someone of an offense. The high-profile deaths of unarmed people of color at the hands of police officers have brought renewed national attention to racial profiling and have inspired grassroots activism from groups such as Black Lives Matter. Combining rigorous research with powerful personal stories, *Racial Profiling* explores the history, the many manifestations, and the consequences of this form of social injustice.

●Alison Marie Behnke is a writer and editor. Her most recent book for Lerner is *Up For Sale: Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery*. She lives in Minneapolis.

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Picture Books:

DINO-RACING by Lisa Wheeler, illustrations by Barry Gott

Ages 5-9

32 pages

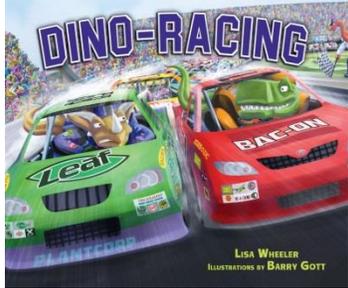
"This action-packed book combines twin obsessions for many children. . . Gott's digital illustrations . . . [feature] many inside jokes for dinosaur-lovers. . . Car-crazy kids will also drool over the flashy race cars."—[Booklist](#) **Rights sold in Canada-French language (Scholastic).**

- Lisa Wheeler is the award-winning author of the *Dino-Sports* books. She resides in Michigan.
- Barry Gott lives in Ohio and has illustrated many children's books, including all of the *Dino-Sports* books

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MONKEY WITH A TOOL BELT AND THE MANIAC MUFFINS by Chris Monroe

Ages 4-8

32 pages

"Chico Bon Bon's fourth picture book might be his funniest yet, as the very handy monkey tries to keep up with the disastrous culinary efforts of his elephant friend, Clark.... Monroe's manic cartooning will have kids laughing from start to finish."—[starred, Publishers Weekly](#) **Rights sold in China (Xinjiang Juvenile Publishing House).**

- Chris Monroe is the author and illustrator of *Cookie, the Walker* and the *Monkey with a Tool Belt* series. She's also the illustrator of *Big Little Brother* by Kevin Kling. She lives in Duluth, Minnesota.

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PLANTS CAN'T SIT STILL by Rebecca E. Hirsch, illustrations by Mia Posada

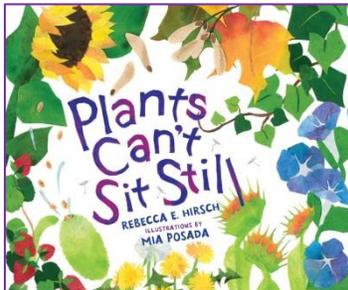
Ages 5-10

32 pages

"With a doctorate in biology, Hirsch understands her subject, but equally important is her ability to communicate with well-chosen words that make the ideas [in this book] fun and memorable for children. . . . A new way to see the plants around us."—[starred, Booklist](#)

- Rebecca E. Hirsch is the author of many books for children and teens. A former plant biologist and molecular biologist, she writes frequently about science and nature. Rebecca lives in Pennsylvania. •Mia Posada lives in Minneapolis and studied art at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is the award-winning author and illustrator of several picture books including *Guess What is Growing Inside This Egg*.

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Narrative Nonfiction:

SACHIKO: *A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story* by Caren Stelson

Ages 10 and up

144 pages

"As Fat Man hurtled toward the city of Nagasaki on August 9, 1945, Sachiko Yasui, 6, was playing house. She ducked for cover, awaking hours later just 'half a mile from the [bomb's] hypocenter', buried beneath mountains of debris, her mouth clogged with ash. Stelson first heard Sachiko speak in August of 2005. From 2010–15, Stelson traveled to and from Nagasaki, conducting a series of five interviews with the singular Sachiko. The result is a story of staggering hardship and extraordinary resolve. The narrative is further supplemented by two-page educational tidbits, interspersed throughout. Here, Stelson addresses the Japanese government, Emperor Hirohito and prime minister Hideko Tojo, internment camps, the U.S.'s stifling occupation of Japan, and 'long-term effects of radiation.' With Sachiko forever in the foreground, readers learn of her grievous loss, devotion to education, regard for peace (and its devotees: Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., Helen Keller), and her fairly recent decision to give voice to her experiences. Sachiko and her story, much like the resilient Nagasaki camphor trees she so admires, are an indelible force."

-starred, [Booklist](#)

Long-listed for the 2016 National Book Award for Young People's Literature.

●Caren Stelson holds a BA in History and Masters in Education from the University of Pennsylvania and has worked as a teacher, educational consultant, and freelance writer. In 2009, she earned an MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults from Hamline University.

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Fiction:

THE STAND-IN by Steve Bloom

Ages 13 and up

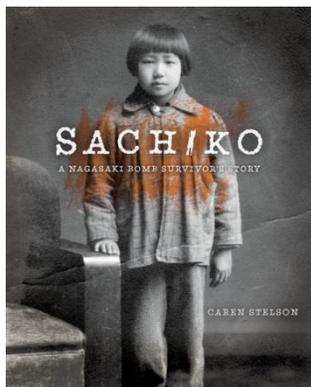
360 pages

"Brooks Rattigan has a plan: do everything in his power to get into Columbia University and out of Pritchard, NJ. When Brooks overhears a classmate trying to find a date for his cousin to homecoming, he offers to take her and becomes The Stand-In. The teen spends his weekends taking girls to their dances and parties in an attempt to make them feel special and build his college fund. Will Brooks be able to handle college applications, a stoner dad, a slacker best friend, difficult clients, and the girl of his dreams? This tale will resonate with young adults looking for a unique coming-of-age story." [School Library Journal](#)

●Steve Bloom is a screenwriter for TV and movies. Among his credits are the films "The Sure Thing," "James and the Giant Peach", and "Tall Tale". THE STAND-IN is his first novel.

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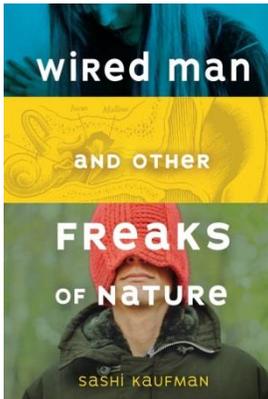


WIRED MAN AND OTHER FREAKS OF NATURE by Sashi Kaufman

Ages 14 and up

264 pages

"Ben Wireman's last name is a constant reminder that his hearing aids always make him stand out in a crowd, and for all the wrong reasons. Thankfully, being best friends with Tyler, the school heartthrob, certainly smooths some of the more awkward social situations. Recently, though, something has been going on with Tyler. He's been distant, alienating everyone around him. As Ben struggles with how to be a true friend, he meets Ilona Pierce, a foul-mouthed misfit who nevertheless helps him understand that all of us are freaks of nature, one way or another. With her help, Ben hopes to reach Tyler before their friendship falls completely apart. Kaufman takes a well-tread YA premise and breathes heart and grit into it. . . . Packed with depth, joy, and hope, Kaufman's book is ultimately a story of how to be a friend—a topic that is always prescient for young adults."—**starred**, [Booklist](#)



•Sashi Kaufman is a middle-school teacher and an author. Her first novel for Lerner was *The Other Way Around*. She lives in Portland, Maine.

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Series Fiction:

***The Code Busters Club #6: THE SECRET OF THE PUZZLE BOX* by Penny Warner**

Ages 8-12

192 pages

In this sixth and final installment of the well-received, Agatha award–winning series, the Code Busters (including new fifth member Mika) go on a class trip to Angel Island, known as the Ellis Island of the West. While there, they come across secret messages—and a hidden box—that Mika's ancestor left at the immigration station decades ago. The solving of mysteries in this series is interactive, and each book invites readers to work alongside the characters to break a variety of codes. Solutions are included at the end of the book. **Rights sold in Japan (Kadokawa).**



•Penny Warner has published more than 60 books for both adults and children. She teaches child development at a local college in California.

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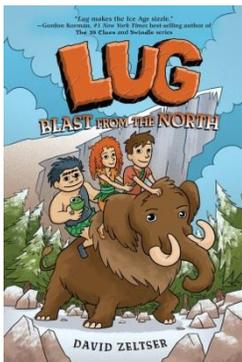
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***Lug: BLAST FROM THE NORTH* by David Zeltser**

Ages 8-12

160 pages

"A merry prehistoric romp filled with unexpected laughs and sly humor! . . . Sheer delight. Fast-paced and funny, with a heart of gold."—Bruce Coville, author of *My Teacher is an Alien* and *Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher*. **Rights sold in Germany (Random House Germany).**



•David Zeltser is the author of the *Lug* series and *Ninja Baby*. He lives with his family and many barking sea lions in Santa Cruz, California.

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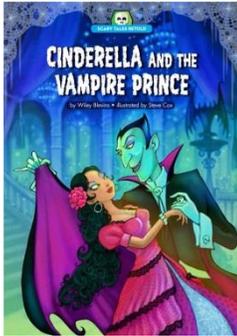
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Scary Tales Retold by Wiley Blevins, illustrations by Steve Cox

Ages 6-9

24 pages

Not for bedtime reading! These non-traditional fairy tales have been retold for the bravest young readers. Haunted and creepy, each book in the series changes the way you will forever think of these classic tales.



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CINDERELLA AND THE VAMPIRE PRINCE - You may know the story of the downtrodden girl who meets her Prince Charming. But our Cinder-Ella rules the dark night with her new Prince.

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GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE GHOSTS - Goldilocks may have escaped the wrath of the 3 bears, but her luck runs out when this busy-body stumbles into a haunted house.

HANSEL AND GRETEL AND THE HAUNTED HUT - Poor Hansel and Gretel, cast out on their own by a wicked stepmother. You may think you know how the story ends, but think again!

JACK AND THE BLOODY BEANSTALK - Jack and his poor mother follow all the rules of this classic tale. But can they escape the raging Giant?

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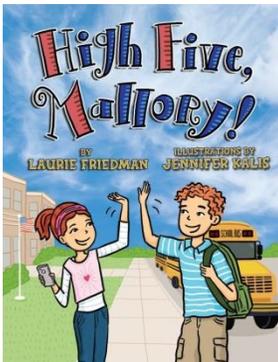
•Wiley Blevins has written over 70 books for children, as well as created reading programs for schools in the U.S. and Asia. Wiley currently lives and writes in New York City. •Steve Cox lives in Bath, England. He first designed toys and packaging before turning full time to illustrating. When he is not drawing books he plays lead guitar in a rock band.

Mallory #26: HIGH FIVE, MALLORY! By Laurie Friedman, black and white illustrations by Jennifer Kalis

Ages 7-11

160 pages

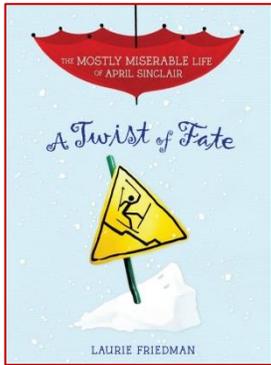
"As Mallory starts her fifth-grade year, changes are in store and many questions arise. Is her longtime best friend, Mary Ann, really pushing her away? And if so, how should Mallory respond? The undeniable hurt is offset somewhat by help from two people who unexpectedly offer useful, outside perspectives. Friedman nails the first-person narrative as 10-year-old Mallory obsesses about the start of school....[plus] an appended list offers *Mallory* series' fans 10 practical 'Do's and Don'ts' for starting a new school year.'" [Booklist Online](#)



• Laurie Friedman is the author of many award-winning books for children including her newest series, *The Mostly Miserable Life of April Sinclair*. She lives in Miami, Florida. •Jennifer Kalis is the illustrator of several Mallory books. She lives in Ohio.

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***The Mostly Miserable Life of April Sinclair #7: A TWIST OF FATE* by Laurie Friedman**

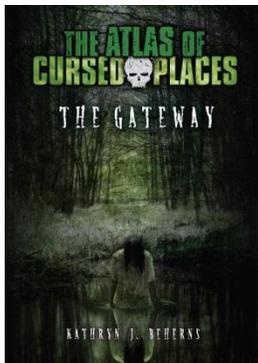
Ages 10-15

168 pages

April is stunned when her grandma announces she has cancer. And rather than undergo difficult treatment, Gaga wants to cross an item off her bucket list: going skiing in the mountains. So she's taking the whole family to Utah! Despite their matching ski outfits, April is looking forward to time with her grandma and cousins. But tension builds as Sophie mysteriously shuts April out, Harry swoons over another skier, the aunts tiptoe around Gaga's feelings, and April faces peer pressure on the slopes. When disaster strikes, April has to try to embrace Gaga's approach: that life is what you make of it.

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***The Atlas of Cursed Places* by Kathryn Behrens, K.R. Coleman and Vanesa Acton**

Ages 11 and up (reading level age 11)

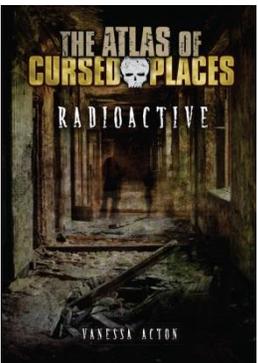
104 – 112 pages

"Short sentences and chapters, gripping text, teen angst [and] haunting tales, make this [series] . . . a good quick pick for readers after some excitement, or librarians looking to add to their high/low shelves."—[Booklist](#)

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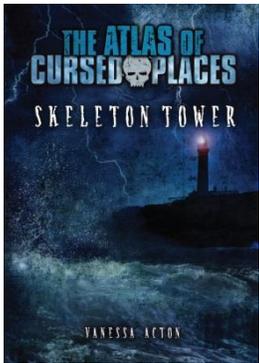
BREAKDOWN – Maddy's detective mother vanishes while investigating a mysterious disappearance near Pike's Cave. Legend has it that the cave is inhabited by an evil spirit with the power to possess people. Are both disappearances tied to the cave? According to *The Atlas of Cursed Places*, Maddy and her boyfriend are running out of time to save her mother from the dark power that lurks there.

DEADMAN ANCHOR – A spring break mountain-climbing trip could be a chance for Kendal to connect with her distant father. A little adventure and time together seem like a good idea, but there's one problem: the mountain might be cursed. Soon a father-daughter getaway turns dangerous, and they might not make it to the summit. That's the thing about bonding—you have to be alive to do it.



DIRECTOR'S CUT – The Sanford's Folly movie set has been abandoned since burning to the ground in the 1980s. Rumor has it the place is cursed after a film shoot gone terribly wrong. But that's not enough to scare Alex and his buddies away. After all, they live on an air force base. There's plenty of real-life stuff that's scarier than some fake western town, right?

THE GATEWAY – A class field trip to a bog dredges up long-buried drama between Jasmine and her friends. But she's too busy admiring jewelry from her mysterious new boyfriend to pay attention to a little thing like the discovery of a mummified bog body. So what if the bog doubles as a cursed gateway to the undead? No big deal! She might laugh off rumors of a curse, but Jasmine's former best friends are pretty sure she's in the thick of some real danger.

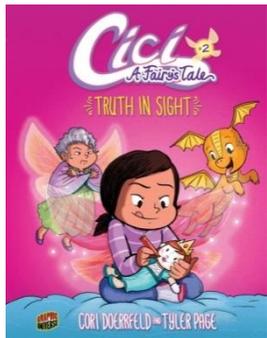


The Atlas of Cursed Places - Continued

RADIOACTIVE – Every year Zack and his family spend a week at a Pacific island getaway. The ocean is beautiful, the town is quaint, and the people are easygoing. It's a great place to relax. So why do the locals seem so tense this year? There's definitely trouble in paradise when a tourist goes missing. Local legend has it that the locale is cursed since nuclear testing there in the 1950s. It sounds like fiction, but is it?

SKELETON TOWER – Jason's parents have been hired to work at a historic lighthouse along the California coast. The lighthouse is built along steep cliffs, surrounded by fog, and far from the nearest town. The last caretakers left in a hurry, and it doesn't take long to see why. Several accidents and the discovery of a hidden diary convince Jason the lighthouse is cursed. Will *The Atlas of Cursed Places* provide some answers before someone gets hurt...or worse?

Graphic Novels:



***Cici – A Fairy's Tale #2: TRUTH IN SIGHT* by Cori Doerrfeld and Tyler Page**

Ages 7-11

38 pages

“The themes of divorce, friendship, and the implications of magic will resonate with kids. Spanish language is peppered throughout the text, and the vibrant cartoon illustrations give readers insight into the characters' inner lives. Fans of Ashley Spires's *Binky* books and Victoria Jamieson's new series *Pets on the Loose!* will be ready to tackle this next. A wonderful addition to a must-have series.”—[School Library Journal](#)

●Cori Doerrfeld is a freelance author and illustrator. Her husband, Tyler Page, is a comic artist. They live in Minneapolis with their two children.

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***The Stone Man Mysteries #1: STONE COLD* by Jane Yolen and Adam Stemple, black and white illustrations by Orion Zangara**

Ages 12 and up

80 pages

In Scotland of the 1930s, a demon bound in the form of a gargoyle solves murders as a way of seeking redemption. During this first book, he takes a scrappy runaway under his wing. The gargoyle, the runaway, and a weary priest turn their attention to a series of killings that may have ties to political unrest, as well as to the supernatural. “A visually engrossing noir debut in the vein of *Sin City*, this setup promises a number of sequels.”—[Kirkus](#)

●Jane Yolen lives in Massachusetts and has written more than 300 books across all genres and age ranges. She has been called the Hans Christian Andersen of America and the Aesop of the twentieth century. ●Adam Stemple is an author and American folk rock musician based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He has co-written many books with his mother, Jane Yolen.

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Single-Title Nonfiction:

MIND-BOGGLING NUMBERS by Michael J. Rosen, illustrations by Julia Patton

Ages 7-11

32 pages

"The off-kilter scenarios proposed, which are entertainingly captured in Patton's quirky cartoon graphics, and the off-the-cuff tone Rosen adopts for the answers keep these unconventional story problems from ever feeling like homework."—Publishers Weekly

●Michael J. Rosen is the acclaimed author of some three dozen books for children of all ages including *Our Farm: Four Seasons with Five Kids on One Family's Farm* and *Girls vs. Guys: Surprising Differences Between the Sexes*. ●Julia Patton is an award-winning author and illustrator who works from a rustic woodshed in the wilds of rural Northumberland, UK. When not scribbling, she can be found building tree-houses, growing vegetables, and making sketchbooks.

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THE ALLIGATOR'S SMILE and Other Poems by Jane Yolen, photographs by Jason Stemple

Ages 8-12

32 pages

"A fabulous merging of science and poetry. . . . Beware: young readers with an interest in reptiles, science, or poetry are certain to snatch up this work."—School Library Journal

●Jane Yolen lives in Massachusetts and has written more than 300 books across all genres and age ranges. She has been called the "Hans Christian Andersen of America" and the "Aesop of the Twentieth Century". ●Jason Stemple is a photographer who lives in South Carolina with his family.

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THE GREAT LEOPARD RESCUE: Saving the Amur Leopards by Sandra Markle

Ages 9-12

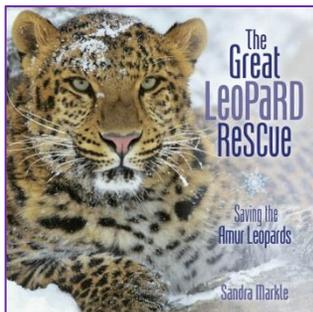
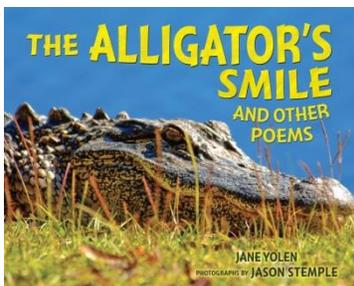
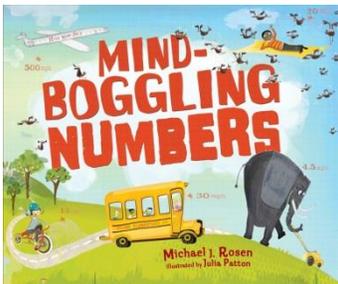
48 pages

"Similar in approach to Markle's *The Great Monkey Rescue* (2015), this handsome volume looks at efforts to rescue the Amur leopard. Called 'the rarest big cats on Earth,' these leopards live in the Asian taiga, west of Vladivostok. Their numbers have dwindled from around 2,400 in the wild during the 1950s to about 30 in 2007 and 50 today, because of disease, poaching, and significant loss of habitat when land was cleared for farming, logging, and mining . . . the well-organized, cogently written text is enhanced by the many excellent photos. . . . An informative presentation showing what is being done to save this beautiful but critically endangered species."—Booklist . . .

● Sandra Markle is the author of numerous award-winning books for children, including *The Case of the Vanishing Golden Frogs: A Scientific Mystery* and *The Case of the Vanishing Honeybees: A Scientific Mystery*. She lives in Lakewood Ranch, Florida.

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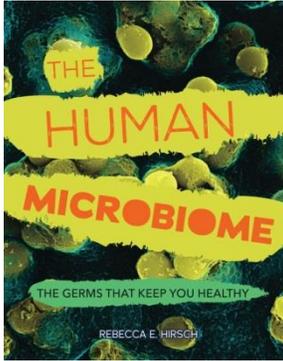


THE HUMAN MICROBIOME: *Germ*s That Keep You Healthy by Rebecca E. Hirsch
Ages 12 and up

112 pages

"It's hard to think of oneself as a mere physical plant for trillions and trillions of microbes—microscopic creatures in a custom-individualized mixture (like a fingerprint) existing on us and in us, acting beneficially, neutrally, pathogenically, part and parcel of our personal selves. Hirsch's readable, lucid text introduces us to these colonizers/hitchhikers/attackers, where they live on/in us, what they do, how they benefit (mostly) or harm us, and—equally important—how we affect them and what it all means to our health in general... Informative and up-to-the-minute in research, this is a nifty look through a clear window at our unsuspected personal passengers. ."

—[School Library Journal](#)



- Rebecca E. Hirsch is the author of many books for children and teens. A former plant biologist and molecular biologist, she writes frequently about science and nature. Rebecca lives in Pennsylvania.

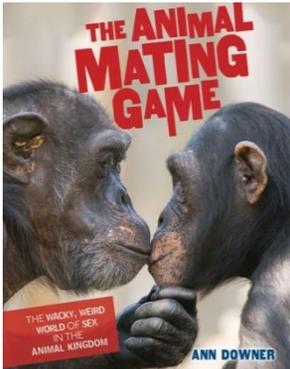
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THE ANIMAL MATING GAME: *The Wacky, Weird World of Sex in the Animal Kingdom*
by Ann Downer

Ages 12 and up

104 pages

Learn about the behavioral-biological science of courtship and mating rituals in the animal kingdom, from aphrodisiacs to the weird sexual organs some animals possess. Coverage includes lobsters, ants, spiders, snakes, frogs, parrots, chimps, seals, whales, wolves, giraffes, salmon, and more. "Downer's investigation of the myriad ways different species produce offspring is sure to enthrall researchers and browsers."—[School Library Journal](#)



- Ann Downer is the author of five fantasy novels for young readers and three previous books about science, including the award-winning *Elephant Talk: The Surprising Science of Elephant Communication* (Lerner). She lives outside Boston, Massachusetts.

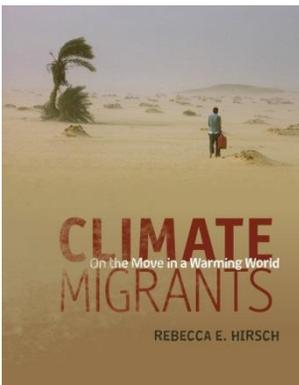
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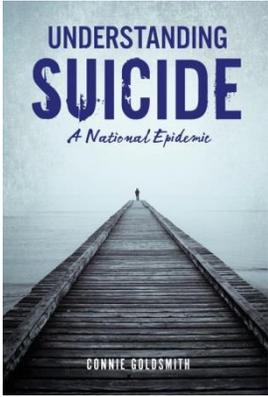
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