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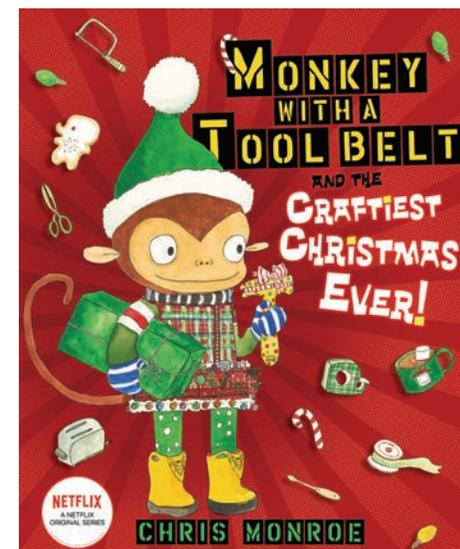


## Monkey with a Tool Belt and the Craftiest Christmas Ever!

Chris Monroe

Christmas is coming! With the help of his trusty tool belt, Chico Bon Bon helps friends decorate, turns a pile of junk into a bundle of gifts, and throws an epically awesome party!

- *Chico Bon Bon: Monkey with a Tool Belt* seasons 1-4 now available on Netflix
- A fun Christmas story with a DIY twist as Chico turns a bunch of junk into awesome gifts for all his friends
- Humor will appeal to kids and parents alike



picture books

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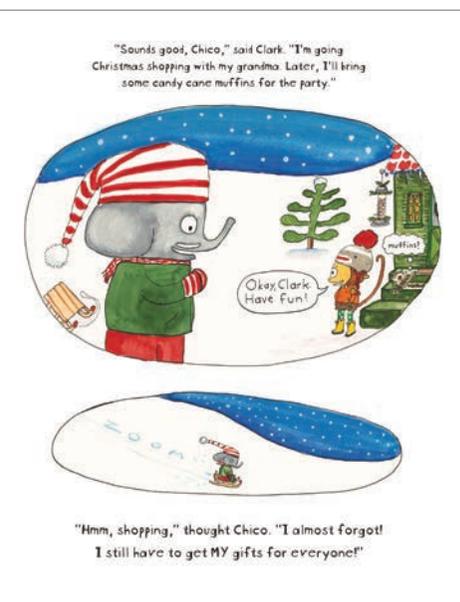
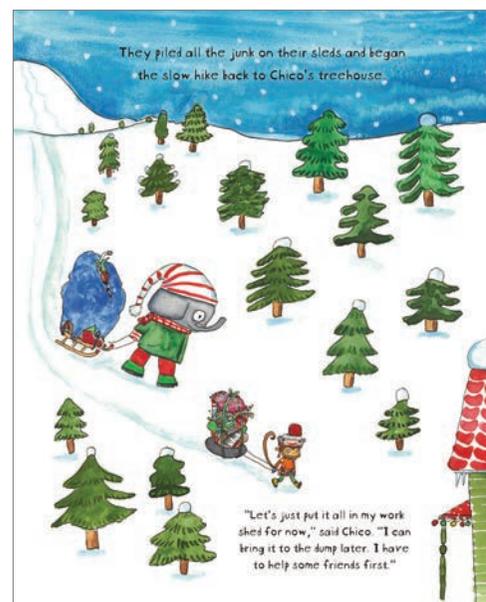
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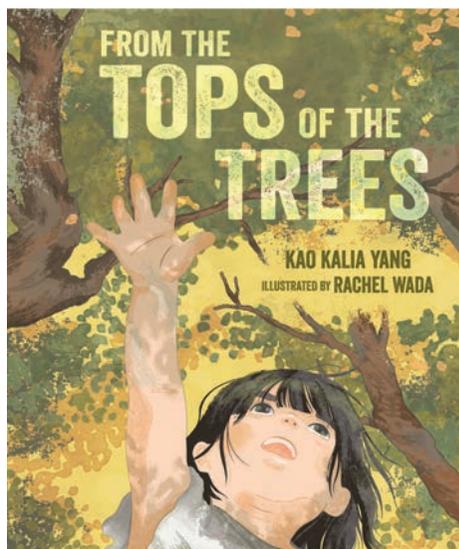


## From the Tops of the Trees

Kao Kalia Yang, illus. Rachel Wada

A powerful true story of a young girl who has never known life outside a refugee camp and a father determined to help her dream beyond the fences that confine them.

- From the #OwnVoices author of the acclaimed picture books *A Map into the World* and *The Most Beautiful Thing*
- Showcases how a father's love for his child can support dreams of transcending difficult circumstances
- Offers a look at the everyday life of children in a refugee camp that captures both joy and hardship in a way kids can relate to



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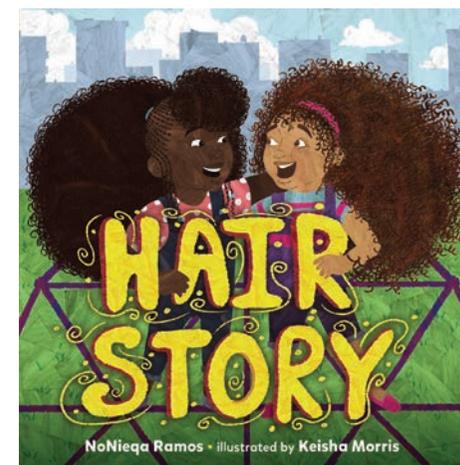
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## Hair Story

NoNieqa Ramos, illus. Keisha Morris

With rhythmic, rhyming verse, this picture book follows a Boriqua (Puerto Rican) girl and a Black girl from birth through early childhood, culminating in a play date in which they celebrate their natural hair.

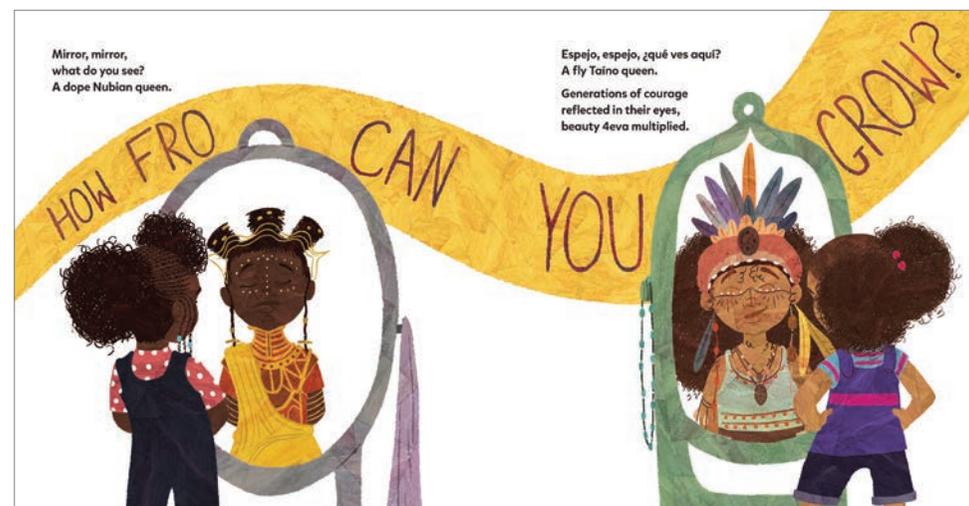
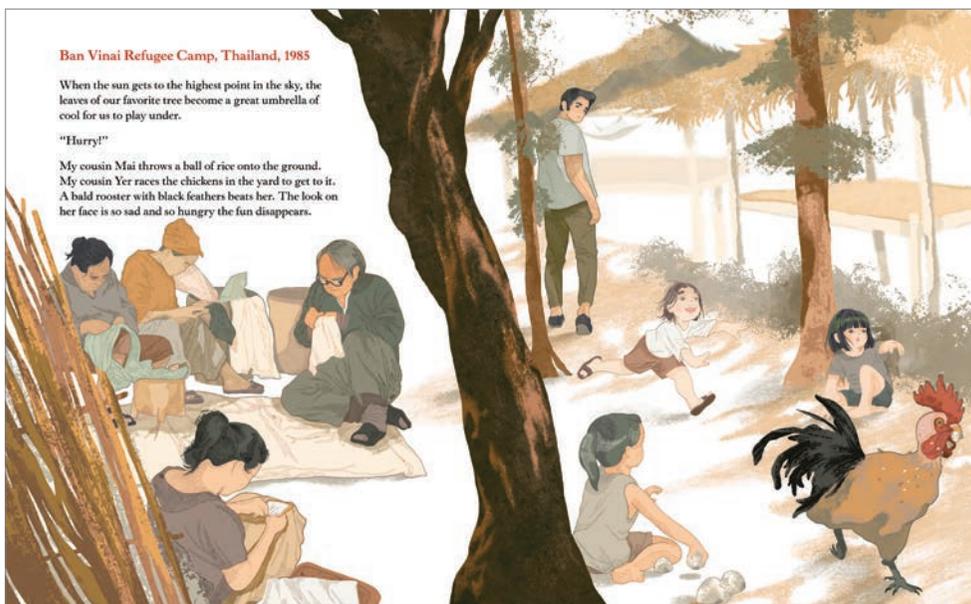
- Includes a "Fro-ments in time" page celebrating Black and Latinx icons from history and contemporary culture
- Set in a distinctly urban setting

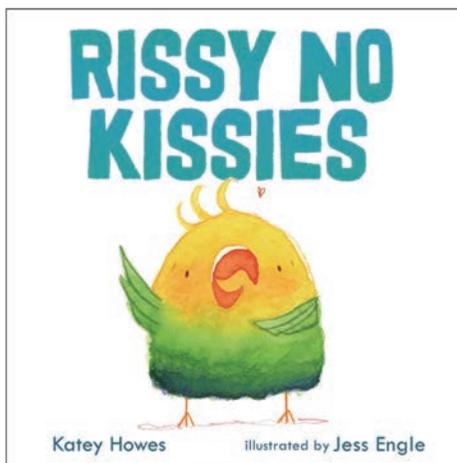


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## Rissy No Kissies

Katey Howes, illus. Jess Engle

A love bird who doesn't like kisses? Rissy's friends and family wonder if she's sick, confused, or rude. But kisses make Rissy uncomfortable. Can she show everyone there's not one right way to share affection?

- Catchy, rhyming text and colorful watercolor illustrations teach young readers how to advocate for themselves
- Approaches the concept of body autonomy and consent in an engaging, safe way
- Readers with sensory processing issues and those who prefer more personal space will recognize Rissy's dilemma, while others will learn how to respect the preferences of friends and peers

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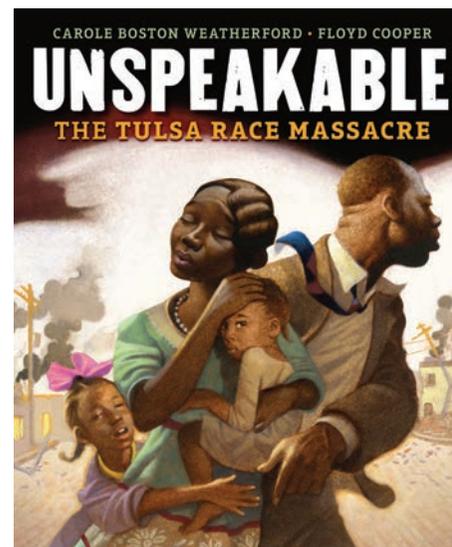
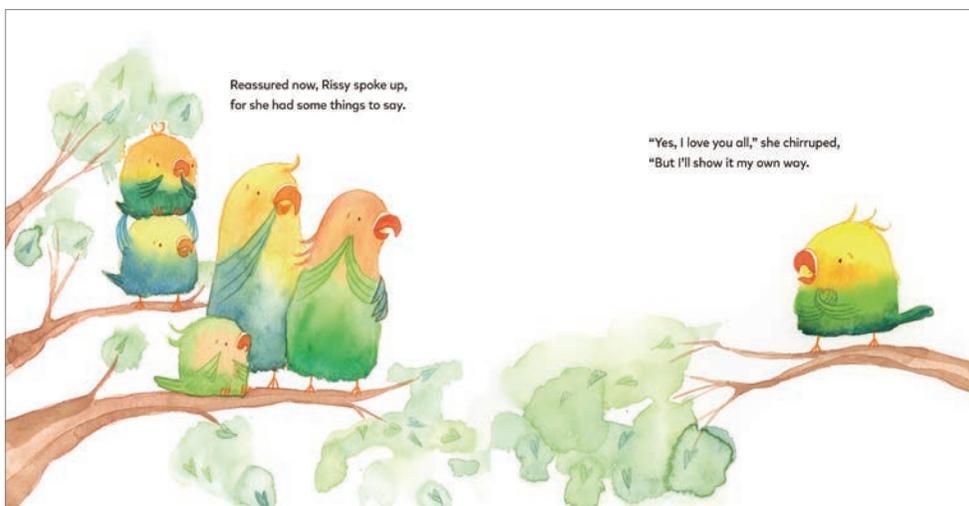
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★ "[A] refrain ('No kissies!') and soft watercolor art by Engle reinforce the message that speaking up for one's bodily agency should always be embraced."

—starred, **Publishers Weekly**

★ "Radiant."

—starred, **Kirkus**



★ "A must-have for those seeking the painful and complete truth."

—starred, **Booklist**

★ **School Library Journal**

★ **BookPage**

★ **Publishers Weekly**

★ **The Horn Book Magazine**

★ **Kirkus**

## Unspeakable

The Tulsa Race Massacre

Carole Boston Weatherford

illus. Floyd Cooper

Celebrated author Carole Boston Weatherford and illustrator Floyd Cooper provide a powerful look at the 1921 Tulsa race massacre, one of the worst incidents of racial violence in our nation's history.

- Timed to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre, May 31-June 2, 2021
- A remarkable look at a significant moment in the United States' past, shedding light on racial violence and offering hope for a better future
- Author and illustrator both have an excellent track record with books that address the African American experience, and Floyd Cooper grew up on Tulsa

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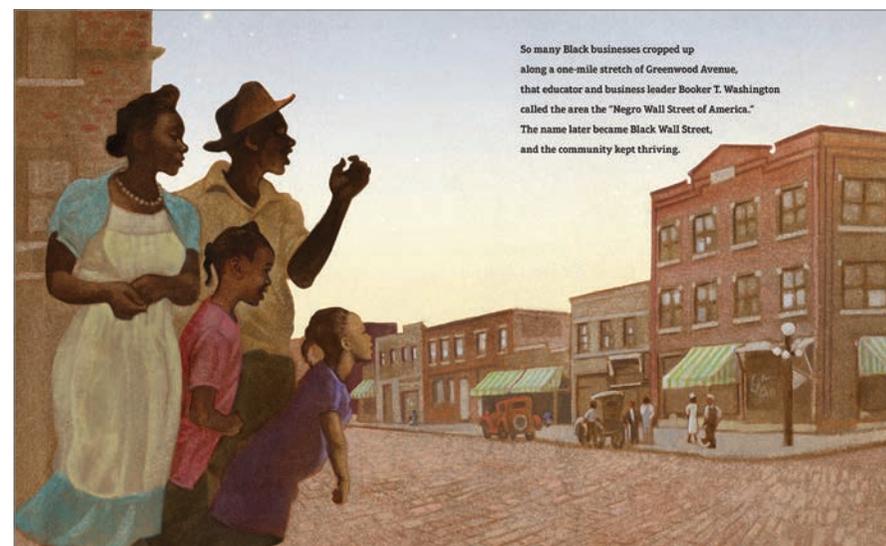
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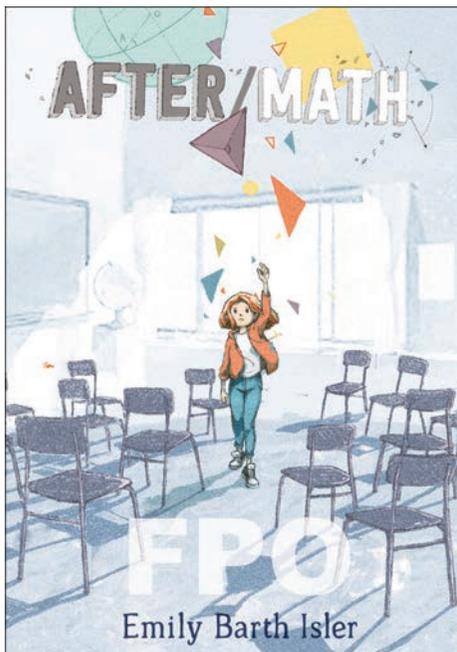
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## AfterMath

Emily Barth Isler

After her brother's death from a heart defect, Lucy starts seventh grade at a new school—whose students survived a shooting four years ago—and must navigate different kinds of grief and healing.

- A sensitive, poignant, age-appropriate exploration of trauma
- Highlights the importance of unconventional forms of self-expression such as mime
- Responsibly presents a timely topic with an emphasis on long-term recovery

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## Eddie Whatever

Lois Ruby

Thirteen-year-old Eddie needs to do a community service project in preparation for his bar mitzvah. He ends up volunteering at a retirement home, where intrigues and hijinks upend all his assumptions about the elderly.

- Humor, insight, and elements of mystery unite the adventures of zany but believable characters
- Full of whimsy, a touching story of inter-generational bonds

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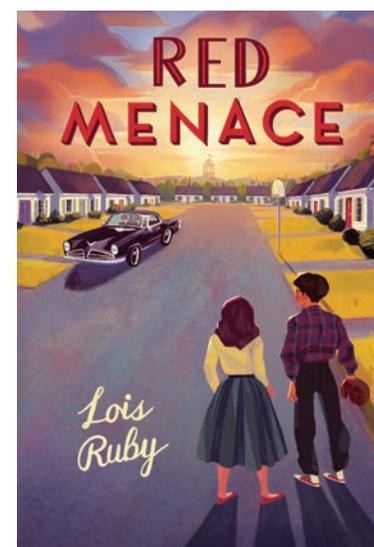
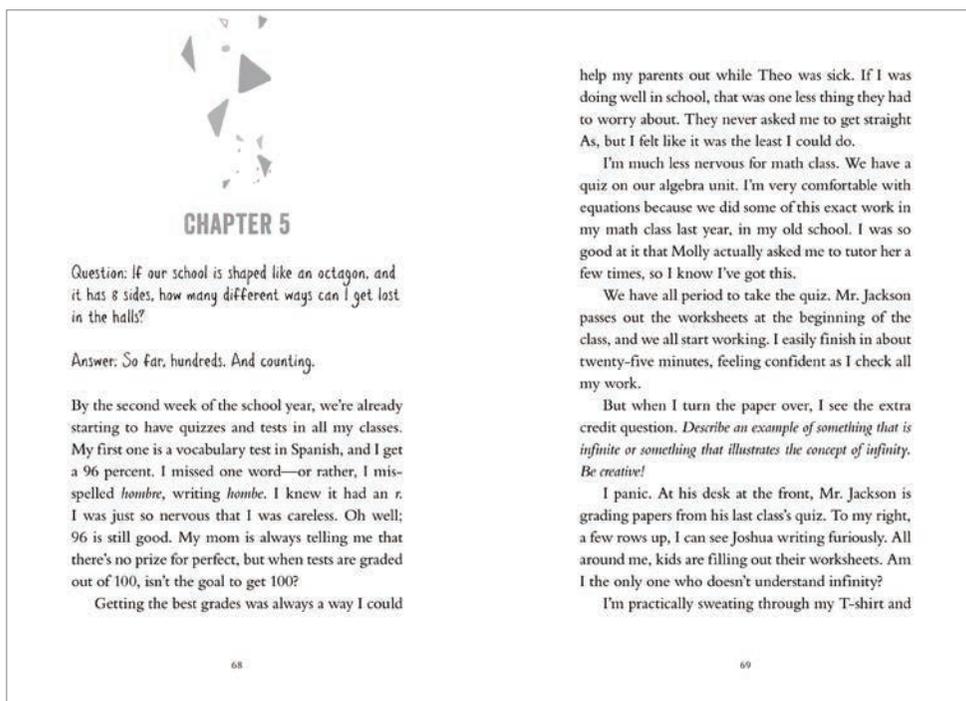
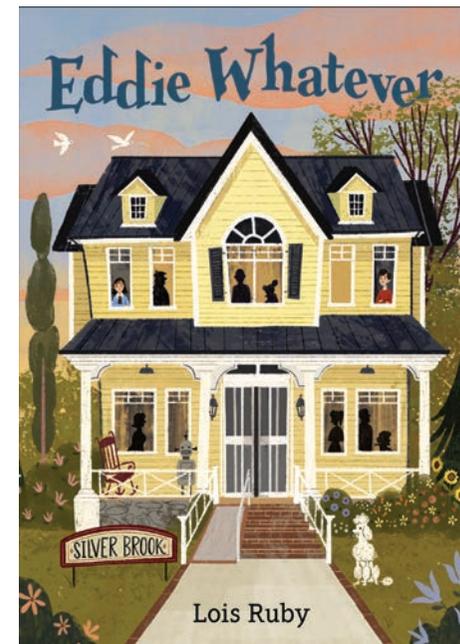
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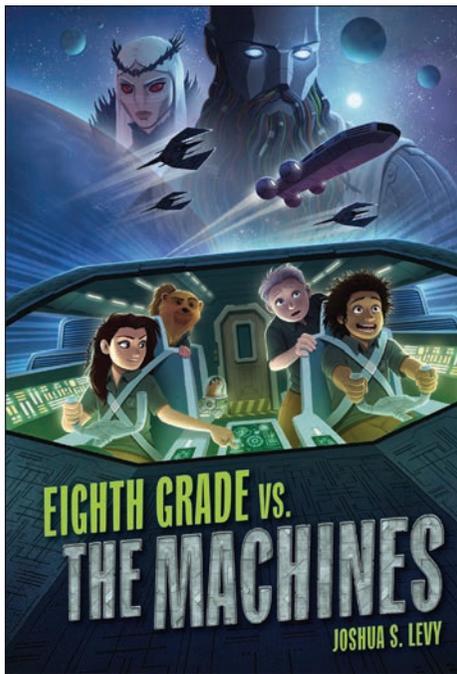
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also by **Lois Ruby**

"Young readers will find this compelling story sharply relevant..."

—Booklist



## Eighth Grade vs. the Machines

Joshua S. Levy

The entire population of Earth's solar system has been kidnapped by aliens. It's up to Jack and his classmates and teachers aboard the PSS 118 to rescue the rest of humanity.

- This sequel to *Seventh Grade vs. the Galaxy* is an equally fast-paced and fun sci-fi adventure, with growing pains and friendship at its heart
- Quirky humor and action-packed scenes make this a page turner
- Jack's relationships with his friends, his enemies, and the well-meaning adults in his life add depth to the story

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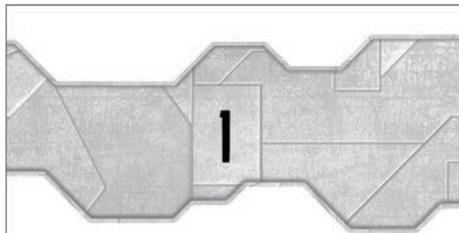
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Listen. I don't have a lot of time. So I'll catch you up quick. Humanity's missing. My dad invented a light speed engine on our schoolship, which drew some . . . unwanted attention, alienwise. Now we're the only ones left: a middle school from Ganymede, stuck on Earth, no idea where to go next. And—oh yeah—we're in the middle of maybe the most important battle this planet has ever seen.

"I know you're in here, Jack!" my enemy says, chomping down on her gum and popping a bubble. "It's over. Time for the great Jacksonville Graham to surrender."

I'm stuck inside one of New York's empty skyscrapers, crouching behind a giant column, listening to footsteps slowly *click clack* across the room. Every sound boom-echoes through this lobby. Between its gold-plated walls. Up to its high ceilings carved with images of the city.

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"Come out, come out, wherever you are," she calls. I tilt my body farther back into the corner, trying to minimize my shadow. Hiding is harder than you'd think, given the bulky contraption on my back. It grazes the column with an unfortunate clank.

"You know you can't escape."

She's right. I'll never make it past her to the exit. Every approach to the doors puts me in her line of fire. But there has to be a way out. There's *always* a way out.

I peek around the column to survey my options: A gift shop, maybe twenty feet away. Public restrooms on either end of the main atrium. A set of escalators, still running smoothly even after the world has ended. And a bank of five elevators on the opposite wall, each with a different destination carved into an adjacent silver plate:

FLOORS 4 THROUGH 49.

FLOORS 50 THROUGH 99.

FLOORS 100 THROUGH 149.

FLOORS 150 THROUGH 199.

OUTDOOR OBSERVATION DECK: 175th FLOOR.

There's also a space elevator that leaves from the mezzanine, just behind the escalators: "With stops at 100,000km, 200,000km, and the Lagrange Point 1 Resort and Spa." But that's probably overkill. All I need is to get to that observation deck. Then I'll be able to—

*Zavamb.* The sound of her laser rifle powering up.

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## My Ex-Imaginary Friend

Jimmy Matejek-Morris

Eleven-year-old Jack thought he'd outgrown his imaginary friend, George, until his family hits a crisis and Jack decides that George may hold the key to putting his life back together.

- A simultaneously humorous and heartrending adventure, infused with George's particular brand of magic
- Skillfully weaves in wit and whimsy to balance honest treatment of difficult topics
- Offers validation for kids who have yet to "outgrow" a habit, hobby, or coping mechanism that they might be considered too old for

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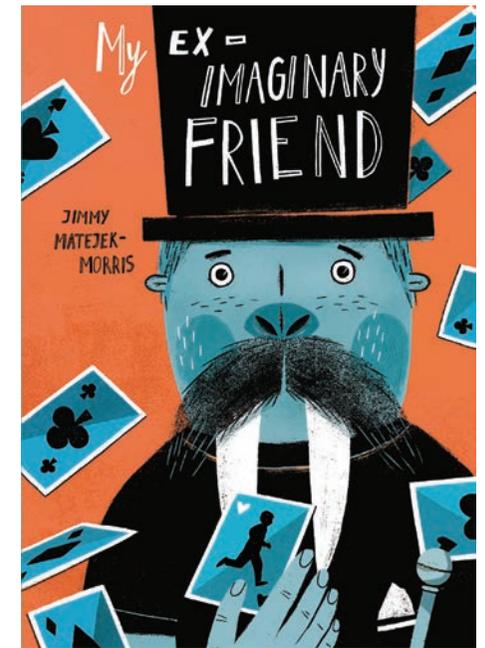
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"A poignant, multilayered story that will appeal to those looking for a heartfelt family drama."

—*School Library Journal*

### CHAPTER 4 GEORGE

I board the bus behind a gray-haired man with pointy elbows who stoops down and shakes his rear in front of me as he drops his change into the slot. He counts the coins out loud as they plunk against the bottom: "One. Two. Three. Four. Five," then picks up his two large shopping bags and grumbles something before hobbling down the aisle.

As the old man collapses into the nearest open seat, the bus driver glances in my direction. She has curly red hair and brown eyes that look right through me. Remembering that I don't have any money for the fare, I freeze. "Ummm," I begin. Invisible or not, I still feel bad stealing a free ride. An idea hits me. Straightening a pretend tie, I state, "I'm part walrus," extra loud just in case I'm not invisible to

the bus security camera. There's got to be a discount for animals going to the zoo, right? Otherwise, how could they afford to get there?

The bus driver closes the door behind me. I stumble down the aisle, struggling to stay standing as the bus pulls forward. I'm on my way.

I slide into an empty seat. A kid covered in freckles sits across the aisle. His slightly-less-freckled mother reads the paper on one side, and on the other, wedged against the window, a gopher-ish creature whispers into his ear. This creature is about my height, wearing an oversized yellow hat, and her face is covered in fur. I try not to stare, but after two or three stops, I realize I am doing nothing but staring, and I think she's staring at me, too. She can see me!

She's not like anyone I've ever seen before, and if I'm not like anyone anyone's ever seen before, are she and I a *we*?

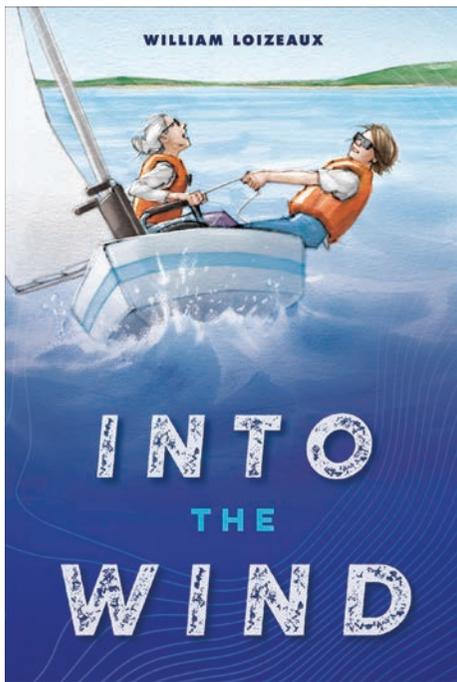
Nervously, I nod to her.

The gopher woman nods back, then glances to the empty seat beside me. One of her eyebrows goes up and the other goes down.

I study the empty seat, too. My fingers run along the bumpy black plastic. I guess we're not exactly the same. She has a friend.

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## Into the Wind

William Loizeaux, *illus.* Laura Jacobsen

A novel about the unlikely friendship between a boy and an elderly woman. Both moving and joyful, this is a poignant story about loss and love, and the surprising bonds that can grow between the old and young.

- Features a unique cross-generational friendship
- A powerful story that deals with many prevalent themes such as loss, love, and building and maintaining relationships

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*“A moving, well-written tale about an unusual friendship.”*

—Kirkus

## Just Ash

Sol Santana

Ash has never thought much about being intersex. But when he gets his period and his parents pressure him to “try being a girl,” he must fight for who he really is.

- A heartrending but ultimately empowering journey of an intersex boy learning to embrace both his body and his identity
- A rare story about an intersex kid, written by an intersex author (“intersex” is the “I” in LGBTQIA+)
- Examines the ignorance and prejudice that still define society’s views of a gender binary

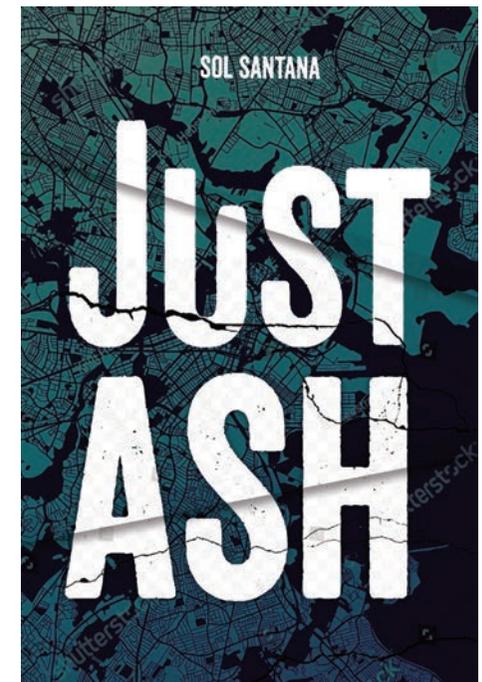
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Beyond the curtain. The last room on the left. As I said, she’s very sick.”

Along the yellow-painted, cinder-block hall stood a couple of big, steel machines on wheels with lots of wires, buttons, and dials that gave me the shivers. There was a silver trolley with dozens of shelves holding trays where that smell of broccoli came from. A doctor in a white coat, his shoes squeaking, passed me in the opposite direction. In the rooms on either side, I saw people in chairs or sitting on beds that propped up their backs, with their food on a special table that reached over their laps. In other rooms, I saw people my parents’ age helping older people eat. In other rooms, as I kept on walking, I saw people lying down, sleeping or just looking at the ceiling, with silver bed rails on both sides of them, like they weren’t allowed to get out.

I came near the end of the hall. A heavy curtain hung across it in green folds which I pushed aside and went around. Behind it, what was left of the hall seemed darker and emptier. No machines. No trolleys. No TVs. A special, quiet place. I’d expected to find a nurse here, but there were only three doors, one on the right, the other on the left, and a fire exit straight ahead.

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The door on the left was open a few inches, and for a second, shaking, I stopped in front of it. Would it be better to find Hazel here, or not to find her anywhere at all? Would she even want to see me? Or might she even be too sick to want anything anymore?

I pushed open the door which didn’t make a sound. Inside was Hazel. It was definitely her. But she wasn’t like I’d ever known her.



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That Saturday was the most boring Saturday in recent memory. I wanted to visit Michelle’s house, but I didn’t want to sit there with her knowing she was thinking things about me. For the first time ever, I finished all my homework, just to take my mind off my dwindling social prospects. I checked my messages, deleting the ones from the soccer team. There was one email I couldn’t ignore. It came from Dr. Tran, and it looked like she had written it late at night on Friday. She’d sent it to my account, but seemed to have mistaken it for my family’s account.

This was what it said: “Ashley’s blood cells have low amounts of FSH, which means she may be able to reproduce when she comes of age. A vaginoplasty would have to be performed to widen the birth canal. With androgen blockers and a full penectomy, she would be virtually indistinguishable from a non-intersex female.”

I mashed the Delete button. The thought of some guy knocking me up made me feel like I was going to puke. My throat went tight with panic. Everybody talked about me like I was some abstract concept: barely even sentient, incapable of taking offense.

On Sunday, my self-imposed exile got on my nerves. I needed to hang out with somebody. For some reason, I still

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couldn’t bear to know what Michelle was thinking, so I texted Corey and asked if he’d like to bike down to the Salem Willows. His response, when it came, wasn’t as enthusiastic as it usually was.

uh  
yeah i guess

Beggars weren’t choosers. I rode my bike up Summer Street and onto Lynde Street, slowing when I passed Gallows Hill with its crooked, creepy locust tree. According to local lore, accused witches had hung from it once. In a few weeks’ time, the locals would hang cobwebs and animatronic skeletons from it instead.

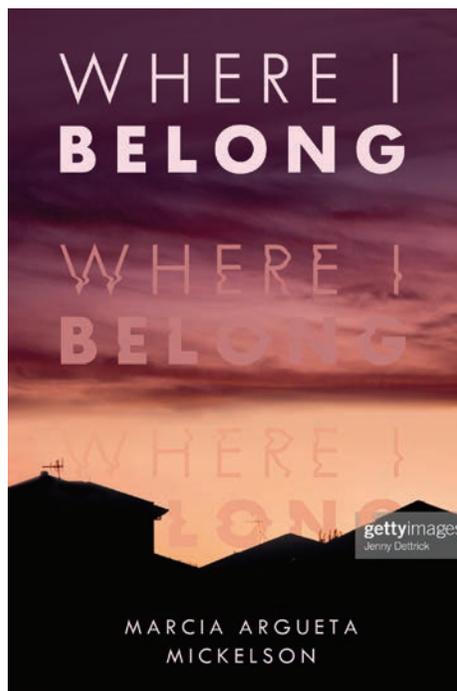
The Salem Willows in the east of town was our only beach. Anyone picturing sun-bleached dunes and waves ripe for surfing was in for a rude awakening. The lumpy, cream-colored sand was dotted with dozens of weeping willow trees, green and gold tresses hanging from flexible, droopy branches. I hopped off my bike and walked it down the road to the shore. The sea was periwinkle, flecked with pink patches where the autumn sun paid it too much attention. Pedestrians in windbreakers walked beside the water. Down south, past the bed of rocks full of nesting, noisy seagulls, was a pizza place. I ate there sometimes, although their pie was kind of doughy.

“Yo,” Corey said, pulling his bike up beside mine. “What’s up?”

“Not much,” I said.

We hopped on our bikes, cycling toward the pizza place. Corey was always hungry, and I was pretty sure he was about to wheedle me into buying him a slice. He surprised me by stopping halfway down the path, little clouds of sand kicking up under his bike tires when he put his foot down. I was forced to stop too.

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## Where I Belong

Marcia Argueta Mickelson

Guatemalan-American high school senior Millie Vargas struggles to balance her family's needs with her own ambitions, especially after her mother's employer, a Senate candidate, uses Millie as a poster child for "deserving" immigrants.

- Accessible treatment of complex subject matter—immigration, doxing, youth activism—softened by an uplifting, romantic subplot
- A timely topic by a Latina author, herself a Guatemalan-American immigrant

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## The Secret Life of Kitty Granger

G. D. Falksen

In 1967 London, sixteen-year-old Kitty Granger, a working-class girl on the autism spectrum, is recruited to spy for the British government. On her very first mission, she must foil a fascist plot and save the country.

- A literary and suspenseful page-turner that gives readers a unique heroine up against formidable enemies
- A realistic depiction of a high-functioning neurodivergent girl that avoids treating her autism as either a drawback or a superpower
- Features an unostentatiously diverse cast
- Combines thoroughly researched period atmosphere with a fast-paced adventure story

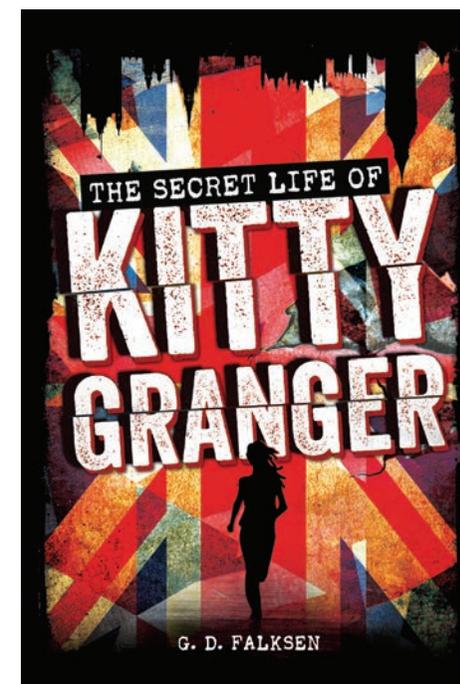
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"[A] gripping read that is historically grounded, drawing a direct line from past events to current debates over diversity, immigration, and the eternal peril of fascism. Nail-biting fascism-fighting featuring an atypical heroine."

—Kirkus

### CHAPTER FOUR

When I get home from school, I see Javi outside playing football with the boy who lives down the street. Justin. I know Javi idolizes him. I also know Mami's opinion of him. "Ese niño es muy malcriado," "No tiene respeto," "Se porta muy mal." Justin is rude, has no respect, and behaves very badly. She has told Javi, in both English and Spanish, that he is not to play with Justin.

"Javi," I yell out, walking toward him. "Come here!" Javi catches the perfect spiral from Justin and turns to me. "Millie, go away. Just leave me alone."

"Why is your sister such a downer, man?" Justin asks, catching Javi's return throw. "Tell her she needs to get a boyfriend and get a life."

I take a deep breath, trying to decide which boy I will turn my wrath on first. "Javi, get in the house right now. Justin, why don't you go do your homework? You want to stay in the fifth grade again next year?"

"Screw you, Millie," says the two-time fifth-grader. He grabs his ball and walks into his house.

Javi storms past me. "You ruin everything!"

"You know what Mami will say," I tell Javi, following him home.

"Because of course you're going to tell her," Javi screams over his shoulder. He flings open the front door and runs to his room.

Ceci is combing her Barbie's hair with her eyes fixed on the Disney Channel. "Five minutes and homework, Ceci," I say.

"Kay," she says without taking her eyes off the TV. "Sele," I yell out as I dump my backpack by the door.

She comes into the living room from the kitchen. "What?"

"Javi was outside playing with Justin."

"Sorry. He must have snuck out." She walks back into the kitchen and sits down to finish her homework.

I sink into a kitchen chair and sit there trying to guess the contents of the refrigerator, grasping at some idea of what to make for dinner. I eventually pull myself to my feet and start boiling water for spaghetti.

Javi walks in a few minutes later, carrying his backpack to start homework. Normally it takes a half dozen requests and threats from me before he even starts. "I'm sorry, Millie. Please don't tell Mami."

I sigh. "Javi, you can't hang out with Justin anymore. You know how Mami feels about him, and I completely agree with her."

"I won't. I won't. Just don't tell her."

I shake my head, knowing I will probably keep his secret. "Just do your homework."

The three of them finish their homework, and Sele helps me make meat sauce to go with the spaghetti. After dinner, they take turns showering while I start the dishes. The landline phone rings just as I submerge my hands in the soapy, warm

### CHAPTER 10

"Kitty, can you hear me?"

Faith's voice echoed in Kitty's ear. The sound was fuzzy, broken up with little pops and crackles that drowned out the edges of the words. Kitty reached up and tapped the little metal carpiece a couple of times to settle it in place better. Then she lifted her wrist and whispered into the microphone concealed in her bracelet.

"Load an' sporty," she replied.

"Do you have eyes on Liam?" Faith asked.

"Yes."

Kitty looked across the main concourse of Paddington Station and saw Liam seated on a bench, watching the crowd from behind a copy of *The Times*. It was mid-afternoon. The place was busy, but not as packed as it would become during the evening rush. Still, Kitty felt her heartbeat quicken at the sight of all the people rushing around. She took a moment to calm herself with a few deep breaths.

"Who we lookin' for again?" she asked. "Man in a gray suit?"

"Midille-agoed, gray suit, carrying a black briefcase," Faith said.

"It's London," Kitty replied. "All the men at this railway station 'ave suits an' briefcases."

"Don't sound so glum, Kitty! You'll ferret him out, like you always do."

"Kitty," Liam interjected. "I've got eyes on our man."

All three of them were sharing the same radio frequency, which made things go faster, but it meant Kitty had to hear the crackling of Liam's newspaper from time to time. It wasn't loud, but it was very annoying.

Kitty scanned the crowd again. "Where?"

"Just entered the concourse. To your left."

Kitty glanced to her left and saw the target: an average-looking man with graying hair, and a gray suit to match. He carried a black briefcase, which had a scuff mark on one corner.

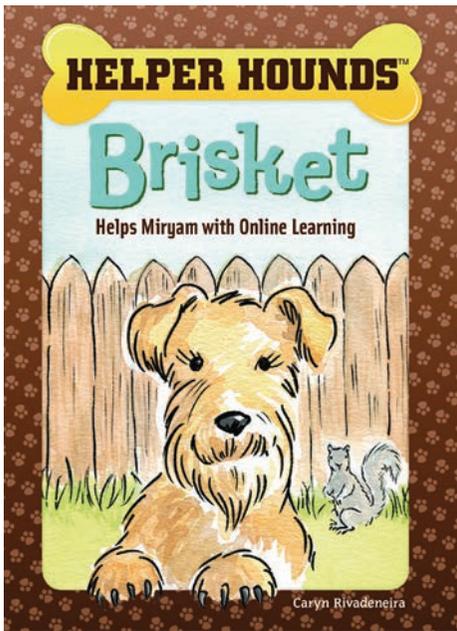
Kitty waited until the man had moved several paces ahead of her, and then she followed, weaving through the crowd to keep up. She did her best to slide past people the way Mrs. Singh had taught her, but it wasn't exactly a perfected art. At one point, she bumped into someone in passing. Kitty blushed awkwardly and stammered an apology as she kept going.

"Kitty, are you running into people again?" Liam asked.

"You know me—graceful as a swan," Kitty grumbled back.

She followed the man in gray to the ticket window and hung back in the crowd, close enough to watch but not so close as to be noticed. The man set his case down and fished some coins out of his pocket to pay for a ticket. There was another man at the window next to his, examining a train schedule. This fellow wore a black suit and a bowler hat.

Kitty looked down and saw what she knew to expect: the man in gray had set his briefcase down next to an identical briefcase belonging to the man in black. As she watched, the man in black picked up the man in gray's case and headed for the far side of the concourse.



Luke smiled. Zahra giggled. "Rufus McGuiken better never look me in the eyes," she said. "I'd give him a treat all right."

Luke laughed out loud and sat me back on his lap. He scratched my head while I thought about Rufus.

I thought Rufus was tops. But Zahra and Rufus never got along. They fought over me, mostly. Over who could walk me, to be precise. Most days, Zahra would knock on the door and offer to take me for a walk while Luke worked. Most days, Luke said yes, tossed Zahra my leash, and off we'd go.

As soon as we left, Rufus would bound out of his door and insist that he come with us. This drove Zahra crazy.

Zahra was nine months older than Rufus. And those nine months gave Zahra the "right" to be trusted to take a wild Brisket like me

to the park and make sure I ran through my obedience drills. Since Rufus was "way younger," his job was to make sure I got all my zoomies in and wiggles out.

If you ask me, the two of them made the perfect combination for an afternoon at the park. Even if they both bickered a lot.

"Zahra," Luke said. "I'm sorry. But we'll have to video-chat another time. Just got an alert that we've got a new case."

Luke scratched my wiry fur and asked if I was ready for a new job. I barked, YES!

"I better let you go straightaway then," Zahra said. "Anyway, Mom just got home. Dad has tea ready, and Mom will want to know how my homework is coming along."

Luke smiled. "Hope we haven't kept you from it."

"Not at all! I learned something new. I'll tell Rufus about it after tea. Goodbye, Brisket!"

## Helper Hounds

An early chapter book series about specially trained emotional support dogs who help the kids who need them most. Meet these uncommon heroes with wet noses and big hearts. These stories are told from the point-of-view of the helper hound so that young readers can easily relate to the story. Each book centers around a different emotional support dog, and how the dog helps kids process emotional experiences and overcome obstacles. The helper hounds are here to assist kids dealing with bullying, grief, making new friends, and facing their fears!

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- Now an 8-book series

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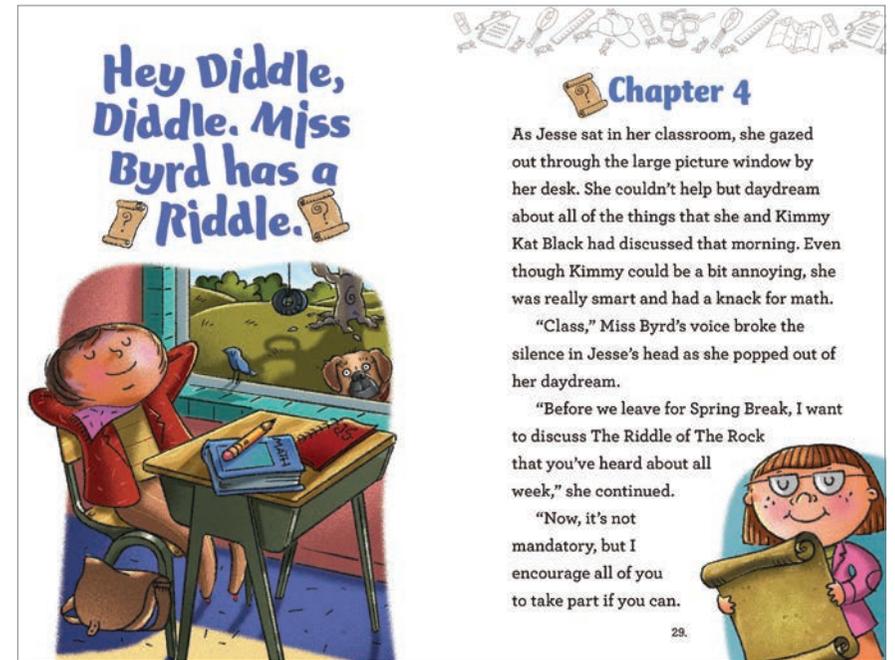
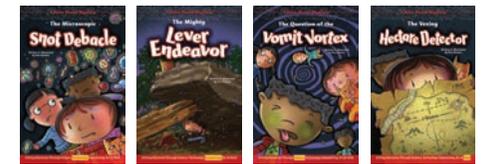
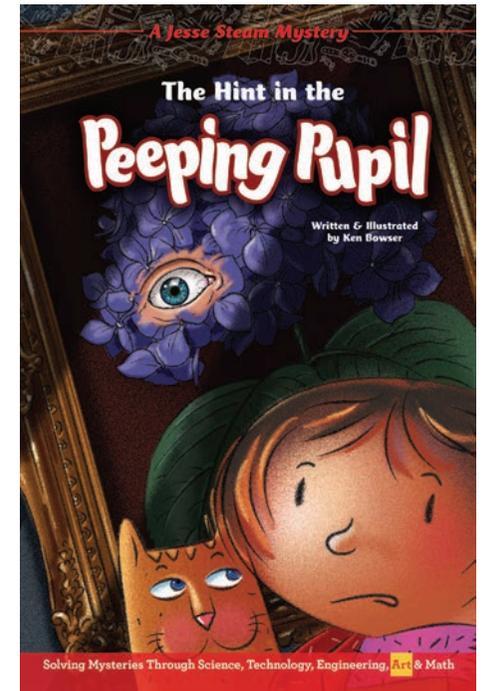
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## Artie and the Wolf Moon

Olivia Stephens

Artie Irvin is thrilled to discover she comes from a line of werewolves. But as she dives into her family history and figures out her new abilities, vampires wait in the shadows . . .

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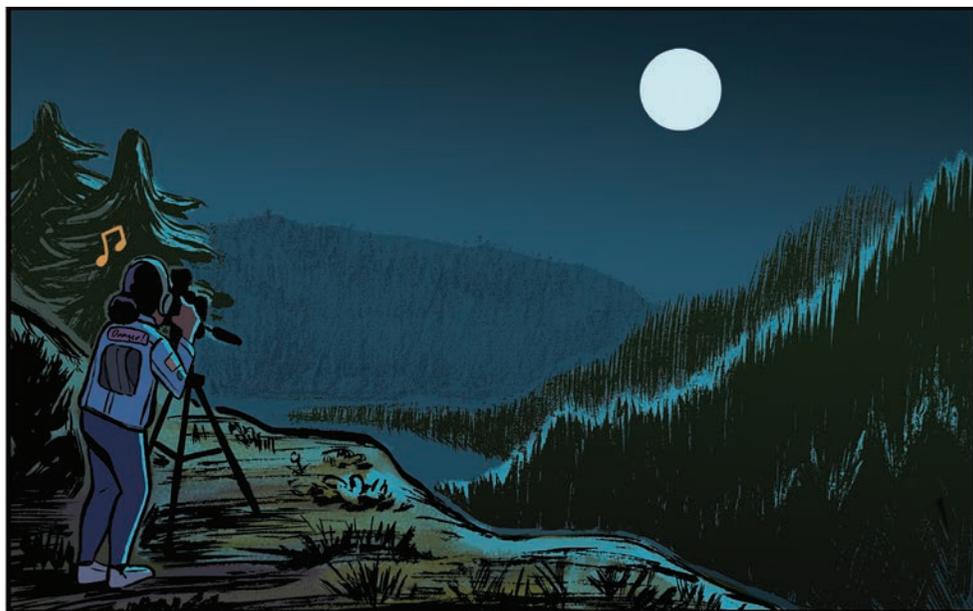
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Fur Ball of the Apocalypse: Book 4

Derrick's goldfish, Finn and Gillian, have gone missing—but so have Derrick's two science teachers. Max and Derrick are on the case . . . but they could be headed for a fur ball of a dead end!

- Derrick deals with usual middle school struggles, with some unique twists
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- Appeals to fans of **Dog Man** who have grown beyond its core audience

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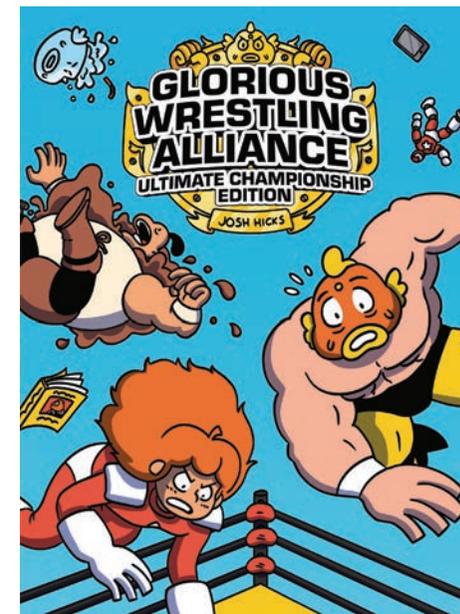
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Ultimate Championship Edition

Step into the ring at Glorious Wrestling Alliance, the universe's least-professional wrestling company. Collected in colossal full color for the first time, this hilarious love letter to pro wrestling covers identity, anxiety, and leg drops.

- *GLOW* meets *Bojack Horseman* in a sharp, thoughtful, and hysterically funny pro-wrestling comedy
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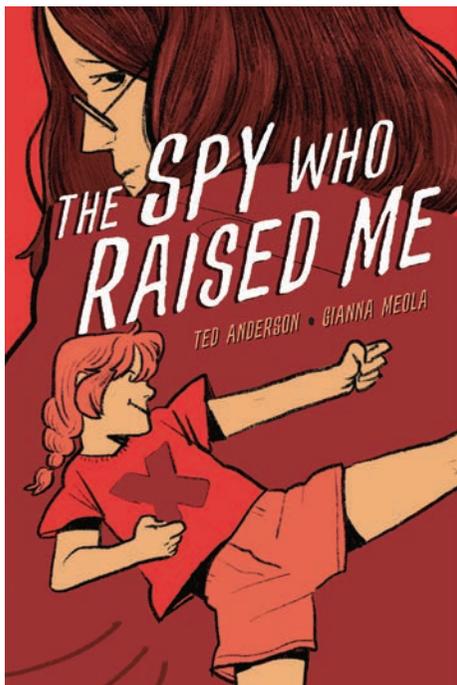
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## The Spy Who Raised Me

Ted Anderson, illus. Gianna Meola

Josie Black can infiltrate any building and move like a martial artist. But no one told *her* that. When she discovers her mom secretly programmed her to be a special operative, spy family drama breaks out.

- Super spy action and adventure
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The Hunt Is On: Book 1

Nie Jun

In this poetic adventure across medieval China, roguish bands of “seekers” chase the plantlike key to immortality. Acclaimed artist and storyteller Nie Jun presents an environmental fantasy rich with mystery, betrayal, and an adorable baby deity.

- Beautiful watercolor artwork
- Fantastical take on a unique historical setting
- Balances wonder, humor, and suspense
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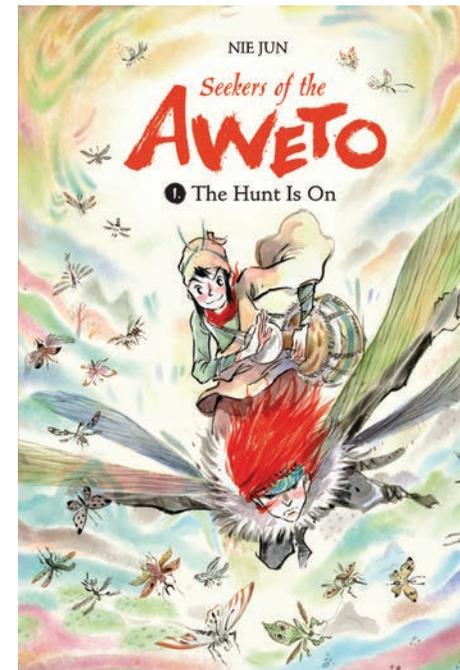
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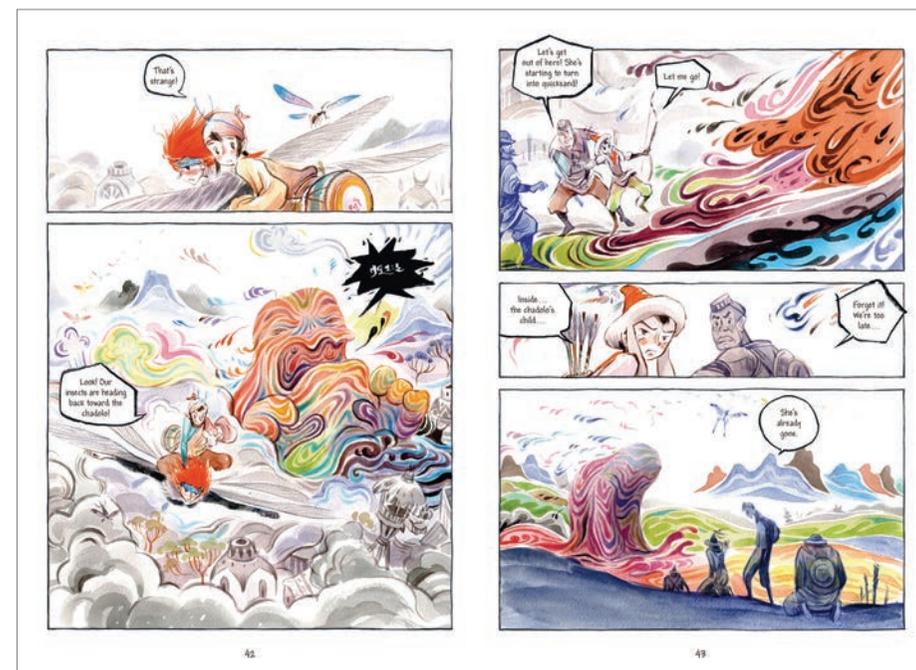
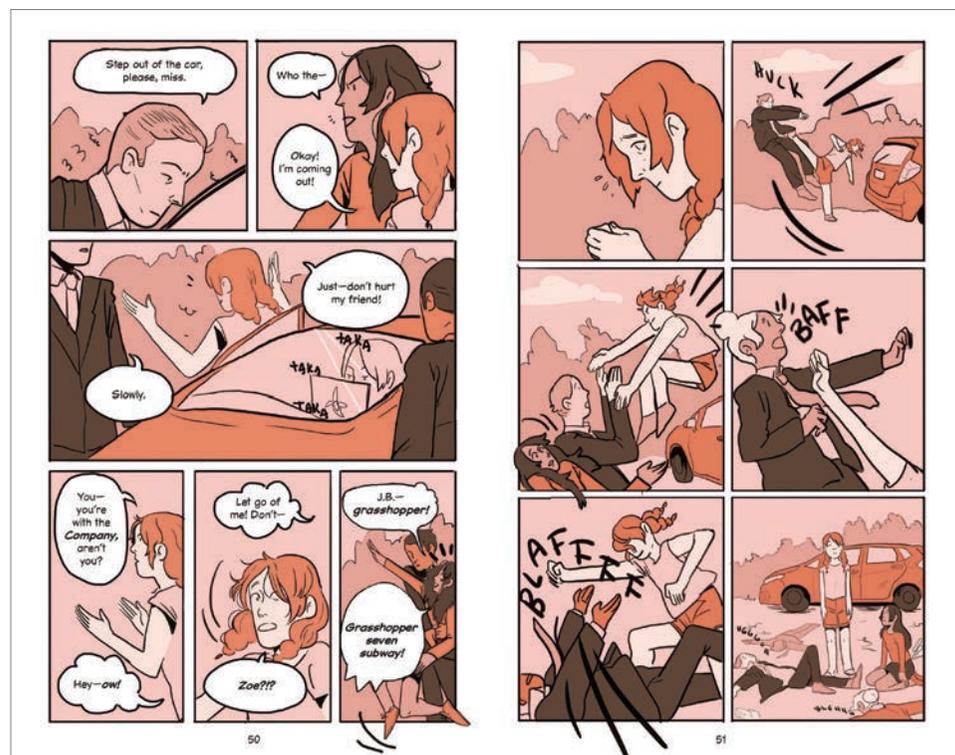
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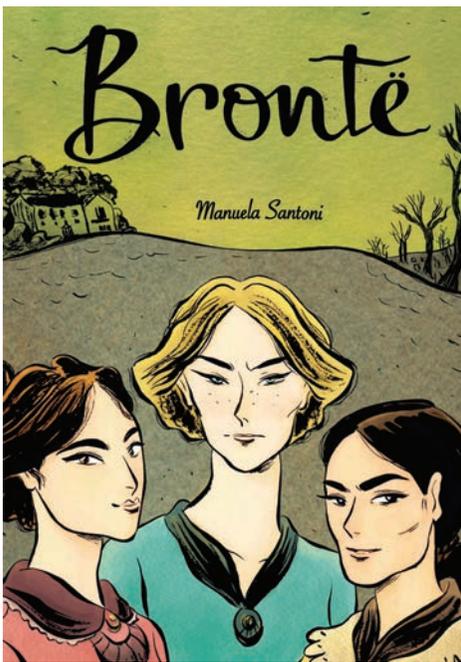
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# Brontë

Manuela Santoni

Charlotte, Emily, and Anne Brontë—faced with an ailing father, a self-destructive brother, and the nineteenth century's oppressive double standards—pursue independence through art in this graphic vision of the lives of three legendary writers.

- The story of three artists with enduring legacies, still read in homes and classrooms worldwide
- From the author/illustrator of *Jane Austen: Her Heart Did Whisper*
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- A powerful display of the bond of sisterhood

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Discover true stories of invention behind coveted pop-culture objects—from sneakers to smartphones. With high-interest graphic novel art, these books profile the products' creators and innovators, as well as the scientific or technical developments that made the inventions possible. The books also cover social history, revealing how people's needs in a particular period led to creative solutions.

- High-interest stories showing how inventions—and societal trends—evolve over time
- Informative back matter supports more exploration of the topics

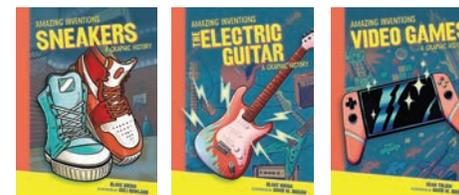
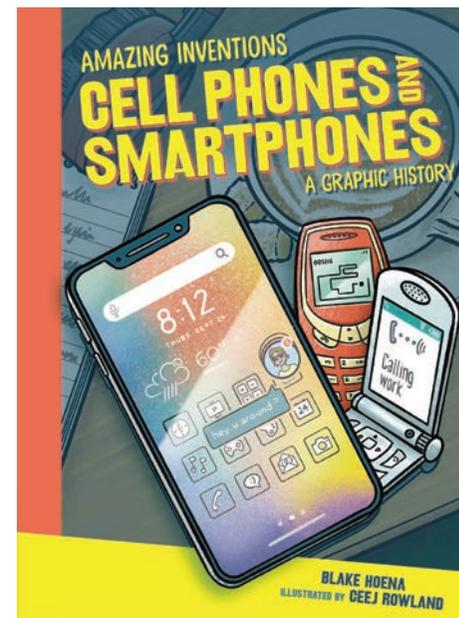
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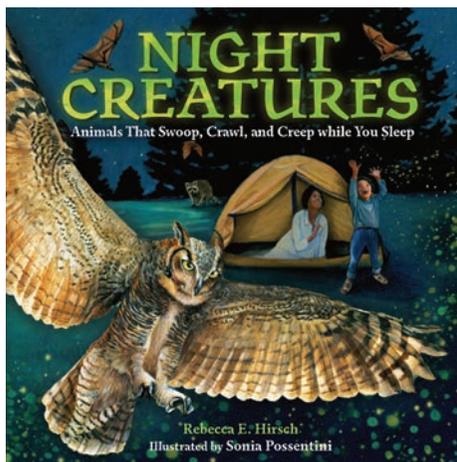
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## Night Creatures

Animals That Swoop, Crawl, and Creep while You Sleep

Rebecca E. Hirsch, illus. Sonia Possentini

As the sun sets, night creatures wake. They race and chase, dart and leap. A parent and child camp out in their rural backyard, observing the nocturnal animals in this evocative and informative picture book.

- A gorgeously illustrated peek at what animals do while we sleep
- Beautiful, atmospheric illustrations by Sonia Possentini
- Lyrical text with great read-aloud potential
- Informative back matter delves deeper into the lives of crepuscular, nocturnal, and diurnal animals

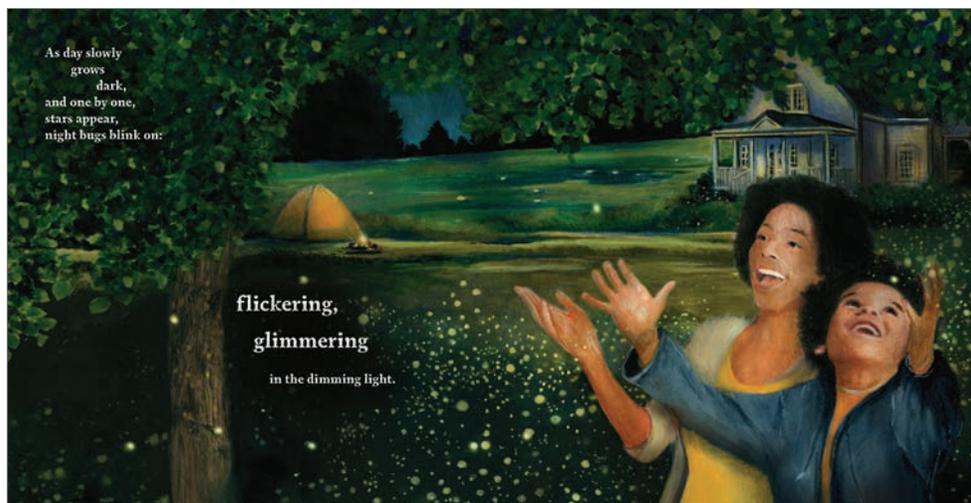
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## How to Make a Book (about My Dog)

Chris Barton, illus. Sarah Horne

There's more to a book than just the author and illustrator. Follow the creation of a book (about Ernie the dog) from manuscript to bookshelf in this humorously self-aware nonfiction picture book.

- A fun and fresh look at how books are made
- Combines humor and accurate information about the book-making process

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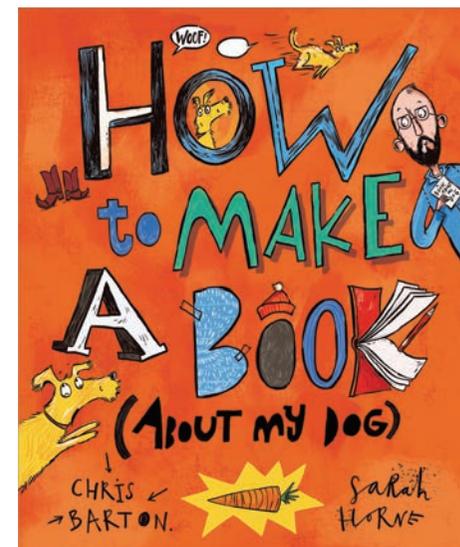
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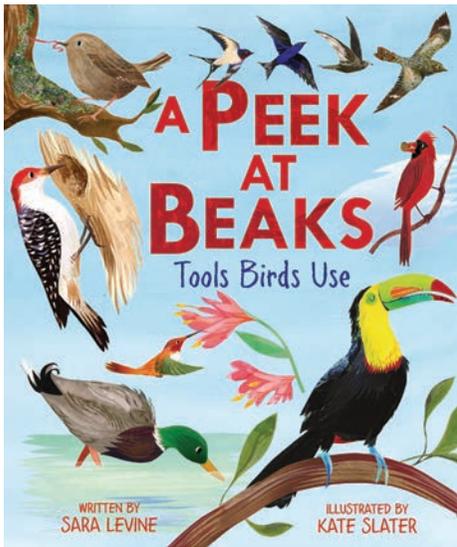
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## A Peek at Beaks

Tools Birds Use

Sara Levine, illus. Kate Slater

What kind of bird has a beak like a jackhammer? A woodpecker! What kind has a beak like a straw? A hummingbird! This playful picture book keeps readers guessing as they discover how birds' beaks resemble—and can be used like—tools.

- Playful guessing game format keeps readers engaged
- Gorgeous mixed-media collage art from Kate Slater
- Back matter includes information about why bird beaks come in so many different shapes and sizes and touches on how evolution works
- From the author of *Tooth by Tooth*, *Bone by Bone*, *Flower Talk*, and more

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## Beyond

Discoveries from the Outer Reaches of Space

Miranda Paul, illus. Sija Hong

Venture far beyond our solar system and discover the marvels of interstellar space. A wonder-filled poem and spectacular illustrations explore everything from dwarf planets and black holes to dark matter and brand-new stars.

- Luminous, eye-catching illustrations from Sija Hong in her US debut
- A poetic exploration of our solar system and all the wonders that lie beyond
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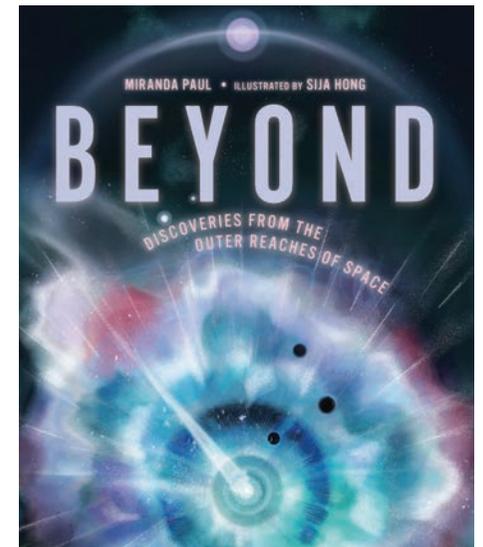
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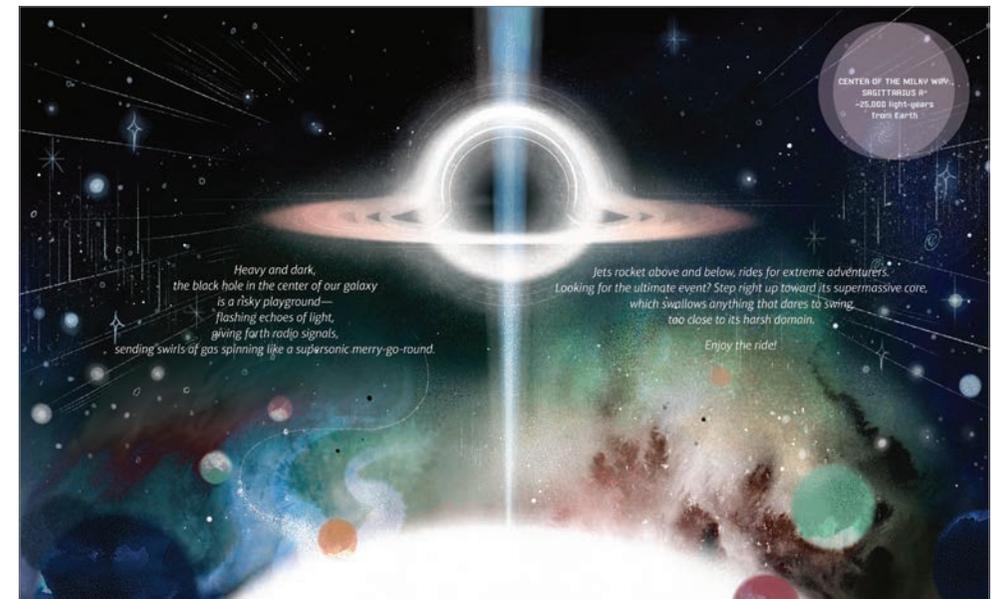
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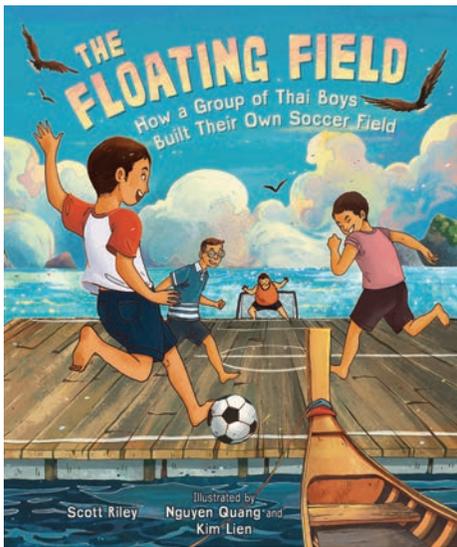
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## The Floating Field

How a Group of Thai Boys Built Their Own Soccer Field

Scott Riley  
illus. Nguyen Quang; Kim Lien

On a tiny Thai island without room for a soccer field, a group of resourceful teen boys gathers scraps and works together to build a floating field so they can play the game they love.

- An inspiring true story about a group of kids beating seemingly impossible odds for the game they love
- One of the people who built the original field, Prasit Hemmin, was interviewed for the book
- Beautifully illustrated

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—starred, **Publishers Weekly**



But the boys didn't listen. Sea eagles wheeled overhead as they worked. Barrels and boards formed a platform. Some boys tethered it down below. Others painted the edges. A few began to frame knee-high goalposts.

After weeks of work, their floating field was complete. With fishnet goals at each end, it teetered in the waves.

## Classified

The Secret Career of Mary Golda Ross, Cherokee Aerospace Engineer

Traci Sorell, illus. Natasha Donovan

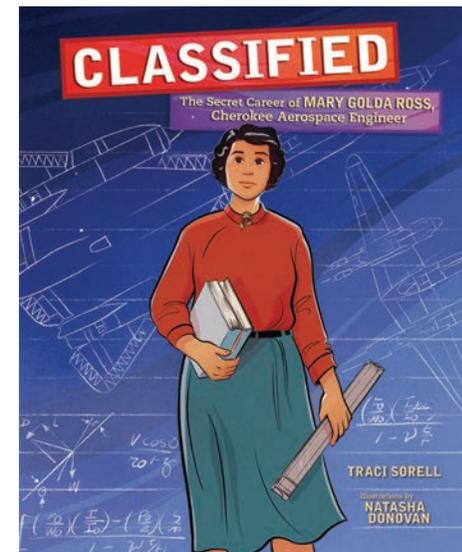
Mary Golda Ross designed classified projects for Lockheed Air Corporation as the company's first female engineer. Find out how her passion for math and the Cherokee values she was raised with shaped her life and work.

- Tells the true story of a “hidden figure”
- #OwnVoices
- Author Traci Sorell has won multiple awards for her picture books *We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga* and *At the Mountain's Base*

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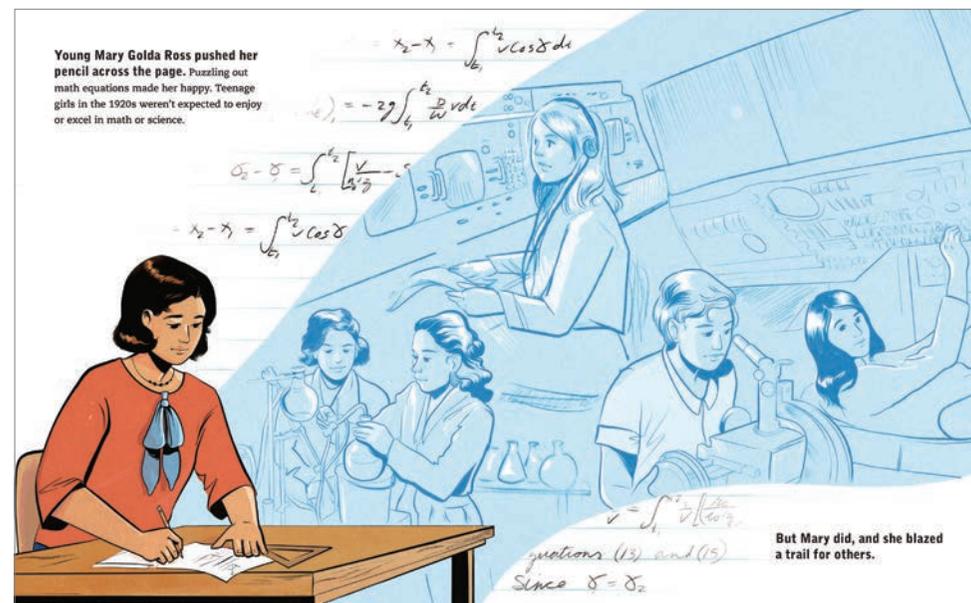
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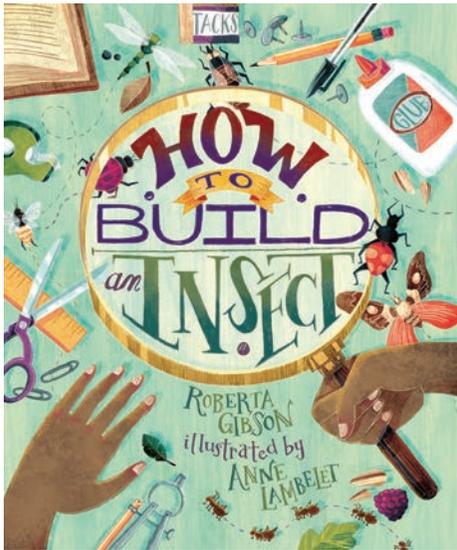
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—starred, **Kirkus**



Young Mary Golda Ross pushed her pencil across the page. Puzzling out math equations made her happy. Teenage girls in the 1920s weren't expected to enjoy or excel in math or science.

But Mary did, and she blazed a trail for others.



## How to Build an Insect

Roberta Gibson, illus. Anne Lambelet

Let's build an insect! Enter a wondrous workshop filled with everything you'll need, including a head, a thorax, an abdomen, wings, and much more.

- A delightfully original take on insect anatomy!
- Book includes a large, labeled diagram of insect body parts and a hands-on activity for building your own insect
- Author is an entomologist with a master's degree from Cornell University and a children's book blogger

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—starred, *School Library Journal*



## 10 at 10

The Surprising Childhoods of Ten Remarkable People

Carlyn Beccia

At age ten, Audrey Hepburn evaded the Nazis. What was Roberto Clemente doing at that age? Or Albert Einstein? Discover the fascinating childhoods behind ten of history's most famous figures.

- Fun, browseable format appeals to even the most reluctant readers
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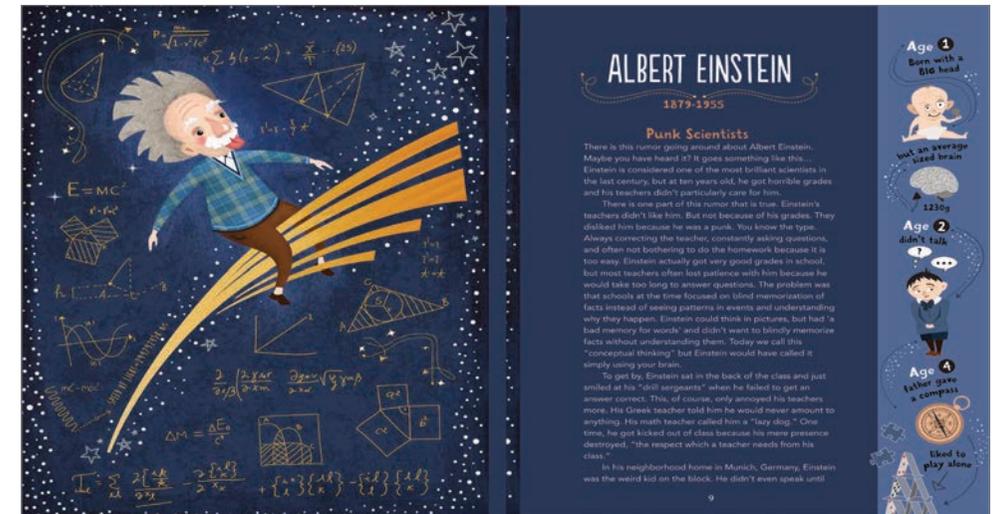
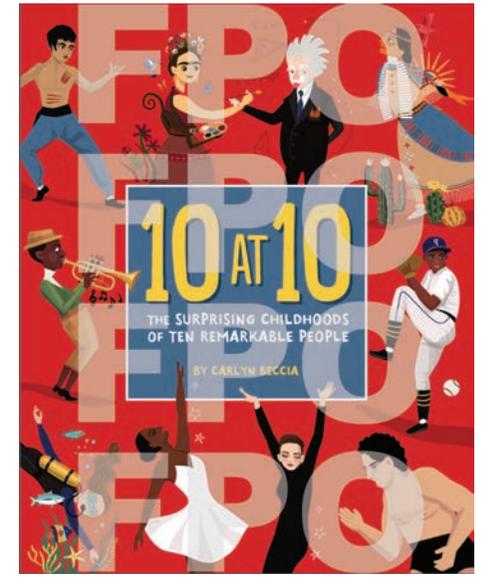
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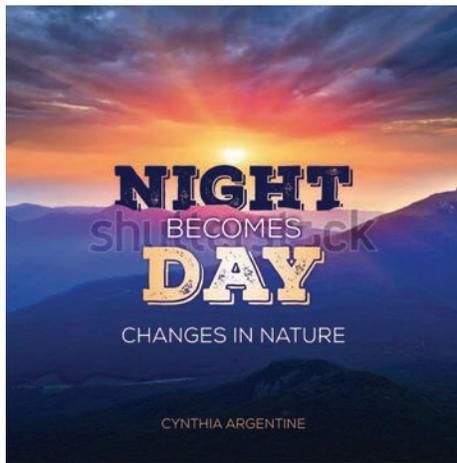
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## Night Becomes Day

Changes in Nature

Cynthia Argentine

Change can be colorful—like leaves in fall. Change can be slow—like a river carving a canyon. Explore the transformative power of nature's processes all around us.

- High-impact nature photos
- Expository text leaves room for curious readers to explore and ask questions
- Extensive back matter includes further information about the science of the changes featured in the book, bringing in concepts from biology, geology, chemistry, and physics

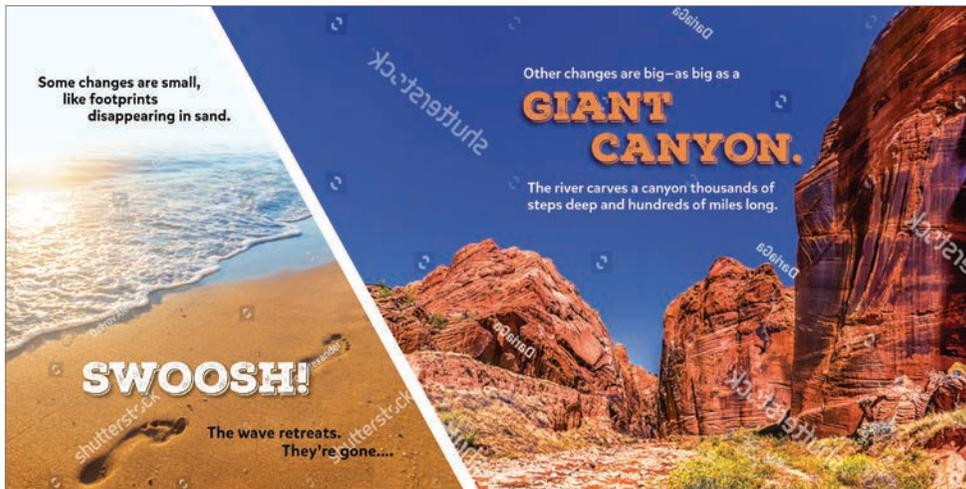
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Robots That Move Like Animals

Linda Zajac

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a . . . robo-hummingbird? Meet robots inspired by animals that race through water like fish, run like cheetahs, jump like a kangaroo, swarm through the sky like honeybees, and more!

- Cool photos of cutting-edge robot technology
- Familiar animals will engage young readers as they discover new tech
- High-interest STEM content highlighting both animal behavior and technology

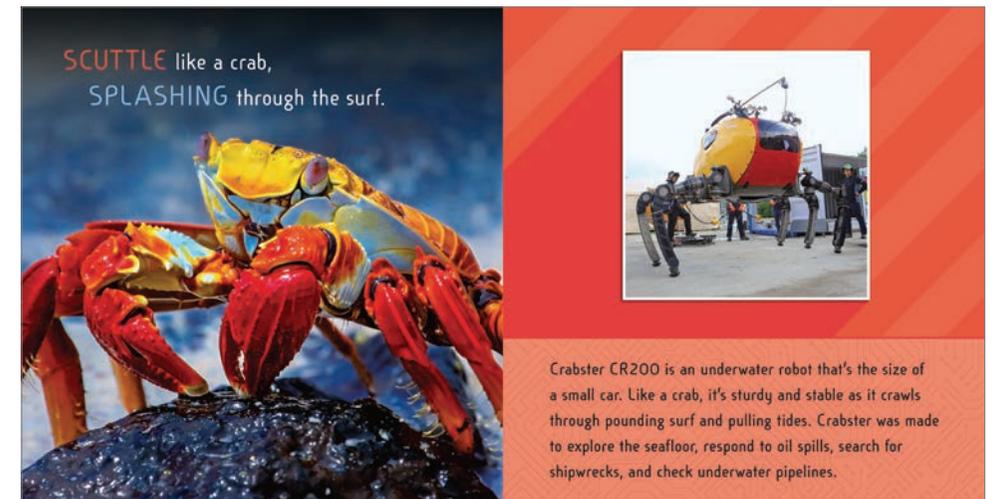
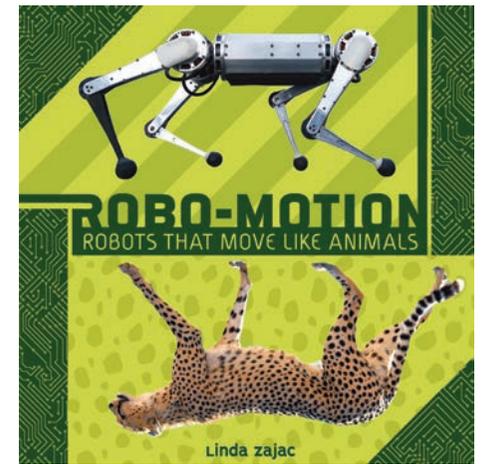
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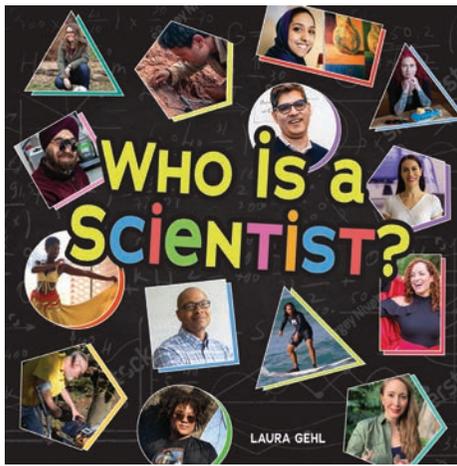
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## Who Is a Scientist?

Laura Gehl

Scientists work hard in the lab and in the field to make important discoveries. But that's not all—they also love to dance, fly drones, eat French fries, and more! Meet fourteen phenomenal and diverse scientists.

- Features a wonderfully diverse group of scientists with respect to race, ethnicity, religious practice, physical abilities, age, and sexuality
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## Odd Bods

The World's Unusual Animals

Julie Murphy

Long snouts, bright-red lips, pointy heads . . . the animal kingdom is full of critters with unique features. Learn about the incredible adaptations that help these creatures—and their odd bods—survive and thrive all around the globe!

- A close-up look at weird and wonderful animals from around the world
- Celebrates the unusual features that make these animals so distinctive

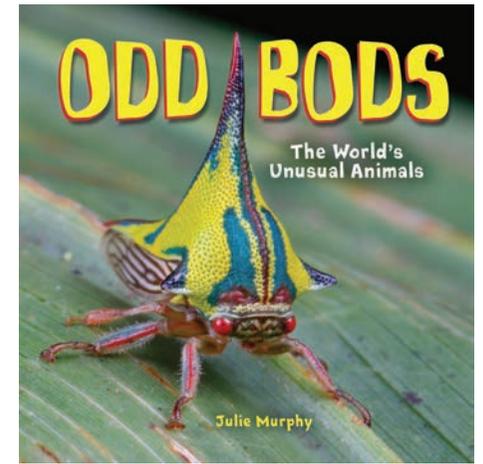
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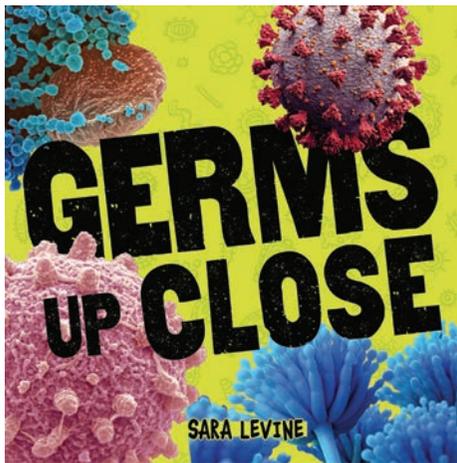
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—Booklist





"[E]ven the smallest physical details of bugs from *E. coli* to coronavirus stand out in sharp, precise definition. . . . High-interest topic and eye-catching visuals."

—Kirkus

## Germs Up Close

Sara Levine

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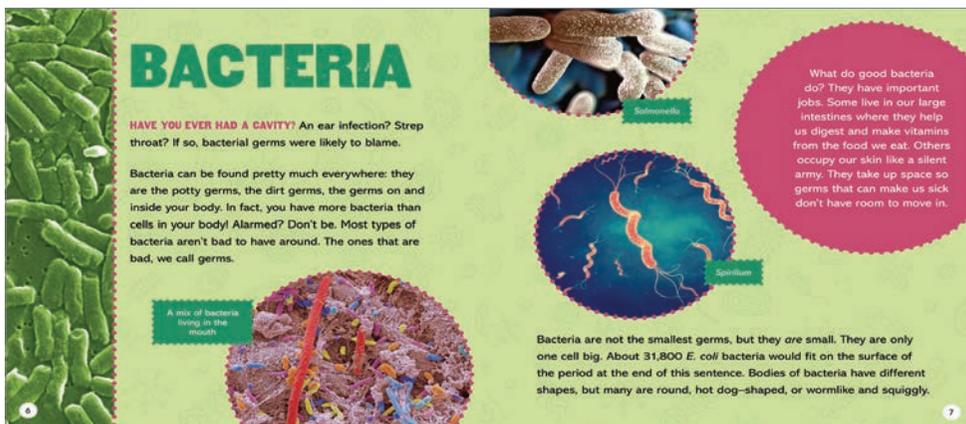
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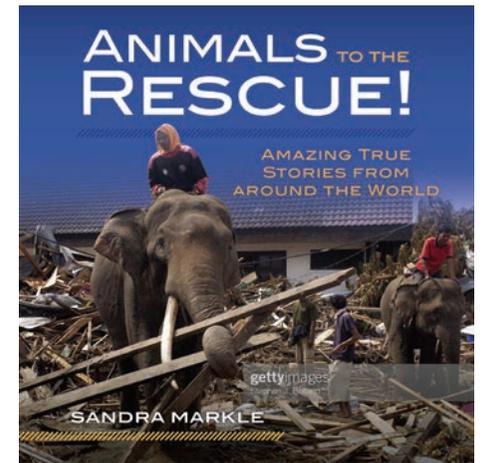
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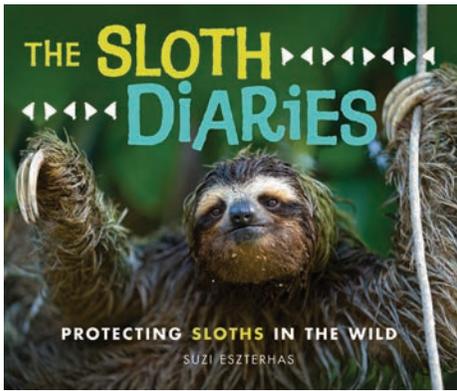
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Protecting Sloths in the Wild

Suzi Eszterhas

Scientists know surprisingly little about sloths, but Becky Cliffe is working to change that. Visit the steamy jungles of Central and South America to see these adorable animals up close—and find out ways to protect them.

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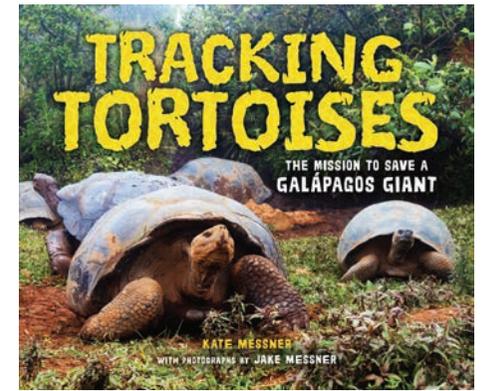
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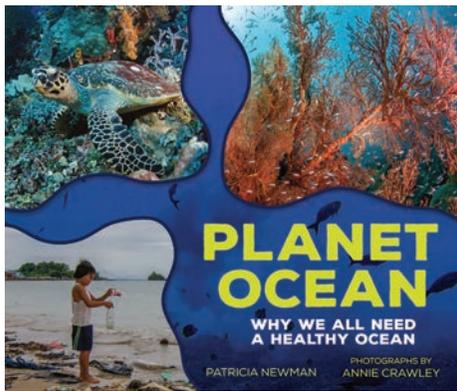
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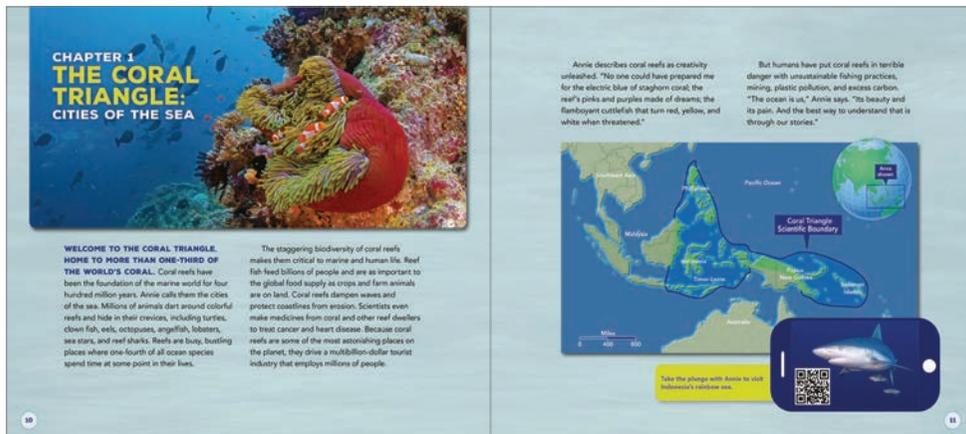
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- A compelling look at why the health of the ocean matters to everyone on the planet
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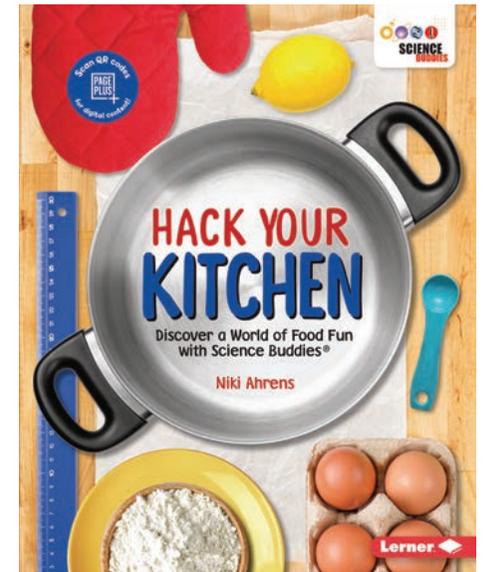
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Percy Leed  
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*"Something old, something new, some with batter, some are blue, and lots of projects here to do!"*

—Kirkus

### LEMON VOLCANO

Make a volcano erupt in your kitchen!

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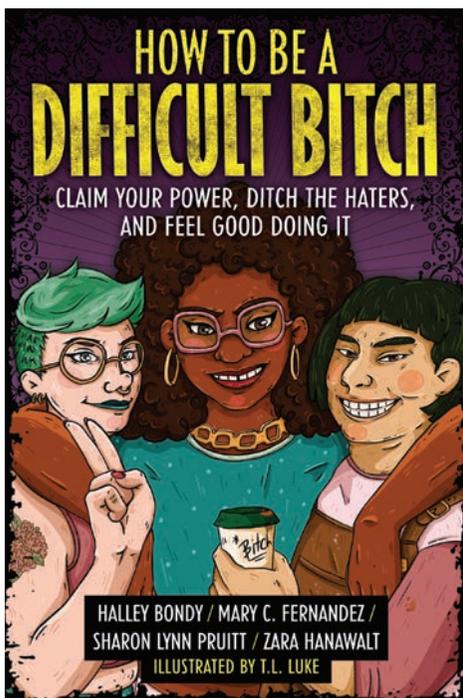
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- ~ lemon
- ~ baking sheet
- ~ spoon
- ~ food coloring
- ~ baking soda

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Have an adult cut the top and bottom off the lemon. Set it on the baking sheet.
2. Use a spoon to break up the inside of the lemon.
3. Add a few drops of food coloring to the inside of the lemon.
4. Pour some baking soda on top of the lemon.
5. Use the spoon to mix the baking soda with the inside of the lemon.

**SCIENCE TAKEAWAY**

Lemons contain a lot of citric acid. Baking soda is a base. When the basic baking soda comes into contact with the acidic lemon juice, a chemical reaction starts that creates carbon dioxide gas. The gas wants to escape from the liquid, which creates bubbles. Once the acid and base have finished reacting with each other, your volcano stops erupting.



## How to Be a Difficult Bitch Claim Your Power, Ditch the Haters, and Feel Good Doing It

Halley Bondy; Mary C. Fernandez; Sharon Lynn Pruitt-Young; Zara Hanawalt

Being a powerhouse is a choice, a lifestyle, a code of ethics. It takes work, a thick skin, and perseverance. Learn the basics of being a Difficult Bitch, from school to friends to body to life.

- Empowers teens to love and stand up for themselves and those around them
- Filled with funny but important poignant messages
- Contributions from a diverse group of writers explore the realities of reclaiming the term “difficult bitch” for people of different ethnic backgrounds, abilities, and gender identities

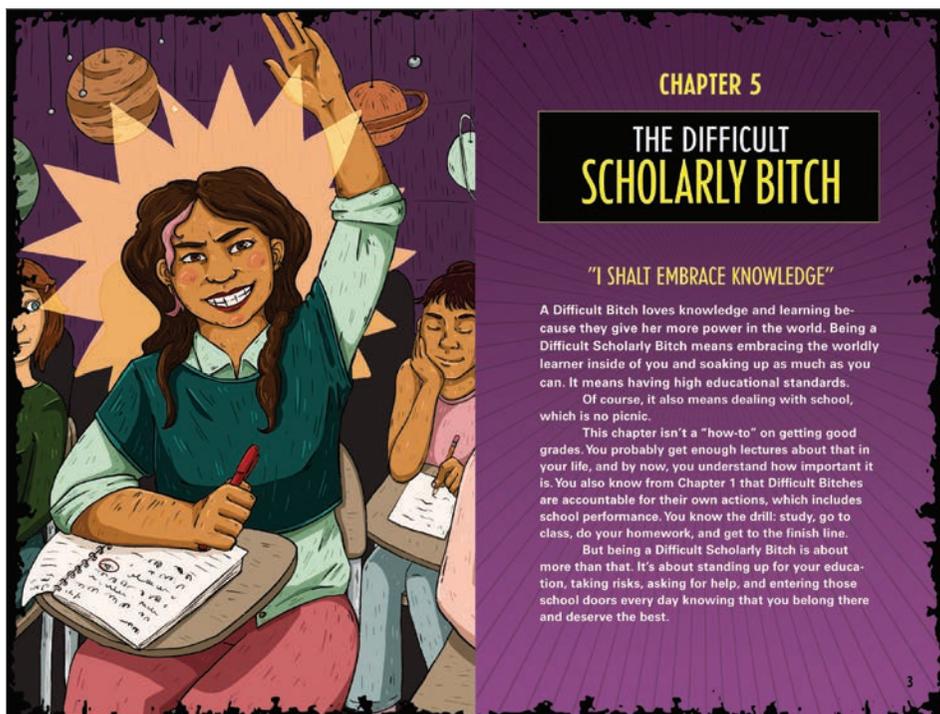
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## Finding Refuge Real-Life Immigration Stories from Young People

Victorya Rouse

English teacher Victorya Rouse has assembled a collection of true stories told by teens who know firsthand what it means to leave a beloved but unsafe homeland for a distant place where everyone speaks another language.

- An essential anthology for anyone interested in the world's immigration debates
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- Includes maps and background information on writers' home countries and regions

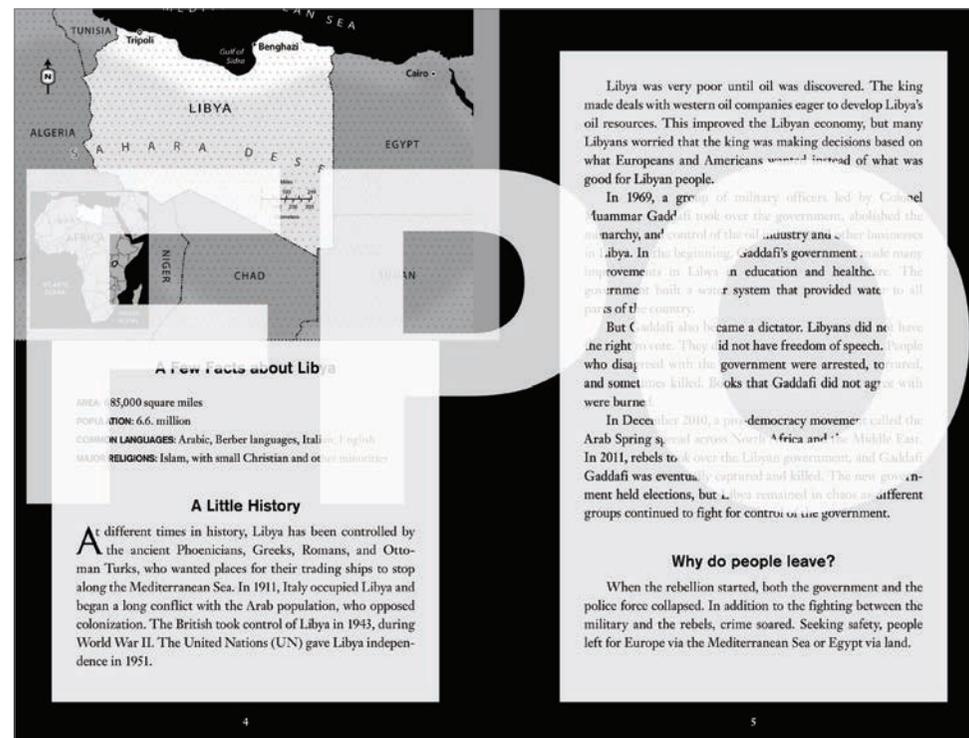
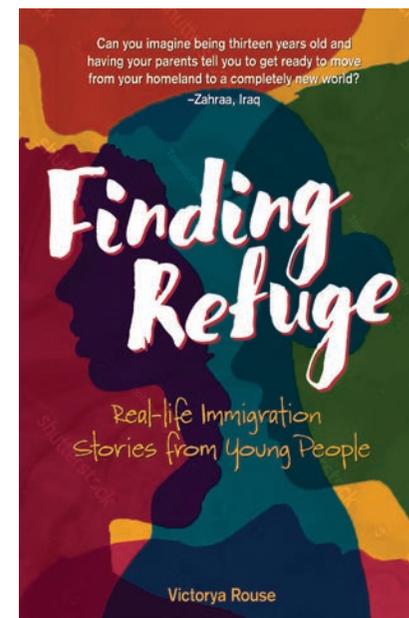
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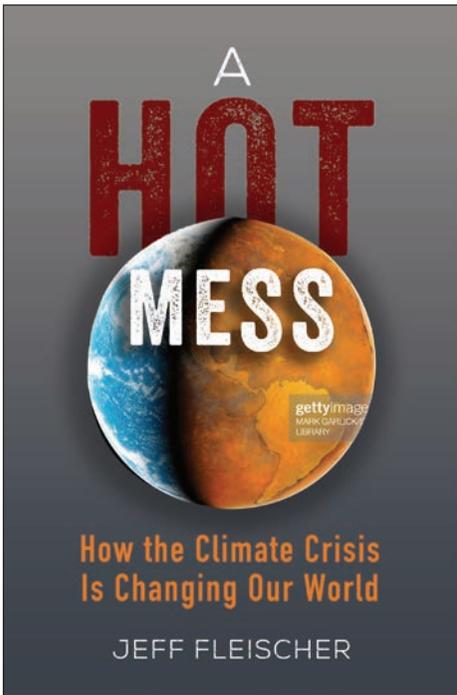
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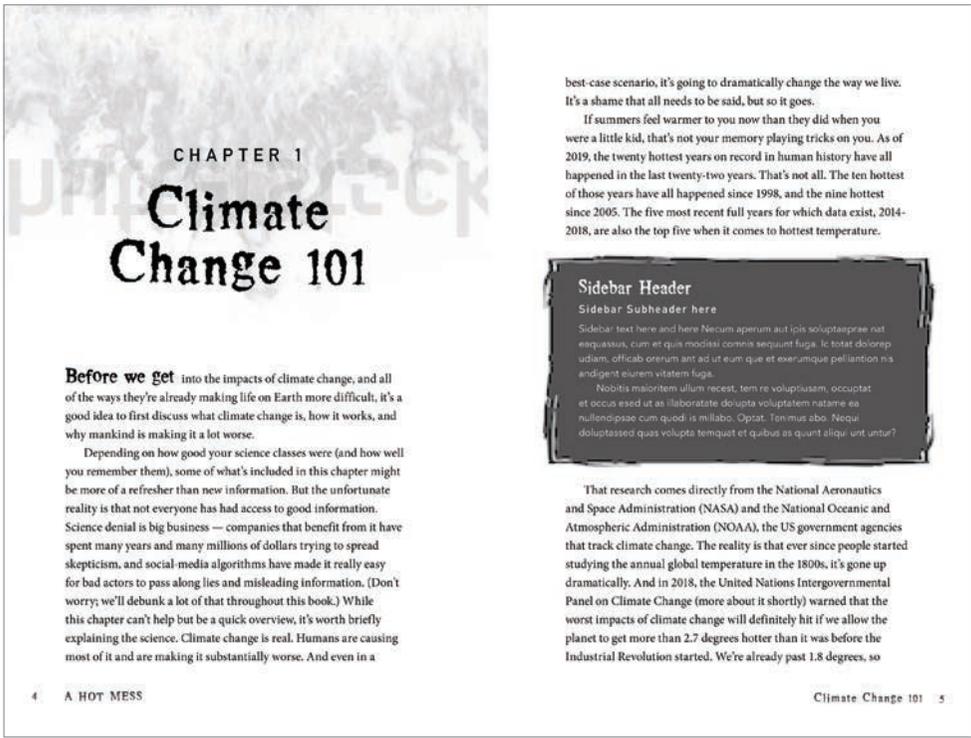




**A Hot Mess**  
 How the Climate Crisis Is Changing Our World  
*Jeff Fleischer*  
 Drawing on real-life situations and stories, journalist Jeff Fleischer takes an informed, approachable look at how our world will change as a result of the climate crisis, addressing sea levels, extreme weather, drought, extinction, and migration.

- A fascinating exploration of the potential effects of climate change for a YA audience
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best-case scenario, it's going to dramatically change the way we live. It's a shame that all needs to be said, but so it goes.  
 If summers feel warmer to you now than they did when you were a little kid, that's not your memory playing tricks on you. As of 2019, the twenty hottest years on record in human history have all happened in the last twenty-two years. That's not all. The ten hottest of those years have all happened since 1998, and the nine hottest since 2005. The five most recent full years for which data exist, 2014-2018, are also the top five when it comes to hottest temperature.

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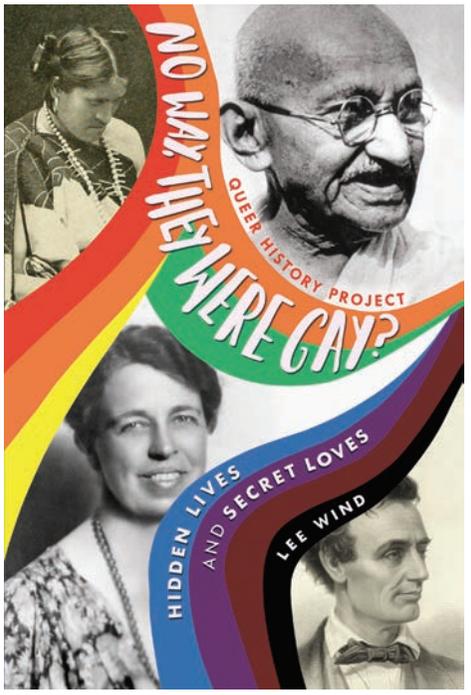
That research comes directly from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the US government agencies that track climate change. The reality is that ever since people started studying the annual global temperature in the 1800s, it's gone up dramatically. And in 2018, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (more about it shortly) warned that the worst impacts of climate change will definitely hit if we allow the planet to get more than 2.7 degrees hotter than it was before the Industrial Revolution started. We're already past 1.8 degrees, so

**No Way, They Were Gay?**  
 Hidden Lives and Secret Loves  
*Lee Wind*

History has often ignored men who loved men, women who loved women, and people who lived outside gender boundaries. Lee Wind examines primary source letters, poems, and more to rethink the lives and loves of historical figures.

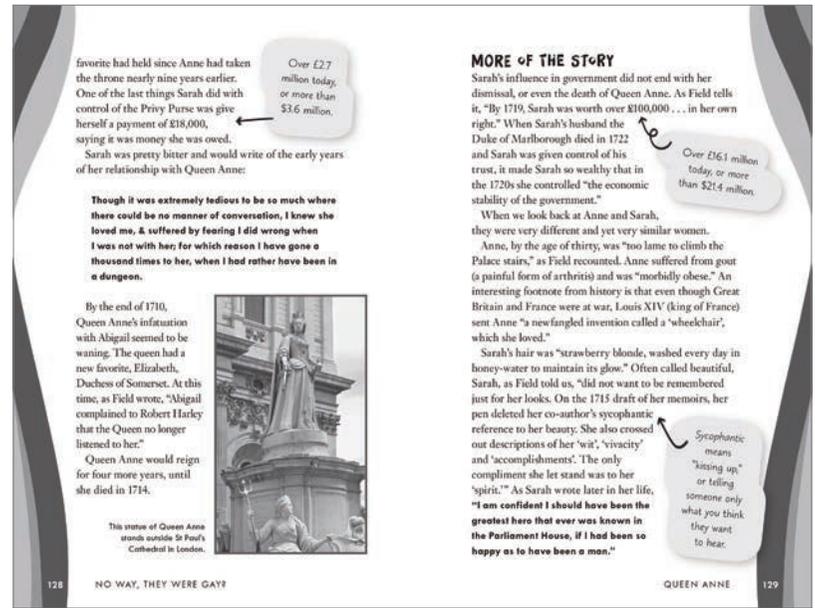
- Offers a mirror for LGBTQIA+ teens to know they have a place in history, a place at the table today, and a limitless future!
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favorite had held since Anne had taken the throne nearly nine years earlier. One of the last things Sarah did with control of the Privy Purse was give herself a payment of £18,000, saying it was money she was owed. Sarah was pretty bitter and would write of the early years of her relationship with Queen Anne:

**Though it was extremely tedious to be so much where there could be no manner of conversation, I knew she loved me, & suffered by fearing I did wrong when I was not with her; for which reason I have gone a thousand times to her, when I had rather have been in a dungeon.**

By the end of 1710, Queen Anne's infatuation with Abigail seemed to be waning. The queen had a new favorite, Elizabeth, Duchess of Somerset. At this time, as Field wrote, "Abigail complained to Robert Harley that the Queen no longer listened to her."  
 Queen Anne would reign for four more years, until she died in 1714.



This statue of Queen Anne stands outside St Paul's Cathedral in London.

**MORE OF THE STORY**

Sarah's influence in government did not end with her dismissal, or even the death of Queen Anne. As Field tells it, "By 1719, Sarah was worth over £100,000... in her own right." When Sarah's husband the Duke of Marlborough died in 1722 and Sarah was given control of his trust, it made Sarah so wealthy that in the 1720s she controlled "the economic stability of the government."

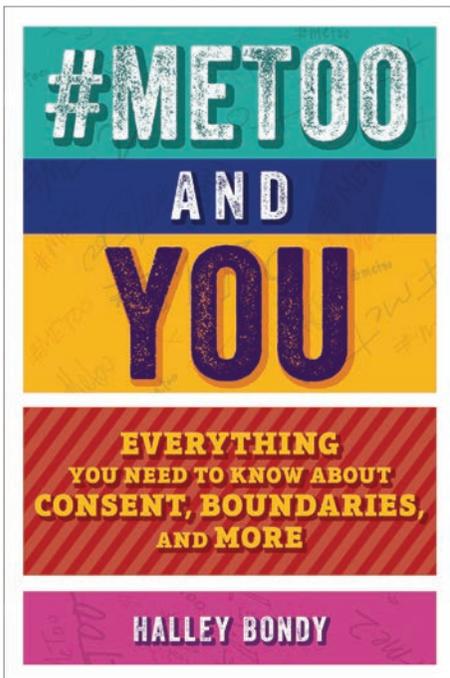
When we look back at Anne and Sarah, they were very different and yet very similar women. Anne, by the age of thirty, was "too lame to climb the Palace stairs," as Field recounted. Anne suffered from gout (a painful form of arthritis) and was "morbidly obese." An interesting footnote from history is that even though Great Britain and France were at war, Louis XIV (king of France) sent Anne "a newfangled invention called a 'wheelchair', which she loved."

Sarah's hair was "strawberry blonde, washed every day in honey-water to maintain its glow." Often called beautiful, Sarah, as Field told us, "did not want to be remembered just for her looks. On the 1715 draft of her memoirs, her pen deleted her co-author's sycophantic reference to her beauty: She also crossed out descriptions of her 'wit', 'vivacity' and 'accomplishments.' The only compliment she let stand was to her 'spirit.'" As Sarah wrote later in her life, "I am confident I should have been the greatest hero that ever was known in the Parliament House, if I had been so happy as to have been a man."

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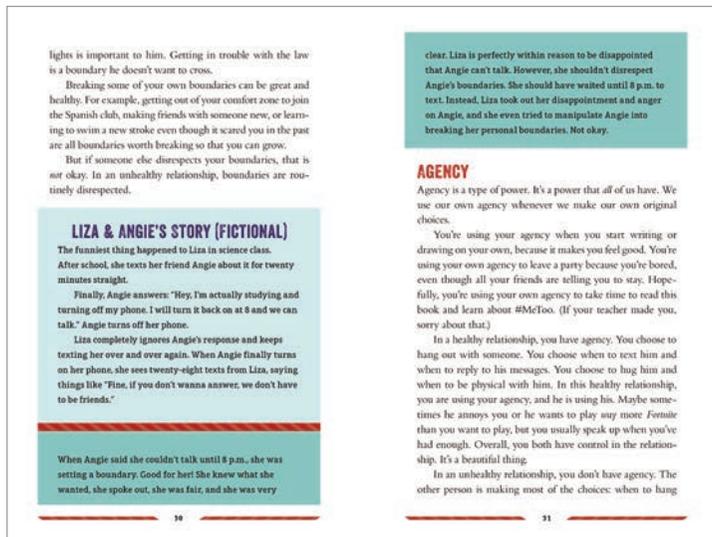
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Halley Bondy

Author Halley Bondy explores the nuances of emotions, comfort, and discomfort in sexually charged and emotionally abusive situations. Tween readers will learn about consent, harassment, abuse, and healthy boundaries in all types of relationships.

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Powerful Stories of People Living with HIV and the Dogs That Saved Them

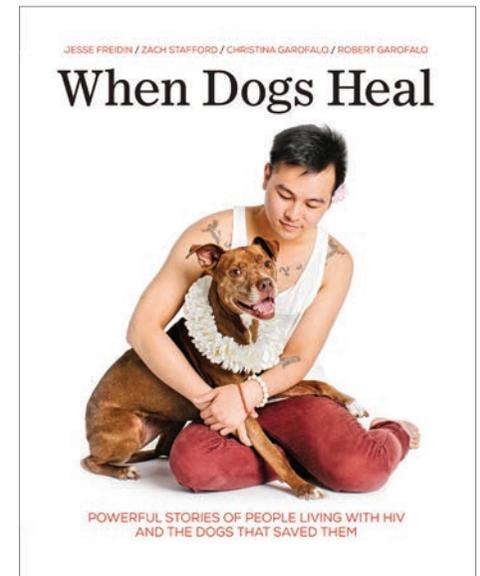
Jesse Freidin; Robert Garofalo;  
Zach Stafford; Christina Garofalo

Compiled by an LGBTQ advocate, an adolescent HIV specialist, and a fine-art photographer, *When Dogs Heal* illustrates a refreshing, beautiful and totally unique portrait of people living with HIV and the dogs who saved them.

- Dr. Robert Garofalo is one of the most well-known HIV youth specialists in the world and is a national authority on LGBTQ+ health issues
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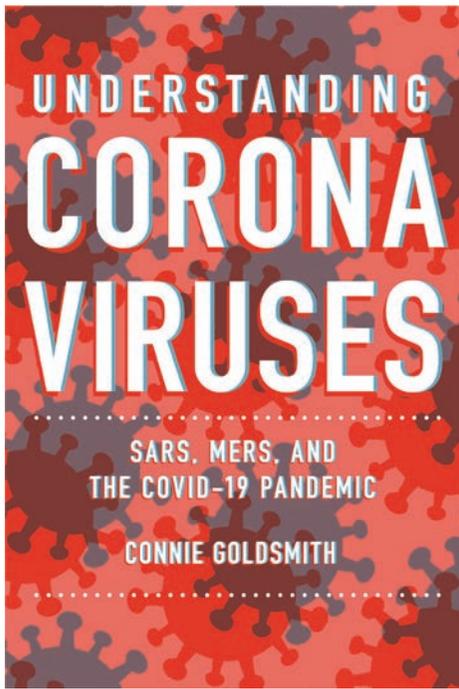


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## Understanding Coronaviruses

### SARS, MERS, and the COVID-19 Pandemic

Connie Goldsmith

While many scientists believed influenza would cause the next pandemic, no one was prepared for the new strain of coronavirus that appeared in 2019. *Understanding Coronaviruses* examines SARS-CoV-2, its origin, its impact on daily life, and how COVID-19 compares to other coronavirus diseases.

- Compares COVID-19 to past coronaviruses, epidemics, and pandemics
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Leilani Raashida Henry

Author Leilani Raashida Henry, daughter of the first person of African descent to go to Antarctica, recounts her father's expedition and reveals the incredible geography, biodiversity, and history of the continent.

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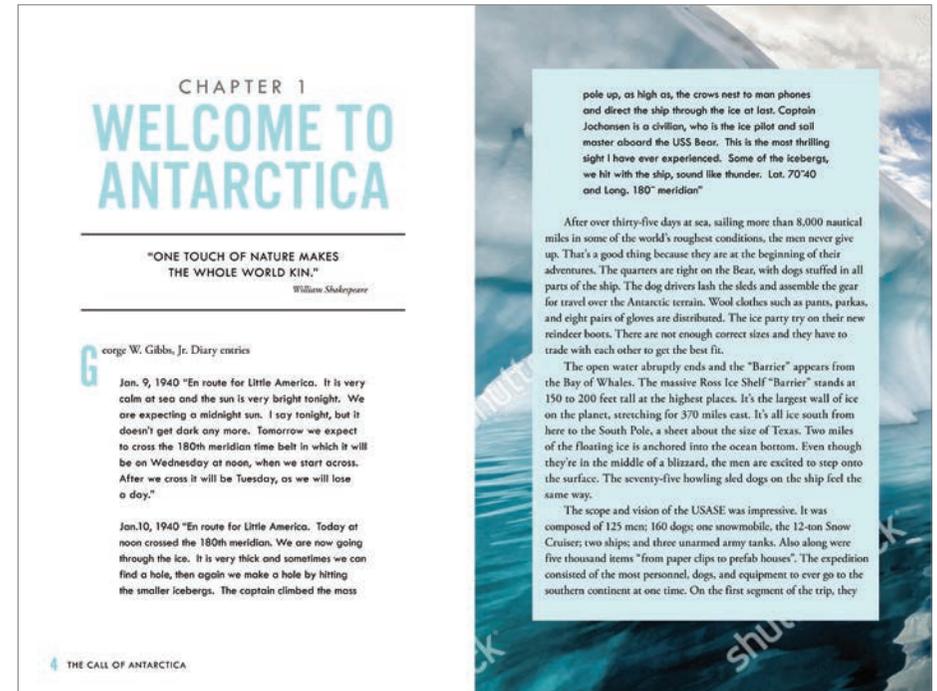
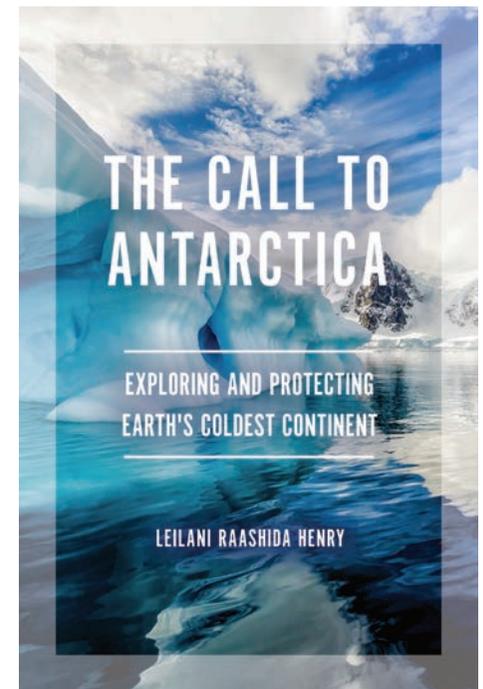
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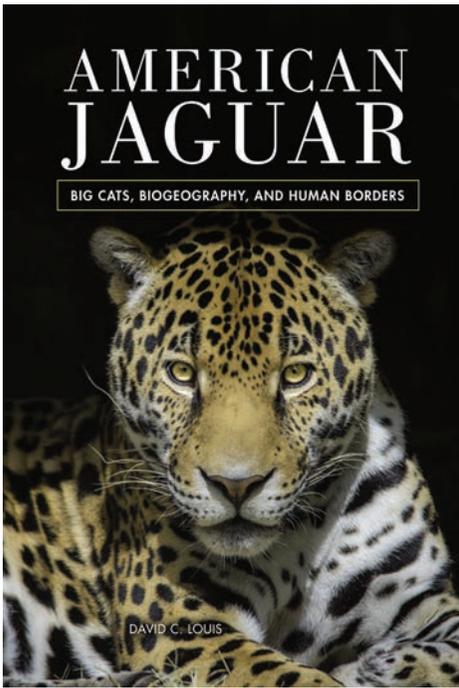
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Big Cats, Biogeography, and Human Borders

David C. Louis

In the borderlands between the US and Mexico, the American jaguar is fighting to regain its kingdom. Its biggest threat: habitat fragmentation created by roads, farms, mines—and the border wall. Learn how scientists want to protect this keystone species.

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## KING OF THE SKY ISLANDS

The Sierra Madre Occidental, or Mother Mountains of the West, is an immense mountain range that forms the backbone of western Mexico. This towering range starts in the tropical lands of southern Mexico, and runs north some 1,000 miles (1,609 km) to the arid, dry deserts in the state of Sonora which borders the United States. Here, the mountain range begins to split apart into isolated mountain peaks separated by rolling grasslands and desert. These are the Sky Islands, a loose network of nearly thirty small mountain ranges. The Sky Islands roll northward into the United States in southeastern Arizona.

The Sky Islands provide high-altitude habitats for animals to escape the suffocating heat on the desert floor, where summer temperatures can easily exceed 115°F (46°C). Some of these Sky

## Quiet Fire

Emily Dickinson's Life and Poetry

Carol Dommermuth-Costa;  
Anna Landsverk

Emily Dickinson is revered as one of America's greatest and most original poets. Using primary source materials including the poet's own letters and poems, *Quiet Fire* presents the life and art of Emily Dickinson to a new generation.

- Young poets and historians alike will delight in this new account of the life of Emily Dickinson
- Uses new research and analysis to present a well-rounded perspective on a major literary figure and feminist voice in American history
- Builds on the successful Apple TV+ show *Dickinson*, based on the life of Emily Dickinson

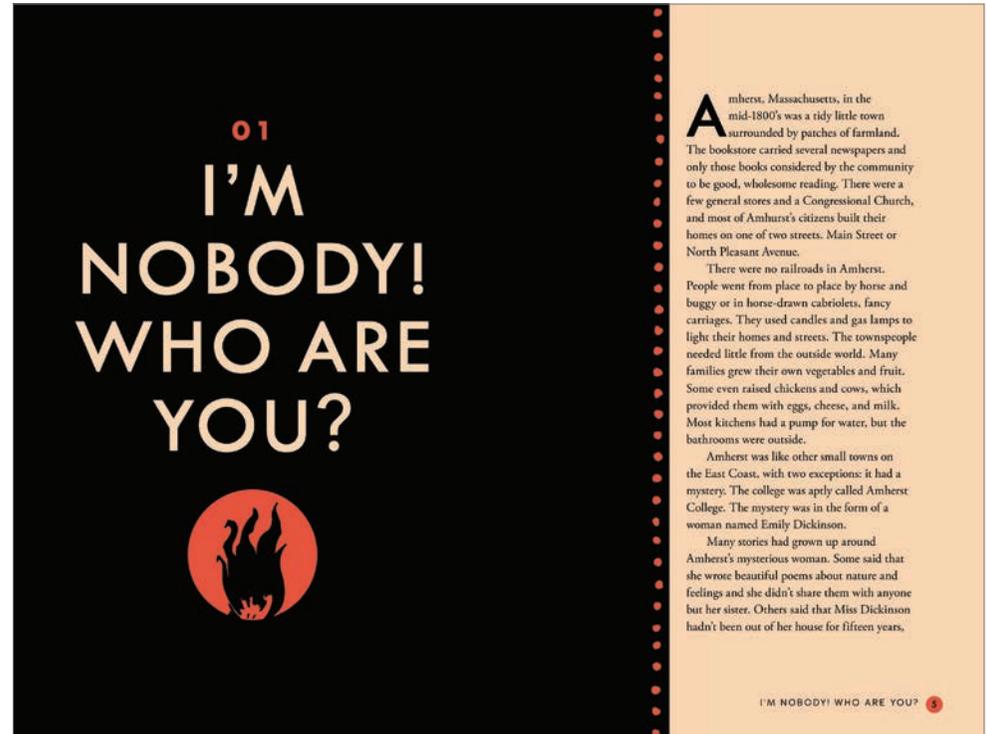
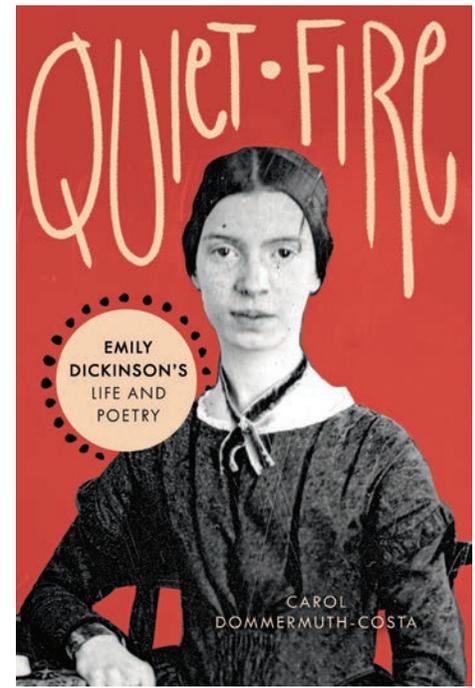
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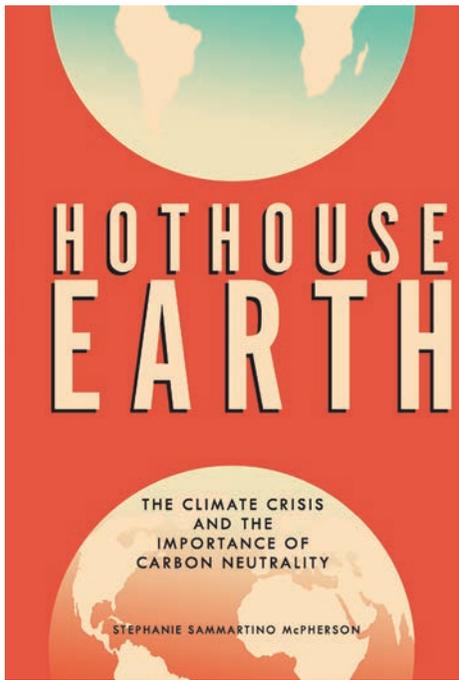


Amherst, Massachusetts, in the mid-1800's was a tidy little town surrounded by patches of farmland. The bookstore carried several newspapers and only those books considered by the community to be good, wholesome reading. There were a few general stores and a Congressional Church, and most of Amherst's citizens built their homes on one of two streets: Main Street or North Pleasant Avenue.

There were no railroads in Amherst. People went from place to place by horse and buggy or in horse-drawn cabriolets, fancy carriages. They used candles and gas lamps to light their homes and streets. The townspeople needed little from the outside world. Many families grew their own vegetables and fruit. Some even raised chickens and cows, which provided them with eggs, cheese, and milk. Most kitchens had a pump for water, but the bathrooms were outside.

Amherst was like other small towns on the East Coast, with two exceptions: it had a mystery. The college was aptly called Amherst College. The mystery was in the form of a woman named Emily Dickinson.

Many stories had grown up around Amherst's mysterious woman. Some said that she wrote beautiful poems about nature and feelings and she didn't share them with anyone but her sister. Others said that Miss Dickinson hadn't been out of her house for fifteen years.



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## Hothouse Earth

### Climate Change and the Importance of Carbon Neutrality

Stephanie Sammartino McPherson

As hurricanes, droughts, floods, and wildfires are increasing in regularity and intensity, climate change is no longer simply a problem for future generations. *Hothouse Earth* examines how science, politics, and social justice must all be part of the equation to counteract climate change.

- Goes beyond carbon emissions to investigate climate "tipping points" that contribute to global warming
- Holistic approach incorporates science, politics, and social justice in the discussion about climate change
- Action items help teens lessen their carbon footprint

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### Inside the World of Hacking, Online Privacy, and Cyberterrorism

Michael Miller

As the digital world grows, teens must be aware of threats to their online privacy and security. This book details forms of cyberspying, explores careers in cyberintelligence, and looks at various online threats.

- Contains detailed material on facets of and issues surrounding digital life for teens raised in an online world
- Discusses both legal and illegal forms of online spying, what's private and what's not
- Looks at privacy and security of personal information and what to do if they are compromised online

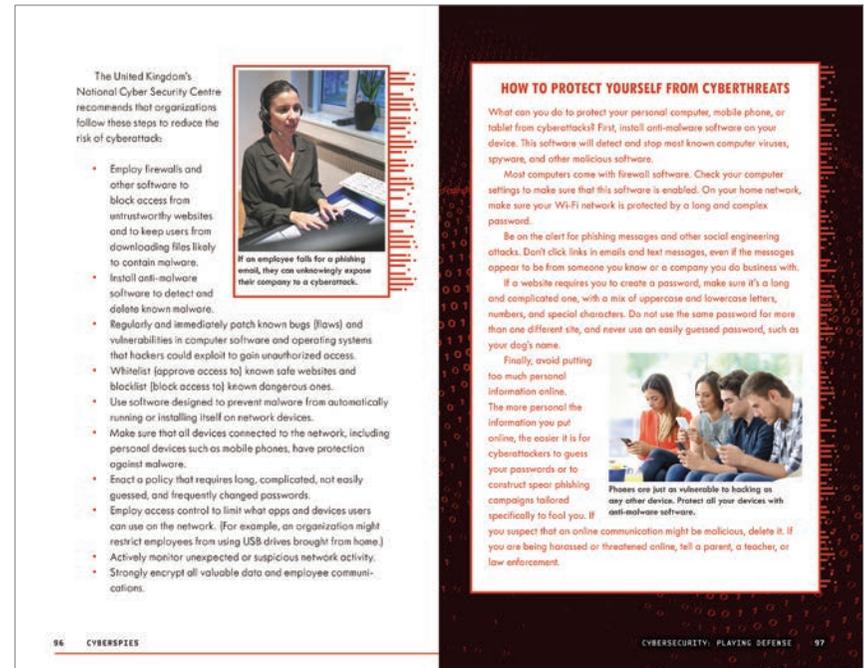
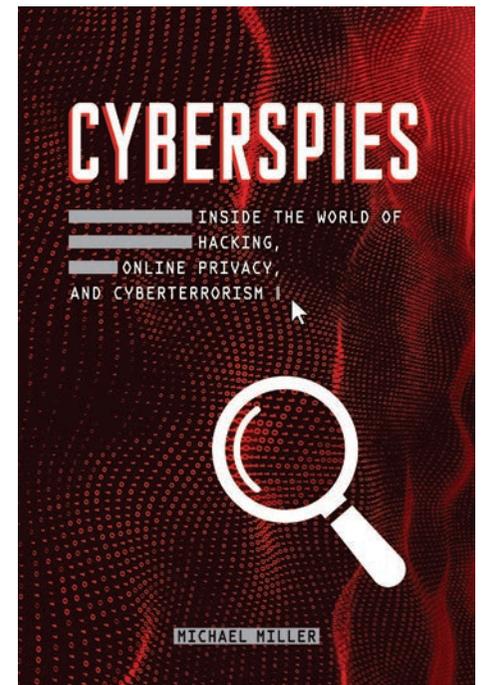
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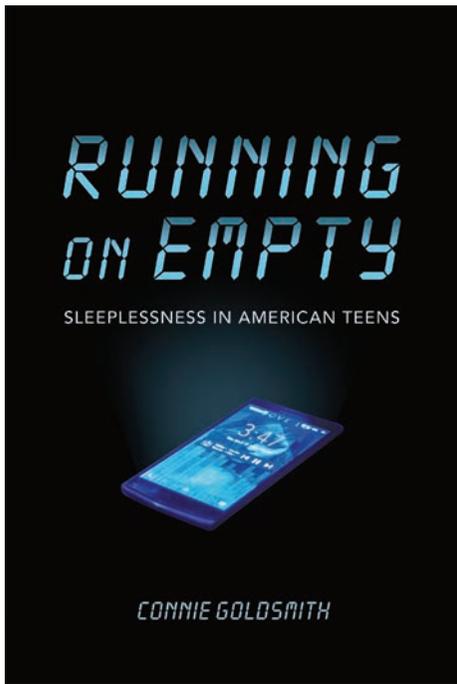
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## Running on Empty Sleeplessness in American Teens

Connie Goldsmith

Teens are one of the population's most affected by poor sleep. Investigate how lack of sleep impacts stress levels, academic performance, and physical and mental health. Learn why sleep is vital and discover how to get better sleep every night.

- Covers insomnia, sleepwalking, nightmares, night terrors, and sleep paralysis
- Provides self-assessment quizzes and surveys to challenge readers to think critically about their own sleeping habits
- Includes information from sleep experts, teenagers, and people affected by sleep disorders

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"This worthwhile book offers both a wake-up call and a practical guide for teens who need sleep."

—Booklist

### A Public Health Epidemic

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the US government organization responsible for monitoring health, considers sleep disorders such as insomnia a public health epidemic because they affect so many Americans. Insomnia is a sleep disorder characterized by an inability to get enough sleep. Insomnia can lead to sleep deprivation, but sleep deprivation can also be caused by choices a person makes, such as staying up late studying for a test. When you do that, you don't necessarily have insomnia, but you are sleep deprived.

Sleep deprivation can lead to poor performance during the day, especially at school or work. Inadequate sleep for any reason also leads to mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, and stress. And for a few people, not getting enough sleep can be downright dangerous. People may have serious car accidents if they drive while drowsy. Just like driving while drunk, drowsiness slows reaction time and leads to poor decision-making on the road. The National Safety Council estimates that drivers under the age of twenty-five are involved in at least 50 percent of the estimated six thousand fatal crashes each year related to drowsy driving.

Lack of sleep can lead to medical issues such as heart problems, diabetes, obesity, and high blood pressure. Insufficient sleep is suspected of being an early sign of Alzheimer's disease—a brain disease that leads to memory loss and dementia that is ultimately fatal. Sleep deprivation can even cause sleepwalking with fatal consequences, such as driving a car off a bridge or falling down the stairs.

We all need to make sleep a priority in our lives according to Dr. Timothy Morgenthaler, a past president of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. "Healthy sleep is essential for physical health, mental well-being, and personal and public safety," he said. "Sleep is a necessity, not a luxury, and the promotion of healthy sleep should be a fundamental public health priority."

### HOW LONG SHOULD YOU SLEEP?

The National Sleep Foundation recommends the following amount of daily sleep for various age groups.

1. Newborns (birth to 3 months old): 14 to 17 hours
2. Infants (4 to 11 months old): 12 to 15 hours
3. Toddlers (1 to 2 years old): 11 to 14 hours
4. Preschoolers (3 to 5 years old): 10 to 13 hours
5. School-age children (6 to 13 years old): 9 to 11 hours
6. Teenagers (14 to 17 years old): 8 to 10 hours
7. Young adults (18 to 25 years old): 7 to 9 hours
8. Adults (26 to 64 years old): 7 to 9 hours
9. Older adults (65 and older): 7 to 8 hours

### Symptoms of Insomnia among Adolescents

While most teens have no trouble falling asleep, just over 60 percent feel they are not really rested some or most days.

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ARE YOU UNDERSLEPT? 7

## Natural Satellites The Book of Moons

Ron Miller

The moons of our solar system feature extreme and potentially life-hosting environments. Delve into the science behind the fascinating properties of various moons and learn why astronomers search for life on moons.

- Includes full-color, accurately detailed illustrations created by the author, a scientific illustrator with previous experience working with NASA
- Features the most up-to-date science on solar system moons and exomoons
- A high-interest hook, discussing moons as having the potential to support life

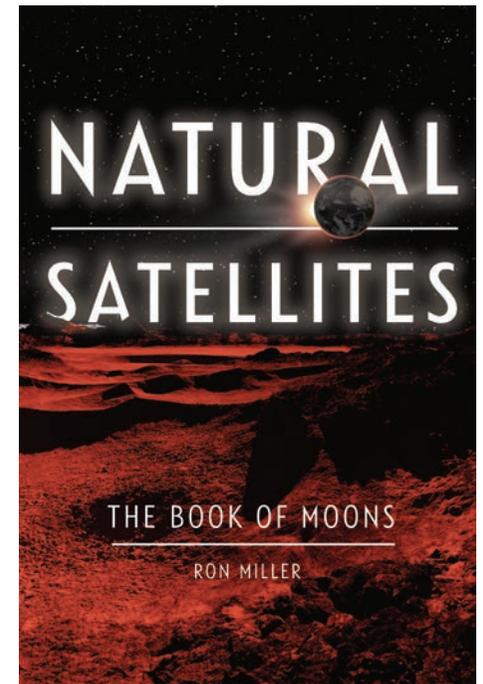
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An illustration of an astronaut exploring Verone Rupes, the Great Wall of Miranda

about it. For one thing, its brightness changes as it orbits Saturn. It seems twice as bright during half of its orbit as it does during the other half. The only explanation scientists could think of was that half of Iapetus was almost black and the other half almost white. When the dark side is facing Earth, Iapetus looks dim. When the light side is facing Earth, Iapetus looks bright.

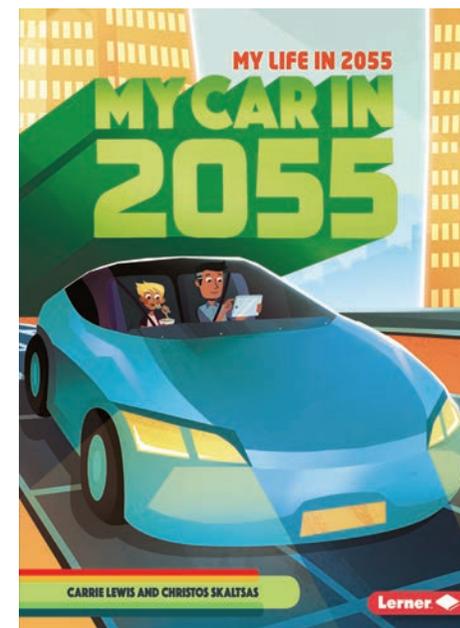
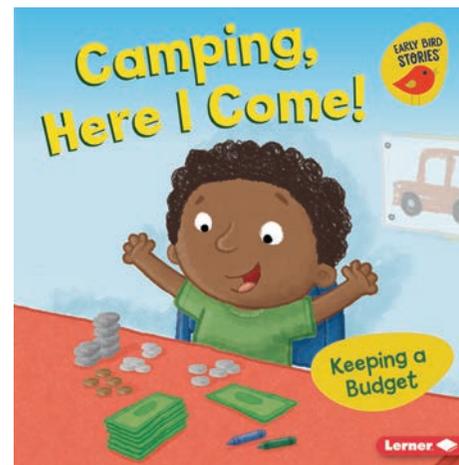
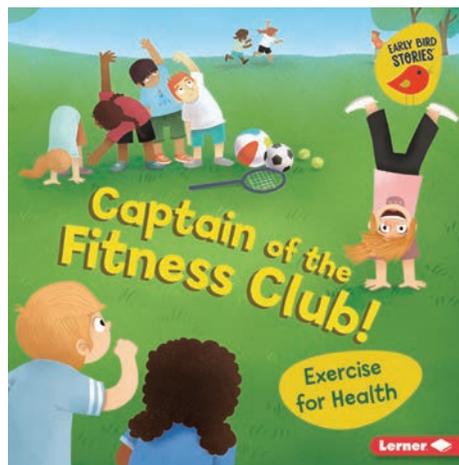
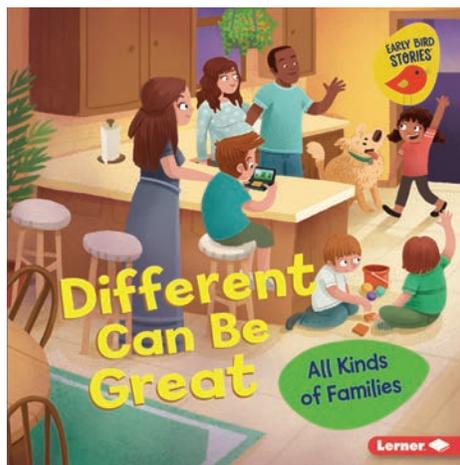
The first photos of Iapetus taken by the spacecraft *Voyager 2* in 1981 revealed that Iapetus is indeed nearly half black and half white, with a sharp, S-shaped dividing line between the two halves. The little moon looks a lot like the Chinese black-and-white yin-yang symbol. Scientists aren't certain why Iapetus looks this way. One theory is that dark material blows from the next outermost moon, Phoebe, due to meteoroid impacts. The dark material then falls toward Saturn. Since Iapetus is between Phoebe and Saturn, it might sweep up some of this material. But no one has confirmed this.

Iapetus had some other surprises waiting for the *Voyager* researchers, notably the mountain range on Iapetus's equator. The ridge is an almost perfectly straight line and makes the moon look something like a walnut, or as though Iapetus were made in two halves that were squashed together. The mountain range is at least 800 miles (1,300 km) long, wrapping one-third of the way around the moon. The peaks of the range are up to 8 miles (13 km) high, 3 miles (5 km) higher than the highest mountains on Earth, which is impressive for a moon only 914 miles (1,471 km) wide. No one knows what formed this weird-looking mountain range. Several ideas have been proposed. One of the most popular is that Iapetus once had a ring of debris circling it. Eventually, all of this debris fell, bit by bit, onto the moon. Because of the low gravity, it landed on the surface at a fairly low speed. Instead of

The stark divide between the black and white areas on Iapetus would make for incredible landscapes for any visitor.

74 NATURAL SATELLITES

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## All Kinds of People (Early Bird Stories™)

In these delightful, illustrated stories, diverse young narrators explore different cultures by comparing and contrasting their own lives to their friends' and neighbors' lives.

- Features a charming and diverse cast of characters
- Critical-thinking and comprehension questions get readers talking about the stories

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## Health Smarts (Early Bird Stories™)

What are your healthy habits? From personal hygiene to stress management, young readers will learn about a variety of ways to stay healthy with the help of diverse characters.

- Features kid-friendly text and illustrations to make learning fun!
- Critical-thinking questions encourage further reading of the materials.

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How do you handle your money? These entertaining, illustrated stories follow diverse characters as they learn about borrowing, earning, and saving money.

- These simple, engaging stories present basic financial literacy concepts
- Critical-thinking questions encourage further reading of the materials

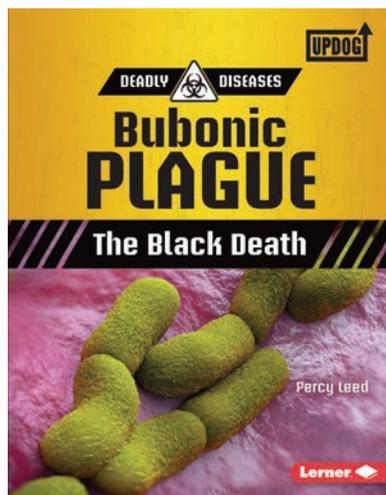
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## My Life in 2055

Explore the possibilities for what life will look like in the future in this informational fiction series. From cars that drive themselves to holographic projections, readers will discover how technology and innovations will change school, cities, houses, and more.

- A slice of life view of the future, narrated by a child of tomorrow, but grounded in today's science and technology
- Science and technology showcased in an informational fiction format

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## Deadly Diseases (UpDog Books™)

Dive deep into the world's deadliest plagues and diseases. This high-low series introduces readers to the science, the history, and the treatments of illnesses including COVID-19, Ebola, bubonic plague, and more.

- A science-focused series that answers all of readers' questions on diseases
- High-interest content keeps reluctant readers engaged and turning the pages
- An interactive feature, Doctor You!, gives readers the opportunity to step into the role of doctor by figuring out which patient has that disease

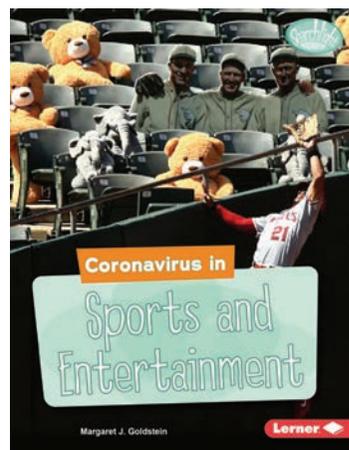
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Learn about the discovery of the novel coronavirus and track the COVID-19 pandemic as it spreads globally, scientists develop a vaccine, heroes rise up, and the world reacts. This series makes a difficult topic approachable while answering crucial questions.

- A high-interest series with a science and social studies look at the coronavirus and the COVID-19 pandemic
- Key Figure sidebars highlight people who helped others during the pandemic
- STEM Spotlight sidebars allow readers to see how science is a part of everyday life

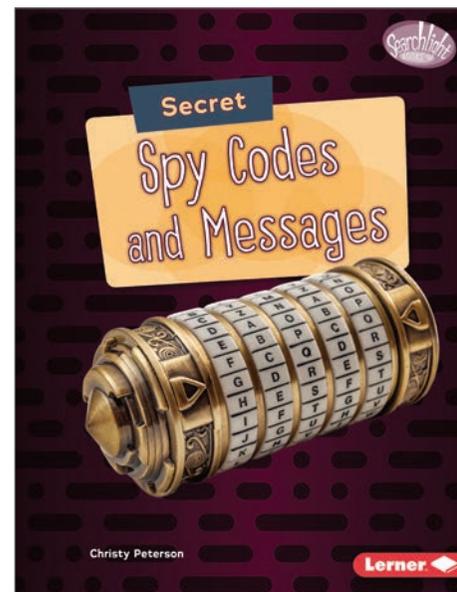
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## Searchlight Books™ — Spy Secrets

Readers are in for a thrill as they uncover true fascinating stories of spies, the people they worked for, the methods they used to complete their missions.

- High-interest topic
- Introduces fascinating historical details about real spies
- Includes fun and diverse photos of spies and spy gear

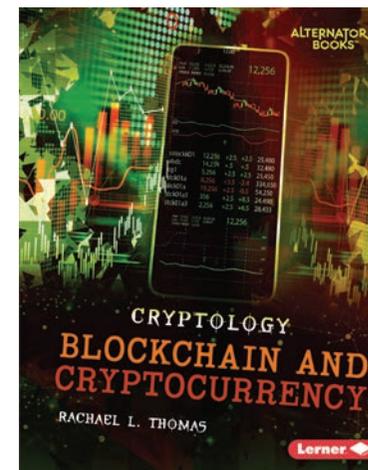
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## Cryptology (Alternator Books®)

Enter the exciting world of cryptology, the science of secret communications. Discover how cryptologists encode and decode messages and work to keep information secure. Learn about codes and cyphers, as well as historical and current methods of concealing text. And explore the realm of digital currency and blockchain technology that is quickly becoming a key part of the future of finance.

- STEAM Spotlights connect codes to curriculum concepts
- A hands-on activity at the back of each book encourages readers to try creating their own codes

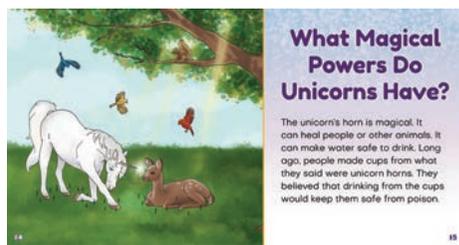
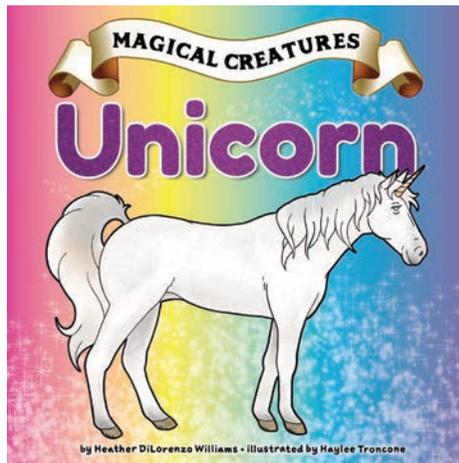
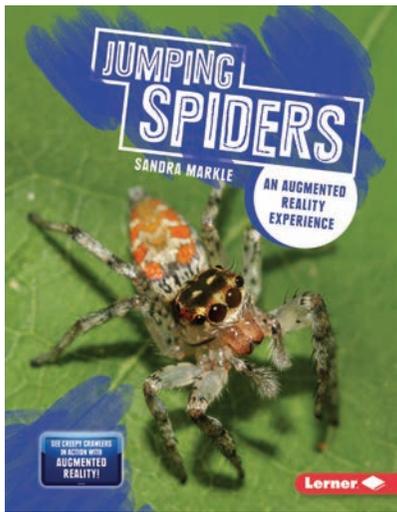
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## Magical Creatures

Many legends and stories feature magical creatures. Wouldn't it be exciting if they could come to life? This imaginative, illustrated series for young readers describes those creatures as if they were real! With fun details, vocabulary, and a quiz, readers will learn and test their knowledge about legendary creatures.

- Readers will learn about the myths and legends surrounding each creature
- Each book features a quiz so readers can test their knowledge about legendary creatures.

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## Creepy Crawlers in Action: Augmented Reality

Learn fascinating details about insect and arachnid life cycles! Augmented reality experiences accessible via a tablet or smartphone show readers creepy-crawly critters like they've never seen them before.

- Incredible augmented reality experiences bring insects and arachnids to life
- Pouncing insects and blood-sucking arachnids have the creepy factor kids enjoy
- Award-winning science author Sandra Markle's authoritative and fun text draws readers in as they learn important science facts

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## Issues in Action (Read Woke™ Books)

Examine hard topics facing our society—from gun violence to immigration. Learn how problems developed and hear from underrepresented persons involved in these struggles. Reflection questions help readers challenge their perspectives, while an activism toolkit and a Read Woke reading list empower readers to make a difference.

- Informs readers about hard topics, helps them start conversations, and encourages them to take action
- Read Woke™ Books are created in partnership with Cicely Lewis, the Read Woke librarian
- Read Woke Books seek to challenge social norms, give voice to the voiceless, provide information about groups that have been disenfranchised, disrupt the status quo, and share perspectives from underrepresented or oppressed groups

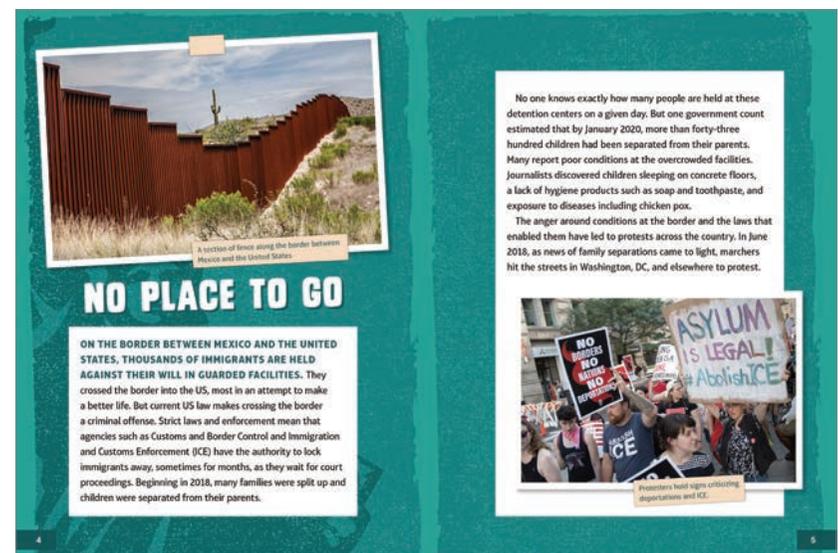
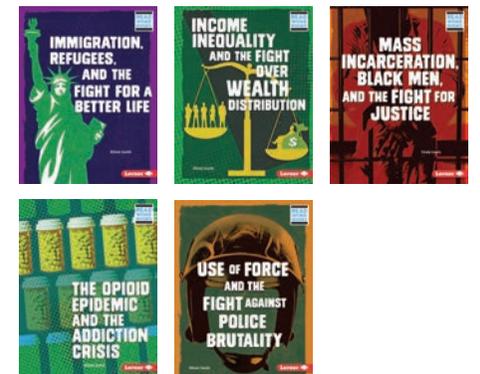
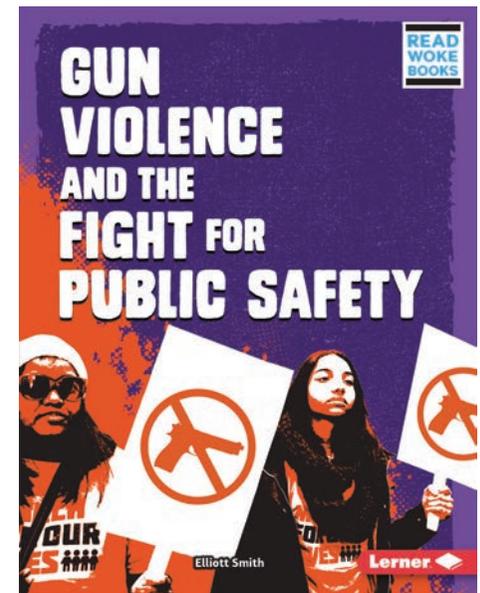
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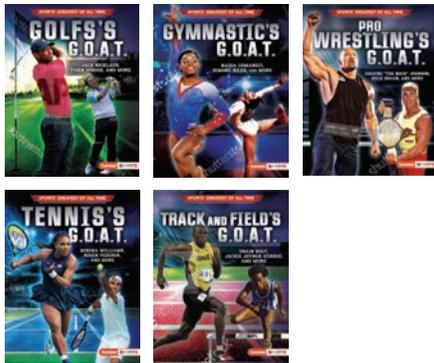
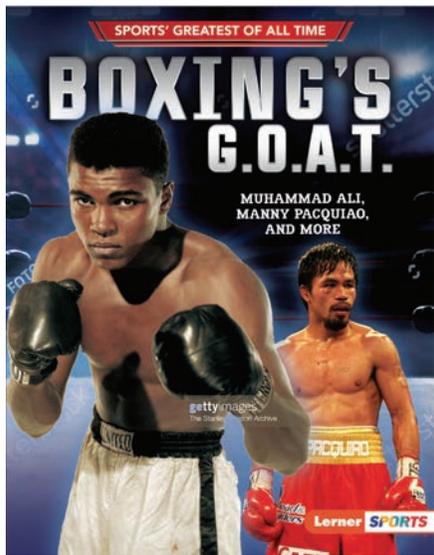
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## Sports' Greatest of All Time (Lerner™ Sports)

Discover the greatest athletes across the world's most popular sports in a fun, top-ten format! Packed with color photos, exciting stats, and thrilling action, each book is sure to appeal to sports fans.

- Fans will adore learning about sports stars through stats and thrilling facts
- Action-packed text and photos
- Features familiar and less familiar sports superstars

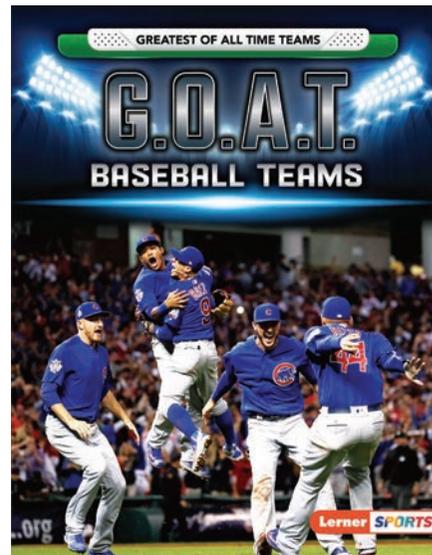
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## Greatest of All Time Teams (Lerner™ Sports)

The greatest teams of all time dominated their sports and won championships. Read all about legendary teams in a fun, top-ten format packed with thrilling action, interesting stats, and incredible moments.

- Familiar teams featuring the games' greatest superstars in a top-ten format
- Action-packed text and photos
- Perfect for sports fans

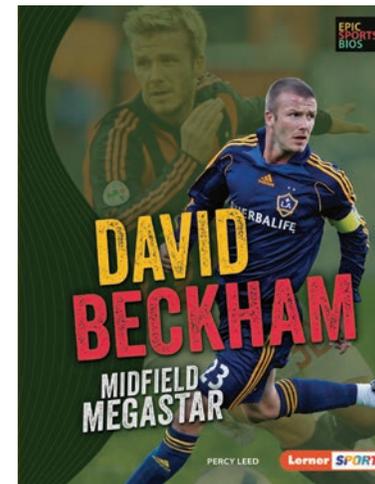
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## Epic Sports Bios (Lerner™ Sports)

Some athletes' careers are so impressive that they become near-mythical figures! Learn about the lives of sports heroes and legends from the past and present. These biographies of the biggest superstars in sports history cover each athlete's rise to the top, their greatest games and successes, and other moments that cemented their status as sports legends.

- Engaging biographies about the most popular and legendary athletes
- Packed full of stats, amazing moments, and thrilling photographs

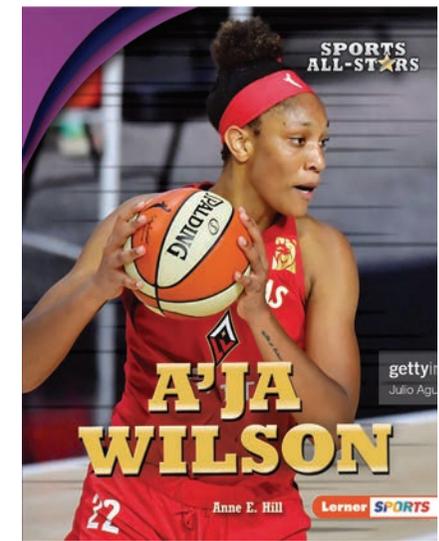
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## Sports All-Stars (Lerner™ Sports)

Meet some of the world's most famous athletes, celebrate their biggest games and defining moments, and discover what they like to do for fun. See how these superstars worked hard to achieve their dreams and now inspire others.

- Engaging biographies with unique information about each athlete's training routines
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- Action-packed text and photos

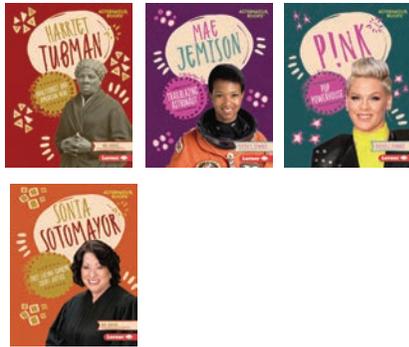
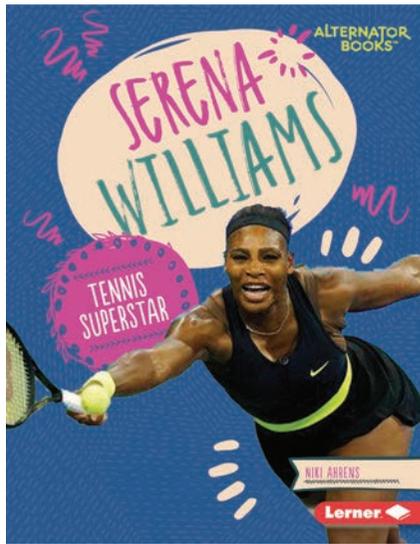
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## Gateway Biographies

Discover the human side of newsworthy, historical, and pop culture figures. Each biography is peppered with quotations and childhood stories, accounts of successes and failures, and descriptions of inspirational experiences that influenced the person's achievements.

- Highly readable biographies about contemporary public figures and important historical figures
- Includes quotes and stories that provide an inside look at each subject's life

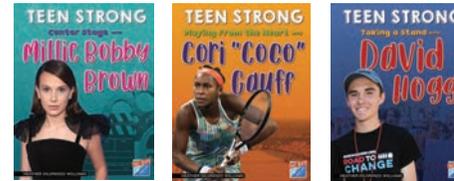
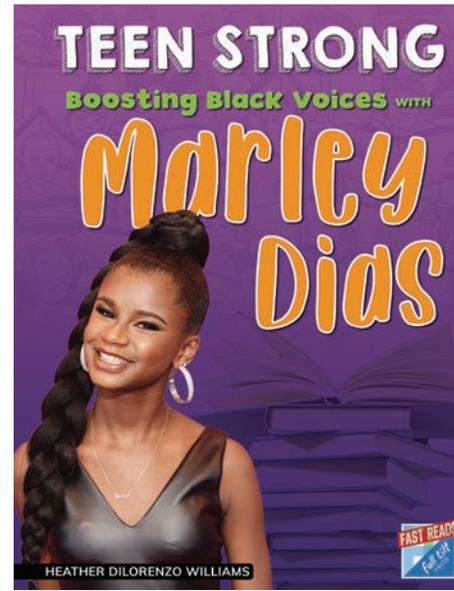
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## Boss Lady Bios (Alternator Books®)

Featuring figures from a variety of backgrounds, these books celebrate women who dominate their respective fields.

- Highlights of-the-moment figures young readers can look up to
- Figures are leaders in a variety of fields, from science and politics to sports and activism
- Vibrant, readable text combines with photos that pop

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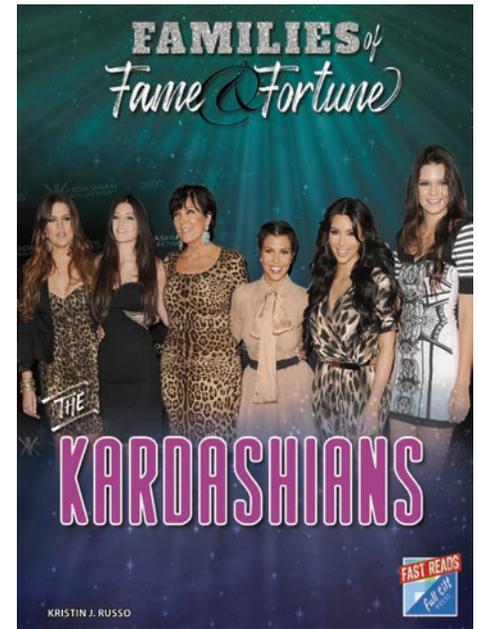


## Teen Strong

This high-interest low-level series explores teens taking the world by storm. Each book tells the life story of one teenager, explaining their field and detailing the challenges they have overcome to become Teen Strong.

- Focus on teenagers who are highly influential today and frequently in news headlines
- Teens featured represent various fields of work and are diverse, which will relate to all types of kids

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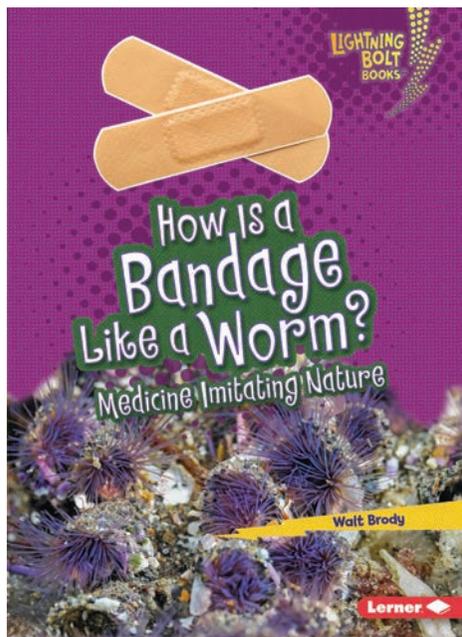


## Families of Fame & Fortune

This high-interest, low reading level series explores the lives of successful families in entertainment, music, and sports. Each title features real-life stories of families who have worked together to overcome obstacles and reach for the stars, as well as consider the importance of giving back.

- These stories will inspire readers to explore their own dreams
- Readers will learn that superstars are real people, too, who face challenges to achieve success

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Inventors and engineers have long taken inspiration from the natural world to develop new technologies and innovate solutions. Discover how biomimicry shapes the world around you from vehicles and medical technology to buildings and machines.

- A fresh spin on animals and STEM topics
- Vibrant, engaging photos with clear informational text

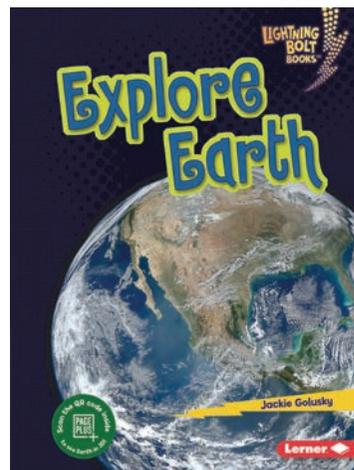
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## Lightning Bolt Books® — Planet Explorer

Introduce readers to our solar system's eight planets. From Jupiter's moons to Neptune's winds, the books reveal key planetary information and the technology scientists use to study them. Page Plus QR codes lead to downloadable 3D printer models from NASA.

- Features updated scientific findings and facts about each of the eight planets
- Discusses recent technologies used to study the planets, including space probes, satellites, and planned missions
- Page Plus QR code links to a downloadable 3D model of the planet from NASA

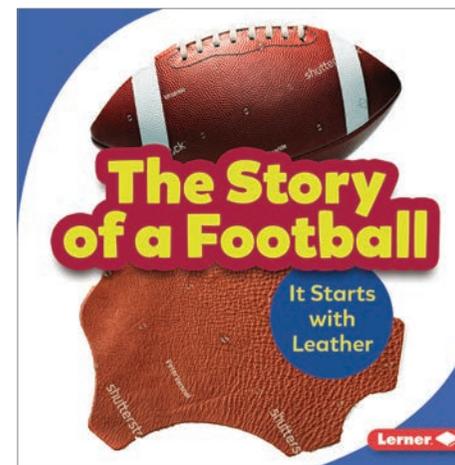
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What happens first? What comes next? Introduce readers to simple sequences and processes by exploring animal life cycles, how plants grow, or how foods or products are made. Readers will be fascinated by these step-by-step accounts.

- Simple, low-level text describes each step in a process or life cycle
- Sentences use common sequence adverbs, such as first, next, then, and finally

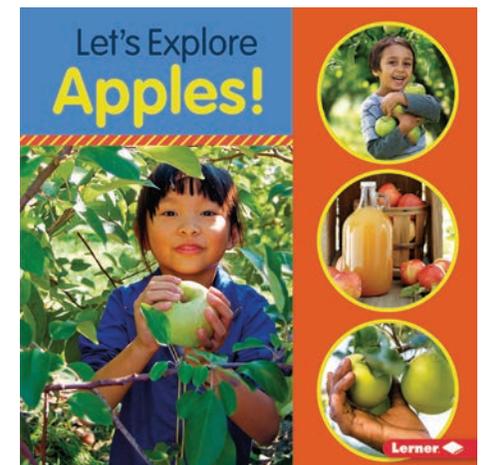
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## Food Field Trips

Encourage kids to play with their food—and learn food literacy concepts—through fun experiments and recipes. Each book introduces where a food comes from, its nutritional value, and how it is prepared. Page Plus QR codes link to more information online.

- Promotes an understanding of healthy diets, nutrition, and meal planning
- Builds readers' knowledge about what they eat and encourages them to try new foods
- Page Plus QR codes link to a digital landing page showing detailed steps, photos, and videos

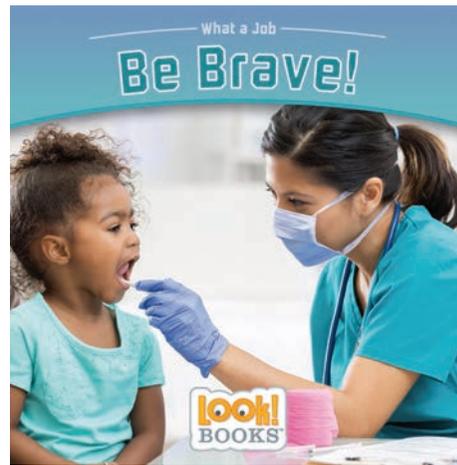
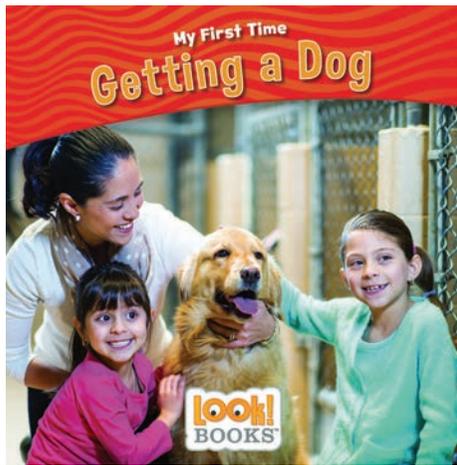
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## What a Job (LOOK! Books™)

Some people work at jobs in an office and some have jobs in a factory. A job can even require unusual skills or talents. These jobs will make you say, "Wow! What a Job!"

- Profiles a variety of jobs across different fields, including unusual jobs kids may not know about
- Perfect for exploring subjects beyond the surface
- Showcases a world full of endless job possibilities

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## My First Time (LOOK! Books™)

For young children, the world is full of new experiences. This series takes a true-to-life approach to first-time experiences in a way that is sure to help readers feel empowered. These books allow readers to learn about common events--through the use of clear, easy-to-follow text and helpful, comforting photos.

- Helps teach responsible decision-making, a key component of social-emotional learning
- Features less frequently covered topics, such as getting a first pair of glasses

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## Helpful Habits (Pull Ahead Readers People Smarts — Fiction)

Follow along as Jordan plans ahead, Paco sets a goal, Lola and Lupe work together, and more as the children in each book model good habits and social-emotional skills. These fiction stories pair with nonfiction counterparts to build literacy skills for emergent readers.

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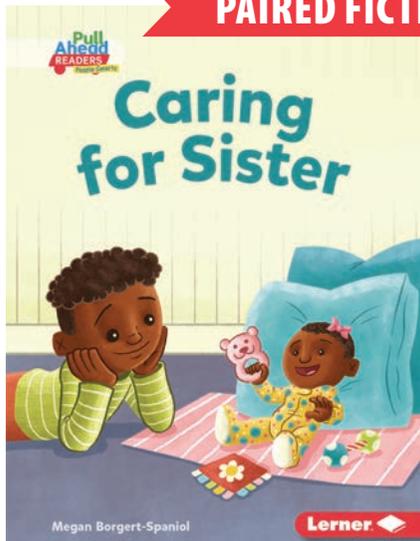
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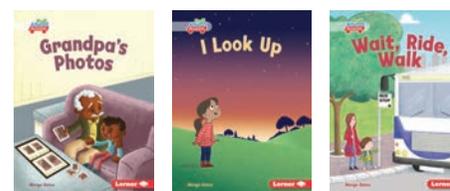
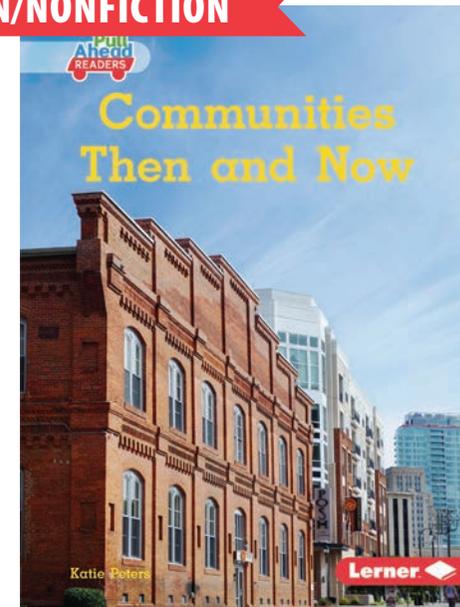
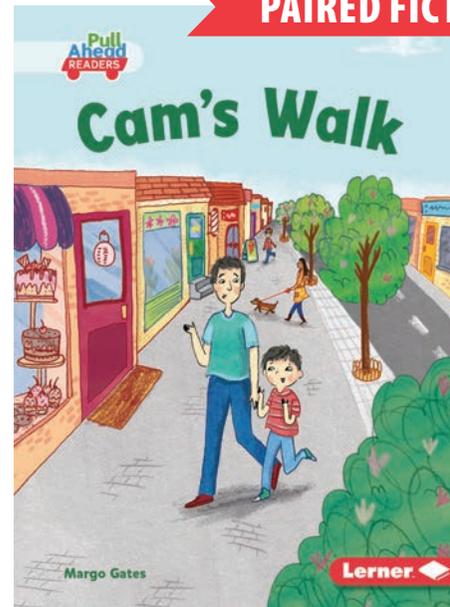
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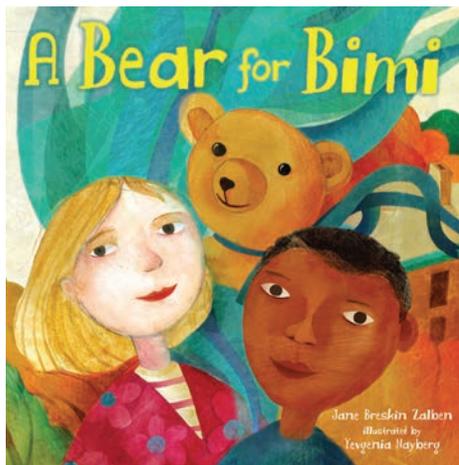
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## A Bear for Bimi

Jane Breskin Zalben  
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When Bimi's family immigrates to America and moves into Evie's neighborhood, not everybody is welcoming. But with the help of kind neighbors and a teddy bear, a friendship is born.

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Kyra Teis

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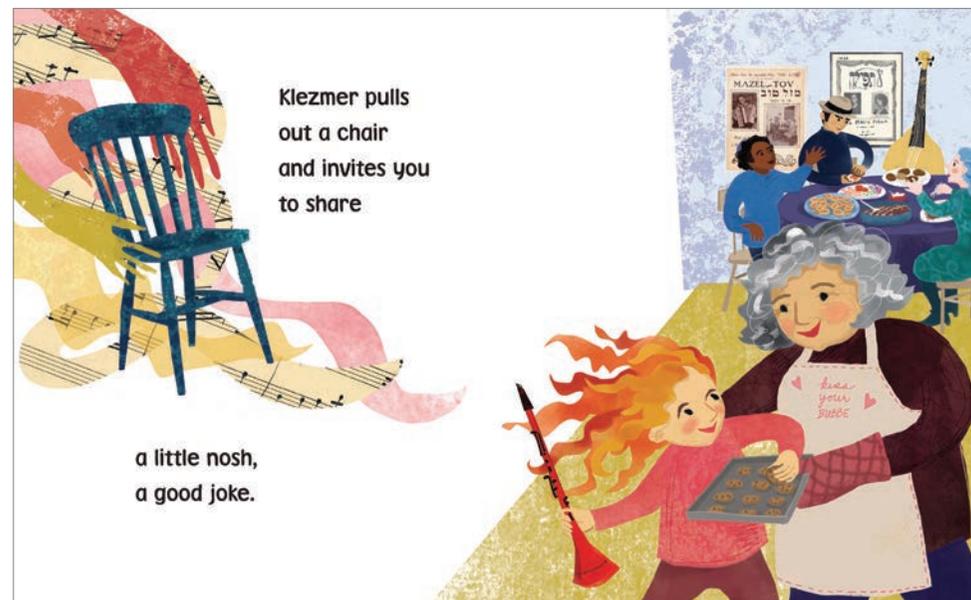
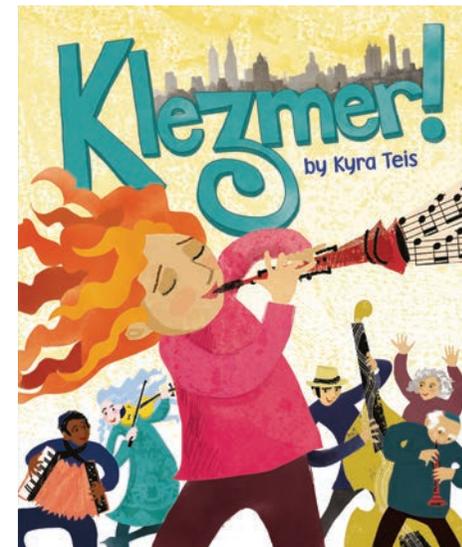
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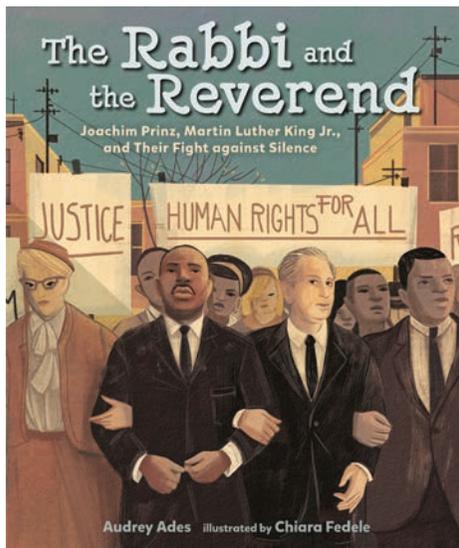
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## The Rabbi and the Reverend

Joachim Prinz, Martin Luther King Jr., and Their Fight against Silence

Audrey Ades, illus. Chiara Fedele

This is the story of two men, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and Rabbi Joachim Prinz, an immigrant from Nazi Germany, with a shared belief that remaining silent in the face of injustice was wrong.

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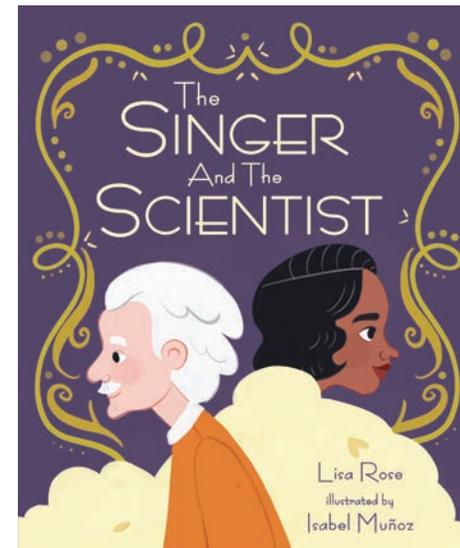


## The Singer and the Scientist

Lisa Rose, illus. Isabel Muñoz

Singer Marian Anderson and scientist Albert Einstein become friends, connecting over similar experiences with prejudice and a shared passion for music, when Marian is turned away from a hotel that bars African Americans in mid-century America.

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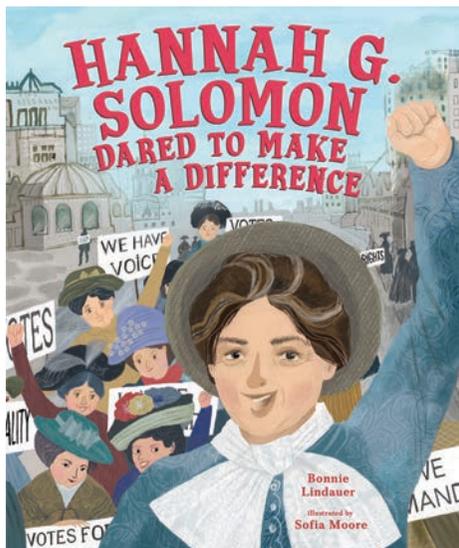
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Bonnie Lindauer, *illus.* Sofia Moore

When Hannah G. Solomon looked around Chicago, the city where she was born, she saw unfairness all around her. When she grew up, she founded the National Council of Jewish Women—the first organization to unite Jewish women around the country—and fought to make life better for others.

- An inspiring picture book biography of the founder of the National Council of Jewish Women

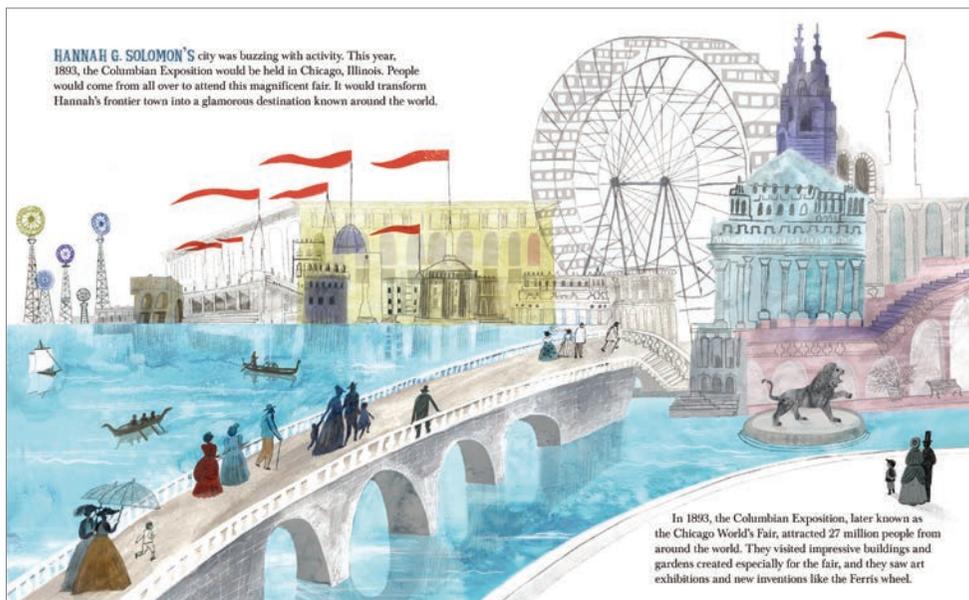
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## Happy Roo Year It's Rosh Hashanah

Jessica Hickman, *illus.* Elissambura

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- Rollicking rhyme and fun art by the author/illustrator team of *Alligator Seder*

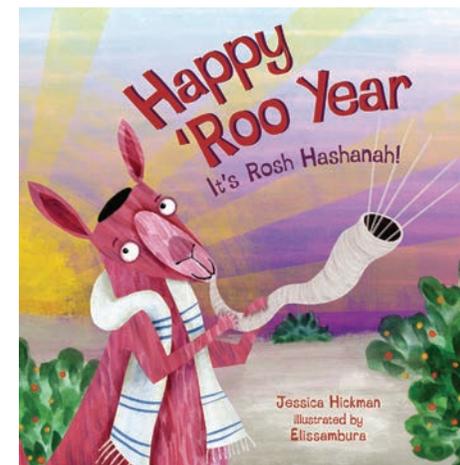
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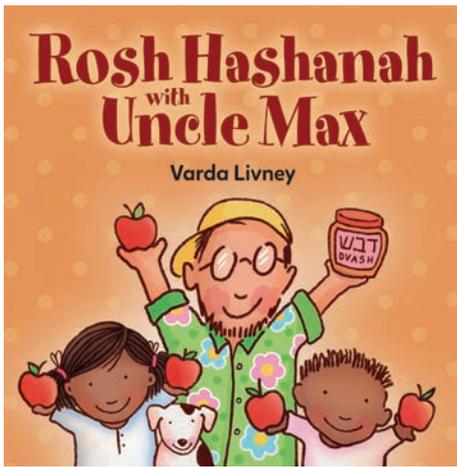
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## Rosh Hashanah with Uncle Max

Varda Livney

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## Something New for Rosh Hashanah

Jane Yolen, illus. Christine Battuz

Becca refuses to try any news foods, until her family persuades her that Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is a time to try something new!

- Well-known author Jane Yolen does it again, this time in a fun and offbeat High Holiday story
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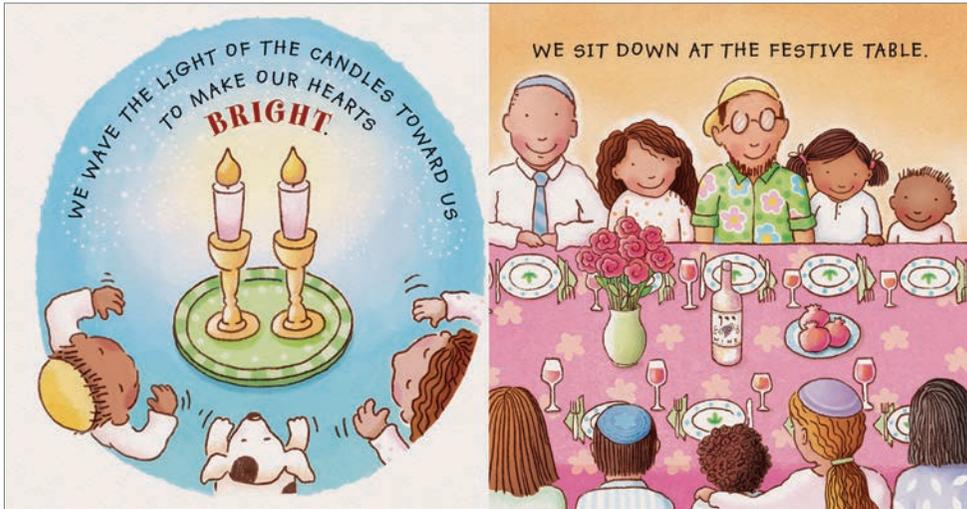
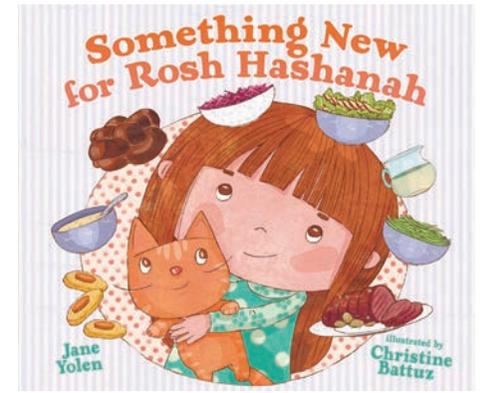
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## Hello, Hanukkah!

Susan S. Novich

A Hanukkah board book featuring a clever badger teaching counting and coloring concepts.

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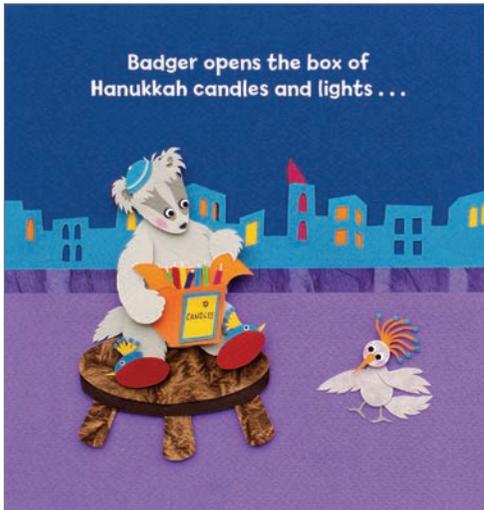
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## The Three Latkes

Eric A. Kimmel

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When three Hanukkah latkes fight over which of them tastes the best, the winner is decided by the family cat. Which does he choose?

- A fun new Hanukkah story for this perpetually popular category
- A whimsical tale by well-known author Eric A. Kimmel

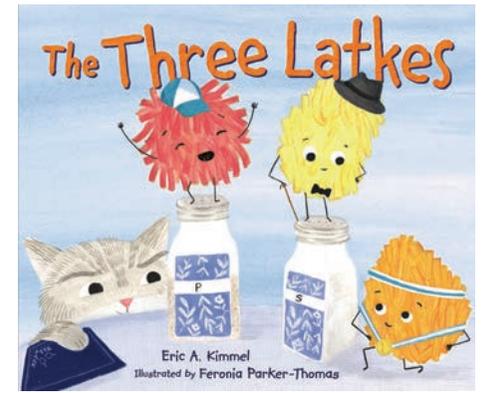
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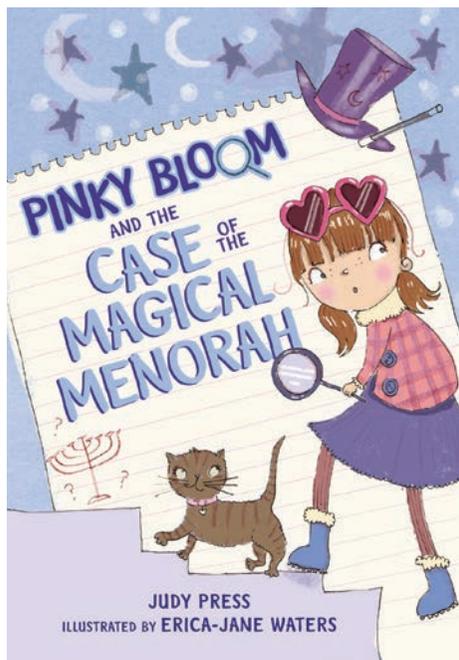
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## Pinky Bloom

### Pinky Bloom and the Case of the Magical Menorah

Pinky, her brother, and her friends tackle another mystery involving a mysterious menorah and the theft of an ancient Israeli coin.

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## Sydney A. Frankel's Summer Mix-Up

Danielle Joseph

Sydney is dreading the summer course she has to take at the community center—until her best friend, Maggie, comes up with a daring switcheroo plan so they can both take classes they like.

- A lighthearted tale of summertime mishaps and self-discovery
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Before I could think about this more, Avi marched into the living room. "I'm helping with your case, Pinky," he announced. "Do you want to hear what I'm going to do?"

"Not really, Avi. But go ahead anyway. Just make it fast."

"I'm dusting for fingerprints," he said, holding up the small brush from his spy kit. In his other hand, he held the donut bag we'd gotten at the costume store. "Maybe I'll find a match with the thief's print."

I rolled my eyes. "Avi, you're only going to find our fingerprints, because we live here!"

"Uh-uh, Pinky. Just wait."

Lucy and I watched as Avi dusted the living room desk. "No match here," he mumbled. "Only Dad's fingerprints."

Then he moved on to the windowsill. "Just Mom's prints. I'll try the bookcase next."

"Avi, you and I have touched that bookcase a million times," I said. "And so have Mom, Dad, and Grandma Phyllis. You're never going to find a match."

"You're wrong, Pinky! Look at this!" he shouted.

I raced over to see what he had found. A fingerprint on the bookcase matched the one on the donut bag!



CHAPTER 5

"Almost ready?" Mom calls up to my room on Monday morning.

"Yes." Even though I'm nervous about being caught and thrown into community center jail, I try to act normal. Every time I want to back out—which is basically every other second—I think about the phone I want to get with the cool case that changes color. It's called a color mood case. And right now, my mood is red hot.

"Let's go." Mom holds up her keys. The tiny clay snail I made her in art class swings back and forth on her keychain. I wish I were a snail right about now and could hide in my shell.

"Are you sure about those clothes?" she asks me.

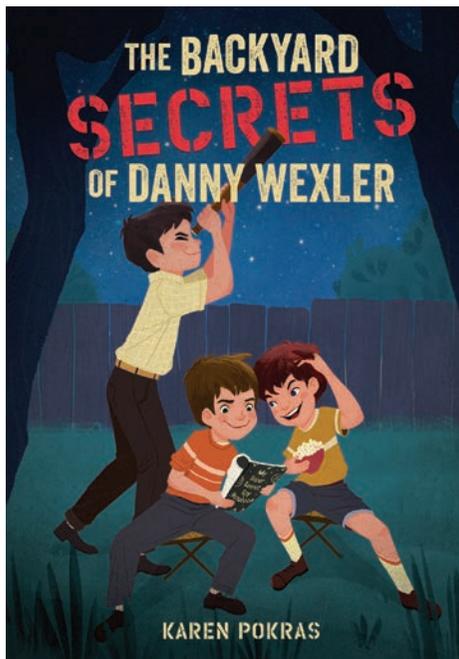
I'm wearing jean shorts, a plain blue T-shirt, and sneakers—not the dancewear Mom bought me over the weekend. Bicycle shorts and bright workout

shirts with geometric shapes are just not my thing. And I don't want the other students in the reading class to be blinded by my outfit. "I think this will be fine for the first day," I say.

In the car, Mom listens to her audiobook about raising a child in a technology-obsessed society, and I'm glued to the family iPad. I don't tell her I'm playing Spelling Wiz because if I did, she'd probably make me sign up for the spelling club the first day of sixth grade.

After the school bee, I had nightmares for a couple of weeks. In my dreams, huge letters chased me through the hallways, and all the kids were laughing. I know it sounds silly, but when I was stuck inside the dream and couldn't get out, it was very scary.

I mean, if I had won the county spelling bee, which I totally wouldn't have, it wouldn't have made me popular or anything. Mr. Holly sent Mitchell Bucket in my place. He came in third. He's not cool. He chews his shoelaces. I didn't think that was possible until I saw him and his bony knees in action. He lost on the word *cacti*. A bunch of kids started calling him Cacti King after that. Mitchell thought it was funny. I did not. Luckily, I know how to spell *cacti*, c-a-t-t-i.



## The Backyard Secrets of Danny Wexler

Karen Pokras

Eleven-year-old Danny Wexler, the only Jewish boy in his blue-collar town during the late 1970s, investigates a local kid's disappearance, a possible UFO invasion, and the Bermuda Triangle, all while dealing with his community's anti-Semitism.

- Novel gently but powerfully addresses issues of anti-Semitism and exclusion
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Aboard the *M.S. St. Louis*, 1939

Barbara Krasner

Based on true events this novel recounts the daring actions of twelve-year-old Ruthie Arons and Wolfie Freund, refugees aboard the Hamburg-Amerika luxury liner bound for Cuba, May 1939. From discovering a Nazi on board to helping Ruthie's father, the two children have to make some brave decisions.

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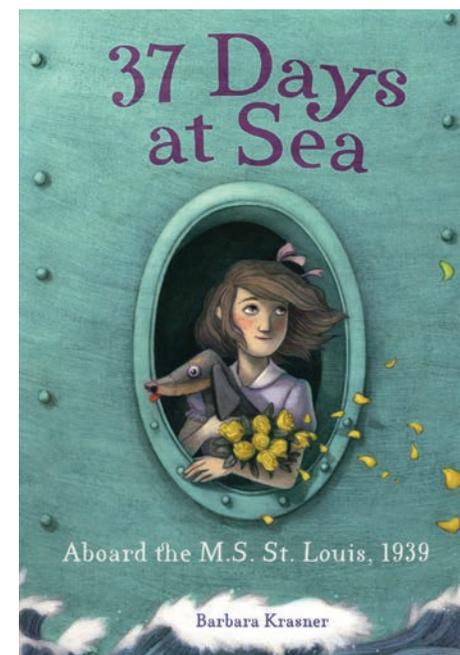
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### CHAPTER 2 PALACE PLANS

By the time Sunday rolled around, I'd forgotten all about Mr. Schneider and his hairy hands. Well, not completely, but seeing Luke Skywalker and C-3PO were way more important. Frank's mom dropped us off in front of the only movie theater in all of Croyfield, the Picture Palace.

It wasn't a real palace. The building had a fake cut-out on the front that was supposed to make it look like one. I knew that 'cause Dad's factory made it. Of course, I wasn't the only one with that insider information. Just about everyone in Croyfield knew someone who worked at the factory. It was the biggest place in the whole town, and it made stuff out of fiberglass like tabletops and car parts and cutouts that looked like palaces. I didn't know what fiberglass was, exactly,

other than a hard material made out of a bunch of dangerous chemicals. So dangerous they could kill you. At least that's what I'd overheard Mom say.

We stood in line for our movie tickets at the booth just outside of the entrance. Frank stood on his tiptoes and tried to look over the shoulders of the lady in front of us.

"What are you doing?" I asked.

He pointed to the person sitting behind the glass counter handing out the tickets. I tried to stand on my tiptoes so I could see too, but Frank pulled me back down.

"That's my brother's friend Jill. Just let me do the talking. I'll bet I can get us in for free."

Frank's older brother, Raymond, was seventeen and went to the high school with Alice. I liked Raymond. Sometimes he let Frank and me hang out while his band practiced in their basement. I hoped Raymond's friend Jill was as nice as Raymond. A free movie meant I wouldn't have to spend all my allowance money.

We waited while the woman in front of us at the counter bought her tickets. She had three kids with her who were screaming and jumping around. With a string of tickets in one hand and a still-open wallet

to send him away to a safer place. Hans boarded a train for Holland with lots of other children.

That was the Kindertransport. Mother and Father sent me away too, but I stayed in Germany

with their friends. Then Father got us tickets for this ship, and he came to get me.

We'll have a real cousin reunion and maybe celebrate with ice cream. Someone can take our picture.

### Steady Companions

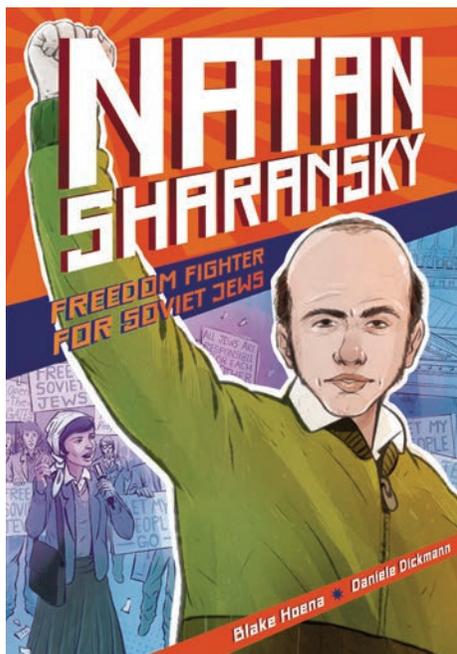
We settle into our first-class stateroom, and I find a place for my flowers and Schnitzel, the stuffed dachshund

Grandma gave me for the trip. At eleven, I'm too old for a stuffed animal, but his fur is so soft,

and he smells like Grandma's gingerbread. We are aboard the *M.S. St. Louis*, steaming our way to Cuba. Father says it's a good place

to wait until our visas allow us to enter the United States. When we reach Cherbourg, my cousin will come on board.

It's been 178 days since Hans left Germany and me. Uncle thought it best



## Natan Sharansky

### Freedom Fighter for Soviet Jews

Blake Hoena, illus. Daniele Dickmann

This graphic novel biography is the story of Soviet Jewry “refusenik” and human rights activist Anatoly “Natan” Sharansky. From the awakening of his Jewish identity and the desire to live in Israel to his years of imprisonment, Sharansky paved the way for Soviet Jews who wish to live in freedom.

- The story of the man who became the face of the Soviet Jewry movement and those who helped him gain his freedom
- Takes advantage of the popular graphic novel genre to describe the life of this “action hero”
- Sharansky was the 2020 winner of Israel’s prestigious Genesis Prize, citing his lifelong struggle for human rights

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