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Inside this catalog, you'll find:

- The spring titles our Follett team of experts are most excited about reading
- Interviews with some of your favorite authors
- A rich selection of books representing varied perspectives, cultures, and experiences
- Books that help students to understand their emotions and build positive relationships
- New and upcoming releases from Follett publisher partners that you won't want to miss



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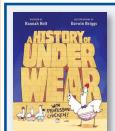
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Donna H., Library Media Specialist



Picture Books





A History of Underwear with Professor Chicken

Hannah Holt • Roaring Brook Press 2022 • II K-3

From Paleolithic loincloths and Henry VIII's wives' wearing underwear on their heads to Mary Walker, a civil war surgeon who was arrested for wearing men's underwear and clothing to better work on patients, this book surveys the vast and fascinating history of our most private clothing. Modeled by chickens, the history of underwear is traced from the very first discovery – a paleolithic nomad whose body was found completely preserved in ice. From there, we look across time and culture in this completely accessible, new take on boring old nonfiction picture books.

1896PT7 \$17.22 HRD



Bee

Charlotte Voake • Candlewick 2022 • IL K-3

A curious boy puts on a shrinking magic bee suit, and he's ready to spend the day learning all about sociable bees.

1755FUX \$17.22 HRD

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Building

Henry Cole • Katherine Tegen Books 2022 • IL K-3

This classic and beautifully illustrated picture book follows a family of beavers as they build their home.

1935HW9 \$16.34 HRD



Dracula (Baby's Classics)

Bram Stoker • Starry Forest Books, Inc. 2021 • IL K-3

Trade in horror for the most adorable Count Dracula ever seen in the creature's 125-year history! Introduce little readers to a take on Bram Stoker's gothic classic *Dracula*.

1843DT3 \$8.37 BRD



Francis Discovers Possible

Ashlee Latimer • Abrams Books 2022 • IL K-3

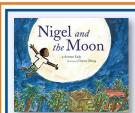
Francis loves learning new words, and possible makes Francis feel warm and big as she and Baba explore the park, discovering what's possible around them.

1706UV6 \$16.34 HRD



Picture Books





Nigel and the Moon

Antwan Eady • Katherine Tegen Books 2022 • IL K-3

When Nigel looks up at the moon, his future is bright. He imagines himself as an astronaut, a dancer, a superhero, too!

Among the stars, he twirls. With pride, his chest swells, and his eyes glow. Nigel is the most brilliant body in the sky.

But it's career week at school, and Nigel can't find the courage to share his dreams. It's easy to whisper them to the moon, but not to his classmates – especially when he already feels out of place.

Debut author Antwan Eady and artist Gracey Zhang have crafted a poignant story about how representation and pride in where one comes from can bring a shining confidence to young dreamers everywhere.

1898TU7 \$16.34 HRD



How to Bake a Universe

Alec Carvlin • Norton Young Readers 2022 • IL K-3

To bake a universe, you'll need a heaping pile of nothing. Preheat your oven to "Absolute Hot" and just set your timer for 180 million years!

1827PV1 \$17.19 HRD



A Lift-the-Flap Book: Masks

Junissa Bianda • Little Hero 2021 • IL K-3

This lift-the-flap book combines imaginative play and health safety, and leads you and your child through a busy day wearing masks.

1847MT4 \$8.42 PAP



Mum, Me, and the Mulberry Tree

Tanya Rosie • Candlewick 2022 • IL K-3

This tender story follows a mother-and-daughter pair enjoying a ritual to remember – a bus ride to the countryside, baskets full of berries, and a fragrant pie.

1755MU0 \$17.22 HRD



Somewhere in the Bayou

Jerome Pumphrey and Jarrett Pumphrey Norton Young Readers • 2022 • IL K-3

Rat, Squirrel, Rabbit, and Mouse encounter a sneaky tail as they attempt to cross the bayou, and each of the four approach the problem with a different strategy.

1827QV9 \$16.31 HRD



Picture Books for Older Readers



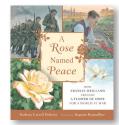


Fall Down Seven Times, Stand Up Eight: Patsy Takemoto Mink and the Fight for Title IX

Jen Bryant • Quill Tree Books 2022 • IL K-3

The only picture-book biography about the life and legacy of unsung hero Patsy Takemoto Mink, the first Asian American woman elected to Congress.

1704RU3 \$16.34 HRD



A Rose Named Peace: How Francis Meilland Created a Flower of Hope for a World at War

Barbara Carroll Roberts • Candlewick 2022 • IL K-3

From a young man's experiments in crosspollination to the rose that became an international symbol of hope, this gentle picture-book biography is a quiet epic of war and peace.

1753VU3 \$17.22 HRD

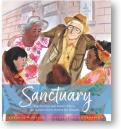


Hope Is an Arrow: The Story of Lebanese-American Poet Khalil Gibran

Cory McCarthy • Candlewick 2022 • II K-3

Before Kahlil Gibran became the world's third best-selling poet of all time, he was a child immigrant from Lebanon who had a secret hope – to bring all people together.

1753LU0 \$17.22 HRD



Sanctuary: Kip Tiernan and Rosie's Place, the Nation's First Shelter for Women

Christine McDonnell • Candlewick 2022 • IL 3-6

Before Kip Tiernan came along, the US had no shelters for women. Here is the inspirational story of a singular woman and what her vision and compassion have brought to life.

1753AU0 \$17.22 HRD



One Wish: Fatima al-Fihri and the World's Oldest University

M.O. Yuksel • HarperCollins 2022 • IL K-3

Fueled by her faith and her determination, Fatima al-Fihri worked hard to make her one wish come true – a school for all, where anyone could study and become whatever they wanted.

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An Interview with Author

Joanna Ho

Joanna Ho is a high school vice principal in the San Francisco Bay area and the New York Times best-selling author of Eyes That Kiss in the Corners and Playing at the Border: A Story of Yo-Yo Ma. In her latest novel, Eyes That Speak to the Stars, a young Asian boy finds inspiration in the men in his family and learns that power and strength come from within.

Eyes That Speak to the Stars is the companion picture book to your New York Times best-selling debut, Eyes That Kiss in the Corners, which has resonated so deeply with kids and adults everywhere. Tell us about the feedback you have received from readers of your first picture book.

Some of my favorite feedback has been from moms sharing stories of their children pointing at the girl in *Eyes That Kiss in the Corners* saying, "That's me!" then pointing at the mom and saying, "That's you!" My daughter, who was two at the time, did the exact same thing the first time I showed her the color interiors of the story. I love that young people – and their grownups! – can truly see themselves in the pages.

I've had people message me to say that they don't have kids, but they're buying the book for their future kids, or that they don't have kids, but they bought the book for their mom and all their sisters. People have shared personal stories of pain, self-hate, discrimination, bullying, or overt racism and told me that reading this book was a step toward healing, self-love, and pride. People often say, "I wish I had this when I was growing up."

Every story and experience that people share with me means the world. It's still quite unbelievable that something I wrote has touched hearts in these ways. I'm so grateful to all the readers, teachers, booksellers, librarians, influencers, and families that picked up Eyes That Kiss in the Corners and shared it.

This is a captivating and beautiful multigenerational story featuring a young boy, his father Baba, grandfather Agong, and little brother Di-Di. Baba tells his son, "Your eyes rise to the skies and speak to the stars. The comets and constellations show you their secrets, and your eyes can foresee the future. Just like mine." Who inspired the characters in Eyes That Speak to the Stars?

The young boys in the story are very much inspired by my son, who was five when I wrote the story. If you look carefully, you can see a little Caltrain on the floor of the boy's bedroom. I asked Dung, the illustrator, to include a little train, otherwise my son would have zero interest in the book at all!

The men in the story are inspired by the best memories I have of my dad and grandfather – who I called Ayah – and of my stepdad, my kids' Agong. As a young child, I loved riding on my dad's shoulders. My favorite memories of visiting Aya in Hong Kong were early morning walks up and down mountain sidewalks. My stepdad never had kids of his own, and he adores my kids so much. He will do anything for them, and I love watching the way they laugh together.

The story opens on the hero, whose feelings are hurt by a racist drawing that his friend created. He tells his father, "But it didn't look like me at all." Tell us about this scene and the importance of shedding light on the harmful impact of microaggressions.

I felt strongly that I had to open the book in a way that called attention to the kind of racism Asian children face – too many of us have had peers pull their eyes into slants while chanting gibberish or worse. In its original version, the boy faces something like this. I hope that turning it into a microaggression allows more space for nuance, because the harm we experience isn't always overt. When it is subtle, it can sometimes be more insidious because we doubt our own experiences. Maybe the friend didn't mean it like that. Maybe we are overthinking or being too sensitive. We blame ourselves for the pain or think something is wrong with us. I hope beginning the book with the drawing offers an opening for readers of all ages to engage in dialogue

about racism's many forms and our ability to envision and create something better.

"My eyes shine like sunlit rays that break through dark and doubt...! am the emperor of my own destiny." This book is about learning to be yourself and celebrating identity. Tell us more about this empowering theme.

To me, this book is about much more than being yourself and celebrating identity. It's about dismantling the systems that cause us to hate ourselves in the first place. It's about recognizing one's own power to create change. It's about seeing and stepping into the impossibilities of the future and recognizing our own role and responsibility to make that future real.

Much like in *Eyes That Kiss in the Corners*, the young boy comes to learn that his beauty and power lie in his family, heritage, and history. The more I write, the more I realize this is something I truly believe.

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This is an extraordinary tale of family and connection – how did your own family shape you?

I have such a layered and complex family history (who doesn't?!), and it is one that is constantly evolving. Asking how my family shaped me is much like asking a fish how the water shaped it. My family is everything; it is my water. I don't know who I would be without them; I am who I am because of them. The beauty and the struggles are all part of the journey!

Through everything, the core of my family relationships is love. Through everything, I have always known how deeply I am loved by generations.

What do you hope young readers will take away from Eyes That Speak to the Stars? And what are you working on next?

I hope young readers will gain a sense of the power they have to chart their own lives and to create a better world. I've been working on my first young adult novel, coming out Summer 2022! It's the story of a Chinese teen who loses her older brother to suicide. She must choose whether to speak up or stay silent as people turn against her family by perpetuating a racist narrative about Asians in the community. I'm also working on a new picture book, and I've started trying my hand at a middle grade novel – just for fun. I'm really looking forward to some time to write because I have so many ideas and way too little time!

Interview courtesy of

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Eyes That Kiss in the Corners

Joanna Ho • HarperCollins 2021 • IL K-3

A young Asian girl realizes that her eyes are like her mother's, her grandmother's, and her little sister's. Drawing from the strength of these powerful women in her life, she recognizes her own beauty.

1984AM7 \$16.34 HRD



Eyes That Speak to the Stars Joanna Ho • HarperCollins

2022 • IL K-3

A young Asian boy notices that his eyes look different from his peers' after seeing his friend's drawing of them. After talking to his father, the boy realizes that his eyes rise to the skies and speak to the stars – in fact, his eyes are like his father's, his Agong's, and his little brother's, and they are visionary. Inspired by the men in his family, he recognizes his own power and strength from within.

1887JT4 \$17.22 HRD



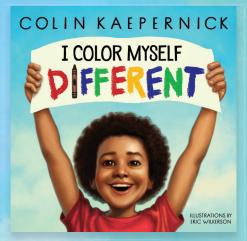
Playing at the Border: A Story of Yo-Yo Ma

Joanna Ho • HarperCollins 2021 • IL K-3

A poignant picture-book biography about the musician Yo-Yo Ma, immigration, and using music to build bridges.

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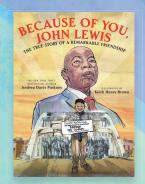


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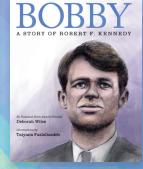
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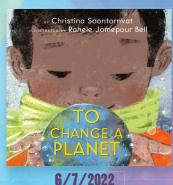


6/7/2022By Andrea Davis Pinkney
Illustrated by Keith Henry Brown



9/6/2022By Deborah Wiles
Illustrated by Tatyana Fazlalizadeh





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Beginning Chapter Books





The Angry Elf (Branches: Pixie Tricks, Book 5)

Tracey West • Scholastic Inc.

2022 • IL K-3

Will Violet and Sprite be able to stop the grumpy elf Fixit and sneaky Rusella before they mess up everything – for good?

1614QU7 \$23.42 HRD



The Princess in Black and the Mermaid Princess (Princess in Black, Book 9)

Shannon Hale and Dean Hale • Candlewick Press 2022 • IL K-3

There's trouble under the sea! Can the Princess in Black and her new mermaid friend put a stop to a big blue kraken's shenanigans?

1622TR7 \$13.70 HRD



Anna Hibiscus

Atinuke • Candlewick • 2022 • IL K-3

Anna Hibiscus lives in amazing Africa with her mother, her father, her baby twin brothers, and lots and lots of her family. Join her as she splashes in the sea, prepares for a party, sells oranges, and hopes to see sweet, sweet snow!

1751BU5 \$15.46 HRD



Recipe Ruckus

(Nancy Drew Clue Book, Book 17)

Carolyn Keene • Aladdin • 2022 • IL 3-6

Nancy and her friends must whip up a way to find the thief involved in a delicious baking case in the 17th book in the interactive *Nancy Drew Clue Book* mystery series.

1866AV8 \$16.34 HRD



Bloom of the Flower Dragon (Branches: Dragon Masters, Book 21)

Tracey West • Scholastic Inc.

2022 • IL K-3

Drake and Worm must help a Flower Dragon protect his home in the latest action-packed installment of this *New York Times* best-selling series!

1617UU5 \$23.42 HRD



The Runaway Rabbit (Royal Rescues, Book 6)

Paula Harrison • Feiwel & Friends • 2022 • IL K-3

The sixth title in the sweet *Royal Rescues* chapter-book series about a pet-loving princess who finds and helps animals in trouble – even if it's against the rules!

1715NR1 \$14.58 HRD



Beginning Chapter Books



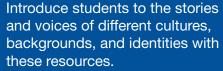


Starla Jean Takes the Cake (Starla Jean, Book 2)

Elana K. Arnold Roaring Brook Press 2022 • IL K-3

Printz Honor winner and National Book Award Finalist Elana K. Arnold is back with this irresistible story of a girl, her chicken, and a few new friends.

1710WR5 \$13.70 HRD



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Sydney & Taylor and the Great Friend Expedition

Jacqueline Davies
Clarion Books • 2022 • IL K-3
Hedgehog Taylor and Skunk
Sydney set out on an adventure
to make new friends, even
through doubt and obstacles.

1729JR3 \$13.70 HRD



Shipwreck in Seal Bay (Wind Riders, Book 3)

Jen Marlin • HarperCollins 2022 • IL K-3

Hop aboard a magical sailboat with Max and Sofia, two ordinary kids trying to save the environment one problem at a time. Their third mission? Saving harbor seals from an oil spill!

1787AS6 \$15.46 HRD



Prank-or-Treat (Twins vs. Triplets, Book 2) Jennifer Torres • HarperCollins 2022 • IL K-3

David Suárez is stuck in the middle again when his neighbors compete to create the scariest Halloween display.

1712UP7 \$14.58 HRD



The World of Emily Windsnap: Emily's Big Discovery (Emily Windsnap and Friends, Book 1) Liz Kessler • Candlewick

2022 • IL K-3

With a mermaid tail and an entire ocean awaiting her, Emily is eager to meet new friends and swim off on big adventures in this inviting new series for younger readers.

1751GU1 \$13.70 HRD



Wednesday Wilson Fixes All Your Problems

Bree Galbraith
Kids Can Press • 2022 • IL K-3
Wednesday Wilson thinks she's
hit entrepreneurial gold with the
idea to sell Worry Marbles to
calm nervous kids everywhere.

1964VV2 \$14.58 HRD



New and Next in Series





Ada Twist and the Disappearing Dogs (The Questioneers, Book 5)

Andrea Beaty • Amulet Books 2022 • II K-3

A new addition to the best-selling *Questioneers* chapter-book series following Ada Twist, the star of the new Netflix TV show!

1704WV8 \$11.94 HRD



Belly of the Beast (The Fabled Stables, Book 3)

Jonathan Auxier • Amulet Books 2022 • II K-3

On a quest set by the stables, Auggie and Fen find a very hungry monster, and they are next next to be eaten unless they figure out a way to calm the creature.

1917HRX \$11.94 HRD



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Can't Be Tamed (Horse Country, Book 1)

Yamile Saied Méndez • Scholastic Inc. 2022 • II 3-6

Carolina Aguasvivas knows things are sure to change on Paradise Ranch when the new owner's daughter, Chelsie Sánchez, sweeps in with a feisty Thoroughbred named Velvet. The girls may soon discover they have more in common than they think... including a passion for bringing the healing power of horses to every kid.

1628CU6 \$15.09 FBG



Amari and the Great Game (Supernatural Investigations Series, Book 2)

B.B. Alston • Balzer & Bray • 2022 • IL 3-6

Artemis Fowl meets Men in Black in this second book in the best-selling Supernatural Investigations trilogy, the highly anticipated sequel to Amari and the Night Brothers. After finding her brother and saving the entire supernatural world, Amari is convinced her first full summer as a Junior Agent will be a breeze. But between the fearsome new Head Minister's strict antimagician agenda, fierce Junior Agent rivalries, and her brother Quinton's curse steadily worsening, Amari's plate is full. So when the secretive League of Magicians offers her a chance to stand up for magiciankind as its new leader, she declines. But her refusal allows someone else to step forward, a magician with dangerous plans for the League.

1777HW4 \$16.19 HRD



Amari and the Night Brothers (Supernatural Investigations Series, Book 1)

B.B. Alston • Balzer & Bray 2022 • IL 3-6

Don't miss book one of the Supernatural Investigations series, Amari and the Night Brothers, now in paperback!

664WU8 \$8.42 PAP



New and Next in Series





Doggo and Pupper Save the World

Katherine Applegate • Feiwel & Friends 2022 • IL K-3

Doggo likes routine – napping, eating, and more napping. Life is good. Life is good for Pupper, too, even though he worries a lot about things like giant squirrels. If he were braver, he might even be a hero. Maybe even a hero who can fly! But heroes aren't afraid of giant squirrels. When Doggo and Pupper meet a baby bird who also has worries, they are determined to help. Doggo and Pupper may not know how to fly, but they are very good helpers. Maybe they are even heroes!

1902FT4 \$9.30 HRD



Braver and Boulder (Investigators, Book 5)

John Patrick Green • First Second • 2022 • IL 3-6
Our favorite sewer-loving secret agents are
between a rock and a hard place in this newest
chapter in the hilarious New York Times best-selling
adventure series from John Patrick Green.

The Investigators are having a hard time keeping a low profile with their new headquarters being a giant robot towering over the city! How can they be secret agents if everyone recognizes them? But with their ears to the ground, Mango and Brash hear mysterious rumblings about Boulder Buddies. Are they just the latest fad, or part of a mob-run scheme? And could a rocky relationship from the Investigators' past be hiding beneath the surface? Find out in their most stone-cold dangerous mission yet!

1897KT7 \$10.18 HRD



Chasing Jaguars (Wild Survival, Book 3)

Melissa Cristina Márquez • Scholastic 2022 • II. 3-6

A gripping series about saving Earth's most endangered creatures – and fighting for survival! Packed with animal facts and illustrations, as well as nonfiction backmatter, *Wild Survival* is a compelling series for anyone fascinated by the natural world.

1617NU4 \$25.28 HRD



The Show Must Go Oink (DJ Funkyfoot, Book 3)

Tom Angleberger • Amulet Books 2022 • IL K-3

DJ Funkyfoot *finally* gets the job of his dreams: as a butler for a very fancy opera star. But as the singing pig's demands get more absurd, so do the disasters. Robbery! Wrecks! Romance! And even... rapping?

1704SV9 \$13.70 HRD



Mango All the Time (Mango Delight, Book 3)

Fracaswell Hyman • Sterling Children's Books 2022 • IL 5-8

In the exciting conclusion to the *Mango Delight* trilogy, Mango goes to Hollywood and becomes the star of a television series!

1953FR1 \$15.46 HRD



New and Next in Series





Kelcie Murphy and the Academy for the Unbreakable Arts (Book 1)

Erika Lewis • Starscape • 2022 • IL 3-6

The Otherworld is at war. The Academy for the Unbreakable Arts trains warriors. And Kelcie Murphy – a foster child raised in the human world – is dying to attend. When Kelcie tests into the school, she learns that she's a Saiga, one of the most ancient beings in the Otherworld. Secretive, shunned, and possessed of imposing elemental powers, the Saiga are also kin to the Otherworld's most infamous traitor. But Kelcie is a survivor, and she'll do whatever it takes to find her parents and her place in their world. Even if that means making a few enemies.

1901WT1 \$16.34 HRD

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Ready or Not (Abby in Between, Book 1)

Megan E. Bryant • Penguin Workshop 2022 • II 3-6

From prolific author Megan E. Bryant comes the first book in a young middle grade series about nine-year-old Abby, a girl trying to grapple with all the chaos that can come from growing up.

1913HU9 \$15.46 HRD



Fancy Pants (Jo Jo Makoons)

Dawn Quigley • Heartdrum 2022 • IL K-3

First grader Jo Jo Makoons knows how to do a lot of things, like how to play jump rope, how to hide her peas in her milk, and how to be helpful in her classroom. But there's one thing Jo Jo doesn't know how to do: be fancy. She has a lot to learn before her Aunt Annie's wedding! Favorite purple unicorn notebook in hand, Jo Jo starts exploring her Ojibwe community to find ways to be fancy.

1777JW9 \$4.75 PAP



Teddy Roosevelt Was a Moose? (Wait! What?)

Dan Gutman • Norton Young Readers 2022 • IL K-3

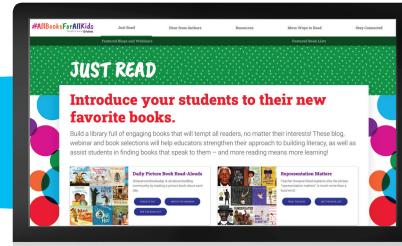
Siblings Paige and Turner have collected unusual and surprising facts about the larger-than-life president, from his childhood and his Rough Rider days to his rise to politics and presidential legacy.

1827RV6 \$15.43 HRD



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An Interview with Author

Kashmira Sheth

Kashmira Sheth was born in India. She moved to the US when she was 17 and received a BS in microbiology at Iowa State University. Sheth lives in Virginia, where she writes picture books and middle grade and young adult novels. *Nina Soni* is a humorous series featuring a charming, distractible Indian American girl. STEAM enthusiasts will find these books a fun read.

Who is Nina Soni?

Nina Soni is a nine-year-old, secondgeneration Indian American girl. She is intelligent, driven, and curious. Her brain is full of wonderful ideas and plans that run on different tracks. She tries to keep organized by making lists in her notebook called Sakhi, which means "friend" in Hindi. She lives in Madison, Wisconsin, with her parents and younger sister, Kavita. Nina has known her best friend, Jav. since before she was born!

Nina loves:

- Her family (even the extended family members who live halfway around the globe)
- Her friends
- Words and definitions
- · Real-life math

And one more thing...

Oh yes, lists!

What themes or ideas did you aim to explore throughout the *Nina*Soni series?

The themes and ideas for the *Nina Soni* series have evolved (and keep on evolving) quite organically. By asking what is important to children at Nina's age, what makes them tick, what kind of struggles they go through, and what strength they conjure up to survive – regardless of their background – I have developed themes and ideas for this series. Of course, I have also drawn from my childhood and my daughters' childhood.

When I present various situations and challenges to Nina, she provides me with the answers. Her answers. She is insightful and caring; she is a list-maker and a planner. But she is also a dreamer and impulsive, and that does get her in trouble.

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Things don't go the way Nina plans throughout the series, and she grows from those experiences. Her list-making ability makes it possible for Nina to see how and why something doesn't work out. It also helps her figure out what does work and why.

This self-discovery process about friendship, family, and the consequences of one's actions emerges from these stories. I am also able to weave in ideas of empathy and the natural world throughout the series.

What inspired you to explore the intersection of STEM and storytelling through Nina?

In the beginning, there was only a story. I wanted to write the series about a young girl and her sister growing up in the Midwest. Since my daughters inspired Nina's and Kavita's characters, I started with second-generation Indian American girls. As I wrote the story, Nina's love of math and language came through. Mental math and word definitions became an integral part of her voice, and so did her list-making. In each book, Nina uncovers something at the end that she didn't set out to find. That discovery is emotionally fulfilling for Nina, and I hope it is for the readers, too. The final product is a series with stories that also incorporate STEM.

What role does friendship play in your writing?

Nina's friendships with Jay, Megan, and others lead to Nina's self-discovery through relationships. At Nina's age, friendship is important and liberating. It is easy to go back to your childhood and remember your friends when you were nine or 10. At that age, children start to see themselves as part of the family and as a part of a community – neighborhood, school, city, country, world. They realize it is an exciting world out there, and they want to step outside. At the same time, they are afraid. Friends allow them to have these adventures, fulfill their curiosity, and create shared experiences in providing companions and a support system.



Nina Soni Book Set

Kashmire Sheth • Peachtree • IL 3-6

A humorous series featuring a charming, distractible Indian American girl, her family, her friends, and her efforts to manage her life with lists, definitions, and more. A fun read for STEAM enthusiasts!

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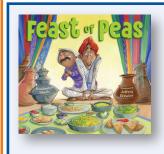
What do you hope readers take from your books?

I hope young readers enjoy Nina's world, insecurities, fears, triumphs, and humor. Nina's specific experience may not be like that of her audience because the details might be different. I hope readers can see themselves reflected in Nina's struggles with her friendship with Jay, her grandiose plans to build a dam, her frustration with Kavita, and her resolve to grow her garden.

Nina offers a window to a world that is different and yet the same. Through this series, the readers can learn about a culture they may not be familiar with and explore universal themes. I hope Nina can fill some of the cultural spaces not often reflected in literature and connect readers with her experiences growing up in the Midwest.

Kashmira Sheth on Feast of Peas.

A trickster story can bring a lot of joy to young readers. I enjoyed them in my childhood, but most ended in a lesson and harsh punishment, which I didn't like. When I wrote *Feast of Peas*, I wanted a story with themes of forgiveness and generosity. I mulled over how Jiva's absorption in his dream of a feast of peas made him oblivious to how much Ravji wanted the same thing. Ravji tricked Jiva, but I wanted something constructive to come out of this tale of trickery. The solution was for Jiva to decide that Ravji's punishment would be to make a feast of peas, which Jiva invited Ravji to share. After all, what is a feast if it is not shared with a friend?



Feast of Peas

Kashmira Sheth • Peachtree 2020 • IL K-3

From the award-winning author and illustrator team who created *Tiger in My Soup*, this original story set in India features a deliciously amusing mystery about gardening, anticipation, hard work, and generosity.

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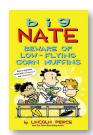
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Graphic Novels



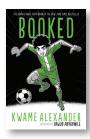


Big Nate Beware of Low-Flying Corn Muffins (Big Nate Graphic Novels, Book 26)

Lincoln Peirce • AMP Children • 2022 • IL 3-6 Sixth-grade dynamo Nate Wright has all kinds of big plans. As usual, things never quite turn out exactly like he planned.

1858JV0 \$11.06 PAP

Watch Lincoln Peirce's
Author Takeover – Student Edition



Booked (Crossover: Graphic Novels, Book 2)

Kwame Alexander • Etch/Clarion Books 2022 • IL 5-8

Twelve-year-old Nick learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

1728NR6 \$22.50 HRD



Captain America: The Ghost Army

Alan Gratz • Graphix • 2022 • IL 3-6

Eighteen-year-old Steve Rogers (a.k.a. Captain America) and his young sidekick, Bucky Barnes, are fighting in WWII when they encounter a threat like none they've ever seen – a Ghost Army.

1742YV1 \$22.50 HRD



Green Thumb (Chloe, Book 6)

Greg Tessier • Papercutz • 2022 • IL 5-8

When a film crew is hired to document creation of the community garden Chloe and her friends are planning, will scene-stealing Anissa uproot all of Chloe's progress?

1901ST2 \$13.70 HRD



Cloud Town

Daniel McCloskey • Amulet Books 2022 • IL 5-8

An exciting middle grade graphic novel about best friends, giant robots, and monsters from another universe!

1705EV3 \$22.50 HRD



Quest for the Unicorn Horn (Extincts, Book 1)

Scott Magoon • Amulet Books 2021 • IL 3-6

A team of genetically enhanced extinct animals embark on top-secret missions around the world in this new graphic novel series.

1917FR5 \$22.50 HRD



Graphic Novels





What Was the Turning Point of the Civil War? Alfred Waud Goes to Gettysburg (A Who HQ Graphic Novel)

Ellen T. Crenshaw • Penguin Young Readers • 2022 • IL 3-6 Discover the story behind the Battle of Gettysburg through the eyes of war reporter Alfred Waud in this compelling graphic novel written and illustrated by a National Book Award–longlisted creator.

1766PU4 \$11.94 HRD

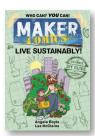


Good-Bye Stacey, Good-Bye: A Graphic Novel (The Baby-Sitters Club, Book 11)

Ann M. Martin • Graphix • 2022 • IL 3-6

Stacey's friends are crushed when they hear that Stacey's moving, especially Claudia. Stacey is her best friend. How will the BSC go on without Stacey?

1613QU0 \$22.50 HRD



Live Sustainably! (Maker Comics)

Angela Boyle • First Second 2022 • IL 5-8

A step-by-step DIY guide that will help kids roll up their sleeves and get making with confidence! Inside this graphic novel, you'll find instructions for eight sustainability projects.

1897GT8 \$18.10 HRD



Lowriders to the Rescue (Lowriders in Space, Book 4)

Cathy Camper • Chronicle Books 2022 • IL 3-6

Humor, Spanish, and lowriders come together in this rollicking journey through the bumpy terrain of new friends, climate change, and standing up for what you believe in. ¡Vámonos!

1989BU1 \$20.74 HRD



Mapmakers and the Lost Magic (Mapmakers, Book 1)

Cameron Chittock • Random House Graphic 2022 • IL 3-6

A young girl must make an impossible choice – run away from her beloved valley, or unleash a hidden magic and become a Mapmaker to save her home from its new overlords.

1884JU3 \$18.98 HRD



Miss Quinces: A Graphic Novel

Kat Fajardo • Graphix • 2022 • IL 3-6

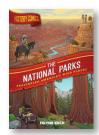
A middle grade graphic novel about a girl who would rather do anything other than celebrate her quinceañera! A funny and heartfelt coming-ofage story about navigating cultural tradition.

1629UU3 \$19.47 FBG



Graphic Novels





The National Parks: Preserving America's Wild Places (History Comics)

Falynn Koch • First Second • 2022 • IL 3-6
Meet the visionaries, artists, and lovers of
the American wilderness who fought against
corruption and self-interest to carve out and
protect these spaces for future generations.

1897FT0 \$18.10 HRD



The Odds (Odds, Book 1)

Matt Stanton • HarperAlley 2022 • IL K-3

The start of a hilarious and heartwarming graphic novel series about identity, imagination, and the joy of discovering who you really are.

1665BU1 \$10.18 PAP



The Forgotten Maze (Oh My Gods! Book 2)

Stephanie Cooke • Etch/Clarion Books 2022 • IL 3-6

In this epic sequel, Karen and her new friends descend into a forgotten maze beneath Mt. Olympus Junior High in search of an online troll by the name of M1N0T4UR.

1728KR4 \$22.50 HRD



The Subtle Knife: The Graphic Novel (His Dark Materials, Book 2)

Philip Pullman • Knopf Books for Young Readers 2022 • IL 5-8

Lyra steps into a new world and meets Will – a boy on the run, a murderer, a worthy and welcome ally. Together they discover a deadly secret.

1882YUX \$19.86 HRD



Swim Team

Johnnie Christmas • HarperCollins Publishers Inc. 2022 • IL 3-6

A young girl named Bree must face her fear of swimming head on, while at the same time confronting the longstanding barriers of systemic racism set within the public pool system.

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1936TW2 \$11.84 PAP



Who Was the First Man on the Moon? Neil Armstrong (A Who HQ Graphic Novel)

Nathan Page • Penguin Workshop 2022 • IL 3-6

From his childhood experiments to his first encounters with flight, explore the steps Neil Armstrong took in order to become the first person to land on the moon.

1669ZS5 \$11.94 HRD



Follett Picks: Graphic Novels



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Books Our Team of Experts Are Excited About



Bats What Friends Are For (Super Adventures of Ollie and Bea)

Renée Treml • Picture Window Books • 2022 • IL K-3 When Ollie makes a new friend, Bea isn't happy. Can she bat aside her hard feelings and learn to share her best friend with someone else?

1860UU7

\$18.04 HRD



Drew and Jot: Making a Mark

Art Baltazar • BOOM! Studios • 2020 • IL K-3 Middle school best friends Andrew and Foz's superhero comic adventure is all about saving the day! But what happens when paint and a new messy character enter the mix?

1851YA3

\$13.70 HRD



The Smurfs and the Golden Tree and Other Tales (The Smurf Tales, Book 5)

Pevo • Papercutz • 2022 • IL 3-6

Your favorite blue pals are out on another adventure! Join Papa Smurf, Smurfette, and rest of the lovable blue smurfs for classic, three-apple-tall adventures, translated to English for the first time.

1789AV3

\$20.74 HRD



Hard Court (The Fifth Quarter)

Mike Dawson • First Second

2022 • IL 3-6

Grab a bench and get ready to cheer Lori on once again as she works through the growing pains of middle school and faces her fears – on the court and in life.

1784YV6

\$19.86 HRD



I Survived Hurricane Katrina, 2005: The Graphic Novel

Lauren Tarshis • Graphix • 2022 • IL 3-6

The story of a boy, a dog, and the storm of the century is brought vividly to life in this graphic-novel adaptation of Lauren Tarshis's best-selling title.

1742ZV9

\$22.50 HRD



Intrigue on the Rodent Express (Geronimo Stilton Reporter, Book 11)

Geronimo Stilton • Papercutz

2022 • IL 3-6

Geronimo Stilton is granted a special interview with the great Sourishi, who lives in isolation and rarely gives interviews. To reach him, Geronimo and company must take the Rodent Express, a steam engine that zigs and zags across perilous terrain and steep mountains.

1788SV8

\$9.30 HRD



Follett Picks: Graphic Novels





Leon the Extraordinary: A Graphic Novel (Leon, Book 1)

Jamar Nicholas • Graphix • 2022 • IL 3-6

Leon is an ordinary kid who becomes extraordinary when he fights a supervillain to save his school!

1615FU3 \$22.50 HRD



Matias and the Cloud

Jorge G. Palomera • Etch/Clarion Books 2022 • IL K-3

A young boy and his dog discover a magical surprise on the boy's birthday in this vibrant and humorous wordless picture book with graphic-novel panels.

1729WR8 \$13.70 HRD



Linty: A Pocketful of Adventure

Mike Shiell • Kids Can Press 2022 • II K-3

In the pocket of a pair of jeans, a tiny ball of lint lives alone – until the day a boy puts on those jeans and turns Linty's life upside down.

1964PV9 \$11.94 HRD



Sloth Sleuth (Book 1)

Cyndi Marko • Etch/Clarion Books 2022 • IL 3-6

On an island crawling with crime, everyone's a suspect. Luckily, its resident sloth sleuth can solve crimes in her sleep – and often does!

1642DU6 \$11.94 HRD



The Knight at Dawn: The Graphic Novel (Magic Tree House, Book 2)

Jenny Laird • A Stepping Stone Book 2021 • IL K-3

Retells, in graphic novel form, the tale of eight-year-old Jack and his younger sister Annie, who are whisked back in the magic treehouse to the time of knights and castles.

1624QS6 \$19.99 HRD



Squad Up (Power Up Graphic Novel, Book 2)

Sam Nisson • Etch/Clarion Books 2022 • II 3-6

Sixth-graders Rhys and Miles overcome challenges in friendship and gaming in this graphic novel told in multiple art styles and set in both the real world and inside the boys' favorite video game.

1728JR7 \$22.50 HRD



Favorite Authors





The Elephant Girl James Patterson,

Ellen Banda-Aaku, with Sophia Krevoy Jimmy Patterson • 2022 • IL 5-8 Inspired by true events, this incredible story is a moving exploration of the bonds between creatures and the power of belonging.

1609KW6 \$15.46 HRD

2022 • II K-3



I Love You Like Yellow Andrea Beaty • Abrams Books

Following a diverse array of children and their families – families who come in all shapes and sizes – the book showcases the smallest but sometimes most special moments of the day.

1706PVX \$17.22 HRD

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Just Harriet

Elana K. Arnold Walden Pond Press 2022 • IL 3-6

A new young middle grade series in the tradition of Ramona and Clementine, starring an unforgettable girl named Harriet.

1896EU5 \$15.46 HRD



Pretty Perfect Kitty-Corn

Shannon Hale
Abrams Books • 2022 • IL K-3
Another positively delightful
kitty-and-unicorn story
that celebrates the magic
of friendship – and the
beauty of imperfection.

1704JV3 \$17.22 HRD



Those Kids from Fawn Creek

Erin Entrada Kelly
Greenwillow Books • 2022 • IL 3-6
From Erin Entrada Kelly, this
contemporary school story
set in small-town Louisiana
is about friendship, family,
deception, and being true to
yourself and your dreams.

1897EU1 \$16.34 HRD



The One and Only Bob

Katherine Applegate HarperCollins 2022 • IL 3-6

A scrappy dog named Bob and his best friends, Ivan the gorilla and Ruby the elephant, undertake a dangerous journey to seek Bob's long-lost sister, but a storm is approaching and time is running out.

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The Turtle of Michigan: A Novel

Naomi Shihab Nye Greenwillow Books 2022 • IL 3-6

A young boy named Aref travels from Muscat, Oman, to Ann Arbor, Michigan, and adjusts to a new life and a new school in the US.

1897FU9 \$15.46 HRD



Follett Picks: Favorite Authors



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Books Our Team of Experts Are Excited About



The Animal Toolkit: How Animals Use Tools Steve Jenkins and Robin Page • Clarion Books 2022 • II K-3

In this fascinating book, we learn all about what makes a tool a tool and the remarkable ways animals can use them to find food, protect their young, and more.

1642UUX \$16.34 HRD



Cornbread & Poppy at the Carnival

Matthew Cordell • LBYR PLUS 2022 • IL K-3

The second entry in Caldecott medalist Matthew Cordell's early reader series about two best friends who are as different from each other as can be. What new things will these mice try?

1617WW6

\$6.66 PAP



Lines of Courage

Jennifer A. Nielsen

• Scholastic Press
2022

• IL 5-8

The stories of five kids in World War I, each of whom holds the key to the others' futures, if they are lucky – and brave enough to find each other.

1620DU2

\$16.34 HRD



Northwind

Gary Paulsen • Farrar, Straus and Giroux 2022 • IL 5-8

From the survival-story master comes the story of a young person's battle to stay alive against the odds, where the high seas meet a coastal wilderness.

1893AT9

\$16.34 HRD



Once Upon a Tim

Stuart Gibbs • S&S Books 2022 • IL 3-6

The first book in a hilarious, highly illustrated new middle grade series about a peasant boy who wants to be a knight, perfect for fans of *Max & the Midknights*.

1871KV4

\$11.94 HRD



Operation Do-Over

Gordon Korman • Balzer & Bray 2022 • IL 3-6

From the New York Times best-selling author of The Unteachables, Gordon Korman, comes a hilarious new high-concept friendship story in the vein of Back to the Future.

1703NU8

\$16.34 HRD



Follett Picks: Favorite Authors





The School for Whatnots

Margaret Peterson Haddix • Katherine Tegen Books 2022 • IL 3-6

This middle grade thriller from Margaret Peterson Haddix delves into the power of privilege, the importance of true friendship, and the question of humanity and identity.

1896ZU8 \$16.34 HRD



Tiger Honor (A Thousand Worlds Novel)

Yoon Ha Lee • Rick Riordan Presents 2022 • IL 3-6

Tiger spirit Sebin has finally been accepted to the Thousand World Space Forces – just as his uncle is declared a traitor. Can Sebin clear his uncle's name and restore honor to the clan?

1751SV7 \$15.46 HRD



Solimar: The Sword of the Monarchs

Pam Muñoz Ryan • Disney-Hyperion 2022 • IL 5-8

On the brink of Solimar's Quinceañera and her official coronation, a neighboring king invades while Solimar's father and brothers are away. Can her recent gift of foresight help her save the kingdom?

1752CV7 \$16.34 HRD



River (Warriors: A Starless Clan, Book 1)

Erin Hunter • HarperCollins 2022 • II 3-6

A thrilling new adventure begins in Erin Hunter's number one best-selling *Warriors* series!

1896SU7 \$16.34 HRD



Tía Fortuna's New Home: A Jewish Cuban Journey

Ruth Behar • Alfred A. Knopf Books 2022 • IL K-3

A poignant multicultural ode to family and what it means to create a home as one girl helps her Tía

Fortuna move away from her beloved Miami apartment.

1734LU6 \$16.34 HRD



The Year We Learned to Fly

Jacqueline Woodson • Nancy Paulsen Books 2022 • IL K-3

Jacqueline Woodson's lyrical text and Rafael López's dazzling art celebrate the extraordinary ability to lift ourselves up and imagine a better world.

1768CU2 \$17.22 HRD



An Interview with Author

Laurie Friedman

Laurie Friedman is the award-winning author of more than 75 critically acclaimed picture books, chapter books, and novels for young readers. Intended for early emergent to fluent readers in Grades PreK-3, her *Blossoms Beginning Readers* collection from Crabtree contains four exciting new series available in print and digital formats and includes world language editions.

What inspired you to write the stories in the Blossoms Beginning Readers collection? (Trainer Tom, Silly Milly Adventures, Spots and Stripes, and Moose the Dog series.)

I have a love-only relationship with beginning readers! As an author, I think nothing is more exciting than getting young readers hooked on reading. My goal for the *Blossoms Beginning Readers* collection was to create multiple series to delight and inspire young readers everywhere. These books include animal stories, family stories, and lots of humor. Hopefully, there's something here for everyone.

There are several series at different reading levels in the *Blossoms Beginning Readers* imprint, with more being released in Spring 2022. Tell us a bit about these books and why this book collection is so important for young readers.

Again, the goal in creating these books was to offer a variety of series so that there would be something to appeal to everyone. By that, I mean kids at different reading levels and with differing interests. The key here was to leave no genre untouched. The 2022 line builds on the original list of titles and includes mysteries, horror, realistic fiction, sports fiction, animal fiction. humor, and so much more.

Do your stories have a particular message you want young readers to connect with? What do you hope young readers will take away from these entertaining stories?

My goal is for emerging readers to fall in love with reading. I'm not trying to impart a message. I feel like my job as an author is to make reading fun. I want kids to like the books so much that they'd prefer to read than watch TV or go on their devices. For me, the key is to get readers to laugh, sometimes to cry, and always, to fall in love with the characters. I want them to want to keep turning pages to find out what happens next!

How do the series in the *Blossoms Beginning Readers* collection differ from other series you've done in the past?

For beginning readers, it is critical to find just the right balance of action, description, character development, humor, and of course, illustrations. *The Blossoms Beginning Readers* series books are designed and written to be shorter and get right to the point. Beginning readers must be hooked on the first page. To keep young readers engaged and turning pages, every word needs to move the story forward.

In what ways do you think your stories impact or influence young readers? Why do you think this is important?

I love this question. I feel honored to do what I do. For me, writing for kids is truly a privilege. As a child, I loved to read and write. My most sincere hope is to create books for children that inspire a new generation of readers and writers.

Why do you think fiction stories are essential to beginning reading?

Because they are fun to read! Nothing is too serious or required. These books are only to entertain. They're a getaway, and who doesn't want that?

Can you tell us about how schools and libraries are using these stories?

One of the things I love most about the *Blossoms Beginning Readers* collection is that all the series includes six or more titles. I believe this is an invaluable resource for schools, as it makes selecting books easier. If a child likes one book in a series, there are many more to be read.

Tell us about the resources in the books you have written. Why are these important?

All the books include a discussion guide. These are terrific resources for parents, teachers, and media specialists to use as conversation starters with young readers. Research shows that kids read more when they talk about what they're reading.

What new book adventures can readers expect this spring?

There is so much excitement coming to bookshelves this spring! Some of my favorite titles include the *Detective Daisy* series about a young sleuth who solves classroom mysteries. I also love the *Camp Creepy Lake* books. Beginning readers will be flipping pages in this horror series to find out what happens at the scariest summer camp ever! And finally, I can't wait for readers to discover the *Magic Postcards* books. In this fantasy series, a young brother and sister make friends, see new places, and learn cultural traditions from countries worldwide.

That's just a small taste of what's to come. I hope readers everywhere enjoy all the books!

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Laurie Friedman is the award-winning author of more than seventy-five critically acclaimed picture books, chapter books, and novels for young readers, including the bestselling Mallory McDonald series and the Love, Ruby Valentine series.





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A Darkening of Dragons (Songs of Magic, Book 3)

S.A. Patrick • Peachtree Publishing Company 2022 • IL 3-6

Patch Brightwater is a disgrace. Thrown in jail for playing a forbidden spell, he is no one's idea of a hero. But then he discovers a deadly truth – the evil Piper of Hamelyn is on the loose. With the help of Wren, a girl cursed to live as a rat, and Barver, a fire-breathing dracogriff, Patch must stop the Piper from sparking the biggest battle of them all.

1777GW7 \$16.19 HRD



Lemon Drop Falls

Heather Clark • Jolly Fish Press 2022 • IL 3-6

Morgan is devastated by her mother's sudden death. Before, Mom kept the family on track, and always had lemon drops on hand to make difficult conversations easy, turning life's sour into sweet. After, there's no one to help Morgan navigate her new reality as she tries to fulfill mom's last words – *Keep them safe. Help them be happy*. So she sacrifices soccer, free time, and friendships for her siblings. When Dad's "talk therapy" campout ignites Morgan's anxiety, she makes a reckless decision to prove she can fill Mom's shoes that leaves her literally fighting for survival.

1717YV7 \$19.07 FBG



A Comb of Wishes

Lisa Stringfellow • Quill Tree Books 2022 • IL 5-8

Set against the backdrop of Caribbean folklore, Lisa Stringfellow's spellbinding middle grade debut tells of a grieving girl and a vengeful mermaid that will enchant readers.

1897GU6 \$15.46 HRD



Wildseed Witch

Marti Dumas • Amulet Books 2022 • IL 5-8

A fun middle grade contemporary fantasy with an all-BIPOC cast about a social-media-loving tween who gets sent to an ultraprivate witch camp.

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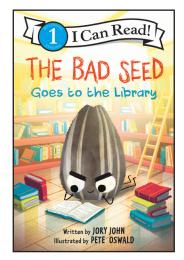
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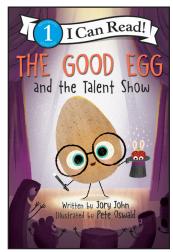


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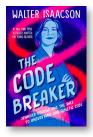


Beyond Possible: One Man, 14 Peaks, and the Mountaineering Achievement of a Lifetime Nimsdai Puria • National Geographic Kids

Nimsdai Purja • National Geographic Kids 2022 • IL 5-8

Join Nepalese climber Nimsdai Purja as he recounts his journey to scale all 8,000-meter "Death Zone" mountains in seven months.

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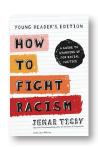
Fashionopolis:

The Secrets Behind the Clothes We Wear

Dana Thomas • Dial Books • 2022 • IL 5-8

This nonfiction book shows us how the clothes we wear – and throw away – every day are made, and what that means for our planet and for people around the world.

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Me and White Supremacy: How You Can Fight Racism and Change the World Today!

Layla F. Saad • Sourcebooks Explore 2022 • IL 5-8

Best-selling author Layla Saad's young readers' edition is a timely, crucial, and empowering guide for today's youth on how to be antiracist change makers.

1974WU7 \$16.34 HRD



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Molly: The True Story of the Dog Who Rescues Lost Cats

Colin Butcher • Feiwel & Friends 2022 • IL 3-6

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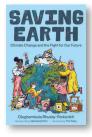


The Rent Collector

Cameron Wright • Shadow Mountain Press 2022 • IL 5-8

Set in Cambodia's city dump, a story about the power of literacy, the influence of the past, and finding hope, resiliency, and empowerment in the face of seemingly endless hardship.

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Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich Farrar. Straus and Giroux • 2022 • IL 5-8

A timely and inspiring nonfiction guide for middle grade readers about the history of our fight against climate change, and how young people today are rising to action.

1104JY0 \$18.10 HRD



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Anthony Ray Hinton with Lara Love Hardin and Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich Feiwel & Friends • 2022 • IL 5-8

In 1985, Anthony Ray Hinton was arrested and charged with two counts of capital murder in Alabama. Stunned, confused, and only 29 years old, Hinton knew that it was a case of mistaken identity.

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Will Chesney with Joe Layden • Square Fish 2022 • IL 5-8

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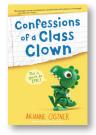


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Cynthia Leitich Smith • Heartdrum • 2021 • IL 3-6
Edited by best-selling author Cynthia Leitich Smith,
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Arianne Costner • Random House Books 2022 • IL 3-6

This middle school novel explores themes of friendship, belonging, and the ways social media can put pressure on today's kids.

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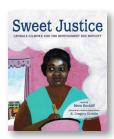


The Faith of Elijah Cummings: The North Star of Equal Justice

Carole Boston Weatherford • Random House Studio 2021 • IL K-3

This comprehensive and visually stunning biography details the humble beginnings and unwavering faith of congressman and civil-rights advocate Elijah Cummings as he waged an endless battle for truth, justice, and equality.

1636KS0 \$16.34 HRD



Sweet Justice: Georgia Gilmore and the Montgomery Bus Boycott Mara Rockliff • Random House Studio

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An inspiring picture-book biography about the woman whose cooking helped feed and fund the Montgomery bus boycott of 1956, from an award-winning illustrator.

1890DUX \$17.22 HRD



They Stole Our Hearts (Teddies Saga, Book 2)

Daniel Kraus • Henry Holt and Co. 2022 • IL 5-8

The heart-pounding sequel to *They Threw Us Away*, about a group of teddy bears looking for a place to call home – and answers to life's biggest questions.

1710SR6 \$16.34 HRD



We Dream of Space

Erin Entrada Kelly • Greenwillow Books 2021 • IL 3-6

Travel to 1986 and meet the unforgettable Cash, Fitch, and Bird Thomas in this pitch-perfect middle grade novel about family, friendship, science, and exploration.

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An Interview with Author

Kelly Barnhill

Kelly Barnhill is the author of four novels, most recently *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*, winner of the 2017 John Newbery Medal. She is also the winner of the World Fantasy Award and has been a finalist for the Minnesota Book Award, a Nebula Award, and the PEN/USA Literary Awards. *The Ogress and the Orphans* is a new instant fantasy classic about the power of generosity and love – and how a community suffers when they disappear.

The Ogress and the Orphans and The Girl Who Drank the Moon have some common threads: both are middle grade fantasies with themes of community, familial love, and of course, magic. In what ways are the books different?

It has never occurred to me to think about a book in relation to others I have written – each of my books, for me, is simplicity itself. If I had to say something, though, I think the main difference is in the directionality of the two pieces – from the external to the internal versus the internal to the external.

The Girl Who Drank the Moon is primarily concerned with the effects of manipulation and cynical re-rendering of actual events – how the story, the most fundamental aspect of the human mind, can be used to connect, enlighten, and build bridges to others. Still, it can also be twisted and exploited and used to build walls instead. A story can tell the truth, and a story can also lie. Unfortunately, recent times have reminded us of this again and again.

In *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*, the agent of change is in the power structure imposing its will on the individual – the direction of the piece is from the external to the internal. *The Ogress and the Orphans* does something very different – it looks at the power of individual actions to create good, which build upon themselves to make more good in the larger community. Sometimes people feel that it doesn't matter what we do or how we choose, or whether our actions are kind or just or generous or fair, because our actions never make a significant difference in the grand scheme of things. Nonsense! Of course they do. Acts of kindness, generosity, fairness, justice, and openheartedness all matter. They all make a difference. We just can't always see it.

Not only does each action matter, but the collective weight of multiple actions also matters even more. In *The Ogress and the Orphans*, one single person attempts to make a difference in a small way, bit by bit by bit. And it seems at first that it doesn't make a difference. But it does.

Where did the idea for *The Ogress and the Orphans* come from?

During the last presidential administration, there was a moment when it felt like the news was uniformly terrible – cruelty had become normalized, nastiness was a new form of currency, and all our progress towards justice and equality seemed to be going backward. I often did what I needed to heal my soul and regenerate a bit – I started writing fairy tales. This is typically a purely creative practice for me. I write fairy tales longhand in the quietness of my notebook and never intend to show them to anyone. These are stories that are just for me.

But then I started a story about a gift-giving ogress and a wicked mayor and a household full of loving and clever orphans, and very quickly, this story didn't seem to behave like the others. It stood apart. It had eyes and skin and breath and soul. It was separate from me. I still didn't think it was a novel – I honestly thought it was a picture book – but I sent it to my agent just to get his thoughts. And my agent sent it to my editor, who said, "Oh yes, of course, this wants to be a novel. Carry on." And so I did.

Paper cranes appear in *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*, and the crows are memorable characters in *The Ogress and the Orphans*. What inspired you to use birds as a motif in both books?

I just love birds. If I could start my life over, I probably would stick with biology in college and become an ornithologist. When I was a kid, my dad kept bird feeders and identification books by the windows, and when we went on family camping trips, the highlights were always what birds we could see, hear, and identify. As I grew older, I became particularly interested in crows' habits, abilities, and particularities. I'm fascinated by their long memories and complex family structures and their ability to make and use multipurpose tools. They are well mannered and precise and are frankly full of themselves. What's not to love?

What do you enjoy most about writing fantasy novels?

Everything. The world is a strange place, but we live inside it and have become accustomed to its strangeness and oblivious to its oddities. Sometimes the only way to look at the thing is to step away and shake things around. Emily Dickinson tells us to "Tell all the truth, but tell it slant." To me, that's what a poem does, but it's also what a fantasy novel does. It tells the truth, but slanted. Later in that same poem, she reminds us, "The Truth must dazzle gradually / Or every man be blind." I think this is the purpose of fantasy - and has been ever since Beowulf and Arthur and the Leviathan and the doofuses on Mount Olympus and Gilgamesh and his unending rage. The world is complex, mysterious, and sometimes sinister - a thing of wonder, beauty, and marvelous strangeness. Sometimes we must tell the truth outlandishly to see the oddness that we've normalized and the everyday things that we have transmuted into oddities. Fantasy allows us to ask big questions, take nothing for granted, and uncover truths that we often leave hidden.

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The Ogress believes "the more you give, the more you have." What do you hope readers take away from her philosophy?

For me, it all comes down to the Prayer of St. Francis, something I had to learn in grade school. It is more important for us to love others than seek love for ourselves. It is more important to give than to receive. It is more important to forgive than to be forgiven. It is more important to understand others than to try to be understood. And further – the only antidote to despair is hope. This is all very hard to do. I myself am terrible at it. Despair is way easier than hope! Everyone knows that! And it is tough to love people who espouse hate. It feels like an impossible task.

So much of this book hinges on the idea of the beloved community – what happens to a place when everyone loses their sense of civic responsibility and togetherness, and what happens when neighbors forget what it means to be neighbors and what they owe their neighbors. And it's easy to feel as though a broken community is irreparable. But it's not. Kindness matters; generosity matters; empathy matters; goodness matters. Indeed, each action springs from a place of positivity or fairness or egalitarianism or giving as mass and gravity. The collective impact of multiple people doing good builds upon itself. That's what I want my readers to take away – that their actions have meaning.

What does the library represent in the book?

It's a funny thing – I finished this book over a year ago, and I had no idea we would land at this moment when cynical individuals are puffing themselves up with their talk of banning books for ludicrous reasons and even burning those books. Just writing that down hurt my heart – imagine what it must do to a person's soul when they have the audacity to suggest such a thing. It is monstrous to ban a book, burn a book, and attack a library. A library is more than a place, after all. A library is an idea. A library represents the indelible human right of learning, connection, and storytelling. A community's library is a testament to its past and a promise to its future: these books are for everyone; these stories are for everyone; these ideas are for everyone; these conversations are for everyone. No one is left out. Everyone belongs.

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The Ogress and the Orphans

Kelly Barnhill • Algonquin Young Readers 2022 • IL 5-8

When a child goes missing from the Orphan House, at the Mayor's suggestion, all eyes turn to the Ogress. How will the Orphans tell the story of Ogress's goodness to people who refuse to listen? And how can they make their deluded neighbors see the real villain in their midst?

1903DV2 \$18.07 HRD



The Girl Who Drank the Moon

Kelly Barnhill • Algonquin Young Readers 2016 • IL 5-8

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.

11563CB6 \$16.31 HRD



Fiction





The Deluxe Junior Novelization (Jurassic World: Camp Cretaceous, Volume Four)

Steve Behling • Random House 2022 • II 3-6

It's survival of the fittest as the kids at Camp Cretaceous face off against dangers and dinosaurs in this novelization based on *Jurassic World: Camp Cretaceous*.

1665YU9 \$9.30 PAP



A Good Place

Lucy Cousins • Candlewick 2022 • IL K-3

From the creator of Maisy, this joyful picture book with a gentle environmental message finds four insect friends in search of a good place to live.

1753RU4 \$16.34 HRD



Ellen Outside the Lines

A.J. Sass • Little Brown 2022 • II 3-6

A heartfelt novel about a neurodivergent 13-year-old navigating changing friendships, a school trip, and expanding horizons.

1610GW5 \$15.46 HRD



Just Dance (Whatever After, Book 15)

Sarah Mlynowski • Scholastic Press 2022 • IL 3-6

This time, the magic mirror – with a little help from the magical fairy Maryrose – sends Abby and Jonah into the story of the 12 Dancing Princesses.

1612ZUX \$13.70 HRD



Get Well, Eva (Branches: Owl Diaries, Book 16)

Rebecca Elliott • Scholastic Inc.

2022 • IL K-3

Eva Wingdale is hurt, but luckily her friends and family are ready to step in and lend a helping wing in this best-selling early chapter book series for newly independent readers.

1614YU5 \$23.42 HRD



Loyalty

Avi • Clarion Books 2022 • II 5-8

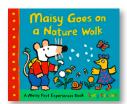
Newbery Medalist Avi explores the American Revolution from a fresh perspective in the story of a young Loyalist turned British spy navigating patriotism and personal responsibility during the lead-up to the War of Independence.

1728FR8 \$15.46 HRD



Fiction





Maisy Goes on a Nature Walk (A Maisy First Experiences Book)

Lucy Cousins • Candlewick 2022 • II K-3

This First Experiences book entices children into the great outdoors as Maisy and her friends go on a nature walk.

1751WU8 \$13.70 HRD



The Mandalorian: Junior Novel (Star Wars, Season 2)

Joe Schreiber • Disney Lucasfilm Press 2022 • IL K-3

The Mandalorian and Grogu continue their journey to find more of Grogu's kind as they make their way through a dangerous galaxy in the tumultuous era following the fall of the Empire.

1665WU4 \$6.66 PAP



Dance Disaster

(Middle School Misadventures, Book 3)

Jason Platt • Little, Brown • 2022 • IL 3-6

Newell's life is turned upside down as the school dance approaches (fart) and he discovers his dad is dating his math teacher (double fart!), forcing Newell to embrace change and grow.

1610AW1 \$22.50 HRD



The Night Bus Hero

Onjali Q. Raúf • Delacorte Press 2022 • IL 5-8

What does it take to turn a bully into a hero? Empathy and the power of forgiveness take center stage in this poignant novel by an award-winning author.

1888GU7 \$15.46 HRD



The Patron Thief of Bread

Lindsay Eagar

• Candlewick 2022

• IL 5-8

A beautifully crafted middle grade novel spiced with magic – and gargoyles! – from the acclaimed author of *Hour of the Bees* and *Race to the Bottom of the Sea*.

1754KUX \$18.10 HRD



Racing Storm Mountain

Trent Reedy • Norton Young Readers 2022 • IL 5-8

Kelton Fielding has always felt out of place, never sure what to say to his peers who, truth be told, only tolerate him. When a snowmobile race is announced at McCall's annual Winter Festival, Kelton sees his chance to impress his classmates. But when the risk of an avalanche threatens, Kelton and his classmates find themselves in real danger, relying on their wits and teamwork to survive.

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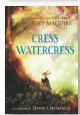


The Brink of War (Atlantis, Book 2)

Gregory Mone • Amulet Books • 2022 • IL 3-6

Two worlds again collide in an unforgettable undersea adventure! After their daring escape from Atlantis, Lewis, Hanna, and Kaya, their resourceful Atlantean friend, find themselves questioning if they're on the same side.

1703UV7 \$16.34 HRD



Cress Watercress

Gregory Maguire • Candlewick • 2022 • IL 3-6 Gregory Maguire turns his trademark wit and wisdom to an animal adventure about growing up, moving on, and finding community.

1753NU5 \$18.10 HRD



A Duet for Home

Karina Yan Glaser • Clarion Books • 2022 • IL 5-8 A triumphant tale of friendship, healing, and the power of believing in ourselves, told from the perspective of biracial sixth graders June and Tyrell, two children living in a homeless shelter.

1641MU5 \$15.46 HRD



A Gift for Nana

Lane Smith • Random House Studio 2022 • IL K-3

Two-time Caldecott Honor author/illustrator Lane Smith tells a whimsical story about a little rabbit searching for the best gift for someone very special.

1956BU6 \$21.99 HRD



Glass Slippers (Sisters Ever After, Book 2)

Leah Cypess • Delacorte Press • 2022 • IL 5-8

The second book in the *Sisters Ever After* series of fairy tale retellings reveals the thrilling story of Cinderella's never-before-mentioned third "evil" stepsister, Tirza.

1885QU0 \$15.46 HRD



Coming Up Cuban: Rising Past Castro's Shadow

Sonia Manzano • Scholastic • 2022 • IL 5-8

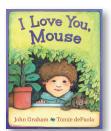
The expansive and timeless story of four children who must carve out a path for themselves in the wake of Fidel Castro's rise to power, from an Emmy Award-winning author.

1876JS4 \$17.22 HRD



Follett Picks: Fiction





I Love You, Mouse

John Graham • S&S Books for Young Readers 2022 • IL K-3

A tender story about a young boy who has plenty of love to give – and is loved in return – in this gentle, rhythmic picture book illustrated by Tomie dePaola.

1868WV0 \$16.34 HRD



In Our Garden

Pat Zietlow Miller • G.P. Putnam's Sons Books 2022 • IL K-3

From the *New York Times* best-selling author of *Be Kind* comes an uplifting classroom tale about students who create a vegetable garden on their school's rooftop.

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It's Earth Day, Tiny!

Cari Meister • Penguin Workshop 2022 • IL K-3

On Earth Day, Tiny and Elliot want help a friend transport trees to plant, but when no shovels can be found, can they find a way to save the day?

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Omar Rising

Aisha Saeed • Nancy Paulsen Books 2022 • IL 5-8

In this compelling companion to *Amal Unbound*, Amal's friend Omar must contend with being treated like a second-class citizen when he gets a scholarship to an elite boarding school.

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The Puffin Keeper

Michael Morpurgo • Puffin Books 2022 • IL 3-6

This is a story of a life-changing friendship, a lost puffin, and a lonely artist. It's the story of an entire lifetime and how one event can change a life forever.

1729VU5 \$17.22 HRD



Revenge of the Beast (Beast and the Bethany, Book 2)

Jack Meggitt-Phillips • Aladdin 2022 • IL 5-8

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A riotously funny and deliciously macabre sequel in which Bethany and Ebenezer try to turn over a new leaf, only to have someone – or something – thwart them at every turn.

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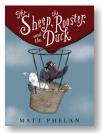


Stella Díaz to the Rescue (Stella Diaz, Book 4)

Angela Dominguez • Roaring Brook Press 2022 • IL 3-6

In her latest story, the beloved Stella Díaz learns that sometimes the best way to help others is just to be there for them when times get tough.

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The Sheep, the Rooster, and the Duck

Matt Phelan • Greenwillow Books 2022 • II 3-6

If Emile can muster his courage, he may be the key to helping the heroes – the Sheep, the Rooster, and the Duck – save both Benjamin Franklin and the world.

1897AU2 \$15.46 HRD



This Book Is Not for You!

Shannon Hale • Dial Books 2022 • II K-3

From a Newbery Honor-winning author comes a zany picture book that pokes fun at overly gendered notions of "boy books" and "girl books" and celebrates the pleasure of a good book.

1911EU4 \$17.22 HRD



This Book Will Get You to Sleep!

Jory John • Farrar, Straus and Giroux 2022 • IL K-3

For little ones reluctant to say good night, this laugh-out-loud story from a beloved author and an internationally acclaimed illustrator will guide them through different methods of falling asleep.

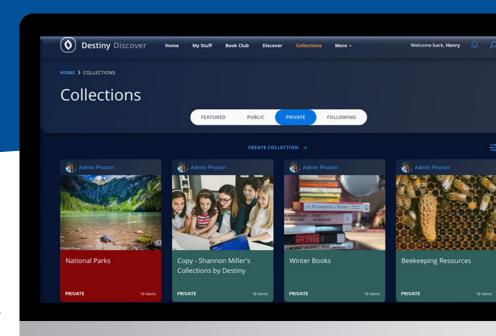
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Elsie Olson • Capstone Press 2022 • II. 3-6

Kids will be making in no time with this collection of easy 10-minute crafty projects that are perfect for Makerspaces, including container garlands, string art designs, glitter jars, and more.

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Beware the Creeper! (Mobs of Minecraft, Book 1)

Christy Webster • Random House Books 2022 • IL K-3

Discover the Creeper mob – and learn to survive it – in this action-packed storybook based on *Minecraft*, the world's best-selling video game!

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Can You Become a Pro Gamer? An Interactive Adventure

Eric Braun • Capstone Press 2022 • IL 3-6

Can you hone your virtual gaming skills enough to make you a star in the world of pro gaming?

1863EUX \$24.54 HRD



Create Your Own Vacation Games

Lonely Planet Kids 2022 • IL K-3

Packed with over 60 ideas to invent, make, and play your own games, this book is perfect for keeping kids entertained while on the go.

1612MW1 \$17.22 HRD



LEGO® Amazing but True! Fun Facts About the LEGO® World and Our Own!

Elizabeth Dowsett • DK Children 2022 • II 3-6

An eye-popping fact book with a LEGO® twist – discover amazing information about the world around us with the help of LEGO® minifigures and bricks!

1895QU6 \$18.10 HRD



The Mandalorian's Quest (Star Wars, Season 2)

Brooke Vitale • Disney Lucasfilm Press 2022 • IL K-3

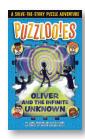
This colorful, dynamic, action-packed storybook lets young readers relive the highlights of the second season of the smash-hit Disney+ live-action television series, *Star Wars: The Mandalorian*.

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James Morrow and Russell Ginns Random House Books for Young Readers 2022 • II 3-6

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Kingfisher • 2022 • IL 3-6

This dynamic, interactive book is packed with all kinds of puzzles, including mazes, logic problems, tricky memory challenges, and much more. In addition, readers will find nuggets of nonfiction space information are scattered throughout. To escape from Space Station X, they will need every ounce of brainpower to progress through the challenges, navigating through five locations to the final exit.

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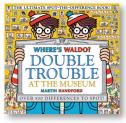


Totally Random Questions, Volume 1

Melina Bellows • Random House Books 2022 • IL 3-6

Are there volcanoes in space? Is a cloud heavier than an elephant? Why don't woodpeckers get concussions? Discover these answers and more in this kid-friendly book of fun, fascinating facts!

1665LU4 \$8.42 PAP



Where's Waldo? Double Trouble at the Museum: The Ultimate Spot-the-Difference Book!

Martin Handford • Candlewick 2022 • IL K-3

With more than 500 differences to be delineated, this spin on the art of spotting Waldo will have fans of all ages lining up to take a look.

1752JUX \$8.42 PAP



The Who Was? Trivia Book

Brian Elling • Penguin Workshop 2022 • IL 3-6

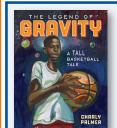
Jam-packed with brain-busting questions about some of your favorite trailblazing figures throughout history, this addition to the Who HQ library is sure to keep readers on their toes.

1665EU3 \$6.66 PAP



Sports





The Legend of Gravity: A Tall Basketball Tale

Charly Palmer • Farrar, Straus and Giroux 2021 • IL K-3

In his author-illustrator debut, Charly Palmer, winner of the Coretta Scott King-John Steptoe Award and Africana Book Award, spins a tall tale about a neighborhood basketball hero. Gravity is the new kid on the Hillside Projects basketball team, the Eagles. He once jumped so high that his teammates went out for ice cream before he came back down. With Gravity on their side, the Eagles feel unstoppable. They're ready to win the Best of the Best, Milwaukee's biggest and baddest pick-up basketball tournament. But when they face off with the Flyers in the final round, the winningest team in the whole city, they realize that it may take a little more than Gravity to bring them to victory.

1712TR6 \$17.22 HRD



The Atlanta Alibi (Ballpark Mysteries, Book 18)

David A. Kelly • Random House Books 2022 • IL K-3

Batter up! Baseball action and exciting whodunits star in this chapter-book series! Can cousins Mike and Kate track down Hammerin' Hank Aaron's missing treasure – before it's gone forever?

1951QU3 \$12.99 HRD



Coming Up Short

Laurie Morrison • Amulet Books 2022 • IL 5-8

A heartfelt novel about a softball-loving girl coming to terms with her parents' humanity after a scandal sends shock waves through her town.

1706ZV2 \$15.46 HRD



Extreme Sports

Apex • 2022 • IL 3-6

This hi-lo, action-packed series highlights eight extreme sports, including history and growth, rules and events, and the equipment athletes need.

1777SW4 \$201.00 HRD (Set of 8 titles)



The Genius Kid's Guide to the Olympics

Chrös McDougall

• North Star Kids 2022

• IL 5-8

Reveals key moments in the history of the Olympic Games, the amazing events and locations they have involved, and the most impressive records set by top competitors and teams.

1721KV2 \$23.67 FBG



Sports





Mixed Doubles (A Benchwarmers Novel, Book 3)

John Feinstein • Farrar, Straus and Giroux • 2022 • IL 3-6
Jeff and Andi return to serve up trouble during
tennis season in this standalone third book
in a middle grade series by New York Times
best-selling sportswriter John Feinstein.

1893BT6 \$15.46 HRD

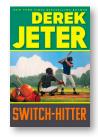


Spike It, Mo! (Mo Jackson Series, Level 3 Readers)
David Adler • Penguin Young Readers Group
2022 • IL K-3

Mo and his parents are enjoying a sunny day at the beach! When the water is too cold to swim, Mo and his dad go for a walk and run into some of Mo's friends, who are playing volleyball. After learning the rules, Mo and his dad join in. When the score is tied, will the smallest boy on the team be able to secure the game-winning point?

1729FU9 \$14.58 HRD

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Switch-Hitter (Jeter Publishing Series, Book 9)

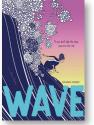
Derek Jeter

Paula Wiseman Books
2022

IL 3-6

In the ninth book in the *New York Times* best-selling middle grade series inspired by the life of iconic New York Yankee Derek Jeter, Derek must learn how to be a team player from the dugout and the importance of taking care of his body.

1870WV5 \$15.46 HRD



Wave

Diana Farid • Cameron Kids 2022 • II 5-8

A coming-of-age novel in verse set in 1980s Southern California, about a Persian American girl who rides the waves, falls, and finds her way back to the shore.

1707GV0 \$17.22 HRD



WNBA Superstars

Focus Readers • 2022

Learn about the lives and careers of 10 WNBA superstars to date, including their accomplishments on the court and career highlights, as well as family life and social-justice advocacy.

A572817 \$349.40 HRD (Set of 10 titles)



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The Brainiac's Book of the Climate and Weather

Rosie Cooper • Thames & Hudson 2021 • IL K-3

The need-to-know answers to many pressing questions are explained in this volume through incredible stories, fun activities, and infographics – including how many farts animals add to the atmosphere each year.

1827UV8 \$16.31 HRD



Green Energy (Baby's Big World)

Alex Fabrizio • Little Hero 2021 • IL K-3

Start environmental conservation early with the newest title from the *Baby's Big World* series!

1838KT0 \$8.37 BRD



Good Eating: The Short Life of Krill

Matt Lilley • Tilbury House Publishers 2021 • IL K-3

A fun exploration of a tiny animal at the base of the ocean food chain.

1827VV5 \$17.19 HRD



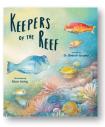
I Begin with Spring:

The Life and Seasons of Henry David Thoreau

Julie Dunlap • Tilbury House Publishers 2021 • IL 3-6

Formatted like a nature notebook, this exploration of seasonal changes in Thoreau's day is also a visual story of his life and times and a gentle introduction to climate change.

1822TV9 \$17.19 HRD



Keepers of the Reef

Dr. Sharon Wismer • Tilbury House Publishers 2021 • IL K-3

Takes children to the underwater world of Australia's Great Barrier Reef for a prime example of how a complex ecosystem depends on its keystone species.

1827WV2 \$17.19 HRD



Packing for Mars for Kids

Mary Roach • Norton Young Readers 2021 • IL 5-8

In this whip-smart, funny, and informative youngreaders adaptation, Roach guides us through the irresistibly strange, frequently gross, and awe-inspiring realm of space travel and life without gravity.

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Nonfiction





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Rekha S. Rajan Scholastic Press 2022 • IL 3-6

Acclaimed educator Rekha Rajan encourages readers to see themselves as engineers, builders, architects, and more through interactive stories and a unique structure exploring the creation of 10 global landmarks.

1620EUX \$18.10 HRD



Celia Planted a Garden: The Story of Celia Thaxter and Her Island Garden

Phyllis Root and Gary D. Schmidt Candlewick • 2022 • IL K-3

From an all-star team comes a lyrical picture-book biography about a writer and master gardener who created beauty in a harsh island habitat that was visited by artistic luminaries.

1754SU8 \$17.22 HRD



Girls Solve Everything: Stories of Women Entrepreneurs Building a Better World

Catherine Thimmesh Clarion Books 2022 • IL 5-8

Brave women from diverse backgrounds make the world a better place through their businesses in this inspiring companion to the best-selling *Girls Think of Everything*.

1729MR5 \$16.34 HRD



Our Planet! There's No Place Like Earth

Stacy McAnulty Henry Holt and Co. 2022 • IL K-3

From writer Stacy McAnulty and illustrator Stevie Lewis, *Our Planet! There's No Place Like Earth* is a nonfiction picture book about the Earth, told from the perspective of Earth herself.

1894HT6 \$17.22 HRD



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Shaking Things Up: 14 Young Women Who Changed the World

Susan Hood HarperCollins Publishers Inc. 2022 • IL 3-6

A poetic and visual celebration of persistent women throughout history.

1777LW3 \$8.27 PAP



Yoshi and the Ocean: A Sea Turtle's Incredible Journey Home

Lindsay Moore HarperCollins Publishers Inc 2022 • IL K-3

The true story of a sea turtle who traveled 22,000 miles after being released from the aquarium.

1838AW2 \$17.22 HRD



The World Turned Upside Down

Tim Grove • Abrams Books 2022 • IL 5-8

A dramatic, gripping history of the Siege of Yorktown told through vastly different perspectives.

1708BV0 \$18.10 HRD



An Interview with Authors

Tanya Lloyd Kyi and Julia Kyi

Tanya Lloyd Kyi is the author of more than 25 books for children and young adults. She writes about science, pop culture, history, or a combination of the three. Her recent titles include *Me and Banksy* and *This Is Your Brain on Stereotypes*. Tanya lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Julia Kyi is a student and youth activist. She is a co-founder of The Daily Feminist, an organization that offers resources and workshops for feminist education. She's planning to complete a social justice degree before applying to law school. Julia lives in Vancouver. British Columbia.

Better Connected: How Girls Are Using Social Media for Good focuses on girls' positive experiences on social media. With profiles of real changemakers and practical tools for getting started, Better Connected is an inspiring look at the amazing things girls can accomplish online.

What inspired you to write this book?

Tanya: Julia inspired me! I've always been cautious about exposing my kids to social media. But when Julia and her friends launched a feminist education initiative on Instagram, I was amazed at the thought and effort they put into it – and the people they reached with their messages. It made me look at social media differently.

Julia: We often hear about the negative sides of social media. While there are many valid concerns about the online world, it can also be amazing and powerful! I'm constantly inspired by the young people I see making change and taking initiative online.

What made you decide to team up as mother-daughter writers for this project? How does this perspective bring something unique to this book?

Julia: I've watched my mom write my whole life. When she first mentioned this topic, I knew it was something I was passionate about! We were able to combine her experience and expertise with my insights as a young person. It has been a fantastic learning and bonding experience, and we hope young people will be able to connect and relate to the book.

Tanya: I had an inkling of a concept in mind for this book. When I mentioned it at the breakfast table, examples and ideas came pouring out of Julia. I asked if she wanted to co-author it with me, and the book quickly took shape. (We argued a lot less than I thought we would!)

What did you learn while writing this book?

Julia: My belief in the power of girls online was amplified while writing this book. I learned about so many incredibly creative, diverse, and accomplished young women on social media. I learned about world issues and the solutions being created, and I found many wonderful ways that girls connect through the Internet. I also learned a lot about the writing and publication process, as this is my first book!



Better Connected: How Girls Are Using Social Media for Good

Tanya Lloyd Kyi and Julia Kyi
Orca Book Publishers • 2022 • IL 3-6
Better Connected focuses on the
less-recognized and positive aspects
of the online experiences of girls.
From environmental activism to gun
control, immigration policy to education
access, girls are leading the way.

1949DW0 \$22.37 HRD

In Better Connected, we learn about so many inspiring activists and causes. Was there one that stuck with you the most?

Julia: Since my initial research, I have been inspired by Helena Gualinga, an Indigenous teen from the Amazon. She works to show the intersection between Indigenous rights and climate change and has advocated for her community and spearheaded an antipollution campaign. She spreads her important messages to thousands of Instagram followers, and I admire her passion and drive.

Tanya: I was most inspired by the community builders – people like Julie Zeilinger, who founded *The FBomb* blog for teens. The fact that there are such creative and collaborative leaders out there gives me hope for the future.

Better Connected focuses on the many positive opportunities that social media has created for girls. Can you share some examples of the innovative way it's being used? Were there any that surprised you?

Tanya: Connecting girls with rare diseases worldwide, sharing pop music to combat stereotypes, reinventing the world of comics – girls are doing so many surprising and unique things online. I was most impressed by how social media allows girls who might not be heard on conventional media platforms – those from isolated communities or marginalized groups – to reach out to people in power and share their stories. Social media is at its best when we use it to forge new and unexpected connections.

Interview courtesy of





Narrative Nonfiction





Courage: My Story of Persecution (I, Witness, Book 3)

Freshta Tori Jan • Norton Young Readers • 2022 • IL 5-8 As a girl and as part of an ethnic minority in Afghanistan, Freshta Tori Jan was persecuted relentlessly. Her family faced kidnappings and daily murder attempts on the bus, on the way to school, in the workplace, and beyond. Her journey through poverty, terrorism, and other forms of injustice has enabled her to be a voice for those unable to share their stories. With a voice that is both accessible and engaging, Freshta brings forward a captivating first-person account of strendth, resilience, and determination.

1723VU7 \$15.43 HRD



Alias Anna: A True Story of Outwitting the Nazis

Susan Hood with Greg Dawson • HarperCollins 2022 • IL 5-8

The moving true story of how young Ukrainian Jewish piano prodigies Zhanna (alias "Anna") and her sister Frina outplayed their pursuers while hiding in plain sight during the Holocaust.

1874FU9 \$15.46 HRD



The Deadliest Hurricanes Then and Now (Deadliest, Book 2)

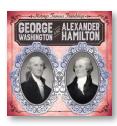
Deborah Hopkinson

• Scholastic Focus 2022

• IL 3-6

Acclaimed Sibert Honor author Deborah Hopkinson brings voices from history to life in this fast-paced, wide-ranging narrative of the deadliest hurricanes in American history.

1613NU9 \$23.38 HRD



George Washington and Alexander Hamilton (History's Famous Friendships)

Katie Kawa • Gareth Stevens Publishing 2022 • IL 3-6

The story of George Washington and Alexander Hamilton's friendship and how it helped shape the United States is presented through engaging text that balances historical context with a relatable narrative.

1677QR4 \$20.00 HRD



To Change a Planet

Christina Soontornvat • Scholastic Press 2022 • IL K-3

Spare, poetic text and jaw-dropping pictures gently illuminate the causes of climate change while also providing hope and hands-on solutions that will edify and empower even the youngest readers.

1620GU4 \$17.22 HRD



You Are a Star, Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Dean Robbins • Scholastic Press 2021 • IL K-3

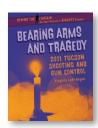
Make way for Ruth Bader Ginsburg! Using a unique mix of first-person narrative, hilarious comic panels, and essential facts, Dean Robbins introduces young readers to an American trailblazer.

1946HQ1 \$18.10 HRD



Hi-Lo





Bearing Arms and Tragedy: 2011 Tucson Shooting and Gun Control

Virginia Loh-Hagan

45th Parallel Press
2022

IL 5-8

Readers can step back in time to the 2011 Tucson shooting and into the shoes of an eyewitness, an NRA member, and a vigil participant to compare and contrast various perspectives.

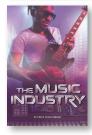
1647VV7 \$21.05 HRD



Fortune-Tellers (Trapped in Pirate Park, Book 5) Johanna Gohmann • Spellbound • 2022 • IL 3-6

Phoebe never imagined she'd end up in a pirate scheme, let alone one with the infamous Anne Bonny, but she'll don a disquise as a fortune-teller to return home.

1679LV3 \$22.00 HRD



The Music Industry

Emily Schlesinger • Saddleback Educational Publishing 2022 • IL 5-8

What does it take to make a hit record? Explore the fascinating world of the music industry and find out how your favorite tunes get made.

1617EV7 \$18.47 FBG



Luna Garza, Accidental Detective Book Set P.J. Gray • Saddleback Educational Publishing

P.J. Gray • Saddieback Educational Publishing 2022 • IL 5-8

Middle school readers will love following Luna as she digs into the puzzling occurrences that arise during her everyday life in an all-American town.

A570466 \$122.99 FBG (Set of 7 books)



Pirates (Fly!) Book Set

Kenny Abdo • Fly • 2022 • IL 5-8

Dig up the history, tactics, and legacy of infamous pirates, their ships, and those portrayed on the big screen. With easy text and explosive pictures, these books will have any young reader ready for the high seas! These hi-lo titles are complete with epic and colorful photographs, simple text, glossary, and an index.

A572191 \$126.00 HRD (Set of 6 books)



TV Party (Amazing Adventures of Abby McQuade)

Evan Jacobs • Saddleback Educational Publishing 2022 • IL 5-8

Some call Largo Bay quirky. Others call it downright strange. To Abby McQuade it's just home. Abby has a big imagination. And her curiosity always leads to trouble.

1617DVX \$17.57 FBG



Social and Emotional Learning





Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?

Leslie Connor • Katherine Tegen • 2022 • IL 3-6

The award-winning author of *The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle* has created another bighearted novel about the special friendship between two children – one with autism who doesn't speak, and the other who talks *a lot* – and what happens when one of them goes missing.

Eleven-year-old Aurora's best friend has never spoken a word to her. In fact, Frenchie doesn't talk. Aurora is bouncy, loud, and impulsive. Making friends has never come easy to her. When Frenchie, who is autistic, silently chose Aurora as his person back in third grade, she was all in. In fact, she chose him back. One morning, Frenchie doesn't make it to his classroom. The entire town begins to search, and everyone wonders: How is it possible that nobody has seen Frenchie?

1874GU6 \$15.46 HRD



Brand New Boy

David Almond • Candlewick

2022 • IL 3-6

From the boundless imagination of David Almond comes a thought-provoking question, packaged in a lively illustrated chapter book: What if a robot went to school?

1754JU2 \$17.22 HRD



Caprice

Coe Booth • Scholastic Inc.

2022 • IL 5-8

With extreme sensitivity and honesty for middle grade readers, Coe Booth has written a painful but ultimately healing novel about finding support from your parents and friends, articulating your truth, and choosing your own path.

1619HU3 \$16.34 HRD



Dealing with Challenges

Little Blue Readers • 2022 • IL K-3

This thoughtful series affirms children in the complex emotions involved with growing up and change, and offers ways of building resilience in the face of life's many challenges.

1777TW1 \$190.93 HRD (Set of 8 titles)



Falling Short

Ernesto Cisneros • Quill Tree Books

2022 • IL 3-6

Ernesto Cisneros, Pura Belpré Award-winning author of *Efrén Divided*, is back with a hilarious and heartfelt novel about two best friends who must rely on each other in unexpected ways.

1897DU4 \$15.46 HRD



Social and Emotional Learning





How to Hug a Pufferfish

Ellie Peterson • Roaring Brook Press 2022 • IL K-3

A picture book about a group of underwater friends who learn to ask for permission before showing their prickly, pufferfish pal some love.

1897BT1 \$17.22 HRD



I Believe in Me

Emma Dodd • Templar • 2022 • IL K-3

An uplifting book with a message about having faith in oneself, as a baby crocodile discovers all the things they're capable of when they have someone cheering them on.

1756CU4 \$14.58 HRD



I'd Like to Be the Window for a Wise Old Dog

Philip Stead • Doubleday Books

2022 • IL K-3

A wise old dog explores the limitless possibilities of the world outside our windows – and the warmth and comfort of home – in this thoughtful meditation on the imagination.

1888TU1 \$17.22 HRD



Just Roll with It

Veronica Agarwal and Lee Durfey-Lavoie Random House Graphic • 2021 • IL 3-6

A contemporary middle grade graphic novel for fans of *Guts* and *Real Friends* about how dealing with anxiety and OCD can affect everyday life, especially when you're starting middle school.

1626ES1 \$18.98 HRD



John's Turn

Mac Barnett • Candlewick Press 2022 • II K-3

A story of a boy who finds the courage to show others his talent for dancing.

1753EUX \$16.34 HRD



Meant to Be

Jo Knowles • Candlewick • 2022 • IL 5-8

Any child who has ever felt uncertainty about the world outside will be soothed and enchanted by the open-ended, seemingly unanswerable, and utterly whimsical questions this book poses.

1753HU1 \$17.22 HRD



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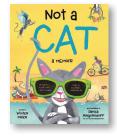


My Bindi

Gita Varadarajan • Scholastic Inc. 2022 • IL K-3

In this moving and lyrical picture book about embracing who we are and where we come from, a young girl finds the magic, power, and history of wearing a bindi for the first time.

1619CU7 \$16.34 HRD



Not a Cat: A Memoir

Winter Miller • Tilbury House Publishers 2022 • IL K-3

Children will love poring over the vivid, whimsical artwork, asking their own imaginative questions, and thinking about their own view of the world outside their window.

1827YV7 \$17.19 HRD

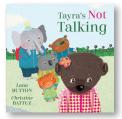


Olivia Wrapped in Vines

Maude Nepveu-Villeneuve • Orca Book Publishers 2022 • IL K-3

A picture book about a young girl who imagines her anxiety as vines that grow around her body, making it hard to function.

1709VV2 \$18.07 HRD



Tayra's Not Talking

Lana Button • Kids Can Press 2022 • IL K-3

The new kid in kindergarten won't say a word. But does it really matter? This sweet story has a timely message: There are many ways to make – and be – a friend.

1964YV4 \$17.22 HRD



Nervous Nigel

Bethany Christou • Templar 2022 • IL K-3

A nervous crocodile from a long line of competitive swimmers must find the courage to be honest with his family in this illustrated picture book about being true to yourself.

1756EU9 \$17.22 HRD



This or That? A Story About Choosing

Kell Andrews • Tilbury House Publishers 2022 • IL K-3

Alexander can't decide – on anything! But when he orders a sundae with everything, he realizes that chocolate swirl is all he wants. After that, he finds his own decision-making style.

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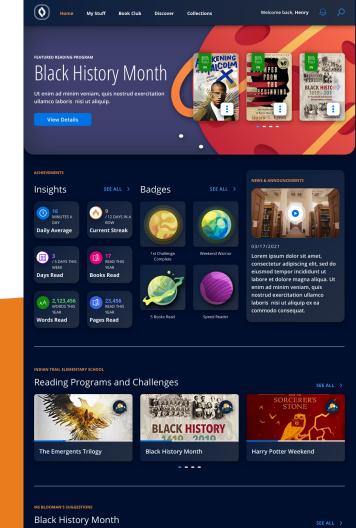
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An Interview with Author

Leslie Connor

Leslie Connor is the author of several award-winning books for children, including two ALA Schneider Family Book Award winners, *Waiting for Normal* and *The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle*, a National Book Award finalist. She lives in the Connecticut woods with her family and three rescue dogs. *Anybody Here See Frenchie?* is a big-hearted, beautiful, and funny novel told from multiple viewpoints about neurodiversity, friendship, and community.

You've written several books for children, and *Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?* is your sixth novel for middle graders. What similar threads do you see throughout your works? How does this one feel special, and what inspired it?

There's no denying that I love to write about the underdog – the odd kid out. It's clear to me that they're untapped; no one has discovered their gifts and strengths. Characters drop into my ear brimming with the desire to have their stories told, and I must do the tapping.

My stories often explore the concept of family and the search for a sense of belonging. In *Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?*, two families bond over the friendship between their neurodiverse children. A three-parent community forms. It occurs to me that in this story, which centers on the search for a lost child, being able to see an established support system lends a bit of comfort to the reader.

This is your first novel to feature multiple narrators – we follow different members of the search party while they look for Frenchie. What inspired you to write from different perspectives, and how does it connect to how you view the heart of the novel? Did you have a favorite voice to write or one that felt particularly challenging?

While writing this story, I did some deep thinking about how people get lost and stay lost, especially in a small, close community. The multiple points of view came from imagining a bird's eye view of the events unfolding and seeing all the "near misses" between Frenchie and the other characters. Surprisingly, the different perspectives came to me quickly. Each of them has just three or so chapters. (Aurora does most of the talking.) These characters are essential to the heart of the story because we feel them becoming invested in the search for Frenchie.

Aurora's voice and character came flying at me – as is her way! She was a girl I could love and write about as long as I could manage to keep her pinned down, that is. Frenchie's was the most challenging voice for me to develop. (I kept thinking that I had to get this right!) I worked slowly on his very short chapters, which made me think of poetry, though they are not in verse.



Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?

Leslie Connor • Katherine Tegen 2022 • IL 3-6

Featuring a compelling mystery and a memorable voice, this is a natural next-read after Leslie Connor's *The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle*.

Find this book and more from Leslie Connor. >>

1874GU6 \$15.46 HRD

While Aurora is such a strong character, this is a tale of community and "collective effervescence." Can you tell us a bit about this concept, what it means to you, and how you brought it to life in this novel?

"Collective effervescence" is a valuable concept conceived of in the early 20th century by sociologist Émile Durkheim. It refers to the sense of energy and harmony humans experience when they come together over a shared purpose. It can occur on a playing field, during a brainstorming session, at a rousing singalong, or in the aftermath of a natural disaster. In times of trouble, "collective effervescence" plays out with great force – such as when an entire community unites to search for one of its most vulnerable members.

What does the title mean to you, especially considering that Frenchie is a nonvocal autistic boy? How do you hope that he can be "seen" by readers – and how do you hope children can see themselves or their peers after reading?

Well, there's a perceptible double entendre there. From the start, Aurora expresses her frustration that Frenchie is ignored or not seen by other kids. Her internal question is, has anybody here acknowledged Frenchie? Meanwhile, she's made a considerable adjustment by tempering her natural impulsiveness and learning how to read her silent friend's behavior. She sees him. Once Frenchie goes missing, the question of whether anyone has seen him is a practical one, but it is nuanced by the perceptions, circumstances, and abilities of the other characters.

Without getting preachy, I guess I'd like for kids to know that it's possible to reach out to almost anyone if we use our powers of observation—and that no gesture is too small. For instance, we can see that Frenchie fixates on birds. So sharing a picture or showing him that you know how to whistle are ways you might connect. Best-friendship doesn't have to be the goal; inclusiveness is the goal. That's a win for everyone.



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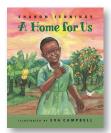


Air: A Novel

Monica Roe • Farrar, Straus and Giroux 2022 • IL 5-8

An action-packed, empowering middle grade novel about a girl who has to speak up when her wheelchair motocross dreams get turned upside down.

1893CT3 \$15.46 HRD



A Home for Us

Sharon Jennings • Red Deer Press 2022 • II. K-3

This is the fictionalized story of Yula, a character inspired by a real girl that Sharon Jennings met in her visits to the Hope Development Centre in Kenya.

1700BW8 \$18.07 HRD



In the Key of Us

Mariama J. Lockington • Farrar, Straus and Giroux 2022 • IL 3-6

From the author of For Black Girls Like Me comes a coming-of-age story surrounding the losses that threaten to break us and the friendships that make us whole again.

1893HTX \$15.46 HRD

Watch Mariama J. Lockington's Author Takeover



Karthik Delivers

Sheela Chari • Amulet Books 2022 • IL 5-8

From the award-winning author of *Finding Mighty*, a moving middle grade novel about finding your place by following your heart.

1707BV4 \$16.34 HRD



Ty's Travels: Lab Magic (My First I Can Read!)

Kelly Starling Lyons • HarperCollins 2022 • II K-3

When Ty and Corey visit the museum, they become scientists. They study bugs and hunt for fossils. They catch the wind. Discovering new things is so much fun!

1703EU2 \$4.90 PAP



Lark Has the Shivers

Natasha Deen • Orca Book Publishers 2022 • IL K-3

In this illustrated early chapter book, Lark and Connor are asked to solve two mysteries in one day! When pets go missing from the local fair and Sophie's house appears to be haunted, the Ba twins have only a little time to figure out a lot of problems.

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Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich • Crown Books 2022 • IL 3-6

Discover this jubilant novel about four sisters in the heart of New York City who experience the difficulties of change, the loyalty of sisters, and the love of family.

1887YU1 \$15.46 HRD



Pilar Ramirez and the Escape from Zafa

Julian Randall • Henry Holt and Co. 2022 • II 3-6

The Land of Stories meets Dominican myths and legends in Pilar Ramirez and the Escape from Zafa, a blockbuster contemporary middle grade fantasy duology starter from Julian Randall. Fans of Tristan Strong and The Storm Runner, here is your next obsession.

1894NTX \$15.46 HRD



Signs of Survival: A Memoir of the Holocaust

Renee Hartman with Joshua M. Greene Scholastic Press • 2022 • IL 3-6

This gripping memoir, told in a vivid oralhistory format, is a testament to the power of sisterhood and love, and the importance of honoring the past and telling our own stories.

1944WQ8 \$16.34 HRD

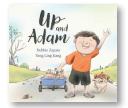


Strong

Rob Kearney and Eric Rosswood Little, Brown • 2022 • IL K-3

With bold illustrations and an engaging text, readers follow along Rob Kearney's journey from an athletic kid trying to find his place to the world's first openly gay professional strongman.

1611PW7 \$16.34 HRD



Up and Adam

Debbie Zapata • Kids Can Press 2022 • IL K-3

A winning, uplifting story about a boy with Down syndrome who helps his neighbors in the aftermath of a storm in a way only he can.

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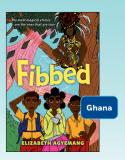
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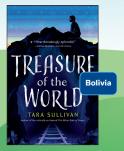
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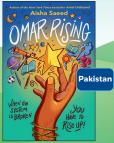


























Languages





Abdo Kids Junior: This Is My Family Book Set

Julie Murray • Abdo Kids Junior 2022 • IL K-3

Families come in all shapes and sizes. Simple, sweet text introduces a family and is followed by fun everyday activities and interactions that all types of families experience. (Text in Spanish)

A573414 \$45.06 PAP (Set of 6 books)



Los animales so se dormian/ The Animals Would Not Sleep!

Sara Levine • Charlesbridge 2021 • IL K-3

It's bedtime for Marco and his stuffed animals, but the animals have other ideas. Can Marco sort them so everyone is happy? A playful exploration of sorting and classifying, featuring Latinx characters. (Text in Spanish and English)

1622AS7 \$14.58 HRD



Ajedrecero (Chess Player)

Valentín Rincón • Nostra Ediciones 2022 • IL 3-6

Horses, queens, kings, and servants are not the characters of a story – they are chess pieces, part of the best and most wellknown strategy game. (Text in Spanish)

1681BU7 \$15.37 FBG



The Big Rock: A Tale of Wisdom Told in English and Chinese

Li Jian • Shanghai Press • 2022 • IL K-3

A rock in a garden grows large in the minds of a family until two brothers decide to do something about it. It turns out, it's not as big as they think! (Text in Chinese and English)

1964KT6 \$15.43 HRD

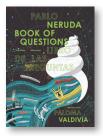


Tiger Brother: A Tale in English and Chinese

Li Jian • Shanghai Press • 2022 • IL K-3

A story about bravery, love, and promise, this title also describes people born in the Year of the Tiger, the origin of the Siberian tiger, and the history of the tiger-head hat. (Text in Chinese and English)

1964MT0 \$15.43 HRD



The Book of Questions/Libro de las preguntas

Pablo Neruda • Enchanted Lion Books 2021 • IL K-3

This bilingual Spanish-English edition is the first illustrated selection of questions from Pablo Neruda's original poem *The Book of Questions*, by turns lyrical, strange, surreal, spiritual, historical, and political. (Text in Spanish and English)

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Languages





Día de disfraces (Dress-Up Day Spanish Edition)

Blanca Gómez • Abrams Books for Young Readers 2022 • IL K-3

After missing her class's costume party, a girl decides that she doesn't need an excuse to dress up in this cute story in which many children will be reflected. (Text in Spanish)

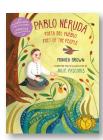
1706MV8 \$16.34 HRD



Ein Galaktisches Abenteuer Im All (A Galactic Space Adventure, German Edition) Michelle Glorieux • TA-DA! Language Production 2021 • IL K-3

Blast off into space with this interactive talking book that will delight babies, toddlers, and preschoolers with German words pronounced by native speakers, original music, and seek-and-find activities. (Text in German)

1838ST9 \$19.86 HRD



Pablo Neruda: Poeta del puebo/ Poet of the People

Monica Brown • Henry Holt and Co. 2022 • IL K-3

A new Spanish and English bilingual edition of the stunning picture-book biography of Pablo Neruda, one of the world's most enduring and popular poets, from the acclaimed Monica Brown. (Text in Spanish and English)

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I'm Hungry!/¡Tengo Hambre!

Angela Dominguez • Henry Holt and Co. 2022 • IL K-3

A bilingual picture book that's sweet enough to eat about a chatty bluebird and an indecisive T. Rex who can't decide what his next meal should be. Introduces readers to basic Spanish and English food vocabulary. (Text in Spanish and English)

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My First 1000 Spanish Words

Susan Martuneau • Happy Fox 2022 • IL K-3

Featuring tons of action-filled scenes – from the zoo to an art gallery and more – visual puzzles contain 1,000 hidden objects to find and pair with its Spanish word. (Text in Spanish and English)

1632VU1 \$11.94 PAP



2022

Winner Newbery Medal



The Last Cuentista

Donna Barba Higuera • Levine Querido • 2021 • IL 5-8

Petra Peña wanted nothing more than to be a storyteller, like her abuelita, but Petra's world is ending. Earth has been destroyed by a comet, and only a few hundred scientists and their children - among them Petra and her family - have been chosen to journey to a new planet. They are the ones who must carry on the human race. Hundreds of years later, Petra wakes to this new planet – and the discovery that she is the only person who remembers Earth.

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\$16.34 HRD

2022 Winner

Caldecott Medal



Watercress

Illustrator: Jason Chin • Author: Andrea Wang • Neal Porter Books • 2021 • IL K-3

Driving through Ohio in an old Pontiac, a young girl's parents stop suddenly when they spot watercress growing wild in a ditch by the side of the road. Grabbing an old paper bag and some rusty scissors, the whole family wades into the muck to collect as much of the muddy, snail-covered watercress as they can. At first, she's embarrassed. Why can't her family get food from the grocery store? But when her mother shares a story of her family's time in China, the girl learns to appreciate the fresh food they foraged. Together, they make a new memory of watercress. Andrea Wang tells a moving autobiographical story of a child of immigrants discovering and connecting with her heritage, illustrated by award-winning author and artist Jason Chin, working in an entirely new style inspired by Chinese painting techniques.

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\$17.22 HRD



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Pura Belpré Author Award



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Pura Belpré Illustrator Award



¡Vamos! Let's Cross the Bridge Raúl the Third • Versify 2021 • II K-3

Little Lobo and Bernabé are back in this joyful story about coming together and celebrating community, a lively follow-up to ¡Vamos! Let's Go Eat.

1729NR2 \$13.70 HRD

2022 Winner

Coretta Scott King Author and Illustrator Award



Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre

Author: Carole Boston Weatherford • Illustrator: Floyd Cooper Carolrhoda Books • 2021 • IL 3-6

A powerful look at the Tulsa Race Massacre, one of the worst incidents of racial violence in our nation's history. The book traces the history of African Americans in Tulsa's Greenwood district and chronicles the devastation that occurred in 1921 when a white mob attacked the Black community.

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