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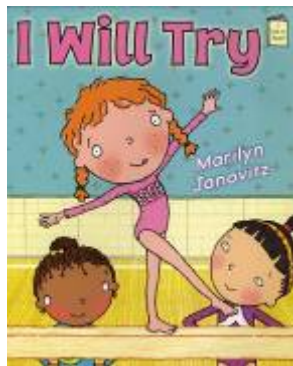
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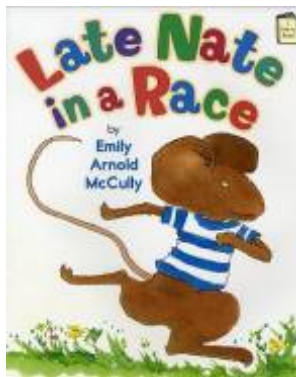
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## **Holiday House Introduces Three New I Like to Read® Books in the Distinguished Picture Book Series for Emerging Readers**

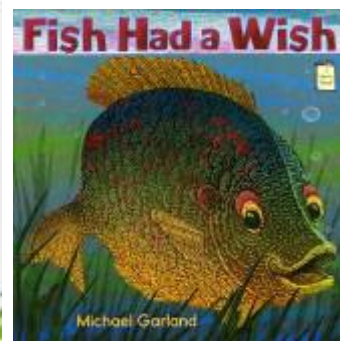
New York, NY—Holiday House continues the innovative **I LIKE TO READ®** series of trade picture books designed for the newest readers with three new titles by esteemed author-illustrators: Emily Arnold McCully, Marilyn Janovitz, and Michael Garland. The award-winning and highly praised **I LIKE TO READ®** books for children in the four-through-eight age group are written at kindergarten and early first grade reading levels, (guided reading levels D and E) and based on the Fountas & Pinnell system. The next three titles are sure to be a huge hit with parents, emerging readers, and educators alike.



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The **I LIKE TO READ®** books feature short texts with high-frequency words and words that are easily decodable, familiar vocabulary, repetition to reinforce learning, and illustrations that support comprehension. What sets **I LIKE TO READ®** books apart is the engaging story and high standard of literary and artistic value of every title.

The books on the second **I LIKE TO READ®** list introduce familiar childhood themes and experiences, including empathy and active play, self-acceptance, perseverance, and sportsmanship. **LATE NATE IN A RACE** by Emily Arnold McCully is about a reticent young mouse who, with the encouragement of Mom, challenges himself to try something new; **FISH HAD A WISH** by Michael Garland tells the story of a fish who admires the attributes of other animals but eventually finds contentment with his own

special gifts; and **I WILL TRY** by Marilyn Janovitz shows young children that perseverance (along with a little help from a friend) pays off in the end for an aspiring gymnast.

With no other children's book publisher producing trade picture books for this level of reader, Holiday House is breaking ground for emerging readers, who will find these books accessible and delightful.

**Praise for I LIKE TO READ® books:**

*"These books deftly combine text and art to create a positive experience for new readers."*  
–*School Library Journal*

*"Each one makes the hard world of learning to read enough fun to encourage children at this critical developmental moment to try another one."*  
–**Vicky Smith, Children's and YA Editor at Kirkus Reviews**

For **FISH HAD A WISH** by Michael Garland  
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**SEE ME RUN** by Paul Meisel / 978-0-8234-2349-1  
**Theodor Seuss Geisel Award Honor Book, 2012**  
**American Library Association Notable Book, 2012**

**About the Creators:**

**Emily Arnold McCully** has won many prestigious awards, including a Christopher Award for *Picnic* and the Caldecott Medal for *Mirette on the High Wire*. She is also the illustrator of *Ballerina Swan*, a Holiday House spring 2012 title by prima ballerina Allegra Kent. Emily Arnold McCully lives in Chatham, New York, and New York City. Visit her website at [www.emilyarnoldmccully.com](http://www.emilyarnoldmccully.com).

**Marilyn Janovitz** has written and illustrated many children's books, including the bestselling *Is It Time?* and its sequel, *Can I Help?* She also creates assemblage images for advertising, newspapers, and magazines. Visit her website at [www.marilynjanovitz.com](http://www.marilynjanovitz.com).

**Michael Garland's** paintings are found in private and corporate collections. He is both author and illustrator of more than twenty picture books and has illustrated more than twenty-five books by other authors, including *SantaKid* by James Patterson, which inspired Saks Fifth Avenue's Christmas windows in 2004. He lives in Patterson, New York. Visit his website at [www.garlandpicturebooks.com](http://www.garlandpicturebooks.com).

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