**Look and Be Grateful**  
Tomie dePaola  

**Summary**  
Celebrate the joy in things large and small in this meditative board book, sized just right for small hands.  

"Today is today, and it is a gift," writes Tomie dePaola, best-selling author-illustrator of *Quiet*, in this simple ode to gratitude and mindfulness. Simple and sweet, *Look and Be Grateful* is a reminder to treat each day as the blessing it is.  

Now available in sturdy board-book format, this edition is ideal for Easter baskets. Illustrated with Tomie’s signature soft lines and gentle colors, a young boy awakens with the dawn, opens his eyes and looks closely at his world. He admires all that surrounds him, large and small, from the radiant sun to a tiny, but exquisite, ladybug.  

Gentle and lyrical, *Look and Be Grateful* is a simple expression of gratitude, ideal to share with the youngest readers and adults alike.  

**Contributor Bio**  
Tomie dePaola is the beloved Caldecott Honor- and Newbery Honor-winning author and/or illustrator of close to 250 books, including *Strega Nona* and *Quiet*. Tomie was born in Connecticut and grew up there with his parents, brother, and two sisters. He loved reading and books from an early age and knew, when he was four, that he wanted to write and illustrate stories when he grew up. Tomie is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award from the American Library Association for his “substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children,” the Smithsonian Medal from the Smithsonian Institution, the Regina Medal from the Catholic Library Association, and the Kerlan Award from the University of Minnesota for his “singular attainment in children’s literature.” He was nominated for the Hans Christian Andersen Award in illustration and has received the New Hampshire’s Governor’s Arts Award of Living Treasure.  

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**Fish Wish**  
Bob Barner  

**Summary**  
An underwater fantasy comes to life in this board book with colorful cut-paper art that will spark the imagination of young readers.  

*If I were a fish...*  

A daydreaming child imagines himself under the sea, where turtles glide by and a cloud of jellyfish float above. The boy gets to play with sea horses, shrimp, and crabs, swim through octopus tentacles and squid ink, and goes to sleep tucked among a dazzling school of starfish. Vibrant collage illustrations depict a whimsical world of ocean life.  

Named to the Texas 2x2 Reading List and the Kansas State Reading Circle Recommended List.  

**Contributor Bio**  
Bob Barner is the creator of many popular children’s books, including *Dem Bones* and *The Day of the Dead/El Dia de los Muertos*. He has won the Parents’ Choice Award and the Teachers’ Choice Award, and was honored as a San Francisco Library Laureate in 2004. Bob and his wife live in California.
**Saint Patrick**

Tomie dePaola

**Summary**

*From the author of Strega Nona and Quiet comes the story of the shepherd who heard the voice of God and brought Christianity to the Irish people—now in a special format just right for the youngest readers.*

Beloved children’s book author-illustrator Tomie dePaola recounts the life of Saint Patrick—from his noble birth in Britain, to his captivity in Ireland, to the visions which led him to return and found the first Christian church in Ireland.

With his signature bold illustrations and engaging prose, Tomie dePaola recounts a number of legends about the Saint—including the well-known story of how he drove the snakes from Ireland, and his association with the shamrock, as well as less familiar details of his journeys.

This timeless story, now available in a sturdy, colorful board book format, is a perfect introduction to these important Irish legends, and an ideal St. Patrick’s Day gift—perfect for sharing with your family.

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**Planes**

Gail Gibbons

**Summary**

*Propeller planes, jets, pontoon planes, helicopters...even the space shuttle can be seen in this high-flying board book!*

From early flight through jumbo jets, this board book, jam packed with more than 30 flying machines, will soar into the hands of your little ones.

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**Author Residence:** Corinth, VT
Trains
Gail Gibbons

Summary
Passenger and freight trains are useful, and fun to watch.

Contributor Bio
Gail Gibbons "has taught more preschoolers and early readers about the world than any other children’s writer-illustrator," according to the Washington Post. Winner of the 2010 Regina Award, she has written and illustrated more than fifty books for Holiday House. She lives in Corinth, Vermont.

Author Residence: Corinth, VT

Trucks
Gail Gibbons

Summary
60 trucks that haul, tow, lift, dig, rescue—and sell ice cream!—are featured in this book sized to appeal to the youngest readers.

Trucks dig holes, trucks push heavy loads, trucks haul, pull, lift, and dig. 60 trucks, and what they do, are shown in this colorful board book.

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Author Residence: Corinth, VT
### The Croaky Pokey!
Ethan Long

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<td>This groovy spin on the Hokey Pokey is sure to have the whole family on their feet! Now in fun-size board book format.</td>
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In a zany variation on the beloved song and game, an unsuspecting fly suggests to a group of musical frogs that it's time to do the Croaky Pokey. Each goofy frog gets a chance to show off its dance moves, hopping and bopping around the pond. But will the fly figure out that these frogs are really after some lunch? That's what it's all about!

From a Geisel Winner and Daytime Emmy Nominee, this musical story is the perfect at-home readaloud or classroom tool to get preschool kids moving.

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<td>Ethan Long's books for children have nearly 2.5 million copies in print, including <em>Pug</em>, which received a starred review from <em>Kirkus</em>. Ethan won a Theodor Seuss Geisel Award for <em>Up, Tall and High</em> and got a daytime Emmy nomination for his animated series <em>Tasty Time with ZeFronk</em>, which aired on the Disney Channel from 2008–2016. He lives in Florida with his family.</td>
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### Who Has Wiggle-Waggle Toes?
Vicky Shiefman, Francesca Chessa

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Who has wiggle-waggle toes? I do. Who has flip-flop feet? I do!

The girls and boys in this book have kissable noses, out-there elbows, big bold bottoms, and hokey pokey heads—which they crinkle, flap, shimmy, and shake. This joyful celebration of our amazing body parts encourages fun, high-energy learning about science, language, self-regulation and focus, and more!

Perfect for brain breaks and active story times!

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<td>VICKY SHIEFMAN is the author of several children's books, including <em>Sunday Potatoes</em>, <em>Monday Potatoes</em> and <em>Good-bye to the Trees</em>. She taught public school on the Lower East Side for many years.</td>
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FRANCESCA CHESSA is a prominent Italian illustrator. She has worked on more than 40 children's books, and also teaches workshops on children's book art and color theory at several universities. |

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I Am Just Right
David McPhail

Summary
The boy in this book is growing and changing—but that isn’t a bad thing.

Celebrate growth and self-acceptance in this simple, sweetly illustrated story about a bunny who is getting too big for baby things—but who is just right all the same.

The boy in this book is too big for his crib, his shoes, and his tricycle. And he is too big for Grandpa to pick up.

But he is just right for his big-boy bed, his new shirt, and his bicycle. And he is just right for a hug from Grandpa, for his sister, and for this book.

David McPhail’s simple story and softly colored, warm illustrations create a book that’s just right for preschoolers and kindergarteners, who are growing up themselves. It’s just right to share with the little ones in your life.

Contributor Bio
David McPhail is a beloved author-illustrator of many books for children including best-selling picture books, board books, and novelty books. He received a New York Times Best Illustrated Books honor for Edward and the Pirates. He has also received a Boston Globe/Horn Book Honor, a Children’s Choice Award, a Parents’ Choice Award, a Children’s Booksellers Choices Award, and many state awards.

Author Residence: Rye, NH

Lost and Found Ducklings
Valeri Gorbachev

Summary
Moo! Grr! Awoo! Fun animal sounds in a story where a community bands together to help two adorable ducklings.

Peep-peep! Brother and Sister Duck are lost. Everyone must help! Moose will try to call Mama and Papa Duck with his earth-shattering bellow. Moooo! Wolf will use her piercing howl. Awooo! and Bear his Grrr! What finally attracts Mama and Papa, though, are the sweet peep-peeps of their little ones. A story about cooperation, community, and noisy fun! Hoooooot!

Ink and watercolor paintings are masterful, charming, and joyful.

Perfect for fans of Moo, Baa, La La La!

Contributor Bio
Valeri Gorbachev has illustrated more than fifty children’s books, half of which he also wrote. His book Me Too! was a Bank Street Best Book of the Year and received starred reviews from Kirkus Reviews and School Library Journal. A native of Ukraine, Gorbachev now lives in Brooklyn, New York.

Author Residence: Brooklyn, NY
The Farmer
Ximo Abadia

Summary
A farmer’s hard work is rewarded in this eco-friendly and elegantly illustrated picture book.

In the town, everyone is sleeping. But not Paul. Paul mows. Paul rakes. Paul sows. Paul draws water. And soon Paul has beautiful plants and flowers growing all around him. But one day, the water dries up. The sun beats down. Paul despair. But thanks to his animal friends, and a bit of rain, help is on the way...

Contributor Bio
Ximo Abadia is a Spanish author and illustrator of children’s books, graphic novels, and comics. His magazine covers, editorial art, and work in advertising are familiar throughout Europe. His clients include Templar, SM, Edelvives, Sins Entido, Impedimenta, Flamboyant, Free Will, Diabolo, Tribe, Dibbiks, TTT, Takatuka, El Español, Malpensante, Sixth Floor, Panenka Magazine, and The Tide.

Author Residence: Madrid, Spain

Dear Ballerina
Monica Wellington

Summary
A dream comes true for a girl who loves tutus, pointe shoes, and dancing on tiptoe!

The girl in this story loves to stretch, to pose, to point her toes, to swirl and twirl and leap! She practices new steps every day. All her efforts are rewarded when one special day, she gets to dance in a performance with her favorite ballerina.

“Dear Ballerina,” the girl writes, “I dream of being a dancer just like you.”

The pictures in the book take the reader behind the scenes of the ballet to a practice room, a costume room, and the wings of the stage. At last, the curtain goes up, and the girl and her idol dance. Their tutus swirl together!

“Dancing makes me happy!” the little ballerina says.

A touching story about dance, passion, effort, and intergenerational mentorship.

The five ballet positions are illustrated, and behind-the-scene secrets are revealed. Back matter provides interesting information about point shoes, tutus, and the contents of a ballet bag.

The author-illustrator is the mother of a little girl who has grown up to be a professional ballerina with New York City Ballet. This book was i...

Contributor Bio
Monica Wellington is the author and illustrator of more than forty books for children. As a young child, Monica was introduced to the ballet by her mother and she has loved it ever since. But Monica’s dream was always to be an artist. When Monica took her own daughter to the ballet, however, Lydia Wellington immediately began...
**Big and Little**
*A Story of Opposites*
Cheryl Pilgrim

**Summary**
Enormous Big and tiny Little, two adorable dogs, go over and under, deep and shallow, in and out in pursuit of a butterfly.

A simple book that introduces the important concept of opposites to the very youngest readers. Loveable Big and effervescent Little opposite in size—and the way they see and navigate the world—as they follow a butterfly. Their journey is told entirely through pairs of opposite words and gentle artwork, and it’s full of surprises, including an unexpected run-in with a cranky bear. Fortunately, Big and Little get from here to there and safely home again, just in time for a well-earned rest. The charming narrative arc that runs throughout the story really sets this book apart from other “opposites” books.

**Contributor Bio**
Cheryl Pilgrim is a writer, illustrator, and public school art teacher living in the Houston, TX, area, with the beloved dogs who inspired *Big and Little*. Cheryl works in a variety of media including pencils, watercolors, oils, acrylics, and digital collage. This is her first trade picture book.

**Author Residence:** Houston, TX

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**The Book in the Book in the Book**
Julien Baer, Simon Bailly

**Summary**
In this unique novelty book, join a young boy named Thomas on his adventure in a book...inside a book...inside a book

Having wandered off from his vacationing family, Thomas is a little bit lost and looking for something interesting—which he finds, in the form of an abandoned book on the beach. As Thomas opens up the little book, so does the reader!

Within the little book, the story repeats—until Thomas, this time walking through quiet, snowy woods, finds another smaller book, with an even stranger adventure within it.

Wandering again through the third book, Thomas finally hears familiar voices and ends up reunited with his family. But what adventures lay ahead...?

Cleverly constructed with two actual, smaller books within the book, this imaginative adventure is illustrated in bold, graphic style. A perfect gift for young, curious readers!

**Contributor Bio**
JULIEN BAER is a composer and singer who has had several albums released in France as well as several children’s books.

SIMON BAILLY is a French artist, illustrator, and graphic designer who has worked on graphic novels and whose work has appeared in Citrus Review, Economic Alternatives, The Express, France.fr, and many more.

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**Tomie dePaola's Cats and Kittens**

**Tomie dePaola**

**Summary**

An informative and funny book on every kind of cat, from Abyssinian to alley cat, from the bestselling author of *Strega Nona*, *Quiet*, and many more.

FREE KITTENS INSIDE, reads the sign outside Granny Twinkle's house.

But kittens aren't the only thing Mrs. Twinkle has to offer. When Patrick goes inside, he asks questions and learns everything there is to know about cats—the many different types and breeds, their place in history, and how to take care of a kitten of his very own.

Colorful and funny, this picture book is a perfect introduction for kids interested in cats, full of facts and trivia. Includes instructions on making your own cat toys, information on the care and feeding of cats and kittens, and a list of useful resources—all presented with Tomie dePaola's signature humor and fun illustrations.

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**Author Residence:** New London, NH

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**I Like My Bike**

**AG Ferrari**

**Summary**

A bike can be faster than a car, a van, a bus and a truck—see how in this Level A book, perfect for readers just starting out.

"I like my bike. I like my car. I like my big car. I like my truck."

The text in this funny story is simple and repetitive—just right for new readers—but the pictures are wacky and imaginative. A sea lion chauffeurs a large shark, a cactus drives a pickup truck and a tiny mouse drives a tractor-trailer filled with cheese. But all the vehicles get stuck in traffic—except for the cyclist, who merrily rides along to a party.

The pictures, in addition to supporting the text and enhancing comprehension, are chock-full of details that children will love. There are subtexts, connections, and opportunities for inference.

The award-winning I Like to Read® series focuses on guided reading levels A through G, based upon Fountas and Pinnell standards. Acclaimed author-illustrators—including winners of Caldecott, Theodor Seuss Geisel, and Coretta Scott King honors—create original, high quality illustrations that support comprehension of simple text and are fun for kids to read...

**Contributor Bio**

AG Ferrari, who began his career working on animated films, is a highly regarded illustrator in his native Italy. In 2007 he won Italy’s highest honor for a picture book illustrator, il Premio Andersen. Ferrari is known for his sure and elegant line, his compositional inventiveness, and his penchant for interesting and often humorous detail. Spirit, surprise, and mastery mark all of his work. Other books for Holiday House include *The Kindhearted Crocodile* by Lucia Panzieri and *No Honking Allowed!* by Stephanie Calmenson.
Exploring the Deep, Dark Sea
Gail Gibbons

Summary
Dive deep with GAIL GIBBONS as she explains the mechanics and discoveries of deep-sea exploration.

Dive deep with Gail Gibbons as she explains the mechanics and discoveries of deep-sea exploration. The surface of the moon is more familiar to us than the deep sea of our own planet. Many oceanographers are trying to change that. To explore the deep sea, they climb into submersibles and employ ROVs to find out more about the ocean and ocean floor. Gail Gibbons invites readers along for a journey to the deep sea, explaining the technology for exploration and the kinds of animals found at different sea levels.

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Author Residence: Corinth, VT

Hurricanes! (New Edition)
Gail Gibbons

Summary
What in the world is a hurricane? In this age of extreme weather, this newly updated edition of Gail Gibbons’ informative introduction to hurricanes, with safety tips included, answers that question.

Imagine a force that can toss boats around like toys, wash away bridges, create waves as high as eighteen feet, and change the shape of a shoreline. With fierce winds and torrential rains, hurricanes can do all of these things.

In this newly revised edition, vetted by weather experts, Gail Gibbons introduces readers to the concepts of hurricane formation, classification, weather preparedness, and the ever-evolving technology that helps us try to predict the behavior of these powerful storms.

Extensive updates include refined definitions for hurricane-related vocabulary, updated information about the wind speeds that define hurricane categories, information on emergency preparedness, and more. As these weather disturbances become more frequent and more powerful, Hurricanes is the perfect introduction for children to this important and timely topic.

With her signature clear, colorful paintings...

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Author Residence: Corinth, VT
The Puffins Are Back
Gail Gibbons

Summary
The beloved Atlantic Puffin was nearly extinct, till some enterprising scientists came to its rescue...

Gail Gibbons introduces readers to the fascinating lives of puffins and puffin conservation. Puffins along the coast of Maine were once hunted to near-extinction. Now, through a careful breeding program, scientists eagerly await the puffins’ return each year to hatch their young. With cheerful illustrations and clear text, Gail Gibbons explains the conservation program and the life cycle of this amazing bird.

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Tornadoes! (New Edition)
Gail Gibbons

Summary
What in the world is a tornado? In this age of extreme weather, this newly updated edition of Gail Gibbons’ informative introduction to tornadoes, with safety tips included, answers that question.

Tornadoes form when hot, humid air rises from the ground and meets with the cooler, denser air that is falling back to Earth. The two airstreams begin to swirl, pulling in more and more air to form a funnel-shaped cloud. The winds can swirl faster than 261 miles per hour!

Newly revised and vetted by weather experts from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, Tornadoes is an accessible introduction to this fascinating phenomenon. Using her praised combination of clear text and detailed illustrations, Gail Gibbons shares more than fifty tornado facts, including how tornadoes form, the scale used for classifying them, and the safest places to go in case one should happen near you.

Featuring simple, kid-friendly text, colorful paintings, and well-labeled diagrams, Gail Gibbons’ nonfiction titles have been called “staples of any collection” (Kirkus Reviews) and offer clear, accessible intro...

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Author Residence: Corinth, VT
Weather Words and What They Mean (New Edition)
Gail Gibbons

Summary
The perfect introduction to how we talk and think about the weather

Everyone talks about the weather, but what does it all mean? In clear, accessible language, Gail Gibbons introduces many common terms—like moisture, air pressure, and temperature—and their definitions.

Simple, kid-friendly text explains the origins of fog, clouds, frost, thunderstorms, snow, fronts, hurricanes, reinforcing the explanations with clear, well-labeled drawings and diagrams. Newly revised, this edition of Weather Words and What They Mean has been vetted by an expert from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association. Best of all, the book features a fun list of weird weather facts!

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Author Residence: Corinth, VT

Pippa's Passover Plate
Vivian Kirkfield, Jill Weber

Summary
Sundown is near, and it’s almost time for the Seder to begin—but where is Pippa’s special Passover plate?

Pippa the Mouse has been working hard all day—cleaning her house, setting the table, cooking the meal. Everything looks great—but her special Seder plate is missing!

Searching through her tiny house turns up nothing, so Pippa ventures out to ask her neighbors if they can help. Bravely, she asks the other animals for help, but the snake, owl, and cat haven’t seen her plate, either. But it’s almost time for the Seder to begin, so she keeps looking—and when she finds it, she invites all the other animals home to join her celebration.

A charming story with a happy ending, Pippa’s Passover Plate pairs simple, rhyming text with bright paintings by Jill Weber, illustrator of The Story of Passover and The Story of Esther. In bravely facing her animal neighbors, this adorable little mouse finds not only her missing Seder plate—but new friends.

Filled with rhymes and repetition, this is a perfect title to share and read aloud, just in time for your own Passover festivities.

A final spread with ...

Contributor Bio
Vivian Kirkfield is a children’s picture book author and a former early childhood educator. A passionate advocate for children and reading, she is the creator of the popular and award-winning blog “Picture Books Help Kids Soar” and the author of Show Me How! Build Your Child’s Self-Esteem Through Reading, Crafting and Cooking. She lives in New Hampshire.

Jill Weber also illustrated Even Higher! and The Story of Esther, both by Eric A. Kimmel, as well as The Story
**What a Cold Needs**  
Barbara Bottner, Chris Sheban

**Summary**  
A girl learns that a cold needs a LOT of things, as she waits for a bad case of the sniffles to run its course.

What does a cold need? It needs a comfy bed by a window, warm socks, Grandma’s chicken soup, and plenty of Dad’s silly jokes. Sometimes, a cold just needs a little time.

In this warmly written and quietly humorous picture book about a girl sporting a red nose that just won’t seem to go away while she waits for a bad case of the sniffles to run its course, she and her family learn an important lesson—a cold needs what a cold needs.

**Contributor Bio**

Barbara Bottner is a screenwriter, actor, lyricist, and author of more than forty children’s books. She has collaborated with illustrator Michael Emberly on multiple titles, including the New York Times bestseller Miss Brooks Loves Books, its companion Miss Brooks’ Story Nook, Priscilla Gorilla, and more. Also the author of Wallace’s Lists, Bootsie Barker Bites, and many more, her work is frequently translated, animated, and selected for “best of” lists.

Chris Sheban is a graphic designer and illustrator who has been awarded three gold and three silver medals from the Society of Illustrators in New York. He has illustrated many picture books including Ellen Yeomans’ The Other Ducks, Patricia MacLachlan’s Someone Like Me, and Job Wanted by Teresa Bateman. He lives in Chicago and catches a lot of colds.

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**The Babysitter from Another Planet**  
Stephen Savage

**Summary**  
The kids are in for a treat when their parents leave them with a babysitter who is truly out of this world—an alien!

When their parents go out for the evening, a brother and sister are left with a babysitter unlike any they’ve ever had before—an alien from another planet! But even though she seems a little strange, the kids quickly see that this babysitter can make anything fun...even brushing their teeth and doing their homework.

This story is literally E.T. meets Mary Poppins, and as soon as the Babysitter from Another Planet is gone, the kids can’t wait for her to come back again.

With references to everything from ’50s Science Fiction movies (sure to produce a chuckle from knowing parents) to ET, bestselling author Stephen Savage has produced a visual and verbal tour de force that will have kids begging for more.

**Contributor Bio**  

Stephen Savage is an award-winning children’s book author and illustrator whose accolades include a New York Times Best Illustrated Book (Polar Bear Night) and a Geisel Honor (Supertruck). His picture book Polar Bear Night was a New York Times bestseller. He teaches at the School of Visual Arts and lives in Brooklyn, New York.

**Author Residence:** Brooklyn, NY
**Good Night, Wind**

*Yiddish Folktale*

Linda Elovitz Marshall, Maelle Doliveux

**Summary**

When the exhausted winter wind throws a snowy tantrum, it finds comfort in the friendship of two young children in this lyrical retelling of a Yiddish folktale illustrated with stunning collage.

In this retelling of a Yiddish folktale, "Winter Wind worked hard all season long / blowing away leaves, / preparing trees for coats of snow and ice." Now, Wind is tired and needs a place to rest. But no one wants to shelter so cold and blustery a Wind—not the townspeople, not the country innkeeper, not even the gnarled tree who is worried about frozen roots. Finally, Wind does what any of us do when we are overtired: Wind has a tantrum. And it is only with the help of two small children brave enough to weather the storm that Wind finally finds the perfect place to sleep. Gentle language coupled with intricate photo-illustrations of collage dioramas tell this sweet tale about empathy and friendship. The visuals in this book are striking for their vibrancy, palette, and movement.

**Contributor Bio**

Linda Elovitz Marshall is the author of many picture books for children, including the Talia and...series of Jewish holiday books including *The Passover Lamb*, which was a Sydney Taylor notable book.

Maëlle Doliveux is an award-winning artist and illustrator whose work has appeared in dozens of publications, including *The New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *The Boston Globe*, and *Vulture*. She is also the cofounder of Beehive Books, an independent comics publisher. She has won both gold and silver medals from the Society of Illustrators and has been a judge for the MoCCA Arts Festival Award of Excellence along with Joan Hilty and Rutu Modan. This is her first book.

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**My Happy Year by E.Bluebird**

Paul Meisel

**Summary**

With humor and charm, a bluebird narrates her first year of life—adventures, joys, and scary times too—in this companion book to *My Awesome Summer by P. Mantis*.

"May 1. Today is my birthday." So begins the wondrous first year of E. Bluebird. Readers are treated to the intimate details of her life such as "May 8: Eating all these bugs makes me poop. Mom takes my poop sack out of the nest. Good thing." And "May 12: My brothers and sisters are getting ready to leave the nest. I like it here. It's safe." On May 18: "Where's my family? I'm getting hungry. Okay. This is it! I jump! I flap! I'm flying!" She eventually migrates south, and when she returns north, she finds a mate and has a family of her own. What a happy year!

The art is both beautiful and kid-friendly and has been vetted for accuracy by two experts.


**Contributor Bio**

Paul Meisel, who holds a master's degree in graphic design from Yale University, has illustrated many books for children, some of which he also wrote. See *Me Run* is a 2012 Theodor Seuss Geisel Award Honor Book and *See Me Dig* is a *Kirkus Reviews* Best Book.

**Author Residence:** Newton, CT
Hey, Water!
Antoinette Portis

Summary
Splash! A spunky little girl plays a spirited game of hide-and-seek with water, in this gorgeously illustrated nonfiction picture book.

Hey, water! I know you! You’re all around.

Join a young girl as she explores her surroundings and sees that water is everywhere. But water doesn’t always look the same, it doesn’t always feel the same, and it shows up in lots of different shapes. Water can be a lake, it can be steam, it can be a tear, or it can even be a snowman.

As the girl discovers water in nature, in weather, in her home, and even inside her own body, water comes to life, and kids will find excitement and joy in water and its many forms.

This latest work from award-winning author/illustrator Antoinette Portis is an engaging, aesthetically pleasing nonfiction picture book, complete with accessible backmatter on the water cycle, water conservation, and more.

Contributor Bio
Antoinette Portis is a decorated picture book author/illustrator. Her picture books have garnered wide acclaim and many starred review, including ALA Notable Books Wait and Now. She was awarded a Geisel Honor for Not a Box, which was also a New York Times Best Illustrated Book. A former creative director at Disney, she lives in Southern California.

Author Residence: Studio City, CA

Music for Mister Moon
Philip C. Stead, Erin Stead

Summary
What if you threw your teacup out your window…and what if it accidentally knocked the moon out of the sky?

A girl named Harriet longs to play her cello alone in her room. But when a noisy owl disrupts her solitude, Harriet throws her teacup out the window and accidentally knocks the moon out of the sky in frustration. Over the course of an evening, Harriet and the moon become fast friends. Worried that he’ll catch a chill, Harriet buys the moon a soft woolen hat, then takes him on a boat ride across a glistening lake, something he’s only dreamed of. But can she work up the courage to play her music for the moon?

In this delicate bedtime story about a shy young cello player who learns to share her music with the moon, the award-winning Philip and Erin Stead deliver another whimsical, visually oriented picture book in their signature style.

The duo of Philip and Erin Stead are “one of the most notable names in children’s literature” -ABC News

Contributor Bio
ERIN and PHILIP STEAD are an award-winning picture book team. Their book A Sick Day for Amos McGee (400,000 plus copies sold to date) won the Caldecott Medal and was named a New York Times Best Illustrated Book and a Publisher’s Weekly Best Children’s Book. Other popular books include Bear Has a Story to Tell, an E. B. White Award Honor Book. Most recently they collaborated with Mark Twain on The Purloining of Prince Oleomargarine, a major New York Times Bestseller and the recipient of much major media attention including profiles on CBS Sunday Morning and The New Yorker. They live in Michigan.

Author Residence: Ann Arbor, MI
Hello Summer!
Shelley Rotner

Summary
A National Geographic photographer’s eye-catching photos of a multicultural cast of children having hot-weather fun and enjoying nature’s wonders capture the essence of summer in the final book in Shelly Rotner’s celebrated series on the four seasons.

Whether biting into a juicy peach, dropping a fishing line in a pond, or splashing at the beach, these crisp, gorgeous photos of children celebrate quintessential moments of summer. In a simple but lyrical text, Rotner documents iconic warm-weather activities as well as changes to plants, animals, and weather that occur during a temperate summer. This fourth and final book in a well-reviewed series about the four seasons takes children from the last blush of spring to the height of summer to the beginning of autumn. A glossary explaining terms such as summer solstice, nectar, and pollen is included.

Contributor Bio
Shelley Rotner is a former kindergarten teacher and the creator of Shades of People, Grow! Raise Catch!, and more than thirty other books for young children. Her collaborations with Sheila M. Kelly have included a National Science Teachers Association Outstanding Science Trade Book and an ALA Notable Children’s Book. Her photography has appeared in Time, National Geographic, Food and Wine, Boston Globe Travel, and many other publications.

Author Residence: Northampton, MA

The Magic of Letters
Tony Johnston, Wendell Minor

Summary
Letters are MAGIC. When you know their secrets, like a bright bird, you take flight. Hop along with a playful rabbit emcee and see for yourself!

Letters are everywhere in this delightful book that embraces the power of words and what they can do, how they can make you feel, and what they can help you say.

Each letter has a name, and letters have power...power to make words. Words can make you hungry, make you laugh, or enchant you. And you can enchant others with magic of your own, by using them to write anything you please.

Unlock the magic of letters in this colorful, imaginative book from the award-winning author/illustrator teams of Tony Johnston and Wendell Minor.

Contributor Bio
Tony Johnston is the award-winning author of over one hundred children’s books including, most recently, A Small Thing...but Big, illustrated by Hadley Hooper. She worked with Wendell Minor on picture books Sequoia and Cat, What Is That?, as well as collaborated with Tomie dePaola on titles like The Quilt Story and The Tale of Rabbit and Coyote. She lives in San Marino, California.

Wendell Minor has illustrated and/or written over fifty children’s books, many of them award winners. He was recently honored as the Norman Rockwell Museum’s 2018-2019 Artist Laureate. He collaborated with Tony Johnston on the picture book Sequoia, and he is well known for his collaborations with the late Jean Craighead George. He lives in Connecticut.

Author Residence: San Marino, CA

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**Home Is a Window**  
Stephanie Parsley Ledyard, Chris Sasaki

**Summary**

A family learns what home really means, as they leave one beloved residence and make a new home in another.

Home can be many things—a window, a doorway, a rug...or a hug. At home, everything always feels the same: comfortable and safe.

But sometimes things change, and a home must be left behind.

Follow a family as they move out of their beloved, familiar house and learn that they can bring everything they love about their old home to the new one, because they still have each other. This heartfelt picture book by Stephanie Parsley Ledyard is richly illustrated by former Pixar animator Chris Sasaki.

**Contributor Bio**

Stephanie Ledyard is a writer, poet, and teacher. Her first picture book, *Pie Is for Sharing*, illustrated by Jason Chin, was published in 2018 to wide acclaim, receiving four starred reviews. She lives in Dallas, Texas.

Chris Sasaki is an illustrator and art director living in Oakland, California. He worked at Pixar, where he did character design on *Monsters University* and *Inside Out* and is art directing an unannounced feature. Chris was also the production designer for the Oscar-nominated short film *Weekends*. He has worked for animation studios like Jim Henson, Laika, and Tonko House.

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**Nine Months**  
*Before a Baby Is Born*  
Miranda Paul, Jason Chin

**Summary**

Join a family of three who spend nine whole months waiting, from a frosty winter through a sun-dappled summer, until finally...a baby is here.

A soon-to-be big sister and her parents prepare for the arrival of a new baby in the family. Alternating panels depict what the family is experiencing in tandem with how the baby is growing, spanning everything from receiving the news about the new baby to the excitement of its arrival.

In this pregnancy book unlike any other one out there, watch what’s actually happening through meticulously detailed, actual size illustrations, perfectly paired with a lyrical yet informative text, and culminating in a warm, joyful birth scene.

Complete with backmatter that includes an elaboration on pregnancy, a list of amazing things babies can do before they’re born, and more, Miranda Paul and Caldecott Honor Artist Jason Chin deliver another spectacular nonfiction picture book.

**Contributor Bio**

Miranda Paul is an award-winning author of children’s books whose work includes *Water Is Water* (also illustrated by Jason Chin), *Are We Pears Yet* (illustrated by Carin Berger), and *One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia*. She lives in Wisconsin.

Jason Chin is a celebrated author and illustrator of children’s books. His book *Grand Canyon* was awarded a Caldecott Honor, a Sibert Honor, and the NCTE Orbis Pictus Award. His other acclaimed nonfiction titles—*Coral Reefs, Redwoods, Gravity*, and *Island: A Story of the Galapagos*—have received numerous starred reviews and other accolades. He is also the illustrator of Stephanie Parsley Ledyard’s debut title *Pie Is for Sharing*, which has received four starred reviews. He lives in Vermont.
Squirrel in the Museum
Vivian Vande Velde, Steve Björkman

Summary
Pandemonium breaks out at the science museum when Twitch the squirrel tags along on a school trip in this hilarious chapter book.

When Twitch hears that the school children are taking a field trip to the science museum, he decides he wants to join in the fun—so he stows away on the school bus and hides in a backpack to get in.

But as always, not everyone is glad to see a squirrel in their midst. Pursued by security guards, Twitch turns the exhibits into his own private carnival rides—swinging on a Foucault pendulum, riding a model Mars Rover, and skittering across the Bernoulli air pressure table.

Just when it seems like there’s no escape, Twitch’s chaotic romp turns up some surprises for the museum staff...and a friendly boy in a wheelchair saves the day for the squirrel, sneaking him back out.

With more than 50 energetic illustrations accompanying the short, hilarious chapters, Squirrel in the Museum is a perfect pick for young readers just starting to seek out longer texts—or a great read-aloud. For aspiring scientists, Squirrel in the Museum also includes an explanation of the scientif...

Contributor Bio
Vivian Vande Velde is the author of more than twenty books for children and young adults. She has received an Edgar Award, five of her novels have been named Best Books for Young Adults by the ALA, and 8 Class Pets + 1 Squirrel ÷ 1 Dog = Chaos was nominated for seven state awards. She lives in Rochester, New York.

Steve Björkman has illustrated many picture books, chapter books, and greeting cards. He illustrated both 8 Class Pets + 1 Squirrel ÷ 1 Dog = Chaos and Squirrel in the House, the two earlier books about Twitch. He lives in Aliso Viejo, California.

Author Residence: Rochester, NY

Two Brothers, Four Hands
Jan Greenberg, Sandra Jordan, Hadley Hooper

Summary
The inspiring true story of the Giacometti brothers, one an artist, the other a daredevil, both devoted to their craft...but even more devoted to each other.

Everyone who knew them agreed. Alberto was the genius of the family. His younger brother Diego was his opposite—he didn’t care much for books or schoolwork, and he had no idea what he would be when he grew up. But despite their differences, the two brothers shared an intense bond.

Alberto Giacometti became one of the iconic artists of the twentieth century, whose tall, spindly sculptures grace the collections of museums around the world. Diego was always at his side, helping and encouraging, and in his spare time creating remarkable pieces of furniture, works of sculpture in their own right.

The poignant story of brothers and sculptors Alberto and Diego Giacometti is skillfully brought to life in the hands of multiple Sibert Honor authors Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan, and the spectacular artwork of Hadley Hooper.

This lavishly illustrated 64-page book includes extensive backmatter, complete with a timeline, source notes, photograph...

Contributor Bio
Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan have collaborated on many award-winning children’s books about artists, including Action Jackson (Sibert Honor Book), The Mad Potter: George E. Ohr, Eccentric Genius (Sibert Honor Book), Ballet for Martha (Sibert Honor Book and Orbis Pictus Award) Christo and Jean-Claude: Through the Gates and Beyond, Meet Cindy Sherman, the recent recipient of five starred reviews. Sandra Jordan lives in New York City. Jan Greenberg lives in St. Louis, Missouri.

Hadley Hooper is a fine artist whose illustration work includes art for the Coretta Scott King winning memoir How I Discovered Poetry by Marilyn Nelson. She received considerable attention for her illustrations for
Searching for Lottie
Susan Ross

Summary
Lottie, a talented violinist, disappeared during the Holocaust. Can her grand-niece, Charlie, discover what happened?

A long-lost cousin, a mysterious locket, a visit to Nana Rose in Florida, a diary written in German, and a very special violin all lead twelve-year-old Charlie to the truth about her great-aunt Lottie in this intriguing, intergenerational mystery.

Charlie, a budding violinist, decides to research the life of her great-aunt and namesake for her middle school ancestry project. Everyone in Charlie’s family believes Great-Aunt Charlotte (called Lottie), a violin prodigy, died at the hands of the Nazis, but the more Charlie uncovers about her long-lost relative, the more muddied Great-Aunt Lottie’s story becomes. Could it be that Lottie somehow survived the war by hiding in Hungary? Could she even still be alive today?

In Searching for Lottie, Susan Ross has written a highly personal work of historical fiction that is closely inspired by her own family history, exploring the ongoing effects of the Holocaust on families today. Includes a letter from the author describing the r...

Contributor Bio
Susan Ross is an author and writing teacher from Maine. Her first novel, Kiki and Jacques, was a Bank Street Best Children’s Book of the Year. Searching for Lottie is her second novel and draws greatly upon her own family’s experiences and the memories of loved ones lost in the Holocaust.

Author Residence: Lewiston, ME

I Am Hermes!
Mischief-Making Messenger of the Gods
Mordicai Gerstein

Summary
At birth, Hermes, son of Zeus and the Nymph Maia, says his first word: “Gimme!” In this brilliant, hilarious graphic novel about the mischievous, fun-loving messenger of the gods, Caldecott Medal winner Mordicai Gerstein, transports classical mythology to the 21st century.

“The world!” the newly born Hermes says. “It’s even better than I expected! I love it! I want it all!”

This book is filled with joy, exuberance, and humor. On his first day of life, Hermes manages to trick a turtle into surrendering its shell and a ram into surrendering its horns, thereby inventing the lyre, music, and song! He also manages to steal his brother Apollo’s precious cows, but later redeems himself by outwitting the giant brothers Otus and Ephialtes, who have kidnapped Mars.

These adventures and more, all derived from classical mythology, are told with great humor as well as a twenty-first century sensibility by the colossally talented Mordicai Gerstein.

The art in this graphic novel is truly spectacular, with 250 illustration executed by a master.

Contributor Bio
Mordicai Gerstein is the author and illustrator of The Man Who Walked Between the Towers, winner of the Caldecott Medal. Four of his books have been named New York Times Best Illustrated Books of the Year. As a child, Gerstein was inspired by reproductions of fine art that his mother cut out of Life magazine and by children’s books from the library: “I looked at Rembrandt and Superman, Matisse and Bugs Bunny, and began to make my own pictures.” After attending Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles, he was hired by an animated cartoon studio where he designed characters and thought up ideas for TV commercials. Gerstein lives in Westhampton, Massachusetts.
**Saving Hanno**  
The Story of a Refugee Dog  
Miriam Halahmy

**Summary**
Nine-year-old Rudi and his beloved dog Hanno escape from Nazi Germany, but Rudi soon learns he'll have to protect Hanno from an entirely new threat in this thrilling reimagining of a little known World War II event.

What if you had to leave your dog behind when you fled? Nine-year-old Rudi has a chance to leave the dangers of Nazi Germany on a Kindertransport to England. However, he cannot bring Hanno, his wonderful dachshund. Luckily, his family finds a way to smuggle Hanno to London. But with England on the brink of war, Hanno is still not safe.

As a German invasion of England becomes imminent, many British people decide their pets will suffer as well as drain limited resources, and thousands of pets are euthanized. To save Hanno, Rudi joins a group of scrappy London children who hide their pets away in a vacant lot. Just as London’s children are about to be evacuated to the countryside, the group finds a wealthy animal lover willing to care for the menagerie on her country estate. This fast-paced and accessible novel is full of courage and excitement.

An author’s note gives more info...

**Contributor Bio**
Miriam Halahmy is a poet, special needs educator, and novelist. She has worked with refugees in schools as well as in workshops she led for PEN and the Medical Foundation for the Victims of Torture. Her books include *Behind Closed Doors* and *Hidden*, which was nominated for the Carnegie Medal.

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**The Space Between Before and After**  
Sue Stauffacher

**Summary**
Thomas learns to navigate his grief when his mother disappears by creating a fantasy story about his mother where she is safe.

One morning 10-year-old Thomas’s mother tells him about a dream she had about taking a trip by herself—which is odd because lately his mother has been too depressed to even leave the house. But when Thomas gets home from school, she’s gone. The police search everywhere, and although they find her car, they can’t find her. Thomas’s neighbor helps him cope with his anxiety by having him think up a fantasy about where she might have gone. As time passes, Thomas takes charge of the story sending his mother on a quest in the astral plane. With the help of this narrative journey, his family, and his friends, Thomas begins to realize that even if his mother never comes back, he can still hold a place for her in his heart and mind.

**Contributor Bio**
Sue Stauffacher is the author of the Animal Rescue Team series, as well as other well-received middle grade titles including *Cassidy’s Guide to Everyday Etiquette (and Obfuscation)* and *Donuthead*, which received starred reviews from *Publishers Weekly* and *School Library Journal*.

**Author Residence:** Grand Rapids, MI
**Enemy Child**
The Story of Norman Mineta, a Boy Imprisoned in a Japanese American Internment Camp During World War II
Andrea Warren

**Summary**
It's 1941 and ten-year-old Norman Mineta is a carefree fourth grader in San Jose, California, who loves baseball, hot dogs, and Cub Scouts. But when Japanese forces attack Pearl Harbor, Norm's world is turned upside down.

One by one, things that he and his Japanese American family took for granted are taken away. In a matter of months they, along with everyone else of Japanese ancestry living on the West Coast, are forced by the government to move to internment camps, leaving everything they have known behind.

At the Heart Mountain internment camp in Wyoming, Norm and his family live in one room in a tar paper barracks with no running water. There are lines for the communal bathroom, lines for the mess hall, and they live behind barbed wire and under the scrutiny of armed guards in watchtowers.

Meticulously researched and informed by extensive interviews with Mineta himself, *Enemy Child* sheds light on a little-known subject of American history. Andrea Warren covers the history of early Asian immigration to the United States and provides historical context on the U.S. government's decisi...

**Contributor Bio**
Andrea Warren is a writer and journalist who has written many award-winning nonfiction books for children, including *Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story*, winner of the *Boston Globe-Horn Book* Award; *Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps*, a Robert F. Sibert Honor Book; and *Escape from Saigon: How a Vietnam War Orphan Became an American Boy*. Ms. Warren lives in Kansas.

**Author Residence:** Prairie Village, KS

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**Between the Water and the Woods**
Simone Snaith, Sara Kipin

**Summary**
Emeline's quiet village has three important rules:
Don't look at the shadows.
Don't cross the river.
And don't enter the forest.

An illustrated fantasy filled with beauty and power, *Between the Water and the Woods* sweeps you into a world where forests are hungry; knights fight with whips; the king is dying; and a peasant girl's magic will decide the future of the realm...

When Emeline's little brother breaks all three of their village's rules, she is forced to use her family's forbidden magic to rescue him from the dark things he awakens, the Ithin. Now that the Ithin are afoot in the land, she must, by law, travel to the royal court and warn the king. But the only way she and her family can make the journey to the capital is with the protection of a sour magister and a handsome, whip-wielding Lash Knight. Will Emeline survive in a city where conspiracies swirl like smoke and her magic is all but outlawed?

Seven full-page black-and-white illustrations accompany *Between the Water and the Woods*, a lush, fairy-tale-style fantasy perfect for readers of Karen Cushman and Shannon Hale.

**Contributor Bio**
Simone Snaith is originally from Louisiana but now lives in L.A., where she sings in the New Wave band Turning Violet and works as a freelance journalist. She loves sci-fi, fantasy, music, deep forests, and all things '80s. Follow her @schimonie.

Sara Kipin is a graduate of the Maryland Institute College of Art's illustration program and works as a color stylist at Warner Bros. Animation. She has also worked at Marvel Animation and Nickelodeon, and illustrated Leigh Bardugo's New York Times bestselling book *The Language of Thorns: Midnight Tales and Dangerous Magic*. Sara lives in Burbank, California. Follow her @sarakipin.
A Child's Calendar (20th Anniversary Edition)
John Updike, Trina Schart Hyman

Summary
Newly available in hardcover, this 20th anniversary edition of a Caldecott Honor classic combines the star power of John Updike and Trina Schart Hyman.

Celebrate the little moments that make each month special in this beautiful picture book featuring twelve poems about a family and the turn of the seasons. From the short, frozen days of January, through the light of summer, to the first snowflakes of December, Updike’s poems rejoices in the familiar, wondrous qualities that make each part of the year unique.

Hyman’s award-winning paintings—modeled after her own daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren—depict an interracial family going about the business of their lives throughout the year: sledding in January, watching fireworks in July, and playing in the autumn leaves. Bold and colorful, they’re filled with the intricate detail for which her art is famous—including cameo appearances by the artist and her partner, Jean Aull.

Featuring a redesigned cover, the 20th Anniversary Edition of this inclusive Caldecott Honor book is a beautiful read-aloud to treasure throughout the year, with fam...

Contributor Bio
John Updike (1932-2009) was one of America’s greatest postwar writers, and the author of more than 40 books, including novels, short stories, poems, and literary criticism. His awards include the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, and the National Book Critics Circle Award.

Trina Schart Hyman (1939-2004) was a renowned illustrator best known for her fairy tale, medieval, and Arthurian art. She was awarded one Caldecott Medal, three Caldecott Honors, and the Golden Kite Award. She created iconic, exquisite illustrations for more than 150 books. Born in Philadelphia, she lived most of her life in New Hampshire.

Author Residence: Ipswich, MA
New in Paperback
**Ants Rule**  
The Long and Short of It  
Bob Barner

**Summary**  
The ants need to plan the Blowout Bug Jamboree! But how can they build a thrilling carnival ride for the festival if they don’t know how many bugs will come, or how big those bugs will be? This is a colorful and fun-filled introduction to nonstandard measurement, comparison, and organizing and representing data. As caterpillars, butterflies, and other insects are measured and compared in lengths of ants, an amazing plan unfolds. Just in time for the jamboree, the ants put the final touches on the perfect roller coaster, seen in a deluxe gatefold spread.

**Contributor Bio**  
Bob Barner has written and illustrated more than twenty-five books including Bug Safari, Day of the Dead/El Dia de los Muertos, a bilingual book, and I Have a Garden, an I Like to Read® book. His work has received the Parents’ Choice Award and the Teachers’ Choice Award. He lives in the San Francisco Bay area.

**Author Residence:** San Francisco, CA

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**The Leprechaun Under the Bed**  
Teresa Bateman, Paul Meisel

**Summary**  
"A leprechaun can be alone without being lonely," says Brian O’Shea.

And that’s how Brian likes it—so when a big human man tries to build a cottage on top of Brian’s underground home, the leprechaun does his best to scare the fellow away with his magical tricks.

But Sean McDonald refuses to be frightened off—and over time the two develop an unlikely friendship. After all, a leprechaun in the house is a fine piece of luck—and that luck comes in handy when news of Sean’s good fortune attracts dangerous attention.

Cleverly told and brightly illustrated, this folktale friendship is a delightful tale for St. Patrick’s day—or any day when you could use a little magic.

**Contributor Bio**  
Teresa Bateman is a school librarian, a storyteller and the author of many lively stories and poems for children. She has won both the Storytelling World Award and the Anne Izard Storyteller’s Award. Her books include Red, White, Blue, and Uncle Who? and Keeper of Soles, an ALA Notable Children’s Book. She lives in Tacoma, Washington.

Paul Meisel is the author and illustrator of See Me Run, a Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Book, and See Me Dig, a Kirkus Reviews Best Book, and is the illustrator of many books for young people, including The Schmutzy Family by Madelyn Rosenberg, a Sydney Taylor Honor Book. He lives in Connecticut.

**Author Residence:** Tacoma, WA

PAUL MEISEL, who holds a master’s degree in graphic design from Yale University, has illustrated many well-reviewed books for children, some of which he also wrote. His book See Me Run, an I Like to Read® book, was named a 2012 Theodor Seuss Geisel Award Honor Book.
**Crinkle, Crackle, CRACK**

**It's Spring!**
Marion Dane Bauer, John Shelley

**Summary**
Rap, bap, tap. Late one winter night, a child awakes to peculiar noises in the backyard - a bear! They journey together through the snowy forest as other animals eagerly join in, creating a parade to welcome the spring.

This is a perfect seasonal read aloud to bridge Winter and Spring. In this mysterious picture book, sounds build anticipation as the ground thaws, and the icy pond breaks. Trees begin to bud and more animals join the fray, until... CRACK! Spring bursts from a gigantic egg full of gorgeous flowers and birds.

**Contributor Bio**
Marion Dane Bauer has received many awards, including a Newbery Honor for the books she has written for young people. Her picture books include in Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb, illustrated by Caldecott winner Emily Arnold McCully, Halloween Forest, illustrated by John Shelley and The Stuff of Stars illustrated by Caldecott honor illustrator Ekua Holmes, which received four starred reviews.

John Shelley illustrations are known internationally, especially in Japan where he lived and worked for twenty-one years. He is the illustrator of Halloween Forest, by Marion Dane Bauer, Will’s Words How William Shakespeare Changed the Way You Talk written by Jane Sutcliffe and Magic for Sale by Carrie Clickard.

**Author Residence:** St. Paul, MN

JOHN SHELLEY'S illustrations are known internationally, especially in Japan, where he lived and worked for twenty-one years. He now lives in the United Kingdom.

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**Hurricanes! (New Edition)**

**Gail Gibbons**

**Summary**
What in the world is a hurricane? In this age of extreme weather, this newly updated edition of Gail Gibbons’ informative introduction to hurricanes, with safety tips included, answers that question.

Imagine a force that can toss boats around like toys, wash away bridges, create waves as high as eighteen feet, and change the shape of a shoreline. With fierce winds and torrential rains, hurricanes can do all of these things.

In this newly revised edition, vetted by weather experts, Gail Gibbons introduces readers to the concepts of hurricane formation, classification, weather preparedness, and the ever-evolving technology that helps us try to predict the behavior of these powerful storms.

Extensive updates include refined definitions for hurricane-related vocabulary, updated information about the wind speeds that define hurricane categories, information on emergency preparedness, and more. As these weather disturbances become more frequent and more powerful, Hurricanes is the perfect introduction for children to this important and timely topic.

With her signature clear, colorful paintings...

**Contributor Bio**
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**Author Residence:** Corinth, VT
**Tornadoes! (New Edition)**
Gail Gibbons

**Summary**

What in the world is a tornado? In this age of extreme weather, this newly updated edition of Gail Gibbons' informative introduction to tornadoes, with safety tips included, answers that question.

Tornadoes form when hot, humid air rises from the ground and meets with the cooler, denser air that is falling back to Earth. The two airstreams begin to swirl, pulling in more and more air to form a funnel-shaped cloud. The winds can swirl faster than 261 miles per hour!

Newly revised and vetted by weather experts from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, *Tornadoes* is an accessible introduction to this fascinating phenomenon. Using her praised combination of clear text and detailed illustrations, Gail Gibbons shares more than fifty tornado facts... including how tornadoes form, the scale used for classifying them, and the safest places to go in case one should happen near you.

Featuring simple, kid-friendly text, colorful paintings, and well-labeled diagrams, Gail Gibbons' nonfiction titles have been called "staples of any collection" (*Kirkus Reviews*) and offer clear, accessible intro...

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**Author Residence:** Corinth, VT

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**Weather Words and What They Mean (New Edition)**
Gail Gibbons

**Summary**

The perfect introduction to how we talk and think about the weather

Everyone talks about the weather, but what does it all mean? In clear, accessible language, Gail Gibbons introduces many common terms—like moisture, air pressure, and temperature—and their definitions.

Simple, kid-friendly text explains the origins of fog, clouds, frost, thunderstorms, snow, fronts, hurricanes, reinforcing the explanations with clear, well-labeled drawings and diagrams. Newly revised, this edition of *Weather Words and What They Mean* has been vetted by an expert from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association. Best of all, the book features a fun list of weird weather facts!

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**Author Residence:** Corinth, VT
Hello Spring!
Shelley Rotner

Summary
When winter ends, spring begins! The days get longer and the air gets warmer. Trees and flowers bloom and animals have their babies. Spring is the perfect time to have fun! Preschoolers will love this lyrical yet simple introduction to the wondrous surprises brought by spring. Featuring detailed photographs exploding with color, Hello Spring! familiarizes children with the changes in plant and animal life that occur during a temperate spring. A glossary is included.

Contributor Bio
Shelley Rotner brings a depth of experience and knowledge to her books with a diverse background as an elementary school teacher, museum educational specialist and UNICEF photographer. She is an award winning author and photo-illustrator of over twenty books. She lives in Northampton, Massachusetts.

Author Residence: Northampton, MA

Transportation!
How People Get Around
Gail Gibbons

Summary
GAIL GIBBONS takes readers over land, sea, and air in this fascinating introduction to diverse methods of transportation.

From planes, trains, and automobiles to biking, scooting, and boating, people all around the world have developed many means and methods of moving to and fro. In this fascinating exploration of transportation, GAIL GIBBONS employs her signature colorful artwork and accessible text to explain transportation choices over land, sea, and air to young readers. Various types of vehicles are clearly detailed, as are as concepts such as carpooling and commuting. For young readers on the go, this is a must-have!

Contributor Bio
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Author Residence: Corinth, VT
**Birds Make Nests**

Michael Garland

**Summary**

Birds make many kinds of nests in many kinds of places—to keep their eggs safe and to keep chicks safe. In this exquisitely illustrated picture book, created with both traditional woodcut and digital tools, acclaimed artist Michael Garland celebrates animals that are both beautiful and resourceful. This text is accessible to new readers and the birds are labeled with their American English common names.

A 2018 NSTA-CBC Outstanding Science Trade Book for Students K-12!

**Contributor Bio**

Michael Garland has written and illustrated many books for children including Fish Had a Wish, cited as one of the Top 25 Children’s Books of 2012 by Kirkus Reviews, Tugboat and two I Like to Read® books, Car Goes Far and Lost Dog.

MICHAEL GARLAND has written and illustrated many books for children, including Car Goes Far, Lost Dog, and Fish Had a Wish, which was named a Top 25 Children’s Book by Kirkus Reviews and called “a keeper” in a Kirkus starred review.

**Illustrator Residence:** Paterson, NY

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**Money Math**

Addition and Subtraction

David A. Adler, Edward Miller

**Summary**

Trusted team DAVID A. ADLER and EDWARD MILLER continue their series of popular math books with a primer on money!

DAVID A. ADLER and EDWARD MILLER continue their series of award-winning math books with Money Math. American presidents guide children through concepts and equations in this lively introduction to currency values and adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing money. Topics covered include units of money in the American system, from pennies to dollars; the many ways these units combine to make a price; basic money symbols such as the dollar and cents signs; and the fraction math inherent in shopping. After reading Money Math, kids will be confident with their pocket change!

**Contributor Bio**

DAVID A. ADLER is a former math teacher and author of more than two hundred picture books, biographies, and mysteries for children.

EDWARD MILLER is a former children’s book art director. He illustrates a variety of products for kids in addition to books.

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**Illustrator Residence:** New York, NY
Trudy's Big Swim
How Gertrude Ederle Swam the English Channel and Took the World by Storm
Sue Macy, Matt Collins

Summary
On the morning of August 6, 1926, Gertrude Ederle stood in her bathing suit on the beach at Cape Gris-Nez, France, and faced the churning waves of the English Channel. Twenty-one miles across the perilous waterway, the English coastline beckoned. Lyrical text, stunning illustrations and fascinating back matter put the reader right alongside Ederle in her bid to be the first woman to swim the Channel—and contextualizes her record-smashing victory as a defining moment in sports history. Time line, bibliography, source notes.

Contributor Bio
Sue Macy has written many critically acclaimed books about sports and fearless women. She lives in Englewood, New Jersey. Visit her at www.suemacy.com.


Author Residence: Englewood, NJ

Illustrator Residence: Wilton, CT

Roller Derby Rivals
Sue Macy, Matt Collins

Summary
New York City, 1948. Midge “Toughie” Brasuhn is scrappy and lightning-quick. Gerry Murray is a gutsy glamour girl—and Toughie’s chief adversary. Their legendary high-speed, hard-hitting rivalry on the Roller Derby track is about to be witnessed by a packed arena and for the first time, thousands of television viewers. This fast-paced book tells the story of two remarkable athletes at the dawn of televised sports.

Contributor Bio
Sue Macy loves to write about sports and fearless women. Her books have been named ALA Notable Children’s Books and Best Books for Young Adults, Booklist Editor’s Choices, and New York Public Library Books for the Teen Age. She lives in Englewood, New Jersey. Visit her online at www.suemacy.com.


Author Residence: Englewood, NJ

Illustrator Residence: Wilton, CT
The Adventures of Hershel of Ostropol

Eric A. Kimmel, Trina Schart Hyman

Summary

Hershel of Ostropol can out-wit anyone! This funny collection of stories follows the celebrated Jewish folk hero as he gulls a stingy innkeeper, fierce bandits and even his own father. Quick-thinking, clever, and funny, the legendary Hershel of Ostropol is one of folklore’s greatest tricksters.

Author Eric A. Kimmel collected these stories growing up in Brooklyn, New York as well as from anthologies of Jewish folklore and oral histories.

A perfect gift for Hanukah, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and even graduations!

Kimmel writes in his forward, “These stories reflect the values and cultural traditions of the Jewish communities of Eastern Europe. However, one does not have to be Jewish to enjoy them. Hershel, like Coyote, Anansi, B’rer Rabbit, and Tyll Eulenspiegel, belongs to all of us.”

Caldecott-medalist Trina Schart Hyman’s beautifully detailed illustrations introduce each story and decorate the cover.

Kimmel and Schart Hyman also collaborated on the classic Caldecott Honor book Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins.

Contributor Bio

Eric A. Kimmel, known for his retellings of Jewish folktales, has published more than fifty children’s books, many of which have won state awards and appeared on school and library recommended lists. His many prestigious awards include the National Jewish Book Award and the Sydney Taylor Lifetime Achievement Award.

Trina Schart Hyman was a renowned illustrator best known for her fairy tale, medieval, and Arthurian art. She was awarded one Caldecott Medal, three Caldecott Honors, and the Golden Kite Award. Born in Philadelphia,

Genevieve’s War

Patricia Reilly Giff

Summary

In this companion to the Newbery Honor-winning Lily’s Crossing, thirteen-year-old Genevieve risks everything to defy the Nazis and join the French Resistance.

“It’s not always thinking of being happy. Doing the right thing will make you happy.”

Despite the farm-work and her irritable grandmother Memé, Genevieve thinks she may have found a new home in Alsace, France, where she spent the summer of 1939. Without much to return to in New York, Gen is ready to see if this new life will make her happy.

But then World War II erupts. The Nazis conquer France.

Now everyone in Alsace must speak German, act German, and think German—or else. Even worse, a cold Nazi officer has commandeered a room in Memé’s farmhouse—and he can tell that Gen and her grandmother aren’t loyal to the Reich.

But Gen won’t be cowed. And when her friend Rémy commits an act of sabotage, she hides him in the last place the Germans will look—in the attic, right above the Nazi’s head.

Contributor Bio

Patricia Reilly Giff is the author of many highly acclaimed books for children, including two Newbery Honor Books: Lily’s Crossing, which was also a Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor Book, and Pictures of Hollis Woods. Her works for younger readers include the Hunter Moran books. She lives in Connecticut.

Becca Stadtlander is an illustrator and fine artist. She is a graduate of the Maryland Institute College of Art and lives in Covington, Kentucky.

Author Residence: Trumbull, CT
**Super Women**
*Six Scientists Who Changed the World*
Laurie Lawlor

**Summary**
*Break through the glass ceiling with six incredible women whose scientific research changed the world.*

Katherine Coleman Johnson. Eugenie Clark. Marie Tharp. Gertrude Elion. Florence Hawley Ellis. Eleanor Margaret Burbidge. Acclaimed author Laurie Lawlor deftly paints portraits of each of these figures who refused to take no for an answer, pursuing their passions through fieldwork, observations, laboratories, and research vessels in the face of sexism, racism, and more. This diverse group of women, all with awe-inspiring accomplishments, were active mentors and determined people who wouldn't take no for an answer.

The beautifully written book includes key photographs, a glossary, and source notes.

A 2018 NSTA-CBC Outstanding Science Trade Book for Students K-12!

**Contributor Bio**

LAURIE LAWLOR'S books have appeared on many notable lists, including ALA Notable Children's Books, ALA Best Books for Young Adults and NCSS-CBC Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People. She lives and teaches in the Chicago metropolitan area.

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**Kiki and Jacques**
*A Refugee Story*
Susan Ross

**Summary**
*Can Kiki and Jacques be friends—or are they just too different?*

Life could be better for twelve-year-old Jacques. His mother just died, his father is jobless, and his grandmother's bridal store is on the verge of closing. At least he can look forward to the soccer season—after all, he's a shoo-in for captain. But the arrival of Somali refugees shakes up nearly everything in his French-American Maine town, even soccer.

Jacques isn’t the only star anymore—Mohamed is just as good as him, maybe better. School, church, sports...everything suddenly seems different. So Jacques is surprised to find himself becoming friends with Kiki, a smart, kind, and strong-minded Somali Muslim girl with a mysterious scar.

Can kids as seemingly different as Jacques and Kiki be friends? *Kiki and Jacques* offers a realistic and heartwarming portrait of a town learning to embrace its changing face.

**A Bank Street College Best Children’s Book of the Year**

**Contributor Bio**

Susan Ross is an author and writing teacher who divides her time between Connecticut and Maine. Susan grew up in an immigrant family in Lewiston-Auburn, Maine, and worked with refugee Somali teenagers in writing *Kiki and Jacques’* realistic portrayal of the experience of New Mainers in her childhood home.

**Author Hometown:** Lewiston, ME
Spliced
Jon McGoran

Summary

Sixteen-year-old Jimi knows people change, but nothing could prepare her for what’s about to happen to her best friend, Del.

Over the years, their friendship has been evolving—and Jimi is starting to wonder if they could become more than friends. But Del is obsessed with becoming a chimera: a person with animal features, achieved by splicing animal genes into their own DNA. It’s a dangerous and controversial process, provided illegally by back-alley doctors called genies.

The dramatic physical changes chimeras go through have scared lawmakers into drafting legislation to declare chimeras officially non-human—taking away all protections under the law. When Del goes missing, Jimi is desperate to find him before he alters himself forever.

To save him, Jimi must risk her life—all while knowing that if getting spliced is the choice Del has made, it means he’s leaving her behind forever. Unlikely allies and powerful enemies clash as Jimi questions her beliefs and uncovers closely-guarded secrets about her own past.

Set in a near-future society where technology is redefining what it means to ...

Contributor Bio

Jon McGoran has written several books for adults, including the D.H. Dublin series and the eco-thrillers Drift and Deadout, which Publishers Weekly called “outstanding” in a starred review. Jon McGoran is also a founding member of The Liars Club, a blog for and by writers. Spliced is his first book for young adults. He lives in Pennsylvania with his family.

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