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Author Residence: South Devon, England, UK

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Author Residence: South Devon, England, UK
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**Bicycles**  
Gail Gibbons

**Summary**

**Pedal away as you look at all types of bicycles.**

For the toddler that loves anything that moves, nearly 40 bicycles are depicted in this sturdy book by an award-winning children’s author. Notes about safety and always wearing a helmet are included.

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**Author Residence:** Corinth, VT

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**The Babysitter from Another Planet**  
Steven 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, in this board book edition of The Babysitter From Another Planet**

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. Now available as a board book!

**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.

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One of These Is Not Like the Others
Barney Saltzberg

Summary
One of these is not like that other—and that’s great! This gently subversive picture book points out—and celebrates!—the differences between subjects.

Barney Saltzberg’s hilarious and delightfully direct text and simple illustrations introduce children to the concept and splendor of inclusiveness, through recognizing who or what’s different on each spread and celebrating the unity as it is.

For example, the reader sees three cows and an elephant accompanied by the text “One of these is not like the other,” turn the page...and all four animals take part in an exuberant conga line and say ”that’s just fine with us”!

In a series of similar examples children are encouraged to notice both the similarities and differences between characters and celebrate both.

Barney Saltzberg’s picture book is a pointed and timely tribute to the power of inclusivity and as well as a riotous read-aloud.

Contributor Bio
Barney Saltzberg is the author of over 40 books for children, including Hug This Book, Beautiful Oops! and the bestselling Animal Kisses series, with over 800,000 copies in print. He’s recorded four albums of songs for children and lives in Los Angeles.

Author Residence: Los Angeles, CA

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Author Hometown: South Devon, England, UK
The Little Duckling Who Wouldn’t Get Wet
Gek Tessaro

Summary
Little Duckling will get wet - but only in its own time!
Fun animals help a little duckling find a strong sense of self in a perfect preschool read-aloud made with irresistible cut-paper art.

The little duckling wouldn’t get wet. No. Not yet. The little duckling isn’t ready, and no matter how many animal friends come along to try to push, only the duckling can decide when the time is right.

Introducing the little duckling’s story will encourage children to consider their own needs and help them gain the confidence to do things in their own time.

Author Gek Tessaro’s colorful art has a cut-paper style reminiscent of Eric Carle. Playful language in a patterned text interacts with the visuals to provide an engaging experience for any young reader, parent, teacher, or librarian.

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In My Garden
Charlotte Zolotow, Philip C. Stead

Summary
A little girl and her older friend poetically describe the garden as it changes through the seasons.

This quiet, intergenerational story pays homage to experiencing nature as a child and as an adult. The two friends watch the birds, fly a kite, plant flowers and play in the snow.

Two picture book giants, author/editor Charlotte Zolotow and author/illustrator Philip C. Stead collaborate across generations in this elegant retooling of Ms. Zolotow’s IN MY GARDEN, originally published in 1960, complete with delicate, colorful illustrations.

Contributor Bio
Famed Charlotte Zolotow (1915-2013) authored over seventy picture books, including Over And Over, illustrated by Garth Williams, and Mr. Rabbit And The Lovely Present, illustrated by Maurice Sendak. She was an editor, and later publisher at Harper & Row, and her own books were published by over twenty houses.

Philip C. Stead is the author of Caldecott medal A Sick Day For Amos Mcgee, illustrated by his wife, Erin E. Stead. He has written and illustrated many picture books including Hello, My Name is Ruby, Jonathan and the Big Blue Boat, All The Animals where I Live and Vernon is on His Way and A Home For Bird, which was on the Kirkus, Publishers Weekly, and Hornbook Fanfare lists for best Children’s books of 2012. Stead lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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What’s the Weather?
Shelley Rotner

Summary
It is hot outside? Why does it rain? Are tornados and twisters the same thing? The wonders of weather are explained to young children.

Photos of puffy clouds, dramatic storms, and rainbows alternate with buoyant portraits of a diverse group of children experiencing the natural world. Seasons, precipitation, wind, clouds, storms, and climate change are all introduced in a format that younger children can grasp from a trusted name in children’s nonfiction.

From the author-photographer behind the celebrated Hello Seasons! series, What’s the Weather? continues Shelley Rotner’s exploration of the world around us. Rotner has also worked as a National Geographic photographer and is a former kindergarten teacher. Back matter includes a statement from a climatologist and a thorough glossary.

Contributor Bio
Shelley Rotner is the author and photo-illustrator of more than thirty books, including Families. Her collaborations with Sheila M. Kelly include Shades of People, an ALA Notable Children’s Book, and her solo work includes Hello Spring!, which received a starred review from Kirkus Reviews. She lives in Northampton, MA.

Author Residence: Northampton, MA

Let’s Go to Taekwondo!
A Story About Persistence, Bravery, and Breaking Boards
Aram Kim

Summary
Yoomi wants a yellow belt. But she’s afraid to break the board. Grandma to the rescue!

Yoomi and her friends are ready to take on the test for their yellow belts in taekwondo. But Yoomi is afraid to break a board. Meanwhile, Grandma is struggling to learn something new, too.

But Yoomi and Grandma encourage and inspire each other. Yoomi discovers how, with persistence, focus, deep breathing, and above all, a loving Grandma, even the toughest challenges can be overcome.

This companion to No Kimchi for Me emphasizes self-confidence, determination, and the value of family. Backmatter about taekwondo, including some Korean vocabulary, is included.

Contributor Bio
Aram Kim is a New York-based illustrator and designer who grew up in South Korea. A graduate of the School of Visual Arts, she is the author of Cat on the Bus and No Kimchi for Me!, which was a Junior Library Guild selection and a Bank Street Best Children’s Book of the Year.

Author Residence: New York, NY
**Overground Railroad**
Lesa Cline-Ransome, James E. Ransome

**Summary**
Ruth Ellen's odyssey on the New York Bound Silver Meteor is the start of a new life up North that she can't begin to imagine in this gorgeously illustrated picture book.

In poems, illustrated with collage art, a perceptive girl tells the story of her train journey from North Carolina to New York City as part of the Great Migration. Each leg of the trip brings new revelations as scenes out the window of folks working in fields give way to the Delaware River, the curtain that separates the colored car is removed, and glimpses of the freedom and opportunity the family hopes to find come into view.

*Overground Railroad* offers a window into a child’s experience of the Great Migration from the award-winning creators behind *Finding Langston*, *Before She was Harriet*, *Benny Goodman & Teddy Wilson*, and *Just a Lucky So and So*.

**A Junior Library Guild Selection**

**Contributor Bio**
Lesa Cline-Ransome has written many books for children, including *Before She Was Harriet*, which received five starred reviews, a Coretta Scott King Honor, and a Christopher Award, and her debut middle grade novel *Finding Langston*, which received a Coretta Scott King Honor and five starred reviews. She lives in upstate New York with her husband and collaborator, illustrator James E. Ransome.

James E. Ransome’s numerous accolades include a Coretta Scott King Medal, two Coretta Scott King Honors, and an NAACP Image Award. He lives in upstate New York with his wife and collaborator, writer Lesa Cline-Ransome.

**Author Residence:** Rhinebeck, NY

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**Bear Goes Sugaring**
Maxwell Eaton, III

**Summary**
Learn how to make syrup the old fashioned way with the help of a friendly bear and her amusingly unhelpful accomplices Dog and Squirrel in this informative comics-style picture book.

Did you know that it takes forty gallons of sap to make one gallon of maple syrup? “How many pancakes can I eat with that gallon?” wonders Dog.

Every step of the process of making maple syrup is covered in this sweet (but never saccharine) informational picture book by Maxwell Eaton III, the creator of the popular “Truth About” series. It begins with Bear assembling the tools she’ll need for the project, continues with a discussion of the types of maples found in the area and why sugar maples are best for tapping, then on to drilling, tapping, evaporation and at the end of the process, real maple syrup and best of all, PANCAKES!

Along the way there are hilarious asides from increasingly ravenous Dog and Squirrel, making this a book as funny as it is informative. Helpful back matter and suggestions for further reading complete the package.

**A Junior Library Guild Selection**

**Contributor Bio**
Maxwell Eaton writes and illustrates The Truth About series, *Seriously Funny Facts About Your Favorite Animals*. This series includes *The Truth About Dolphins*, *The Truth About Hippos*, *The Truth About Elephants* and *The Truth About Bears* which received multiple starred reviews. He lives in the Adirondack Mountains of New York State.

**Author Residence:** New York
Sharks (New & Updated Edition)
Gail Gibbons

Summary
Are sharks really dangerous? How many kinds are there? And how do they help the environment?

From huge whale sharks to tiny dwarf sharks, this book has everything you need to know about one of our most popular—and mysterious—sea creatures. Millions of years before the first dinosaurs walked the earth, the first sharks swam in the sea. Though they’re often feared and misunderstood, most sharks aren’t dangerous to humans.

With her signature combination of accessible, kid-friendly text and clear, well-labeled illustrations, Gail Gibbons introduces many of the more than three hundred types of sharks in the ocean, and gives concise information about their habitats and physical characteristics.

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Author Residence: Corinth, VT

I Voted
Making a Choice Makes a Difference
Mark Shulman, Serge Bloch

Summary
With the next presidential election upon us, this witty, nonpartisan book will help explain the concept of voting to the youngest readers.

I Voted explains the concept of choosing, individually, and as a group, from making a simple choice: “Which do you like better, apples or oranges?”, to selecting a class pet, to even more complicated decisions, like electing community representatives.

You may not always get want you want, but there are strategies to better your odds!

Serge Bloch’s effortless and charming illustrations paired with Mark Shulman’s funny and timely text create a perfect resource for discussing current events with your children.

Backmatter includes information about the United States electoral process.

A Junior Library Guild Selection!

Contributor Bio
Mark Shulman has authored over 150 books. His debut novel Scrawl is an ALA/YALSA pick for Best Fiction for Young Adults title. Shulman’s most recent picture book is Mom and Dad are Palindromes. Shulman lives in New York City.

Serge Bloch is a society of Illustrators Gold Medal winner and the recipient of France’s Baobab Award. He illustrated Susie Morgenstern’s A Book of Coupons, named an ALA Batchelder Honor Book, and has written and illustrated numerous books for children and young adults including One Proud Penny written by Randy Siegel. He lives in Paris.
**Ohana Means Family**  
Ilima Loomis, Kenard Pak

**Summary**

Join the family, or ohana, as they farm taro for poi to prepare for a traditional luau celebration with a poetic text in the style of *The House That Jack Built*.

“This is the land that’s never been sold, where work the hands, so wise and old, that reach through the water, clear and cold, into the mud to pick the taro to make the poi for our ohana’s luau.”

Acclaimed illustrator and animator Kenard Pak’s light-filled, dramatic illustrations pair exquisitely with Ilima Loomis’ text to celebrate Hawaiian land and culture.

The backmatter includes a glossary of Hawaiian terms used, as well as an author’s note.

**Contributor Bio**

Ilima Loomis is an award-winning author and journalist who’s contributed to publications including Science, Science News for Students, and National Geographic Traveler. She is based on Maui, Hawaii.

Kenard Pak has illustrated several picture books, most recently, *The Fog* by Kyo Maclear and Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter which Pak both wrote and illustrated. He has worked as an artist on many films with Dreamworks, Walt Disney Feature Animation and Laika. Pak lives and works in San Francisco, California.

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**Illustrator Residence:** San Francisco, CA

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**Rabbits, Rabbits & More Rabbits (New & Updated Edition)**  
Gail Gibbons

**Summary**

There’s a lot more to these cuddly creatures than just being adorable!

Sure, they have fluffy coats and wiggly noses, but rabbits also have remarkable instincts which they need in order to detect and then escape from their enemies. They can see better in the dark than people. By thumping their powerful hind legs, they can warn one another that danger is near.

With colorful illustrations, diagrams, and unusual facts, award-winning science author Gail Gibbons shows young readers that there is much more to these cuddly creatures than meets the eye. The book includes instructions for caring for pet rabbits.

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**Author Residence:** Corinth, VT
Home Base
A Mother-Daughter Story
Nikki Tate, Katie Kath

Summary
In this empowering picture book perfect for young feminists, a gutsy baseball-playing girl and her bricklaying mom celebrate when love and hard work triumph over nerves.

A young pitcher steps up to the plate.

Girls and women aren't always welcome in the worlds of baseball and bricklaying. But with practice, the right gear, and a whole lot of determination, this intrepid mom and daughter thrive under pressure. Readers get to see their parallel narratives unfold in tandem, coming together at the end for a sweet reward: ice cream!

With fun, punchy writing and radiant illustrations, this touching story will be a hit for budding activists, kids who love sports, and the moms who cheer them on.

Contributor Bio
Nikki Tate was born in Birmingham, England, and spent her childhood roaming the globe. She is the author of more than three dozen books for children. Over the years, she’s worked as a book reviewer, a bookseller, a professional storyteller, and a farmer. Nikki’s home base is in the Rocky Mountains, but she loves to travel, particularly if she can find a rock to climb or an ocean to sail.

Katie Kath graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) with an MFA in illustration. Some of the books she’s illustrated for children include the Nora Notebooks series, by Claudia Mills. Her books have been recognized by folks like the Bank Street College of Education, the New York Public Library, the Children's Book Council, and the Junior Library Guild. Katie’s home base is in North Carolina, where she plays with her dog and cat, draws cartoons, and counts the days until Christmas.

Score One More
Marilyn Janovitz

Summary
An act of kindness on the soccer field. This book is perfect for new readers.

Some kids won’t let May play soccer, but one boy invites her to join his team. And when he has a chance to score a winning goal, he gives up his chance and passes the ball to May. Now May can experience the joy of victory!

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 again and again with their parents, teachers or on their own!

Leveling information for Score One More is still to come.

Contributor Bio
Marilyn Janovitz is the author and illustrator of I Will Try, an I Like to Read® book. She lives in New York City and works in a studio that looks out on the Empire State Building.

Author Residence: New York, NY
It Is a Tree
Susan Batori

Summary
Funny animals play a party game that’s both silly and thought-provoking. Perfect for new readers.

It is a tree. It is a wall. It is a snake. It is a fan.

A zebra, a giraffe, a turtle, and others play a party game. Blindfolded, they guess what’s in the room. Is it a wall? A rope? A fan? No. It’s an elephant!

This very easy-to-read story, based upon the ancient Indian parable about the blind men and the elephant, teaches point-of-view.

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Contributor Bio
Susan Batori lives in Budapest, Hungary, with her soul mate, Robert, and with her cat, Kamilla. She studied graphic design at the Hungarian Academy of Fine Arts, Budapest. She worked as an art director at an advertising agency; then she noticed that drawing hilarious characters was much more fun. Since 2013, Susan has been working as a freelance children’s book illustrator. Humor is the one thing in her studio that she could not live without.

Author Residence: Budapest, Hungary

Tomie dePaola's The Cloud Book
Tomie dePaola

Summary
You see, clouds are fun, silly, and very interesting.

Tomie dePaola—best-selling author of Strega Nona, Quiet, and many others—knows a lot about clouds. He also knows a lot about what people think of them.

Some people see animals and pictures in clouds. The ancient Greeks believed that Hermes, the messenger of the gods, once stole the sun’s cattle, which were clouds.

In this unique picture book, Tomie introduces some of the most common types of clouds, as well as the myths and legends inspired by their shapes. Simple, whimsical illustrations show the variations in shape and color that herald changes in the weather.

This book will tell you many things about clouds we bet you didn’t know. Filled with his signature humor and gentle illustrations, Tomie dePaola’s approach to nonfiction is like no other.

A Reading Rainbow book.

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
**Honeybee**
The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera
Candace Fleming, Eric Rohmann

**Summary**
Get up close and personal with Apis, one honeybee, as she embarks on her journey through life, complete with exquisitely detailed illustrations.

Beginning at birth, the honeybee emerges through the wax cap of her cell and is driven to protect and take care of her hive. She cleans the nursery and feeds the larvae and the queen. But is she strong enough to fly? Not yet!

She builds wax comb to store honey, and transfers pollen from other bees into the storage. She defends the hive from invaders. Apis accomplishes all of this before beginning her life outdoors as an adventurer, seeking nectar to bring back to her hive.

Candace Fleming and Eric Rohmann describe the life cycle of the hard-working honeybee in this poetically written, thoroughly researched picture book, similar in form and concept to the Sibert and Orbis Pictus award book *Giant Squid*, complete with stunning gatefold and an essay on the plight of honeybees.

**Contributor Bio**
Candace Fleming is the author of more than twenty distinguished books for children including *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia*, winner of, among other awards, the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award for Nonfiction, the NCTE Orbus Pictus Award and a Sibert Honor.

Eric Rohmann is the award-winning author and/or illustrator of many beloved books for children. He received a Caldecott Honor for *Time Flies* and a Caldecott medal for *My Friend Rabbit*.

Candace and Eric’s most recent collaborations are *Strongheart: Wonder Dog of the Silver Screen* as well as the popular “Bulldozer” books. They live in Chicago, Illinois.

**Author Residence:** Chicago, IL

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**Vera Vance: Comics Star**
Claudia Mills, Grace Zong

**Summary**
Third grader Vera Vance has signed up for the comics camp after-school program, but her mother would much rather she focus on academics, athletics, music…*anything* but comics!

Vera loves all things comic books, so she can’t wait for the comics after-school class to start—even though her mother wonders whether it’s educational enough. But Vera is determined to participate, and starts developing her own comic about Big Spoon and Little Spoon with the encouragement of her enthusiastic friend Nixie and instruction from teachers who are accomplished cartoonists themselves.

As the weeks go by, the after-school teachers announce that for the final class, students will go on a field trip to a local comic-con—and they can even enter a page from their comics in a contest that will be judged there! Vera isn’t surprised when her mother says she can’t go. But maybe Big Spoon and Little Spoon can convince her mother to accept her passion.

**Vera Vance: Comics Star** follows *Nixie Ness: Cooking Star* in the After-School Superstars chapter book series. Perfect for fans of *Judy Moody, Ivy and Bean*, and *Clement*...

**Contributor Bio**
Claudia Mills has written many children's books including *7 x 9 = Trouble!*, the Franklin School Friends series, and the Mason Dixon series, among other chapter books and books for middle-grade readers. She lives in Boulder, Colorado. [www.claudiamillsauthor.com](http://www.claudiamillsauthor.com)

Grace Zong has illustrated many books for children, including *Our Food: A Healthy Serving of Science and Poems* by Grace Lin, *Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas* by Natasha Yim, *Pippa and Percival, Pancake and Poppy: Four Peppy Puppies* by Deborah Diesen, and *Mrs. McBee Leaves Room 3* by Gretchen Brandenburg McLellan. She divides her time between South Korea and New York.

**Author Residence:** Boulder, Colorado.
**Blue Daisy**
Helen Frost, Rob Shepperson

**Summary**
Sam and Katie find a stray dog and make a big mistake, but it’s hard to make amends—how can you apologize to a dog?

A dirty, skinny, dog shows up in Sam and Katie’s neighborhood. They start to follow it, and they don’t like what they see: The Wilson sisters yell at it because it goes in their garden and the Tracy twins chase it on their bikes and throw things at it.

Sam and Katie want the dog to know they’ll be its friends. They think it should have a name. Most of all, they want it to like them. But then they do something thoughtless, and after that, it’s hard to make things right, especially because the dog now won’t come near them.

How they earn the dog’s trust, help it find its place in their town and how it gets its name, makes for a heartwarming story told in two voices using prose and poetry. Blue Daisy is illustrated with 20 black-and-white illustrations and includes recipes for dog biscuits and snickerdoodles.

**Contributor Bio**
Helen Frost is an award-winning children’s book author, playwright, and poet. She has written many award-winning books for children and young adults and her young-adult novel *Keeshा’s House* was a Michael L. Printz Honor Book. Her most recent book for younger children is *Applesauce Weather*. Ms. Frost lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana. www.helenfrost.net


**Author Residence:** Fort Wayne, IN

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**The Littlest Voyageur**
Margi Preus, Cheryl Pilgrim

**Summary**
A red squirrel, Jean Pierre Petit Le Rouge, stows away on a canoe to fulfill his dream of joining a group of voyageurs—men who paddle canoes filled with goods to a trading post thousands of miles away.

It is 1792 and unbeknownst to a group of voyageurs traveling from Montreal to Grand Portage, an intrepid squirrel, Jean Pierre Petit Le Rouge, sneaks onto their canoe. Le Rouge is soon discovered because he can’t contain his excitement—*mon dieu* he is so enthusiastic. The smells! The vistas! The comradeship! The voyageurs are not particularly happy to have him, especially because Le Rouge rides, but he does not paddle. He eats, but he does not cook. He doesn’t even carry anything on portages—sometimes it is he who has to be carried. He also has a terrible singing voice. What kind of voyageur is that?

When they finally arrive at the trading post Le Rouge is in for a terrible shock—the voyageurs have traveled all those miles to collect beaver pelts. With the help of Monique, a smart and sweet flying squirrel, Le Rouge organizes his fur-bearing friends of the forest to ambush the men and try a...

**Contributor Bio**
Margi Preus is a New York Times bestselling author of several books for young readers, including the Newbery Honor book *Heart of A Samurai*. Her most recent books include *Shadow on the Mountain*, and the picture book *Celebritrees: Historic and Famous Trees of the World*, illustrated by Rebecca Gibbon. Ms. Preus lives in Duluth, Minnesota. www.margiepreus.com

Cheryl Pilgrim is an illustrator and public school art teacher. She recently wrote and illustrated the picture book *Big and Little: A Story Of Opposites*. She lives near Houston, Texas. www.cherylpilgrim.com

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Dive In: Swim With Sea Creatures at Their Actual Size
Roxie Munro

Summary
A scuba diver encounters exquisite coral reef creatures in this clever introduction, which includes a gatefold of a reef shark, to one of world’s most alluring—and threatened—habitats.

Luminous spreads of true-to-size sea life, from a brilliantly colored rainbow parrotfish to a venomous southern stingray, and a surprise gatefold fit together into one scene in this meticulously illustrated nonfiction picture book.

Accompanying the vibrant artwork are descriptions of the 29 creatures that reveal their intriguing habits and more about the Caribbean coral reef they call home. A key included in the back matter shows how the pages smartly fit together. An index, a map, and a section on protecting coral reefs are also included. Budding conservationists will love learning about this vital ecosystem of coral reefs around the world.

Contributor Bio
Roxie Munro has written and illustrated more than 40 books for children, including Rodent Rascals, which received three starred reviews. Munro speaks widely at educational conferences on the topic of learning and gamification. She is also the creator of several award-winning apps for children. She lives in New York, NY.

Author Residence: New York, NY

Peter’s War: A Boy’s True Story of Survival in World War II Europe
Karen Gray Ruelle, Deborah Durland DeSaix

Summary
The harrowing true story of a German-Jewish boy who had to survive World War II on his own, separated from his parents as they fled the Holocaust.

As Hitler overran Europe in the 1930s, Peter Feigl’s family escaped from Germany to Czechoslovakia, then Austria, Belgium, and finally France. They were desperate to stay one step ahead of the Nazis and their concentration camps.

But in 1942, when twelve-year-old Peter and his family tried to disappear in the Southern Zone of France, his parents were arrested. Peter was alone, a spirited child coming of age in hiding during the worst war in modern history. This book follows his incredible journey for survival, and his efforts as a secret resistance fighter.

Beautifully illustrated in a scrapbook-style format, the text includes source notes, a bibliography, and index. There are personal accounts threaded throughout, thanks to a diary Peter kept, and interviews the authors conducted with him as an adult. Peter’s persistence, documented by a trusted and critically acclaimed nonfiction duo, will inspire young readers.

Contributor Bio
Karen Gray Ruelle is a former librarian turned full-time author and illustrator of children's books. Her books include the Harry and Emily easy readers, as well as picture books and nonfiction. Hidden on the Mountain, cowritten with Deborah Durland DeSaix, was a Sydney Taylor Notable Book and received a starred review from Kirkus Reviews. She lives in New York City.

Deborah Durland DeSaix is a former college professor who now devotes her time to painting, ceramics, and writing. Hidden on the Mountain, cowritten with Karen Gray Ruelle, was a Sydney Taylor Notable Book and received a starred review from Kirkus Reviews. She lives in Lisbon, Portugal.
### The Postman From Space
Guillaume Perreault

**Summary**
A postman’s routine turns into an oddball cosmic adventure when he starts a new route in the far reaches of the galaxy.

Bob is a dedicated and deadpan mail carrier who remains unfazed when assigned a new postal route that takes his space ship to surprising planets. One is shaped like a bone and full of cosmic dogs who can’t wait to get a tasty bite out of a postman.

The colorful art features extraterrestrials, from a giant blue farmer to a small cactus-like creature, and cinematic views of awe-inspiring alien landscapes. Bob’s adventures to make his five deliveries are as harrowing as they are hilarious in this award-winning graphic novel, perfect for fans of Jeff Smith’s Bone comics.

**Contributor Bio**
Guillaume Perreault is an illustrator, children’s picture book artist, graphic novelist, and advertising artist who has created art for the National Gallery of Canada, Keurig, OWL Magazine, and more. He lives in Gatineau, Quebec, Canada.

**Author Residence:** Gatineau, Quebec, Canada

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### Leaving Lymon
Lesa Cline-Ransome

**Summary**
Behind every bad boy is a story worth hearing and at least one chance for redemption. It’s 1946 and Lymon, uprooted from his life in the Deep South and moved up North, needs that chance.

Lymon’s father is, for the time being, at Parchman Farm—the Mississippi State Penitentiary—and his mother, whom he doesn’t remember all that much, has moved North. Fortunately, Lymon is being raised by his loving grandparents. Together, Lymon and his grandpops share a love of music, spending late summer nights playing the guitar.

But Lymon’s world as he knows it is about to dissolve. He will be sent on a journey to two Northern cities far from the country life he loves—and the version of himself he knows. In this companion novel to the Coretta Scott King Honor wining *Finding Langston*, readers will see a new side of the bully Lymon in this story of an angry boy whose raw talent, resilience, and devotion to music help point him in a new direction.

**Contributor Bio**
Lesa Cline-Ransome is the author of almost twenty books for young readers. Her work has received a plethora of honors, including dozens of starred reviews, NAACP Image Award nominations, Coretta Scott King Honors, and a Christopher Award, and has been named to ALA Notable Books and Bank Street Best Children’s Books lists. She lives in Rhinebeck, NY, with her husband and collaborator James E. Ransome.

**Author Residence:** Rhinebeck, NY
Middle School Bites
Steven Banks, Mark Fearing

Summary
Tom is desperate to fit in at school, but he’s hungry and howling, not to mention half dead. Blame it on the vampire - and the werewolf - and the zombie - in this monstrously funny new series from SpongeBob SquarePants head writer Steven Banks.

“Fast! Funny! Fresh!” - Chris Grabenstein, #1 New York Times best-selling author of the Mr. Lemoncello’s Library series


Thanks to a series of unfortunate bites, eleven-year-old Tom is a triple threat: he’s a Vam-Wolf-Zom. And just in time for the first day of middle school. So much for his Invisible Tom Plan. He never thought to make a What If I Turn Into A Vampire Werewolf Zombie Plan. Maybe it’s time for a Run Away and Live Somewhere Else Plan?

With the help of his irrepressible best friend, Zeke, Tom tries to accept his future. Zeke thinks being a Vam-Wolf-Zom sounds EXCELLENT! (Zeke thinks everything sounds EXCELLENT!) At least he’ll be able to stand up to the sixth-grade bully. The question is will the rest of...

Contributor Bio
Steven Banks is a writer who received an Emmy nomination as head writer on SpongeBob SquarePants, wrote for The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron and CatDog, has appeared on TV shows like Penn & Teller’s Fool Us, attended Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Clown College, wrote a book called King of the Creeps, co-created the international theater sensation Shadowland, and lives in California with his wife. He was once bitten by a donkey, but did not turn into a Donkey Man.

Mark Fearing has never been bitten by a werewolf, a zombie, or a vampire. But he was bitten by the creative

Itch
Polly Farquhar

Summary
A book about the lengths to which a kid will go to fit in in sixth grade, perfect for fans of See You in the Cosmos and Fish in a Tree.

After a tornado tears the roof of the school cafeteria, and Itch’s mother goes on a two-month business trip in China, Itch’s sixth grade year begins badly—particularly because he can’t do fractions. At least he has his job at the pheasant farm, and the guys at school and Sydney to hang out with when he’s not working. But when trading school lunches goes wrong and Sydney gets rushed away in an ambulance, Itch thinks it’s his fault. When you suddenly don't have any friends, would you do anything—even things that are wrong—to get them back?

This novel by a debut author, set in the Ohio heartland, captures the issues and feelings of being in middle school in a warm, humorous, and above all, recognizable, way.

Contributor Bio
Polly Farquhar earned her MFA in Creative Writing from Ohio State University and her short stories have been published in literary magazines such as Prairie Schooner and the Mid-American Review. She is also the recipient of two Individual Artists Grants from the Ohio Arts Council. She resides with her husband and young daughters in the Columbus, Ohio area. Like Itch, Polly has an idiopathic angioedema and her daughters have managed life-threatening food allergies.

Author Residence: Columbus, OH
**Big Red (75th Anniversary Edition)**
Jim Kjelgaard, Bob Kuhn

**Summary**

* A devoted, courageous dog always stands by the boy who loves him in this genuine classic, in print for 75 years.

* "A timeless, not-to-be-missed classic."—Katherine Applegate, Newbery Award winning author of *The One and Only Ivan*

* Before *Old Yeller* or *Where the Red Fern Grows*, there was *Big Red*, the classic boy-and-dog story of adventure and friendship in the wild mountains of Pennsylvania.

Danny knows at a glance that Red, the big Irish setter, is the dog he has always dreamed of. But Red is a champion, and Danny is only a trapper's son who lives in a cabin on the mountain. Still, their bond is undeniable. Red is fast and strong, smart and noble, and incredibly loyal—when Danny twists his ankle and can't get home, Red stays by him all night, keeping a wildcat at bay.

Soon Danny and Red are meeting nature on their own terms, enduring a blizzard and even facing down a wolverine. But can Danny and Red take on the enemy that threatens everyone on the mountain—the savage bear they call Old Majesty?

This special hardcover anniversary edition has a printed case featuring the original artwork from ...

**Contributor Bio**

Born in 1910, Jim Kjelgaard grew up in the Black Forest region of Pennsylvania, which became the setting for many of his books (he called it "the Wintapi region"), including *Big Red*. In the 1940s and 50s he authored more than 40 books for middle grade readers, making him one of the most influential children's authors of the era. He died in 1959.

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**Give Us the Vote!**
Over Two Hundred Years of Fighting for the Ballot
Susan Goldman Rubin

**Summary**

* The corruption, activism, heroic efforts, and ongoing struggles for the right to vote are chronicled by an award-winning nonfiction author.

For over 200 years, people have marched, gone to jail, risked their lives, and even died trying to get the right to vote in the United States. Others, hungry to acquire or hold onto power, have gone to extraordinary lengths to prevent people from casting ballots or outright stolen votes and sometimes entire elections.

Perfect for students who want to know more about voting rights, this nonfiction book contains an extensive view of suffrage from the Founding Fathers to the 19th Amendment to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to today’s voter suppression controversies, and explains the barriers people of color, Indigenous people, and immigrants face. Back matter includes a bibliography, source notes, texts of the Constitution and amendments, a timeline, and an index.

**Contributor Bio**

Susan Goldman Rubin is the author of more than thirty-five books for children. Her *Freedom Summer: The 1964 Struggle for Civil Rights in Mississippi* was an ALA Notable Book, a Booklist Editor's Choice, and a Golden Kite Honor Award recipient. Other titles have been Golden Kite winners and honor books, NCTE Orvis Pictus Honor books, Sydney Taylor winner and honor books, ALA Notable books, and National Jewish Book Award finalists. She lives in Malibu, CA.
**Palace of Silver**  
A Nissera Novel  
Hannah West

**Summary**
Two queens confront the ultimate choice as a rebellion emerges against a dangerous despot - and both sides want them dead. When the world of magic is under threat, is loyalty worth their lives? Wickedness awaits in this exhilarating installment in the acclaimed Nissera Chronicles.

Return to Nissera, land of three kingdoms and home to spectacular magic. An uneasy peace reigns now that Valory has vanquished the Moth King and settled into her rightful place as queen of Calgoran. New leaders Glisette and Kadri hope to usher the neighboring kingdoms into an era of healing and prosperity. All should be well.

But there’s a fourth queen in charge: Ambrosine, banished overseas to Perispos. Driven by vanity, she vows to become the most powerful and beautiful ruler in the world, even if it means oppressing the mortal kingdom she is meant to protect. Meanwhile a dangerous uprising led by elicromancer-hating rebels gains momentum. Rot spreads through the Forest of the West Fringe. Valory goes missing. Facing enemies on all sides, Glisette and Kadri must reckon with the role of magic. How far will t...

**Contributor Bio**
Hannah West’s debut novel, *Kingdom of Ash and Briars*, received a starred review from *Kirkus Reviews* and was named one of their Best Teen Books of the Year. Inspired by fairy tale castles and snowy winter days, Hannah began writing the book as a college junior studying abroad in France. *Palace of Silver* is her third novel in the Nissera Chronicles. She lives in Texas with her husband, Vince, and their two rambunctious but lovable dogs. Visit her at www.hannahwestauthor.com and on Twitter and Instagram @hannahwestya.

**Author Residence:** Texas
New in Paperback
No Kimchi For Me!
Aram Kim

Summary
Yoomi loves Grandma’s cooking—except for stinky, spicy kimchi, the pickled cabbage condiment served at Korean meals.

"You can’t eat it because you’re a baby,” her brothers tease. And they don’t play with babies. Determined to prove she’s not a baby, Yoomi tries to find a way to make kimchi taste better—but not even ice cream can help. Luckily, Grandma has a good idea, and soon everyone has a new food to enjoy.

Celebrating family, food, and growing up, this story about a Korean-American family will appeal to picky eaters and budding foodies alike. Aram Kim’s lively art is filled with expressive characters and meticulous details—and of course, mouth-watering illustrations of traditional Korean dishes and ingredients.

Backmatter includes information about kimchi and how it’s made, and best of all, a recipe for Grandma’s kimchi pancakes to try yourself!

For more about Yoomi and her family, don’t miss Let’s Go to Taekwondo! by Aram Kim.

A Junior Library Guild Selection!

Contributor Bio
Aram Kim was born in Cincinnati, raised in South Korea, and currently lives in New York City. A graduate of Yonsei University in Seoul and the School of Visual Arts in New York, Aram is the author and illustrator of Cat on the Bus, her first picture book.

Author Residence: New York, NY

Author Hometown: South Korea
**Flowers**
Gail Gibbons

**Summary**
Introduce children to the lush world of plant life and anatomy with this visual feast packed with early science concepts.

Sweet-smelling violets, delicate roses, and vibrant tulips! This profusely illustrated, nonfiction introduction to the basics and life cycle of flowers—including common regional species, flowers’ habitable range, basic flower care and cultivation, and flower anatomy and pollination—is clearly and stunningly presented with diagrams and labels for young readers.

Beloved by educators, nonfiction superstar Gail Gibbons has covered seeds, farming, vegetables, fruits, and much more for children. According to the *Washington Post*, “Gail Gibbons has taught more preschoolers and early readers about the world than any other children’s writer-illustrator.”

This title is part of the Explore the World...with Gail Gibbons series, which promotes active learning, good citizenship, and student leadership.

**Contributor Bio**
According to the *Washington Post*, Gail Gibbons "has taught more preschoolers and early readers about the world than any other children's writer-illustrator." The multi award-winning Ms. Gibbons is the author of more than 100 books for young readers, including the bestselling titles *From Seed to Plant* and *Monarch Butterfly*. Her many honors include the Regina Medal, the Washington Post/Children's Book Guild Nonfiction Award and the NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book Award.

**Author Residence:** Corinth, VT

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**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.

According to *The Washington Post*, Gail Gibbons, “has taught more preschoolers and early readers about the world than any other children’s writer-illustrator.” She has published more than 100 informational titles, all fully vetted by experts,. Her many honors include *The Washington Post/Children’s Book Guild Nonfiction Award* and *The NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book Award*.

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**Author Hometown:** Corinth, VT
# Toe Shoe Mouse

Jan Carr, Jennifer Bell

## Summary

**When he takes shelter in a theater, a young mouse meets a prima ballerina and learns that he was born to dance.**

After barely escaping a hungry cat, the mouse is startled to find a grand old theater, brightly lit and filled with music. Enchanted by the sound, he finds himself inspired to dance. He sets to work finding a spot where the humans of the theater won't trouble him, determined to make this place his new home.

But when he discovers a cozy, wool-lined satin bed—a ballerina’s toe shoe—the tiny creature also finds a new friend. Céleste, the ballerina, names him Tendu and offers him a safe place to settle—and a new dance partner to practice with!

With softly colored illustrations, Jennifer Bell’s mouse-eye view of the theater is luxuriously detailed, from the ornate chandeliers to the carefully-organized clutter of the costume department to the rose wallpaper of the dancer’s dressing room. The cozy warmth of Tendu’s new home is as irresistible as the tiny bow-bedecked dancer himself.

Filled with all the drama of a ballet, this story is perfect for aspiring dancers.

## Contributor Bio

**Jan Carr** is the author of more than 50 books for children, including *Greedy Apostrophe* and *Sweet Hearts*. Throughout her career she has worked as a teacher, a film editor, and a children’s book editor. She lives in New York City, and has written numerous articles about theater and dance. Her website is [www.jancarr.net](http://www.jancarr.net)

Jennifer A. Bell is an illustrator of picture books, as well as greeting cards and magazines. She studied fine arts at the Columbus College of Art and Design. Jennifer lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with her husband and son. Find her online at [www.jenniferabell.com](http://www.jenniferabell.com/)

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# I Am Just Right

David McPhail

## Summary

**The boy in this book is growing and changing—just like you! Self-acceptance and change are celebrated when a child gives up babyish ways and becomes a "big boy!"**

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. He is just right!

Delightful illustrations by David McPhail make this confidence-building picture book just right for preschoolers and kindergarteners.

A celebration of self-acceptance, growth, and change!

## 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
Hello Summer!
Shelley Rotner

Summary
Celebrate the quintessential moments of summer with gorgeous photographs taken by a National Geographic photographer.

From the last day of school to catching waves at the beach, young readers will love poring over images of kids just like them enjoying warm-weather activities. The changes that plants, animals, and the environment undergo during this beloved season are also masterfully documented for readers in need of an engaging introduction to STEM topics.

This fourth and final book in the award-winning author’s well-reviewed Hello Seasons series is the bridge children need to take them from the last blush of spring 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

Noodleheads Find Something Fishy
Tedd Arnold, Martha Hamilton, Mitch Weiss

Summary
Can a toy boat grow into a real boat? Mac and Mac think so. You’ll laugh out loud at the funny adventures in this comic-style book.

Mac and Mac, as gullible as ever, decide that since fish live in schools, they must be smart. The fish in this funny story certainly are smart enough to outwit Mac and Mac—and so is their friend Meatball, who shows them how to get a bigger boat. But there’s something fishy about his suggestion...

Illustrated by Tedd Arnold, whose Fly Guy series is a kid favorite, this graphic novel is perfect for comic fans and reluctant readers, with short, funny chapters following Mac and Mac through ridiculous adventures. Full of wordplay, jokes, and slapstick humor, the Noodleheads series is sure to delight.

Based on traditional world folktales and stories of fools, the Noodleheads encourage critical thinking. The books invite kids to use their noodles by spotting the holes in the brothers’ grand plans and anticipating how things will go awry.

Source notes from professional storytellers Martha Hamilton and Mitch Weiss provide more information about the traditional stories t...

Contributor Bio
Martha Hamilton and Mitch Weiss are the acclaimed storyteller team known as Beauty & the Beast Storytellers. They have won an Irma Simonton Black Award for Excellence in Children’s Literature, two Storytelling World Awards, and an Anne Izard Storytellers’ Choice Award.

With more than 20 million books in print, Tedd Arnold is the best-selling author-illustrator of No Jumping on the Bed, Parts, Rat Life, and the Fly Guy series, including two Theodor Seuss Geisel Award Honor books.

Author Residence: Elmira, NY/Hawthorne, FL (Tedd); Ithaca, NY (Martha/Mitch)
**Snarf Attack, Underfoodle, and the Secret of Life**
Mary Amato, Ethan Long

**Summary**

**Riot Brother Rule Number One: Make something exciting happen every day.**

It’s no easy task, but Wilbur and Orville Riot are up to the challenge. Whether it’s catching a bank robber, finding hidden treasure while cleaning the house, or overthrowing a wicked king, the Riot brothers are clever, resourceful, and just plain funny. They sing songs, make up games, and always come out on top in the end...in spite of a few bumps along the way.

The inventive, energetic brothers have a warm sibling relationship (even when they’re trying to make each other snarf milk out of their noses), and though they get called into the Principal’s office now and then, the trouble they make is always in good fun. Plus, she’s their mom, so she always gives them a ride home. Not a bad end to an exciting day.

The short chapters make great bedtime reads—though beware! You might be tempted to stay up all night playing Underfoodle or the Frying-Pan Game.

With lots of puns and just the right amount of gross-out humor, this updated edition contains three stories about the Riot Brothers, plus lists, lists, and more li...

**Contributor Bio**

Mary Amato is an award-winning children’s book author, poet, playwright, and songwriter. Her books have been translated into foreign languages, optioned for television, produced onstage, and nominated for the children’s choice awards in many states. She lives in Maryland.

Ethan Long has written and illustrated dozens of children’s books. His accolades include a Theodor Seuss Geisel Medal. He lives in Florida.

**Author Residence:** Hyattsville, MD

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**Drooling and Dangerous**
Mary Amato, Ethan Long

**Summary**

Orville and Wilbur Riot have never been strangers to adventure, and according to Riot Brother Rule #15, You can’t do the same mission twice. So now they’re back with more games, more missions, and loads more fun. One day they are spies on the trail of dangerous criminals, the next they are movie stars in the making. But whether they’re flinging insects while playing Bye-Bye Buggie or switching everything imaginable around for their [D]witch [S]ay, one thing is for sure: You’ll never catch these brothers with nothing to do. After all, as the Riot Brothers say, A bad day is like bad breath. It just gets worse unless you do something about it.

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Ethan Long has written and illustrated dozens of children’s books. His accolades include a Theodor Seuss Geisel Medal. He lives in Florida.

**Author Residence:** Hyattsville, MD

**Illustrator Residence:** Orlando, FL
**Light Waves**
David A. Adler, Anna Raff

**Summary**
Equip the next generation of scientists with the physics facts they need to know from one of the most trusted names in STEM books for children.

David A. Adler’s kid-friendly introduction to the physics of light covers the basics of solar energy, the electromagnetic spectrum, photon particles, light scattering, and reflection and refraction. Readers will follow along as two children and a cow in a lab coat learn how light works in realistic and imaginative scenarios.

Anna Raff’s bright, humorous illustrations make an intimidating topic accessible and fun. Hands-on activities demonstrate how light travels and how to bend light yourself, whether at home or in the classroom.

Named a finalist for the AAAS/Subaru SB&F Prize for Excellence in Science Books in the Children’s category. A must-have book for all self-professed science nerds!

**Contributor Bio**
David A. Adler is a former math teacher and author of more than two hundred books for children. He has collaborated on several science picture books with Anna Raff, including *Things That Float and Things That Don’t* and *Light Waves*, a finalist for the SB&F Prize for Excellence in Science Books. He is also the author of the Picture Book Biography series, the Cam Jansen mystery series, as well as books on math and history. He lives in New York.

Anna Raff is an award-winning illustrator of children’s books. She illustrated David A. Adler’s *Simple Machines* and *Things That Float and Things That Don’t*, which received starred reviews from both *Booklist* and *Publishers Weekly*. She lives in New York City.

**Author Residence:** Long Island, NY

Anna Raff is an award-winning illustrator of children’s books. She illustrated David A. Adler's *Simple Machines*

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**News from Me, Lucy McGee**
Mary Amato, Jessica Meserve

**Summary**
When the coolest girl in the class invites you to her exclusive after-school club, how can you say no? Even if it means skipping out on Songwriting Club? Even if she’s always been too popular to give you the time of day? Even if she asks you to paint the walls and serve the tea…?

Soon Lucy McGee realizes she’s been tricked into becoming mean girl Scarlett Tandy’s errand girl—and she’s getting in trouble for skipping her after-school activities. Things get complicated as she tries to balance school, friends, frenemies, songwriting, and family expectations. Clearly Lucy has to strike back! But it turns out that singing and playing your ukulele—and having loads of fun doing it—are the best revenge.

In this new series from state-award favorite Mary Amato, a spunky heroine matches wits with a mean girl and learns that middle can be a balancing act—so you can’t lose sight of what’s important.

This heavily-illustrated chapter book features a durable paper-over-board cover, three of Lucy’s songs, and a sneak peek of Book Two, Sing With Me, Lucy McGee!

**Contributor Bio**
Mary Amato writes fiction for children, such as the hilarious Riot Brothers series, but she is also a singer-songwriter who performs in the Washington D.C. area. Her music can be heard on SoundCloud. In addition, she is a co-founder of Firefly Shadow Theater, a puppet company for which she writes and directs shows. Her novels have appeared on children’s choice state award lists around the country. She lives in Hyattsville, Maryland.

Jessica Meserve has written and illustrated her own picture books, including *Small Sister*. She illustrated the Daisy Dawson series by Steve Voake as well as other books that have been published in the US and UK. She was born in Maine and lives in England.
Sing With Me, Lucy McGee
Mary Amato, Jessica Meserve

Summary
Lucy McGee and Phillip Lee know they have just the song to win big the talent show, which attracts the attention of the ever-scheming Scarlett in this next installment of the generously illustrated Lucy McGee series.

The Songwriting Club at Slido Creek Elementary is going strong with Lucy and Phillip collaborating on new songs, playing the ukulele, and adding new friends to the group. But when Scarlett tries to pass off their hard work as her own, some hurtful words are exchanged, leaving Lucy, Scarlett, and Phillip looking at themselves differently. Is Lucy’s hair too flat? Scarlett too tall? Phillip too short?

The members of the Songwriting Club will have to make amends before the night of the big talent show, if they still want to pull off a win. Short chapters filled with charming artwork on every spread make this a perfect pick for aspiring musicians and fans of Ivy & Bean and Junie B. Jones.

Back matter includes song lyrics and ukulele chords to encourage readers to play along and improvise.

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Author Residence: Hyattsville, MD

Nixie Ness: Cooking Star
Claudia Mills, Grace Zong

Summary
Best friends Nixie and Grace spend every afternoon together...until Nixie’s mom gets a new job and Nixie must attend the after-school program, without Grace.

Third graders Nixie Ness and Grace Kenny have been best friends since they were two-years-old. They have always spent every afternoon after school at Nixie’s house until Nixie’s mom announces that she has a job, which means she won’t be there to watch the girls after school, which means Nixie will have to go to the after-school program and Grace will be spending her afternoons at their classmate, Elyse’s, house.

Nixie begrudgingly starts the after-school program, joining the cooking camp. And it turns out that the other children at cooking camp are nice, and the recipes they make are delicious. But Nixie can’t really enjoy being an after-school superstar until she finds a way to overcome her jealousy about Grace and Elyse’s budding friendship.

Perfect for fans of Judy Moody, Ivy and Bean, and Clementine, this new chapter book series features recurring characters, and each book will highlight one activity they do at their after-school...

Contributor Bio
Claudia Mills has written many children’s books, 7 x 9 = Trouble!, the Franklin School Friends series, and the Mason Dixon series, among other chapter books and books for middle-grade readers. She lives in Boulder, Colorado.

Grace Zong has illustrated many books for children, including Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas by Natasha Yim, Pippa and Percival, Pancake and Poppy: Four Peppy Puppies by Deborah Diesen, and Mrs. McBee Leaves Room 3 by Gretchen Brandenburg McLellan. She divides her time between South Korea and New York.

Author Residence: Boulder, CO
**The Postman From Space**
Guillaume Perreault

**Summary**
A postman’s routine turns into an oddball cosmic adventure when he starts a new route in the far reaches of the galaxy.

Bob is a dedicated and deadpan mail carrier who remains unfazed when assigned a new postal route that takes his space ship to surprising planets. One is shaped like a bone and full of cosmic dogs who can’t wait to get a tasty bite out of a postman.

The colorful art features extraterrestrials, from a giant blue farmer to a small cactus-like creature, and cinematic views of awe-inspiring alien landscapes. Bob’s adventures to make his five deliveries are as harrowing as they are hilarious in this award-winning graphic novel, perfect for fans of Jeff Smith’s Bone comics.

**Contributor Bio**
Guillaume Perreault is an illustrator, children’s picture book artist, graphic novelist, and advertising artist who has created art for the National Gallery of Canada, Keurig, OWL Magazine, and more. He lives in Gatineau, Quebec, Canada.

**Author Residence:** Gatineau, Quebec, Canada

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**Island War**
Patricia Reilly Giff

**Summary**
It’s 1942 and on the Aleutian Islands off Alaska, two young Americans must evade capture by Axis soldiers. Will they survive through the winter?

Told in alternating chapters, this middle grade novel follows 11-year-old Izzy and 14-year-old Matt as they find a way to put aside their differences and work together after their parents and neighbors are relocated to camps in Japan and they are left alone. With a long winter ahead of them, the pair will have to watch out for Axis soldiers and Allied bombing raids—and keep the village dog from giving them away.

Two-time Newbery Honor author Patricia Reilly Giff has crafted a thrilling story of survival and cooperation set during a little-known episode in World War II, perfect for fans of historical fiction.

**Contributor Bio**
Patricia Reilly Giff is the winner of two Newbery Honor Awards, for *Lily’s Crossing* and *Pictures of Hollis Woods*. Some of her other middle grade novels include *Genevieve’s War*, winner of the Christopher Award, *Nory Ryan’s Song*, an ALA Notable Book, and *Eleven*. Her Kids of the Polk Street School series remain a popular chapter book mainstay. She taught in New York City public schools for twenty years.

**Author Residence:** Trumbull, CT
### Finding Langston

**Lesa Cline-Ransome**

**Summary**

*A Coretta Scott King Honor Book*

**When eleven-year-old Langston’s father moves them from their home in Alabama to Chicago’s Bronzeville district, it feels like he’s giving up everything he loves.**

It’s 1946. Langston’s mother has just died, and now they’re leaving the rest of his family and friends. He misses everything—Grandma’s Sunday suppers, the red dirt roads, and the magnolia trees his mother loved.

In the city, they live in a small apartment surrounded by noise and chaos. It doesn’t feel like a new start, or a better life. At home he’s lonely, his father always busy at work; at school he’s bullied for being a country boy. But Langston’s new home has one fantastic thing. Unlike the whites-only library in Alabama, the Chicago Public Library welcomes everyone. There, hiding out after school, Langston discovers another Langston—a poet whom he learns inspired his mother enough to name her only son after him.

_Lesa Cline-Ransome, author of the Coretta Scott King Honor picture book Before She Was Harriet, has crafted a lyrical debut novel about one boy’s experiences during the Great Migration..._

**Contributor Bio**

Lesa Cline-Ransome is the author of *Finding Langston*, a Coretta Scott King Honor Book and winner of the Scott O’Dell Award for Historical Fiction, and *Before She Was Harriet*, a Coretta Scott King Honor Book, a nominee for an NAACP Image Award, and winner of the Christopher Award. Her other books include *Benny Goodman & Teddy Wilson: Taking the Stage as the First Black-and-White Jazz Band in History* and *Just a Lucky So and So: The Story of Louis Armstrong.*

**Author Residence:** Rhinebeck, NY

### The Bottle Imp of Bright House

**Tom Llewellyn, Gris Grimly**

**Summary**

**School vacation for a year. Eternal happiness. If you knew your greatest wish would come true, but only at the expense of someone else, would you still make it?**

That’s the catch thirteen-year-old Gabe Silver faces in this delightfully funny middle grade novel. When a mysterious millionaire sells Gabe a bottle containing a wish-granting imp there’s just one caveat: any time Gabe makes a wish, someone else, somewhere, is going to lose something—maybe something big. That means each of Gabe’s wishes should be an ethical dilemma—but as he scores a Ferrari, a hot tub, and all the pizza and sub sandwiches a kid could want, he’s certain a guilty conscience is worth it...isn’t it?

This thought-provoking book, inspired by a Robert Louis Stevenson novella, is pithy, dark, and very, very funny. References to Robert Louis Stevenson’s work is peppered throughout the narrative for readers to discover, while Gris Grimly’s bold artwork brings the story to life.

**Contributor Bio**

Tom Llewellyn is a writer, marketer, father, and letterpress poster artist in his hometown of Tacoma, Washington, where *The Bottle Imp of Bright House* is set. If he were offered a bottle imp, he’d turn it down. So many of his wishes have already come true that he doesn’t want to push his luck.

Gris Grimly has been drawing since he was old enough to hold a pencil. Since then, his elegant, haunting, and critically acclaimed art has graced more than two dozen books including *The Dangerous Alphabet* by Neil Gaiman, a clothing line for a national retailer, and more. Gris lives with his family in California, where he is wary about deals that involve insidious little imps.

**Author Residence:** Tacoma, WA
The Adventures of a Girl Called Bicycle

Christina Uss

Summary

Selected for the 2019-2020 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List
A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year

A determined 12-year-old girl bikes across the country in this quirky and charming debut middle grade novel.

Introverted Bicycle has lived most of her life at the Mostly Silent Monastery in Washington, D.C. When her guardian, Sister Wanda, announces that Bicycle is going to attend a camp where she will learn to make friends, Bicycle says no way and sets off on her bike for San Francisco to meet her idol, a famous cyclist, certain he will be her first true friend.

Who knew that a ghost would haunt her handlebars and that she would have to contend with bike-hating dogs, a bike-loving horse, bike-crushing pigs, and a mysterious lady dressed in black. Over the uphills and downhill of her journey, Bicycle discovers that friends are not such a bad thing to have after all, and that a dozen cookies really can solve most problems.

A Junior Library Guild Selection!

Contributor Bio

Christina Uss has written about bicycling and travel for many magazines and newspapers. The Adventures of a Girl Called Bicycle was inspired in part by her own experiences while biking across the United States, once widthwise and once lengthwise.

Author Residence: East Longmeadow, MA

Washington at Valley Forge

Russell Freedman

Summary

Newbery Award-winning author Russell Freedman offers up this powerful account of the survival of American soldiers while camped at Valley Forge during a crucial period in the American Revolution.

George Washington’s army almost perished during the winter of 1777-78. Camped at Valley Forge, about twenty miles from Philadelphia, the revolutionaries endured severe hardship because the army’s supply system had collapsed and they were without food, clothing, and blankets. The army was at its most vulnerable; but when the harsh winter drew to a close, the soldiers had survived, and marched away from Valley Forge more determined than ever. The British were defeated in 1783, and Washington, for the rest of his life, said that the credit for the American victory belonged to the soldiers who had braved the horrific conditions at Valley Forge.

Contributor Bio

Russell Freedman (1929-2018) transformed non-fiction for children through his insightful narrative, comprehensive research, careful selection of photographs, and deep understanding of his subject matter. He was well known for his riveting biographies and masterful accounts of the history of the United States. One of the most honored writers for children, his many awards include the Newbery Medal, three Newbery Honor Medals, the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award, the May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture Award and a National Humanities Medal. Major works include Freedom Walkers; Lincoln: A Photobiography; Because They Marched; The Wright Brothers: How They Invented The Airplane; Vietnam: A History of the War.
Prairie Fire
E.K. Johnston

Summary
Dragons terrorize modern day North America in this brilliant follow-up to the critically acclaimed Story of Owen.

Seventeen-year-old dragon slayer Owen and his bard, Siobhan, are set to join the Oil Watch, the international organization charged with protecting the world from the vicious, carbon emission-eating creatures.

Owen is destined by birth to carry on his family’s heroic legacy, but what makes him different is that he doesn’t enlist alone. His two closest friends stand with him shoulder to shoulder. Steeled by success and hope, the three are confident in their plan. Still, try as they might, Owen and his friends may not make it. Not all the way. Not all together.

Readers who love alternate history will devour this quirky, clever tale of friendship, sacrifice, and adventure.

Contributor Bio
E. K. Johnston is the #1 New York Times best-selling author of several YA novels, including Star Wars: Ahsoka and A Thousand Nights. She is also a trained forensic archaeologist, has lived on four continents, and decorates cupcakes in her spare time. These days, she calls Stratford, Ontario, home.

Author Residence: Stratford, Ontario

What Girls Are Made Of
Elana K. Arnold

Summary
Sixteen-year-old Nina isn’t made of sugar and spice and everything nice. She is flesh and blood and desire, but she longs to know real love. Unconditional love. The kind her mother told her doesn’t exist.

National Book Award Finalist
Reeling from a shameful breakup with a boy she unabashedly worshipped, Nina drifts between school and her days volunteering at a dog shelter. But she’s looking for something more. A way to fix her mistakes. Unsure of how to move on, Nina peels back the moments that have shaped her and given her a view of girlhood distorted by violence and sacrifice. One that led her to do something unspeakable to a fellow student.

As Nina grapples with regret, strange memories of a trip to Italy with her mother start to surface. Layer by layer, Elana K. Arnold reveals their painful effect, and questions what love really means.

Raw, emotional writing and a frank portrayal of the world teen girls live in set this award-winning book apart as a stunning chronicle of self-acceptance.

Contributor Bio
Elana K. Arnold writes books for and about children and teens. Her books have received a Printz Honor, been Junior Library Guild selections, on the Bank Street Best Book list, and named to the YALSA “Best Fiction for Young Adults” list. She holds a master’s degree in Creative Writing/Fiction from the University of California. Davis and currently lives in Huntington Beach, California, with her husband, two children, and a menagerie of animals.

Author Residence: Huntington Beach, CA
**Splintered**
Jon McGoran

**Summary**
Seventeen-year-old Jimi Corcoran risks her life to clear a friend’s name—and in so doing uncovers the horrific truth about an influential businessman’s motives in this second installment of the Spliced series.

After Del’s death, Jimi wants to pick up the pieces of her life and move on. But she’s become a public figure in her defense of chimeras, and she can’t quite shake the spotlight—or her suspicion that she’s being followed.

When her friend Dr. Guzman, a chimera sympathizer, is arrested for the murder of a chimera wearing a strange medical bracelet, Jimi does some digging—and eventually discovers that Howard Wells, the venal businessman and proponent of the Genetic Heritage Act, is supporting a hospital that ostensibly provides healthcare for chimeras.

After teaming up with friends Rex and Claudia, Jimi learns that the hospital is actually a cover for an extensive mining operation that retrieves metals needed to operate WellPlants, the computerized brain implants that only the super-rich can afford—and which have made Howard Wells millions. When Jimi realizes that the perilous mining ...

**Contributor Bio**
Jon McGoran has written six thrillers for adults, including the D. H. Dublin series. *Spliced*, the first book in his YA Spliced series, was named to ALA's 2018 LITA Excellence in Children's and Young Adult Science Fiction Notable List and to the American Bookseller’s Association’s 2017 ABC Best Books for Young Readers. Jon McGoran is also a founding member of The Liars Club, a blog for and by writers. He lives in Pennsylvania with his family.

**Author Residence:** Philadelphia, PA

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**A Child’s Calendar (20th Anniversary Edition)**
John Updike, Trina Schart Hyman

**Summary**
Newly available in paperback, 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.