Students dressed in deep-sea diving suits travel to the ocean deep in a yellow submarine school bus. When they get there, they are introduced to creatures like luminescent squids and giant isopods, and discover an old shipwreck. But when it's time to return to the submarine bus, one student lingers to take a photo of a treasure chest and falls into a deep ravine. Luckily, the child is entertained by a mysterious sea creature until being retrieved by the teacher.
Apples
Gail Gibbons

Summary
Find out where your favorite crunchy, refreshing fruit comes from in this snack-sized book.

Apples come in all shapes and sizes from all over the world. Take a bite and chew on months of planting, growing, picking, and selling that bring this tasty fruit into the home. With deliciously bright, detailed images and a simple text, Apples is the perfect board book for small curious hands who are still new to the crisp comfort of autumn.

Gail Gibbons, a dedicated explorer of the world on behalf of curious young readers, uncovers and educates young audiences with board books on everything from Pumpkins to Bicycles to Boats. Readers ages 4-8 will also enjoy the newly-updated picture book version of Apples, which includes even more delectable details, diagrams, and vocabulary.

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, Vermont

Mouse's Thanksgiving
A Thanksgiving Tale
Judy Cox, Jeffrey Ebbeler

Summary
One tiny, happy mouse’s simple Thanksgiving dinner gets bigger and bigger….and bigger! Uh oh!

After a Thanksgiving dinner, Mouse peeps out of his hidey-hole and spots a small green pea. It’s the perfect feast for one mouse. But maybe he could add just one red cranberry, and then one shiny black olive, and then just one scoop of mashed potatoes? But how will Mouse ever get everything back home without spilling?

Now a board book, perfect for small hands and big stomachs, Mouse’s Thanksgiving is a terrific read aloud where just one more thing might topple the whole adventure. Illustrator Jeffrey Ebbeler lovingly details the cozy mouse, mouth-watering food, and even a sneaky cat in the background.

Perfect for fall story times and for Thanksgiving celebrations, where everyone gathers together to laugh and be grateful for one another’s company.

Contributor Bio
Judy Cox is a former elementary school teacher and the author of picture books such as Haunted House, Haunted Mouse and chapter books including Ukulele Hayley, a Bank Street College Best Book, and The Secret Chicken Society, which was nominated for four state awards and named a Best of the Best title by the Chicago Public Library. She lives in Oregon.

Jeffrey Ebbeler has worked as an art director, book designer, and illustrator. He has illustrated lots of terrific books. In a starred review, Kirkus Reviews praised his "feisty full-page illustrations of the world from Mouse’s perspective" for Cinco de Mouse-O, another book featuring the furry adventurer from Mouse’s Thanksgiving. He lives with his family in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he also plays trumpet and drums in local bands.

Author Residence: Oregon
**Hanukkah Bear**

Eric A. Kimmel, Mike Wohnoutka

**Summary**

Bubba Brayna’s legendary latkes lure an unexpected visitor into her home in this playful Hanukkah tale from a master storyteller.

Bubba Brayna makes the best latkes in the village, and on the first night of Hanukkah, the scent of her cooking wakes a hungry, adorable bear from his hibernation. He lumbers into town to investigate, and Bubba Brayna—who does not see or hear very well—mistakes him for her rabbi. She welcomes the bear inside to play the dreidel game, light the menorah, and enjoy a scrumptious meal.

However, after her well-fed guest leaves, there’s a knock at the door—it’s the rabbi, and all of Brayna’s other friends, arriving for dinner. But there are no latkes left—and together, they finally figure out who really ate them.

Lively illustrations by Mike Wohnoutka, portraying the sprightly Bubba Brayna and her very hungry guest, accompany this instant family favorite, a humorous reworking of Eric A. Kimmel’s earlier classic tale, *The Chanukkah Guest*. A traditional recipe for latkes is included in the back matter, along with interesting, digestible facts about the history and ...

**Contributor Bio**

Eric A. Kimmel is known for his retellings of Jewish folktales, including the classic *Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins*, illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman, which received a Caldecott Honor. Eric 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. He lives in Oregon.

Mike Wohnoutka has illustrated many books for children, including *Jack’s House*, written by Karen Magnuson Beil and honored as a Bank Street College of Education Best Children’s Book; *Hanukkah Bear*, a National Jewish Book Award Winner; and *Little Puppy and the Big Green Monster*, his first book as author and

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**Why?**

Laura Vaccaro Seeger

**Summary**

For young readers who always want to know *why?*...especially when there isn’t an easy answer.

An ALA Notable Children’s Book
A Capitol Choices Noteworthy Title

Two-time Caldecott and Geisel Honoree Laura Vaccaro Seeger weaves a simple story about the unfailingly curious Rabbit—and his patient friend Bear, who always answers his questions.

Bear just wants to water his flowers, but Rabbit needs to know: why? Bear is looking forward to a peaceful night of stargazing, but all Rabbit cares about is: why?

As spring passes into summer, and Rabbit continues to wonder *why?*, detailed, lush watercolor illustrations encourage the reader to figure out the reason for each question. Over and over, Bear gives the best answers he can—until, in the depths of winter, he has no answer to give.

This simple story is a reminder that even when there are no answers for our questions, we can count on trust and love—and sometimes, that’s more than enough.

**Contributor Bio**

Laura Vaccaro Seeger is the author and illustrator of nearly two dozen acclaimed picture books, including the popular Dog and Bear series, the first of which won the Boston Globe Horn Book Medal. She has been awarded a Caldecott Honor twice, for *First the Egg* and again for *Green*, and a Geisel Honor twice, for *First the Egg* and *One Boy. Blue*, her companion to *Green*, has received four starred reviews. She lives in Rockville Center, New York with her husband and two sons. Find her online at studiolvs.com or on Twitter @lauravseeger

**Author Residence:** Rockville Centre, New York
**You Poop Here**
Paul Meisel

**Summary**
Potty time fun! Elephant poops on the grass. Fish poops in the water. Snake poops on the sand. Where do you poop?

You poop here! In a potty, of course! Fun pictures of animals—an ant, an alligator, a bat, and more—make this a perfect potty training book—and more! It’s especially appropriate for inquisitive, science-minded toddlers and preschoolers who are curious about how their bodies work.

With an author’s note about “What is poop?” and fun facts about the animals featured in this book.

**Contributor Bio**
Paul Meisel, who holds a master’s degree in graphic design from Yale University, has received two Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Awards as well as American Library Association Notable Awards for *See Me Run* and *I See a Cat*, both I Like to Read books. *My Awesome Summer by P. Mantis* was honored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science for Excellence in Science Books, and *The Schmutzy Family*, written by Marilyn Rosenberg and illustrated by Paul Meisel, was a National Jewish Book Award Finalist.

**Author Residence:** Newton, CT

**The Bear Went Over the Mountain**
Jane Cabrera

**Summary**
What’s over the mountain? A little bear and his best friends, of course! Story time darling Jane Cabrera puts a sweet spin on a classic children’s song.

The Bear went over the mountain, / To see what he could see. / But all that he could see, / Was the other side of the mountain, / Then he got stuck up a tree! Luckily Hare is there to rescue him, followed by Fox with some tea, Wolf with the dance moves, and Owl with the final piece of the party. But wait, there’s one last attendee—a young child!

Cabrera gently reveals that other side of the mountain was just up the stairs the whole time. The final spread shows the youngster all snuggled up in bed with his stuffed animal bear, hare, fox, wolf, and owl.

Jane Cabrera’s Story Time celebrates children’s best-loved read along nursery rhymes and songs. These interactive favorites are given a new twist by award-winning artist Jane Cabrera and feature her bold, bright, kid-friendly illustrations. Other titles in the series include *The Wheels on the Bus, Old Mother Hubbard,* and *Old MacDonald Had a Farm.*

**Contributor Bio**
Jane Cabrera is a designer and fine artist, as well as the author and illustrator of almost 60 books for children. She specializes in fresh reimaginings of nursery rhymes and fairy tales; *Publishers Weekly* has said “her style exudes the joy of creation.” She lives beside Dartmoor National Park in South Devon, England.

**Author Residence:** South Devon, UK
Out the Door
Christy Hale

Summary
Follow a girl through her day in a busy city as she travels to school and back again in this inviting book that teaches directional concepts like over, under, and through.

Out the door, down the stoop, past the neighbors, along the block...

Through tree-lined streets, onto a crowded subway car, into the classroom with friends, and finally, retracing her steps back home again. There’s so much to see in Christy Hale’s warm, richly textured collage artwork and simple, evocative text set in a busy Brooklyn cityscape.

Out the Door is the perfect back-to-school book for young kids learning to find their way around a city. Parents and teachers can use this read-aloud to familiarize kids with a host of directional words to describe their first school days.

Contributor Bio
Christy Hale has illustrated numerous award-winning books for children, including four that she also wrote: Todos Iguales/All Equal: Un Corrido de/A Ballad of Lemon Grove, Water Land: Land and Water Forms around the World, The East-West House: Noguchi's Childhood in Japan, and Dreaming Up: A Celebration of Building. An art director, designer, and educator, Hale teaches writing for picture books at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. She now lives with her family in Palo Alto, California but spent many years in Brooklyn, NY where this book is set.

Author Residence: Palo Alto, California

Just a Story
Jeff Mack

Summary
Reading is wild, dangerous...fantastic! The possibilities are endless, the perils enormous—good thing it’s just a story.

A boy happens upon a discarded book that transforms a library into an escalating series of near misses and close encounters with dastardly pirates, a herd of scooter-riding elephants, a big blue whale, and is that an alien in an Elvis wig?

But surprise, he escapes without a scratch, because it’s just a story...

With an exuberant art style reminiscent of newspaper comic strips, illustrator Jeff Mack brings imagination to life in this riotous tale about the power of reading.

Contributor Bio
Jeff Mack is the author and illustrator of many books for young readers, including Hush Little Polar Bear, Good News, Bad News, and Clueless McGee. He has also illustrated award winning picture books and chapter books such as Eve Bunting’s Hurry! Hurry! and James Howe’s Bunnicula and Friends. He lives in Western Massachusetts.

Author Residence: Massachusetts
**Apples (New & Updated Edition)**
Gail Gibbons

**Summary**
*Juice, jelly, cider, pie, or straight off the tree...apples are delicious!*

Discover the well-loved tradition of growing and picking apples - a fruit that has been in existence for about two million years. Explore the history of the apple but also the way that families and farmers grow and care for apple trees today, from planting to selling, to turning them into delicious treats and using them for classic games like “bobbing for apples” on Halloween.

Detailed pictures introduce readers to the botany of apples too. Experience colorful depictions of apple blossom pollination, the growth process of apples, and several panels of the different kinds of apples around the world. Learn how to plant and care for your own apple tree with step by step instructions. Then use the apple pie recipe also included to celebrate a job well done!

Author-Illustrator Gail Gibbons explores anything and everything there is to know about the world as young readers experience it, including the ever-present, ever-refreshing apple.

**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, Vermont

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**Your Place in the Universe**
Jason Chin

**Summary**
*With crisp illustration and intriguing science, Your Place in the Universe introduces readers to the mind-boggling scale of the known Universe.*

Most eight-year-olds are about five times as tall as this book...but only half as tall as an ostrich, which is half as tall as a giraffe...twenty times smaller than a California Redwood! How do they compare to the tallest buildings? To Mt. Everest? To stars, galaxy clusters, and...the universe?

Jason Chin, the award-winning author and illustrator of *Grand Canyon* has once again found a way to make a complex subject—size, scale and almost unimaginable distance—accessible and understandable to readers of all ages. Meticulously researched and featuring the highly detailed artwork for which he is renowned, this is *How Much is a Million* for the new millenium, sure to be an immediate hit with kids looking for an engaging way to delve into perspective, astronomy, and astrophysics. Curious readers will love the extensive supplementary material included in the back of the back of the book.

**A Junior Library Guild Selection!**

**Contributor Bio**

Jason Chin is a celebrated author and illustrator of children’s books. He illustrated *Nine Months*, by Miranda Paul, and wrote and illustrated *Grand Canyon*, awarded a Caldecott Honor, a Sibert Honor, and the NCTE Orbis Pictus Award. His other nonfiction titles, including *Redwoods, Island: A story of the Galapagos, Coral Reefs*, and *Gravity*, have received numerous starred reviews and other accolades. Jason lives in Vermont with his wife, Deirdre Gill, and their children.

**Author Residence:** Vermont

**Author Hometown:** New Hampshire
Spiders (New & Updated Edition)
Gail Gibbons

**Summary**

Weaving webs, digging burrows, and floating on strands of silk—spiders are fascinating creatures!

From tiny baby spiderlings to large tarantulas, nonfiction master Gail Gibbons’ introduction to these intriguing arachnids reminds us that even when they look scary, most spiders are harmless—and even helpful!

There are over thirty thousand kinds of spiders in the world—small and large, colorful or gray—and they live, hunt, and adapt in different ways. A number of different species and spider behaviors are highlighted in this book, accompanied by clear, labeled illustrations and important vocabulary.

This new and updated edition, vetted by an entomologist, includes revised illustrations and the latest in arachnid science. Filled with interesting trivia and information on the history of spiders, as well as an explanation of the difference between spiders and insects, this is a great introduction that takes the fear out of our eight-legged, web-spinning friends.

**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, Vermont

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We Will Live in This Forest Again
Gianna Marino

**Summary**

When a thriving forest is swallowed by wildfire the animals brace themselves, then look to new beginnings.

At first, they didn’t notice the spark flying above the dry treetops. But then the smoke blew from the north, and the flames began to grow...

Author/Illustrator Gianna Marino uses lush watercolors to explore the bitter-sweet cycle of burning and rebirth in the forest. Readers follow a lone deer as it sees its only home scorched by flame.

A Northern California resident herself, Gianna witnessed the 2017 Sonoma wildfire firsthand when it came within inches of destroying her property. Her personal experience is palpably reflected through her portrayal of dignified animal silhouettes and stark, ashen landscapes in the wake of the fire. The book closes with an essay describing her encounter with the wildfire.

We Will Live in This Forest Again is a great book for fans of Don’t Let Them Disappear, also illustrated by Gianna and written by Chelsea Clinton. Parents and children with a soft spot for the fragile ecology of the forest will connect immediately with this book, and gain appreciation...

**Contributor Bio**

Gianna Marino has written and illustrated numerous articles for travel and leisure magazines. Her children’s books include Zoopa: An Animal Alphabet, One Too Many, Meet Me at the Moon, Too Tall Houses, Following Papa’s Song, and If I Had a Horse. She also created the illustrations for Chelsea Clinton’s Don’t Let Them Disappear. Though she still wanders the world, Gianna now lives in Northern California and works full-time writing and illustrating.

**Author Residence:** Sonoma, California
I Talk Like a River
Jordan Scott, Sydney Smith

Summary
What if words got stuck in the back of your mouth whenever you tried to speak? What if they never came out the way you wanted them to? Sometimes it takes a change of perspective to get the words flowing.

I wake up each morning with the sounds of words all around me.

And I can’t say them all...

When a boy who stutters feels isolated, alone, and incapable of communicating in the way he’d like, it takes a kindly father and a walk by the river to help him find his voice. Compassionate parents everywhere will instantly recognize a father’s ability to reconnect a child with the world around him.

Poet Jordan Scott writes movingly in this powerful and ultimately uplifting book, based on his own experience, and masterfully illustrated by Greenaway Medalist Sydney Smith. A book for any child who feels lost, lonely, or unable to fit in.

A Junior Library Guild Selection

Contributor Bio
Jordan Scott is a poet whose work includes Silt, Blert, DECOMP, and Night & Ox. Blert, which explores the poetics of stuttering, is the subject of two National Film Board of Canada projects, Flub and Utter: a poetic memoir of the mouth and STUTTER. Scott was the recipient of the 2018 Latner Writers’ Trust Poetry Prize for his contributions to Canadian poetry. I Talk Like a River is Scott’s first book for children. He lives in the Comox Valley on Vancouver Island with his wife and two sons.

Sydney Smith is an illustrator of picture books whose work includes Sidewalk Flowers by JonArno Lawson; The White Cat and the Monk by Jo Ellen Bogart; and Town Is by the Sea by Joanne Schwartz, which was awarded

Lunch Box Bully
Hans Wilhelm

Summary
Max outwits a bully and makes a new friend. This Level F book is perfect for first-grade readers.

Big Bob is a bully who takes Max’s lunch. Max’s friends try to help Max deal with it. "Don't look at him," says one friend. Max takes his friend’s advice, but the bully takes Max’s sandwich anyway. "Be nice to him. Give him a gift," suggests another friend. Max gives Big Bob a lemon ice, but the bully squashes it on Max’s head. Big Bob doesn’t like lemons—which proves to be useful information.

Max starts bringing lemon-flavored lunches. And once his lunches are safe, Max reaches out to Big Bob in friendship. Bob accepts, and all of the children enjoy lunch together.

This easy-to-read story includes extra material for both kids and adults on dealing with bullies—for young readers: a list of Do’s and Don’ts; for grown-ups: where to go for help.

This book has been officially leveled by using the F&P Text Level Gradient(TM) Leveling System.

The award-winning I Like to Read series features guided reading levels A through G, based upon Fountas and Pinnell standards. Acclaimed author-illustrators—in...

Contributor Bio
Hans Wilhelm is an author and illustrator of many books for children. His books have been translated into more than twenty languages and are popular worldwide. He lives in Connecticut with his wife, who is also an artist.

Author Residence: Westport, CT
Field Trip to the Ocean Deep
John Hare

Summary
Come join the fun as students take a submarine bus on a field trip to explore the ocean deep.

Students dressed in deep sea helmets travel to the ocean deep in a yellow school-bus submarine. When they get there, they frolic with fish, luminescent squid, and discover an old shipwreck. But when it’s time to return to the submarine bus, one student lingers to take a photo of a treasure chest and falls into a deep ravine. Luckily, the child is entertained by a Plesiosaur—an extinct sea creature—until being retrieved by the teacher.

In his follow-up to Field Trip to the Moon, John Hare’s rich, atmospheric art in this wordless picture book invites all children to imagine themselves in the story—a story full of mysteries, surprises, and adorable aquatic friends.

A Junior Library Guild Selection

Contributor Bio
John Hare is a freelance illustrator and graphic designer. Field Trip to the Moon was his first picture book for children. He lives in Gladstone, Missouri, with his wife and two children.

Author Residence: Gladstone, Missouri

The Eight Knights of Hanukkah
Leslie Kimmelman, Galia Bernstein

Summary
The whole kingdom has gathered to celebrate Hanukkah—but a dastardly dragon keeps interrupting the festivities. Can the Eight Knights of Hanukkah set things right?

It’s the last night of Hanukkah and everyone is doing their part for the big celebration, but a dragon called Dreadful has other ideas. He roams the countryside, interrupting the party preparations. Lady Sadie must call upon the Eight Knights of Hanukkah to perform deeds of awesome kindness and stupendous bravery and put an end to the dragon’s shenanigans.

When Dreadful eats all the special donuts the baker made, Sir Lily helps the baker make more sufganiyot. Sir Alex makes a young lad a new dreidel after Dreadful scorched his original one. And on the Knights go—but when they finally catch up to Dreadful, a funny surprise awaits them!

Leslie Kimmelman crafts a humorous and touching story out of a bit of wordplay and a love for a holiday that truly shines. Galia Bernstein’s artwork is full of appeal and is sure to satisfy fantasy fans.

Back matter includes a note on the traditions of Hanukkah and directions for playing the dreidels.

Contributor Bio
Leslie Kimmelman has long been associated with Sesame Workshop both as a writer and editor. She is the author of more than three dozen children’s books, including The Little Red Hen and the Passover Matzah and Write On, Irving Berlin!, which were both Sydney Taylor Notable Books, and the Sydney Taylor Honor Book Everybody Says Shalom. She lives in the New York City area.

Galia Bernstein was born and raised in Israel. She worked as the art director of two Israeli children’s magazines before moving to New York City to study illustration at the Parsons School of Design. Galia currently works as a freelance illustrator and is the author-illustrator of Leyla and I Am a Cat, which received three starred reviews. She lives in Brooklyn, New York.
Go, Go, Go
Bob Barner

Summary
A dalmatian driving a fire truck, a corgi riding a bike! Join a pack of dogs as they zoom around in this fast-paced level C reader for kids.

Cars go. Buses go. Trucks go. But when a flock of ducklings need to cross? Stop! The pups must brake and let their feathered friends cross.

Bob Barner has created a delightful world complete with tie-dye boats, floral cars, and long, tandem bicycles for happy dogs to ride together. Developing readers will love zipping around with the various pooches and parents will appreciate the message of situational awareness.

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 with parents, teachers, or on their own!

Level C books are suitable for mid-to-late kindergarten readers who have mastered basic sight words are ready for more. When Level C is mastered, ...

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, 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

A Fort on the Moon
Maggie Pouncey, Larry Day

Summary
A boy and his older brother hatch a plan to return to the moon for the fourth time in their homemade rocket. This time, they're going to build something extra-special.

Using a bunch of "junk" their mom left in a heap by the back door, brothers Fox and Dodge Wilder blast off by night for their fifth trip to the moon. They strap into their old car-seats and put on their protective bike helmets and winter coats. Ready for lift off!

When they land, they set to work on a magnificent fort. It's hard work, and sometimes they face setbacks, but Dodge knows he can always turn to his older brother for inspiration. When they're done, they return to the comfort of home and breakfast.

Did the trip really take place, or was it only in the kids’ imagination?

A Fort on the Moon will resonate with any child with a passion for fantasy, adventure, and invention, and parents are sure to love the heartwarming bond of two brothers in a world of their own.

Contributor Bio
Maggie Pouncey was born in New York City and grew up there and in Amherst, Massachusetts, and New Haven, Connecticut. She received her B.A. and M.F.A. from Columbia University and has taught writing at Columbia, the Bard Prison Initiative, and the New York City nonprofit Girls Write Now. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband and son, where she is also the proprietor of Stories Bookshop and Storytelling Lab.

Larry Day is the award-winning illustrator of fiction and non-fiction picture books. He is the recipient of 3 Gold medals from the Society of Illustrators, and the SCBWI Golden Kite Award for Not Afraid of Dogs. He illustrated My Fourth of July, by Jerry Spinelli.

Author Residence: Brooklyn, New York
**Pulpo Guisado**  
*Eric Velasquez*  

**Summary**  
What do you do when an octopus captures Grandma? Put on your superhero cape and rescue her!  
Award-winning Afro-Latino artist Eric Velasquez’s delightfully meta story is now in Spanish.

The octopus Grandma is cooking has grown to titanic proportions. “¡Tenga cuidado!” Ramsey shouts. “Be careful!” But it’s too late. The octopus traps Grandma! Ramsey must use both art and intellect to free his beloved abuela.

Then the story takes a surprising twist. And it can be read two ways. Open the fold-out pages to find Ramsey telling a story to his family. Keep the pages folded, and Ramsey’s octopus adventure is real.

This beautifully illustrated picture book, drawn from the author’s childhood memories, celebrates creativity, heroism, family, grandmothers, grandsons, Puerto Rican food, Latinx culture and more.

With an author’s note and the Velasquez family recipe for Octopus Stew!

**Contributor Bio**

Eric Velasquez’ awards include the John Steptoe / Coretta Scott King Award for new talent, a Pura Belpré Award, an NAACP Image Award, and a Carter G. Woodson Award. For Holiday House, he both wrote and illustrated *Looking for Bongo*, and he illustrated *Ol’ Clip-Clop: A Ghost Story* by Patricia C. McKissack (Anne Izard Storyteller’s Choice Award Winner, Georgia Children’s Book Award, Bank Street Best Children’s Book of the Year—Outstanding Merit) and *New Shoes* by Susan Lynn Meyer (Jane Addams Peace Association Children’s Book Award, Bank Street Best Children’s Book of the Year, New York State Reading Association Charlotte Award). The son of Afro-Puerto Rican parents who encouraged music and storytelling, Eric grew up in Spanish Harlem, New York. As a child, he loved superheroes, comics and drawing, much like the boy in *Octopus Stew*. He teaches illustration at the Fashion Institute of Technology and lives in New York.

**Author Residence:** Hartsdale, NY

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**Once Upon a Winter Day**  
*Liza Woodruff*

**Summary**  
A boy learns that nature is full of stories to tell when he finds and follows a mouse’s tracks in a wintery wood.

Milo wants a story, but his mom is too busy to entertain him. Instead, she encourages him to go out and play in the snow. At first, Milo is disappointed - he doesn’t want to play outside, he wants a story.

But when he starts to follow a trail of mouse-prints, he discovers signs of activity all around, prompting him to ask, ”What happened here?” Before long, he’s using his imagination—depicted in lush wordless spreads that capture the vividness of Milo’s fantasies—to fill in the gaps. By the time Milo comes home, he’s the one with stories to tell.

A must have for the winter season, Liza Woodruff’s *Once Upon a Winter Day* is a fun read-aloud that shares details about animal behavior from a child’s perspective.

**Contributor Bio**

Liza Woodruff has illustrated numerous children’s books, including *A Quieter Story*, which she also wrote. She is also a bookseller (Flying Pig Bookstore) and lives with her family in Vermont.

**Author Residence:** Vermont
**A Parade for George Washington**
David A. Adler, John O'Brien

**Summary**
Crowds cheering, trumpets sounding, and cannons firing! Follow along as George Washington journeys from Virginia to his inauguration in New York City.

After the Revolutionary War, the newly formed U.S. Congress chose the first president. Every vote was for Washington.

So began Washington’s week-long trip from his home in Virginia to New York City, where he would be inaugurated. At every stop on George Washington’s route, people were determined to celebrate their very first president. In Baltimore citizens rode along with Washington for seven miles, in Philadelphia people chanted "Long live George Washington," and in Elizabethtown, NJ, Washington was met with a parade of boats so spectacular that he would later write in his diary: "the decorations of the ships, the roar of cannon...filled my mind with sensations."

David A. Adler deftly retells this joyous journey in information-packed prose, while John O'Brien masterfully illustrates our complex and beautiful new nation in his signature style. Included in the meticulously detailed artwork are period-accurate maritime signal flags for kids ...

**Contributor Bio**
David A. Adler is a former math teacher and author of more than two hundred picture books, biographies, and mysteries for children, including the Cam Jansen series and his Picture Book Biography...series. His many celebrated history books include Heroes of the Revolution, A Picture Book of Alexander Hamilton, Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad, and A Picture Book Of Benjamin Franklin.

John O'Brien has illustrated over one hundred picture books, including Washington D.C. from A-Z, which was named an ILA Teacher's Choice Title. He has also done illustrations and cartoons for such publications as the New Yorker, the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Times, and Highlights for Kids magazine. John lives in New Jersey.

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**Snow Is Fun**
Steve Henry

**Summary**
A little bird falls in the snow. His friends come to help him! This level C book is perfect for new readers.

Snow is fun, but snow is heavy, too. A tiny bird is perched upon a branch that begins to strain under the weight of a heavy snowfall. When the branch breaks, the bird falls into the deep, deep snow. His friends—a bunny, two mice, a squirrel, and an owl—try to rescue him.

Luckily, little bird can fly! He can help himself. The friends rejoice. Snow is fun—and snow is especially fun with friends.

With very simple text and bright wintry illustrations, Snow is Fun is perfect for beginners to read themselves, or to share. Your new reader will build skills, gain confidence, and have fun too!

This book has been officially leveled by using the F&P Text Level Gradient(TM) Leveling System.

The award-winning I Like to Read series features 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 s...

**Contributor Bio**
Steve Henry is the author and illustrator of Here Is Big Bunny, Cat Got a Lot, and Happy Cat, which received a Kirkus star. Other work includes editorial illustration, ceramic tiles, and a series of bird puppets that have been sold in the Museum of Modern Art Design Store. His work is influenced by fine artists such as Matisse and Miró and illustrators such as Hillary Knight and Ludwig Bemelmans. Steve co-teaches Creating the Picture Book at Pratt Institute.

**Author Residence:** New York, NY
Noodleheads Lucky Day
Tedd Arnold, Martha Hamilton, Mitch Weiss

Summary
You’ll laugh out loud when Mac and Mac try to hatch a kitten...out of a watermelon. This easy-to-read intro to graphic novels is perfect for “fans of all things goofy” according to School Library Journal.

Twin brothers Mac and Mac are soooo lucky. How lucky are they?

• When they get hit on the head with an acorn, they’re lucky that little acorns and not big watermelons grow on trees.
• When their frenemy Meatball gives them a bag full of bees, they’re lucky that Mom has just built a beehive to put them in.
• And when their watermelon DOESN’T hatch a kitten, they’re lucky that there’s another way to get a pet.

Illustrated by Tedd Arnold, whose Fly Guy series is a kid favorite, this fifth book in the Noodleheads graphic novel series 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 Noodlehead series is sure to delight.

Based on traditional world folktales and stories of fools, the Noodleheads also encourage critical thinking, inviting kids to use their noodl...

Contributor Bio
Tedd Arnold is the best-selling author-illustrator of the Fly Guy series, with two Theodor Seuss Geisel Award Honor books and more than 18.5 million books in print. He is author and illustrator of Dirty Gert, Vincent Paints His House, and Fix This Mess, an I Like to Read book. He is co-author and illustrator of the Noodleheads series, including Noodleheads See the Future, a Theodor Seuss Geisel Award Honor Book, an American Library Association Notable Book, and winner of the American Folklore Society’s Aesop Prize.

Martha Hamilton and Mitch Weiss are acclaimed storytellers who have won an Irma Simonton Black Award for

The Shrinking of Treehorn (50th Anniversary Edition)
Florence Parry Heide, Edward Gorey, Lane Smith

Summary
"If you want to pretend you’re shrinking, that’s all right,” said Treehorn’s mother, “as long as you don’t do it at the table.”

No one around seems to appreciate what Treehorn’s going through, when he starts shrinking after playing a strange board game. His parents are busy, his friends laugh at him, and he even gets sent to the Principal’s office for shrinking. Or was it shirking?

Clearly, the adults in his life have no clue and can’t help. In the end, Treehorn figures it out on his own, and all is well.... At least until he turns green.

This oddly offbeat, surreal, and funny story is illustrated with Edward Gorey’s signature pen and ink drawings. It will appeal to any kid who feels they’re not truly seen or heard by the grown-ups in their life. Works for adults, too.

This 50th Anniversary edition includes an appreciation from Caldecott Honoree Lane Smith, illustrator of The Stinky Cheese Man.

An ALA Notable Children’s Book
A New York Times Best Illustrated Book of the Year

Contributor Bio
Florence Parry Heide (1919 - 2011) was a prolific author of children’s books, including The Shrinking of Treehorn and Princess Hyacinth. Heide wrote dozens of other books of prose and poetry and dedicated her career to works that encouraged the curiosity of young readers.

Lane Smith is the illustrator of The Stinky Cheese Man and The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs! by Jon Scieszka. He wrote and illustrated include There Is a Tribe of Kids which won the Kate Greenaway medal in
Animal at Large
Patricia Reilly Giff, Abby Carter

Summary
A missing animal at the zoo and strange noises coming from her backyard can mean only one thing for Tori: she’s got a mystery to solve!

Tori loves living on Zoo Lane with her family. Who else gets to live at a zoo—and with her cousin Sumiko visiting from Tokyo soon, this is shaping up to be the best summer ever!

But when rumors of a missing animal start to spread, Tori wants to help...except she doesn’t know which creature is on the loose. An ostrich? A little frog? There’s also a strange noise coming from her backyard. It almost sounds like someone is calling her name! Tori is on the case.

In this second book in the illustrated *Mysteries on Zoo Lane* series, two-time Newbery Honor author Patricia Reilly Giff has crafted a charming story about conservation, animal care, friendship, and problem-solving. In touch with the programs and initiatives that today’s zoos are undertaking, Giff provides readers with a fresh look at the work of zoologists. Charming line artwork by Abby Carter appears throughout and keeps the story upbeat.

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 *A Slip of a Girl*, which received two starred reviews. Her Kids of the Polk Street School series remain a popular chapter book mainstay. She spent twenty years teaching in New York City public schools.

Abby Carter has been illustrating since she was eleven years old when she started a card business with her grandma. Since then Carter has illustrated a number of books, including *Ollie’s School Day: A YES-and-NO Book*, the Andy Shane books, and *Daddies Do It Different*.

Meet the Crew at the Zoo
Patricia Reilly Giff, Abby Carter

Summary
Solve mysteries at a city zoo with a diverse group of kids in this illustrated chapter book from a two-time Newbery Honor author.

Lions and tigers for neighbors? That doesn’t bother Luke at all. It’s making new friends that scares him. Not only has Luke had to move from Florida to New York because of his dad’s new job as a zoo doctor, but he’s also had to leave behind his best friend—his abuelo.

When Luke discovers that there are other kids also living on Zoo Lane and that one of them might be the owner of a mysterious zebra-printed box left outside his house, he wonders if just maybe he can make friends and solve a mystery in this wild new place.

In this first book of the series, two-time Newbery Honor author Patricia Reilly Giff has crafted a charming story about conservation, animal care, friendship, and problem-solving. In touch with the programs and initiatives that today’s zoos are undertaking, Giff provides readers with a fresh look at the work of zoologists. Charming line artwork by Abby Carter appears throughout and keeps the story upbeat.

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**Resist!**  
Peaceful Acts That Changed Our World  
Diane Stanley

**Summary**

From music to marches, from sit-ins to walk-outs, history’s activists have led by example until they could no longer be ignored.

Aspiring activists the world over will take inspiration from *Resist!,* a collection of 21 brief but comprehensive essays, accompanied by striking artwork and rich supplementary material by Diane Stanley, about men and women who have used peaceful resistance and non-violent protests to make their voices heard. Today, a new wave of activists is emerging, and their efforts are more urgent than ever.


Diane Stanley, award-winning author and illustrator of many distinctiv...

**Contributor Bio**

Diane Stanley is the author and illustrator of more than fifty books for children, noted especially for her series of picture book biographies, including *Shaka, King of the Zulus* and *Leonardo da Vinci.* She has twice received both the Boston Globe/Hornbook Award and the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators’ Golden Kite Award. She was also the recipient of the Washington Post/Children’s Book Guild Award for Nonfiction for the body of her work. She lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**Author Residence:** Santa Fe, New Mexico

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**The Reluctant Dragon**  
Kenneth Grahame, Ernest H. Shepard

**Summary**

The beloved classic of a dragon battle with a pacifist twist, redesigned to appeal to a new generation.

This is the tale of The Boy, who is not at all surprised to find a Dragon living in the hillside. Natrually, the two soon become fast friends, and when St. George arrives to battle the Dragon, whom he’s sure must be a danger to the countryside, the Boy, the Dragon, and the Saint hold a surprising contest…which just might end up satisfying one and all.

Featuring a new introduction from two-time Caldecott Medalist Sophie Blackall, this story from the author of *The Wind in the Willows* and the illustrator of *Winnie the Pooh* has been enjoyed by readers since 1938, and feels particularly timely today. Ideal for fans of knights and dragons, as well as readers who like a slightly subversive take on a traditional tale.

**Contributor Bio**

Kenneth Grahame (1859 - 1932) is remembered today for two works, *The Wind in the Willows,* and *The Reluctant Dragon.* *The Reluctant Dragon* was first published as part of Grahame’s collection *Dream Days.*

Ernest Howard Shepard (1879 – 1976) is famous as the beloved illustrator of *Winnie the Pooh* and the three other children’s books of A. A. Milne.

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A Star on TV, Lucy McGee
Mary Amato, Jessica Meserve

Summary
A chance to be on TV brings out the worst in fourth grader Lucy McGee—and now her friends want her out of the Songwriting Club!

Lucy McGee and Phillip Lee are invited to perform a song on their school’s morning show—this is their big break! First, they agree to keep it a secret from spotlight-stealing classmate Scarlett Tandy.

But what about the other members of the Songwriting Club? Lucy forgets to tell them, setting off a chain of hurt feelings, a disastrous secret party, a runaway brother, and much more. The loveable but impulsive Lucy will have to write a lot of apology letters before everything can go back to normal.

The delightful Lucy McGee series features a diverse cast of fourth and fifth grade characters who all love to sing and play the ukulele in the Songwriting Club; funny and sweet illustrations on every page; and song lyrics for aspiring musicians to try out on their own. Called “Ramona-esque” by the Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books, Lucy McGee is sure to be a reader favorite.

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 cofounder 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 U.S. and UK. She was born in Maine and lives in England.

Author Residence: Hyattsville, MD

Lucy Lopez: Coding Star
Claudia Mills, Grace Zong

Summary
Talented Lucy Lopez finds her passion when she joins an after-school coding camp, but can her older sister come to terms with their shared hobby?

Third-grader Lucy Lopez and her older sister Elena created the Let’s Have Fun Club, where they designed their own badges to put in a handbook and make up lists of things they have to do to earn each one.

But now Elena is spending most of her time coding on the computer and Lucy feels left out. She decides to join the after-school coding camp in the hopes that Elena will want to add it to their Let’s Have Fun Club activities and it can be something they can do together. But when Lucy proves to be a natural, Elena is none too happy—why does Lucy have to do everything she does?

Parents and kids on the hunt for a fun and informative book about coding need look no further. The series includes Lucy Lopez: Coding Star, Nixie Ness: Cooking Star, and Vera Vance: Comic Book Star in the After-School Superstars series. Perfect for fans of Judy Moody, Ivy and Bean, and Clementine, this new chapter book series features recurring characters, and each book hi...

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, and Vera Vance: Comic Book Star. She recently received the Kerlan Award for her contribution to children’s literature. Ms. Mills lives in Boulder, Colorado.

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
**Ra the Mighty: The Crocodile Caper**
A. B. Greenfield, Sarah Horne

**Summary**
Ancient Egypt’s laziest detective must save a missing boy in the latest entry in this Edgar-nominated mystery series about a pampered but lovable royal cat and his wise dung beetle sidekick.

Ra the Mighty is Pharaoh’s Cat, Lord of the Powerful Paw. He is NOT Ra the Royal Babysitter. How’s a cat supposed to fit in all his snacks and naps when his charges keep getting into mischief?

Ra’s new job only gets harder on a voyage up the Nile, leading to a fearsome palace where crocodiles swarm the waters. Then Pharaoh’s son disappears. Has he run away? Has he been eaten by crocodiles? Has he been kidnapped, or worse? Ra and his fellow Great Detectives, Khepri and Miu, set out to discover the truth, but the palace is home to many secrets. Can the Great Detectives unravel the mystery, find the missing boy—and make it out alive?

More than 30 wacky illustrations with fun historical details bring this mystery to life, along with a glossary, pronunciation guide, and detailed author’s note about ancient Egypt. Don’t miss the companion novels: Edgar-nominated *Ra the Mighty: Cat Detective*, and *Ra the Mi*...

**Contributor Bio**
A. B. Greenfield once had four newborn kittens living in her closet and has loved cats ever since. She is the author of many books, including the Edgar-nominated *Ra the Mighty: Cat Detective*, and has won a PEN/Albrand Award, the Veolia Prix du Livre Environnement, and a Beacon of Freedom Award. Amy was raised in the United States and studied history at Oxford. She now lives with her family in England. Visit her online at [www.amybutlergreenfield.com](http://www.amybutlergreenfield.com) for *Ra the Mighty* games and more!

Sarah Horne is an award-winning illustrator. Her children’s books include *You Get What You Get* by Julie Gassman and the *Sesame Seade* series by Clémentine Beauvais. Her design and advertising clients range from IKEA and Nike to *The Sunday Times* and *Sesame Street*. She lives in London. Visit her online at [www.sarahhorne.co.uk](http://www.sarahhorne.co.uk)

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**The Metric System**
David A. Adler, Ed Miller

**Summary**
Think metric! A fun illustrated primer on the internationally recognized metric system for kids.

Used in almost every country in the world, the metric system is an easy-to-use way of calculating length, distance, weight, and volume. Look at the label of a soft drink. You’ll see both ounces and milliliters or gallons and liters listed. For kids who love to interact with their environment and measure and build things, knowledge of the metric system is a must.

Filled with do-it-yourself activities, bright illustrations, and valuable kid-friendly information on how to convert inches into centimeters, pounds into kilograms, and much more, this latest from trusted STEM creators David A. Adler and Edward Miller will have kids thinking in metric in no time. Each book includes a ruler with metric and imperial measurements that can be cut out from the jacket flaps.

David A. Adler and Edward Miller have collaborated on over 10 math books for children, many of which have received praise from educators and starred reviews from *Kirkus Reviews* and *School Library Journal*.

**Contributor Bio**
David A. Adler is a former math teacher and author of more than two hundred picture books, biographies, and mysteries for children, including the Cam Jansen series and his Picture Book Biography Of... series. His series of math books, illustrated by Ed Miller, have received numerous starred reviews and been named Bank Street Best Children’s Book of the Year and Junior Library Guild selections. He lives in Long Island, New York.

Ed Miller is a New York based illustrator and designer who specializes in children’s book illustration and product design. He loves to make concepts clear to kids and has demonstrated that in his many nonfiction books. Follow him on Instagram [@edelementary](http://www.amybutlergreenfield.com).

**Author Residence:** Long Island, NY
**Ice! Poems About Polar Life**
Douglas Florian

**Summary**
This kid-pleasing collection of more than twenty poems about the polar regions and the animals that live there is both fun and informative. Douglas Florian is well-known for combining poetry, art, and science in books that have wit, imagination, and an aesthetic sensibility.

From the opening poem, which describes the poles as our "earth refrigerator" to the call to action in the closing verse about climate change, artist and poet Douglas Florian applies his prodigious talent to twenty-one poems and illustrations that raise awareness of the polar habitats and the unique animals that have adapted to a cold, windy, and frozen environment.

Florian use rhythm, rhyme, figurative language, and other poetic language, as well as whimsy and humor.

Seals—
On land they’re lumbering, clumsy, and slow,
For they lack legs with which to go.
But in the sea their speed is great.
In sea, all seals can seal-ebrate.

Teachers and learners alike will appreciate references to animal adaptation, biomes, global warming, and interdependence.

Titles of poems: The Polar Regions; Antarctica; Emperor Penguin; Arctic; The T...

**Contributor Bio**
Douglas Florian an award-winning poet and fine artist who has had much success with poetry collections that he has both written and illustrated. Frequently using wordplay, rhythm, and rhyme in his poetry and crayons and paper bags in his illustrations, he consistently uses humor to engage his young audience. He has written and illustrated two I Like to Read? books for Holiday House, Pig Is Big on Books and Pig and Cat Are Pals. He...

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**Little Red Hoodie**
Martha Freeman, Marta Sevilla

**Summary**
It’s not the big bad wolf that stops Little Red Hoodie from getting to grandma’s house in this rollicking take on the fairy tale—Red can’t follow directions!

"Follow Magic Wand Lane to Glass Slipper Boulevard, right on Beanstalk, left on Breadcrumb, down the Garden Path, and you’re there," said Little Red Hoodie’s mom, but Red wasn’t exactly paying attention.

Before she knows it, she’s hopelessly lost in the forest—and to make matters worse, someone has stolen her basket of goodies. It’ll take the whole forest to undercover the thief and get the directionally challenged Little Red Hoodie back on track to Grandma’s house.

A companion to the delightfully irreverent Goldilocks, Go Home!, this latest from Martha Freeman features all the wit and charm of the first book as well as cameos by Bobby (Baby) Bear, the Pig Brothers from HoGTV, Chicken Little, and many more. Marta Sevilla’s clever drawings effortlessly capture the spirited banter among characters as Little Red Hoodie and Bobby Bear take turns narrating the story.

**Contributor Bio**
Martha Freeman has written over thirty books for children, including the Edgar Award—nominated Zap!, The First Kids Mysteries, The Chickadee Court Mysteries, and Strudel’s Forever Home. She was born in Southern California, graduated from Stanford University, and worked as a newspaper reporter and a teacher before becoming a children’s book author. She lives in Boulder, Colorado. Marta Sevilla is an exciting artist whose work has appeared in newspapers and magazines in both North America and Europe, including the Washington Post and the Boston Globe. She lives in Spain.

**Author Residence:** Boulder, CO

**Author Hometown:** California
Middle School Bites: Tom Bites Back
Steven Banks, Mark Fearing

Summary
Tom the Vam-Wolf-Zom is back - and so is the vampire bat that bit him - in this monstrously funny series about a boy who’s dying to fit in.

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


Eleven-year-old Tom was bit by a vampire, a werewolf, and a zombie right before the first day of middle school. It was a weird and crazy day. And the worst part? Even a Vam-Wolf-Zom needs to go to sixth grade. At least his neighbors and classmates seem to have accepted him. Annie even wants him to join her band!

Plus, there are some cool things about having vampire and werewolf traits. Tom has night vision now, and he’s super-fast and strong. (There’s nothing cool about being a zombie.) Maybe life as a Vam-Wolf-Zom will be as EXCELLENT as his best friend, Zeke, predicted.

But when the bat that bit Tom shows up again, and speaks to him, he knows it’s time for a new plan. Tom’s laugh-out-loud adventures...

Contributor Bio
Steven Banks is a New York Times best-selling 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.

Surprising Spies
Unexpected Heroes of World War II
Karen Gray Ruelle

Summary
Would you spy for your country? Discover the World War II spies who lived among the shadows and the ones who lived in the limelight—disguised in plain sight!

Josephine Baker. Virginia Hall. Roy Hawthorne. These are but a few of the daring spies who risked it all to deliver and protect crucial intel for the Allied powers. From housing refugees and resistance members while extracting secrets from diplomats to developing a groundbreaking, war-changing code and keeping it top secret for over twenty years, the actions of these legendary World War II spies are unbelievable but true.

This thoroughly researched collection of biographies profiles several courageous individuals who resisted the Axis Powers via espionage and heroism. Includes numerous photos and features such fascinating accounts like that of Moe Berg, a major-league baseball player and potential assassin; Noor Inayat Khan, a Sufi princess and wireless operator; and Juan Pujol Garcia, a storyteller and double agent. Also features sections on invisible ink, ciphers and codes, resistance fighters, and infamous missions such as Oper...

Contributor Bio
Karen Gray Ruelle is a former librarian turned full-time author and illustrator of children’s books. Her collaborations with Deborah Durland DeSaix, which include Peter’s War, have garnered much acclaim; The Grand Mosque of Paris was named an ALA Notable Book, and Hidden on the Mountain, a Sydney Taylor Notable Book, received a starred review from Kirkus Reviews. Her books also include the Harry & Emily easy reader series, as well as other picture books and nonfiction. Ruelle lives in New York City.

Author Residence: New York, NY
**No Ordinary Thing**

The Tale of the Traveling Snow Globe

G. Z. Schmidt

**Summary**

Twelve-year-old Adam is whisked away from his imperfect but quiet life with the arrival of a stranger and a magical promise in this time travel mystery.

It’s 1999 and Adam doesn’t mind living at his uncle’s bakery, the Biscuit Basket, on the Lower East Side in New York City. The warm, delicious smells of freshly baked breads and chocolate croissants make every day feel cozy, even if Adam doesn’t have many friends and he misses his long dead parents very much.

When a mysterious but cheerful customer shows Adam a snow globe and says that adventures await him, it’s too strange to be true. But days later, an unbelievable, incredible thing happens. Adam finds a similar looking snow globe and immediately travels back in time, first to Times Square in 1935, then a candle factory fire in 1967.

But how are these moments related? What do they have to do with his parents’ death? And why is a tall man with long eyebrows and a thin mustache following Adam’s every move?

In her debut novel G. Z. Schmidt has crafted a world filled with serendipity, mystery, and adventure for readers of Roald Dahl and Le...

**Contributor Bio**

G. Z. Schmidt was born in China and immigrated to the United States when she was six. She grew up in the Midwest and the South where she chased fireflies, listened for tornado warnings, and pursued a love of reading. In the third grade, she began writing stories in a spiral-bound notebook, and never looked back. *No Ordinary Thing* is her debut novel. She currently lives in Switzerland with her husband and their tuxedo cat.

**Author Residence:** Lausanne, Switzerland

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**Pine Island Home**

Polly Horvath

**Summary**

Four sisters search for true family in this story of resilience by a Newbery Honor author.

When the McCready sisters’ parents are washed away in a tsunami, their Great Aunt Martha volunteers to have them live with her on her farm in British Columbia. But while they are traveling there, Martha dies unexpectedly, forcing Fiona, the eldest, to come up with a scheme to keep social services from separating the girls - a scheme that will only work if no one knows they are living on their own.

Fiona approaches their grouchy and indifferent neighbor Al and asks if he will pretend to be their live-in legal guardian should papers need to be signed or if anyone comes snooping around. He reluctantly agrees, under the condition that they bring him dinner every night.

As weeks pass, Fiona takes on more and more adult responsibilities, while each of the younger girls finds their own special role in their atypical family - But even if things seem to be falling into place, Fiona is sure it’s only a matter of time before they are caught.

Written in Polly Horvath’s inimitable style, gentle humor and tough ...

**Contributor Bio**

Polly Horvath has written many books for children including *Everything on a Waffle*, a Newbery Honor Book; *The Canning Season*, a National Book Award winner; and *The Trolls*, a National Book Award finalist. She lives in British Columbia with her family. Visit her at [www.PollyHorvath.com](http://www.PollyHorvath.com).

**Author Residence:** British Columbia
Eleanor, Alice, and the Roosevelt Ghosts
Dianne K. Salerni

Summary
Murderous ghosts and buried family secrets threaten young Eleanor and Alice Roosevelt in this thrilling middle-grade novel that puts a supernatural spin on alternate history.

It’s 1898 in New York City and ghosts exist among humans.

When an unusual spirit takes up residence at the Roosevelt house, thirteen-year-old Eleanor and fourteen-year-old Alice are suspicious. The cousins don’t get along, but they know something is not right. This ghost is more than a pesky nuisance. The authorities claim he’s safe to be around, even as his mischievous behavior grows stranger and more menacing. It’s almost like he wants to scare the Roosevelts out of their home - and no one seems to care!

Meanwhile, Eleanor and Alice discover a dangerous ghost in the house where Alice was born and her mother died. Is someone else haunting the family?

Introverted Eleanor and unruly Alice develop an unlikely friendship as they explore the family’s dark, complicated history. It’s up to them to destroy both ghosts and come to terms with their family’s losses.

Told from alternating perspectives, thrills and chills abound...

Contributor Bio
Dianne K. Salerni has written many books for children and young adults, including state-award nominated series The Eighth Day and Junior Library Guild Selection The Caged Graves. She attended the University of Delaware and the University of Pennsylvania before teaching fourth and fifth grades for many years. Now Dianne spends her time hanging around creepy cemeteries, climbing 2,000-year-old pyramids for book research, and volunteering at her local rescue animal shelter. She lives in Pennsylvania with her family. Visit her at www.diannesalerni.com.

The History of the World in Comics
Jean-Baptiste dePanafieu, Adrienne Barman

Summary
Never has natural history been so fun! Scientific accuracy and humor combine to tell the entire history of Earth in a comic book format.

A paleontologist and a storyteller take two children through the birth of our planet, the beginning of microbes, and through the heydays of protozoans, dinosaurs, and early mammals with unfailing enthusiasm.

The art accurately portrays animal species and prehistoric landscapes, includes maps and infographics, but also adds humorous touches: a google-eyed prehistoric fish looking startled to be walking on land and the children popping out of a tree top to surprise a Brachiosaurus.

The combined expertise of author Jean-Baptiste de Panafieu, a science writer and biologist, and illustrator Adriene Barman, the creator behind Creaturepedia and Plantopedia, makes for a science read you can trust.

Fans of Maris Wicks’s Human Body Theater and Nathan Hale will be pleased.

Contributor Bio
Jean-Baptiste de Panafieu is a science writer and biologist with advanced degrees in genetics, oceanography, and cinematography. He is well-known in France for his television documentaries and books on science for both children and general audiences. He has won the Prix La Science se Livre and the Prix du Livre Scientifique in France. His Evolution created with the Museum of Natural History in Paris was published in the U.S. by Seven Stories Press. He lives in Paris, France.

Adriene Barman is a Swiss graphic novelist, designer, and illustrator. She specializes in inventive books on animals for children. Her popular Creaturepedia and its companion Plantopedia have been published throughout the world, and by Wide Eyed Editions in the U.S. She lives in Geneva, Switzerland.

Author Residence: Paris, France
Forget This Ever Happened
Cassandra Rose Clarke

Summary
Sometimes there’s a town called Indianola.
And sometimes there isn’t.

June, 1993. Claire has been dumped in rural Indianola, Texas, to spend her whole vacation taking care of mean, sickly Grammy. There’s nothing too remarkable about Indianola: it’s run-down, shabby, and sweltering, a pin-dot on the Gulf Coast.

Except there is something remarkable. Memories shimmer and change. Lizards whisper riddles under the pecan trees. People disappear as if they never existed. Yesterday keeps coming unspooled, like a video tape. And worst of all, a red-lightning storm from beyond our world may just wipe the whole town off the map, if Claire and her maybe-girlfriend Julie can’t stop it.

Because reality doesn’t apply in Indianola. Indianola is not supposed to exist.

Surprising, brilliant, and, like, totally tight, Forget This Ever Happened is speculative horror at its finest, featuring an OwnVoices Queer romance and dark, dazzling world-building.

Contributor Bio
Cassandra Rose Clarke has been nominated for both the Pushcart Prize and the Phillip K. Dick Award, and is frequently published in magazines like Fantasy & Science Fiction and Strange Horizons. Her 2012 novel THE ASSASSIN’S CURSE was a YALSA Best Book for Young Adults and a Kirkus Reviews Best Teen Book of the Year. She is a graduate of Clarion West, the country’s premier writing program for speculative fiction.

Author Residence: Houston, TX

The Bitterwine Oath
Hannah West

Summary
Every fifty years, a cult claims twelve men to murder in a small Texas town. Can one girl end the cycle of violence - and save the boy who broke her heart?

“A richly woven tale of magic and murder and vengeance. This book kept me up all night! One of the best stories I’ve read all year.” - Shea Ernshaw, New York Times bestselling author of The Wicked Deep

San Solano, Texas, is a quaint town known for its charm, hospitality, and history of murder. Twice now, twelve men have been brutally killed, and no one knows who did it. A shadowy witch? A copycat killer? Or a man-hating murderess?

Eighteen-year-old Natalie Colter is sure that the rumors about her great-great-grandmother’s cult of wronged women are just gossip, but that doesn’t stop the true-crime writers and dark tourism bloggers from capitalizing on the town’s reputation. It’s an urban legend that’s hard to ignore, and it gets harder when Nat learns that the sisterhood is real. And magical. And they want her to join.

The more Nat learns of the Wardens’ supernatural history, the more she wonders about the real culprits behind the town...

Contributor Bio
Hannah West is a freelance writer with a French degree she wishes she had more occasion to use. Her debut novel, Kingdom of Ash and Briars, received a starred review from Kirkus Reviews and was named a Kirkus Best Book of the Year. She lives in Texas with her husband and their two rambunctious rescue dogs. Find her at hannahwestauthor.com or on Instagram @hannahwestya.

Author Residence: Dallas, Texas
New in Paperback
The ABCs of What I Can Be
Caitlin McDonagh

Summary
Part alphabet book, part dress-up, and part career book—and all fun, from A to Z!

ABC... What can I be?

The possibilities are nearly endless—and in this fun picture book, an inclusive group of kids play-acts all sorts of occupations. Dressing in grown-up work clothes, the children try out some familiar roles, like artist and athlete for A, and some less-common ones—from beekeeper and biochemist to zipper-maker and Zumba instructor.

With a hundred different jobs and interests represented, Caitlin McDonagh’s bright illustrations are filled with funny, hidden details that will bring sharp-eyed readers back again and again.

This imaginative, joyful picture book shares a wonderful message about exploring all the possibilities, and opens up all kinds of discussions about the careers people embark upon—while also reinforcing basic reading skills. Perfect for reading aloud and sure to spark imaginative play!

Contributor Bio
A Magna Cum Laude graduate of The Fashion Institute of Technology, Caitlin McDonagh was a student of award-winning Holiday House author and illustrator Eric Velasquez, who has been her mentor. The ABCs of What I Can Be is her first picture book.

Author Residence: Whitestone, NY

A Picture Book of Alexander Hamilton
David A. Adler, Matt Collins

Summary
How an extraordinary patriot made soaring accomplishments but then met a devastating end, the life of Alexander Hamilton for picture book readers.

From his youth in the Caribbean to his immigration to New York City, this picture book covers the highlights of Alexander Hamilton’s legacy, including his part in the American revolution, his influence on the monetary system we still use today, and his tragic death.

Matt Collin’s hyperrealistic art style will transport readers right alongside Hamilton, while David A. Adler deftly chronicles pivotal moments in the Founding Father’s short but hugely influential life.

A timeline of important events is included.

For almost thirty years, David Adler’s Picture Book Biography series has profiled famous people who changed the world. Colorful, kid-friendly illustrations combine with Adler’s “expert mixtures of facts and personality” (Booklist) to introduce young readers to history through compelling biographies of presidents, heroes, inventors, explorers, and adventurers.

These books are ideal for first and second graders interested in history, or who n...

Contributor Bio
David A. Adler is a former math teacher and author of more than two hundred picture books, biographies, and mysteries for children, including the Cam Jansen series and his Picture Book Biography Of...series. His many celebrated history books include Heroes of the Revolution, A Picture Book of Alexander Hamilton, Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad, and A Picture Book Of Benjamin Franklin.

Matt Collins has illustrated numerous picture books for children. Publishers Weekly praised his “dynamic” and “painterly” illustrations for Basketball Belles, and in a starred review, Booklist lauded the art’s “clever details
D is for Dragon Dance
Ying Chang Compestine, YongSheng Xuan

Summary
From dazzling dragon dances to scrumptious steamed dumplings, celebrate the Chinese New Year with this bilingual alphabet book in English and Mandarin Chinese.

Lunar New Year is here! It's time for Acrobats to perform, Grandma and Grandpa to make cut paper decorations, friends to share Oranges with one another, and so much more!

Follow along as two siblings prepare for the festivities and later have a feast with their whole family. First published in 2006, this new paperback edition presents the text in both English and Mandarin Chinese.

Award-winning author Ying Chang Compestine beautifully captures all the tradition and excitement, while YongSheng Xuan's gentle artwork depicts the celebrations, including a full spread of a dragon dance. The book closes with an illustrated Zodiac calendar, tips to ensure good fortune in the New Year, and an author's and illustrator's note.

Contributor Bio
Ying Chang Compestine is an award-winning author and former food editor for Martha Stewart's Whole Living magazine. She grew up in Wuhan, China during the Chinese Cultural Revolution. Ying graduated from Central China Normal University with a degree in English, then earned her Master's in Sociology from the University of Colorado, Boulder. She has taught writing and sociology in both the U.S. and China. Her many beloved books for young people include Revolution Is Not a Dinner Party, which has received over 30 national awards, and A Banquet for Hungry Ghosts, which received a starred review from Publisher's Weekly. She lives in California.

YongSheng Xuan is the acclaimed illustrator of many books for children, including The Rooster's Antlers: A Story of the Chinese Zodiac by Eric A. Kimmel and Ying Chang Compestine's The Story Of...series. He was born in Shanghai, China. As a teenager he studied under the famed Chinese sculptor Zhang Cheren and later attended the Central Arts and Crafts University in Beijing.

Tomie dePaola's The Quicksand Book
Tomie dePaola

Summary
Quicksand bringing you down? Try this very funny science book.

When Jungle Girl falls into some quicksand and starts slowly sinking, Jungle Boy arrives quickly—and takes the opportunity to tell her how it is formed, what it is made of, and how to get out of it, demonstrating with charts and graphs. Meanwhile, Jungle Girl sinks lower…and lower…

But before the book ends, the tables turn and Jungle Girl gets her revenge!

This engaging introduction to an unusual phenomenon from the bestselling author-illustrator of Strega Nona includes instructions for making your own quicksand—as well as tips on how to escape it if you're as unlucky as Jungle Girl. Boldly-illustrated nonfiction with a strong sense of humor, this classic picture book is equal parts science lesson and entertainment.

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.

Author Residence: New London, NH
A Frog's Life
Irene Kelly, Margherita Borin

Summary
A stunningly illustrated introduction to our planet's many frog species!

Frogs, frogs, and more frogs! This exciting survey of the world’s frog species will introduce children to varieties as diverse as the golden poison frog (the planet’s most toxic animal), the Amau frog (so tiny it’s no bigger than a housefly), and the Chinese gliding frog (which can “fly” up to 17 feet)!

Their different hunting techniques, preferred foods, body types, and methods of defense are covered, as are the universal basics of the frog life cycle. Colorful, scientifically accurate illustration is paired with a distinguished nonfiction writer’s plain, energetic text in this excellent introduction to the diversity and fundamentals of frogs. Back matter includes information on frog disappearances and conservation efforts.

A Cybils Awards Finalist in the Elementary Nonfiction category!

Contributor Bio
Irene Kelly writes nonfiction for children. Her books have been named Outstanding Science Trade Books by the National Science Teachers Association and the Children's Book Council and have also been named to the John Burroughs List of Nature Books for Young Readers.

Margherita Borin is an Italian artist specializing in lifelike wildlife illustration. Margherita has illustrated several books for young children. She lives in Italy.

Author Residence: East Calais, VT

Horse & Buggy Paint It Out!
Ethan Long

Summary
Geisel medalist Ethan Long’s comical duo get creative in this funny Level G story about working together—perfect for first-grade readers.

Horse is all set to paint a mural his way, oblivious to Buggy’s suggestions that a bit of planning might be a good idea. But after Horse knocks over paint cans and sends brushes flying, he relents and accepts some help from his friend.

The hilarious antics, easy-to-read text, and colorful cartoon illustrations will put smiles on the faces of fledgling readers.

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 with parents, teachers, or on their own!

For early-to-mid first grade readers, Level G books feature more complex storylines than prior levels, and a wider variety of structure and punctuation. Illustrations offer support for decoding the more c...

Contributor Bio
Ethan Long is an artist and animator who has written and illustrated dozens of children’s books. His accolades include a Theodor Seuss Geisel Medal for Up, Tall, and High! and a daytime Emmy nomination for Tasty Time with Ze Frank.

Author Residence: Orlando, FL
Who Will Bell the Cat?
Patricia C. McKissack, Christopher Cyr

Summary
A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year!
A Chicago Tribune Best Children’s Book of the Year!

Weak, sick, and hungry, a tabby cat seeks shelter in an old barn, where the mice take pity on her and make her a warm, cozy bed in the straw...

But as soon as she feels better, Marmalade the cat begins doing what cats do: chasing the mice!

When Smart Mouse stumbles across an old bell, the mice hatch a plan to make sure Marmalade can never sneak up on them again...but who will be able to get the collar onto the cat?

Retold by a master storyteller, this well-known fable is brought to life by bold, luminous illustrations of gentle mice, cozy barn corners, and of course, the magnificent feline rage of Marmalade on the hunt.

A perfect read-aloud for winter days.

Contributor Bio
Patricia C. McKissack (1944–2017) wrote more than one hundred books for young readers, often with her husband, Fredrick McKissack. She won the Coretta Scott King Medal three times and was an Honor winner six times. She also won a Newbery Honor Award.

Christopher Cyr is an artist from New England. He graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design and is also trained in animation.

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See Me Play
Paul Meisel

Summary
What fun! A playful pack of dogs chase a ball and find new friends! This Level C book is perfect for kindergarteners and rising first graders.

I see a ball. The bird has the ball. The whale has the ball. The lion has the ball. Gulp! No more ball!

This is the third book in an award-winning series. See Me Run is a Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Award Winner, and See Me Dig is a Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year.

Level C books are suitable for mid-to-late kindergarten readers who have mastered basic sight words and are ready for more. When Level C is mastered, follow up with Level D.

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A Junior Library Guild Selection!
A Bank Street Best Book of the Year

Contributor Bio
PAUL MEISEL, who holds a master’s degree in graphic design from Yale University, has received two Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Awards as well as American Library Association Notable Awards for See Me Run and I See a Cat, both I Like to Read books. My Awesome Summer by P. Mantis was honored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science for Excellence in Science Books, and The Schmutzy Family, written by Marilyn Rosenberg and illustrated by Paul Meisel, was a National Jewish Book Award Finalist.

Author Residence: Newton, CT
**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

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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! Now in paperback.

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 an...

**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)

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A Star on TV, Lucy McGee
Mary Amato, Jessica Meserve

Summary
A chance to be on TV brings out the worst in fourth grader Lucy McGee—and now her friends want her out of the Songwriting Club!

Lucy McGee and Phillip Lee are invited to perform a song on their school’s morning show—this is their big break! First, they agree to keep it a secret from spotlight-stealing classmate Scarlett Tandy.

But what about the other members of the Songwriting Club? Lucy forgets to tell them, setting off a chain of hurt feelings, a disastrous secret party, a runaway brother, and much more. The loveable but impulsive Lucy will have to write a lot of apology letters before everything can go back to normal.

The delightful Lucy McGee series features a diverse cast of fourth and fifth grade characters who all love to sing and play the ukulele in the Songwriting Club; funny and sweet illustrations on every page; and song lyrics for aspiring musicians to try out on their own. Called “Ramona-esque” by the Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books, Lucy McGee is sure to be a reader favorite.

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 cofounder 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 U.S. and UK. She was born in Maine and lives in England.

Author Residence: Hyattsville, Maryland

Lucy Lopez: Coding Star
Claudia Mills, Grace Zong

Summary
Talented Lucy Lopez finds her passion when she joins an after-school coding camp, but can her older sister come to terms with their shared hobby?

Third-grader Lucy Lopez and her older sister Elena created the Let’s Have Fun Club, where they designed their own badges to put in a handbook and make up lists of things they have to do to earn each one.

But now Elena is spending most of her time coding on the computer and Lucy feels left out. She decides to join the after-school coding camp in the hopes that Elena will want to add it to their Let’s Have Fun Club activities and it can be something they can do together. But when Lucy proves to be a natural, Elena is none too happy—why does Lucy have to do everything she does?

Parents and kids on the hunt for a fun and informative book about coding need look no further. The series includes Lucy Lopez: Coding Star, Nixie Ness: Cooking Star, and Vera Vance: Comic Book Star in the After-School Superstars series. Perfect for fans of Judy Moody, Ivy and Bean, and Clementine, this new chapter book series features recurring characters, and each book hi...

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, and Vera Vance: Comic Book Star. She recently received the Kerlan Award for her contribution to children’s literature. Ms. Mills lives in Boulder, Colorado.

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Author Residence: Boulder, Colorado
Ra the Mighty: The Great Tomb Robbery
A. B. Greenfield, Sarah Horne

Summary
A smug royal cat turned detective and his dung beetle sidekick are on the case when a precious tomb gets ransacked in the Valley of the Kings.

Ra the Mighty adores his duties as Pharaoh’s cat: naps by the pool and plenty of snacks. Being lazy is so much fun. But when a royal tomb gets robbed, Ra and his hardworking friend Khepri must team up to restore justice. The clues point to a young boy whom Ra admires. Will the Great Detective play favorites, or will he uncover the truth? Mystery awaits!

More than thirty wacky illustrations with fun historical details bring these oddball characters to life, along with a glossary, pronunciation guide, and detailed author’s note about ancient Egypt.

Fans of Bad Kitty will love Ra’s witty voice and arrogant antics. Don’t miss Ra’s other adventures, including Ra the Mighty: Cat Detective and Ra the Mighty: The Crocodile Caper

A Junior Library Guild Selection!

Contributor Bio
A. B. Greenfield once had four newborn kittens living in her closet and has loved cats ever since. She is the author of many books, including the Edgar-nominated Ra the Mighty, and has won a PEN/Albrand Award, the Veolia Prix du Livre Environnement, and a Beacon of Freedom Award. Amy was raised in the United States and studied history at Oxford. She now lives with her family in England.

Sarah Horne is an award-winning illustrator. Her children’s books include You Get What You Get by Julie Gassman and the Sesame Seade series by Clémentine Beauvais. Her design and advertising clients range from IKEA and Nike to The Sunday Times and Sesame Street. She lives in London.

Author Residence: England

The Bottle Imp of Bright House
Tom Llewellyn, Gris Grimly

Summary
School vacation for a year. Eternal happiness. You could wish for anything—but if it came at someone else’s expense, would you still do it?

When a mysterious millionaire sells thirteen-year-old Gabe a bottle containing a wish-granting imp, it comes with a warning: 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 a difficult 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?

The Bottle Imp of Bright House is pithy, dark, and very, very funny, exploring the lengths people will go to for happiness—and the surprising ways small choices can swiftly spiral out of control. Gris Grimly’s bold and eerie artwork brings Gabe’s misadventures to life.

Inspired by a Robert Louis Stevenson novella, this clever story is full of references to his body of work—and lots of laughs, too.

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...
The Space We're In
Katya Balen

Summary
Ten-year-old Frank has trouble navigating his relationship with his younger brother Max, who is autistic. Now in paperback.

Frank loves soccer, codes, riding his bike, and playing with his friends. His brother Max is five. Max only eats foods that are beige or white, hates baths, and if he has to wear a t-shirt that isn’t gray with yellow stripes he melts down down down.

Frank longs for the brother he was promised by his parents before Max was born—someone who was supposed to be his biggest fan, so he could be the best brother in the world. Instead, Frank has trouble navigating Max’s behavior and their relationship. But when tragedy strikes, Frank finds a way to try and repair their fractured family and in doing so learns to love Max for who he is.

In her debut novel, Katya Balen uses her knowledge of autism and experience working with autistic people to create an intriguing and intense yet always respectful family story.

For readers of Counting by 7s and The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime.

Contributor Bio
Katya Balen lives just outside London with her boyfriend and their rescue dog. She’s worked in a number of special schools for autistic children. She now runs Mainspring Arts, a non-profit that organizes creative projects for neurodivergent people. The Space We’re In is her first novel.

Very Rich
Polly Horvath

Summary
Ten-year-old Rupert Brown inadvertently finds himself spending Christmas with the wealthiest family in town and is astonished to discover a world he never knew existed.

Rupert lives with his parents and many siblings in a small house in the poorest section of Steelville, Ohio. When he spends Christmas with his classmate Turgid Rivers, he is offered all the food he can eat, and the opportunity to win wonderful prizes in the family games—prizes he hopes to take home so he can share his Christmas bounty with his family. But after he loses everything in the last game, Rupert resigns himself to going home empty handed.

Feeling secretly guilty, all of the adults in Rivers family try to make it up to him by taking Rupert on one unlikely adventure after another, embroiling him in everything from time travel to bank robberies. But can anything he experiences make up for what he has lost?

Deftly blending magical realism with heartbreak, hope, and a wide cast of eccentric characters, Polly Horvath weaves a tale that is darkly funny and deeply poignant. Very Rich is a bittersweet and quirky sto...

Contributor Bio
Polly Horvath has written many books for children including Everything on a Waffle, a Newbery Honor Book; The Canning Season, a National Book Award winner; and The Trolls, a National Book Award finalist. She lives in British Columbia with her family. Visit her at www.PollyHorvath.com.

Author Residence: British Columbia
Running Wild
Lucy Jane Bledsoe

Summary
Twelve-year-old Willa and her twin brothers have survived with their father in the Alaskan wilderness for five years. But Willa knows this can’t go on—they must escape.

Since their mother died five years ago, Willa, her younger brothers, and her father have lived in the wilderness, in a log cabin they built. They survive on food they grow and animals they hunt. Every year they have struggled a little bit more to survive.

Now, with winter approaching and her father becoming more reckless, Willa wonders if they will live to see spring. She also knows her father will never agree to leave.

When her father goes on a hunting expedition by himself, Willa convinces her brothers that they must make the four-day journey down the Yukon River to Fort Yukon to get help. But first, they’ll need to survive the treacherous trip...all while knowing their father is on their trail.

Perfect for middle grade readers looking for adventure stories with strong female protagonists, Lucy Jane Bledsoe’s Running Wild is a page-turner that hooks you from the beginning and doesn’t let go.

A Bank Street Best Book of the ...

Contributor Bio
Lucy Jane Bledsoe is an author of books for children and adults, both fiction and nonfiction. An adventurer, Lucy has been to Alaska many times to hike and kayak, and has worked as a National Park Service ranger. She lives in Berkeley, California.

Author Residence: Berkeley, California

The History of the World in Comics
Jean-Baptiste dePanafieu, Adrienne Barman

Summary
Never has natural history been so fun! Scientific accuracy and humor combine to tell the entire history of Earth in a comic book format.

A paleontologist and a storyteller take two children through the birth of our planet, the beginning of microbes, and through the heydays of protozoans, dinosaurs, and early mammals with unfailing enthusiasm.

The art accurately portrays animal species and prehistoric landscapes, includes maps and infographics, but also adds humorous touches: a google-eyed prehistoric fish looking startled to be walking on land and the children popping out of a tree top to surprise a Brachiosaurus.

The combined expertise of author Jean-Baptiste de Panafieu, a science writer and biologist, and illustrator Adriene Barman, the creator behind Creaturepedia and Plantopedia, makes for a science read you can trust.

Fans of Maris Wicks’s Human Body Theater and Nathan Hale will be pleased.

Contributor Bio
Jean-Baptiste de Panafieu is a science writer and biologist with advanced degrees in genetics, oceanography, and cinematography. He is well-known in France for his television documentaries and books on science for both children and general audiences. He has won the Prix La Science se Livre and the Prix du Livre Scientifique in France. His Evolution created with the Museum of Natural History in Paris was published in the U.S. by Seven Stories Press. He lives in Paris, France.

Adriene Barman is a Swiss graphic novelist, designer, and illustrator. She specializes in inventive books on animals for children. Her popular Creaturepedia and its companion Plantopedia have been published throughout the world, and by Wide Eyed Editions in the U.S. She lives in Geneva, Switzerland.

Author Residence: Paris, France
Mayhem and Madness
Chronicles of a Teenaged Supervillain
J. A. Dauber

Summary
Bailey never meant to be the bad guy in the bulletproof robotic suit, but with every mission he gets closer to finding his father...and he can’t stop now.

Bailey is a pretty average teenager in a pretty average town. He runs track, gets decent grades, and has an unrequited crush. So what is a super-powered flying suit of computerized armor doing twenty feet under his boring suburban home? Bailey needs to know where it came from, if it belonged to his long-missing father, and most importantly, if it can be used to bring his dad back.

This lightning-fast adventure inspired by classic comic book tales pushes a good kid to his limits and questions the difference between a hero and a villain. One day he’s getting beat up by the captain of the football team, the next day he’s robbing banks on Fifth Avenue, stealing diamonds from Tiffany’s, and zooming through aerial dogfights. But how much bad is Bailey willing to do to bring his dad home safely?

For fans of Iron Man, superhero stories, and dark humor.

Contributor Bio
JEREMY DAUBER grew up devouring classic science fiction and comic books. A professor at Columbia University, he is the author of several adult nonfiction works including Jewish Comedy: A Serious History. Mayhem and Madness is his debut novel for young readers. He lives in New York City with his wife and his three young children, who insist on making him the supervillain in their games every single time.

Author Residence: New York, NY
Author Hometown: New Jersey

The Undoing of Thistle Tate
Katelyn Detweiler

Summary
Thistle Tate is only seventeen, and a bestselling author. It’s too bad she’s also a liar. Now in paperback.

It seems like Thistle has everything. Her Lemonade Skies series is wildly popular, with droves of diehard fans waiting for the next—and final—book. She’s even started dating her best friend, Liam, the one person who knows everything about her.

Including Thistle’s deepest secret: she’s not really the author of the books.

But as she gets to know one of her super-fans—and her handsome, charming brother Oliver—Thistle’s guilt starts to weigh on her. How can she build friendships when her life is built on lies?

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All Thistle wants is for the last book to be written, so she can leave this ruse behind her for good. But as the book’s deadline looms, a dramatic turn of events puts everything in jeopardy—Lemonade Skies, Thistle’s relationships, and even her own identity. Is she a victim, a fraudster, or both?

Lies, jealousy, secrets...It’s only a matter of time before something gives—and Thistle’s world comes undone.

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The Liar's Daughter
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Summary
Piper was raised in a cult.
She just doesn't know it.

Seventeen-year-old Piper knows that Father is a Prophet. Infallible. The chosen one.

She would do anything for Father. That’s why she takes care of all her little sisters. That’s why she runs end-of-the world drills. That’s why she never asks questions. Because Father knows best.

Until the day he doesn’t. Until the day the government raids the compound and separates Piper from her siblings, from Mother, from the Aunts, from all of Father’s followers—even from Caspian, the boy she loves.

Now Piper is living Outside. Among Them.

With a woman They claim is her real mother—a woman They say Father stole her from.

But Piper knows better. And Piper is going to escape.

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