HOLIDAY HOUSE
BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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Chinese New Year Colors
Richard Lo

Summary
Celebrate Lunar New Year with a rainbow of traditions in this bilingual board book!

Hóng is the color of firecrackers! Jin is the hue of lucky coins. Zŏng is the shade of sweet peanut puffs. Welcome to the festivities of the Chinese New Year, where symbolic gifts, foods, and objects come together in a celebration of beautiful colors.

This simple and bold bilingual board book is perfect for toddlers and lap sitters. Each spread focuses on a particular color, giving the name in both Chinese and English, and showcasing a traditional part of the New Year celebration—from paper fans to lion dances.

For older readers, a large-format picture book is also available, which features additional backmatter about the symbols shown.

Contributor Bio
Rich Lo, born in Canton, China, was always drawing and painting with his six siblings. At the age of seven, he and his family immigrated to the United States and settled in Chicago’s Chinatown. An accomplished illustrator and fine artist, his work can be found on packaging and ads for national brands and on large installations in public buildings throughout the Midwest. He is also the illustrator of Mountain Chef and Father’s Chinese Opera, which was an Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature Honor Book.

Author Residence: Chicago, IL

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**Bicycles**
Gail Gibbons

**Summary**
Pedal away with this board book introduction to bicycles!

For the toddler that loves anything that moves, this sturdy nonfiction board book is a perfect fit! Award-winning author Gail Gibbons depicts nearly 40 bicycles, with simple text about the history of bicycles and riding. Notes about safety and always wearing a helmet are included.

Don’t miss Gail Gibbons’ other exciting board book transportation titles, including *Trucks, Planes, and Boat Book*!

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One of These Is Not Like the Others
Barney Saltzberg

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

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

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

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

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

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

Author Residence: Los Angeles, CA

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The Little Duckling Who Wouldn’t Get Wet
Gek Tessaro

Summary
In this international best-seller, Little Duckling will get wet…. but only when it’s ready!

All ducks must swim, says the big duck. But the little duckling isn’t ready to swim—not yet. One by one, other animals come to try to convince the little duckling to jump in. They push and shove, but the little duckling is firm: not yet!

With irresistible art and a story that builds and builds as the duckling stands firm, this is a perfect read-aloud that encourages young listeners to think about their own needs and keep healthy boundaries—and to be brave when they are ready to try something new.

From the hilarious pile of animals trying to get little duckling to dive in, to the final view of little duckling swimming along happily, Gek Tessaro’s colorful, cut-paper collage art is lively and reminiscent of classics like Eric Carle’s Very Hungry Caterpillar. With its patterned text and unexpected, hilarious ending, this international best-seller, originally from Italy, is a perfect read-aloud, sure to provide an engaging experience.

A Junior Library Guild Selection!

Contributor Bio
Gek Tessaro (pronounced GEHK teh-ZAH-roh) is a popular children’s performance artist and award-winning picture book author-illustrator in his native Italy. The Little Duckling Who Wouldn’t Get Wet, published as Il Fatto E, is one of Italy’s most beloved books for the very young.

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**In My Garden**
Charlotte Zolotow, Philip C. Stead

**Summary**
Welcome the outdoors inside for story time with this classic tale of a garden changing through the seasons.

A young girl and her older companion watch birds, fly a kite, plant flowers, and play in the snow, watching flowers bloom and leaves fall as the year passes.

This quiet story celebrates the simple joys found close to home, and the importance of sharing those experiences with the ones you love. A perfect story time pick for any season, *In My Garden* explores the natural marvels of the world around us and encourages young readers to think about what they love best throughout the year.

Written by picture book master Charlotte Zolotow and originally published in 1960, this elegant reimagining of *In My Garden* features all-new illustrations by accomplished author-illustrator Philip Stead. His delicate illustrations and gentle, colorful palette bring new life and meaning to this classic tale—a beautiful tribute to the experience of childhood, and a thank you to a master storyteller.

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

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

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**When Numbers Met Letters**
Lois Barr, Stephanie Laberis

**Summary**
A playful way to learn letters and numbers.

Three cheers for letters! Long live numbers!

The letters and numerals have never met before, and they’re very curious about each other. Zero and the letter O hit it off. 3 and E can’t stop looking at each other. However, the number one and the letter A both claim to be first. Letters can make words and stories, and numbers can count. But which are better?

Preschoolers and kindergarteners learn letter and number recognition in this funny story reminiscent of *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*. Lois Barr’s funny jokes and Stephanie Laberis’s energetic illustrations are kid-pleasing fun.

**Contributor Bio**
Lois Barr, who holds a Master’s Degree in Elementary Education, is an author, a teacher of twenty-plus years, and a patented inventor of a water heated ice cream scoop. She has lived in New York, California, and Texas, and currently lives with her husband in Florida. *When Numbers Met Letters* is her debut picture book.

Stephanie Laberis is a character designer and illustrator whose work has been nominated for a Kate Greenaway Medal. Originally from New England, where she studied at Rhode Island School of Design, she now lives in the San Francisco Bay area. Stephanie also illustrated Julie Gonzalez’s *How Could a Bear Sleep Here?*, which *Kirkus Reviews* called “a light spin on the ‘be careful what you wish for’ theme.”

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**What's the Weather?**
Shelley Rotner

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

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

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

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

**Author Residence:** Northampton, MA

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

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

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

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

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

**A Junior Library Guild Selection**

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

**Author Residence:** New York, NY
**Bear Goes Sugaring**
Maxwell Eaton, III

**Summary**

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

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

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

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

**A Junior Library Guild Selection**

**Contributor Bio**

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

**Author Residence:** New York

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**Overground Railroad**
Lesa Cline-Ransome, James E. Ransome

**Summary**

A window into a child's experience of the Great Migration from the award-winning creators of Before She Was Harriet and Finding Langston.

As she climbs aboard the New York bound Silver Meteor train, Ruth Ellen embarks upon a journey toward a new life up North—one she can't begin to imagine. Stop by stop, the perceptive young narrator tells her journey in poems, leaving behind the cotton fields and distant Blue Ridge mountains.

Each leg of the trip brings new revelations as scenes out the window of folks working in fields give way to the Delaware River, the curtain that separates the colored car is removed, and glimpses of the freedom and opportunity the family hopes to find come into view. As they travel, Ruth Ellen reads from Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, reflecting on how her journey mirrors her own—until finally the train arrives at its last stop, New York’s Penn Station, and the family heads out into a night filled with bright lights, glimmering stars, and new possibility.

James Ransome’s mixed-media illustrations are full of bold color and texture, bringing Ruth Ellen...

**Contributor Bio**

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

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

**Author Residence:** Rhinebeck, NY
Sharks (New & Updated Edition)
Gail Gibbons

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Backmatter includes information about the United States electoral process.

Selected for the CBC Champions of Change Showcase
A Junior Library Guild Selection!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Author Residence:** Maui, HI

**Illustrator Residence:** San Francisco, CA

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

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

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

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

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**Author Residence:** Corinth, VT
**Home Base**

A Mother-Daughter Story  
Nikki Tate, Katie Kath

**Summary**

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

A young pitcher steps up to the plate.

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

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

**Contributor Bio**

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

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

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**It Is a Tree**

Susan Batori

**Summary**

Funny animals play a party game that’s both silly and thought-provoking. This Level B book is perfect for new readers!

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

A zebra, a giraffe, a turtle, and other animals play a party game. Blindfolded, they guess what’s in the room by feel alone. Could it be a wall? A rope? A fan? No. It’s an elephant!

This very easy-to-read story, based upon the ancient Indian parable about the blind men and the elephant, teaches point-of-view, and reinforces the simple vocabulary with bright illustrations of the different objects the animals guess. Perfect for new readers to practice on their own!

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

**Contributor Bio**

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

**Author Residence:** Budapest, Hungary
Score One More
Marilyn Janovitz

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

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

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

Level E stories feature a distinct beginning, middle, and end, with kid-friendly illustrations offering clues for more challenging sentences. Varied punctuation and simple contractions may be included. Level E books are suitable for early first graders. When Level E is mastered, follow up with Level F.

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

Author Residence: New York, NY

Tomie dePaola's The Cloud Book
Tomie dePaola

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

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

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

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

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

A Reading Rainbow book.

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

**Summary**
Take to the sky with Apis, one honeybee, as she embarks on her journey through life!

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

Apis builds wax comb to store honey, and transfers pollen from other bees into the storage. She defends the hive from invaders. And finally, she begins her new life as an adventurer.

The confining walls of the hive fall away as Apis takes to the air, finally free, in a brilliant double-gatefold illustration where the clear blue sky is full of promise—and the wings of dozens of honeybees, heading out in search of nectar to bring back to the hive.

Eric Rohmann’s exquisitely detailed illustrations bring the great outdoors into your hands in this poetically written tribute to the hardworking honeybee. Award-winning author Candace Fleming describes the life cycle of the honeybee in accessible, beautiful language. Similar in form and concept to the Sibert and Orbis Pictus award book *Giant Squid, Honeybee* also f...

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

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

Candace and Eric’s other collaborations include *Strongheart: Wonder Dog of the Silver Screen* as well as the...
### The Postman From Space

**Guillaume Perreault**

**Summary**

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

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

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

**A Junior Library Guild Selection!**

**Contributor Bio**

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

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

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### Blue Daisy

**Helen Frost, Rob Shepperson**

**Summary**

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

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

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

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

**Contributor Bio**

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


**Author Residence:** Fort Wayne, IN
Vera Vance: Comics Star
Claudia Mills, Grace Zong

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

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

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

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

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

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 Pappy: 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.

The Littlest Voyageur
Margi Preus, Cheryl Pilgrim

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

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

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

Contributor Bio

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

Author Residence: Duluth, MN
Dive In
Swim With Sea Creatures at Their Actual Size
Roxie Munro

Summary
Splash into one of the world’s most alluring—and threatened—habitats, without getting your feet wet.

Without traveling any further than your bookshelf, encounter exquisite coral reef creatures in this clever introduction to underwater life! Brightly illustrated at true-to-life size, Dive In introduces more than twenty undersea creatures. From the brilliantly colored rainbow parrotfish to a venomous southern stingray, follow the path of a scuba diver discovering the many creatures living in a coral reef—including a huge gatefold spread featuring a massive reef shark.

As you go, you’ll find that each detailed, bright spread fits together with the next, charting a journey through one big scene in this meticulously illustrated nonfiction picture book.

Accompanying the vibrant artwork are detailed descriptions of the 29 featured creatures, revealing their intriguing habits and more about the Caribbean coral reef they call home. A key included in the back matter shows how the pages smartly fit together. An index, a map, and a section on protecting coral reefs are also included.

Budding conserv...

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

Leaving Lymon
Lesa Cline-Ransome

Summary
A companion novel to Finding Langston, recipient of a Coretta Scott King Writing Honor and winner of the Scott O’Dell Award for Historical Fiction.

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

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

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

A Junior Libr...

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

Author Residence: Rhinebeck, NY
Itch
Polly Farquhar

Summary
When everything around you is going wrong, how far would you go to fit in?

Isaac’s sixth grade year gets off to a rough start.

For one thing, a tornado tears the roof off the school cafeteria. His mother leaves on a two month business trip to China. And as always…. there’s the itch. It comes out of nowhere. Idiopathic, which means no one knows what causes it. It starts small, but it spreads, and soon—it’s everywhere. It’s everything. It’s why everyone calls him Itch—everyone except his best friend Sydney, the only one in all of Ohio who’s always on his side, ever since he moved here.

He’s doing the best he can to get along—until everything goes wrong in the middle of a lunch swap. When Sydney collapses and an ambulance is called, Itch blames himself. And he’s not the only one. When you have no friends at all, wouldn’t you do anything—even something you know you shouldn’t—to get them back?

Drawing on her own experiences with idiopathic angioedema and food allergies, Polly Farquhar spins a tale of kids trying to balance the desire to be ordinary with the need to be authentic—allergies, itc...

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

Author Residence: Columbus, OH

Middle School Bites
Steven Banks, Mark Fearing

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

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


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

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

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

Mark Fearing has never been bitten by a werewolf, a zombie, or a vampire. But he was bitten by the creative
**Big Red (75th Anniversary Edition)**

Jim Kjelgaard, Bob Kuhn

**Summary**

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

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

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

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

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

This special hardcover anniversary edition has a printed case featuring the original artwork from ...
**Palace of Silver**

A Nissera Novel

Hannah West

**Summary**

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

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

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

**Contributor Bio**

Hannah West 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:** Texas
No Kimchi For Me!
Aram Kim

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

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

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

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

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

A Junior Library Guild Selection!

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

Author Residence: New York, NY
Author Hometown: South Korea
Exploring the Deep, Dark Sea
Gail Gibbons

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

The surface of the moon is more familiar to us than the deep sea of our own planet. Many oceanographers are trying to change that. To explore the deep sea, they climb into submersibles and employ Remotely Operated Vehicles to find out more about the ocean and ocean floor.

In Exploring the Deep, Dark Sea, nonfiction rockstar Gail Gibbons invites readers along for a journey to the depths of the ocean. Without leaving home, readers will learn about the types of animals found at different sea levels. With her trademark combination of clearly-labeled diagrams, infographics, and accessible language, Gibbons explains the technology for exploration, and the many fascinating discoveries scientists have made in the darkest reaches of the ocean.

A perfect introduction for aspiring oceanographers, marine biologists, and conservationists, this new edition has been vetted by an expert oceanographer.

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 Hometown: Corinth, VT

Flowers
Gail Gibbons

Summary
Explore a lush garden of plant life.... from your bookshelf! Packed with science concepts, this picture book will tell you everything you need to know about flowers.

With her signature combination of clearly-labeled diagrams, infographics, and accessible language, Gail Gibbons introduces the basics and life cycle of flowers. Sweet-smelling violets, delicate roses, vibrant tulips—and many more—come alive on the profusely illustrated pages.

Including information on common regional species, flowers' habitable ranges, basic flower care and cultivation, and flower anatomy and pollination, this picture book introduction is perfect for both budding gardeners and aspiring scientists. Explore a worldwide garden without ever leaving home!

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

This Explore the World...with Gail Gibbons title promotes active learning, good...

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Author Residence: Corinth, VT
**I Am Just Right**
David McPhail

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Author Residence:** Rye, NH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Author Residence:** Elmira, NY/Hawthorne, FL (Tedd); Ithaca, NY (Martha/Mitch)

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

**Summary**
Are you bored? Do you like exciting and dangerous adventures?

Then it's your lucky day, because Orville and Wilbur Riot are back with all-new escapades—because, you know, you can't do the same mission twice. (That's Rule #15!)

As the brothers say, a bad day is like bad breath... it just gets worse unless you do something about it. So Wilbur and Orville are determined to never be bored...even if that means they have to figure out how to become movie stars or foil a diamond heist.

This time even Mom gets in on the fun when the brothers announce a switch day—sorry, a *dwitch* say—and take over the house and their school.

This new edition features an updated cover, a list of the Riot Brothers’ new games, and a sneak peak of Riot Brothers #3: *Stinky and Successful*

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

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

**Author Residence:** Hyattsville, MD

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*.
Snarf Attack, Underfoodle, and the Secret of Life
The Riot Brothers Tell All
Mary Amato, Ethan Long

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

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

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

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

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

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

Light Waves
David A. Adler, Anna Raff

Summary
Fascinating physics facts a young scientist needs to know, from one of the most trusted teams in STEM for children!

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

With accessible language, grounded examples, and easy, hands-on experiments you can do with household items, David A. Adler explains the basics of how light travels and bends. Anna Raff’s bright, humorous illustrations make an intimidating topic easy—and fun!—to understand. This colorful picture book is a perfect supplement to lessons on light waves, and a great way to explore the topic at home.

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

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

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

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The Postman From Space
Guillaume Perreault

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

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

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

A Junior Library Guild Selection!

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

Author Residence: Gatineau, Quebec, Canada

Finding Langston
Lesa Cline-Ransome

Summary
A Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book
Winner of the Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction

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

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

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

Lesa Cline-Ransome, author of the Coretta Scott King Honor picture book Before She Was Harriet, has crafted a lyrical debu...

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

Author Residence: Rhinebeck, NY
Island War
Patricia Reilly Giff

Summary
Two young Americans must evade capture by Axis soldiers—and outlast the brutal Alaskan winter—in this thrilling historical novel which shines a light on a little-known facet of World War II.

Fourteen-year-old Matt never wanted to come to the remote Aleutian Islands—he was dragged here by his father for reasons he can’t understand. Eleven-year-old Izzy, on the other hand, loves it—the wild weather, the strange birds, all the new people she’s meeting. The two have little in common, except their hometown—they certainly aren’t friends.

But when Japanese soldiers land on the island, Izzy and Matt are the only ones who escape being shipped off to a prison camp. The two kids must put their differences aside and work together if they’re going to survive. With a long, harsh winter ahead of them, they’ll need to dodge Axis soldiers and withstand Allied bombing raids—and keep the village dog from giving them away to the enemy, too.

Told in alternating point-of-view chapters, Island War is set amidst the Japanese occupation of the remote Aleutian Islands—the only foreign invasion of the United Stat...

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

Author Residence: Trumbull, CT

The Adventures of a Girl Called Bicycle
Christina Uss

Summary
Selected for the Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List
A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year

A determined 12-year-old girl bikes across the country to meet her idol. She’s ready for an adventure—but she can’t imagine all the surprises in store.

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

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

For more quirky middle-grade fun, don’t miss Coloss...

Contributor Bio
Christina Uss has written about bicycling and travel for many magazines and newspapers. The Adventures of a Girl Called Bicycle was inspired in part by her own experiences while biking across the United States, once widthwise and once lengthwise. She is also the author of Colossus of Roads, a middle-grade featuring bicycle conspiracies, terrible traffic, and one carsick boy’s grand plan to save his family business.

Author Residence: East Longmeadow, MA
**Washington at Valley Forge**
Russell Freedman

**Summary**
**Starvation, hypothermia, and the loss of all hope—at Valley Forge, George Washington and his troops faced seemingly insurmountable obstacles. In overcoming them, they became legends.**

In this comprehensive volume, Newbery Award-winning author Russell Freedman applies his renowned storytelling skills to examine a pivotal moment in the Revolutionary War—one in which the nation’s future leader would be greatly tested.

Camped twenty miles outside of Philadelphia at Valley Forge in the winter of 1777-78, Washington’s ragtag army was at its most vulnerable; but when the harsh winter ended, the soldiers had survived, and marched away from Valley Forge more determined than ever. The British were defeated in 1783, and Washington, for the rest of his life, said that the credit for the American victory belonged to the soldiers who had braved the horrific conditions at Valley Forge.

A perfect complement to any lesson on the Revolutionary War, *Washington at Valley Forge* makes this historical moment feel immediate and all too real. A must-have for history buffs, students, and anyone interested in Ame...

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

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**Prairie Fire**
E.K. Johnston

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

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

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

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

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

**Author Residence:** Stratford, Ontario
What Girls Are Made Of
Elana K. Arnold

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

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

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

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

Author Residence: Huntington Beach, CA

Splintered
Jon McGoran

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

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

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

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

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

Author Residence: Philadelphia, PA