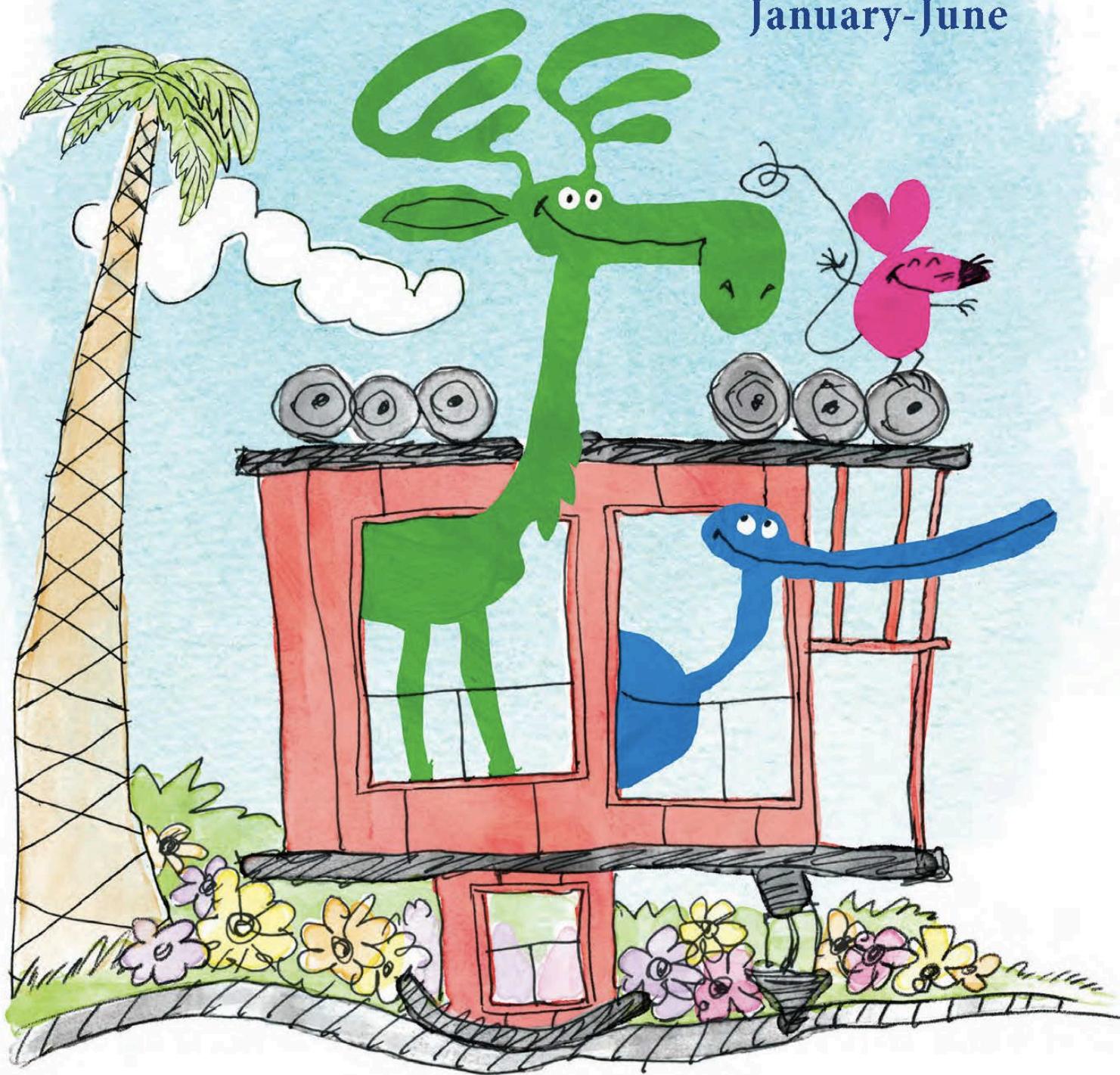


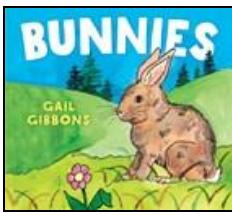
# Holiday House

BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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## Bunnies

Gail Gibbons

### Summary

**Hop...hop...hop into spring with a cuddly board book all about bunnies!**

Bunnies have fluffy coats, and remarkable instincts, and adorable wiggly noses; it's no wonder the Easter Bunny is so popular! But how did it get to be such a big part of Easter? This information-packed but easy-to-read board book teaches toddlers and parents about rabbits and how they came to be a major tradition in Easter celebrations.

With colorful illustrations and unusual facts, award-winning science author Gail Gibbons shows that it is never too early to learn.

### Contributor Bio

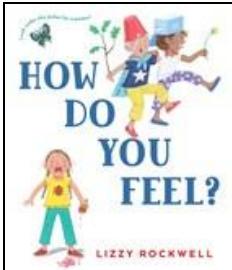
According to the *Washington Post*, Gail Gibbons "has taught more preschoolers and early readers about the world than any other children's writer-illustrator." Gibbons has published more than 100 informational titles, including the bestselling titles *From Seed to Plant* and *Monarch Butterflies*, all fully vetted by experts. Her many honors include the *Washington Post*/Children's Book Guild Nonfiction Award and the NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book Award.

**Author Residence:** Corinth, VT

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Board Book

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And Under  
Juvenile Nonfiction /  
Animals  
JNF003180

6 in H | 6.8 in W | 0.3 lb Wt



## How Do You Feel?

Lizzy Rockwell

### Summary

**Do you feel happy? Sad? Silly? Angry? A board book all about feelings!**

There are a lot of emotions on the playground. A girl is happy when playing with a puppy. Another girl is angry when a boy knocks over her drink. And the boy who knocked over the drink is sorry.

With simple, sparse language and bright, expressive illustrations, Lizzy Rockwell introduces the very young to a wide range of emotions. Detailed art encourages identification and discussion of the different characters' emotional reactions, and serves as a springboard for introducing the concepts of emotional intelligence, self-regulation, and coping skills.

Toddlers will start to identify feelings in themselves and in others in this simple, clever book by a prominent preschool nonfiction author-illustrator. Sturdily crafted for small hands, this board book features beautiful, detailed spreads of panoramic views of the playground action, while close-ups focus on body language and facial expressions.

### Contributor Bio

Lizzy Rockwell was inspired to create a book about emotional health through her visits to the Adam J. Lewis Preschool. She said: "Knowing how important self-awareness and empathy are to success in all areas of life, I wanted to do a book that would be a helpful tool to parents, teachers, and most especially children."

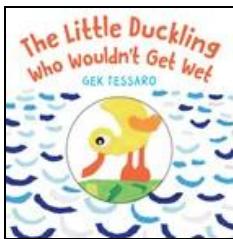
The daughter of highly acclaimed children's book author and illustrator Anne Rockwell and art director and illustrator Harlow Rockwell, Lizzy has illustrated more than thirty children's books, some of which she also wrote.

She has been Grand Rounds Lecturer at Yale Child Study Center (2016 and 2017), was keynote speaker at the University of Findlay Mazza Museum (2016), has delivered staff development workshops at Action for Bridgeport Community Development, the Early Childhood Resource Center at the New Haven Children's

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And Under  
Juvenile Fiction / Social  
Themes  
JUV039050

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Board Book  
  
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Ages 3 And Under, Grades P  
And Under  
Juvenile Fiction / Social  
Themes  
JUV039140  
  
6.5 in H | 6.5 in W | 0.3 lb  
Wt

## The Little Duckling Who Wouldn't Get Wet

Gek Tessaro

### Summary

**Little Duckling will get wet—but only in its own time!**

The little duckling wouldn't get wet. No. Not yet. The little duckling isn't ready, and no matter how many animal friends come along to try to push, only the duckling can decide when the time is right. Encourage a strong sense of self early in life with this delightful board book.

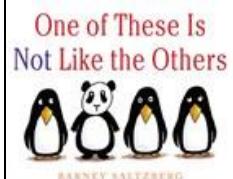
Author Gek Tessaro's colorful art has a cut-paper style reminiscent of Eric Carle. Playful language in a patterned text interacts with the visuals to provide an engaging experience for any toddler at story time, bed time, or pool time.

### 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.

**Author Residence:** Italy

**Author Hometown:** Verona, Italy



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And Under  
Juvenile Fiction / Social  
Themes  
JUV039060  
  
5 in H | 6.3 in W | 0.6 in T |  
0.4 lb Wt

## 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 board 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.

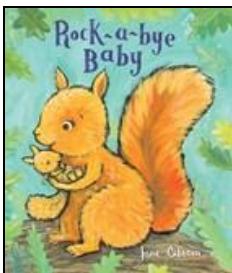
### Praise for One of These Is Not Like the Others:

"A perfect read-aloud that celebrates the joy of embracing differences."—Booklist

"[A] winsome spin on the spot-the-difference concept while sending, with humor, the mis..."

### 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.



## Rock-a-bye Baby

Jane Cabrera

### Summary

**All around an old oak tree, baby animals are being put to bed in this sweet reimagineing of a classic nursery rhyme.**

*Rock-a-bye Squirrel, high in the tree, in Mommy's arms, cozy as can be.*

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Board Book

24 Pages  
Ages 2 to 5, Grades K And Under  
Juvenile Fiction / Animals  
JUV002370  
6.5 in H | 6 in W | 0.3 lb Wt

The familiar lullaby takes on a new life in Jane Cabrera's cozy rendition. In the branches and beneath the roots, tucked into nooks and nests, different animals, large and small, are getting ready for bed. The baby bat nestles with its mother, the bunny burrows in safe and warm—even a cheerful, fuzzy spider settles on its sparkling web. At the end, a human father and his baby watch the tree from a distance, joining in on the sleepy song.

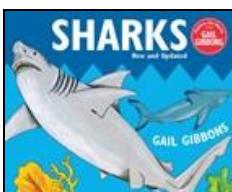
With clever new lyrics and bright, sweet illustrations of all kinds of animals, this is an irresistible addition to Jane Cabrera's library of refreshed nursery rhymes...and perfect to share with little ones you love.

**Series Overview:** 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...

### Contributor Bio

Jane Cabrera is the author and illustrator of many beloved books for young children, including *Baa, Baa, Black Sheep*; *There Was an Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe*; and *Row, Row, Row Your Boat*. She is best known for her exuberant versions of classic nursery rhymes and her bright, kid-friendly paint and collage illustrations. She lives in Devon in England.

**Author Residence:** South Devon, England



## Sharks

Gail Gibbons

### Summary

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

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Board Book

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Ages 2 And Under, Grades P And Under  
Juvenile Nonfiction / Animals  
JNF003150  
6 in H | 6.5 in W | 0.3 lb Wt

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.

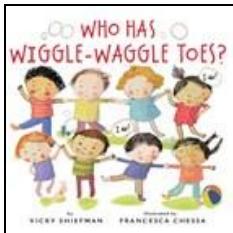
With her signature combination of accessible, kid-friendly text and clear, well-labeled illustrations, Gail Gibbons introduces many of the more than three hundred types of sharks in the ocean, and gives concise information about their habitats and physical characteristics.

**Series Overview:** Explore the World with Gail Gibbons

### Contributor Bio

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

**Author Residence:** Corinth, VT



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Juvenile Fiction / Concepts  
JUV009120  
6 in H | 6 in W | 0.6 in T |  
0.5 lb Wt

## Who Has Wiggle-Waggle Toes?

Vicky Shiefman, Francesca Chessa

### Summary

**Who says you have to sit still at story time? This board book encourages toddlers to shimmy, shake, and stomp along!**

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

The girls and boys in this book are all shapes and sizes, and they all have kissable noses, out-there elbows, big bold bottoms, and hokey pokey heads—which they crinkle, flap, shimmy, and shake. This joyful celebration of our amazing body parts encourages even the youngest toddler to dance!

Perfect for brain breaks, active story times, and—now in a board book format—even the tiniest of dancing feet.

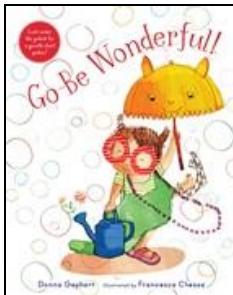
### Contributor Bio

Vicky Shiefman is the author of several children's books, including *Sunday Potatoes*, *Monday Potatoes*, and *Good-bye to the Trees*. She taught public school on the Lower East Side of New York City for many years.

Francesca Chessa is a prominent Italian illustrator. She has worked on more than 40 children's books, and also teaches workshops on children's book art and color theory at several universities. Other Holiday House books include *Baby Baby Blah Blah Blah!* written by Jonathan Shipton, *Holly's Red Books* written and illustrated by Francesca, and *Go Be Wonderful!* written by Donna Gephart.

### Author Residence: New York, NY

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Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes  
JUV039140  
11 in H | 8.5 in W | 1.3 lb Wt

## Go Be Wonderful!

Donna Gephart, Francesca Chessa

### Summary

**A book about the unconditional love we have for our little ones—at every age and stage.**

When Daisy is born, Daddy says she's wonderful for crying, sleeping, and playing peek-a-boo. When she's one, Mommy says she's wonderful for banging on pots and pans in a "rock 'n' roll band."

Grandma and Grandpa say she's wonderful for saying, "Nooooooooo," when she's two. Her uncles for taking a mud bath when she's three, and her neighbor for riding her scooter all the way to the library when she's four.

Then comes the biggest milestone of all. School! It takes a village to get her there—as parents, grandparents, uncles, and neighbors escort Daisy to the door. But will Daisy be wonderful at school? Yes! She shares, makes a friend, and reaches the toilet just in time!

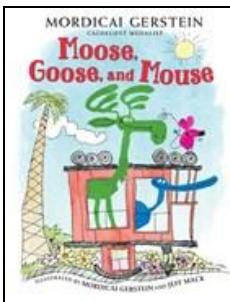
"I was wonderful!" Daisy shouts.

Bright colors and joyful compositions filled with humorous details depict Daisy's community of adoring family and friends.

Perfect for children entering preschool or kindergarten, for preschool graduation, or as a WONDERFUL baby shower gift. The jacket has a growth chart attached so you can measure your own...

### Contributor Bio

Donna Gephart is the award-winning author of humorous and heartbreakingly middle grade and young adult novels including *Lily and Dunkin* and *How to Survive Middle School*. Awards include the Sid Fleischman Humor Award, children's choice awards, and many state awards. She is a popular speaker at schools, conferences, and book festivals. *Go Be Wonderful* is her first picture book and her first book for Holiday House. She lives in Philadelphia with her family and her dog Benji. Her website is [www.donnagephart.com](http://www.donnagephart.com)



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Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes  
JUV039060

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| 0.9 lb Wt

## Moose, Goose, and Mouse

Mordicai Gerstein, Jeff Mack

### Summary

**Giggles guaranteed! Moose, Goose, and Mouse ride a loose caboose on their way to finding a new house! This funny book by a Caldecott winning author-illustrator promotes foundational reading skills!**

**"Help!" yelled Mouse.**

**"It's no use!" said Goose.**

**"This is fun," said Moose,  
"riding in a loose caboose."**

Then...BONK!...the train hits a tree near the sea, where they find the sunny, funny house of their dreams.

An upbeat story about finding the perfect home is accompanied by fun, cartoony art with hilarious details and rhyming and alliterative text to encourage word play. Author Mordicai Gerstein, Caldecott medalist, was a four-time New York Times best illustrated book winner. Moose, Goose, and Mouse is the culmination of the humor, wit, and joy that he brought to his all of his books.

### A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection

### Contributor Bio

Mordicai Gerstein (1935-2019) was the author and illustrator of *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers*, winner of the Caldecott Medal. Four of his books have been named *New York Times* Best Illustrated Books of the Year. As a child, Gerstein was inspired by reproductions of fine art that his mother cut out of *Life* magazine and by children's books from the library: "I looked at Rembrandt and Superman, Matisse and Bugs Bunny, and began to make my own pictures." After attending Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles, he was hired by an animated cartoon studio where he designed characters and thought up ideas for TV commercials.

Jeff Mack is the author and illustrator of many books for young readers, including *Just a Story. Hush Little*



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Ages 3 to 7, Grades P to 2  
Juvenile Fiction / People & Places  
JUV011020  
Series: Yoomi, Friends, and Family  
10 in H | 8 in W | 1.3 lb Wt

## Sunday Funday in Koreatown

Aram Kim

### Summary

**Yoomi and Daddy are going to Koreatown today! This story celebrates family, resilience, and Korean culture.**

Yoomi has planned the perfect Sunday! But the shirt she wants to wear is in the laundry. And she doesn't have the seaweed she needs for a kimbap breakfast.

So Yoomi wears another shirt and eats a different breakfast, and she and Daddy take a bus to Koreatown, where they read Korean books, eat Korean treats such as patbingsu and tteokbokki, and visit Grandma. Though Yoomi's perfect day is filled with mishaps and things don't always go her way, Yoomi learns the advantages of being resilient and open-minded. Yoomi's imperfect day is better than she ever could have imagined!

A family recipe for kimbap is included.

### A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection

Don't miss the rest of the *Yoomi, Friends, and Family* books, including:

*No Kimchi for Me!*

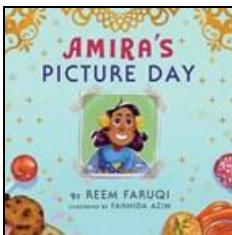
(A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection, Bank Street Best Book, and Best Book for Family Literacy)

*Let's Go to Taekwondo*

(A Junior Library Gold Standard Selection)

### Contributor Bio

Aram Kim is a NY-based children's book author/illustrator and a picture book designer. She was born in Ohio, spent her childhood in South Korea, and now lives in Queens, NY. Aram brings a distinctive South Korean flair



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Juvenile Fiction / Religious  
JUV033270

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## Amira's Picture Day

Reem Faruqi, Fahmida Azim

### Summary

**Ramadan has come to an end, and Amira can't wait to stay home from school to celebrate Eid. There's just one hiccup: it's also school picture day. How can Amira be in two places at once?**

Just the thought of Eid makes Amira warm and tingly inside. From wearing new clothes to handing out goody bags at the mosque, Amira can't wait for the festivities to begin. But when a flier on the fridge catches her eye, Amira's stomach goes cold. Not only is it Eid, it's also school picture day. If she's not in her class picture, how will her classmates remember her? Won't her teacher wonder where she is?

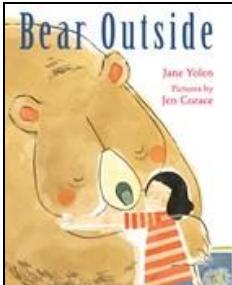
Though the day's celebrations at the mosque are everything Amira was dreaming of, her absence at picture day weighs on her. A last-minute idea on the car ride home might just provide the solution to everything in this delightful story from acclaimed author Reem Faruqi, illustrated with vibrant color by Fahmida Azim.

### Contributor Bio

Reem Faruqi is an acclaimed children's book author. Her debut picture book, *Lailah's Lunchbox*, was named an ALA Notable Book and a Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People and was selected for the International Literacy Association's Choices reading list. Reem's debut middle grade book *Unsettled* is forthcoming from HarperCollins. Reem immigrated from Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates, to Peachtree City, Georgia, when she was 13 years old. She now lives in Atlanta, Georgia, with her husband and children. Find her online at [www.ReemFaruqi.com](http://www.ReemFaruqi.com).

Fahmida Azim is an illustrator and storyteller whose work has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Dallas News*, NPR, Vice, Eater, and more. Born in Bangladesh, Fahmida immigrated to Virginia as a child and later graduated from VCUarts. Her publishing debut, *Muslim Women Are Everything*, written by journalist Seema Yasmin, publishes in 2020. She currently lives in Seattle, Washington. Find her online at [Fahmida-Azim.com](http://Fahmida-Azim.com).

**Author Residence:** Atlanta, Georgia



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Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes  
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## Bear Outside

Jane Yolen, Jen Corace

### Summary

**Lots of people have inner strength, but one girl wears hers as a bear outside.**

Some folks have a lion inside,  
Or a tiger.  
Not me.  
I wear my bear on the outside.

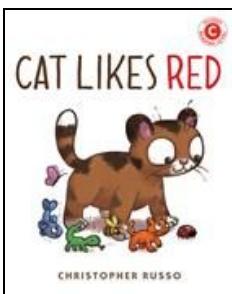
In this imaginative picture book by Jane Yolen, acclaimed author of many distinguished children's books including *Owl Moon* and *How do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight*, a girl explores the many ways she expresses herself by imagining that she wears a bear as her personal protective shell. They go everywhere and do everything together. The Bear is like a suit of armor and a partner all in one, protecting her from bullies and giving her strength to be bold when she needs it. In turn, she listens to and takes care of the Bear.

Jane Yolen's story beautifully portrays the relationships we have with our inner-selves, encouraging readers to stay in touch with and wear these qualities with pride. Her text is paired with the sprightly art of Jen Corace, illustrator of bestseller *Little Pea*, *Small World*, and *Brave Jane Austen*.

### Contributor Bio

Jane Yolen is one of the most distinguished and successful authors for young readers and adults in the country. She is the author of close to 400 books—including *Rum Pum Pum* with Holiday House, *Briar Rose*, *Sister Light, Sister Dark; Owl Moon*, and the immensely popular *The Devil's Arithmetic*. Her books have won awards including the Caldecott Medal, two Nebula Awards, the World Fantasy Award, the Jewish Book Award, and two Christopher Medals. SFWA named her the 2017 Damon Knight Memorial Grand Master for her contributions to the literature of Science Fiction and Fantasy. She lives in Hatfield, Massachusetts.

Jen Corace is the illustrator of many books for children, including *Little Pea* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, *Small*



## Cat Likes Red

Christopher Russo

### Summary

**Cat learns colors and meets new friends! This Level C book is perfect for kindergarteners to read on their own.**

**Cat likes red.**

**Red is nice.**

**Cat likes yellow.**

**Yellow is nice.**

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Juvenile Fiction / Readers  
JUV043000  
Series: I Like to Read  
10.3 in H | 8.2 in W | 0.3 in T | 0.6 lb Wt

Cat meets a red ladybug. Turn the page: Cat and Cat's new friend are outdoors in an all-red scene, chock full of details. Cat meets more friends—including a green lizard, a blue fish, and a yellow bee.

Your new reader will build skills, gain confidence, and have fun too!

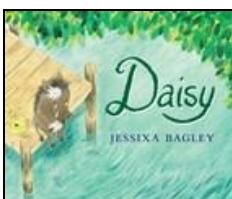
This book has been officially leveled by using the F & P Text Level Gradient(TM) Leveling System.

For readers who've mastered basic sight words, Level C books feature slightly longer sentences and a wider range of high-frequency words than Level B books. Level C books are suitable for mid-to-late kindergarten readers. When Level C is mastered, follow up with Level D.

I Like to Read: The award-winning I Like to Read series features guided reading levels A through G, based upon Fountas & Pinnell standards. Acclaimed author-illustrators—including winners of Caldecott, Theodor Seuss Geisel, and Coretta Scott King honors—create original, high-quality illustrat...

### Contributor Bio

Christopher Russo has participated in juried exhibitions including MoCCA (Museum of Comics and Cartoon Art) Fest, RIPE (Rhode Island Print Expo), and MICE (Massachusetts Independent Comics Expo), where he has exhibited and sold original comics, prints, posters, and merchandise. He has created black and white interior



## Daisy

Jessixa Bagley

### Summary

**When Daisy the warthog's classmates tease her, she finds comfort collecting lost and forgotten things. She knows they're special - and soon she meets a friend who knows it too.**

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Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes  
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"Daisies seem so simple on the surface, but when you look closely you see their hidden beauty." That's what Daisy the warthog's mom always says, and it's the reason she got her name. But when Daisy goes to school, she doesn't feel like her name. The other kids, Rose, Violet, and Petunia, make fun of her and call her "Thistle."

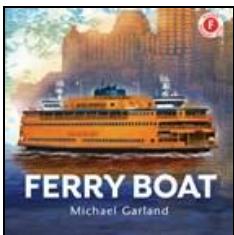
Daisy spends a lot of time with her head down, but she doesn't need her classmates to have fun. When she looks at the forest floor, she starts to find all sorts of treasures, beautiful things that were once special and have since been forgotten. The other kids might make fun of her pastime, but it turns out she's not the only one who appreciates the hidden beauty of forgotten things when she meets a like-minded new friend.

With vibrant, sun-dappled art, this is a book for any kid who has trouble fitting in and marches to the beat of their own drum, from the acclaimed author and creator of *Bo...*

### Contributor Bio

Jessixa Bagley has written and illustrated multiple award-winning picture books, including *Before I Leave* and *Boats for Papa*, winner of an SCBWI Golden Kite Award for best picture book text. Her book *Laundry Day* was not only a Junior Library Guild Selection, but also a recipient an Ezra Jack Keats Honor Award for writing. Her book *Henry and Bea* received a starred review from Publishers Weekly. She lives in Seattle, Washington

**Author Residence:** Seattle, Washington



## Ferry Boat

Michael Garland

### Summary

**Perfect for kindergarteners and first graders to read on their own—a blow-by-blow account of one of the most famous ferry rides in the world! This Level F book is perfect for first-grade readers.**

Breathtaking scenes illustrate and illuminate a text that is just right for new readers:

**We go on the ferry.**

**Let's go to the window.**

**We see a fort.**

**We see a long, long bridge.**

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Realistic digital etchings of the Manhattan skyline, the escalator to a gangplank, New York City crowds, and landmarks such as the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and more give new readers an experience that builds skills, boosts confidence, and shows how reading is fun!

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

**I Like to Read:** The award-winning I Like to Read series features guided reading levels A through G, based upon Fountas & 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 fo...

### Contributor Bio

Michael Garland has written and illustrated many books for children, including *Fish Had a Wish* (Kirkus Reviews Top 25 Children's Books), *Tugboat* (Best Children's Books for Family Literacy), *Pizza Mouse* (Junior Library Guild Selection), and *Birds Make Nests* (Correll Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Informational Text and NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book). His art for James Patterson's *Santa Kid* inspired Saks Fifth Avenue's Christmas Holiday windows.



## Follow That Frog!

Philip C. Stead, Matthew Cordell

### Summary

**When a curiously croaking stranger comes knocking at the door, Aunt Josephine launches into a rambling tale about her lifelong pursuit of a rare giant frog.**

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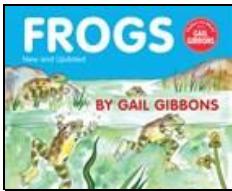
In the tradition of Philip Stead and Caldecott Medalist Matthew Cordell's previous collaborations *Special Delivery* and *The Only Fish in the Sea*, this is a story full of rambunctious fun and sensationally appealing artwork.

### A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection

### Contributor Bio

Philip C. Stead is the author of the Caldecott Medal winner, *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*, illustrated by his wife, Erin E. Stead. Their collaboration, *Music for Mister Moon*, won the Great Lakes Great Reads Award. Philip has written and illustrated many picture books including *Hello, My Name is Ruby*, *Jonathan and the Big Blue Boat*, *A Home for Bird*, *All the Animals where I Live*, and *Vernon is on His Way*. He also illustrated Charlotte Zolotow's *In My Garden* for Holiday House. He lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Matthew Cordell is the Caldecott Medal-winning author and illustrator of *Wolf in the Snow* and *Hello Neighbor!: The Kind and Caring World of Mister Rogers*, recipient of four starred reviews, and the illustrator of numerous highly acclaimed children's books including Philip C. Stead's books *The Only Fish in the Sea* and *Special Delivery*, which was a Washington Post Best Book. He wrote and illustrated *Another Brother*, *Wish*, and *Hello! Hello!*, a New York Times Notable Children's Book. Matthew lives near Chicago with his wife, author Julie Halpern, and their two children.



## Frogs (New & Updated Edition)

Gail Gibbons

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Juvenile Nonfiction /  
Animals  
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### Summary

**Growing from tiny tadpoles to massive master jumpers, frogs and their life cycles are fascinating.**

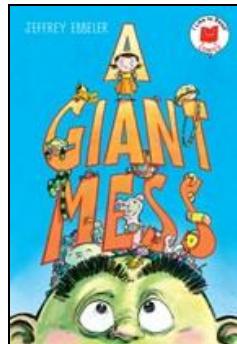
How far can frogs jump? Why do their eggs look slimy? Answer these questions and many more in this illustrated introduction to amphibians.

With her signature bright, well-labeled diagrams and simple text, Gail Gibbons introduces the habitat and life cycles of frogs and gives an overview of common frog behaviors. Important biology vocabulary is introduced, defined, and reinforced with kid-friendly language and clear illustrations—plus a page of intriguing frog trivia and clear diagrams that show how frogs are different from toads. Bonus material is included about the unique role frogs play in the environment.

### 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." Ms. Gibbons has published more than 100 informational titles, including the bestselling titles *From Seed to Plant* and *Monarch Butterfly*, all fully vetted by experts. Her many honors include the Washington Post/Children's Book Guild Nonfiction Award and the NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book Award.

**Author Residence:** Corinth, VT



## A Giant Mess

Jeff Ebbeler

### Summary

**A gigantic tyrannical toddler is out to play...with the whole town! A hilarious early reader from comics artist Jeffrey Ebbeler.**

Molly doesn't want to clean her room; she wants to play. Before Molly can argue with her mom, they hear BOOM! BOOM! A giant toddler is on the loose!

Molly watches dumbfounded as Jack picks up cows and plucks airplanes out of the sky all for fun. He even picks up Molly and pretends to fly her around. Vrooom! When his giantess mother calls him home, he gleefully dumps everything and turns to leave. Now it's Molly's turn to say: "Stop! This is a giant mess!"

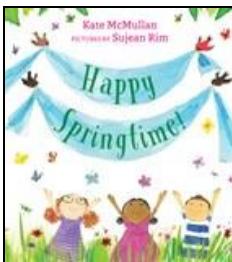
In this easy reader comic, Jeffrey Ebbeler has created an entertaining tale about cleaning up after yourself. The variety of panel styles, speech bubbles, and fonts are all perfect for engaging developing readers.

I Like to Read Comics are created for kids just learning to read. Sequential art and simple text—and a powerful relationship between the two—are the perfect conditions for developing readers.

### Contributor Bio

Jeffrey Ebbeler has worked as an art director, book designer, and illustrator. He is a graduate of the Art Academy of Cincinnati. After college he worked for a puppet theater sculpting marionettes and performing. He has since become a full-time freelance illustrator and has illustrated over 40 children's books, including *One Is a Feast for Mouse*; *Cinco de Mouse-O!*; *Haunted House*, *Haunted Mouse*; and *Snow Day for Mouse*, all by Judy Cox.

**Author Residence:** Cincinnati, OH



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Juvenile Fiction / Concepts  
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## Happy Springtime!

Kate McMullan, Sujean Rim

### Summary

**When winter is at its coldest and darkest, take heart! Every day the sun shines longer, Spring is on its way!**

All winter, the days grow a little bit longer,  
The nights grow a little bit shorter,  
until the day becomes exactly as long as the night.  
On that day we say...  
**HAPPY SPRINGTIME!**

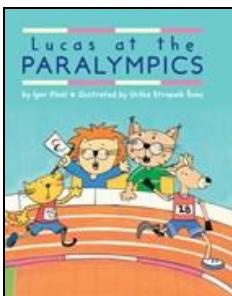
This bright, bouncy, and deliriously colorful picture book is an ode to the joys of spring, encouraging everyone who waits out the slow lengthening of days through the end of winter. From earmuffed crossing guards to sweater wearing dogs, from painters of flowers to planters of seeds, *Happy Springtime!* celebrates the burst of life following the thaw of winter.

Boston Globe-Horn Book Award Honoree Kate McMullan's jubilant love-letter to this exciting time of year is the perfect book to bring in the season of birth and renewal, especially when accompanied by the riotous watercolor illustrations of Sujean Rim.

### Contributor Bio

Kate McMullan has collaborated with her husband Jim on many popular picture books, including *I'm Brave!, I'm Fast!, I'm Big!, I'm Bad!, I'm Dirty!,* and *I Stink!*, a New York Times Best Illustrated Book and Boston Globe-Horn Book Award Honor Book. She is also the author of *As Warm as the Sun*, the Geisel Honor Book *Pearl and Wagner: One Funny Day*, and the middle grade series *Dragon Slayers' Academy* and *Myth-o-Mania*, the Greek myths as told by Hades. She lives in New York City.

Sujean Rim is best known for her signature watercolor designs. Originally a shoe and accessory designer, Sujean has gone on to illustrate numerous picture books including *Zoozie Boozie Fever!* and the *Birdie* series.



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## Lucas at the Paralympics

Igor Pohl, Urska Stropnik Songc

### Summary

**Introduce your child to the Paralympics—where physically disabled world-class athletes exemplify strength, determination, and courage.**

Lucas and Eddie, two physically disabled friends, visit the Paralympics and cheer on blind and physically challenged athletes as they compete in running, swimming, sitting volleyball, para archery, wheelchair fencing, wheelchair basketball, and more.

Readers learn about some of the rules that expedite play and that even the playing field. For example, blind runners wear blindfolds so none of the competitors (some totally blind and some with limited sight) have an unfair advantage. Also, all of the blind competitors are tethered to guides.

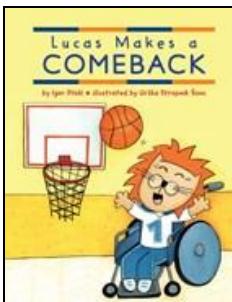
Author Igor Pohl, who lost the use of his legs after a spinal injury, is a teacher and passionate advocate for raising awareness of physical disability. As a teacher, he knows the questions children ask and how to answer them.

### Contributor Bio

Igor Phol (pronounced EE-gor PLAHL) was born and raised in Slovenia, where he teaches at a primary school and lectures extensively on physical disability and spinal cord injury. After falling from a ladder at the age of twenty-nine, he injured his spinal cord and became paraplegic. He shares his experience in an autobiographical book for adults and three children's books. You can learn more about Igor Pohl on his website [www.igor-pohl.info](http://www.igor-pohl.info).

Urska Stropnik Songc graduated from the Faculty of Education in Maribor for book illustration. Her first picture book illustrations were published in 1997. Since then, she has illustrated more than 70 books. She lives with her husband and three sons in Velenje, Slovenia.

**Author Residence:** Slovenia



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## Lucas Makes a Comeback

Igor Plohl, Urska Stropnik Sonc

### Summary

**Lucas fell, and now he lives with a disability. A story of grit and resilience.**

When Lucas falls off a ladder, he damages his spine and can't use his legs anymore. He can't stand on them and he can't walk on them.

Read about how, with self-determination as well as with the love of friends and family, Lucas can drive a car, play sports, and be a teacher again!

The author, Igor Plohl, used his own experiences as a paraplegic and as a teacher to speak to children about disability, resilience, and grit.

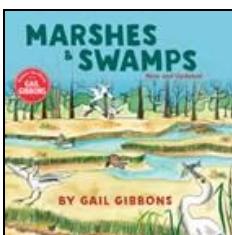
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## Marshes & Swamps (New & Updated Edition)

Gail Gibbons

### Summary

**An eye-catching, kid-friendly exploration of marshes, swamps, and the plants and animals that thrive there.**

Introducing, the wetlands: unique ecosystems that are not only a home for an extensive amount of wildlife, but also a vital storage place for one of Earth's most precious resources, water. What lives there? Find out in this simple yet extensive exploration of marshes and swamps and what they are, why they're important, and the birds, fish, and wildlife that make it their homes.

Comparing and contrasting the different types of wetlands, Marshes & Swamps explores the basics of wetland formation, the differences between salt and freshwater ecosystems, and what types of plants and trees flourish in each.

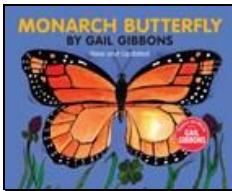
Also included is an introduction to wetland conservation, a map of major swamp and marshlands in the United States, and a page of marsh and swamp facts. Perfect for elementary students, *Marshes & Swamps* will have you on the lookout for wetlands wherever you travel.

### Series Overview: Explore the World with Gail Gibbons

### 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." Ms. Gibbons is the author of more than 100 books for young readers on a wide range of subjects. Her many honors include the Washington Post/Children's Book Guild Nonfiction Award and the NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book Award.

### Author Residence: Corinth, VT



## Monarch Butterfly (New & Updated)

Gail Gibbons

### Summary

**Introduce young readers to the fascinating and colorful process of how caterpillars become butterflies.**

As we follow the transformation of a tiny white egg laid on a leaf to a brilliantly-colored butterfly, award-winning writer and artist Gail Gibbons uses bright, detailed watercolors to illustrate the life cycle of the monarch butterfly, stage by stage. Young readers can follow along and learn as the monarch grows, changes, and takes flight, in this simple introduction to a process studied by many school children.

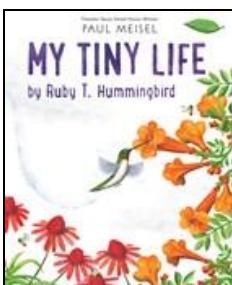
With clear, labeled diagrams and simple text that defines and reinforces important vocabulary, *Monarch Butterfly* introduces key concepts of insect anatomy and behavior. And of course, the unique migration of the monarch—which can range up to four thousand miles—is covered, with descriptions of how the insects travel, and how people in their path celebrate the occasion.

This best-selling look at butterflies also includes labelled instructions about how to hatch your own monarch butterfly, and a page of fun facts.

### Contributor Bio

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**Author Residence:** Corinth, VT



## My Tiny Life by Ruby T. Hummingbird

Paul Meisel

### Summary

**Tiny but mighty! A ruby throated hummingbird tells his own life story in this funny, bright, informative entry to the critically acclaimed Nature Diary science series.**

*May 15: Today I poked my way out of this tiny egg.*

With Mom feeding him insects and nectar, Ruby T. Hummingbird is soon able to beat his wings and fly—up, down, backward, and forward—and forage for himself. But don't be fooled! This elegant creature can turn into a fierce fighter if another hummingbird tries to feed on his flower—or his hummingbird feeder.

*June 21: This flower is MINE! No you don't.*

A second test of his strength comes when he migrates to a warmer climate in the fall and a cooler climate in the spring.

*March 1, 5 a.m.: I'm off! Wish me luck.*

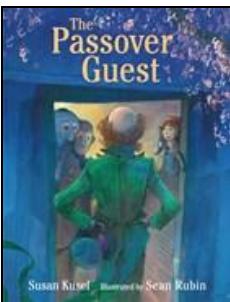
Children will love poring over the bright, highly detailed illustrations and pondering ideas about nature.

The book includes a glossary and further information in the back of the book. Both art and text have been vetted for accuracy by an expert.

### A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection

**Don't miss the other books in The Nature Diary Series!**

Each one explores the life cy-



## The Passover Guest

Susan Kusel, Sean Rubin

### Summary

**Muriel assumes her family is too poor to hold a Passover Seder this year, but an act of kindness and a mysterious magician change everything.**

It's the Spring of 1933 in Washington D.C., and the Great Depression is hitting young Muriel's family hard. Her father has lost his job, and her family barely has enough food most days, let alone for a Passover Seder. They don't even have any wine to leave out for the prophet Elijah's ceremonial cup.

With no feast to rush home to, Muriel wanders by the Lincoln Memorial, where she encounters a mysterious magician in whose hands juggling eggs become lit candles. After she makes a kind gesture, he encourages her to run home for her Seder, and when she does, she encounters a holiday miracle, a bountiful feast of brisket, soup, and matzah. But who was this mysterious benefactor? When Muriel sees Elijah's ceremonial cup is empty, she has a good idea.

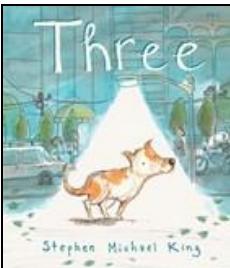
This fresh retelling of the classic I.L. Peretz story, best known through Uri Shulevitz's 1973 adaptation *The Magician*, has been sumptuously illustrated by noted graphic novelist Sean Rubin, who based his ar...

### Contributor Bio

Susan Kusel is a synagogue librarian and children's book buyer for an independent bookstore. She has served as a member of the Caldecott Medal selection committee and the chair of the Sydney Taylor Book Award Committee. *The Passover Guest* is Kusel's first picture book. She lives in Arlington, VA.

Sean Rubin has illustrated several books for children. He wrote and illustrated the graphic novel *Bolivar*, which was nominated for an Eisner award and is being adapted into a feature film with Fox Studios. He also illustrated *The Astronaut Who Painted the Moon: The Story of Alan Bean* by Dean Robbins. Rubin studied art and archeology at Princeton University. He lives in Charleston, VA.

**Author Residence:** Arlington, VA



## Three

Stephen Michael King

### Summary

**A heartwarming story of a three-legged dog who follows his nose all over the city, out to the country, and into the arms of a new friend.**

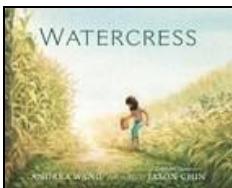
One, two, three...  
One, two, three...  
Every day was a skip  
And a hop  
For Three.

As a three-legged dog on his own in the big city, Three does pretty well for himself. His waggly tail keeps him fed, and he meets so many different legged creatures along the way. He's happy just the way he is, but sometimes he wonders what it'd be like to have a real home. That all changes when he wanders into the country and meets a quirky young girl and her welcoming family.

### Contributor Bio

Stephen Michael King has illustrated more than fifty books including *Prudence Wants a Pet* and has both written and illustrated several others, including *Mutt Dog!* and *Leaf*. He lives with his family on a small island off the coast of New South Wales, Australia.

**Author Residence:** New South Wales, Australia



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## Watercress

Andrea Wang, Jason Chin

### Summary

**Gathering watercress by the side of the road brings a girl closer to her family's Chinese Heritage.**

Driving through Ohio in an old Pontiac, a young girl's parents stop suddenly when they spot watercress growing wild in a ditch by the side of the road. Grabbing an old paper bag and some rusty scissors, the whole family wades into the muck to collect as much of the muddy, snail covered watercress as they can.

At first, she's embarrassed. Why can't her family get food from the grocery store? But when her mother shares a story of her family's time in China, the girl learns to appreciate the fresh food they foraged. Together, they make a new memory of watercress.

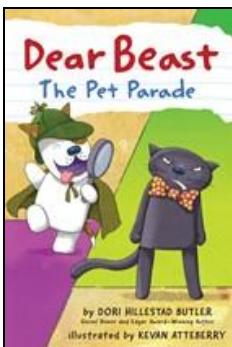
Andrea Wang tells a moving autobiographical story of a child of immigrants discovering and connecting with her heritage, illustrated by award winning author and artist Jason Chin, working in an entirely new style, inspired by Chinese painting techniques. An author's note in the back shares Andrea's childhood experience with her parents.

### A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection!

### Contributor Bio

Andrea Wang is the award-winning author of *The Nian Monster* and *Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando*. She was inspired to write *Watercress* by her experience growing up in rural Ohio as a child of Chinese immigrants. Andrea holds an M.S. in Environmental Science and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing for Young People. She lives in Colorado with her family.

Jason Chin is a celebrated author and illustrator of children's books. His book *Grand Canyon* was awarded a Caldecott Honor, a Sibert Honor, and the NCTE Orbis Pictus Award. He is the author and illustrator of *Your Place in the Universe*, which Kirkus called "A stimulating outing to the furthest reaches of our knowledge", as well as other acclaimed nonfiction titles—*Coral Reefs*, *Redwoods*, *Gravity*, and *Island: A Story of the*



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## Dear Beast: The Pet Parade

Dori Hillestad Butler, Kevan Atteberry

### Summary

**A snobby cat and a good-natured dog fight over the chance to dress up with their owner in this playful illustrated chapter book series told in letters.**

It's time for the annual city pet parade! Only one pet can win first place...Simon the cat has always hated wearing costumes, so he decides it's okay for Andy's new dog, Baxter, to march with Andy instead. This way, Simon gets to avoid a costume and keep his dignity.

But when Baxter keeps the costume plans a secret, Simon changes his mind. His boy Andy needs him! Who knows what trouble Baxter is up to? That beast can't be trusted—and it's Simon's job to save the day.

This funny and heartwarming collaboration between Geisel Honor and Edgar Award-winning author Dori Hillestad Butler and bestselling illustrator Kevan Atteberry is a tribute to the love of a good pet. With eight chapters and adorable full-color illustrations on every spread, the series is purr-fect for parents to share with their beginning readers.

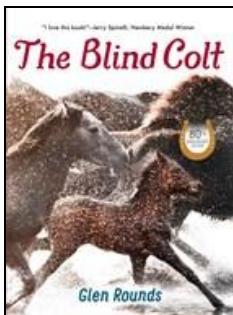
### A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection

**Series Overview:** Who will be Andy's #1 pet? A snobby cat and a good-natured dog must l...

### Contributor Bio

Dori Butler is an award-winning author of mysteries and books for all ages, including the *King and Kayla* series and the *Haunted Library* series. She is a two-time Geisel Honor recipient, an Edgar Award winner, and has been nominated for children's choice awards in 19 states. Dori lives in Washington with her husband and their very large dog, Mouse. Visit her online at [www.kidswriter.com](http://www.kidswriter.com)!

Kevan Atteberry is an illustrator who has written and/or illustrated many books for children, including *Ghost Cat*, which received a starred review in *Booklist*, and *Tickle Monster*. One of his biggest claims to fame is that



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## The Blind Colt (80th Anniversary Edition)

Glen Rounds

### Summary

**Can a young blind horse survive in the badlands of Montana?**

In the badlands, where the ground is soft but the slopes are steep and the vegetation is scarce, it can be difficult for a wild horse to survive. Even more so if that horse is blind. But the young colt has his strong mare of a mother looking out for him, and his other senses help him smell the friendly prairie dogs, feel for rough terrain, and hear whenever wolves draw near—sometimes well before anyone else in his herd.

That's not all. A boy named Whitey, about ten years old, and his ranch-owning Uncle Torval watch from the sidelines whenever the colt and his herd pass through the plains near their home. Whitey, especially, hopes the young colt grows strong, just as he hopes they might get a chance to meet someday. And when a rough winter starts to settle in, he might just get his wish.

Now celebrating its 80th anniversary with a beautifully redesigned new edition, this is a timeless tale of survival and friendship. This classic of children's literature in the tradition of *The Black Stallion* and *Misty of Chincoteague* comes from...

### Contributor Bio

Glen Rounds (1906-2002) was born in a sod house in South Dakota and travelled by covered wagon to the Montana badlands, where he lived on the kind of ranch depicted in *The Blind Colt*. As a young man, Rounds studied at the Art Students League in New York City, becoming friends with Jackson Pollock, with whom he spent a summer travelling the countryside. Later, with his gift for storytelling, Rounds published his first book, *Ol' Paul*, a collection of tall tales influenced by the stories of Paul Bunyan. Rounds continued to write and draw for 60 years, even learning to draw left handed when arthritis crippled his right arm. Some of his best known books are *Cowboys*, *Three Billy Goats Gruff*, and *Sod Houses on the Great Plains*.

**Author Hometown:** Montana



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## Houdini and Me

Dan Gutman

### Summary

**Harry has always admired the famous escape artist Houdini. And when Houdini asks for help in coming back to life, it seems like an amazing chance...or could it be Houdini's greatest trick of all?**

Eleven-year-old Harry Mancini is NOT Harry Houdini—the famous escape artist who died in 1926. But Harry DOES live in Houdini's old New York City home, and he definitely knows everything there is to know about Houdini's life. What is he supposed to do, then, when someone starts texting him claiming that they're Houdini, communicating from beyond the grave? Respond, of course.

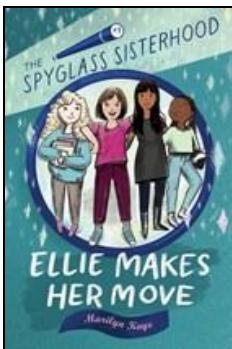
It's hard for Harry to believe that Houdini is really contacting him, but this Houdini texts the secrets to all of the escape tricks the dead Houdini used to do. What's more, Houdini's offering Harry a chance to go back in time and experience it for himself. Should Harry ignore what must be a hoax? Or should he give it a try and take Houdini up on this death-defying offer?

Dan Gutman is the award-winning author of series including *My Weird School*, *The Genius Files*, and the baseball card series, including *Honus & Me*. He uses h...

### Contributor Bio

Dan Gutman grew up in New Jersey loving sports, which inspired him as an adult to write his baseball card book series, that begins with *Honus & Me*, which was nominated for eleven state awards and adapted for television. Other titles of his include the *My Weird School* series, *The Genius Files* series, *The Kid Who Ran for President*, and much more. He lives with his wife and two kids in New York City. *Houdini and Me* is Dan's first title with Holiday House.

**Author Residence:** New York City



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## Ellie Makes Her Move

Marilyn Kaye

### Summary

**A magical spyglass reveals secrets that will bring four girls together in this new series.**

Twelve-year-old Ellie is ordinary. Absolutely, positively ordinary. Then her dad's latest community project makes their whole ritzy town, including all of Ellie's friends, turn against them. Tired of being ostracized, Ellie's family moves to the other side of the state to live in a rickety 100-year-old house complete with a turret—and Ellie swears off friendship forever.

That is until Ellie explores the turret and discovers an old-fashioned telescope—a spyglass. When she looks through it, the world she sees isn't the same that's out the window. There's a community center that isn't built yet and her new classmate Alyssa flying around on a broomstick!

To figure out what the magical images mean, Ellie recruits other self-described loners, Alyssa and Rachel. When they see a vision of fellow student Kiara playing tag with a tiger and a donkey—they have their first real spyglass secret to solve.

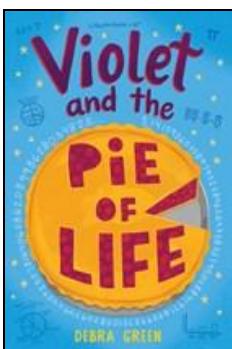
The *New York Times* best-selling author behind the Gifted series and the Replica books, Marilyn Kaye delivers ...

### Contributor Bio

Marilyn Kaye is the author of over 100 books for young readers, including the Gifted and Replica series. Born in New Britain, Connecticut, she grew up in Atlanta, Georgia. She earned a master's degree in library science at Emory University and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Chicago. Kaye also taught children's literature at St. John's University for over twenty years. She lives in Paris, France.

**Author Residence:** Paris, France

**Author Hometown:** Atlanta, GA



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## Violet and the Pie of Life

D. L. Green

### Summary

**There's no golden ratio for a family, despite what number-crunching Violet might think.**

Twelve-year-old Violet has two great loves in her life: math and pie. And she loves her parents, even though her mom never stops nagging and her dad can be unreliable. Mom plus Dad doesn't equal perfection. Still, Violet knows her parents could solve their problems if they just applied simple math.

#1: Adjust the ratio of Mom's nagging to her compliments.

#2: Multiply Dad's funny stories by a factor of three.

#3: Add in romantic stuff wherever possible.

But when her dad walks out, Violet realizes that the odds do not look good. Why can't her parents get along like popular, perfect Ally's parents? Would it be better to have no dad at all, like her best friend, McKenzie? Violet is considering the data when she and Ally get cast in the school play, and McKenzie doesn't—a probability that Violet never calculated. Maybe friendship and family have more variables than she thought.

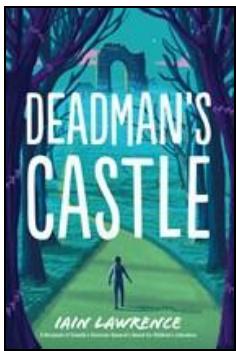
Filled with warmth, math-y humor, and delicious pie, this heartfelt middle grade read is perfect for fans of *The Miscalculations of...*

### Contributor Bio

Debra Green has written many books for children, including the *Silver Pony Ranch* series and the *Zeke Meeks* series, which have been published in eight languages across the globe. She lives in Southern California where she works as a lawyer, as well as an enthusiastic speaker at writing workshops, schools, and conferences. Her favorite kind of pie is apple crumb. Visit her online at [debragreen.com](http://debragreen.com)

**Author Residence:** Orange County, California

**Author Hometown:** Los Angeles, California



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## Deadman's Castle

Iain Lawrence

### Summary

**For most of his life, Igor and his family have been on the run. Danger lurks around every corner—or so he's always been told....**

When Igor was five, his father witnessed a terrible crime—and ever since, his whole family has been hunted by a foreboding figure bent on revenge, known only as the Lizard Man. They've lived in so many places, with so many identities, that Igor can't even remember his real name.

But now he's twelve years old, and he longs for a normal life. He wants to go to school. Make friends. Stop worrying about how long it will be before his father hears someone prowling around their new house and uproots everything yet again. He's even starting to wonder—what if the Lizard Man only exists in his father's frightened mind?

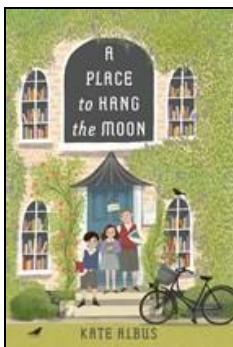
Slowly, Igor starts bending the rules he's lived by all his life—making friends for the first time, testing the boundaries of where he's allowed to go in town. But soon, he begins noticing strange things around them—is it in his imagination? Or could the Lizard Man be real after all?

Iain Lawrence is a winner of Canada's Governor General's Children's Litera...

### Contributor Bio

Iain Lawrence is a journalist and the author of many acclaimed novels, including *Ghost Boy*, *The Skeleton Tree*, *Lord of the Nutcracker Men*, and the High Seas Trilogy: *The Wreckers*, *The Smugglers*, and *The Buccaneers*. He is the author of fifteen books for young readers and has received many accolades, among them the Governor General's Award and the California Young Reader Medal. He lives in the Gulf Islands, British Columbia, Canada.

**Author Residence:** Gulf Islands, BC, Canada



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## A Place to Hang the Moon

Kate Albus

### Summary

**For fans of *The War That Saved My Life* and other World War II fiction, *A Place to Hang the Moon* is the tale of three orphaned siblings who are evacuated from London to live in the countryside with the secret hope of finding a permanent family.**

It is 1940 and William, 12, Edmund, 11, and Anna, 9, aren't terribly upset by the death of the not-so-grandmotherly grandmother who has taken care of them since their parents died. But the children do need a guardian, and in the dark days of World War II London, those are in short supply, especially if they hope to stay together. Could the mass wartime evacuation of children from London to the countryside be the answer?

It's a preposterous plan, but off they go—keeping their predicament a secret, and hoping to be placed in a temporary home that ends up lasting forever. Moving from one billet to another, the children suffer the cruel trickery of foster brothers, the cold realities of outdoor toilets and the hollowness of empty stomachs. They find comfort in the village lending library, whose kind librarian, Nora Müller, seems an excellent choice o...

### Contributor Bio

Kate Albus grew up in New York and now lives with her family in rural Maryland. The already-dangerous pile of reading material on her nightstand grows daily. *A Place to Hang the Moon* is her first book. Visit her at [katealbus.com](http://katealbus.com).

**Author Residence:** Maryland



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## Fat Chance, Charlie Vega

Crystal Maldonado

### Summary

**Coming of age as a Fat brown girl in a white Connecticut suburb is hard. Harder when your whole life is on fire, though.**

Charlie Vega is a lot of things. Smart. Funny. Artistic. Ambitious. Fat.

People sometimes have a problem with that last one. Especially her mom. Charlie wants a good relationship with her body, but it's hard, and her mom leaving a billion weight loss shakes on her dresser doesn't help. The world and everyone in it have ideas about what she should look like: thinner, lighter, slimmer-faced, straighter-haired. *Be smaller. Be whiter. Be quieter.*

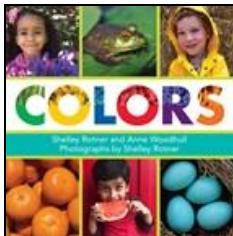
But there's one person who's always in Charlie's corner: her best friend Amelia. Slim. Popular. Athletic. Totally dope. So when Charlie starts a tentative relationship with cute classmate Brian, the first worthwhile guy to notice her, everything is perfect until she learns one thing—he asked Amelia out first. So is she his second choice or what? Does he even really see her?

Because it's time people did.

A sensitive, funny, and painful coming-of-age story with a wry voice and tons of chisme, *Fat Chance, Charlie Vega* tackles our relat...

### Contributor Bio

Crystal Maldonado is a writer by night and a marketer and social media manager by day. She has been published in *Latina* magazine, *The Hartford Courant*, and *Dogster*, and is the co-founder of the online magazine Positively Smitten. *Fat Chance, Charlie Vega* is her debut novel, and was bought in a competitive pre-empt as part of a two-book deal. She lives in Western Massachusetts with her husband, her dog, and her super-duper adorable baby daughter.



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## Colors

Shelley Rotner, Anne Woodhull

### Summary

**The world is full of vibrant colors—explore it with this beautiful book from an award-winning photographer!**

A red fire truck races, orange pumpkins glow, and purple flowers bloom.

Vivid pictures of familiar scenes, animals, and objects inspire young readers to look carefully at the world around them. Full of striking close-ups of fruits, flowers, and animals, as well as portraits of kids from diverse backgrounds, *Colors* is a bright, brilliant concept book from the creator of the award-winning *Shades of People*.

Filled with unexpected examples of the colors all around us, from the yellow yolk of an egg to the green of a cat's eyes, this picture book full of kid-friendly vocabulary and beautiful photography is sure to be a favorite.

### Contributor Bio

Shelley Rotner is the author and photo-illustrator of more than thirty books, including the acclaimed Hello Seasons! series and *Shades of People*, an ALA Notable Children's Book. Her collaborations with Anne Woodhull include *Colors*, which received a starred review from *Kirkus Reviews*. She lives in Northampton, MA.

Anne Woodhull is an art therapist and children's book author who has also collaborated with Shelley Rotner on *Colors*, *The Buzz on Bees: Why Are They Disappearing?*, and *Every Season*. She lives in Amherst, MA.

**Author Residence:** Northampton, MA

Anne Woodhull is an art therapist and children's book author who has also collaborated with Shelley Rotner on *Colors*, *The Buzz on Bees: Why Are They Disappearing?*, and *Every Season*. She lives in Amherst, MA.

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## What's the Weather?

Shelley Rotner

### Summary

**Are tornados and twisters the same thing? Why does it rain? Stunning photos and simple text explain the wonders of weather to young children.**

Images 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. Her collaborations with Sheila M. Kelly include *Families* and *Shades of People*, an ALA Notable Children's Book, and her solo work includes the Hello Seasons! series and *Colors*, which received a starred review from *Kirkus Reviews*. She lives in Northampton, MA.

**Author Residence:** Northampton, MA



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## Get Me Out of This Book

### Rules and Tools for Being Brave

Deborah Cholette, Kalli Dakos, Sara Infante

### Summary

**"GET ME OUT OF THIS BOOK!" shouts Max. Max is a scaredy-cat bookmark until he learns 3 rules for being brave—breathe deeply, make a plan, and think positive thoughts!**

When Max the bookmark went into a scary book, he couldn't LOOK and he SHOOK and he SCREAMED, "GET ME OUT OF THIS BOOK!"

Then he learned to (1) breathe deeply, (2) make a plan, and (3) think positive thoughts—techniques used by the Navy SEALs. Max put his new tools into practice and now he's brave enough to face a snake, yucky bugs, and even a seven-headed monster!

This humorous story packs a big punch as it introduces children to mindfulness, self-regulation, self-control, and other techniques for dealing with stress and overcoming fear.

### Contributor Bio

Kalli Dakos is a poet and writer. Her books are very popular with children and include six ILA/CBC Children's Choices. She splits her time between the United States and Canada.

This is Deborah Cholette's debut as a picture book author. She lives in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Sara Infante is an award-winning illustrator in her native country of Portugal. She lives in Lisbon with her husband and children.

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## Hello Summer!

Shelley Rotner

### Summary

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

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

This fourth and final book in the award-winning author's well-reviewed Hello Seasons series is the bridge children need to take them from the last blush of spring to the beginning of autumn. A glossary explaining terms such as summer solstice, nectar, and pollen is included.

### Contributor Bio

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

**Author Residence:** Northampton, MA



## My Stinky Summer by S. Bug

Paul Meisel

### Summary

Hilarious and scientifically accurate, this Nature Diary gives readers a bug's-eye-view of the life cycle of a stinkbug.

Told in diary form, *My Stinky Summer by S. Bug* introduces readers to the stinkbug's life cycle and survival habits.

From the day he is born, S. Bug hears the same refrain—"Ew! Stinkbug!" The stinkbug's odor is powerful protection against predators. Perhaps too powerful. Readers will also learn about the challenges that arise when an ecosystem is pushed off-balance.

Children will love poring over the bright, highly detailed illustrations and pondering ideas about ecosystems and nature.

The book includes a glossary and further information in the back of the book. Both art and text have been vetted for accuracy by an expert.

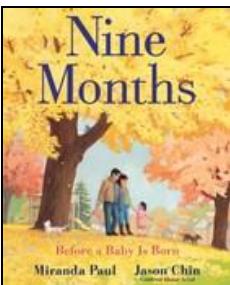
### A Junior Library Guild Selection!

### Don't miss the other hilarious entries in The Nature Diary Series!

Each one explores the life cycle of an animal in dated journal entries, showing young readers how they grow and change through the seasons—and offering a few laughs, too! Brightly illustrated and vetted by experts, Paul Meisel's books are a perfect i...

### Contributor Bio

Paul Meisel, who holds a master's degree in graphic design from Yale University, has illustrated many books



## Nine Months

**Before a Baby is Born**

Miranda Paul, Jason Chin

### Summary

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

**A Boston Globe - Horn Book Honor Recipient**

**An NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book for Students**

**A Capitol Choices Noteworthy Title**

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

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

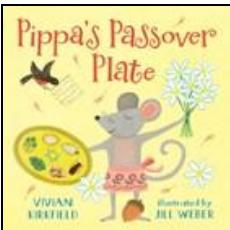
Complete with backmatter that includes an elaboration on pregnancy, a list of amazing things babies can do before they're born, and more, Miranda Paul and Caldecott Honor Artist Jason Chin deliver another spectacular nonfiction picture book.

**A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year**

**A Ho...**

### Contributor Bio

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



## Pippa's Passover Plate

Vivian Kirkfield, Jill Weber

### Summary

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

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

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

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

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

A final spread with ...

### Contributor Bio

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

Jill Weber is a children's book illustrator known for her Judaica. She has illustrated *Even Higher!* and *The*



## Soñadores

Yuyi Morales

### Summary

**This Spanish language edition of Yuyi Morales's Pura Belpré Award winner and New York Times Bestseller Dreamers is now available in paperback!**

Caldecott Honor artist and six-time Pura Belpré winner Yuyi Morales's gorgeous book Dreamers, and its Spanish language version *Soñadores*, are about making a home in a new place. Yuyi and her son Kelly's passage was not easy, and Yuyi did not speak any English at the time. But together, they found an unexpected, unbelievable place: the public library. There, book by book, they untangled the language of this strange new land, and learned to make their home within it.

*Soñadores* is a celebration of what migrants bring with them when they leave their homes. It's a story about family. And it's a story to remind us that we are all dreamers, bringing our own gifts wherever we roam. Beautiful and powerful at any time but given particular urgency as the status of our own Dreamers becomes uncertain, this is a story that is both topical and timeless.

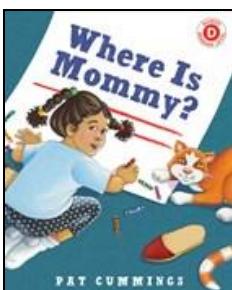
The lyrical text is followed by a brief autobiographical essay about Yuyi's own experience, a list of books t...

### Contributor Bio

Born in Xalapa, Mexico, where she currently resides, Yuyi Morales lived for many years in the San Francisco Bay Area, where she still maintains close relations with booksellers and librarians. Professional storyteller, dancer, choreographer, puppeteer, and artist, she has won the prestigious Pura Belpré Award for Illustration an unprecedented six times, for *Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book* (2003), *Los Gatos Black on Halloween* (2006), *Just in Case: A Trickster Tale and Spanish Alphabet Book* (2008), *Niño Wrestles the World* (2013), *Viva Frida* (2014), also a Caldecott Honor Book, and *Dreamers/Soñadores* (2018).

**Author Residence:** Xalapa Mexico

**Author Hometown:** Xalapa Mexico



## Where Is Mommy?

Pat Cummings

### Summary

**A girl follows clues that lead to Mommy! This Level D book is perfect for new readers.**

A girl, her mother, and their cat are snuggled up on a couch and reading a book. The girl falls asleep, and when she wakes up, Mommy is gone. Where could she be?

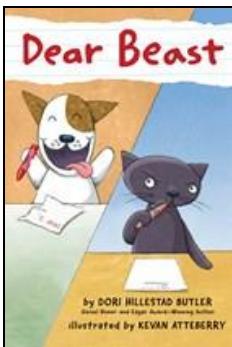
The girl searches the house, picks up clues (including a recipe for kale and a sunhat and gardening gloves that come and go). And she figures out where Mommy is—in the garden!

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!

### Contributor Bio

Pat Cummings has illustrated more than thirty children's books, some of which she also wrote. She won the Coretta Scott King Award for her illustrations in *My Mama Needs Me*, and she has also won the NAACP Image Award. Pat has made a lifelong commitment to celebrating diversity, and it is reflected in her work. She lives with her husband Chukku Lee in Brooklyn, New York, where she also works as an Adjunct Associate Professor at Pratt Institute.

**Author Residence:** Brooklyn, NY



## Dear Beast

Dori Hillestad Butler, Kevan Atteberry

### Summary

**A jealous cat really, really, REALLY wants to drive away his young owner's new dog in this playful illustrated chapter book from a two-time Geisel Honor winner.**

Simon has taken care of his owner, Andy, for many years. He's a good cat. Clean, responsible, and loyal. What more could a boy want? Even when Andy's dad moves out, Simon is certain that Andy doesn't need another pet. So why would Andy's dad adopt a DOG?! To make matters worse, the animal is a rude, rowdy troublemaker.

Simon's job is clear: the beast has got to go. He decides to write him a letter. Strongly worded, of course. But when the dog's response sets off an unexpected correspondence, Simon realizes the beast may be here to stay. Can he make room for another pet in Andy's life?

This funny and heartwarming collaboration between Geisel Honor and Edgar Award-winning author Dori Hillestad Butler and bestselling illustrator Kevan Atteberry is a tribute to the love of a good pet - and the joy found in new friendship. With nine chapters and adorable full-color illustrations on every spread, the series is perfect for kids transit...

### Contributor Bio

Dori Butler is an award-winning author of mysteries and books for all ages, including the *King and Kayla* series and the *Haunted Library* series. She is a two-time Geisel Honor recipient, an Edgar Award winner, and has been nominated for children's choice awards in 19 states. Dori lives in Washington with her husband and their very large dog, Mouse. Visit her online at [www.kidswriter.com](http://www.kidswriter.com)!

Kevan Atteberry is an illustrator who has written and/or illustrated many books for children, including *Ghost Cat*, which received a starred review in *Booklist*, and *Tickle Monster*. One of his biggest claims to fame is that he created Clippy, the animated paperclip helper in Microsoft Office. Kevan lives in the Seattle area. Visit him on the web at [www.kevanatteberry.com](http://www.kevanatteberry.com)!

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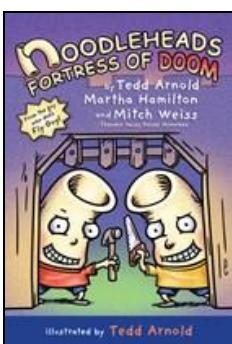
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## Noodleheads Fortress of Doom

Tedd Arnold, Martha Hamilton, Mitch Weiss

### Summary

**Mac and Mac may be noodles with empty heads, but they have big ideas: building a fortress! This vibrantly colorful graphic novel for easy readers hits the nail on the head with comedy.**

The Noodlehead brothers are back from the library with a joke book, a fantasy novel, and a dream: to build their very own Fortress of Doom. If they can stop bickering for long enough. And if they can defend it from their wily friend Meatball.

Jump right in with this fourth title in an easy-to-read graphic novel series about more than two hollow pastas trying to have fun.

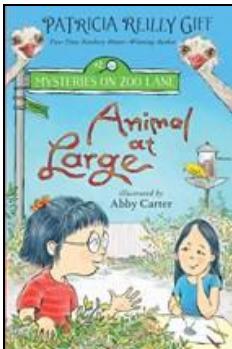
Award-winning storytellers Mitch Weiss and Martha Hamilton join Tedd Arnold, author of the Fly Guy series, to create a masterpiece of hilarity. This easy-to-read series, including the Geisel Honor book Noodleheads See the Future, is an accessible introduction to stories of fools, and a great next read for fans of the Fly Guy books.

With short, funny chapters 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 encoura...

### 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 *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.



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Series: Mysteries on Zoo Lane  
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## 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 is on the case...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.

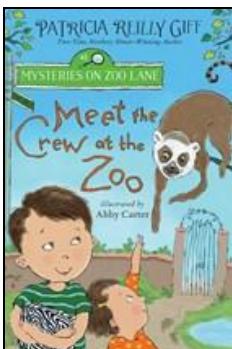
In this second book in the illustrated series, two-time Newbery Honor author Patricia Reilly Giff has crafted a charming story about conservation, animal care, friendship, and problem-solving. In touch with the programs and initiatives that today's zoos are undertaking, Giff provides readers with a fresh 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*.

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## Meet the Crew at the Zoo

Patricia Reilly Giff, Abby Carter

### Summary

**Solve mysteries at the 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.

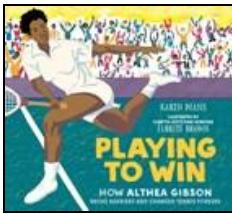
When Luke discovers that there are other kids also living on Zoo Lane and that one of them might be the owner of a mysterious zebra-printed box left outside his house, he wonders if just maybe he can make friends and solve a mystery in this wild new place.

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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## Playing to Win

### How Althea Gibson Broke Barriers and Changed Tennis Forever

Karen Deans, Elbrite Brown

#### Summary

**A new and updated edition of the picture book about the woman called "The Jackie Robinson of tennis."**

Although stars like Serena Williams cite Althea Gibson as an inspiration, Gibson's story is not well-known to many young people today. Growing up tough and rebellious in Harlem, Althea took that fighting attitude and used it to go after her goals of being a tennis champion, and a time when tennis was a game played mostly by wealthy white people in country clubs that excluded African Americans.

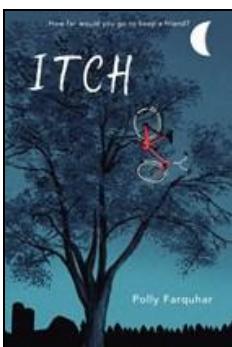
In 1956, she became the first Black American to win a major championship when she won at The French Open. When she won the celebrated Wimbledon tournament the following year, Gibson shook hands with the Queen of England. Not bad for a kid from the streets of Harlem.

With determination and undeniable skill, Althea Gibson became a barrier-breaking, record-setting, and world-famous sportswoman. This new and updated edition of this inspirational biography contains recent information on the impact of Gibson's legacy.

#### Contributor Bio

Karen Deans has worked as a journalist and is also a muralist, illustrator, writer, and entrepreneur. She lives in the Washington, D.C. area with her husband and three children. Surprised when she was unable to find biographies of many of the women she admired to share with her daughter, she decided to write her own. Her other books include *Swing Sisters: The Story of the International Sweethearts of Rhythm*.

Elbrite Brown is an illustrator, artist, and high school art teacher. His illustrations for *My Family Plays Music* by Judy Cox won him a Coretta Scott King / John Steptoe Award for New Talent. More than anything else, Elbrite looks at art as a way for him to inspire others. While doing research on Althea Gibson, he went to tennis matches and studied photographs and videos of the great star in action. He came to feel that Althea Gibson



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## Itch

Polly Farquhar

#### Summary

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

#### A Junior Library Guild Selection

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.

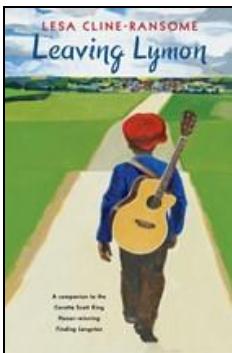
At least Itch has his job at the pheasant farm, which is tough but cool. And most of the guys at school are okay to hang out with, even if they're crazy about college football, and Itch could care less. He's doing the best he can to get along—until everything goes wrong in the middle of a lunch swap. 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...

#### 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.

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## 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.

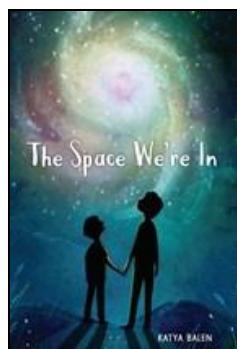
But Lymon's world as he knows it is about to dissolve. He will be sent on a journey to two Northern cities far from the country life he loves—and the version of himself he knows. In this companion novel to the Coretta Scott King Honor winning *Finding Langston*, readers will see a new side of the bully 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...

### 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, a Coretta Scott King Honor, 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.

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## 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.

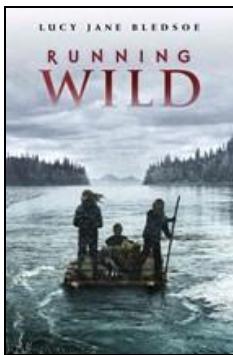
Frank longs for the brother he was promised by his parents before Max was born—someone who was supposed to be his biggest fan, so he could be the best brother in the world. Instead, Frank has trouble navigating Max's behavior and their relationship. But when tragedy strikes, Frank finds a way to try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



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## 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



## 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.

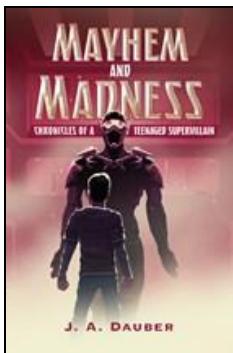
Danny knows at a glance that Red, the big Irish setter, is the dog he has always dreamed of. But Red is a champion, and Danny is only a trapper's son who lives in a cabin on the mountain. Still, their bond is undeniable. Red is fast and strong, smart and noble, and incredibly loyal—when Danny twists 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 or...

### Contributor Bio

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



## **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.

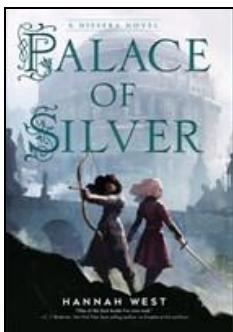
### **An ILA-CBC Young Adults' Choice!**

#### **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



## **Palace of Silver**

**A Nissara 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 Nissara Chronicles.**

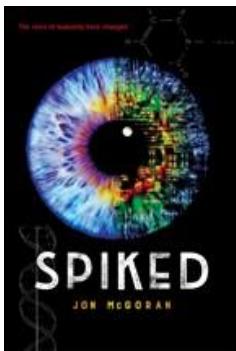
Return to Nissara, land of three kingdoms and home to spectacular magic. An uneasy peace reigns now that Valory has vanquished the Moth King and settled into her rightful place as queen of Calgoran. New leaders Glisette and Kadri hope to usher the neighboring kingdoms into an era of healing and prosperity.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

But there's a fourth queen in charge: Ambrosine, banished overseas to Perispis. 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](http://hannahwestauthor.com) or on Instagram @hannahwestya.

**Author Residence:** Texas



## Spiked

Jon McGoran

### Summary

**A plan for peace turns into a fight for survival in the third book of the acclaimed sci-fi thriller series.**

Committed to both peace and human rights for chimeras—people who alter themselves with animal DNA—seventeen-year-old Jimi Corcoran is torn when she's invited to a gathering of moderate pro- and anti-chimera rights activists seeking to find common ground. But when a militant chimera rights group prevents her from attending—and saves her from being killed by the bomb they've planted—Jimi herself falls under suspicion for the blast.

Seeking to clear her name, Jimi and her chimera boyfriend, Rex, investigate the mysterious group.... only to discover that her involvement is no accident. As they dig deeper, they're drawn into a whirlwind of secret identities, shocking experiments, and an apocalyptic plot that threatens the future of humanity.

In this thrilling conclusion to Jon McGoran's timely and heavy-hitting *Spliced* series, extremists on both sides square off in an escalating battle between competing visions of the future of humanity, and of the Earth. Set in a near-future society whe...

### Contributor Bio

Jon McGoran writes thrillers for teens and adults. His first YA book, *Spliced*, was named an ALA LITA Excellence in Young Adult Science Fiction Notable Book. He lives in Pennsylvania with his family, where he is a founding member of The Liars Club for writers ([liarsclubphilly.com](http://liarsclubphilly.com)) and cohosts the Liars Club podcast. Learn more at [jonmcgoran.com](http://jonmcgoran.com) or connect on Twitter and Instagram @jonmcgoran.

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