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Star & Stripe 1: Grand Opening!

M. J. Offen

Summary

A brother and sister lock horns, then learn to hold hooves as they cook up a sweet new business venture in this vibrant Richard Scarry-esque picture book.

Since they were calves, Star and Stripe have dreamed of running their own restaurant. They love their mama's grassburgers and want to share them with the world, or at least the citizens of Critter City.

But agreeing on a plan for the restaurant? That's the hard part. Star wants it to be a fancy downtown restaurant. Stripe wants it to be a casual place on the beach. Butting heads, they crash into the perfect solution—a food truck!

There are so many decisions to make with their new business—how to decorate the truck, where to park it, when to open—but with Stripe at the grill and Star reeling in customers, the brother and sister realize that when they hold hooves and work together, great things happen!

Series Overview: Brother and sister pair Star and Stripe butt heads and learn to hold hooves again as they tackle challenges together in their community.

Contributor Bio

M.J. Offen is an original creator, writer, and producer. She has developed animated shows for Sesame Workshop, Nickelodeon, Disney Junior, and Cartoon Network. She lives in Los Angeles, California. *Star & Stripe: Grand Opening!* is her first book.

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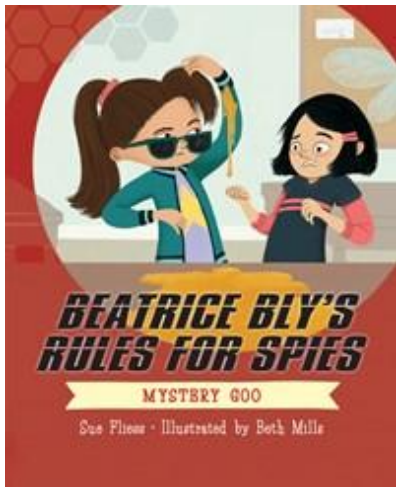
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Beatrice Bly's Rules for Spies 2: Mystery Goo

Sue Fliess, Beth Mills

Summary

Young spy-in-training Beatrice Bly finds herself in a sticky mess when her latest case pulls her attention away from planning for the science fair.

After using her keen observation skills to locate the missing class hamster, Beatrice Bly is eager for a new case, and when a sticky mystery goo shows up on her desk, she's ready. What is it? Where did it come from? Beatrice is entirely focused on finding out.

Except that Beatrice is supposed to be figuring out a science fair project with her best friend Nora.

Can scientific investigation combine with spy technique to solve both problems?

Spy-in-training Beatrice Bly returns in the second book in the Beatrice Bly's Rules for Spies series, using problem solving, deduction, and STEAM skills in an exciting, fun way. Young sleuths will be eager to get in on the action.

Series Overview: A spy-in-training uses her best sleuthing skills to solve mysteries at school, home, or wherever they may pop up in this thrilling picture book series.

Contributor Bio

Sue Fliess is the author of over 40 children's books, including *Beatrice Bly's Rules for Spies: The Missing Hamster*, *Goldilocks and The Three Engineers*, *Rumble and Roar*, *Sadie Sprocket Builds a Rocket*, numerous Little Golden Books, and more. When she was young, she got caught spying on her older sister. It didn't end well and likely turned her off of becoming a spy later. Which is probably good, as she is better at writing than spying. Sue lives in Northern Virginia with her family and two dogs, and loves to travel, write, and read. Visit her website at www.suefliess.com.

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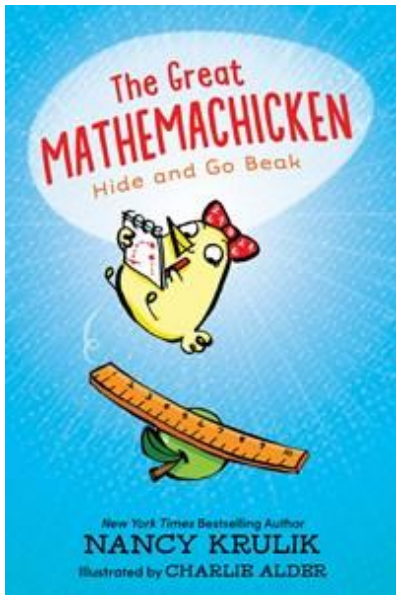
Beth Mills is an illustrator who also occasionally writes things. She is from Texas and says "y'all" and "howdy" unironically. She enjoys all kinds of art, reads voraciously, and spends as much time as possible creating or illustrating stories. Beth's favorite things to draw are quirky characters, animals in clothes, and monsters. Beth's favorite thing to write is funny fiction. Her least favorite thing to write is her bio. You can learn more about Beth at www.beth-mills.com

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The Great Mathemachicken 1: Hide and Go Beak

Nancy Krulik, Charlie Alder

Summary

A new young chapter book series about a chicken who loves math, science, and learning new things--by *New York Times* bestselling author Nancy Krulik for fans of *Unlimited Squirrel* and *Bumble and Bee*.

Chirpy is a young chicken stuck in the family coop. But she's not like the other chickens who just sit around peck peck pecking all day. She's intrigued by the children who come home from a place called school. They always look so happy! (Well, most days.)

So Chirpy sneaks onto the bus one morning, hides in the classroom . . . and discovers a true love of math. When she shares what she's learned with the other chickens, they think she's one kernel short of a cob.

Even so, Chirpy is determined to find a formula for fowl success by pecking away. But when a hungry fox tries to attack the coop, can she find the equation for a simple solution?

With lively two-color art throughout and a fun hands-on simple machine activity, this eggs-ellent hilarious young chapter book series starter is a Grade-A pick for emerging readers to get them eggs-ited about science and math.

Series Overview: From international bestselling author, Nancy Krulik, a chick with a love of learning uses her new math and science knowledge to solve big problems in the coop.

Contributor Bio

Nancy Krulik is the author of more than 200 books for children and young adults, three of them *New York Times* bestsellers. Her series, including *How I Survived Middle School*, *Katie Kazoo Switcheroo*, *George Brown*, *Class Clown*, *Magic Bone*, *Project Droid*, *Princess Pulverizer*, and *Ms. Frogbottom's Field Trips* are beloved around the world.

Nancy lives in Manhattan with her husband, composer Daniel Burwasser. Visit her online at www.realnancykrulik.com.

Author Residence: New York, NY

Author Hometown: Cherry Hill, NJ

Charlie Alder has written and illustrated many books for children, including *Daredevil Duck* and *Chicken Break!* She lives in Devon, England, with her husband and son. When not drawing chickens, Charlie can be found in her studio drinking coffee, arranging her crayons, and inventing more accidental animal heroes.

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Illustrator Residence: Devon, England

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Trillium Sisters 3: Fashionable Disaster

Laura Brown, Elly Kramer, Sarah Mensinga

Summary

Being bossy leads to big problems, and only the Trills coming together can save the day in the third book in the Trillium Sisters series, perfect for fans of Mia Mayhem and The Wish Fairy.

When the Trills discover a rocky enclosure with natural hot spring while hiking, they realize it could be the location for the perfect new addition to the village--a spa! But all of the supplies they'll need aren't going to come cheap, so they decide they'll organize a fashion show to raise funds. Luckily, everyone in Trillville is willing to lend a hand to make the show a success.

As the local fashionista, Clare thinks she's the clear choice to be in charge. But instead of leading, she's just super bossy, refusing to listen to anyone else's input. After an epic Trills blowup, rain leads to a landslide, leaving Clare trapped inside the enclosure and Giselle and Emmy on the other side of the rock wall, unable to help her. Will the sisters be able to put aside their differences to join forces (and join charms) so they can channel their powers and skills into getting Clare free?

With energetic black-and-white illustration throughout, *Fashionable Disaster* focuses on family, community, environmental stewardship, and learning to work together as a team, continuing this magical series.

Series Overview: Three sisters with mysterious origins use their superpowers to solve problems around them and protect their mountain home.

Contributor Bio

Laura Brown is an early childhood expert, collaborates with businesses and organizations to create high quality educational media properties and products. She has written curricula and scripts and served as Content Expert and Research Director for series produced by Nick Jr., Disney Junior, Amazon Kids, DreamWorks Animation Television, PBS Kids, Universal Kids, and many others. A mother of three, she lives in Tenafly, NJ, but in another life, she would happily live in a treehouse in the forest.

Elly Kramer is currently the VP of Production & Development at Imagine Entertainment in their Kids and Family division and has created and led the development of numerous award-winning and highly-rated TV shows, online games, and innovative apps. As VP of Production and Development with Nickelodeon, she led the development of long and short-form content. She has also produced and developed over thirty-five shorts. Elly is a frequent speaker at film festivals and industry events. She lives in Los Angeles, CA.

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Twig and Turtle 6: No Hard Feelings

Jennifer Richard Jacobson

Summary

Twig learns that failing doesn't make you a failure—it just opens up possibilities in the sixth book in the beloved Twig and Turtle chapter book series, perfect for fans of Ivy and Bean and Judy Moody.

Sometimes “no” is just the beginning.

Lately, Twig’s been having a tough time. Her best friend is too busy to hang out with her. And then she isn’t picked for a special dinner with her favorite pop star. It’s all so unfair!

When Dad realizes Twig is feeling low, he tells her a way to take the sting out of rejection. You go out and look for ways to be turned down. The more you do it, the less it hurts. Soon, Twig and her whole family have turned hunting for nos into a fun game. But are some nos just too hard to face?

With a focus on perseverance, community, self-discovery, and a little environmental stewardship, this charming story accompanied by warm and inviting black-and-white illustrations throughout, is perfect for developing young readers.

Series Overview: Sisters Twig and Turtle experience adventures and challenges with family, friends, and school as they adjust to living in a tiny house.

Contributor Bio

Jennifer Richard Jacobson is the award-winning author of many books for children and young adults including the Andy Shane early-reader series and *Crashing in Love*. A graduate of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, when not writing, Jennifer provides trainings in Writer’s Workshop for teachers. Jennifer lives in Maine with her husband and dog.

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Dolphin Girl 2: Eye of the Baloney Storm

Zach Smith

Summary

Attention fans of Lunch Lady and Steven Universe! Middle grade graphic novel superhero-in-training Dolphin Girl is back fending off cold cut storms and learning to deal with a new (super-annoying) rival in the second book in this side-splitting series.

Ever since the evil Sea Cow tried to steal Dolphin Girl and Captain Dugong's restaurant/hideout in *Trouble in Pizza Paradise!*, business has been bad. Dolphin Girl attempts to rebrand the restaurant, but everyone who works there hates the new outfits and the new music. Even worse, there's a new superhero in town—everyone loves, Wonder Friend and they seemingly can do no wrong. On the other hand, Dolphin Girl is getting *everything* wrong.

But when Sea Cow returns to cover Midwestern Deerburbia in a blizzard of baloney, Dolphin Girl and Otter Boy have no choice but to team up with the all-too-wonderful Wonder Friend to prevent their town from becoming a big Jimmy John's sandwich!

With bold, bright, energetic illustration *Into the Baloney Storm* serves up a graphic novel that fans of *Steven Universe* will be eager to sink their teeth into.

Series Overview: A superhero in training must channel all of her aquatic abilities as she and her dad do battle against the evil forces set on taking over their Midwest suburban town.

Contributor Bio

Zach Smith is a storyboard artist who has done work for Netflix, WB Animation, and Nickelodeon. He currently does storyboards on *Animaniacs* at WB Animation, and works on a show that he created. Zach grew up in Michigan, but now lives in Southern California with his wife, kids, and dog. His first book for your readers, *Trouble in Pizza Paradise!* introduced the delightful antics of sea life superhero-in-training Dolphin Girl.

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The Great Peach Experiment 2: The Peach Pit

Erin Soderberg Downing

Summary

Hammer together a mission to turn a crumbling mansion into a cozy bed-and-breakfast, a treasure map, and a family trying to figure out their new normal to build this charming middle grade bursting with humor, heart, and hope.

Much to their surprise, the Peaches had a great summer running their food truck business selling their pies across the Mid-West, but they're happy to be back home in Duluth, Minnesota, where they can settle back into a routine just in time for the new school year.

That is until Great Aunt Lucinda drops a big surprise on them: She wants to gift them her historic mansion. But there are conditions: they're to turn it into a cozy and welcoming bed-and-breakfast, something the Peach kids' mom always dreamed of before she passed away. And they only have until Thanksgiving to do the renovations and prove they can make the business work. It looks like it's a new chapter of *The Great Peach Experiment*.

But as the Peaches roll up their sleeves, they quickly realize the house is more of a pit than a welcoming escape. And as the family juggles builders, possible hauntings, doggie obedience training, a treasure hunt, and the demands and worries of work and school, they soon realize that there are wonderful secrets hidden within the house's walls, if only they can take the time to see them.

Interspersed with sketches, recipes, lists, and more, *The Peach Pit* is a delicious sequel to *When Life Gives You Lemons, Make Peach Pie*, combining humor, heartache, a little mystery, and a lot of love, to build another incredible read.

Series Overview: When they inherit a small fortune, the Peaches undertake all kinds of mad-cap business ventures together with varying levels of success, even as they find their way back to being a family.

Contributor Bio

Erin Soderberg Downing has written more than fifty books for kids, tweens, and young adults, including several series for young readers: *The Great Peach Experiment* (a Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection), *Puppy Pirates*, *The Quirks*, and Disney's *Daring Dreamers Club*. She has also published many other novels for middle-grade readers, including *Moon Shadow* and *Controlled Burn*. Erin's favorite hobbies are reading, swimming, baking, exploring the woods, traveling with her family, and walking around Minneapolis lakes with her fluffy and mischievous dogs, Wally and Nutmeg. More information can be found at www.erinsoderberg.com.

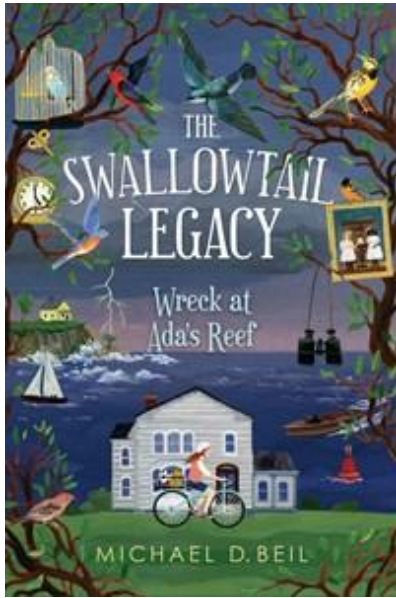
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The Swallowtail Legacy 1: Wreck at Ada's Reef

Michael D. Beil

Summary

A vibrant contemporary mystery with a classic feel about grappling with grief, righting past wrongs, redefining family, and finding yourself.

Twelve-year-old Lark Heron-Finch is steeling herself to spend the summer on Swallowtail Island off the shores of Lake Erie. It's the first time she and her sister will have seen the old house since their mom passed away. The island's always been full of happy memories—and with a step father and his boys and no mom, now everything is different.

When Nadine, a close family friend, tells Lark about a tragic boat accident that happened off the coast many years before, Lark's enthralled with the story. Nadine's working on a book about Dinah Purdy, Swallowtails's oldest resident who had a connection to the crash, and she's sure that the accident was not as it appeared. Impressed by Lark's keen eye, she hires her as her research assistant for the summer.

And then Lark discovers something amazing. Something that could change Dinah's life. Something linked to the crash and to her own family's history with Swallowtail. But there are others on the island who would do anything to keep the truth buried in the watery depths of the past.

A compelling and complex mystery with a classic feel, *Wreck at Ada's Reef* is perfect for fans of *The Parker Inheritance*, *Holes*, *The Westing Game*, and anyone looking for a satisfying puzzle that stretches across decades.

Series Overview: A twelve-year-old uncovers a decades-old mystery on the island where she's spending the summer in this soon-to-be-a-classic from an Edgar nominee.

Contributor Bio

In a time not long after the fifth extinction event, Edgar Award-nominated author **Michael D. Beil** came of age on the shores of Pymatuning Lake, where the ducks walk on the fish. (Look it up. Seriously.) He is the author of the Red Blazer Girls series, *Summer at Forsaken Lake*, *Lantern Sam and the Blue Streak Bandits*, and *Agents of the Glass: A New Recruit*. For reasons that can't be disclosed until September 28, 2041, he now lives somewhere in Portugal with his wife and their two white cats, Bruno and Maisie. He still gets carsick if he has to ride in the back seat for long and feels a little guilty that he doesn't keep a journal. For more on the author and his books, visit him online at www.michaeldbeil.com.

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