Take Comfort In These Warm and Endearing Picture Books!



A celebration of the joy and comfort to be found in alone time and the joy and comfort that a friend can bring.

Sometimes it's nice to be alone. Just you, eating a cookie, alone. But what if a friend drops in?

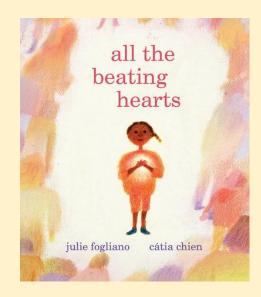
In Amy Hest and Philip C. Stead's accomplished hands, anyone can become a potential friend—and that includes horses, whales, crocodiles, and even dinosaurs. The book's effortless lilt and joyous illustrations are reminiscent of the very best work of Margaret Wise Brown and Charlotte Zolotow. It's a complete treat for any lonely kid with a big imagination.

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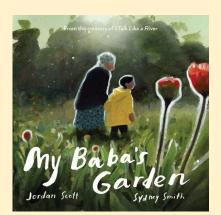
A tender and compassionate exploration of the shared experiences that bring us all together, be they sweet, painful, or both.

On a morning brimming with possibilities, a gentle narrator muses on everything the day might bring, from work to play to all the little moments in between, like watching clouds and seeing something grow. From small beginnings, the pages begin to hint at life's larger crescendo moments: days so hard we struggle to bear it, and others that feel exactly right.

In a story that embraces life's highs and lows, Julie Fogliano masterfully combines simple, lyrical text with highly nuanced themes to create a reassuring and hopeful meditation on solidarity and perseverance. Impressionistic pastel and colored-pencil illustrations by Cátia Chien accompany the soulful text. *All the Beating Hearts* reminds us that through all of life's ups and downs, there will always be light after darkness, and most importantly, we have each other—these other beating hearts.



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The special relationship between a child and his grandmother is depicted in this sumptuous book by an award-winning team.

Inspired by memories of his childhood, Jordan Scott's My Baba's Garden explores the sights, sounds, and smells experienced by a child spending time with their beloved grandmother (Baba), with special attention to the time they spent helping her tend her garden, searching for worms to keep it healthy. He visits her every day and finds her hidden in the steam of boiling potatoes, a hand holding a beet, a leg opening a cupboard, an elbow closing the fridge, humming like a night full of bugs when she cooks.

Poet Jordan Scott and illustrator Sydney Smith's previous collaboration, *I Talk Like a River,* which received a Boston Globe-Horn Book Award explored a cherished memory shared between a father and son. In their new book, they turn that same wistful appreciation to the bond between a boy and his grandmother. Sydney Smith's illustrations capture the sensational impressions of a child's memory with iconic effect.

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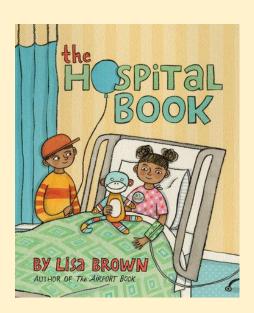
Going to the hospital can be strange and scary, but this book will comfort and reassure even the youngest patient.

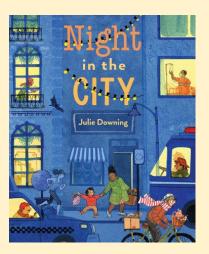
When a little girl develops a bad stomach ache, it's time to go to the hospital. We follow her experience from arrival through diagnosis, anesthesia, and recovery

Lisa Brown is a graphic novelist as well as a picture book creator whose talents inform the design of this book chock full of speech bubbles that will delight kids and parents alike. This is a funny, accessible, and above all comforting tale of a very scary experience in the life of any child.

With illustrations brimming with action reminiscent of Richard Scarry, Lisa Brown once again creates a story full of humor and empathy that will delight and comfort most any kid fearful about a hospital visit. Fans of her hugely successful The Airport Book will instantly recognize the girl and her family.

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An ingenious account of the jobs people do all through the night, when kids are fast asleep.

In *Night in the City*, author and illustrator Julie Downing cleverly uses multiple panels to follow eight people throughout the course of their busy evening, from waking up just as most people are contemplating bedtime, through the following morning.

The jobs depicted are nurse, baker, taxi driver, fire fighter, on location film tech, janitor, museum security guard, and emergency dispatcher.

Together, their stories bring the beating heart of a city to life, making for a book sure to have kids pouring over meticulously designed pages, following the exploits of our lead characters over the course of a single ordinary evening.

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