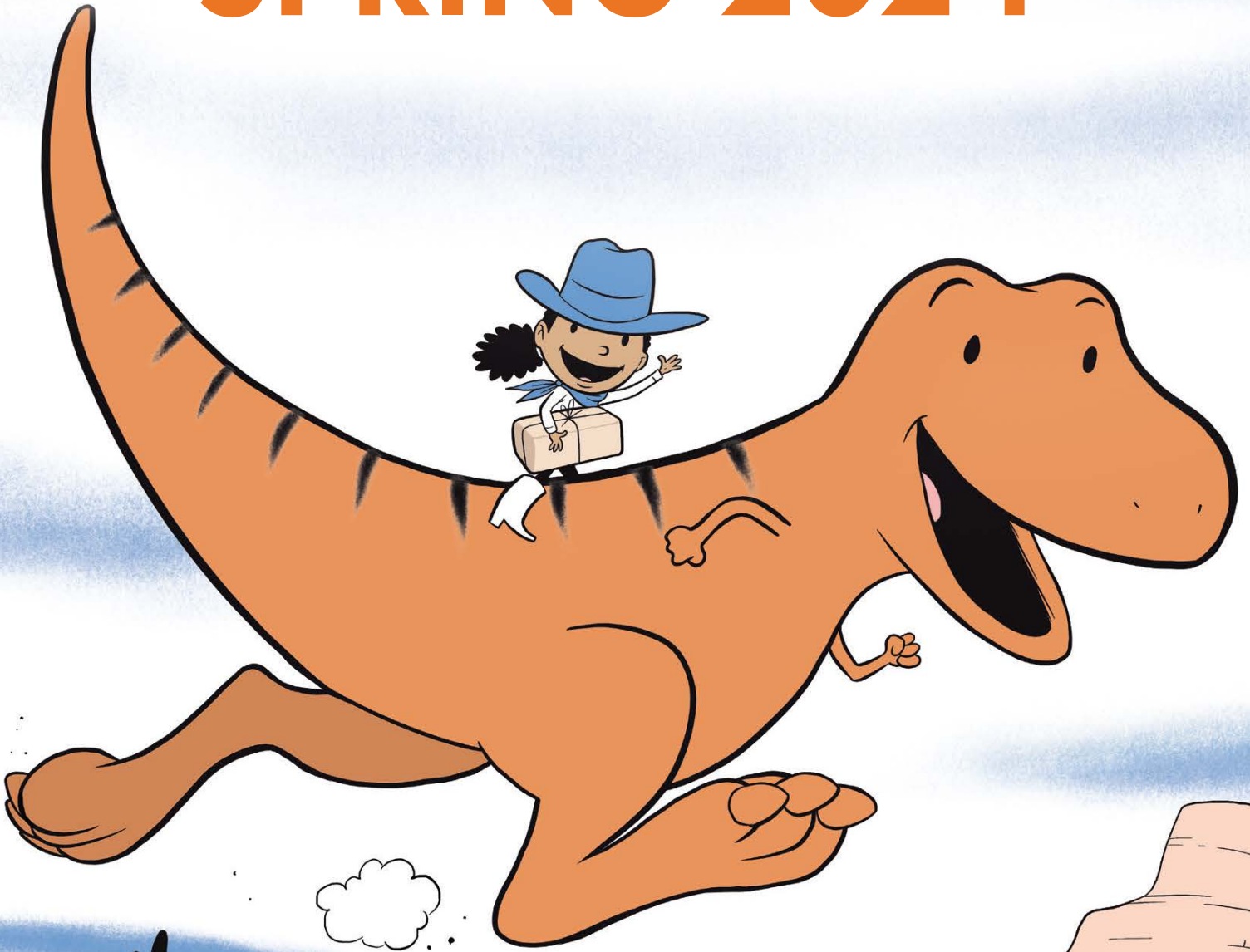


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The Recess Genius 2: Tons of Talent

Janet Sumner Johnson, Stacy Ebert

Summary

The Recess Genius is back! There are still tons of tricky problems on the playground, but the upcoming talent show might be just the solution to help with them all. The second book in the RECESS GENIUS series from the author of HELP WANTED: MUST LOVE BOOKS and the illustrator of HELLO WORLD!

Regina Grey, the Recess Genius, can solve any problem. Brother problems and friend problems. Bug problems and pen problems.

But when no one signs up for the talent show? That problem requires some extra thought. And there are other issues that need Regina's special skill set and attention.

Still, sometimes one simple answer is all the solution you need for the show to go on. After all, the Recess Genius is very talented.

The second book in The Recess Genius picture book series from the author of HELP WANTED: MUST LOVE BOOKS and the illustrator of HELLO, WORLD! charms with funny, warm celebration of out-of-the-box thinking and an unforgettable heroine sure to solve any reading dilemma.

Series Overview: A pint-sized problem solver uses out-of-the-box thinking to resolve her classmates conundrums on the playground and across school in this winning picture book series that promotes social emotional learning skills.

Contributor Bio

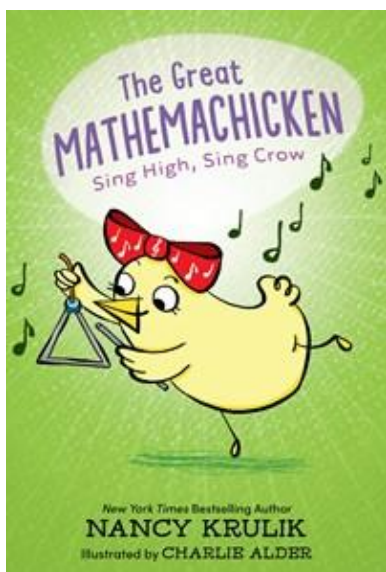
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The Great Mathemachicken 3: Sing High, Sing Crow

Nancy Krulik, Charlie Alder

Summary

Chirpy the chick learns that music is math, and songs can solve noisy problems in the third book in the Great Mathemachicken series, written by New York Times bestselling author Nancy Krulik and illustrated by Charlie Alder.

Chirpy the chicken is not feeling very chipper when a group of birds calling themselves the Crow Family Band keeps the coop awake with their loud singing. She's supposed to be the Great Mathemachicken, but math can't solve their sleep problems. Or can it?

At school, Chirpy and Quackers are singing a new tune as they take a trip to the music classroom. There, they learn about musical notes, which seem to work an awful lot like fractions.

And when she sees how Mrs. Zooper's students, singing high and low, together make one wonderful tune, she gets an egg-stra good idea how the chickens might join forces . . . and even add some feathered new friends to the mix, to make something truly special.

The third book in the Great Mathemachicken chapter book series, combines *New York Times* bestselling author Nancy Krulik's trademark humor and clever wordplay with hilarious and lively two-color artwork from the incredibly talented Charlie Alder, to create an engrossing and charming STEAM-based adventure that will have young readers clucking for more.

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.

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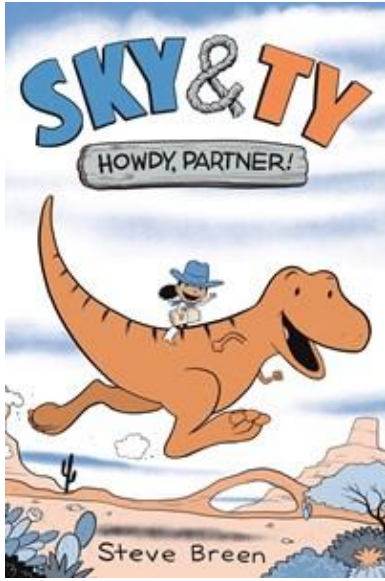
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Sky & Ty 1: Howdy, Partner!

Steve Breen

Summary

Meet the new cowgirl and her T. Rex partner delivering delightful laughs and rollicking adventure along with their packages from a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winner. Perfect for young chapter book graphic novel fans who love *Narwhal and Jelly* and *Unicorn and Yeti*.

Meet the best delivery service this side of the Mississippi, run by no-nonsense cowgirl Sky and her slightly goofy, but always dependable partner, T.Rex Ty. No task is too big or too small for this dynamic duo. And they've never missed a delivery yet.

But learning to work together hasn't always been easy for them. Saddle up as Sky and Ty figure out they both can help solve a little bear problem. And teamwork and some speedy thinking save the day when they tackle getting their first package to its destination just in time.

The first book in this funny and warm young chapter book graphic novel series by two-time Pulitzer Prize Winner Steve Breen features two stories rendered in vibrant three-color art, interspersed with fun facts, jokes, and activities.

A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection

Contributor Bio

Steve Breen is a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist and his video broadcast work has won several Emmys. He is cartoonist for *inewssource.org*. His work is nationally syndicated by Creators Syndicate and appears regularly in *The Week* and other national publications. His picture books include *Stick*, *Violet the Pilot*, *Pug and Doug*, and *Woodpecker Wants a Waffle* (2017 New Hampshire Ladybug Picture Book Award). He also created Universal Kids's *Powerbirds*. He lives in California with his family. In his spare time, he reads, runs, and plays the guitar poorly.

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The Great Peach Experiment 4: Duck, Duck, Peach

Erin Soderberg Downing

Summary

The fourth Great Peach book finds the family back in Duluth, Minnesota for a summer filled with mystery, competition, pie, and . . . the World's Largest Rubber Duck.

School's out soon, and the Peaches are looking forward to some quiet, especially now that the family's B&B (aka the "Peach Pit") is finally running smoothly. But quiet and normal aren't really the Peach way. When a massive Festival of Ships sails into their town, of course the Peaches have to dive in head-first.

Ships of all kinds start rolling in: pirate ships, tall sailboats, tug boats, snazzy speed boats. And the highlight of the whole show: The WORLD'S LARGEST RUBBER DUCK. Suddenly the Peachtree B&B is sold out, and the Peaches are cooking up other tasty solutions.

But then the World's Largest Rubber Duck goes *missing*! Stolen? Sunk? Airlifted by aliens? The hunt is on for the famous icon, and the Peaches are leading the search. Using all their skills—on land and water—they are determined to find the missing duck and bring it back to its home in the harbor.

The fourth book in the Great Peach Experiment series, *Duck, Duck, Peach* serves up a major mystery along with more challenges, humor, and family mis-adventures.

A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection

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 (some as Erin Soderberg) for kids, tweens, and young adults, including series like *The Quirks* and *Puppy Pirates*, and others. Erin is a former children's book editor, and she also worked at Nickelodeon.

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The Second Favorite Daughters Club 1: Sister Sabotage

Colleen Oakes

Summary

For fans of *Sisters* and Netflix's *The Baby-sitter's Club*, a contemporary series for the siblings who always come in last.

Santana Barnes is tired of playing second fiddle to her ballet protégé, honor student older sister Victoria. Casey Hammond is sick of her cute-as-a-button, adventurous little sister Sage, who steals all of their dad's attention.

When the girls meet in their middle school library, they learn they have a lot in common: they both love reading, they hate after-school activities, and most important, they are clearly their parents' second-favorite children.

So they decide to do something about it. They create the Second Favorite Daughters Club. The members? Just the two of them. The mission? To become their parents' favorite children by undermining their love-hoarding siblings. But is it possible to cheat your way to becoming your parents' favorite? And is being in the spotlight really what they want after all?

Bestselling author Colleen Oakes's middle grade debut, *SISTER SABOTAGE* is a celebration of friendship and family in all its challenging forms, and a reminder that there's no one way to stand out.

Contributor Bio

Colleen Oakes is the bestselling author of books for both teens and adults, including the acclaimed Queen of Hearts series, *The Black Coats*, *Wendy Darling*, and the upcoming *Eleven Houses*. Her work has been featured in the HuffPost, Entertainment Weekly, the Denver Post and more. *The Second Favorite Daughters Club* is her first middle grade novel. Colleen recently moved to Connecticut with her husband and son and is eager to explore New England. When not lurking in the back of a coffee shop or planning a trip, she surrounds herself with lovely humans, true crime podcasts and two golden retrievers. She is currently at work on her memoir and an adult thriller. You can visit her webpage at colleenoakes.org or visit her on Instagram at [@colleenoakes](https://www.instagram.com/colleenoakes).

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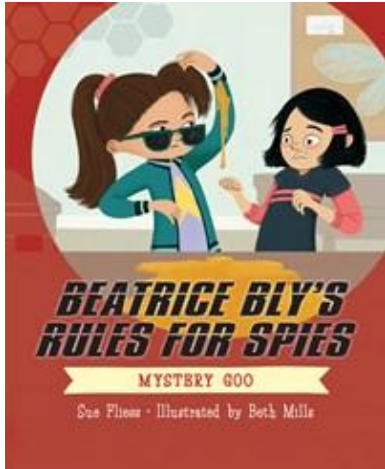
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**New in
Paperback**



Beatrice Bly's Rules for Spies 2: Mystery Goo

Sue Fliess, Beth Mills

Summary

Now in paperback! 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.

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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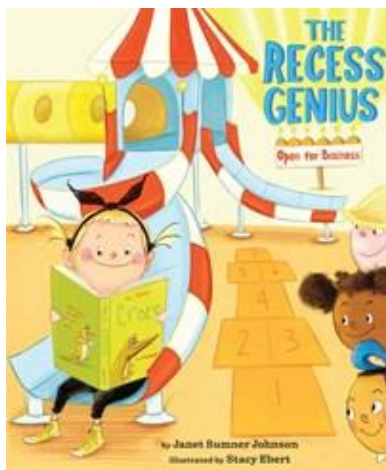
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The Recess Genius 1: Open for Business

Janet Sumner Johnson, Stacy Ebert

Summary

Now in paperback! A playground problem solver uses quick thinking and a little creative perspective to help schoolmates out of their stickiest jams. From the author of *Help Wanted: Must Love Books* and the illustrator of *Hello World!*

Regina Grey's never had much of a knack for anything, apart from disappearing into her books. She muddles her math, splutters her spelling, and gets jumbled up in gym.

Until the day she off-handedly solves a classmate's brother troubles. Soon, rumor spreads across the playground of the pint-sized crisis manager who makes her office at the top of the jungle gym. She can solve any problem. *Itchy cast?* Here's a stick to get to the spot. *Gum stuck in your hair?* Snip, snip solved. It's like she's a genius—a recess genius.

But all that problem solving for *other* kids doesn't leave much time for escaping in her books. Can the Recess Genius use her magical power to solve her own dilemma?

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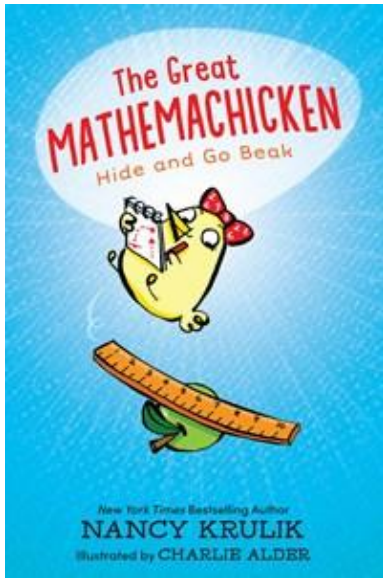
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The Great Mathemachicken 1: Hide and Go Beak

Nancy Krulik, Charlie Alder

Summary

Available in paperback! A young chapter book series starter about a chicken who loves math, science, and learning new things—by *New York Times* bestselling author Nancy Krulik. Perfect for fans of *Unlimited Squirrels* 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, plus a fun hands-on simple machine activity, this eggs-ellent young chapter book series starter is a Grade-A pick to get emerging readers eggs-ited about science and math.

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.

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Shiver-by-the-Sea 1: Bella and the Vampire

Erin Dionne, Jenn Harney

Summary

Now in paperback! For fans of *Eerie*, *Elementary*, *Bailey School Kids*, and *The Notebook of Doom*, the first in a magical, spooky new chapter book series about friendship, community restoration and involvement, and helping your neighbors . . . even if some of them may be monsters.

Bella Gossi just moved from New York City to the Massachusetts beach town of Shiver-by-the-Sea to live with her Uncle Van. Bella's excited about helping her mom fix up the old movie theater, but she's already missing her old home and her old friends, and just driving through downtown, it's pretty clear that this place has seen better days.

After meeting Cooper and his adorable basset hound, Casper, things start looking up. But when mom tasks them with clearing out an old trunk from the theater and picking the first movie they'll show, that's when the trouble begins. Out of the trunk pops a bat! But not just any bat . . . a kid vampire. A very hungry, very scared kid vampire, who's lost and doesn't know how to get home to his family.

Bella and Cooper are a little frightened at first, too, but soon they're on a mission to help Bram find his way home, because that's what real friends do.

Contributor Bio

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Shiver-by-the-Sea 2: The Were-woof

Erin Dionne, Jenn Harney

Summary

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The local humane society is hosting a puppy adoption day on the Shiver-by-the-Sea town common, and Bella Gossi, her friend, Cooper, and his basset hound, Casper go to check out the dogs. Bella's immediately drawn to a shy, scruffy, scraggly puppy at the far edge of the pen. When every other puppy gets adopted, Bella, feeling sorry for the little pup, agrees to foster her over the weekend while the shelter figures out what to do with her.

But when the sun goes down, the sleepy, scruffy pup goes positively wild in Uncle Van's house—racing around, chewing everything she can get her teeth on, and howling at the moon. Can Bella figure out what's up with the pup before some unsuspecting family takes her home?

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Illustrator Residence: Cleveland, OH



The Great Peach Experiment 3: Frozen Peaches

Erin Soderberg Downing

Summary

Now in paperback! A frozen family “business trip” to Sweden’s Ice Hotel sets the Peaches on a new grand adventure. The third book in the Great Peach Experiment is perfect for fans of *The Penderwicks* and *The Vanderbeekers*.

To make the most of his family’s recent good-luck streak, ten-year-old Freddy Peach has been entering his family in a bunch of sweepstakes, with prizes spanning from a year’s supply of yogurt to lifetime free coffee to a cookie-of-the-month subscription. He doesn’t really expect to win, though. But then he does! The prize is a free family trip to the Ice Hotel in Sweden!

Since the Peaches are now the proud owners of their own bed-and-breakfast, they decide that they really can’t pass up on the opportunity. It’s research, after all. They can find out more about what it takes to operate a successful hotel from one of the most famous tourist destinations in the world.

But what the Peaches don’t know is that they aren’t the only winners. Five families from five frozen locations have been brought together to compete for the honor of being the frozen best. They’ll face-off in a series of challenges from dog sled racing to ice carving to an ice-cold cookout. But when the going gets tough, the Peaches have always come together in the past. Why should this time be any different?

The third book in the Great Peach Experiment series, *Frozen Peaches* is a sweet treat, mixing humor, adventure, heart, and warmth (despite the cold) into another great book readers will be eager to devour.

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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