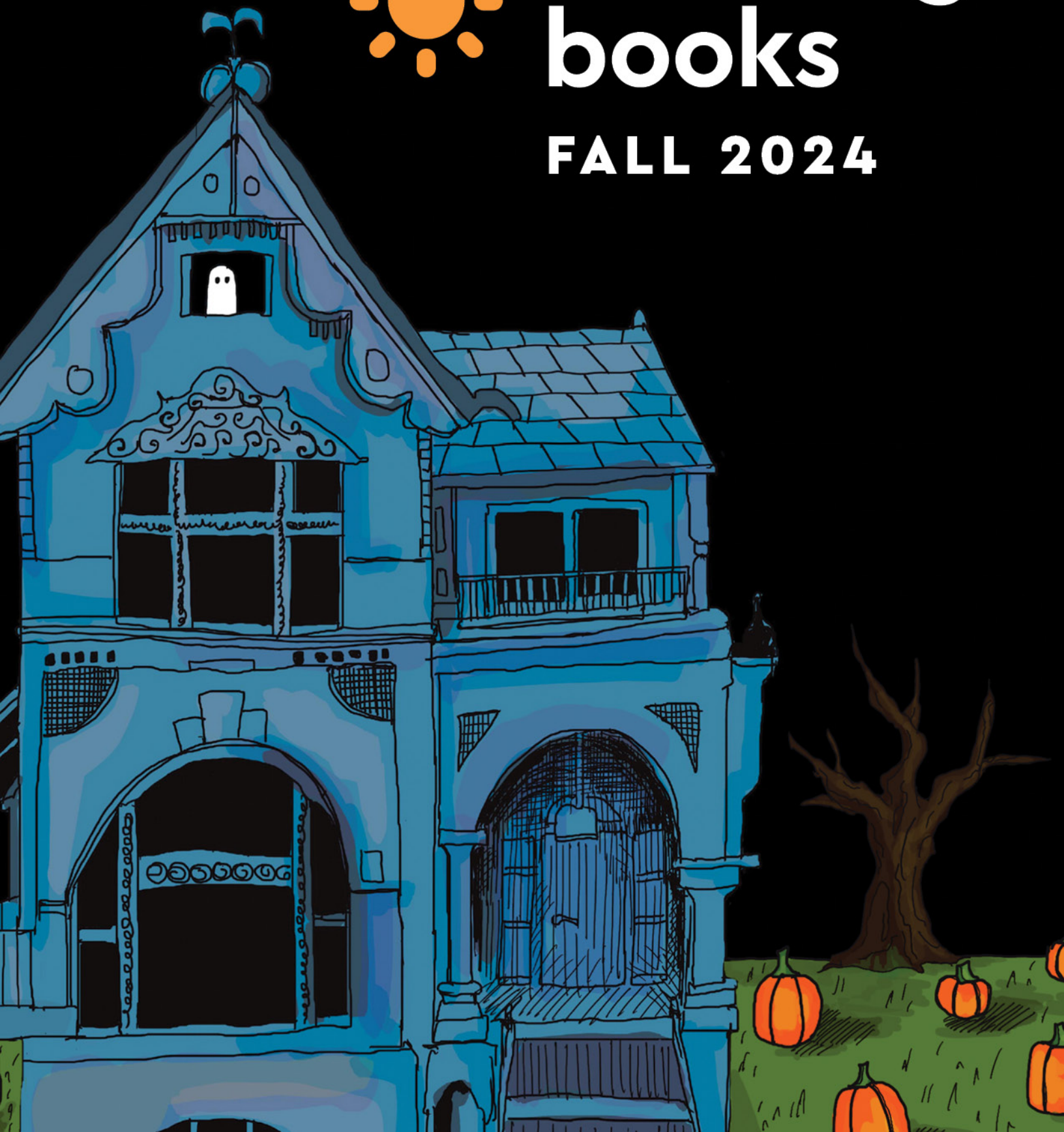
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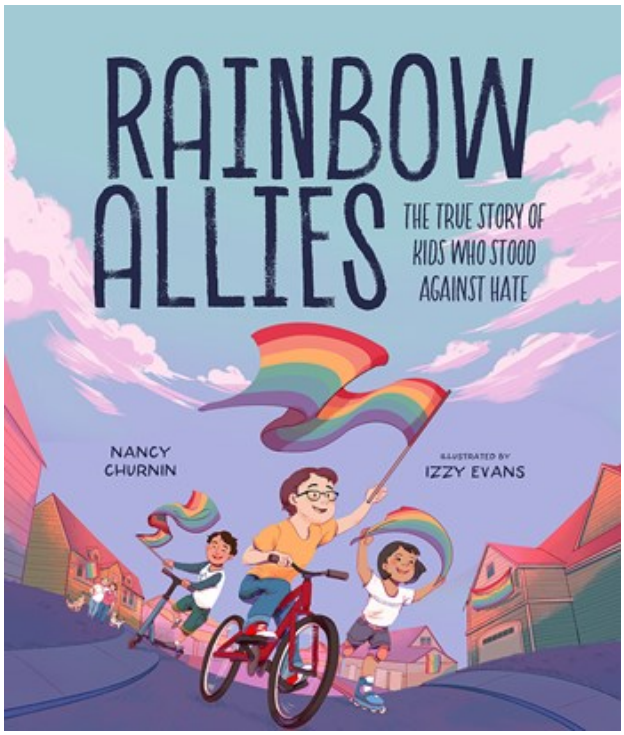
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Rainbow Allies

The True Story of Kids Who Stood against Hate

NANCY CHURNIN, ILLUSTRATED BY IZZY EVANS

Publication: July 9, 2024
978-1-50648-844-8

Hardcover Picture Book • 8¾ x 10¼
40 Pages
$18.99

Juvenile Nonfiction / LGBTQ+

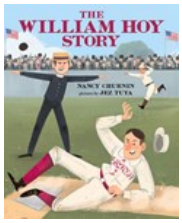
A true story of allyship and standing up to anti-LGBTQ hate.

When a lesbian couple comes home one day to find their Pride flag stolen and their front porch egged, the sense of belonging they had felt in their community is threatened. Are they safe in their house? The support they need comes from an unexpected place--the neighborhood's children. Together, the local kids create a plan to show Cari and Lauri just how valued they are in the community.

Based on real-life events, *Rainbow Allies* tells the story of how a Massachusetts neighborhood rallied together around Cari and Lauri--and their dogs, Twink and Scout--to make them feel welcomed and loved again after an act of hate. Written by multi-award-winning author Nancy Churnin, this book is an inspiring introduction to allyship for young readers and changemakers.

Backmatter includes guidance for how children can be LGBTQ allies in their own communities.

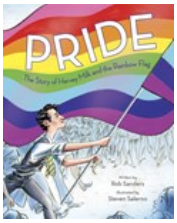
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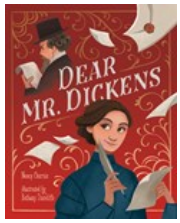
The William Hoy Story
Churnin, Nancy
978-0-80759-192-5
March 1, 2016
$16.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book



Be Amazing
Napoles, Desmond
978-0-37431-258-9
July 21, 2020
$18.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book



Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag
Sanders, Rob
978-0-39955-531-2
April 10, 2018
$18.99 USD



Dear Mr. Dickens
Churnin, Nancy
978-0-80751-530-3
October 1, 2021
$17.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book

From celebrated, award-winning author Nancy Churnin comes the true story of kids who banded together and became allies to the lesbian





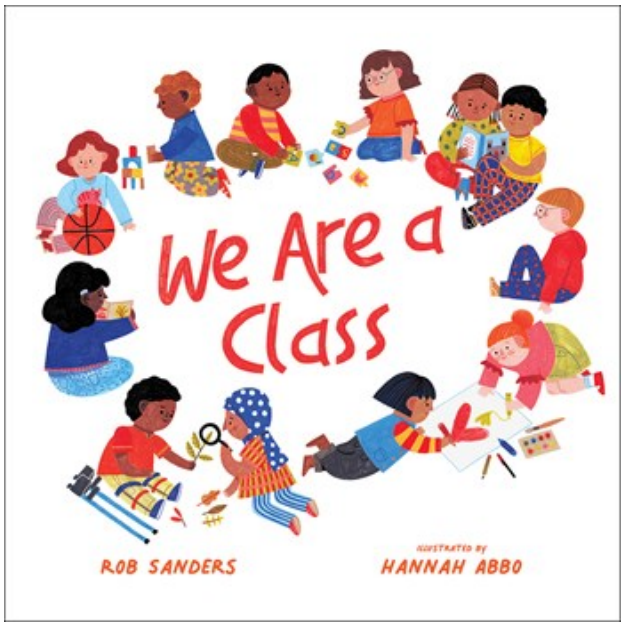
MARKETING

- National Library and Trade advertising campaign
- Award submissions
- Lead pitch to all major Trade and Children's review media
- National publicity campaign for print, broadcast, radio and podcast
- Pride Month social media buzz building campaign
- Educator guide



Nancy Churnin is an award-winning children's book author who lives in North Texas. Nancy won the 2021 National Jewish Book Award, the 2022 Sydney Taylor Honor, and the First Place--Children's Book Nonfiction awards from the National Federation of Press Women and Press Women of Texas for *Dear Mr. Dickens*. She has also won honors for *Manjhi Moves a Mountain*, along with many others, as well as starred reviews from *School Library Journal*, *Kirkus Reviews*, and *Publishers Weekly*.

Izzy Evans is an illustrator, animator, and weekend flapjack baker from North London, England. Their work is best known for its diverse characters, gentle humor, and the occasional unicorn.



We Are a Class

ROB SANDERS, ILLUSTRATED BY HANNAH ABBO

Publication: July 16, 2024
978-1-50648-921-6

Hardcover Picture Book • 9¼ x 9¼
32 Pages
$18.99

Juvenile Nonfiction / School & Education

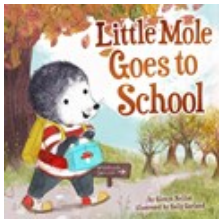
A celebratory declaration of what it means to be part of a diverse class of students.

We're movers and shakers. Mammoth change makers. Friends. Learners. Achievement earners.

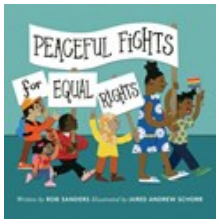
An icebreaker and friend-maker, *We Are a Class* is an inclusive, aspirational story to be read aloud responsively, collectively, or as spoken-word performance. In rhyming verse, *We Are a Class* is a pledge, a commitment, a promise among the members of a single class and every class.

Perfect for the first day, the 100th day, the final day, and any day of school.

Comparable Titles



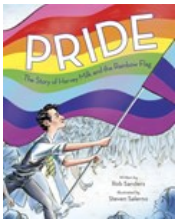
Little Mole Goes to School
Nellist, Glenys
978-1-50647-859-3
July 26, 2022
$17.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book



Peaceful Fights for Equal Rights
Sanders, Rob
978-1-53442-943-7
September 18, 2018
$17.99 USD



This Is a School
Schu, John
978-1-53620-458-2
March 29, 2022
$17.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book



Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag
Sanders, Rob
978-0-39955-531-2
April 10, 2018
$18.99 USD

If every class read this inspiring poem celebrating teachers, students, and all the amazing experiences they will have together, the world



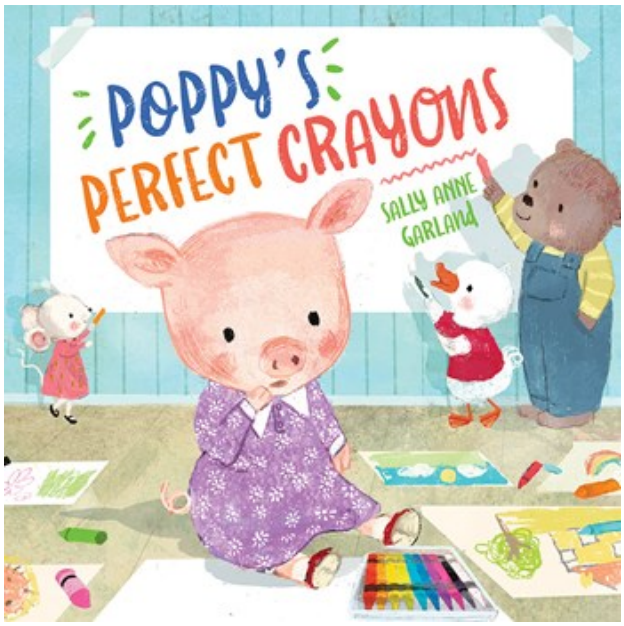
MARKETING

- National Library and Trade advertising campaign
- Award submissions
- National publicity campaign for print, broadcast, radio and podcast
- Review copies and publicity pitches to trade and children's media
- Back to School lead title
- Classroom pledge and discussion guide
- Author appearances at select conferences, bookstores and libraries



Rob Sanders is a teacher who writes and a writer who teaches. He is known for his funny and fierce fiction and nonfiction picture books, and is recognized as a pioneer in the arena of LGBTQ+ literary nonfiction picture books. He is the author of dozens of picture books, including *Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag*, *Peaceful Fights for Equal Rights*, and *Stonewall: A Building An Uprising A Revolution*. *Blood Brothers*, his first middle-grade novel, was selected as a 2023 NCTE Notable Novel in Verse. A native of Springfield, Missouri, Rob has lived and worked in Texas, Alabama, and Tennessee. He now lives in Florida and writes books full-time.

Hannah Abbo is an illustrator from the United Kingdom, currently living and working in Lisbon, Portugal. She lives with her partner and child, and their cat. When she's not drawing, she loves making ceramics in a local studio, visiting the botanical gardens, and baking bread.



Poppy's Perfect Crayons

SALLY ANNE GARLAND

Publication: July 23, 2024
978-1-50649-015-1

Hardcover Picture Book • 9¼ x 9¼
32 Pages
$18.99

Juvenile Fiction / Art

Poppy's fancy new crayons were perfect . . . perhaps *too* perfect?

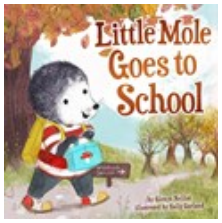
As Poppy's classmates are having fun coloring, she doesn't want to ruin her perfect-looking crayons by using them. Seeing her reluctance, each of her friends lends her one of their crayons, which happen to be short, broken, chewed, paperless, or even bent. But when no one has the color Poppy needs, will her own crayons do, or are they just too perfect?

For kids who struggle with perfectionism or fear making mistakes, *Poppy's Perfect Crayons* offers a colorful story about how much fun "imperfect" things can be!

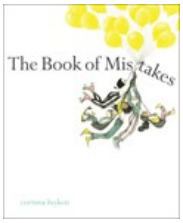
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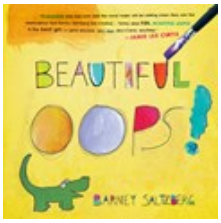
Nook
Garland, Sally Anne
978-1-50375-848-3
July 6, 2021
$18.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book



Little Mole Goes to School
Nellist, Glenys
978-1-50647-859-3
July 26, 2022
$17.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book



The Book of Mistakes
Luyken, Corinna
978-0-73522-792-7
April 18, 2017
$19.99 USD
Hardcover



Beautiful Oops!
Saltzberg, Barney
978-0-76115-728-1
September 23, 2010
$16.99 USD
Hardcover

A charming school story with a slew of generous budding artists sharing their mangled crayons with Poppy, until she tips out her new



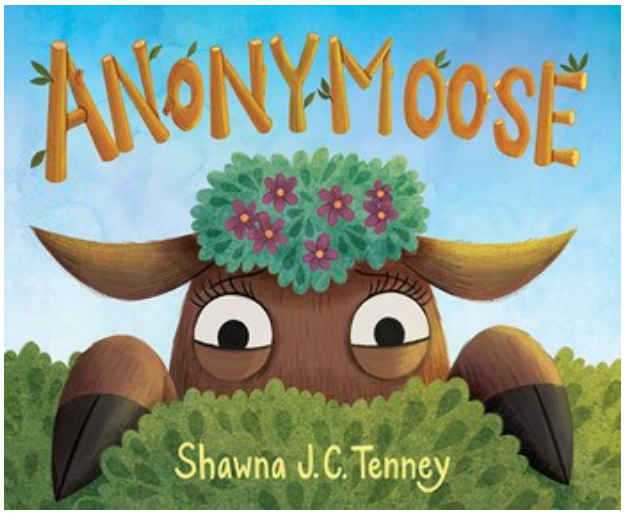


MARKETING

- Trade and Library advertising
- Review copies and publicity pitches to trade and children’s media
- Back to School campaign
- Social media and paid search advertising



Sally Garland was brought up in the small town of Alness in the Highlands of Scotland and studied illustration at Edinburgh College of Art. She currently works in Glasgow, where she lives with her partner and young son. Sally has loved drawing and has had a passion for children's literature and illustration since she was young. She now has many years of experience working as a children's illustrator.



Anonymoose

SHAWNA J. C. TENNEY

Publication: August 13, 2024
978-1-50649-764-8

Hardcover Picture Book • 11¼ x 9¼
32 Pages
$18.99

Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes / Friendship

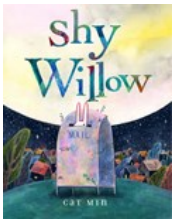
A humorous, heartfelt story about shyness, blending in, and the courage it takes to step out and speak up when it matters most.

Ana Moose feels most comfortable when she is hiding. Hiding is much more fun than knowing what to say or being picked last for the team. She enjoys being "Anonymoose"! Until one day, when she sees her classmate Peter building a fort. A fort could be a very good place to hide! But also, Ana starts to feel a connection with Peter. Will Anonymoose have enough courage to come out of hiding to make a friend?

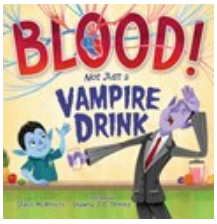
Comparable Titles



Sometimes Shy
Bliven, Julie
978-1-50648-593-5
May 23, 2023
$18.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book



Shy Willow
Min, Cat
978-1-64614-035-0
February 16, 2021
$17.99 USD
Hardcover



Blood! Not Just a Vampire Drink
McAnulty, Stacy
978-1-25030-405-6
August 30, 2022
$18.99 USD

The art is half the fun, seeing this shy but enormous moose attempting to hide from her peers during recess. The other half is following the heartwarming development of friendship.





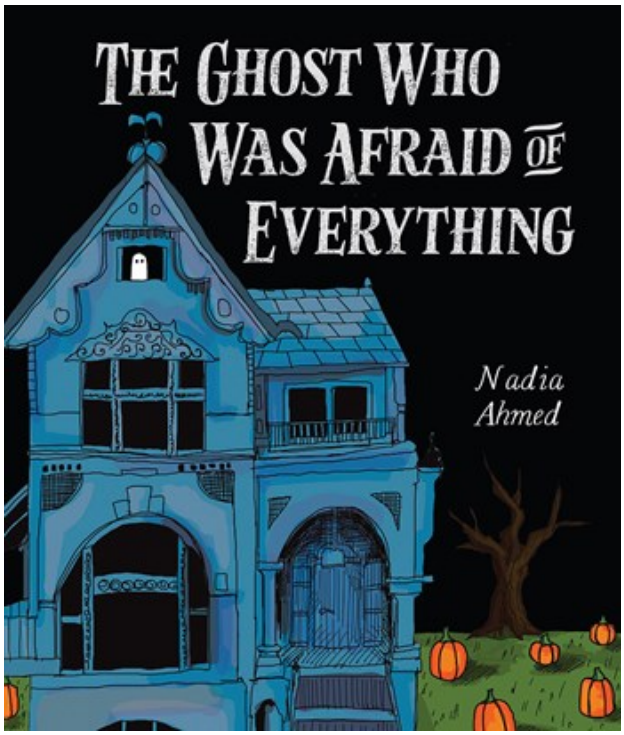




Shawna J. C. Tenney was once a shy kid who felt most comfortable hiding in her room, drawing. While she outgrew her shyness (mostly!) she still tucks herself away from time to time to write and illustrate stories she would have loved to read as a kid. Shawna is also the author and illustrator of *Pirates Don't Dance* and *Brunhilda's Backwards Day*. She lives in Utah with her family.

MARKETING

- Trade and Library advertising
- Review copies and publicity pitches to trade and children’s media
- Social media and paid search advertising



The Ghost Who Was Afraid of Everything

NADIA AHMED

Publication: August 27, 2024
978-1-50649-511-8

Hardcover Picture Book • 8¾ x 10¼
40 Pages
$18.99

Juvenile Fiction / Holidays & Celebrations / Halloween

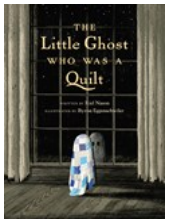
If you're a fraidy-ghost, enjoying Halloween is hard!

When Finn is afraid, his stomach swoops, his hands sweat, and he can't move.

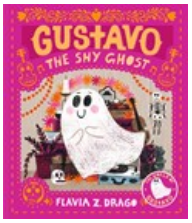
Finn, a spooky little ghostie, is too afraid to leave the comfort of his attic to enjoy trick-or-treating with his family. He's afraid of everything--the color orange, trees, people, even flying! But then he realizes that if he wants his favorite Halloween candy, he'll need to overcome his fears. Through incremental exposures to the things he's afraid of, Finn finds courage to do things he enjoys with the people he loves.

Perfect for spooky season, this debut picture book from artist Nadia Ahmed is sure to inspire readers to find the courage to overcome their own fears.

Comparable Titles



The Little Ghost Who Was a Quilt
Nason, Riel
978-0-73526-447-2
September 1, 2020
$18.99 USD



Gustavo, the Shy Ghost
Drago, Flavia Z.
978-1-53621-114-6
July 14, 2020
$17.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book

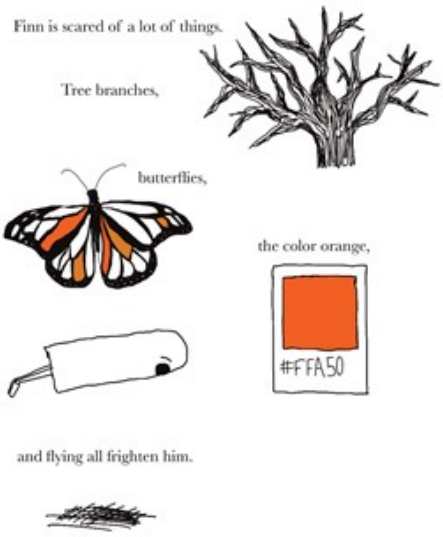


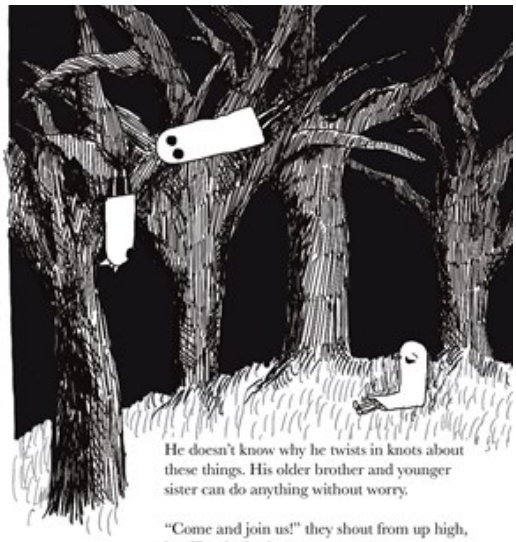
Halloween in the Orchard
Alsdurf, Phyllis
978-1-50648-768-7
September 12, 2023
$17.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book



A Costume for Charly
Malone, C.K.
978-1-50648-405-1
September 6, 2022
$18.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book

In the tradition of Lemony Snicket's *The Dark* and Riel Nason's *The Little Ghost Who Was a Quilt*, Finn, a whimsical ghostie - already popular on the author's social media - works through his fears.









MARKETING

- National Library and Trade advertising campaign
- Lead pitch to all major Trade and Children's review media
- National publicity campaign for print, broadcast, radio and podcast
- Review copies and publicity pitches to trade and children's media
- Halloween lead title
- Regional focus for Illinois



Nadia Ahmed is an artist and author from Naperville, Illinois. She graduated from DePaul University with a BFA in graphic design. Nadia often uses only a black pen to create complex worlds that evoke an eerie nostalgia. *The Ghost Who Was Afraid of Everything* is her debut picture book.



Nisha's Just-Right Christmas Tree

SUSAN LYNN MEYER AND JAYA MEHTA, ILLUSTRATED BY PARVATI PILLAI

Publication: September 24, 2024
978-1-50649-646-7

Hardcover Picture Book • 8¾ x 10¼
32 Pages
$18.99

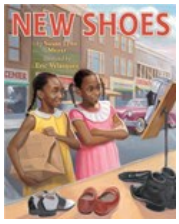
Juvenile Fiction / Holidays & Celebrations / Christmas & Advent

Wide like an elephant and tall like a camel. That would be the perfect Christmas tree.

When Nisha and her father set out to pick out a Christmas tree, she wants a big tree, but her Baba wants a small one. Nisha tries to persuade Baba they need a big tree to fit the new ornaments from India. She'll even help pull the wagon! But Baba still insists on a small tree. So when Baba and Nisha surprisingly agree on the same tree, she suddenly isn't sure about it. Is the tree they both like big or small? In the end, the tree is the perfect size--for the ornaments, for their apartment, and for sharing Christmas cookies and silvery burfi.

Nisha's Just-Right Christmas Tree captures a familiar Christmas tradition through charming text and illustrations. Based on a true story from author Jaya Mehta's childhood, the book beautifully demonstrates a blend of cultures between Nisha's father, who is Hindu, and her mother, who is Christian, as they celebrate

Comparable Titles



New Shoes
Meyer, Susan Lynn
978-0-82342-528-0
February 1, 2015
$17.99 USD
Hardcover



The Christmas Mitzvah
Gottesfeld, Jeff
978-1-93954-794-1
September 7, 2021
$18.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book



A Simple Christmas on the Farm
Alsdurf, Phyllis
978-1-50647-136-5
September 28, 2021
$17.99 USD



Diwali in My New Home
Kaushik, Shachi
978-1-50648-407-5
September 27, 2022
$18.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book

A fresh take on getting the best tree ever, with a multicultural family and an urban setting.





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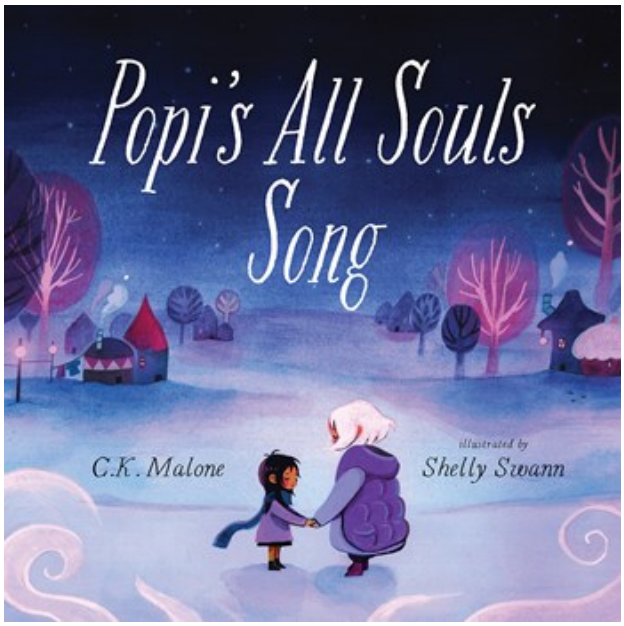
- National Library and Trade advertising campaign
- Award submissions
- Review copies and publicity pitches to trade and children's media
- Holiday lead title
- Regional focus and select author appearances in Massachusetts



Susan Lynn Meyer is the author of three previous picture books, including *New Shoes*, winner of the Jane Addams Peace Association Children's Book Award and the New York State Reading Association Charlotte Award. She is also the author of three award-winning middle-grade historical novels. Her works have been chosen as Junior Library Guild, PJ Library, and PJ Our Way selections, and have been translated into German and Chinese. Susan is an English professor at Wellesley College and lives outside Boston.

Jaya Mehta was previously a professor of English literature at Vanderbilt and Butler Universities and now works as a freelance fiction writer for children. Jaya won a LitUp Fellowship from Reese's Book Club for a YA manuscript in 2022. She lives outside Boston, among all the animals left behind by her college-age twins.

Parvati Pillai is a versatile illustrator and visual designer living in Finland. She grew up in the vibrant country of India and has been passionate about the interplay of colors since she was a child. When she is not experimenting with new



Popi's All Souls Song

C.K. MALONE, ILLUSTRATED BY SHELLY SWANN

Publication: September 10, 2024
978-1-50648-751-9

Hardcover Picture Book • 9¼ x 9¼
32 Pages
$18.99

Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes / Death, Grief, Bereavement

A gorgeously illustrated story about loss, community, and bringing comfort to others.

Every year on All Souls Day, Mara and her grandparents visit homes in their neighborhood to bring comfort and a song to those mourning the death of a loved one. But this year, Mara and Nene have lost Popi. As Nene leads Mara through their yearly ritual, Mara compares her own grief to that of each neighbor they visit. Then she catches sight of the frozen tears on Nene's face.

Setting aside the bitterness icing her heart to help her beloved grandmother, Mara rekindles Popi's song and brings her community together to honor him.

Popi's All Souls Song is a poignant, timeless story with luminous art, drawing readers into the realization that no person's loss or grief is bigger or more important than anyone else's. And when we bring comfort to others, we experience comfort ourselves.

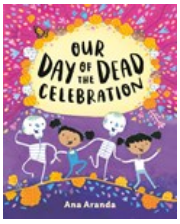
Comparable Titles



Mi Ciudad Sings
Harmony, Cynthia
978-0-59322-684-1
June 14, 2022
$17.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book



A Costume for Charly
Malone, C.K.
978-1-50648-405-1
September 6, 2022
$18.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book



Our Day of the Dead Celebration
Aranda, Ana
978-0-52551-428-2
September 27, 2022
$17.99 USD

Carrying on Popi's tradition of caroling at the doors of grieving neighbors on All Souls Day helps Mara and her grandmother express





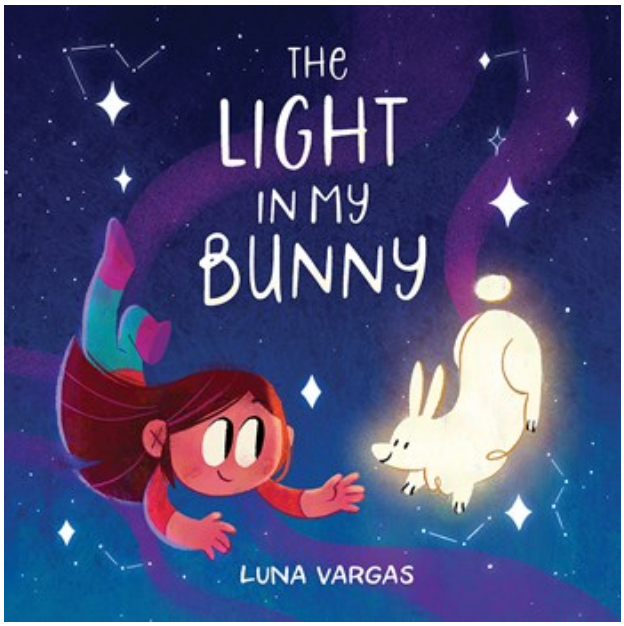
MARKETING

- Trade and Library advertising
- Review copies and publicity pitches to trade and children's media
- Social media and paid search advertising
- Fall Seasonal promotions to bookstores and libraries
- Regional focus and author appearances in Southern California



C.K. Malone is the author of *A Costume for Charly, Popi's All Souls Song,* and other books for children. They are a bigender award-winning educator and literature coach at the secondary level. When not grading essays or helping students, they're busy helping design culturally and LGBTQIA+ responsive units for the district and working as a climate and culture coach. C.K. also coaches and advises through alignment with the Genders and Sexualities Alliance Network. They continue this work in the literary world by advocating for all to be given the space to tell their own stories.

Shelly Swann is a Filipino American artist obsessed with color and finding magic in the mundane. Outside of her art studio, Shelly enjoys playing guitar and sharing her love of music with her family and friends. Shelly currently resides in Portland, Oregon.



The Light in My Bunny

LUNA VARGAS

Publication: October 8, 2024
978-1-50649-714-3

Hardcover Picture Book • 9¼ x 9¼
32 Pages
$18.99

Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes / Death, Grief, Bereavement

Conejo glowed like a whole universe of stars--until one day he didn't seem as bright as before.

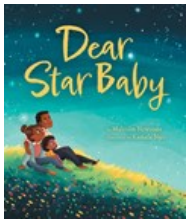
In Conejo the bunny, Selena's found her best friend: he's cuddly, curious, and magical. He glows! But one day, Conejo's light begins to dim. Selena tries everything to bring back his glow, from covering Conejo with lights to giving him many, many pets . . . but nothing works. As Conejo's lights continue to flicker,Selena must prepare for when his light goes out entirely.

Through luminous illustrations, *The Light in My Bunny* offers a gentle look into the experience of pet loss, and comforts readers with the reminder that through love and memory, the light of our loved ones never goes out. Sensitive and humane, Selena and Conejo's story helps readers understand and process the grief of losing someone slowly--a much-needed angle in the grief resource space. *The Light in My Bunny* softly reminds young readers: *You are not alone*.

Comparable Titles



The Memory Box
Rowland, Joanna
978-1-50642-672-3
September 26, 2017
$17.99 USD
Hardcover



Dear Star Baby
Newsome, Malcolm
978-1-50648-480-8
April 4, 2023
$18.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book



The Invisible Leash
Karst, Patrice
978-0-31652-485-8
December 3, 2019
$18.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book

A unique and magical portrait of the process of losing a beloved pet and learning to say goodbye.



MARKETING

- Trade and Library advertising
- Review copies and publicity pitches to trade and children's media
- Social media and paid search advertising



Luna Vargas is a Chilean picture book author and illustrator. They have worked on multiple animation and illustration projects and is currently an art director in animation. Luna loves musical theater and playing *Dungeons & Dragons*, and their passion for storytelling shines through their vibrant and imaginative illustrations.



Winter Solstice Wish

KATE ALLEN FOX, ILLUSTRATED BY ELISA PAGANELLI

Publication: October 15, 2024
978-1-50649-285-8

Hardcover Picture Book • 8¾ x 10¼
32 Pages
$18.99

Juvenile Nonfiction / Holidays & Celebrations / Other, Non-Religious

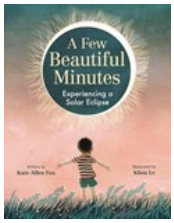
On the shortest day of the year, people reach out for light--and one another--in this luminous, lyrical winter solstice story.

Today we stretch the daylightas much as we can, trying to make it last.

On the shortest day of the year, when daylight slips by like sand through one's fingers, people savor the light. As night falls, a community gathers on a beach and builds a bonfire of hope. *Winter Solstice Wish* is an ode to the winter solstice, human connectedness, and the hope of renewal.

Inspired by winter solstice bonfires built on a San Diego beach near the author's home, *Winter Solstice Wish* combines scientific concepts with the intangible longing for connection and togetherness that people all over the world reach for on the shortest day. Backmatter includes information about global winter solstice celebrations and a brief scientific explanation of what's happening on a solstice.

Comparable Titles



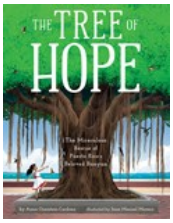
A Few Beautiful Minutes
Fox, Kate Allen
978-0-31641-692-4
September 26, 2023
$18.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book



The Shortest Day
Cooper, Susan
978-0-76368-698-7
October 22, 2019
$17.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book



Winter Sleep
Taylor, Sean
978-0-71124-284-5
September 17, 2019
$18.99 USD
Hardcover



The Tree of Hope
Orenstein-Cardona, Anna
978-1-50648-409-9
August 23, 2022
$18.99 USD
Hardcover

An ode to the shortest day of the year and the hope of renewal, *Winter Solstice Wish* weaves together lush art, scientific concepts, and the





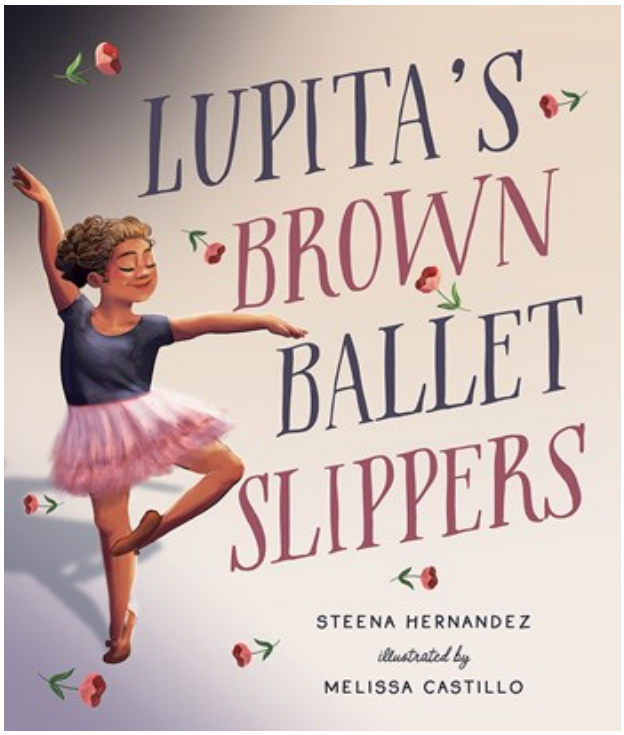
MARKETING

- National Trade and Library advertising
- Awards submission campaign
- Review copies and publicity pitches to trade and children's media
- Social media and paid search advertising
- Fall Seasonal promotions to bookstores and libraries
- Regional focus and author appearances in Southern California



Kate Allen Fox is the author of *Pando: The Living Wonder of Trees* and *A Few Beautiful Minutes: Experiencing a Solar Eclipse*. After working in public health, she combined her passions for science and the written word and began writing inspiring nature-based picture books. She lives, hikes, and homeschools in California with her family.

Elisa Paganelli was born in Italy. After completing artistic studies, she made a career in advertising and has been the founder of a small award-winning design/trade business. She now lives and works in the UK as an illustrator and creative designer, accompanied by her beloved pets. Elisa loves quietness and feels truly at home in nature.



Lupita's Brown Ballet Slippers

STEENA HERNANDEZ, ILLUSTRATED BY MELISSA CASTILLO

Publication: October 22, 2024
978-1-50649-576-7

Hardcover Picture Book • 8¾ x 10¼
40 Pages
$19.99

Juvenile Fiction / Performing Arts / Dance

***Everyone* deserves to shine.**

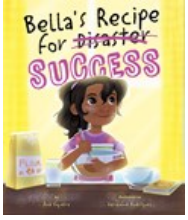
Lupita's big ballet recital is approaching. The music is perfect. Her ballet moves are strong. But her peachy pink ballet slippers don't match her skin tone. Lupita searches for the right pair only to discover it will take hard work--and messy measures--in order for her shoes to dance with her.

Inspired by the author's own experiences as a Latina dancer, *Lupita's Brown Ballet Slippers* is a charming story filled with determination. The final few spreads teach readers about the history of ballet slippers as well as the crucial changes the industry has seen for dancers of all races and ethnicities.

Comparable Titles



I Love You Mucho Mucho
Más Davidson, Rachel
978-1-50648-866-0
September 5, 2023
$18.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book



Bella's Recipe for Success
Siqueira, Ana
978-1-50646-810-5
July 13, 2021
$18.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book

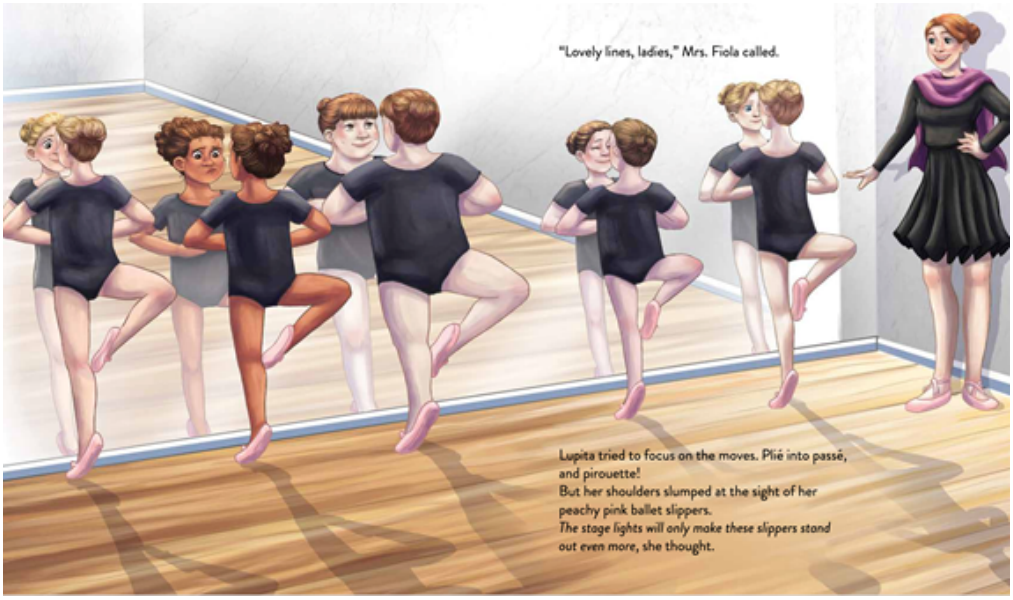


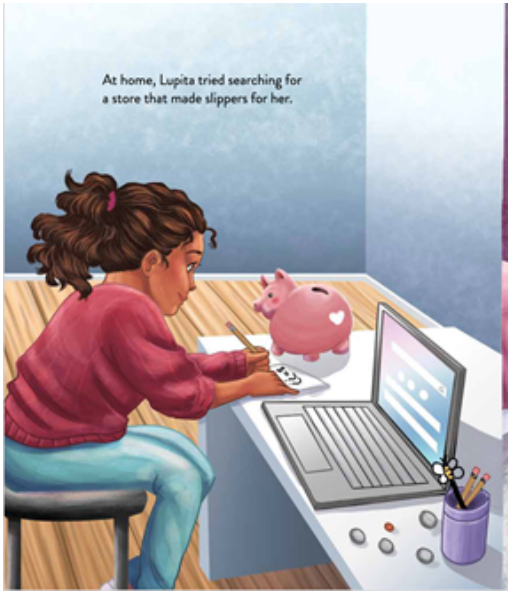
Parker Shines On
Curry, Parker
978-1-53445-474-3
November 2, 2021
$17.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book

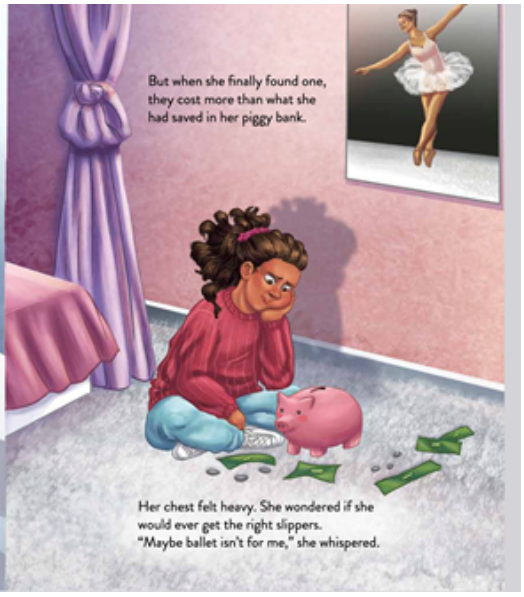


Brown Girls Rule
Banker, Ashok
978-1-50648-415-0
October 17, 2023
$18.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book

Every little dancer will love Lupita's story of determination and dreaming of the perfect slippers.







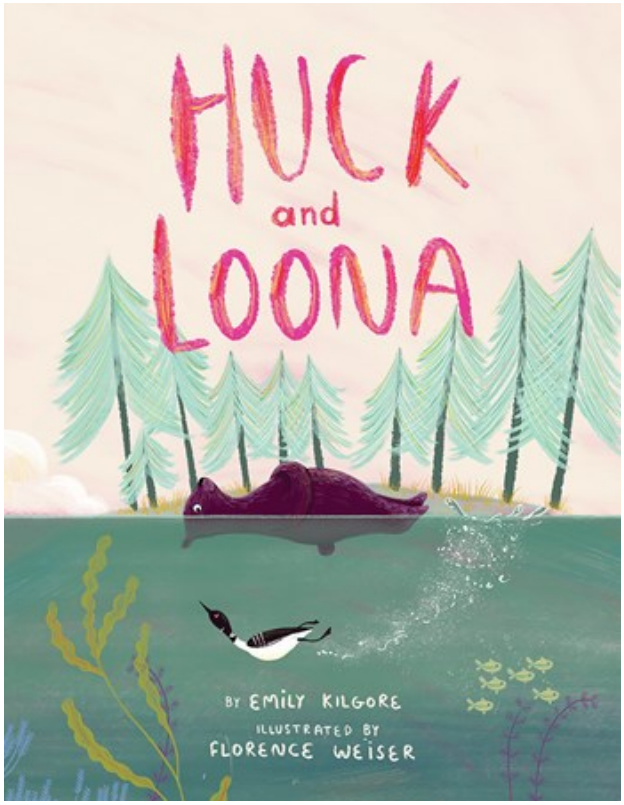
MARKETING

- Trade and Library advertising
- Review copies and publicity pitches to trade and children’s media
- Social media and paid search advertising
- Regional focus for Texas



Melissa Castillo's work is heavily inspired by her Peruvian culture and heritage. With the lack of diverse representation of Latinx culture in illustration, she hopes to properly represent people of color and create relatable art for all cultures.

Steena Hernandez holds a BFA in theatre, music, and dance from Texas Tech University, and has performed with the Rent Broadway tour, the Trans-Siberian Orchestra as a vocalist, and the United Service Organization (USO) tour, and more. She now resides in San Antonio, Texas, with her family. She's a storyteller at heart, and when she's not writing or cooking, you can find her curled up in a cozy spot reading with her two children.



Huck and Loona

EMILY KILGORE, ILLUSTRATED BY FLORENCE WEISER

Publication: October 29, 2024
978-1-50649-330-5

Hardcover Picture Book • 8¾ x 10¼
32 Pages
$18.99

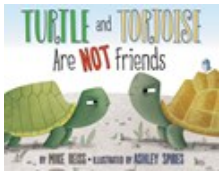
Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes / Friendship

A story about friendship, conflict, and finding a path forward after disagreement.

Huck and Loona love spending time together in the Great Northwoods. From cloud-watching to fishing, the two want to do everything together. When they realize they sometimes want to do different things or that there are some activities the other simply cannot do, they worry that their friendship is over.

With themes of friendship, individuality, compromise, and grace, *Huck and Loona* equips children to embrace their uniqueness and communicate with others for healthy relationships that help them grow and thrive.

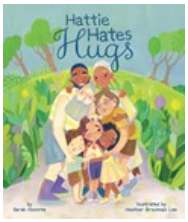
Comparable Titles



Turtle and Tortoise Are Not Friends
Reiss, Mike
978-0-06074-031-3
July 23, 2019
$17.99 USD
Hardcover



The Whatifs
Kilgore, Emily
978-1-49981-029-5
August 25, 2020
$17.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book



Hattie Hates Hugs
Hovorka, Sarah
978-1-50648-020-6
April 5, 2022
$17.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book

Best friends Huck the bear and Loona the loon do everything together--until they don't. Preserving their friendship will take creative thinking





MARKETING

- National Library and Trade advertising campaign
- Award submissions
- Lead pitch to all major Trade and Children's review media
- National publicity campaign for print, broadcast, radio and podcast



Emily Kilgore is an educator and writer of picture books. She strives to share books that bring people together. She is also the author of *The Whatifs, The Iheards,* and *The Christmas Book Flood*. She lives in Minneapolis with her husband, their son, and their kitty.

Florence Weiser is a French illustrator based in Belgium. She grew up in Luxembourg and studied illustration in Brussels, followed by specialized studies in graphics and web design in Paris. She has illustrated numerous children's books for publishers around the world.



Each Day Is a Gift

LISL H. DETLEFSEN, ILLUSTRATED BY NATALIA VASILICA

Publication: November 19, 2024
978-1-50649-252-0

Hardcover Picture Book • 9¼ x 9¼
32 Pages
$18.99

Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings

With a yawn and a stretch, another day is delivered to you.

Each day brings the possibility of new gifts. We welcome some gifts with delight. Others are the kind we'd rather return. Lyrical and explorative, *Each Day Is a Gift* gently reveals how gifts' purposes are not always clear immediately, and while we can't choose *what* gifts we receive, we can choose how to use them.

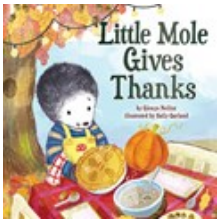
Comparable Titles



Right This Very Minute
Detlefsen, Lisl H
978-1-94889-800-3
February 5, 2019
$17.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book



When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree
Deenihan, Jamie L.B.
978-1-45492-381-7
March 5, 2019
$18.99 USD



Little Mole Gives Thanks
Nellist, Glenys
978-1-50648-252-1
August 22, 2023
$17.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book



Thankful
Vickers, Elaine
978-1-53447-734-6
September 7, 2021
$18.99 USD
Hardcover Picture Book

Whether gifts are surprising or expected, thrilling or practical, or even something you never wanted at all, they all have value.







MARKETING

- National Library and Trade advertising campaign
- Award submissions
- Review copies and publicity pitches to trade and children’s media
- Social media and paid search advertising
- Regional focus and select author appearances in Wisconsin



Lisl H. Detlefsen is the author of a growing number of picture books, including her most recent title, *Farm Boots*. She lives in a restored farmhouse on a family-owned cranberry marsh near Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, with her husband, two sons, and two cats.

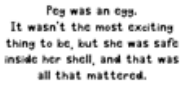
As a child, **Natalia Vasilica** spent most of her time in the countryside, surrounded by fields and farms. She loved to draw the surroundings and capture nature's beauty. Natalia mixes traditional mediums with digital tools to create a unique feeling in her illustrations. Nature, animals, and children are her main inspiration.

Recently Published



Peg Gets Crackin'

JO RENFRO



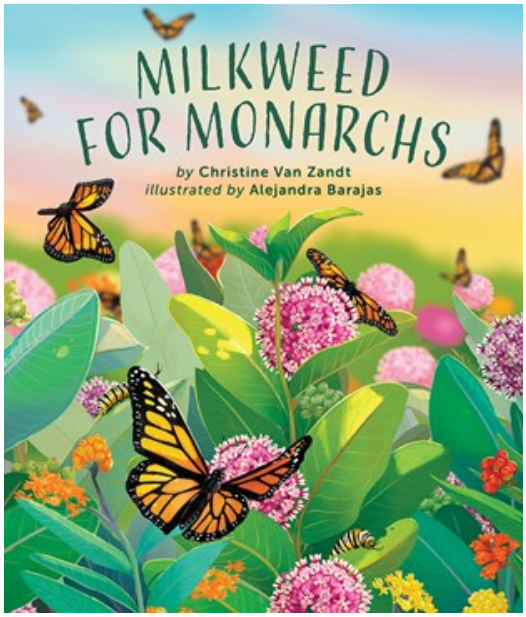


Publication: February 6, 2024
978-1-50649-207-0

Hardcover Picture Book • 9 x 9 • 32 Pages
$17.99

Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes / New Experience

Peg the egg isn't sure about cracking out of her shell into the big, scary world, but maybe being a chicken will actually be pretty great?



Milkweed for Monarchs

CHRISTINE VAN ZANDT, ILLUSTRATED BY

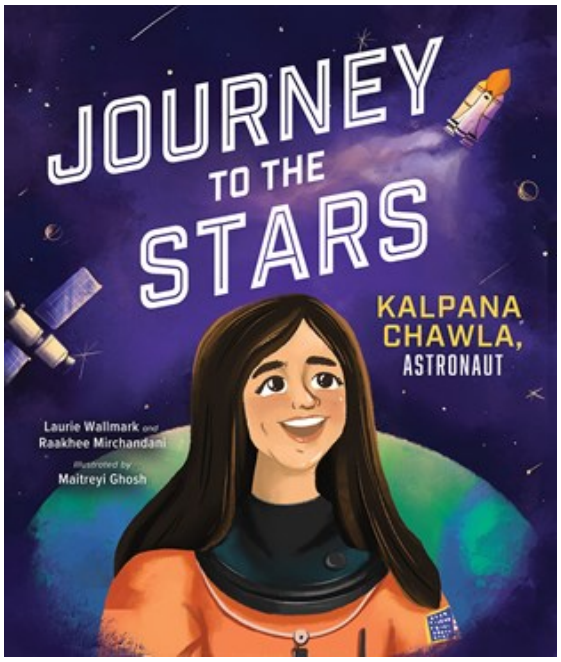


Publication: February 6, 2024
978-1-50648-930-8

Hardcover Picture Book • 9 x 10 • 40 Pages
$18.99

Juvenile Nonfiction / Animals / Butterflies, Moths & Caterpillars

This stunning, lyrical nonfiction picture book offers a close look at the life cycle of the beloved, endangered monarch butterfly, as well as a call to action to care for our planet.



Journey to the Stars

Kalpana Chawla, Astronaut

LAURIE WALLMARK AND RAAKHEE MIRCHANDANI, ILLUSTRATED BY MAITREYI GHOSH



Publication: February 13, 2024
978-1-50648-469-3

Hardcover Picture Book • 9 x 10 • 40 Pages
$18.99

Juvenile Nonfiction / Biography & Autobiography / Cultural & Regional

Co-written by award-winning author Laurie Wallmark and celebrated journalist and activist Raakhee Mirchandani, this



Mara Hears in Style

TERRI CLEMMONS, ILLUSTRATED BY LUCY ROGERS



Publication: February 27, 2024
978-1-50648-874-5

Hardcover Picture Book • 9 x 10 • 32 Pages
$17.99

Juvenile Fiction / Disabilities & Special Needs

When Mara's classmates keep asking about the hearing aids she is wearing, she finds a way to connect with them without using words.



Elinor McGrath, Pet Doctor

The Story of America's First Female Veterinarian

JACQUELINE JOHNSON, ILLUSTRATED BY ALETTE STRAATHOF

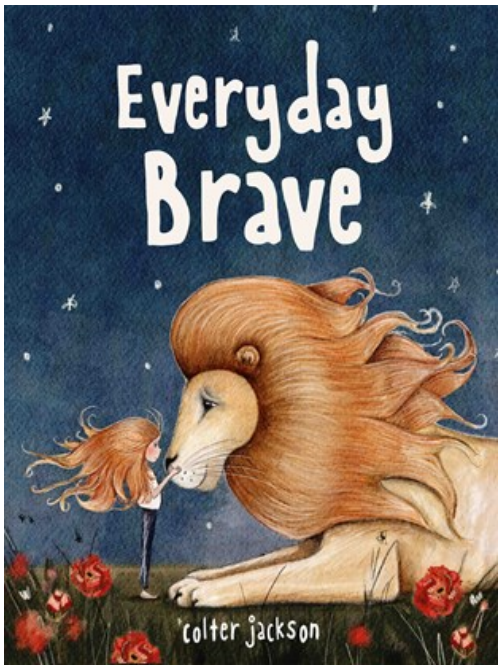


Publication: March 19, 2024
978-1-50649-203-2

Hardcover Picture Book • 9 x 10 • 40 Pages
$17.99

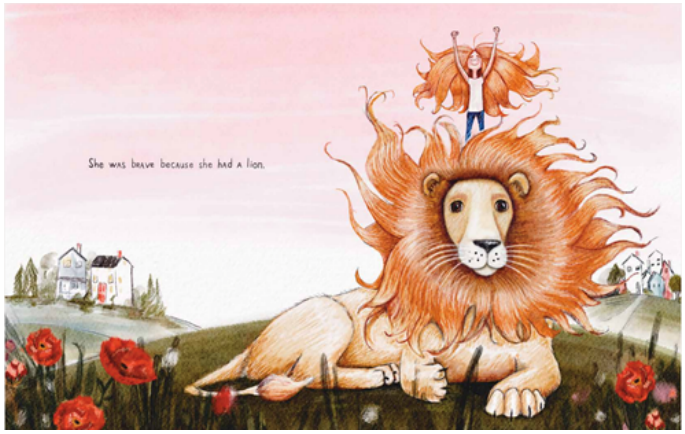
Juvenile Nonfiction / Biography & Autobiography / Women

Elinor McGrath, the first female veterinarian in the United States, perseveres and blazes a trail for other women and for key changes in the veterinary profession.



Everyday Brave

COLTER JACKSON

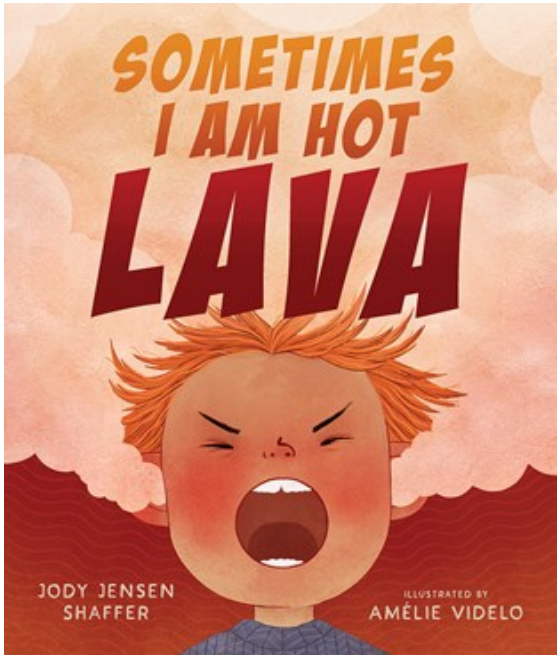


Publication: March 26, 2024
978-1-50649-443-2

Hardcover Picture Book • 9 x 11 • 40 Pages
$18.99

Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings

When a little girl feels like the world is a scary place, she discovers the power of her inner lion to help face down her fears.



Sometimes I Am Hot Lava

JODY JENSEN SHAFFER, ILLUSTRATED BY AMÉLIE VIDELO

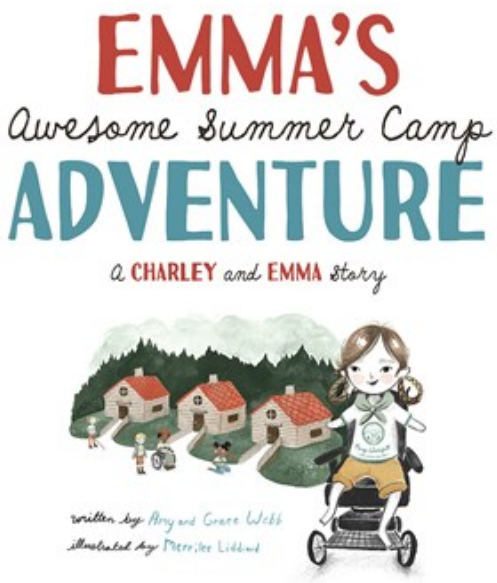


Buddy is an ordinary kid who sometimes erupts like a volcano! Can he learn new ways to manage his anger and frustration?

Publication: April 2, 2024
978-1-50649-345-9

Hardcover Picture Book • 9 x 10 • 32 Pages
$17.99

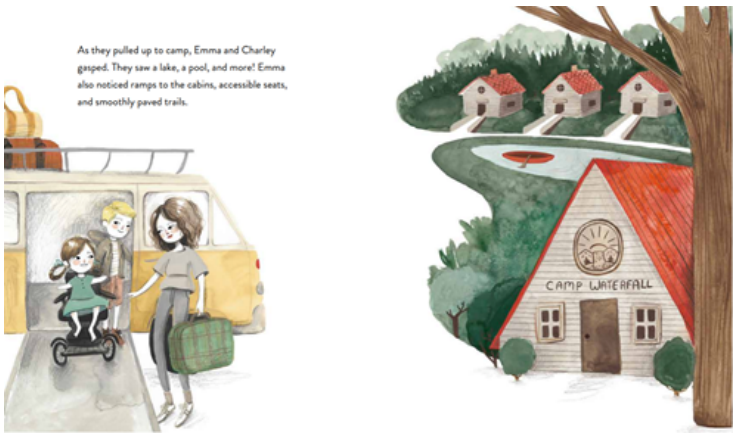
Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings



Emma's Awesome Summer Camp Adventure

A Charley and Emma Story

AMY WEBB AND GRACE WEBB, ILLUSTRATED BY MERRILEE LIDDIARD



From the celebrated Charley and Emma series comes a new picture book that highlights the many ways accessibility makes the world a better place for everyone.

Publication: April 30, 2024
978-1-50648-339-9

Hardcover Picture Book • 9 x 10 • 32 Pages
$18.99

Juvenile Fiction / Disabilities & Special Needs



Tuggoat

KERSTEN HAMILTON, ILLUSTRATED BY ADRIANE TSAI

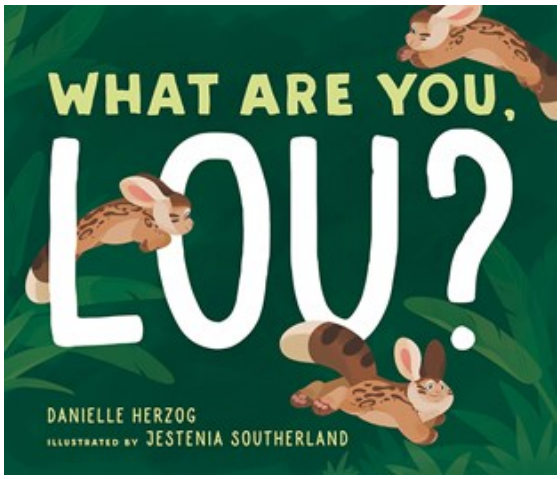


Meet Cordelia, a determined goat, who refuses to let anyone place limits on what she can or cannot do.

Publication: April 23, 2024
978-1-50649-133-2

Hardcover Picture Book • 10 x 10 • 40 Pages
$17.99

Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes / Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance



What Are You, Lou?

DANIELLE HERZOG, ILLUSTRATED BY JESTENIA SOUTHERLAND

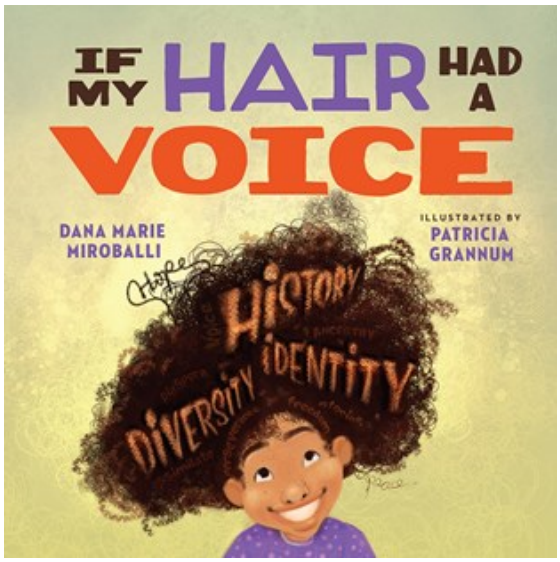


Written by a school counselor, this affirming picture book inspires kids to embrace their uniqueness and celebrate being unapologetically exactly who they are.

Publication: May 21, 2024
978-1-50648-508-9

Hardcover Picture Book • 10 x 9 • 32 Pages
$19.99

Juvenile Fiction / Diversity & Multicultural



If My Hair Had a Voice

DANA MARIE MIROBALLI, ILLUSTRATED BY PATRICIA GRANNUM

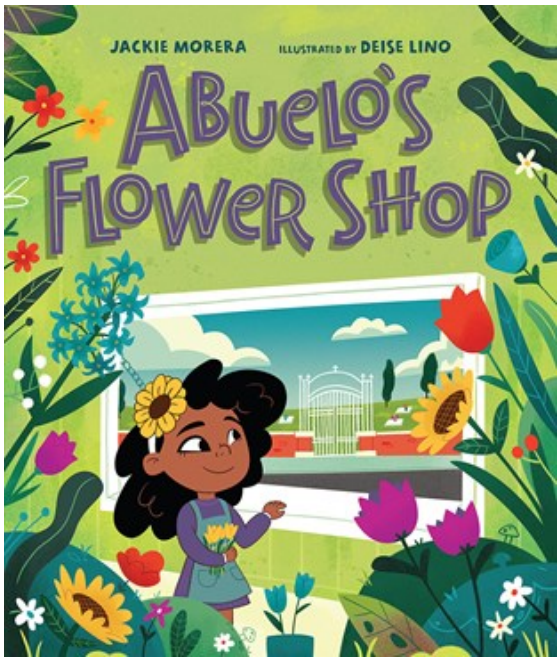


An uplifting and empowering anthem celebrating the beauty and rich cultural history of Black hair

Publication: May 28, 2024
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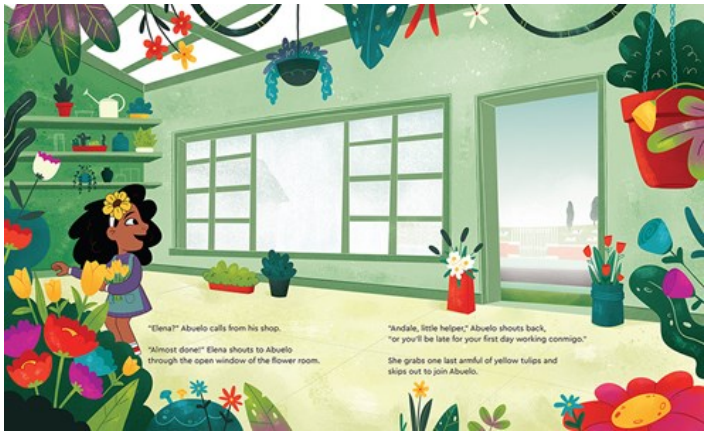
Hardcover Picture Book • 10 x 10 • 40 Pages
$17.99

Juvenile Fiction / African American & Black



Abuelo's Flower Shop

JACKIE MORERA, ILLUSTRATED BY DEISE LINO



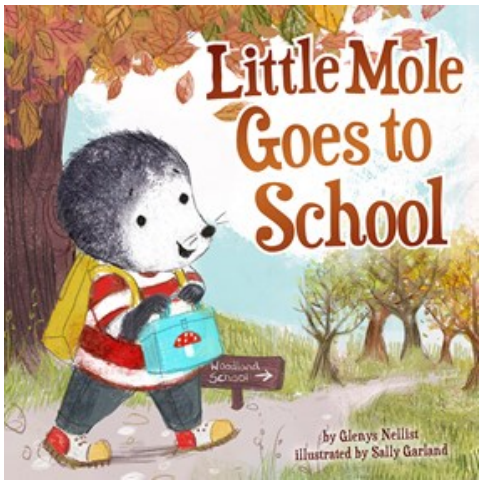
This insightful intergenerational story inspires readers to find their own way of remembering and honoring loved ones who are no longer with us.

Publication: June 4, 2024
978-1-50648-755-7

Hardcover Picture Book • 9 x 10 • 32 Pages
$17.99

Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes / Death, Grief, Bereavement

Holidays



978-1-50647-859-3
Hardcover Picture Book | 9¼ x 9¼ | 32 Pages | $17.99



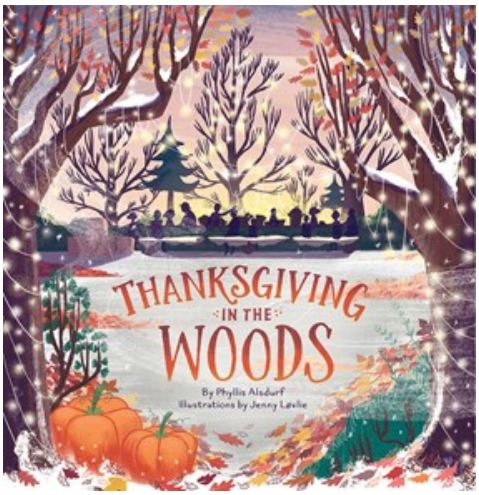
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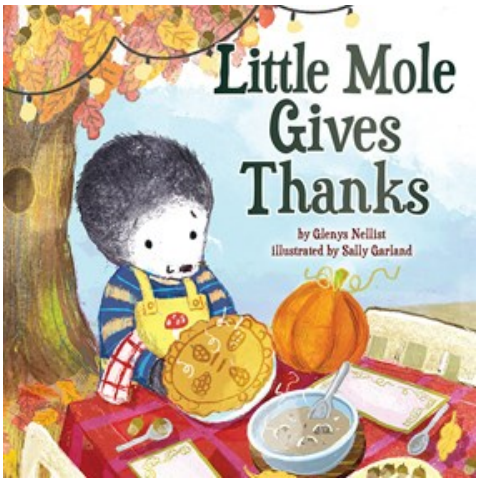
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Hardcover Picture Book | 9¼ x 10¾ | 40 Pages | $18.99



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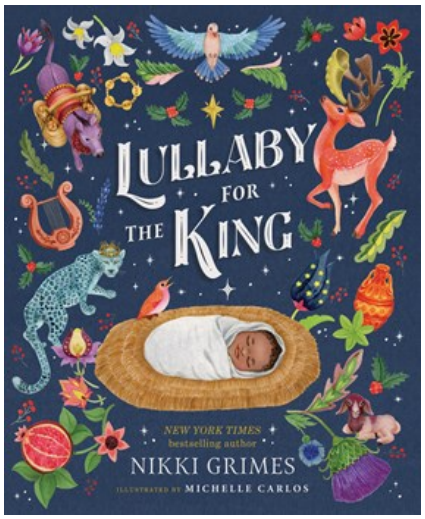
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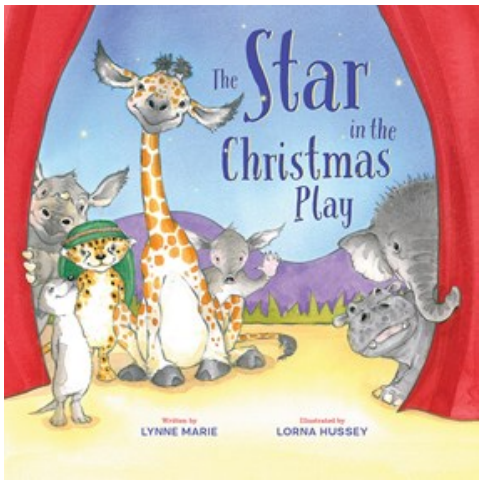


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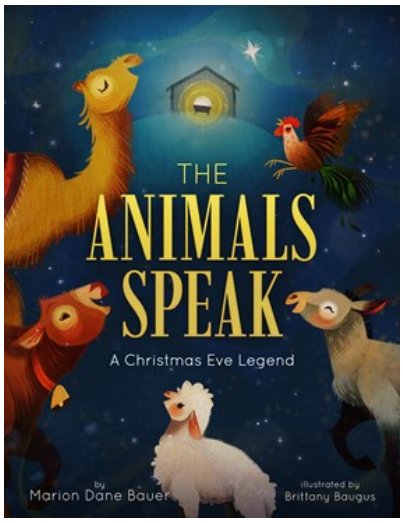


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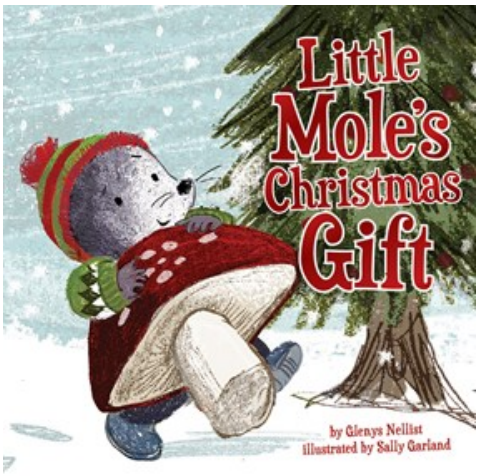
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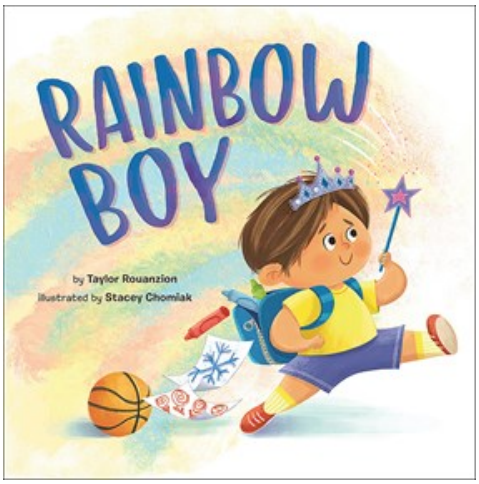
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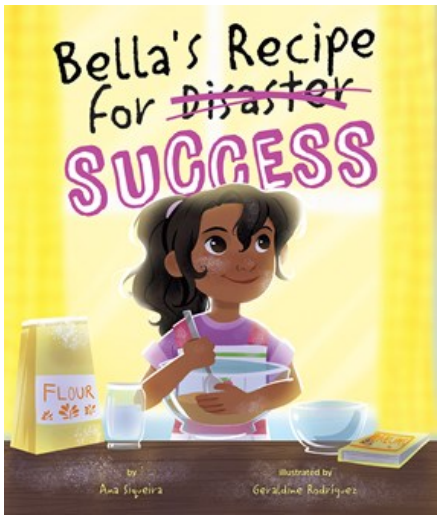
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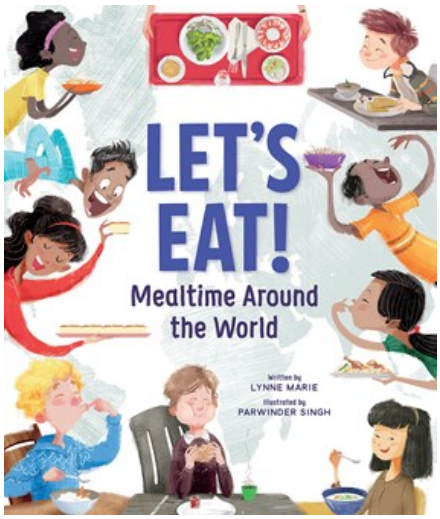
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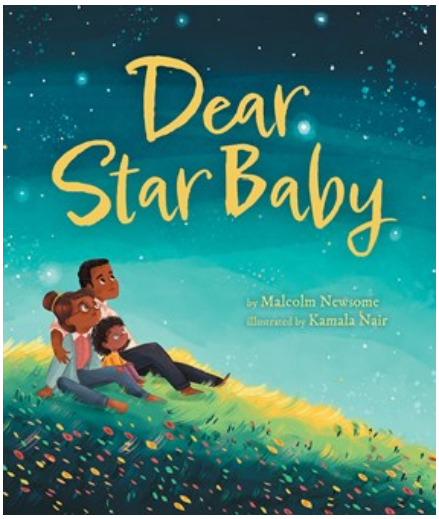
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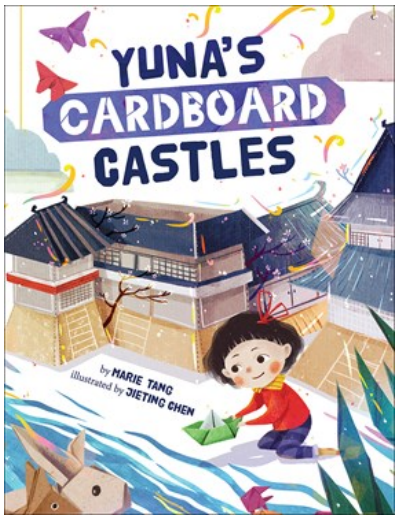
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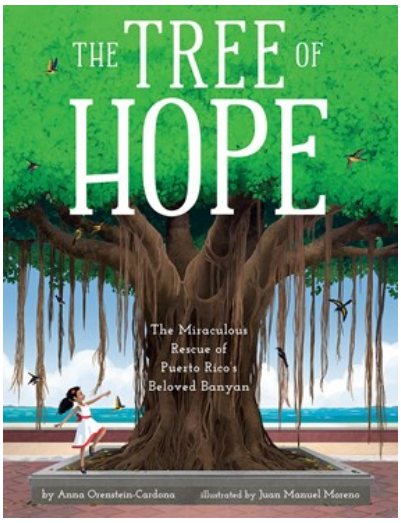


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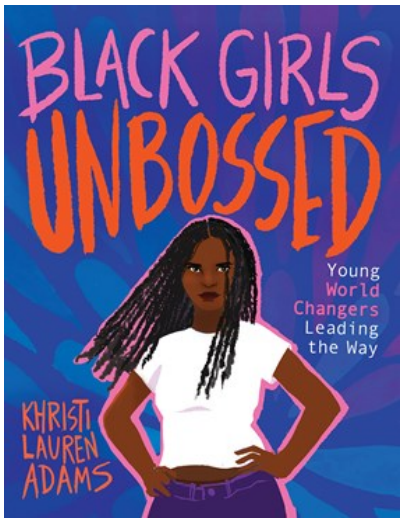


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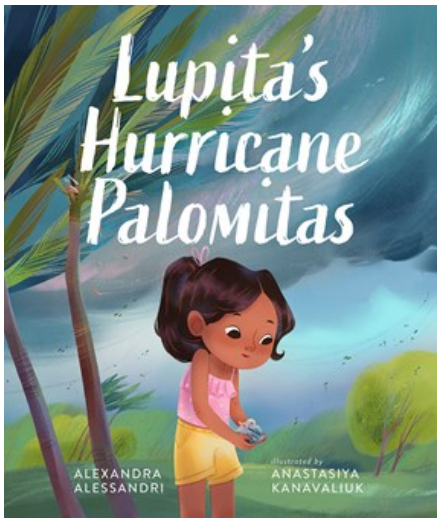
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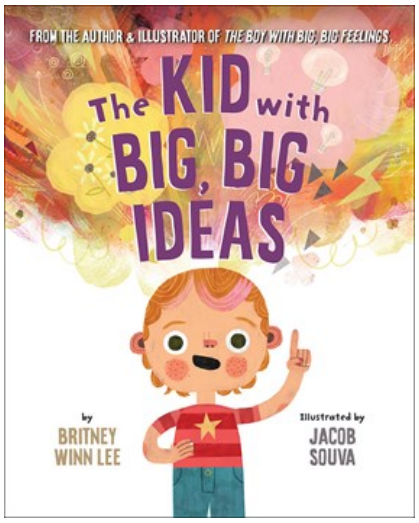
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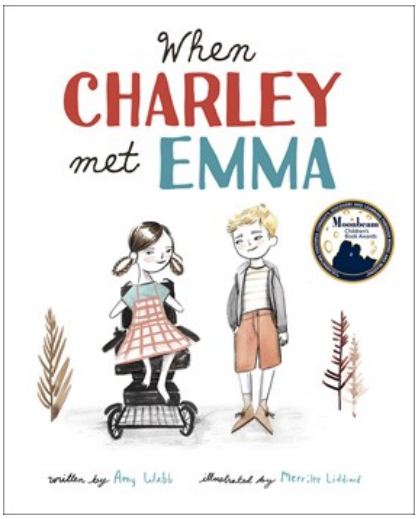
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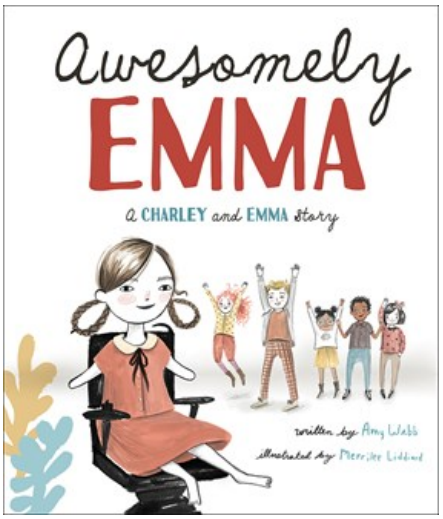
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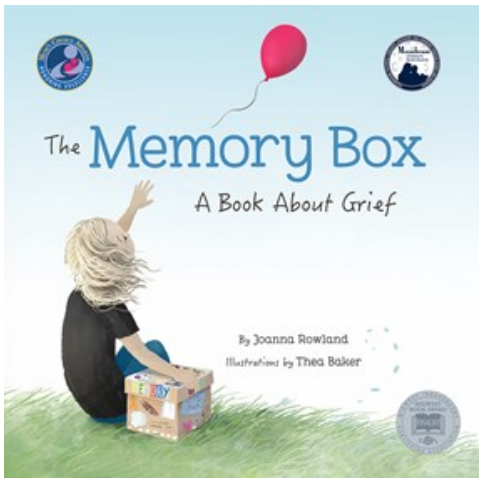
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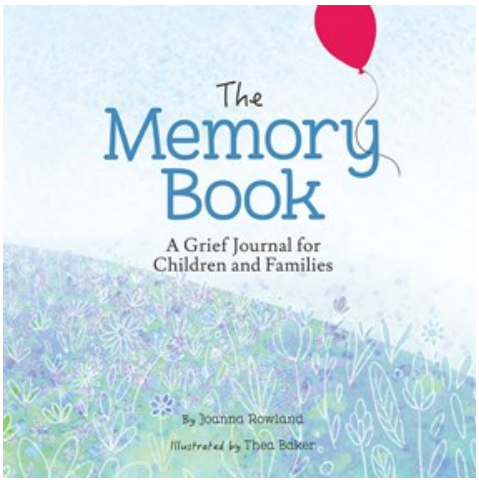
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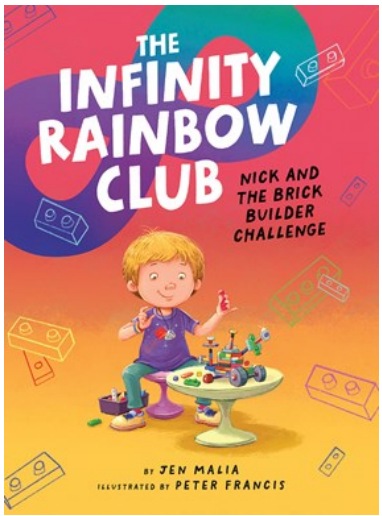
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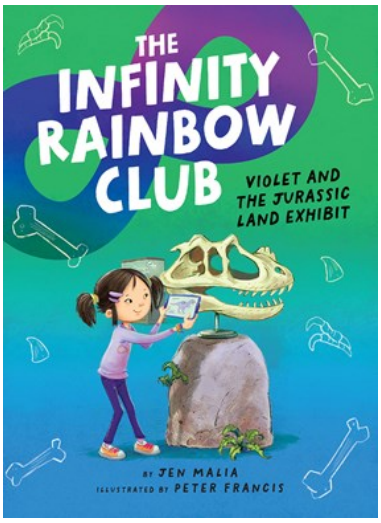


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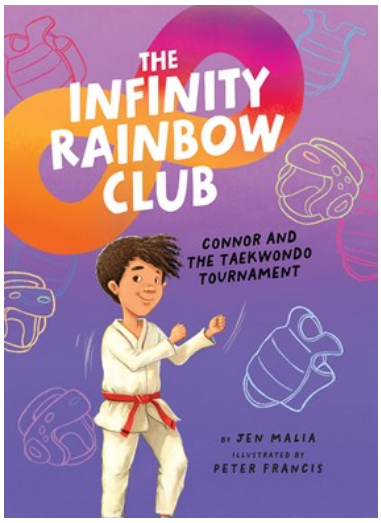


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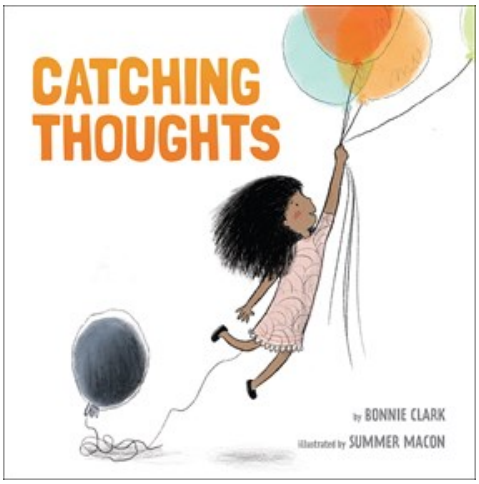
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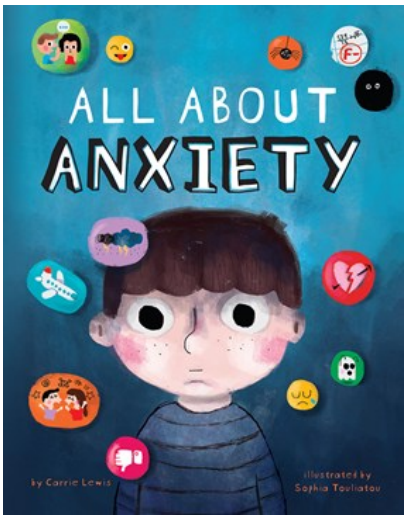
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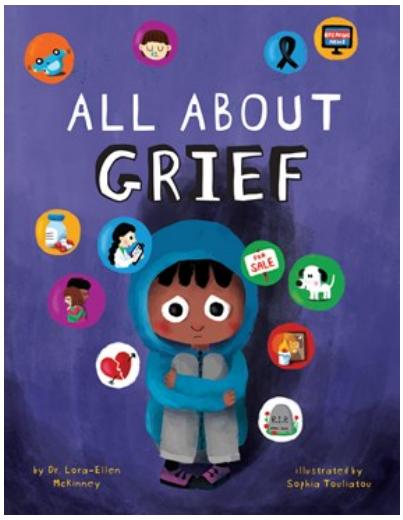
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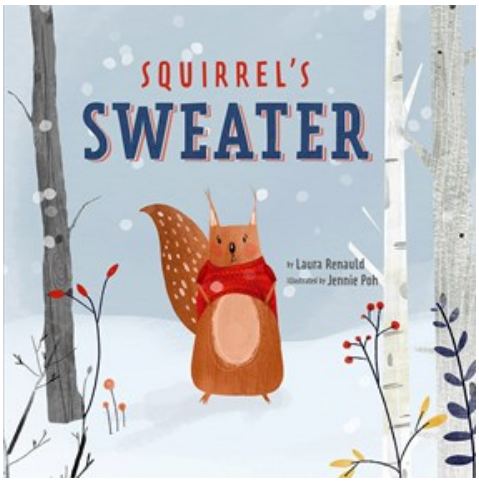
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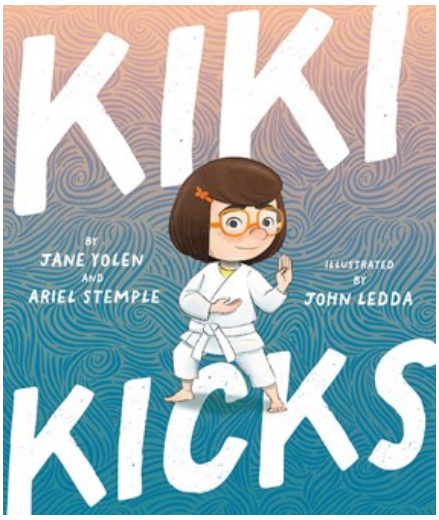
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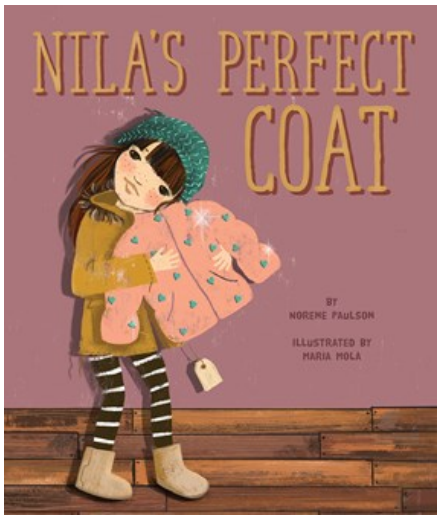
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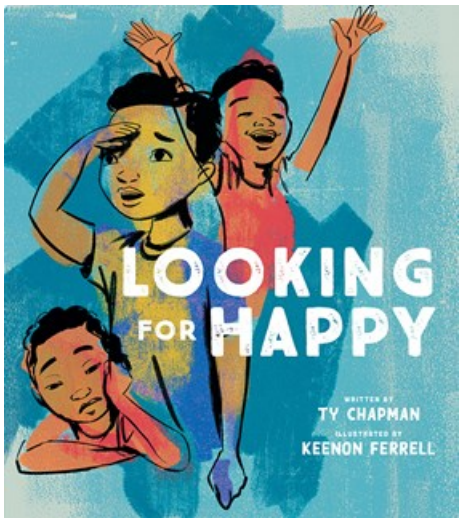


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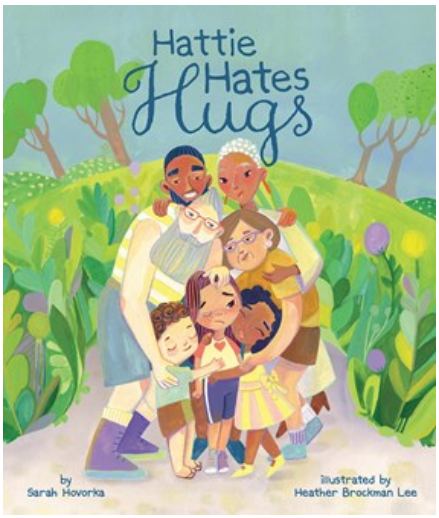
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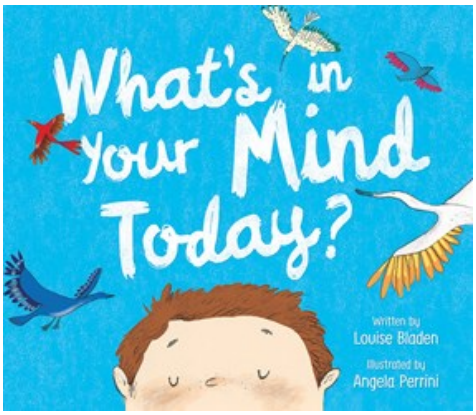
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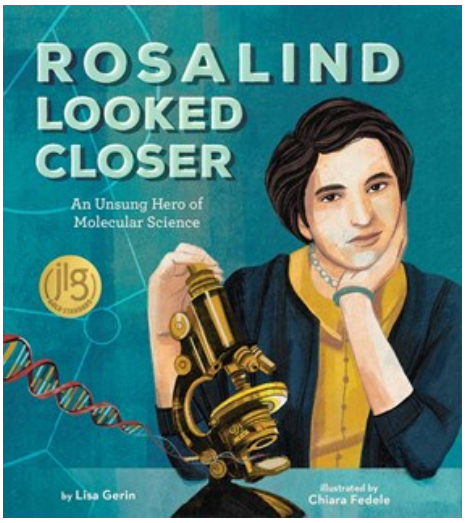


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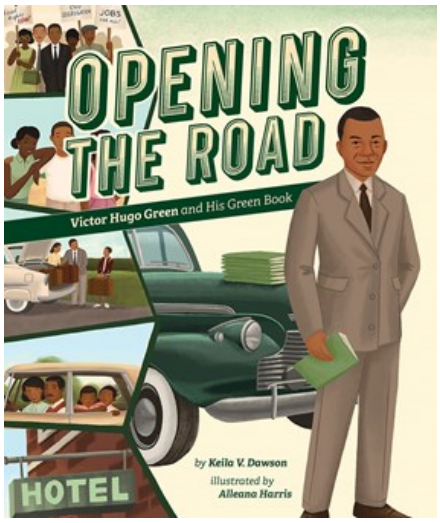
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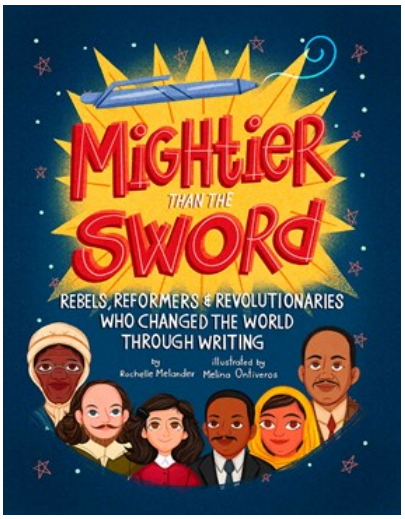
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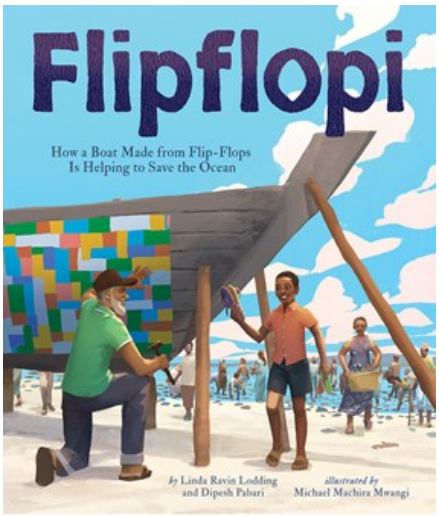
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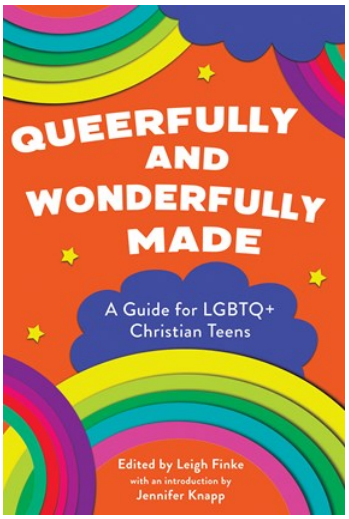
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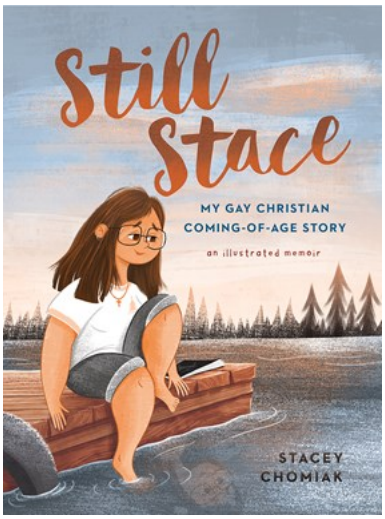
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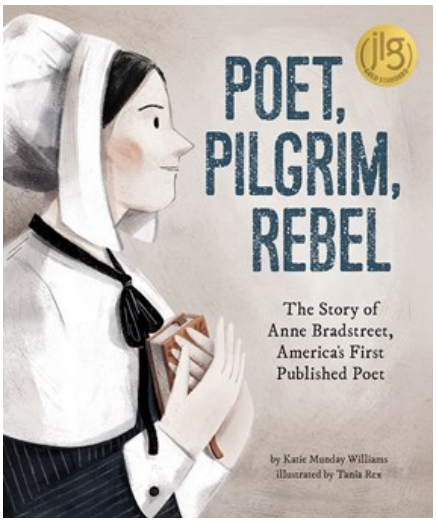


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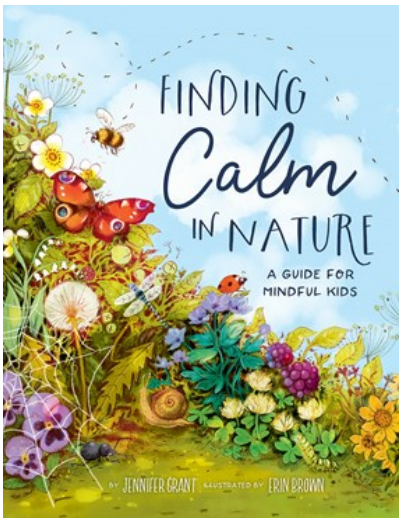


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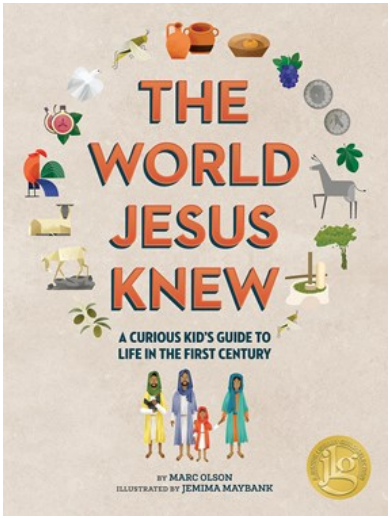


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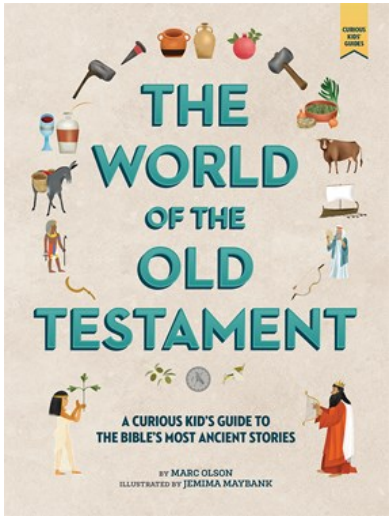


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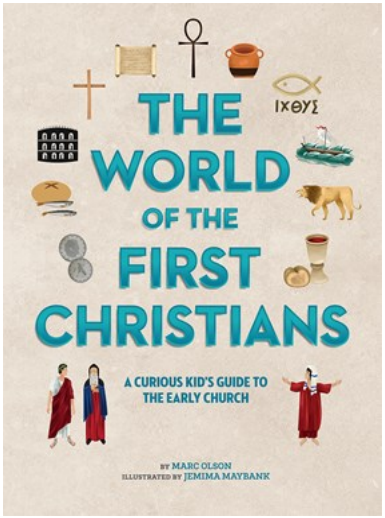
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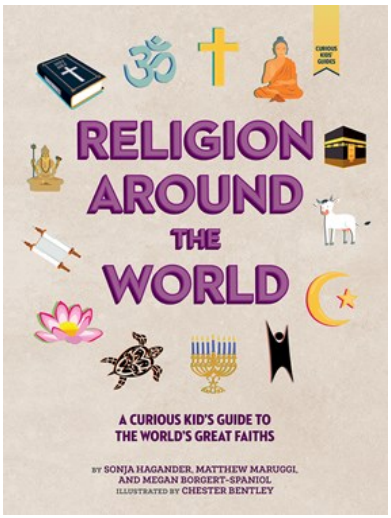
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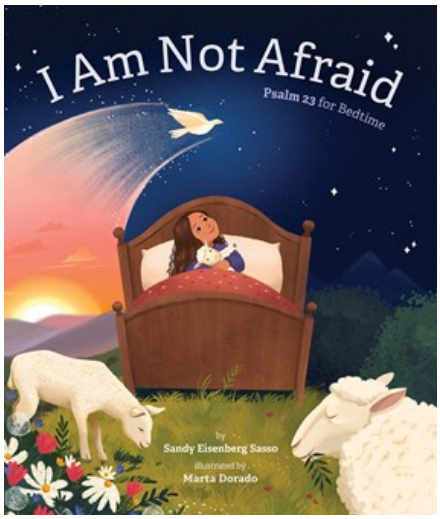
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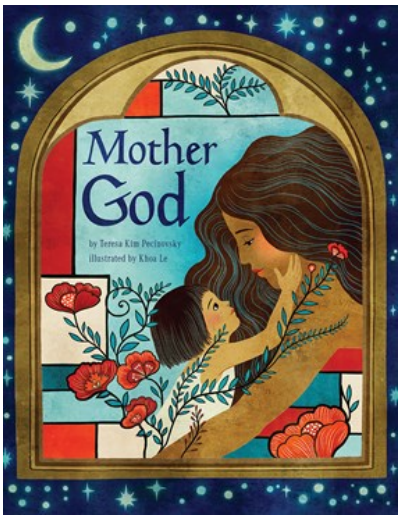
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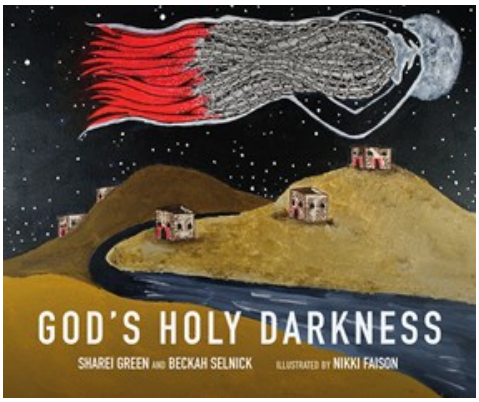
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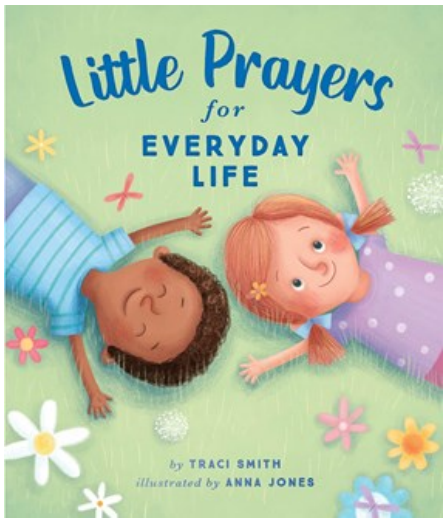


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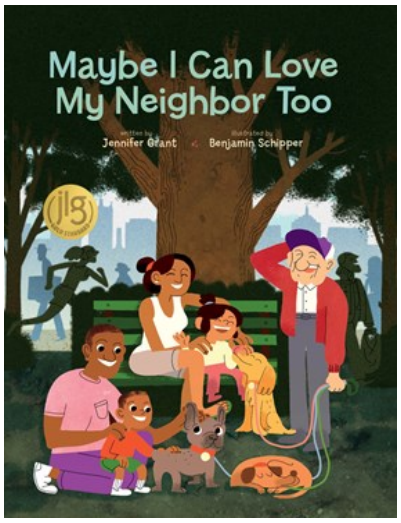
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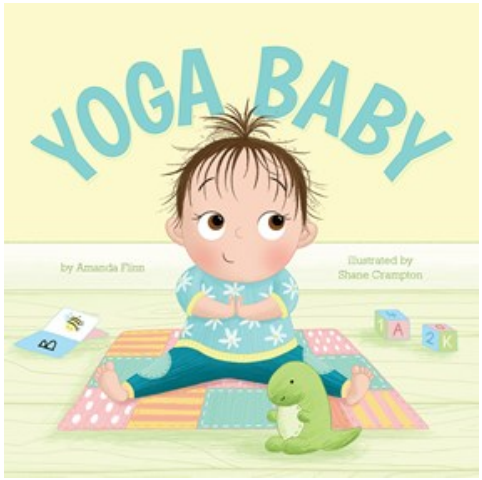


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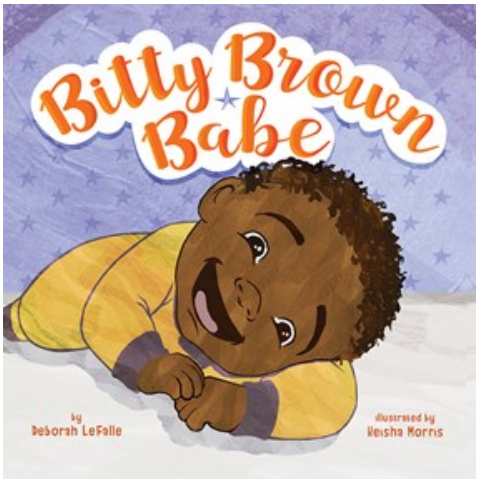
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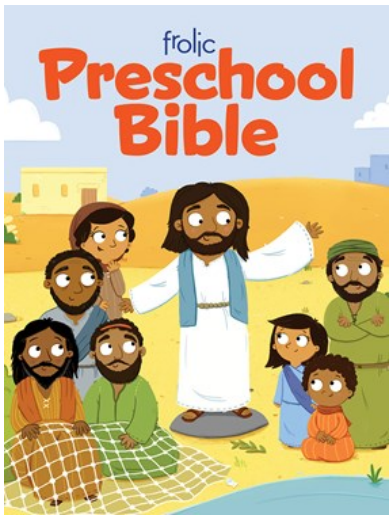
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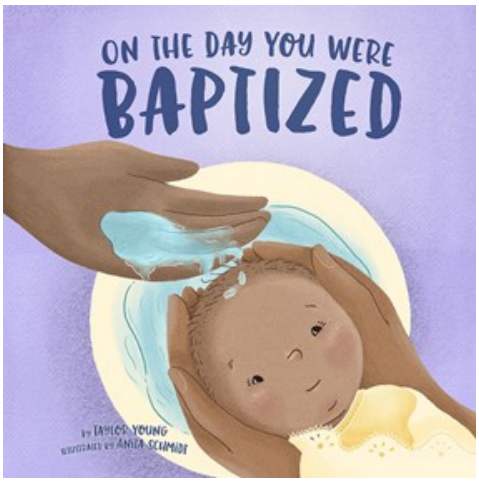
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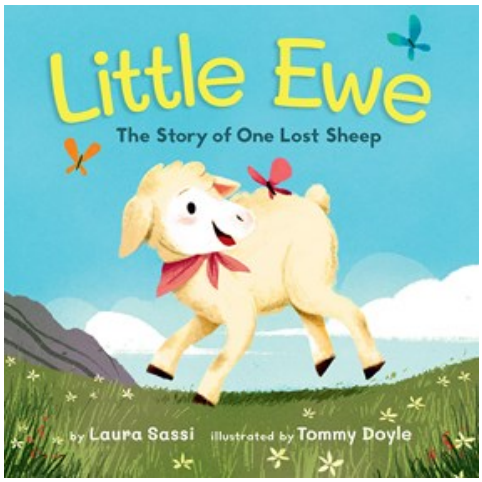
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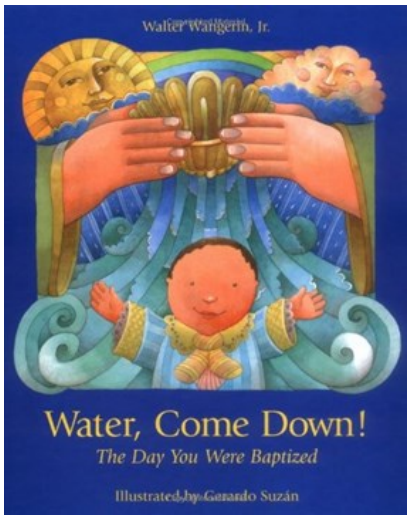
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