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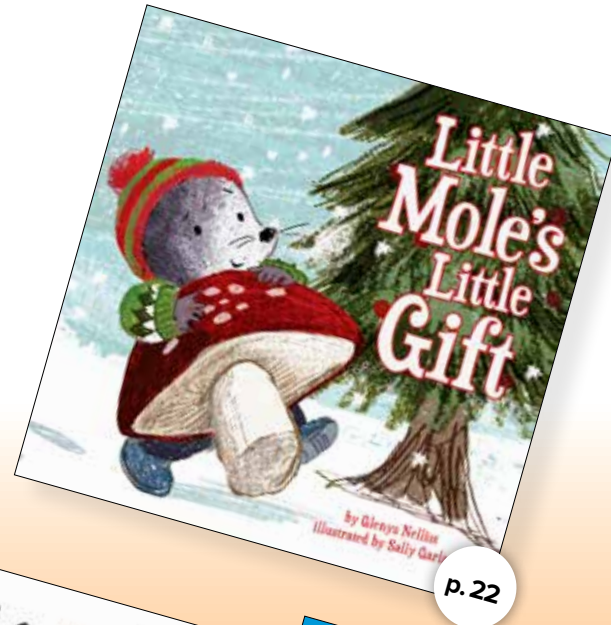
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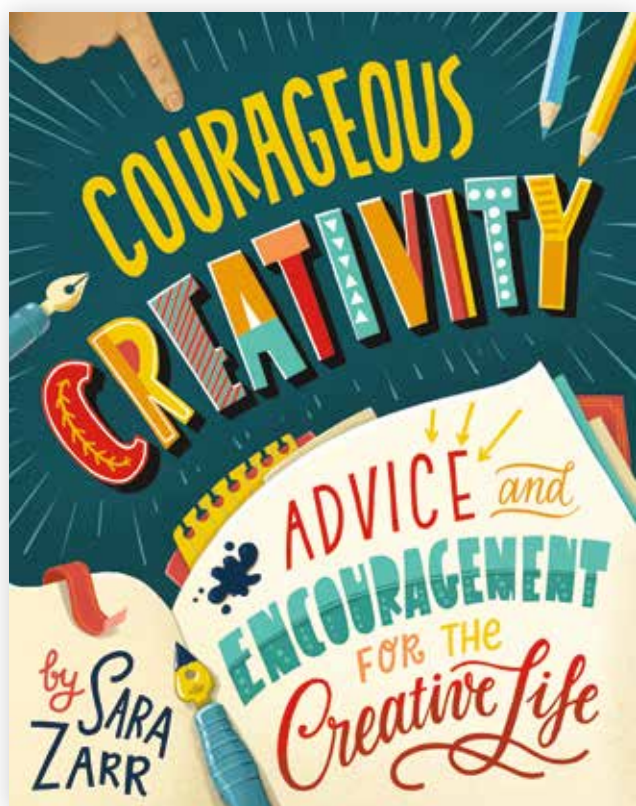
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## Being CREATIVE takes COURAGE

### Courageous Creativity: Advice and Encouragement for the Creative Life

By Sara Zarr

It can be scary to create something. Before you can even work on your craft, you have to face down the fear of messing up or looking silly, the perfectionism that keeps you from even starting, and the negative voices inside your head that say you don't have anything valuable to offer.

Well, you *do* have something to offer! Being creative is a right, and in this book, National Book Award finalist Sara Zarr will help you get started. Her advice and encouragement are paired with exercises to help you face down your fears, let go of expectations, stop comparing yourself to others, and make your art with courage.



#### Sara Zarr

is the acclaimed author of seven novels for young adults, most recently *Goodbye from Nowhere*. She's a National Book Award finalist and two-time Utah Book Award winner. She divides her time between Utah and California.

### Courageous Creativity: Advice and Encouragement for the Creative Life

**Publication: 09/29/2020**

978-1-5064-5915-8

Hardcover 7 x 9

208 pages

Ages 12 to 18

\$17.99

YOUNG ADULT NONFICTION / Language Arts /  
Composition & Creative Writing  
YOUNG ADULT NONFICTION / Art / Techniques  
YOUNG ADULT NONFICTION / Social Topics /  
Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Includes engaging prompts and exercises*

*National trade, library, and niche publicity campaign targeting teen, writing, and art publications*

*Author blog tour with a special mailing to teen influencers and bloggers*

*Trade advertising*

*Targeted digital and social media campaign with paid and organic posts targeting Zarr fans, artists, and writers*

*Features at BEA and ALA*

*Co-op available*

### Connect

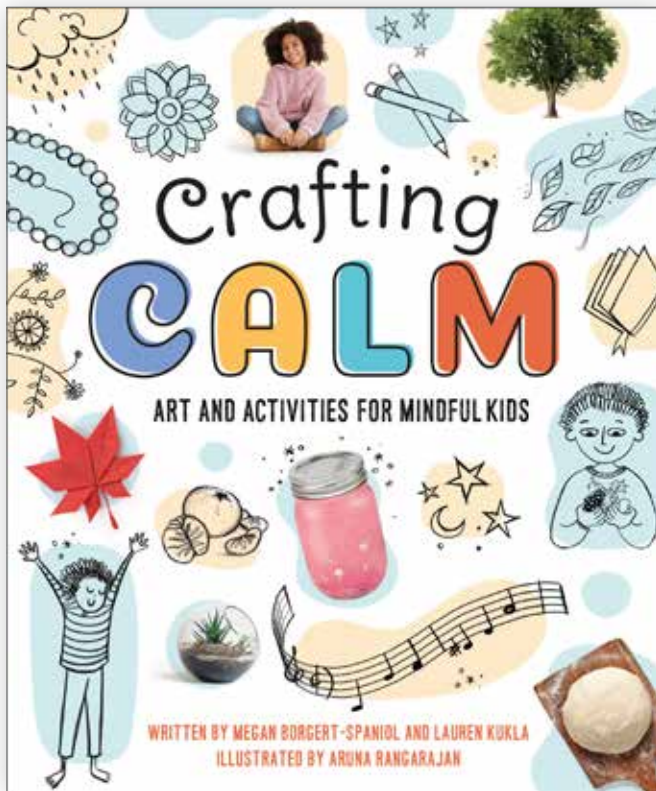
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## Crafting Calm

By Megan Borgert-Spaniol and Lauren Kukla  
Illustrated by Aruna Rangarajan

Mindfulness is a powerful practice to help kids find calm in the midst of everyday stress—but how to make it accessible and fun? In *Crafting Calm: Art and Activities for Mindful Kids*, kids engage in and practice mindfulness through fun and easy exercises, crafts, and activities, with the goal of learning a deeper sense of calm, peace, joy, and connection to the world around them, all while improving emotional intelligence, boosting self-esteem, and reducing anxiety. Perfect for kids to do alone or with the help of an adult, the activities in *Crafting Calm* will have kids playing, tinkering, creating, and doodling their way to peaceful, balanced minds.

“What exactly does it mean to be mindful?”



**Megan Borgert-Spaniol** is an author and editor living in Minneapolis. She likes to read and write at cozy coffee shops with a pastry by her side. Her favorite ways to practice mindfulness are by doing yoga, walking along the lake, and mixing up a batch of cookie dough.



**Lauren Kukla** is an author and editor of books and media for kids. She loves LEGOs, gardening, and walking in the woods. Her favorite kinds of books to write are the ones that make her think. She lives in Minneapolis.



**Aruna Rangarajan** is an illustrator who loves drawing interesting things, be it mandalas for books about keeping your calm, or a million stick-figure cars to pacify her three-year-old.

## Crafting Calm: Art and Activities for Mindful Kids

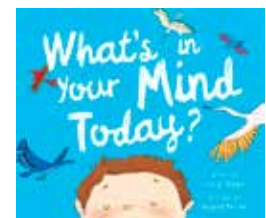
**Publication:** 11/03/2020  
978-1-5064-6526-5  
Paperback 7.5 x 9  
80 pages  
Ages 8 to 12  
\$16.99

JUVENILE NONFICTION / Health & Daily Living /  
Mindfulness & Meditation  
JUVENILE NONFICTION / Activity Books / General  
JUVENILE NONFICTION / Art / Techniques

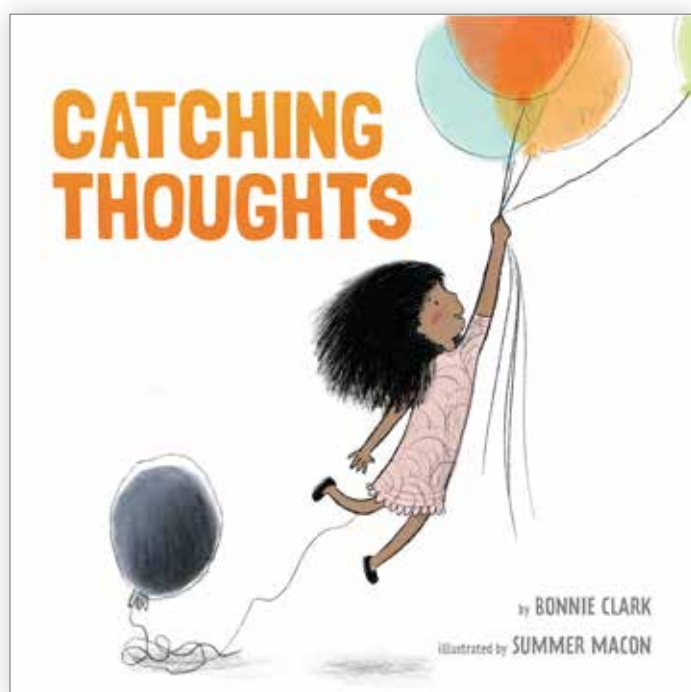
## Marketing and Selling Points

*Provides concrete exercises and activities to promote conscious mindfulness*  
*National and niche publicity push targeting parents, educators, and youth counselors*  
*Special promotions to mom bloggers*  
*Targeted digital and social media campaign to parents interested in mindfulness and meditation*  
*Trade advertising*  
*Co-op available*

## Also Available



**What's in Your Mind Today**  
\$17.99  
978-1-5064-6377-3



“From now on, I'll be catching new thoughts!”



## Catching Thoughts

By Bonnie Clark • Illustrated by Summer Macon

In *Catching Thoughts*, a girl is plagued by an unwanted thought. No matter what she does—ignore it, yell at it, cry about it—the thought won't go away. Frustrated and discouraged, she finally looks that bad thought in the face and says, “Hello.” At last, she is able to notice and catch other more beautiful, positive thoughts all around her.

For every child who has been weighed down by sadness or anxiety, this story teaches kids how to acknowledge unwanted thoughts, show them compassion, then actively replace them with positive thoughts instead. *Catching Thoughts* is a quiet, thoughtful story that teaches readers how to practice mindfulness, focusing on thoughts that bring beauty, joy, and calm into their lives.



**Bonnie Clark** lives in Canton, Georgia, with her husband and three children. She enjoys writing for children because she believes that childhood is the most important time in a person's life—the part that shapes who we become as adults. She believes that picture books are magical and can encourage children to love who they are, to look outside themselves, and to find their place in the world.



**Summer Macon** was raised in an itty bitty town in southern New Mexico. In the summertime you can find her rock-climbing, paddle-boarding, mountain-biking, or doodling on her contracts.

## Catching Thoughts

**Publication:** 08/11/2020

978-1-5064-6416-9

Hardcover 9 x 9

32 pages

Ages 4 to 8

\$17.99

JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Depression & Mental Illness

JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Values & Virtues

JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance

## Marketing and Selling Points

*Provides imagery to help address the increasing trend of anxiety, depression, and mental illness in kids*

*Author and her children have personal experience with combatting genetic anxiety*

*National, trade, and niche publicity pushes targeting mindfulness, parenting, and education media*

*Special promotion to mom bloggers*

*Trade advertising*

*Targeted digital and social-media campaign with paid social promotion to parents and educators interested in mindfulness*

*ARC giveaway at BEA and ALA*

*Co-op available*

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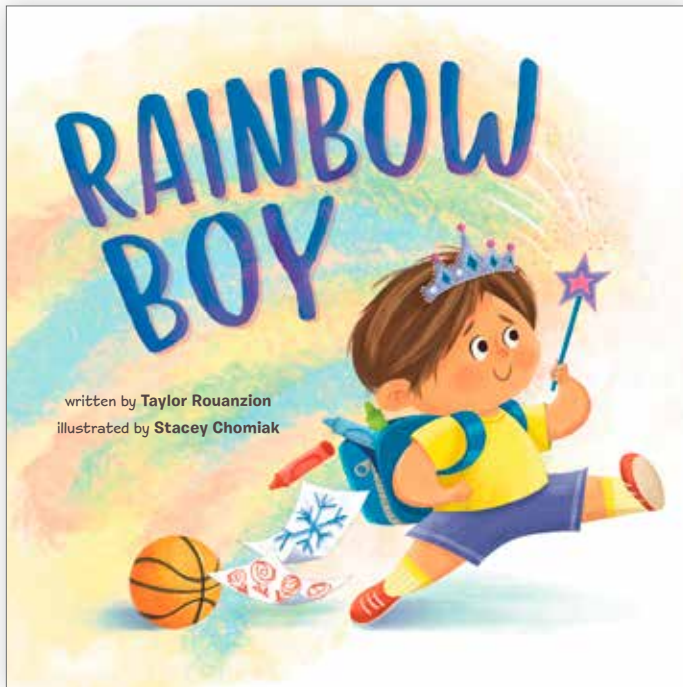
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## Rainbow Boy

By Taylor Rouanzion • Illustrated by Stacey Chomiak

A little boy attempts to answer one of grown-ups' all-time favorite questions: "What's your favorite color?" But with so many wonderful colors to choose from, he doesn't know how to answer. He loves his pink sparkly tutu, bright red roses, soft yellow baby doll pajamas, and big, orange basketball. How will he ever pick?

**"Your heart is just too big for one color alone."**



**Taylor Rouanzion** lives in Northern California with her husband, child, and miniature dachshund. She has been a part of local support groups for trans/gender-nonconforming kids and their parents. Her own child is gender nonconforming and has inspired Taylor to write for her and others like her so they can be seen in children's literature.



**Stacey Chomiak** is an artist in the animation industry, getting her start on the well-loved series *My Little Pony: Friendship Is Magic*. Chomiak is a gay Christian, and loves to advocate and use her artistic talents for the LGBTQ Christian community.

### Rainbow Boy

**Publication: 10/13/2020**

978-1-5064-6398-8

Hardcover 8.5 x 10

32 pages

Ages 4 to 7

\$17.99

JUVENILE FICTION /  
Imagination & Play  
JUVENILE FICTION / LGBTQ  
JUVENILE FICTION /  
Concepts / Colors

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Meets felt need for progressive parents who want to teach their children that colors, toys, and interests are not gender specific*

*Teaches children the colors of the rainbow and days of the week in a new and socially relevant way*

*National and trade publicity push with targeted campaign to parenting and LGBTQ+ media*

*Trade and library advertising*

*Email, social-media, and special promotion campaign to progressive moms, mom bloggers, gay dad influencers*

*Paid social targeting to librarians, transgender, and LGBTQ+ influencers and parents*

*Features at BEA and ALA*

*Co-op available*

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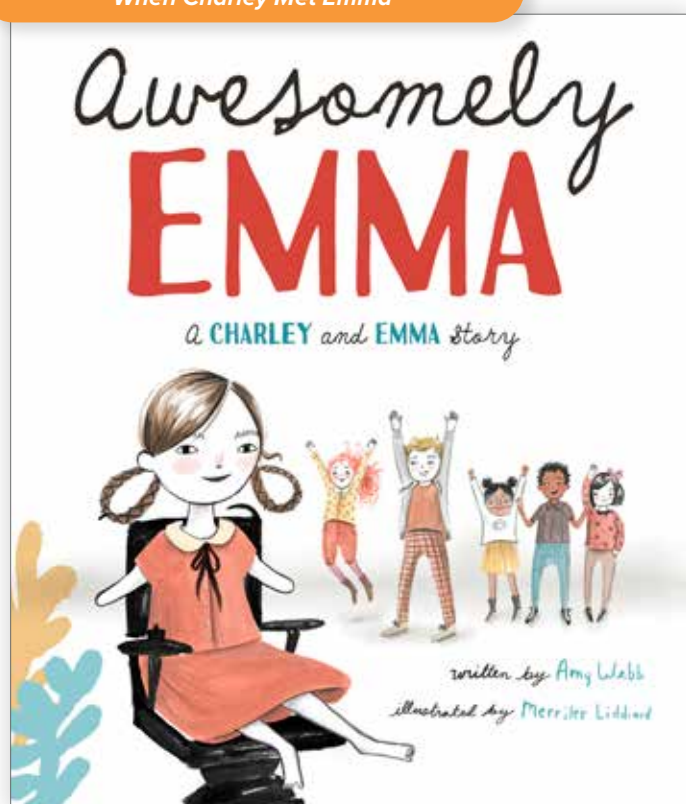
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From the author of the award-winning book,  
*When Charley Met Emma*



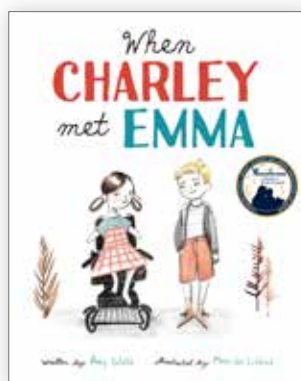
## Awesomely Emma: A Charley and Emma Story

By Amy Webb • Illustrated by Merrilee Liddiard

Emma has limb differences, but different isn't bad, sad, or strange—it's just different! But when some accessibility problems get in the way at the local art museum, it threatens the fun of a class trip...and then Emma's friend Charley makes things even worse! In the middle of a *really* bad day, Emma has to call upon her sense of inner awesome to stand up for herself and teach everyone a lesson about the transformative power of feeling awesome in your own skin.

Amy Webb's follow-up to *When Charley Met Emma*, *Awesomely Emma* will have all kids cheering as they learn to see the inner awesome in themselves and those around them.

“ME is an awesome thing to be!”

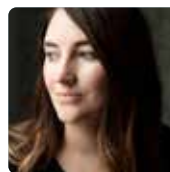


### Also Available

**When Charley Met Emma**  
978-1-5064-4872-5  
\$16.99



**Amy Webb** is an artist, writer, mother, and creator of the popular blog *This Little Miggy Stayed Home*. As a special needs mom, she advocates for the disability and special needs community through her writings and interviews on her blog. Her work has been featured in *The Mighty*, *A Cup of Jo*, and *Design\*Sponge* as well as through interviews in *DesignMom*, *MotherMag*, and the print publication *Lunch Lady Magazine*.



**Merrilee Liddiard** is known for her love of kids design, toys, and DIY crafts. When not drawing or creating things for her three children, Liddiard loves to travel, wander museums, sew, thrift, read, and nap.

### Awesomely Emma: A Charley and Emma Story

**Publication: 09/15/2020**  
978-1-5064-6495-4  
Hardcover 8.5 x 10  
32 pages  
Ages 3 to 8  
\$17.99

JUVENILE FICTION /  
Disabilities & Special Needs  
JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes /  
Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance  
JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes /  
Friendship

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Includes parent page with resources and tips for how to raise kids who are disability advocates*  
*National and trade publicity push with targeted pitches to disability, library, education, and parenting media*

*Author blog tour and special promotion to mom bloggers, disability advocates*

*Trade and library advertising with When Charley Met Emma*

*Paid social targeting disability advocates, librarians, trade and parenting media*

*Features at BEA and ALA*

*Co-op available*

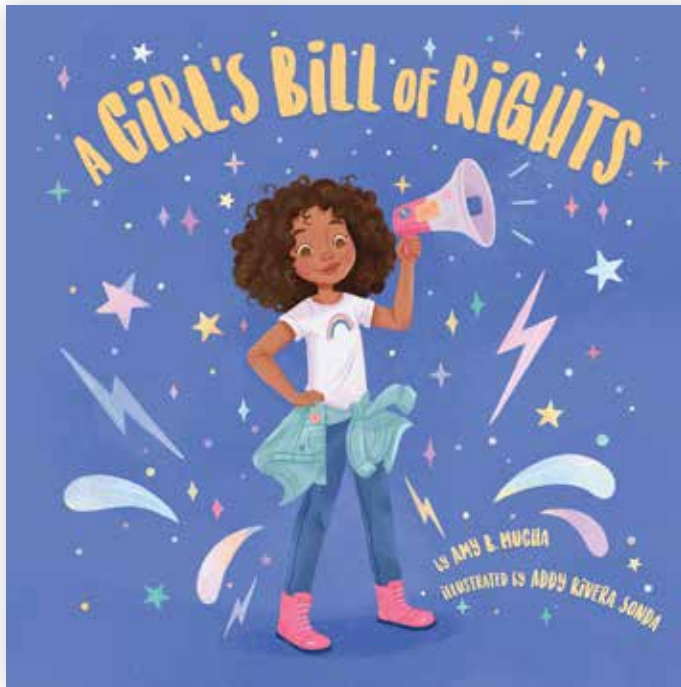
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**“I have the right to be bold, and mighty, and LOUD!”**



## A Girl's Bill of Rights

By Amy B. Mucha • Illustrated by Addy Rivera Sonda

*I have the right to say “STOP!”  
and even the right to SCREAM it!  
Because it is NOT OK to hurt me.  
Or anyone.  
Not ever.*

In a world where little girls must learn to stand tall, *A Girl's Bill of Rights* boldly declares the rights of every woman and girl: power, confidence, freedom, and consent. Author Amy B. Mucha and illustrator Addy Rivera Sonda present a diverse cast of characters standing up for themselves and proudly celebrating the joy and power of being a girl.



**Amy B. Mucha** grew up in New York and New Jersey and now lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, with her husband, two children, two spoiled dogs, four superior cats, and hundreds of books.



**Addy Rivera Sonda** is a Mexican illustrator, who loves color and nature. When she is not drawing, she devotes a great part of her time to learning and exploring ways in which we could live kinder and more sustainable lives.

### A Girl's Bill of Rights

**Publication:** 09/15/2020

978-1-5064-6452-7

Hardcover 9 x 9

32 pages

Ages 4 to 8

\$17.99

JUVENILE FICTION / Girls & Women  
JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes /  
Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance  
JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes /  
Values & Virtues

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Readers will be inspired to stand up, speak out, set boundaries, and be themselves*

*Connects to trending topics like girls' assertiveness, consent, and equal pay*

*National, trade, and parenting publicity pushes*

*Trade and library advertising*

*Targeted email and social-media campaign targeting “girl power” influencers*

*Special promotion to mom bloggers, influencers with “girl power” platforms*

*Features at BEA and ALA*

*Co-op available*

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## Fly, Girl, Fly!: Shaesta Waiz Soars around the World

By Nancy Roe Pimm • Illustrated by Alexandra Bye

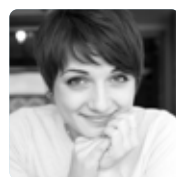
Shaesta Waiz, a refugee from Afghanistan, dreamed of doing great things. But first she had to leave a refugee camp with her family to make a new life in America, overcome gender stereotypes, be the first in her family to go to college, and overcome her fear of flying. After becoming a pilot, Shaesta made the flight of a lifetime by crossing five continents, making thirty stops in twenty-two countries across nearly 25,000 nautical miles. At the age of thirty, Shaesta was the youngest woman and the first from Afghanistan to circumnavigate the globe by herself in a single-engine aircraft.

*Fly, Girl, Fly!* is the first authorized picture-book biography of Shaesta Waiz. Backmatter includes more information about Shaesta's mission to empower girls to pursue STEM careers, details about her historic trip around the world, information about her nonprofit organization Dreams Soar, and a personal note from Shaesta Waiz encouraging girls to pursue their dreams.

**“You must believe in yourself and allow your dreams to soar.”**  
—Shaesta Waiz



**Nancy Roe Pimm** is an award-winning author of many books and articles for children. In addition to *Fly, Girl, Fly!*, Pimm is the author of the middle-grade biography *The Jerrie Mock Story: The First Woman to Fly Solo around the World*. She and her retired racecar-driver husband Ed Pimm live in Plain City, Ohio.



**Alexandra Bye** is a New England local who works as a full-time freelance illustrator specializing in fun, colorful illustrations for a variety of platforms such as publication, editorial, and advertising.

### Fly, Girl, Fly!: Shaesta Waiz Soars around the World

**Publication:** 09/22/2020

978-1-5064-6468-8

Hardcover 8.5 x 11

40 pages

Ages 4 to 8

\$18.99

JUVENILE NONFICTION / Biography  
& Autobiography / Women  
JUVENILE NONFICTION /  
Transportation / Aviation  
JUVENILE NONFICTION / Careers

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Shaesta Waiz and the author available for interviews*

*National, book trade, and library publicity push with focus on Shaesta's personal story, including feminist, parenting, and airline media*

*Special promotions to libraries and "girl power" bloggers and influencers*

*Book and library trade advertising*

*Targeted digital and social-media campaign with library focus*

*Features at BEA and ALA*

*Cross-promotion strategies with Shaesta's nonprofit Dreams Soar*

*Co-op available*

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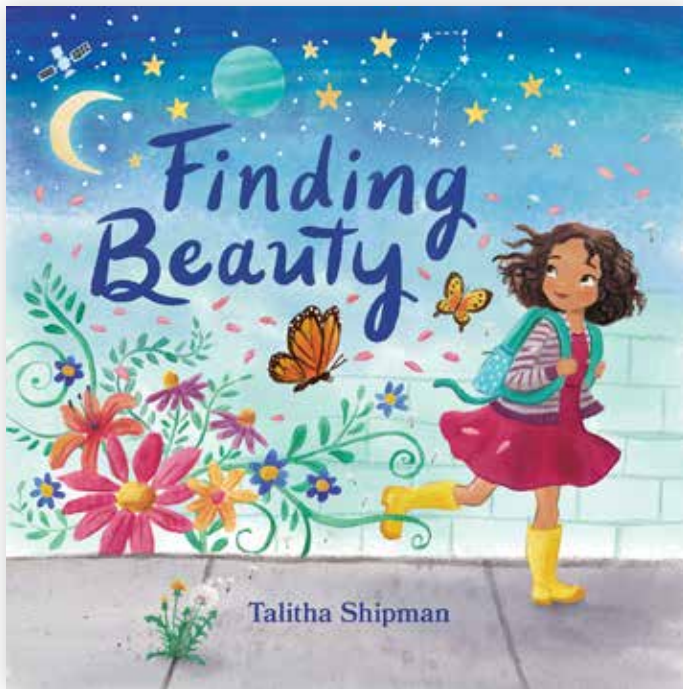
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“Beauty surrounds you if you look for it.”



## Finding Beauty

By Talitha Shipman

You are beautiful from the top of your head to the tip of your toes—but beauty is far more than something you can have. It's also something you have to find. In other people. In nature. In acts of kindness. In math, and art, and music, and sports.

In this beautiful inspirational book for girls, author-illustrator Talitha Shipman turns the concept of beauty inside out, inviting girls to become beauty-seeking adventurers charging out into the world with confidence and ambition to find beauty and make beauty wherever they go.



**Talitha Shipman** is a picture-book illustrator born and raised in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Her favorite subjects to paint are wild kids and wild animals. Nature inspires Talitha's painting, and she hopes her work encourages curiosity and creativity in children of all ages.

Talitha has worked with publishers on several illustration projects. *Finding Beauty* is Talitha's first author/illustrator adventure. Talitha lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana, with her husband and their three-year-old wild child, Coral.

### Finding Beauty

**Publication:** 10/20/2020

978-1-5064-6379-7

Hardcover 10 x 10

32 pages

Ages 5 to 8

\$17.99

JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Values & Virtues

JUVENILE FICTION / Girls & Women

JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Helps empower girls to find beauty expressed in unique and non-stereotypical places*

*National and trade publicity push with niche targeting to parenting media*

*Trade and library advertising*

*Targeted email and social-media campaign with paid targeting to "girl power" influencers*

*Special promotion to mom bloggers, influencers with "girl power" platforms*

*Features at BEA and ALA*

*Co-op available*

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“Once upon another time,  
the world was young and new.”



## Once Upon Another Time

By Matt Forrest Esenwine and Charles Ghigna •  
Illustrated by Andrés F. Landazábal

With sweeping landscapes and up-close details of the natural world, *Once Upon Another Time* takes readers through a lyrical exploration of the world as it was before humans made their mark. Contrasting the past with the present, this expansive picture book serves as a warm invitation for children—and all people—to appreciate, explore, and protect the magic and wonder of this planet we call home.

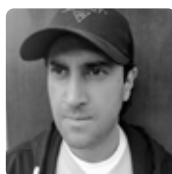
Written by award-winning authors Charles Ghigna and Matt Forrest Esenwine, and illustrated by Andrés F. Landazábal, *Once Upon Another Time* is a stunning portrait of a world that used to exist, and can still be found—if you just know where to look.



**Matt Forrest Esenwine** is an author and poet from Warner, New Hampshire. His debut picture book, *Flashlight Night*, was selected by the New York Public Library as one of the Best Picture Books for Kids of 2017.



**Charles Ghigna**, aka Father Goose®, lives in a treehouse in the middle of Alabama. He is the author of more than one hundred books and has written more than five thousand poems for children and adults that have appeared in a variety of anthologies, newspapers, and magazines.



**Andrés F. Landazábal** is an illustrator and art director based in Armenia, Colombia. His work has appeared in film, television, and print for companies such as Sesame Street, Discovery Kids, and Fox.

### Once Upon Another Time

**Publication:** 08/18/2020

978-1-5064-6054-3

Hardcover 8.5 x 11

40 pages

Ages 4 to 8

\$18.99

JUVENILE FICTION / Science & Nature /  
Environment

JUVENILE FICTION / Historical /  
Exploration & Discovery

JUVENILE FICTION / Sports & Recreation  
/ Camping & Outdoor Activities

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Teaches kids about the wonder and magic of our world before civilization and industrialization*

*National and trade publicity push*

*Publicity push to nature, environmental preservation, and parenting media*

*Promotional push with environmental preservation and parenting bloggers and influencers*

*Trade and library advertising*

*Targeted email and social media campaign with paid targeting to librarians and parents*

*Features at BEA and ALA*

*Co-op available*

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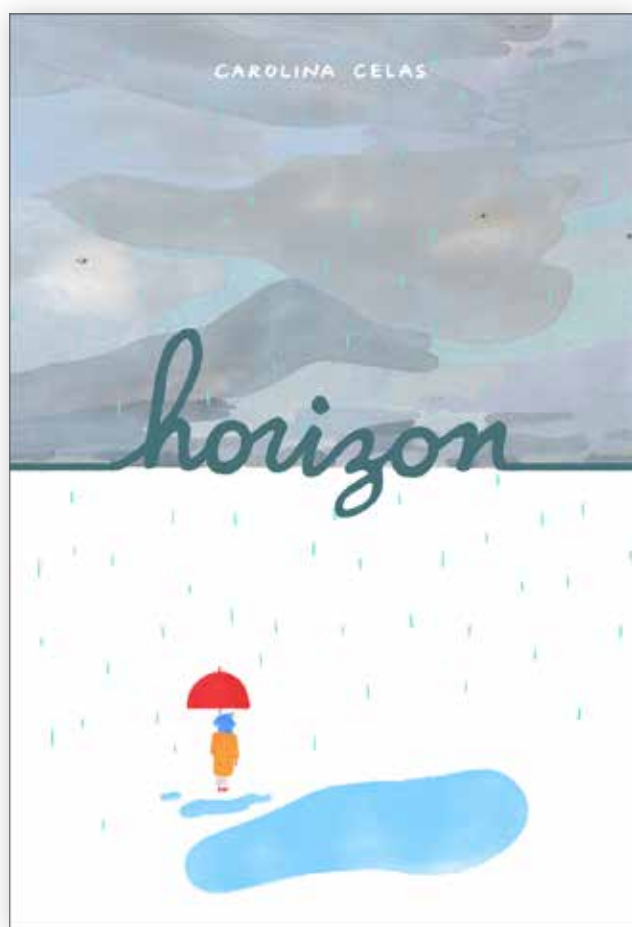
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“ Sometimes, you seem distant.  
Other times, you seem rather  
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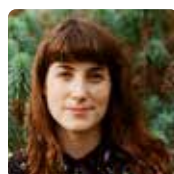


## Horizon

By Carolina Celas

*The horizon is all around us.  
Here, there, and farther away.  
But it always seems to escape our reach.*

In *Horizon*, a girl's ode to the horizon becomes a mysterious but winsome meditation on the surprising geometry of life, perspective, and the individual's place in the universe.



Originally from Portugal, **Carolina Celas** graduated with a degree in design at Universidade de Aveiro, followed by a post-grad in illustration at EINA Barcelona. She began her career working in advertising. Her illustrations in children's books lie between fiction and reality, exploring attention to detail, humor, and the surreal. She is interested in illustration that challenges conventional formats and subjects found in books today.

### Horizon

**Publication: 11/10/2020**

978-1-5064-6440-4

Hardcover 7.5 x 11

32 pages

Ages 3 to 8

\$19.99

JUVENILE FICTION / Imagination & Play  
JUVENILE FICTION / Visionary & Metaphysical  
JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes /  
Emigration & Immigration

North American rights, English only

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Captivating illustrations make the difficult concept of "horizon" understandable to young children*

*Teaches the concept of perspective through artful and intentional seeing*

*National, book and museum trade, and art media publicity push*

*Trade and library advertising*


*Targeted digital and social-media campaign including a museum store list buy for email and paid social promotion*


*Features at BEA and ALA*

*Co-op available*

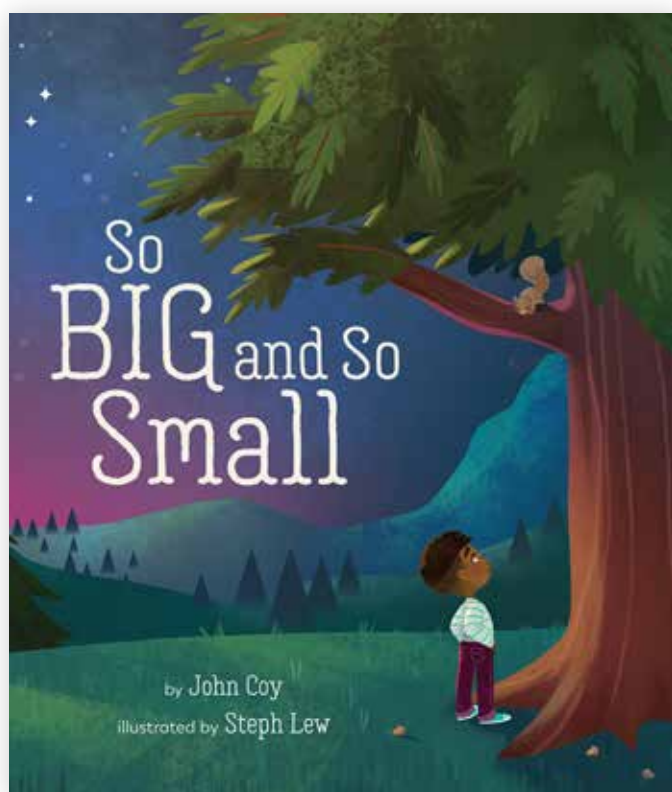
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“ I’m so big next to a baby, a puppy, a newborn kitten.”



## So Big and So Small

By John Coy • Illustrated by Steph Lew

Next to a speck of sand, you’re huge. But gaze up into the night sky with its millions of stars, and suddenly you’re tiny. So which is true? Are you big or little?

Author John Coy captures the whimsical poetry of a child’s perspective as he looks at everything gigantic and minuscule in the universe to arrive at a surprising conclusion: kids are both big and little—just the right size to be exactly who they’re meant to be.



**John Coy** is the author of the books *On Your Way*; *Their Great Gift*; *Strong to the Hoop*; *Around the World*; and many others. He lives in Minneapolis and visits schools nationally and internationally.



**Steph Lew** is a Chinese-American artist born and raised in San Francisco. Lew has worked with clients such as Random House, Marvel, and Sesame Street. Before focusing on illustration, she worked as a concept artist on video games at EA, Disney Interactive, and Zynga.

### So Big and So Small

**Publication:** 10/27/2020

978-1-5064-6058-1

Hardcover 8.5 x 10

32 pages

Ages 3 to 8

\$17.99

JUVENILE FICTION / Concepts / Size & Shape

JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes /

Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance

JUVENILE FICTION / Imagination & Play

### Marketing and Selling Points

*A valuable lesson on size and scale as kids explore big, small, and just right*

*National and trade publicity push with special promotion to mom bloggers*

*Trade and library advertising*

*Targeted email and social media campaign with paid social targeting to librarians*

*Features at BEA and ALA*

*Regional author events*

*Co-op available*

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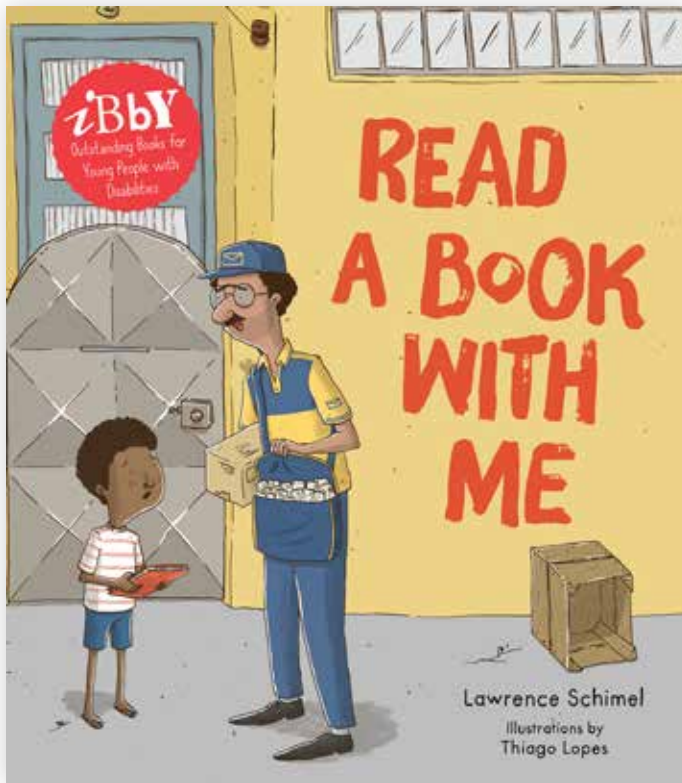
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## Read a Book with Me

By Lawrence Schimel • Illustrated by Thiago Lopes

Antonio wants someone to read with him, but nobody seems to have any time—not his mom, not their neighbor, and not any of his friends on the street. It's only when he looks in an unexpected place that he discovers the perfect reading partner, and a chance to make a new friend.

A celebration of the power of stories and communities, *Read a Book with Me* will remind audiences young and old that there's nothing to bring people together like the power of a good book.

**“An adventure is more fun when it's shared.”**



**Lawrence Schimel** writes in both Spanish and English and has published over 120 books as author or anthologist, in a wide range of genres, including fiction, poetry, graphic novels, and children's literature. He lives in Madrid, Spain, where he founded the Spanish chapter of the Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators and served as Regional Advisor for five years.



Early on, **Thiago Lopes** learned to communicate using images, and today he is an illustrator and graphic designer specializing in editorial design. He has illustrated several titles in Brazil and is a member of the Studio Kiwi, which develops, among other things, editorial projects in different languages, always combining illustration and graphic design.

## Read a Book with Me

**Publication:** 07/21/2020

978-1-5064-6525-8

Hardcover 8.5 x 10

32 pages

Ages 3 to 8

\$16.99

JUVENILE FICTION / Books & Libraries

JUVENILE FICTION / Concepts / Words

JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Friendship

North American rights, English only

## Marketing and Selling Points

*Celebrates the power of books to bring people together*

*Showcases life in a foreign city in a real, non-sensationalized way*

*National, trade, and parenting media publicity push*

*Trade and library advertising*

*Targeted email and social media campaign with paid social targeting librarians*

*Features at BEA and ALA*

## Connect

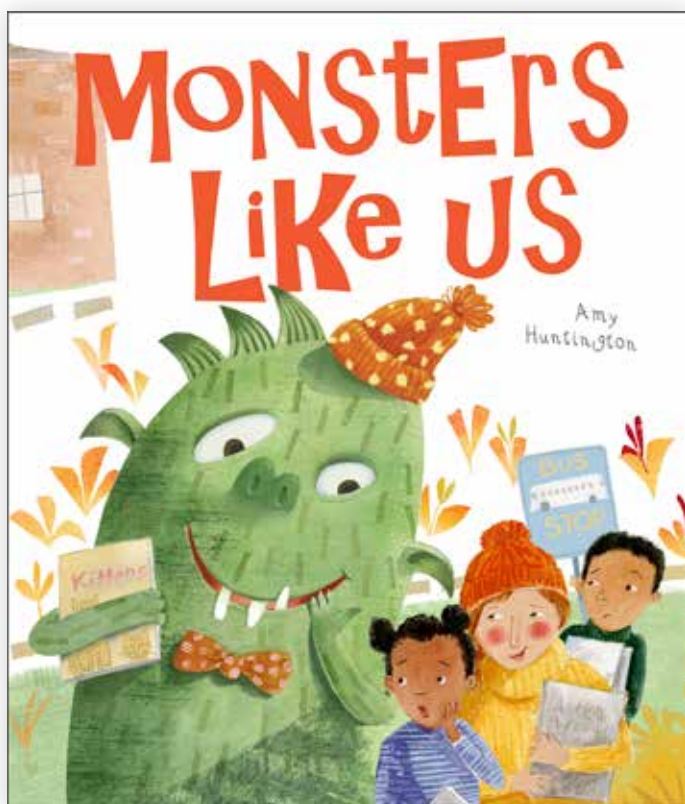
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“Monsters are like you and me – mostly.”



## Monsters Like Us

By Amy Huntington

Monsters may look and act scary, but deep down they're not so different from you and me. They talk and giggle, they read and clean their rooms, and they have ENORMOUS chompers for...eating ice cream!

This humorous book will have kids giggling and turning the pages as they discover that monsters aren't so scary after all—and discover their own inner monster!



**Amy Huntington** fell in love with picture books and has never looked back. She fills lots of sketchbooks and writes lots of words. Some turn into books. Her first picture book, *One Monday*, had both Huntington's words and her art. She has since illustrated numerous books, including *Grandma Drove the Garbage Truck*; *Fresh-Picked Poetry: A Day at the Farmers' Market*; and *NINE: A Book of Nonet Poems*.

### Monsters Like Us

**Publication:** 09/01/2020

978-1-5064-6059-8

Hardcover 8.5 x 10

32 pages

Ages 3 to 5

\$17.99

JUVENILE FICTION / Monsters

JUVENILE FICTION / Imagination & Play

JUVENILE FICTION / Humorous Stories

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Page-turning text style will keep kids wanting to know what comes next*

*National, trade, and parenting media publicity push*

*Special Halloween promotional push to media, parenting bloggers*

*Trade and library advertising*

*Targeted email and social media campaign including paid social targeting*

*Features at BEA and ALA*

*Co-op available*

### Connect

**Author and Illustrator**

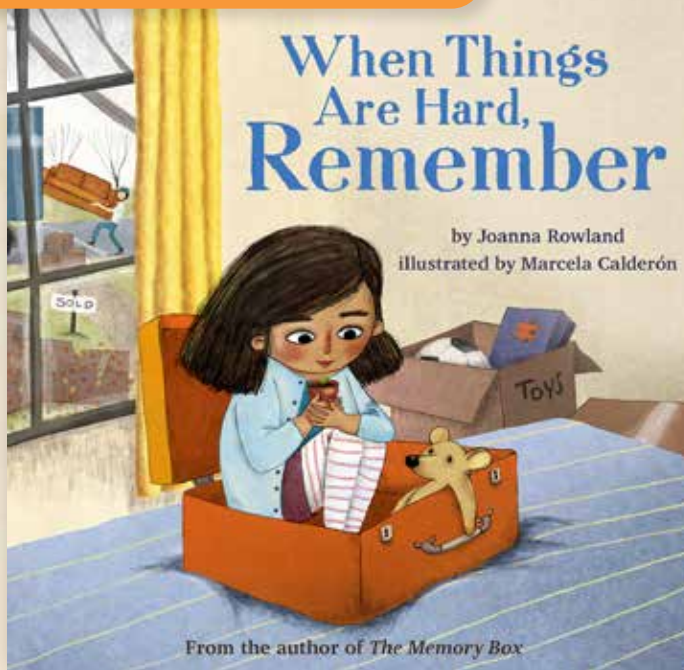
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From the author of the award-winning picture book, *The Memory Box*.



## When Things Are Hard, Remember

By Joanna Rowland • Illustrated by Marcela Calderón

A seed falls to the ground. A child moves away from home. Can life bloom in a new place?

With gentle storytelling and poetic language, Joanna Rowland explores what it means to have hope—hope that things will get better, hope that you are cared for even when things are hard, and hope that new growth is waiting to burst forth, just around the corner.



### When Things Are Hard, Remember

**Publication: 09/29/2020**

978-1-5064-6380-3

Hardcover 9 x 9

32 pages

Ages 5 to 8

\$17.99

JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / New Experience

JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings

JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Teaches kids who are going through significant physical and emotional change that hope is planted and will blossom once again*

*An excellent narrative tool to use in counseling and foster care appointments*

*National publicity push, targeting outlets that have covered Rowland's other books*

*Book trade and library publicity and advertising*

*Promotion to parenting bloggers and influencers*

*Targeted digital and social-media campaign with paid social targeting to social workers, foster care case workers, school counselors*

*Features at BEA and ALA*

*Co-op available*

## Joanna Rowland

writes comforting books that offer support and encouragement to children during difficult times.



### Joanna Rowland

grew up in Sacramento, California, where she still lives today with her husband and three children. She teaches kindergarten by day and writes picture books at night. In the summer, you'll find her at the pool coaching synchronized swimming or cozying up with a book.



**Marcela Calderón** is a children's book illustrator who grew up in San Nicolás, Argentina, surrounded by streams, trees, nature, and pets that were her drawing inspirations. When she is not drawing, she enjoys going out on her mountain bike through the fields nearby, where she feels free and happy.

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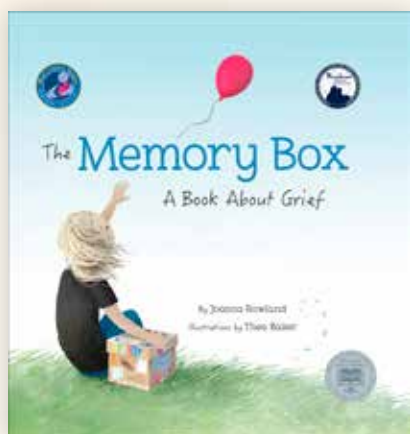
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## More from Joanna Rowland on supporting kids through hard times

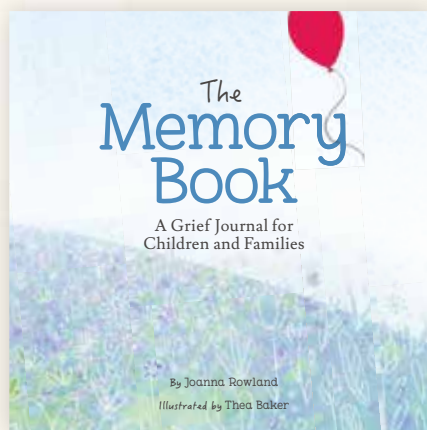


### **The Memory Box: A Book about Grief**

\$17.99 | 978-1-5064-2672-3

Illustrated by Thea Baker

Joanna Rowland's best-selling *The Memory Box: A Book about Grief* has helped thousands of children and families work through the complex emotions that arise after the loss of a loved one. The child in the story creates a memory box to keep mementos and written memories of the loved one, to help in the grieving process.

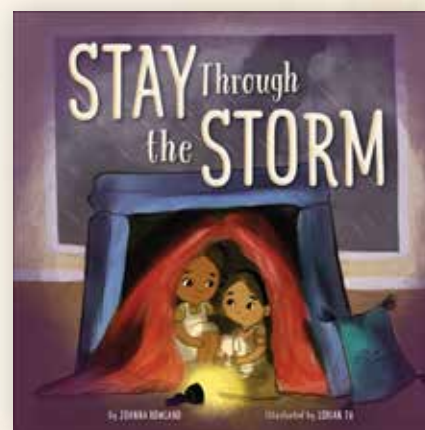


### **The Memory Book: A Grief Journal for Children and Families**

\$17.99 | 978-1-5064-5781-9

Illustrated by Thea Baker

Newly released in January 2020, *The Memory Book: A Grief Journal for Children and Families* is a beautiful journal companion to *The Memory Box* that helps grieving families put the processing methods into practice. With gentle prompts and ideas for journaling, drawing, and talking through grief, this journal will bring comfort in the midst of loss and be a keepsake for families for years to come.

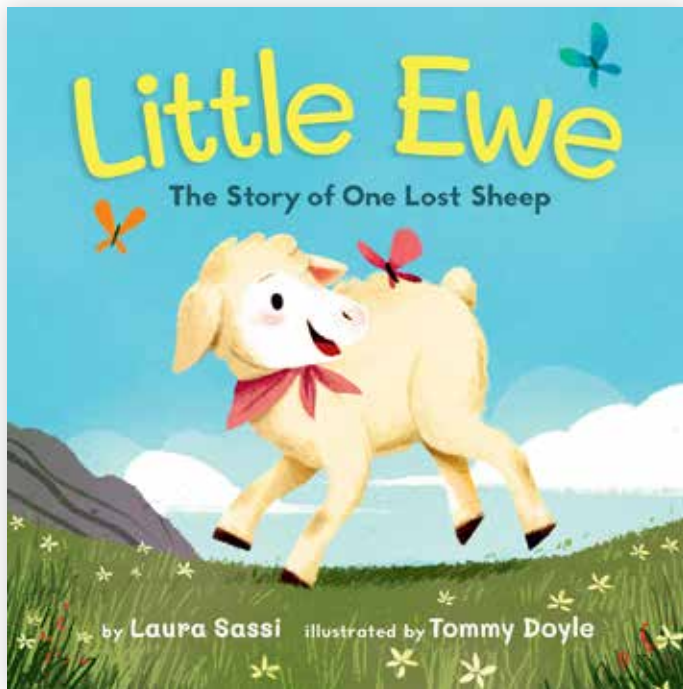


### **Stay through the Storm**

\$16.99 | 978-1-5064-5058-2

Illustrated by Lorian Tu

With lyrical text and comforting illustrations, *Stay through the Storm* is a deeply moving meditation on the power of friendship to carry us through difficult times. When dark clouds gather in the distance, two friends come together to comfort each other through the storm.



“Up the hillside  
two by two,  
they scurry, but not...  
Little Ewe.”

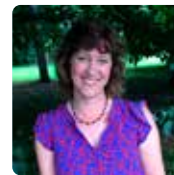


## Little Ewe: The Story of One Lost Sheep

By Laura Sassi • Illustrated by Tommy Doyle

Little Ewe would rather jump on logs and investigate spider webs than follow the shepherd when he calls. But what happens when she gets lost? How will she find her way home? Told in whimsical rhyme, this humorous counting book for our littlest ones is a delightful reminder that, like a loving parent, our Shepherd will find us and care for us, even when we wander from the path.

In *Little Ewe: The Story of One Lost Sheep*, award-winning author Laura Sassi and illustrator Tommy Doyle tell an endearing tale of a distracted sheep and her persistent shepherd, inspired by the Parable of the Lost Sheep in Luke 15.



**Laura Sassi** has a passion for telling stories in prose and rhyme. She is the author of five picture books including the best-selling *Goodnight, Ark*, which was a 2015 Christian Book Award Finalist. Sassi writes daily, teaches Sunday school, and volunteers for her chapter of SCBWI. She takes special joy in sharing her love of reading and writing with the next generation at school visits and other book events.



**Tommy Doyle** is an illustrator and graphic designer based in Melbourne, Australia. Doyle has been working in the industry for over twenty years.

### Little Ewe: The Story of One Lost Sheep

**Publication: 11/17/2020**

978-1-5064-6470-1  
Hardcover 8 x 8  
32 pages  
Ages 3 to 5  
\$16.99

JUVENILE FICTION / Religious /  
Christian / Animals  
JUVENILE FICTION / Religious /  
Christian / Learning Concepts  
JUVENILE FICTION / Concepts /  
Counting & Numbers

### Marketing and Selling Points

*A counting lesson and short rhyming text differentiate this title from other sheep parable stories*

*Trade review, Christian, and parenting publicity push*

*Promotion to faith-based mom bloggers, social influencers, affinity groups*

*Email marketing to extensive church lists*

*Targeted digital and social-media campaign with paid social to Christian moms*

*Features at BEA, ALA, Festival of Faith and Writing*

*Features at select Christian conferences (AAR-SBL, Women of the ELCA conference)*

*Co-op available*

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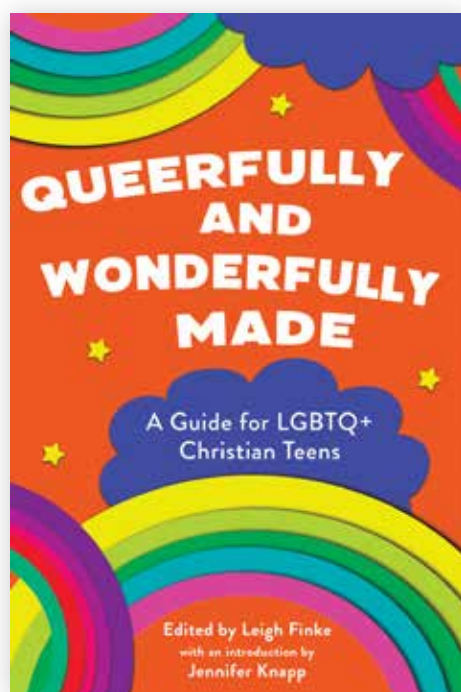
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“God loves you exactly as you are.”



**Leigh Finke** is a writer, media producer, and editor. Her work focuses on religion and culture, and how both intersect with the lives of queer people in the United States. In addition to her professional endeavors, Finke is passionate about LGBTQ+ advocacy, particularly as it relates to the many ways Christianity in the United States has been used to harm queer youth.



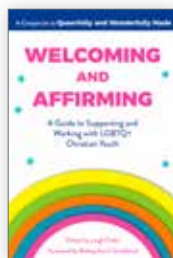
**Jennifer Knapp** is a highly acclaimed singer-songwriter who got her start in Christian Contemporary Music (CCM). Knapp exited CCM in 2002 at the height of her professional music career. On her return in 2010, she publicly confirmed that she was gay. Today, she performs and tours extensively, and actively engages in advocacy work.

## Queerfully and Wonderfully Made: A Guide for LGBTQ+ Christian Teens

Edited by Leigh Finke • Foreword by Jennifer Knapp

Are you LGBTQ+? Not sure? Whether you're queer or questioning, understanding sexuality and gender identity can be confusing. And if you're a Christian, questions of identity can be even scarier. Is there something wrong with you? Will your friends accept you? When should you tell your family? What about church?

*Queerfully and Wonderfully Made: A Guide for LGBTQ+ Christian Teens* has answers to all these questions and more. You'll get insight and support from an amazing group of LGBTQ+ professionals, as well as testimonies from young adult queer Christians who've recently been exactly where you are. You'll walk away with a lot of answers, prepared with tools to help. But most importantly, you'll hear the good news: God loves you exactly as you are. No matter your identity or where in your journey of self-discovery you find yourself, you got this.



### Also Available

#### Welcoming and Affirming: A Guide to Supporting and Working with LGBTQ+ Christian Youth

A handbook for pastors, youth workers, church leaders, educators, and other adults in Christian settings, this guide provides answers to the most pressing questions about sexuality, gender, mental health, safe sex, and more.

978-1-5064-6498-5 • 200 pages • \$18.99

### Queerfully and Wonderfully Made: A Guide for LGBTQ+ Christian Teens

**Publication: 08/25/2020**  
978-1-5064-6524-1  
Paperback 5.5 x 8.5  
260 pages  
Ages 12 to 18  
\$16.99

YOUNG ADULT NONFICTION / LGBT  
YOUNG ADULT NONFICTION /  
Inspirational & Personal Growth  
YOUNG ADULT NONFICTION / Social  
Topics / Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Contains a section of further resources, a glossary of terms, and a foreword by Jennifer Knapp*  
*National publicity campaign, including trade review push*  
*Targeted publicity push to LGBTQ+, teen, and progressive Christian publications*  
*Email marketing campaign to youth pastors, church leaders, and influencers*  
*Targeted advertising to trade and progressive Christian audiences*  
*Targeted digital and social-media campaign with paid social to queer Christian teens*  
*Features at BEA and ALA, Festival of Faith and Writing*  
*Features at select Christian conferences (Q, Women of the ELCA conference, AAR-SBL)*  
*Video promotions featuring queer Christian influencers*  
*Co-op available*

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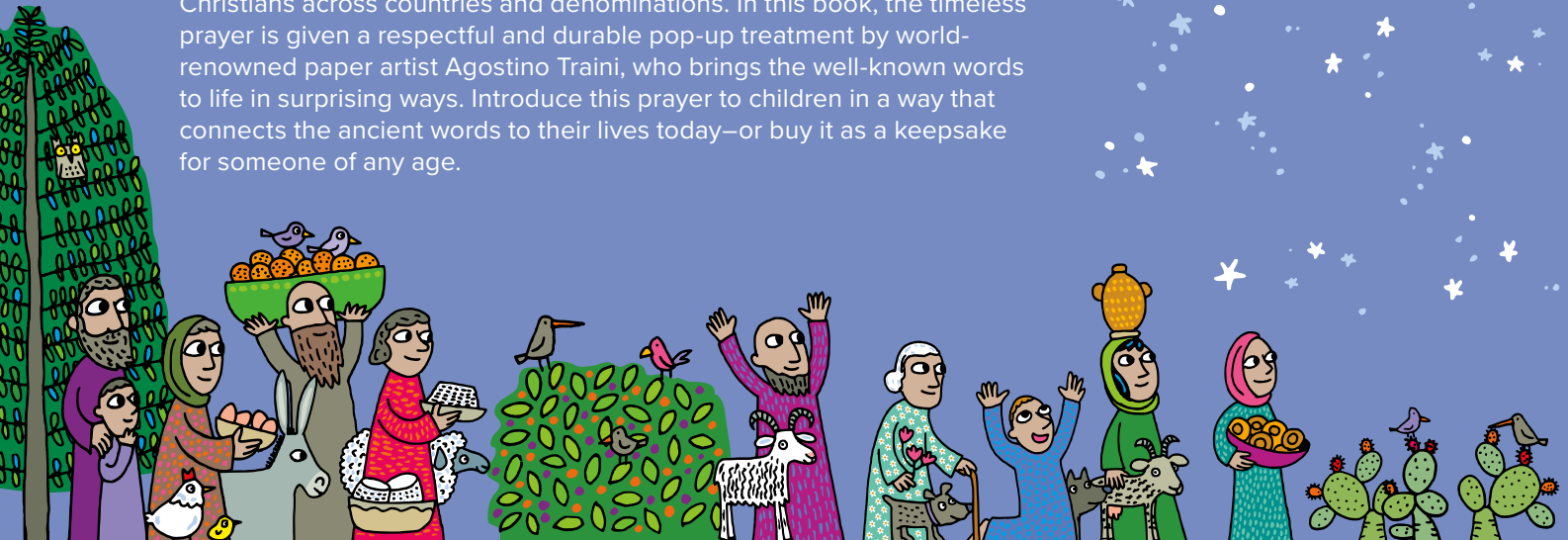


## Our Father in Heaven: A Lord's Prayer Pop-Up Book

By Agostino Traini

The prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples is one of the most famous sacred texts in the world, spoken each Sunday in different languages by Christians across countries and denominations. In this book, the timeless prayer is given a respectful and durable pop-up treatment by world-renowned paper artist Agostino Traini, who brings the well-known words to life in surprising ways. Introduce this prayer to children in a way that connects the ancient words to their lives today—or buy it as a keepsake for someone of any age.

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name...”



### Our Father in Heaven: A Lord's Prayer Pop-Up Book

**Publication:** 10/06/2020

978-1-5064-5241-8

Hardcover 10 x 7.8

14 pages

Ages 3 to 8

\$19.99

JUVENILE NONFICTION / Religious / Christian /  
Devotional & Prayer

JUVENILE NONFICTION / Religious / Christian /  
Inspirational

JUVENILE NONFICTION / Religion / Bible  
Stories / New Testament

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Illustrated and designed by world-renowned Italian paper designer Agostino Traini*

*Sturdy and durable pop-up format that is suitable for small kids.*

*Trade review, Christian, and parenting publicity push*

*Publicity pitches to Christian holiday gift guides*

*Trade advertising*

*Promotion to faith-based mom bloggers, social influencers, affinity groups*

*Email marketing to extensive church lists*

*Targeted digital and social-media campaign with paid social to Christian moms*

*Features at BEA and ALA, Festival of Faith and Writing*

*Features at select Christian conferences (Women of the ELCA conference, AAR-SBL)*

*Co-op available*

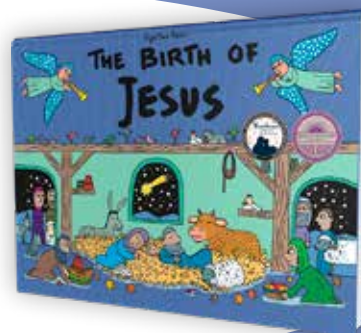
# Other Titles from Agostino Traini



## **The Birth of Jesus**

\$19.99 | 978-1-5064-1769-1

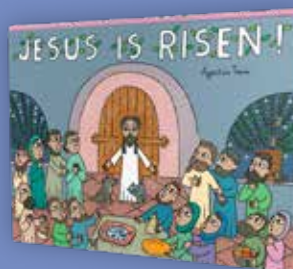
The Christmas story told through incredible artwork and intricate pop-ups.



## **The Birth of Jesus Advent Calendar and Nativity Scene**

\$34.99 | 978-1-5064-4859-6

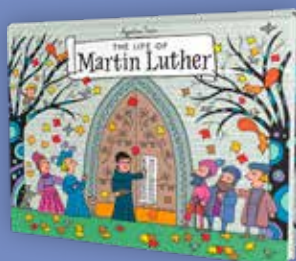
Build your very own nativity scene during the days leading up to Christmas with this ingenious Advent calendar.



## **Jesus Is Risen!**

\$19.99 | 978-1-5064-3340-0

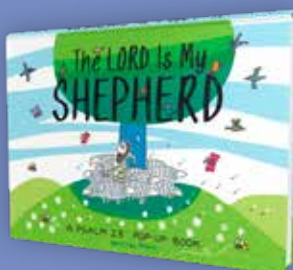
The story of Jesus' resurrection and ascension is told with vibrant pop-ups.



## **The Life of Martin Luther**

\$19.99 | 978-1-5064-2192-6

From Luther's decision to become a monk to his 95 Theses, history jumps off the page through the dynamic illustrations.



## **The Lord Is My Shepherd**

\$19.99 | 978-1-5064-5239-5

One of the most beloved passages of the Bible gets a respectful and charming pop-up treatment.

## **Connect**

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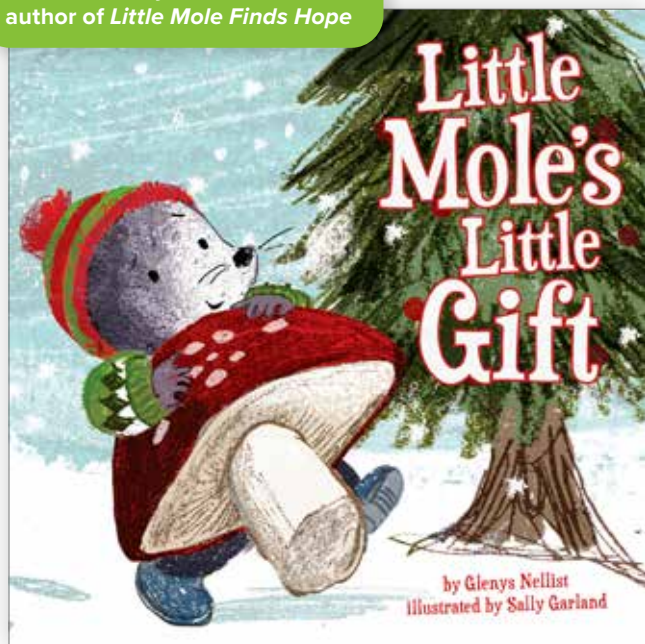


## **Agostino Traini**

was born in Rome in 1961. He creates illustrated books for children, activity books, delightful crafts, and paper objects, and designs and builds colorful furniture and wooden objects from his home in Italy.



A new holiday classic from the author of *Little Mole Finds Hope*



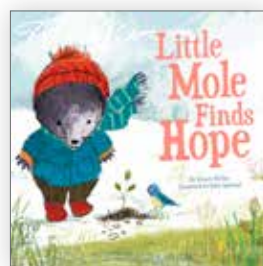
## Little Mole's Little Gift

By Glenys Nellist • Illustrated by Sally Garland

It was going to be the *best* Christmas ever because Little Mole had found the perfect gift for Mama: the biggest, most beautiful mushroom he had ever seen. But on his way home, Little Mole encounters other woodland friends in need. Though it pains him to do so, Little Mole shares pieces of his mushroom with each friend he meets until there's not much left. Disappointed and anxious about what this means for Christmas, Little Mole wraps what's left of the mushroom. He fears Christmas is ruined, but ultimately, Little Mole discovers that his gift was bigger than he ever imagined.

*Little Mole's Little Gift* is a companion to Nellist's spring-themed picture book, *Little Mole Finds Hope*.

“It is always good to be kind.”



### Also Available

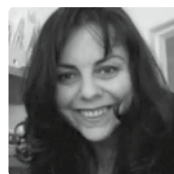
#### Little Mole Finds Hope

The endearing tale of Little Mole and his mother, who embark on a journey to find hope—and discover it hiding even in the darkest places.

978-1-5064-4874-9  
32 pages • \$17.99



**Glenys Nellist** is the author of multiple children's books, including the bestselling *'Twas the Evening of Christmas* and the popular series *Love Letters from God* and *Snuggle Time*. Her writing reflects a deep passion for helping children discover joy in the world. Glenys lives in Michigan with her husband, David.



**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 lives and works in Glasgow, with her partner and young son.

### Little Mole's Little Gift

**Publication:** 10/06/2020  
978-1-5064-4875-6  
Hardcover 9 x 9  
32 pages  
Ages 4 to 8  
\$17.99

JUVENILE FICTION /  
Holidays & Celebrations /  
Christmas & Advent  
JUVENILE FICTION / Social  
Themes / Values & Virtues  
JUVENILE FICTION / Animals /  
Mice, Hamsters, Guinea Pigs, etc.

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Teaches kids about the importance of generosity during the holiday season.*

*National publicity campaign*

*Publicity pitches to holiday gift guides*

*Trade and holiday gift guide advertising*

*Promotion to faith-based mom bloggers, social influencers, affinity groups*

*Targeted digital and social-media campaign with paid social to moms*

*Features at BEA and ALA, Festival of Faith and Writing*

*Features at select Christian conferences (Women of the ELCA conference, AAR-SBL)*

*Co-op available*

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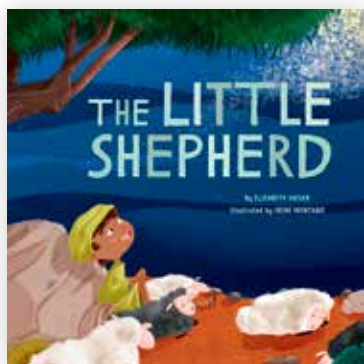
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# Christmas



## The Little Shepherd

In this gentle Christmas story told from the perspective of a young shepherd, children will be immersed in the wonder and joy of Jesus' birth.

978-1-5064-4873-2

32 pages

9 x 9 • \$16.99



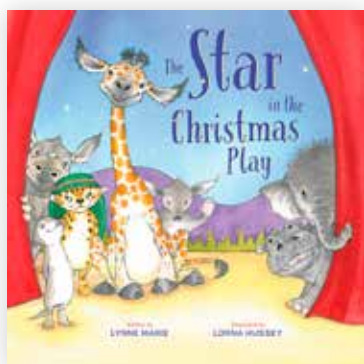
## Countdown to Christmas

This Christmas board book transforms the weeks leading up to December 25 into a fun-filled celebration of Jesus' birth for the whole family.

978-1-5064-4854-1

52 pages

5.25 x 7.25 • \$14.99



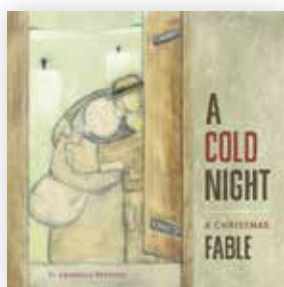
## The Star in the Christmas Play

Raffi's too tall to get a leading role in the Christmas play, but he realizes he's just the right size to play the most important part.

978-1-5064-3813-9

32 pages

9 x 9 • \$16.99



## A Cold Night: A Christmas Fable

978-1-5064-2496-5 • 28 pages

11 x 11 • \$14.99

North American rights, English only

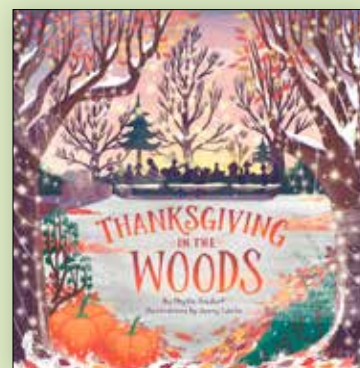


## Rufus and the Very Special Baby: A Frolic Christmas Story

978-1-5064-1762-2 • 32 pages

7 x 9 • \$12.99

# Thanksgiving

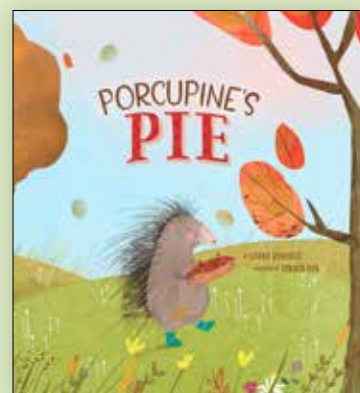


## Thanksgiving in the Woods

*Thanksgiving in the Woods* is based on the true story of a family in upstate New York who has hosted an outdoor Thanksgiving feast in the woods on their farm for over twenty years.

978-1-5064-2508-5

40 pages • 10 x 10 • \$16.99



## Porcupine's Pie

Porcupine shares ingredients from her pantry with her woodland friends for the Fall Feast. When Porcupine loses a key ingredient for her pie, her friends come to the rescue.

978-1-5064-3180-2

32 pages • 9 x 9 • \$16.99

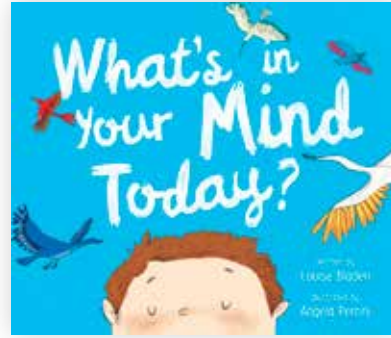




### **A Doll for Grandma: A Story about Alzheimer's Disease**

*A Doll for Grandma* poignantly and sensitively tells the story of a girl's empathy and kindness in the face of her grandmother's growing dementia.

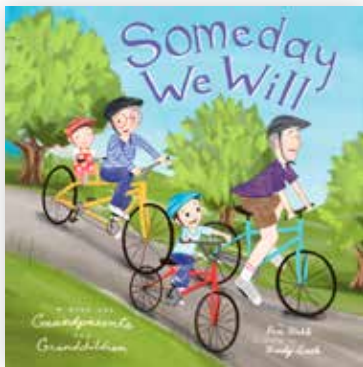
978-1-5064-5738-3 • 32 pages • 9.25 x 9.25 • \$17.99



### **What's in Your Mind Today?**

In this guided, illustrated meditation for kids, author Louise Bladen offers a simple mindfulness practice, not to banish bad thoughts, but to feel calm in the midst of thoughts that come and go.

978-1-5064-6377-3 • 32 pages • 10.75 x 9.25 • \$17.99  
North American rights, English only



### **Someday We Will: A Book for Grandparents and Grandchildren**

In *Someday We Will*, kids and grandparents separated by many miles dream of all the wonderful things they'll do together someday, from bicycling down a hill to whiling away the hours on a beach. Before they know it, someday is here!

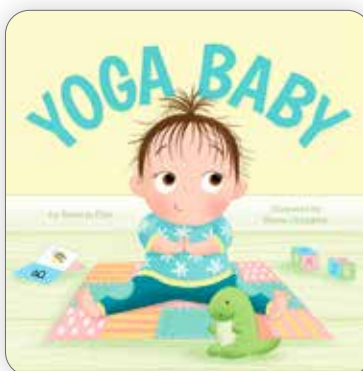
978-1-5064-5400-9 • 32 pages • 10.25 x 10.25 • \$17.99



### **Where the Best Stories Hide**

Nicholas has a big imagination and an even bigger box of crayons! Challenged to explain his stories, Nicholas takes a dash of creativity and a dab of courage to wow his whole class and prove that the best stories sometimes hide outside the lines.

978-1-5064-5401-6 • 32 pages • 8.75 x 10.25 • \$17.99



### **Yoga Baby**

Reaching, bending, rocking, and swaying—these are just a few of the moves a bouncy little baby tries when her mother practices yoga throughout the day.

978-1-5064-5699-7 • 26 pages • 8 x 8 • \$7.99

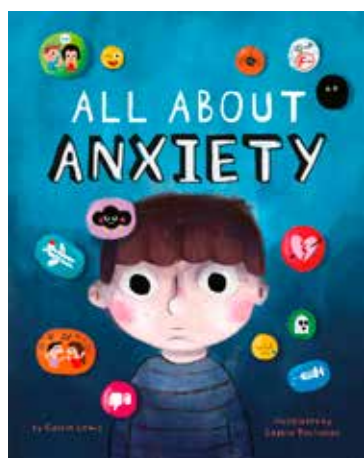


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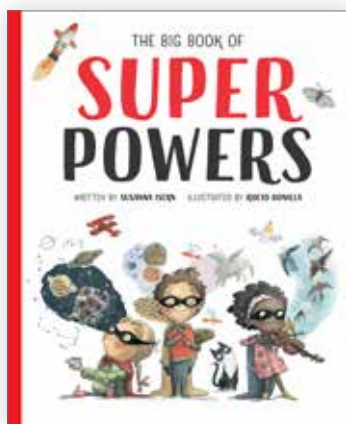
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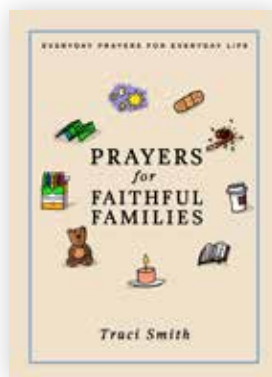
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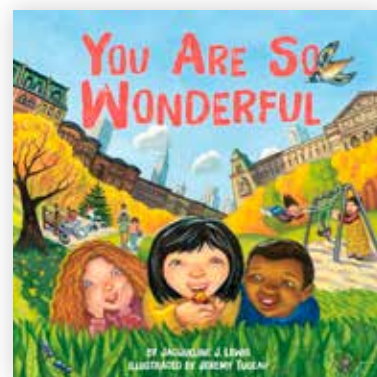
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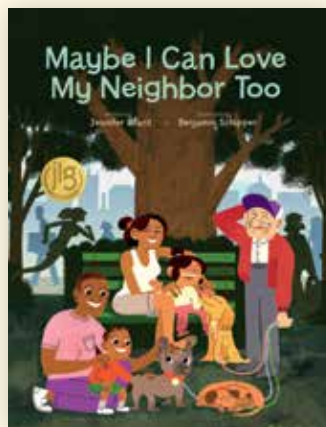
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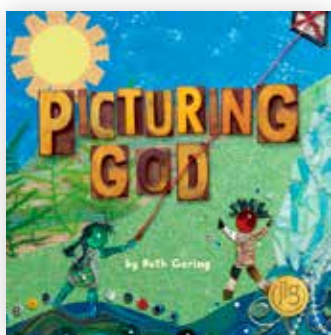
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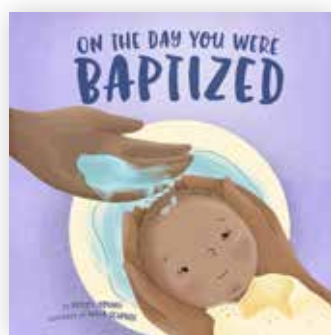
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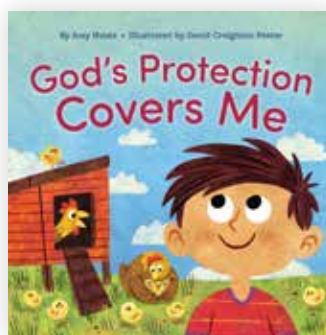
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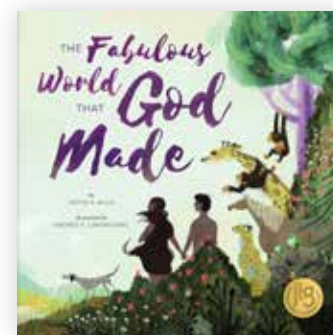
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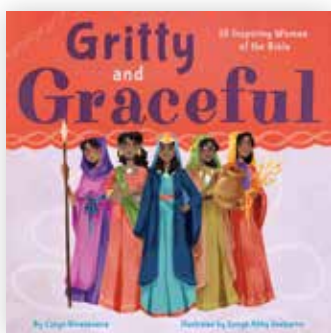
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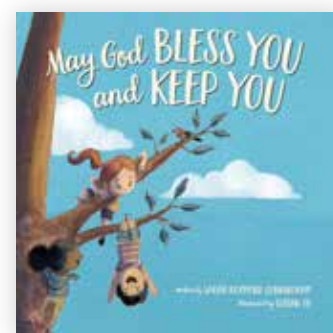
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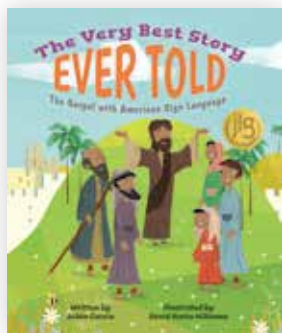
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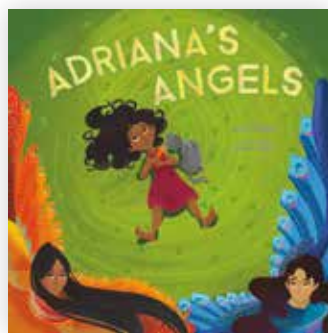
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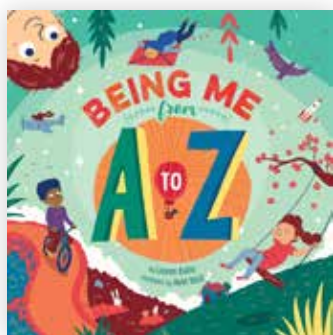
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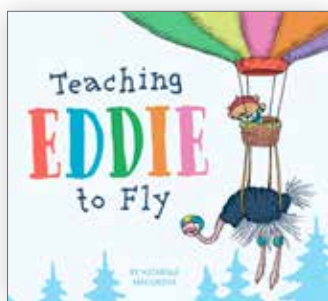
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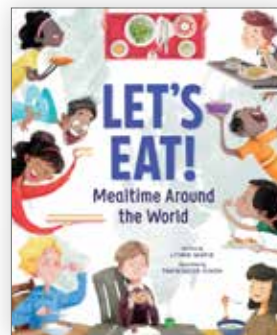
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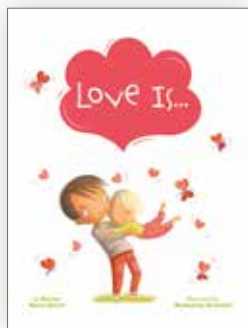
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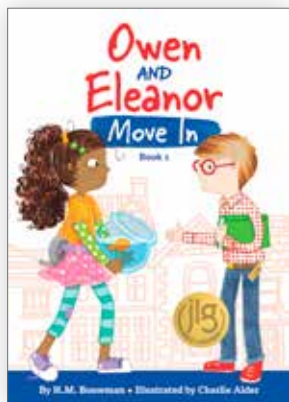


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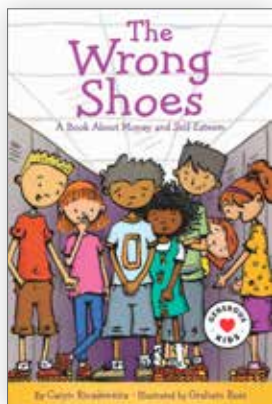
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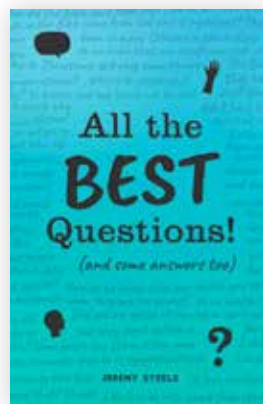
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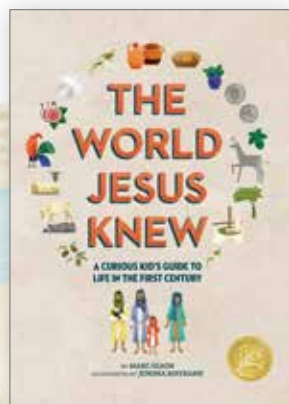


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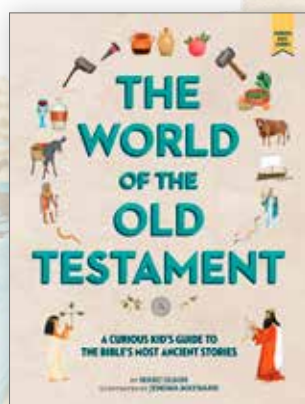


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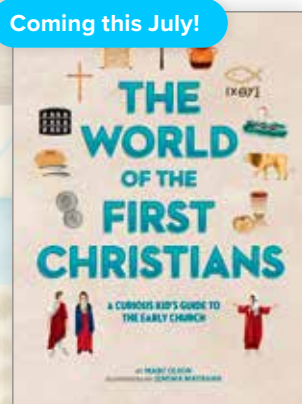
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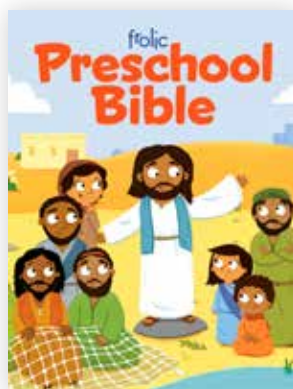
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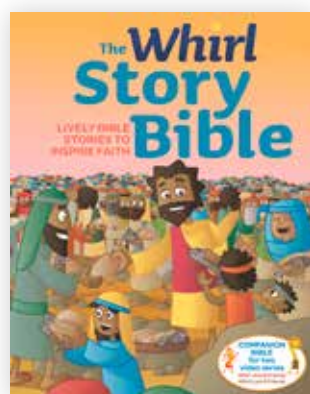
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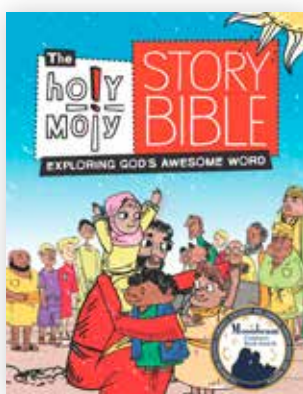
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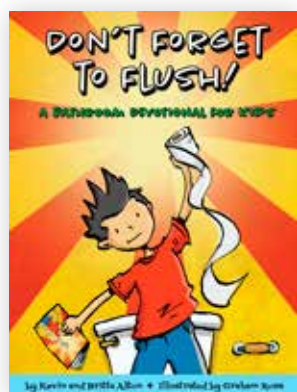
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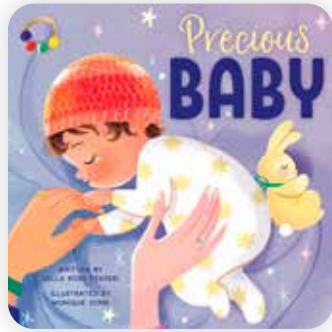
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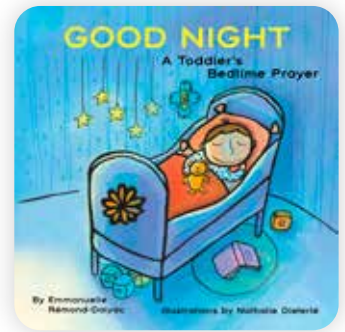
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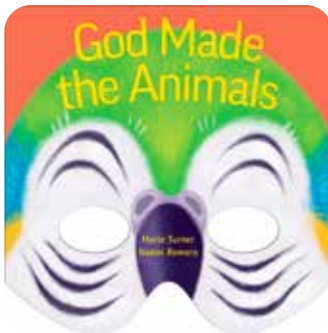
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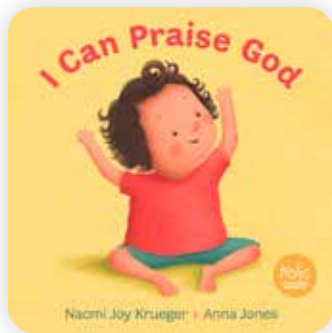
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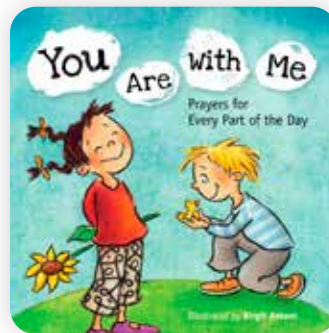
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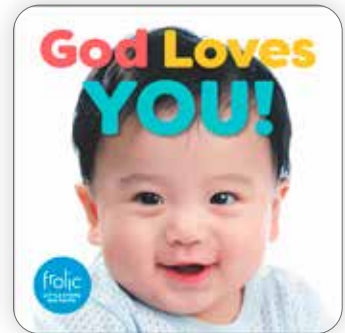
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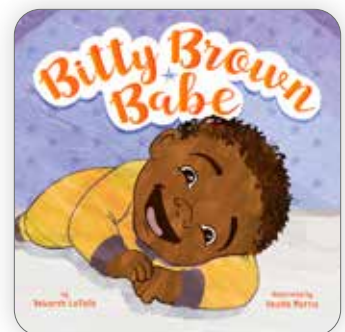
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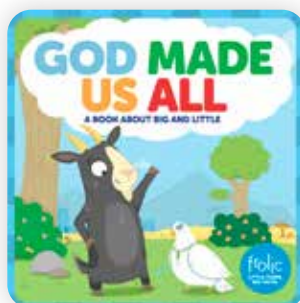
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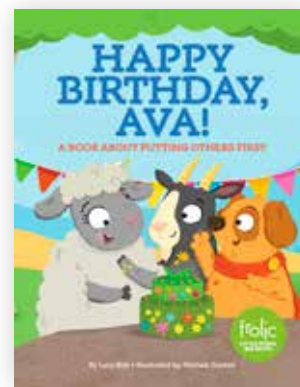
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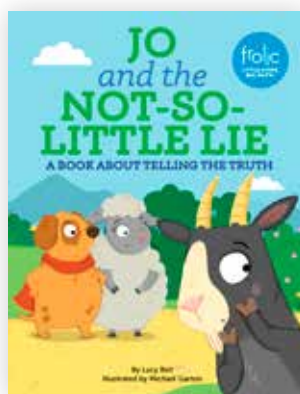
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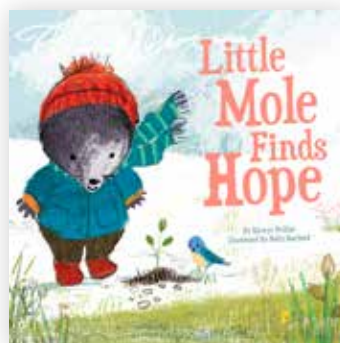
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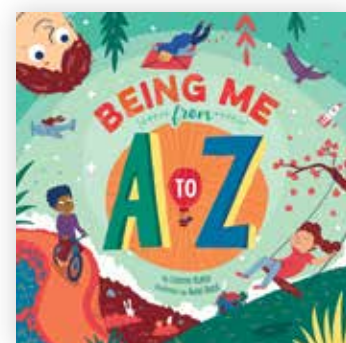
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