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When Albert Whitman was founded more than a century ago, our goal was simple: make good books that kids want to read. Today, we continue this tradition, guided by a deeper mission to create stories that also educate and empower children.

Together, we can create a safe space for kids to learn about themselves and their communities. We can promote empathy, inclusion, and personal responsibility. We can help children become world thinkers, ones who seek to understand themselves and others.

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## Our Story



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by **Nancy Churnin**  
illustrated by **Bethany Stancliffe**

**This award-winning book inspires readers to speak up for what's right, even when it's difficult, and shows that one small act can lead to big changes.**

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- 2022 First Place – Children's Book Nonfiction, National Federation of Press Women
- The Best Children's Books of the Year 2022, Bank Street College
- Chicago Public Library Best Informational Books for Younger Readers 2021
- 2021 National Jewish Book Award Winner – Children's Picture Book



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## Reviews & Praise

"Churnin presents this well-researched, little-known episode to young readers in simple, direct language that both conveys Eliza's pain and her determination to right a wrong and provides them with a thoughtful comparison to their own time."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

"An important addition to libraries that fills a gap about anti-Semitism and confronting prejudice."

—*School Library Journal* starred review

"Churnin mixes specific period details with broader issues of personal courage and Jewish identity to create a meaningful narrative."

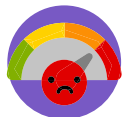
—Jewish Book Council

"This book offers a great introduction for young readers on the need to speak up for justice no matter who that person might be."

—Chicago Public Library



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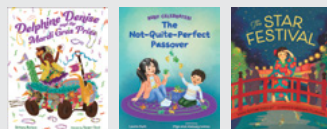


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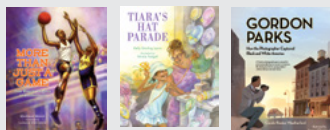


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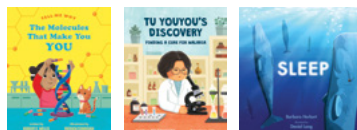


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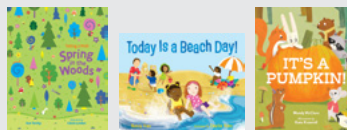


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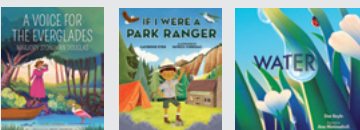


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—Kirkus Reviews

**Reviews  
and Praise**

### **Abby in Orbit**

by **ANDREA J. LONEY**

illustrated by **FUJJI TAKASHI**

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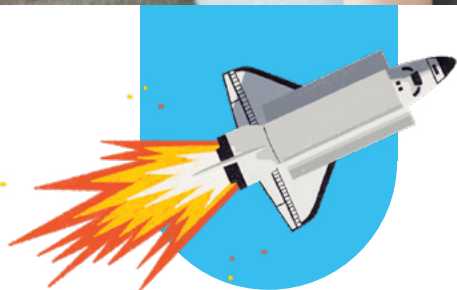
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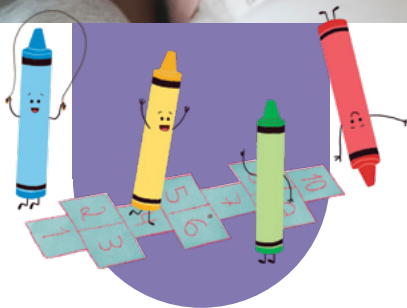
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*It's more than  
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## What to Expect from This Series

- Stars a strong female protagonist from The Boxcar Children® brand
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A Boxcar Children Book, Book 4

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Ages 9-12/Grades 3-7  
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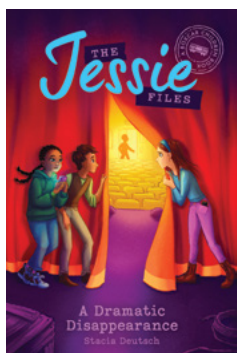
**Jessie always manages to find a scoop—even when she's in the woods.**

When Jessie and her friends decide to go camping as part of the Weekend in the Woods event, it doesn't take long for them to start discovering strange clues that could have something to do with a hiker who went missing years ago. Soon after they begin their investigation, they start receiving threatening messages from someone who wants them out of the woods—immediately. Could someone be trying to cover up what really happened to the missing hiker? It's up to Jessie to dig up the truth.

## What to Expect from This Book

- A wilderness survival adventure with a cold case mystery at its core
- Encourages readers to consider how human activities can impact the natural environment
- Demonstrates the importance of following journalistic principles

**STACIA DEUTSCH** is a *New York Times* bestselling author who has written more than 300 children's books, including Nancy Drew and Boxcar Children mysteries, as well as TV and movie tie-in novels, such as *The Friendship Code* and *Hotel Transylvania*. She lives in Temecula, California.



## Now in Paperback

### A Dramatic Disappearance

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Jessie tries to track down the star of a new theater production in time for opening night.

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With a cryptic journal as their guide, the Aldens embark on a series of adventures inspired by real-life mysteries!

## What to Expect from This Series

- Exciting, action-packed adventure told over multiple books
- Engaging clues keep readers invested in solving the mystery
- Revisits Boxcar Children fan-favorite locations with a new twist



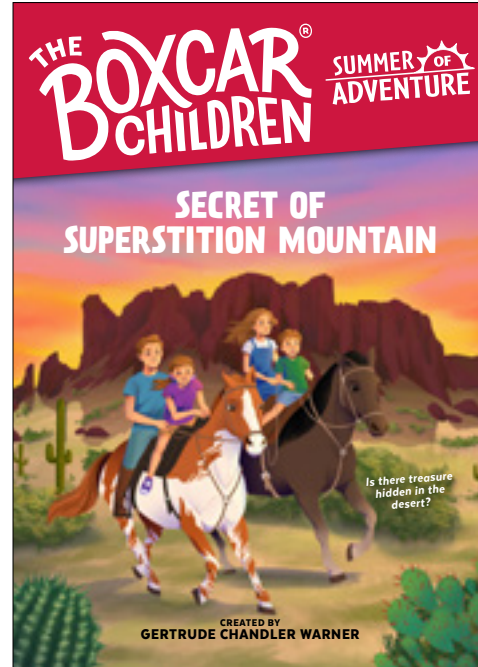
## Legend of the Hidden Treasure

**The Boxcar Children®**  
**Summer of Adventure Book 1**

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### **A mysterious journal leads to a hunt for buried treasure.**

When the Aldens help Aunt Jane move into a summer home on the coast, they're excited for a relaxing break in the quiet town. But when a boat called *Alden Explorer* washes ashore in the night, the children discover a mystery with their name written all over it—literally! Investigating further, they discover a mysterious journal, talk of buried treasure, and a secret society. It's just the start of their summer of adventure!



## Secret of Superstition Mountain

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### **The Aldens are going back to Surprise Island!**

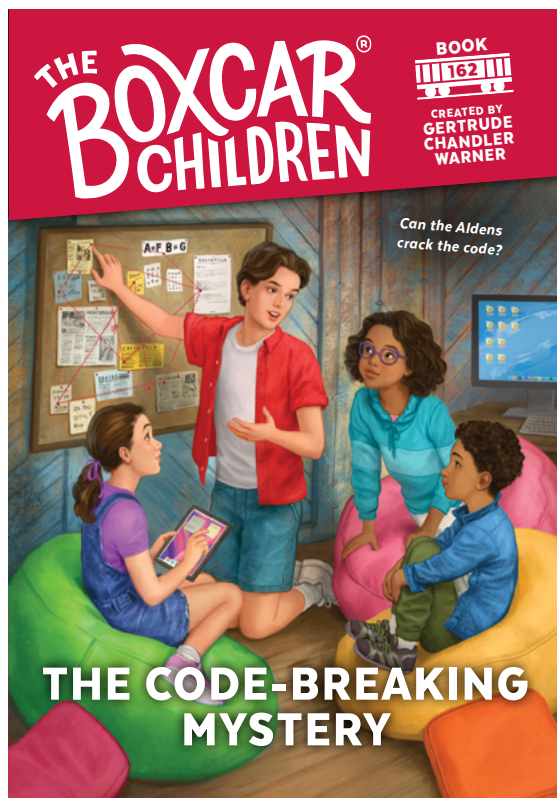
Retracing the steps of a secret society leads the Aldens to somewhere they've been before—Surprise Island! Unfortunately, their stay is cut short when their journal of clues vanishes. Now, the Aldens must travel across the country to reclaim it—all while solving a longtime mystery in the desert.

**KAREN DE LA VEGA** is a freelance illustrator and educational psychologist based in Mexico.



# THE BOXCAR CHILDREN® MYSTERIES

Join the Aldens as they explore new places, make new friends, and solve new cases.



## #162 The Code-Breaking Mystery

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Ages 7-10/Grades 1-5

March 2023

Black-and-White Interior

Illustrations

Territory: World

**The Aldens notice that someone is keeping a close eye on their new neighbors. Can they figure out why?**

Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny aren't expecting a mystery when they offer to show their new neighbors around Greenfield. But when they uncover a series of coded messages hidden in historical documents, they realize they might still have a lot to learn about their hometown's past. The situation gets even more suspicious when the Aldens realize someone is trying to stop them from discovering the truth. Will they be able to crack the code and uncover Greenfield's true history before the evidence is lost forever?

**ANTHONY VANARSDALE** was born and raised near the beaches of south Alabama and to this day enjoys the warm southern temperatures of the Gulf Coast. He has worked as a professional illustrator since 2004, combining traditional and digital media to create illustrations with a "stylized realism." Among his favorite subjects to paint are animals, people, and illustrations that reflect the natural setting of his home.

### The Boxcar Children® 4-Book Boxed Sets



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Follow the adventures of Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny Alden in the first 16 books of the original series.

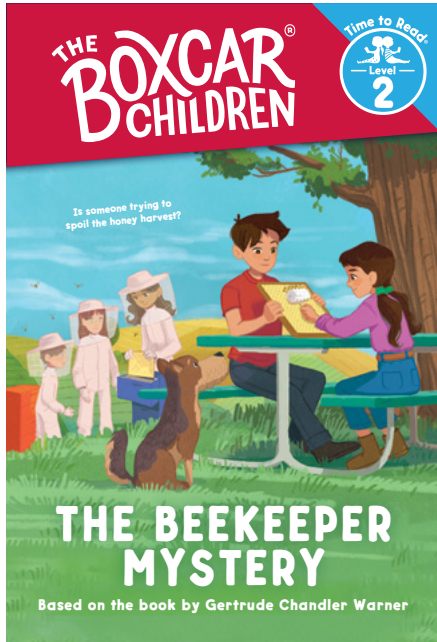
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THE BOXCAR CHILDREN®



# LEVELED READERS

Start reading with the Boxcar Children! Featuring short sentences, simple dialogue, and illustration support, these leveled readers will help kids achieve literacy success.



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Territory: World  
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When things go wrong during their beekeeper friend's honey harvest, the Aldens have a sweet mystery to solve.



## The Mystery at the Ballpark

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Ages 5-7/Grades K-2  
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The Aldens are excited to join Greenfield's baseball team, the Bears. But when their equipment goes missing, it's clear that someone doesn't want them to take the field. Can the Aldens save the season?



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# SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING



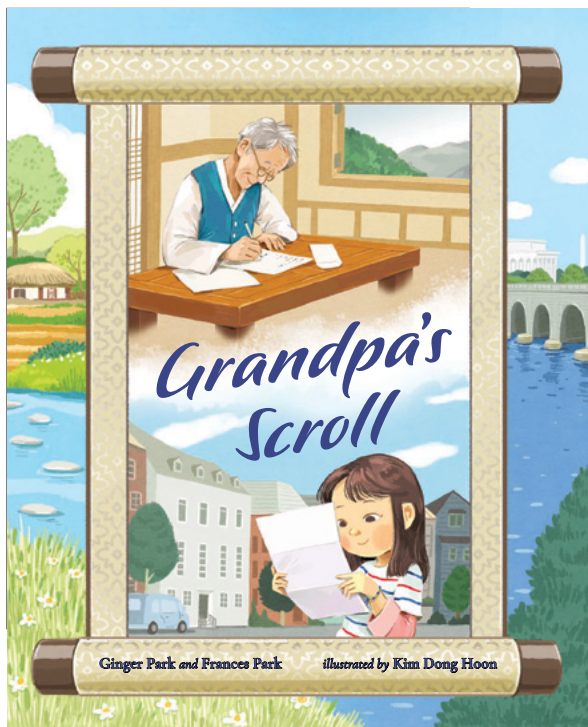
**GRANDPA'S SCROLL**  
illustrated by KIM DONG HOON



Share diverse  
perspectives

Stories provide a safe space for children to learn about themselves, their peers, and their communities. These books can help shape kids into leaders who value empathy, inclusion, and personal responsibility.





# Grandpa's Scroll

by **GINGER PARK & FRANCES PARK**  
illustrated by **KIM DONG HOON**

978-0-8075-3020-7  
US \$18.99  
Ages 4-8/Grades PreK-3  
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8 X 10, 32 pages

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Ebook: 978-0-8075-3021-4  
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**A scroll that a grandfather plans to finish painting with his granddaughter shows how love can overcome differences and distances.**

Lily lives in Washington, DC. Her grandpa lives in Korea. They've never met but are good pen pals. Just when he is about to visit Lily in the US, Grandpa dies. Lily and her mom fly to Korea, where they uncover the rice paper scroll Grandpa had hoped to finish painting with Lily. To honor his wish, Lily writes a poem about her grandfather that sits just below his poem about her, so that in the end, they have finished it together.

## What to Expect

- A moving story about the relationship between a grandparent and grandchild
- Resonates with families coping with separation from loved ones and long-distance relationships
- Spotlights the value of art, including poetry, to bridge cultural differences

**GINGER PARK** is a Korean American author of many children's books. She has received multiple awards for her work, including the International Reading Association's Children's Book Award, the IRA-CBC Teachers' Choice Award, the Notable Books for a Global Society Award, the Paterson Prize Book Award for Young Readers, and the Bank Street Book Award, among others. She lives in a suburb of Washington, DC.

**FRANCES PARK** is a Korean American author of books for children and adults. She has received multiple awards for her work, including the International Reading Association's Children's Book Award, the IRA-CBC Teachers' Choice Award, the Notable Books for a Global Society Award, the Paterson Prize Book Award for Young Readers, and the Bank Street Book Award, among others. She lives in a suburb of Washington, DC.

**KIM DONG HOON** was born in Jecheon, Korea, in 1970 and currently lives in Sejong City. His wife, two children, and a Persian cat (Monchi) are his family. He majored in mechanical engineering and had a job in the field, but he couldn't give up his longing for painting, so he belatedly changed careers. He mainly likes to draw children, cute animals, and nature, and he is always grateful when his pictures can make children laugh.



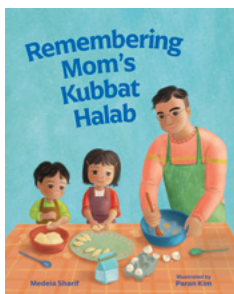
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**AW Read-Alikes**

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# Anzu and the Art of Friendship

by **MONI RITCHIE HADLEY**

illustrated by **NATHALIA TAKEYAMA**

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US \$18.99

Ages 4-8/Grades PreK-3

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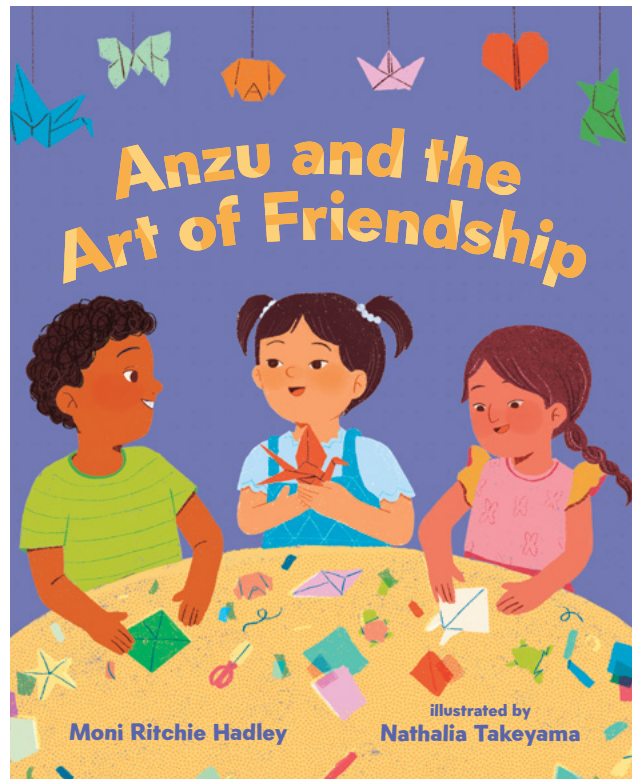
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**A new student connects with her classmates through origami.**

Starting a new school, Anzu struggles to find her place. Starting a new art unit, her class struggles to learn origami. It's not easy to make friends or to fold tiny paper figures, but with her grandfather's encouragement, Anzu finds a way to try again even when she doesn't succeed the first time—and helps her classmates do the same.

## What to Expect

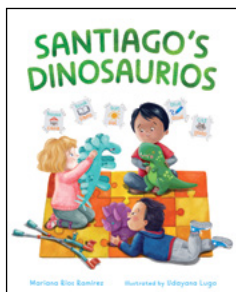
- Written by a Japanese American author and illustrated by a Japanese Brazilian designer
- Themes of perseverance, empathy, and kindness
- Characters use art and creativity to manage challenging emotions



**MONI RITCHIE HADLEY** is the author of *The Star Festival*, a 2022 Bank Street College Best Children's Book of the Year. Growing up as a half-Japanese military brat, she found frequent moves and new schools challenging. Today, she surrounds herself with her family, five pets, and long-lasting friends in Los Angeles, California.

**NATHALIA TAKEYAMA** is a half Japanese and half Brazilian artist who grew up surrounded by two beautiful cultures that inspire her every day. She majored in animation design in college and won an illustration scholarship from Quanta Academia de Artes. She works mainly in digital media and loves textures, colorful palettes, and diverse characters. She lives in São Paulo, Brazil.

## AW Read-Alikes



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## Great Big Feelings

Preparing kids to manage powerful emotions in social situations



### Way Past Sorry

by **HALLEE ADELMAN**

illustrated by **JOSEP MARIA JULI**

978-0-8075-8105-6

US \$18.99

Ages 4–8/Grades PreK–3

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8 x 10, 32 pages

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Territory: World

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US \$9.99

**It's easy to do something that hurts a friend. It's harder to make it right again.**

Kat promised to be Sage's buddy on the class trip, but when it was time to board the bus, Kat sat with someone else. Now Sage is ignoring Kat, and won't talk to her even after she apologizes. Kat is way past sorry. Somehow, she needs to make this right again with her best friend.

**HALLEE ADELMAN** works to better the lives of children and families through education, story, and film. With a PhD in education, she has taught elementary through university students and was nominated twice for the Disney Teacher of the Year Award, and she also produces documentaries. Hallee lives outside Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with her family.

**JOSEP MARIA JULI** was born in Arenys de Mar, Spain. He studied comics at the JOSO school for two years, but he realized that he expressed himself better in the children's illustration world. It was then that he decided to study illustration at the Pau Gargallo art school. Since then, he has done work for a variety of publishing houses, toy companies, and advertising agencies all over the world.

#### What to Expect

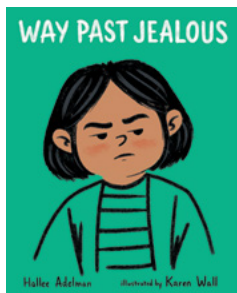
- Explores the unintended consequences of a broken promise
- Shows how to mend a damaged relationship through words and actions
- Emphasizes the importance of making room for everyone

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Explore the Series

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## Call Me Calvin

by **MARY VANDER PLAS**

illustrated by **ANDRÉ CEOLIN**

978-0-8075-1044-5

US \$18.99

Ages 4-8/Grades PreK-3

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8 X 10, 32 pages

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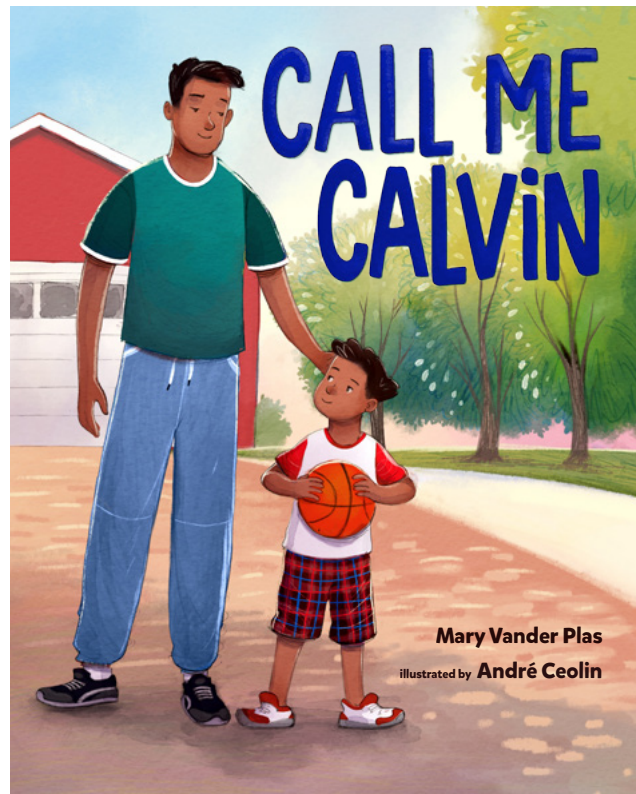
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**Calvin's dad has always called him "Little Man," but Calvin realizes he isn't done being a kid.**

Ever since Calvin was born, he's been Dad's "Little Man." At first Calvin liked the special nickname the two of them shared. But now that he's getting older, Calvin doesn't feel big and strong like Dad. One afternoon playing in the yard, Calvin discovers that maybe that's okay. He's Calvin, and that's exactly who he should be.

### What to Expect

- Timely messages about masculinity and letting kids be kids
- Warm family story encouraging children to speak up for themselves
- Shows a boy using his imagination to process big emotions



**Mary Vander Plas**  
illustrated by **André Ceolin**

**MARY VANDER PLAS** is a picture book author with degrees in psychology and human development. She began writing for children after working with them in various educational settings. She currently resides in Eagle River, Wisconsin.

**ANDRÉ CEOLIN** is a self-taught illustrator from Brazil. He studied at the School of Visual Arts in New York City, The Georges Méliès School, and Escola Panamericana de Artes to develop a signature look and learn new illustration techniques. He has worked with many publishers, including Penguin, HarperCollins, Sleeping Bear Press, and Apples & Honey Press.

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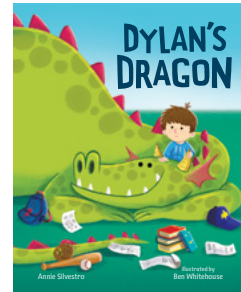
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# HISTORY

**THE HORSEBACK LIBRARIANS**  
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Filled with challenges and breakthroughs, disappointments and triumphs, these stories prove that persistence pays off, both for ourselves and for the people who will follow in our footsteps.

*Explore the past*

# Hope for Ryan White

by **DANO MORENO**

illustrated by **HANNAH ABBO**

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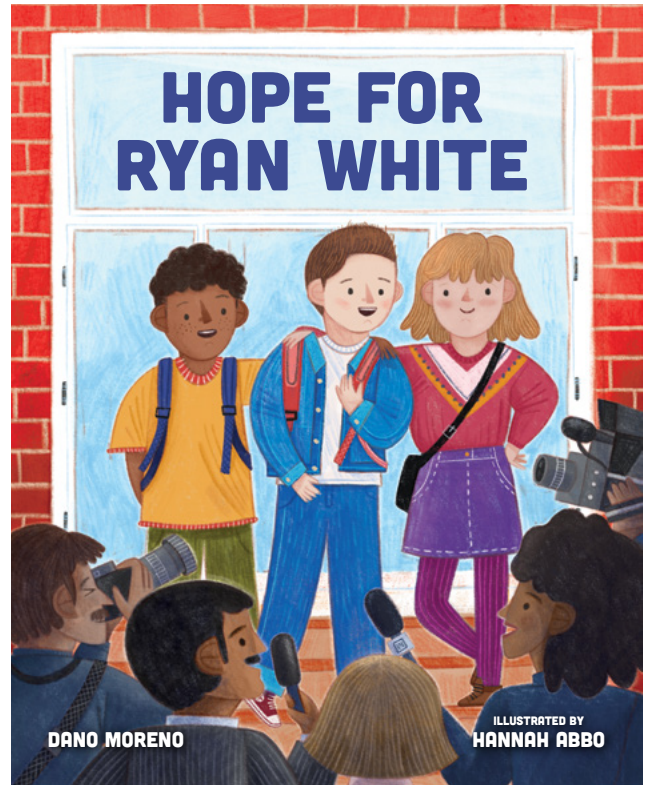
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## Even after he was diagnosed with AIDS, Ryan White never lost hope.

When Ryan White was diagnosed with AIDS as a teenager in 1984, doctors gave him just six months to live. With the time he had left, all he wanted was to lead a normal life, go to school, and spend time with friends. Instead, he faced discrimination from people who didn't understand his illness—but he didn't let that stop him. Ryan kicked off a heroic battle to educate the world about a disease that was spreading rapidly and killing more and more people each year. By sharing his story, he helped change the conversation and raise awareness of an epidemic that still affects us today.

### What to Expect

- Tells the true story of Ryan White, who became a key public figure of the HIV/AIDS crisis of the 1980s
- Shows how kids can have an impact on major issues by speaking out
- Explores timely themes surrounding the harmful effects of misinformation



**DANO MORENO** started writing for kids when he became a father. This is his debut book. When not writing, he works as a public health advocate and enjoys time with his husband and son in Portland, Oregon.

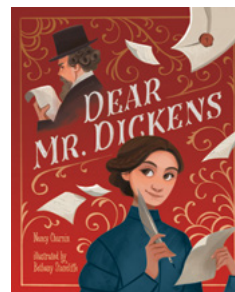
**HANNAH ABBO** is a self-taught, award-winning illustrator from the United Kingdom. They currently live with their partner, child, and (slightly) overweight cat in Lisbon, Portugal. When they're not drawing, they love making ceramics in a local studio, visiting the botanical gardens, and baking bread..

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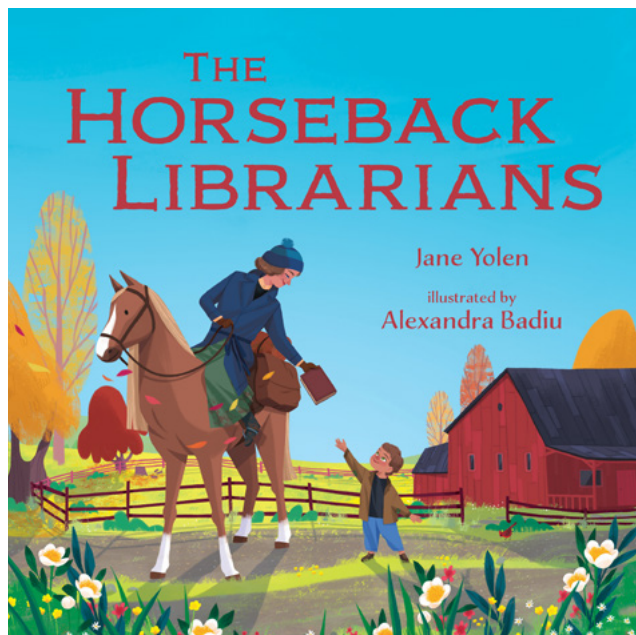
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## The Horseback Librarians

by **JANE YOLEN**

illustrated by **ALEXANDRA BADIU**

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Ages 4-8/Grades PreK-3

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**Anna Mary brings books to children and adults in Appalachia during the Great Depression.**

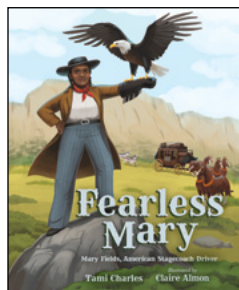
There were no libraries in the backwoods of Kentucky in the 1930s. Librarians there and throughout the South delivered books to families by horseback and mule, sleeping outdoors or sheltering in barns when they could, going from farm to farm in remote areas. In this story, a woman named Anna Mary stands in for all the real-life horseback librarians who helped keep the love of books alive in Appalachia during the Great Depression.

### What to Expect

- Based on the Pack Horse Library Project, a Depression-era program that delivered books to people in the Appalachian Mountains
- A historical example of the lengths to which librarians will go to serve their communities
- A reminder that reading is a gift, and stories are meant to be shared

**JANE YOLEN** is the author of more than 400 books, including *How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?* Her works, which range from picture books to novels for adults, have won an assortment of awards, among them the Golden Kite and the National Jewish Book Award. She lives in Massachusetts in the winter and Scotland in the summer. She writes every day.

**ALEXANDRA BADIU** is a Romanian illustrator currently living in Izmir, Turkey. She earned a BFA in animation in Turkey and an MFA in illustration from SCAD Atlanta. She has been recognized by *3x3*, *Communication Arts*, and similar publications.



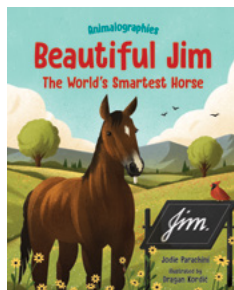
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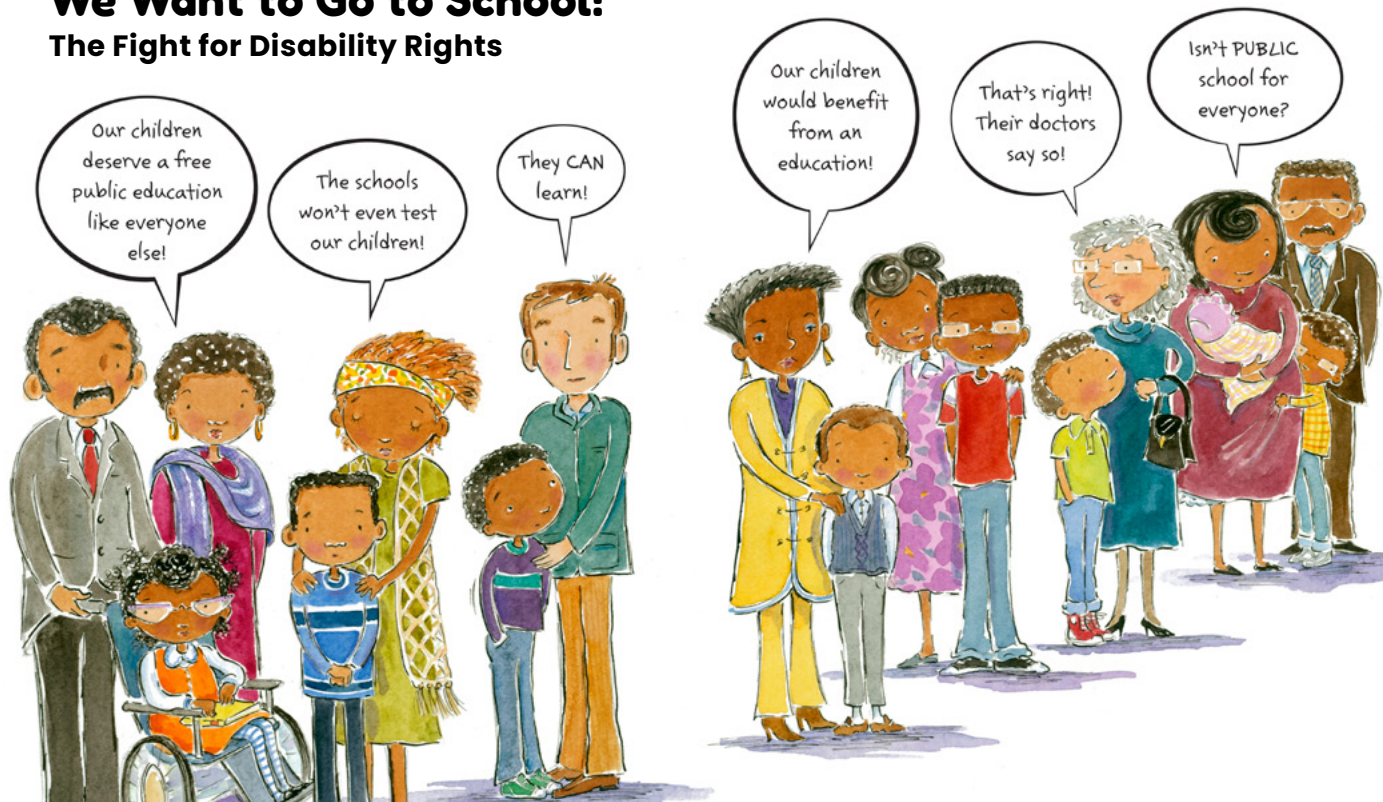
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ALBERT WHITMAN

# We Want to Go to School!

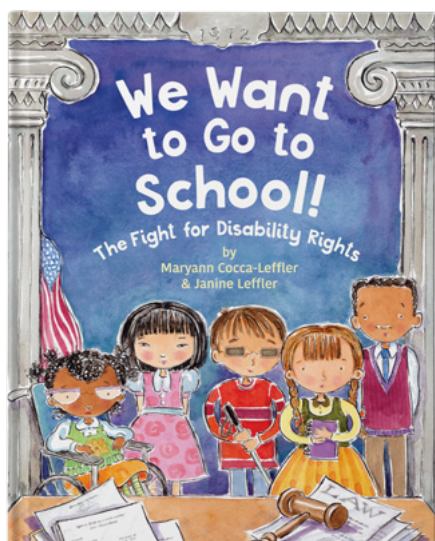
## The Fight for Disability Rights



There was a time in the United States when millions of children with disabilities weren't allowed to go to public school. Learn how the case *Mills v. Board of Education of the District of Columbia* led to laws that made public schools accessible to everyone.

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"By focusing on the right to education for all, may we gain a little wisdom, a better system of schooling, and begin to accept the vast potential in every child."

—Paul R. Dimond, Plaintiffs' Attorney for *Mills v. Board of Education of the District of Columbia*

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Inspire kids to dream and discover  
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# Cicada Symphony

by **SUE FLIESS**

illustrated by **GARETH LUCAS**

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**Eeee-ooo! Eeee-ooo! Cicadas drone on, clicking and buzzing from dusk till dawn.**

There are about three thousand different kinds of cicadas on earth. Some species emerge from the ground every year, while others only come up every thirteen or seventeen years. But no matter how much time passes before they dig their way to the surface, the result is the same: up to trillions of clumsy (but harmless!) insects flying, clicking, and buzzing all around us. Using a combination of rhythmic, rhyming verse and fun facts, this story describes the life cycle of the cicada and helps readers better understand this fascinating insect.

## What to Expect

- Follow the life cycle of the cicada from nymph to adult
- Two ways to read: focus on the rhythmic, rhyming verse or the fun fact boxes on every spread
- The perfect read ahead of the next big emergence, Brood XIII in May 2024



**SUE FLIESS** is the author of more than 45 children's books, including the Kid Scientist series, *Goldilocks and the Three Engineers*, and *The Princess and the Petri Dish*. Her books have been named to notable lists and translated into multiple languages. Sue lives in Northern Virginia.

**GARETH LUCAS** is an illustrator and designer living in Essex, England. He studied at Brighton and Central Saint Martin's Art Schools, and since graduating he has worked as a full-time artist, illustrating many well-loved books—all with the natural world at their center. Gareth combines digital processes with a colorful palette and a charming style to produce work that is joyful and exuberant.



## AW Read-Alikes



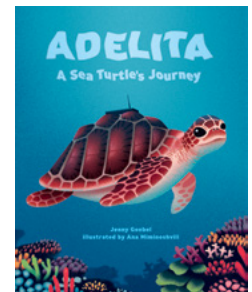
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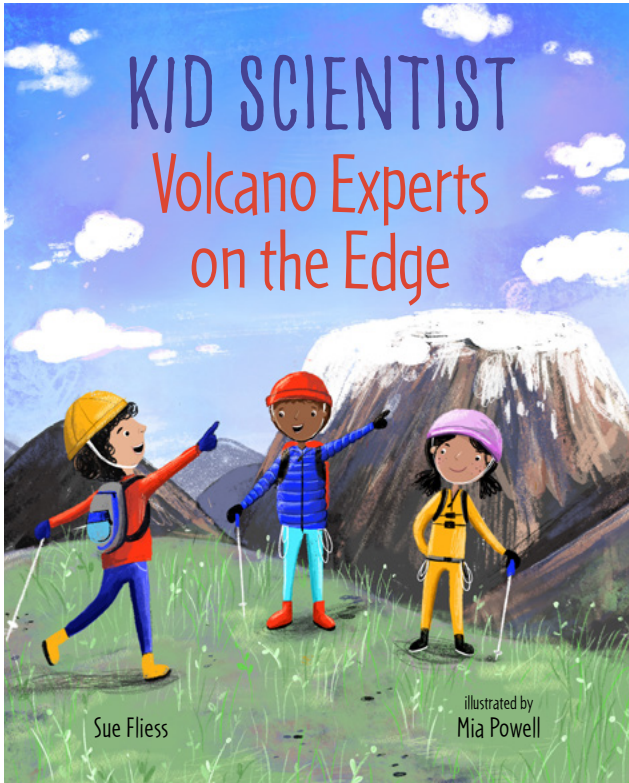
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# Kid Scientist

Spend a day in the field with scientists as they ask questions and find answers.



## Volcano Experts on the Edge

by **SUE FLIESS**  
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**A team of kid volcanologists uses tools, technology, and teamwork to make a discovery.**

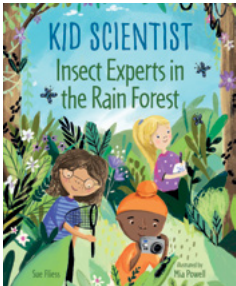
Owen is a volcanologist. He and his team study volcanoes to learn more about their activity and behavior. On a journey to the icy peaks of Iceland, Owen's team uses innovative technology to determine if a famous volcano might erupt again. Is Owen's team on the edge of discovery?

**SUE FLIESS** is the author of more than 45 children's books, including the Kid Scientist series, *Goldilocks and the Three Engineers*, and *The Princess and the Petri Dish*. Her books have been named to notable lists and translated into multiple languages. Sue lives in Northern Virginia.

**MIA POWELL** is a children's illustrator based in Birmingham, England. She studied illustration at Birmingham City University, where she graduated at the top of her class. She has since illustrated children's books, art for print, greeting cards, and children's clothing.

### What to Expect

- Join scientists in the field as they study the Herdubreid volcano in Iceland
- Learn about the terms, tools, and techniques volcanologists use in their research
- Follow the steps of the scientific method as characters ask and answer questions



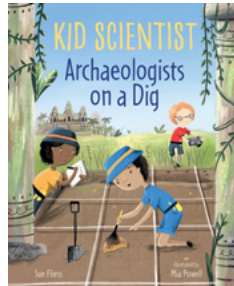
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# Science Makes It Work

Through experimentation and research, kids uncover science all around them.

## The Sound of a Guitar

by **CATHERINE STIER**

illustrated by **FRANCESCA ROSA**

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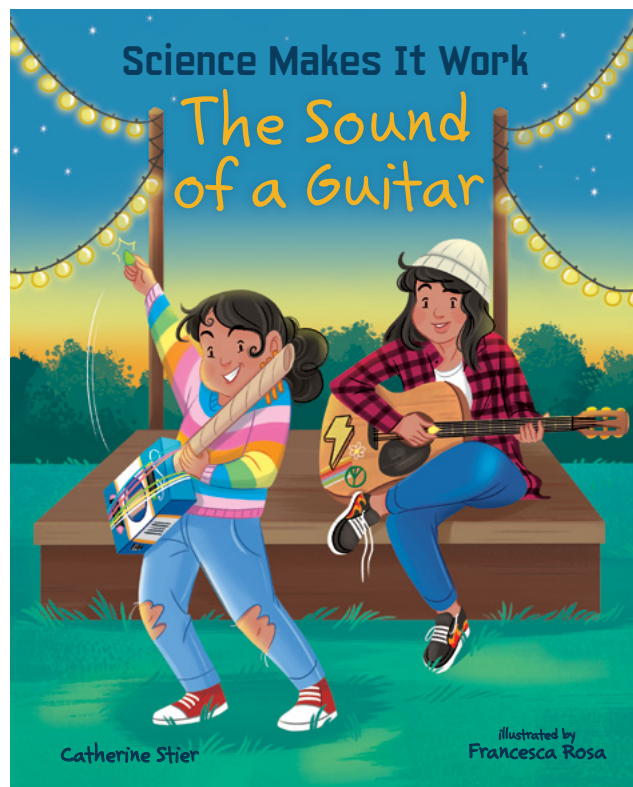
US \$9.99

**A budding musician conducts experiments to discover how guitars create sound.**

After hearing her cousin Keeley perform an amazing concert, Mia is determined to become a guitar hero and learn everything she can about this amazing instrument. So she sets out to gather the knowledge she needs to build her own instrument and put on a show for her family.

**CATHERINE STIER** is the author of more than twenty children's books, including the Science Makes It Work picture book series and the *Kirkus* star-reviewed *A Dog's Day* chapter book series. She holds a master's degree in reading and literacy and has served as a magazine writer, newspaper columnist, and writing instructor. Stier resides in San Antonio, Texas.

**FRANCESCA ROSA** was born in Italy and is a graduate of the School of Comics in Milan. She spent two years working as a fashion graphic designer before becoming a full-time illustrator. Now she works in her studio in Milan with her husband Lorenzo.



### What to Expect

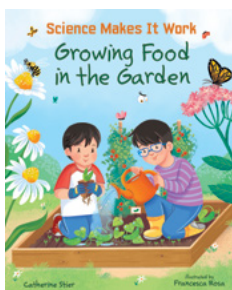
- Explains how the shape of a sound wave affects a sound's pitch and volume
- Sets an example for conducting scientific research to answer questions and solve problems
- Provides the necessary knowledge for readers to make their own homemade instruments

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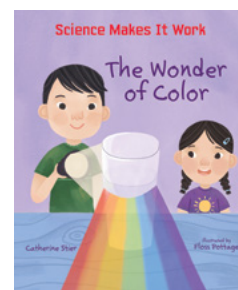
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**JACK THE LIBRARY CAT**  
written and illustrated by  
MARIETTA APOLLONIO



Spark their  
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# The Coolest Beard

by **BETTY TEKLE**

illustrated by **NICHOLAS ALEXANDER**

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**Isaac can't grow a beard like his dad's, but helping his community makes him the coolest kid at the barbershop.**

Isaac wants to grow a beard, just like his dad, who always seems to be the coolest guy in the barbershop. Isaac uses Dad's beard oil every day for weeks, but nothing happens. Next time it's barbershop day, Isaac doesn't even want to go back—but maybe there is still a way for him to grow the coolest beard.

## What to Expect

- Relatable take on growing up and coming into your own
- Celebrates Black cultural tradition of barbershop as community and family space
- Features social-emotional concept of developing healthy masculinity



**BETTY TEKLE** is a marketer and storyteller who believes in the importance of teaching children tenderness and empathy. As an Eritrean American who immigrated at age twelve, she especially likes to write stories with diverse and multicultural characters. Betty is currently based in Los Angeles, California, but enjoys living a nomadic life.

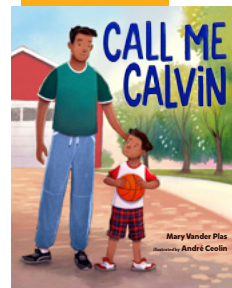
**NICHOLAS ALEXANDER** is a highly-driven artist who illustrates fun stories for the next generation of young readers, including *The Tomorrowsters*. When he isn't creating, he spends his time traveling to experience new cultures. He is proudly from Hampton, Virginia, and now lives in Los Angeles, California.

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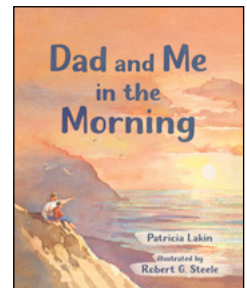
**My Hair is a Garden**

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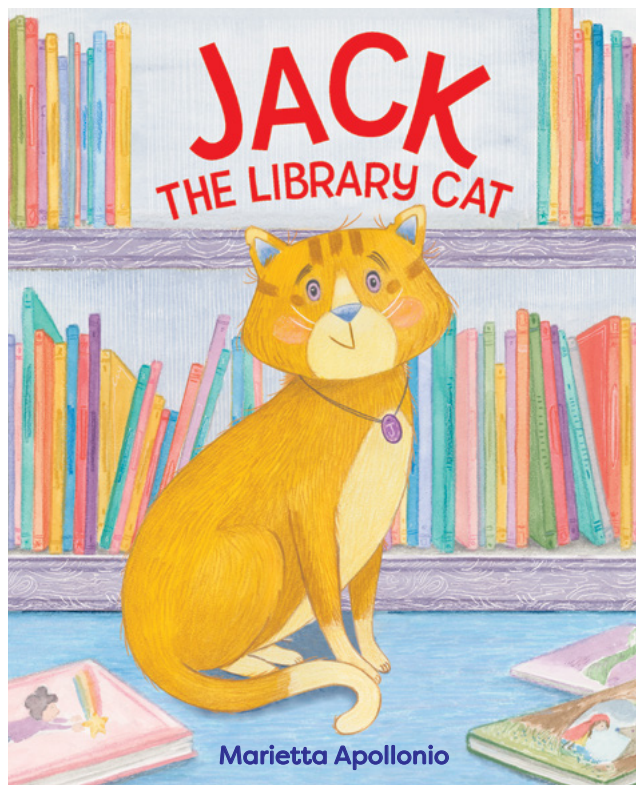
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## Jack the Library Cat

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**When a story-loving stray meets a new kid in town, they become fast friends—and reading buddies.**

A stray cat keeps turning up for story time at the library, but animals aren't allowed in the building, and besides, the children's librarian is not a cat person. Then a boy named Pascal crosses paths with the friendly feline and sneaks him inside. Soon enough, the cat gets a name, a home, and a group of kids clamoring to read to him. Could life be any more purr-fect?

### What to Expect

- Encourages compassion toward animals and humans
- Written and illustrated by a talented debut artist
- Includes notes about real library cats and the benefits of reading to animals

**MARIETTA APOLLONIO** is a graduate of Lesley University College of Art and Design, with a BFA in illustration. During her twenty years as a freelance illustrator, she has enjoyed eight years as a co-op gallery artist and co-owner and ten years with a Boston-based graphic design firm. She lives with her family in Harvard, Massachusetts.



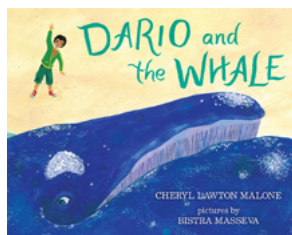
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# Get Ready for School

by **JANET NOLAN**

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Ages 4-8/Grades PreK-3

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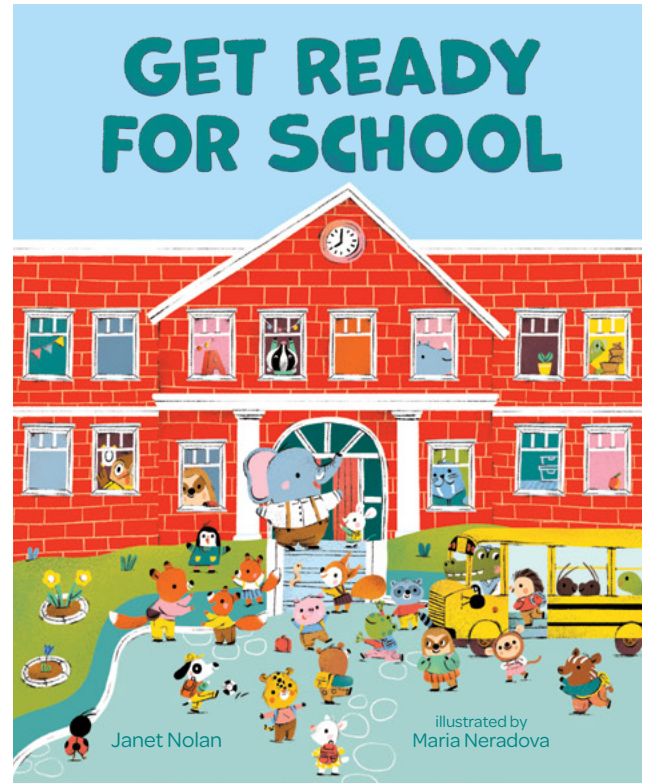
US \$9.99

**Students aren't the only ones who have to prepare for the first day of school.**

The custodian turns on the lights and sweeps the hallways. Is it time for school? Not yet! The cafeteria workers wash tables and stack lunch trays. Is it time for school? Not yet! Teachers unpack supplies and organize their classrooms. Is it time for school? Almost! The students are on their way, on foot, on bicycles, and in cars and buses. Welcome, everyone!

## What to Expect

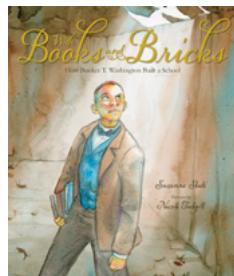
- Shows the benefits of working together and being prepared with humor and fun
- A behind-the-scenes look at the collaboration, patience, planning, and hard work of faculty and staff
- Captures that special excitement of the first day of school



**JANET NOLAN** writes fiction, nonfiction, and historical fiction picture books. She has a BA from The Evergreen State College and a master's degree in urban planning and policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Janet lives in Oak Park, Illinois, with her husband and their dog, Ladybug.

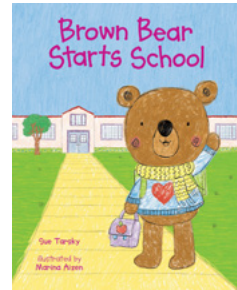
**MARIA NERADOVA** grew up in a small town in western Slovakia. After years of drawing and doodling as a child, she decided to pursue a creative career. She studied graphic design at Tomas Bata University in Zlin, Czech Republic, and illustration and printmaking at the Academy of Fine Arts in Slovakia. A freelance illustrator, she now lives in Bratislava, Slovakia.

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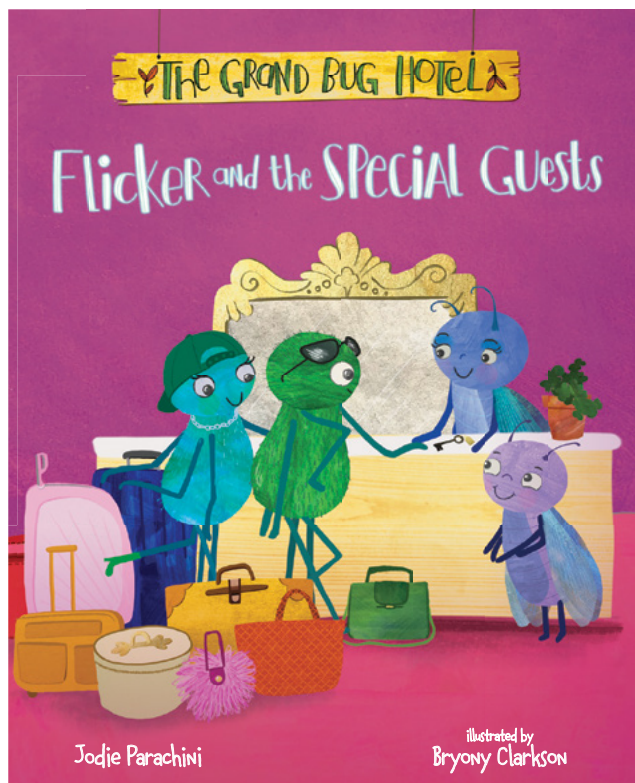
**The Wheels on the...Uh-Oh!**

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# The Grand Bug Hotel

Check into The Grand Bug Hotel, a community where every guest gets a chance to glow.



## Flicker and the Special Guests

by **JODIE PARACHINI**

illustrated by **BRYONY CLARKSON**

978-0-8075-2525-8

US \$18.99

Ages 4-8/Grades PreK-3

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**Flicker and her friends roll out the red carpet for some special visitors.**

Famous singers Itsy and Bitsy Longlegs are coming to stay at The Grand Bug Hotel! Flicker and her friends try to get their room just right by opening the curtains, turning on the lights, and sweeping up the cobwebs. But when the special guests arrive, Flicker finds out that everyone has a different idea of what makes a space feel like home.

**JODIE PARACHINI** is an American/British author and editor who currently lives in Hertfordshire, England. Jodie has written fifteen children's books, including *Listening to the Stars*, and *HeroRat!*. In addition to earning multiple starred reviews for her work, Jodie has been named a finalist in the PBParty competition, the Macmillan Write Now Prize, and the OhZoe Rising Talent Award.

**BRYONY CLARKSON** is an English illustrator living in the beautiful Cotswald region of the United Kingdom. She studied textile design at the Royal College of Art, London, before embarking on an eclectic creative career. She now loves to illustrate, creating magical worlds to spark the imaginations of children.

### What to Expect

- Encourages kids to respect other people's thoughts and feelings
- Shows that everyone has unique wants and needs, and that those differences make life more interesting
- Reminder that mistakes provide opportunities to learn and grow



### Flicker Finds Her Glow

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ALBERT WHITMAN

# Digby and the Construction Crew

Friendly machines work as a team to get jobs done while having fun.

## Trucks on Vacation

by **JODIE PARACHINI**

illustrated by **JOHN JOVEN**

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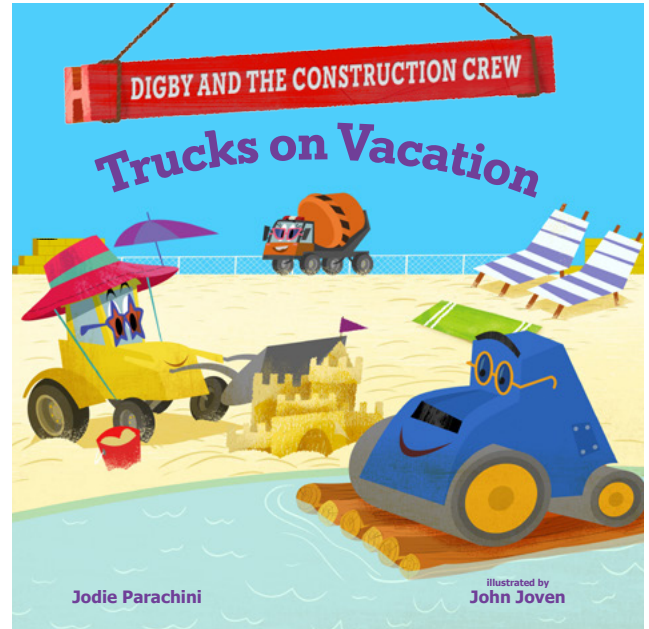
**Digby and the trucks have been working hard under the scorching sun. It's time for a vacation!**

On a hot summer day, temperatures are rising, both outside and among the crew. Digby has an idea to cool things off: a beach day, right at the construction site! In comes the sand, beach balls, and sunglasses. But the best part is yet to come—the jingle of an ice cream truck. Yum!

### What to Expect

- Illustrates how tempers can rise with the temperature, and what to do about it
- The crew learns that sometimes taking a break from hard work is the most important job of all
- Characters demonstrate creativity and resourcefulness as they build their own beach

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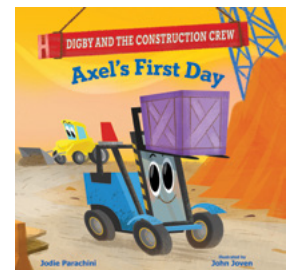


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**Dig It, Digby!**

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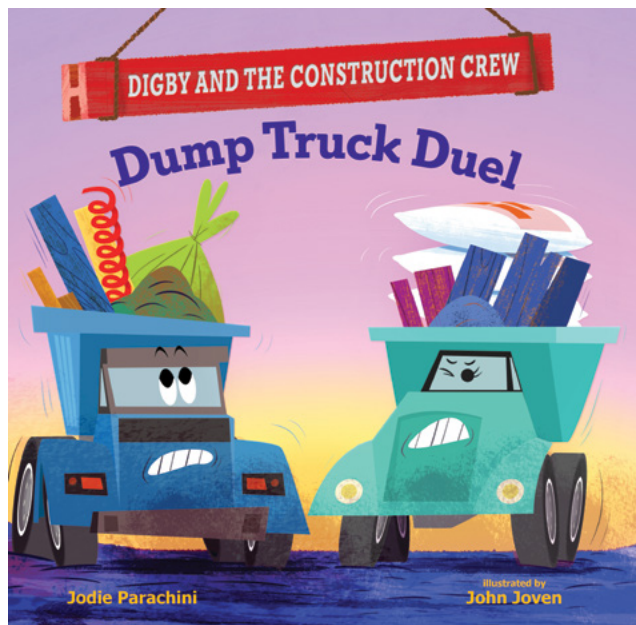
**Axel's First Day**

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## What to Expect from This Series

- Construction vehicles model the benefits of keeping a positive attitude.
- Action words and illustrations help children learn about the world around them.
- Lively rhyming verse will have kids singing and dancing along with the crew.



## Dump Truck Duel

by **JODIE PARACHINI**

illustrated by **JOHN JOVEN**

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**Two dump trucks learn that their friendship is stronger than any load they can carry.**

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## What to Expect

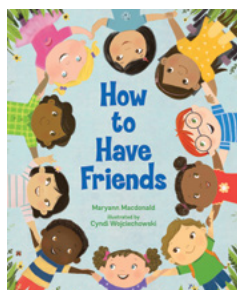
- A look at the pitfalls of competition between friends
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**JOHN JOVEN** grew up in Bogotá, Colombia, and studied graphic design at the Universidad Nacional de Colombia. He still lives there with his wife, Ana, and two children, Avril and Ian. He is fortunate enough to work in his home studio, where he is able to share his passion of drawing and painting with his children while working on projects.



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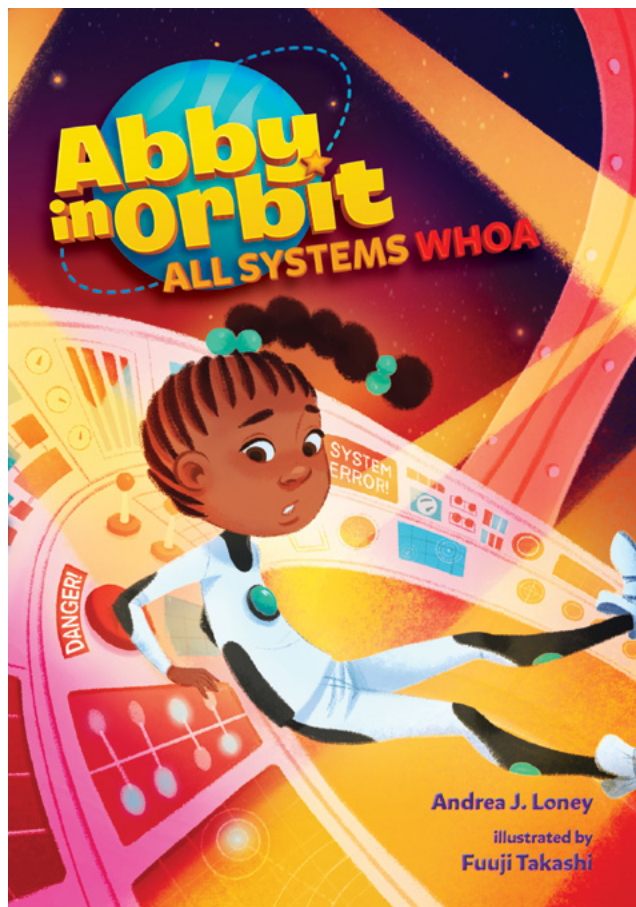


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**ANDREA J. LONEY** is an award-winning author who grew up in a small town in New Jersey. After receiving her MFA from New York University, she joined a traveling circus, then stayed in Hollywood to make movies. Now Andrea teaches computer classes at a community college while living in Los Angeles with her family and their embarrassingly spoiled pets.

**FUJJI TAKASHI** is a children's book illustrator and character designer from General Santos, Phillippines. She is best known for illustrating Kailyn Lowry's first children's book, *Love Is Bubblegum*, and for her work on children's books featuring diverse characters. In her spare time, she likes cooking, singing, and taking long, peaceful walks.

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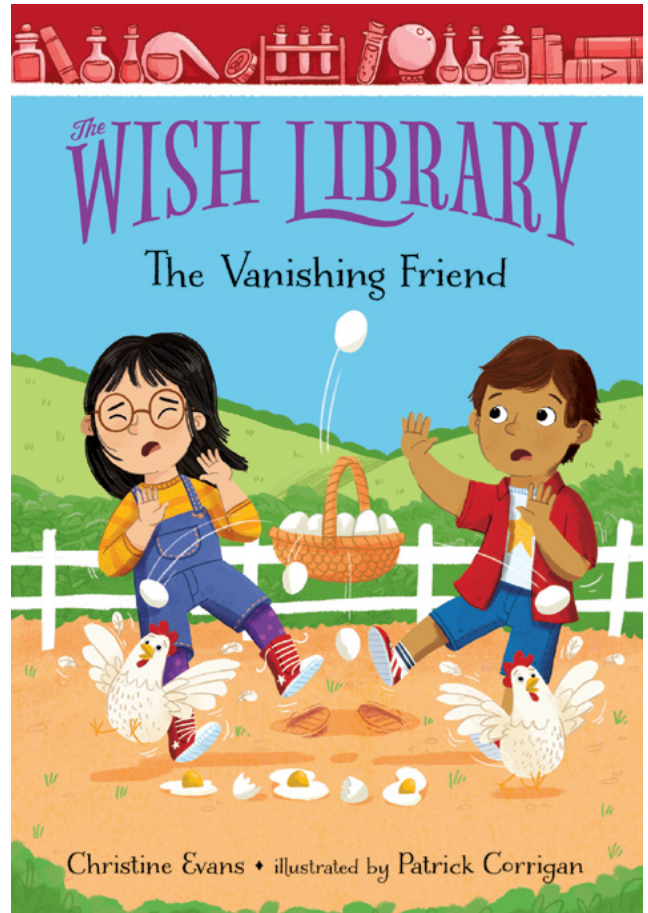
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### What to Expect

- Explores bullying from a friend's perspective
- Fun and engaging setting of an animal rescue farm
- Expands the Wish Library world in new and intriguing ways



**CHRISTINE EVANS** is a British author living in the San Francisco Bay Area in California with her husband and two daughters. She is the author of two picture books, *Evelyn the Adventurous Entomologist* and *Emily's Idea*. The Wish Library is Christine's first chapter book series.

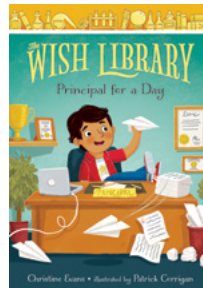
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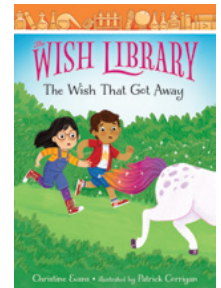
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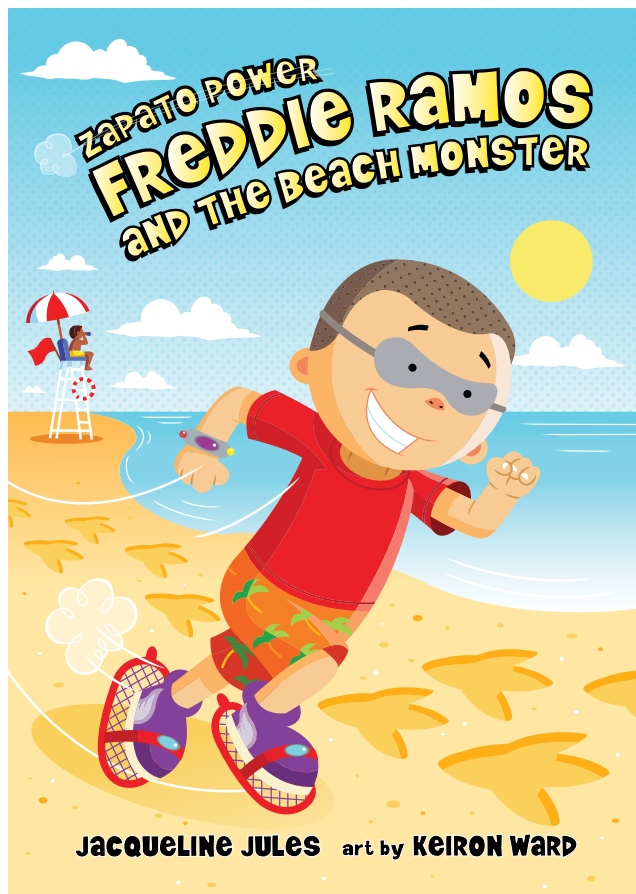
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**KEIRON WARD** has worked as a children's illustrator for over twenty years, combining his love of fantastical and imaginative stories with his love of drawing. He lives in Wales.

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**When construction puts a friend's concert at risk, the Tinkerers agree: the show must go on!**

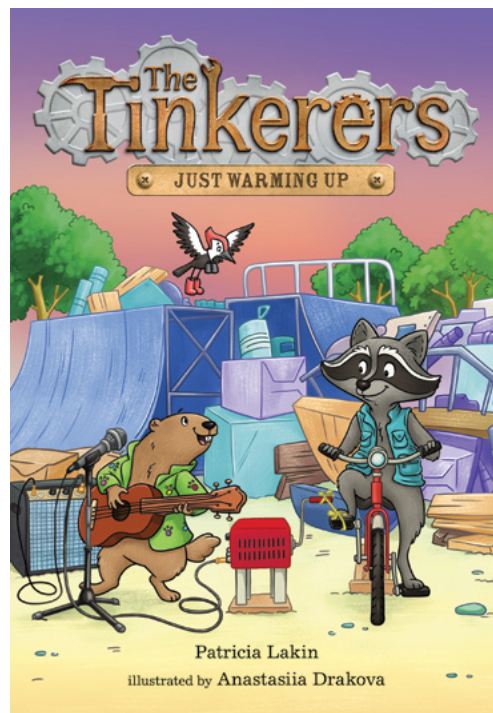
When road construction wakes Gus the groundhog from his hibernation a week early, the Tinkerers are more than happy to take him in. Before long, their new friend reveals that he has a special talent: he can play the ukulele! Every spring, Gus puts on a concert for his family and friends to celebrate the season, but this year, between the construction and the noise it brings, he may just have to cancel. Can the Tinkerers engineer a solution in time for the show?

### What to Expect from This Book

- Explores the concept of the transfer of energy through heat, sound, and electricity
- Illustrates the engineering design process, from stage building to sound amplification
- Characters model persistence in the face of obstacles

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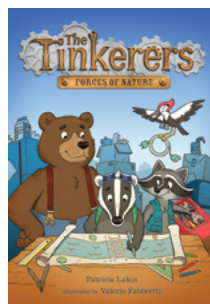
- Introduces STEM concepts in an accessible and engaging way
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**PATRICIA LAKIN** is an award-winning author and former elementary school teacher who has published a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction titles that span multiple age groups. As a die-hard New Yorker, she is continually in awe of the inspiration this vibrant, diverse city can offer.

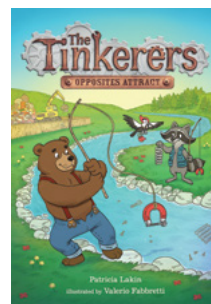
**ANASTASIIA DRAKOVA** was born in Ukraine, and she has loved to draw for as long as she can remember. After working as a packaging designer for fifteen years, Anastasiia moved to Italy and decided to pursue her lifelong dream of becoming a children's book illustrator.

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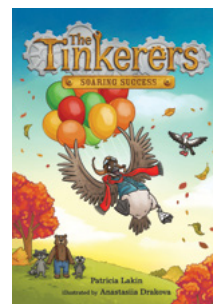
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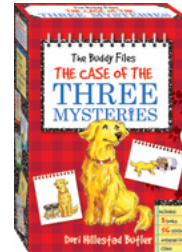
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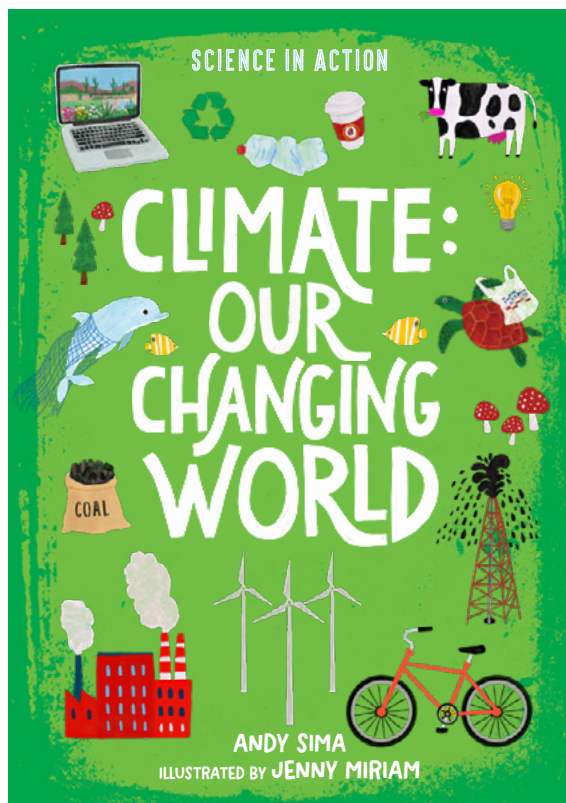
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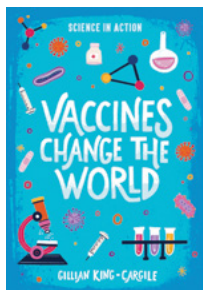
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**ANDY SIMA** graduated summa cum laude from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a double major in environmental sustainability and creative writing. He was the winner of the 2020 Janelle Joseph Award for his environmental writing piece “Burn Zone” and has had his fiction published in Cornell’s *Rainy Day* magazine. He currently lives in Minneapolis.

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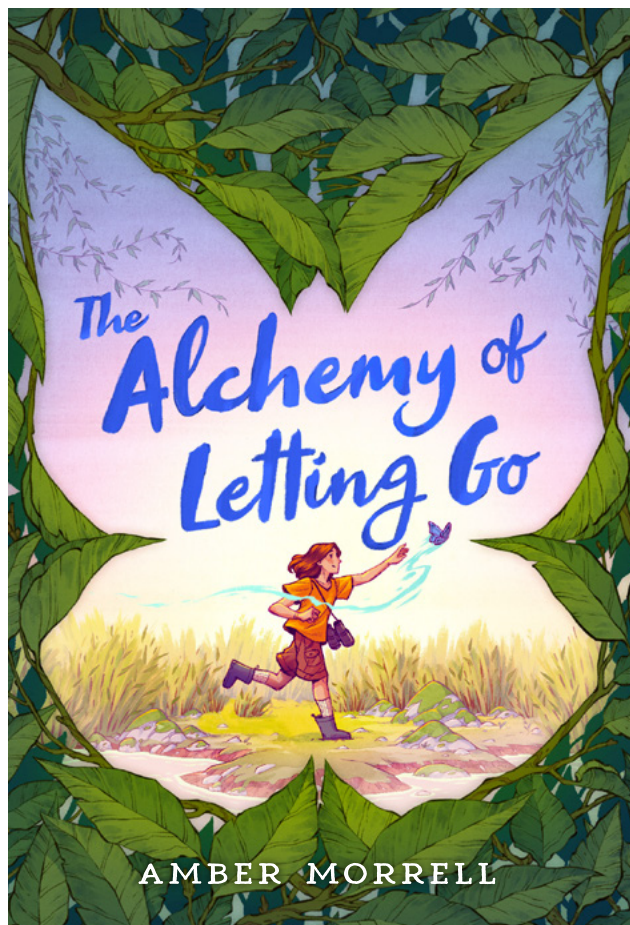
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## What to Expect

- Relatable, contemporary portrayal of preteen struggling with grief
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**AMBER MORRELL** is an author and librarian from Orange County, California. She received a BA in English literature from Cal State Fullerton and a master's in library and information science from San Jose State University. *The Alchemy of Letting Go* is her first novel.

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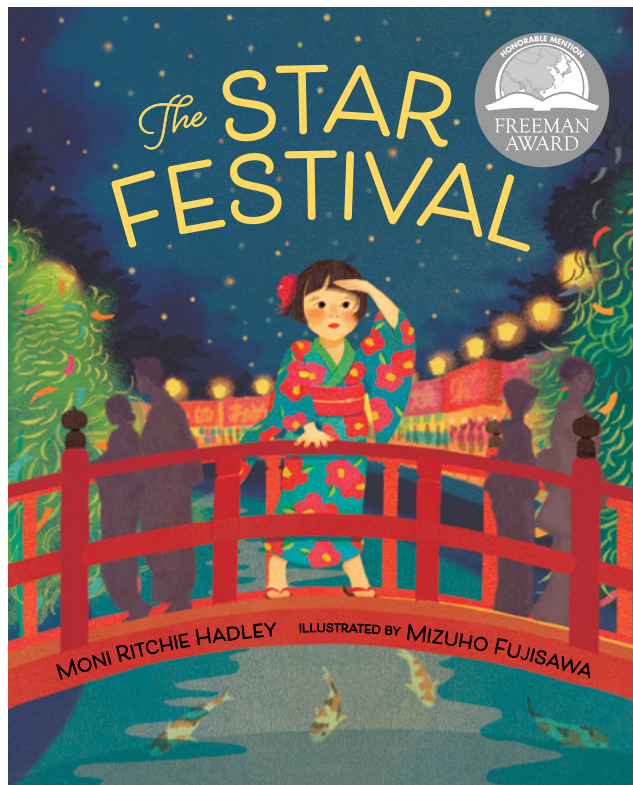
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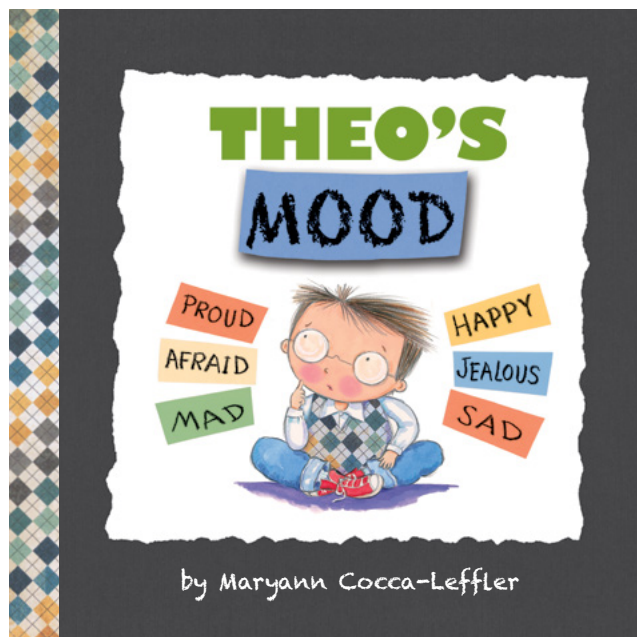
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**MONI RITCHIE HADLEY** is the author of *The Star Festival*, a 2022 Bank Street College Best Children's Book of the Year. Growing up as a half-Japanese military brat, she found frequent moves and new schools challenging. Today, she surrounds herself with her family, five pets, and long-lasting friends in Los Angeles, California.

**MIZUHO FUJISAWA** was born and raised in Japan near Mount Fuji. After studying biology, she moved to France with her family to pursue a career in illustration. She lives in Strasbourg.







## Theo's Mood A Book of Feelings

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**With a new baby sister at home, Theo is feeling many emotions all at once.**

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**MARYANN COCCA-LEFFLER** has been a passionate disability rights advocate since the birth of her daughter Janine. Maryann is also an award-winning author and illustrator of over sixty books for children, including *Janine*, *Same Way Ben*, and *The Power of Yet*. She lives and works on the coast of Maine.

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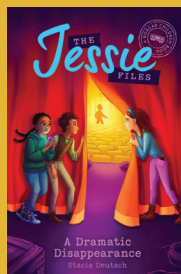
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