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This delightful story combines nature and science with one bird’s quest to find its winter home.

Is This Panama?  
A Migration Story

By Jan Thornhill • Illustrated by Soyeon Kim

When Sammy, a young Wilson’s warbler, wakes up one frosty August morning near the Arctic Circle, he instinctively knows that it’s time to make his first migratory journey south to Panama. But there’s one problem — where’s Panama?

All the other warblers having left without him, Sammy sets off on his journey by himself, stopping to ask the same question of the different animals that he meets along the way: “Is this Panama?”

From the caribou heading to his winter forest to the monarch butterflies flitting to Mexico, every animal has a different destination and different advice for Sammy on how to find his way. Finally, a flock of his warbler cousins shows Sammy that finding Panama is as easy as following the stars.

Animal migration patterns and seasonal changes are on display throughout this fascinating story, complemented by intricate paper collage, watercolor, and pen-and-ink illustrations.

JAN THORNHILL is an award-winning writer and illustrator who has always had a strong interest in nature and the environment. Her books, which have been published in countries around the world, include the NAPPA Gold Award–winning I Found a Dead Bird, Over in the Meadow, and the Erza Jack Keats Award–winning The Wildlife 123. She lives near Havelock, Ontario.

SOYEON KIM is a Toronto-based, Korean-born artist who specializes in work that merges real-world materials, sketching, and painting to produce three-dimensional pieces. She is a graduate of the Visual Arts program at York University in Toronto and the illustrator of You Are Stardust.

CURRICULUM
Language Arts: Reading; Understanding Informational Text  
Science: Life Science; Life Systems; Migration; Animals; Environment; Habitat; Weather  
Social Studies: Geography; Maps

READING LEVELS
Grade: 3  
Fountas & Pinnell: N
A Day at School
By Séverine Cordier and Cynthia Lacroix

The family that readers first met in Picture My Day is growing up! Summer holidays are ending, and the siblings are ready for their first day of school — the youngest is off to day care, the middle child is beginning kindergarten, and the oldest is starting first grade. From shopping for school supplies and getting back-to-school haircuts to meeting new teachers and classmates, these three children — and readers along with them — each experience different ways of preparing for and spending a day at school.

As the inquisitive siblings are introduced to their new routine, young readers will learn new words for familiar objects. The illustrations are bright and clear, with just enough detail to entice preschoolers to linger on each page. The accompanying text ranges from simple labels to short sentences. And with lots of affectionate moments between family members on display, children and parents alike will delight in poring over the pages of this charming book.

SÉVERINE CORDIER is the co-creator of the Emma series and has illustrated numerous books for children in her native France.

CYNTHIA LACROIX has been designing and illustrating children’s books for nearly a decade. She lives in France.

Anything Is Possible
By Giulia Belloni
Illustrated by Marco Trevisan

The sheep in this story is a dreamer, while her friend the wolf has a more practical disposition. One day the sheep runs to the wolf with an idea. She wants to build a flying machine! But the wolf tells her it’s impossible. Eventually, however, the sheep’s dream gets the better of the wolf’s doubts, and they begin to work on the project together.

Through perseverance and the process of trial and error, the sheep and wolf manage to create a successful design, brought to life by architecturally and mathematically inspired paper collage art. At the end of this whimsical tale, even the wolf has to admit that anything is possible!

GIULIA BELLONI is the author of several picture books, including Diverso destino, Nell’aria, and Un désir inavoué in her native Italian. She is on the technical jury for the selection of the Campiello Giovani literary award. She lives in Padua, Italy.

MARCO TREVISAN studied mathematics and illustration simultaneously. He works as a freelance illustrator, collaborating with graphic design studios, magazines, and periodicals. His work has been selected in prestigious national competitions, and in 2010 the Città del Sole designated him the Illustrator of the Year. Born in Belluno, he now lives in a village in the Italian Dolomites.
Sizing Up Winter
By Lizann Flatt
Illustrated by Ashley Barron

As young readers journey into the natural world, they will discover that numbers, patterns, shapes — and much more! — can be found in everyday plants and animals.

What if animals and plants knew math, just like us? Would all snowflakes fall from the same height in the sky? Would otters spread themselves evenly across lakes? Would groundhogs be aware of the date? In Sizing Up Winter, the third title in the Math in Nature series, nature comes to life to help children grasp concepts of time and measurement.

This interactive, poetic, and artful picture book series is an enticing way to introduce math to kids — they will laugh, use their imaginations, and learn, all while exploring the natural world.

LIZANN FLATT is a former editor of chickaDEE Magazine and the author of The Nature Treasury and the Captain Ship series; and the author of A Gift from Mr. Buffalo and Tell Me Your Story. She lives in Muskoka, Ontario.

ASHLEY BARRON is a Toronto-based illustrator who specializes in cut-paper collage. Her award-winning illustrations have appeared in a variety of magazines, children’s publications, websites, posters, animations, and set designs. She is the illustrator of Tell Me Your Story, Papa, A Gift from Mr. Buffalo; the Captain Ship series; and Field Day. She lives in Tokyo.

The Long, Long Line
By Tomoko Ohmura

Come one, come all! If you love excitement and fun, step right up and join the line!

Usually the ride itself is more fun than the lineup, but for these fifty animals, anticipation is part of the fun. Each animal is clearly numbered and named and readers will delight in counting the animals and choosing their favorites.

Finally, it’s time to board the ride! Through a revealing gatefold spread, readers discover the ride is a giant whale roller coaster! As the whale spins, dips, dives, and splashes, all the animals have too much fun. When the ride ends, the animals can’t wait to line up again — just as readers won’t be able to wait to read The Long, Long Line again and again!

TOMOKO OHMURA is a graduate of Palette Club School and the author of Amazing Shopping Trip (winner of the 3rd Pinpoint Picture Book Competition) She is the illustrator of Tell Me Your Story, Papa, A Gift from Mr. Buffalo; the Captain Ship series; and Field Day. She lives in Tokyo.

Key Features
• Each animal is clearly named and numbered, encouraging the development of word recognition and counting skills
• Animals in the lineup are ordered from small to large, helping young readers understand the concept of size
• A gatefold spread dramatically reveals what the animals have been waiting for
• Real-world animal relationships are explored subtly and with humor, while the animals wait in line
• Includes a list of all fifty animals featured in the book

About Math in Nature
The Math in Nature series explores seasonal and natural beauty through math concepts, made engaging with energetic and colorful paper illustrations, poetic language, and thoughtful questions. Each book in the series features a vast array of animals in their natural habitat, and a “Nature Notes” section enriches the reading experience with interesting and surprising details.

Lesson plans available at www.owlkidsbooks.com

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Key Features
• Supports multiple curriculum strands, from language and visual arts to science and math
• Multiple animals and habitats are featured
• A “Nature Notes” section at the back of the book enriches the reading experience
• Seasonal patterns are documented through unique, layered cut-paper collage artwork

Also Available

Sizing Up Winter
Written by Lizann Flatt
Illustrated by Ashley Barron

CURRICULUM
Language Arts: Poetry, Comprehension
Mathematics: Attributes, Units, and Measurement Sense; Measurement Relationships
Science: Plants; Animals; Life Science; Habitats; Seasons
Visual Arts: Shapes and Form; Space; Color

READING LEVELS
Grade: 2
Fountas & Pinnell: M
Reading Recovery: 20

CURRICULUM
Language Arts: Reading, Understanding
Informational Text; Word Recognition Strategies
Mathematics: Counting

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Oddrey and the New Kid
By Dave Whamond

Ever since she averted disaster in the class production of The Wizard of Oz, Oddrey has been making new friends at school. Her classmates have come to appreciate her irrepressible charm, and Oddrey encourages them to be their own unique selves. So when Oddrey’s teacher introduces a new girl, Maybelline, to the class, Oddrey, ever the optimist, is sure that they’ll become the best of friends.

But Maybelline’s elaborate storytelling habits and bossy playground personality soon force Oddrey to reconsider. Fed up with Maybelline’s tall tales and her classmates’ fascination with Maybelline’s stories, Oddrey confronts Maybelline during a class trip to the zoo. The adventure that ensues is Maybelline’s — and Oddrey’s — best adventure yet!

Draw Out the Story
Ten Secrets to Creating Your Own Comics
By Brian McLachlan

From single-panel comics to full-blown graphic novels, there are dozens of ways to use comics to tell a story. And whether kids want to write or draw something funny or scary, long or short, made-up or true-to-life, cartoonist and author Brian McLachlan maintains there are just ten crucial things they need to know to get started.

Using colloquial text, images, and examples, each chapter hones in on a different secret to creating great comics. Budding comic artists will learn how to make text and illustrations work together, how to give characters personality, how to choose the right tool for each project, and much more.

A worthy addition to the how-to comics canon, Draw Out the Story simplifies advanced concepts for younger readers, providing invaluable lessons and pointers for kids who want to learn to write and draw — and imagine — great stories.
How to Make a Universe with 92 Ingredients

An Electrifying Guide to the Elements

By Adrian Dingle

What do cars, stars, skyscrapers, and ice cream all have in common? They’re all made from the same 92 ingredients...and so are we. And so everything is in the entire universe!

Key Features

• A great way to introduce chemistry to kids
• Written by Adrian Dingle, chemistry teacher and co-author of The Periodic Table: Elements with Style!
• Full of “Try This” experiments that employ simple steps and ingredients
• Recurring sidebars “Elementary Stuff” and “What’s It Made Of?”
• For handy reference, this book includes a periodic table, glossary, index, and list of books and web sites that readers can look to for more information

How to Make a Universe with 92 Ingredients presents a unique and imaginative way for young readers to connect chemistry and science with their daily lives. By using dozens of familiar objects (trees, cell phones, the Sun), author Adrian Dingle has created a way to teach kids the unfamiliar — that trees, cell phones, and the Sun are all made of a handful of chemical elements found on the periodic table.

Full of easy experiments and “Did You Know?” information that’s perfect for sharing with friends, How to Make a Universe with 92 Ingredients takes on the impossible and triumphs — it makes chemistry FUN!

ADRIAN DINGLE is a high school chemistry teacher and the creator of the award-winning website adriandingleleschemistrypages.com, which has been recommended by the Eisenhower National Clearinghouse, the BBC, the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), and Cornell Theory Centre. He is also the author of The Periodic Table: Elements with Style! Born in England, Dingle lives and teaches in Atlanta, Georgia.
Conflict is inevitable — it’s how we choose to deal with it that matters.

Battles, protests, standoffs, strikes. We hear about them all the time. On the surface, a battle and a strike don’t seem to have much in common, but they’re really just two ways of handling a dispute. One uses violence, the other uses signs and picket lines. But both start as a disagreement between two groups of people. Both are conflicts.

Since it’s impossible for people to agree on everything all the time, conflicts naturally pop up every day, all over the world. Sometimes they turn into full-blown wars, which can be a lot trickier to understand than the conflicts that pop up in everyday life, but every conflict has some things in common.

Using real world examples, Why Do We Fight? teaches kids to recognize the structures, factors, and complex histories that go into creating conflicts, whether it’s a fight over the remote or a clash between countries — as well as the similarities between both. They’ll be given tools to seek out information, enabling them to form opinions while learning to respect that others may form different ones.

From culture clashes and trade disputes to disagreements about how to govern, Why Do We Fight? insists that the key to fulfilling humankind’s wish for “world peace” lies in how we choose to deal with conflict and provides a genuine cause for optimism in the face of an at-times frightening world.

NIKI WALKER is curious about what’s happening in the world and why, so writing and editing children’s non-fiction books isn’t just her profession, it’s her passion. She has authored over 20 titles and edited more than 100, including the award-winning Off to Class by Susan Hughes. Niki has contributed to projects for Owlkids, CBC, Oxford University Press, McGraw-Hill Ryerson, and more. She lives in Toronto.
The Human World
By Jon Richards
Illustrated by Ed Simkins
Discover how many passengers there are for every car in the world, measure the world’s largest grocery store in soccer fields, visualize how much food is thrown away every single day, and more! From population growth and distribution of wealth to natural resources, access to water, and how we communicate with one another, this book explores our world using a wide variety of icons, graphics, and pictograms.

The Human Body
By Jon Richards
Illustrated by Ed Simkins
Discover what goes into every drop of your blood, compare the size of your lungs to the surface area of a tennis court, find out how many pencils the carbon in your body would fill, and more! From bone structure and muscles to the senses, our central nervous systems, and reproduction, this book explores the human body using a wide variety of icons, graphics, and pictograms.

Jon Richards has authored more than 50 books, mainly for children, on topics such as the environment and technology. He has lived in London and Sydney, and has traveled extensively throughout Europe, South and North America, Australia, and Africa.

Ed Simkins has designed hundreds of titles for clients such as David West Children’s Books, Egmont, and T tree. He lives in London.
The Wildlife ABC
A Nature Alphabet Book
From A is for Auk to Z is for Zoo, this alphabet book communicates simple information through colorful illustrations and rhyming text. At the end of the book, “Nature Notes” provide additional information on each of the featured animals and their habitats, encouraging children to spend more time with this rich read.

The Wildlife 123
A Nature Counting Book
Nature in all its splendor leaps off the pages of this magnificent, interactive early-learning primer, which features exotic and familiar animals from around the world. From one panda bear to one thousand tadpoles, every page of this counting book will spark young readers’ interest and imagination.

Over in the Meadow
For more than a century, “Over in the Meadow” has introduced children to counting, rhyming, and nature. Jan Thornhill reintroduces this traditional counting rhyme to young readers, constructing the imaginary setting out of everyday objects and offering a fresh take on a beloved classic.

Picture My Day
Through simple words and plenty of warm, contemporary illustrations, Picture My Day explores the key moments that occur in a typical day of young children. Throughout the book, items like clothing pinned to a laundry line and musical instruments in the playroom are clearly labeled, inviting young readers to learn new words and to categorize objects.

Picture My World
In Picture My World, readers rejoin the three siblings from Picture My Day, this time to accompany them through milestones and occasions familiar to every young child. From bringing home a first pet to swimming at the pool, young readers will identify with situations and learn more new words, with an emphasis on developing their emotional vocabulary.

A Day at the Farm
The family that readers met and adored in Picture My Day and Picture My World is off to spend a day at a farm. From collecting fresh eggs to milking a cow and picnicking under an apple tree, from tasting sweet honey to petting a donkey and riding in a tractor, these three siblings — and readers along with them — will encounter many of the chores and pleasures of daily life on a farm.

JAN THORNHILL is an award-winning writer and illustrator who has always had a strong interest in nature and the environment. Many of her books have been translated into different languages and published in countries around the world. Her books include the NAPPA Gold Award–winning I Found a Dead Bird, This Is My Planet, and Ezra Jack Keats Award–winning The Wildlife 123. She lives near Havelock, Ontario.

SÉVERINE CORDIER is the co-creator of the Emma series and has illustrated numerous books for children in her native France. CYNTHIA LACROIX has been designing and illustrating children’s books for nearly a decade. She lives in France.
My Town

A Little World for You to Build

By Delphine Doreau

Unlike typical paper-doll books that focus on fashion, My Town is full of buildings and animals ready to be popped out, decorated, and played with by children. Buildings range from various styles of houses to all kinds of boutique storefronts—set up shop as a baker, florist, bookseller, or an auto mechanic! Dozens of animals can be added to the scene and many can be colored in, too.

Delphine Doreau earned her masters degrees in computer graphics and illustration and runs a successful blog called Del4yo & Co. Born and raised in Paris, Delphine lives and works in Santa Monica, CA.

Animals and Their Families

By Barbara Nascimbene

Featuring playful illustrations and small vignettes of text, Animals and Their Families crosses continents and habitats to introduce children to nearly three dozen animals. Small bits of text share the sound each animal makes, where it lives, and what it eats.

Barbara Nascimbene is an Italian-born illustrator whose books have been translated into many languages. She divides her time between Hamburg, Germany, and Sorède, France.

Tell Me about Colors, Shapes, and Opposites

By Delphine Badreddine

Illustrated by Aurélie Guillerey

In highly stylized illustrations and short bits of text, Tell Me about Colors, Shapes, and Opposites invites readers to join two friends (and a mischievous cat!) as they play, learn, go on vacation, and more. Each of the book’s six scenarios is its own separate chapter and deals with a distinct basic concept.

The author of several books for children in her native French, Delphine Badreddine recently became a Publishing Partner at Editions Escabelle, a children’s publishing house in Paris, France.

Aurélie Guillerey studied Decorative Arts in Strasbourg, France, and now lives in Rennes with her husband and young son.

My Neighbor Is a Dog

By Isabel Minhós Martins

Illustrated by Madalena Matoso

Living in an apartment building can sometimes mean sharing walls with a host of characters—but what about with crocodiles, elephants, dogs, and bears? Much to her delight, one little girl finds herself living amongst this motley crew. Her parents, however, “look down” on all their new neighbors—they are giraffes, after all! Fed up with their unconventional neighbors, the parents decide to move away. But the girl vows to return to the building once she grows up, a decision her unconventional neighbors don’t find strange at all!

Isabel Minhós Martins is the author of When I Was Born and Little Lamb, Have You Any Wool? She lives in Lisbon, Portugal.

Madalena Matoso is a prolific illustrator of children’s books and lives in Lisbon, Portugal.

Windblown

By Édouard Manceau

Where did all these pieces of paper come from? Who do they belong to?

The chicken is sure that they belong to him, but so is the fish, and so is the bird, and the snail, and the frog. Using the same small scraps of paper over and over again to create a new animal on each page, Édouard Manceau has created a timeless cumulative tale that will delight and enchant children as they try to figure out just who the pieces of paper do belong to.

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Édouard Manceau was born in Vendée, France, and is the creator of the popular French series Capucine la souris, Le petit elephant, and Nom d’un champignon!
The Vole Brothers
By Raslyn Schwartz

From the creator of the Mole Sisters comes an irresistible tale about an entirely different pair of rodent siblings — the mischievous Vole Brothers! These ravenous rodents are always hungry. The book is chock full of silly antics and suspense; young children will root for these insatiable characters as they continue on their quest for food.

ROSLYN SCHWARTZ is the author of the acclaimed Mole Sisters series and, in 2003, received the Vicky Metcalf Award for her body of work. She lives in Montreal.

Really and Truly
By Émilie Rivard
Illustrated by Anne-Claire Delisle

A disease has stolen Charlie’s grandpa’s memories, his appetite, and even his smile. Charlie wants to make his grandpa laugh again, so he comes up with a plan to tell him stories — the same ones that Grandpa used to tell Charlie! Without shying away from the inevitable heartache that comes from watching loved ones suffer, Really and Truly is a spirited book for young readers struggling to remain optimistic during troubling times.

ÉMILIE RIVARD writes regularly for Les Explorateurs and has written several beloved children’s books in French.

ANNE-CLAIRE DELISLE has taught illustration at Cégep de Saint-Foy in Quebec for more than twenty years. She is the illustrator of the popular French children’s series Pomme et Pépin.

The Pirate and the Penguin
By Patricia Storms

Penguin is not your typical Antarctic bird. He’s done with the frigid South Pole. He wants adventure! Pirate, on the other hand, wants no part of his crew’s raucous ways. Treasure? Conquest? Bah! From veteran children’s illustrator Patricia Storms comes an energetic tale about finding your place in the world.

PATRICIA STORMS is a freelance cartoonist and frequent contributor to Chip and check2DEE magazines. She lives in Toronto.

You Are Stardust
By Elin Kelsey
Illustrated by Sayeon Kim

From its opening pages, You Are Stardust suggests that we are intimately connected to the natural world; it compares the way we learn to speak to the way baby birds learn to sing and the growth of human bodies to the growth of forests. Young readers will want to pore over each page of this picture book, exploring the detailed artwork and pondering the message of the text, excited to find out just how connected to the Earth they really are.

ELIN KELSEY is an internationally respected leader in the field of environmental science and education, as well as the award-winning author of Not Your Typical Book about the Environment. She lives in Pacific Grove, California.

SOYEON KIM is a Toronto-based, Korean-born artist who specializes in merging real-world materials and fine sketching and painting techniques to produce three-dimensional pieces.

Additional Resources
To discover more about the science behind the book visit youarestardust.com

Up Above and Down Below
By Paloma Valdivia
Translated by Susan Ouriou

“In the world, there are different kinds of people,” opens Up Above and Down Below. The ones on the top think the ones on the bottom are different. The ones down below think the ones up above are different. But what if they all turned themselves upside down? The short sentences and stylized illustrations will draw readers into this whimsical world and encourage them to appreciate the differences and similarities among people as they complete their tour.

PALOMA VALDIVIA has illustrated more than twenty children’s books. Up Above and Down Below is her authorial debut; it has been translated from its original Spanish into nine other languages. She lives in Santiago de Chile.

“*This is a work that demands to be read and reread, studied and examined, and thoroughly digested. It is perfect for sparking adult and child conversations about our place in the universe. A remarkable achievement.*”

— Kirkus Reviews, STARRED REVIEW

“*A gentle and well-designed introduction to recognizing different points of view — and a reminder that people are the same wherever they live.*”

— Publishers Weekly

“*A visually stunning, gently restrained picture book that should be high up on readers’ lists.*”

— Kirkus Reviews, STARRED REVIEW

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Discover Imagine Wonder Laugh Fun Explore Backlist
**Joking Around with Chirp**
*By The Editors of Chirp Magazine*
*Illustrated by Bob Kain*

Join Chirp and friends Sparkly, Tweet, and Squawk as they giggle and guffaw their way through 130 feather-ruffling riddles, jokes, and tongue twisters. Each page, already packed with kids-friendly funnies, also features illustrations and photographs.

**What’s Up, Bear?**
*A Book About Opposites*
*By Frieda Wishinsky • Illustrated by Sean L. Moore*

Sophie can’t wait to see New York, while Bear would much rather they just stay home. Sophie loves speeding around in a taxi cab, but Bear wishes the driver would slow down. Up and down, stop and go, tall and short, and many more opposite pairs are illustrated using iconic New York experiences, buildings, and landmarks.

**Where Are You, Bear?**
*A Canadian Alphabet Adventure*
*By Frieda Wishinsky • Illustrated by Sean L. Moore*

Unable to find Bear as her family packs for their cross-Canada road trip, Sophie must brave traveling alone. But when Bear realizes what’s happened, she sets off on his own journey — chasing after Sophie! A madcap ABC adventure ensues as the two separated pals pass through all 15 provinces and territories.

**All By Myself!**
*By Geraldine Colet*
*Illustrated by Coralie Saudo*

When five hens leave the coop to go pecking for grain, five little chicks are left all by themselves for the day. At first, the chicks are afraid, but then they work together to brave the day without their mothers. *All By Myself!* is a plucky tale about cooperation and independence, which will inspire and entertain young readers as they approach their own growing-up milestones.

**Martin on the Moon**
*By Martine Audet*
*Illustrated by Luc Melanson*

An active daydreamer, Martin can’t help his mind from wandering on the first day of school. And when his teacher gently calls him back to Earth, Martin is embarrassed about his inattention. But once his whole class laughs along with him, Martin happily realizes that his imagination can help him make friends and have fun at school.

**Chirp Magazine**
is an award-winning magazine for kids ages 3–6 with over 80,000 subscribers. Chirp Magazine is based in Toronto.

BOB KAIN was the illustrator of *Chirp* Magazine from the debut issue in 1997 until 2010. He lives in Barrie, Ontario.

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SEAN L. MOORE has written and illustrated a number of books for children, including *Always Run Up the Stairs and Yellow Blues*. He lives with his dog, Zeke, in Vancouver.

GÉRALDINE COLLET is the prolific author of many beloved children’s books in her native French. She lives in Saint-Quentin, France.

CORALIE SAUDO lives in Ireland, where she spends her time on the beach, looking for treasures to bring to life with her pencils, camera, and mouse.

MARTINE AUDET is the author of many award-winning works of poetry, which have been translated into several languages, including English, Czech, German, Italian, and Spanish. She lives in Montreal.

LUC MELANSON won the Governor General’s Award for Children’s Illustration for his book *The Grand Journey of Mr. Man* in 2002. He lives in Laval, Quebec.

**Curriculum**

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- Comprehension
- Word Recognition Strategies
- Reading; Poetry
- Understanding Story Elements

**Reading Levels**
- Grade 2
- Fountas & Pinnel: J
- Reading Recovery: 20

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Oddrey
by Dave Whamond

Oddrey is a young girl who is a little bit different from everybody else. Her adventures and flights of fancy are a source of some teasing at school. But when her classmates start to forget their lines in a class production of The Wizard of Oz, Oddrey steps in to save the show — not by stealing it but by helping her classmates rise to the occasion.

My Think-a-ma-Jink
by Dave Whamond

It’s Jack’s sixth birthday and he’s not even excited. Enter a mysterious gift from his uncle — the Think-a-ma-Jink, a bizarre contraption that claims to bend the laws of time and space. But when the Think-a-ma-Jink is destroyed in a shape-shifting struggle, Jack must learn to harness the power of his imagination or risk being eternally bored.

Little Lamb, Have You Any Wool?
By Isabel Minhós Martins
Illustrated by Taro Kano

Through charming dialogue and warm illustrations, Little Lamb, Have You Any Wool? tells the story of a young child and his lamb preparing for the cold winter ahead. The boy uses his lamb’s soft wool to make everything he needs to protect himself from the coming cold. But then, he wonders, won’t his newly shorn lamb be cold? In the spirit of cooperation and caring friendship, the boy makes another set of winter clothes for the lamb. Now they are both warm and ready to face winter together!

LIZANN FLATT has written many information books for children, including The Nature Treasury and Let’s Go! A former editor of chickaDEE Magazine, her children’s writing has won many honors, including a Distinguished Achievement Award from the Association of Educational Publishers. She lives in Muskoka, Ontario.

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The Human Body
Lift the Flap and Learn
By Pascale Hédelin
Illustrated by Robert Barborini

The Human Body contains dynamic pull-tabs and flaps to help children uncover the mysteries of anatomy and physiology and give them a rich understanding of their own bodies. From being born to growing tall, from digesting food to getting sick and more, this book tackles a number of bodily topics about which children are naturally curious.

Animal Babies
Lift the Flap and Learn
By Pascale Hédelin
Illustrated by Stéphanie Herrbach

This interactive book about the birth and growth of animals allows children to touch an alligator’s skin, peek at what a bear cub noshes on, and pull a tab to help a mother giraffe have her baby. Animal Babies also features a giant pullout poster (49” x 3”) with life-size images of baby animals in the African savanna.

Earth and Sky
A Lift-the-Flap Guide to Our World and Solar System
By Pascale Hédelin
Illustrated by Laurent Richard

Explore the mysteries of the Earth and the universe with action-filled flaps that make answers to questions about clouds, stars, and space travel only a fun twist, flip, or pull away! Earth and Sky takes readers from our home planet up into the heavens and beyond, merging together the timeless subjects of geology, geography, meteorology, and astronomy.

About Lift the Flap and Learn

This amazing lift-the-flap reference series helps young children uncover the mysteries of nature, science, and the world around them. Appealing to children’s innate curiosity, the combination of interactive tabs and intriguing facts ensures that each book will be enjoyed again and again.

Books by Catherine Ripley

How?
The Most Awesome Question and Answer Book about Nature, Animals, People, Places — and You!
Illustrated by Scot Ritchie

When Oma arrives to stay with Jake, Lizzie, and their parents, they want to make her visit extra special — so off the family goes to a birthday party, the library, the beach, and many other places! These familiar childhood excursions prompt many questions from Jake and Lizzie. How do candles stay on fire? How do librarians remember where all the books go? How does the sand get so hot? How? provides kid-friendly explanations for nearly one hundred everyday mysteries, combining the best qualities of non-fiction and picture books to delight young readers.

Why?
The Best Ever Question and Answer Book about Nature, Science and the World around You
Illustrated by Scot Ritchie

Everyday childhood activities, such as an excursion to the park, splashing in the bathtub, or fixing a snack in the kitchen, can prompt many questions from young children. Why is the sky blue? Why does my stomach g-r-r-owl? Why do cows moooo? Curious kids want to know, and no adult has all the answers. This special edition of Why? celebrates the book’s tenth anniversary and provides kid-friendly explanations for nearly one hundred everyday mysteries for a whole new generation of children.

Catherine Ripley is a former editor of chickadee magazine as well as the author of several acclaimed children’s books. She contributes regularly to children’s magazines and lives in Edmonton.

Scott Ritchie is an award-winning illustrator of more than 30 books for children, including Let’s Go! by Lizann Flatt. He loves to travel and lives in Vancouver.
My Beastly Books

My Beastly Book of Hilarious Heroes
By Vincent Boudgourd

Balance a mountain of cars on a strongman’s pinky finger, design a hero’s mask and costume, and imagine over 150 other ways to save the day!

VINCENT BOUDGOURD is the art director at a publicity agency. He enjoys posters and illustrations from the 1950s through 70s and lives in Rennes, France.

My Beastly Book of Monsters
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Tie a monster’s shoelaces together, draw a creature that’s part monster and part pickle, and scare your friends and family with over 150 other mighty activities.

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My Beastly Book of Twisted Tales
By Bérengère Delaporte

Dirty Cinderella’s ballgown, give a sunbathing Snow White a sunburn, and create over 150 other not-so-happily-ever-after endings!

BÉRENGÈRE DELAPORTE works part-time at an advertising agency in France.

My Beastly Book of Silly Things
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Scribble all over the walls of your “room,” color all the stoplights red, and get silly over 150 other scenarios.

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About My Beastly Book
This collection of doodling, scribbling, coloring, and drawing activity books lets children do all the silly things they dream of. With more than 140 activities per title, the series offers readers hours of creative play using their active imaginations and honing their budding artistic skills.

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STÉPHANIE LEDU lives in Paris, France.

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By Elisabeth de Maraffi
Illustrated by Jay Stephens, Steven Charles Manale, Gabriel Morissette, Brooke Kerrigan, Wendy Ding

With careful attention to nutrition, allergies, and different diets, Eat It Up! contains over 55 tasty recipes for kids and tons of original Chick and Dee comics. These cartoons create a unique kids’ cookbook — one that will be referenced as much for its hilarious characters as its mouthwatering food.

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*By Richard Thake • Illustrated by Vince Chui*

This tongue-twisting series debut introduces readers to Sir Seth and Sir Ollie, best friends and leaders of the Mighty Knights of Right & Honor, and the made-up world of Thatchwich, where the boys embark on their first quest.

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**Sir Seth Thistlethwaite and the Kingdom of the Caves**

*By Richard Thake • Illustrated by Vince Chui*

The second animated, alliterative adventure of Sir Seth and Sir Ollie takes our Mighty Knights underground to the Queendom of Claire, which is being held hostage by the evil Oz and his dino, Grak. Can this knightly duo save this queendom from becoming a kingdom?

**Book Three**

**Sir Seth Thistlethwaite Seeks the Truth of Betty the Yeti**

*By Richard Thake • Illustrated by Vince Chui*

After their adventure in the Queendom of Claire, Sir Seth and Sir Ollie eagerly head home — but too soon find themselves in yet another land: the snowy Ah Ah Kaachu. Of course, this new land has its own plagues and problems — specifically, a frightening Yeti named Betty.

About Sir Seth Thistlethwaite

This chapter-book series chronicles the adventures of 10-year-old buddies Seth Thistlethwaite and Ollie Everghettz. The two buddies, who’ve dubbed themselves the Mighty Knights of Right & Honor, are out to save the world — or solve even smaller dilemmas — embarking on some imaginative “daily knightly” adventures. The tongue-twisting humor, action, and adventure of each story makes this series both challenging and appealing — especially to boys.

** Weird Zone: Sports**

*By Maria Birmingham*  
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Think soccer, baseball, basketball, and hockey are the only options in the world of sports? Think again! Weird Zone: Sports uncovers the “other” sports, from the local and hidden to the strange, bizarre, and downright crazy. Playing football with over 200 people per team? (Just imagine the pile-up!) Chasing a giant wheel of cheese down an English hillside? Wrestling with your toes? This book contains all the funny facts about these sports — and many, many more!

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*Illustrated by John Kicksee*

This behind-the-scenes look at the good old hockey game reveals the stories behind the sport’s greatest goal scorers and craziest goalies and its biggest jokers and most ferocious fights.

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About How Sports Work
Crowds go wild for the How Sports Work series. It’s a slam dunk, a home run, a breakaway! This all-out, fast-paced series offers insider tips, secrets of the pros, legends of the game, and explores the dazzling science behind each sport.

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How The World in Infographics
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Compare the tallest mountains from each continent, see the entire volume of water on the Earth poured into one glass, stack up Eiffel Towers and compare the height of the world’s tallest waterfall, and more! From tectonic plates and meteorites to erupting volcanoes, the atmosphere, and the world’s longest rivers, this book explores planet Earth using a wide variety of icons, graphics, and pictograms.

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About The World in Infographics
The World in Infographics series welcomes readers to an exciting form of data visualization. Each title uses icons, pictograms, and graphics to present stats, facts, and figures to help children digest complex information. Each book includes an index, glossary, and a resource list at the back, creating a package that inspires learning.

Also Available
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Max Finder Mystery Collected Casebooks

About Max Finder Mystery Collected Casebooks

Packed with storylines and situations that preteens can relate to, Max Finder Mystery Collected Casebooks are sure to challenge and engage readers. Each volume features ten solve-it-yourself graphic stories originally published in OWL Magazine, as well as new puzzles and unique bonus content.

Max Finder Mystery Collected Casebook Volume 1
By Liam O’Donnell
Illustrated by Michael Cho

Who stole Ethan’s prize basketball card? And where has the big snake from the local pet store escaped to? Volume 1 features ten graphic mysteries, plus bonus puzzles to help readers hone their sleuthing skills.

Max Finder Mystery Collected Casebook Volume 2
By Liam O’Donnell
Illustrated by Michael Cho

Who’s trying to keep Andrea from running in the cross-country meet? This graphic mystery and nine others await readers in Volume 2. Plus, peek inside illustrator Michael Cho’s sketchbook to see some of the first-ever drawings of Max Finder.

Max Finder Mystery Collected Casebook Volume 3
By Liam O’Donnell
Illustrated by Michael Cho

Is Old Oak Manor as haunted as some people believe it to be? Max Finder and Alison Santos are back with more solve-it-yourself fun from the pages of OWL Magazine. Get tips on writing your own comics from series creator Liam O’Donnell, too!

Max Finder Mystery Collected Casebook Volume 4
By Liam O’Donnell and Craig Battle
Illustrated by Ramón Pérez

Who swapped the famous painting at the art gallery with a fake? And who’s dumping garbage illegally during a city strike? Max and Alison are back on the case! Three short story–style mysteries are also included.

Max Finder Mystery Collected Casebook Volume 5
By Liam O’Donnell and Craig Battle
Illustrated by Ramón Pérez

Max and Alison return to the halls of Central Meadows Junior High to reveal the culprits in ten new cases. Includes tips and tricks for readers hoping to hone their own sleuthing skills.

Max Finder Mystery Collected Casebook Volume 6
By Liam O’Donnell and Craig Battle
Illustrated by Ramón Pérez

Who is stealing all the bikes from the skate park? Why did someone toilet-paper the new girl’s house? Max and Alison solve these two mysteries — and eight others — in Volume 6. A how-to guide for throwing a mystery party at home is also included.

Max Finder Mystery Collected Casebook Volume 7
By Liam O’Donnell and Craig Battle
Illustrated by Ramón Pérez

Who stole the school mascot? Why did someone trash Ursula’s guitar amp? And who sabotaged the girls’ relay team? Readers will need to decipher the clues to find out! At-home forensics techniques are also outlined.

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“A lot of fun, and the addition of visual clues to the familiar minute-mystery format enhances the enjoyment.”

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“Many of the cases are interesting, and the results are entertaining. The overall flow is very fast-paced, making it suitable for reluctant readers.”

~ Resource Links

“Brightly colored comic story boards with a vast variety of characters... will surely hook all readers in this age group.”

~ School Library Journal
The Secret Life of Money
A Kid’s Guide to Cash
By Kira Vermord
Illustrated by Clayton Hanmer
This book uses anecdotes, engaging comics, and a wealth of surprising everyday connections to help young readers see and understand cash from an entirely different angle. From why we buy what we buy to how credit cards work to investing and a whole lot more, readers will gain an appreciation for the myriad ways that money changes, influences, and even better their lives.

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Not Your Typical Book about the Environment
By Elin Kelsey
Illustrated by Clayton Hanmer
An antidote to eco-sanctimony, this hopeful book about the environment celebrates the smart technologies and the growing green movement that make the 21st century such an exciting time in our relationship with the Earth.

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Off to Class
Incredible and Unusual Schools around the World
By Susan Hughes
In Off to Class, readers will travel to over a dozen countries, visit the world’s most innovative schools, and meet the students who attend them, too. From schools on boats and train platforms to schools in tents, caves, and even trees, each school in this book will inspire kids to think about learning and the world in a whole new way.

SUSAN HUGHES has been writing and editing children’s books for over twenty years. She lives in Toronto.

Learn to Speak Fashion
A Guide to Creating, Showcasing, and Promoting Your Style
By Laura deCarufel • Illustrated by Jeff Kulak
By starting with the most basic formula (clothes + art = fashion), Learn to Speak Fashion gets to the heart of what makes clothing so much more than just what we wear. The lessons within these pages range from understanding how to dress every part of the body to making your own pair of pants, from learning how to create an inspiration board to holding a fashion show in your backyard.

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Learn to Speak Dance
A Guide to Creating, Performing, and Promoting Your Moves
By Ann-Marie Williams • Illustrated by Jeff Kulak
Different dance styles from around the world to tips on choreography, costume design, performance, staging, and even managing a potential career, Learn to Speak Dance is a revelation of just how far your own two feet can move you.

ANN-MARIE WILLIAMS is the director of the Movement Lab, a dance school for kids. She is a certified ballet teacher with the Royal Academy of Dance and often contributes to The Dance Current. She lives in Toronto.

Learn to Speak Music
A Guide to Creating, Performing, and Promoting Your Songs
By John Crossingham • Illustrated by Jeff Kulak
Learn to Speak Music helps kids learn the simplicity of this universal language by exposing every nook and cranny of how music is made — whether by the pros or by you! From songwriting and artwork to shooting a video and setting up a practice space, every aspect of the world of music is explored.

JOHN CROSSINGHAM is a former member of the music collective Broken Social Scene. He lives in Toronto. JEFF KULAK is an Edmonton-born, Montreal-based designer-illustrator. From his studio, a converted room in a former nunnery, he creates art for books, magazines, album covers, and event posters. He lives in Montreal.
On a Day Story Voyages

On an American Day Volume I
Story Voyages through History 1750–1899
By Rona Arato • Illustrated by Ben Shannon

These nine short stories introduce readers to fictional boys and girls living through American events such as the Civil War, the California gold rush, the early days of Berea College, and the opening of the Perkins School for the Blind.

On a Medieval Day
Story Voyages around the World
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These nine short stories visit cultures from Japan to Mali and span nearly 700 years of world history. From Viking explorers to early ball sports in the Mayan Civilization, this book introduces readers to the fascinating societies that have shaped our world.

On a Canadian Day
Nine Story Voyages through History
By Rona Arato • Illustrated by Peter Ferguson

From the story of an aboriginal boy preparing for his first buffalo hunt to that of a privileged girl in Toronto at the turn of the century, these stories introduce young readers to pivotal moments in Canadian history.

RONA ARATO is an award-winning children’s writer and the author of Courage and Compassion and the On a Day Story Voyages series, among others. She lives in Toronto.

About On a Day Story Voyages

These themed collections of historical short fiction chronicle children’s days in different time periods, in different parts of the world. Each story is accompanied by factual information about the historical period. Lesson plans available at www.owlkidsbooks.com

The Last Train
A Holocaust Story
By Rona Arato

The Last Train is the true story of young brothers Paul and Oscar Arato and their mother surviving the Nazi occupation during World War II. The occupation forces the family into a ghetto in their hometown; to the deadly Bergen Belsen camp; and, finally, onto a dark, stinking boxcar wandering the German countryside. After four days on the train, the boys are convinced they will be killed, but through a twist of fate, the train is discovered by a battalion of American soldiers marching through Germany.

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Story Voyages through History 1945–1999

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CRYPTIC CANADA Unsolved Mysteries from Coast to Coast

From buried treasure to ice mummies to bootleggers to shipwrecks, curious readers need look no further than Cryptic Canada to discover seven of this country’s most engaging unsolved mysteries. Beginning with the ongoing hunt in Nova Scotia for the legendary treasure of Captain Kidd and his crew and ending with an exploration of the Great Lakes Triangle phenomenon (with several other exciting stories in between), this book has something for every adventurous reader.

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Who Wants Pizza? The Kids’ Guide to the History, Science & Culture of Food

Ranging from digestion to etiquette in different cultures, from animal domestication to food preservation, and the variety of foods eaten around the world, Who Wants Pizza? takes kids on a journey through the world of food: past, present, and future.

This Is My Planet The Kids’ Guide to Global Warming

This Is My Planet answers questions about how Earth works and takes an in-depth look at climate change, giving young readers the tools to understand crises and inspiring them to take action in their own lives.

I Found a Dead Bird The Kids’ Guide to the Cycle of Life and Death

The death of a bird is the jumping off point for this examination of the cycle of life and death. From lifespans to how people grieve, I Found a Dead Bird guides young readers through difficult territory with grace, sensitivity, and touches of humor.

You Just Can’t Help It! Your Guide to the Wild and Wacky World of Human Behavior

How many times have you been frightened and felt the hairs on the back of your neck stand up? Or flinched when someone reached out to tickle you? The thing is, you just can’t help yourself! Part The Naked Ape, part MAD Magazine, this book is an enthralling and slightly zany exploration of the basic human biology that determines our reactions, social interactions, and the ways we communicate with one another.

Gross Universe

From mucus to vomit, and everything in between, this book proves that gross can happen in a minute in the world around you. And it sure is fascinating.

Fear This Book

From ghosts and monsters to nightmares and curses, Fear This Book presents spine-tingling fear facts from around the world.

They Did What?!

From pet rocks to turkey-and-gravy soda, They Did What?? applauds the humor hiding within the (supposed) sophistication of humanity.

Just a Minute!

A myriad of facts about what can happen in a minute in the world around you accompany David on a crazy adventure through time.

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By The Editors of Chirp Magazine

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What’s the Matter with Albert?
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Illustrated by Allan Cormack and Deborah Drew-Brook

Let’s Go!
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Since Chirp was first hatched on the pages of Chirp Magazine, hundreds of thousands of children have fallen head-over-heels for this lovable character. The 10th anniversary edition contains comics, stories, puzzles, jokes, and special bonus material.

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~ Resource Links
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The Kids' Horse Book
By Sylvia Funston

The Kids' Horse Book is packed full of information about pony and horse breeds, useful advice on grooming and basic riding techniques, fascinating facts, and more.

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“Once in a while, a very special book that quietly communicates a sense of wonder, beauty, and spiritual connectedness comes along. This is such a book.”
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Strange New Species
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Inventions That Changed Life on Earth Forever
Illustrated by Steve Attoe

From the wheel to the spinning wheel, from paper to plastic, What’s the Big Idea? examines over thirty of the most important inventions in human history. Inventor biographies grant glimpses in the lives of geniuses such as Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Edison, and a host of others.
Wow Canada!
By Vivien Bowers
Illustrated by Dan Hobbs, Dianne Eastman

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That's Very Canadian!
By Vivien Bowers
Illustrated by Dianne Eastman

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Lights, Camera, Action!
By Leo O'Brien
Illustrated by Stephen MacEachern

By Lisa O'Brien

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