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Art from *Chaiwala!*

### Dear Reader,

It's been a tough year for many, and through it all, we owe a thanks to you—the wonderful librarians, teachers, wholesalers, reviewers, and booksellers—for the work you do. Thank you for all you do, always but especially now, to help great books find their way to our readers.

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From all of us at Owlkids Books, we're sending warmest wishes and looking forward to better times ahead!

Sincerely,

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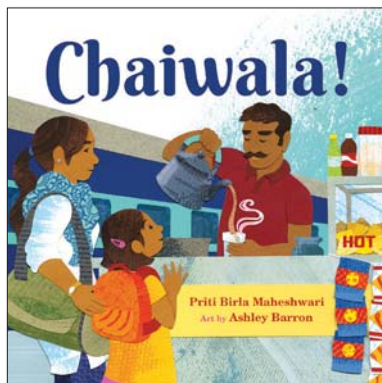


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Art from *Hold That Thought!*

## A sensory celebration of family, food, and culture



### Chaiwala!

Written by Priti Birla Maheshwari

Illustrated by Ashley Barron

When their train makes a 10-minute stop at the station in Jaipur, a young girl and her mother hurry to get in line for a cup of chai. While the girl waits for her mug of milky spiced tea, readers are treated to the sights, sounds, and smells of the Chaiwala's cart. The aroma of ginger, cardamom,

cloves, and cinnamon sticks swirls in the air. Tea leaves rustle, milk bubbles, and the hot drink is poured back and forth until—*clink!*—the cups are filled and placed on the stand. With a biscuit and a rusk added to their order, it's time to find a spot to sit and enjoy!

Inspired by the author's childhood visits to India, *Chaiwala!* celebrates the pleasures of taking time for food, family, and tradition—even for a brief moment. Illustrated in lively cut-paper collages and filled with scrumptious sensory details, this book is just like a cup of chai—warm, comforting, and good to the last drop.



PRITI BIRLA MAHESHWARI was born in New Delhi, India. She moved to Canada when she was six years old and has also lived in the United States. A teacher for more than 20 years, Priti lives with her husband and daughter in Cambridge, Ontario. Priti savors the tender moments and conversation that happen when people connect over a cup of chai. *Chaiwala!* is her first picture book.

ASHLEY BARRON studied illustration at the Ontario College of Art and Design. She has since illustrated a number of books with Owlkids Books and Kids Can Press. Ashley shares a studio with her partner and three cats in Toronto, Ontario.

October 2021

24 PAGES • 8.25 x 8.25 • AGES 3–7

HC • \$18.95 CDN / \$17.95 US

ISBN 978-1-77147-368-2



CURRICULUM

**Language Arts:** Reading Comprehension

**Social Studies:** Cultures Around the World

**Visual Arts:** Illustration Techniques

READING LEVELS

Grade: 2

Fountas & Pinnell: J

Reading Recovery: 18

Lexile® Measure: AD550L

COMMON CORE

RL.2, W.2, SL.2, L.2

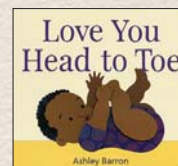
Inquiry

Diversity

### Key Features

- An Own Voices story inspired by debut author Priti Birla Maheshwari's childhood visits to India
- Illustrated in vibrant cut-paper collages by Ashley Barron
- Transports readers with vivid details and immersive art

### Also Illustrated by Ashley Barron

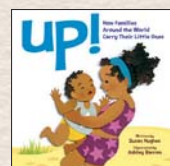


HC • \$18.95 CDN / \$16.95 US

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BB • \$11.95 CDN / \$9.95 US

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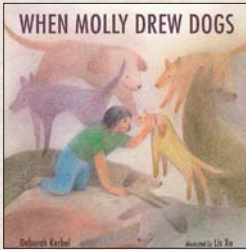
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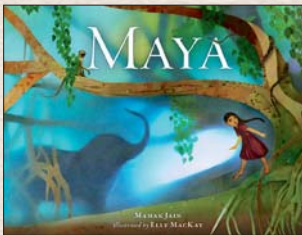
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★ Quill & Quire



HC • \$18.95 CDN / \$16.95 US

ISBN 978-1-77147-100-8

★ Kirkus



HC • \$19.95 CDN / \$17.95 US

ISBN 978-1-77147-363-7

★ Kirkus Best of 2020

★ School Library Journal Best of 2020

★ Booklist Editors' Choice

★ Bulletin for the Center of Children's Books Blue Ribbon

A Horn Book CaldeNott, 2020

A New York Public Library Best Book for Kids, 2020

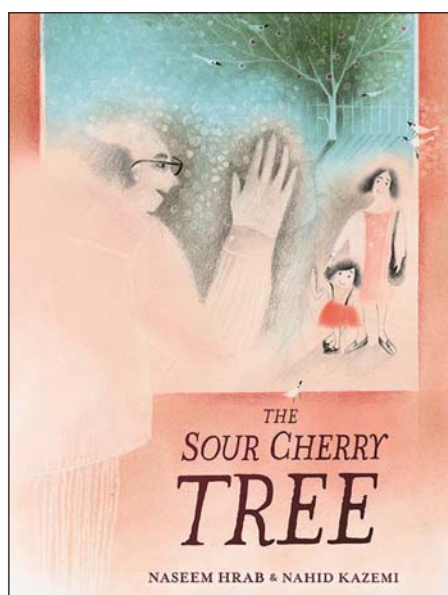
A Book Links Lasting Connection, 2020

A CBC Best Canadian Picture Book of 2020

A Globe and Mail Top Book of 2020

## A heartwarming look at love, loss, and memorable objects through the eyes of a child





## The Sour Cherry Tree

Written by Naseem Hrab • Illustrated by Nahid Kazemi

After her grandfather's death, a young girl wanders through his house. As she tours each room, the objects she discovers stir memories of her grandfather—her baba bozorg. His closet full of clothes reminds her of the mints he kept in his pockets. His favorite teacup conjures thoughts of the fig cookies he would offer her. The curtains in the living room bring up memories of hide-and-seek games and the special relationship that she and her baba bozorg shared, even though they spoke different languages.

*The Sour Cherry Tree* is an authentic look at death and loss centred on the experiences of a child, both strikingly whimsical and matter-of-fact. Drawing on the Iranian-Canadian author's childhood memories, this tender meditation on grief, love, and remembrance is at once culturally specific and universally relatable.

NASEEM HRAB is a writer and storyteller, and the author of the Ira Crumb series and *Weekend Dad*. Her comedy writing has appeared on *McSweeney's Internet Tendency* and *The Rumpus*. Naseem worked as a librarian for a time and now works in children's publishing. She lives in Toronto, Ontario.

NAHID KAZEMI is an author, illustrator, and visual artist who has published more than 60 children's books and has been nominated for both the Governor General's Award and the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. She has also taught art and has exhibited her work in Iran, France, Italy, the UK, Lebanon, and Serbia. Nahid lives in Montreal, Quebec.

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32 PAGES • 8 x 11 • AGES 4–8

HC • \$19.95 CDN / \$18.95 US

ISBN 978-1-77147-414-6



CURRICULUM

**Language Arts:** Reading Comprehension

**Character Development:** Social-Emotional Learning

READING LEVELS

Grade: 2

Fountas & Pinnell: K

Reading Recovery: 20

Lexile® Measure: AD520L

COMMON CORE

RL.2, W.2, SL.2, L.2

Social - Emotional Learning

## Key Features

- An Own Voices story based on author Naseem Hrab's childhood memories and the Iranian-Canadian cultural details that the author and illustrator share
- An accessible exploration of intergenerational relationships, memory, and grief as experienced by a child
- Told in soft, evocative chalk pastel art



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32 PAGES • 10 x 9 • AGES 3–7

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ISBN 978-1-77147-397-2



## CURRICULUM

**Language Arts:** Reading Comprehension

**Character Development:** Social-Emotional Learning

## READING LEVELS

Grade: 1

Fountas & Pinnell: G

Reading Recovery: 12

Lexile® Measure: AD310L

## COMMON CORE

RL.1, W.1, SL.1, L.1

Social - Emotional Learning

## Key Features

- Models social-emotional learning and a growth mindset
- Gently affirms complex, messy emotions
- Bold, fantastic illustrations map out feelings and complement minimal text

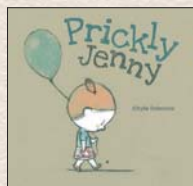
## Also Recommended



HC • \$19.95 CDN / \$17.95 US

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★ School Library Journal Best of 2020

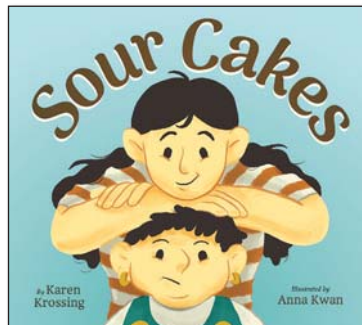


HC • \$16.95 CDN / \$16.95 US

ISBN 978-1-77147-129-9

★ Publishers Weekly

# Heavy emotions meet a deep well of understanding in this uplifting sibling story



## Sour Cakes

Written by Karen Krossing

Illustrated Anna Kwan

Two siblings wake up in two very different moods; the older one cheerful and lively, the younger grumpy and irritable. The big sister negotiates and cajoles, trying everything she can think of to cheer her little sister up, but nothing works. She

offers to go outside and play, but her sister refuses. She suggests they color a picture, but her little sister only likes the color gray. She proposes they bake sweet cakes, but her sister only wants sour ones.

It's only when little sister's gloomy mood reaches a boiling point that the older sibling tries a different tactic. She empathizes and enters the gloom with her sister, and offers up compassion along with a gray picture and a sour cake. Together, they navigate the little sister's messy feelings and are finally able to play.

Told with striking conceptual illustrations, this story explores empathy and emotional acceptance in a warm, accessible way.



KAREN KROSSING is an author of novels and short stories for kids and teens. She also conducts writing workshops, readings, and book talks. *Sour Cakes* is her first picture book. Karen lives in Toronto, Ontario.

ANNA KWAN is an illustrator from Toronto, Ontario. She studied illustration at OCAD University, where she drew comics and funny pictures, but didn't imagine it would lead her to illustrate children's books. She enjoys eating snacks, and is always happy to pet-sit when asked.

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36 PAGES • 9.84 x 9.84 • AGES 3–7

HC • \$19.95 CDN / \$18.95 US

ISBN 978-1-77147-429-0



CURRICULUM

Language Arts: Reading; Visual Literacy

READING LEVELS

Grade: 1

Fountas & Pinnell: 1

Reading Recovery: 16

Lexile® Measure: AD540L

COMMON CORE

RL.1, W.1, SL.1, L.1

Inquiry

## Key Features

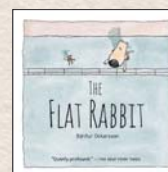
- Based on Korean and other East Asian folklore about a rabbit whose likeness is etched into the moon, making for a fantastical tale
- Supports themes of creative problem-solving, empathy, and environmental stewardship
- Illustrated in stunningly detailed mixed-media shoebox dioramas

## Also Recommended



HC • \$19.95 CDN / \$17.95 US

ISBN 978-1-77147-358-3



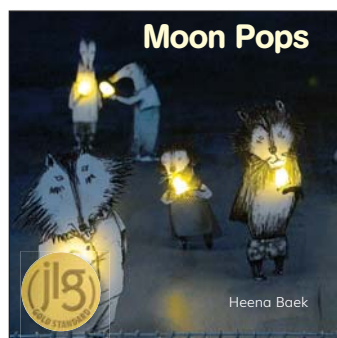
HC • \$18.95 CDN / \$17.95 US

ISBN 978-1-77147-059-9

★ Kirkus

★ Booklist Editors' Choice

# A witty, weird, and wonderful spin on a classic Korean folktale



## Moon Pops

Written and illustrated by Heena Baek

One sweltering summer night, while the many residents of one apartment building are struggling to fall asleep, the moon begins to melt. Granny hears it dripping and runs out to catch the moon drops in a bucket. At first unsure what to do with the drops, she is soon inspired to turn them into popsicles—

moon pops!—to help cool down her neighbors.

But as everyone drifts off to sleep, a new problem arises. The fabled rabbits who, according to folklore, live on the moon have lost their home! With the last of the moon drops, Granny grows a new moon from the potted plant in her window. As the moon ascends to the starry sky above, the rabbits return to their home, and Granny returns to her bed.

Illustrated in otherworldly mixed-media dioramas, this quirky and colorful picture book spins a new story from the common East Asian fable of the rabbit in the moon.



HEENA BAEK was born in Seoul. She studied education technology at Ewha Womans University in Seoul and animation at the California Institute of the Arts in the United States. After working in advertising and multimedia for children, she began to create her own picture books when her daughter was born. Baek has won multiple awards for her work, both in South Korea and internationally. She lives in Seoul, South Korea.



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ISBN 978-1-77147-419-1



**Language Arts:** Reading

**Science:** Scientific Inquiry; Paleontology

READING LEVELS

Grade: 2

Fountas & Pinnell: L

Reading Recovery: 24

Lexile® Measure: AD610L

COMMON CORE

RL.2, W.2, SL.2, L.2

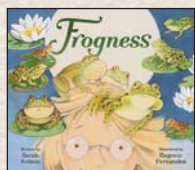
Social - Emotional Learning

Inquiry

## Key Features

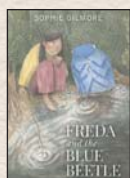
- Features a resilient, inquiring, and self-motivated main character
- Great for kids with interests in fossils and STEM
- Inspired by a real-life 2015 discovery by a farmer in Michigan
- Social-emotional learning connections to resilience and self-management

## Also Recommended



HC • \$19.95 CDN / \$17.95 US

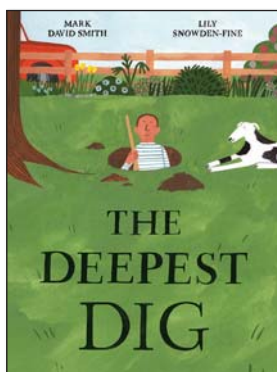
ISBN 978-1-77147-375-0



HC • \$19.95 CDN / \$17.95 US

ISBN 978-1-77147-381-1

# A tenacious kid digs deep and makes important discoveries



## The Deepest Dig

Written by Mark David Smith

Illustrated by Lily Snowden-Fine

After a heavy rain exposes a bit of *something* in his backyard, Caden resolves to dig the treasure up and find out exactly what it is. He tries to enlist the help of his parents and teacher, who are dismissive and disbelieving—but that doesn't deter Caden from his goal.

Caden's next-door neighbor, Martha, is the only adult who encourages him to keep digging. Working together, they unearth Caden's discovery: the giant bones of a prehistoric woolly mammoth! After comically misassembling the massive skeleton, Caden attracts everyone's attention with his discovery—and finds another treasure in bringing his family together.

Rich yet simple illustrations accompany this funny, kid-empowering story that celebrates scientific inquiry and is based on a true discovery.



MARK DAVID SMITH is a high school English teacher and the author of *Caravaggio: Signed in Blood*. He lives in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia.

LILY SNOWDEN-FINE is the illustrator of the Curious Questions About Your Favorite Pets series, and has illustrated for *The Globe and Mail* and *The New York Times*. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.



## A cozy sibling conspiracy unfolds at midnight



### The Midnight Club

Written by Shane Goth

Illustrated by Yong Ling Kang

At the stroke of midnight, Milly wakes up her big sister, Becca. It's time for Milly's first Midnight Club adventure! With Becca leading the way, the siblings explore the hidden wonders of their house in the dark. They dip into Dad's jar of jelly beans, try on Mom's coat, and make more mischief with the help of the Midnight Club president (their cat, Oliver!).

Exhausted from their midnight expedition, Milly is ready to head to bed, but not before she remembers the club's most important rule: The Midnight Club must be a secret! The sisters quickly clean up before settling down to sleep. But they might have left a few clues behind ...

This charming midnight romp celebrates the special bond between siblings with a mischievous but safe spirit. Playful details like The Midnight Club hand signal and the special club rules are sure to inspire readers to plan their own at-home adventures.



SHANE GOTH is an MFA student at the University of British Columbia, whose short fiction has been published in several literary journals. *The Midnight Club* is his first picture book. Shane lives with his family in Vancouver, British Columbia.

YONG LING KANG is an illustrator who grew up in Singapore and is now based in Toronto, Ontario. She has illustrated several picture books, including *This House Is Home*, *William's Getaway*, and *Tanna's Owl*.

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ISBN 978-1-77147-394-1



CURRICULUM

Language Arts: Reading

READING LEVELS

Grade: 1

Fountas & Pinnell: H

Reading Recovery: 15

Lexile® Measure: AD480L

COMMON CORE

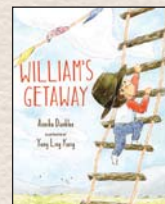
RL.1, W.1, SL.1, L.1

Inquiry

### Key Features

- A late-night adventure from debut author Shane Goth
- A fun approach to sibling relationships and the power of play
- Illustrated in soft watercolors that evoke an after-dark atmosphere
- The club's special rules and secret hand signal will inspire readers to plan their own at-home adventures

### Also Recommended



HC • \$18.95 CDN / \$16.95 US

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HC • \$18.95 CDN / \$16.95 US

ISBN 978-1-77147-328-6

August 2021

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HC • \$19.95 CDN / \$18.95 US

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**Language Arts:** Reading Comprehension  
**Social-Emotional Learning:** Belonging and Contributing; Teamwork and Cooperation; Kindness  
**Character Education:** Self-Confidence; Perseverance; Flexibility

READING LEVELS

Grade: 3

Fountas & Pinnell: O

Lexile® Measure: AD610L

COMMON CORE

RL.3, W.3, SL.3, L.3

Social - Emotional Learning

Character Development

## Key Features

- New from Blue Spruce Award–nominated author Bree Galbraith
- Models resilience and a growth mindset
- Vibrant, whimsical illustrations show a diverse and inclusive school setting
- Reflects themes of teamwork and bullying

## Also by Bree Galbraith



HC • \$19.95 CDN / \$17.95 US

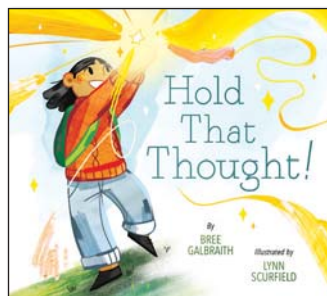
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HC • \$18.95 CDN / \$16.95 US

ISBN 978-1-77147-170-1

# An inspiring look at how ideas form, grow, and connect us all



## Hold That Thought!

Written by Bree Galbraith

Illustrated by Lynn Scurfield

In the middle of the night, Finn wakes up with something buzzing around in their head. It isn't heavy like a worry, it doesn't swirl like fear, and it isn't shaped like a question. It's something more exciting—an idea!

The next day at school, Finn shares the idea with friends, who nurture it and help shape it into something even more fantastic. But not everyone is excited about Finn's idea. When a bully knocks it to the ground, Finn begins to doubt themselves. And as Finn's doubt grows, their idea shrinks. But just before the idea disappears, Finn realizes that it's exactly as it should be! Confidence renewed, Finn shares the idea with more kids, who add their own thoughts until the idea flows—and even the bully becomes inspired to contribute.

Grounded in childhood curiosity and helmed by a gentle, inquiring main character, this story about the power of ideas fosters creativity, perseverance, inclusion, and a collaborative spirit.

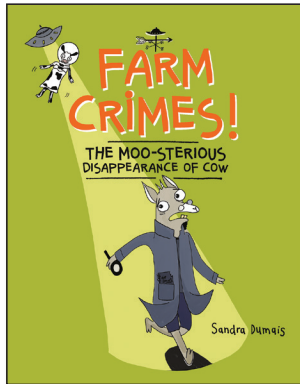


BREE GALBRAITH likes writing stories that inspire kids and adults to think critically about the world around them. Her books include *Usha and the Stolen Sun*, *Milo and Georgie*, and the *Wednesday Wilson* series. Bree holds a Master's degree in creative writing from the University of British Columbia, and a Master's degree in communication design from Emily Carr University. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, with her family.

LYNN SCURFIELD is a mixed-media illustrator who lives near Toronto, Ontario, with her dog, Taro. She received her Bachelor of Illustration from Sheridan College in 2015, and her work has been published by Google, *The New York Times*, *The Walrus*, *The Atlantic*, and *The Globe and Mail*.



## Detective Billiam Van Hoof is back for another misadventure



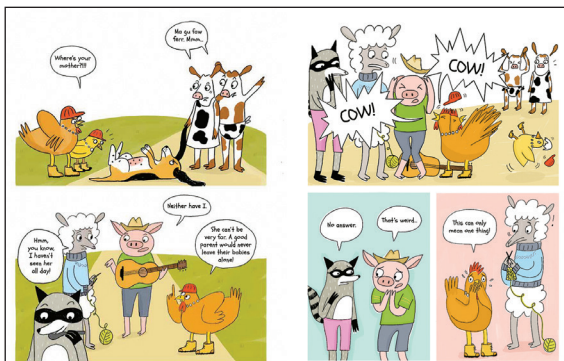
### Farm Crimes! The MOO-sterious Disappearance of Cow

*Written and illustrated by Sandra Dumaïs*

It's a beautiful fall day at the farm when the animals realize someone is missing ... again! Cow is nowhere to be found, and her calves can't say where she is, so Hen, Sheep, Raccoon, and Pig call in Inspector Billiam Van Hoof, the world's best (and only) goat detective.

The farm animals are certain Cow has been kidnapped, and clues lead them to some conspiratorial conclusions. Could a crop circle mean she was abducted by aliens? Did the farmer put her in a trailer to be sold, or worse—turned into a hamburger? But when Cow returns, they realize a celebration is in order (and that the answer was right in front of them all along).

A silly and engaging second instalment in the Farm Crimes series, each page is full of delightful details, visual gags, and fun characters. Returning and new readers alike will find lots to love in this latest mystery.



SANDRA DUMAÏS writes and illustrates comic books, picture books, and stories for kids and other silly people. Her books have even received a few different honors and nominations, including *Le Prix des Libraires* in Quebec. She lives in Montreal, Quebec, with her husband, their two children, and a polka-dot rescue dog named India.

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48 PAGES • 6.75 x 8.75 • AGES 6–9

HC • \$18.95 CDN / \$16.95 US

ISBN 978-1-77147-442-9



CURRICULUM

**Language Arts:** Reading; Visual Literacy

READING LEVELS

Grade: 2

Fountas & Pinnell: M

Reading Recovery: 28

Lexile® Measure: GN520L

COMMON CORE

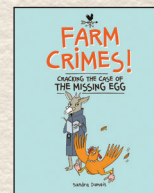
RL.2, W.2, SL.2, L.2

**Inquiry**

### Key Features

- Junior graphic novel great for emerging readers
- The second instalment of a laugh-out-loud funny series
- Hidden visual jokes and curriculum connections to visual literacy

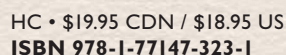
### Also in This Series



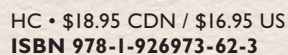
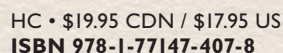
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— Publishers Weekly

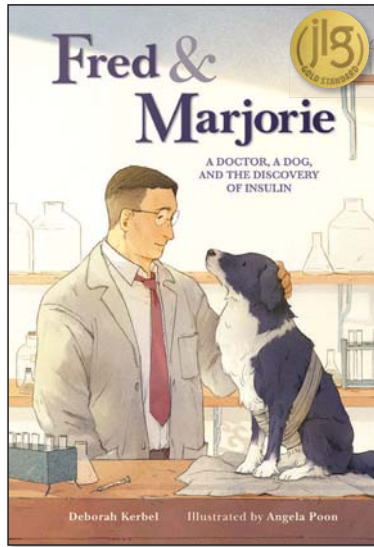


PB • \$11.95 CDN / \$9.95 US  
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**A graphic novel that tells the  
true story of the life-saving  
discovery of insulin**







## Fred & Marjorie

### A Doctor, a Dog, and the Discovery of Insulin

*Written by Deborah Kerbel • Illustrated by Angela Poon*

In 1921, Frederick Banting was a young doctor with a question: Could the mysterious secretions of the pancreas be used to treat diabetes? We now call this substance insulin, and its life-saving discovery was an impactful milestone in medical science.

Banting and his assistant, Charles Best, worked together in a small lab to test the theory with street dogs. Banting formed a special bond with one of his test dogs and gave her a name: Marjorie. After Marjorie responded well to insulin treatments, the treatments went on to be used for humans with diabetes—and the results were deemed practically miraculous.

Telling the story of a real-life scientific breakthrough in an innovative graphic novel format, the book also thoughtfully discusses the use of animals for medical research, including back matter on the subject, and also includes further information about diabetes.

DEBORAH KERBEL is an award-winning author who writes young adult and middle grade novels, as well as picture books and non-fiction. She lives and writes in Thornhill, Ontario, with her husband, two teens, and a rescue schnoodle named Freddie.

ANGELA POON is a freelance illustrator and comic artist living in Mississauga, Ontario. She is a graduate of Sheridan College's Bachelor of Illustration program.

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ISBN 978-1-77147-411-5



#### CURRICULUM

**Language Arts:** Biography

**Social Studies:** Canadian History

**Science:** Human Organ Systems; Medicine

**Technology:** Inventions

#### READING LEVELS

Grade: 5

Fountas & Pinnell: T

Lexile® Measure: GN600L

#### COMMON CORE

RL.5, W.5, LS.5, L.5

STEM

Inquiry

### Key Features

- Based on historical events and told in engaging graphic novel format
- Publishing in 2021 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the discovery of insulin
- Includes back matter on diabetes and the ethics of animal testing

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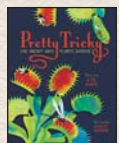
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## Also by Etta Kaner



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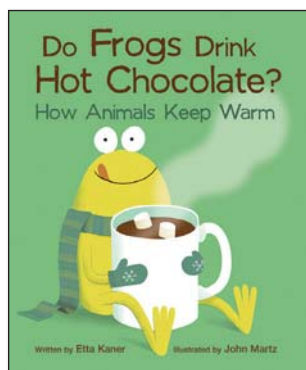
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# An upbeat exploration of how animals stay warm in cold weather



## Do Frogs Drink Hot Chocolate? How Animals Keep Warm

Written by Etta Kaner

Illustrated by John Martz

When winter arrives, animals living in cold environments need to cope with the drop in temperature to survive. Do polar bears build homes? Do penguins snuggle with a friend?

Yes and yes! But the bears' homes aren't made of wood, and the tuxedoed birds don't cuddle on a couch. Instead, these animals and many more have adapted in amazing ways to survive chilly weather.

Whether detailing whales layering up with plenty of blubber, turtles burrowing into the mud to snooze and wait for spring, or emperor penguins coming together in a giant huddle, this book is full of fascinating tidbits about animal behavior in winter. Written in a question-and-answer format, this interactive non-fiction book encourages kids to predict the answers and shout them out. Playful phrasing and comic illustrations make the content engaging for readers, who will gain newfound knowledge and an early understanding of adaptations in nature.

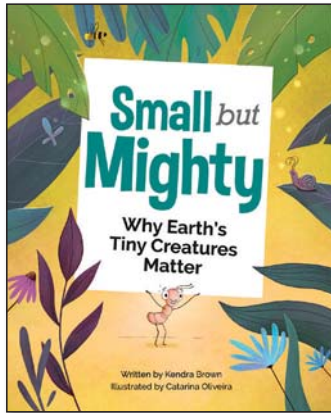


ETTA KANER writes for both children and educators. A number of her books have won awards, namely, the Silver Birch Award, the Henry Bergh Award, the Animal Behavior Society Award, the *Scientific American* Young Readers Book Award, and the Science in Society Book Award. Etta lives in Toronto, Ontario.

JOHN MARTZ is a cartoonist and illustrator in Toronto, Ontario. His 2014 graphic novel for children, *A Cat Named Tim and Other Stories*, was shortlisted for a Governor General's Literary Award and nominated for the Eisner Award for Best Publication for Early Readers. His book *Burt's Way Home* was nominated for Best Book in the 2017 Doug Wright Awards for Canadian cartooning.



# Sometimes the smallest creatures are the most important



## Small but Mighty Why Earth's Tiny Creatures Matter

Written by Kendra Brown  
Illustrated by Catarina Oliveira

The lion may be king of the jungle, but there are plenty of fascinating tiny critters that are critical to the survival of our planet.

From frogs as small as quarters that indicate the health of entire ecosystems, to crayon-sized millipedes that recycle dead plants into vital nutrients for soil, *Small but Mighty* explores the ways that small creatures help our environment thrive.

Each spread is packed with STEM content, including descriptions of each creature, fun facts, and real-life size comparisons. Illustrations of each animal in its natural habitat, both whimsical and realistic, bring the creatures to life. This kid-friendly introduction to keystone and crucial species and ecosystems demonstrates that no creature—including you!—is too small to make a big difference.



KENDRA BROWN is a freelance editor, writer, and content creator, and the former editor of *OWL* magazine. She lives in Toronto, Ontario, where she has worked in the children's media and publishing industry for over 15 years. But she is probably best known for her loud laugh and love of dinosaurs.

CATARINA OLIVEIRA is a Portuguese illustrator living in Toronto, Ontario. After working ten years as a graphic designer, she redirected her career to do what she loves – illustrate children's books. Published in Portugal and the US, Catarina's art also appears in both *Chickadee* and *Chirp* magazines.

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**Language Arts:** Reading

### READING LEVELS

Grade: 5  
Fountas & Pinnell: T  
Lexile® Measure: 950L

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RI.5, W.5, LS.5, L.5

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5-LS1, 5-LS2

STEM

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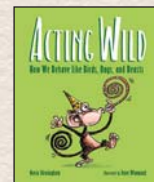
## Key Features

- New from debut author and former *OWL* magazine editor Kendra Brown
- Strong STEM curriculum ties to biodiversity, conservation, environmental stewardship, and sustainability
- Features true-to-life size comparisons, fun facts, and a glossary to support comprehension

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CURRICULUM

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Community; Citizenship; Inclusion

**Physical Education:** Inclusion; Physical Literacy; Physical Disability

Inquiry

## Key Features

- Profiles a range of Canadian Paralympic athletes from across the country
- A fun, accessible introduction to the Paralympic Games
- Created in collaboration with the Canadian Paralympic Committee
- Publishing to coincide with the Tokyo Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games in August 2021 and in advance of the Beijing Winter Games in March 2022
- Celebrates a broad range of experiences and abilities

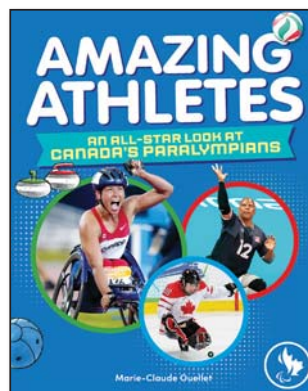
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# An uplifting and engaging celebration of Paralympic champions and the sports they dominate



## Amazing Athletes An All-Star Look at Canada's Paralympians

Written by Marie-Claude Ouellet

Discover the world of Para sport and meet some of its greatest athletes in this fascinating look at the third-largest sporting event in the world, the Paralympic Games.

This non-fiction book introduces readers to Canadian Paralympians and the sports they play, from PEI-born Para ice hockey pro Billy Bridges, to Goalball player and Iranian refugee Ahmad Zeividavi. Each section details a competitor's journey to professional sports, their greatest triumphs, and what inspires them most. Along the way, readers will deepen their knowledge of Para sports like Wheelchair curling, Para swimming, and more.

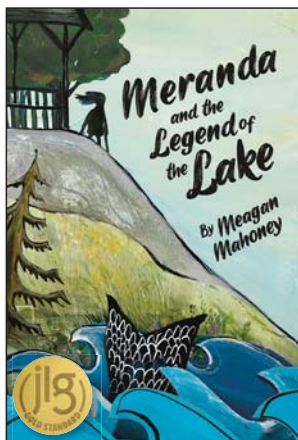
Drawing on interviews with competitors and comprehensive research, *Amazing Athletes* examines how disability and sport intersect, and encourages readers to persevere as they pursue their passions, athletic or otherwise. Dynamic, full-color photos bring the athletes to life, while a glossary invites curiosity and further research.



MARIE-CLAUDE OUELLET has worked in the field of scientific journalism for more than 25 years and writes frequently for the magazines *Les Explorateurs* and *Les Débrouillards*. She lives in Montreal, Quebec.



# Anne of Green Gables meets Song for a Whale with a touch of Nancy Drew



## Meranda and the Legend of the Lake

*Written by Meagan Mahoney*

Eleven-year-old Meranda thought her life was complicated enough with physical challenges (she uses crutches to walk) and her helicopter parents. But when her great-uncle Mark dies, Meranda and her family visit Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, where her parents grew up and where she hasn't been since the age of three.

Soon, secrets begin to unfold: Why does the newspaper headline say her great-uncle Mark's death was suspicious? Why do strangers keep calling Meranda "miracle baby"? Why does her usually calm mother seem so panicky and scared? And what on earth does all this have to do with *mermaids*? Meranda and her new friend, Claire, decide to investigate on their own. But as Meranda begins to separate fact from fiction, she finds herself in very real danger ...

With an intriguing mystery afoot, and a strong-willed, resilient heroine at the helm, this mythical maritime novel celebrates coming of age and growing into yourself.

Debut author MEAGAN MAHONEY balances her rediscovered love of writing with her work as a pediatric intensive care doctor in Calgary, Alberta. The rest of her time is spent exploring and enjoying the mountains with her husband and three children.

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READING LEVELS

Grade: 3

Fountas & Pinnell: P

Lexile® Measure: 670L

COMMON CORE

RL.3, W.3, SL.3, L.3

**Character Development**

## Key Features

- Debut middle-grade novel by author Meagan Mahoney
- Strong ties to Canadian geography and the Atlantic provinces
- Features a determined, inquisitive female main character
- Introduces one girl's experience with identity and disability

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CURRICULUM

Language Arts: Reading Comprehension

READING LEVELS

Grade: Pre K–5

Fountas & Pinnell: M

Reading Recovery: 20

Lexile® Measure: 520L

COMMON CORE

W, RL, L, RF, SL

NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS

2-LS2, 2-LS4

Character Development

Inquiry

Social - Emotional Learning

## Key Features

- New in paperback format
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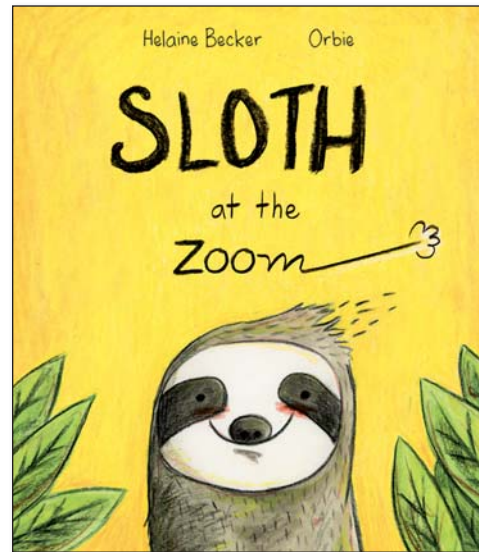
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# A laid-back sloth reminds an entire zoo to sloooooow down



## Sloth at the Zoom

Written by Helaine Becker • Illustrated by Orbie

One day, a sloth accidentally gets delivered to the Zoom! She was supposed to be dropped off at the Zzzzzoo, a much more laid-back, slow-paced place. She had been looking forward to long, languorous naps while the sun gently warmed her belly. But at the Zoom, the zebras gallop so fast they leave their stripes in puddles. The monkeys climb so fast they forget to stop at the treetops. And the parrots fly so fast their tails draw rainbows across the sky.

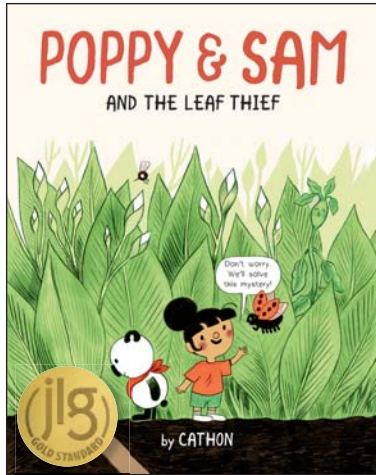
When the sloth tries to make friends, nobody has any time—until she meets a creature who's a little more her speed, and everyone stops to notice. This is a surprising, delightful, and funny picture book about slowing down to enjoy the little things and making time for what matters.

HELAINE BECKER is an award-winning writer of books for children. She has written over 80 books, including *Worms for Breakfast*, *Alice and Gert*, and the bestselling picture book *A Porcupine in a Pine Tree*. Helaine lives in Toronto, Ontario.

ORBIE is a children's book illustrator, graphic novel creator, and illustrator for newspapers, parenting posters, and marketing materials. She is also the author and illustrator of *The Clothesline* and some other funny books (she likes to laugh). She lives in Cap d'Espoir, Quebec.



# A duo of strawberry-sized sleuths cracks a case in this cute and lively picture book with graphic novel touches



## Poppy and Sam and the Leaf Thief

*Written and illustrated by Cathon*

It's a beautiful day in the garden when Poppy and her panda friend, Sam, hear a commotion. Their friend Basil—who has always been known for his elegance—is in tears, because somebody nibbled his leaves last night!

Poppy puts her detective skills to work, with help from Sam, and together they set out to find the culprit. They start by interviewing the insects, but Ms. Honeybee, Madame Ladybug, and Mr. Bumblebee all have contradictory suspicions of their own. So Poppy and Sam test some creative methods to catch the vandal red-handed. After a few misadventures, they find the remorseful nibbler—and Basil helps him understand that everything tastes better when it is freely offered.

Illustrated with charming details and lots of kid appeal, this is an easy-to-read graphic novel with friendly characters and a suspenseful story line.

CATHON is an artist and creator of children's books and comics. She studied visual arts and media at the Université du Québec à Montréal, and is the illustrator of *A Fire Truck for Chuck* in addition to several books in French. Cathon lives in Montreal, Quebec.

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W, SL, L, RI, RF

**Character Development**

**Inquiry**

## Key Features

- Accessible entry point to graphic novels for young readers, now in paperback
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- Humor abounds in the art and text with plenty of details to discover

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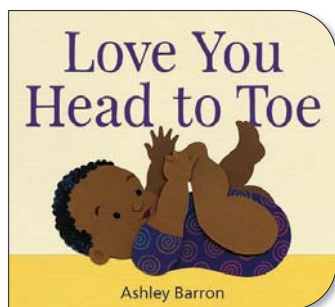
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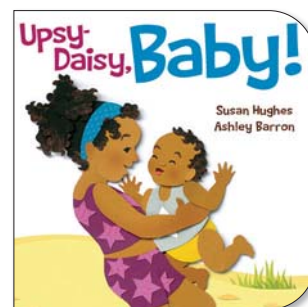
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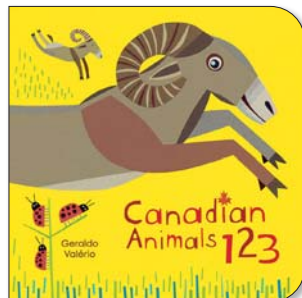
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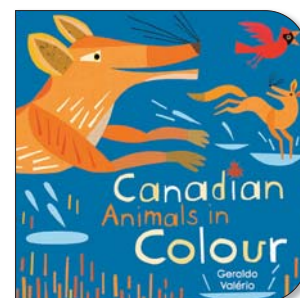
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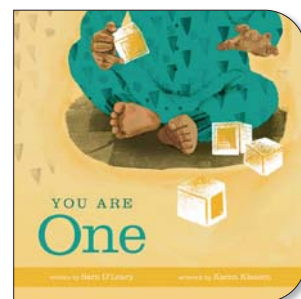
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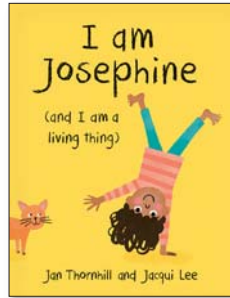


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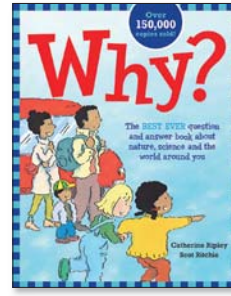




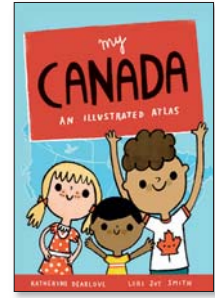
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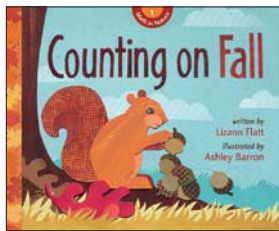
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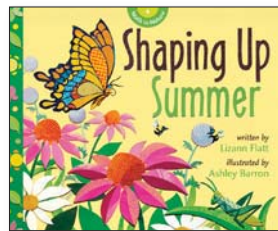
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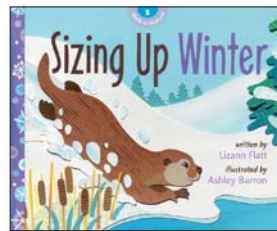
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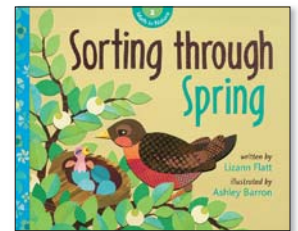
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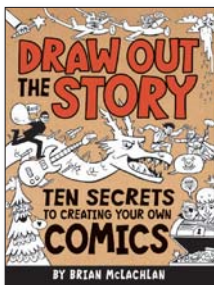
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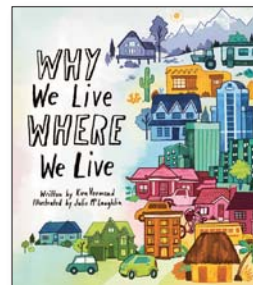
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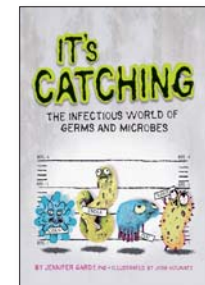
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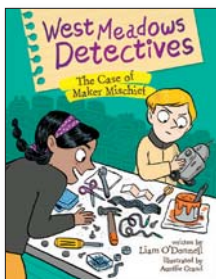
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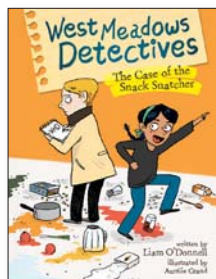
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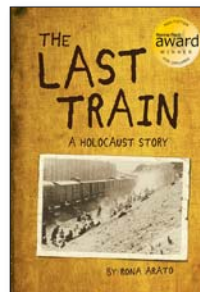
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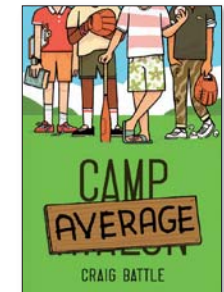
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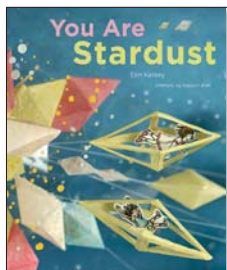


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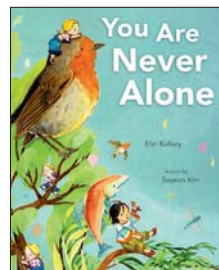
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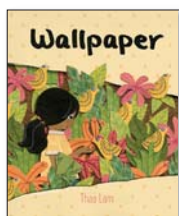
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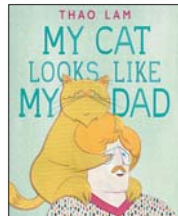
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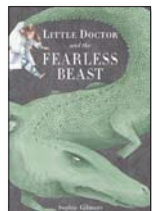
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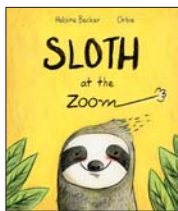
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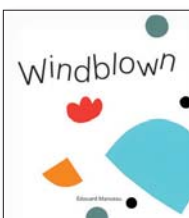
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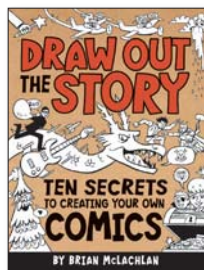
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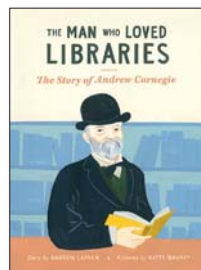


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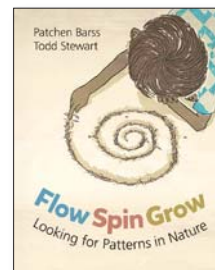


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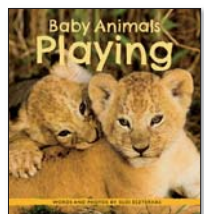
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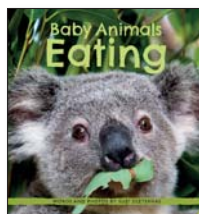
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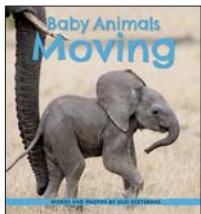
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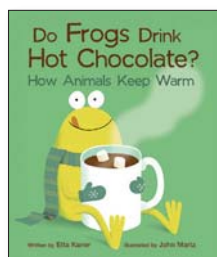


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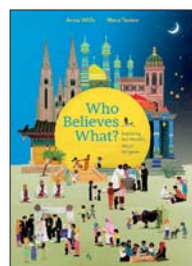
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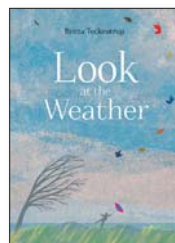
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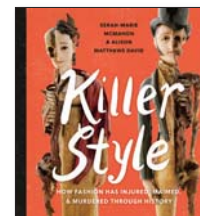


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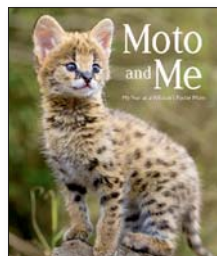
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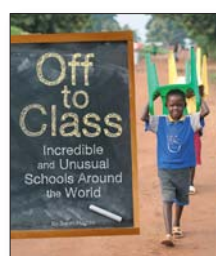


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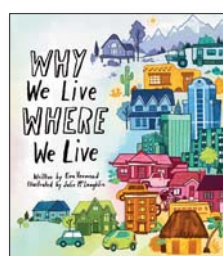
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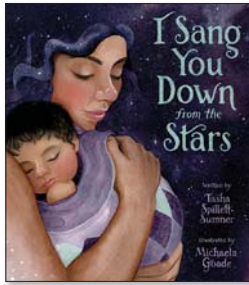


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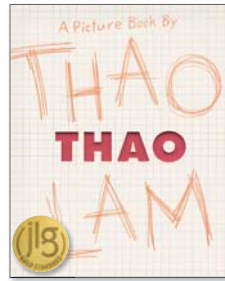
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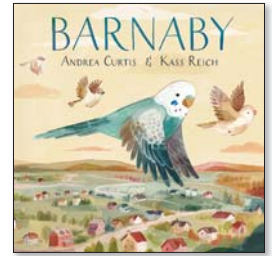
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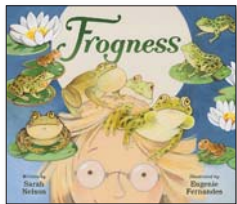


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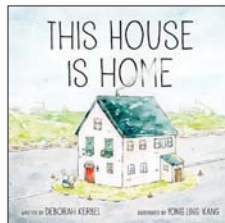


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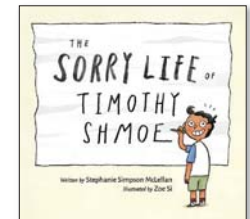
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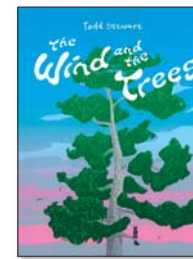


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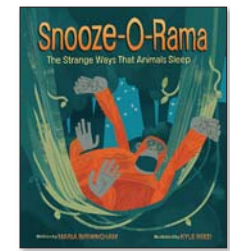
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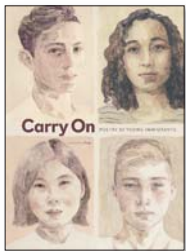


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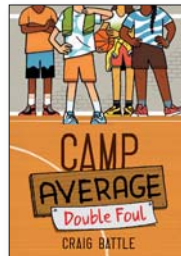
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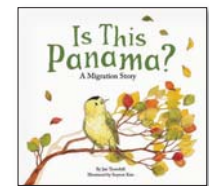
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