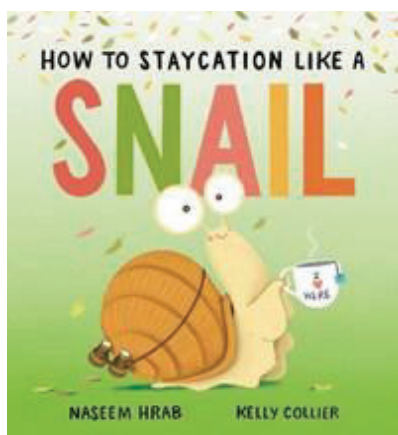


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Series: Snail & Stump
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How to Staycation Like a Snail

Naseem Hrab, Kelly Collier

Key Selling Points:

- Follow-up to the bestselling picture book *How to Party Like a Snail*
- Written by Governor General's Literary Award-winner Naseem Hrab, author of the Otis & Peanut series, the Ira Crumb series, *Weekend Dad*, and *The Sour Cherry Tree*
- Features adorable art from Kelly Collier, illustrator of the Otis & Peanut series
- Invites readers to use their senses to experience their surroundings and discover new things about their home
- Themes of friendship and inclusivity

Summary

Introverted party animal Snail is back in this delightfully hilarious SHHHcelebration of homebodies

Snail is an epic explorer ... kind of. He loves the quiet things about adventures, like reading maps, hiking along slime trails, and collecting souvenirs. On big vacations, he finds the sights, sounds, and unfamiliar foods—like escargot!—way too overwhelming. In fact, his favorite part of a vacation is when he gets to return to his home *SHHH*weet home.

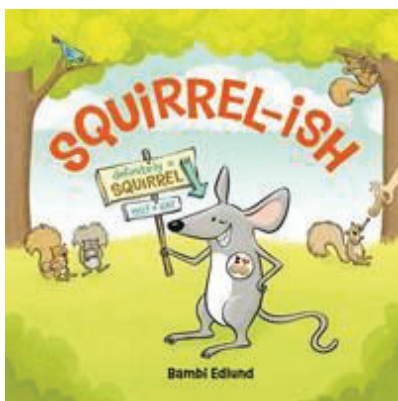
So, while his friends take a trip to the city, Snail and his buddy Stump decide to have an adventure in their own backyard—a staycation! The pair smell the silence, listen to the *SHHH SHHH* of the waterfall, and read their guidebooks with their *indoor* voices. Just when they start to wonder if they've run out of things to do, they notice something new: parachute seeds falling from the sky! The seeds have arrived for a vacation, and who better to show them around than Stump and Snail?

Snail's second adventure is just as witty and charming as his first, with laugh-out-loud moments and hidden puns on every page. Snail and Stump's staycation reveals the unexpected joys of staying home and promises that readers will find wonder around every corner, however close to home they may be.

Contributor Bio

NASEEM HRAB is a writer and storyteller, and the author of the Otis & Peanut series, the Ira Crumb series, *How to Party Like a Snail*, and *The Sour Cherry Tree*, which won the 2022 Governor General's Literary Award. Her comedy writing has appeared on *McSweeney's Internet Tendency* and *The Rumpus*. She loves improv and coffee ice cream. Naseem lives in Toronto, Ontario.

KELLY COLLIER was born in Ottawa and grew up in Toronto, Ontario, where she still lives with her husband and daughter. She has an identical twin sister and an older brother. As kids, Kelly and her sister drew all the time, mostly in an effort to "outdraw" their brother. Kelly studied illustration in college and is both the author and illustrator of the Steve the Horse series.



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Squirrel-ish

Bambi Edlund

Key Selling Points:

- New from the author and illustrator of *How to Make a Peanut Butter Sandwich in 17 Easy Steps*
- Hilarious illustrations are packed with silly details
- Encourages self-acceptance and creative problem-solving
- Features a crafty and resourceful main character

Summary

An enterprising rat discovers the joy of being true to himself

At the park, people give squirrels free peanuts. And nobody screams when a squirrel crosses their path. But for Rat, it's all screams and no nuts ... until he comes up with a plan: be more like a squirrel—squirrel-ish!

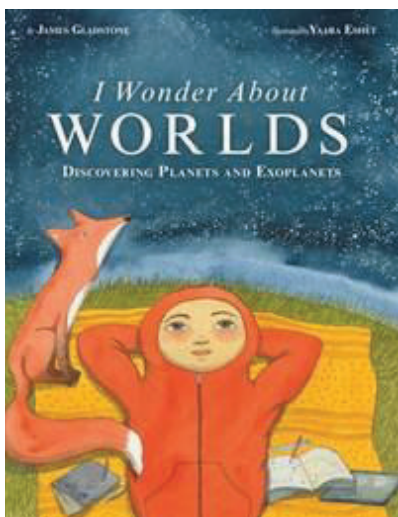
When his attempts at adopting a squirrel-ish posture and pinning his ears down don't make a difference, Rat considers his tail. And after a few crafty but failed squirrel-ish tail prototypes made from cotton balls, feathers, and spaghetti, he lands on a winning material: straw from a broom!

Finally, Rat can walk through the park without getting shooed. Free peanut in hand, he daydreams about building a re-tail empire ... until the dogs in the park spot him and give chase. All of a sudden, Rat understands why squirrels do so much scampering! Maybe his rat tail isn't so bad after all ...

Brightly illustrated and packed with hilarious details and hidden gags, this laugh-out-loud ode to self-love reminds readers that the grass isn't always greener on the other side.

Contributor Bio

BAMBI EDLUND is an illustrator, writer, and peanut butter sandwich enthusiast living on the Sunshine Coast in British Columbia. She spends much of her time drawing, sculpting, and chatting with the various critters that live nearby.



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I Wonder About Worlds

Discovering Planets and Exoplanets

James Gladstone, Yaara Eshet

Key Selling Points:

- A companion to *A Star Explodes* and *Journey Around the Sun* by James Gladstone and illustrated by Yaara Eshet
- Features ethereal watercolor art
- STEM curriculum connections to the solar system and exoplanets
- Invites curiosity and inquiry about space and science
- Includes sidebar informational text and endmatter about planets

Summary

A child's stargazing excursion turns into an interstellar journey to explore faraway planets

During a night of stargazing, a child looks up at the planets that make up our solar system and wonders about what lies beyond.

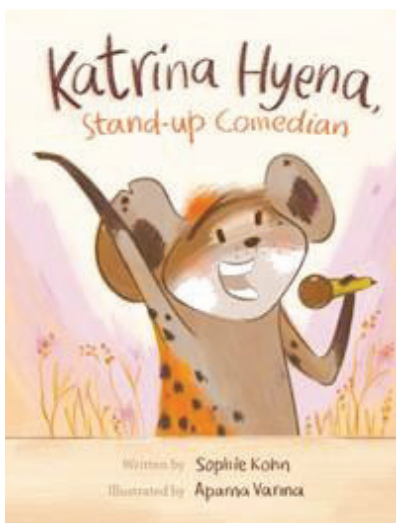
The child imagines rocketing through the Milky Way to explore exoplanets—planets that exist outside our solar system. The child zooms past a fiery world made of lava and a water world with gargantuan rolling waves, both based on real exoplanets discovered by scientists. When the little astronaut visits an unpopulated exoplanet that looks exactly like Earth, they are reminded of home—and that's when they turn their ship around and head back to the planet they know and love most.

Packed with captivating illustrations and fascinating facts, this companion to *Journey Around the Sun* and *A Star Explodes* is a whimsical introduction to our solar system and exoplanets. Throughout the book, sidebars provide further information on the planets in our solar system and the exoplanets spotted on the child's journey. Author James Gladstone masterfully weaves together lyrical storytelling with STEM content for an engaging space journey that encourages readers to think about their place in the universe.

Contributor Bio

JAMES GLADSTONE is an award-winning author of picture books for children, including *When Planet Earth Was New*, *Earthrise*, *Journey Around the Sun*, and *A Star Explodes*. James lives in Toronto, Ontario.

YAARA ESHET was born in Israel and studied at the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design in Jerusalem. Yaara has illustrated over thirty books for children and adults. She has exhibited her art in galleries and museums, in solo and group exhibitions, in Israel and Canada. Yaara lives in Toronto, Ontario, with her family and a variable number of cats.



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Status: **FORTHCOMING**

Katrina Hyena, Stand-up Comedian

Sophie Kohn, Aparna Varma

Key Selling Points:

- Great for emerging readers transitioning from picture books to chapter books
- A story about acceptance and daring to be different that offers a unique take on the "boy who cried wolf"
- Silly, laugh-out-loud humor will appeal to kids
- Debut picture book from Sophie Kohn, whose writing has appeared in publications including *The New Yorker*, *McSweeney's Internet Tendency*, and *Readers Digest*

Summary

An early chapter book about a laughing hyena who yearns to be a stand-up comedian that will have kids rolling with laughter

When the spotted hyenas in Katrina's clan laugh, it's meant as a warning to alert the clan that danger is near. But that's not why Katrina laughs. Katrina laughs because she thinks world is just *sooooo* funny!

This causes great frustration with the other hyenas. Every single time Katrina starts laughing, they think she's in danger and rush to help her. What if Gary the Lion is on the prowl?!

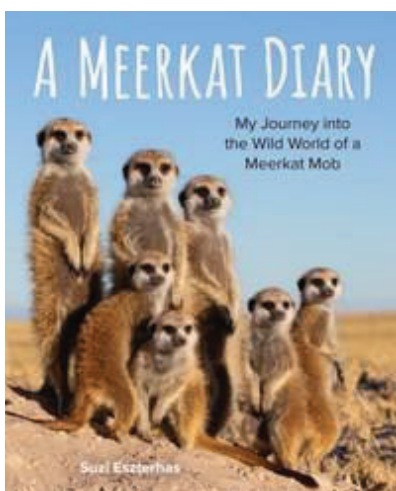
Katrina, whose dream is to be a stand-up comedian, thinks her stressed-out clan worries too much about Gary, so she decides to help them relax by putting on a comedy show.

This laugh-out-loud story will have readers developing their own jokes, and the hilarious illustrations will act as a helpful guide for emerging readers, who will devour chapter after chapter. The recurring theme of self-acceptance assures readers that it's okay to be different, and that sometimes it's our differences that make us special.

Contributor Bio

SOPHIE KOHN's work has appeared in the *The New Yorker*, *McSweeney's*, and *Reader's Digest*. She teaches humor writing from her home in Nelson, British Columbia.

APARNA VARMA is an illustrator for books and stationery with a bright sense of color and humor. Born and brought up in India, she spent many of her formative years in Botswana, Africa. She also works as a creative producer in animation and currently dreams and draws in Toronto, Ontario.



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Related Products

Also Available

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A Meerkat Diary

My Journey into the Wild World of a Meerkat Mob

Suzi Eszterhas

Key Selling Points:

- New from Suzi Eszterhas, acclaimed nature photographer and author of *A Leopard Diary*, *Moto and Me*, *My Wild Life*, and the Baby Animals series
- Features Eszterhas's incredible, eye-catching photographs
- STEM curriculum links to animal behavior, conservation, and environmental stewardship
- Endnote includes an interview with the Botswanian meerkat habituator and naturalist guide who accompanied Eszterhas

Summary

A rare and adorable look at meerkat pups with renowned wildlife photographer Suzi Eszterhas

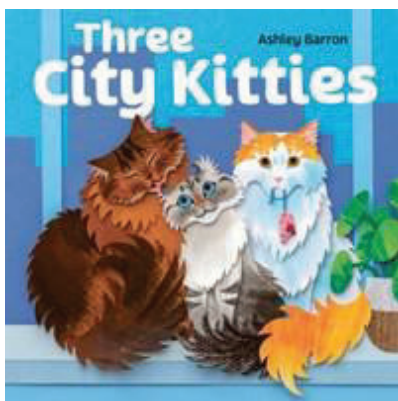
This gorgeous look behind the lens at wildlife photography offers a unique chance to enter the fascinating world of meerkats. In this companion title to *A Leopard Diary*, world-renowned wildlife photographer Suzi Eszterhas spends two weeks observing baby meerkats in Botswana's Kalahari Desert. In diary entry-style chapters, Eszterhas recounts how the creatures grow from tiny, wobbly meerkat pups to adolescents who hunt scorpions and have (almost) perfected the famous "tripod" meerkat stance. Along the way, the meerkat mob faces floods, hungry predators, and even a stampede of galloping zebras!

Eszterhas's narrative is accompanied by her stunningly intimate photographs of the meerkats at every stage of their lives. Throughout the book, she also incorporates facts about other animals that call the desert home and introduces readers to the local Ju/'hoansi people, who have lived in the desert for thousands of years. Her respect for the land and the people who care for it will encourage readers to approach wildlife with wonder and empathy.

A portion of the royalties from this book will go to the Wildlife Conservation Network, which works with local conservationist organizations to protect endangered wildlife in Africa and throughout the world.

Contributor Bio

SUZI ESZTERHAS is an award-winning wildlife photographer who is passionate about conservation and connecting children with nature. Her photographs have been published in over 100 magazine cover and feature stories in publications around the world, including *National Geographic Kids*, *Ranger Rick*, and *TIME*. When not in the field, she lives in Petaluma, California.



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9 in H | 9 in W
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Three City Kitties

Ashley Barron

Key Selling Points:

- Simple rhyming text is perfect for developing language and reading skills
- Super relatable to cat owners, especially those who live in cities
- Comes with an adorable background story, and Barron's fans will get a special thrill from the story's ties to her own life

Summary

Simple, rhyming words delightfully capture the lovable nature and hilarious habits of mischievous and sweet city kitties

Meet three city kitties: Nori, Yeti, and Flo. They live in an apartment on a busy street and can often be seen sitting side by side in the window, watching the world go by. And the world going by likes to watch them too.

This rhythmic tale follows these three adorable kitties as they make mischief in their apartment. They hide from a delivery person, play in a box, and beg for food. They get the zoomies, chase each other up and down the walls, and take a nap.

Playfully following a day in the life of three indoor cats, author-illustrator Ashley Barron's vibrant paper collage illustrations offer lots to explore on every page. Fun fact: this story is based on, and features, the author's own three city kitties, and the apartment is modeled on her own home.

Contributor Bio

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



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Juvenile Fiction / Monsters
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Mummy & Me

A Monster's Tale

Danesh Mohiuddin

Key Selling Points:

- Authorial debut for Danesh Mohiuddin, illustrator of the *Princess Pru and the Ogre on the Hill* and *Princess Pru and the Switcheroo*
- Adorable, monster-themed illustrations
- Filled with hilariously relatable scenarios that parents and caregivers of young children will love
- Touches on social-emotional learning themes
- Encourages empathy and thoughtfulness

Summary

An ode to little monsters and the caregivers who love them

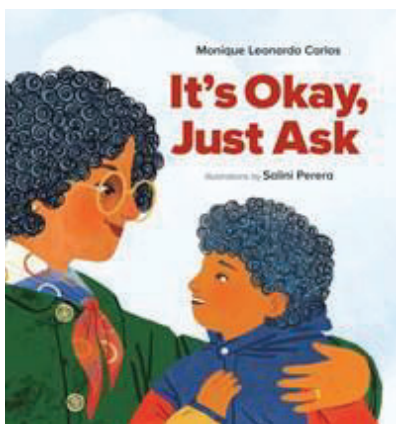
When the sun goes down, Mummy and Wee Wolf emerge from their coffin to start the day. Wee Wolf loves his mummy. She brushes his unruly fur, brews midnight stew for their lunch, and reads him his favorite Hairy Tales. And whenever Mummy and Wee Wolf have a disagreement, a little boogie helps them forget all their troubles!

But taking care of Wee Wolf isn't easy. Wee Wolf's efforts to be a perfectly well-behaved monster often hilariously sabotage Mummy. He interrupts her morning stretches, "helps" her cook by cannonballing into hot stew, and wiggles out of her grasp while she tries to clip his little wolfy toenails. By the end of the night, Wee Wolf notices Mummy becoming a little ... unravelled. But just as Mummy is always there for him, Wee Wolf is there for her—ready to help re-wrap her bandages, toilet paper in hand.

This hilarious, highly original picture book plays with the phrase "little monsters" as it explores parent-child relationships. While the bold, detailed illustrations will draw readers in, Wee Wolf's tender, thoughtful moments encourage both empathy and self-awareness. It's a howling good time!

Contributor Bio

Although new to picture books, **DANESH MOHIUDDIN** has a long list of creative pursuits, including comic books, political cartooning, advertising campaigns, designing toys and games, and freelance illustrating for companies such as Scholastic and *Kayak* magazine. Danesh was born in India, grew up in Dubai, and has lived in Spain. He now makes his home in Toronto, Ontario with his wife and children.



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Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes
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Status: **FORTHCOMING**

It's Okay, Just Ask

Monique Leonardo Carlos, Salini Perera

Key Selling Points:

- Debut picture book by author Monique Leonardo Carlos
- Expressive artwork by Salini Perera, illustrator of *Beautiful You*, *Beautiful Me* and *All the Faces of Me*
- Both author and illustrator pulled from their personal experiences with immigration to create this story
- Themes of open communication and coping with change

Summary

An uplifting immigration story about tackling new experiences with curiosity

A little girl and her family are emigrating to a new country. As they say goodbye to their home and move to an unfamiliar place, the girl is full of questions: Will they ever return? What if she doesn't make new friends? Why does she look different than the other kids? Her mother's supportive refrain encourages her to voice her curiosity: *It's okay, just ask!*

Sometimes the answers lead to exciting discoveries. Other times, the answers are unclear, or prompt even *more* questions. But each time the girl chooses to *just ask*, she learns more about her community and herself.

Partially based on the author's own experience moving her family from the Philippines to Canada, this is a thoughtful, child-centered look at being a newcomer. While exploring the specific experience of immigrants, it also shares a more universal message about speaking up when uncertain or confused. It welcomes readers to ask questions when they're unsure, and approach different people and places with an open mind.

Contributor Bio

MONIQUE LEONARDO CARLOS is a homeschooling mom, a former classroom teacher, and a long-time collector of picture books. Born in the Philippines, Monique now lives with her husband, three children, and two dogs in beautiful Surrey, British Columbia.

SALINI PERERA has been making art for as long as she can remember. Now, she gets to make art for picture books—a lifelong dream come true. She was born in Sri Lanka and grew up in Scarborough, Ontario. She lives in Toronto with her husband Michael and their three cats, Victoria, Albert, and Alice.



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The Mango Monster

Derek Mascarenhas, Meneka Repka

Key Selling Points:

- Inspired by stories the author heard about the mango tree at his ancestral Goan home
- Observant readers will have fun spotting the mango monster present in the background of almost every spread
- Features themes of imagination, teamwork, sharing, and problem-solving

Summary

Someone is stealing from the family's mango tree! Could it be a mango monster?

After waiting all year for mango season, Marianne is excited that the mangoes on their tree are ripe and ready to eat. She loves mangoes and plans to eat *all* of them. But when she and her sidekick cousin Zoe check out the tree, the lower branches have been picked clean. Someone is stealing their mangoes! Who could it be?

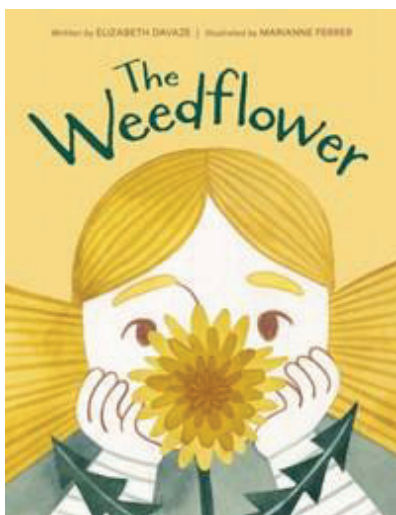
Marianne's neighbor says it could be a mango monster. This exciting idea is more than a bit scary, but the girls are not deterred, and they decide to catch the mango monster in the act. They set all kinds of traps, hoping to uncover the thief—and end up with surprising results.

The Mango Monster is a fun, imaginative, and tasty read that encourages sharing with others. Marianne's powers of deduction and problem-solving skills will delight those who enjoy solving a mystery, and the beautiful artwork will have readers searching for the mango monster in the background of each spread.

Contributor Bio

DEREK MASCARENHAS is a graduate of the University of Toronto SCS Creative Writing Program, a finalist and runner up for the Penguin Random House of Canada Student Award for Fiction, and a nominee for the Marina Nemat Award. He is the author of *100 Chapatis* and his short story collection, *Coconut Dreams*, was acclaimed by *Quill and Quire* and *The Globe and Mail*. Derek lives in Toronto, Ontario.

MENEKA REPKA is a Sri Lankan-Canadian illustrator and teacher living in Victoria, British Columbia. *The Mango Monster* is her first book. Meneka is passionate about children's art and literature that emphasizes themes of justice and compassion towards humans, animals, and the Earth.



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Nature
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The Weedflower

Elizabeth Davaze, Marianne Ferrer

Key Selling Points:

- Offers a powerful environmental message about the importance of preserving nature and allowing it to flourish
- A great classroom read for Earth Day
- Author Elizabeth Davaze's debut picture book

Summary

A modern schoolyard fable about nature's magical ability to encourage imagination, play, and joy—and a dandelion's ability to always grow back

One day on the gray school playground, Sam notices something new. Against all odds, a little flower has sprouted in between the concrete and rubber turf.

Sam adores the tiny bud. She sings to it, admires it, and watches it bloom into a bright yellow flower that's ultimately too large to hide. Soon the other students notice it, too. Under their care, the flower thrives, illuminating the gloomy playground and eventually—magically—changing into one perfect fluffball that dances in the wind.

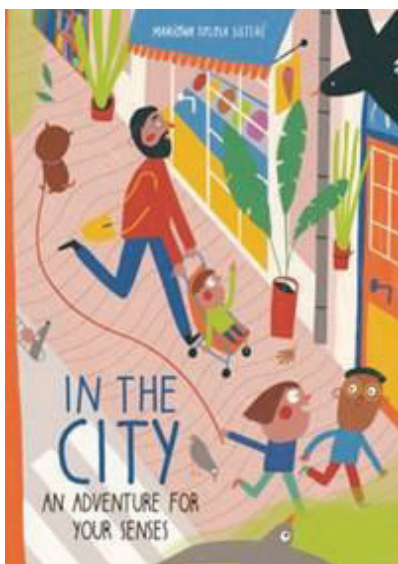
But when the adults take notice, they decide it has to go ...

A sunny story with warm illustrations that will encourage readers to take notice of the natural world, *The Weedflower* makes for a great read-aloud. It will tie in well with Earth Day curriculum while also highlighting the positive role that nature plays in our lives.

Contributor Bio

ELIZABETH DAVAZE is a grown-up who makes a lot of wishes. Formerly a news reporter and photographer, she now prefers to write about good stuff like kids and nature. She lives with her family in Kincardine, Ontario, where she spends her days walking local trails, making weird art, and writing stories.

MARIANNE FERRER is an illustrator living in Montreal, Quebec. She moved to Canada from Venezuela, trading mango trees for maple trees to inspire her lush, nature-filled, delicate watercolor illustrations.



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In the City

An Adventure for Your Senses

Mariona Tolosa Sisteré, Susan Ouriou

Key Selling Points:

- A colorful, sensory-focused follow-up to *In the Woods*
- Encourages exploring locally, quality time with family, and the importance of community
- Endmatter includes information on how to plan a city adventure and safety education guidelines

Summary

A family adventure shows readers how to plan ahead and use their senses to discover the delights of an urban environment

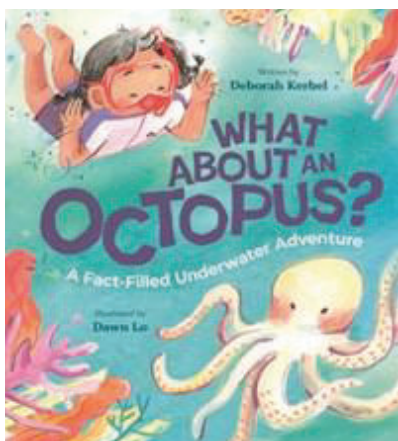
On a walk in the city, there are many wonderful things to discover! After making a plan, a family sets out to explore a bustling metropolitan city. Throughout their adventure, readers are encouraged to use their senses to fully appreciate their surroundings.

Experiencing a city leads to all sorts of discoveries about types of transportation, city architecture, and how to navigate busy streets safely. These observations will encourage readers to think about their own impact on their environment and the people they share it with, from the noises they make to the things they may leave behind.

With lively, colorful illustrations, this follow-up to *In the City* introduces young readers to the ins and outs of city life while encouraging sensory observation and safety. Readers may just be inspired to plan their own sensory city adventure!

Contributor Bio

MARIONA TOLOSA SISTERÉ is an author and illustrator from Barcelona, Spain. Her books have been published around the world in more than eighteen languages.



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What About an Octopus?

A Fact-Filled Underwater Adventure

Deborah Kerbel, Dawn Lo

Key Selling Points:

- STEM curriculum ties to animal behavior, adaptation, and ocean habitats
- End pages include extra octopus facts for curious young minds
- Written by Deborah Kerbel, author of the Forest of Reading Yellow Cedar Award-winning *Fred & Marjorie*
- Companion title *What About an Elephant?* expected fall 2025

Summary

On a visit to the ocean, a curious little girl goes searching for a seashell and meets a new eight-armed friend

While at the ocean, a curious young girl goes searching for a seashell and finds an octopus friend instead. The encounter turns into an afternoon full of play and discovery. From eating, to napping, to playing, octopuses are just like us ... *aren't* they? Well, maybe not *quite* ...

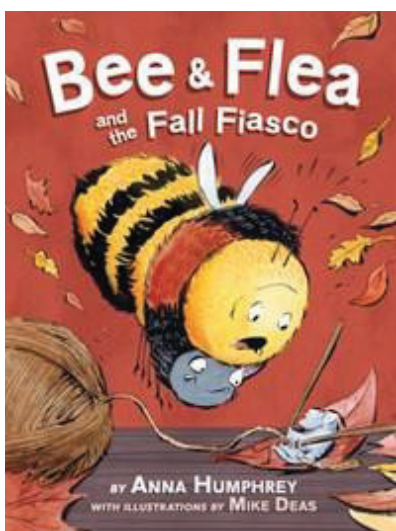
For instance, when you spot an octopus, you might be tempted to shake its hand. Please don't! A friendly wave is just fine. A sidebar explains that all octopuses have eight arms, and some can even detach an arm to escape when trapped or threatened. (Don't worry—the arm will grow back!)

Throughout this underwater adventure, fun-to-read sidebars add context by describing a variety of fascinating facts about octopuses, while colorful, movement-filled illustrations perfectly capture the charm and gentle humor of this informational picture book.

Contributor Bio

DEBORAH KERBEL is an award-winning author who writes picture books, middle grade, and YA novels. Her recent books include *Fred & Marjorie*, *Whirl*, *This House Is Home*, and *When Molly Drew Dogs*. Deborah lives and writes in Thornhill, Ontario, with her husband, two teens, and a rescue schnoodle named Freddie.

Born in Hong Kong, **DAWN LO** is an illustrator currently based in Vancouver, the unceded lands of the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. In addition to illustrating picture books, her work has appeared on stationery, greeting cards, public art installations, murals, and more.



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Series: Bee and Flea
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Bee & Flea and the Fall Fiasco

Anna Humphrey, Mike Deas

Key Selling Points:

- The third book in the laugh-out-loud STEMchapter book series, Bee & Flea
- Curriculum ties to life cycles and seasonalchanges
- Written by Anna Humphrey, critically acclaimedauthor of the Megabat and Clara Humble series

Summary

This third and final adventure featuring crime-solving pair Bee and Flea explores how the backyard critters adapt and prepare for winter

The weather is turning cold, and Bee notices that the animals in the big backyard are acting ... odd. Flea is uncharacteristically sleepy, the yard is strangely quiet, and then there's the commotion at the compost heap—a huge, round, orange object is looming over the earthworms!

Bee and her new friend Fuzz, a woolly bear caterpillar, can't convince a very tired Flea to help, so Bee turns to her old bee colony for back up. She soon learns, however, that there's no real emergency at all, and that the changes to the yard, including Flea's sleepiness, are perfectly normal adaptations for the coming winter.

This latest addition to the hilarious chapter book series followsF.L.E.A. agent Bee and her new friend Fuzz on an exciting adventure full ofSTEM content that introduces readers to seasonal changes and animal lifecycles.

Contributor Bio

ANNA HUMPHREY is the author of the Bee & Flea series, the Clara Humble series, the Megabat series and other novels for middle-grade and young adult readers. Anna lives with her family, their cats, and billions upon billions of backyard critters in Kitchener, Ontario.

MIKE DEAS is an author and illustrator of many picture books and graphic novels. From his studio, Mike feels fortunate to hear the frequent humming of busy bees. He lives with his family on sunny Salt Spring Island, British Columbia.

Sprout, Seed, Sprout!



Sprout, Seed, Sprout!

Annika Dunklee, Carey Sookocheff

Key Selling Points:

- Now available in paperback
- Reinforces the value of patience in a playful way
- Wordplay and humor in the text and the art make this a great read-aloud
- Supports early counting skills through rhythm and repetition of "one, two, three" with visual examples

Summary

A cheerful book about the patience it takes to grow a seed into a tree

One day, when a boy sees his dad cut an avocado in half, he decides to plant the fruit's seed and grow it into ... an avocado tree! One glass of water, two careful hands, and three pointy toothpicks later, it's time to wait ... and wait ... and wait ... for it to grow.

At long last, the boy and his faithful pet cat see one root, two roots, three roots emerge! Three scoops of soil, three sprinkles of water, and a lot more waiting ... lead to one sturdy stem, two clapping hands, and three grateful cheers. The avocado tree starts to appear! One, two, and three years later, the tree grows taller still.

This charming story, now in paperback, is told with lots of rhythm and repetition, paired with playful illustrations full of funny details about the trials of coaxing a seed into a plant. Readers will come away with a sense that the struggle to be patient and stick it out can be worthwhile, even when a result seems impossibly far away.

Contributor Bio

ANNIKA DUNKLEE is the award-winning author of many books, including *A Fire Truck for Chuck*. She has eaten plenty of avocado, in hopes of getting a seed which would finally sprout. She currently resides in Toronto, Ontario with her family.

CAREY SOOKOCHEFF is the illustrator of the critically acclaimed Buddy and Earl series, *Sprout, Seed, Sprout!* and *What Happens Next*. She is also the author/illustrator of *Solutions for Cold Feet and Other Little Problems* and *Wet*. She lives in Toronto, Ontario with her family and their dog Rosie.

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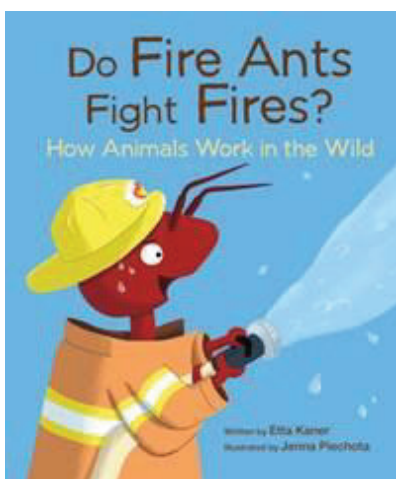
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Do Fire Ants Fight Fires?

How Animals Work in the Wild

Etta Kaner, Jenna Piechota

Key Selling Points:

- The third installment in the Do Animals? series by award-winning children's author Etta Kaner, new in paperback
- Interactive elements engage and entertain kids to make a great nonfiction read-aloud
- Features familiar and unusual creatures, with STEM curriculum links to animal adaptations and animal behavior

Summary

A playful exploration of how animals work to survive, now in paperback

Do dolphins teach? Do birds build apartment buildings? Do tapirs deliver packages? You may be surprised at the answers! Animals have to work hard to survive in the wild.

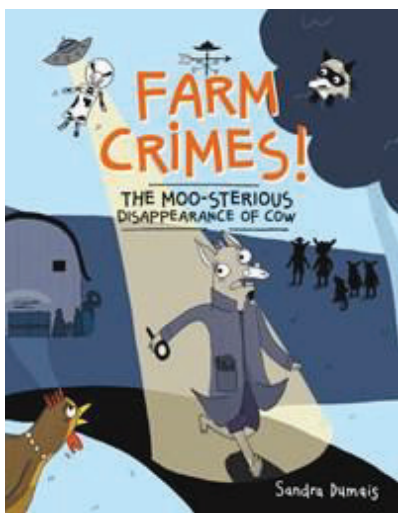
From vultures that act as nature's cleanup crew, to damselfish that help grow their favorite food, this book is full of interesting, surprising, and sometimes familiar ways that animals work and behave.

Written in an interactive question-and-answer format perfect for reading out loud, this third book in the Do Animals? series encourages inquiry and discussion. Silly scenarios and comic illustrations will invite readers to learn about animal adaptations and STEM in a fun and accessible way.

Contributor Bio

ETTA KANER writes for both children and educators. Many of her books have won awards including the Silver Birch Award, the Henry Bergh Award, the Animal Behaviour Society Award, the Science Writers and Communicators of Canada Award, the Scientific American Young Readers Book Award, and the Science in Society Book Award. Etta lives in Toronto, Ontario, where she enjoys watching animals at work in her garden.

JENNA PIECHOTA is an illustrator from Thunder Bay, Ontario. She started a career in science but decided that drawing animals is just as much fun as studying them! She lives in Toronto, Ontario with her husband and their dog Chester.



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Farm Crimes! The MOO-sterious Disappearance of Cow

Sandra Dumais

Key Selling Points:

- 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
- A Canadian Children's Book Centre Best Book for Kids and Teens

Summary

Detective Billiam Van Hoof is back for another misadventure, now in paperback

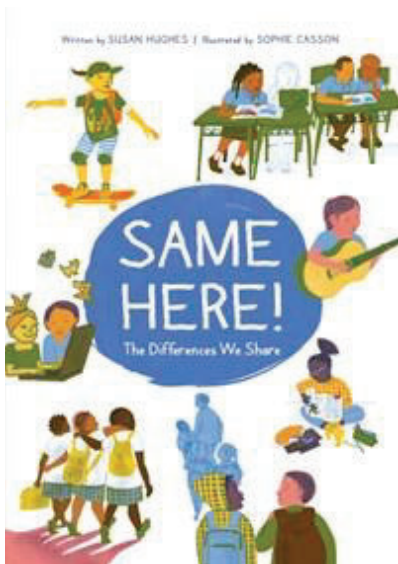
It's a beautiful fall day at the farm when the animals realize someone is missing ... again! Cow is nowhere to be found, and her calves can't say where she is, so Hen, Sheep, Raccoon, and Pig call in Inspector Billiam Van Hoof, the world's best (and only) goat detective.

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.

Contributor Bio

SANDRA DUMAIS 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, most recently *Le Prix des Libraires* in Québec. She lives in Montreal, Quebec with her husband, their two children, and a polkadot rescue dog named India.



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Same Here!

The Differences We Share

Susan Hughes, Sophie Casson

Key Selling Points:

- New in paperback from Susan Hughes, the acclaimed author of *Off to Class* and other best-selling books
- Profiles kids from a variety of locations and socio-economic backgrounds
- Invites inquiry and discussion about cultural diversity and global citizenship
- A Skipping Stones Honor Award winner and Canadian Children's Book Centre Best Book for Kids and Teens

Summary

Explore how kids around the world live and the common needs that unite them

Children around the world live different lives from one another—different cultures, different geographic and socio-economic realities, differing access to health and education. Despite these differences, they all share common needs: the need to feel loved and protected, the need to have a place to live, the need to learn, to eat, to play, to share, and to dream for the future.

Grounded in careful and extensive research, this book by best-selling author Susan Hughes introduces readers to kids from around the world and the lives they lead. The child-centered narrative and playful illustrations explore how education, family, free time, and other aspects of daily life look different depending on who you are and where you live.

Perfect for fostering a global worldview and newly available in paperback, *Same Here!* encourages kids to draw connections to their own lives while learning about the experiences of others.

Contributor Bio

SUSAN HUGHES has written many books, both fiction and nonfiction, for children of all ages, including *Carmen and the House That Gaudí Built*, *What Happens Next*, and *Off to Class*. Susan is a freelance editor, writer, and story coach. She lives in Toronto, Canada.

SOPHIE CASSON has illustrated a number of children's books, including *The Artist and Me*, a finalist for the Marilyn Baillie Picture Book Award, and *Helen's Birds*. Her highly acclaimed illustrations have also appeared in many international publications, including *The Globe and Mail*, *The New York Times*, and *The Financial Times*. Sophie lives in Montreal, Quebec.