



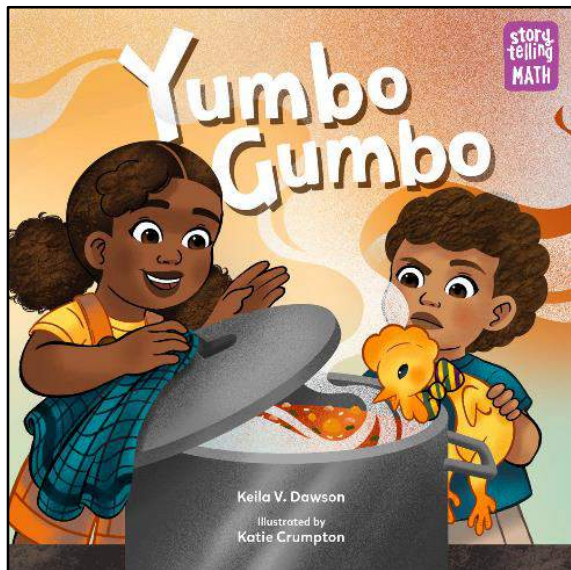
## Fall 2023 and Spring & Summer 2024 Rights Catalog



Celebrate math, diversity, and the power of story!







## Storytelling Math

**Hardcover and Trade  
Paperback**

**Fiction**

**Age 3-6 years**

**Pages 32**

**Trim Size 9 1/2 x 9 1/2**

**Series Rights World**

**New in Series and Forthcoming:**  
**Yumbo Gumbo** (February 2024)

**Also in Series:**

**Lia & Luis: Puzzled**

**Again, Essie?**

**Too-Small Tyson**

**Lia & Luis: Who Has More?**

**Look, Grandma! Ni Elisi!**

**The Animals Would Not Sleep!**

**Bracelets for Bina's Brothers**

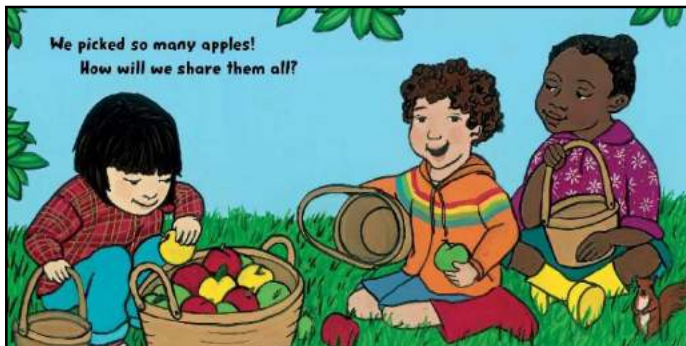
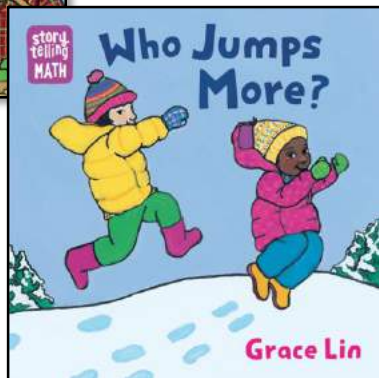
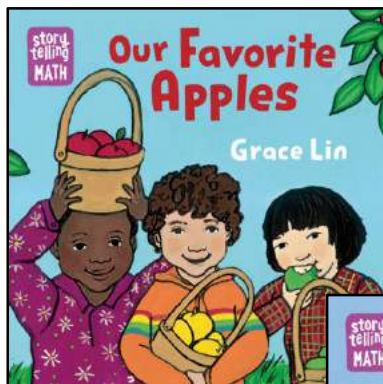
**Luna's Yum Yum Dim Sum**

**Usha and the Big Digger**



**Celebrate diversity, math, and the power of storytelling!**

Storytelling Math celebrates children using math in their daily adventures as they play, build, and discover the world around them. Joyful stories and hands-on activities make it easy for kids and their grown-ups to explore everyday math together.



## Storytelling Math

**Board**

**Fiction**

**Age 0-2 years**

**Pages 16**

**Trim Size 6 x 6**

**Series Rights World**

**New in Series and Forthcoming:**  
*Our Favorite Apples* (September 2023)  
*Who Jumps More?* (September 2023)

### Also in Series:

*A Beautiful House for Birds*

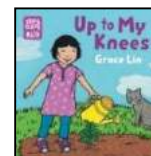
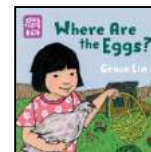
*Where Are the Eggs?*

*The Last Marshmallow*

*Circle! Sphere!*

*Up to My Knees!*

*What Will Fit?*



**Caldecott Honor winner Grace Lin celebrates math for every kid, everywhere!**

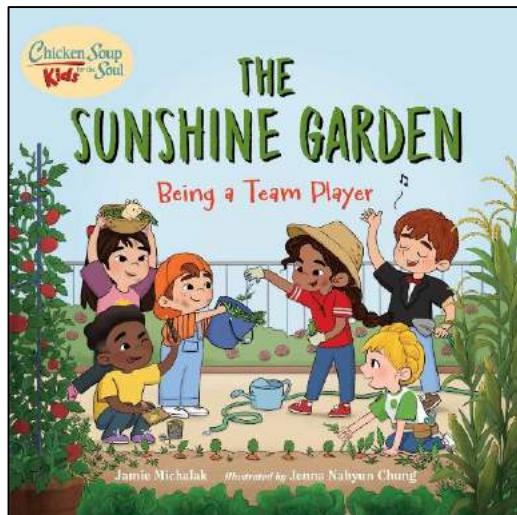
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Chicken Soup  
for the  
Babies Soul®

Chicken Soup  
for the  
Kids Soul®







## Chicken Soup for the Soul KIDS

**Hardcover  
Fiction**

**Age 4-7 years**

**Pages 32**

**Trim Size 8 x 8**

**Series Rights World**

**New in Series and Forthcoming:**  
*The Sunshine Garden* (March 2024)

**Also in Series:**

*The Sunshine Squad*

*Sophie and the Tiny Dognapping*

*Will Mia Play It Safe?*

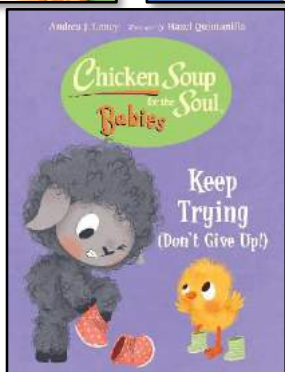
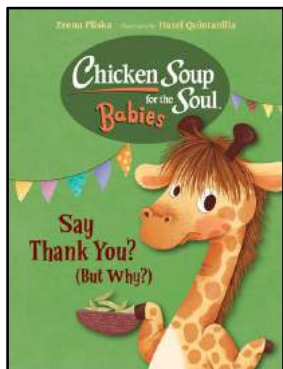
*Oliver Powers Through*

*Lucas's Tricky Day*



**Chicken Soup for the Soul Kids combines sweet stories and humorous lessons to help kids put their best foot forward.**

They call themselves the Sunshine Squad: five friends (and one tagalong little brother) who decide to be superheroes. They have courage, capes, and even a secret clubhouse.



## Chicken Soup for the Soul BABIES

**Board**

**Fiction**

**Age 0-3 years**

**Pages 22**

**Trim Size 6 1/4 x 8 1/4**

**Series Rights World**

**Rights Sold Vietnam, Korea**

### New in Series and Forthcoming:

*Say Thank You (But Why?)* (October 2023)

*A Gift For Me? (I Want It!)* (October 2023)

*Keep Trying! (Don't Give Up!)* (February 2024)



### Also in Series:

*Playdate! (with Bear, Too?)*

*Everyone Says Please (Except Cat)*

*Everyone Shares (Except Cat)*

*Me. You. Us. (Whose Turn?)*

*Fast AND Slow (Both Just Right!)*

*Now! (Barks Dog)*

*Stuck! (Help, Please!)*



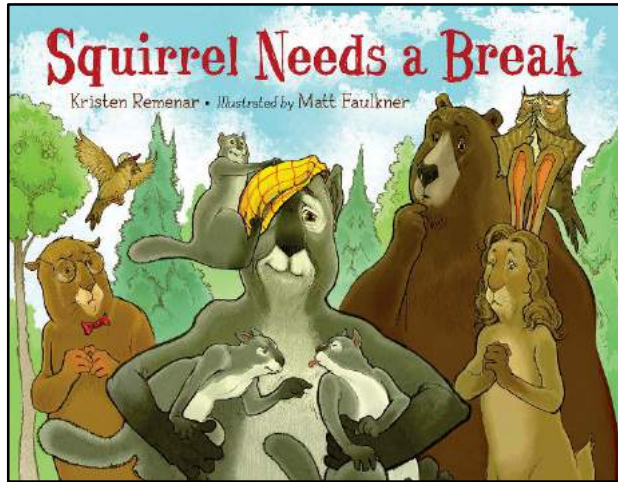
**Chicken Soup for the Soul Babies combines sweet stories with humorous lessons to bring out little one's best behavior!**

Imparting life lessons that warm the heart with heaping spoonfuls of good humor.



# Picture Books





**May 7, 2024**

## *Squirrel Needs a Break*

Kristen Remenar

Illustrated by Matt Faulkner

**Hardcover**

**Fiction**

**Age 4-7 years**

**Pages 32**

**Trim Size 11 x 8 ½**

**Rights World**

**Every parent needs a break sometimes! Single parent Squirrel learns to lean on friends in this heartwarming and funny picture book about family and community.**

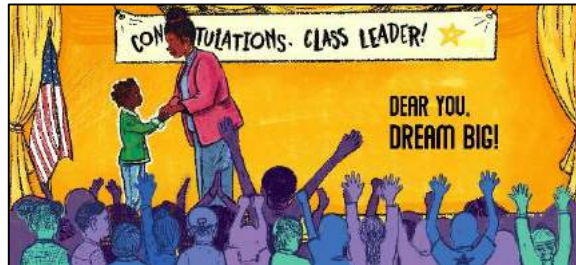
Squirrel is at his wits' end after a long winter inside with his kits. His friends—the other woodland creatures—decide to work together to give him a much-deserved break. They hatch a plan to take turns helping Squirrel relax while they entertain the kits. Squirrel enjoys a day of self care as the kits play, bake, and do fun activities with the other animals. It doesn't take long for Squirrel's friends to realize just how hard he works each day.

Full of humor, this book embodies the message that it takes a village—or, in this case, a forest—to raise a family!



**Hardcover**  
**Fiction**  
**Age** 5-8 years  
**Pages** 32  
**Trim Size** 10 1/2 x 9 1/2  
**Rights** World

A personal, poetic, and uplifting affirmation from Caribbean-born author Batpiste Paul encouraging today's Black youth to reject those who wish to silence them, exclude them, and reject their talents with one powerful refrain. A powerful, lyrical anthem of Black pride celebrating Black creativity, leadership, and innovation that's perfect for fans of *All Because You Matter*, *I Am Every Good Thing*, and *I Am Enough*.



July 9, 2024

*Kindred Spirits: Shilombish Ittibachvffa*

Leslie Stall Widener  
Illustrated by Johnson Yazzie

**Hardcover**  
**Nonfiction**  
**Age 5-8 years**  
**Pages 32**  
**Trim Size 11 x 9**  
**Rights World**

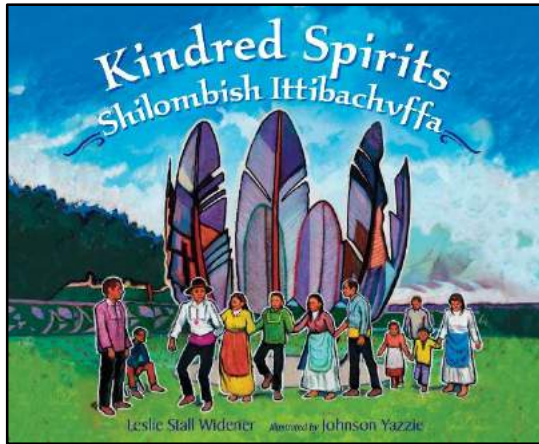
**A nonfiction picture book about the inspiring true pay-it-forward story that bridges two continents, 175 years, and two events in history—connecting Ireland, Choctaw Nation, Navajo Nation, and the Hopi Tribe.**

1845. The Potato Famine devastated Ireland. An ocean away, Choctaw people heard and were moved by the similarities to the injustice they had suffered on the Trail of Tears. Though they had little, they gathered money to donate.

2017. Irish people built a statue to remember their connection to the Choctaw Nation—twenty-foot high feathers in the shape of a bowl.

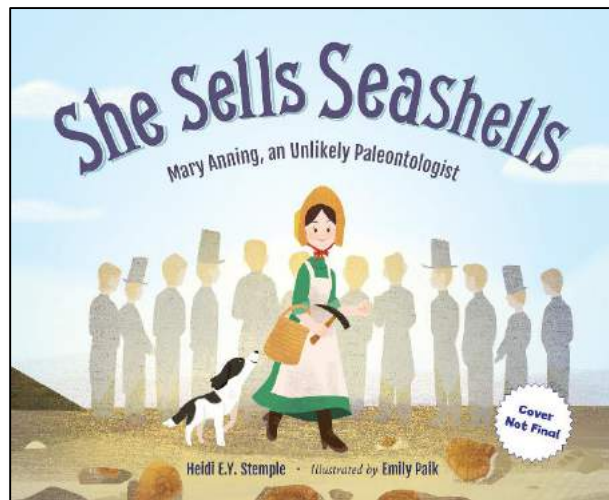
2020. COVID-19 disproportionately ravished the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Tribe. Irish people remembered the Choctaws' kindness and paid it forward by donating.

Empathy creates kindness that lives well beyond a single act and includes more people the bigger it grows.





July 16, 2024



***She Sells Seashells***  
*Mary Anning, an Unlikely Paleontologist*

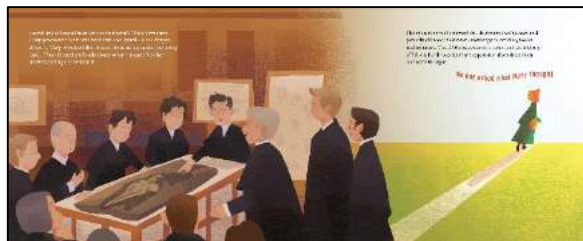
Heidi E. Y. Stemple  
Illustrated by Emily Paik

**Hardcover**  
**Nonfiction**  
**Age 5-9 years**  
**Pages 40**  
**Trim Size 11 x 9**  
**Rights World**

**Once forced to the sidelines of science, Mary Anning is now recognized as the world's first paleontologist. A rousing, empowering nonfiction biography for STEM-minded kids.**

At first, Mary Anning collected shells and other curiosities to sell in her family's shop. Then she began discovering fossils that changed the course of how we understand life on Earth. But educated male scientists at the time—men who bought and studied Mary's fossils—did not recognize her skills, nor did they include her in their discussions as the field of paleontology emerged.

Self-taught and passionate, Mary was too busy making new discoveries to worry about those rich educated men. Today she is recognized as the first paleontologist. Back matter expands on Mary's remarkable life, including where she lived, relationships, and the tricky dynamic of being a woman of her time.



July 16, 2024

*Rostam's Picture-Day Pusteen*

Ryan Bani Tahmaseb

Illustrated by Fateme Mokhles

**Hardcover**

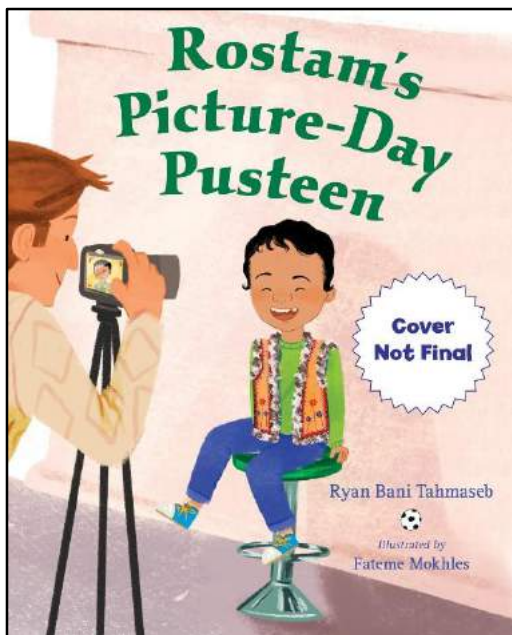
**Fiction**

**Age 3-7 years**

**Pages 32**

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**Rights World**

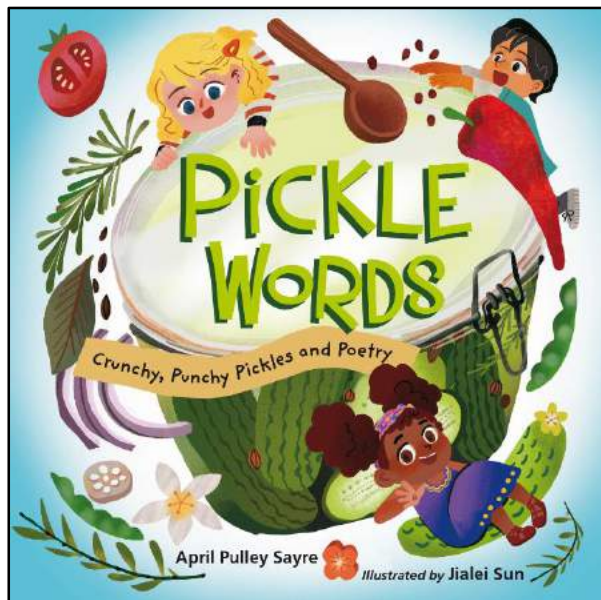


**Being the new kid is hard. And wearing something that might seem odd to other kids is even harder.**

Rostam and Maman recently moved to the United States, and Baba is still working in Iran. Now it's picture day at school, and Rostam doesn't want to wear his pusteen. Even though Baba wore it when he was little, and it's beautiful and soft, Rostam worries that the other kids will think it's weird.

But sometimes being brave means sharing your whole self with others.





July 16, 2024

**Pickle Words**  
*Crunchy, Punchy Pickles and Poetry*

April Pulley Sayre  
Illustrated by Jialei Sun

**Hardcover**  
**Nonfiction**  
**Age 4-7 years**  
**Pages 32**  
**Trim Size 9½ x 9½**  
**Rights World**

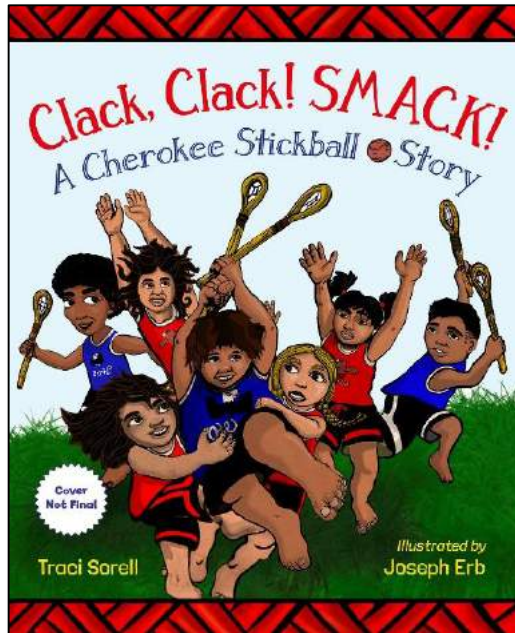
**This sweet and spicy celebration of all things pickled is the perfect poetry picture book for foodies of all ages!**

Open this book to savor a riotous rainbow of pickles. Not just green cucumbers, but yellow peppers, pink cabbages, and purple plums! Pickles come in all shapes and sizes—and so do the words that describe them.

Punchy poetry and zesty art tell the story of a diverse community drawn together by their love of pickles. From kosher dills to sweet chutney to tangy kimchi, *Pickle Words* describes them all in this global tour of pickled foods. Back matter includes the science of pickling, an easy recipe for refrigerator pickles, and a visual glossary of pickles from around the world.







**August 6, 2024**

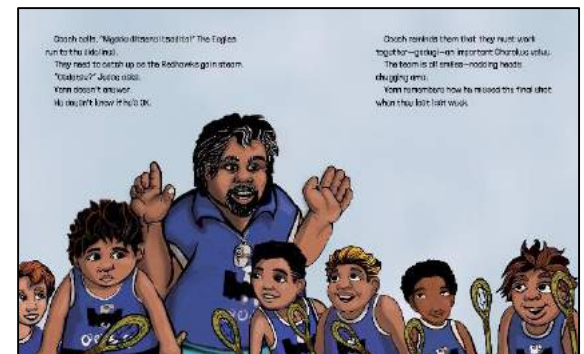
***Clack, Clack! Smack!***  
A Cherokee Stickball Story

Traci Sorell  
Illustrated by Joseph Erb

**Hardcover**  
**Fiction**  
**Age 4-7 years**  
**Pages 32**  
**Trim Size 8 x 10**  
**Rights World**

**Vann, a struggling stickball player, competes in a game on the Cherokee Nation. Can he help his team win? Written by award-winning Cherokee author Traci Sorell.**

Vann loves his tribe's traditional sport of stickball, but he's not as skilled as his teammates. Vann stumbles, and he tries and fails to score. How can he help his teammates win the game? Exciting and fast-paced, *Clack, Clack! Smack!* reminds readers that sportsmanship and being a team player is just as important as being the star. Back matter explains the Cherokee game of stickball, still played today.



**August 13, 2024**

***Adela's Mariachi Band***

Denise Vega

Illustrated by Erika Medina

**Hardcover**

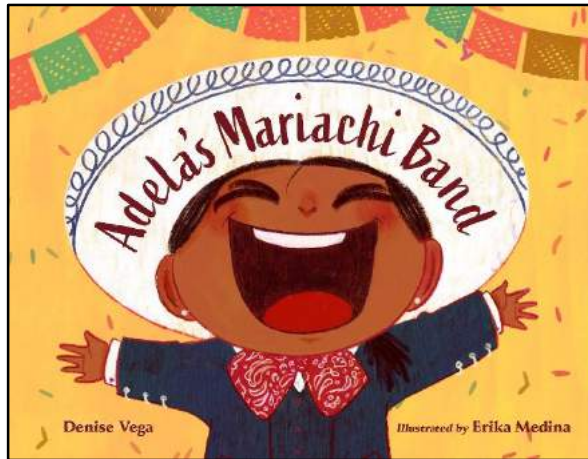
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**Age 4-7 years**

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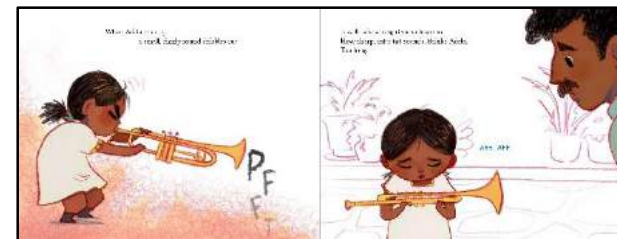
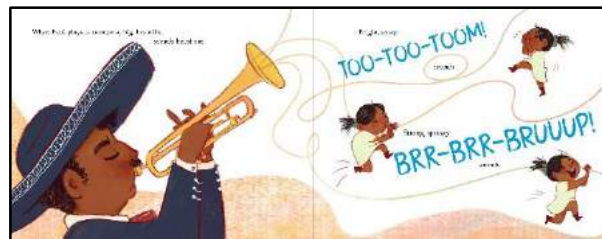
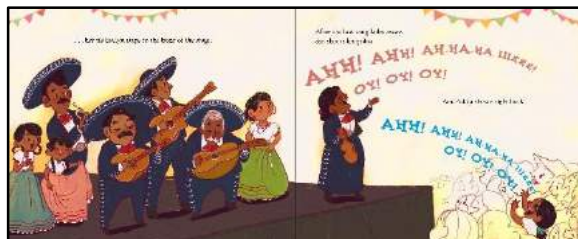
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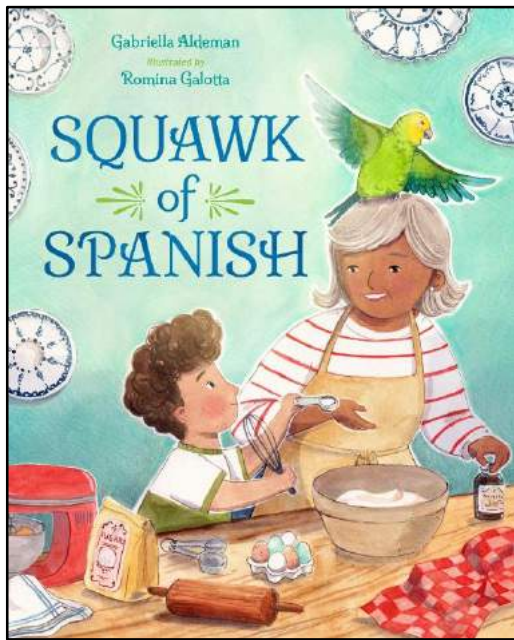
**Adela loves everything about her family's mariachi band—except that she isn't in it! Shining a spotlight on Mexican music and full of instruments and dancing, Adela's Band is sure to be a hit!**

Adela wants nothing more than to be a part of her family's mariachi band, but when she tries the different instruments, everything comes out wrong. La trompeta fizzles, la vihuela squeaks, and trying to dance makes Adela fall on her face. From watching her family, Adela knows that practice makes perfect, but can she find a way to be part of the band in the meantime?

A new go-to read-aloud favorite that comes complete with funny instrument sounds, a rhythmic text, and Spanish vocabulary. Strike up the band!







**August 13, 2024**

***Squawk of Spanish***

Gabriella Aldeman  
Illustrated by Romina Galotta

**Hardcover**  
**Fiction**  
**Age 5-7 years**  
**Pages 32**  
**Trim Size 8 x 10**  
**Rights World**

**Max finds his Spanish-speaking voice with the help of his abuela's pet, Lorito, a talkative parrot, in this sweet and heartwarming picture book.**

Max isn't confident with his Spanish, especially rolling his Rs, and his cousins always tease him about it. But he loves spending weekends baking with his Spanish-speaking abuela, while Lorito the parrot helps translate. But when Lorito disappears for a day, Max and Abuela must figure out how to communicate. Max's Spanish doesn't have to be perfect, and Abuela can attempt a little English. Trying is what counts!





**August 27, 2024**

***Gingerbread Dreidels***

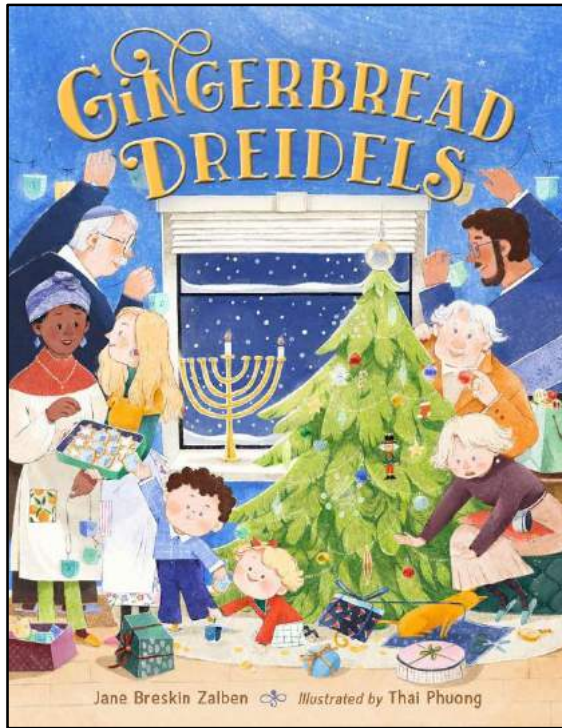
Jane Breskin Zalben  
Illustrated by Thai Phuong

**Hardcover**  
**Fiction**  
**Age 4-7 years**  
**Pages 32**  
**Trim Size 8 ½ x 11**  
**Rights World**

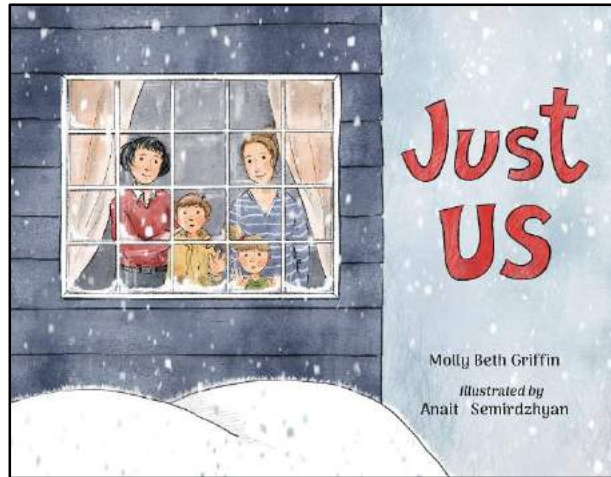
**Chanukah and Christmas come together in this story of an interfaith, intergenerational family's blended holiday. Gelt and gingerbread, menorahs and trees, red and green and blue and white . . .**

When Christmas and the first night of Chanukah occur on the same day, Sophie and Max are confused. The children are used to the two parts of their identity remaining separate, celebrating with each part of their family in turn. But this year is different: all their grandparents are coming to partake in both Jewish and Christian traditions together.

Complete with a sweet acknowledgment of the concern at the forefront of each child's mind—how will this affect the presents?—*Gingerbread Dreidels* is a story for interfaith families that shows how love is at the center of every holiday.



August 27, 2024



*Just Us*

Molly Beth Griffin

Illustrated by Anait Semirdzhyan

Hardcover

Fiction

Age 3-7 years

Pages 32

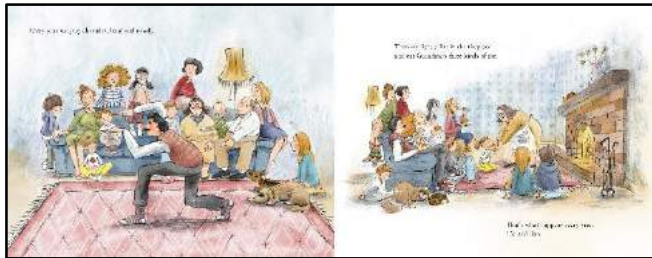
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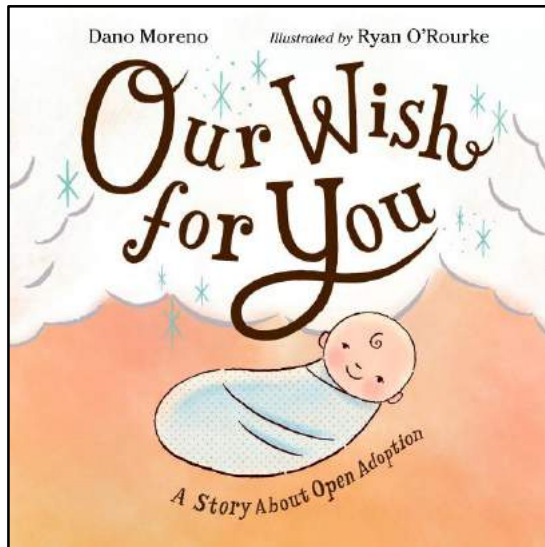
**How can it be the holidays if everyone isn't together? Relevant and relatable, *Just Us* will provide comfort and warm hearts at a time of the year when maybe it's needed most.**

What happens when a storm prevents all the relatives from coming in for the holidays? No Grandma, no aunts, no uncles, no cousins. No fun!

The family will have to adapt their traditions to versions that can be done on a smaller scale—from a more manageable stew dinner, a hike in the snow, or a game of cards instead of rowdy charades. Navigating disappointment with mindfulness and gratitude, the family pieces together a holiday full of new traditions, while still acknowledging that it's okay to miss the old ones.







**September 12, 2023**

***Our Wish for You***  
*A Story About Open Adoption*

Dano Moreno  
 Illustrated by Ryan O'Rourke

**Hardcover**  
**Fiction**  
**Age 3-7 years**  
**Pages 32**  
**Trim Size 9 x 9**  
**Rights World**

**This moving picture book about open adoption shares all parents' wish for a child's life to be full of love and family.**

One birth mother is pregnant with a baby and wants to find parents to adopt the child. Eventually she finds two dads who will be just the right parents, because they, too, share her same wishes of love and happiness for the baby. Author Dano Moreno drew from his and his husband's experience with adopting their son to write a gentle, universal story about all the hopes, dreams, and wishes parents have for their children to live happy lives.

Sweet-and-tender, *Our Wish For You* is the perfect gift for growing families, baby showers, or adoption-day celebrations.





September 19, 2023

**Bábo**

*A Tale of Armenian Rug-Washing Day*

Astrid Kamalyan

Illustrated by Anait Semirdzhyan

**Hardcover**

**Fiction**

**Age 3-7 years**

**Pages 32**

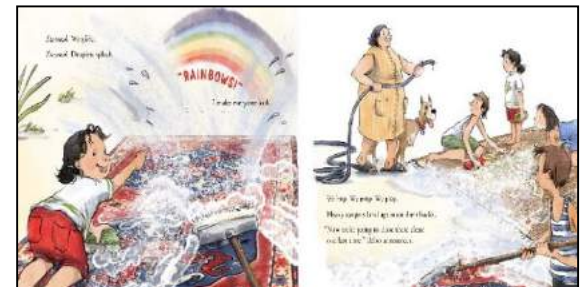
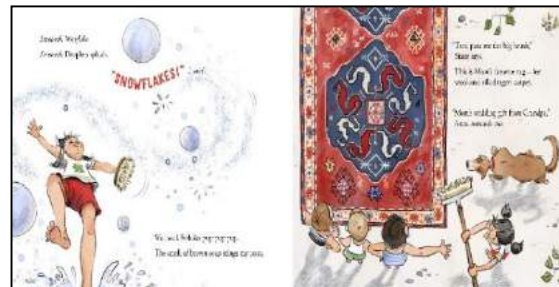
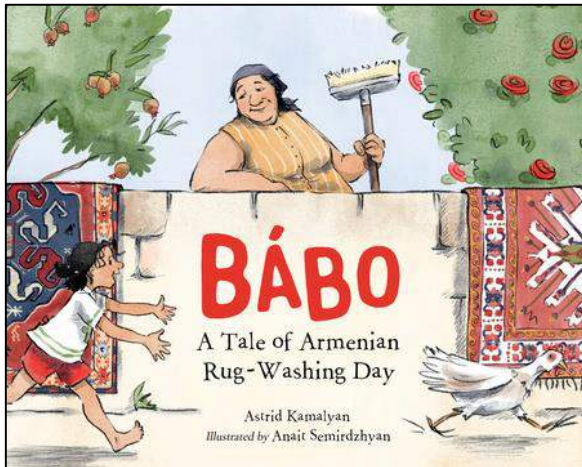
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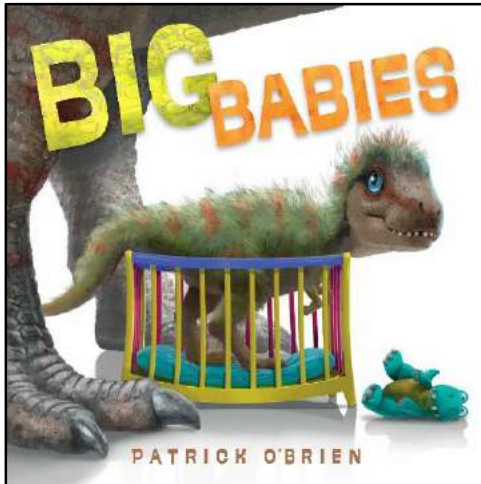
**Rights World**

**Join Tato and her family as they help Bábo (grandmother) on rug-washing day, in this sweet and playful picture book tribute to Armenian cultural traditions.**

Little Tato sneaks a few cherry plums before racing off to help Bábo—her grandmother—with a favorite chore. Each year Tato looks forward to washing the family rugs. With bubbles and suds floating like clouds and snowflakes, Tato and her siblings help Bábo scrub the rugs clean.

With lively text and vivid illustrations, Astrid Kamalyan brings her charming childhood memories to life by inviting young readers to spend a day full of fun and love with an Armenian family.





**January 23, 2024**

**Big Babies**

*Patrick O'Brien*

**Hardcover**

**Nonfiction**

**Age 3-7 years**

**Pages 32**

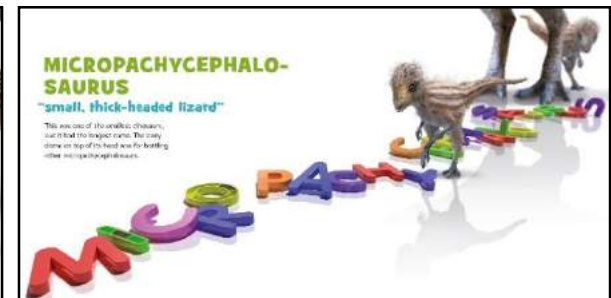
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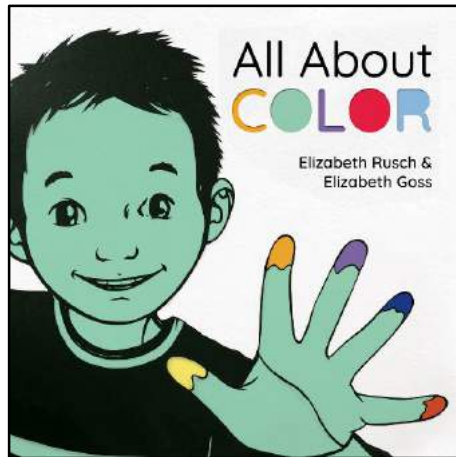
**Rights World**

**For dinosaur lovers and fans of Steve Jenkins's *Prehistoric Actual Size*, this unexpected look at prehistoric life explores what is known about our favorite extinct creatures before they became massive, full-grown adults.**

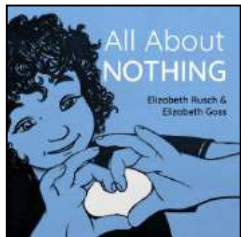
How big (or small) was your favorite dinosaur as a baby? We see how some stack up, alongside childhood favorites such as a toy truck or a rubber duck. Did you know that T. rex hatchlings were only about the size of a turkey? Or that the huge, long-necked brontosaurus is said to be only eleven pounds at birth?

In this early picture book, young readers learn that before dinos grew to be large and powerful, they started off as something much smaller to behold.





*Also in series:*



**March 26, 2024**

***All About Color***

Elizabeth Rusch

Illustrated by Elizabeth Goss

**Hardcover**

**Nonfiction**

**Age 4-8 years**

**Pages 32**

**Trim Size 9 x 9**

**Rights World**

**A fresh picture book of simple but surprising exploration of the art, science, and emotion of color. This mindful meditation encourages children to see the world differently.**

Colors don't exist. The sky is not blue. The grass is not green. A violet is not even violet. But color still plays an important role in our lives. Color can be a signal, as in a traffic light. It can be a call for help, like a life jacket. It can help us stand out or blend in, or feel like part of a team. Colors even affect our mood: red can make us angry, blue can make us sad, and yellow can brighten our day. Young readers will never look at color the same way again.





**March 19, 2024**

***Mahogany***

*A Little Red Riding Hood Tale*

JaNay Brown-Wood

Illustrated by John Joven

**Hardcover**

**Fiction**

**Age 5-8 years**

**Pages 32**

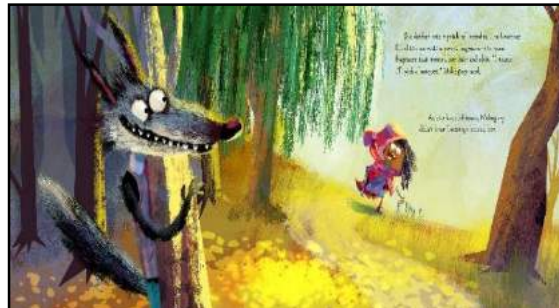
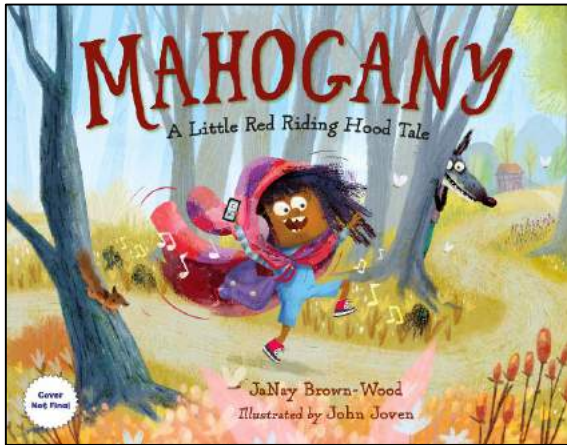
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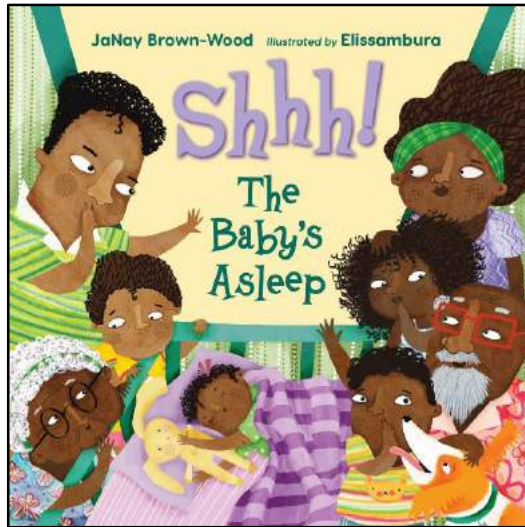
**Rights World**

**A clever, Black contemporary twist on *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Mahogany* embraces the beauty—and magic—of her culture to thwart the Big Bad Wolf.**

Mahogany is a spunky girl who loves to sew, listen to music, and wear fresh kicks. On the way to deliver homemade gumbo to Grandma's house, she encounters a hungry wolf. Because Mahogany is clever, she stands by a willow tree, where her long, black curly hair blends with the branches. She hides in the forest, where her ebony skin merges with the shadows. And Mahogany knows the lavender scent of her skin will mix with the smells of flowering plants, tricking any wolf nose.

Ultimately, Mahogany's Blackness, her wits, and her sewing skills all save her in this refreshing, celebratory, and innovative retelling.





April 9, 2024

### *Shhh! The Baby's Asleep*

JaNay Brown-Wood  
Illustrated by Elissambura

**Trade Paperback  
Fiction**

**Age** 2-5 years

**Pages** 32

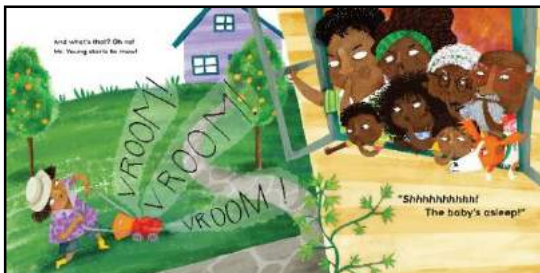
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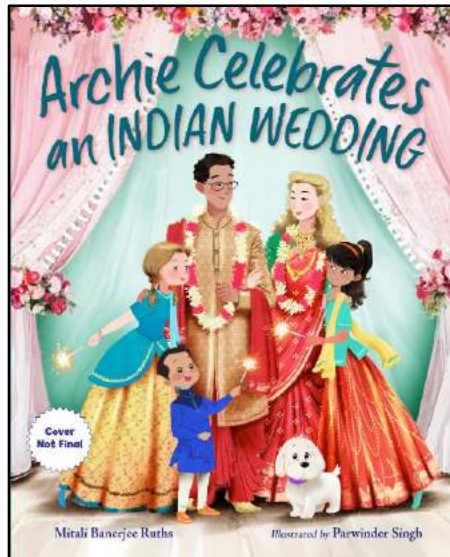
**Celebrate the silliness that comes with a big family in this playful read aloud about a big brother, a sleeping baby, and a very noisy family—now in paperback!**

Baby is *finally* asleep. But everyone is much too loud! Can Mom, Daddy, Grammy, Pop Pop, Shae, Dante, Rover the dog, and even the neighbor keep quiet? Just when they think they can rest—oh *no*. The baby's awake. One savvy little narrator knows just the way to make his baby sister fall back asleep: by reading her a good book!

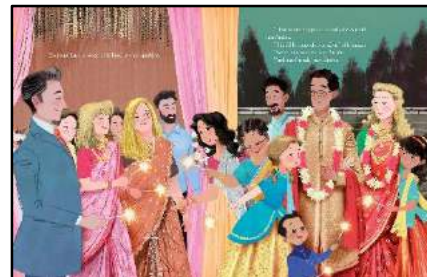
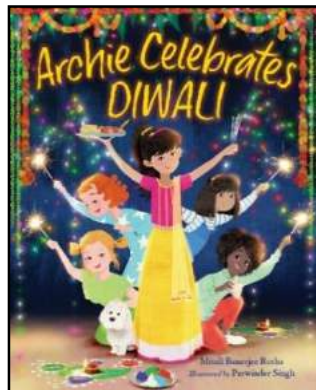
A hilarious cast of characters will keep readers laughing throughout this amusing celebration of early literacy and intergenerational family relationships.







Also by Mitali Banerjee Ruths:



**April 30, 2024**

***Archie Celebrates an Indian Wedding***

Mitali Banerjee Ruths

Illustrated by Parwinder Singh

**Hardcover  
Fiction**

**Age 4-8 years**

**Pages 32**

**Trim Size 8 x 10**

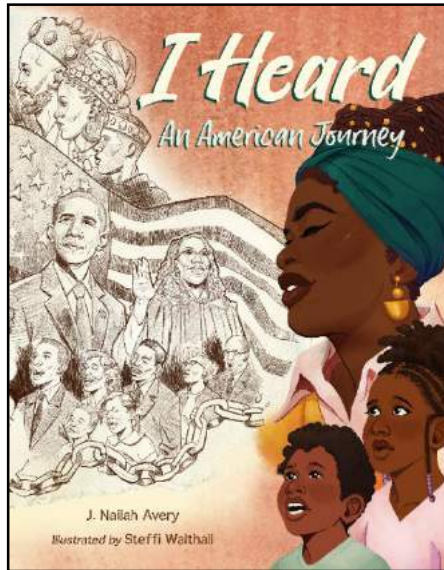
**Rights World**

**Kindhearted Archie is back! Her Poppy Uncle is getting married in a big Indian wedding, and Archie and new friend Emma realize that love and fun are universal.**

In this cross-cultural friendship story, Archie helps Emma, who isn't Indian, learn everything she needs to know when Archie's Poppy Uncle and Emma's Auntie Julie get married. The girls go to the mehendi party and sangeet together. They help Julie at the wedding, steal Poppy's shoes, and eat ladoos at the reception. Now Archie and Emma are friends—and cousins!

Archie's adventures celebrate Indian culture! We first met Archie in *Archie Celebrates Diwali* and now join her in the follow-up *Archie Celebrates an Indian Wedding*. Back matter in Archie's books feature kid-friendly resources to enrich the reading experience.





**April 30, 2024**

***I Heard***  
***An American Journey***

J. Nailah Avery  
Illustrated by Steffi Walthall

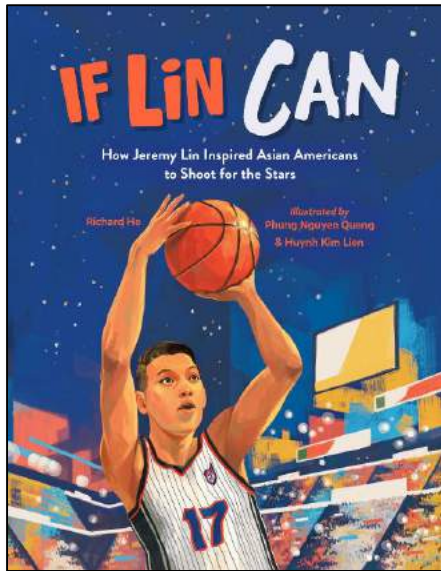
**Hardcover**  
**Nonfiction**  
**Age 5-8 years**  
**Pages 32**  
**Trim Size 8½ x 11**  
**Rights World**

**A powerful and poetic picture book about Black history in the United States, from the shores of Africa and slavery, to the civil rights and Black Lives Matter movements.**

With stunning lyricism reminiscent of traditional African spirituals and today's rhythm and flow of hip-hop, a teacher shares the history of being Black in the US, while continuing to march into present day—undeterred and proud to be Black. Author J. Nailah Avery shows you have to understand the past to shape the future, and knowing who you are gives you the strength to do just that.

The book's back matter on Black history is an extensive resource and provides additional context to the reading of *I Heard*.





**April 16, 2024**

*If Lin Can*  
*How Jeremy Lin Inspired Asian*  
*Americans to Shoot for the Stars*

Richard Ho  
 Illustrated by Phùng Nguyễn Quang  
 and Huỳnh Kim Liên

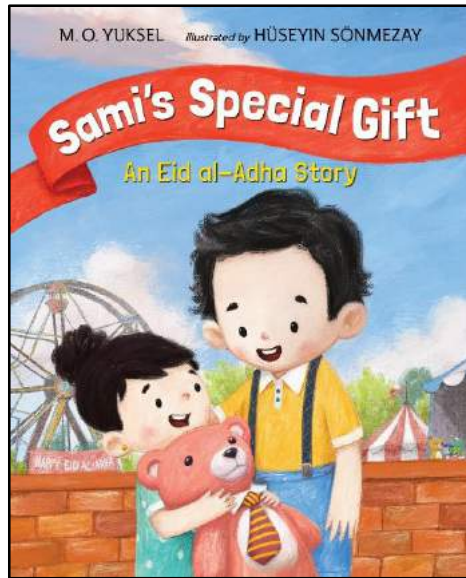
**Hardcover**  
**Nonfiction**  
**Age 7-10 years**  
**Pages 40**  
**Trim Size 8½ x 11**  
**Rights World**

**This biography of basketball superstar Jeremy Lin is an anthem of Asian American pride that speaks to any child who feels underestimated or misunderstood. "If Lin can, you can!"**

Have you ever been told that you CAN'T? Taiwanese American basketball star Jeremy Lin heard that over and over again. People made fun of his size and his race and wouldn't give him a chance. And when his big moment came, he seized it! Jeremy's meteoric rise, dubbed "Linsanity," inspired the world and a whole generation of young Asian Americans.



April 16, 2024



***Sami's Special Gift***  
*An Eid al-Adha Story*

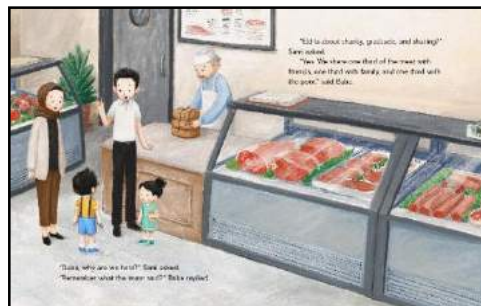
M. O. Yuksel  
Illustrated by Hüseyin Sönmezay

**Hardcover**  
**Fiction**  
**Age 3-7 years**  
**Pages 32**  
**Trim Size 8 x 10**  
**Rights World**

**It's Eid al-Adha, and Sami wants to celebrate. But this year is different after his grandfather's passing. A touching picture book about kindness towards others.**

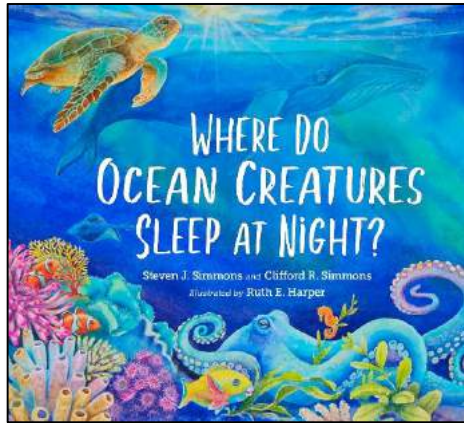
Sami worries that the Eid al-Adha carnival won't be as fun without Dede (grandfather), who died recently. Sami's grandmother sends him one of Dede's ties, and Sami vows to never take it off. When the family stops at the shelter to share food, Sami meets a boy. Sami gives his tie to him because that's what Dede would've done.

The gift of giving and putting yourself in someone else's shoes shines through in this engaging, poignant holiday story.

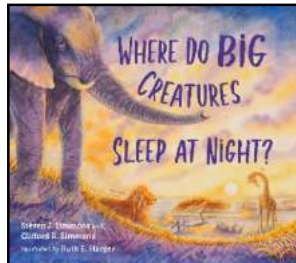
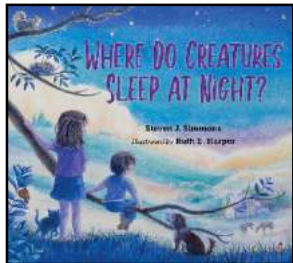




April 16, 2024



Also by Steven J. Simmons and Clifford R. Simmons:



Rights Sold Vietnam

## ***Where Do Ocean Creatures Sleep at Night?***

Steven J. Simmons and Clifford R. Simmons

Illustrated by Ruth E. Harper

**Hardcover  
Nonfiction**

**Age** 3-7 years

**Pages** 32

**Trim Size** 10 ½ x 9 ½

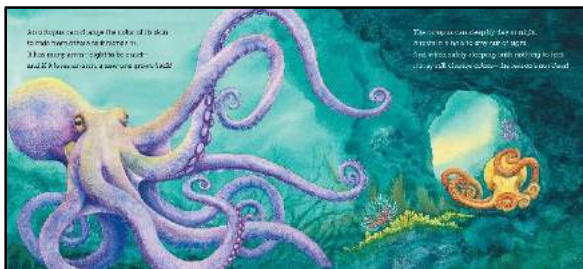
**Rights** World

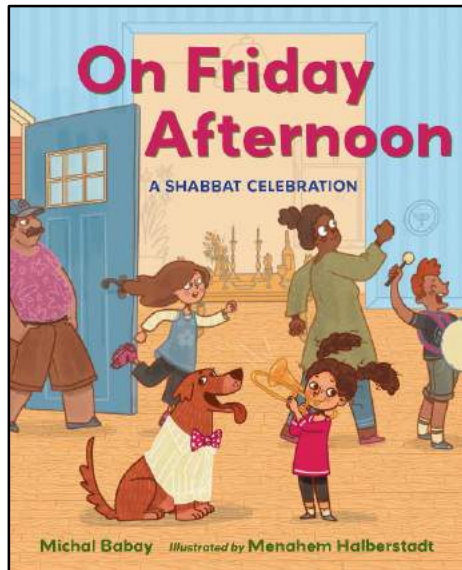
**Rights Sold** Indonesia,  
Vietnam

**Ocean animals sleep, just like you! This informative rhyming picture book dives deep to look at where and how ocean animals sleep in the sea.**

Many ocean animals are active during the day, but where and how do they sleep at night? From sharks to dolphins and sea turtles to octopuses, plus parrotfish and whales and more, discover what these ocean creatures do when it's time to go to sleep and the day is through.

*Where Do Ocean Creatures Sleep at Night?* is newest addition to a three-book series, which includes *Where Do Creatures Sleep at Night?* and *Where Do Big Creatures Sleep at Night?*





**April 30, 2024**

***On Friday Afternoon***  
***A Shabbat Celebration***

Michal Babay  
Illustrated by Menahem Halberstadt

**Hardcover**  
**Fiction**  
**Age 5-8 years**  
**Pages 32**  
**Trim Size 8 x 10**  
**Rights World**

**Leelee and Pickles's Friday afternoon mitzvot turns into a rambunctious picture book adventure—filled with collecting surprise tzedakah—as their family gets ready for Shabbat!**

There's only three hours until Shabbat, and there's a lot to do! Friday afternoon's mitzvot of cleaning the house and collecting donations goes sideways with Leelee and her dog, Pickles, at the helm. But with so many items on their to-do list—and the distraction of Mom's warm challah rolls—will the family be ready in time for the candle lighting?





**March 12, 2024**

***La Mala Suerte Is Following Me***

Ana Siqueira

Illustrated by Carlos Vélez Aguilera

**Hardcover**

**Fiction**

**Age 3-7 years**

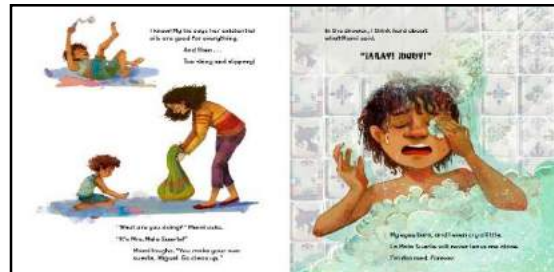
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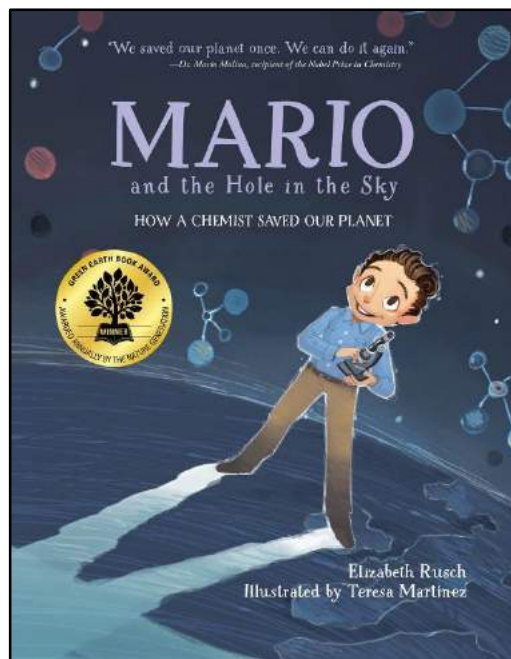
**Rights World**

**In this fun picture book romp about superstitions, can Miguel learn to make his own luck—and be rid of La Mala Suerte—before it's too late?**

Miguel's abuelita warns him that opening an umbrella in the house will bring La Mala Suerte (Mrs. Bad Luck) who will follow him wherever he goes, and now Miguel's life is ruined! He trips, fails an exam, and he can't block a shot to save his life at soccer practice. Nothing he tries works to get rid of Mrs. Bad Luck—looking for a four-leaf clover, his aunt's "existential" oils . . . Now what? Using integrated Spanish words and playful language, *La Mala Suerte Is Following Me* takes a silly and heartfelt look at superstitions.







### Rights Sold:

China, Indonesia, Korea, Turkey

**May 7, 2024**

## **Mario and the Hole in the Sky** *How a Chemist Saved Our Planet*

Elizabeth Rusch

Illustrated by Teresa Martinez

**Trade Paperback**

**Nonfiction**

**Age 6-9 years**

**Pages 40**

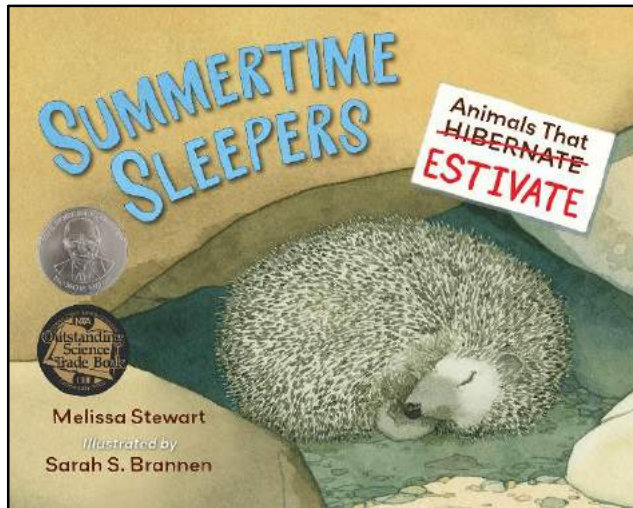
**Trim Size 8 ½ x 11**

**Rights World**

### **The true story of how a scientist saved the planet from environmental disaster—now in paperback!**

Mexican American Mario Molina was a modern-day hero who helped solve the ozone crisis of the 1980s. Growing up in Mexico City, Mario was a curious boy who studied hidden worlds through a microscope. As a young man in California, he discovered that CFCs, used in millions of refrigerators and spray cans, were tearing a hole in Earth's protective ozone layer. Mario knew the world had to be warned—and quickly. Mario went on to become a Nobel laureate and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. His inspiring story gives hope in fighting the ongoing climate crisis.





## Rights Sold:

China, Indonesia, Italy, Korea,  
Romania, Turkey

**May 7, 2024**

## Summertime Sleepers

### Animals That Estivate

Melissa Stewart

Illustrated by Sarah Brannen

## Trade Paperback Fiction

### Age 6-9 years

**Pages 40**

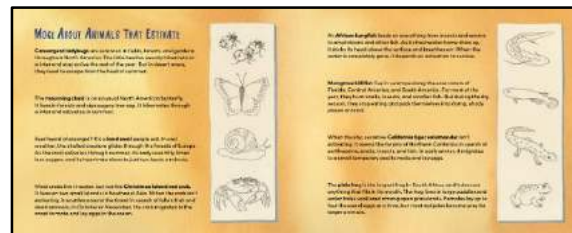
**Trim Size 10 x 8**

**Rights** World

## A 2022 Robert F. Sibert Honor Book

**Everyone knows about animals that hibernate in the winter. But it's time to discover animals that sleep all summer long—now in paperback!**

All science classrooms discuss animals that hibernate during winter months, but few know about animals that estivate—a prolonged sleep during hot or dry periods. Dual layers of text awaken readers to the reasons estivating animals become dormant—whether it's because warm weather threatens food supply or to avoid increased body temperatures. From the ladybug to the salamander, from the lungfish to the desert hedgehog, twelve estivating animals and their habits—both when sleeping and awake—are explained through clear text and elegant watercolor illustrations that create a scrapbook feel.









# Series



## **Baby Loves Automotive Engineering and Baby Loves Paleontology**

Ruth Spiro  
Illustrated by  
Irene Chan

**June 11, 2024**

**Board Book**  
**Nonfiction**  
**Age** 0-3 years  
**Pages** 20  
**Trim Size** 7x 7  
**Rights** World

## **The Baby Loves Science board book series is big, brainy science for the littlest listeners.**

**Automotive Engineering:** Baby loves strollers, cars, and other things that go! Accurate enough to satisfy an expert, yet simple enough for baby, this clever board book explores what makes vehicles move and what automotive engineers do.

**Paleontology:** Baby loves to dig! Maybe she'll discover something deep underground—like a fossil. Accurate enough to satisfy an expert, yet simple enough for baby, this clever board book explores fossils, dinosaurs, and the field of paleontology.

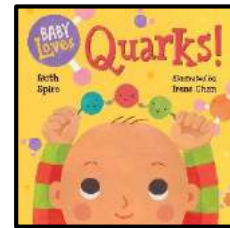
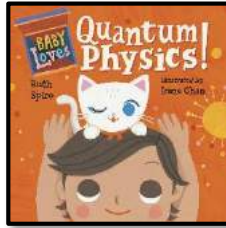
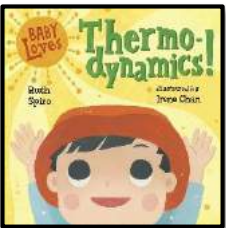
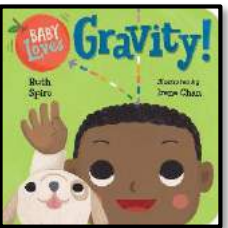
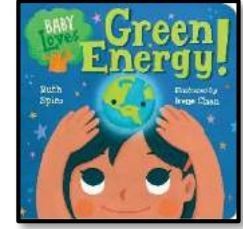
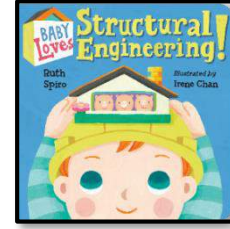
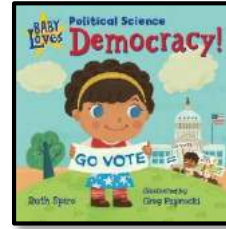
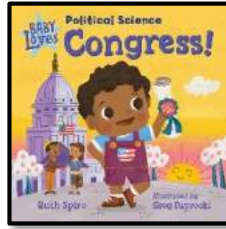
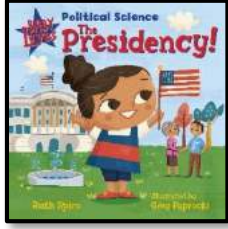
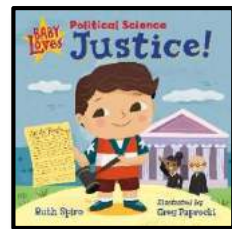
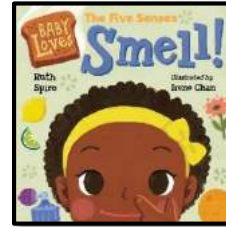
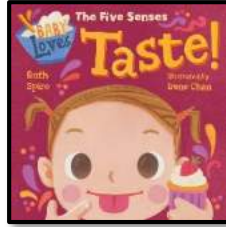
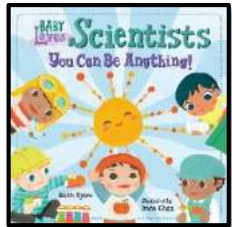
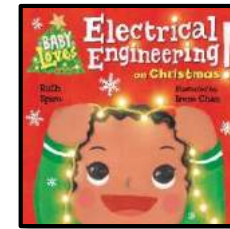
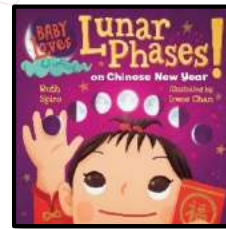
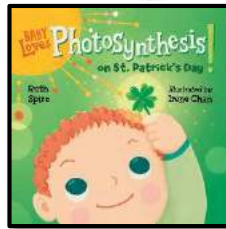
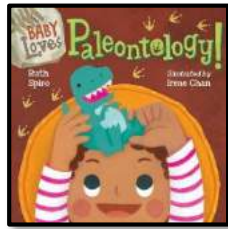
Beautiful, visually stimulating illustrations complement age-appropriate language to encourage baby's sense of wonder. Parents and caregivers may learn a thing or two as well!



**Ruth Spiro** is the author of the best-selling Baby Loves Science series, which has been praised by *NPR*, *Today*, *Popular Science*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and more. She is also the author of *How to Explain Coding to a Grown-Up* and the *Made by Maxine* series. Ruth speaks regularly at STEM and early-childhood conferences across the country.



# BABY Loves



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## Every Day with April & Mae Series

Megan Dowd Lambert  
Illustrated by Briana Dengoue

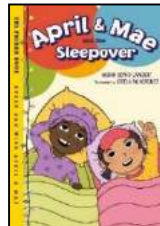
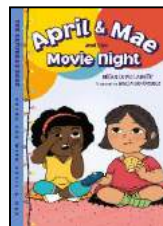
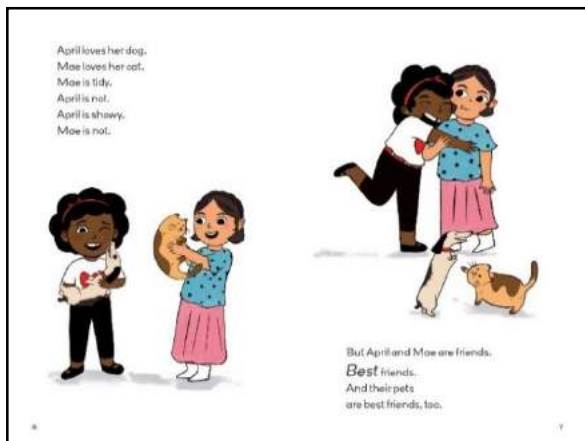
Trade Paperback  
Fiction  
Age 5-8 years  
Pages 48  
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Series Rights World

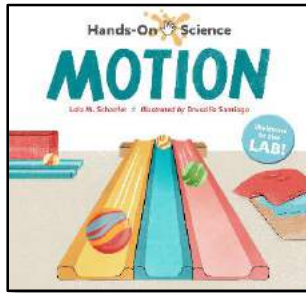
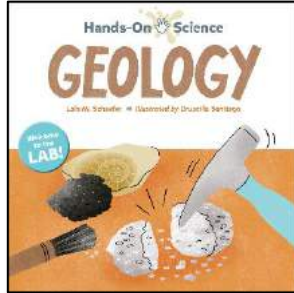
### New in Series and Forthcoming:

*April & Mae and the Book Club Cake: The Monday Book* (September 2023)  
*April & Mae and the Tea Party: The Sunday Book* (September 2023)  
*April & Mae and the Soccer Match: The Tuesday Book* (January 2024)  
*April & Mae and the Talent Show: The Wednesday Book* (January 2024)  
*April & Mae and the Animal Shelter: The Thursday Book* (September 2024)  
*April & Mae and the Movie Night: The Saturday Book* (September 2024)  
*April & Mae and the Sleepover: The Friday Book* (September 2024)

**Newly independent readers will love this delightful beginning chapter book series that celebrates friendship every day of the week—now in paperback!**

With imagination and humor, Every Day with April & Mae brings all there is to know and love about friendship to life in a way kids can both relate to and learn from, making this a perfect fit for young readers ready to step up from picture books.





## Hands-On Science Series

Lola M. Schaefer

Illustrated by Druscilla Santiago

**Hardcover**

**Nonfiction**

**Age 4-8 years**

**Pages 40**

**Trim Size 9 x 9**

**Rights World**

**Rights Sold** Korea, Turkey

### An interactive picture book series about science.

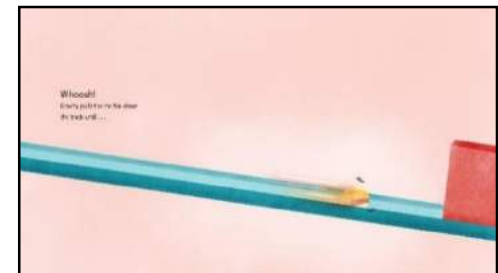
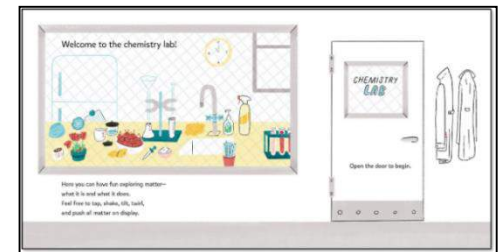
Welcome to the lab! In these interactive picture books, young scientists use their imagination to bring experiments to life. Each page instructs the reader to see science in action: smash clay to change its shape or slide tectonic plates together to create earthquakes! After predicting what will happen next, eager readers turn the page to see the results.

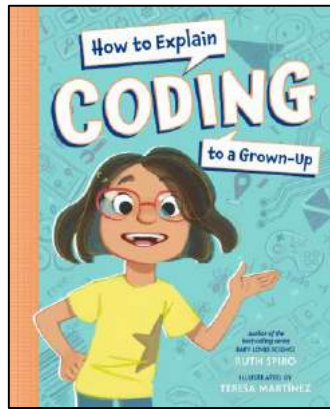
**Hands-On Science: Matter** (July 2023)

**Hands-On Science: Geology** (October 2023)

**Hands-On Science: Motion** (February 2024)

**Lola M. Schaefer** was a classroom teacher in grades K–7 for eighteen years. She and her students did hundreds of science experiments, including many in this book! Lola began writing books for children because she saw how important a good book was to each of her students. Lola is now a writing consultant and the author of more than 275 children's books, including picture books and easy readers. She and her husband live in the mountains of north Georgia.





October 10, 2023

**Forthcoming:**

**How to Explain Robotics to a Grown-Up** (September 2024)

**How to Explain Science to a Grown-Up Series**

Ruth Spiro

Illustrated by Teresa Martínez

**Hardcover  
Nonfiction**

**Age 4-8 years**

**Pages 32**

**Trim Size 8 x 10**

**Rights World**

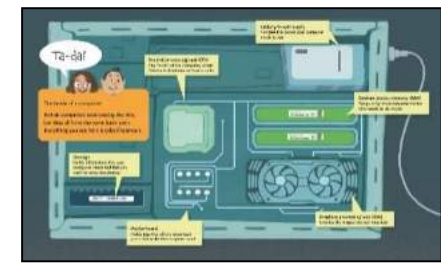
**Rights Sold Turkey**

**Grown-ups do NOT have all the answers! In this tongue-in-cheek guide, a know-it-all narrator instructs kid readers in the fine art of explaining coding to a grown-up.**

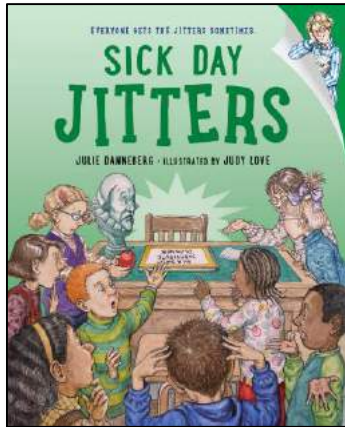
Both children and their adults learn the basics of coding, including hardware, software, algorithms, and debugging. Cleverly disguised "pro tips" suggest best practices for teaching any topic. Fun and fact-filled, the How to Explain Science to a Grown-Up series will empower kid experts to explore complex scientific concepts with any grown-up who will listen.



**Ruth Spiro** is the author of the best-selling *Baby Loves Science* series, which has been praised by NPR, *Today*, *Popular Science*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and more. She is also the author of *How to Explain Coding to a Grown-Up* and the *Made by Maxine* series. Ruth speaks regularly at STEM and early-childhood conferences across the country.







## Jitters Series

*Sick Day Jitters*

Julie Danneberg

Illustrated by Judy Love

**Hardcover and  
Trade Paperback**

**Fiction**

**Age 5-8 years**

**Pages 32**

**Trim Size 8 x 10**

**Rights World**

**The Jitters Series tackles social-emotional growth in the classroom with laugh-out-loud antics and heartwarming storylines.**

**October 17, 2023**

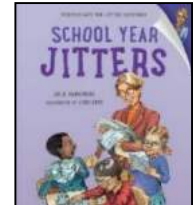
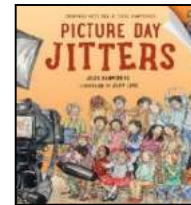
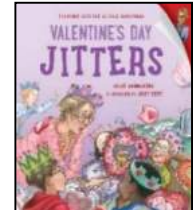


Everyone has the jitters at the thought of a day without their favorite teacher! When the substitute teacher doesn't show up, the other adults in the building pitch in. The art teacher runs a writing workshop, the school nurse teaches science, and the math teacher leads reading! Alternating perspectives show the day from the students' point of view and from Mrs. Hartwell's, as the kids keep her informed through a flurry of humorous electronic updates.

**Forthcoming:**

**Author Visit Jitters (September 2024)**

**Also in series:**




**Julie Danneberg** is the author of the best-selling Jitters series. She also writes nonfiction, including *John Muir Wrestles a Waterfall* and *Monet Paints a Day*. Julie's sick-day remedies always involve chicken soup, multiple naps, and a good book . . . or two. She lives in Colorado.




## Hardcover and Trade Paperback Fiction

**Age** 7-10 years  
**Pages** 32  
**Trim Size** 8½ x 9½



"Then say 'Brother Ghent eggs! the women and  
 the lads of the English! That a groat now will be  
 more than three baked eggs!"

"And the which that is every one!" Brother Ghent  
 says, "of 'twelv' eggs and seven other men!"



"Then the housewife of baked eggs is made and  
 so 'tis all! Away and 'Tis twelve!"

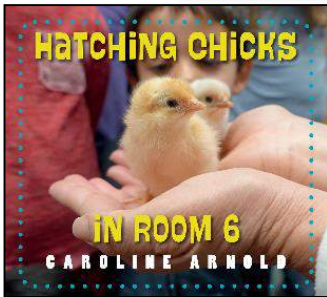
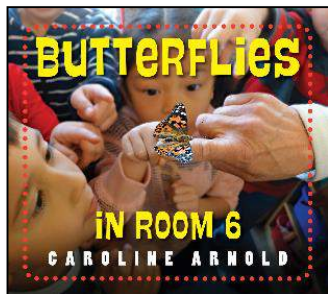
"So they go to the door of 'twelv' eggs and 'twelv' eggs  
 is every one!"

Brother Ghent says, "in every one is half the cost  
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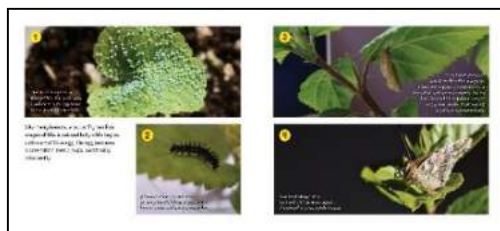
In this latest medieval math adventure, readers learn about finding percents as part of a whole by using fractions. Percilla and Lady Di must figure out a way to make sure all of their customers get their fair share of the geese they ordered—even after some fly away!



**Cindy Neuschwander** is a retired elementary school teacher who now works part time as a math remediation teacher. She lives in San Luis Obispo, California. She was inspired to write the *Sir Cumference* series while visiting medieval castles in England.



**March 12, 2024**



## The Life Cycles in Room 6 Series

Caroline Arnold

**Trade Paperback**

**Nonfiction**

**Age 3-7 years**

**Pages 40**

**Photo-Illustrated**

**Trim Size 9 1/2 x 8 1/2**

**Series Rights World**

**The Life Cycles in Room 6 series follows Mrs. Best's real kindergarten class as they help things grow. This photo-illustrated series engages readers with hands-on science in the classroom and beyond—now in paperback!**

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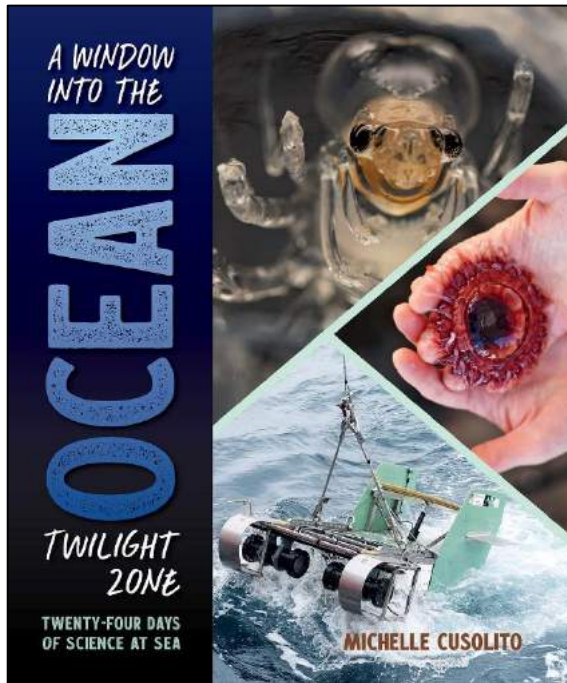


**Caroline Arnold** is the author of more than 160 books for children, most of them about science and nature. Caroline's other recent titles include *Living Fossils: Clues to the Past*; *Too Hot? Too Cold? Keeping Body Temperature Just Right*; and *A Warmer World*. In 2005, Caroline was awarded the Washington Post/Children's Book Guild Nonfiction Award.





# Middle Grade and YA



**May 7, 2024**

***A Window into the Ocean Twilight Zone***

*Twenty-Four Days of Science at Sea*

Michelle Cusolito

**Hardcover**

**Nonfiction**

**Pages 144**

**Photo-Illustrated**

**Trim Size 7½ x 9 ¼**

**Rights World**

**Ages 10 and up**

**Want a front-row seat to cutting-edge ocean twilight zone technology? Climb aboard for twenty-four days of photo-illustrated science at sea! A fascinating middle-grade STEM book.**

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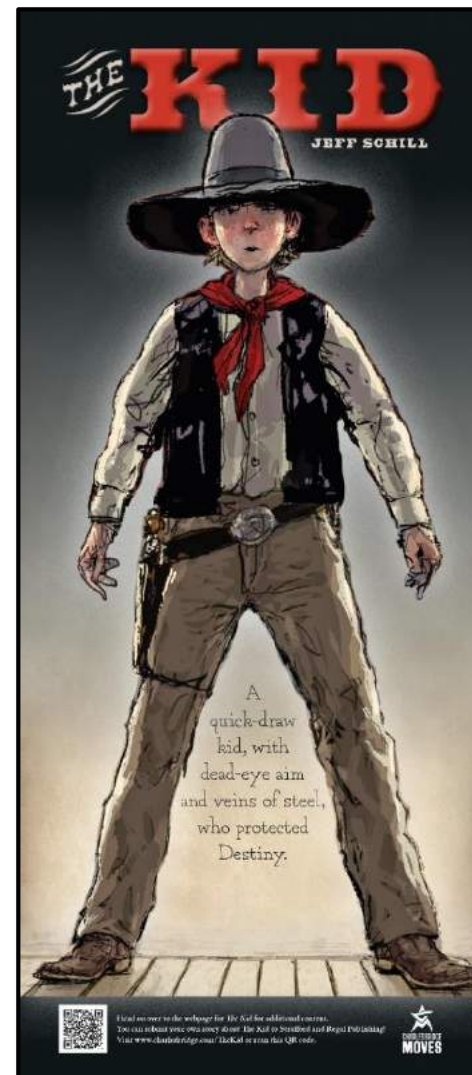
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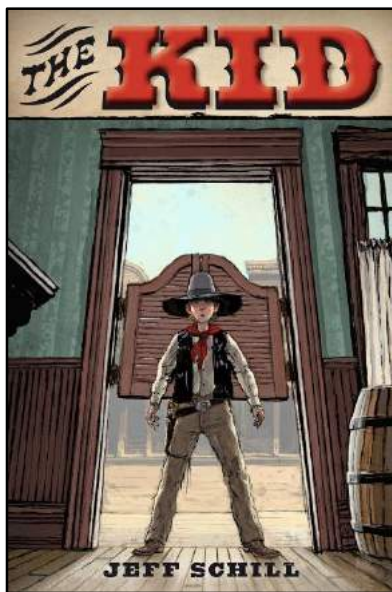
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May 7, 2024

*The Kid*

Jeff Schill

Hardcover

Fiction

Pages 240

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Ages 10 and up

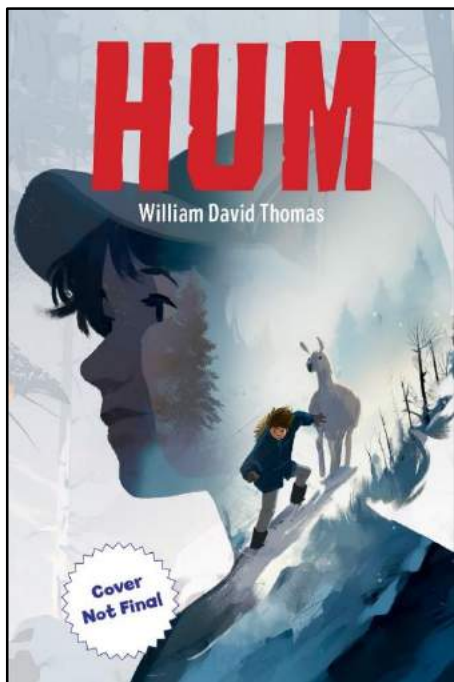
**The Kid is the quickest draw in the West. Little does anyone know he isn't real. A fast-paced, cleverly woven, witty middle-grade western adventure.**

It's 1882 in Destiny, Colorado. Fourteen-year-old Henry Upton's parents have died, and he's trying to keep his three younger brothers together on the farm. Henry writes a story about The Kid, the fastest draw in the West, to keep people away from their parts. But his stories will soon put more than his family and the farm at risk. Meanwhile, Herbert might lose his job as an editor at *Gunslinger Magazine* in Philadelphia if he can't find out why the author of *The Kid* stories recently stopped sending them. The soft city slicker is headed out west to find the author.

And Snake-Eye Sam has set his sights on The Kid, whom he thinks is real. Sam has evil in his heart and jealousy in his veins. Breaking out of prison to shoot down The Kid is about the only thing that can cure the itch running down Sam's spine. Three storylines—plus *Gunslinger Magazine's The Kid* stories—intertwine and come together just as Snake-Eye Sam and Herbert both arrive in Destiny. On Main Street at high noon, a master plan is put in place at the same time that Henry and the Destiny sheriff get what they need to keep the Upton brothers together. Pull up for a tall frothy glass of sarsaparilla and enjoy this engaging and satisfying Western tale, full of quirky characters, snappy dialogue, and heart.

**PART  
1**  
Journey  
to Destiny





July 16, 2024

*Hum*

William David Thomas

Hardcover

Fiction

Pages 208

Trim Size 5 1/2 x 8 1/4

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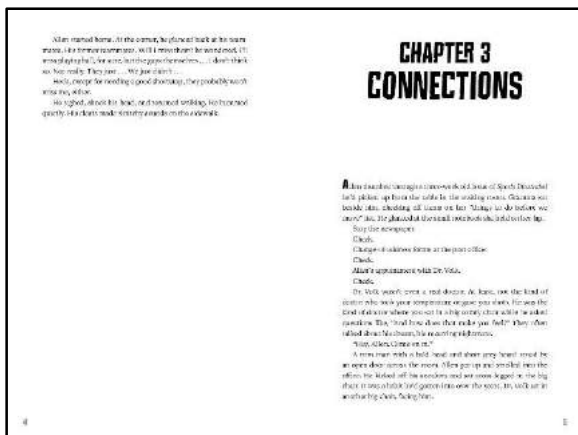
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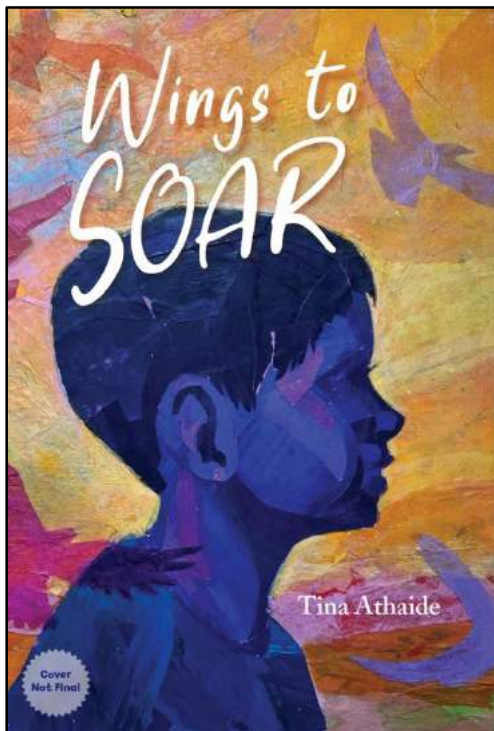
**A chance encounter with an old llama astonishingly reveals a language Allen didn't know he could speak in this captivating and one-of-a-kind middle-grade novel.**

Eleven-year-old Allen has a recurring nightmare, a persistent habit of humming, and difficulty connecting with other people. Making a fresh start, he and his grandmother move to a small village in northern New York.

But when he meets an old llama at a winter festival, the encounter reveals a language he didn't know he could speak and unveils repressed memories that contradict what he has long believed about his earliest years and his parents' deaths.

When the llama's life is threatened, Allen vows to free it. Together they begin a desperate trek through a snowy wilderness, a journey on which Allen must wrestle with lies about his past while struggling against the elements to survive.





July 23, 2024

*Wings to Soar*

Tina Athaide

Hardcover

Fiction

Pages 352

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Rights World

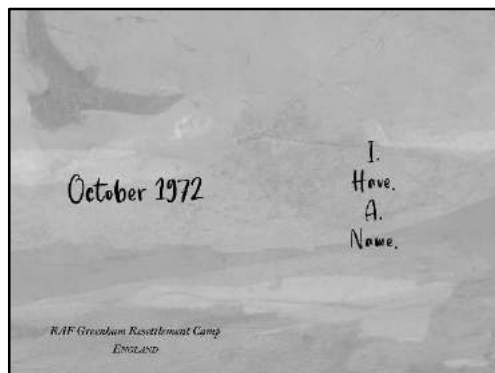
Ages 10 and up

**A historically relevant middle-grade novel-in-verse about a girl's resiliency when faced with hatred towards refugees. Readers of *The Night Diary* and *Inside Out and Back Again* shouldn't miss out.**

It's 1972 and Viva's Indian family has been expelled from Uganda and sent to a resettlement camp in England, but not all of them made the trip. Her father is supposed to meet them in London, but he never shows up. As they wait for him, Viva, her mother, and her sister get settled in camp and try to make the best of their life there.

Just when she is beginning to feel at home with new friends, Viva and her family move out of the camp and to a part of London where they are not welcome. While grappling with the hate for brown-skinned people in their new community, Viva is determined to find her missing father so they can finish their move to Canada. When it turns out he has been sponsored to move to the United States, they have to save enough money to join him.

Told in verse, *Wings to Soar* follows a resilient girl and the friendships she forges during a turbulent time.





Adult



**October 10, 2023**

***Friends of Dorothy***  
*A Celebration of LGBTQ+ Icons*

Anthony Uzarowski  
 Illustrated by Alejandro Mogollo Díez

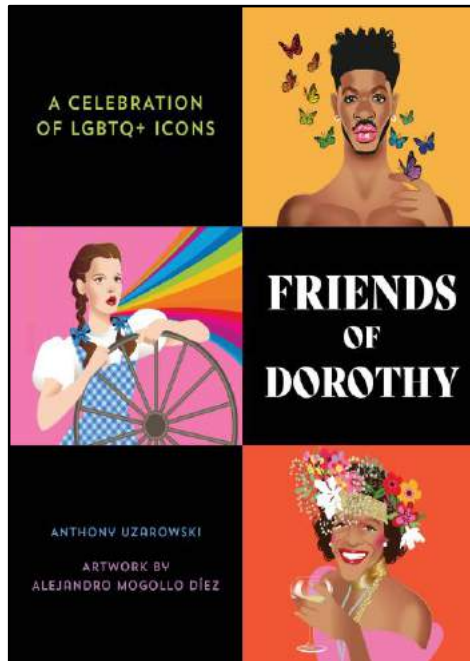
**Hardcover**  
**Nonfiction**  
**Pages 176**  
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**Rights World**

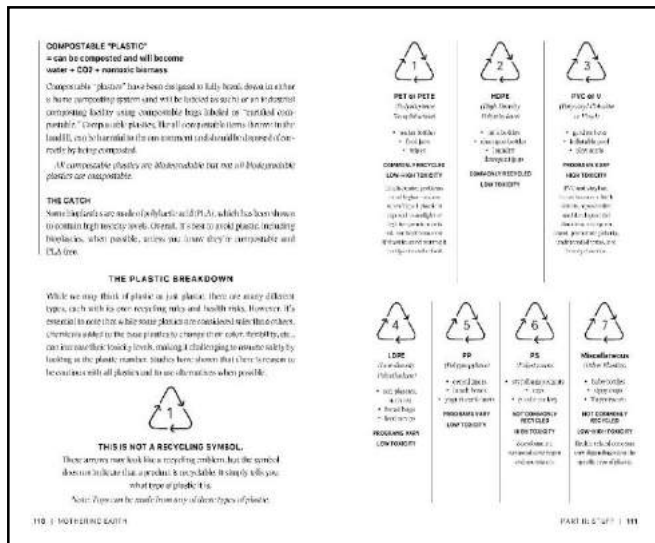
**The ultimate celebration of LGBTQIA+ icons profiling 40 artists, entertainers, writers, and activists who inspired the queer community with their style, openness, and diversity.**

What makes a gay icon? Free, uninhibited expression; an open mind; creativity; and bravery. *Friends of Dorothy* celebrates a wide range of people with the strength, vulnerability, charisma, and style that set them apart and gave them status with the queer community.

Queer icons include supporters of LGBTQIA+ rights such as Marsha P. Johnson, and others like Divine and RuPaul who shattered social barriers to become important cultural ambassadors of queerness, changing the world in the process.

This collection welcomes readers into a flamboyant world populated by larger-than-life figures who inspired LGBTQIA+ people—over the decades—creating controversy, challenging conventions, and sometimes putting their own lives on the line in order for new generations to live in a more equal and accepting world.







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