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PICTURE BOOKS

BRAVE LIKE MOM

Monica Acker, illustrated by Paran Kim

Beaming Books, November 2022

As one girl watches her mom battle illness, she sees Mom being strong, brave, and fierce on both good days and bad ones. Mom is fierce as she catches and wrestles a fish and brave as she endures needles from the doctor. The girl wants to be brave like Mom! As she worries about her mom's health, the girl realizes that bravery comes in many forms and that she can be brave too.

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Monica Acker is a writer and educator. She holds a BA in creative arts and a MAT degree in childhood education. Monica is a member of SCBWI, 12x12, and Children's Book Insider. She lives in Reading, Massachusetts, with her family.

Paran Kim grew up in Seoul, South Korea, but moved to Tokyo when she was twenty to study fine art. She realized her true passion lay in making picture books and became a full-time illustrator. Paran now lives in Dresden, Germany, with her husband.

ONE SMALL THING

Marsha Diane Arnold, illustrated by Laura Watkins

Beaming Books, May 2023

After Raccoon's home burns down in a lightning storm, his friends don't know what they can do to help. Squirrel, Beaver, Mouse, Badger, and Rabbit all go back to their own homes, trying to focus on something other than Raccoon's tragedy. But each animal discovers one small thing they can do for Raccoon--and it turns out that each small act may not be so small after all.

A gentle and powerful look at how small actions can make a big impact.

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Marsha Diane Arnold is a multi-award-winning picture-book author of twenty-three books, with over one million copies sold. Her books have garnered state book awards and honors such as multiple Junior Library Guild selections. Marsha is a member of SCBWI and currently lives in Florida.

Laura Watkins has illustrated international children's books, designed greeting cards, painted murals, and worked in art galleries. She is the winner of The Northern Illustration prize. Laura lives in London with her Red Setters, pens, pencils, and chocolate.

Railroad Engineer Olive Dennis

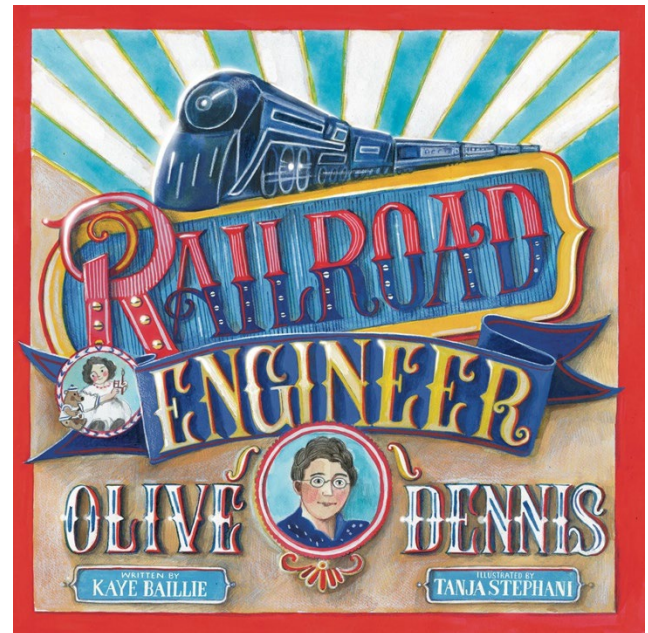
Kaye Baillie, illustrator Tanja Stephani

Beaming Books, November 2022

When Olive Dennis was young, girls were expected to be sewing, cooking, and cleaning. But Olive was busy imagining, designing, and building everything from a wooden dollhouse to a model streetcar with working parts. When she grew up, Olive continued to defy expectations, earning a civil engineering degree and becoming the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad's first female engineer.

Her genius for inventing improvements based on her keen observations of passengers' needs and problems led her to the assignment of a lifetime: designing a luxury train that would change rail travel forever.

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Tanja Stephani is a full-time illustrator, a sculptor, an artist, and a bluegrass bass player. She lives and works in an old farmhouse on a mountain in Switzerland, with her pets, her lovely husband, her grown-up children and her creative grandmother. She uses all kind of materials, and loves to explore new media to create with. The magic of giving life to her characters, in illustrations or as three-dimensional figures, gives her a wonderful feeling. When she's not drawing, you can find her in her big vegetable garden in the forest, on the ground playing with her pets, or sitting together with her family and friends playing music.

If you asked Kaye Baillie to choose her favorite mode of transportation, she would say 'a vintage train'. She once traveled by train for three days across Australia where she lives and would love to do it again. She would scribble ideas in a notebook just like Olive. Kaye is an award-winning children's author. Visit her online at kayebaillie.com.

ROSALIND LOOKED CLOSER

Lisa Gerin, Illustrated by Chiara Fedele

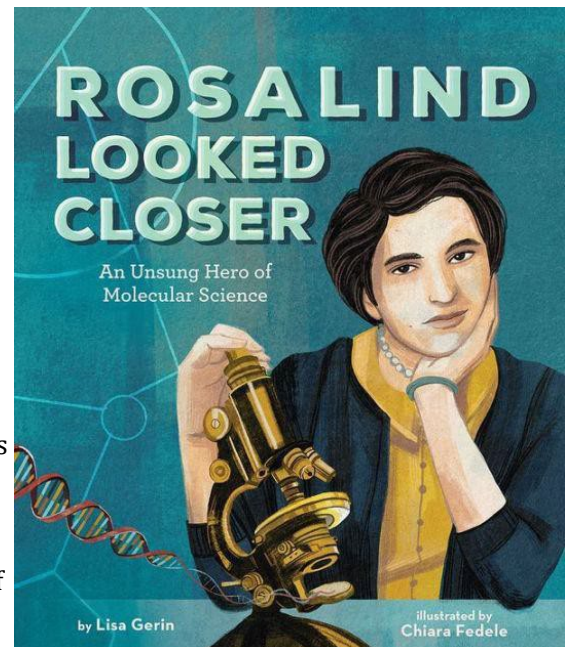
Beaming Books, August 2022

The story of a persistent woman whose research in molecular biology changed the world.

As a Jewish girl in England, Rosalind Franklin grew up against the backdrop of World War II. Fascinated with the natural world, as well as the invisible world that she could only see through her microscope, Rosalind developed a passion for science during a time when few women were recognized for their contributions to the field.

Despite her father's discouragement, Rosalind studied chemistry at Cambridge University and went on to study the molecular structure of carbons and DNA molecules. As a scientist, she learned a new technique called X-ray diffraction to take photos of molecular structures. She saw an image of a helix made up of repeating strands of DNA. It was mesmerizing. This was what the DNA double helix looked like up-close—one of the most important findings of the 20th century.

An unsung hero of molecular science, Rosalind persisted even when men took credit for her work, going on to research the molecular shape of the viruses. *Rosalind Looks Closer* is sure to inspire educators and parents interested in encouraging curiosity and a passion for STEM in girls and boys.



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Lisa Gerin is a former elementary librarian and high school teacher with a Masters' degree in Education. She had a satisfying career working with children, teaching reading and writing for grades PreK through 12. Lisa now writes nonfiction picture books. She lives in Tucson, Arizona, but was raised in New York City. Lisa loves animals and nature, especially her rescue kittens, Thor and Cleo. *Rosalind Looked Closer* is her debut picture book.

Chiara Fedele is an Italian illustrator, born in Milan and now living in the country. She has a degree in illustration and has worked for publishers around the world since 2004. Her illustrations, a mix of traditional and digital, are characterized by strong gestural features that create an emotional texture completed by a strong chromatic sensitivity. She is also the illustrator of *A Fall Ball for All*, by Jamie A. Swenson; *The Brave Cyclist*, by Amalia Hoffman; and *When Rosa Parks Went Fishing*, by Rachel Ruiz.

RELIGION AROUND THE WORLD

A Curious Kids' Guide to the World's Great Faiths

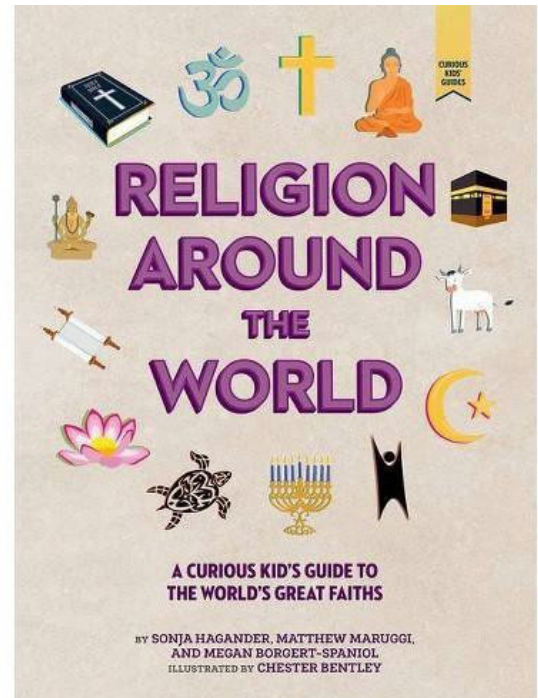
Illustrated by Chester Bentley

Beaming Books, August 2022

A captivating exploration of the world religion from the perspective of a curious kid.

Religion around the World: A Curious Kid's Guide to the World's Great Faiths explores the world's major faiths, making the traditions, beliefs, practices, and history of each accessible to kids ages 8-12. This visually compelling book presents each religion as a rich tradition that has served as a force for human connection and good in the world. Colorful illustrations, charts, graphs, maps, and other infographics, along with clear, age-appropriate text, make this an appealing book for browsing, research, and learning.

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Sonja Hagander is an ordained clergy person in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She has held various leadership roles in higher education and congregational life. She has developed and led valuable interreligious programs in university and community settings, including educational travel experiences for students, professors, clergy, and laity to Palestine, Israel, and Norway and disaster response efforts in various parts of the United States. Sonja lives with her family in the Twin Cities.

Matthew Maruggi is an associate professor of religion at Augsburg University, where he teaches and researches in the areas of vocation, spirituality, the ethics of world religions, and interfaith studies. Matthew co-directs the Interfaith Scholar Seminar, promoting interfaith dialogue and community engagement with students from a variety of backgrounds. He lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Megan Borgert-Spaniol is an author and editor living in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Chester Bentley was interested in illustration and art from a young age. In school, he could always be found sketching something during lunchtime. Chester studied at Art College and has worked in illustration ever since. A highly skilled and versatile artist, he thrives on new challenges and works with a variety of media.

THE ANIMALS SPEAK

A Christmas Eve Legend

Marion Dane Bauer, illustrated by

Brittany Baugus

Beaming Books, October 2021

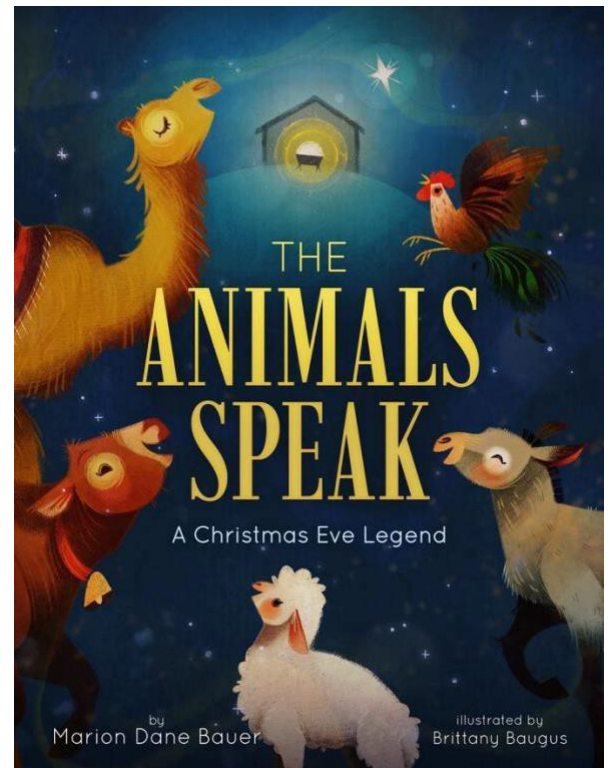
Praise for THE ANIMALS SPEAK:

"Baugus's bold color and luminous digital spreads convey a sense of reverence and joy in this calm picture book, which will most appeal to those familiar with its biblical allusions."

—*Publishers Weekly*

Long ago and even today, the story is told of how all the animals in the world, at the stroke of midnight on Christmas Eve, speak. With their newfound power of speech, the animals rejoice at the birth of Jesus, born humbly in a manger and surrounded by animals. Singing in treetops, braying in stables, barking in yards--the animals all rejoice and proclaim, "The Child is come."

With rich illustrations and lyrical text, Newbery Honor Award-winner Marion Dane Bauer delights readers of all ages with this fresh telling of a classic Christmas legend.



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Marion Dane Bauer was born in Oglesby, Illinois, and currently resides in Falcon Heights, Minnesota. She is the author of more than 100 books, which range from board books, picture books, and early readers--both fiction and non-fiction--to novels for middle grade and young adults. Her books on writing are used by both young writers and adults. She has won numerous awards, including an American Library Association Newbery Honor Award for her novel *On My Honor*. Her most recent publications are the picture books *Winter Dance*, illustrated by Richard Jones, published by HMH, and *The Stuff of Stars*, illustrated by Ekua Holmes, published by Candlewick. Her books have been published in more than a dozen languages.

Brittany Baugus is a children's illustrator from Atlanta, Georgia. She currently enjoys spending her days conceptualizing and creating colorful, textured, and story-driven illustrations. Inspiration for Brittany's work comes from her fascination with nature, animals, and animated films.

SOMETIMES SHY

Julie Bliven, illustrated by Dang Khoa Tran

Beaming Books, May 2023

A boy notices everything around him that can be shy--a seedling slow to sprout, a marker timid to let its color out. But no one accuses objects of being too shy. On a seaside stroll home from school with his older brother, the boy doesn't feel shy at all. Because, like the ocean tides, sometimes we're shy, and sometimes we're like big, booming waves with a lot to say at the end of the day.

A lyrical exploration of situational shyness, and how sometimes inanimate objects can be shy too.



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Julie Bliven has been an editor of books for young children for more than a decade. She holds a master's degree in children's literature from Simmons University, where she has mentored and taught in the MFA program. Julie lives in Yarmouth, Maine, with her husband and son.

Dang Khoa Tran used to be a curious kid, but quite shy and hesitant to explore. Now he explores through art. Khoa lives in Vietnam.

THE POSTCARD PROJECT

Maggie Lauren Brown, illustrated by

Asma Enayeh

Beaming Books, April 2023

Lola loves summer visits at Gram's seaside home. But when a wave of homesickness hits and ordinary phone calls and letters don't help, Lola and Gram craft their own extraordinary homemade postcards to send their love from the coast.

This intergenerational story shows readers that postcard materials hide everywhere--from cereal boxes to garden weeds--and includes an easy DIY project sure to spread kindness right off the page.

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Maggie Lauren Brown is a former high school English teacher and a member of SCBWI. Maggie lives in Texas with her family.

Asma Enayeh is a Syrian French illustrator who grew up in Damascus and currently lives in Dubai. She loves traveling and has visited more than twenty-three countries. Growing up, she used to stay with her grandparents in the French countryside, where she spent her days painting in nature.

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR PET BRAIN

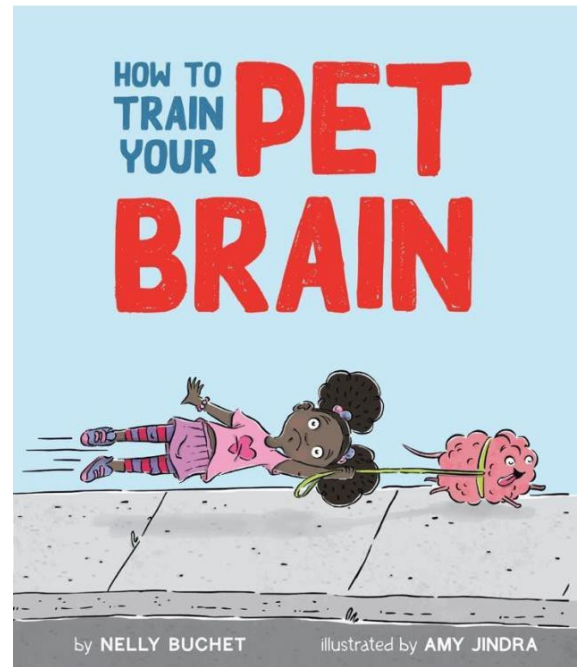
Nelly Buchet, illustrated by Amy Jindra

Beaming Books, February 2022

Your brain is like a pet in need of training. By you.

How does it feel to smile, or to stick out your bottom lip? With heart and humor, *How to Train Your Pet Brain* invites kids to explore how their bodies and minds work together to process emotions. Told from the perspective of a child, this unexpectedly funny take on the tricky topic of mental health follows two characters learning to train their pet brains. Lighthearted illustrations paired with grounded language help kids understand why their brain does what it does, teaches that big feelings are okay, and guides kids through a simple practice to help them feel calm.

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Nelly Buchet is the author of ALA Notable Book *Cat Dog Dog: The Story of a Blended Family* and the four-boardbook *Can't Do* series. She holds a degree from McGill University, where she created a nonprofit project that brings picture books to refugee children through orphanages and libraries. She splits her time between the US and Germany.

Amy Jindra is a designer and illustrator who enjoys developing characters and scenes that tell a story, create a connection, and warm the heart. She lives in Cleveland, Ohio.

LOOKING FOR HAPPY

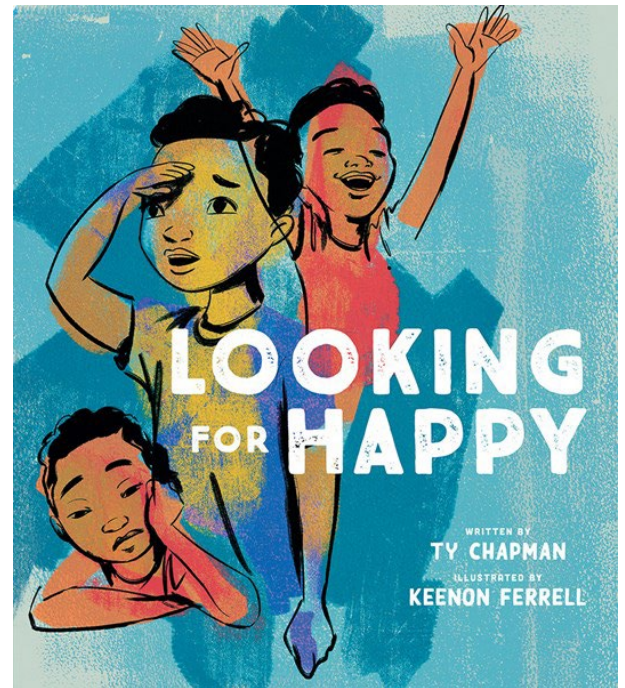
Ty Chapman, illustrated by
Keenon Ferrell

Beaming Books, May 2023

Every day is different. Some days everything goes right--you're in the groove and feeling like yourself.

But some days, it's a lot harder to find happy because everything is just blah. Sometimes everything that should be fun just feels . . . flat. A young boy is having one of those dreary days, and nothing seems to help. But after trying his grandmother's way to shake the blues also fails, he discovers that happiness is easiest to find when you're not looking.

This picture book gently reminds readers that it's normal to have happy and sad days and normalizes speaking about emotions and seeking help. Heartfelt and hopeful, the story models emotional intelligence and self-awareness for readers of all ages.



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Ty Chapman is a Minnesota-based author, poet, puppeteer, and playwright of Nigerian and European descent. He is passionate about art that speaks to the Black experience in America. His recent accomplishments include being named a Loft Literary Center Mirrors and Windows fellow and publishing poetry through multiple journals.

Keenon Ferrell is a digital animator and illustrator based in NYC. He likes to make artwork that is sassy with lots of attitude and emotion. He especially likes artwork inspired by music, fashion, and sports.

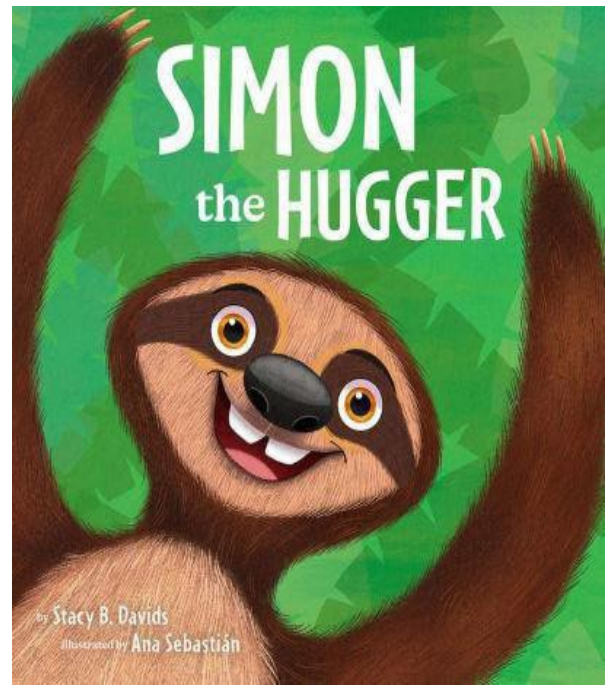
SIMON THE HUGGER

Stacy B. Davids, illustrated by Ana Sebastian

Beaming Books, November 2022

A story about hugs, consent, and a lovable, huggable sloth named Simon.

Simon the sloth loves to hug. He hugs plants. He hugs rocks. He hugs his friends. He even hugs himself! So when his best friend, Elsa the jaguar, and others around him start saying no to his hugs, he is crushed. Why wouldn't someone want to be hugged? After being rejected several times, he learns that both he and his friends need to want a hug at the same time so they both feel comfortable.



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Stacy B. Davids, PhD, is a psychologist and a former special education teacher. Her highly praised picture book, *Annie's Plaid Shirt*, won Silver in the Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Awards. She lives in Florida and loves cats, cookies, and chocolate.

Ana Sebastián is a children's book illustrator based in Spain. She studied fine arts at the University of Zaragoza and Université; Michel de Montaigne, Bordeaux, France. She also completed a master's degree in digital illustration. Her work is focused on colors and light. Working mostly with her iPad Pro, she also likes working with colored pencils, gouache, and watercolors.

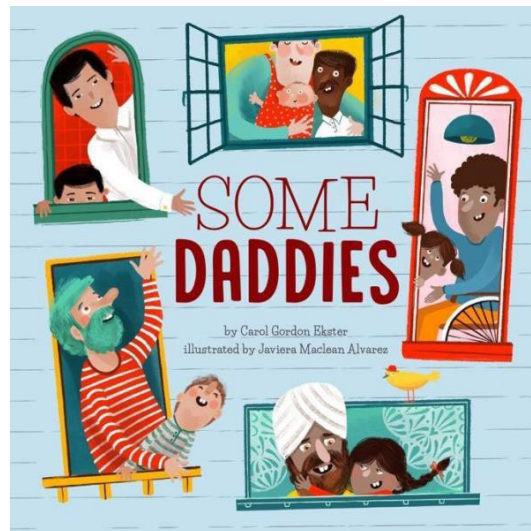
SOME DADDIES

Carol Gordon Ekster, illustrated by
Javiera Maclean Alvarez

Beaming Books, May 2022

Every daddy is different--and that makes them even morespecial!

"Some daddies teach you about the world. Others attend teaparties. Some help turn blankets into forts. Others hold you steady while you pedal."



This rollicking showcase of daddies celebrates the incredible diversity of modern fathers. The inclusive cast of characters--including a two-dad family, a single dad, and a stay-at-home dad--highlights the bond between daddy and child as they play, learn, comfort, and laugh their way through everyday life. This open-hearted ode to fatherhood will give readers new appreciation for how their own fathers and father-figures shine in their own unique ways.

Some Daddies is the perfect gift for a new dad, Father's Day, or any occasion for parents and educators to read with their kids. Carol Gordon Ekster's playful text is illustrated with the quirky, colorful artwork of Javiera Maclean Alvarez, making this picture book a wonderful read-aloud.

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Carol Gordon Ekster is a children's book author and retired elementary school teacher. She is the author of *Where Am I Sleeping Tonight?: A Story of Divorce*, *Ruth the Sleuth and the Messy Room*, *Before I Sleep I Say Thank You*, and *You Know What?*. She lives in Andover, Massachusetts.

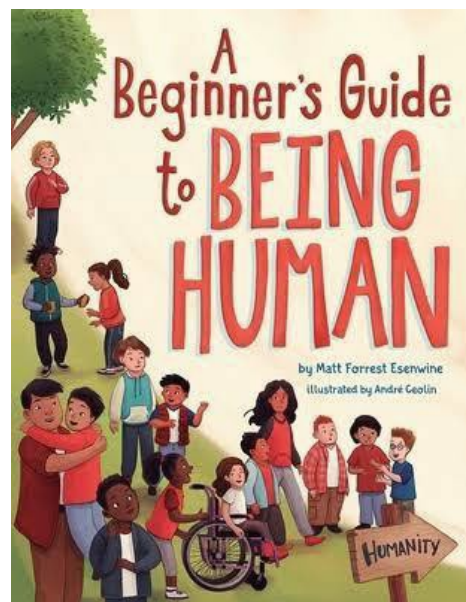
Javiera Maclean Alvarez is a Chilean children's book illustrator who likes to use illustration as a voice to raise awareness for making a better world.

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO BEING HUMAN

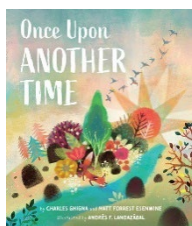
Matt Forrest Esenwine, ill. by Andre Ceolin

Beaming Books, October 2022

Being a human is a lot of work! Thankfully, humans experience many of the same feelings, situations, and challenges, so we don't have to figure it all out on our own--we can help each other navigate the ups and downs. Full of humor and heart, this engaging guide inspires kids to be humans who are kind, empathetic, and thoughtful. No matter what our day brings, we can choose to practice self-control, compassion, and forgiveness. Don't worry, young human, it's okay to make some mistakes along the way--just remember that it's love that keeps us all afloat at the end of the day.



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ALSO AVAILABLE: *ONCE UPON ANOTHER TIME* (Beaming Books 2021)

Praise for *ONCE UPON ANOTHER TIME*:

“Beautiful images of long ago come together with lyrical text to transport readers to a past that is almost forgotten but that we would benefit to remember.... A necessary addition to picture-book collections.”

—*Booklist*

“In upbeat rhyming couplets, Esenwine and Ghigna paint a portrait of the world pre-Anthropocene.... this is an evocative encouragement to experience the glory of nature.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

“For Earth Day shelves, but all year around. It’s a near-perfect way to remind children of all their planet has to offer.”

—*School Library Journal*

Matt Forrest Esenwine is an author and poet from Warner, New Hampshire. His debut picture book, *Flashlight Night* (2017), was selected by the New York Public Library as one of the Best Picture Books for Kids of 2017. His poetry can be found in numerous anthologies, including *The National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry* (National Geographic Children's Books, 2015), *I Am Someone Else* (Charlesbridge, 2019), and *Highlights for Children*.

André Ceolin studied at the School of Visual Arts in New York City. He has illustrated over twenty books for children. André lives in Brazil with his family

GOD MADE ALL YOUR FEELINGS

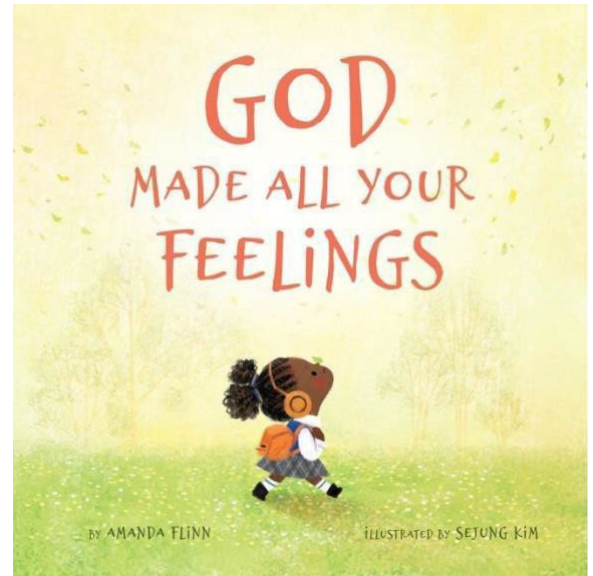
Amanda Flinn, illustrated by Sejung Kim

Beaming Books, February 2022

Praise for GOD MADE ALL YOUR FEELINGS:

“The overarching message that God loves us no matter how we feel is comforting. A positive look at feelings—the gifts they contain and how they help us grow.”

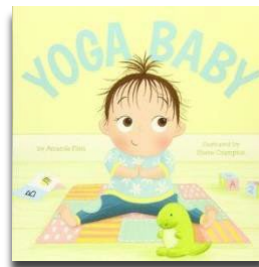
—*Kirkus Reviews*



God made me and God made you. God made our minds and our feelings, too!

We all have lots and lots of feelings. For young children, feelings can be overwhelming and difficult to manage. This sweet picture book explores the wide variety of emotions kids experience--happiness, sadness, anger, fear, and others--and gently reassures them that it is okay to feel these feelings and that God is with us through all the ups and downs. The book affirms young children with the message that all our emotions help us grow and that no matter how we are feeling, God loves us.

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Also available: YOGA BABY (Beaming Books 2020)

Amanda Flinn is a speaker, an award-winning author and a member of SCBWI and the Heartland Writers Guild. Her books, *Yoga Baby*, *The Maker*, and *God Made All Your Feelings*, are the result of a childhood dream come true.

Sejung Kim was born in Seoul, South Korea, and now lives in France. She has enjoyed illustrating many projects for a variety of publishers.

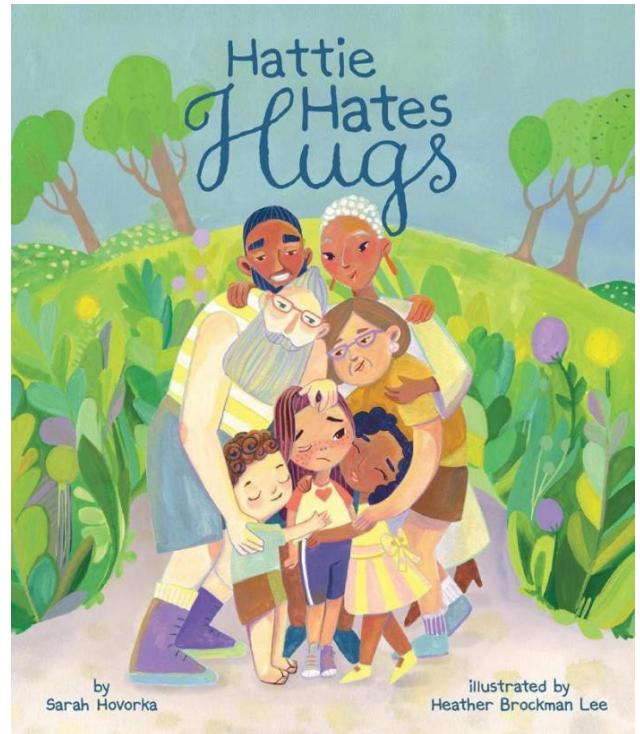
HATTIE HATES HUGS

Sarah Hovorka, illustrated by Heather Brockman Lee

Beaming Books, April 2022

Hattie loves her family, but she hates hugs!

While at a family reunion, Hattie wants to play horseshoes with Uncle Jake and Aunt Celia, but her boisterous relatives keep hugging her. Hattie's stomach squirms uncomfortably when she's hugged, but dodging and hiding from the open arms isn't working. Great-Grandma is the only relative who understands how Hattie feels. With Great-Grandma's help, Hattie learns to use simple but clear body language with verbal reinforcement to set boundaries around her personal space and to assert her right to consent to physical touch. And she even wins a game of horseshoes!



This picture book will teach huggers and non-huggers alike the importance of respecting people's personal boundaries and provides an example of how to advocate for yourself with confidence.

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Sarah Hovorka is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and the California Writers Club and is pursuing a professional certificate in creative writing. Sarah lives with her three sons and her husband in California.

Heather Brockman Lee holds a BFA in Fine Art and worked in a variety of industries such as art glass, textile design, and gallery work before focusing full-time on her first love of illustrating stories. She lives in Colorado.

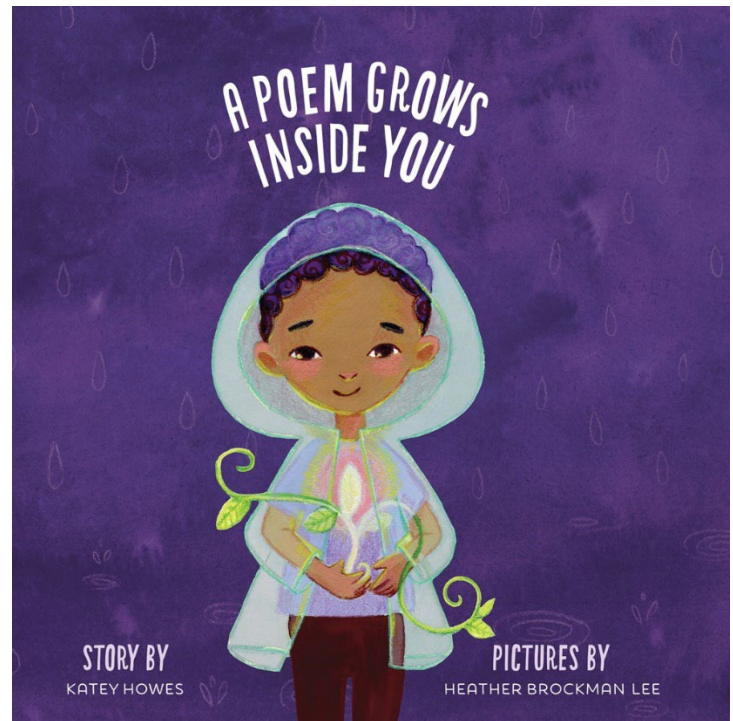
A POEM GROWS INSIDE YOU

Katey Howes, illustrator Heather Brockman Lee

Beaming Books, November 2022

We all hold the seed of something wonderful inside us, just waiting for the right moment to bloom. In *A Poem Grows Inside You*, the seed of an idea waits for the rhythm of the rainfall to awaken it, then takes root and begins to grow. At once a celebration of the deep connection creatives have with their art and an acknowledgement of the courage it takes to let it into the sun, this beautifully illustrated picture book encourages readers to nurture their talents and boldly share them with the world.

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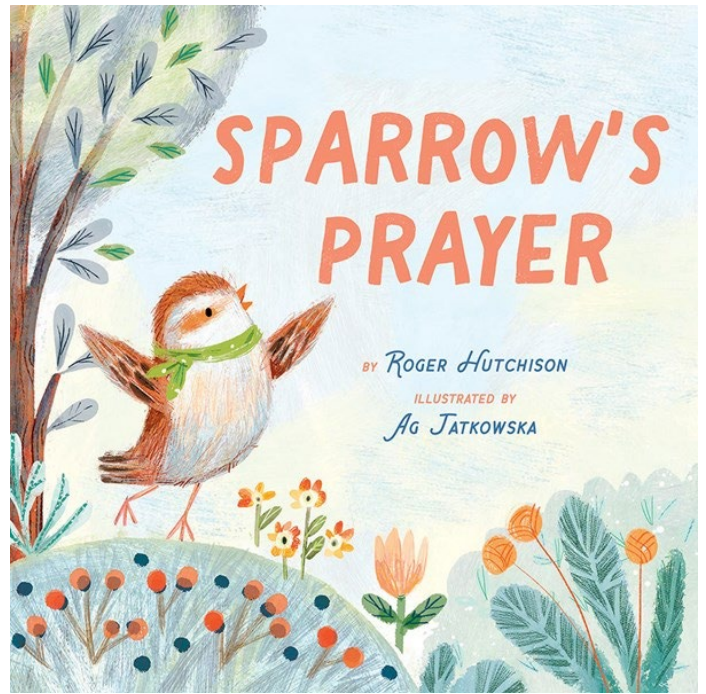
Katey Howes is a haphazard gardener, a darn good rhymer, and a fun mother. She's also the award-winning author of *RISSY NO KISSIES*, *BE A MAKER*, and a growing assortment of other books. You can find Katey under a big tree on a small mountain in Eastern Pennsylvania with a bowl of popcorn, a notebook full of ideas, and a rescue pup named Samwise. Or find her on Twitter @kateywrites, on IG @kidlitlove, and at www.kateyhowes.com.

Heather Brockman Lee holds a BFA in Fine Art and worked in a variety of industries such as art glass, textile design, and gallery work before focusing full-time on her first love of illustrating stories. She lives in Colorado.

SPARROW'S PRAYER

Roger Hutchison, illustrated
by Ag Jatkowska

Beaming Books, February 2023



When words are hard to find, prayer blooms in unexpected ways.

Sparrow wakes each morning, ready to sing a prayer of thanksgiving. But not today. Today his words get tangled and knotted in his beak like old yarn and straw. He feels sad and gray, and he's not sure why. So Sparrow decides to ask his friends Turtle, Mousie, and Buck for advice on how to pray.

Each friend shows Sparrow a different way to pray without words, through generosity, art, and movement. As the day ends, Sparrow meditates on a rose aglow in the evening light and has an epiphany: Every living thing does what God created them to do. Each life is, itself, a prayer of thanksgiving. Often, the most powerful prayers do not include words. Lyrical and unique, *Sparrow's Prayer* is a tale about an unexpected and life-changing encounter with the holy.

Backmatter includes an author's note with a reflection and suggestions for using different senses to pray.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	4-8
<i>Material:</i>	
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
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Roger Hutchison is an author, illustrator, educator, and director of Christian Formation and Parish Life at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas. In addition to *Sparrow's Prayer*, Roger is the author of seven books, including *My Favorite Color Is Blue*; *Sometimes: A Journey through Loss with Art and Color*; and *The Very Best Day: The Way of Love for Children*. Roger's ambition is to use art, color, and poetic language to communicate love and promote healing and hope in today's hurting world.

Ag Jatkowska is an illustrator who lives and works in the United Kingdom. With a passion for creating whimsical scenes full of cute animals, soft colors, and various textures, Ag has illustrated dozens of children's books for publishers all over the world. In her spare time, she loves to discover new places and take long walks with her family. She is fascinated by different cultures, and loves film, theatre, and chocolate.

A DIVE INTO THE BLUE

Ellie Huynh, illustrated by Bao Luu

Beaming Books, May 2023

"First, there is the blue that stretches in front of you . . ."

As a small girl stands at the edge of a diving board, she fears the drain at the bottom of the pool will swallow her up. Determined to learn how to dive, she musters up her courage by imagining other possibilities of what she might find under the surface, like mermaid mazes and lantern fish.

Through lyrical text and enchanting illustrations, *A Dive into the Blue* explores a child's imagination as she learns to overcome her fears. Believing in herself, and not the shadows in the water, might be just what she needs to take the leap.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	4-8
<i>Material:</i>	layouts in November
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
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Ellie Huynh is a long-time kindergarten teacher. She writes stories and poetry with themes of friendship, perseverance, and wonder. *A Dive into the Blue* is her debut picture book. Besides writing, Ellie loves singing, painting, and teaching art classes. She lives in Southern California with her husband and three children.

Bao Luu was born in Vietnam and currently lives in the United States. As an artist, he focuses on color and texture in his illustrations. He loves playing with color. By observing everything in life to gain inspiration, he combines different ideas to create his unique artwork.



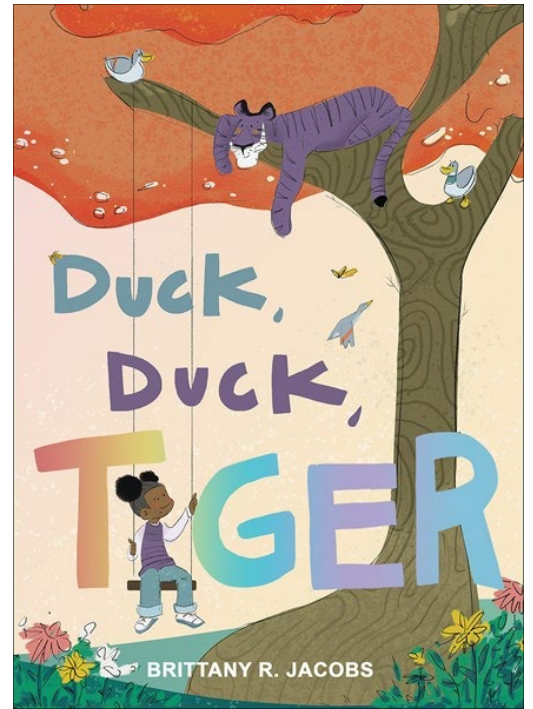
DUCK, DUCK, TIGER

Brittany R. Jacobs

Beaming Books, May 2023

Lili has noticed that she's different from everyone around her... like she's a tiger when everyone else seems to be a duck. Should she announce her discovery? She worries that the world doesn't like tigers. What if no one likes tigers? Inspired by the author's childhood and lived experiences, Duck, Duck, Tiger is a picture book which explores the difficulties those with marginalized identities face from an early age. Lili's journey from uneasy feelings to understanding and pride will resonate with readers struggling with their own sense of otherness, championing inclusion.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	4-8
<i>Material:</i>	layouts in October
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Brittany R. Jacobs spends her days steeped in books at a library in Southwest Iowa. Learning the art of oral storytelling from childhood, she developed a unique voice that she uses as a writer. A self-taught artist who uses a combination of traditional watercolor and digital art, she blends observation and natural curiosity to create fun and unique art.

When not working at the library, writing, or illustrating, she can be found exploring nature with her wife and dogs, chasing her curiosity as far and fast as she can.

THE GIRL WITH BIG, BIG QUESTIONS

Britney Winn Lee, illustrated by Jacob Souva

Beaming Books, August 2021

"Why can't people live on the moon?"

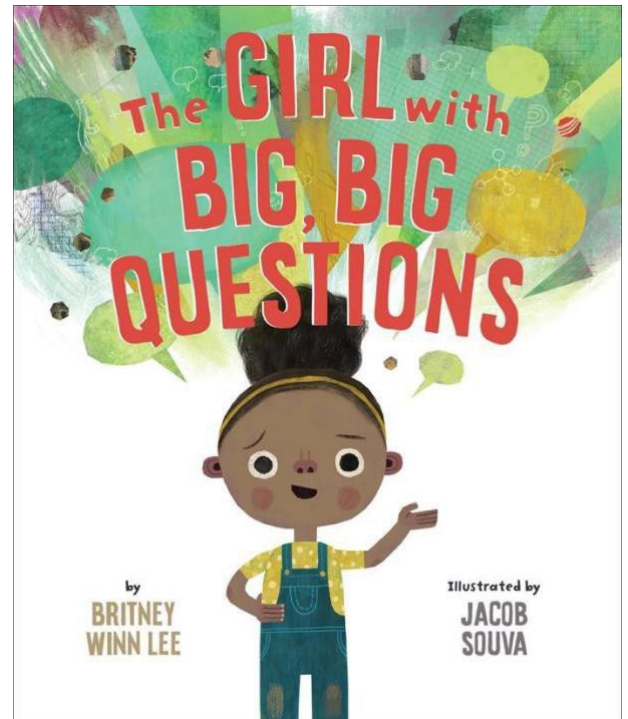
"Can I be president when I grow up?"

"What makes a person good?"

These are just some of the questions that bubble forth from one little girl with twinkling eyes and a curious mind. When the girl finds that her big questions make some people uncomfortable, she stops. But then she learns that her questions can solve problems and that asking questions is how we learn and grow.

Celebrate the spirit of curiosity and the joy of learning with this lively picture book about a persistent girl and her quest for knowledge.

From the author and illustrator of *The Boy with Big, Big Feelings*.



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Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:	Translation
Ages:	4-8
Material:	Final PDF
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Britney Winn Lee is a writer as well as a community arts director in Shreveport, LA where she lives with her husband and son. She writes primarily at the intersection of faith and justice, dedicated to good news and full life that are good and full for all.

Jacob Souva resides in a small countryside community in upstate New York. He received one of 3 honorable mentions in the portfolio showcase award at the 2020 SCBWI Winter Conference in NYC, and has illustrated 4 books including *Where Do Cowgirls Go Potty*.

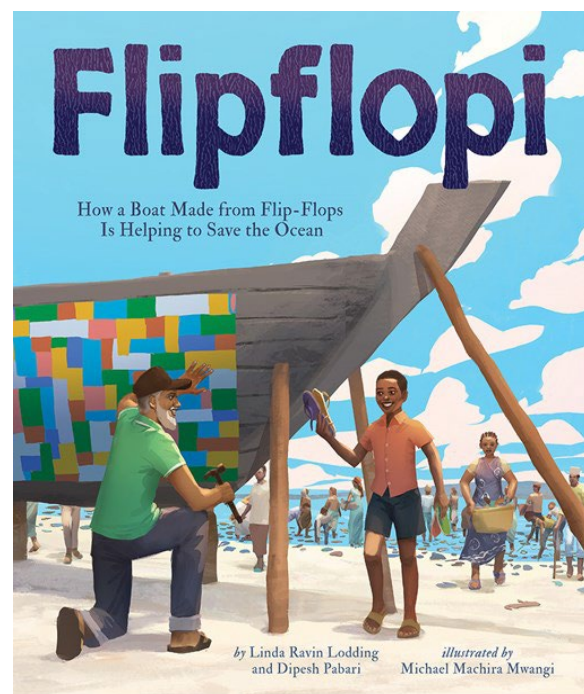
FLIPFLOPI

**Linda Ravin Lodding and Dipesh Pabari,
illustrated by Michael Michira Mwangi**

Beaming Books, March 2023

Juma is excited to go fishing with his grandfather, Babu Ali. But when they get to the beach, they find the sand covered in plastic pollution--flip-flops, plastic straws, toothbrushes, bottles, and shopping bags. One of the flip-flops floating in on a wave looks like a boat. That gives Juma and Babu Ali an idea.

Based on the true story of the Kenyan dhow boat Flipflopi, this inspirational tale demonstrates how innovation, art, and determination can transform plastic pollution into something useful. In 2017, 30,000 flip-flops and other plastic waste items, all collected from the Kenyan coast, were melted, shaped, and carved into the dhow named Flipflopi. Weighing in at 7 tons, this boat is a testament to what can happen when awareness is turned into action.



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<i>Ages:</i>	4-8
<i>Material:</i>	layouts
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
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Linda Ravin Lodding is an award-winning author of eight picture books, including *Painting Pepette*. When she's not writing, Linda is head of communications for a children's rights organization that focuses on a child's right to a healthy environment. Originally from New York, she now lives in Sweden.

Dipesh Pabari is an eco-leader, educator, waste plastic innovator, and one of the founders of the Flipflopi Expedition. He lives in Kenya.

Michael Machira Mwangi is a self-taught digital artist. He lives in Kenya.

ANTONINO'S IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

Tim McGlen, illustrated by Sophia
Touliatou

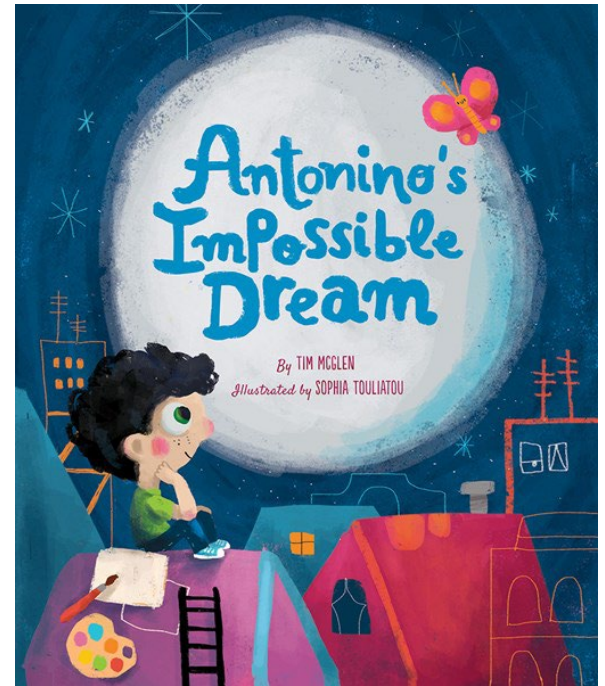
Beaming Books, March 2023

A timeless tale about the wish for a friend.

Antonino is a young artist who dreams of painting a masterpiece, an impossible dream he calls Friend. When he gets stuck, inspiration comes from an unexpected place.

A dreamlike fable about the power of friendship and imagination, Antonino's Impossible Dream is a children's story told in timeless style by author Tim McGlen, with captivating illustrations by Sophia Touliatou.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	4-7
<i>Material:</i>	layouts
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
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Tim McGlen writes to lift up people by pushing the boundaries of possibility. Inspired by encouragement from Mr. Wade and Mrs. Lynn, his third- and fourth-grade teachers at Parkland Elementary in western New York, he has studied literature and published stories through college and beyond. A former advertising copywriter, he directs an upper-elementary Montessori classroom in Florida, where much to his delight, his students thrive at creative writing, and where his sixth-graders read weekly with their kindergarten reading buddies.

Greek-born and Athens based **Sophia Touliatou** has studied Graphic Design and works as an illustrator, doing mostly children books, many of which have gained merits and awards. You can find her work in Greece, France, Italy, Germany, Spain, the United States, and other countries around the world.

SEEKING BEST FRIEND

Alison Marcotte, illustrated by Diane Ewen

Beaming Books, January 2022

SEEKING BEST FRIEND

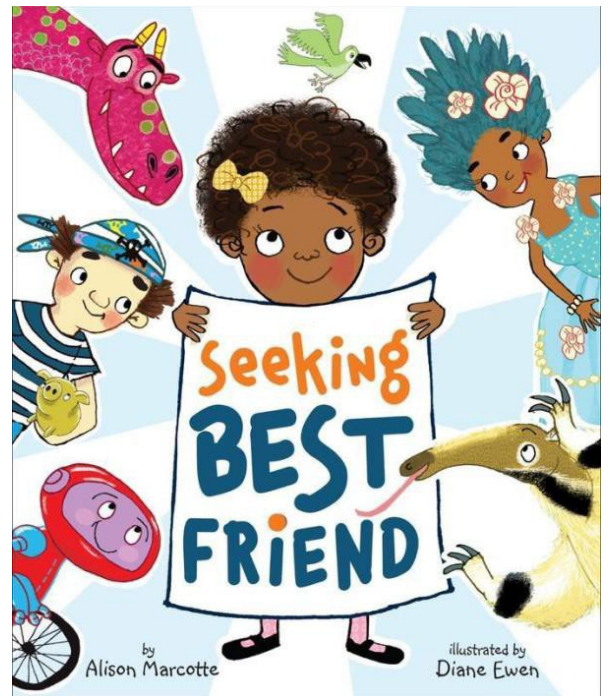
When a child sends out an open call for a best friend, the most unlikely candidates apply for the job. But when each candidate disappoints, the child's list of requirements grows longer and longer--and more and more ridiculous! Only when she discovers that the way to find a friend is through being a good friend does she finally find the right person for the position.

This humorous picture book is sure to make you laugh and will spur great conversations with children about what it means to be a good friend.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	4-7
<i>Material:</i>	pdf
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books

Alison Marcotte is a Chicago-based writer. She is an SCBWI and 12 x 12 Challenge member, and an American Libraries freelance writer. *Seeking Best Friend* is Alison's debut picture book.

Diane Ewen is a British illustrator, born in the West Midlands.



LITTLE MOLE GOES TO SCHOOL

Glenys Nellist, illustrated by Sally Garland

Beaming Books, July 2022

It's Little Mole's first day of school, and he's nervous. What if he is the last to know his alphabet? What if he's not good at anything? With a good bit of anxiety, Little Mole heads to class and begins to compare himself to his peers. How will he ever measure up? But soon a crisis on the playground reveals that he has everything he needs in his own two paws to save the day.

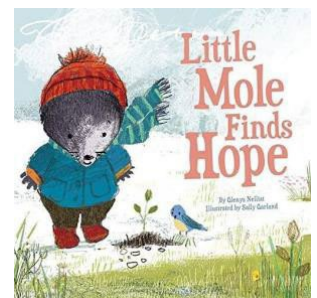
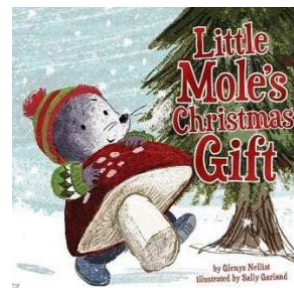
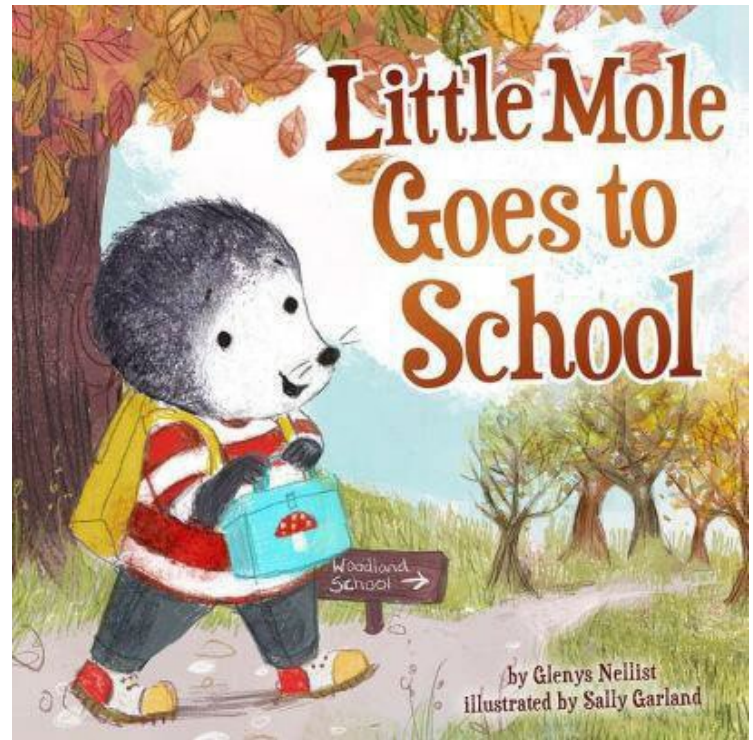
Here is another endearing tale of the beloved Little Mole, his encouraging mama, and his forest friends. Children will relate to Little Mole's feelings of self-doubt, will cheer him on when he discovers his unique gifts and talents, and will be inspired to confront their own insecurities and celebrate what they have to offer, too.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
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<i>Ages:</i>	4-7
<i>Material:</i>	layouts
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Also available:

LITTLE MOLE'S CHRISTMAS GIFT (Beaming Books 2020)

LITTLE MOLE FINDS HOPE (Beaming Books 2020)



Praise for **LITTLE MOLE'S CHRISTMAS GIFT**:

"This compassionate Christmas fable emphasizes classic morals: that the heart behind a gift matters more than the gift itself."

—**Publishers Weekly**

"A warm wintertime read with a message for any time of year."

—**Kirkus Review**

Glenys Nellist is the author of multiple children's books, including the popular series Love Letters from God and Snuggle Time. Her writing reflects a deep passion for helping children discover joy in the world.

Sally Garland lives and works in Glasgow, Scotland. Her many titles include *You Are Extraordinary*; *The Magic in a Year*; *The Little Pink Rosebud*; and *Fiddlesticks!*

WHEREVER YOU ARE

Glenys Nellist, illustrate by Sian James

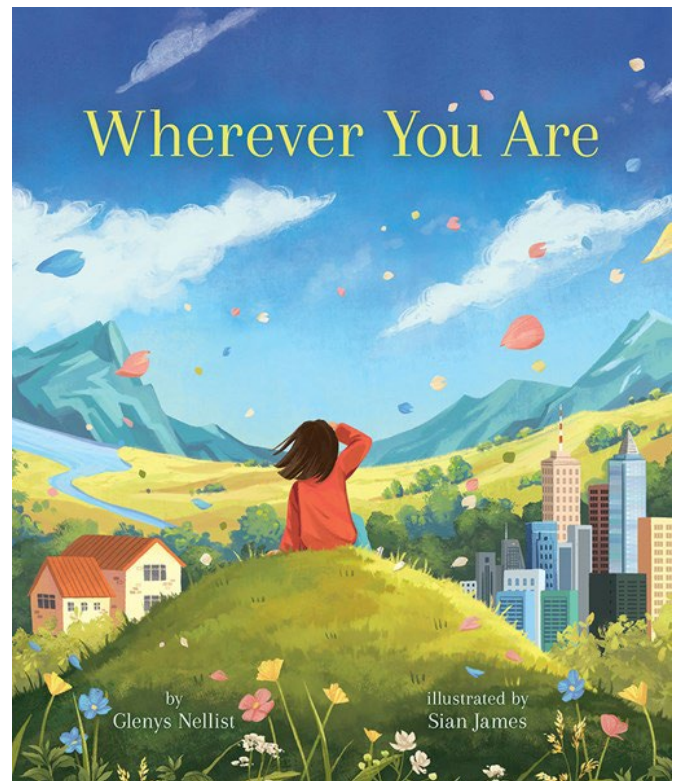
Beaming Books, February 2023

Wherever you are, God is there.

God is in the gently falling snow, the river, and the honeybee. God is in the people you meet. God is in city streets and country lanes. God is in laughter and tears. No matter where you go, how you are feeling, or what you do, God is with you.

This gentle, reassuring picture book by bestselling author Glenys Nellist and illustrator Sian James encourages children to notice God all around them, in the ordinary people and places of everyday life.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	4-8
<i>Material:</i>	PDF
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Glenys Nellist is the author of multiple children's books, including the Little Mole series. She is also the author of the bestselling *'Twas the Evening of Christmas* and the popular series Love Letters from God and Snuggle Time. Her writing reflects a deep passion for helping children discover joy in the world. Glenys lives in Michigan with her husband, David.

Sian James is a self-taught illustrator from Hong Kong, currently living in Cambridge, England, with her husband and two cats. A former archaeologist and a huge animal-lover, she loves to draw inspiration from history, folklore, and nature to tell stories with pictures.

DEAR STAR BABY

Malcolm Newsome, illustrated by

Kamala Nair

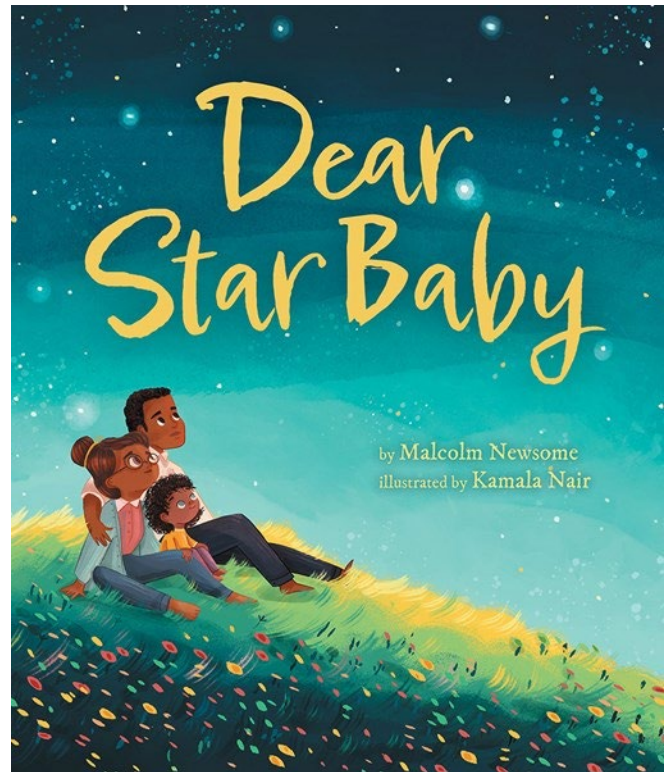
Beaming Books, April 2023

I knew something was wrong when Mama called me close.

She held my hand and told me you would not be coming home with us.

She said you went to be with the stars instead.

Written as a letter to his unborn baby sibling, *Dear Star Baby* shares how a little boy processes the grief he and his family experience after a miscarriage. He tells the baby all about how they were preparing their home to welcome them and the things he was looking forward to doing together. He processes his wonders, wishes, and sadness after this tremendous loss. Dad says their Star Baby feels far away. Mom says their Star Baby is always in her heart. The little boy imagines his baby sibling singing and twinkling in the night sky as he sleeps.



Poignant and sensitively told, this story will help families who have lost of a baby to miscarriage or stillbirth grieve and move forward together.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	4-8
<i>Material:</i>	Layouts due November
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
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Malcolm Newsome is a children's book author from the Chicago area and a cofounder of Black Creators Headquarters. He has a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology, previously served as the executive vice president of a software consulting firm, and now works in cyber security. He writes picture books with the aim of bringing hope and possibility to as many young people as he can. Malcolm is a married father of five. After the first three children were born, they experienced the loss of two unborn children. He hopes his debut picture book, *Dear Star Baby*, will bring healing to the millions of other families who experience this kind of grief.

Kamala Nair grew up in Kerala, a small southern coastal state in India, surrounded by exotic wildlife, stunning beaches, lush green hills, and turquoise backwaters. She is a professional architect and an illustrator. Her works are inspired by a harmonious blend of nature, patterns, and architecture. In addition to *Dear Star Baby*, she is the illustrator of *Kamala Is Speaking*, by Shasta Clinch and *The Leaping Laddoo* by Harshita Jerath. Kamala loves to travel and immerse herself in the beauty of culture, history, architecture, and people worldwide.

NILA'S PERFECT COAT

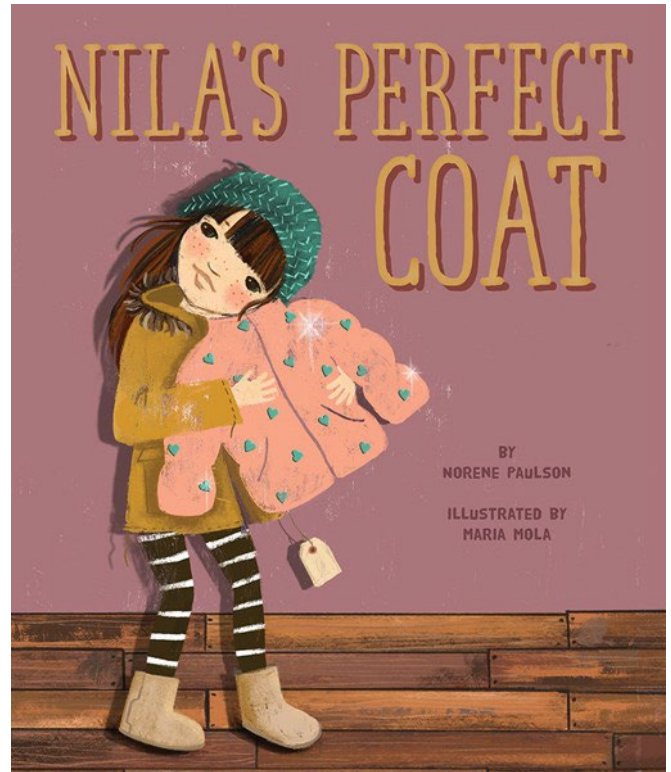
**Norene Paulson, illustrated by
Maria Mola**

Beaming Books, February 2023

Nila and her mom *love* shopping at the thrift store. But when Nila finds the most perfect, shiny, puffy coat, Mom says no: Nila's winter coat still fits her just fine. With a lot of determination and some birthday money from Dad, Nila sets out to prove the coat really is perfect--but along the way, learns maybe it's perfect for someone else. Someone who needs both a coat and a friend.

An engaging and accessible story about having enough and helping others in need.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	5-8
<i>Material:</i>	PDF
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Norene Paulson writes picture books that celebrate friendship, acceptance, and inclusion. She is the author of *Benny's True Colors* and *What's Silly Hair Day with No Hair?* A former language arts teacher, Norene is passionate about sharing her love of words with young readers. She's a member of SCBWI and lives in Iowa.

Maria Mola is an illustrator from Barcelona currently living in Boston with her husband and their three children. She has illustrated *Sparkle Boy*, *Maya Papaya*, *Koala Challah*, and more.

MOTHER GOD

Teresa Kim Pecinovsky, illustrated by
Khoa Le

Beaming Books, March 2022

"You know God the Father, but God is your Mother too."

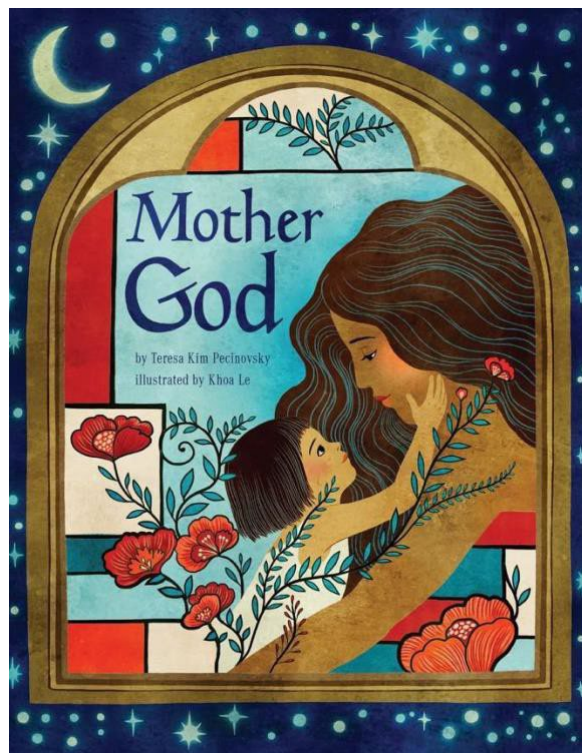
With lyrical, rhyming text and exquisite illustrations, *Mother God* introduces readers to a dozen images of God inspired by feminine descriptions from Scripture. Children and adults alike will be in awe of the God who made them as they come to know her as a creative seamstress, generous baker, fierce mother bear, protective mother hen, strong woman in labor, nurturing nursing mother, wise grandmother, and comforting singer of lullabies.

This gorgeous picture book welcomes children into a fuller, more diverse understanding of what it means to be made in the image of God.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	4-8
<i>Material:</i>	Manuscript
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
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Teresa Kim Pecinovsky was born in South Korea and raised in Iowa. An ordained minister and hospice chaplain, she lives with her spouse and two children in Houston, Texas.

Khoa Le is an author and the illustrator of numerous picture books, including *The Most Beautiful Thing* by Kao Kalia Yang, an ALA Notable Children's Book. Other recent awards include the Picture Book Honor Sydney Taylor Book Award and Best Illustration from TOKA Box Top South Asian Children's Books. She lives in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam.



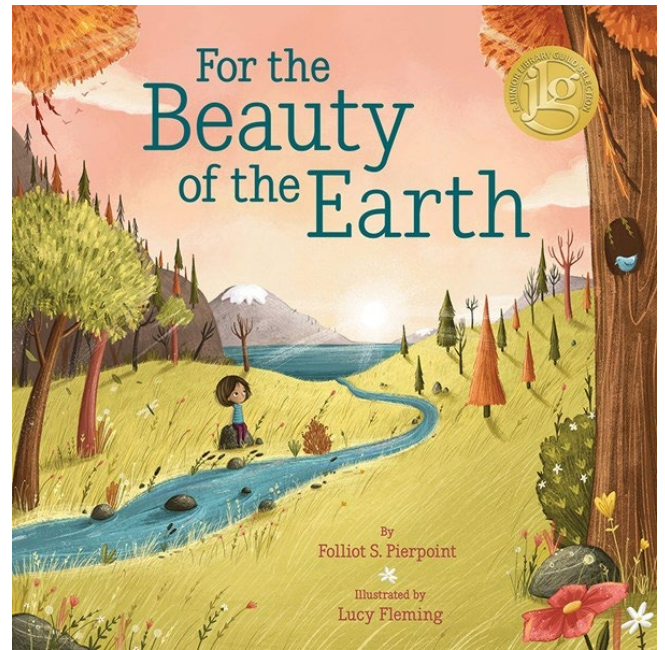
FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

**Folliott S. Pierpoint, illustrated
by Lucy Fleming**

Beaming Books, February 2023

The poetry of this classic hymn combine with beautiful illustrations to create a picture book that children and adults alike will cherish. The lyrics of *For the Beauty of the Earth*, originally written in 1864, celebrate creation, family, music, and community. Illustrations bring the words to life, capturing the rich imagery of the song. The book includes the written music and lyrics so families can sing the song together.

For the Beauty of the Earth is a Junior Library Guild Selection. Junior Library Guild is a curated subscription service for libraries featuring books recommended by expert librarians for building an excellent collection.



<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	5-8
<i>Material:</i>	pdf
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
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(Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835:1917) was a, English hymnist, poet, and teacher. For the Beauty of the Earth is his most famous hymn.

Lucy Fleming has been an avid doodler and bookworm since early childhood. She lives and works in a small town in England with her partner and a little black cat.

DOE'S DANDELIONS

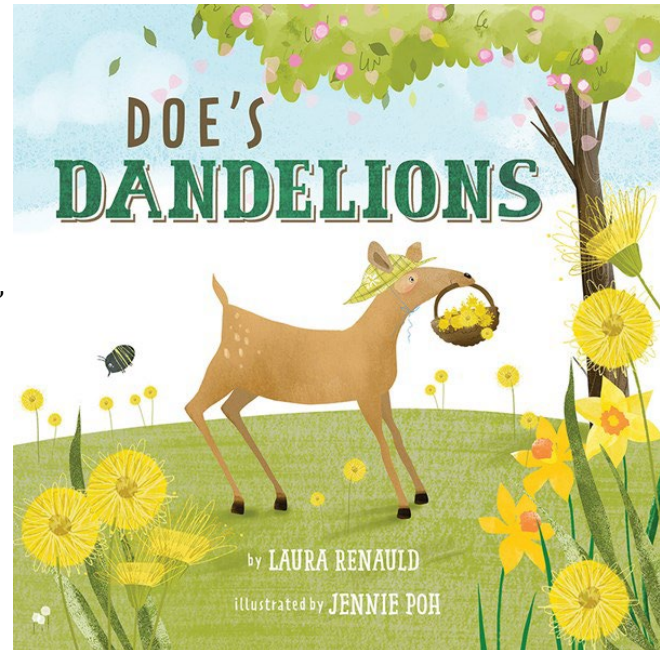
Laura Renauld, illustrated by Jennie Poh

Beaming Books, March 2023

Spring is here, and the woodland friends' gardens are blooming! But will all the dandelions ruin the Spring Petal Parade?

Every year, Doe grows daffodils for the Spring Petal Parade, but despite all her diligent weeding, dandelions have taken over her garden! She travels through the woods to warn her friends, but to Doe's surprise, Porcupine eats dandelion leaves, Squirrel thinks the blooms make a beautiful bouquet, and Bear cultivates a wishing garden. Perhaps dandelions are much more than weeds after all?

The lovable gang from the Woodland Friends series returns in a colorful celebration of springtime, teaching Doe that all things--even dandelions--have worth. A final spread features instructions and inspiration for readers to plan their very own Petal Parade.



Category: Picture Book
Kaplan/DeFiore Controls: Translation
Ages: 4-7
Material:
Format: Full Color throughout
Rights Sold on behalf of: Beaming Books

Also available in the Woodland Friends series:

BEAR'S BICYCLE (2021) — Sold to Kultur Yayinlari (Turkish)

PORCUPINE'S PIE (2018)

SQUIRREL'S SWEATER (2021)



Laura Renauld is a former elementary school teacher. She lives in Northern Virginia with her husband and their twostory-telling sons. She is the author of *Porcupine's Pie* and *Fred's Big Feelings: The Life and Legacy of Mister Rogers*.

Jennie Poh is a creative who studied Fine Art at the Surrey Institute of Art & Design, as well as Fashion Illustration at Central St Martins. She lives in Woking, England.

I AM NOT AFRAID

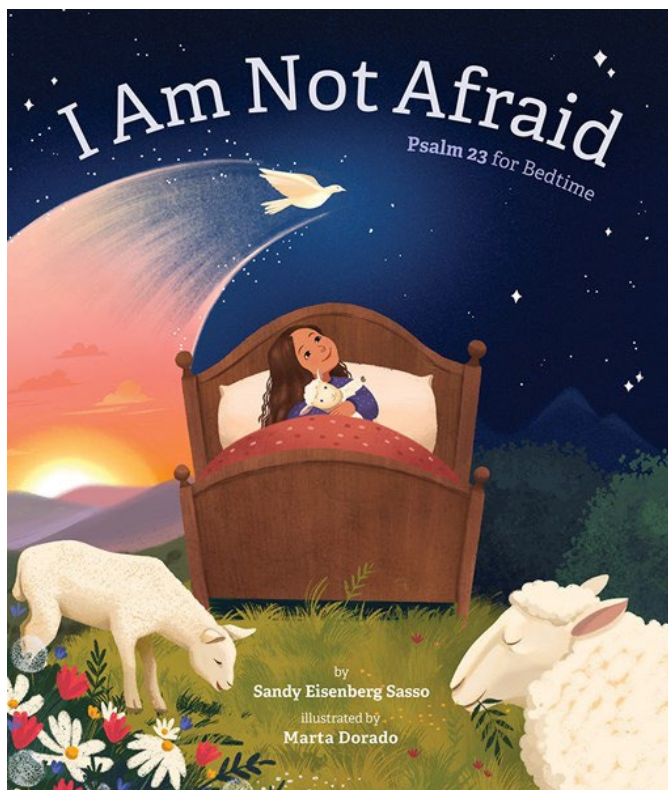
Sandy Eisenberg Sasso,
illustrated by Marta Dorado

Beaming Books, February 2023

Provides comforting reassurance for a child experiencing nighttime fears and anxieties

In this creative retelling of Psalm 23, a child imagines scary shadows chasing away her sleep and peace as she reaches out to God her Comforter. Gently and imaginatively written, this story about being afraid of the dark brings the psalmist's words into a new and relatable light for children.

Backmatter includes background information about Psalm 23 and encouragement and practical tips for coping with fear and scary times.



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<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	5-8
<i>Material:</i>	pdf
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
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Sandy Eisenberg Sasso is Rabbi Emerita of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck She is the author of 25 acclaimed children's books. Her books have been Junior Library Guild and PJ Library selections. She has been the recipient of The Sugarman Family Children's Book Award, an Indiana Authors Award and a National Jewish Book Award. Two of her books were selected as best books of the year by Publisher's Weekly.

Sasso is active in the arts, civic and interfaith communities and has written and lectured on women and spirituality and the discovery of the religious imagination in children. She received her B.A. Magna Cum Laude and M.A. from Temple University and a D.Min. from Christian Theological Seminary. She was the first woman ordained from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 1974 and received her Doctor of Divinity after 25 years in the rabbinate.

Marta Dorado is an illustrator from Spain, born in Gijón and grew up in a nearby coastal town, surrounded by nature. She attended University in Pamplona, where she still lives, and started a career as a graphic designer in the advertising industry. In 2020 she became a fulltime freelance illustrator.

MISSING VIOLET

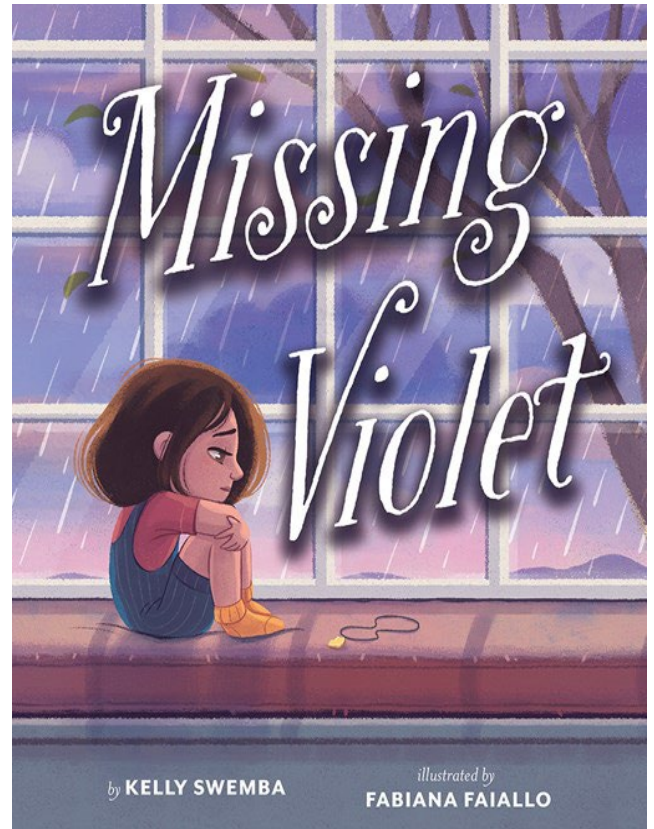
**Kelly Swemba, illustrated by by
Fabiana Faiallo**

Beaming Books, January 2023

Life is full of sunshine for inseparable friends Violet and Mia. Until one day, Violet leaves school feeling sick and doesn't get better. Without her best friend, Mia slips into a gloomy existence. As she moves through the stages of grief like the colors of a rainbow, Mia wonders if she will ever feel like herself again. When Mia reaches out to her classmates, she remembers what she loved most about Violet.

A sensitive and poignant story about the loss of a friend and experiencing the different stages of grief.

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Kelly Swemba has been passionate about big feelings since she was little. She holds a master's degree in psychiatric nursing and has also worked as a preschool intervention aide for children with autism. She's a member of SCBWI. Kelly lives with her family in Ohio.

Fabiana Faiallo is a freelance illustrator who has done work for children's magazines, textbooks, and children's books. She was born and raised in Brazil, and still lives there today.

GOD IS JUST LIKE ME

Karen Valentin, illustrated by
Antonieta Muñoz Estrada

Beaming Books, January 2023

Some days, I think God is just like me."

God may be hard to describe, but one young Puerto Rican girl in New York City finds examples of God's character all around her. As she goes day-by-day through the week, she talks to God about the delightful ways she and God are similar. From vivid sunrises and colorful paintings, dancing to music in the park, loud thunderstorms, and fishing on a quiet lake, the evidence that she is made in the image of God is everywhere she looks.

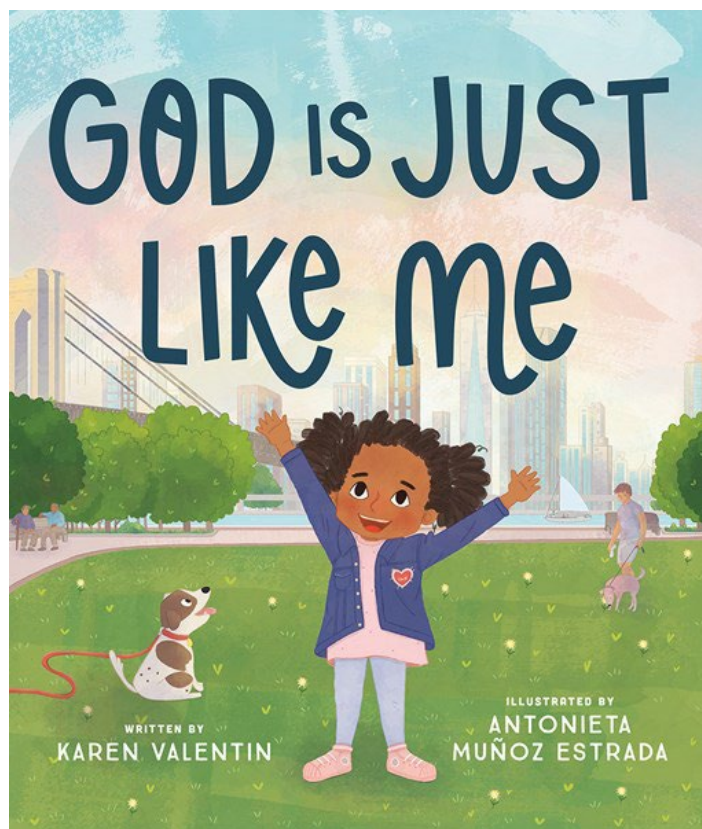
This joyful, heartfelt story offers a fresh take on what it means to be made in God's image.

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Karen Valentin is an award-winning American writer who is proud of her Puerto Rican heritage. She is the author of several books for children, including *What Did Abuela Say?* and *Block Party*. She is also the author of a young adult novel, *The Summer She Changed Her Name*. Karen has also published several books for adults, including a memoir, *The Mother God Made Me to Be*, awarded Best Parenting/Family Book in 2016 by The International Latino Book Awards.

An avid traveler who speaks three languages--English, Spanish, and French--she taught English as a second language in France after earning a bachelor of arts in English literature from Fordham University.

Antonieta Muñoz Estrada is from Mexico. Her artwork is colorful and textured; she loves to draw funny characters with meaningful stories and wants to make others happy with her illustrations.



TOFU TAKES TIME

Helen H. Wu, illustrated by Julie

Jarema

Beaming Books, April 2022

Homemade tofu is good, and good things take time.

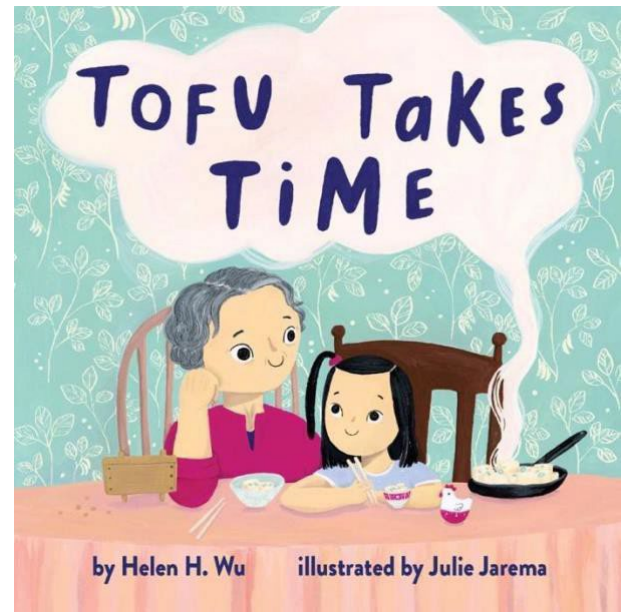
CLICK CLACK WHIRRRR . . . Lin and her grandma, NaiNai, are making tofu from scratch! When NaiNai goes through each step, from blending soybeans with water to molding curd into shape, Lin gradually becomes impatient. But she soon discovers that making tofu not only takes time, but also takes the whole universe! It takes the seed from soil and sunshine, the cloth from thread and fiber, weight and space, books of words and pictures. And most of all, it takes spending lovely time with her beloved grandmother.

In this charming tale by Helen H. Wu,, readers will marvel at how patience brings a whole universe together in a simple dish made by a modern Chinese American family. Perfect for fans of *Fry Bread*, *Drawn Together* and *Thank You, Omu*.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
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<i>Sold to:</i>	Beijing Cheerful Century (Simplified Chinese)

Helen H. Wu is a children's book author, illustrator, and translator. She was born and raised in Hefei, China, and now lives in San Diego, California. As a proud first-generation immigrant, Helen loves to share inspiring stories from her own immigrant experience. Her proudest moments are when her own two children listen patiently to her stories again and again.

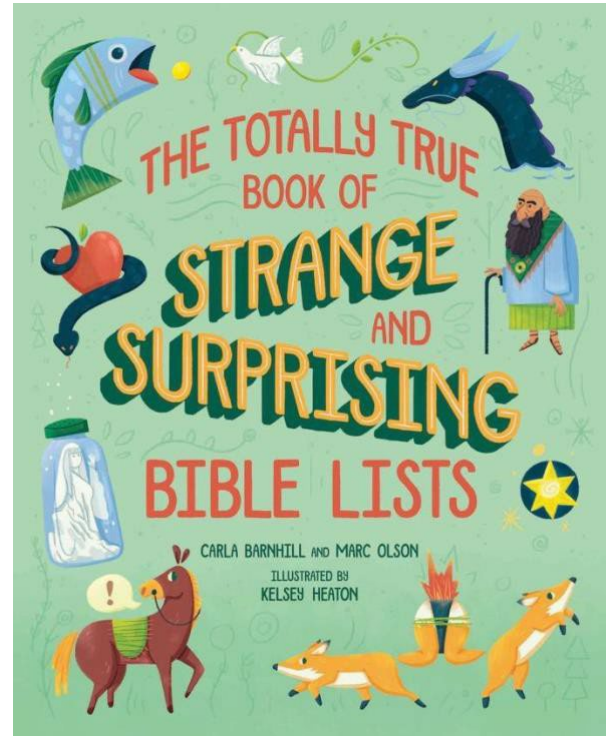
Julie Jarema is an illustrator, writer, and bookseller. She graduated from Bard College with a degree in Written Arts. When she's not making up stories, you can find her going on backyard adventures, sending snail mail, or practicing her circus skills.



**MIDDLE GRADE
and CHAPTERBOOKS**

THE TOTALLY TRUE BOOK OF STRANGE AND SURPRISING BIBLE LISTS

Carla Barnhill and Marc Olson,
illustrated by Kelsey Heaton
Beaming Books, November 2021



That's in the Bible?!

From talking donkeys to women turning into salt, the Bible is filled with weird and wacky stuff. This big book of lists highlights the strange details and pairs them with cool and quirky illustrations. Flip through a few at a time or sit down and read the whole book: inside, you'll find collections of lesser-known stories, sayings, creatures, and more. (You may even stumble across something you've never heard of!) *The Totally True Book of Strange and Surprising Bible Lists* invites kids to get curious about the Bible and engage with it in a whole new way.

<i>Category:</i>	Nonfiction
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<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books

Carla Barnhill is the award-winning author of *The Myth of the Perfect Mother*, *Shaping Your Family's Future*, and *The One Year Devotions for Preschoolers*. She has edited countless books, magazines, essays, and blogs for children, teenagers, and adults. Carla lives in Minnesota with her family.

Marc Olson is a theologian and author of *The World Jesus Knew: A Curious Kid's Guide to Life in the First Century*, among other titles in the *Curious Kids' Guides* series. He lives in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Kelsey Heaton graduated from Columbus College of Art & Design and works as an illustrator and designer.

PAUSE, BREATHE, BE

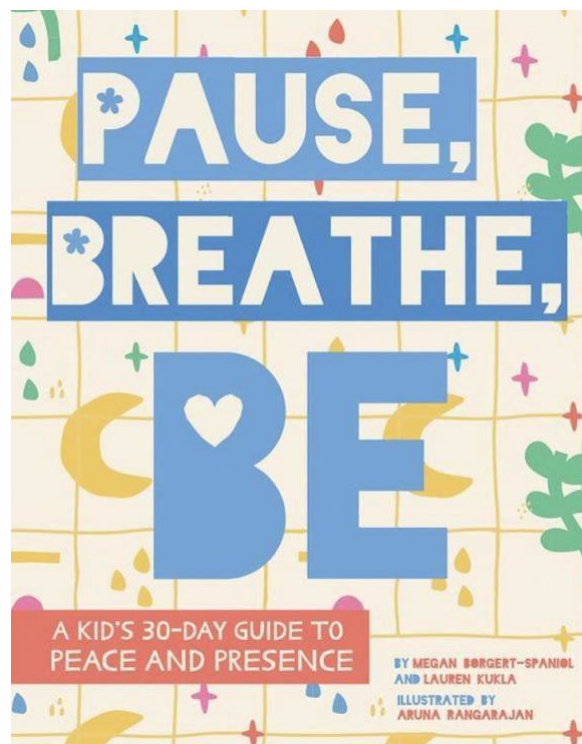
A Kid's 30-day Guide to Peace and Presence

Megan Borgert-Spaniol and Lauren Kukla

Beaming Books, October 2022

Living a mindful life can be easy—just take it one day at a time.

Building on the popular 30-day movement trends, *Pause, Breathe, Be: A Kid's 30-Day Guide to Peace and Presence* encourages kids to engage in mindfulness through interactive, fun, and easy methods. Daily mantras, exercises, quizzes, and activities help kids achieve a deeper understanding and connection to the world around them while building self-esteem and reducing anxiety. This middle-grade book is organized into three main 10-day sections, exploring oneself, one's environment, and one's relationships. Additional content sprinkled throughout these sections sparks further exploration and discovery, helping young readers incorporate calm, joy, and peace in their lives each day.



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ALSO AVAILABLE: CRAFTING CALM (Beaming Books 2020)

“A solid addition to the growing offerings of much-needed mindfulness activities for kids, especially as families look for more offline activities and ways to manage stress in the context of physical distancing and COVID-19.”

—*School Library Journal*

Megan Borgert-Spaniol is an author and editor living in Minneapolis.

Lauren Kukla is an author and editor of books and media for kids. Her favorite kinds of books to write are the ones that make her think. She lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Aruna Rangarajan is an illustrator who lives with her family in Minneapolis. She loves drawing interesting things, such as mandalas for books about keeping your calm.

ZOEY AND SASSAFRAS

Dragons and Marshmallows

Monsters and Mold

Merhorses and Bubbles

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Unicorns and Germs

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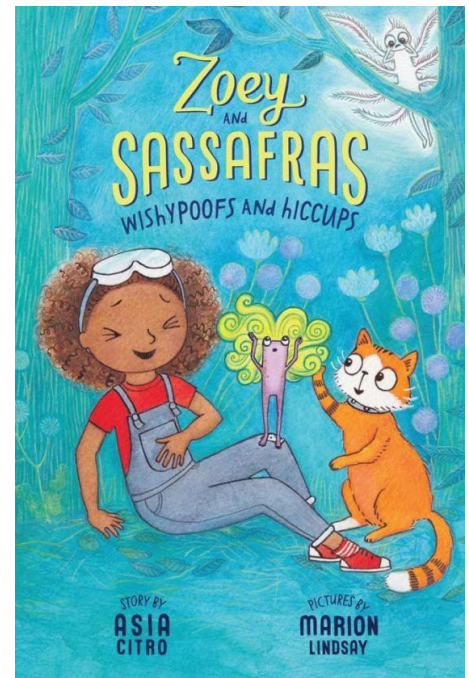
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Innovation Press

****1 million books sold****

Praise for ZOEY AND SASSAFRAS series:

"Concepts are explained concisely and clearly, and a short glossary provides valuable vocabulary building. The slightly larger font makes the text inviting for emerging readers, and the illustrations blend perfectly into the story. Sassafra and the dragon prove to be able sidekicks in the vein of Disney characters...while this book is a natural fit for STEM collections, it deserves a place in all libraries serving young readers." —*School Library Journal*



"...the imaginative premise and the incorporation of STEM elements make this an attractive and engaging choice..."
—*Booklist*

"Citra gracefully balances her story's scientific and fantasy elements."
—*Publishers Weekly*

With magical animals, science, mystery, and adventure—the ZOEY AND SASSAFRAS series has something for everyone! Easy-to-read language and illustrations on nearly every page make this series perfect for a wide range of ages. These plot-driven early chapter books boast 13 to 18 quick chapters and a glossary of scientific words.

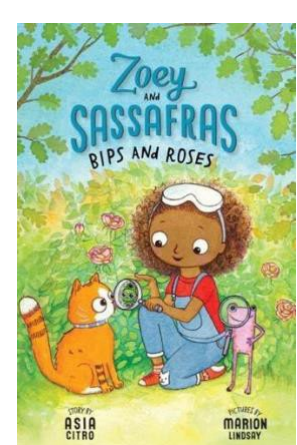
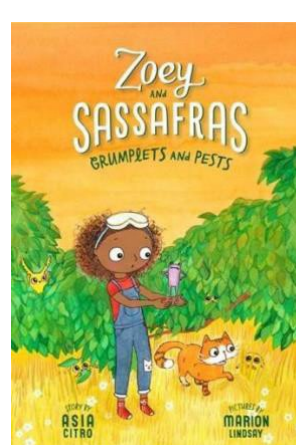
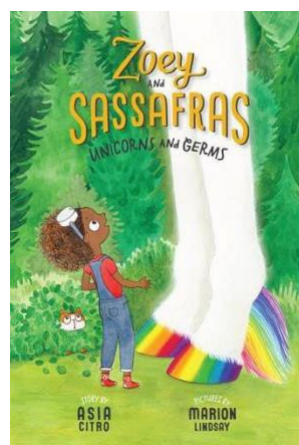
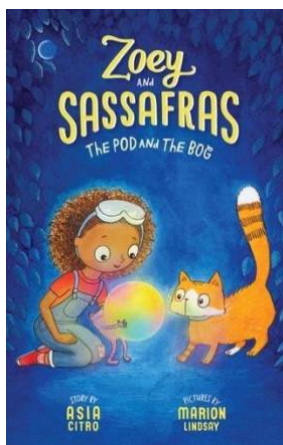
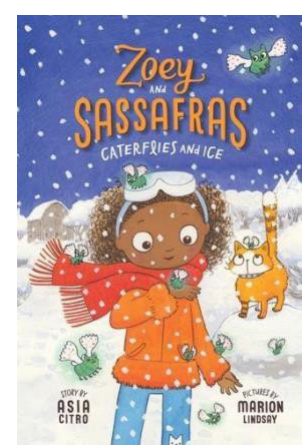
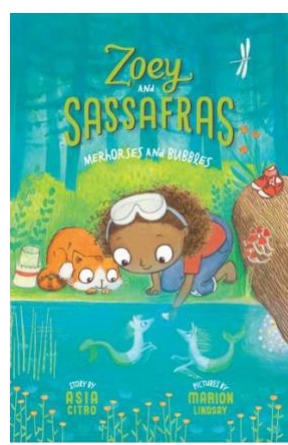
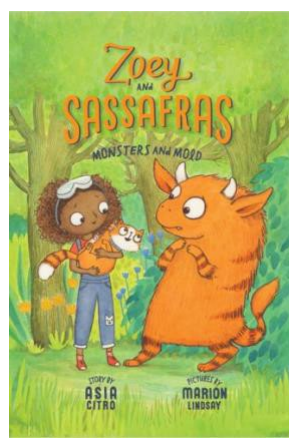
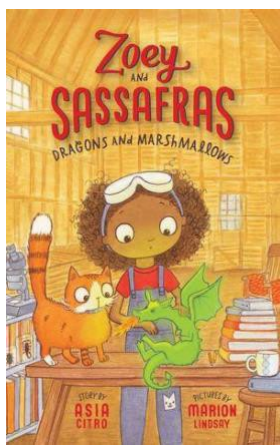
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Asia Citro, M. Ed, has an M.Ed in Science Education and was a classroom science teacher for many years before deciding to stay home full time after the birth of her daughter. She lives near Seattle with her wonderful husband, two awesome children, and two destructive cats. She started writing *Fun at Home with Kids* in February of 2013 and has since spent many late nights experimenting with new play recipes, sensory materials, and science experiments. She is the author of 150+ *Screen-Free Activities for Kids*, *The Curious Kid's Science Book*, *A Little Bit of Dirt*, and the chapter book series *Zoey and Sassafras*. Her work has been featured on Apartment Therapy, *The Chicago Tribune*, Today, Disney Baby, MSN, King 5 TV, and *Highlights*, among others.

Marion Lindsay has always loved stories and pictures, so it made perfect sense when she decided to become a children's book illustrator. She has been awarded the Egmont Best New Talent Award. When she's not illustrating children's books, Marion paints glass and makes jewelry. Find out more at marionlindsay.co.uk. Marion lives and works in Gloucestershire, England.



A KID'S GUIDE TO SAVING THE PLANET

*It's Not Hopeless and We're Not
Helpless*

**Paul Douglas, illustrated by Chelen
Écija**

Beaming Books, March 2022

The Earth is warming. The climate is changing. Sea levels are on the rise, and plastic is showing up... everywhere.

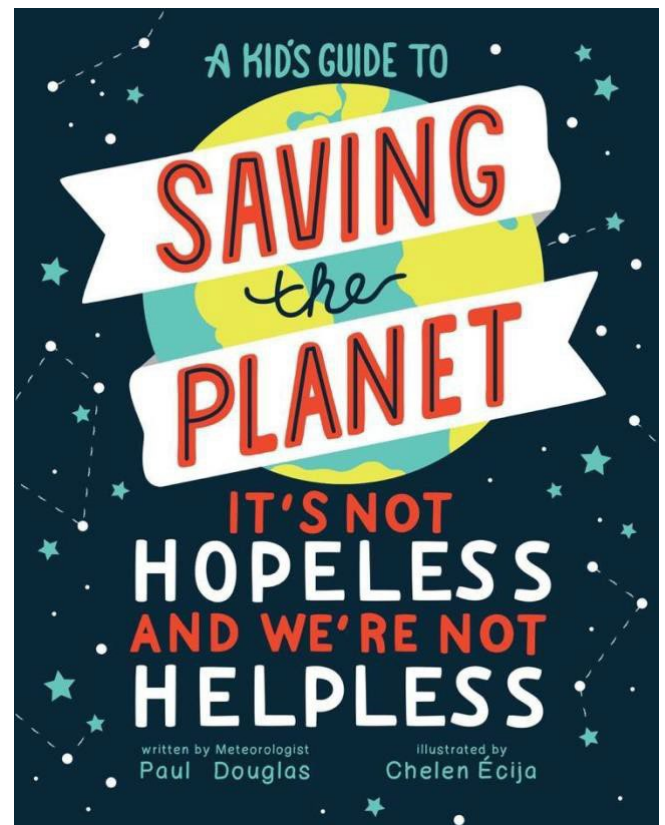
We have every reason to be concerned about our planet, our only home. New inventions and technologies will help, but cleaning up the planet--saving the world--will require all of us to pay attention and take action. What can you do to help? Plenty!

Despite what you may hear on the news, the situation isn't hopeless, and we aren't helpless. In this inspiring, informative book, nationally recognized meteorologist Paul Douglas clearly and thoughtfully presents the daunting problems of climate change. And he offers realistic solutions (including some that are already working!) and actions that kids can participate in now. It's imperative that we all step up and become part of the solution, by engaging in new, smarter ways of living.

<i>Category:</i>	Nonfiction / Science
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	9-13
<i>Material:</i>	Manuscript
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Paul Douglas is a nationally recognized meteorologist, entrepreneur, and author based in the Twin Cities of Minnesota. He has witnessed the symptoms of a rapidly changing climate show up in extreme weather and has had regular appearances on MSNBC and in *The Washington Post*. Douglas is the author of *Restless Skies: The Ultimate Weather Book* and coauthor of *Caring for Creation: The Evangelical's Guide to Climate Change and a Healthy Environment*.

Chelen Écija is an illustrator and letterer based in sunny Spain. She loves to travel, eat sunflower seeds, and buy new books. She studied Fine Arts in Madrid and Chicago, where she attended The School of the Art Institute and she was an art director in a boutique toy company for a while while living in the USA. Now she is back in Europe, working as a freelance illustrator where she has specialized in her true passion: hand lettering and children's illustration.



HEX ALLEN AND THE CLANKSMITHS

Jasmin Florentine, Illustrations by

Ebony Glenn

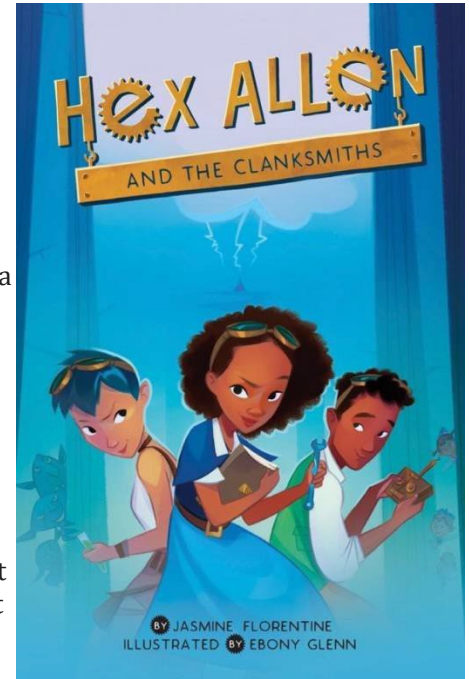
Innovation Press, October 2022

STEM meets magic in this new middle grade adventure series from an MIT graduate.

Hex Allen can't do magic - a huge problem when everything from lights to locks is powered by simple spells that everyone (save a few unfortunate "Undevelopeds") can do. After years of feeling useless, Hex seizes the chance to change her future by journeying to the Wishing Wyrms, a legendary dragon that will grant a single wish once a century.

Unfortunately, Hex isn't the only one after the wish, and every rival wish hunter has magic on their side. Every rival except the Clanksmiths, Cam and Fuse. Like Hex, they can't do magic, but they've learned to build clank, creations made using the mysterious, forgotten arts of science and engineering.

After a fairy fiasco throws Hex and the Clanksmiths together, they agree to cooperate - for the time being. With the Clanksmiths' know-how and Hex's creativity, they outsmart monsters with everything from LEDs to electromagnets to water balloon launchers. But as they race to the Wishing Wyrms, Hex must decide between her friendship with the Clanksmiths and the wish that would give her a normal, magical life.



Pages from Hex's design notebook provide step-by-step project instructions for aspiring Clanksmiths.

<i>Category:</i>	Fiction
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Material:</i>	Sample Pages due April 2022
<i>Ages:</i>	8-12
<i>Format:</i>	10 Full-page B/W Illustrations
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Innovation Press

Jasmin Florentine likes to make stuff. In the past, this has encompassed everything from designing games for robots, building a milk dehydrator, drawing cartoons, and most recently, writing a book. She has a BS and an MS from MIT in Mechanical Engineering, and is passionate about showing everyone how amazing STEM is. *Hex Allen and The Clanksmiths* is her first book.

Ebony Glenn is a children's book illustrator who enjoys bringing stories to life with whimsical and expressive imagery. A passion for the arts, great storytelling, and advocating for more diverse narratives in children's books, she aims to create art that will foster a love of reading in young readers.

FINDING CALM IN NATURE

Jennifer Grant, illustrated by Erin Brown

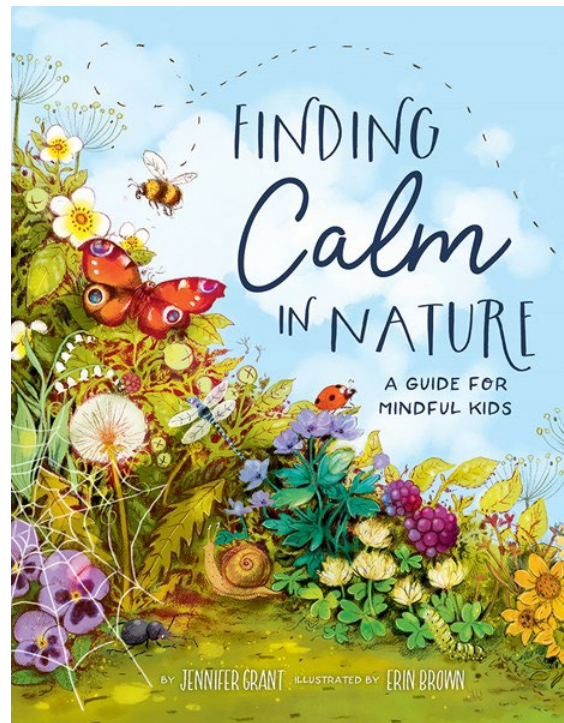
Beaming Books, March 2023

"Let nature be your teacher when your feelings are tangled up in knots."

**One way to feel better when we are hurting is to spend time outside.
Being in nature is good for both our bodies and our minds.**

Each chapter of this practical guide explores a different element of nature and connects it with a mindfulness prompt designed to help kids manage their feelings. From dandelions to spider webs, children will uncover the lessons nature teaches about embracing a growth mindset, the benefits of living in community, and the transformative power of noticing the beauty around them. Breathing exercises, stretching, practicing mindfulness, and keeping a nature notebook are just some of the tools introduced to kids to equip them to navigate their feelings as they spend time outdoors.

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Jennifer Grant is the award-winning author of picture books for children and books for adults. Her books include *Maybe God Is Like That Too*, *Maybe I Can Love My Neighbor Too*, and *Dimming the Day*. Grant holds a master's degree in English literature with concentrations in creative writing and critical theory from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. A mother of four, she lives in Chicago with her husband.

Erin Brown is a Northern Irish illustrator who lives on the beautiful island of Jersey. She combines her love for hand-drawn lines with the flexibility of adding color digitally. When she's not working, she can be found exploring the forests and cliff paths of Jersey or down at the seashore.

ALL ABOUT ANXIETY

Carrie Lewis, illustrated by Sophia Touliatou

Beaming Books, July 2020

Praise for ALL ABOUT ANXIETY:

"An approachable resource for those interested in mental health."

—*Publishers Weekly*

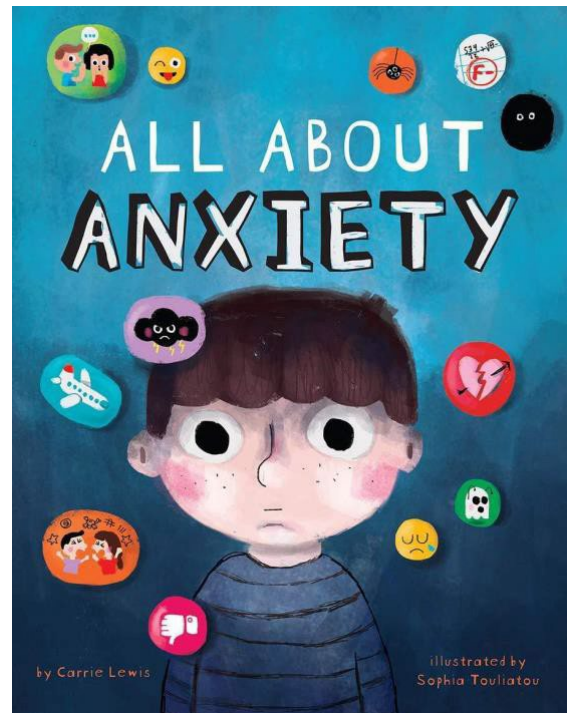
"A solid introduction to anxiety management."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

An engaging handbook designed to equip readers to better understand anxiety and give them tools to manage it.

Anxiety. It's an emotion that rears its head almost every day, from the normal worries and concerns that most of us experience, to outright fear when something scary happens, to the anxiety disorders that many kids live with daily. But what causes anxiety? And what can we do about it?

All About Anxiety tackles these questions from every possible angle. Readers will learn what's going on in their brain and central nervous system when they feel anxious. They'll learn about the evolutionary reasons for fear and anxiety and that anxiety isn't always a bad thing--except for when it is! Most importantly, kids will discover new strategies to manage their anxiety so they can live and thrive *with* anxiety.



<i>Category:</i>	Nonfiction
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	8-12
<i>Material:</i>	Final PDF
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Carrie Lewis has edited and written more than 100 children's books and has contributed to a wide range of educational resources. She is married with two children.

Greek-born **Sophia Touliatou's** illustrated children's books, many of which have gained merits and awards, are found in Greece, France, Italy, Germany, Spain, the US, and more.

THE WORLD JESUS KNEW

Marc Olson, illustrated by Jemima Maybank

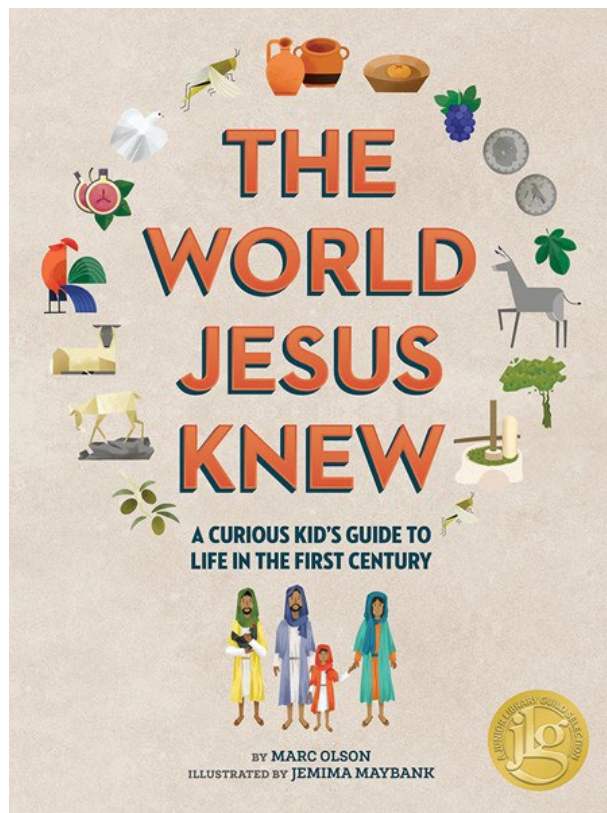
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<i>Material:</i>	Layout
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<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books
<i>Sold to:</i>	Korea Inter Varsity Press (Korea), Deutsche Bible Gesellschaft (German)

Marc Olson is a theologian and the author of several titles in the Curious Kids' Guides series. He lives in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Jemima Maybank has an illustration style inspired by the minimal shapes and subtle use of textures seen in mid-century children's books. She lives in England.

YA BOOKS

MATTIE AND THE MACHINE

Lynn Ng Quezon

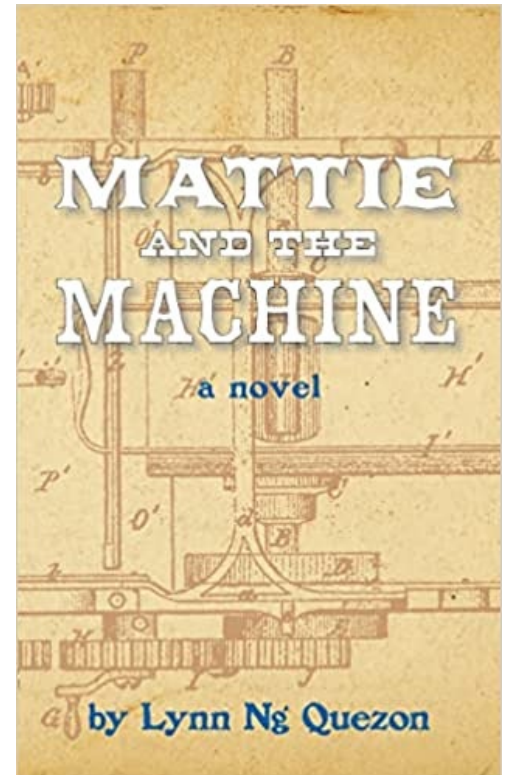
Santa Monica Press, November 2022

***Mattie and the Machine* is a fictionalized yet historically accurate account of Margaret E. Knight's fight to obtain recognition as a 19th century female inventor (she would eventually be inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2006). This entertaining tale is filled with romance, competition, and treachery, and features a feisty and brilliant female heroine who excels in STEM-related tasks.**

In 1868 New England, fifteen-year-old Mattie is a mechanic in a paper company's all-female bag division. With paper bag sales booming after the Civil War, her boss expands the division by hiring men from his old Army regiment, including the mechanic Frank. Sparks instantly fly between Mattie and Frank, and their budding romance has her walking on air—until she discovers Frank's pay is higher than hers. In fact, all the men receive thirty percent more than their female counterparts. The boss's rationale? Men are inherently better with machines.

Determined to prove him wrong, Mattie proposes a bet: If she can build a machine that fully automates their paper-bag-making process, the women will receive equal pay. If she fails, she'll resign as mechanic. The boss accepts, with one condition: Frank will also build a machine, and Mattie's must beat his.

Mattie's determination as she struggles with the technical challenges she encounters while taking her invention from initial concept to working prototype—in addition to the overwhelming prejudice she faces in the workplace and, eventually, the courtroom—makes her story an inspiring feminist narrative. *Mattie and the Machine* also includes an appendix with Margaret E. Knight's actual patent application and drawings for her Bag Machine.



<i>Category:</i>	Historical Fiction
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	12-15
<i>Material:</i>	Layout
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books

Lynn Ng Quezon has published several short stories and book reviews in publications such as *Cricket* magazine and *The Fandom Post*. She is also a member of The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. Quezon is a licensed engineer in the state of California.

THE REVENGE OF JOE WILD

An American Tale of Murder, Escape, and Adventure

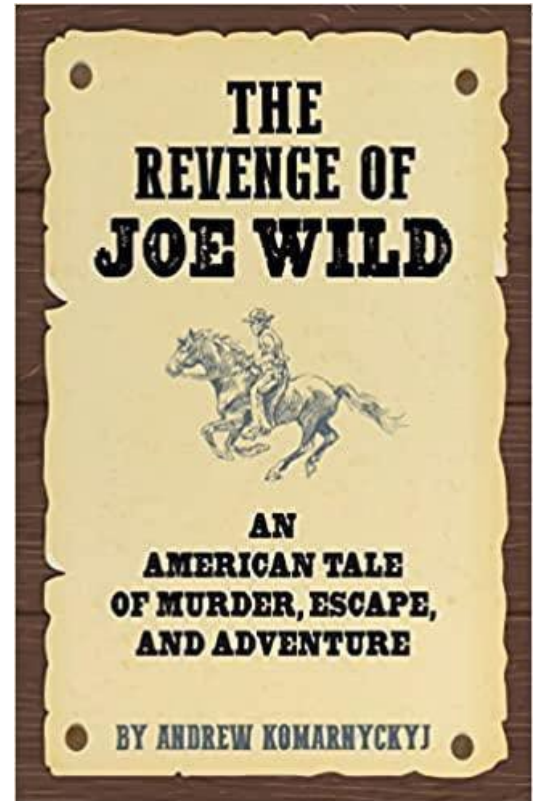
Andrew Komarnyckyj

Santa Monica Press, July 2022

The Revenge of Joe Wild is a young adult novel about a semi-literate 12-year-old boy growing up in mid-19th century Southern Illinois, an outsider who can't fit in with the norms of society.

When Joe is accused of murdering his friend Ervan Foster, he flees the authorities and goes on the run, vowing to one day return as an adult, find out who the real killer is, clear his name, and avenge Ervan's death. While on the run, Joe has many funny, dangerous, and eye-opening adventures which include joining the Union army and fighting in the American Civil War. When the war ends, Joe returns to his hometown, an armed and battle-tested sixteen-year-old. He confronts his accusers, but when Joe finds out the truth behind Ervan's murder, he makes peace with the man who falsely accused him, as well as with himself.

In the great tradition of such 19th-century American authors as Mark Twain, James Fennimore Cooper, and Stephen Crane, *The Revenge of Joe Wild* is a humorous, tense, action-filled novel set against the dramatic backdrop of the Civil War, with themes involving racism, sexuality, and misinformation that are just as relevant in the 21st century as they were during the time of Joe Wild.



<i>Category:</i>	Fiction
<i>Ages:</i>	12-18
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<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Format:</i>	Paperback
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Santa Monica Press

Andrew Komarnyckyj has been a lawyer, odd-job man, PR Consultant, hospital porter, and dishwasher among other occupations. As an author, he has published under the pen names Jack D McLean and A K Reynolds. When not writing or reading he loves conversation, listening to anecdotes, craft beers, and hiking in mountains. Komarnyckyj lives in the town of Huddersfield in England.

FLOWING WITH THE PEARL RIVER

Memoir of a Red China Girl

Amy Chan Zhou

Santa Monica Press, February 2022

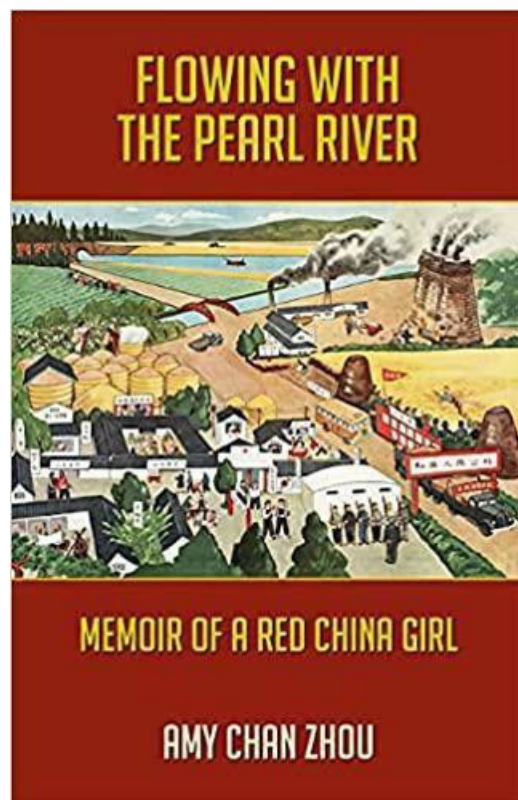
Amy Chan Zhou's searing memoir about growing up in rural Communist China features descriptions of pastoral beauty and tales of the simple joys of raising farm animals or catching fish in a local river. However, her childhood is scarred by the primitive conditions, her family's everyday struggle to obtain food, and the horror of witnessing relatives being tortured on a stage during "public denouncing" meetings.

As the Communists take control of China in 1949, we follow the harrowing experiences of Chan Zhou's great-grandparents, grandparents, father, and mother during the 1950s, '60s, and '70s when landlords, business owners, artists, and scholars were branded as "bad elements" and "class enemies." As a teenager in the 1970s, while selling vegetables on the black market, Chan Zhou is accused of being a "little capitalist trader."

The death of Mao ultimately saves Chan Zhou from being sent to a detention center, and her family's destiny is forever altered by Deng Xiaoping's reform that allows her family to reunite in Hong Kong, and subsequently emigrate to the United States.

A blend of *Wild Swans*, *The Red Scarf Girl*, and *Revolution Is Not a Dinner Party*, *Flowing with the Pearl River* is a vividly accurate portrayal of one family's painful experiences during Communism and the Cultural Revolution in China, and their eventual escape to freedom.

<i>Category:</i>	Memoir
<i>Ages:</i>	12-18
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