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# **PICTURE BOOKS**

# 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.

# SOMETIMES SHY

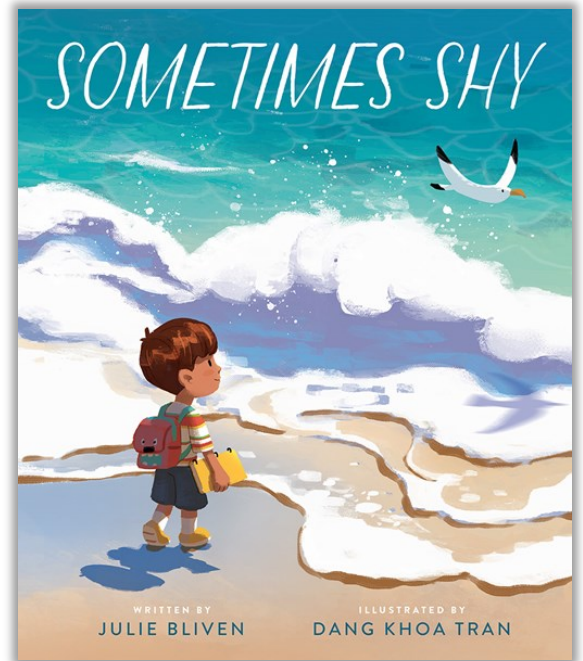
**Julie Bliven, illustrated by Dang Khoa Tran**

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.

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# SEARCHING FOR HOME

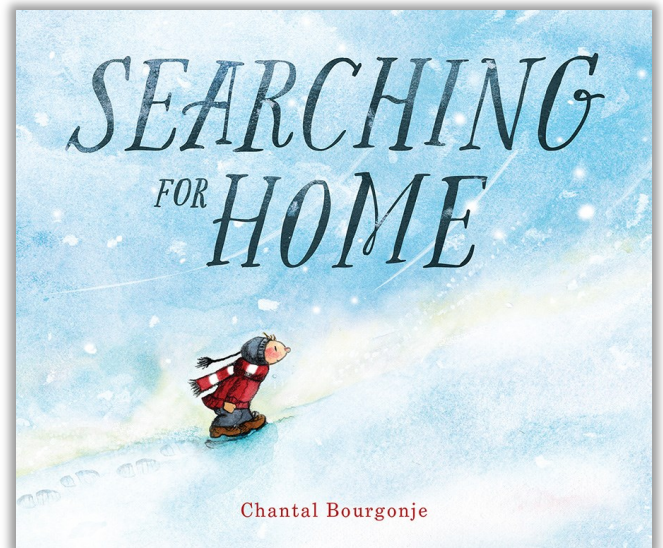
**Chantal Bourgonje,**

Beaming Books, January 2024

**When Noa the wood sprite cannot find friends in his home, he embarks on an adventure to discover that home is being with those you care about and who care about you.**

**Noa is an excellent finder. But he can't seem to find any friends.**

Noa the house-sprite likes his home . . . but it doesn't have any friends in it. Determined to change that, Noa sets out on an adventure to find a home with friends. Along the way, he meets Bear, Ferret, and Wolf. Together they face daunting dangers and witness breathtaking beauty, all in search of a new home . . . until they come to realize that maybe the real home is the friendships they made along the way.



The timeless message and whimsical art of *Searching for Home* make this the perfect gift book for folktale enthusiasts and fairy tale lovers. Young readers will resonate with Noa's hunt for true friendship, and might just be inspired to go on an adventure or two of their own. Oftentimes, rich friendships are waiting just around the corner.

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**Chantal Bourgonje** is a Dutch creator of picture books, living in the United Kingdom. She illustrated two books in the Worzel Wooface series and three books in the Horace and Nim series, and is the creator of her own stories, including Fierce Grey Mouse.

# THE POSTCARD PROJECT

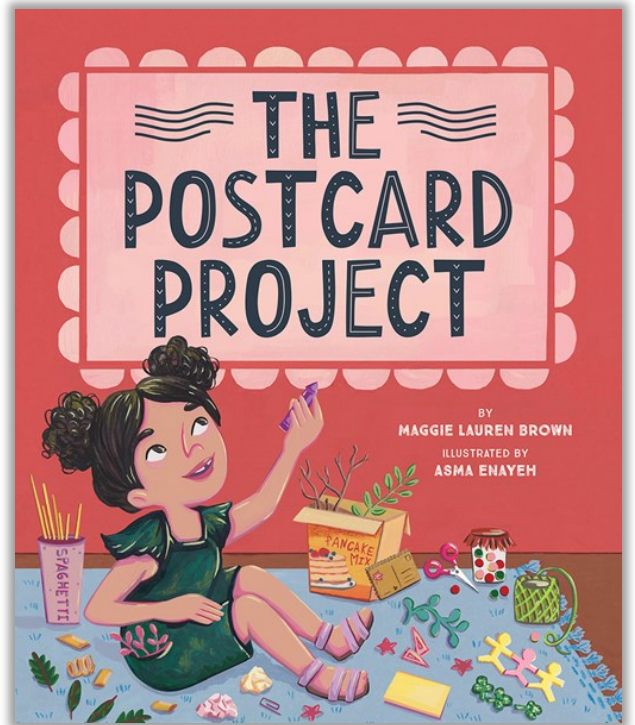
Maggie Lauren Brown, illustrated by Asma Enayeh

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

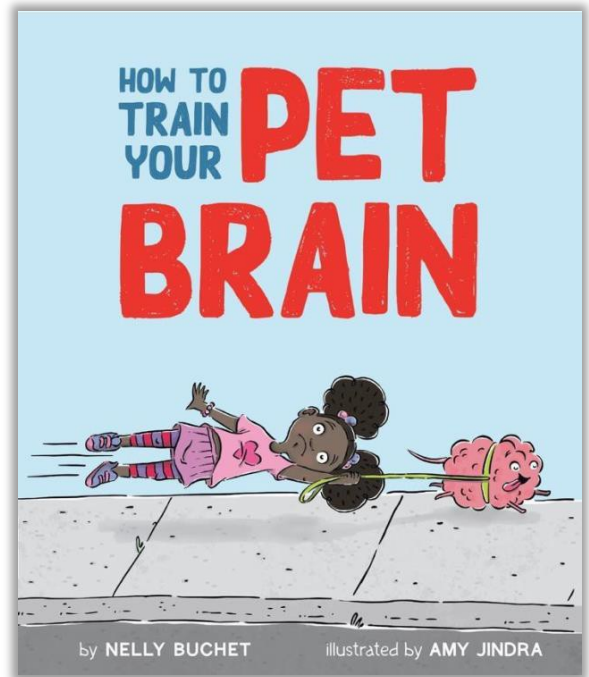
Nelly Buchet, illustrated by Amy Jindra

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-board book *Can't Do* series. She holds a degree from McGill University, where she created a nonprofit project that brings picturebooks 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

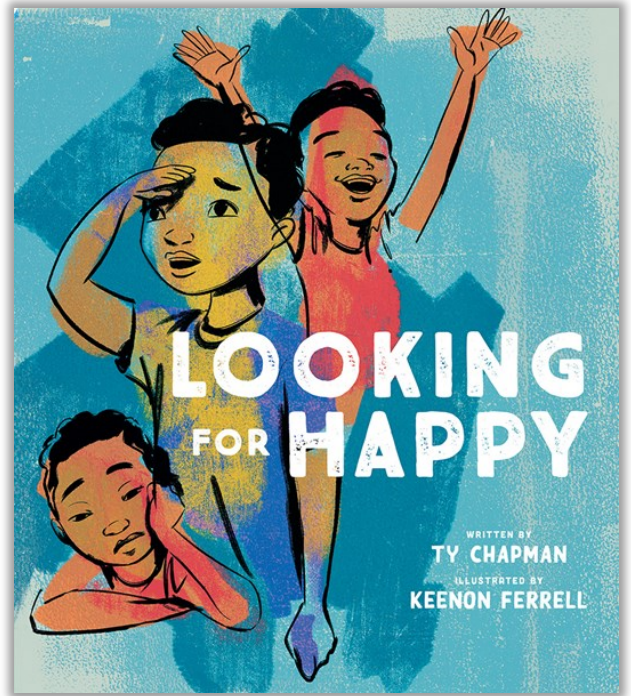
Keenon Ferrel

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.

**\*\*NEW\*\***

# MARA HEARS IN STYLE

**Terri Clemmons, illustrated by Lucy Rogers**

Beaming Books, February 2024

**From When Mara's classmates keep asking about the hearing aids she is wearing, she finds a way to connect with them without using words.**

**Mara takes on the world with her flashy purple hearing aids and sassy, hot pink earmolds.**

Mara's first day at her new school is filled with ups and downs surrounding her hearing aids: her teacher doesn't remember to turn on her microphone, the lunchroom is too chaotic for lip-reading, and she keeps reading the same question over and over on her classmates' lips: "What's in her ears?" After a morning spent navigating these challenges, Mara makes a connection on the playground and finds that her hearing aid superpowers are perfect for making new friends.

Accessible and engaging, *Mara Hears in Style* will encourage readers to respect hearing differences and inspire kids who worry about making new friends. The book is filled with American Sign Language depictions--including a full alphabet spread--so readers can sign alongside Mara as they discover new ways to bridge communication gaps in their own communities.



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**Terri Clemmons** writes picture books and middle-grade novels. She previously taught elementary school for twenty-five years. Clemmons lives with her family in Illinois.

**Lucy Rogers** is an award-winning illustrator based in England. Prior to graduating with a BA Honors degree in illustration at Falmouth University, she was shortlisted for the Penguin Student Design Award of 2019. Lucy, who is deaf, has led a series of illustration workshops for young deaf people at the National Deaf Children's Society and at the Deaf Academy.

# SIMON THE HUGGER

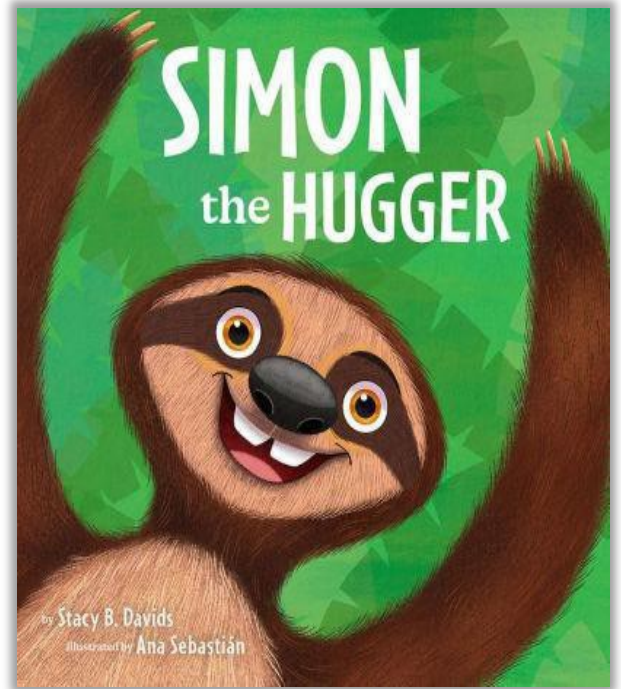
Stacy B. Davids, illustrated by  
Ana Sebastian

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.

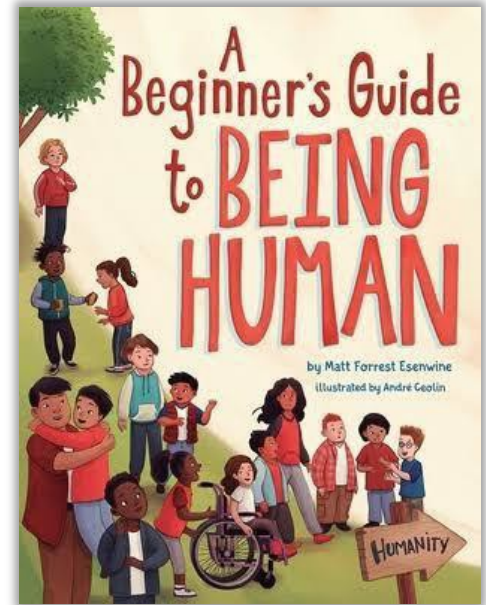
**Ana Sebastián** is a children's book illustrator based in Spain. She studied fine arts at the University of Zaragoza and Université; Michel de Montaigne, Bordeaux, France. She also completed a master's degree in digital illustration. Her work is focused on colors and light. Working mostly with her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

# A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO BEING HUMAN

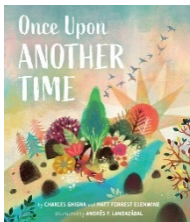
Matt Forrest Esenwine, ill. by  
Andre Ceolin

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.

**\*\*NEW\*\***

# LULLABY FOR THE KING

Nikki Grimes, illustrated by Michelle Carlos

Beaming Books, October 2023

From *New York Times* bestselling author Nikki Grimes comes a spellbinding, poetic new take on the nativity story, sure to become a holiday classic.

An awe-inspiring Christmas tale from multi-award-winning poet Nikki Grimes.

*The caravan traveled through wilderness, uphill and down, for hours that spun into days.*

*Then at last, glittering diamond-bright, Bethlehem appeared through the haze.*

With glittering poetry and stunning watercolor artwork, *Lullaby for the King* ushers readers into the awe and wonder of the Christmas story. Animals from across the ancient Palestinian landscape lumber, gambol, crawl, fly, and parade toward Bethlehem with gifts worthy of the newborn King. Rare ebony wood, a finely tuned harp, mustard and saffron, a zither, apricot cakes, and other treasures are carried to the manger. The animals bow low and join the music of the angels in a welcoming lullaby.

*New York Times* bestselling author Nikki Grimes and illustrator Michelle Carlos bring together a captivating tale of awe, wonder, and imagination that is sure to become a holiday classic.

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**Nikki Grimes** is a *New York Times* bestselling author and the recipient of the 2022 Virginia Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award, the 2020 ALAN Award, the 2017 Children's Literature Legacy Award, and the 2006 NCTE Award for Excellence in Poetry for Children. Her works include *Garvey's Choice*, *Bedtime for Sweet Creatures*, *Southwest Sunrise*, *Bronx Masquerade*, *Ordinary Hazards*, *One Last Word*, *Legacy: Women Poets of the Harlem Renaissance*, and *Kamala Harris: Rooted in Justice*. Ms. Grimes lives in Corona, California.

**Michelle Carlos** is a Filipina illustrator based in Germany. Her art is largely informed by her lucid dreams, childhood memories, and global perspective based on her life abroad and travels with her husband. On Christmases away from her birthplace, Michelle makes traditional lanterns while singing carols and drinking warm tea.



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# TUGGOAT

**Kersten Hamilton, illustrated by Adriane Tsai**

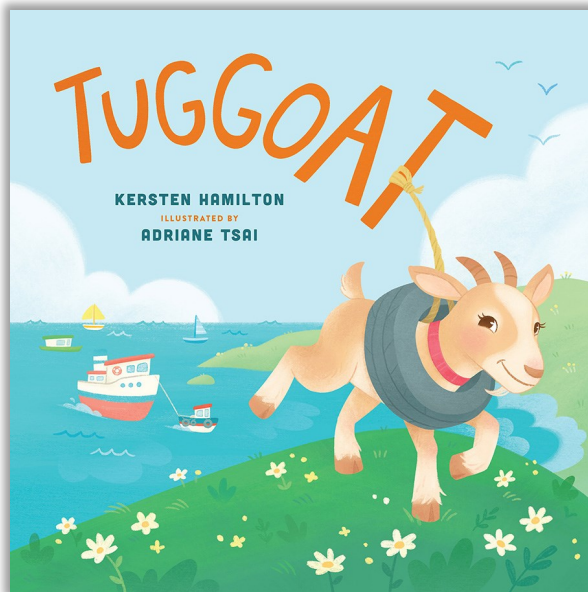
Beaming Books, April 2024

**Meet Cordelia, a determined goat, who refuses to let anyone place limits on what she can or cannot do.**

**Kids will giggle with joy at Cordelia the goat's antics in this whimsical tale about self-confidence, empathy, and never backing down from big dreams.**

Cordelia is not like other goats. While others gambol on the hill and nibble on interesting things, she looks out with longing at the tugboats in the bay. Cordelia may be a goat, but she wants to be a tugboat. And she's going to be a tugboat--a tuggoat--no matter what anybody tells her! Even if the world doesn't believe in her, Cordelia knows exactly who she is.

With plenty of heart and lots of laughs, Cordelia's story will inspire readers to be themselves, no matter what other people say. Sometimes that means extending a helping hand--or hoof--to the ones who doubt you. Tuggoat reminds kids that anything is possible when you believe in yourself.



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**Kersten Hamilton** is a critically acclaimed author of books for toddlers, teens, and all people in between. Her fast-paced stories are loved by readers around the world. She is the author of *Red Truck*, illustrated by Valeria Petrone, which received a starred review from *Booklist* and has sold almost a quarter million copies. The *Red Truck and Friends* series now has six books about different trucks and machines. Kersten is also the author of *First Friend: How Dogs Evolved from Wolves to Become Our Best Friends*, illustrated by Jaime Kim, and the YA novel *In the Forests of the Night*, among many other books for children and teens.

Kersten has worked as a ranch hand, a wood cutter, a lumberjack, a census taker, a wrangler for wilderness guides, and an archeological surveyor. She currently lives in New Mexico, where, when not writing, she hunts dinosaurs in the Ojito Wilderness.

**Adriane Tsai** is a Taiwanese American illustrator from Southern California. As someone who has wanted to be an artist since childhood, she encourages everyone that they can achieve their biggest dreams.

**\*\*NEW\*\***

# WHAT ARE YOU, LOU?

**Danielle Herzog, illustrated by Jestenia Southerland**

Beaming Books, May 2024

Written by a school counselor, this affirming picture book inspires kids to embrace their uniqueness and celebrate being unapologetically exactly who they are.

**Your identity is more than just one word or label.**

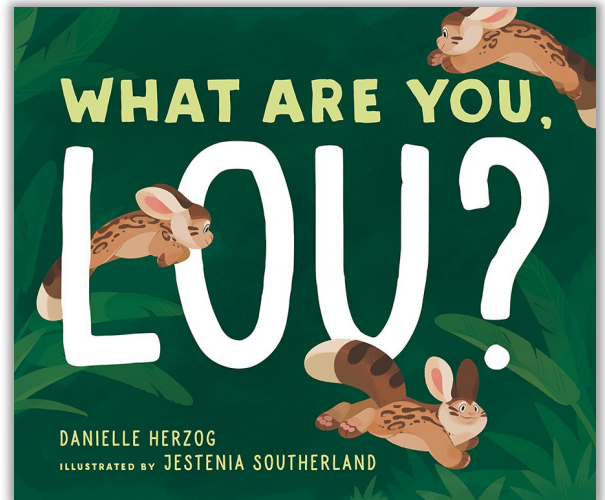
When Lou, a fluffy-tailed, giant-eared, colorful animal, is asked by the other animals to define himself, he isn't able to give a one-word answer. Lou isn't a lemur. Or a snake. Or an armadillo. Lonely and confused, Lou runs away from that dreaded, repetitive question: "What are you, Lou?" But when his atypical traits save him during a frightening encounter in the jungle, Lou realizes he doesn't need to fit into one box. He's Lou, and that's what matters most.

Inclusive and affirming, *What Are You, Lou?* champions diverse identities and encourages readers to embrace the unique mark they leave on the world. Lou's journey to self-acceptance will resonate with readers whose identities lie outside of society's supposed norms. This book celebrates standing out in a world that is constantly trying to box us in.

Backmatter from an established writer and school counselor provides resources for navigating questions of identity with the child in your life.

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**Danielle Herzog** is an elementary school counselor, a writer, speaker, television correspondent, and mother. Her writing has been featured in *The Washington Post*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *Parenting*, *The Huffington Post*, *Mamalode*, *AOL*, *What to Expect*, and *Nickelodeon*, as well as other national and local publications.



# SUPERHEROES DON'T BABYSIT

Amber Hendricks, illustrated by Kyle Reed  
Beaming Books, July 2023

"Any caregiver who has witnessed siblings start World War III over a hairbrush will appreciate this caped crusade, which effectively makes the case that putting aside sibling rivalry is a job big enough for a superhero. Combines familiar picture-book tropes into something clever and new." --Kirkus Reviews

**The humorous story of a girl who is asked to babysit her little brother and discovers he might not be so terrible after all.**

Superheroes leap buildings, chase bad guys, and save the city from the evil Emperor Zog. Superheroes DON'T babysit. Except when their dad asks them to. In an epic battle of sibling rivalry, will this superhero finally meet her match? Or will she find exactly what she's been missing all along?

In *Superheroes Don't Babysit*, author Amber Hendricks tells a story full of humor and heart, and illustrator Kyle Reed's superpowered illustrations pack a punch with their bold colors and sharp lines. This book is fun to look at and to read with siblings who consider themselves rivals or friends, or maybe something in between.

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Born and raised in the Midwest, **Amber Hendricks** grew up reading everything she could get her hands on--including the morning cereal boxes. That passion melded into writing, and by the age of eleven, she was writing and binding her own "books." Amber has worn many hats in her career, but she has always circled back to her first love of telling stories. In addition to *Superheroes Don't Babysit*, Amber is the author of *Sophie and Little Star*, *Extraordinary Ordinary Ella*, and the Little Nature Explorers board book series. She lives in Missouri with her husband and two children.

**Kyle Reed** is an illustrator whose work has appeared in children's books, magazines, animation, and advertising. He lives in Ontario, Canada. To see more of his work, visit [cutdrawglue.com](http://cutdrawglue.com) and [@cutdrawglue](https://www.instagram.com/cutdrawglue) on Instagram.



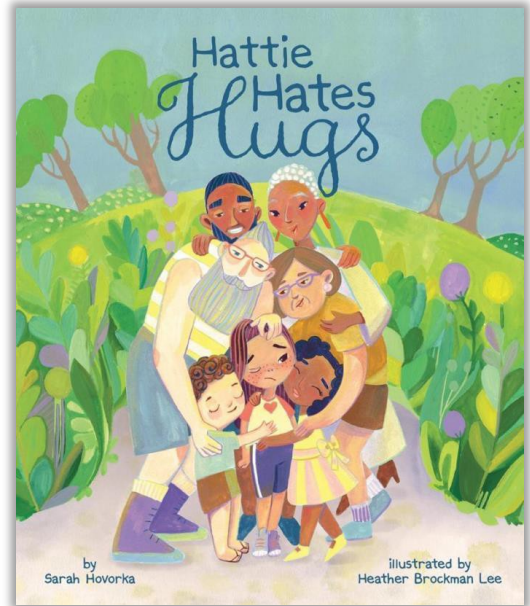
# HATTIE HATES HUGS

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.

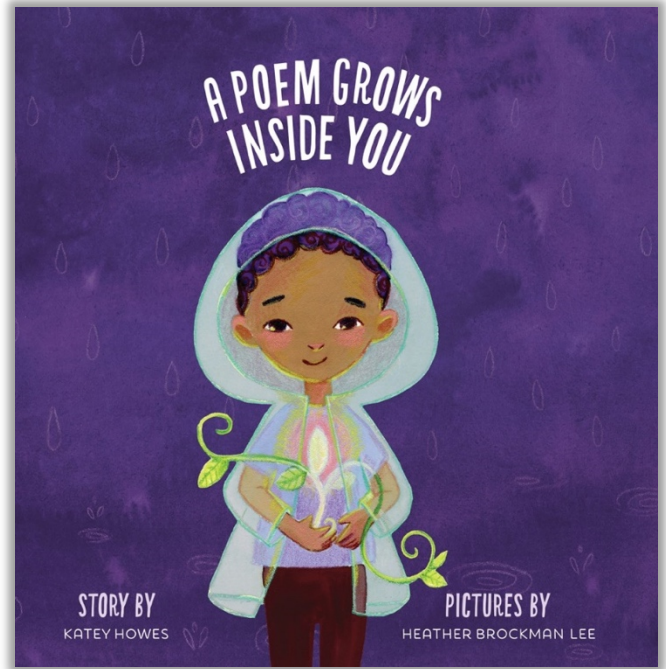
**Heather Brockman Lee** holds a BFA in Fine Art and worked in a variety of industries such as art glass, textile design, and gallery work before focusing full-time on her first love of illustrating stories. She lives in Colorado.

# A POEM GROWS INSIDE YOU

Katey Howes, illustrated by  
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 rhymers, 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](http://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.

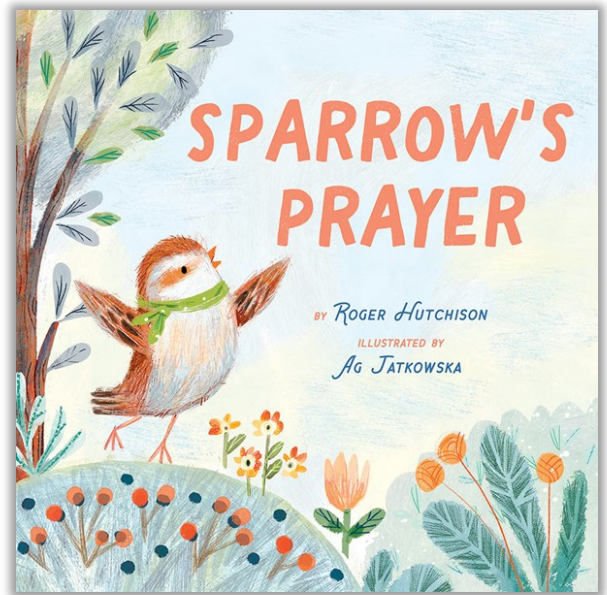
Each friend shows Sparrow a different way to pray without words, through generosity, art, and movement. As the day ends, Sparrow meditates on a rose aglow in the evening light and has an epiphany: Every living thing does what God created them to do. Each life is, itself, a prayer of thanksgiving. Often, 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.

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<i>Ages:</i>	4-8
<i>Material:</i>	Layouts
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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

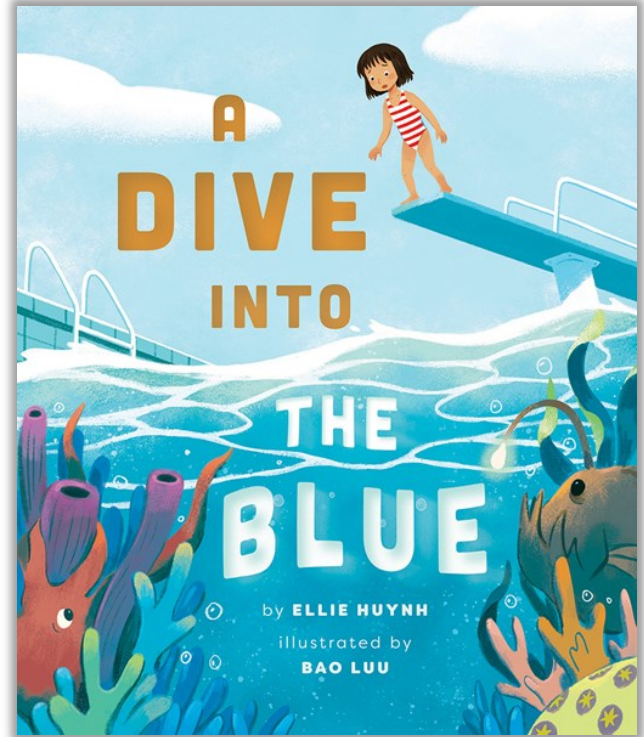
Beaming Books, May 2023

"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.

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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.

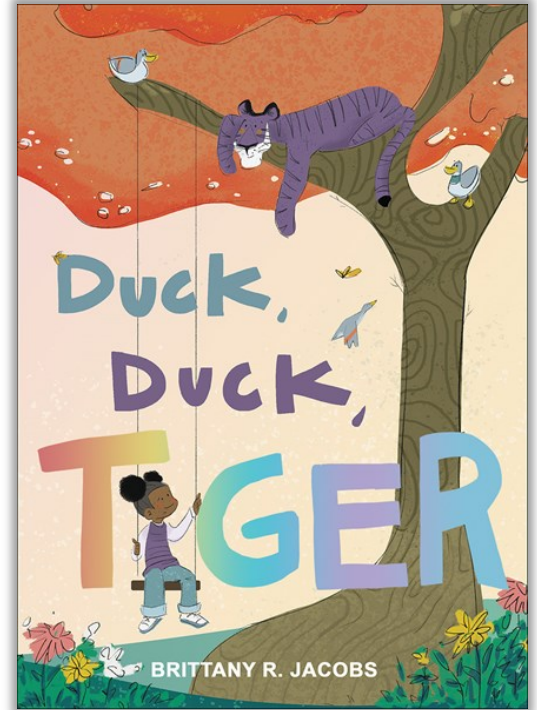
# DUCK, DUCK, TIGER

**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.

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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.

# REMEMBERING SUNDAYS WITH GRANDPA

Laura H. Kerstein, illustrated by Nanette Regan

Beaming Books, November 2023

From acclaimed author Lauren Kerstein comes a sensitively told story about grief, cherishing family memories, and the comforting truth that love lives on forever.

Henry and his mom feel Grandpa's love in all his special places: in the rocking chair where he read stories with silly voices, in the cucumbers that always made him hiccup, and in the jewelry box he used to wind up so they could dance. As they remember the many loving moments they shared, they work through their grief.

*Remembering Sundays with Grandpa* illustrates how even when someone is no longer part of the physical world, their love lives on forever.

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**Lauren H. Kerstein** is an author and psychotherapist. She is a Jersey girl at heart who currently lives in Colorado with her husband, their daughters, and their rescue dogs. Lauren is the author of *Home for a While*, and the Rosie the Dragon and Charlie picture book series. She runs #ReVISIONweek and is a member of SCBWI and 12x12.

**Nanette Regan** studied fine arts at the Slade School of Art in London. She lives in Jersey, a tiny island between England and France.

# THE KID WITH BIG, BIG IDEAS

Britney Winn Lee, illustrated by Jacob Souva

Beaming Books, August 2023

"From the author of the bestselling *The Boy with Big, Big Feelings* and *The Girl with Big, Big Questions* comes a new book designed to inspire kids to boldly use their voices to change the world.

*"There once was a kid with glittery nails*

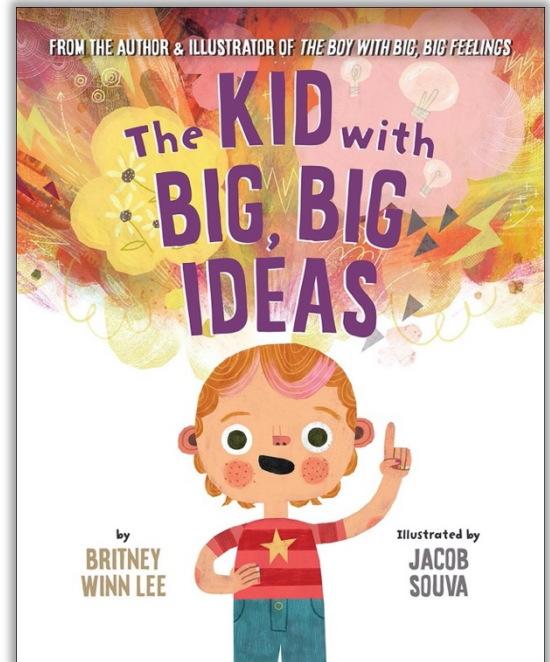
*who always wore colorful socks,*

*and all around town, this child was known*

*for thinking outside of the box."*

Following the bestselling *The Boy with Big, Big Feelings* and *The Girl with Big, Big Questions* comes a new story about a nonbinary kid with ideas so big and wild that grown-ups often dismiss them. What if we could be mermaids and swim to school? What if we could teach pets to talk? What if we could make the world safe and inclusive for everyone?

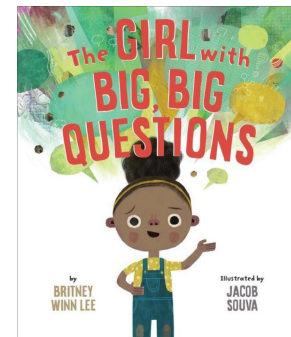
This innovative kid doesn't stop there, and with the help of their supportive Gram, they come up with the biggest idea yet. In a world that so often dismisses and excludes kids from decision-making, this book boldly suggests that not only should kids have a voice, but that their ideas just might be the ticket to making progress.



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Ages:	4-8
Material:	Layouts
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**Also available: THE BOY WITH BIG, BIG FEELINGS (Beaming Books, 2019)**

**Rights sold to Sola Publishing (Turkish) and THE GIRL WITH BIG, BIG QUESTIONS**



**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*.

# KAIA'S BIG FELINES

**Aura Lewis**

Beaming Books, August 2023

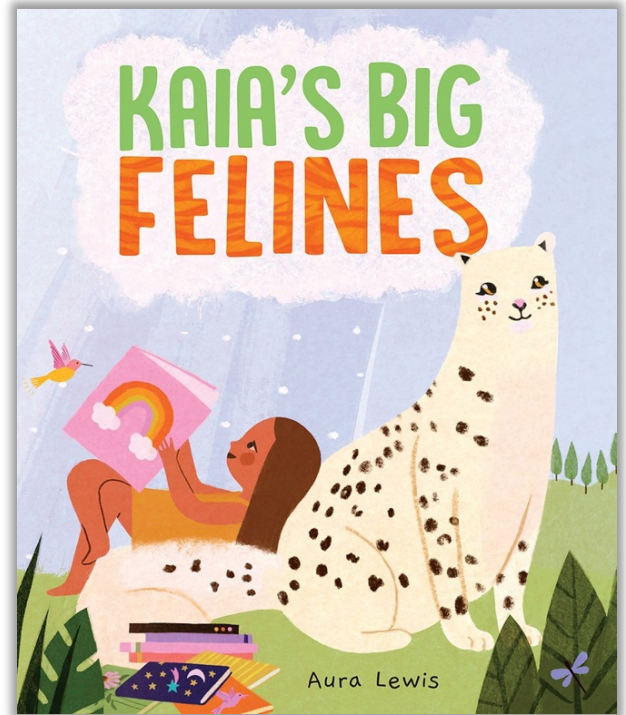
From beloved author and illustrator Aura Lewis comes an entertaining look at emotional intelligence through the traits of different types of cats.

Kaia experiences all kinds of emotions, and she relates them to various types of cats. Cheetah is fast and fearless, Leopard loves the spotlight, but Tiger has a temper. When Kaia's felines become overwhelming, she takes some time to herself to rest and reset.

An engaging look at emotional intelligence through traits of cats.

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<i>Ages:</i>	4-8
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**Aura Lewis** is an author-illustrator and designer with an MFA from the School of Visual Arts in New York City. She is inspired by fashion from around the world, playful color, vintage design, and popular culture. Aura's works include *Gloria's Voice*, *Spectacular Sisters*, and *The Illustrated Feminist*.



# FLIPFLOPI

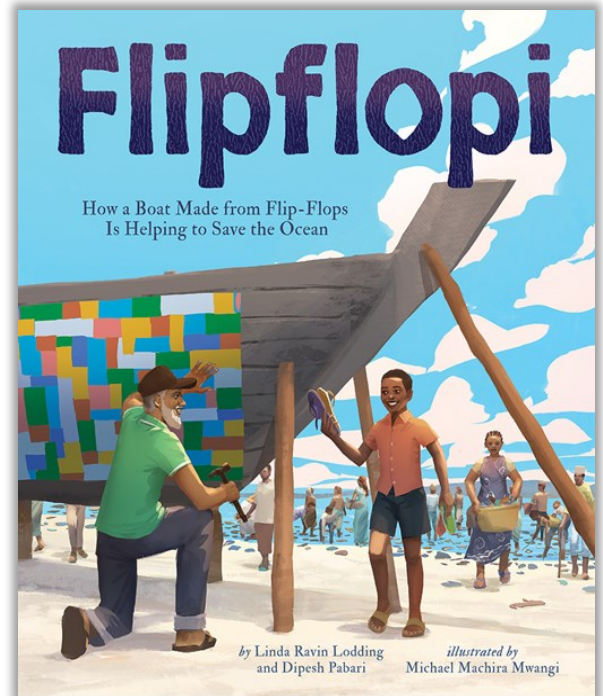
**Linda Ravin Lodding and Dipesh Pabari,  
illustrated by Michael Michira Mwangi**

**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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**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

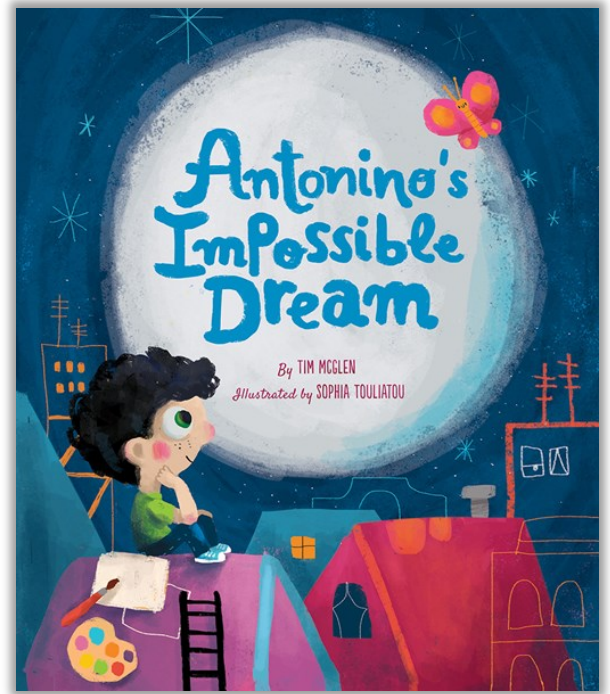
Beaming Books, March 2023

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
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<i>Ages:</i>	4-7
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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.

**\*\*NEW\*\***

# ALL ABOUT GRIEF

**Lora-Ellen McKinney, illustrated by Sophia Touliatou**

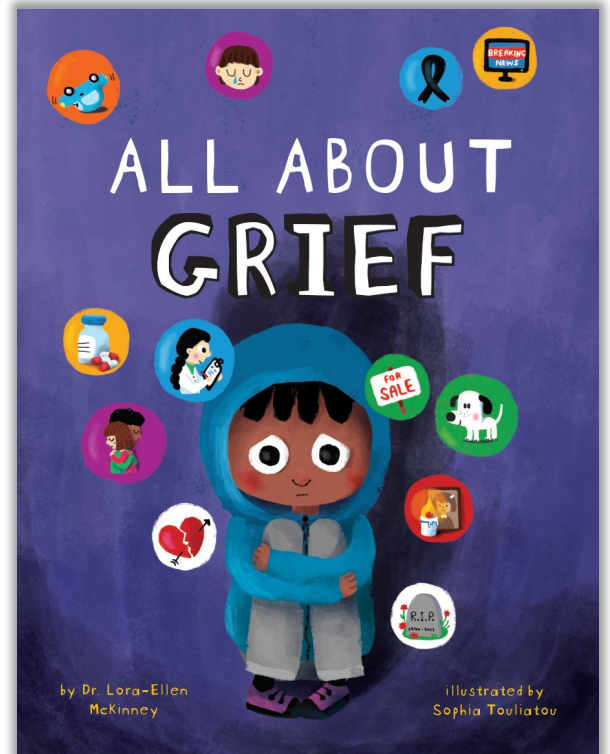
Beaming Books, April 2024

As youth mental-health struggles continue to rise, this engaging guide is an important resource for preteens looking to better understand grief and loss, with helpful tools and strategies for navigating grief and moving forward with hope.

*What is grief? Where does it come from? Will I ever be OK again?*

*Grief.* It is a normal, natural response to loss. Everyone experiences it in different ways. You can't avoid it. Grief can be hard to understand and difficult to talk about.

Dr. Lora-Ellen McKinney, a psychologist who has worked with children experiencing grief, answers the big questions that surround feelings of loss. This engaging handbook looks at grief from many different angles, examining how it influences our emotions and relationships, our brains and bodies, and our behavior. Preteen readers will get to know when and why we are most likely to grieve, what purpose grief serves, and strategies for healing and finding hope moving forward.



<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book, Non-Fiction
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<i>Ages:</i>	9-13
<i>Material:</i>	Layouts
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**Dr. Lora-Ellen McKinney** is a psychologist who has worked with, researched, and taught about children, families, and supportive or harmful systems. She worked in public health policy, conducting research and writing legislation. Dr. McKinney graduated from Vassar College, the University of Washington, and the Harvard Kennedy School.

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.

# SEEKING BEST FRIEND

Alison Marcotte, illustrated by  
Diane Ewen

Beaming Books, January 2022

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 spurgreat conversations with children about what it means to be a good friend.

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**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.

**\*\*NEW\*\***

# THE STAR IN THE CHRISTMAS PLAY

Lynne Marie, illustrated by Lorna Hussey

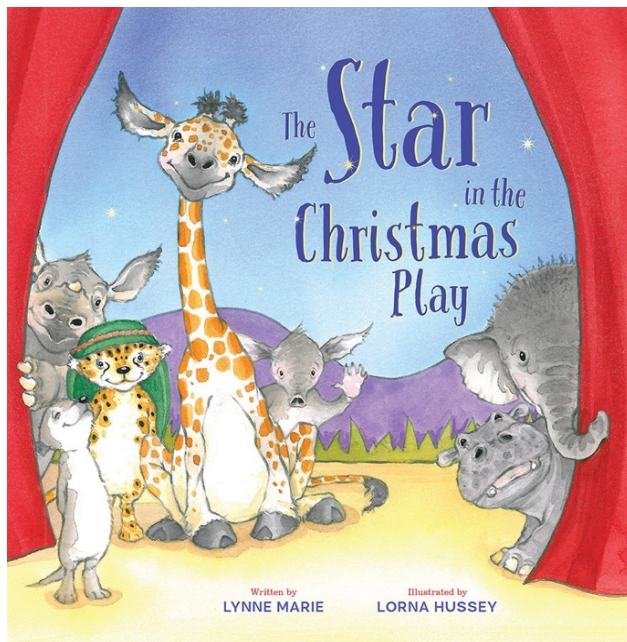
Beaming Books, October 2023

Now in paperback, this heartwarming Christmas story about Raffi the Giraffe finding his perfect role in the school play will steal hearts everywhere.

All of the savanna animals are excited to audition for the school Christmas Play, except Raffi the giraffe. He's too tall to play baby Jesus, or Joseph, or even a manger animal. He feels discouraged, until he realizes that he's just the right size to play the most important part.

This endearing Christmas story for ages 4 to 8 will resonate with children who are still learning to be comfortable in their own skin.

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Ages:	4-7
Material:	Layouts
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**Lynne Marie** is the author of several picture books including, *Let's Eat! Mealtime Around the World* illustrated by Parwinder Singh, *Moldilocks and the 3 Scares* illustrated by David Rodriguez Lorenzo, and *The Star in the Christmas Play*, illustrated by Lorna Hussey. Her stories, poems, and folk tales have appeared in many magazine markets, including *Family Fun*, *Highlights*, *High Five*, *Spider*, *Baby Bug*, and more.

She is a Cybils Awards panelist in the picture book category, as well as an on-staff writer for Jon and Laura Bard's *Children's Book Insider* and a book reviewer.

When she's not traveling around the world or planning vacations for clients as a travel agent, she lives in central Florida with her family and a Belgian Schipperke named Anakin.

**Lorna Hussey** is the author and illustrator of *Little Lost Unicorn* (Sterling, 2009) and the illustrator of *Good Good Father*, by Chris Tomlin and Pat Barrett (Thomas Nelson, 2016); *Hedgehog's 100th Day of School*, by Lynne Marie (Scholastic, 2017); *This Bear's Birthday*, by Alyssa Satin Capucilli (Henry Holt, 2017); and *Pigloo*, by Anne Marie Pace (Henry Holt, 2016).

**Lorna lives in a small village called Llansantffraid in Wales with her husband, Andy, and their three grown children, Joe, Matti, and Abi. She has two horses, one dog, and three geriatric chickens. When Lorna isn't drawing or painting, she can be found riding her Spanish stallion, Dionisio. She is trying very hard to teach Dionisio to dance, but he has other ideas!**

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# IF MY HAIR HAD A VOICE

**Dana Marie Miroballi, illustrated by Patricia Grannum**

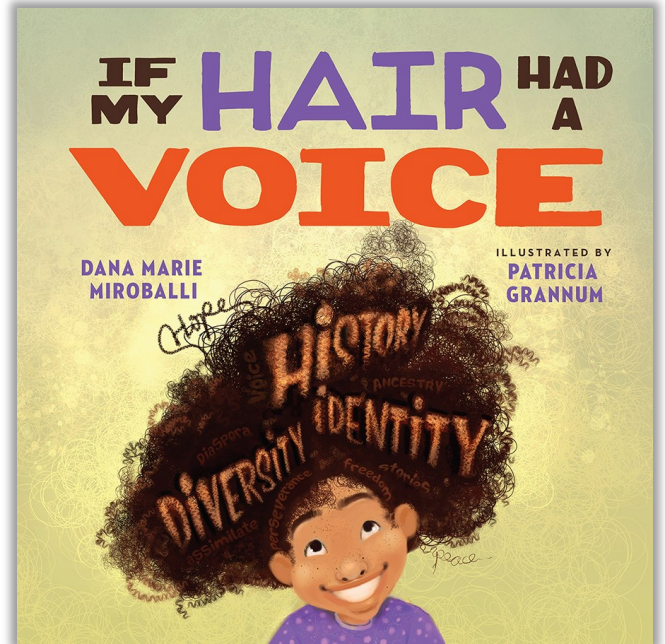
Beaming Books, May 2024

**An uplifting and empowering anthem celebrating the beauty and rich cultural history of Black hair**

**"If your hair had a voice, it would sing of diversity and identity. It would tell you stories of our history."**

An ode to loving your hair and your culture, *If My Hair Had a Voice* follows a young Black girl as she grows from being disappointed in her natural hair to developing an amazed appreciation for the long history of Black hair. From blossoming floral motifs in celebration of spring to intricate braided codes for spreading revolutionary messages, she discovers that Black hair goes beyond simple adornment--it tells the story of a rich cultural history filled with diversity, resistance, artistry, and, of course, beauty. Back matter explores the history of each hairstyle featured in the book.

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**Dana Marie Miroballi** is a biracial teacher turned speech-language pathologist writing books for young readers. She grew up in Germany, served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Uzbekistan, and now lives in Chicago with her husband and children.

Illustrating from her home in Trinidad and Tobago, **Patricia Grannum's** work is fueled by a passion for ensuring that children of color see themselves in the books they read. Her art reflects the cultural vibrancy of her Caribbean upbringing, with a focus on conveying a sense of wonder in the books she illustrates.

# LITTLE MOLE GIVES THANKS

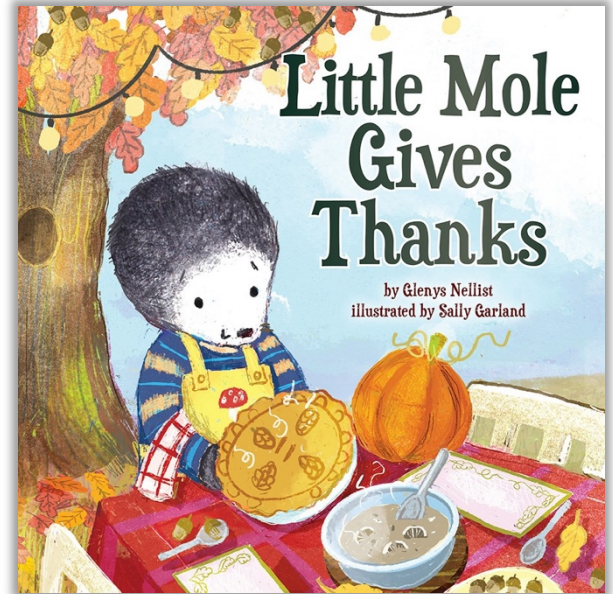
Glenys Nellist, illustrated by Sarah Garland

Beaming Books, August 2023

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.

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**Also available:**

***LITTLE MOLE'S CHRISTMAS GIFT (Beaming Books 2020)***

***LITTLE MOLE FINDS HOPE (Beaming Books 2020)***

***LITTLE MOLE GOES TO SCHOOL (Beaming Books 2022)***

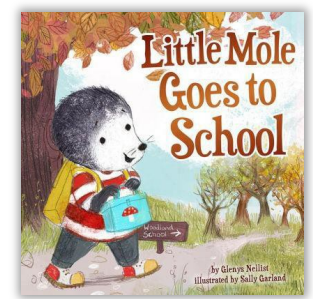
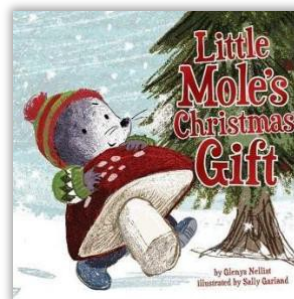
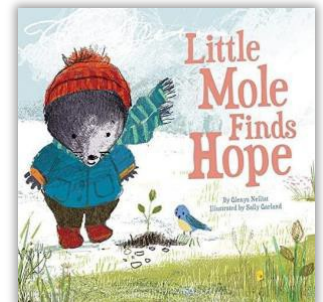
***Praise for LITTLE MOLE'S CHRISTMAS GIFT:***

"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.**

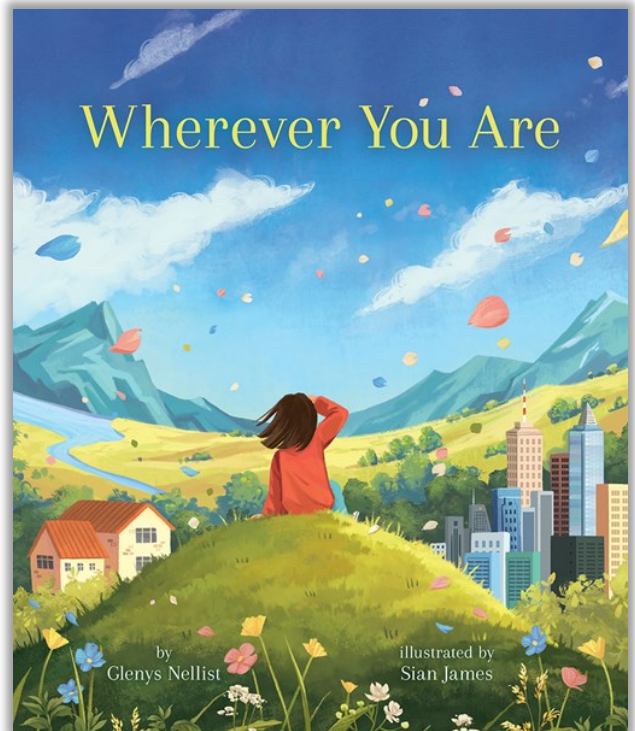
God is in the gently falling snow, the river, and the honeybee. God is in the people you meet. God is in city streets and country lanes. God is in laughter and tears. No matter where you go, how you are feeling, or what you do, God is with you.

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
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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.

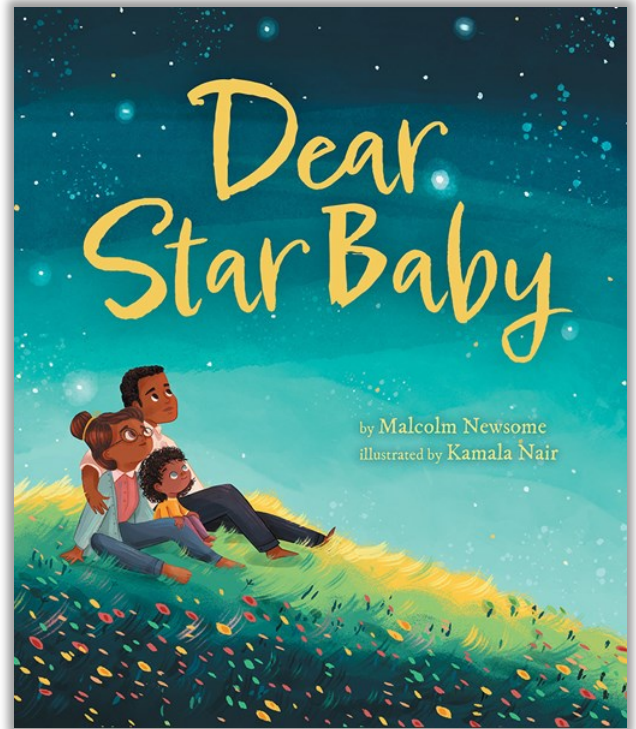
She held my hand and told me you would not be coming home with us.

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.

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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

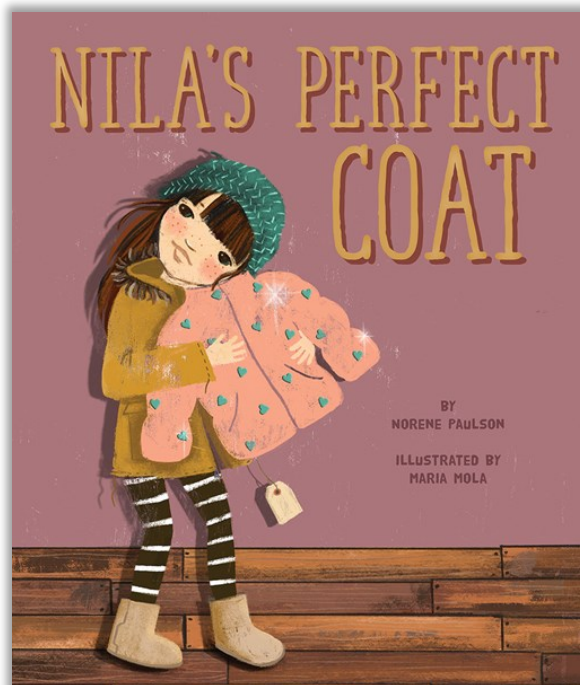
Nila and her mom *love* shopping at the thrift store. But when Nila finds the most perfect, shiny, puffy coat, Mom says no: Nila's winter coat still fits her just fine. With a lot of determination and some birthday money from Dad, Nila sets out to prove the coat really is perfect--but along the way,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

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Ages:	5-8
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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."**

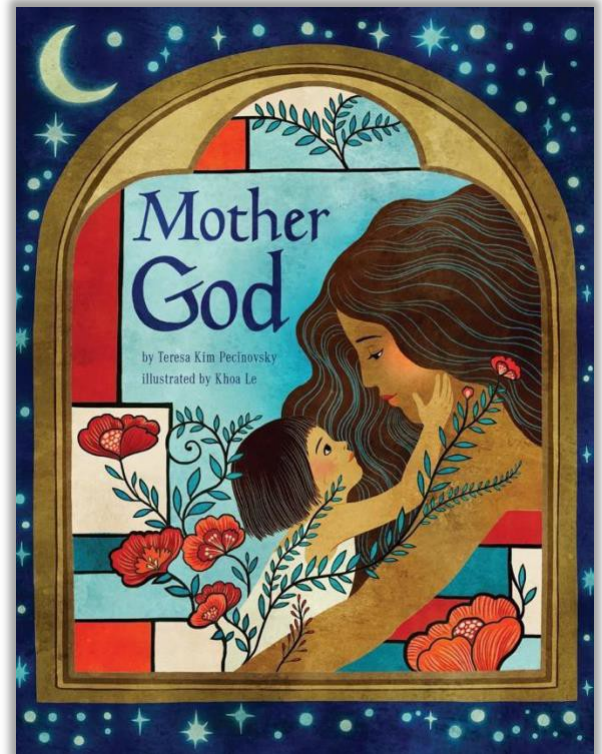
With lyrical, rhyming text and exquisite illustrations, *Mother God* introduces readers to a dozen images of God inspired by feminine descriptions from Scripture. Children and adults alike will be in awe of the God who made them as they come to know her as a creative seamstress, generous baker, fierce 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>	Layouts
<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

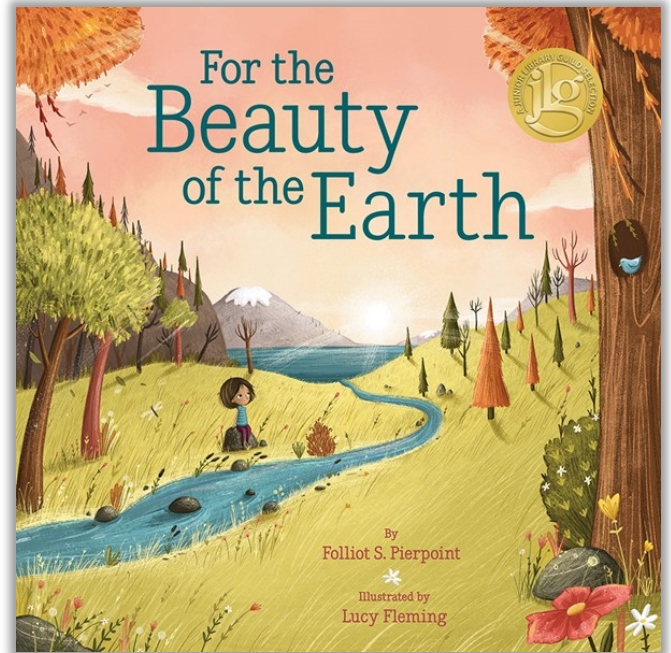
Folliott S. Pierpoint, illustrated by Lucy Fleming

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>	Layouts
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**Folliott Sandford Pierpoint** (1835:1917) was an 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.

**\*\*NEW\*\***

# PEG GETS CRACKIN

**Jo Renfro**

Beaming Books, February 2024

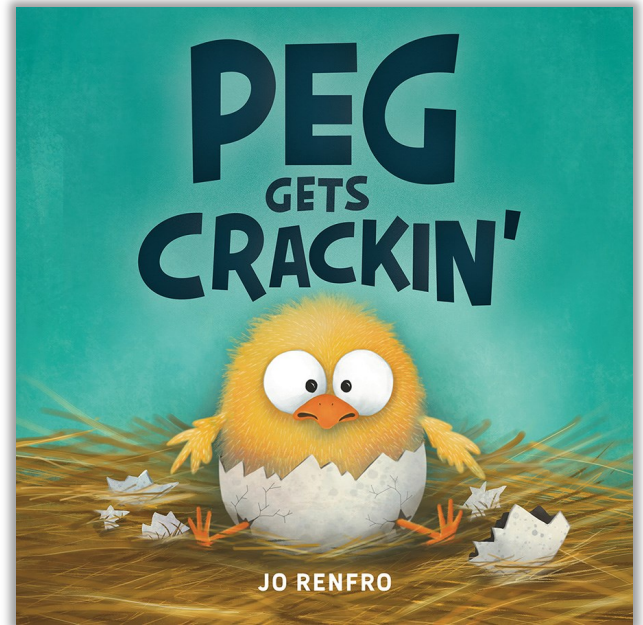
**Peg the egg isn't sure about cracking out of her shell into the big, scary world, but maybe being a chicken will actually be pretty great?**

**Time to get crackin'!**

Peg is perfectly content within the safe, contained shell of her egg. While her siblings hatch around her, she imagines all the scary things waiting in the outside world--things that make her happy to stay an egg.

But even Peg must hatch. She grows, and grows, and one day . . . CRACK! Peg takes her first hesitant steps into the big, frightening world and discovers . . . the world isn't so bad after all. In fact, it's actually pretty wonderful!

Bursting with spirit and humor, *Peg Gets Crackin'* is packed with entertaining illustrations and perfect for read-aloud storytime. Young readers will giggle at Peg's antics and resonate with her journey to conquer her fears. You never know what exciting adventures are waiting just outside of your shell!



<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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**Jo Renfro** is an author and illustrator based in Colorado. *Peg Gets Crackin'* is her debut picture book.

# DOE'S DANDELIONS

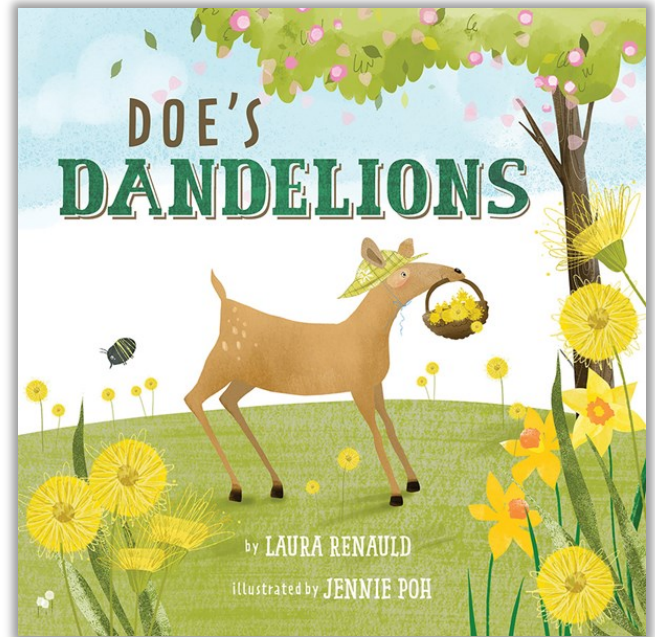
Laura Renauld, illustrated by Jennie Poh

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.



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<i>Ages:</i>	4-7
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**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**

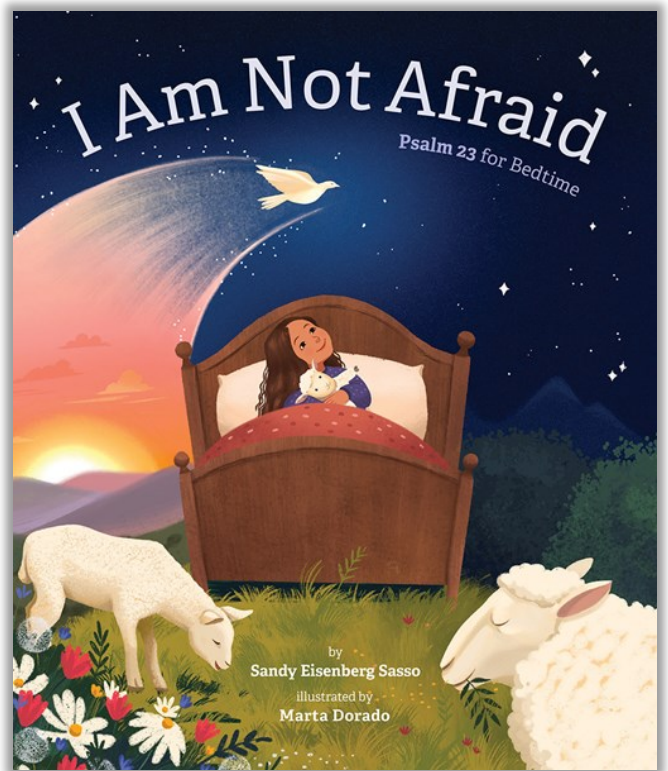
Beaming Books, February 2023

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.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Ages:</i>	5-8
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Material:</i>	Layouts
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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.

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# SOMETIMES I AM HOT LAVA

Jody Jensen Shaffer, illustrated by Amélie Videlo

Beaming Books, April 2024

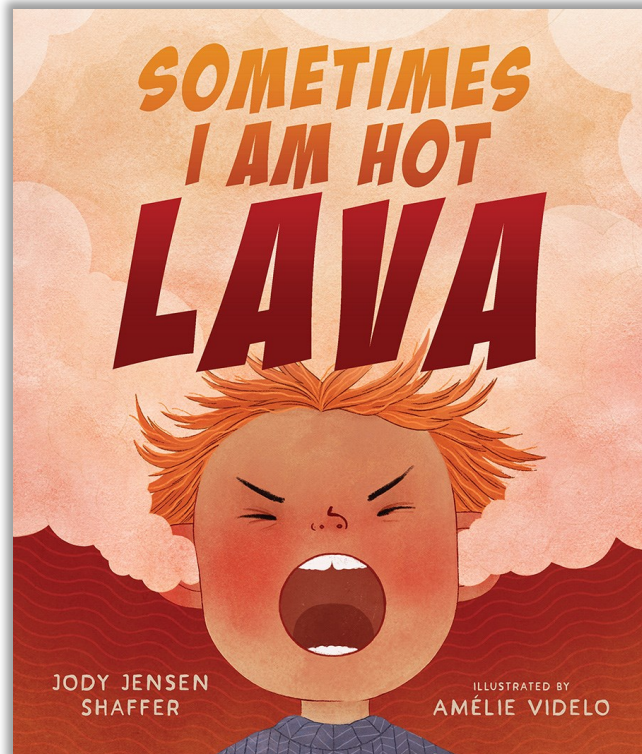
Buddy is an ordinary kid who sometimes erupts like a volcano! Can he learn new ways to manage his anger and frustration?

**Sometimes when I get mad . . . Bubble . . . Boil . . . Erupt!**

Most of the time, Buddy is a regular kid. He has ups and downs. But when things don't go his way, he can feel the magma bubble and boil inside of him until he erupts like a volcano. Fortunately, he knows a few ways to return to feeling as calm and cool as igneous rock.

Sometimes I Am Hot Lava shows kids like Buddy how to manage feelings of anger and frustration through mindful breathing techniques. Backmatter teaches readers about anger and helps us identify what we're feeling, why we're feeling it, and what we can do about it.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	3-8
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**Jody Jensen Shaffer** is an award-winning poet and the author of more than seventy books of fiction and nonfiction for children. She earned her bachelor's in English from William Jewell College and her master's in English from Truman State University. After twelve years in corporate education, Jody left to raise her kids and fell in love with children's literature. When she's not writing, she loves spending time with her family, walking her rescue dog, Sophie, and being outside in nature.

**Amélie Videlo** is a French/Mauritian illustrator based in the UK. Family and nostalgia from her childhood inspire her the most. She loves making pictures full of rich flora and playful characters with mediums such as gouache, acrylic, crayons, and digital painting.

# MISSING VIOLET

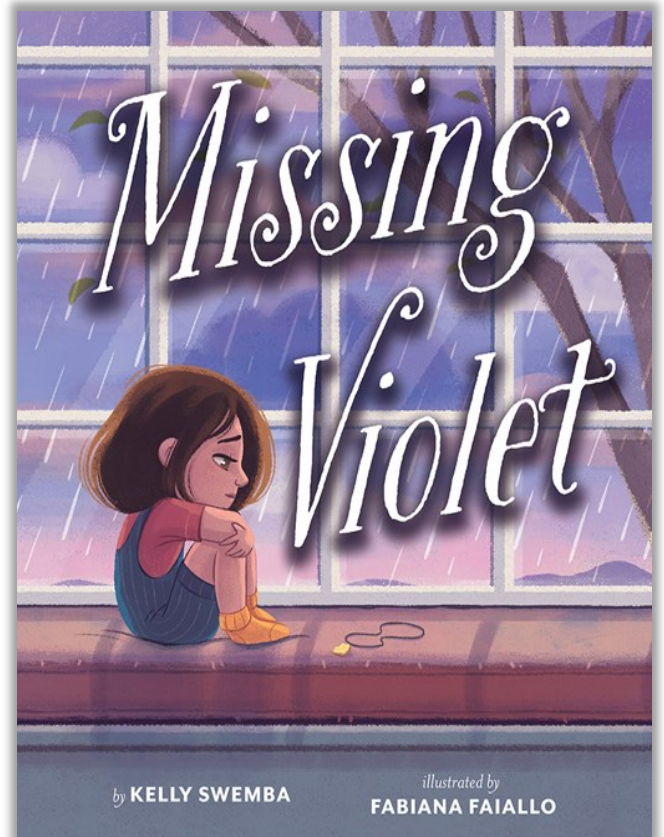
**Kelly Swemba, illustrated by  
Fabiana Faiallo**

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.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
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<i>Ages:</i>	5-8
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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.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	4-8
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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.

**\*\*NEW\*\***

# MILKWEED FOR MONARCHS

**Christine Van Zandt, illustrated by Alejandra Barajas**

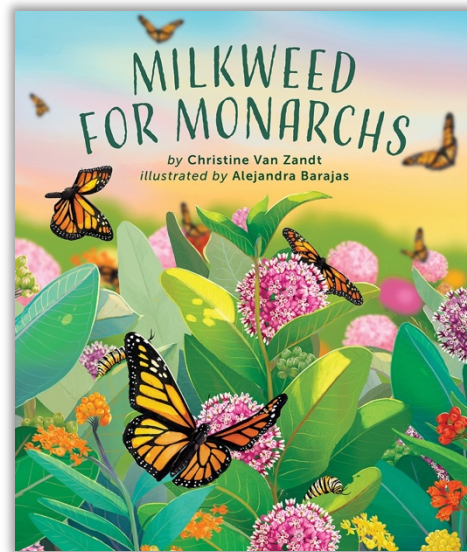
Beaming Books, February 2024

**This stunning, lyrical nonfiction picture book offers a close look at the life cycle of the beloved, endangered monarch butterfly, as well as a call to action to care for our planet.**

Bold, gold, the chrysalis gleams. And deep down inside . . . the butterfly dreams.

Every year, monarch butterflies migrate to warmer climates for overwintering months. However, changing environments make it continually more difficult to find food and places to lay eggs. In this nonfiction picture book, the monarch's life cycle is detailed in lyrical verse as stunning art accompanies each stage in the butterfly's life.

The most recognizable butterfly, monarchs are classified as an endangered species by the IUCN, and face drastic challenges when it comes to locating food sources--milkweed. *Milkweed for Monarchs* is the perfect resource for young readers to learn more about these beautiful insects and how they can foster monarch-friendly environments in their own backyard. Backmatter includes actionable ways for readers to help this vulnerable species.



<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book, Non-Fiction
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<i>Ages:</i>	4-8
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**Christine Van Zandt** is an editor, writer, and award-winning author. Her books include the funny nonfiction picture book *A Brief History of Underpants*. She lives in Los Angeles, California, with her family.

**Alejandra Barajas** was born in Guanajuato, Mexico. She completed her degree in fine arts at Guanajuato University and has been illustrating magazines and children's books ever since, including *A Costume for Charly*.

**\*\*NEW\*\***

# JOURNEY TO THE STARS: KALPANA CHAWLA, ASTRONAUT

**Laurie Wallmark and Raakhee Mirchandani,  
illustrated by Maitreyi Ghosh**

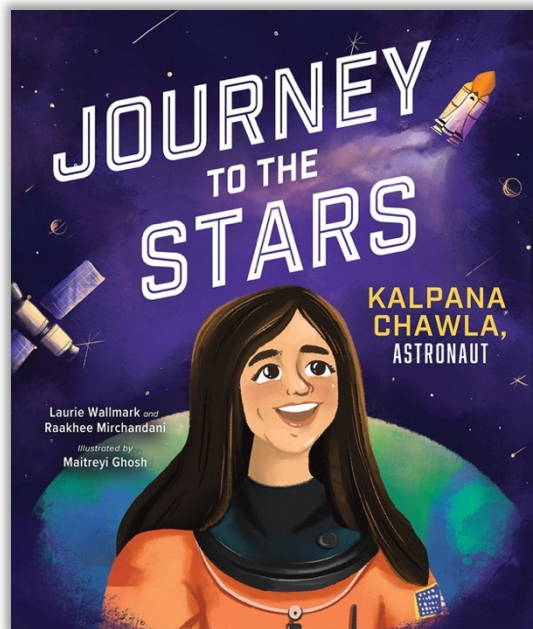
Beaming Books, February 2024

Co-written by award-winning author Laurie Wallmark and celebrated journalist and activist Raakhee Mirchandani, this inspiring picture book biography introduces readers to Kalpana Chawla, the first female Indian American astronaut.

**A powerful story of hope about a woman who fought against all odds to become the first Indian American female astronaut.**

Kalpana Chawla set her sights on flight from an early age. She was told "no" many times in life: *No, girls don't study aerospace. No, women don't become astronauts. No, you won't succeed in the United States.* But Kalpana didn't listen--she was too busy forging her own path to the stars. And after a long journey of dedication, perseverance, and patience, she finally made it to space. Her inspiring story is a powerful reminder for girls all over the world to never, ever give up on their dreams.

Based on the true story of the first female Indian American astronaut, *Journey to the Stars* details the challenges and triumphs of Kalpana Chawla's life up through her first journey into space. Her story is sure to inspire educators and parents interested in encouraging curiosity and a passion for STEM in girls and boys. Backmatter includes an author's note and a timeline of Kalpana's life and awards.



<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation, Non-Fiction
<i>Ages:</i>	4-8
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**Laurie Wallmark** is an award-winning author who writes biographies of women in STEM, along with fiction. Her books have earned multiple starred trade reviews and received awards such as Best STEM Book and Parent's Choice Gold Medal. Laurie is a former software engineer and computer science professor. She has an MFA in writing and lives in New Jersey.

**Raakhee Mirchandani** is a journalist, children's book author, activist, and mom. Previously a feature writer and columnist for the New York Post, a managing editor at the New York Daily News, and an associate editor at the Boston Herald, Raakhee has worked in Elle, Glamour, the Wall Street Journal, Redbook, and HuffPo. She was also the editor in chief of Moneyish, published by Dow Jones. The daughter of immigrants, Raakhee currently lives in New Jersey.

**Maitreyi Ghosh** is a multidisciplinary designer specializing in illustration. She illustrated *The ABCs of Virtue*, which was a Best Book Award winner at the American Book Fest in 2021. Maitreyi lives in India.

**\*\*NEW\*\***

# KIKI KICKS

**Jane Yolen and Ariel Stemple, illustrated by John Ledda**

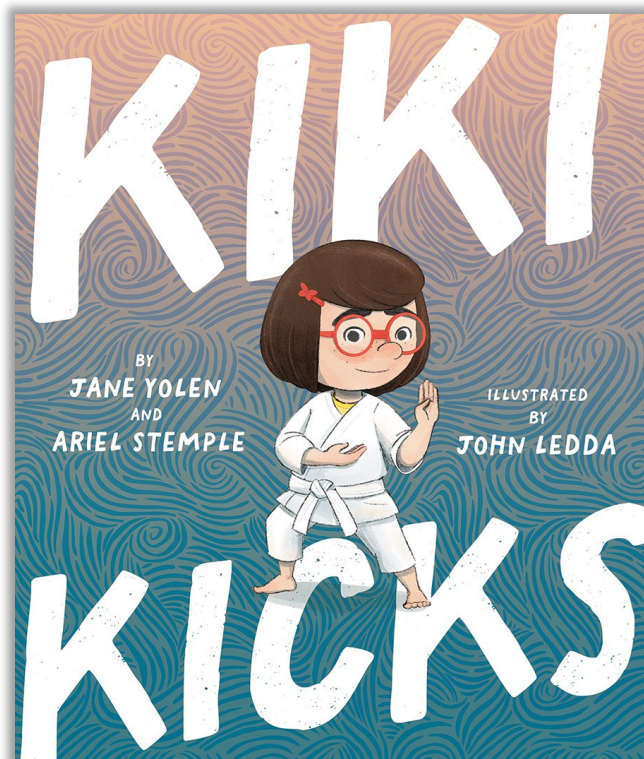
Beaming Books, October 2023

From legendary, award-winning author Jane Yolen and her karate-practicing grandchild, this engaging story empowers kids to be self-confident, strong, and resilient, despite all obstacles.

"I want to be strong for the right reasons."

Kiki has watched her mama practice karate for a long time, and now she wants to learn too. She wants to become strong and steady like a mountain. The bullies at school are strong for the wrong reasons. They make Kiki feel small. But today at her first karate lesson, everything changes.

Award-winning author Jane Yolen joins forces with debut author Ariel Stemple in this picture book inspired by Stemple's own childhood experience of learning martial arts after experiencing bullying at school. This lyrical story of self-empowerment at a martial arts studio is woven around the poetic lines of Yolen's well-known poem "Karate Kid," used by educators and librarians for decades. Backmatter includes information about different karate stances and a note about how martial arts can instill confidence and strength in children.



Category:	Picture Book
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**Jane Yolen** is the author of well over 400 published books, including the Caldecott-winning *Owl Moon*, and the multimillion bestselling *How Do Dinosaurs* series, plus novels, short story collections, poetry collections, and many picture books. Her multiple awards include Nebulas, World Fantasy, three Christopher Medal awards, the Kerlan Award, the Jewish Book Award, the Sydney Taylor Body of Work Award, as well as being named Grand Master by three major writing organizations: Science Fictions Writers of America, the World Fantasy Association, and the Science Fiction Poetry Association. She has six honorary doctorates from colleges and universities. She teaches writing, sends out a poem a day to subscribers, and at eighty-three, got remarried to an old college boyfriend who is a poet himself.

**Ariel Stemple** is an author from Minneapolis, Minnesota, with a bachelor of fine arts degree from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota. They come from a family of writers, including Jane Yolen and Adam Stemple. They trained in a martial arts style called wu chien pai for ten years. *Kiki Kicks* is their debut picture book.

**John Ledda** was born and raised in southeast Michigan. He moved to the San Francisco Bay Area to pursue his MFA at the Academy of Art University. He is the illustrator of *Kiki Kicks* by Jane Yolen and Ariel Stemple, *Big Bear Was Not the Same* by Joanna Rowland, and other titles.

**MIDDLE GRADE  
and CHAPTERBOOKS**

# PAUSE, BREATHE, BE

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

**Megan Borgert-Spaniol and Lauren Kukla**

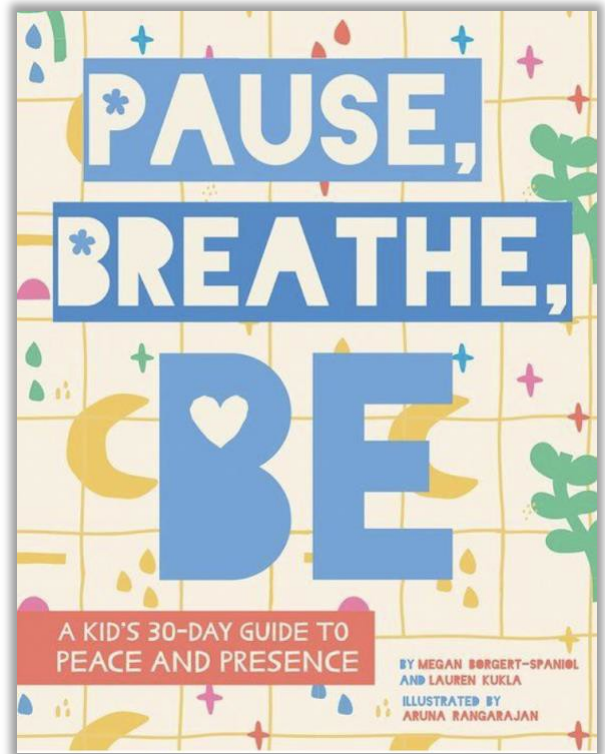
Beaming Books, October 2022

**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.

<i>Category:</i>	Nonfiction
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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*

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*Caterflies and Ice*

*The Pod and The Bog*

*Unicorns and Germs*

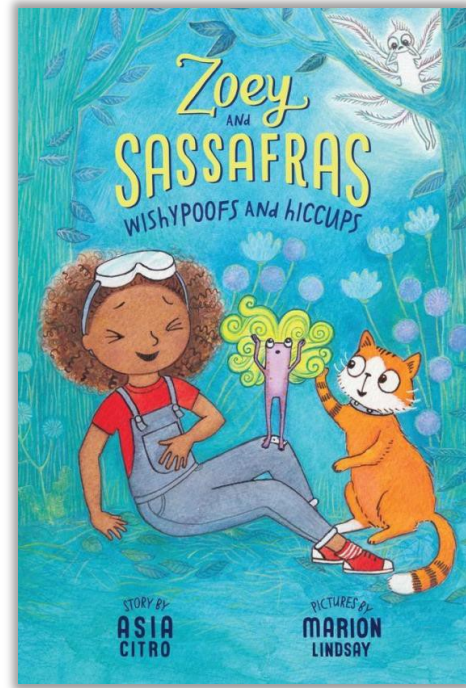
*Grumplets and Pests*

*Bips and Roses*

*Wishypoofs and Hiccups*

**Asia Citro, illustrated by Marion Lindsay**

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. SassafRAS 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.

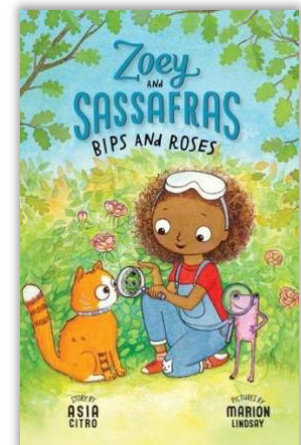
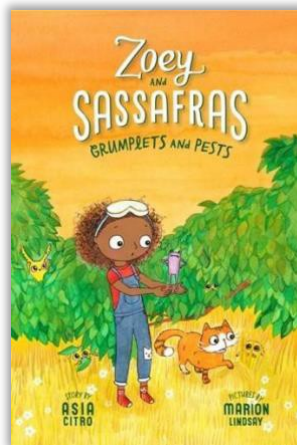
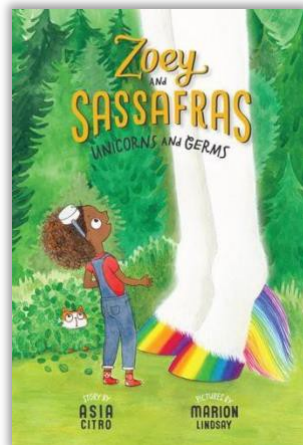
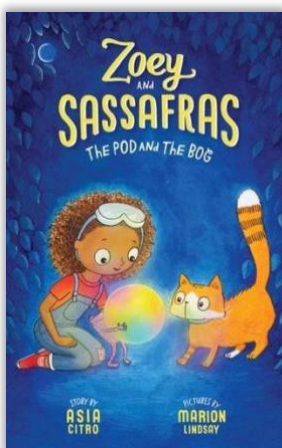
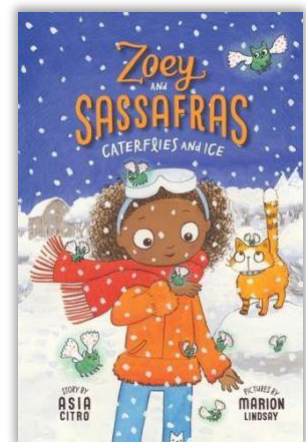
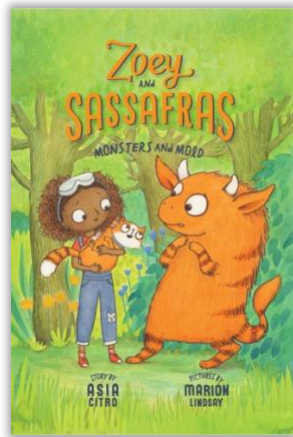
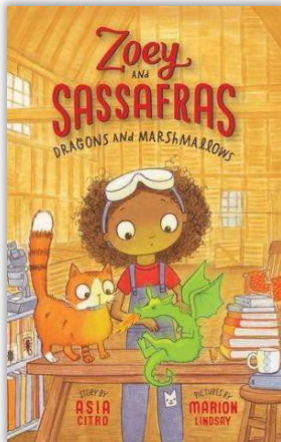
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Kimdong (**Vietnamese**) – all nine titles

**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](http://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**

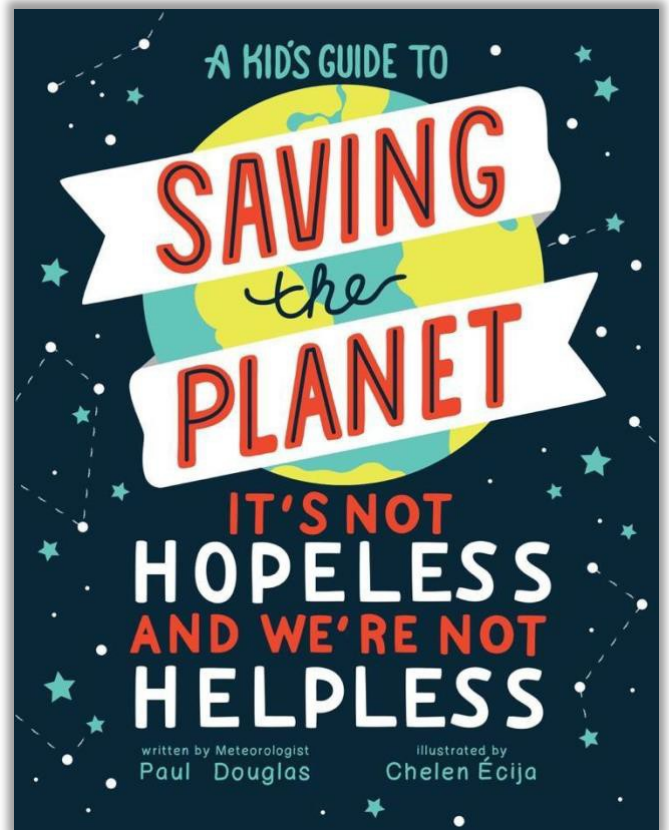
Beaming Books, March 2022

**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>	PDF
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books



**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 made 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.

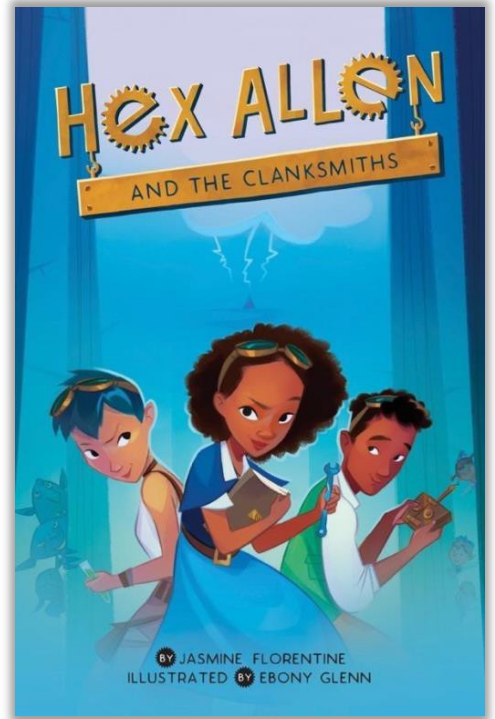
After a fairy fiasco throws Hex and the Clanksmiths together, they agree to cooperate - for the time being. With the Clanksmiths' know-how and Hex's creativity, they outsmart monsters with everything from LEDs to electromagnets to water balloon launchers. But as they race to the Wishing Wyrms, Hex must 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>	PDF
<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

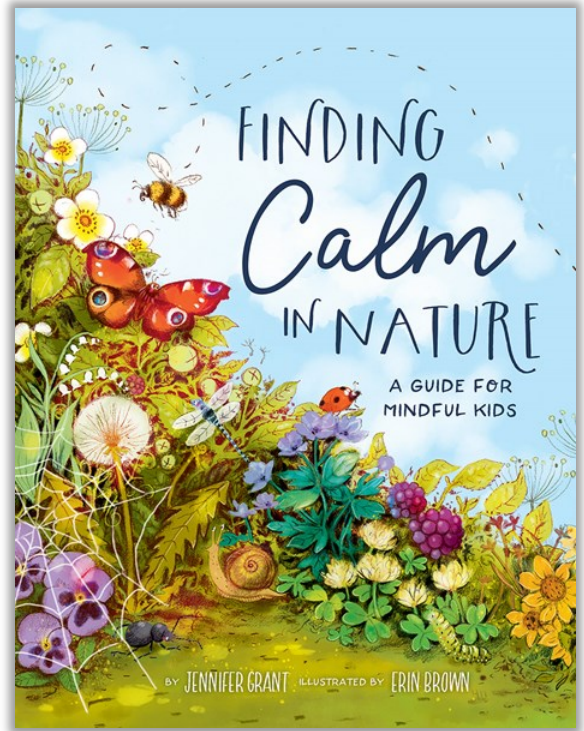
Beaming Books, March 2023

"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.

Author Jennifer Grant's affirming, kind voice will inspire readers to see the world with fresh eyes--and discover the calm, joy, and wonder waiting just outside their door.



<i>Category:</i>	Nonfiction
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	8-12
<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books

**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*

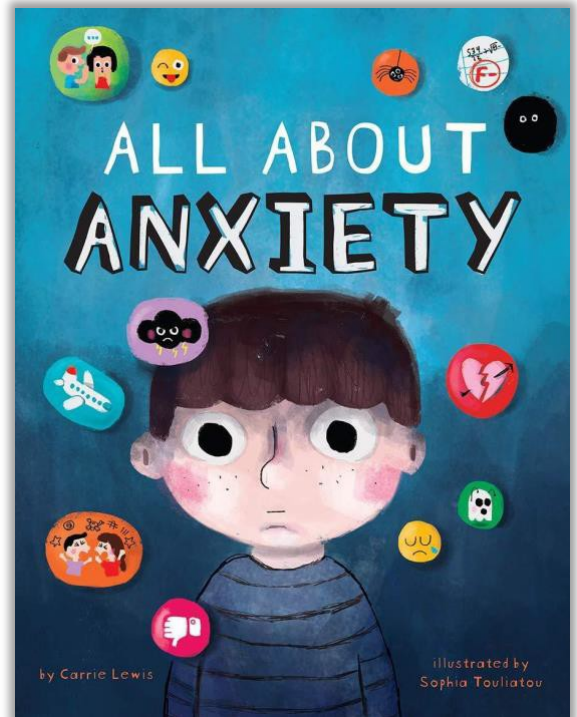
"A solid introduction to anxiety management."

—*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>	PDF
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books
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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.

**\*\*NEW\*\***

# INFINITY RAINBOW CLUB: CONNOR AND THE TAEKWONDO TOURNAMENT

Jen Malia, illustrated by Peter Francis

Beaming Books, March 2024

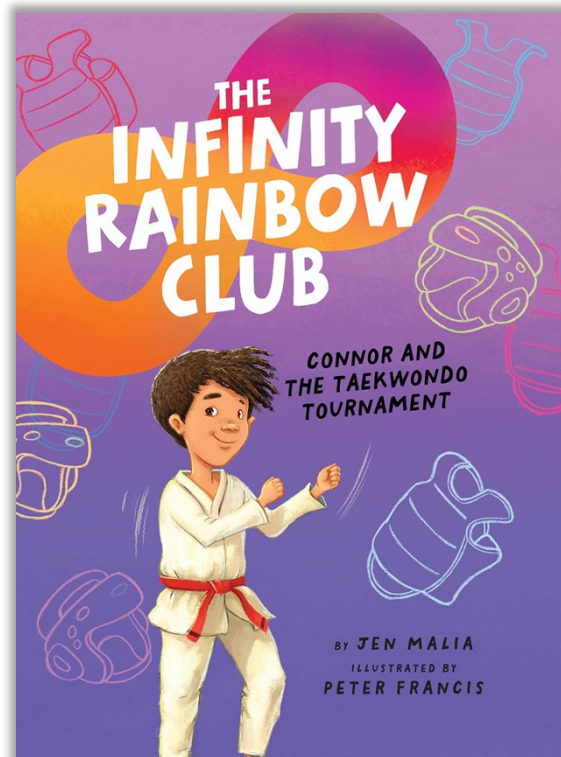
From the Infinity Rainbow Club series comes a new story about rivalry, Taekwondo, and the power of friendship to help us through difficult moments.

*Perseverance, thought Connor. To not give up even when it is hard to keep going.*

Connor loves practicing taekwondo at his dojang. Having ADHD means he has to work a little harder to keep his focus during sparring sessions, but that doesn't stop him from mastering new forms and rising through the taekwondo ranks. However, when Wyatt--Connor's nemesis--starts training at the same dojang, staying focused suddenly becomes a lot harder. Can Connor persevere and find his focus in time for the big tournament?

Written by a neurodivergent author with three neurodivergent children, *Connor and the Taekwondo Tournament* meets a longstanding need for chapter books written from the perspectives of kids with ADHD and is the perfect addition to any young reader's shelf.

The Infinity Rainbow Club is a chapter book series featuring five neurodivergent children in a club at their elementary school. The club provides a safe space for stims and different communication styles to be accepted and celebrated.



<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	7-10
<i>Material:</i>	Layouts
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books

**Jen Malia** is a professor of English and the creative writing coordinator at Norfolk State University. Originally from Pittsburgh, Jen currently lives in Virginia Beach with her husband and three kids. Jen has written for the New York Times, the Washington Post, New York Magazine, Woman's Day, Glamour, Self, and others. Jen is the author of *Too Sticky! Sensory Issues with Autism* as well as the Infinity Rainbow Club series. Jen was diagnosed with ASD in her late thirties and has three neurodivergent kids with different combinations of ASD, ADHD, OCD, dyslexia, and dysgraphia.

**Peter Francis** has created illustrations for children's books for over twenty years. He lives in England.

# NICK AND THE BRICK BUILDER CHALLENGE

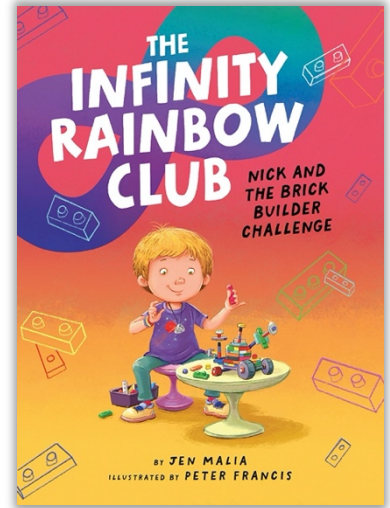
*The Infinity Rainbow Club #1*

**Jen Malia, illustrated by Peter Francis**

**Beaming Books, September 2023**

**An engaging, relatable story about the struggle of learning to work as a team with other kids, told from the perspective of a neurodivergent child.**

When the Infinity Rainbow Club at school competes in a brick builder challenge, Nick can't wait to participate! Until he learns he must have a partner--the new girl. Nick wants to work alone. But to win, he'll have to figure out how to be part of a team.



A story about the universal struggle of learning to work together on a team, told from the perspective of an autistic child.

# VIOLET AND THE JURASSIC LAND EXHIBIT

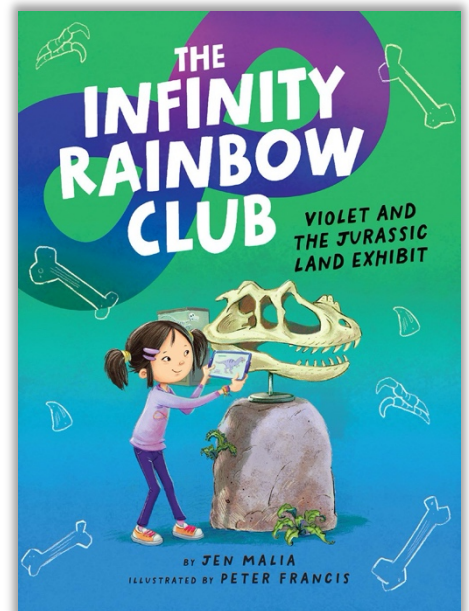
*The Infinity Rainbow Club #2*

**Jen Malia, illustrated by Peter Francis**

**Beaming Books, October 2023**

**An engaging story about Violet, who is struggling to trust her work on the augmented reality exhibit, told from the perspective of a child with obsessive-compulsive disorder.**

The Infinity Rainbow Club is volunteering at the local natural history museum where Violet's parents work. Violet loves setting up the new augmented reality exhibit, but she worries that something will go wrong. Her OCD has her repeatedly checking for errors. Can Violet find a way to trust her work and enjoy the exhibit?



<i>Category:</i>	Nonfiction
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	7-10
<i>Material:</i>	Layouts
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**Jen Malia** is an associate professor of English and the creative writing coordinator at Norfolk State University. Originally from Pittsburgh, Jen currently lives in Virginia Beach with her husband and three kids. Jen has written for the New York Times, the Washington Post, New York Magazine, Woman's Day, Glamour, Self, Catapult, and others. Jen is the author of *Too Sticky! Sensory Issues with Autism*. Jen was diagnosed with ASD in her late thirties and has three neurodivergent kids with different combinations of ASD, ADHD, OCD, dyslexia, and dysgraphia.

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# **YA BOOKS**

# ONE WITH THE WAVES

**Vezna Andrews**

**Santa Monica Press, May 2023**

## **Can surfing change your life?**

For Ellie, it most certainly does.

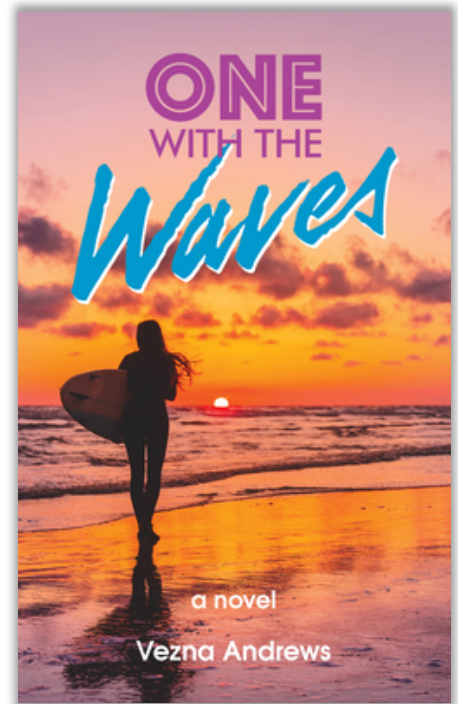
Vezna Andrews' debut novel is set in 1980s Southern California, where fifteen-year-old Ellie discovers herself through her love of surfing. Born and raised in New York City, Ellie's world is turned upside down when her father unexpectedly dies and her mother sends her to Manhattan Beach, California to live with her aunt and uncle. Ellie's new home is a sharp contrast to the loft in New York City's garment district where she grew up.

Heartbroken about her dad, and worried about her mom, who drinks too much, Ellie doesn't fit in with the preppie girls at her new Southern California school, who eventually gang up on and bully her. Thankfully, with the encouragement of her aunt and uncle, she discovers surfing, which becomes her passion and her refuge. While surfing California's wild coast, Ellie experiences surfing's spiritual, healing qualities, including magical experiences with wild dolphins, whales, and sealions.

Eventually, Ellie finds a group of like-minded friends, develops a crush on fellow surfer Nick, and grows extremely close to her Aunt Jen, Uncle Charlie, and their community of surfers. Through surfing, Ellie develops the confidence and strength needed to navigate her own path in life—surfing literally saves her, and changes her relationship with her mother forever.

<i>Category:</i>	Fiction
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	15+
<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Santa Monica Press

**Vezna Andrews** when not writing, is either surfing with the dolphins, w at the skate park with her son, or painting in her studio. An artist as well as an author, Vezna is especially proud to be a "soul surfer" mom sponsored by her local surf shop. She is excited to share her debut novel, *One with the Waves*, with readers. Vezna lives with her family in the South Bay of Los Angeles. You can visit her at [VeznaAndrews.com](http://VeznaAndrews.com).



# CHASING DREAMS

*The True Story of the Youngest Female Tevis Cup Champion*

**Sanoma Blakeley**

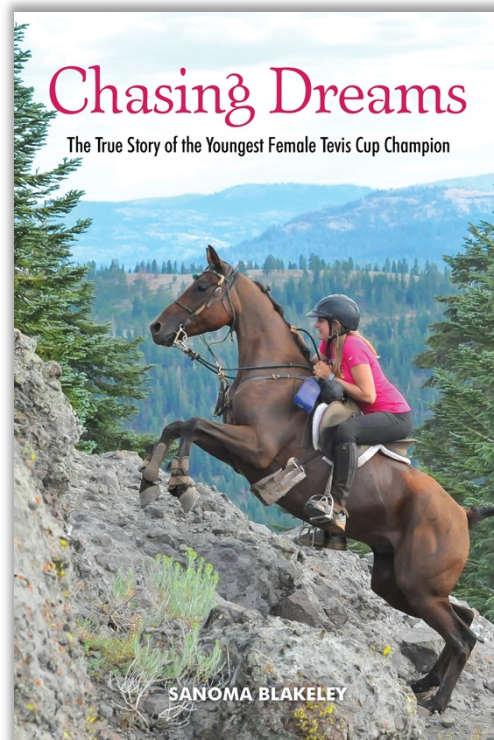
**Santa Monica Press, June 2023**

*Chasing Dreams* is the incredible, action-packed memoir of Sanoma Blakeley's 2019 Tevis Cup championship, won while riding her beloved horse Goober, and the tale of how she became the youngest woman to ever become a Tevis Cup champion. Beginning her endurance riding career at the age of seven, Blakeley writes about the years of training and teamwork required to win the most challenging and famous 100-mile horse race in the world aboard a horse she had originally acquired for free off of Craigslist.

Blakeley places readers on the ride with her so that they can experience the thrill of the most exciting horse endurance race in existence. Blakeley and Goober survive narrow mountain trails winding through the Sierra-Nevadas, containing over 19,000 feet of elevation gain; three steep, grueling canyons; crossing a shoulder-high river; riding at night with only the light of the moon to guide them; temperatures that soared over 115 degrees; and, most excitingly, the final neck-and-neck sprint to the finish against a four-time Tevis Cup champion and world class competitor after 100 miles of some of the most rugged mountain trails in the world.

When Blakeley and Goober cross the finish line just a few feet ahead of their competition and Blakeley becomes the youngest woman in history to win the Tevis Cup, a lifetime of hard work that began when the author started training as a small child and who had long dreamed of winning the Tevis Cup was finally rewarded. *Chasing Dreams* contains action, heartwarming twists, and an epic ending that will leave readers in tears.

<i>Category:</i>	Memoir
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	12-15
<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Santa Monica Press



**Sanoma Blakeley** is the youngest woman to have ever won the Tevis Cup, the most famous 100-mile endurance horse race in the world. Blakeley began competing in endurance horse when she was seven years old, and has since competed in 99 competitions with 31 different horses. She has won 25 races, placed second 11 times, and finished third 14 times. When she won the Tevis Cup in 2019, she was 18 years old, and was featured on CNN and dozens of other media outlets. Blakeley lives near Bend, Oregon, where she works at her family's renowned horse training facility, Blakeley Endurance Stables.

# ACTS OF RESISTANCE

**Dominic Carrillo**

**Santa Monica Press, March 2023**

Between 1943 and 1944, nearly 50,000 Bulgarian Jews were rescued from the Holocaust, including thousands who had already been rounded up and put on trains bound for death camps in Poland. Dominic Carrillo's suspenseful novel *Acts of Resistance* is based on the true story of this incredibly heroic effort by the citizens of Bulgaria. In Carrillo's powerful account, he skillfully weaves together a thrilling tale told by three alternating teenage narrators.

Misho, an 18-year-old Jewish boy, is a prominent archbishop's driver, hiding his identity while helping his boss directly challenge the Bulgarian government's pro-Nazi policies.

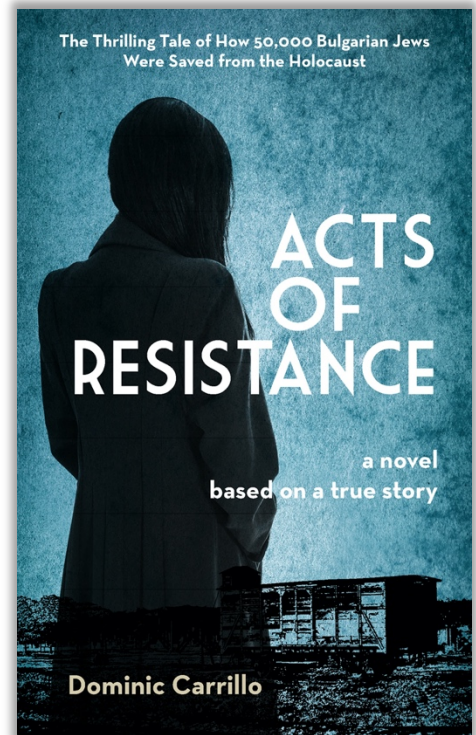
Peter, 17, is determined to save his Jewish neighbors by confronting parliament members in the capital, then taking up arms to fight with a partisan rebel communist group.

Lily, 19, works for the collaborationist government office in charge of evicting and deporting Jews to concentration camps. When she witnesses the evil results of her desk job, Lily becomes a spy who leaks information to Jewish community leaders in order to prevent further atrocities.

As the characters' lives become more endangered and their unsung roles in saving Jewish citizens are revealed, the reader is treated to a tension-filled adventure surrounding one of the greatest unknown acts of heroism associated with the Holocaust. *Acts of Resistance* will have you on the edge of your seat as Misho, Peter, and Lily face and overcome extremely perilous situations, ultimately triumphing as they each help to lead the people of Bulgaria to rise up against the Nazis and save nearly 50,000 Jews from extinction.

<i>Category:</i>	Historical Fiction
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	15+
<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Santa Monica Press

**Dominic Carrillo** is the author of *The Improbable Rise of Paco Jones* (winner of the SDBA for best YA, 2017), *The Unusual Suspects* (IAN Book Award finalist & SDBA winner, 2018), and its sequel, *Nia & the Dealer* (2019). His short story "Ghetto is Not an Adjective" is featured in the YA collection *Living Beyond Borders* (2021, Penguin). Originally from San Diego, California, he now lives and works in Sofia, Bulgaria.



# 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.

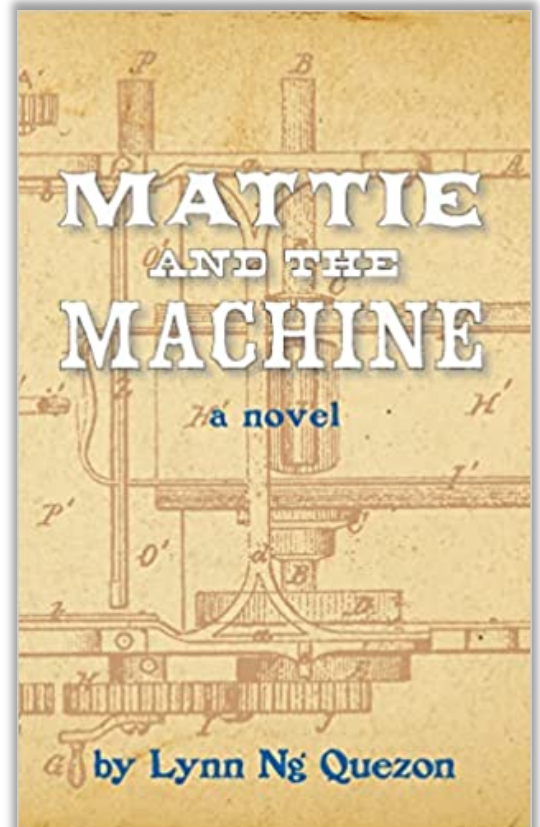
In 1868 New England, fifteen-year-old Mattie is a mechanic in a paper company's all-female bag division. With paper bag sales booming after the Civil War, her boss expands the division by hiring men from his old Army regiment, including the mechanic Frank. Sparks instantly fly between Mattie and Frank, 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>	PDF
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Santa Monica Press

**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.



**RECENTLY  
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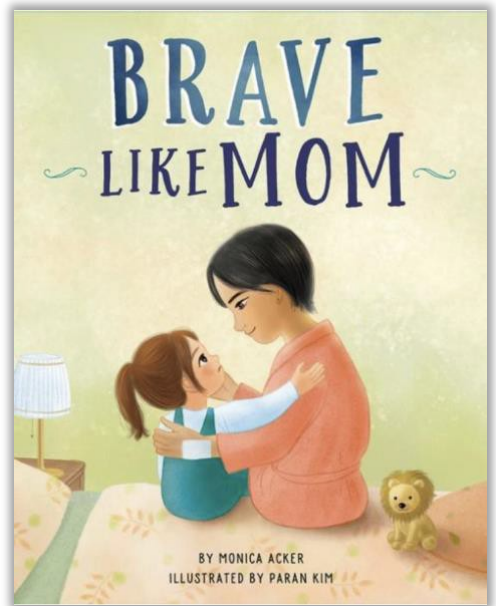
# BRAVE LIKE MOM

**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.

<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
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books



**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.

# Railroad Engineer Olive Dennis

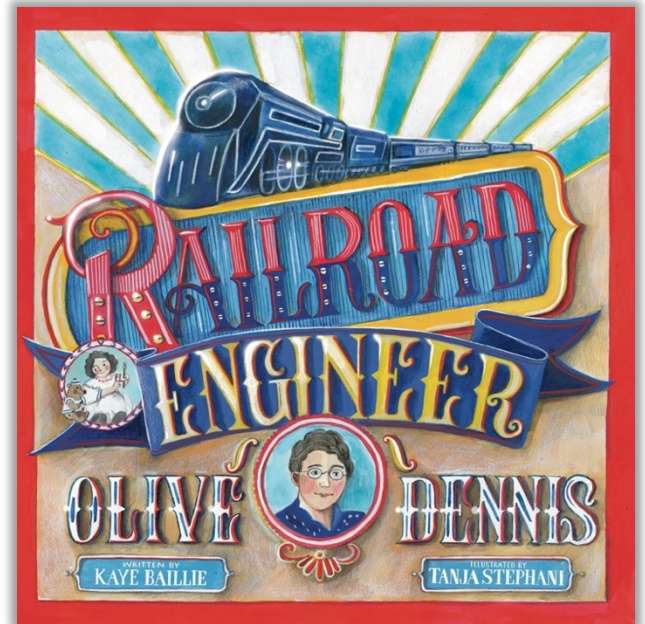
Kaye Baillie, illustrator Tanja Stephani

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.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book / Nonfiction
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	5-8
<i>Material:</i>	Layouts
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
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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](http://kayebaillie.com).

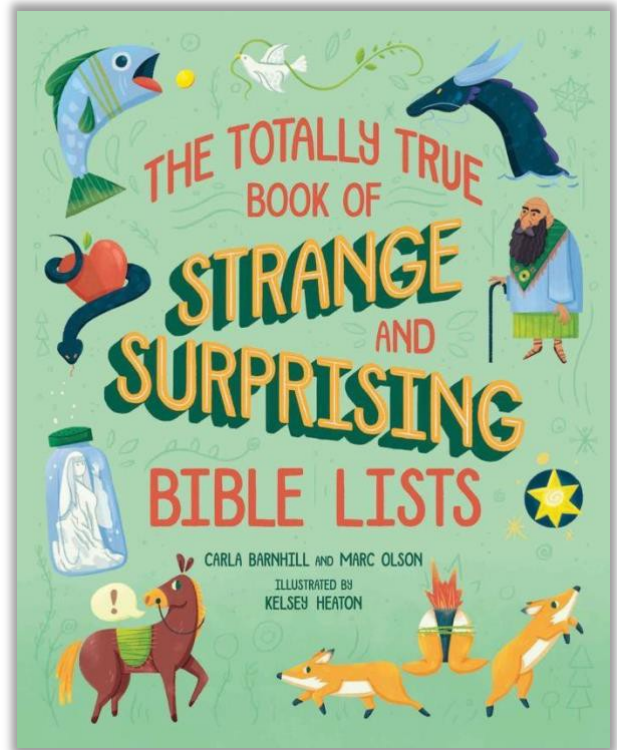
# THE TOTALLY TRUE BOOK OF STRANGE AND SURPRISING BIBLE LISTS

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.



Category:	Nonfiction
Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:	Translation
Ages:	9-13
Material:	Layouts
Format:	Full Color throughout
Rights Sold on behalf of:	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.

# THE ANIMALS SPEAK

*A Christmas Eve Legend*

Marion Dane Bauer, illustrated by

Brittany Baugus

Beaming Books, October 2021

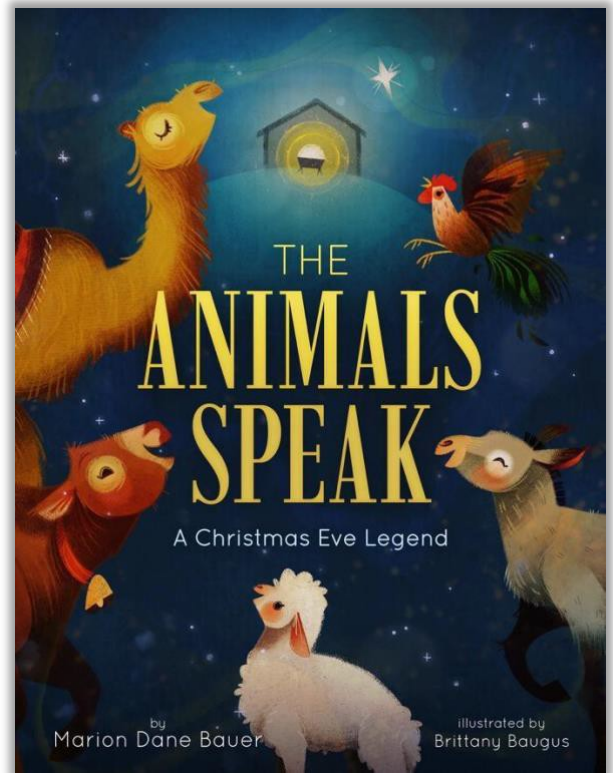
*Praise for THE ANIMALS SPEAK:*

"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.



<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	5-8
<i>Material:</i>	Layouts
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books

**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.

# RELIGION AROUND THE WORLD

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

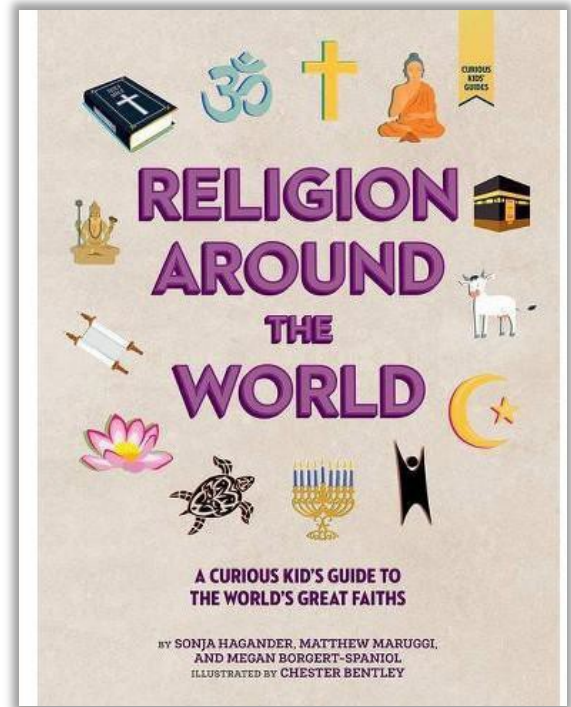
**Illustrated by Chester Bentley**

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.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book/Nonfiction
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	8-12
<i>Material:</i>	Manuscript
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books



**Sonja Hagander** is an ordained clergyperson 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.

# YOU ARE REVOLUTIONARY

Cindy Wang Brandt, illustrated

by Lynnor Bontigao

Beaming Books, October 2021

**Praise for *YOU ARE REVOLUTIONARY*:**

"An uplifting, simply worded picture book about noticing injustice and making change in the world."

—*Publishers Weekly*

**You have what it takes to change the world!**

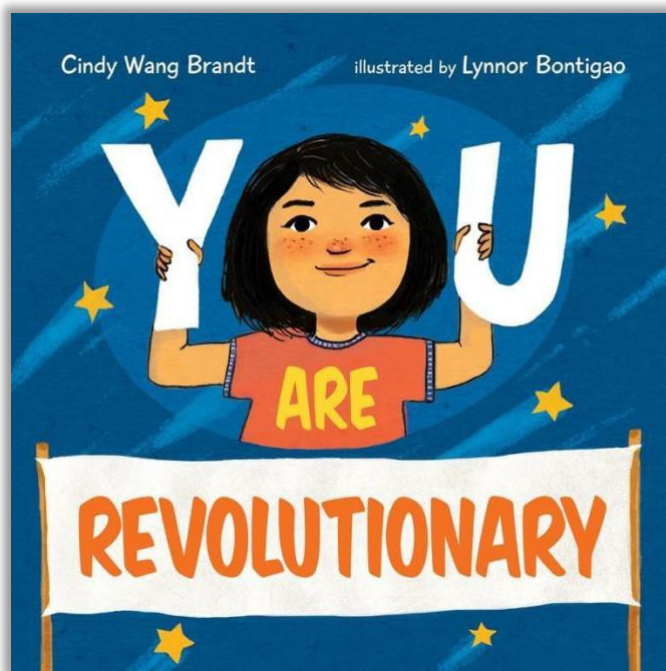
This is the empowering message parenting author and podcaster Cindy Wang Brandt wants every child to hear and embrace. In this inspiring picture book she speaks to every child who sees injustice in the world, revealing that they already have inside themselves everything they need to make big, transformative change in the world--just as they are. Every kid is a revolutionary! You don't need to wait until you grow up. You don't even need any special skills. Kids who are loud, kids who are quiet, kids who make art, kids who are good at math, kids with lots of energy, kids who are good listeners--all kids have what it takes to make a difference.

Lynnor Bontigao's vibrant illustrations feature a diverse group of children taking up a call to action and using their individual gifts to change the world.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	5-8
<i>Material:</i>	Layouts
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books

**Cindy Wang Brandt** is the author of *Parenting Forward: How to Raise Children with Justice, Mercy, and Kindness*. She is the host of Parenting Forward podcast and the Parenting Forward conference. She's also the founder of the popular Facebook group Raising Children Unfundamentalist. Cindy writes at [cindywangbrandt.com](http://cindywangbrandt.com). You can also find her on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Cindy lives in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, with her husband and two children.

**Lynnor Bontigao** has loved drawing ever since she was a young child in the Philippines. Lynnor is also the illustrator of *Jack & Agyu*, written by Justine Villanueva. She is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and won the 2020 SCBWI Tomie dePaola Professional Development Award. She lives in New Jersey with her husband, two kids, and one tiny dog.



# A LITTLE BIT OF DIRT

*55+ Science and Art Activities to Reconnect Children with Nature*

**Asia Citro**

Innovation Press, March 2016

*Praise for A LITTLE BIT OF DIRT:*

"Helping a child forge deep connections with nature is among the most powerful and lasting gifts that any of us can give...In this delightful book, Asia Citro offers up a smorgasbord of engaging activities, many of them marrying art and science as a catalyst to wonder. With *A Little Bit of Dirt* in your hands, you're well on your way to becoming a star nature mentor for the kids in your life!"

—**Scott D. Sampson**, host of the hit PBS KIDS series *DinosaurTrain*, and author of *How to Raise a Wild Child*

"*A Little Bit of Dirt* will guide, inspire, and encourage you to spend more time in nature as a family. This resourceful book contains many exciting project ideas designed to engage children and their parents while providing valuable lessons about nature and its processes. The Extensions ideas in each chapter are a wonderful way to scaffold the learning and increase children's problem solving skills through open-ended questions." —**Erin Kenny**, Director of Cedarsong Nature School Author of *Forest Kindergartens: The Cedarsong Way*

"*A Little Bit of Dirt* hits the right mark for giving parents, kids, and families simple and tangible ways for connecting with nature—just beyond the doorstep. Enticing photographs accompany fun, interactive exercises. An inspiring addition to the Nature Activity section of your bookshelf." —**Clare Walker Leslie**, author of *The Nature Connection* and *Keeping a Nature Journal*

**Dandelion Bubbles, Rain Drums, Seed Bomb Lollipops and more!**

Bursting with creative hands-on outdoor science and art activities, *A Little Bit of Dirt* is full of motivation to get outside and explore. Whether you're investigating the health of your local stream, making beautiful acrylic sunprints with leaves and flowers, running an experiment with your backyard birds, or concocting nature potions, you'll be fostering an important connection with nature. The engaging activities encourage the use of the senses and imagination and are perfect for all ages. Discover more about the natural world waiting just outside your door!

<i>Category:</i>	Nature Activity/Nature Education
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Material:</i>	Finished Copies
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Innovation Press
<i>Sold to:</i>	Hep Kitap ( <b>Turkish</b> ), Beijing Green Beans Book Co. ( <b>Simplified Chinese</b> )

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# FLOWING WITH THE PEARLRIVER

*Memoir of a Red China Girl*

**Amy Chan Zhou**

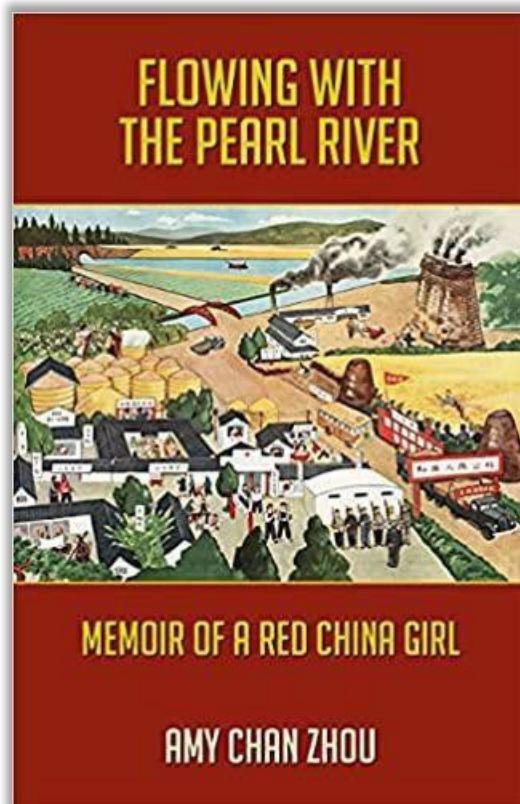
Santa Monica Press, February 2022

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 stageduring "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
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Format:</i>	Paperback
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Santa Monica Press

**Amy Chan Zhou** was born in 1964 in Guangzhou, China and immigrated to the United States in 1979. She is currently working at the Montgomery County Public School system in Maryland as a substitute teacher and interpreter.

# CRAFTING CALM

*Art and Activities for Mindful Kids*

**Megan Borgert-Spaniol and Lauren Kukla, illustrated by Aruna Rangarajan**

Beaming Books, November 2020

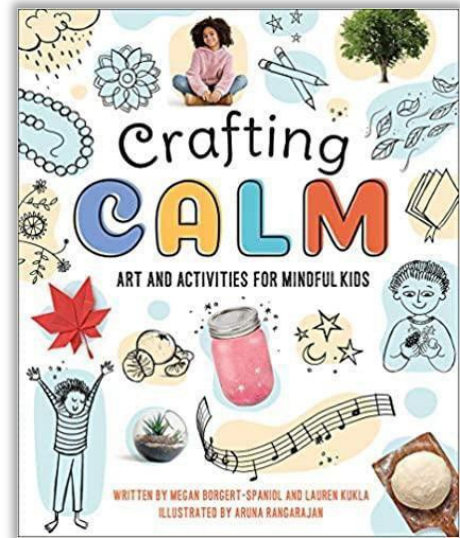
**Praise for CRAFTING CALM:**

"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 managstress in the context of physical distancing and COVID-19."

—*School Library Journal*

"*Crafting Calm* is filled with a wonderful assortment of creative activities and practices that will engage kids to help them put mindfulness into practice. This isa fantastic resource for parents and educators."

—**Gabi Garcia, author of *Listening to My Body***



"A wonderful, hands-on approach to mindfulness and creativity. Parents and teachers will find themselves calming downalongside their children as they ease into each creative activity." —**Dr. Christopher Willard, PsyD, author of *Growing Up Mindful, Alphabreaths, and Breathing Makes It Better***

"Crafting Calm is a beautifully illustrated treasury of activities to help children focus their mind, engage their heart, andshare their wisdom with the world." —**Whitney Stewart, author of *Mindful Me: Mindfulness and Meditation for Kids***

"Crafting Calm manages to be both upbeat and soothing, a thoroughly satisfying blend of mindfulness crafts, 'Put It to Use' applications, and exercises." —**Kate Coombs, author of *Breathe and Be***

Mindfulness is a powerful practice to help kids find calm in the midst of everyday stress – but how to make itaccessible and fun?

In *Crafting Calm: Art and Activities for Mindful Kids*, kids engage in and practice mindfulness through fun and easy exercises, quizzes, crafts, and activities, with the goal of learning a deeper sense of calm, peace, joy, and connection to the world around them, all while improving intelligence, boosting self-esteem, and reducing anxiety. Perfect fofr kids to do alone or with the help of an adult, the activities in *Crafting Calm* will have kids playing, tinkering, creating, and doodling their way to peaceful, balanced minds.

<i>Category:</i>	Activity Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Control:</i>	Translation
<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Format:</i>	Illustrated Paperback
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books

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

**Lauren Kukla** is an 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

# THE CURIOUS KID'S SCIENCE BOOK

100+ Creative Hands-On Activities for Ages 4-8

Asia Citro

Innovation Press, September 2015

*Praise for THE CURIOUS KID'S SCIENCE BOOK:*

"The Curious Kid's Science Book is not just another book of experiments to fill a rainy day. This book guides parents through the process of inspiring a sense curiosity in children, and developing a set of skills to help them problem solve, and be scientific thinkers...Full of easy, fun, and meaningful science activities, its real value is its approach to helping parents inspire a sense of exploration and discovery that will benefit their children long after they have grown."

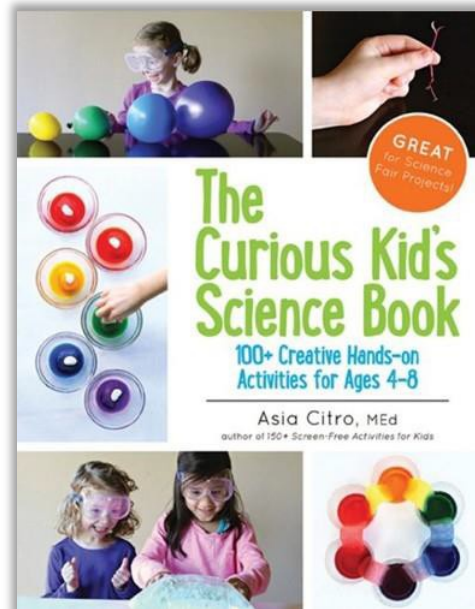
—Bob Pflugfelder, Founder of ScienceBob.com and seen on Jimmy Kimmel Live and Live with Kelly and Michael

"This is a delightful book that draws on a child's natural curiosity to impart the basics of scientific inquiry...Children will love it and parents will learn some things, too."—Dr. Henry L. Roediger, Distinguished Professor at Washington University in St. Louis and author of *Make It Stick: The Science of Successful Learning*

"What *The Curious Kid's Science Book* does so well, which so many science books for kids tend to miss, is the celebration of this innate curiosity and penchant for experimentation...This book encourages children...to ask their own questions and think like real scientists!" —Rachelle Doorleym, Arts Educator at TinkerLab.com and author of *Tinkerlab: A Hands-On Guide for Little Inventors*

**What happens if you water plants with juice? Where can you find bacteria in your house? Is slug slime as strong as a glue stick?**

In *The Curious Kid's Science Book*, your child will learn to design his or her own science investigations to determine the answers! Children will learn to ask their own scientific questions, discover value in failed experiments, and—most importantly—have a blast with science. The 100+ hands-on activities in the book use household items to playfully teach important science, technology, engineering, and math skills. Each creative activity includes age-appropriate explanations and real life applications of the concepts covered. Adding science to your at-home schedule will make a positive impact on your child's learning. Just one experiment a week will help build children's confidence and excitement about the sciences, boost success in the classroom, and give them the tools to design and execute their own science fair projects.



<i>Category:</i>	Science Activity/Science Education
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
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# VROOM VROOM GARBAGE TRUCK

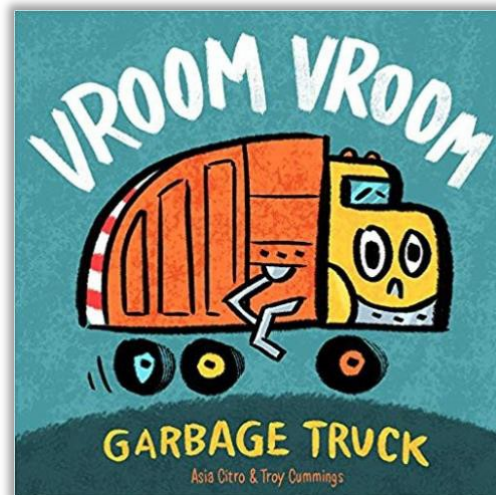
Asia Citro, illustrated by Troy Cummings

Innovation Press, October 2018

*Praise for VROOM VROOM GARBAGE TRUCK:*

★ “A 28-page tour de force of a board book that is even better than its title would suggest. Given a toddler’s natural fascination for heavy equipment in general and for garbage trucks in particular, this volume could have offered far less and still been a hit. But, surprise, **this cleverly written and lovingly rendered volume should prove an absolute delight for caregivers and tots alike.** This onomatopoeic opus is ideal read-aloud fun, a slice-of-life snapshot of a garbage truck featuring all the signature sounds that alert tykes that the truck is nearby... The illustrations are charming and economical, imbuing the protagonist with huge amounts of personality with surprisingly few (satisfyingly thick) lines.... The smiling truck dumps its load from its aft end in a panel that could have come from a book on potty training and then heads home for the night. The book may be about garbage, but it’s **pure gold.**”

—*Kirkus Reviews, starred review*



**Whoop WHOOSH whoop WHOOSH click clack BUMP!**

Bright and cheerful illustrations come together with a giggle-worthy variety of noises in this rhythmic tale of a garbage truck's day. The illustrations provide young children with a truckload of opportunities to practice counting 0-5 and to work on beginning inference skills. The story rolls to a gentle close, making it a perfect bedtime choice for little truck fans.

<i>Category:</i>	Board Book
<i>Ages:</i>	0-5
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Innovation Press

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# STRONGMAN

*The Rise of Five Dictators and the Fall of Democracy*

**Kenneth C. Davis**

Henry Holt, October 2020

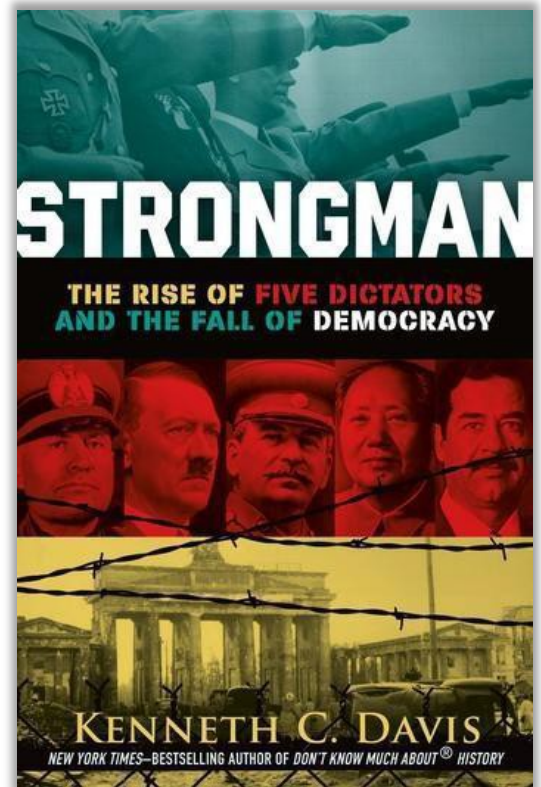
**Praise for STRONGMAN:**

"History's warnings reverberate in this gripping read about five dictatorial strongmen. A pitch-perfect balance of nuanced reflection and dire warning."  
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"This captivating history of five depraved 'strongmen' offers a timely warning about the need to protect democracy.... A fascinating, highly readable portrayal of infamous men that provides urgent lessons for democracy now."  
—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"Rarely does a history book take such an unflinching look at our common future, where the very presence of democracy is less than certain; even rarer is a history book in which the author's moral convictions incite young readers to civic engagement; rarest of all, a history book as urgent, as impassioned, and as timely as Kenneth C. Davis' *Strongman*."

—Eugene Yelchin, author of the Newbery Honor book *Breaking Stalin's Nose*



**From the bestselling author of the Don't Know Much About® books comes a dramatic account of the origins of democracy, the history of authoritarianism, and the reigns of five of history's deadliest dictators.**

What makes a country fall to a dictator? How do authoritarian leaders—strongmen—capable of killing millions acquire their power? How are they able to defeat the ideal of democracy? And what can we do to make sure it doesn't happen again?

By profiling five of the most notoriously ruthless dictators in history—Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, Joseph Stalin, Mao Zedong, and Saddam Hussein—Kenneth C. Davis seeks to answer these questions, examining the forces in these strongmen's personal lives and historical periods that shaped the leaders they'd become.

Meticulously researched and complete with photographs, *Strongman* provides insight into the lives of five leaders who callously transformed the world and serves as an invaluable resource in an era when democracy itself seems in peril.

<i>Category:</i>	History
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	4-8
<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Format:</i>	Hardcover with photos
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Kenneth C. Davis c/o Redbridge LLC
<i>Sold to:</i>	CheongSongjae (Korean)

**Kenneth C. Davis** is the *New York Times*-bestselling author of the *America's Hidden History* and Don't Know Much About@History. He is also the author of the ALA Notable and YALSA finalist *In the Shadow of Liberty*. A frequent guest on national television and radio, Davis enjoys Skype visits with middle- and high-school classrooms to discuss history. He lives in New York City. He can be found at [dontknowmuch.com](http://dontknowmuch.com).

# MORE DEADLY THAN WAR

*The Hidden History of the Spanish Flu and the First World War*

**Kenneth C. Davis**

Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, May 2018

A Junior Library Guild Selection

A *Washington Post* Best Children's Book of the Month

**Praise for MORE DEADLY THAN WAR:**

"Davis' account untangles the scientific advances, international conflicts and cultural currents that shaped this catastrophic event."

—*The Washington Post*

"Davis deftly juggles compelling storytelling, gruesome details, and historical context. *More Deadly Than War* reads like a terrifying dystopian novel—that happens to be true."

—Steve Sheinkin, author of *Bomb and Undefeated*

"*More Deadly Than War* is a riveting story of the great influenza pandemic of 1918, packed with unforgettable examples of the power of a virus gone rogue. Kenneth C. Davis's book serves as an important history—and an important reminder that we could very well face such a threat again."

—Deborah Blum, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Poison Guide: One Chemist's Single-Minded Crusade for Food Safety at the Turn of the Twentieth Century*

"With eye-popping details, Kenneth C. Davis tracks the deadly flu that shifted the powers in World War I and changed the course of world history. In an age of Ebola and Zika, this vivid account is a cautionary tale that will have you rushing to wash your hands for protection."

—Karen Blumenthal, award-winning author of *Jane Against the World: Roe v. Wade and the Fight for Reproductive Rights*

"Davis once again makes history accessible for students from the middle grades through high school."

—VOYA, Starred Review

"Engaging and illuminating."

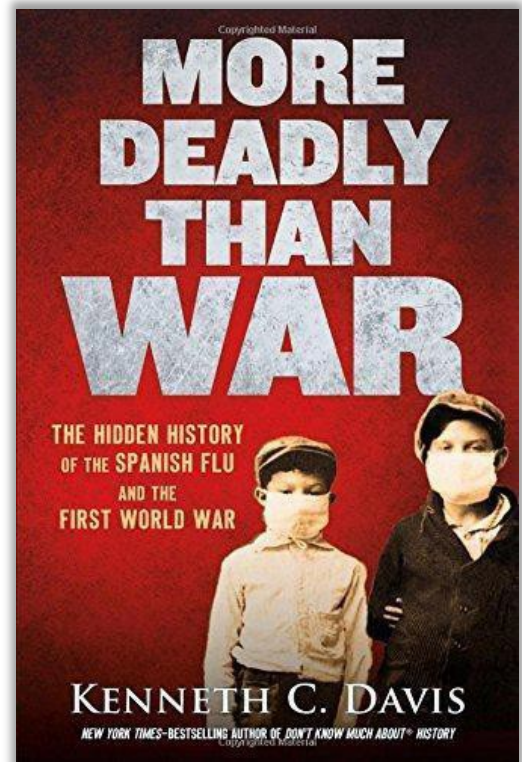
—Booklist

"The smooth narrative excels at connecting the epidemic and the war . . . informative."

—Kirkus Reviews

"Davis puts a human face on the pandemic, interlacing tales of political, military, and civilian luminaries struck by the flu...Davis also assiduously documents modern medical research and puts the pandemic in the context of medical history."

—Publishers Weekly



***New York Times* bestselling author Kenneth C. Davis explores the hidden history of the Spanish influenza pandemic during World War I.**

2018 marked the 100th anniversary of the worst disease outbreak in modern times: the Spanish flu, a story even more relevant today. This dramatic narrative, told through the stories and voices of the people caught in the deadly maelstrom, explores how this vast, global epidemic was intertwined with the horrors of World War I—and how it could happen again.

Complete with photographs, period documents, modern research, and firsthand reports by medical professionals and survivors, *More Deadly Than War* provides captivating insight into a catastrophe that transformed America in the early twentieth century.

<i>Category:</i>	History
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	10-14
<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Format:</i>	Illustrated / Chapter Book
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Kenneth C. Davis c/o Redbridge LLC

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# THE HOUSE THAT CLEANED ITSELF

*The True Story of Frances Gabe's (Mostly) Marvelous Invention*

Laura Dershwitz and Susan Romberg, illustrated by

Meghann Rader

Innovation Press, September 2019

*Praise for THE HOUSE THAT CLEANED ITSELF:*

"...enthusiasm, purpose, and originality shine through in this gently humorous selection, showing that effort is worthwhile, and besides, "maybe one day a young inventor will figure out how to build on Frances's ideas— and go out and do something about it."...This quirky selection shows the livelyinner life of a less-than-successful inventor who followed her dreams." — *Kirkus Reviews*

Like most of us, Frances Gabe detested housework—she found cleaning a "nerve-twangling bore". Unlike most of us, she invented a contraption to free herself from this tedious task forever: a self-cleaning house! Gabe's wacky, wonderful home included almost 70 new patented inventions, from a soap-spraying sprinkler in the ceiling to a kitchen cabinet that washed, dried, and stored dishes all in one place. Though Gabe's invention didn't catch on, her determination and clever thinking remind us that we don't have to accept the world as it is; we can improve it using our minds and our own two hands.



<i>Category:</i>	Nonfiction/Biography
<i>Ages:</i>	6-10
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Material:</i>	Finished Copies
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Innovation Press

**Laura Dershwitz** would much rather do crosswords—or anything, really—than housework. A former high school English teacher, Laura currently works in educational publishing. She lives in the Chicago area with her husband, daughter, and self-cleaning cats.

**Susan Romberg** wishes her house would clean itself—especially her kids' rooms. When she's not scraping gum off the floor, Susan writes and edits educational materials. She lives with her family outside of Chicago and sometimes runs into Laura Dershwitz at the grocery store.

**Meghann Rader** is an illustrator from Vancouver Island, Canada. She has a BFA from the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design and spent several years showing and selling her original artwork before discovering that illustration was her true calling. Her art has since been featured on greeting cards, stationery and textiles around the world. *The House That Cleaned Itself* is her first picture book.

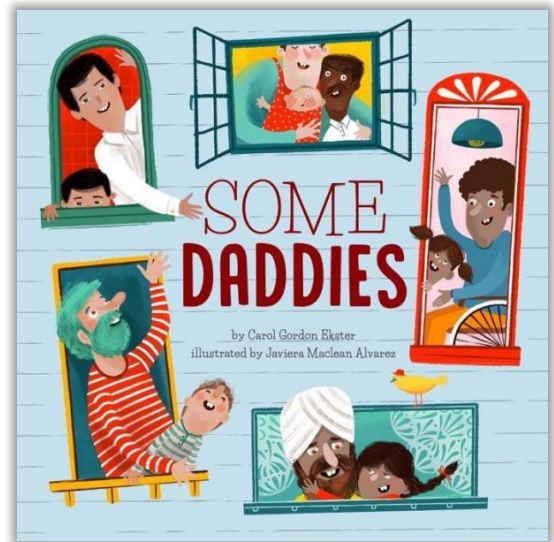
# SOME DADDIES

Carol Gordon Ekster, illustrated by  
Javiera Maclean Alvarez

Beaming Books, May 2022

Every daddy is different--and that makes them even more special!

"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.

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

**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.

# EVELYN THE ADVENTUROUS ENTOMOLOGIST

*The True Story of a World-Traveling Bug Hunter*

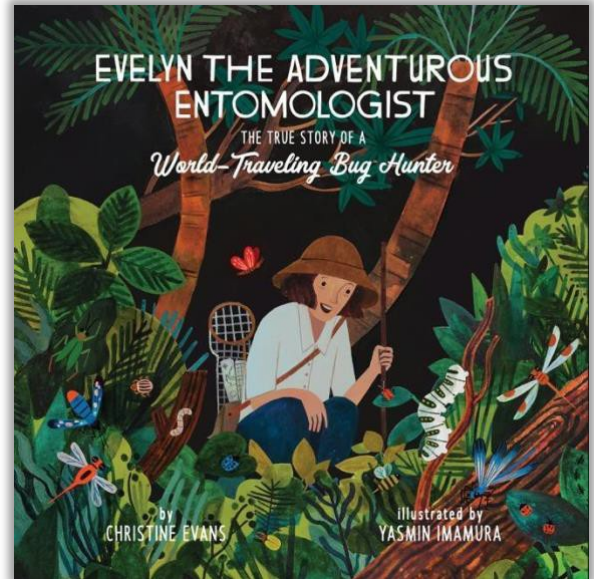
**Christine Evans, Illustrations**

**by Yasmin Imamura**

Innovation Press, September 2019

*Praise for EVELYN THE ADVENTUROUS ENTOMOLOGIST:*

"Lucy Evelyn Cheesman, who went by her middle name, studied to be a canine nurse and later became the first woman curator of the London Zoo's insect house. Evelyn traveled across the globe to study and gather specimens of insects; this was her passion.... This volume highlights key points of Evelyn's life, and she is always portrayed as a wide-eyed, jaunty, inquisitive person who never let societal norms keep her down. The book's tag line emphasizes the fact that 'she went anyway.' This is a great mantra for readers of this work. VERDICT A valued addition for all STEM collections and one that may especially inspire young women facing similar adversity." —*School Library Journal*



Back in 1881, when Evelyn Cheesman was born, English girls were expected to be clean and dressed in frilly dresses. But Evelyn crawled in dirt and collected glow worms in jars. When girls grew up they were expected to marry and look after children. But Evelyn took charge of the London Zoo insect house, filling it with crawling and fluttering specimens and breathing life back into the dusty exhibits. In the early 1920s, women were expected to stay home, but Evelyn embarked on eight solo expeditions to distant islands. She collected over 70,000 insect specimens, discovered new species, had tangles with sticky spider webs, and tumbled from a cliff. Inspire children to believe in their dreams and blaze their own trail with the story of Evelyn's amazing life!

<i>Category:</i>	Nonfiction/Biography
<i>Ages:</i>	6-10
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Material:</i>	Finished Copies
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Innovation Press
<i>Sold to:</i>	WordField Publishing ( <b>Complex Chinese</b> ), KIDARY Publishing ( <b>Korean</b> )

**Christine Evans** is a British author living in California with her husband and daughters. Her work has been featured in *Highlights* and *High Five* magazines. *Evelyn the Adventurous Entomologist* is Evans' first picture book.

**Yasmin Imamura** has illustrated and designed products for Anthropologie, Papyrus, Sanrio, and more. Her greeting card company, *Quill & Fox*, includes an in-studio shop of her hand-painted cards that are sold worldwide. Imamura grew up in Manila, Philippines and now lives in Portland, Oregon. Find more of her work at [YasImamura.com](http://YasImamura.com).

# ONCE UPON ANOTHER TIME

Matt Forrest Esenwine and Charles Ghigna, illustrated by Andrés F. Landazábal

Beaming Books, March 2021

**Praise for *ONCE UPON ANOTHER TIME*:**

“Beautiful images of long ago come together with lyrical text to transport readersto 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 ofnature.”

—*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*

“Ghigna and Esenwone take readers through an exploration of the world as it was before humans made their mark.Sweeping landscapes and up-close details of the natural world invite readers of all ages to appreciate, explore, andprotect our planet.”

—*Publishers Weekly, Environmental Kids' Books for 2021*

**Once upon another time, the world was young and new.If you want to know this world,there's something you can do...**

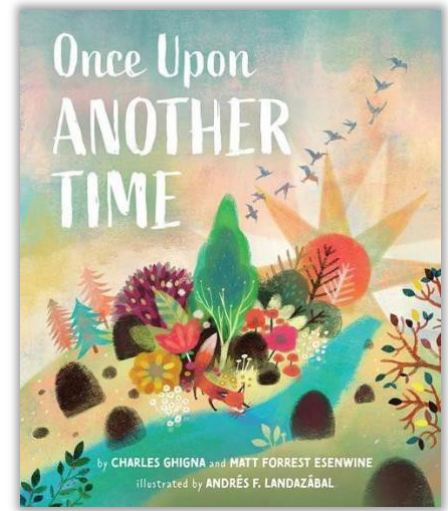
With sweeping landscapes and up-close details of the natural world, *Once Upon Another Time* takes readers through a lyrical exploration of the world as it was before humans made their mark. Contrasting the past with the present, this expansive picture book serves as a warm invitation for children--and all people--to appreciate, explore, and protect the magic and wonder of this planet we call home.

*Once Upon Another Time* is a stunning portrait of a world that used to exist, and can still be found--if you just knowwhere to look.

Category:	Picture Book
Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:	Translation
Ages:	4-8
Format:	Full Color throughout
Rights Sold on behalf of:	Beaming Books

**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*.

**Charles Ghigna, aka Father Goose®**, lives in a treehouse in the middle of Alabama. He is the author of over one hundred books from Random House, Simon & Schuster, Time Inc., Disney, Scholastic, Abrams, and other publishers. He has written more than five thousand poems that have appeared in anthologies, newspapers and



magazines ranging from *The New Yorker* and *Harper's* to *Highlights* and *Cricket* magazines. He speaks at schools, conferences, libraries, and literary events throughout the US and overseas, and has read his poems at the Library of Congress, the American Library in Paris, the American School in Paris, and the International Schools of South America.

**Andrés F. Landazábal** is an illustrator and art-director based in Armenia, Colombia. His work has appeared in film, television, and print for companies such as Sesame Street, Discovery Kids, and Fox. Landazábal's love for drawing and painting was instilled at a young age as he read classic illustrated children's books.

# GOD MADE ALL YOUR FEELINGS

Amanda Flinn, illustrated by Sejung Kim

Beaming Books, February 2022

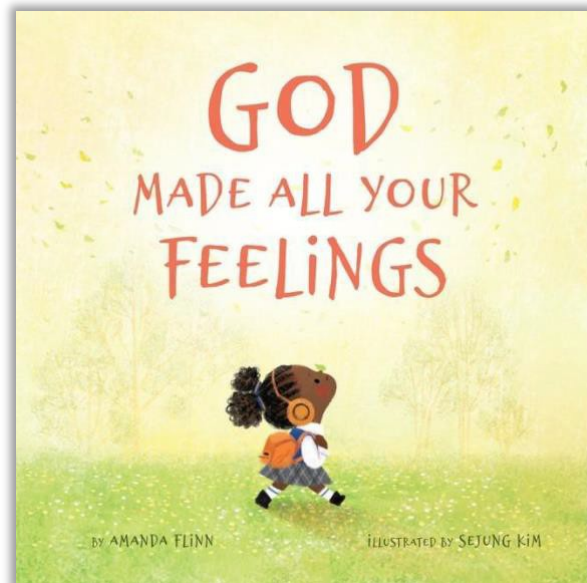
## ***Praise for GOD MADE ALL YOUR FEELINGS:***

“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.



<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
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books



***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.

# YOGA BABY

Amanda Flinn, illustrated by Shane Crampton

Beaming Books, June 2020

## ***Praise for YOGA BABY:***

"Recommended to encourage playful, patient parenting."

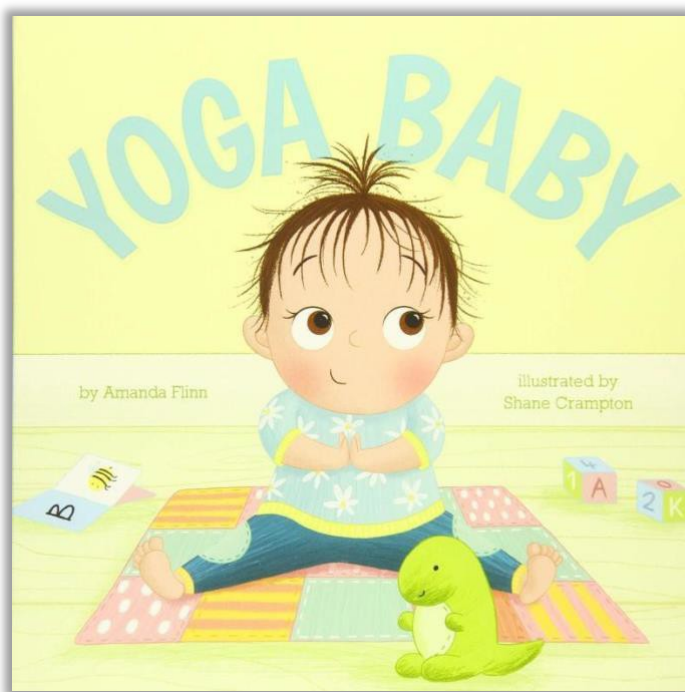
—*Kirkus Reviews*

## **A celebration of bodies and play for yoga-loving parents and little ones.**

Reaching, bending, rocking, and swaying--these are just a few of the moves a bouncy little baby tries when her mother practices yoga throughout the day. In the midst of a busy day, yoga turns out to be a surprising source of connection, fun, and giggles for mother and child.

Surprising and silly, *Yoga Baby* proves that it's never too early for parents and children to explore together what their bodies can do--never too early, in short, for the life-giving practice of yoga!

A guide in the back of the book provides tips and tricks for incorporating yoga practice into daily life with a young child.



<i>Category:</i>	Board Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	0-3
<i>Material:</i>	Final PDF
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books

**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.

**Shane Crampton** was born in St. Andrews, Scotland. She spent her childhood years growing up there, as well as in Aberdeen and the Shetland Islands. At the ripe old age of 29 she moved from Scotland to the other end of the country, to sunny (sometimes) Cornwall in South West England, where she still lives today with her husband and four sons and their two ridiculous dogs. Daughter to an extremely talented artistic and musical father, she was encouraged from an early age to embrace her creativity as much as possible by both parents.

# ROSALIND LOOKED CLOSER

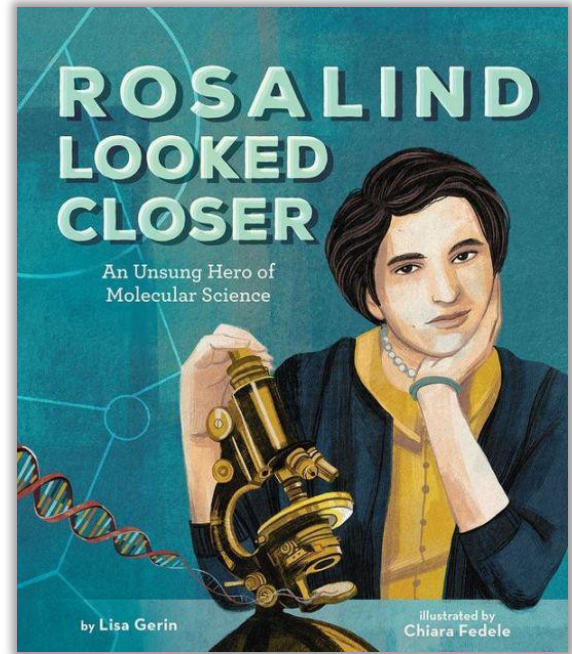
Lisa Gerin, Illustrated by Chiara Fedele

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 timewhen 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.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book/Nonfiction
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	4-8
<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books

**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.

# MONSTERS LIKE US

Amy Huntington

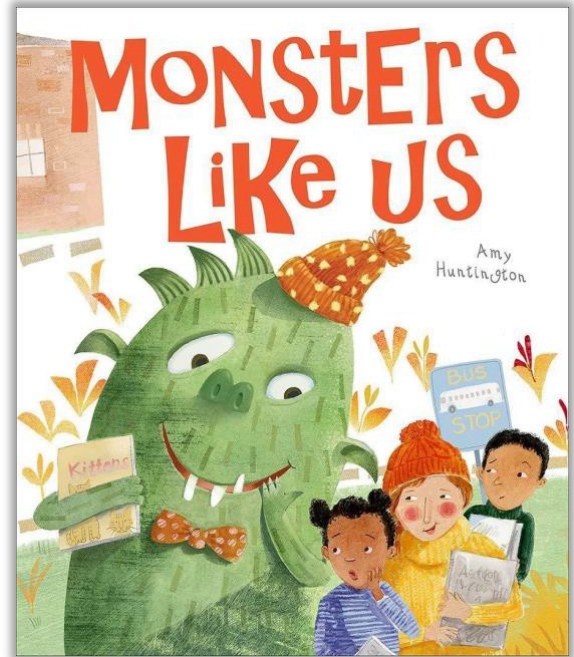
Beaming Books, April 2021

**A fun new twist on a monster picture book about how kids and monsters are more alike than different.**

Monsters may look and act scary, but deep down they're not so different from you and me. They talk and giggle, they read and clean their rooms, and they have ENORMOUS chompers for...eating ice cream!

This humorous book will have kids giggling and turning the pages as they discover that monsters aren't so scary after all--and discover their own inner monster.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	3-5
<i>Material:</i>	Layouts
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books



**Amy Huntington** began painting in kindergarten, using the ends of her pigtails for brushes. She drew castles, bicycles, sleds, cats, and her siblings with the chicken pox. In summer she wrote poems while tucked in the branches of her favorite tree.

Her first picture book, *One Monday*, had both Huntington's words and her art. She has since illustrated numerous books, including *Grandma Drove the Garbage Truck*; *Fresh-Picked Poetry: Poems from the Farmer's Market*; and *NINE: A Book of Nonet Poems*. Huntington lives with her husband, two wild cats, some hens, and two sheep in an old Vermont farmhouse that needs lots of care.

# THE REVENGE OF JOE WILD

*An American Tale of Murder, Escape, and Adventure*

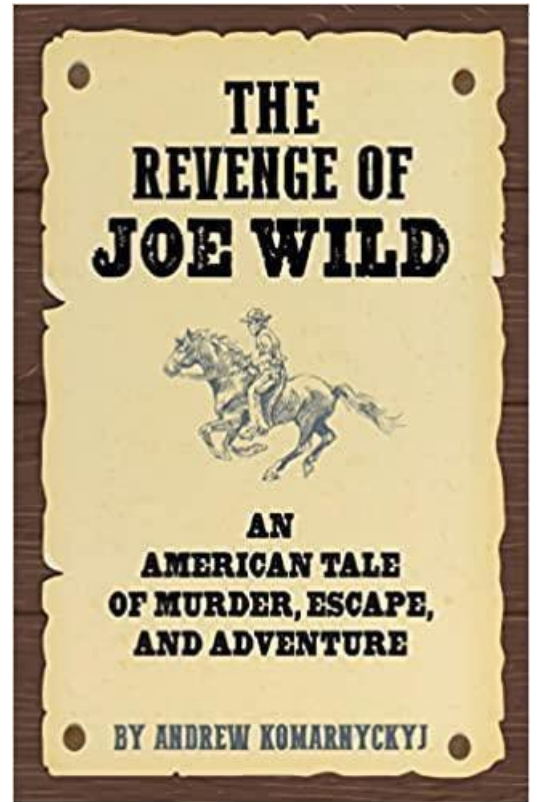
**Andrew Komarnyckj**

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
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Format:</i>	Paperback
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Santa Monica Press

**Andrew Komarnyckj** 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. Komarnyckj lives in the town of Huddersfield in England

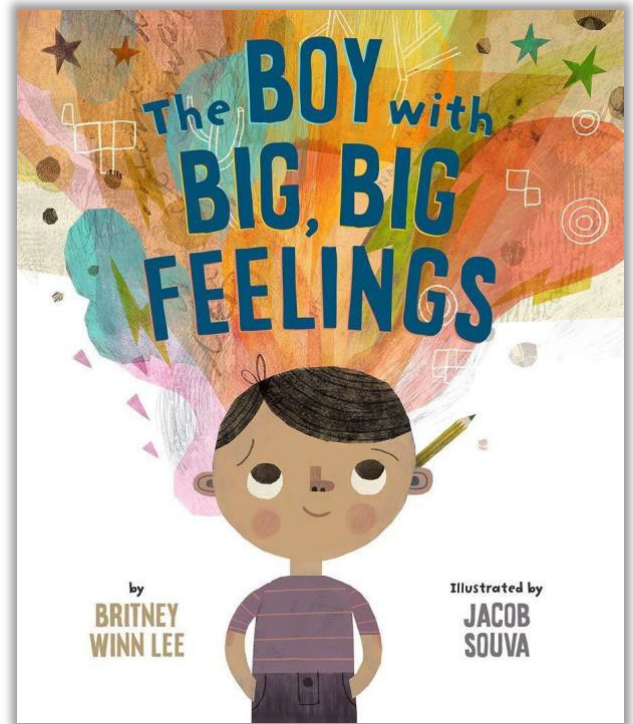
# THE BOY WITH BIG, BIG FEELINGS

Britney Winn Lee, illustrated by Jacob Souva

Beaming Books, August 2019

**Celebrates the gift of a sensitive spirit in a world that works to snuff it out.**

Meet a boy with feelings so big that they glow from his cheeks, spill out of his eyes, and jump up and down on his chest. When a loud truck drives by, he cries. When he hears a joke, he bursts with joy. When his loved ones are having a hard day, he feels their emotions as if they were his own. The boy tries to cope by stuffing down his feelings, but with a little help and artistic inspiration, the boy realizes his feelings are something to be celebrated. Written by debut picturebook author Britney Winn Lee and boldly illustrated by Jacob Souva, *The Boy with Big, Big Feelings* is relatable for any child, but especially for children experiencing anxiety and extreme emotions, or who have been diagnosed with autism or as a Highly Sensitive Person.



<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	4-8
<i>Material:</i>	Final PDF
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books
<i>Sold to:</i>	Sola Publishing ( <b>Turkish</b> )

**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*.

# MINI-MASTERPIECES

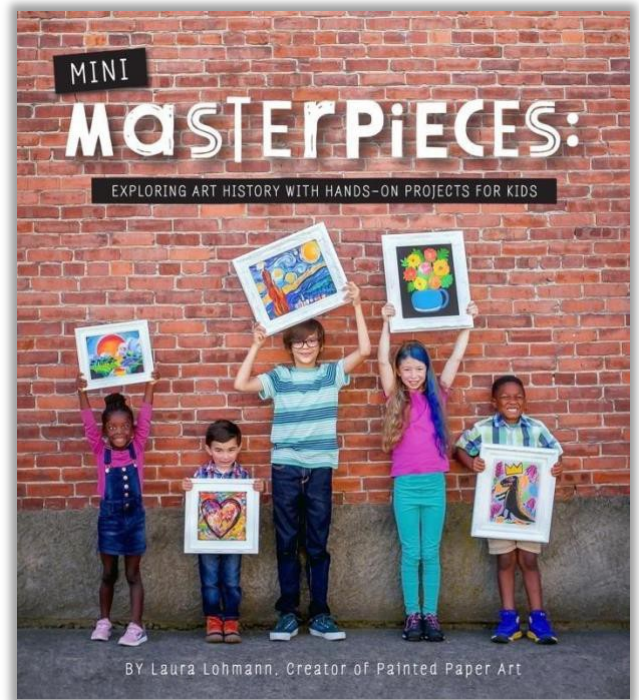
*Exploring Art History with Hands-On Projects for Kids*

**Laura Lohmann**

Innovation Press, September 2020

**Learn to create art just like the famous artists who inspire us—it's easier than you think!**

Known for her colorful painted paper lessons, elementary art teacher Laura Lohmann has created the go-to art history book to creatively engage kids. *Mini-Masterpieces: Exploring Art History With Hands-On Projects for Kids* encourages young artists to explore various art materials through projects inspired by a diverse collection of famous artists past and present from around the world.



- This invaluable guide to creating beautiful art includes:
- 52 art projects thoroughly tested by more than 800 kids to get them just right—perfect for ages 5-12 and all different skill levels. Step-by-step full-color photos, helpful tips and techniques (including how to make painted paper), and a list of must-have inexpensive art supplies.
- Background information about each unique artist that will help young artists get to know them and their body of work.

Learning art history has never been more fun!

<i>Category:</i>	Art Activity/Art Education
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	6-12
<i>Material:</i>	Final PDF
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Innovation Press

**Laura Lohmann** has an M.Ed in Art Education, a minor in Art History, and has been an elementary school art teacher for 25 years. She lives in Ohio with her husband, two adventurous children, and one adorable golden doodle pup. She started her blog Painted Paper Art in 2010 to share her love of creating art with children. Laura and her family love spending time in nature, and they especially enjoy exploring America's National Parks. She is always painting with her students and loves creating new and colorful projects. Her work has been featured in Arts and Activities and Family Fun Magazines among others. *Mini Masterpieces: Exploring Art History With Hands On Projects For Kids* is her first book.

# M.F.K.

*A Graphic Novel*

**Nilah Magruder**

Insight Comics, 2017

**A fantastic adventure following the story of Abbie, a deaf girl with a mysterious power, who is traveling across a vast desert to scatter her mother's ashes.**

In a world of sleeping gods, a broken government, and a fragile peace held in the hands of the corrupt, one youth must find the strength to stand up against evil and save humanity.

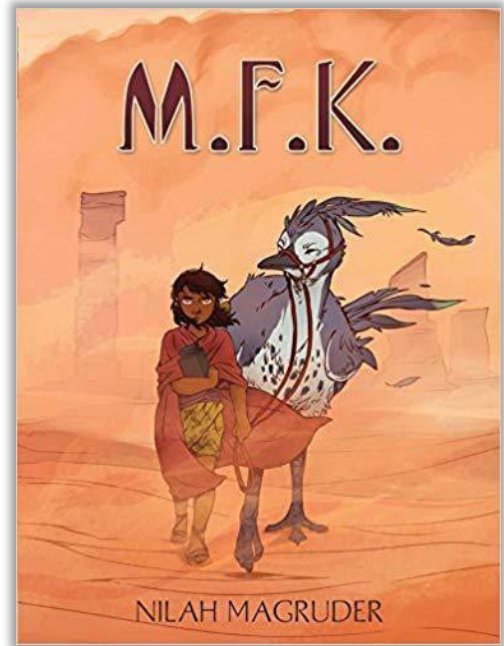
*This story is not about that youth.*

It's about Abbie, who just wants to get to the mountain range called the Potter's Spine, scatter her mother's ashes, and then live out her life in sweet, blissful solitude. Unfortunately, everyone she meets wants to whine at her about their woes, tag along on her quest, arrest her for no reason, or blow her to bits.

Journeys are hard on the social recluses of the world.

<i>Category:</i>	Fiction/128 Pages
<i>Ages:</i>	12-17
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Mansion Street Literary Management

**Nilah Magruder** is the author of the picture book *How to Find a Fox* and winner of the 2015 Dwayne McDuffie Award for Diversity. She has written for Marvel and storyboards for animated television in Los Angeles. Visit her online at [nilahmagruder.com](http://nilahmagruder.com) and [@nilaffle](https://twitter.com/nilaffle).



# I LOVE ME!

**LaRonda Gardner Middlemiss, illustrated by Beth Hughes**

Beaming Books, April 2020

*Praise for I LOVE ME!*

"A celebratory proclamation of ultra-inclusive self-love."

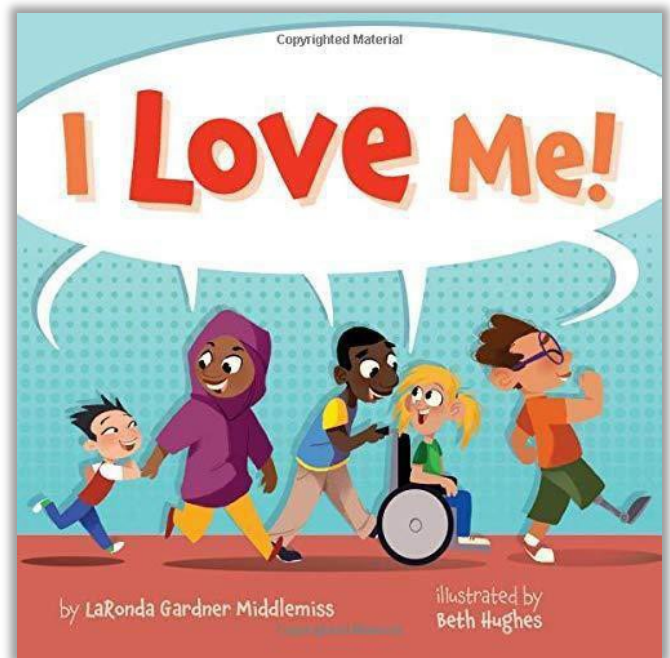
—*Kirkus Reviews*

**A celebration of all body types, ethnicities, abilities and disabilities, and physical features.**

***I love me from my mouth and chin  
all the way down to my knees and shins.***

This affirming picture book features a diversity of races and ethnicities, physical features, body types, abilities and disabilities, and teaches *all* kids they have many, many reasons to love themselves.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	3-5
<i>Material:</i>	Final PDF
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books



**LaRonda Gardner Middlemiss** is a picture book author who formerly worked as an engineer in corporate America. Her son's love of story time, which for him meant any time, immersed her in the wonderful world of picture books. Enjoying books with various themes and approaches to storytelling, from the quirky to the quiet, eventually inspired her to begin writing stories of her own. When not busy battling wits with her husband or having fun with her son, she enjoys listening to children's book themed podcasts, gaining insight from NPR, and watching movies. She also likes creating art and hopes to someday illustrate her own books. LaRonda writes books to entertain, enlighten, and empower children across the globe. She resides in Kernersville, North Carolina.

**Beth Hughes** is an artist who loves animals and nature and bright colors. She enjoys playing around with colors and shapes and, most of all, telling great stories. She has studied at Ringling College of Art and Design, as well as Sheridan College. In the past she has done character design, visual development, and illustration work and is now working as a freelance illustrator.

# THE ASTRONAUT WITH A SONG FOR THE STARS

*The Story of Dr. Ellen Ochoa*

**Julia Finley Mosca, Illustrations by Daniel Rieley**

Innovation Press, September 2019

*Part of the Amazing Scientists Series*

*Praise for THE ASTRONAUT WITH A SONG FOR THE STARS:*

★ "This delightful book combines poetry and whimsical artwork to tell Ochoa's story, the world's first Latina in space, and the hard work and perseverance that got her all the way to the stars. A must purchase for all elementary science and biography collections."

—*School Library Journal*, starred review



**Meet Dr. Ellen Ochoa—a determined space pioneer with a stellar symphony of talents.**

Growing up in a family of immigrants, Ellen dreamed of becoming a professional flutist, but all of that changed when she discovered engineering in college. Though she was told that field of study wasn't for girls, the bright young scientist refused to give up—ultimately becoming a NASA astronaut who shattered barriers and rocketed to success!

*The Astronaut With a Song for the Stars: The Story of Dr. Ellen Ochoa* is the fourth book in a riveting educational series about the inspiring lives of amazing scientists. In addition to the illustrated rhyming tale, you'll find a complete biography, fun facts, a colorful timeline of events, and even a note from Dr. Ochoa herself!

<i>Category:</i>	Nonfiction/Biography
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	5-10
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Material Available:</i>	Finished Copies
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	The Innovation Press
<i>Sold to:</i>	WorldField Publishing ( <b>Complex Chinese</b> ), Citic Press ( <b>Simplified Chinese</b> )

**Also available in The Amazing Scientist Series: THE GIRL WHO THOUGHT IN PICTURES, THE DOCTOR WITH AN EYE FOR EYE, and THE GIRL WITH A MIND FOR MATH.**

**JULIA FINLEY MOSCA** is a copywriter and former journalist who spent more than a decade in Hollywood crafting messages for money. After working with such recognizable brands as *Entertainment Tonight*, *Yahoo!*, *American Greetings*, and *JibJab*, she landed her most rewarding job yet—mom to one ferociously curious and spunky little girl. The Amazing Scientists series marks Mosca's debut into the magical world of children's books.

**DANIEL RIELEY** is a British freelance illustrator based in Lisbon. After studying at The Arts Institute Bournemouth, taking an epic backpacking adventure in Australia, and working 3 years in London, he decided to take off to sunny Portugal.

When Daniel is not drawing you can probably find him trying to catch waves or taking photos with old cameras

# THE GIRL WHO THOUGHT IN PICTURES

*The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin*

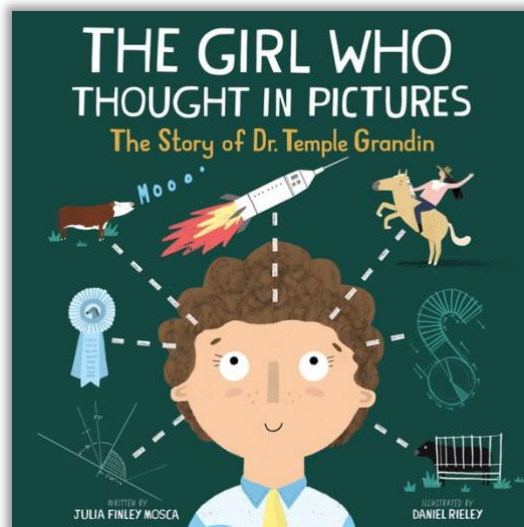
Julia Finley Mosca, illustrated

by Daniel Rieley

Innovation Press, August 2017

*Part of the Amazing Scientists Series*

**NSTA BEST STEM BOOKS 2018 SELECTION**  
**NSTA OUTSTANDING SCIENCE TRADE BOOK 2018 SELECTION**  
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**NOMINEEA MIGHTY GIRL BOOK OF THE YEAR**  
**USBBY OUTSTANDING BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES LIST SELECTION**



"Rhyming verse and appealing cartoon illustrations capture Grandin's spirit while providing an exciting, informative look at her remarkable life this is the first volume in a promising new series introducing readers to remarkable women in the sciences." —*School Library Journal*

THE GIRL WHO THOUGHT IN PICTURES: THE STORY OF DR. TEMPLE GRANDIN is the first book in a brand new educational series about the inspirational lives of amazing scientists. In addition to the illustrated rhyming tale, you'll find a complete biography, fun facts, a colorful timeline of events, and even a note from Temple herself!

**Meet Dr. Temple Grandin—one of the world's quirkiest science heroes!**

When young Temple was diagnosed with autism, no one expected her to talk, let alone become one of the most powerful voices in modern science. Yet the determined visual thinker did just that. Her unique mind allowed her to connect with animals in a special way, helping her invent groundbreaking improvements for farms around the globe!

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# THE DOCTOR WITH AN EYE FOR EYES

*The Story of Dr. Patricia Bath*

**Julia Finley Mosca, illustrated by Daniel Rieley**

Innovation Press, September 2017

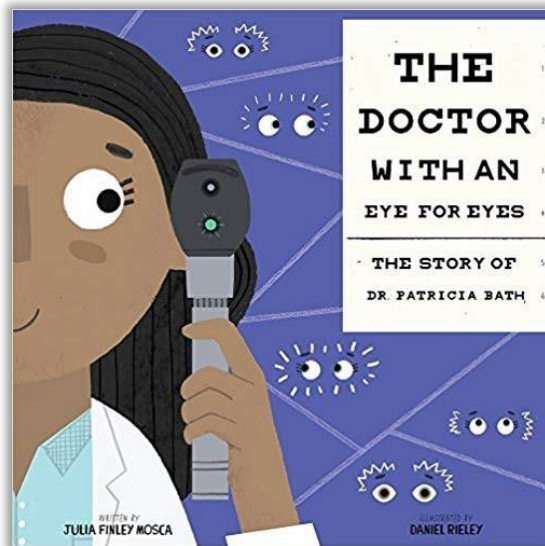
*Part of the Amazing Scientists Series*

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A MIGHTY GIRL BOOK OF THE YEAR

*If you like to think big, but some say you're too  
small, or they say you're too young or too slow  
or too tall...*

Meet Dr. Bath — the scientist who never lost sight of her dreams!

As a girl coming of age during the Civil Rights Movement, Patricia Bath made it her mission to become a doctor. When obstacles like racism, poverty, and sexism threatened this goal, she persevered — brightening the world with a game-changing treatment for blindness!



THE DOCTOR WITH AN EYE FOR EYES: THE STORY OF DR. PATRICIA BATH is the second book in a brand new educational series about the inspirational lives of amazing scientists. In addition to the illustrated rhyming tale, you'll find a complete biography, fun facts, a colorful timeline of events, and even a note from Dr. Bath herself!

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# THE GIRL WITH A MIND FOR MATH

*The Story of Raye Montague*

Julia Finley Mosca, illustrated by

Daniel Rieley

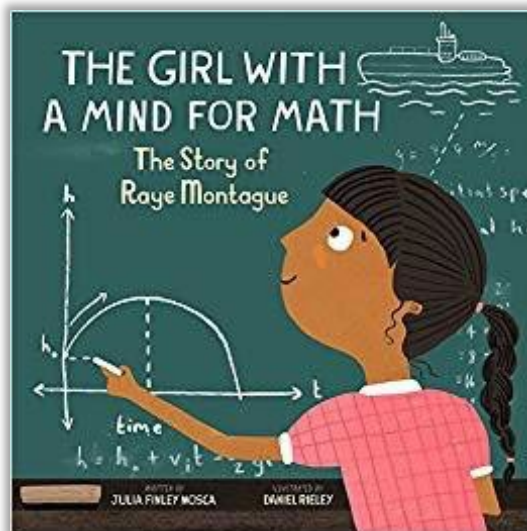
Innovation Press, September 2018

Part of the *Amazing Scientists Series*

Praise for *THE GIRL WITH A MIND FOR MATH*:

★ "... a great model for building awareness of racism and solid inspiration for achieving against the odds." — *Kirkus*, **starred review**

"Accompanied by expressive digitized illustrations, this rhyming picture-book biography describes the challenges and triumphs Montague met as an African American woman. . . *Hidden Figures* fans will applaud." — **Booklist**



"A solid addition to the picture book biography shelves and STEAM curricula for young readers." — *School Library Journal*

## Meet Raye Montague—the hidden mastermind who made waves in the U.S. Navy!

After touring a German submarine in the early 1940s, young Raye set her sights on becoming an engineer. Little did she know sexism and racial inequality would challenge that dream every step of the way, even keeping her greatest career accomplishment a secret for decades. Through it all, the gifted mathematician persisted—finally gaining her well-deserved title in history: a pioneer who changed the course of ship design forever.

*The Girl With a Mind for Math: The Story of Raye Montague* is the third book in a riveting educational series about the inspiring lives of amazing scientists. In addition to the illustrated rhyming tale, you'll find a complete biography, fun facts, a colorful timeline of events, and even a note from Montague herself!

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# A GIRL'S BILL OF RIGHTS

Amy B. Mucha, illustrated by Addy Rivera Sonda

Beaming Books, February 2021

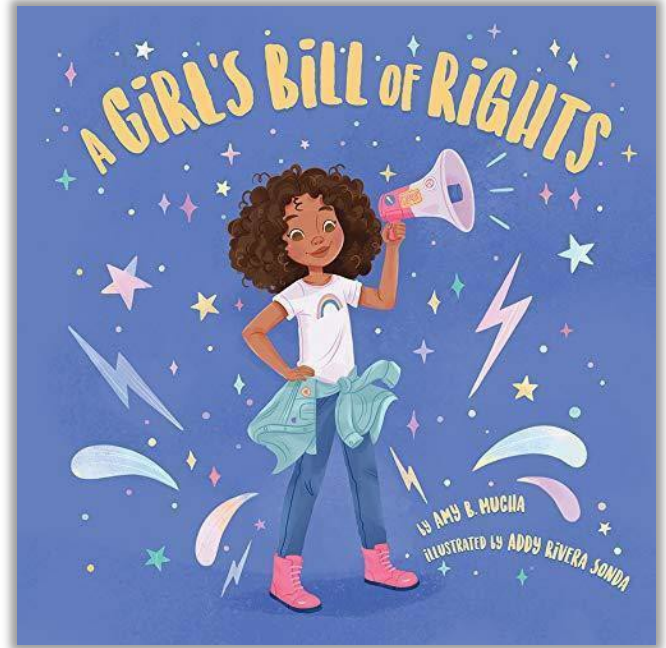
## *Praise for A GIRL'S BILL OF RIGHTS:*

"A celebration of girl power in picture-book form... the art opens up lots of opportunities for discussion about what may trigger the articulation of any particular right."  
—*Kirkus Reviews*

**A bold and powerful message about a girl's right to confidence, freedom, and consent.**

"I have the right to be bold, and mighty, and LOUD!"

In a world where little girls must learn to stand tall, *A Girl's Bill of Rights* boldly declares the rights of every woman and girl: power, confidence, freedom, and consent.



Author Amy B. Mucha and illustrator Addy Rivera Sonda present a diverse cast of characters standing up for themselves and proudly celebrating the joy and power of being a girl.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	4-8
<i>Material:</i>	Layouts
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books
<i>Sold to:</i>	Sola ( <b>Turkish</b> )

**Amy B. Mucha** lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, with her husband, two children, two spoiled dogs, four superior cats, and hundreds of books.. Amy is passionate about empowering girls and women everywhere to love themselves, embrace and support all the girls in their lives, and speak loud for what's right.

**Addy Rivera Sonda** is a Mexican illustrator, who loves color and nature. When she is not drawing, she devotes a great part of her time to learning and exploring ways in which we could live kinder and more sustainable lives.

Her biggest inspiration for drawing is that she knows that stories and art can shape the way people understand themselves and perceive others, building empathy and ultimately a happier, more inclusive world.

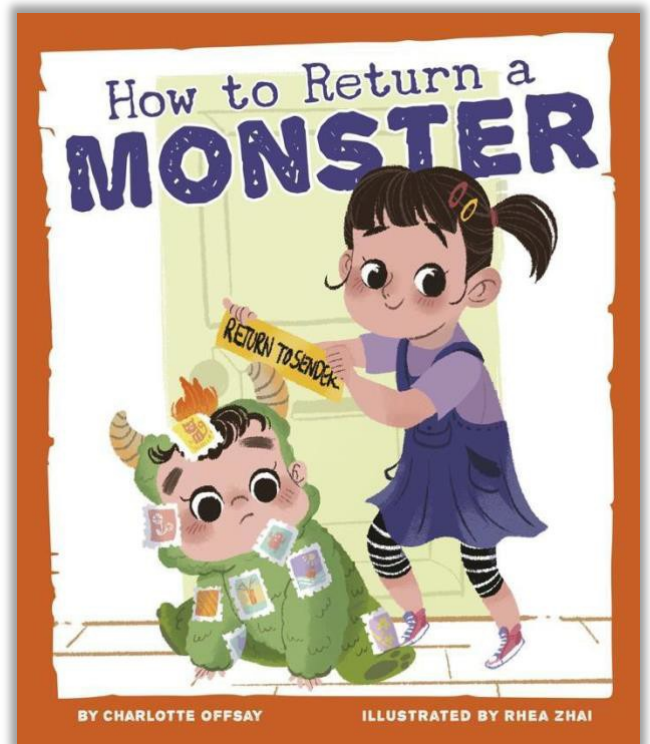
# HOW TO RETURN A MONSTER

Charlotte Offsay, illustrated by ReaZhai

Beaming Books, September 2021

If your grown-ups bring home a small monster, er, baby, don't panic. Just send it back!

In this hilarious and heartfelt book about sibling relationships, a girl can't believe it when her parents bring home a drooling, screaming, grabbing monster. She hatches a plan to send it back to where it came from, with hilarious results . . . and along the way, she learns that maybe monsters--and baby brothers--aren't so bad after all.



<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Ages:</i>	5-8
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books

**Charlotte Offsay** was born in England, grew up in Boston, and currently lives in Los Angeles. Through her writing, Charlotte hopes to make children laugh, to inspire curiosity, and to create a magical world her readers can lose themselves in time and time again. Read more about her work at [charlotteoffsay.com](http://charlotteoffsay.com).

**Rea Zhai** was born and raised in China, where she developed a great passion for drawing. She currently lives in Beijing.

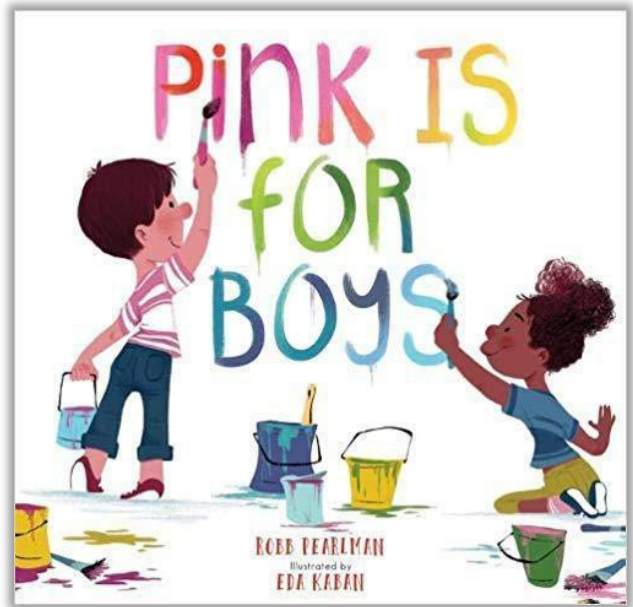
# PINK IS FOR BOYS

Robb Pearlman, illustrated

by Eda Kaban

Running Press, 2018

Pink is for boys . . . and girls . . . and everyone! This timely and beautiful picture book rethinks and reframes the stereotypical blue/pink gender binary and empowers kids -- and their grown-ups -- to express themselves in every color of the rainbow. Featuring a diverse group of relatable characters, *Pink Is for Boys* invites and encourages girls and boys to enjoy what they love to do, whether it's racing cars and playing baseball, or loving unicorns and dressing up.



Vibrant illustrations help children learn and identify the myriad colors that surround them every day, from the orange of a popsicle, to the green of a grassy field, all the way up to the wonder of a multicolored rainbow.

Parents and kids will delight in Robb Pearlman's sweet, simple script, as well as its powerful message: life is not color-coded.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Ages:</i>	4-8
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation for text (art is controlled by Running Press)
<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Mansion Street Literary Management
<i>Sold to:</i>	Kadokawa ( <b>Japan</b> )

**Robb Pearlman** is the author of many books, including *Groundhog's Day Off*, *Raggedy Ann and Andy: Leaf Dance*, and *Passover is Here!*. Today, his favorite color is blue, but it may purple tomorrow! He grew up in New York City and now lives in a white and green house in New Jersey with his husband and Oscar, the butterscotch-colored best puppy in the world.

**Eda Kaban** was born and raised in Turkey and has had a passion for drawing, reading, and monkey bars since a young age. She is the illustrator on a number of books and when she's not drawing, you can find her climbing rocks or biking the hills of the Bay area. She and her husband live in Oakland, California.

# SQUIRREL'S SWEATER

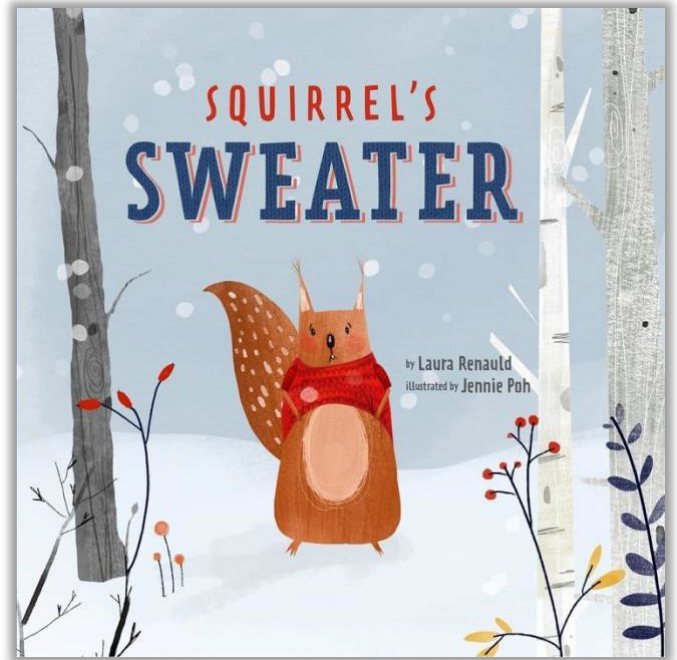
Laura Renauld, illustrated by Jennie Poh

Beaming Books, September 2021

As Winter Warmup approaches, all but one of the woodlandfriends are bundled up for the snowy season ahead.

Bear, Porcupine, and Doe are all ready to hunker down for winter, but not Squirrel. When she discovers that the sweater her grandma knit for her has shrunk, she doesn't know what to do! No amount of stretching or sewing or help from her friends seems to fix her favorite sweater. But perhaps it doesn't need to stay a sweater to remind her of her grandma and her friends?

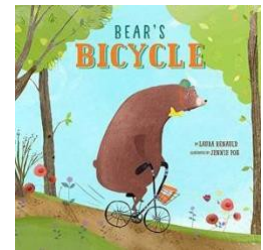
The colorful gang of woodland friends from *Porcupine's Pie* and *Bear's Bicycle* return to help Squirrel as she learns to navigate and accept change. A final spread features an activity that teaches young readers how to transform their own piece of clothing into something new.



Category:	Picture Book
Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:	Translation
Ages:	4-7
Material:	Layouts
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)**



**Laura Renauld** is a former elementary school teacher. She lives in Northern Virginia with her husband and their two story-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.

# WHEN THINGS ARE HARD, REMEMBER

Joanna Rowland, illustrated by Marcela Calderón

Beaming Books, March 2021

**Praise for *WHEN THINGS ARE HARD, REMEMBER*:**

"The book's broad, spiritual message merges.... A reassuring read for uncertain times."

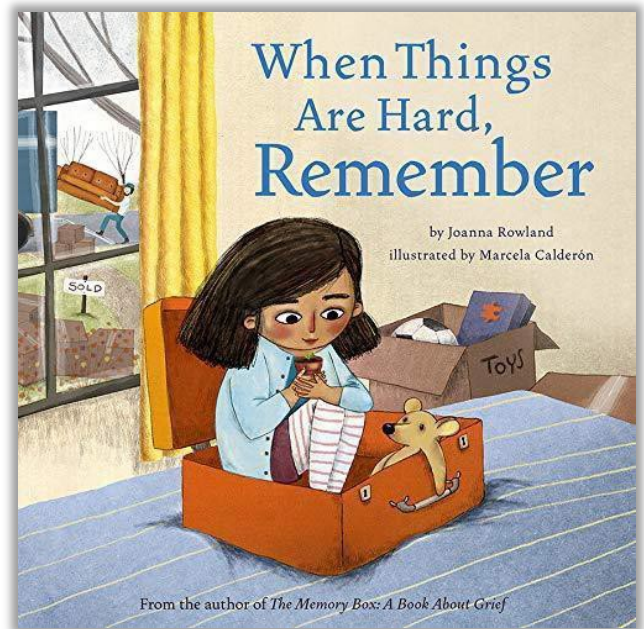
—*Booklist*

**A lesson on change and finding hope in new growth waiting to burst forth.**

On days when your faith is shaken, remember...

A seed falls to the ground. A child moves away from home. Can life bloom in a new place?

With gentle storytelling and poetic language, Joanna Rowland explores what it means to have hope--hope that things will get better, hope that you are cared for even when things are hard, and hope that new growth is waiting to burst forth, just around the corner?

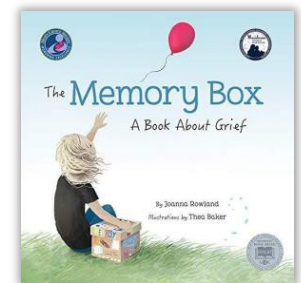


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<i>Ages:</i>	5-8
<i>Material:</i>	Layouts
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books

**Also available:**

**THE MEMORY BOX: A Book About Grief (2017) — over 100,000 copies sold**

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**Joanna Rowland** grew up in Sacramento, California, where she still lives today with her husband and three children. She teaches kindergarten by day and writes picture books at night. In the summer, you'll find her at the pool coaching synchronized swimming or cozying up with a book.

**Marcela Calderón** is a children's book illustrator who grew up in San Nicolás, Argentina, surrounded by streams, trees, nature, and pets that were her drawing inspirations. When Calderón is not drawing, she enjoys going out on her mountain bike through the fields nearby, where she feels free and happy.

# LITTLE SEEDS OF PROMISE

Sana Rafi, illustrated by Renia Metallinou

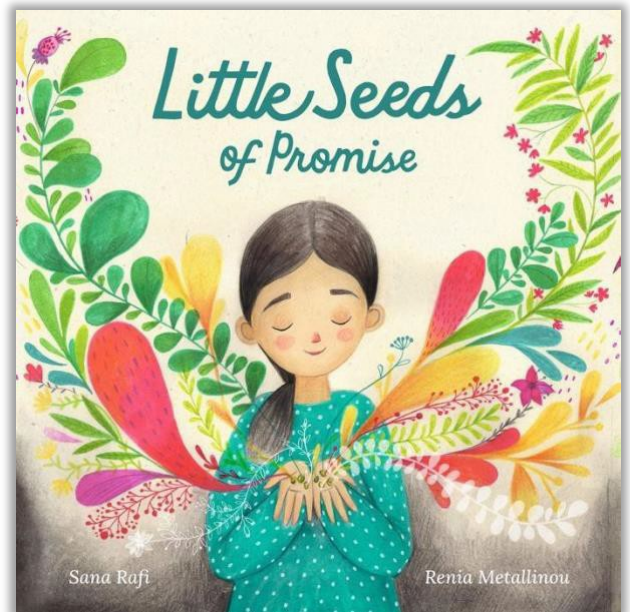
Innovation Press, October 2021

***Praise for LITTLE SEEDS OF PROMISE:***

“This book’s story is driven just as much by its gentle, detailed illustrations, whose smudged edges and light palette create a gentle, reassuring atmosphere, as by its text.... the lyrical story about learning to belong is one that feels hopeful and familiar.... A sweet and accessible picture book about the patience it takes to make a place home.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*

When Maya moves to a different country, she feels lonely and lost. Everything—and everyone—seems so unfamiliar here, and she wonders if she will ever find a way to fit in. Longing for her home, she holds tightly to the special seeds her grandmother gave her, afraid to plant them. Can she take the risk that they—and she—might grow and bloom in this new place?



<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	5-8
<i>Material:</i>	Layouts
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Innovation Press

**Sana Rafi** is a writer originally from Lahore, Pakistan who now resides in California with her husband, son and two cats. She is passionate about showcasing Muslim and immigrant characters in books, especially for children. Find out more at [sanarafi.com](http://sanarafi.com).

**Renia Metallinou** is a Greek illustrator living near Athens with her husband and their two kids. She studied graphic design and fashion design and worked as a graphic designer for over a decade before following her path in illustration.

# RAINBOW BOY

Taylor Rouanzion, illustrated by Stacey Chomiak

Beaming Books, January 2021

**One of Lambda Literary's Most Anticipated LGBTQ Books of January 2021**

***Praise for RAINBOW BOY:***

"Dynamic digital illustrations by Chomiak highlight the child's energy and imagination. While the ending feels slightly abrupt, the narrative clearly encourages readers to avoid projecting limiting binary social norms."

—***Publishers Weekly***

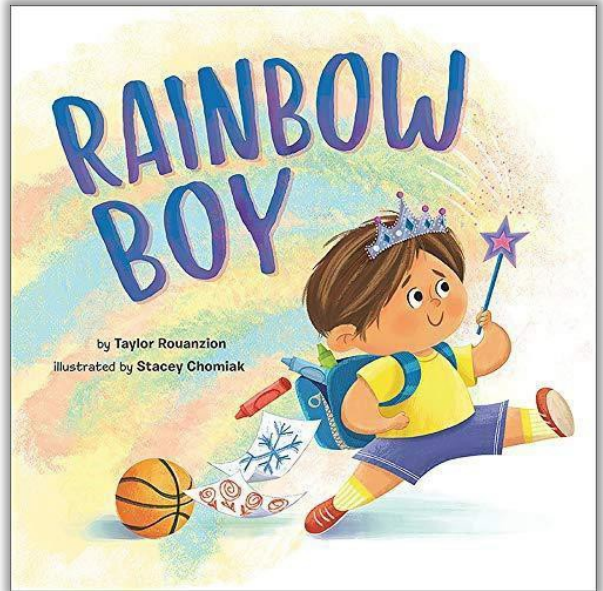
"Ever-empowering... the bright, colorful images will pull your little one in from the very first page."

—***PopSugar.com Feature***

**A picture book about a world of colors and a little boy who refuses to choose just one favorite.**

A story about a boy with a heart too big for one color alone.

A little boy attempts to answer one of grown-ups' all-time favorite questions: "What's your favorite color?" But with so many wonderful colors to choose from, he doesn't know how to answer. He loves his pink sparkly tutu, bright red roses, soft yellow baby doll pajamas, and big, orange basketball. How will he ever pick?



<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Ages:</i>	3-5
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books
<i>Sold to:</i>	Notabene ( <b>Turkish</b> )

**Taylor Rouanzion** lives in Northern California with her husband, child, and miniature dachshund. She has been a part of local support groups for trans/gender-nonconforming kids and their parents. Her own child is gender nonconforming and has inspired Taylor to write for her and others like her so they can be seen in children's literature.

**Stacey Chomiak** is a children's book illustrator and artist in the animation industry who launched her career working on the beloved series *My Little Pony: Friendship Is Magic*. Chomiak loves to advocate and use her artistic talents for the LGBTQ Christian community. She lives with her family on the West Coast of Canada.

# BIG BEAR WAS NOT THE SAME

Joanna Rowland, illustrated by John Ledda

Beaming Books, August 2021

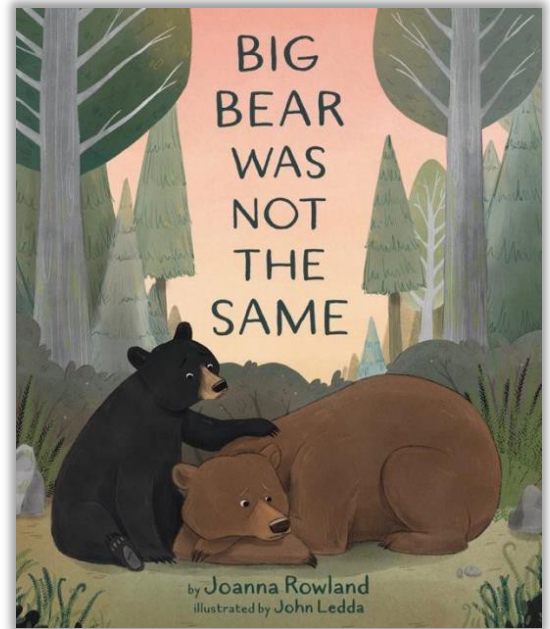
**Praise for *BIG BEAR WAS NOT THE SAME*:**

"An accessible, age-appropriate primer that sheds light on trauma and PTSD."

—*Publishers Weekly*

**One scary day can change everything . . .**

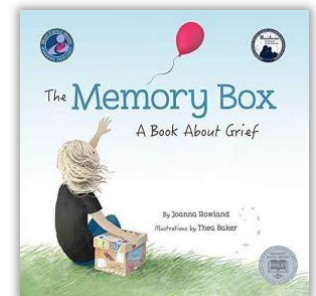
Little Bear loves the woods, his home, and going on adventures with his best friend, Big Bear. Big Bear is so big and strong and brave. He always protects Little Bear and helps him feel safe. Then something scary happens to Big Bear. He's caught in a forest fire. Even after he escapes and is safe, Little Bear can tell that Big Bear is not the same. He runs, roars, or freezes in fear when ordinary things happen in the woods that remind him of that traumatic day. How can Little Bear's big, strong, brave friend be so scared now? And how can Little Bear be a good friend?



In *Big Bear Was Not the Same*, Joanna Rowland, author of the bestselling book *The Memory Box*, gently introduces young readers to the common feelings of fear, anxiety, and anger that can follow a traumatic event, and shows them how to have empathy and compassion for themselves and for loved ones experiencing the effects of trauma.

Includes backmatter written by a family therapist with information on how to talk about trauma with children.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	4-8
<i>Material:</i>	Final PDF
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**John Ledda** was born and raised in southeast Michigan. He moved to the San Francisco Bay Area to pursue his MFA at the Academy of Art University. *Big Bear Was Not the Same* is his debut picture book.

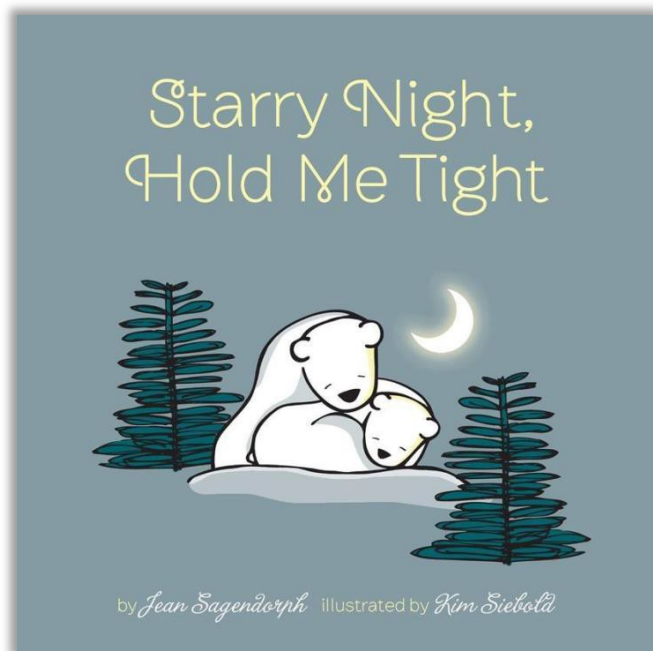
# STARRY NIGHT, HOLD ME TIGHT

By Kim Siebold & Jean Sagendorph

Running Press (picture book and board book)

**A perfect Christmas and winter board book featuring polar bear mom and baby with a nod to "Silent Night."**

Bear's adventures help him learn and grow, and it's Momma's big bear hugs that keep him safe and warm. Snuggle up with this wintry bedtime story and see how the love between a mother and cub grows through each day.



<i>Category:</i>	Fiction/Picture book & board book
<i>Ages:</i>	5-10
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Mansion Street Literary Management

**Jean Sagendorph** is a twenty-plus year veteran of the entertainment industry and now owner of the boutique literary agency, Mansion Street Literary Agency. She lives in New York where she's obsessed with books, butter, and flea markets.

**Kim Siebold** has been graphic designing for many years, and has been illustrating since she was very young. She currently lives in her home state of Minnesota with her husband and two daughters.

# FINDING BEAUTY

**Talitha Shipman**

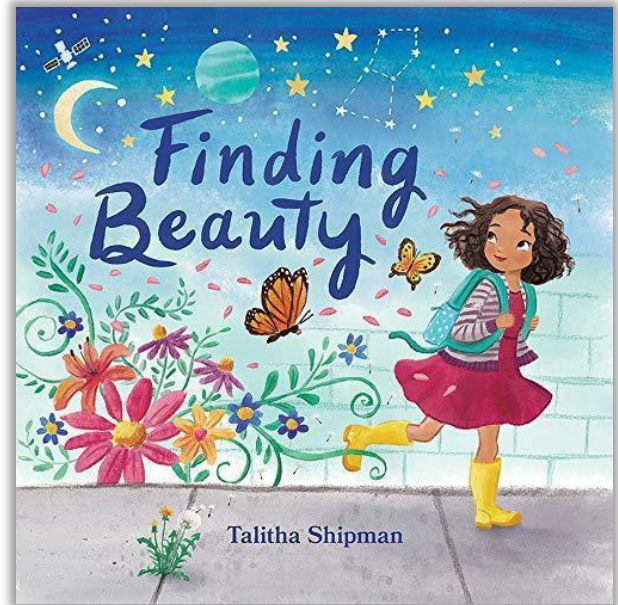
Beaming Books, February 2021

**A message that will inspire girls of all ages to ambitiously find beauty and make beauty wherever they go.**

You are beautiful from the top of your head to the tip of your toes--but beauty is far more than something you can have. It's also something you have to find. In other people. In nature. In acts of kindness. In math, and art, and music, and sports.

In this beautiful inspirational book for girls, author/illustrator Talitha Shipman turns the concept of beauty inside out, transforming girls into beauty-seeking adventurers charging out into the world with confidence and ambition to find beauty and make beauty wherever they go.

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**Talitha Shipman** is a picture book illustrator born and raised in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Her favorite subjects to paint are wild kids and wild animals. Nature inspires Talitha's painting, and she hopes her work encourages curiosity and creativity in children of all ages. Her books include the Sidney Taylor Honor recipient *Everybody Says Shalom* by Leslie Kimmelman (Random House Books for Young Readers, 2015); an American Farm Bureau Recommended Read, *Applesauce Day* by Lisa Amstutz (Albert Whitman, 2017); a 2019 IPPY Silver Medalist, *First Snow* by Nancy Viau (Albert Whitman, 2018); and *On Your Way* written by John Coy and published by Beaming Books. *Finding Beauty* is Talitha's first author/illustrator adventure. Talitha lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana, with her husband and their three-year-old wild child, Coral.

# BELLA'S RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

Ana Siqueira, illustrated by Geraldine Rodriguez

Beaming Books, July 2021

*Featured on the We Need Diverse Books blog!*

**Praise for BELLA'S RECIPE FOR SUCCESS:**

"This intergenerational tale about family traditions and grit will be an awesome addition to emerging or transitional readers' shelves."

—*School Library Journal*

"Bella sets out to discover her talent and attempts to learn to bake with her wise abuela, but her first effort at dulce de leche looks like scaly cocodrilo skin in this story about making mistakes and the value of practicing to learn a new skill."

—*Publishers Weekly, Kids in the Kitchen* article

**If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.**

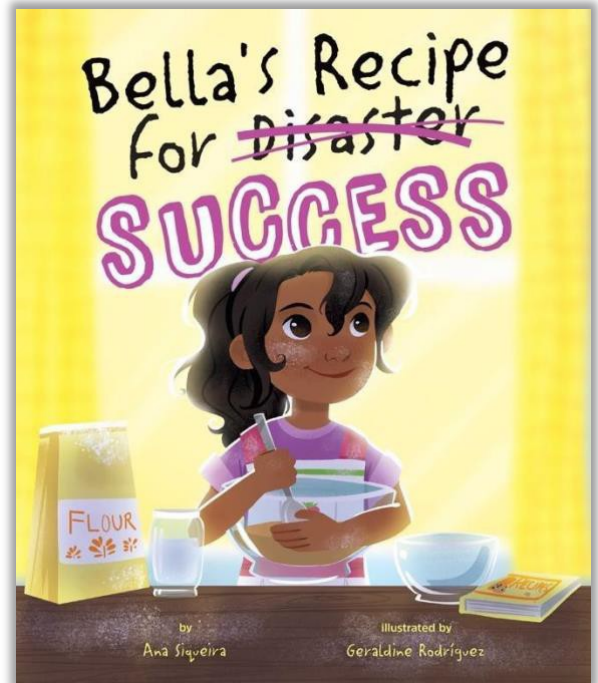
Bella wants to find out what she's good at. But she quits everything she (barely) tries because she's a disaster at it. Her somersaults are like clumsy jirafas rolling downhill, her piano playing like elephant feet. When she decides to learn how to bake with her wise old abuela, her first attempt at dulce de leche frosting looks like scaly cocodrilo skin. She must learn it's okay to try again or she won't be good at anything. Peppered with Spanish vocabulary and set in an intergenerational Latinx home, *Bella's Recipe for Success* will show all kids the value of practicing to learn a new skill, and that it's okay to make mistakes along the way.

A recipe for Polvorones con Dulce de Leche is included at the back of the book so kids can have fun making their own.

<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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**Geraldine Rodríguez** is a Mexican illustrator and digital artist who enjoys telling stories through colors and lines. In addition to *Bella's Recipe for Success*, Geraldine is the illustrator of *Cinco de Mayo* and the *Adventures of Samuel Oliver* series.



# YOUR NAME IS A SONG

Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow, illustrated by Luisa Uribe

Innovation Press, July 2020

***Praise for YOUR NAME IS A SONG:***

★ "This lovely celebration of African American culture, featuring a Muslim family, offers a fresh way to look at the tradition of creating new names... **A delightful celebration.**"

—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

Frustrated by a day full of teachers and classmates mispronouncing her beautiful name, a little girl tells her mother she never wants to come back to school. In response, the girl's mother teaches her about the musicality of African, Asian, Black-American, Latinx, and Middle Eastern names on their lyrical walk home through the city. Empowered by this newfound understanding, the young girl is ready to return the next day to share her knowledge with her class. *Your Name is a Song* is a celebration to remind all of us about the beauty, history, and magic behind names.



<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book/40 Pages
<i>Ages:</i>	5-10
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Material:</i>	Final PDF
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Innovation Press

**Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow** is a passionate educator, anti-racism activist, wife, and mother of two. She is a 2016 MuslimARC Muslim Anti-Racism-AMEL Fellow, and the author of *Mommy's Khimar*. She lives in Philadelphia with her family.

**Luisa Uribe** is an illustrator living in Bogotá, Colombia. She holds a graphic design degree from the National University of Colombia and an MA in art and design from Loughborough University. Find out more about her at [luisauribe.com](http://luisauribe.com).

# AWESOMELY EMMA

*A Charley and Emma Story*

**Amy Webb, illustrated by Merrilee Liddiard**

Beaming Books, September 2020

***Praise for AWESOMELY EMMA:***

"An inclusive depiction of a disabled girl who declares that bodies may be different but none are wrong. With a main character who confidently navigates her world and deals with strong emotions in a positive way, this title has a clear theme of self-empowerment." —*School Library Journal*

**A story about disability, accessibility, and standing up for yourself.**

**“I love being me, because me is an awesome thing to be!”**

Emma has limb differences, but different isn't bad, sad, or strange. It's just different! But when some accessibility problems get in the way at the local art museum, it ruins the fun of a class trip...and then Emma's friend Charley makes things even worse! In the middle of a *really* bad day, Emma has to call upon her sense of inner awesome to stand up for herself and teach everyone a lesson about the transformative power of feeling awesome in your own skin.

Amy Webb's follow-up to *When Charley Met Emma*, *Awesomely Emma* will have all kids cheering as they learn to see the inner awesome in themselves and those around them.

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	3-8
<i>Material:</i>	Final PDF
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***Also available: WHEN CHARLEY MET EMMA (Beaming Books 2019)***

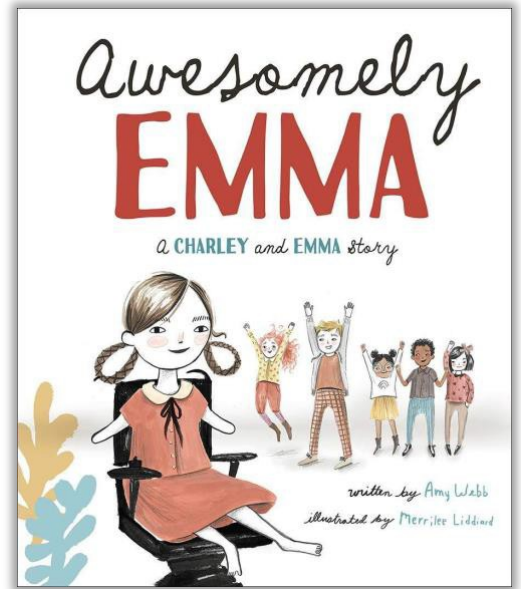
*Praise for WHEN CHARLEY MET EMMA:*

"This delightful picture book emphasizes kindness, diversity of abilities, and friendship." —*Book Riot*

**Featured on Former First Lady Laura Bush's Must-Read Books for Kids Summer 2021**

**Amy Webb** is an artist, writer, mother, and creator of the popular blog *This Little Miggy Stayed Home*. As a specialneeds mom, she is the author of *When Charley Met Emma*, and advocates for the disability and special needs community through her writings and interviews on her blog.

**Merrilee Liddiard** grew up in a splendid home filled with delightful artistic chaos and ample creativity. She spent most of her youth drawing and making things like lions out of oatmeal boxes, and telling the tales that went along with them. She is known for her love of kids' design, DIY crafts, and doll making. When not drawing or creating things for her three children, Liddiard loves to travel, wander museums, sew, thrift, read, and fix up her historic home.



# A TIGER WITHOUT STRIPES

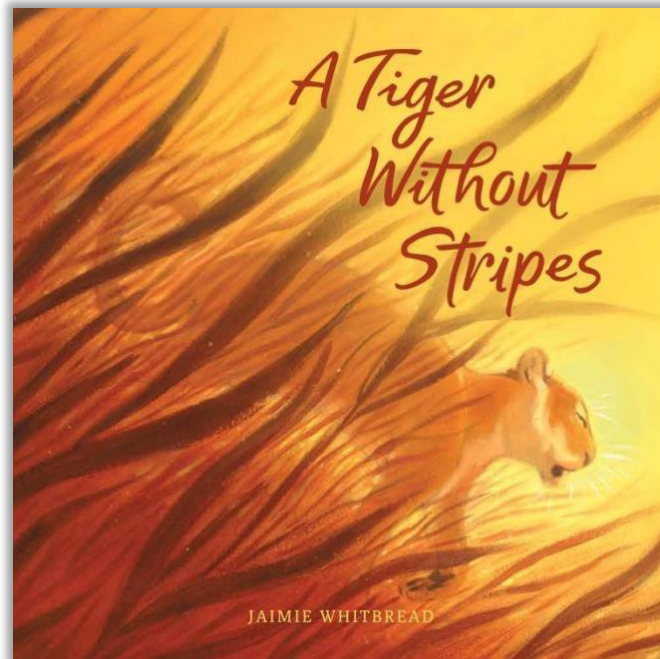
**Jaimie Whitbread**

Innovation Press, March 2020

*Praise for A TIGER WITHOUT STRIPES:*  
"A beautifully illustrated tale of self-acceptance."  
--*Kirkus*

A young tiger born without stripes wonders why she alone is different. As she grows, her feeling of incompleteness draws her on a quest she hopes will make her whole. Will her efforts to earn her stripes pay off, or will she find a surprising answer to the question that has defined her life?

<i>Category:</i>	Picture Book
<i>Ages:</i>	5-10
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Innovation Press
<i>Sold to:</i>	HB Books ( <b>Korean</b> )



**Jaimie Whitbread** is a writer and illustrator living in Texas. She loves to work outdoors and gathers inspiration through the time honored traditions of petting cats, being crawled on by bugs, and getting very excited about birds and clouds. A TIGER WITHOUT STRIPES is her first picture book, and (she is proud to say) it has a cat on every page as well as several very pretty clouds.

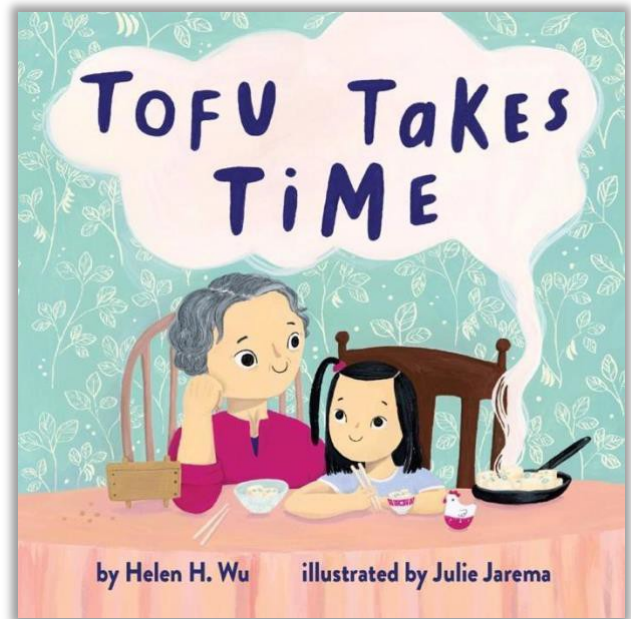
# TOFU TAKES TIME

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
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Ages:</i>	4-8
<i>Material:</i>	Manuscript
<i>Format:</i>	Full Color throughout
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books
<i>Sold to:</i>	Beijing Cheerful Century ( <b>Simplified Chinese</b> )

**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.

# COURAGEOUS CREATIVITY

*Advice and Encouragement for the Creative Life*

**Sara Zarr**

Beaming Books, September 2020

**Praise for *COURAGEOUS CREATIVITY*:**

"This inspirational and powerful work affirms readers with the underlying message: Fear not! Inspiring and honest, this smart book offers both compassion and practical instruction."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

"A good title to have in school or public library collections to inspire young creatives, especially young writers."

—*School Library Journal*

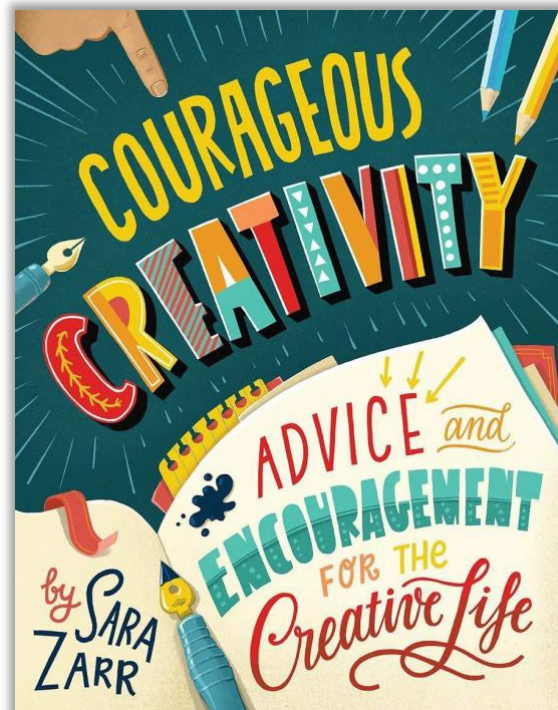
**National Book Award finalist Sara Zarr will help you face down your fears, let go of expectations, stop comparing yourself to others, and make your art with courage.**

**Being creative takes courage.**

It can be scary to create something. Before you can even work on your craft, you have to face down the fear of messing up or looking silly, the perfectionism that keeps you from even starting, and the negative voices inside your head that say you don't have anything valuable to offer.

Well, you *do* have something to offer! Being creative is a right, and in this book, National Book Award finalist Sara Zarr will help you get started. Her advice and encouragement are paired with exercises to help you face down your fears, let go of expectations, stop comparing yourself to others, and make your art with courage. A perfect gift for anyone who wants to be creative but doesn't know where to start, or for people who've been doing creativity for a while but want more inspiration, *Courageous Creativity* will empower readers to express themselves with self-confidence, bravery, and joy

<i>Category:</i>	Nonfiction / Creative Writing
<i>Ages:</i>	12-18
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation
<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Format:</i>	Hardcover
<i>Rights Sold on behalf of:</i>	Beaming Books



**Sara Zarr** is the acclaimed author of eight novels for young adults, including a collaborative novel with Tara Altebrando. Her most recent work is *Goodbye from Nowhere* published by HarperCollins/Balzer+Bray in April 2020. She's a National Book Award finalist and two-time Utah Book Award winner. Her books have been variously named to annual best books lists of the American Library Association, *Kirkus*, *Publishers Weekly*, *School Library Journal*, *the Guardian*, the International Reading Association, the New York Public Library, and Los Angeles Public Library, and have been translated into many languages. In 2010, she served as a judge for the National Book Award. In the academic year 2020-2021, she will join the faculty of the Seattle Pacific University Low-Residency Creative Writing MFA program. She divides her time between Utah and California.

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