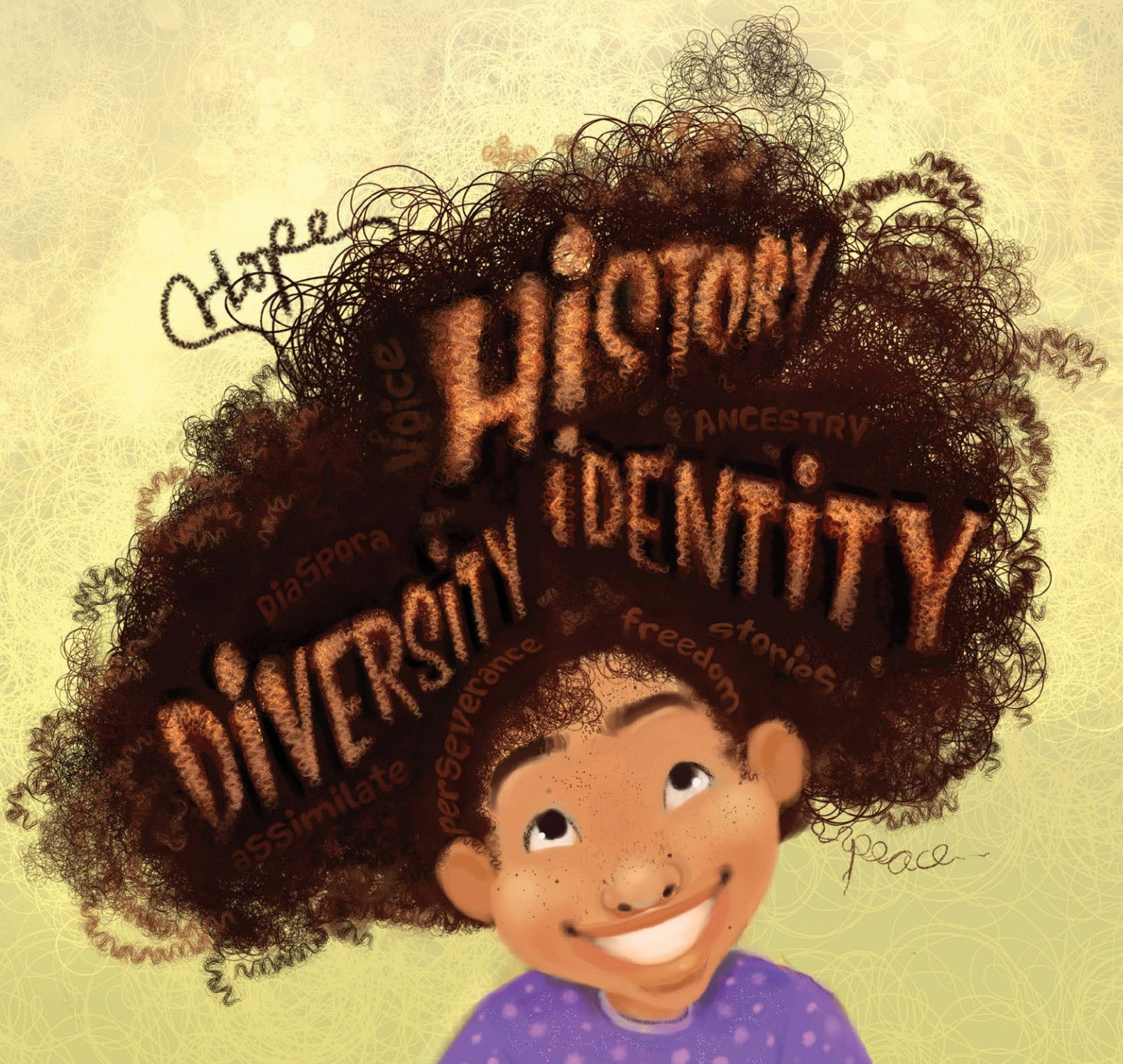


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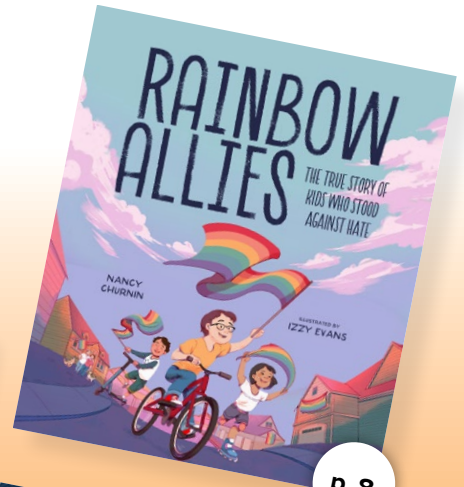


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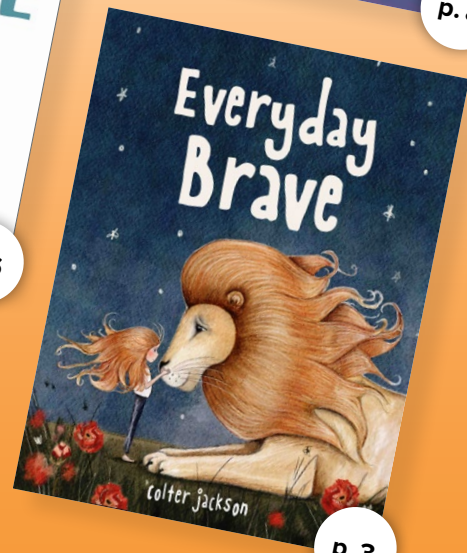
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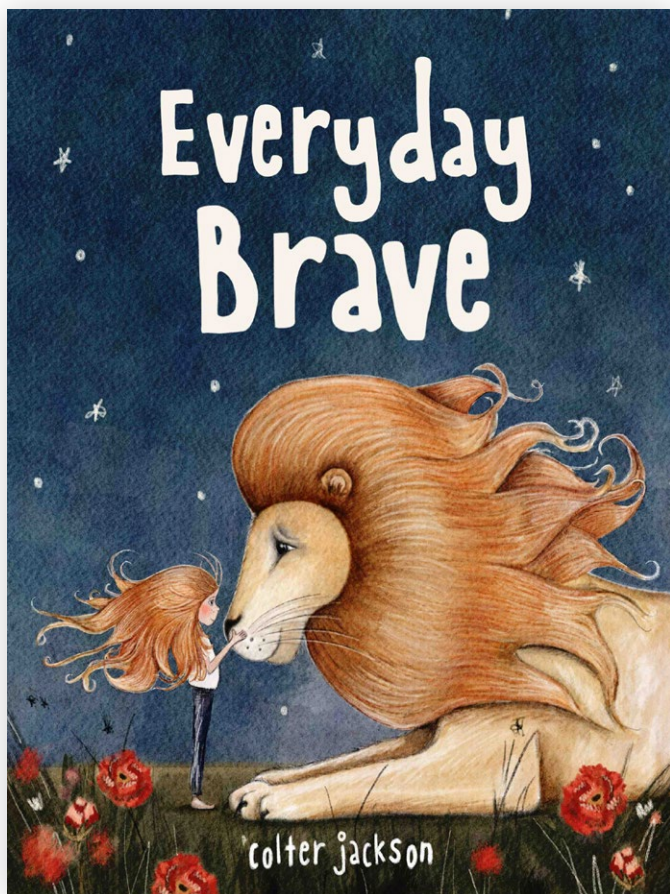
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Find your inner roar.



## Everyday Brave

Written and Illustrated by Colter Jackson

One little girl finds it easy to speak up, make new friends, and shoo away the monsters under her bed when she has a great big lion by her side. Next to her lion, nothing is scary—not even broccoli. But when a classmate tells her the lion is only in her imagination, that bravery vanishes. Suddenly, the world is scary again. Until the little girl tries a roar of her own and discovers that maybe the courage she needed was inside her all along.

At once fierce and tender, Colter Jackson's *Everyday Brave* is a book about finding your footing, facing your fears, and discovering the lion-like roar within.



**Colter Jackson** is the author-illustrator of the picture books *The Rhino Suit* and *Elephants Make Fine Friends*. Her work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Epoch*, *Tin House*, and elsewhere. She lives in New York City.

### Everyday Brave

**Publication: March 26, 2024**

978-1-5064-9443-2

Hardcover | 8.5 x 11.25

40 pages

Ages 4 to 7

\$17.99

JUV039050 / JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings

JUV014000 / JUVENILE FICTION / Girls & Women

JUV002150 / JUVENILE FICTION / Animals / Lions, Tigers, Leopards, etc.

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Submission to ALA awards and other relevant awards*

*Downloadable teacher resource guide*

*School and library advertising*

*National publicity campaign targeting librarians, teachers, and parents of young children*

*Events and appearances by active author*

*National wholesaler advertising*


*Social media campaign targeting teachers and librarians*

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# SPRING IS HERE, AND THE FARM IS WAKING UP TO NEW LIFE!



## Easter on the Farm

Written by Phyllis Alsduf · Illustrated by Lisa Hunt

A young girl and her family are ready to celebrate the new life of spring. She meets baby animals, helps prepare the garden for planting, and collects pussy willows by the marsh. As they get ready to host a community Easter egg hunt on the farm, the family also decorates eggs with natural dyes and makes funny gifts from egg shells and grass.

From the bestselling author of *Thanksgiving in the Woods* and *A Simple Christmas on the Farm*, this bright, hopeful story invites readers to gather and celebrate the beauty of spring. Backmatter includes handmade Easter craft activities, including coloring eggs with natural dyes and making eggshell critters.

*Easter on the Farm* is the fourth book in the Countryside Holiday series.



### Easter on the Farm

**Publication: March 5, 2024**

978-1-5064-8770-0

Hardcover | 10 x 10

32 pages

Ages 4 to 7

\$17.99

JUV017020 / JUVENILE FICTION /  
Holidays & Celebrations / Easter & Lent  
JUV002090 / JUVENILE FICTION /  
Animals / Farm Animals  
JUV024000 / JUVENILE FICTION /  
Lifestyles / Country Life

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Events/signings at local bookstores and Easter festivals with known regional author Phyllis Alsduf*

*Pitch for Easter book roundups*

*National review coverage, targeting school and library publications*

*ARCs available at industry events and promotion through library conferences*

*Social media influencer campaign to Bookstagrammers and mom bloggers*

*Inclusion in Easter marketing campaign*

*Submission to relevant ALA awards*

### Connect

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My new friends and I pass the afternoon playing with the baby animals, rolling down a long hill in the yard, and taking turns on a feed-sack swing hanging from a tall tree.



Everywhere I look I see people enjoying Easter on the Farm.



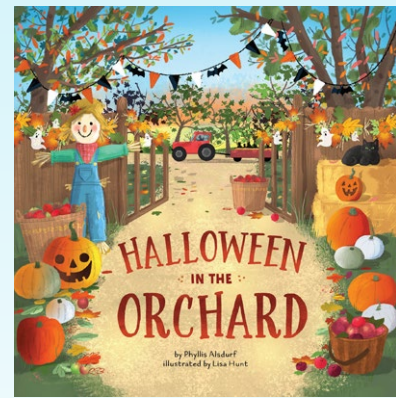
**More from the Countryside Holiday series:**



**Thanksgiving in the Woods**  
978-1-5064-2508-5  
40 pages | 10 x 10 | \$16.99



**A Simple Christmas on the Farm**  
978-1-5064-7136-5  
40 pages | 10 x 10 | \$17.99



**Halloween in the Orchard**  
978-1-5064-8768-7  
32 pages | 10 x 10 | \$17.99



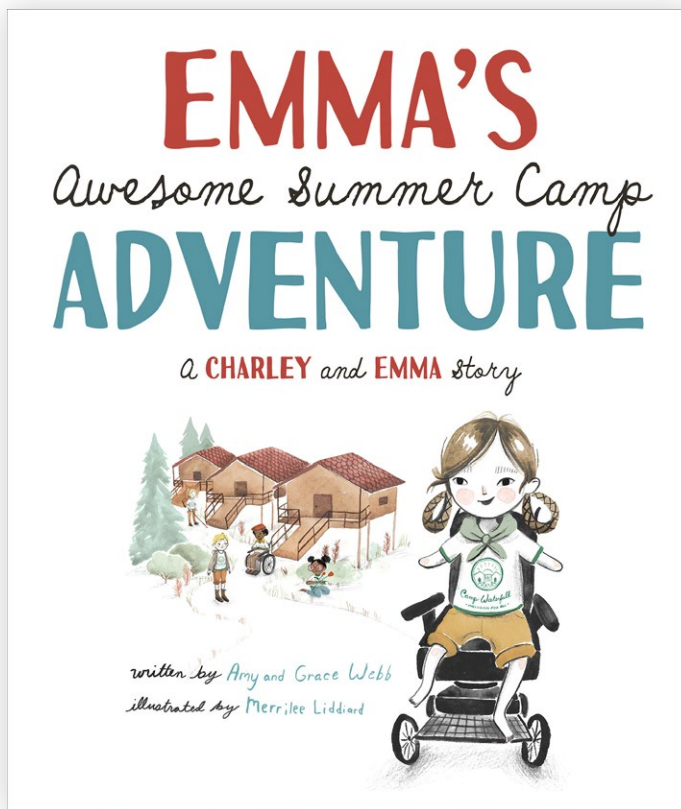
**Phyllis Alsdurf** is a former journalism and creative writing professor and the author of *Thanksgiving in the Woods*, *A Simple Christmas on the Farm*, *Halloween in the Orchard*, and *It's Milking Time*. Phyllis lives in Minnesota.



**Lisa Hunt** is a freelance illustrator living near London, England. She has a degree in fine art from Coventry University. She has illustrated several books and worked for publishers in the United States and the United Kingdom.



# ALL FOR INCLUSION, AND INCLUSION FOR ALL!



## Emma's Awesome Summer Camp Adventure

Written by Amy Webb and Grace Webb · Illustrated by Merrilee Liddiard

Emma is going to her first summer camp, and she is so excited! Camp Waterfall is an accessible camp, which means that Emma, Charley, and a host of new friends with different abilities can all participate, with nobody feeling left out or getting left behind. But will Emma really be ready to meet all the challenges and new experiences of camp?

Join Emma and her friends as they face obstacles, overcome fears of trying new things, and discover what's possible in a place that's really built for all. Children will cheer along with Emma every step of the way, and will learn that an inclusive, accessible world for all is truly possible!

### Emma's Awesome Summer Camp Adventure

**Publication: April 30, 2024**

978-1-5064-8339-9

Hardcover | 8.5 x 10

32 pages

Ages 4 to 7

\$17.99

JUV039150 / JUVENILE FICTION / Disabilities

JUV032170 / JUVENILE FICTION / Sports &

Recreation / Camping & Outdoor Activities

JUV039060 / JUVENILE FICTION / Social

Themes / Friendship

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Author blog tour with book giveaways*

*National trade and library advertising*

*Special outreach to educators and librarians*

*Targeted publicity campaign to education, library, and trade media*

*Digital and social media campaign targeting parents, teachers, and librarians*

*Series sell sheet*

*Social media influencer campaign to Bookstagrammers and bloggers*

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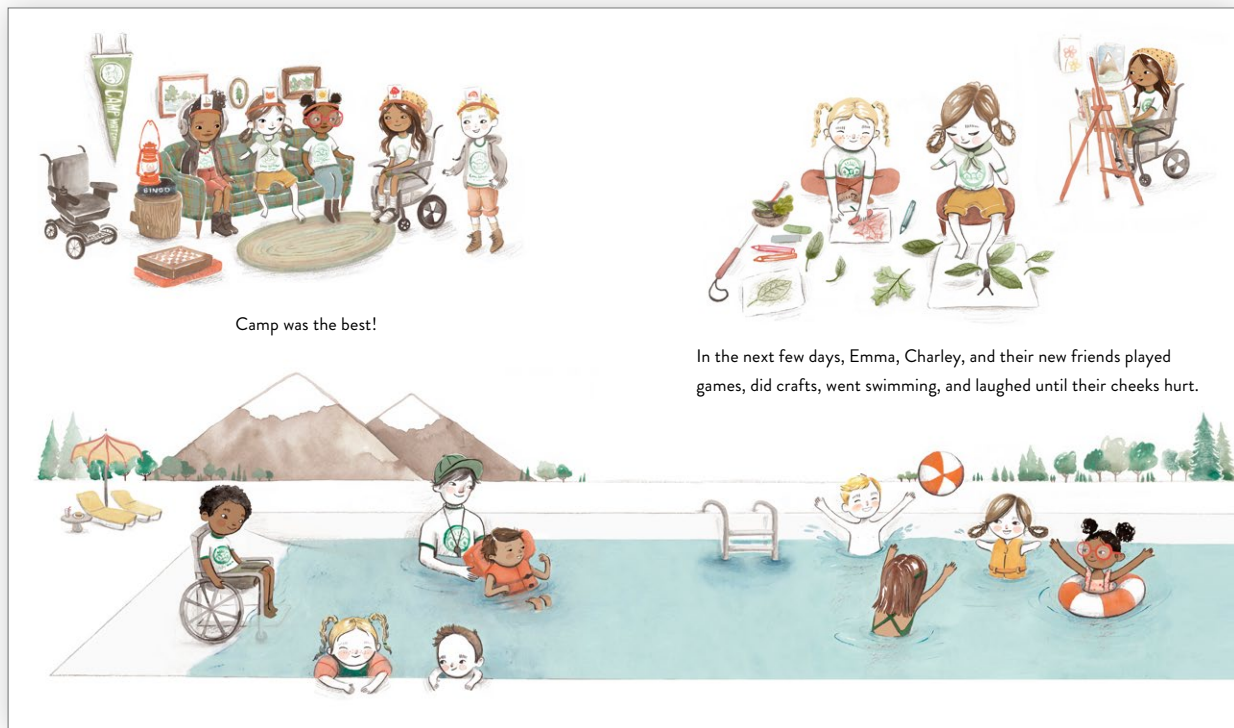
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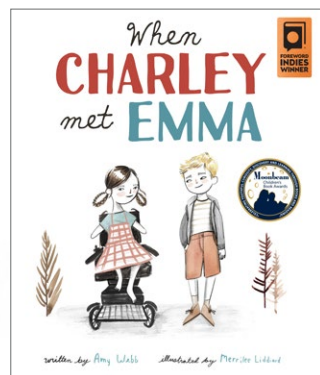




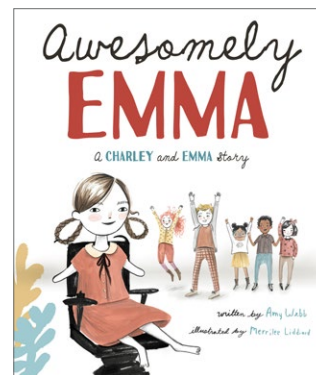
Camp was the best!

In the next few days, Emma, Charley, and their new friends played games, did crafts, went swimming, and laughed until their cheeks hurt.

#### More from Charley and Emma:



**When Charley Met Emma**  
978-1-5064-4872-5  
32 pages | 8.5 x 10 | \$16.99

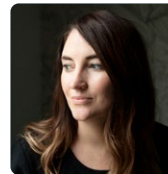


**Awesomely Emma: A  
Charley and Emma Story**  
978-1-5064-6495-4  
32 pages | 8.5 x 10 | \$17.99



**Amy Webb** is an artist, writer, mother, and creator of the popular blog *This Little Miggy Stayed Home*. As a special needs mom, she advocates for the disability and special needs community through her writings and interviews on her blog. She has been featured in *The Mighty*, *A Cup of Jo*, *Design\*Sponge*, *DesignMom*, *MotherMag*, and *Lunch Lady Magazine*. She is the author of *When Charley Met Emma* and *Awesomely Emma*. Webb lives with her handsome husband and three beautiful daughters in Cincinnati, Ohio.

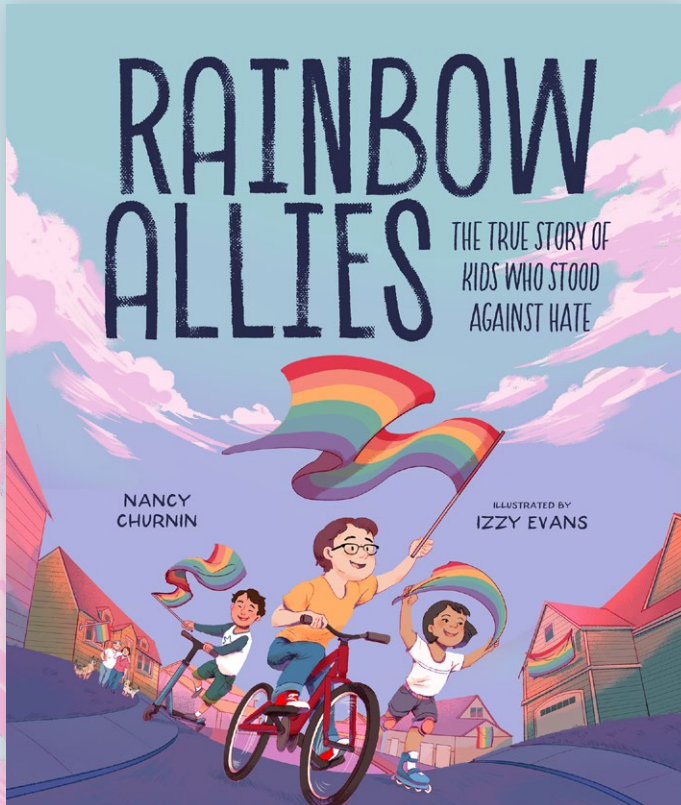
**Grace Webb** is a bright, witty, and well-read 13-year-old girl, and with one television show appearance under her belt (NBC's *Ordinary Joe*), she hopes to become an actor when she grows up. Grace is also excited to be a first-time author before graduating from middle school.



**Merrilee Liddiard** grew up in a splendid home filled with delightful artistic chaos and ample creativity. 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 TRUE STORY OF ALLYSHIP AND STANDING UP TO ANTI-LGBTQ HATE.



## Rainbow Allies

Written by Nancy Churnin · Illustrated by Izzy Evans

When a lesbian couple comes home one day to find their Pride flag stolen and their front porch egged, the sense of belonging they had felt in their community is threatened. Are they safe in their house? The support they need comes from an unexpected place—the neighborhood's children. Together, the local kids create a plan to show Cari and Lauri just how valued they are in the community.

Based on real-life events, *Rainbow Allies* tells the story of how a Massachusetts neighborhood rallied together around Cari and Lauri—and their dogs, Twink and Scout—to make them feel welcomed and loved again after an act of hate. Written by multi-award-winning author Nancy Churnin, this book is an inspiring introduction to allyship for young readers and changemakers.

Backmatter includes guidance for how children can be LGBTQ allies in their own communities.

### Rainbow Allies

**Publication: May 7, 2024**

978-1-5064-8844-8

Hardcover | 8.5 x 10

40 pages

Ages 4 to 7

\$17.99

JNF053080 / JUVENILE NONFICTION / LGBTQ+

JNF071000 / JUVENILE NONFICTION /

Activism & Social Justice

JNF053220 / JUVENILE NONFICTION /

Social Topics / Bullying

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Downloadable teacher's guide*

*Pitch for Pride roundups and drag queen story hours*

*Special promotion through The Trevor Project, GLAAD, and similar organizations*

*National media campaign targeting LGBTQ+ media, education media, library media, and trade media*


*Select author events and appearances at schools, libraries, and bookstores*


*National advertising campaign targeting teachers, librarians, and booksellers*


*Extensive social media campaign targeting queer influencers, bloggers, librarians, and educators*


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Brendan saw Cari and Lauri scrubbing sticky bits of yolk from their walls and windows.

Twink and Scout were whimpering, curled in balls by their feet. A broken mount swayed where the flag had waved.

"What happened?" Brendan whispered.

Cari told him they'd found the house this way when they got home. "Why?" Brendan felt the hurt his friends were feeling like a stone in his stomach. Nothing like this had ever happened in his neighborhood before.



**Nancy Churnin** is an award-winning children's book author who lives in North Texas. Nancy won the 2021 National Jewish Book Award, the 2022 Sydney Taylor Honor, and the First Place—Children's Book Nonfiction awards from

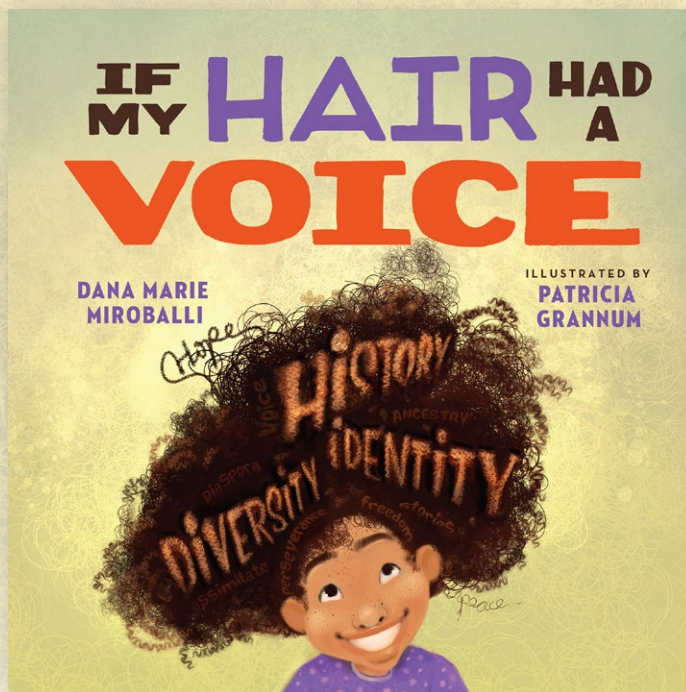
the National Federation of Press Women and Press Women of Texas for *Dear Mr. Dickens*. She has also won honors for *Manjhi Moves a Mountain*, along with many others, as well as starred reviews from *School Library Journal*, *Kirkus Reviews*, and *Publishers Weekly*.



**Izzy Evans** is an illustrator, animator, and weekend flapjack baker from North London, England. Their work is best known for its diverse characters, gentle humor, and the occasional unicorn.



**“IF YOUR HAIR HAD A VOICE, IT WOULD SING OF DIVERSITY AND IDENTITY. IT WOULD TELL YOU STORIES OF OUR HISTORY.”**



### If My Hair Had a Voice

Written by Dana Marie Miroballi · Illustrated by Patricia Grannum

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. Backmatter explores the history of each hairstyle featured in the book.



#### If My Hair Had a Voice

**Publication: May 28, 2024**

978-1-5064-9360-2

Hardcover | 10 x 10

40 pages

Ages 3 to 8

\$17.99

JUV011010 / JUVENILE FICTION /

People & Places / United States / African American & Black

JUV016010 / JUVENILE FICTION /

Historical / Africa

JUV039140 / JUVENILE FICTION / Social

Themes / Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance

#### Marketing and Selling Points

*Special outreach to Black-owned indie bookstores*

*Lead title for Juneteenth 2024*

*Pitch for Juneteenth roundups*

*Book trailer*

*Social media influencer campaign to BIPOC*


*influencers, bloggers, and tastemakers*


*National advertising campaign targeting BIPOC*


*media and trade media*


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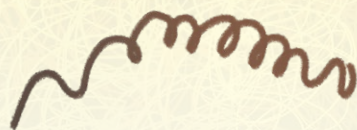
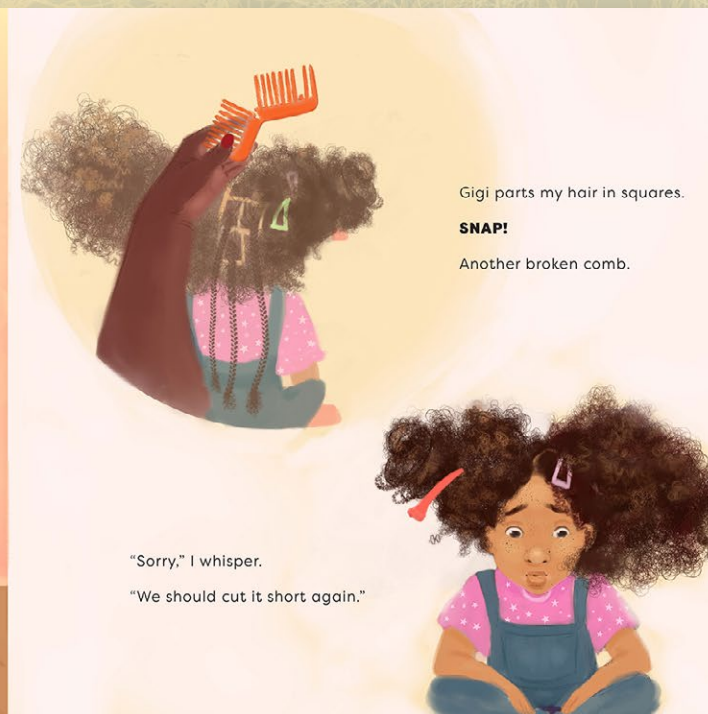
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with her husband and children.

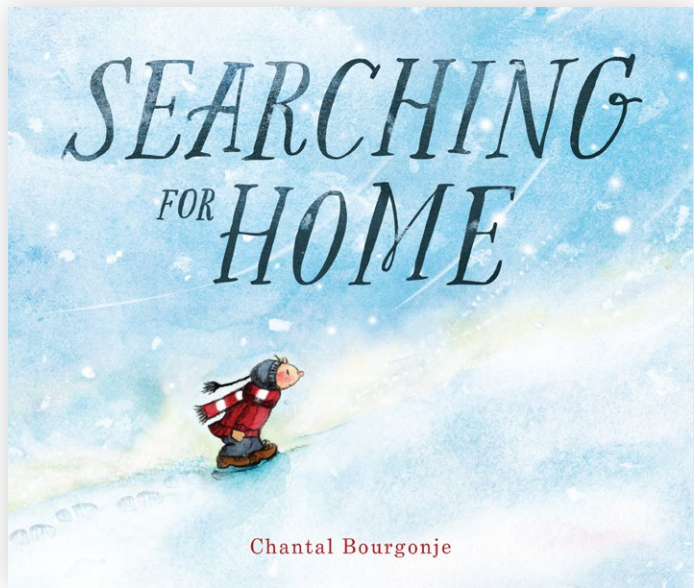
**Dana Marie Miroballi** is a biracial teacher turned speech-language pathologist writing books for young readers. She grew up in Germany, served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Uzbekistan, and now lives in Chicago



Caribbean upbringing, with a focus on conveying a sense of wonder in the books she illustrates.

As she illustrates 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





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



## Searching for Home

Written and Illustrated by Chantal Bourgonje

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 they can make Noa's house a home, together.

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 home, and might just be inspired to go on an adventure or two of their own. Oftentimes, rich friendships are waiting just around the corner.



**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*.

### Searching for Home

**Publication: January 30, 2024**

978-1-5064-8878-3

Hardcover | 10 x 8.5

40 pages

Ages 4 to 8

\$17.99

JUV039060 / JUVENILE FICTION /  
Social Themes / Friendship

JUV002000 / JUVENILE FICTION /  
Animals / General

JUV019000 / JUVENILE FICTION /  
Humorous Stories

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Pitch for gift guide roundups*

*National media campaign targeting trade and library media*

*National advertising campaign targeting parenting, trade, and library media*

*Extensive social media campaign targeting mom bloggers, influencers, librarians, and educators*

*School and library conference promotions*

*Promotion via author's social media platforms*

### Connect

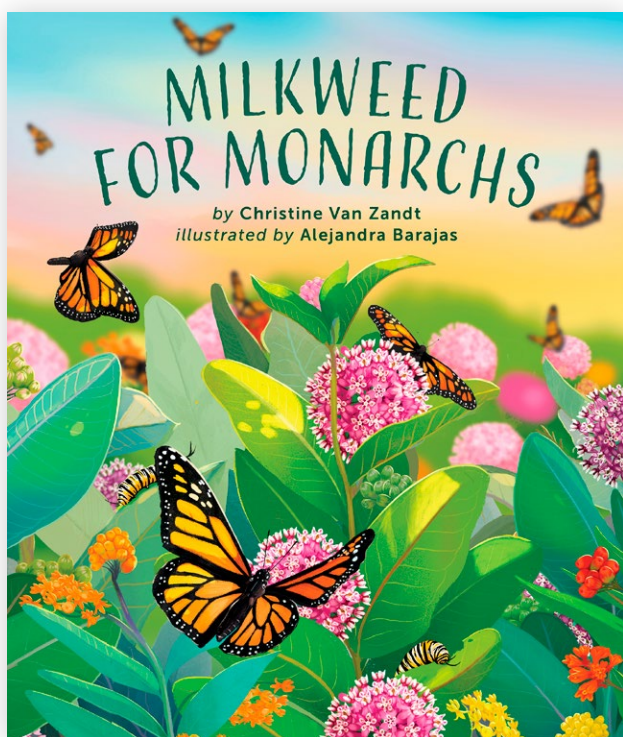
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**Bold, gold, the chrysalis gleams.  
And deep down inside . . .  
the butterfly dreams.**



## Milkweed for Monarchs

Written by Christine Van Zandt · Illustrated by Alejandra Barajas

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.



**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*.

### Milkweed for Monarchs

**Publication: February 6, 2024**

978-1-5064-8930-8

Hardcover | 8.5 x 10

40 pages

Ages 4 to 8

\$18.99

JNF003250 / JUVENILE NONFICTION /

Animals / Butterflies, Moths & Caterpillars

JNF037020 / JUVENILE NONFICTION

/ Science & Nature / Environmental

Conservation & Protection

JNF003220 / JUVENILE NONFICTION /

Animals / Animal Welfare

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Downloadable teacher's guide and coloring pages*

*Special promotion on Western Monarch Day (February 5), National Learn About Butterflies Day (March 14), and Earth Day (April 22)*

*National media and advertising campaigns targeting school and library markets/media*

*Author appearances on science blogs, as well as kids podcasts such as Brains On*

*Select author events and appearances at schools, libraries, bookstores, and STEM-related events*

*Extensive social media campaign targeting influencers, environmentalists, librarians, and educators*

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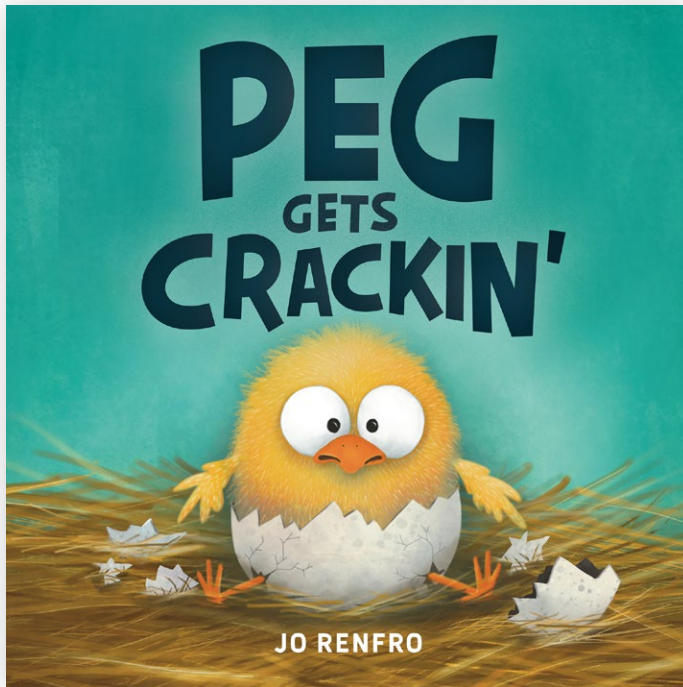
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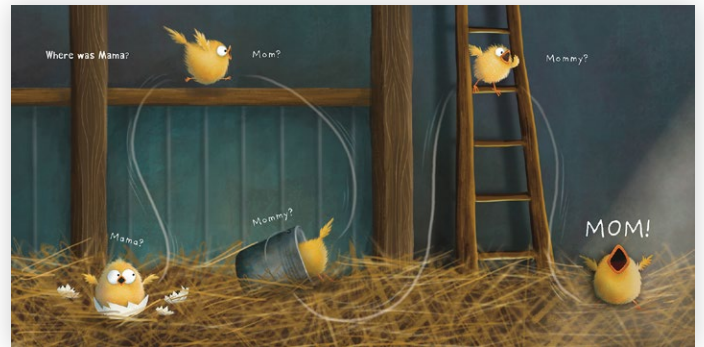
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## Time to get crackin'!



### Peg Gets Crackin'

Written and Illustrated by Jo Renfro

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!



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

### Peg Gets Crackin'

**Publication: February 6, 2024**

978-1-5064-9207-0

Hardcover | 9 x 9

32 pages

Ages 4 to 7

\$17.99

JUV039090 / JUVENILE FICTION /

Social Themes / New Experience

JUV039050 / JUVENILE FICTION /

Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings

JUV002090 / JUVENILE FICTION /

Animals / Farm Animals

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Downloadable storytime kit*

*Easter/springtime promotions*


*Select author events at regional shows*

*Social media advertising campaign targeting parents and grandparents*


*Inclusion in ads with other humorous picture books for kids*

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

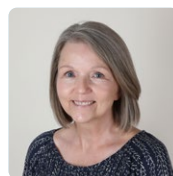


## Mara Hears in Style

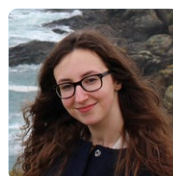
Written by Terri Clemmons · Illustrated by Lucy Rogers

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 communicating, 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 and sign-language 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.



**Terri Clemmons** writes picture books and middle-grade novels, and wants every child to see themselves in stories, especially children who wear hearing aids as she and her children do. 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.

### Mara Hears in Style

**Publication: February 27, 2024**

978-1-5064-8874-5

Hardcover | 8.5 x 10

32 pages

Ages 4 to 8

\$17.99

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Disabilities

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Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings

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Social Themes / Friendship

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Downloadable teacher resource guide*

*Special promotion during Better Hearing and Speech Month (May)*

*National review coverage*

*Select author appearances and events*


*School and library conference promotions*

*Social media influencer campaign to*

*Bookstagrammers, educators, and librarians*


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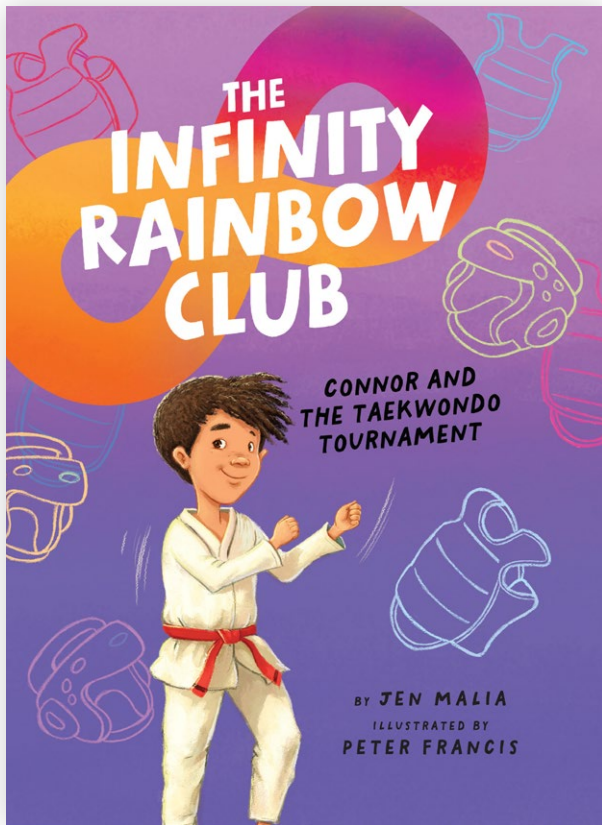
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## Connor and the Taekwondo Tournament

Written by Jen Malia · Illustrated by Peter Francis

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

*Connor and the Taekwondo Tournament* meets a longstanding need for chapter books written from the perspective of kids with ADHD and is the perfect addition to any young reader's shelf.

Connor loves practicing taekwondo at his dojang. Having ADHD means he has to work a little harder to keep his focus, but that doesn't stop him from rising through the taekwondo ranks. However, when 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?

The neurodivergent members of the Infinity Rainbow Club are back, this time with an uplifting story of friendship and perseverance told from the perspective of a boy with ADHD.



**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.

### More from the Infinity Rainbow series:

**Violet and the Jurassic Land Exhibit**  
978-1-5064-8597-3 | 5.5 x 7.5 | \$15.99

**Nick and the Brick Builder Challenge**  
978-1-5064-8595-9 | 5.5 x 7.5 | \$15.99

*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.*

### Connor and the Taekwondo Tournament

Publication: March 12, 2024

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| Hardcover:        | Paperback:        |
| 978-1-5064-8599-7 | 978-1-5064-9652-8 |
| 5.5 x 7.5         | 5.5 x 7.5         |
| \$15.99           | \$8.99            |

128 pages  
Ages 7 to 10

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JUV077000 / JUVENILE FICTION / Neurodiversity  
JUV019000 / JUVENILE FICTION / Humorous Stories

### Marketing and Selling Points

National review coverage  
Select author appearances and events  
School and library conference promotions  
Social media influencer campaign to Bookstagrammers, educators, and librarians

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*I can do this!* Elinor rolled up her sleeves. She was smart enough. She was strong enough.



## Elinor McGrath, Pet Doctor

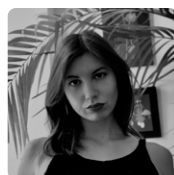
Written by Jacqueline Johnson · Illustrated by Alette Straathof

When Elinor McGrath decided she wanted to be a veterinarian, the world told her no. It was 1907, and that job was not considered suitable for women. Even after she was accepted into veterinary school, the 137 male students in her class made it clear she was not welcome. Yet despite constant criticism, Elinor persevered. She could see that the future was changing and was determined to show the world of veterinary medicine that accepting women wasn't the only change the profession needed.

Written by a small-animal veterinarian, *Elinor McGrath, Pet Doctor* tells the true story of the first woman veterinarian in the US. Backmatter highlights Elinor's career as well as other pioneering women vets from around the world.



**Jacqueline Johnson** received a BS in Wildlife Biology before going on to become a small-animal veterinarian. She is the author of *The Doggy Doctor and the Upset Tummy*.



**Alette Straathof** was born and raised in a small town in The Netherlands. She received a BFA in illustration and minored in gamification from the Willem de Kooning Academy in 2016. Alette works exclusively as a freelance illustrator and lives in Paris, France.

### Elinor McGrath, Pet Doctor

**Publication: March 19, 2024**

978-1-5064-9203-2

Hardcover | 8.5 x 10

40 pages

Ages 5 to 8

\$17.99

JNF007120 / JUVENILE NONFICTION /

Biography & Autobiography / Women

JNF007090 / JUVENILE NONFICTION /

Biography & Autobiography / Science & Technology

JNF003170 / JUVENILE NONFICTION /

Animals / Pets

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Special promotion on National Pet Day (April 11)*

*National Media Campaign targeting trade media, feminist media, education media, library media, and science media*

*Author appearances on history and science blogs, as well as kids podcasts such as Brains On*

*Select author events and appearances at schools, libraries, bookstores, and STEM-related events*

*National advertising campaign targeting teachers, librarians, and booksellers*

*Extensive social media campaign targeting influencers, girl power bloggers, librarians, and educators*

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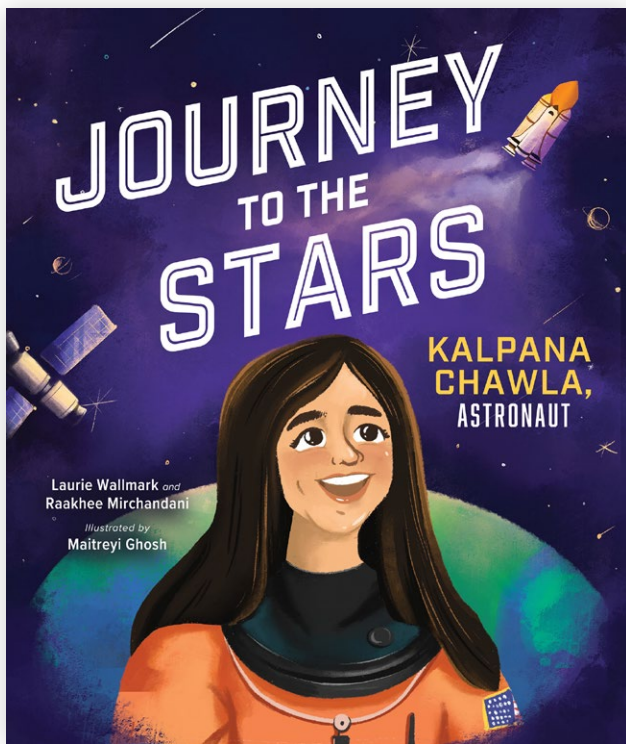
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## Journey to the Stars

Written by Laurie Wallmark and Raakhee Mirchandani · Illustrated by Maitreyi Ghosh

Kalpna Chawla set her sights on flight from an early age. She was told “no” many times in life. But Kalpna 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 Kalpna 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 Kalpna’s life and awards.

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



**Laurie Wallmark** is an award-winning author whose 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. She previously worked at the *New York Post*, the *New York Daily News*, and the *Boston Herald*. Her work has appeared in *Elle*, *Glamour*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Redbook*, and *HuffPost*. 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.

### Journey to the Stars

**Publication: February 13, 2024**

978-1-5064-8469-3

Hardcover | 8.5 x 10

40 pages

Ages 4 to 8

\$18.99

JNF007050 / JUVENILE NONFICTION  
/ Biography & Autobiography / Cultural,  
Ethnic & Regional

JNF023000 / JUVENILE NONFICTION /  
Girls & Women

JNF069000 / JUVENILE NONFICTION /  
Diversity & Multicultural

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Special promotion for Women’s History Month*

*National media campaign targeting trade media, feminist media, education media, library media, and science media*

*Select author events and appearances at schools, libraries, bookstores, and STEM-related events*

*National advertising campaign targeting teachers, librarians, and booksellers*

*Downloadable teacher resource guide*

*Extensive social media campaign targeting influencers, girl power bloggers, librarians, and educators*

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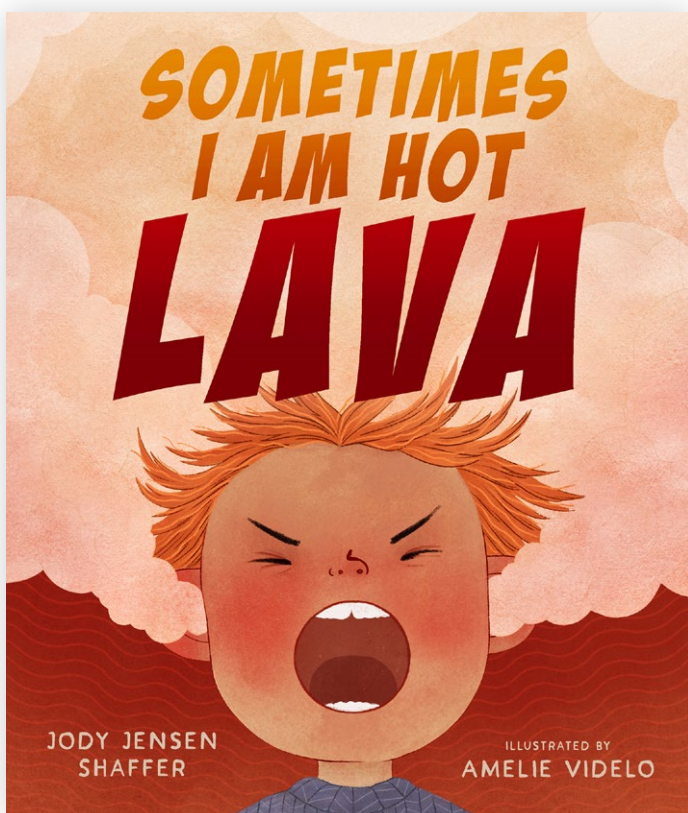
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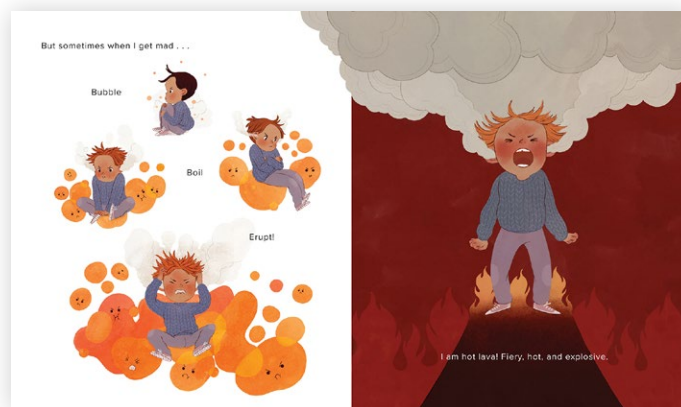
## Sometimes I Am Hot Lava

Written by Jody Jensen Shaffer • Illustrated by Amélie Videlo

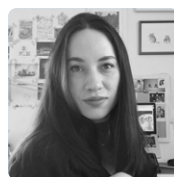
Most of the time, Buddy is a regular kid. He has ups and downs. But when things don't go his way, he can feel the magma bubble and boil inside of him until he erupts like a volcano! Fortunately, he knows a few ways to return to feeling as calm and cool as igneous rock.

*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.

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



**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.

### Sometimes I Am Hot Lava

**Publication:** April 2, 2024

978-1-5064-9345-9

Hardcover | 8.5 x 10

32 pages

Ages 3 to 8

\$17.99

JUV039050 / JUVENILE FICTION /  
 Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings  
 JUV039140 / JUVENILE FICTION / Social  
 Themes / Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance  
 JUV013070 / JUVENILE FICTION /  
 Family / Siblings

### Marketing and Selling Points

*School and library advertising*

*National publicity campaign targeting librarians,  
 teachers, and parents of young children*

*National wholesaler advertising*

*Social media campaign targeting teachers and  
 librarians*

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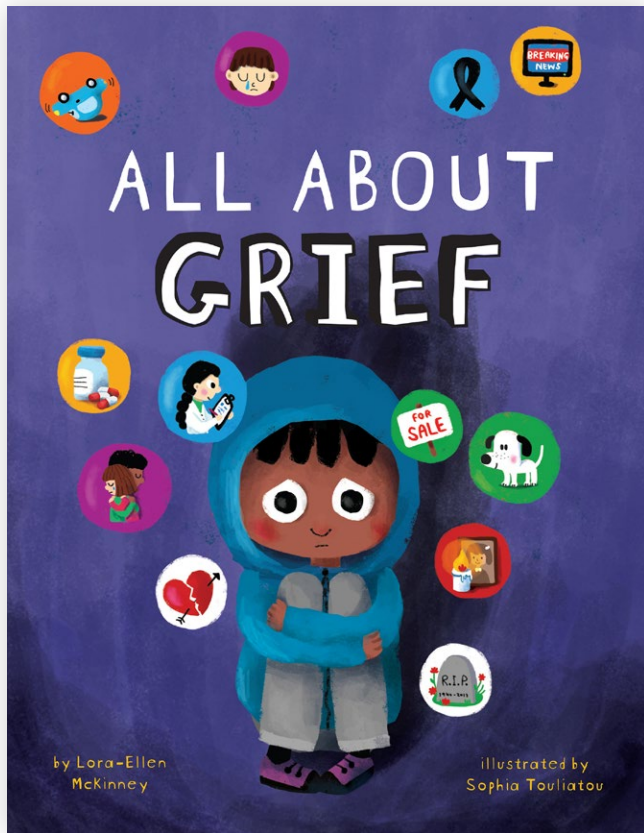
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## All About Grief

Written by Lora-Ellen McKinney · Illustrated by Sophia Touliaou

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 learn when and why we are most likely to grieve, what purpose grief serves, and strategies for healing and finding hope moving forward.

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



**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 Touliaou** has studied graphic design and works as an illustrator, doing mostly children's books, many of which have gained merits and awards.

### All About Grief

**Publication: April 9, 2024**

978-1-5064-9127-1

Hardcover | 7 x 9

88 pages

Ages 9 to 13

\$14.99

JNF053030 / JUVENILE NONFICTION / Social Topics / Death, Grief, Bereavement

JNF053050 / JUVENILE NONFICTION / Social Topics / Emotions & Feelings

JNF053160 / JUVENILE NONFICTION / Social Topics / Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Special promotions to school and library market*

*Targeted campaign to mental health professionals, social workers, and educators*

*Trade advertising*

*National print and online publicity*

*Targeted digital and social media campaign*

*Downloadable resource for additional grief support*

### Connect

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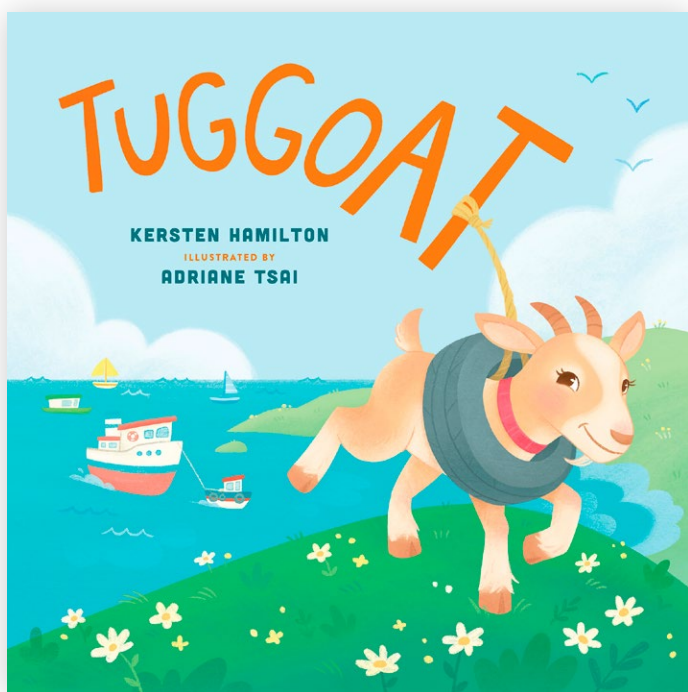
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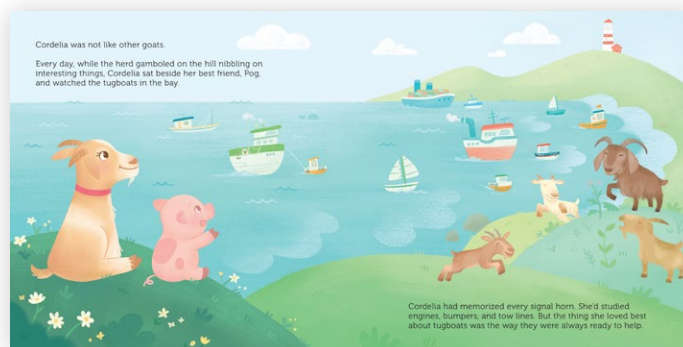
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Kids will giggle with joy at Cordelia the goat's antics in this whimsical tale about self-confidence, empathy, and never backing down from big dreams.



## Tugboat

Written by Kersten Hamilton · Illustrated by Adriane Tsai

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 *tugboat*—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. *Tugboat* reminds kids that anything is possible when you believe in yourself.



**Kersten Hamilton** is a critically acclaimed author of books for toddlers, teens, and all people in between. She is the author of *Red Truck*, which received a starred review from *Booklist* and has sold almost a quarter million copies. Kersten is also the author of *First Friend: How Dogs Evolved from Wolves to Become Our Best Friends*, and the YA novel *In the Forests of the Night*, among many others. 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.

### Tugboat

**Publication: April 23, 2024**

978-1-5064-9133-2

Hardcover | 10 x 10

40 pages

Ages 4 to 8

\$17.99

JUV039140 / JUVENILE FICTION / Social

Themes / Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance

JUV002090 / JUVENILE FICTION /

Animals / Farm Animals

JUV039230 / JUVENILE FICTION /

Social Themes / Bullying

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Select author events at regional shows*

*Advertising through Bookshop and Shelf Awareness for Readers*

*Social media advertising campaign targeting parents and grandparents*


*Inclusion in ads with other humorous picture books for kids*


### Connect


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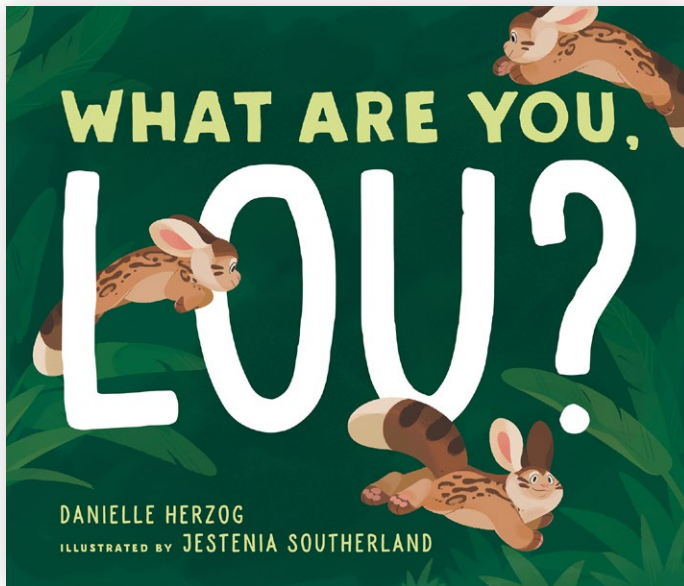
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Your identity is more than just one word or label.



## What Are You, Lou?

Written by Danielle Herzog · Illustrated by Jestenia Southerland

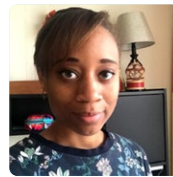
When Lou, a fluffy-tailed, giant-eared, colorful animal, is asked by the other animals to define himself, he isn't able to give a one-word answer. Lou isn't a lemur. Or a snake. Or an armadillo. Lonely and confused, Lou runs away from that dreaded, repetitive question: "What are you, Lou?" But when his 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, and celebrates standing out in a world that is constantly trying to box us in.



*Mamalode, AOL, What to Expect, and Nickelodeon, as well as other national and local publications.*

**Danielle Herzog** is an elementary school counselor, writer, speaker, television correspondent, and mother. Her writing has been featured in *The Washington Post, The Chicago Tribune, Parenting, The Huffington Post,*



**Jestenia Southerland** is an illustrator living in Dover, Delaware.

### What Are You, Lou?

**Publication: May 21, 2024**

978-1-5064-8508-9

Hardcover | 10 x 8.5

32 pages

Ages 6 to 9

\$18.99

JUV074000 / JUVENILE FICTION /

Diversity & Multicultural

JUV039140 / JUVENILE FICTION / Social

Themes / Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance

JUV039050 / JUVENILE FICTION /

Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Library advertising through School Library Journal and Library Journal*

*Special outreach to queer bloggers and influencers*

*Social media campaign targeting librarians and teachers*

*Author launch team*

*Library storytimes and school visits with author*

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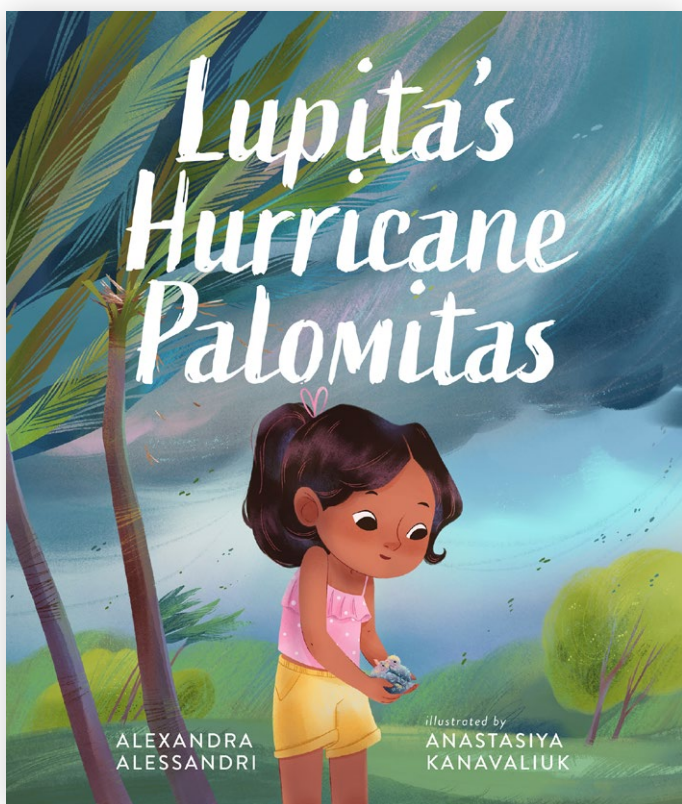
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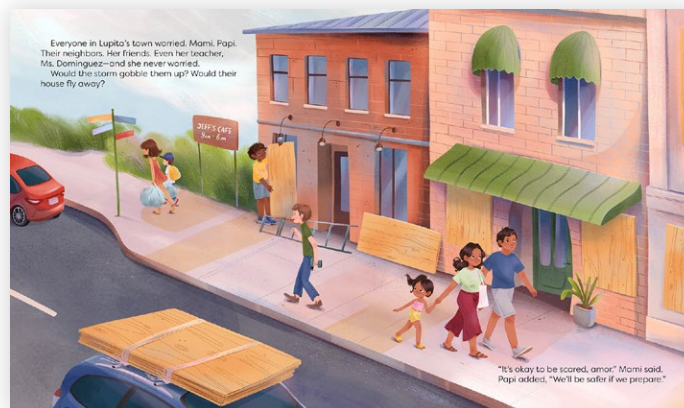
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Kindness can be shown during even the harshest of storms.

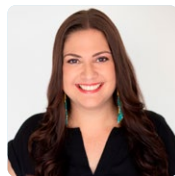


## Lupita's Hurricane Palomitas

Written by Alexandra Alessandri · Illustrated by Anastasiya Kanavaliuk

Shutters rattle. Wind howls. As a ferocious hurricane descends upon her town, Lupita finds two baby birds who have fallen out of their nest and brings them inside to shelter them from the storm. While Lupita and her family wait out the tempest, she focuses on protecting the palomitas to alleviate her own fears and hopes she can soon reunite them with their mother.

Perfect for families living in hurricane-prone states or with children who have storm-related anxieties, *Lupita's Hurricane Palomitas* offers a gentle, soothing story about extending a hand of kindness to others even while facing fears of our own. The book includes Spanish-language vocabulary words and a glossary in the back.



**Alexandra Alessandri** is the award-winning author of *Isabel and Her Colores Go to School*, *The Enchanted Life of Valentina Mejía*, and *Feliz New Year, Ava Gabriela!* The daughter of Colombian immigrants, she is also an educator and poet. Alexandra lives in Florida with her husband and son.



**Anastasiya Kanavaliuk** was raised in Belarus. She has loved drawing since childhood, and nature has been one of her inspirations. Anastasiya is currently working on her master's degree in graphic design and lives in Poland.

### Lupita's Hurricane Palomitas

**Publication: May 21, 2024**

978-1-5064-8888-2

Hardcover | 8.5 x 10

32 pages

Ages 4 to 8

\$17.99

JUV029020 / JUVENILE FICTION /

Science & Nature / Weather

JUV074000 / JUVENILE FICTION /

Diversity & Multicultural

JUV039050 / JUVENILE FICTION /

Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Special Hispanic Heritage Month promotions*

*National publicity campaign targeting trade and library media*

*Extensive social media outreach to parenting and educator influencers such as Aventuras En ESL, Mr. Alex's Bookshelf, and Latinx Parenting*

*National advertising campaign focused on school and library outlets*

*School and library conference promotions*

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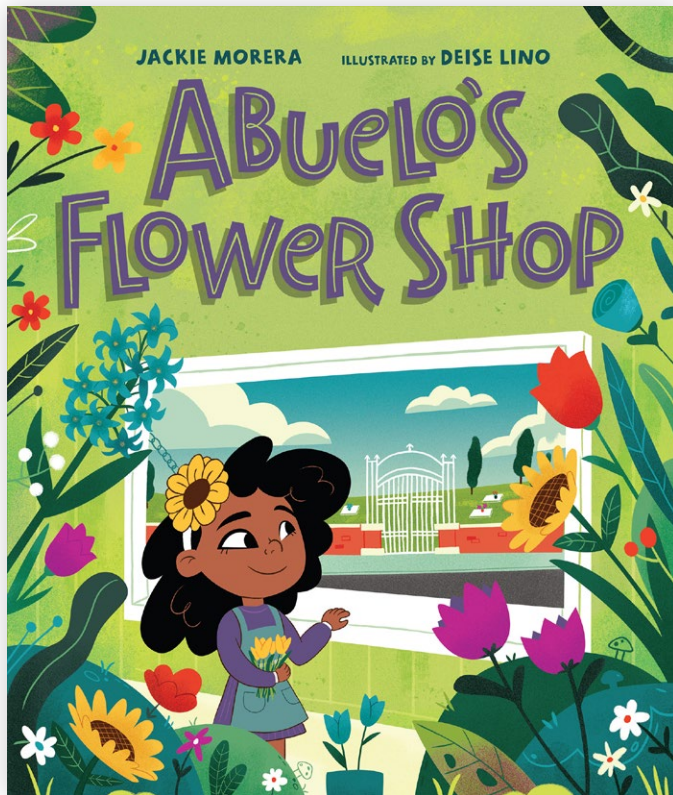
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“Te recuerdo y te extraño.”  
I remember you, and I miss you.

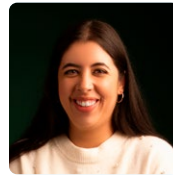


## Abuelo's Flower Shop

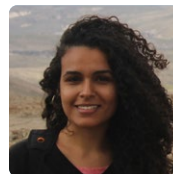
Written by Jackie Morera · Illustrated by Deise Lino

Elena is finally old enough to sell flowers with her abuelo in his shop. But she notices that many of the people who visit have tears in their eyes. Abuelo tells her the shop is the last stop before people visit the garden beyond the gate—a place for telling the ones you've loved and lost, “Te recuerdo y te extraño,” I remember you, and I miss you.

Tender and insightful, *Abuelo's Flower Shop* celebrates the beauty of intergenerational love while gently teaching readers about grieving the loss of a loved one. Grandparents and grandchildren will delight in Elena and Abuelo's heartfelt relationship, and readers of all ages will be inspired to find their own ways to say, “I remember you, and I miss you.” This thoughtful story is the perfect resource for navigating difficult conversations about grief.



**Jackie Morera** is a writer and mother living in Florida. She's a member of SCBWI, 12x12, and Las Musas.



**Deise Lino** is a Black Brazilian illustrator currently based in Lisbon, Portugal. She holds bachelor's degrees in digital design and animation film.

### Abuelo's Flower Shop

**Publication: June 4, 2024**

978-1-5064-8755-7

Hardcover | 8.75 x 10.25

32 pages

Ages 4 to 8

\$17.99

JUV039030 / JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Death, Grief, Bereavement

JUV039050 / JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings

JUV013030 / JUVENILE FICTION / Family / Multigenerational

### Marketing and Selling Points

*Special promotions on National Grief Awareness Day (August 30) and Hispanic Heritage Month*

*Targeted campaign to grief counselors, social workers, and mental-health professionals*

*National review coverage and submission to ALA awards*

*School and library advertising campaign and conference promotions*

*Outreach to outlets and organizations that covered The Memory Box: A Book about Grief*

*Extensive outreach to key influencers*

*Regional author events in the Southeast US*

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The Big, Big series



**The Boy with Big, Big Feelings**  
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32 pages | 8.5 x 10 | \$17.99



**The Girl with Big, Big Questions**  
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32 pages | 8.5 x 10 | \$17.99



**The Kid with Big, Big Ideas**  
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**The Big, Big Feelings Activity Book**  
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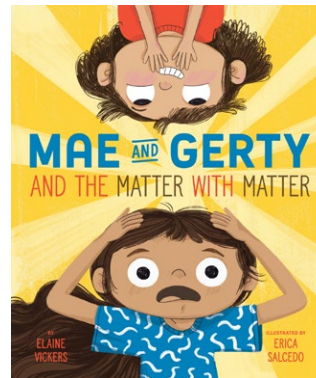
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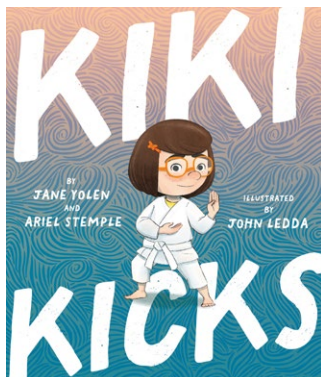
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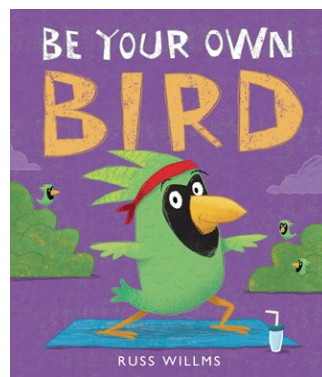
**Mae and Gerty and the Matter with Matter**  
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32 pages | 8.5 x 10 | \$18.99



**Kaia's Big Felines**  
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**Kiki Kicks**  
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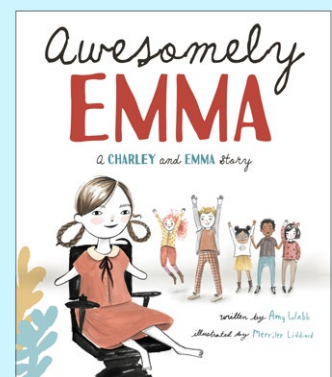


**Be Your Own Bird**  
978-1-5064-8759-5  
32 pages | 8.5 x 10 | \$17.99

The Charley and Emma series

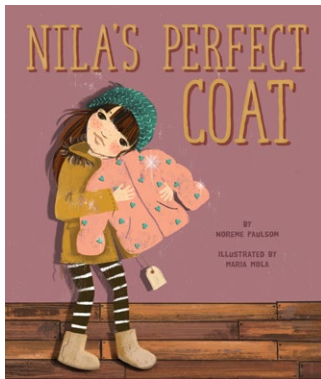


**When Charley Met Emma**  
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32 pages | 8.5 x 10 | \$16.99



**Awesomely Emma: A Charley and Emma Story**  
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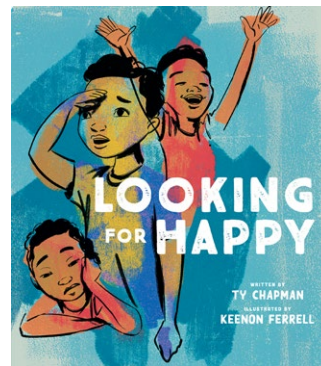




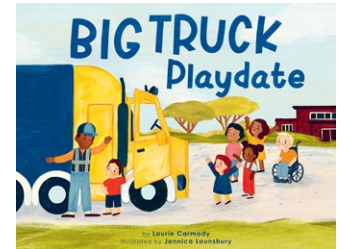
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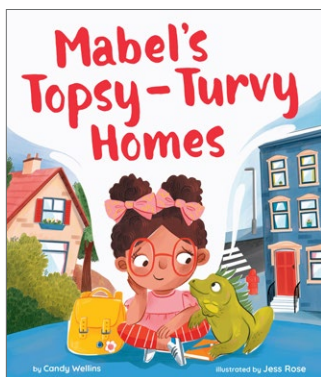
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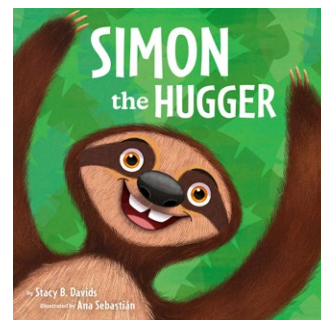
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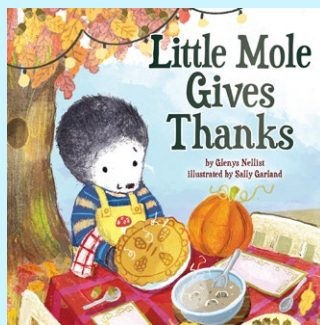
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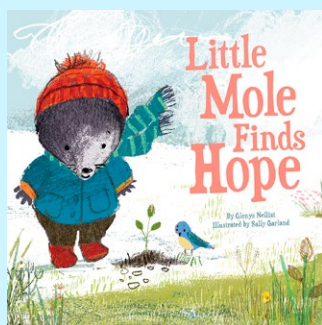
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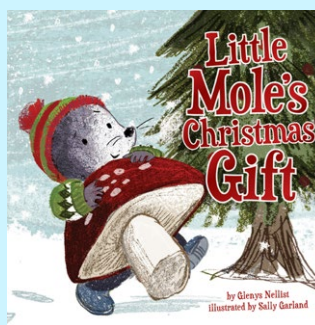
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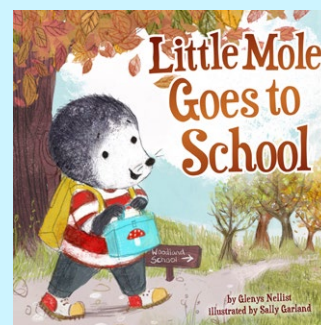
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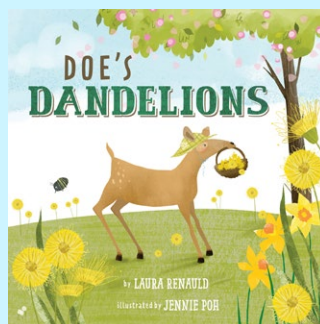


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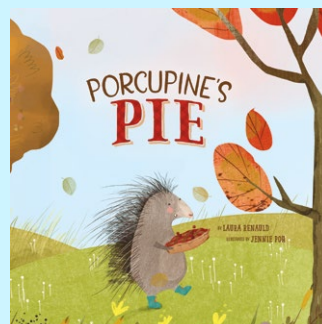


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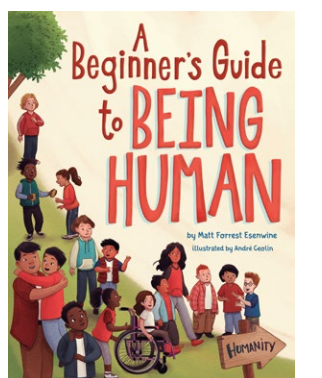
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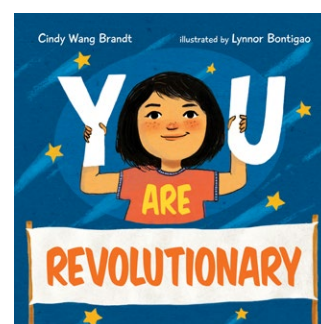
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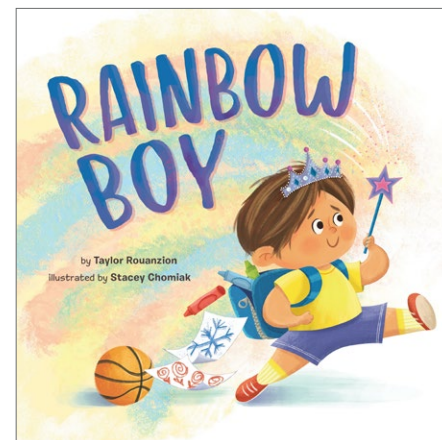




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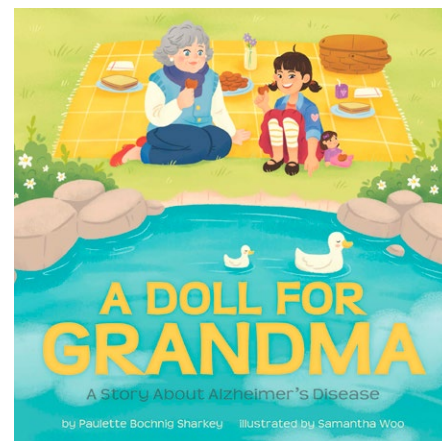
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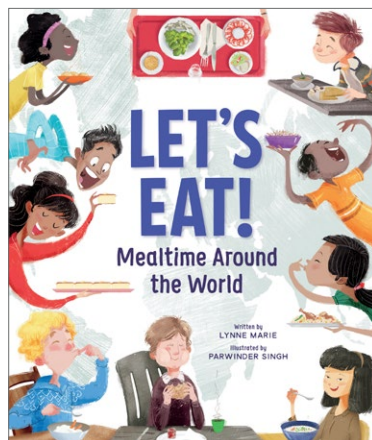
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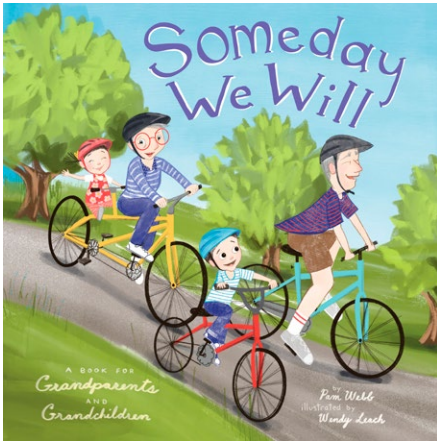


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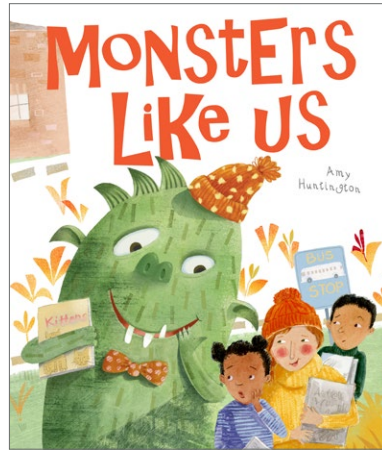


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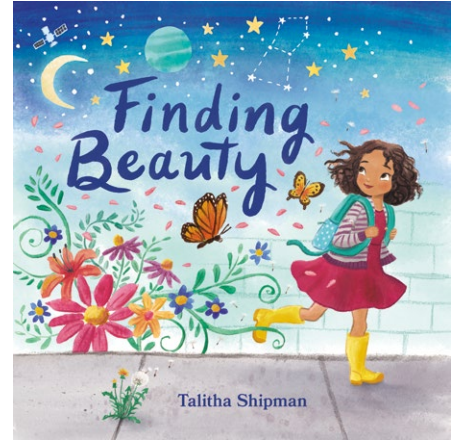




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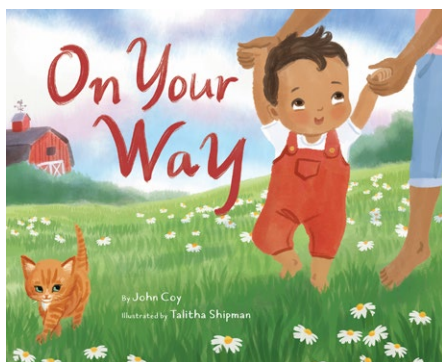
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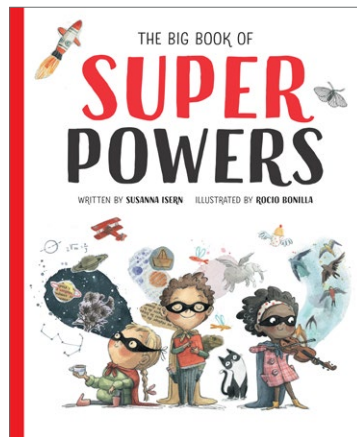
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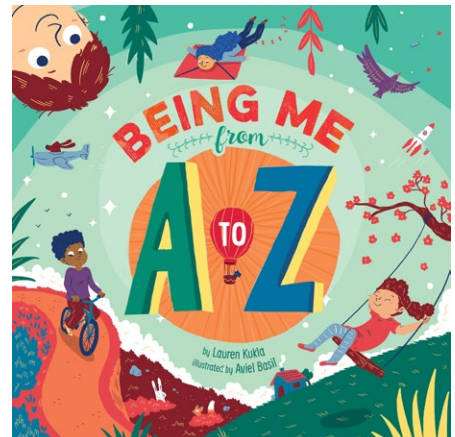
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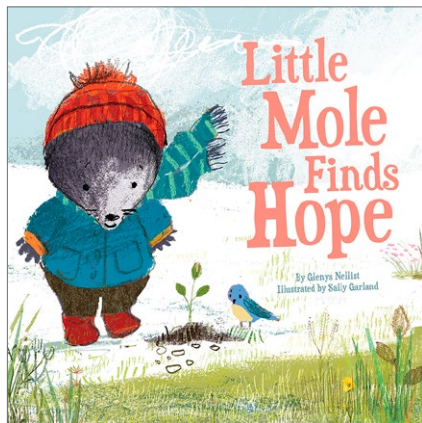
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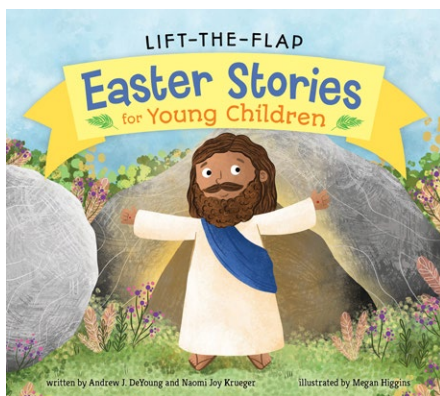
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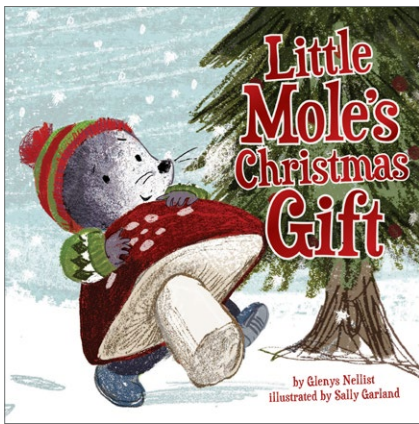
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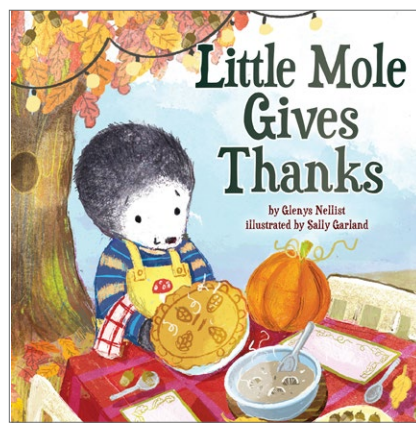
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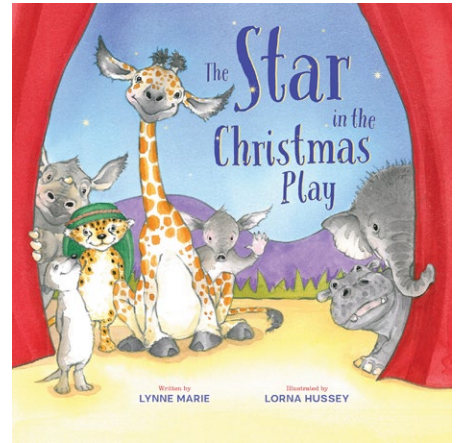




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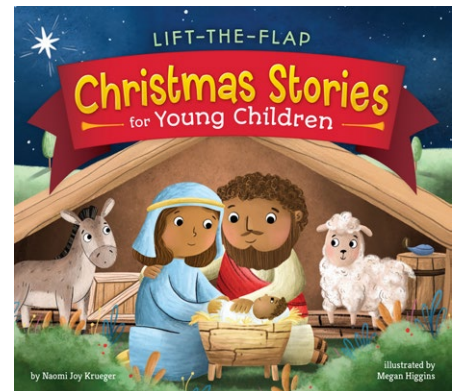
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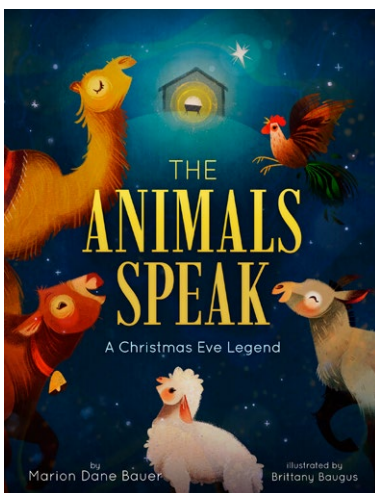
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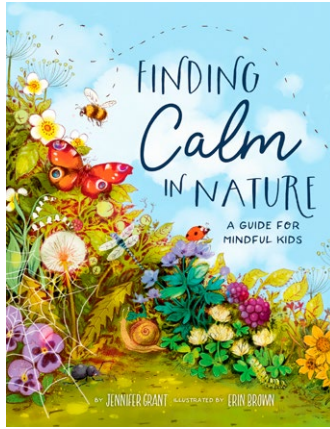




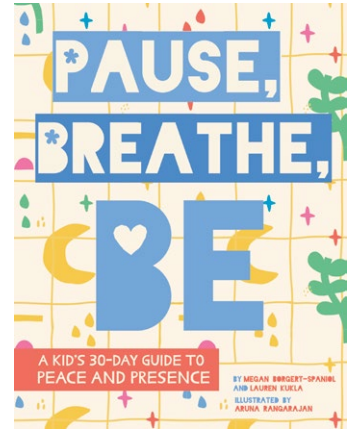
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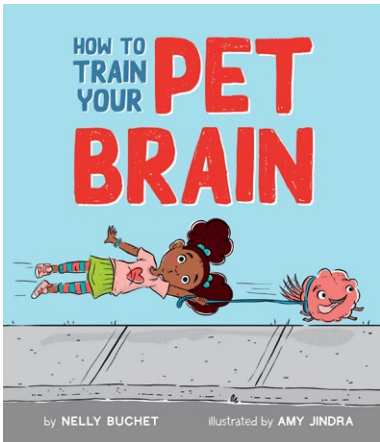
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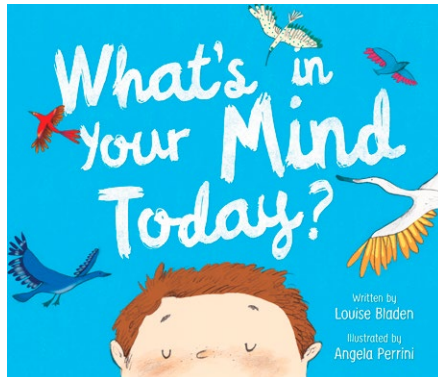
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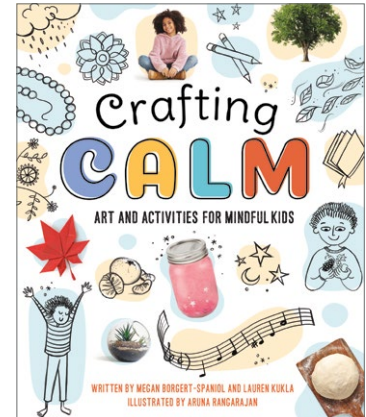
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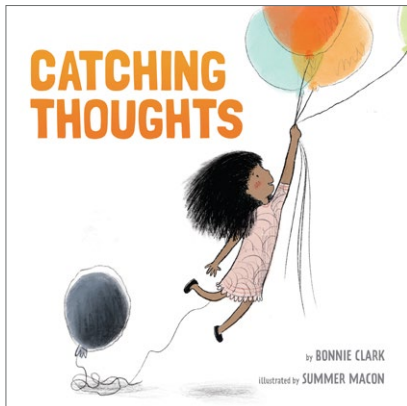
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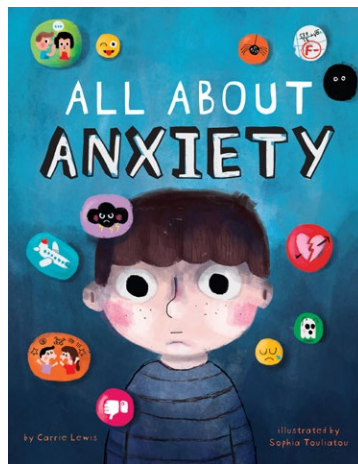
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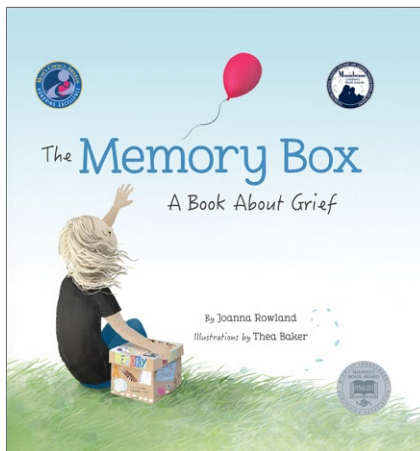




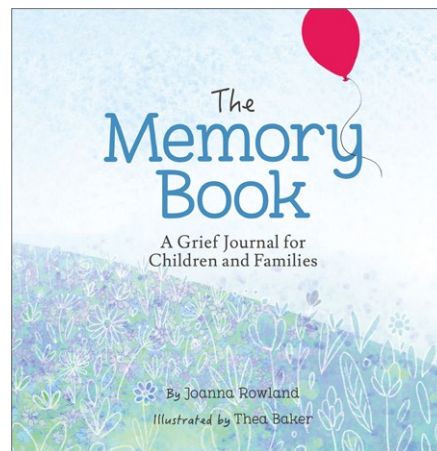
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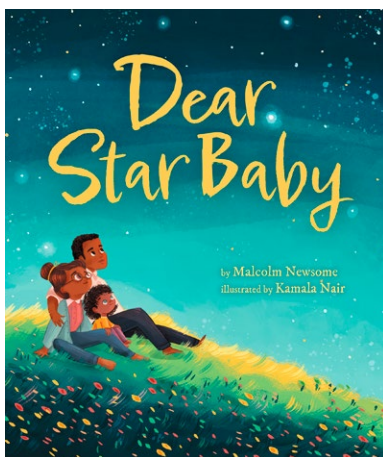
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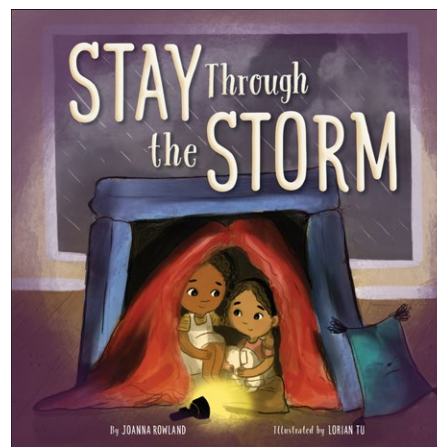
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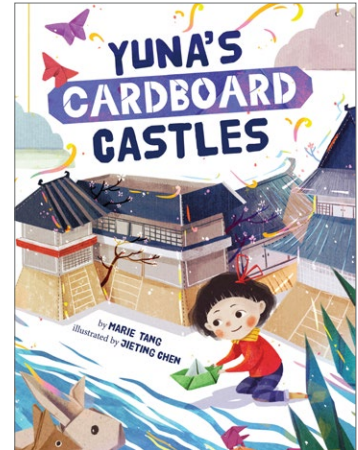
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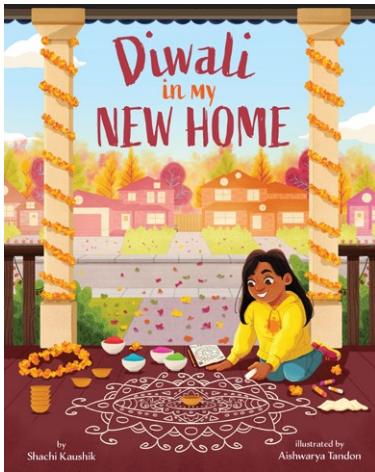
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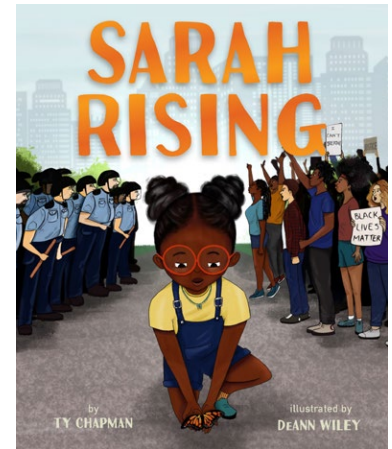
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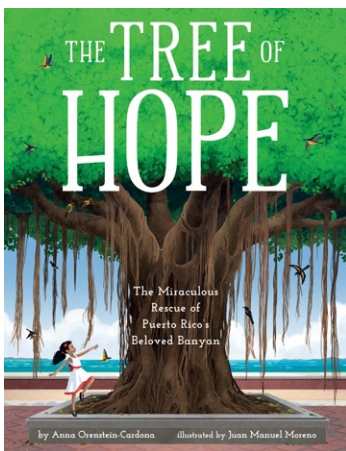
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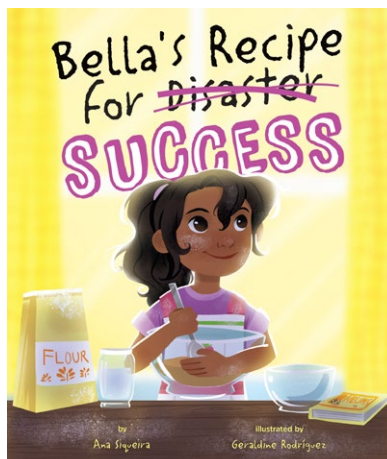
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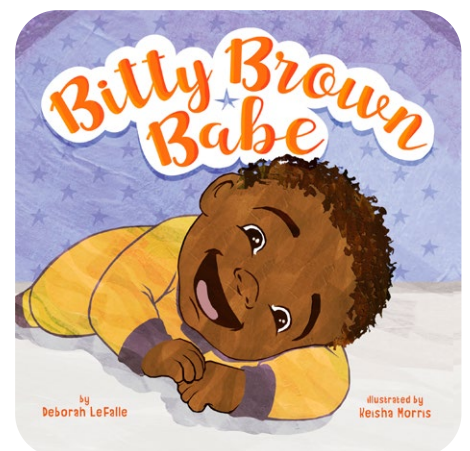
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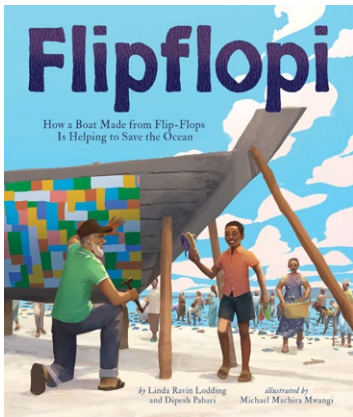
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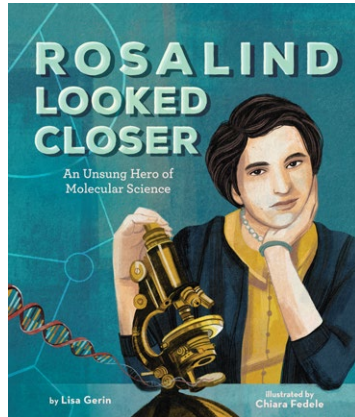
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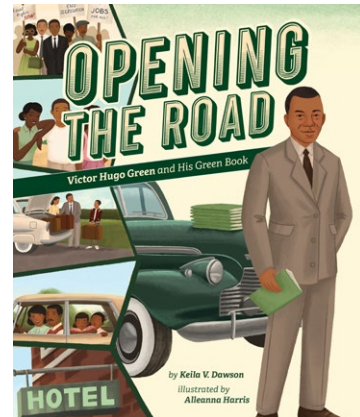
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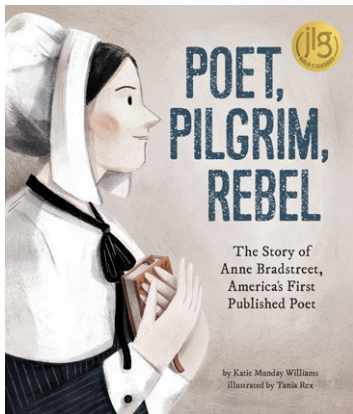
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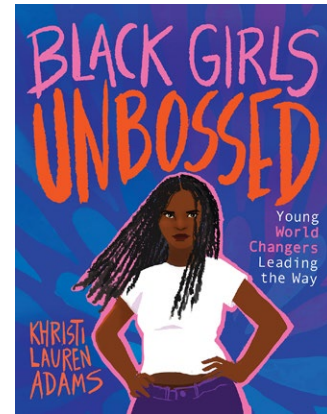
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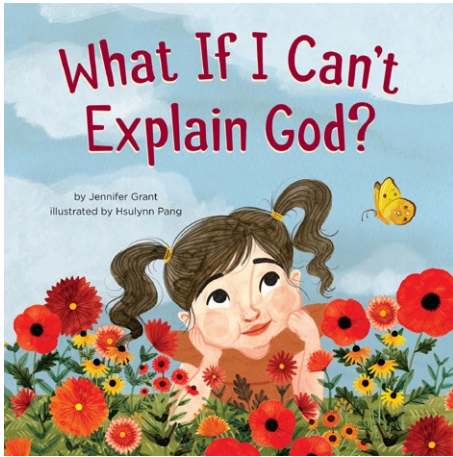
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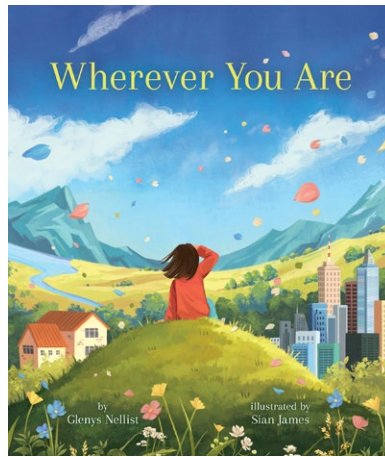
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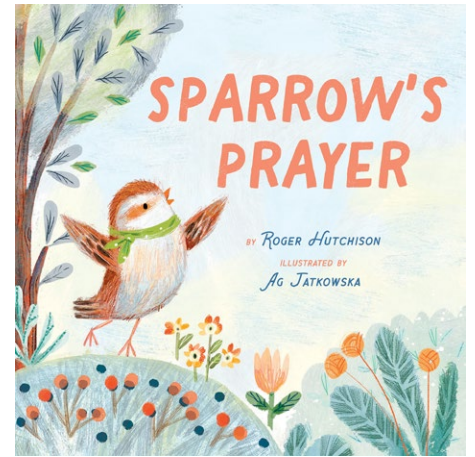
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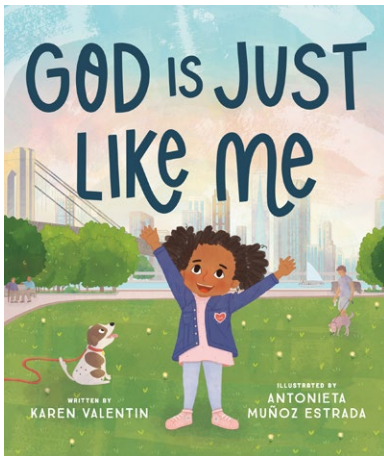
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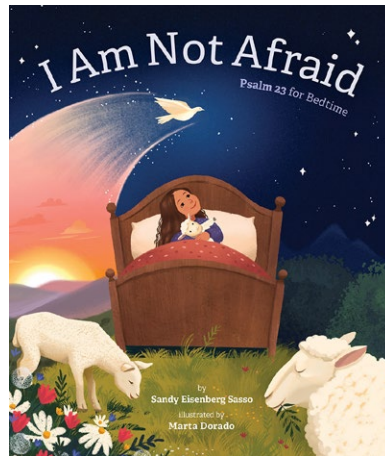
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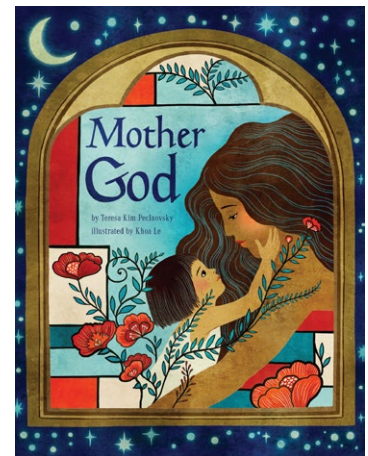
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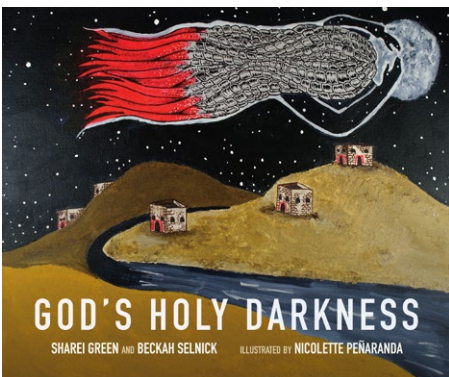
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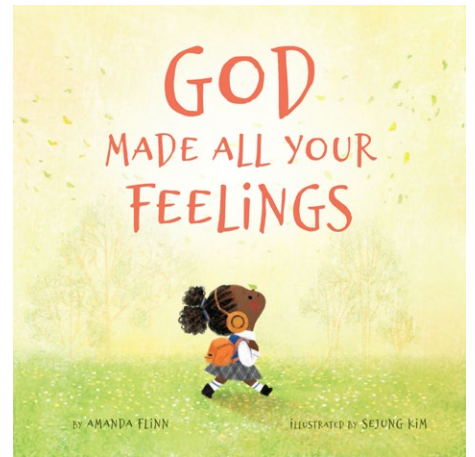
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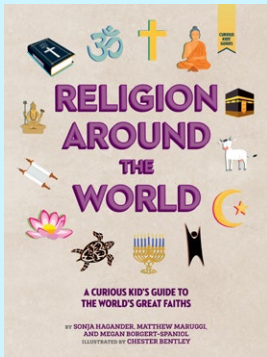
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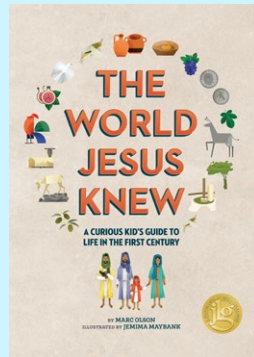
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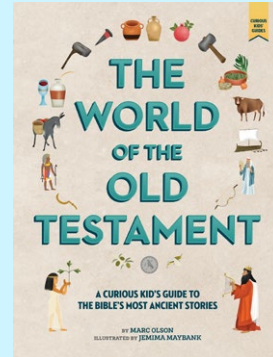
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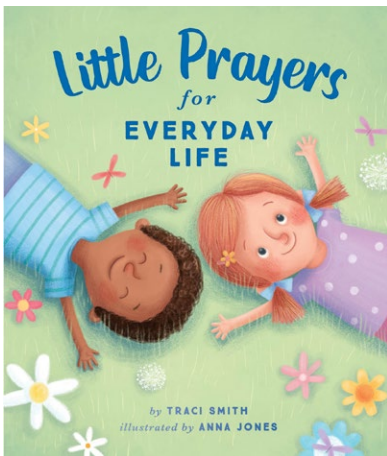
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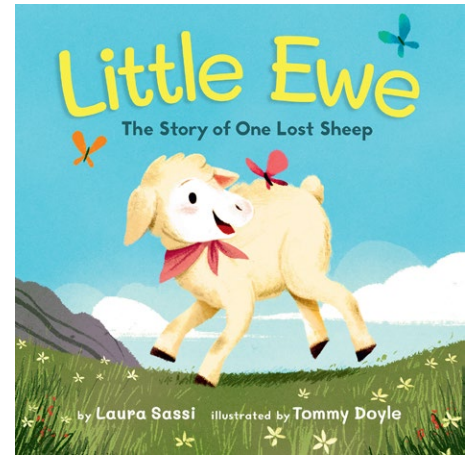
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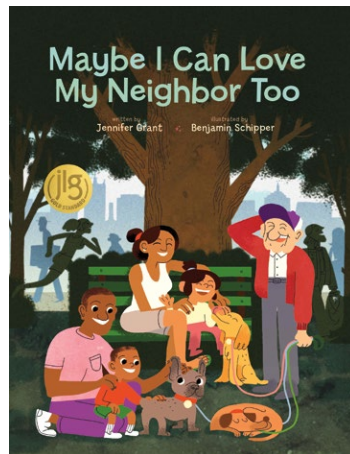
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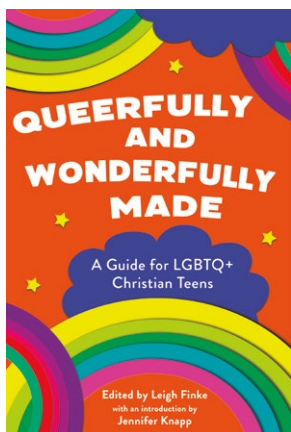
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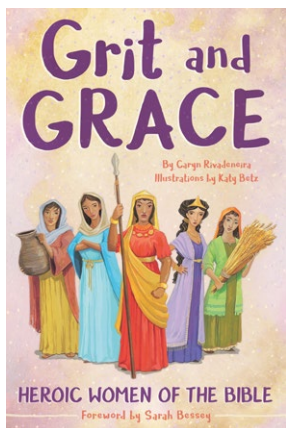
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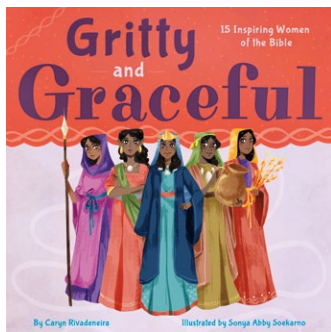
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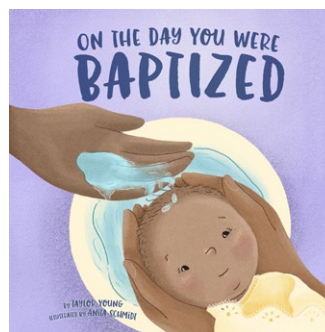
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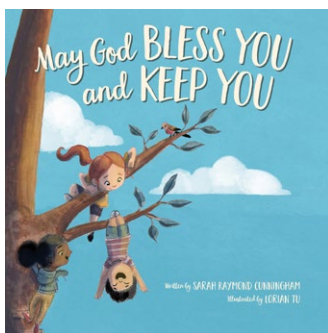
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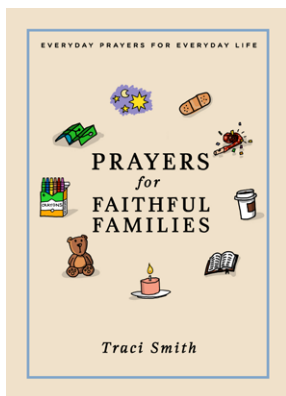
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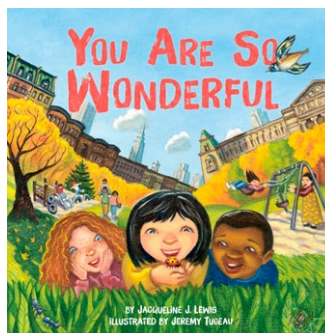
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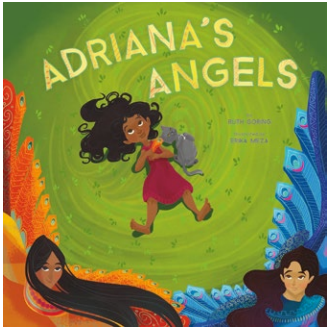
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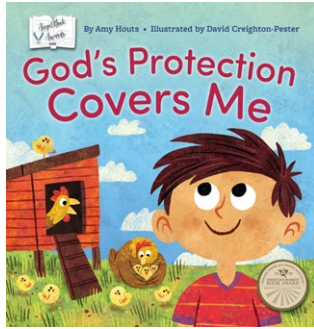
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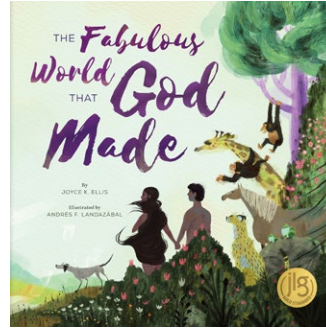




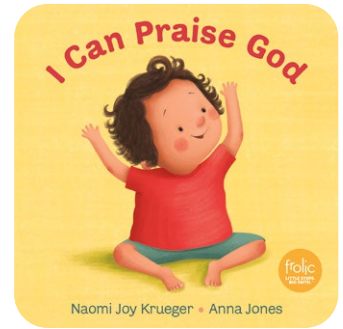
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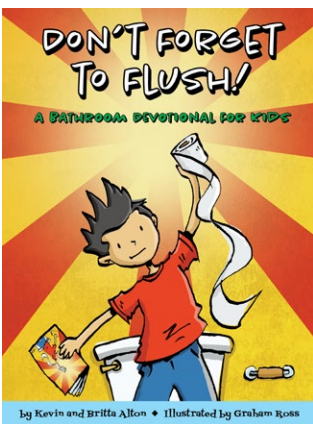
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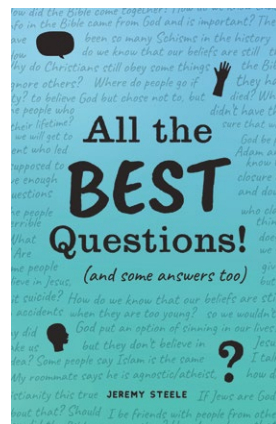
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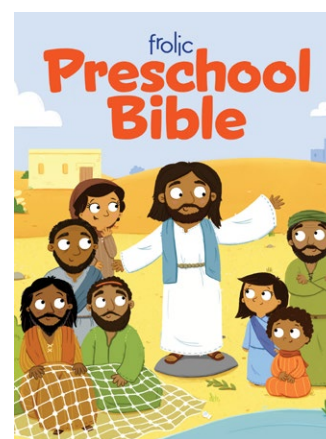
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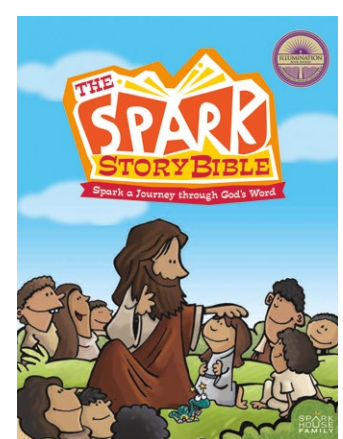
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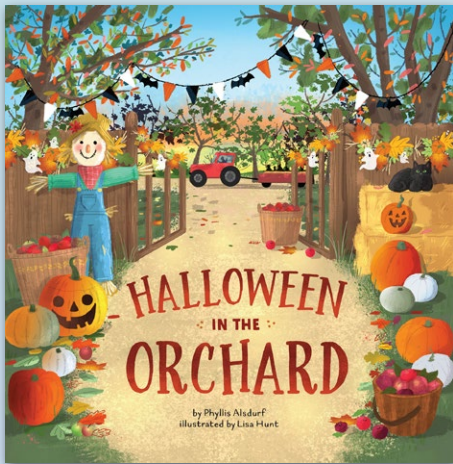
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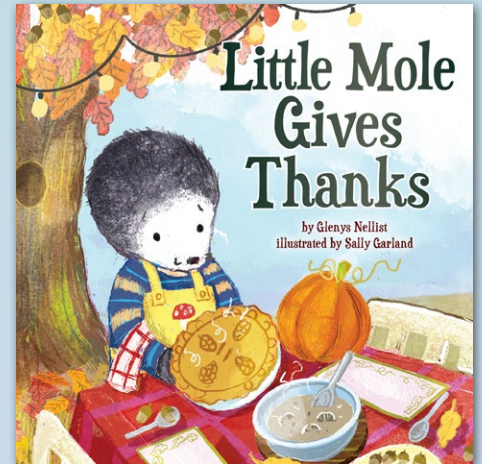


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