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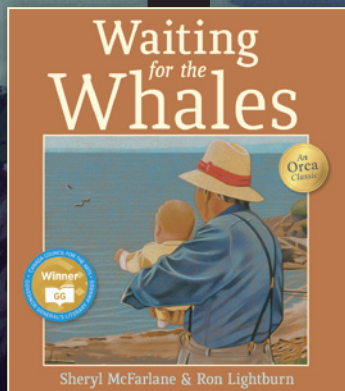
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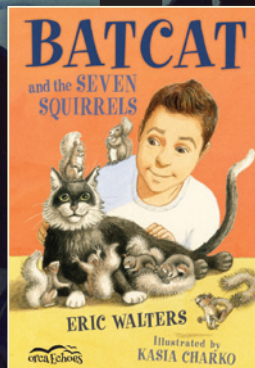
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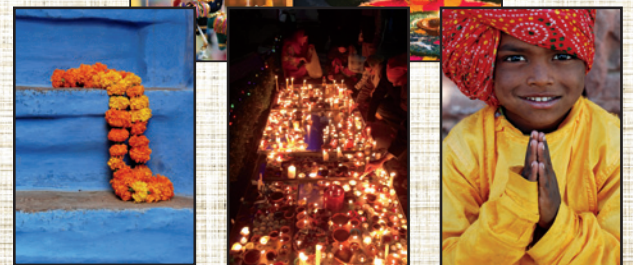
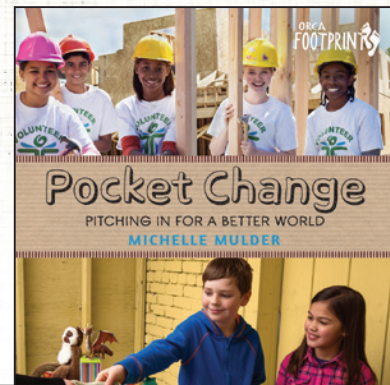
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Orca makes great nonfiction!

Our amazing Footprints series inspires and informs. Find our latest offering *Pocket Change: Pitching In for a Better World* on page 29. We've added another title on world traditions to our Origins series (page 30), with a groundbreaking book called *Diwali: Festival of Lights* (page 31).



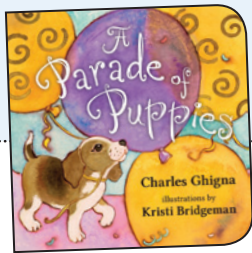


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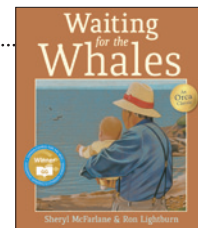
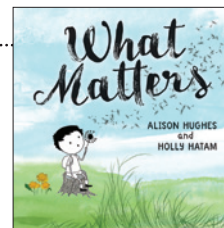
So Many Board Books!

These adorable new board books are sure to catch the attention of babies and toddlers! See pages 2 to 4.



Difficult Topics Made Easy

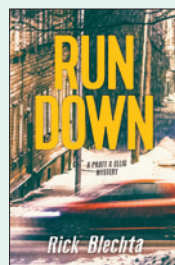
Explore the topic of diversity with *What Makes Us Unique* (page 8), the latest in the bestselling Just Enough series. Previous books are *Where Do Babies Come From?* and *What Happens When A Loved One Dies?*



A picture tells a thousand words...Take a peek at our beautiful picture books for young readers on pages 5–11.

Rapid Reads

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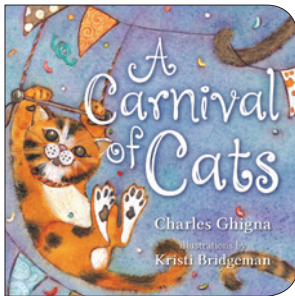
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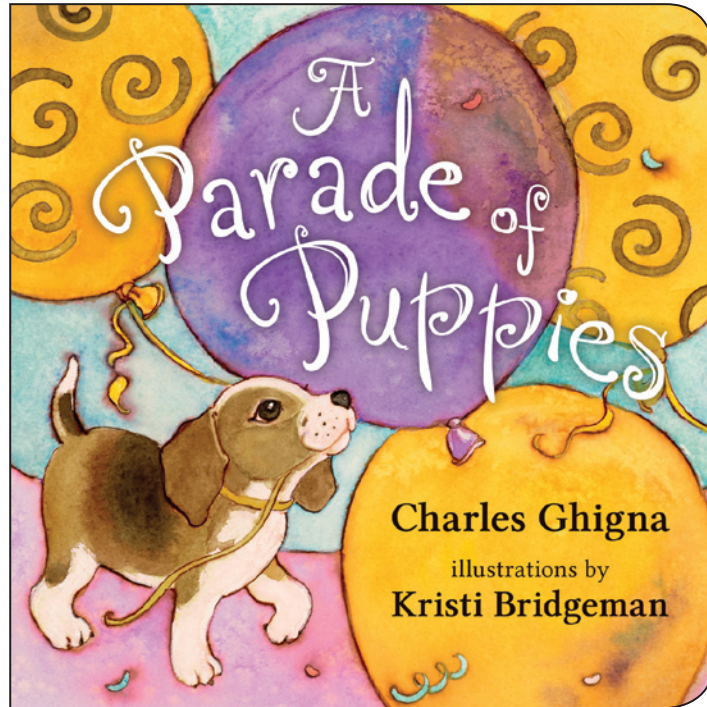
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A Parade of Puppies

Charles Ghigna

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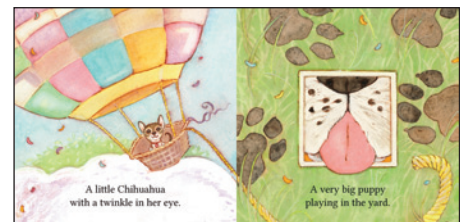
What kind of puppy could that be?

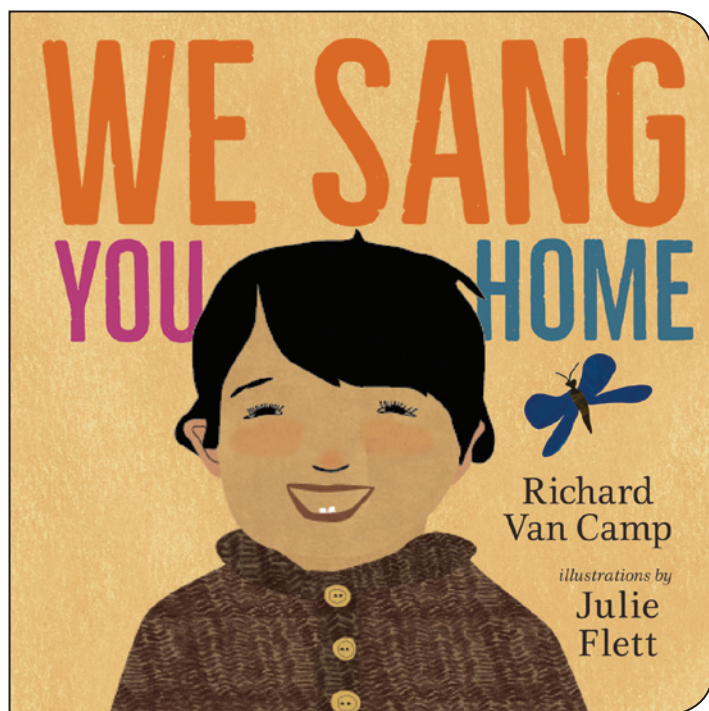
In this follow-up to *A Carnival of Cats*, babies, toddlers and dog-lovers alike will enjoy discovering and guessing what breed of puppy is hiding on the next page. With playful rhyming text from award-winning author Charles Ghigna, and beautiful illustrations by celebrated artist Kristi Bridgeman, this hint-and-reveal board book will have everyone pondering what puppy will turn up next!

Charles Ghigna (also known as Father Goose®) is the author of more than 100 award-winning books for children and adults from Random House, Capstone, Disney, Hyperion, Scholastic, Simon & Schuster, Abrams, Charlesbridge and other publishers. Charles lives and writes in a treehouse in Homewood, Alabama. For more information, visit www.charlesghigna.com. Follow him on Twitter @FatherGooze.

Kristi Bridgeman has illustrated several books for children, including *There Once Was a Camel* and *Uirapurú* (Oolichan Books) by P.K. Page. Her fine-art pieces can be found at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria and Sooke Harbour House Gallery. Born and raised on the west coast of Canada, Kristi resides and paints in her home-based studio at the edge of the rainforest on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. For more information, visit www.kristibridgeman.com.

Keywords: puppies, dogs, dog breeds, hint-and-reveal, parades, babies, toddlers, adoption, animal rescue





We Sang You Home

Richard Van Camp
Illustrated by Julie Flett

When wishes come true.

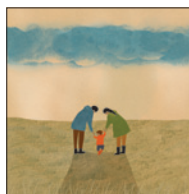
In this sweet and lyrical board book from the creators of the bestselling *Little You*, gentle rhythmic text captures the wonder new parents feel as they welcome baby into the world. A celebration of the bond between parent and child, this is the perfect song to share with your little ones.

Internationally renowned storyteller and bestselling author Richard Van Camp teams up with award-winning illustrator Julie Flett for a second time to create a stunning board book for babies and toddlers.

A new father himself, **Richard Van Camp** is a proud member of the Tlicho Dene from Fort Smith, NWT. His novel *The Lesser Blessed* is now a movie with First Generation Films. For more information, visit www.richardvancamp.com. Follow him on Twitter @Richardvancamp.

Julie Flett studied fine arts at Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec, and Emily Carr University of Art + Design in Vancouver, British Columbia. She received the Christie Harris Illustrated Children's Literature Prize and was nominated for the Governor General's Award for Children's Literature for her book *Owls See Clearly at Night (Lii Yiiboo Nayaapiwak lii Swer): A Michif Alphabet (L'alphabet di Michif)*. Julie is Cree-Métis and currently lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. For more information, visit www.julieflett.com. Follow her on Twitter @julie_flett.

Keywords: babies, toddlers, family, poetry, First Nations, Indigenous, song, birth, home



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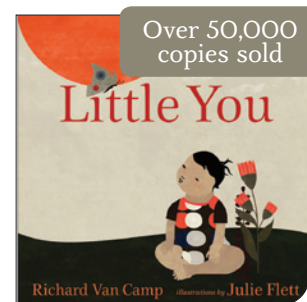
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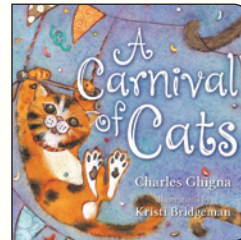
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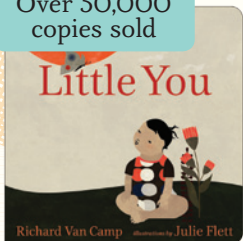


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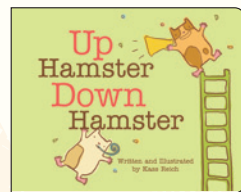
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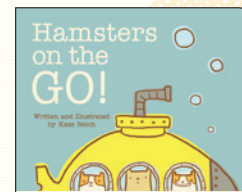
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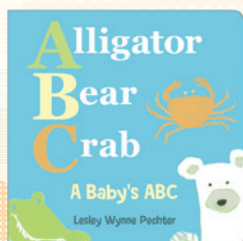
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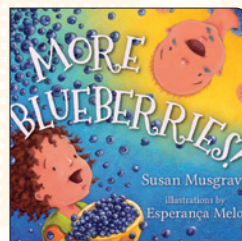
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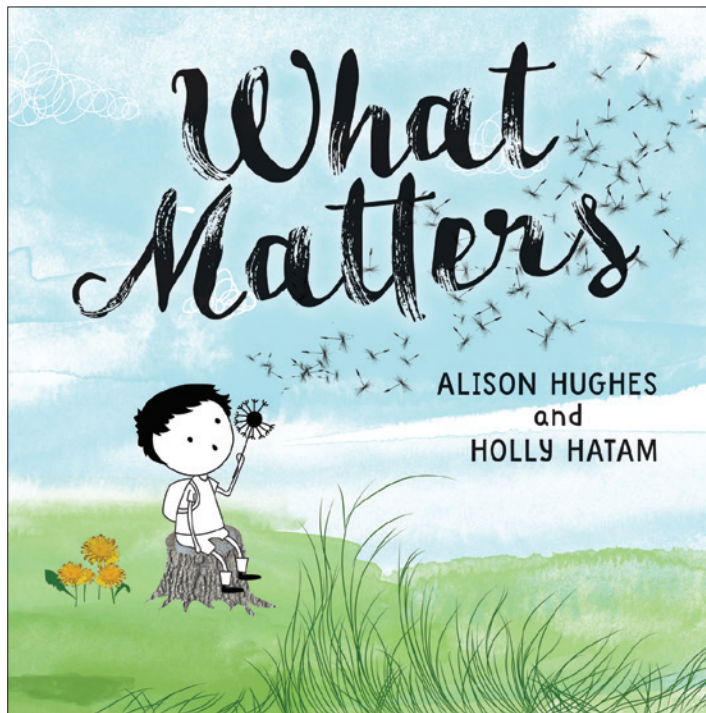
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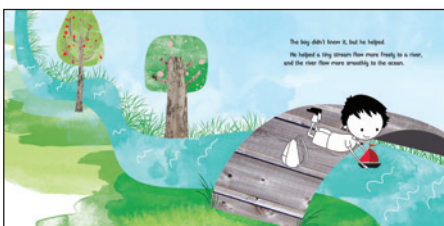
Small actions can have a big impact!

What happens when one small boy picks up one small piece of litter? He doesn't know it, but his tiny act has big consequences. From the minuscule to the universal, *What Matters* sensitively explores nature's connections and traces the ripple effects of one child's good deed to show how we can all make a big difference.

Alison Hughes has lived, worked and studied in Canada, England and Australia. She started writing when it became clear that it was much more fun and flexible than being a lawyer and didn't require her to wear nylons. She won the Writers' Union of Canada's Writing for Children Competition, and her short stories have been short- and longlisted for the CBC Literary Awards. She lives in Edmonton, Alberta, with her husband, three children, three dogs and two cats. For more information, visit www.alisonhughesbooks.com.

Holly Hatam is an illustrator and graphic designer whose work has been featured in greeting cards, prints, clothes and much more. Holly's other passions include snuggling with her hubby and son, spending time hugging trees, filling up her pantry with tea and sticking her nose in a book. For more information, visit www.hollyhatam.com. Follow her on Twitter @hollyhatam.

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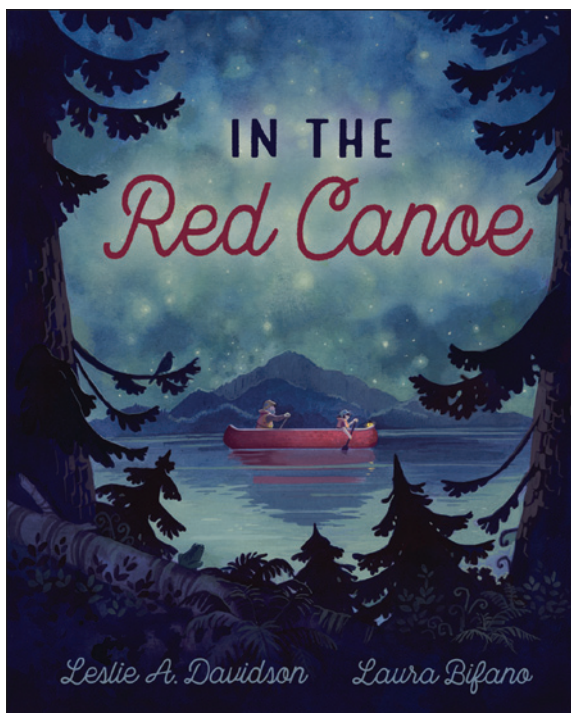
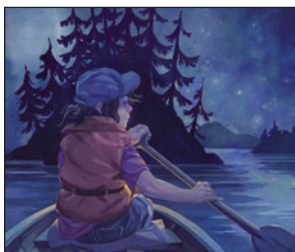
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In the Red Canoe

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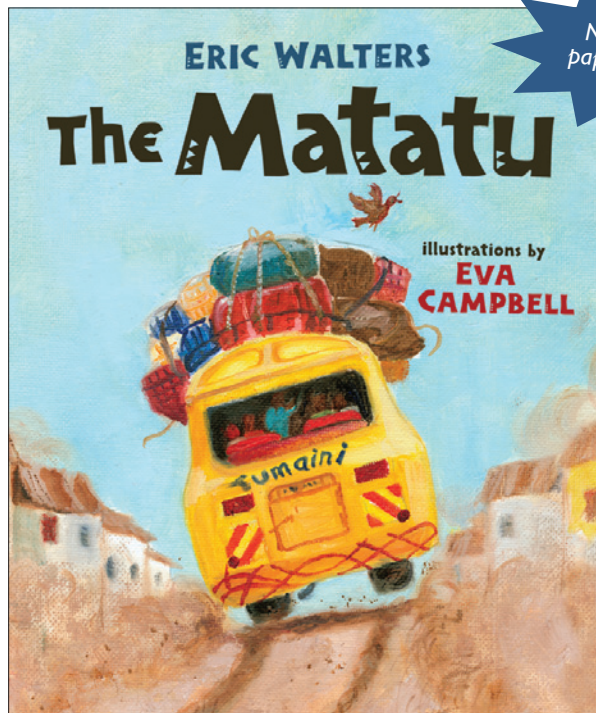
A magical, watery world awaits.

Fish and herons, turtles and dragonflies, beaver lodges and lily pads—a multitude of wonders enchant the child-narrator, her loving grandpa and any other nature lovers along for the ride in this tender, beautifully illustrated picture book. Baby ducklings ride their mama's back; an osprey rises with a silver fish clutched in her talons; a loon cries in a star-flecked night. Rhythmic, rhyming quatrains carry the story forward in clean paddle strokes of evocative imagery.

Leslie A. Davidson has always been a writer, though it wasn't until retirement that she finally found time for the stories that tapped on her consciousness throughout years of teaching and parenting. Leslie's writing celebrates the things that matter most to her: family, friendship and the natural world. *In the Red Canoe* is her first picture book. Leslie and her husband live in Revelstoke, British Columbia, where three young grandchildren inspire her and fill her days with joy. For more information, visit www.leslieadavidson.com.

Laura Bifano grew up in the rainy Pacific Northwest of Canada, where she spent her days running around in the forest and drawing pictures. Since graduating from the Alberta College of Art and Design in 2008, she divides her time between freelance work, fine art and animated shows and feature films. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. For more information, visit www.laurabifano.com. Follow her on Twitter @Bifanoland.

Keywords: canoe, natural world, grandchild, grandparent, family, bonding, nostalgia, memory, animals, nature



NEW in paperback!



The Matatu

Eric Walters

Illustrated by Eva Campbell



Come along for an African bus ride!

Kioko has been watching the matatus come and go for as long as he can remember. On his fifth birthday, he gets the chance to climb aboard one with his grandfather. As the matatu pulls away from the market, several village dogs chase after it, which prompts Kioko's grandfather to tell an entertaining tale about a dog, a goat and a sheep. Set in East Africa and inspired by a Kamba folktale, *The Matatu* is a colorful story filled with unexpected twists and turns.

Recently named a member of the Order of Canada, **Eric Walters** has published over ninety novels and picture books. He is a tireless presenter, speaking to over 100,000 students per year in schools across the country. Eric lives in Guelph, Ontario and divides his time between writing, school visits and running an organization which serves the needs of orphans in Kikima, Kenya (www.creationofhope.com). This story was inspired while he was on one of his yearly trips to Kenya. For more information, visit www.ericwalters.net.

Eva Campbell was born in Ghana and spent her childhood in Barbados and Jamaica. Currently she is the visual arts teacher at Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific in Victoria, British Columbia. For more information, visit www.evacampbell.ca.

Keywords: East Africa, Kenya, village life, Kamba, folktale, matatus, animals, grandfather, grandson, family

"The love and respect shown between Kioko and his grandfather is both universal and sweetly evident."

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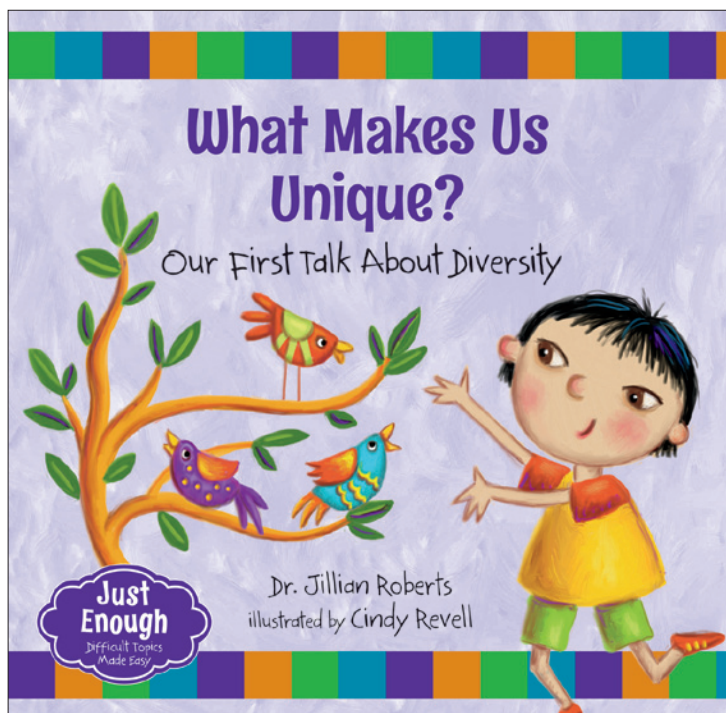
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What Makes Us Unique? Our First Talk About Diversity

Dr. Jillian Roberts
Illustrated by Cindy Revell

A dynamic and approachable introduction to diversity.

When it comes to explaining physical, cultural and religious differences to children, it can be difficult to know where to begin. *What Makes Us Unique?* provides an accessible introduction to the concept of diversity, teaching children how to respect and celebrate people's differences and that ultimately, we are all much more alike than we are different. Additional questions at the back of the book allow for further discussion.

Child psychologist Dr. Jillian Roberts designed the Just Enough series to empower parents/caregivers to start conversations with young ones about difficult or challenging subject matter. Other books in the series deal with birth, death, separation and divorce. For more information, visit www.justenoughseries.com.

Dr. Jillian Roberts has been working with children for more than twenty years, first as a primary schoolteacher, then as a child psychologist and an associate professor of educational psychology at the University of Victoria. She has published numerous scholarly articles and given presentations around the world in the areas of educational and health psychology. Jillian is a wife and mother of three children and lives in Victoria, British Columbia. For more information, visit www.drjillianroberts.com. Follow her on Twitter @DrJillRoberts.

Cindy Revell has three previous picture books with Orca: *Clever Rachel*, *Room Enough for Daisy* and *A Sack Full of Feathers*. In 2001 Cindy was nominated for a Governor General's award for children's book illustration. She lives in Edmonton, Alberta. For more information, visit www.cindyrevell.com. Follow her on Twitter @cindyrev.

Keywords: diversity, difference, culture, race, religion, ethnicity, learning ability, mobility, lifestyle, tolerance, understanding, respect, children, facts of life, difficult topics, conversation

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Where do babies come from?

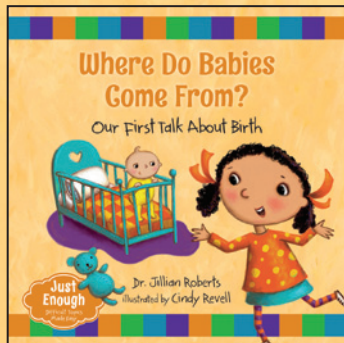
What makes people different?

Why is our family changing?

What happens when we die?

When kids start asking tough questions.

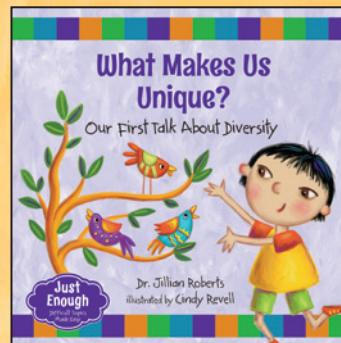
From child psychologist Dr. Jillian Roberts comes a new series to help caregivers broach challenging or uncomfortable subjects with little ones.



Where Do Babies Come From?
Our First Talk About Birth



What Happens When A Loved One Dies?
Our First Talk About Death



What Makes Us Unique?
Our First Talk About Diversity



Why Do Families Change?
Our First Talk About Separation and Divorce



“This no-nonsense guide is here to save the day with straightforward, age-appropriate information.”

—Booklist for *Where Do Babies Come From?*



“Kudos to Dr. Jillian Roberts for tackling a serious issue in such an accessible way.”

—CM Magazine for *What Happens When A Loved One Dies?*



For ages 3-6

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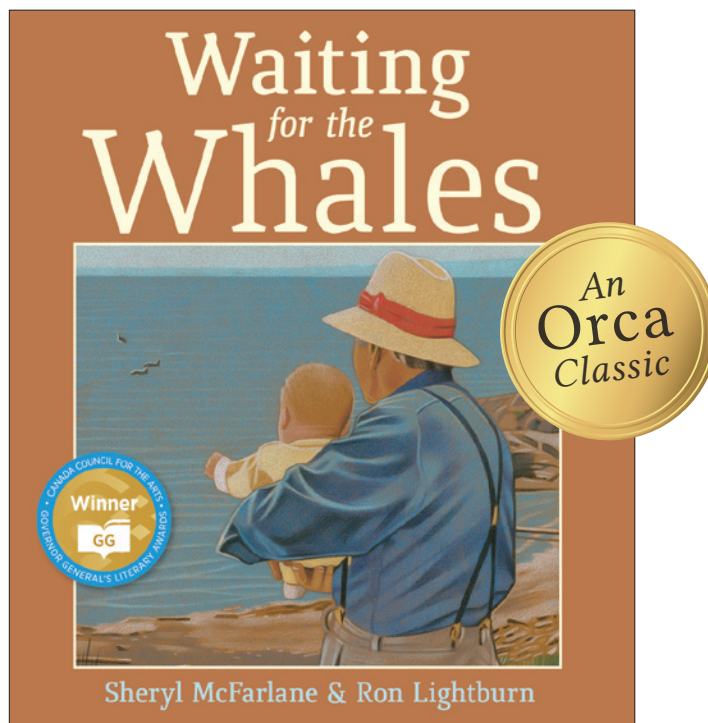
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Waiting for the Whales

Sheryl McFarlane

Illustrated by Ron Lightburn

A timeless West Coast classic.

An old man lives alone on a bluff overlooking the sea, tends his garden, and waits. Only when the whales return each year to the bay in front of his cottage is his loneliness eased. Until, one day, an unexpected visitor arrives.

Waiting for the Whales illuminates the unique friendship between grandparent and child and celebrates the restorative power of the natural world. Originally published twenty-five years ago, this award-winning picture book is sure to enchant a whole new generation of readers.

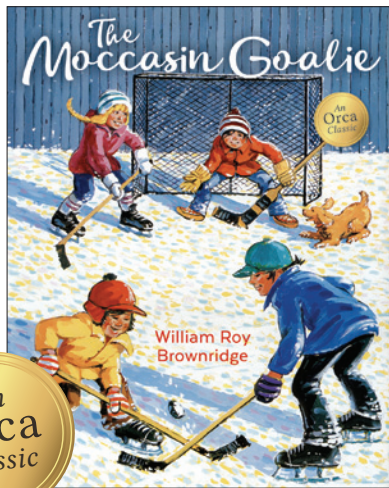
Sheryl McFarlane is the author of several award-winning books for young readers and lives on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. For more information, visit www.sherylbooks.wordpress.com. Follow her on Twitter @sherylbooks.

Ron Lightburn was awarded the Governor General's Award for *Waiting for the Whales* in 1991. Since then he has illustrated numerous other bestselling picture books. Follow him on Twitter @ronlightburn.

Keywords: whales, nature, ocean, environment, West Coast, sea life, wild animals, grandparent, grandchild, family, generations

“Written in precisely cadenced prose, McFarlane’s story about the cycles of life—while not a new theme—is so deftly handled that it becomes genuinely moving.” —*Publishers Weekly*

Governor General’s Literary Award winner
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The Moccasin Goalie

William Roy Brownridge

Can Danny prove himself on the ice?

Danny and his friends, Anita, Petou and Marcel, are typical youngsters—hockey mad. Danny's disability means that he can't wear skates, but his leather moccasins work just fine and earn him the name "Moccasin Danny." When a town team is formed, the friends are overjoyed, but only Marcel is picked for the team. Will Danny get the chance to prove that even though he can't wear a pair of skates, he can still play the game?

Originally released over a decade ago, *The Moccasin Goalie* is the first of three books in a well-loved series that includes *The Final Game* and *Victory at Paradise Hill*.

Author and illustrator **William Roy Brownridge** is a native of Saskatchewan. Like the hero of his Moccasin Goalie titles, Bill lived for hockey and played goal despite being unable to wear skates. After a successful career as a graphic designer, Bill now devotes himself full time to painting.

Keywords: hockey, ice hockey, winter sports, disability, discrimination, friendship

"Brownridge's full-colour paintings...powerfully capture both the biting cold of prairie winters and the eye-dazzling brightness of the season's days."
—*CM Magazine*

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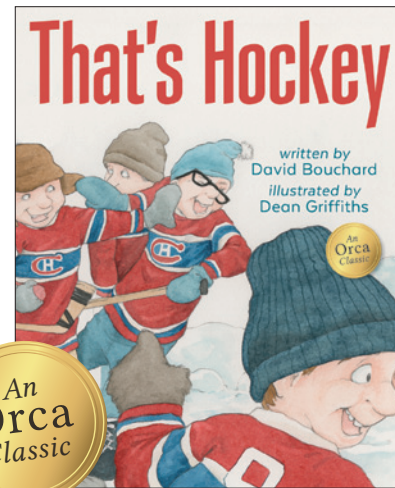
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David Bouchard

Illustrated by Dean Griffiths

The ball hits the road and it's game on!

When Etienne takes his cousin out to play street hockey for the first time, he has a lot of explaining to do. Street hockey is nothing like ice hockey—but it's a whole lotta fun!

Originally published over a decade ago, this lively picture book will introduce a new generation of hockey fans to the magic of *real* hockey.

Métis author **David Bouchard** has written many bestselling and award-winning books for children. A member of the Order of Canada, David lives in Victoria, British Columbia, with his wife, daughter and two dogs.

Dean Griffiths is an award-winning artist with more than twenty-five titles to his name. Dean lives in Duncan, British Columbia.

Keywords: hockey, street hockey, Canadiens, winter sports, women in hockey, friendship, family

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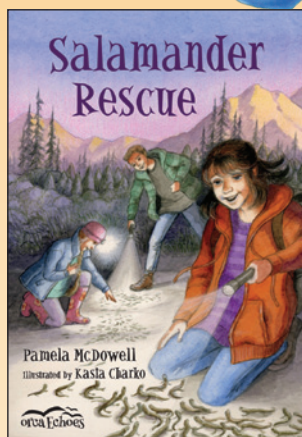
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Lark Ba is on the case!

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Lark Holds The Key is the first book in the Lark Ba detective series.

Award-winning author **Natasha Deen** graduated from the University of Alberta with a BA in psychology and has written everything from creative nonfiction to YA and adult fiction. She was the inaugural 2013 Regional Writer in Residence for the Metro Edmonton Library Federation. Natasha lives in Edmonton, Alberta. For more information, visit www.natashadeen.com. Follow her on Twitter @natasha_deen.

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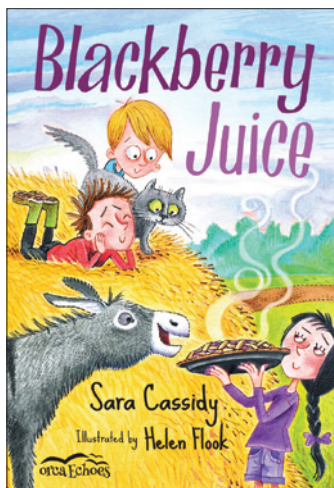
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Blackberry Juice

Sara Cassidy

Illustrated by Helen Flook

Far from home on the range.

After moving from the city to a keeling-over farmhouse in the country, nine-year-old Cyrus and his brother, Rudy, have trouble adjusting to all the changes. The fresh-from-the-farm egg yolks are blindingly yellow. The eccentric girl next door has a very unusual sense of style. And Rumpley, a donkey they inherited with the farmhouse, doesn't even know how to bray. Nothing about the country feels warm or familiar. But when Cyrus is stranded one evening by the tide, he finds his lifeline in an unlikely companion.

Blackberry Juice is the sequel to *Not For Sale* (May 2015).

Sara Cassidy has worked as a youth-hostel manager, a newspaper reporter and a tree planter in five Canadian provinces. Her poetry, fiction and articles have been widely published, and she has won a Gold National Magazine Award. She lives in Victoria, British Columbia, with her three children. For more information, visit www.saracassidywriter.com. Follow her on Twitter @SaraCassidyWrit.

Keywords: moving, country living, farms, rural life, adjustment, friendship, family, independence, discovery, farm animals

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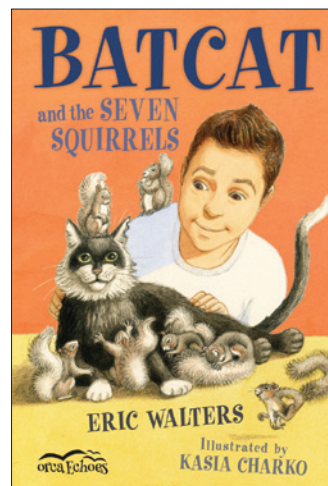
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Batcat and the Seven Squirrels

Eric Walters

Illustrated by Kasia Charko

It's a big job caring for seven furry babies!

Nathan has always loved animals and longs for a pet. When a baby squirrel shows up at Nathan's door, he wonders what could have happened to its mother. It isn't long before his family discovers six more orphaned baby squirrels in need of food and shelter. With help from Batcat, a neighborhood cat who is fed by many but owned by no one, Nathan learns to care for the squirrels. But all babies must leave the nest eventually. Will Nathan finally find a pet to call his own?

Recently named a member of the Order of Canada, **Eric Walters** has published over ninety novels and picture books. Eric lives in Guelph, Ontario. For more information, visit www.ericwalters.net. Follow him on Twitter @EricRWalters.

Keywords: squirrels, babies, wildlife, animal rescue, shelter, cats, pets, responsibility, family, orphaned

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Eric Walters

*DJ expected a fun trip with his grandfather,
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DJ is always thrilled to spend time with his grandfather, a person he idolizes. When his grandfather announces that he's going to take all of his grandsons on individual adventures, it seems only fair that DJ, as the oldest grandchild, will go on his adventure first. An adventure that sees his grandfather at the controls of a small plane as the two fly to Central America for a week. But when someone tries to kidnap him, DJ must flee through the jungle and down a crocodile-infested river, pursued by armed gunmen. When he isn't busy trying to stay alive, DJ discovers things about himself he never suspected and uncovers information that leads him to believe his beloved grandfather is living a secret life.

In this exciting prequel to *Between Heaven and Earth* and *Sleeper*, the responsible and athletically-gifted DJ flies to Central America.

Recently named a Member of the Order of Canada, **Eric Walters** began writing in 1993 as a way to entice his grade-five students into becoming more interested in reading and writing. He is the author of *Between Heaven and Earth* in Seven (the series) and *Sleeper* in The Seven Sequels and has published ninety novels and picture books. He is a tireless presenter, speaking to over 100,000 students per year in schools across the country. He lives in Guelph, Ontario. For more information, visit www.ericwalters.net.

Keywords: Central America, kidnapping, jungle, family relationships, adventure

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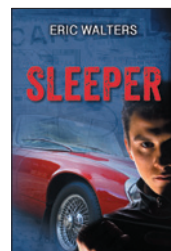
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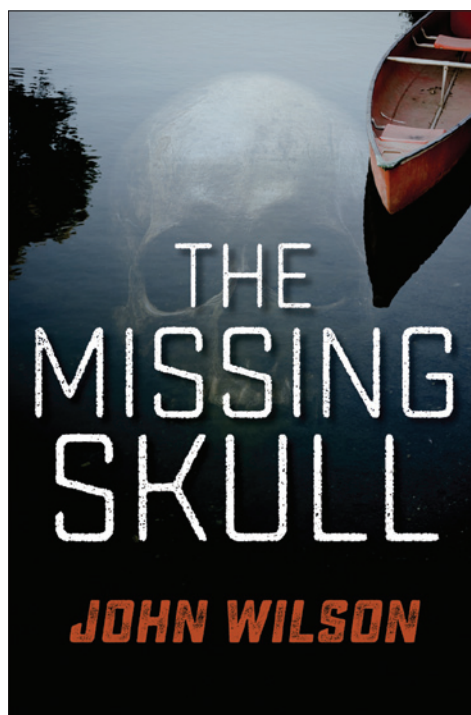
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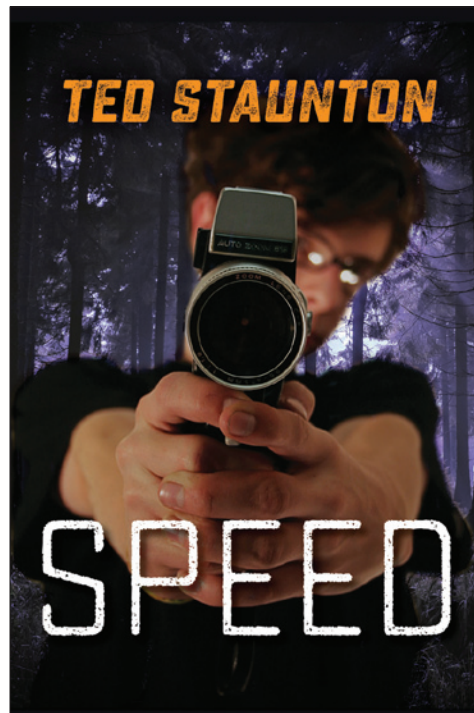
What starts as a simple puzzle turns into a dangerous game.

A trip to a remote lake in northern Ontario with his grandfather doesn't thrill Steve, especially since his twin brother, DJ, was taken to Central America. Matters start to look up when his grandfather tells Steve about the mysterious death of the artist Tom Thomson and sets him the task of finding Thomson's missing skull. Steve loves mysteries, but when odd things begin happening and strange people start threatening him, Steve wonders whether this is part of his grandfather's plan. Is this still a simple puzzle, or is something far more sinister going on?

In this thrilling prequel to *Lost Cause* and *Broken Arrow*, the history- and mystery-loving Steve ends up in remote northern Ontario.

John Wilson has written many books for young readers, including *Lost Cause* in Seven (the series) and *Broken Arrow* in The Seven Sequels, which both feature Steve. John spends significant portions of his year traveling across the country telling stories from his books and providing their historical backgrounds and getting young readers (particularly but not exclusively boys) energized and wanting to read and find out more about the past. For more information, visit www.johnwilsonauthor.com.

Keywords: mystery, art, skull, northern Ontario, danger, suspense, Group of Seven, Tom Thomson, lake



Speed

Ted Staunton

Spencer finds a lot more than he was looking for.

How can you liven up a boring camping trip with your grandpa and your younger brother? Spencer has the answer: lose the new cell phone you weren't supposed to bring with you. Add a War of 1812 reenactment, a student film crew, an old flame of Grandpa's, Laura Secord's cowbell and a larcenous hardcore history buff, and you get a weekend that gives Spencer his first taste of independence and maybe a glimpse of his future, by way of the past.

In this funny prequel to *Jump Cut* and *Coda*, the goofy and creative Spencer gets caught up in a War of 1812 reenactment.

Ted Staunton is the author of *Jump Cut* in Seven (the series) and *Coda* in The Seven Sequels, along with many other books for young readers. When not writing stories, Ted writes music and plays in the Maple Leaf Champions Jug Band. Ted lives with his family in Port Hope, Ontario. For more information, visit www.tedstauntonbooks.com.

Keywords: war, reenactment, camping, family, humor, War of 1812

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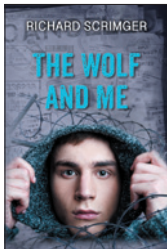
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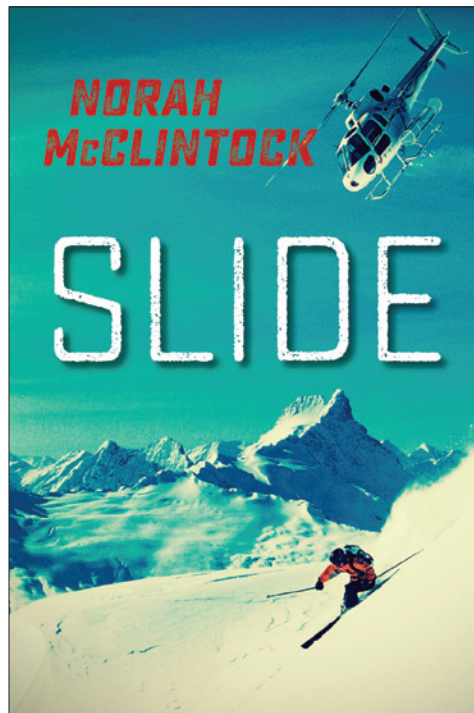
This time, Bunny isn't the only one who doesn't know what's going on.

Bunny is on a camping trip with his brother and his grandpa. How much trouble can he get into? As it turns out, a lot. For one thing, there are soldiers all over the place. Canada is about to go to war with the United States, and the battle starts tomorrow. Bunny is worried. A hockey rivalry is one thing, but this is serious. And why is everybody so happy? Things get personal when an American soldier steals his brother Spencer's cell phone. Bunny decides to track down the phone himself. Maybe they can get out of there before the war starts. That's when things get confusing...

In this zany prequel to *Ink Me* and *The Wolf and Me*, the hockey-loving, indomitable Bunny goes camping with his brother and his grandpa.

Richard Scrimger is an award-winning author of numerous books for children and adults. They include *Ink Me* in Seven (the series) and *The Wolf and Me* in The Seven Sequels, which both feature Bunny. He has also written for television and print media. His fiction has been translated into a dozen languages. The father of four children, Richard is used to being confused, misunderstood and laughed at. For more information, visit www.scrimger.ca or follow him on Twitter @richardscrimger.

Keywords: war, reenactment, camping, family, humor, War of 1812



Slide

Norah McClintock

A ski trip with Grandma turns out to be more fun than Rennie expects. And much more dangerous.

When Rennie's dad, the Major, goes overseas on assignment, he enlists his mother-in-law to babysit Rennie. Babysit! A guy who's about to turn fifteen! But Grandma is no surrogate drill sergeant. She has fun on her mind. That means ditching school and heading to avalanche country for a surprise ski trip. Nothing can ruin Rennie's vacation, not the lodge owner, who turns out to be Grandma's geriatric long-ago boyfriend, not the annoying backcountry guide or the crooked park ranger or the pushy businessman from Mumbai, not even the explosions. And definitely not the most beautiful girl in the world, whom he meets while stumbling onto a murder plot.

In this hair-raising prequel to *Close to the Heel* and *From the Dead*, the loyal, smart and observant Rennie heads to avalanche country.

Norah McClintock is a five-time winner of the Crime Writers of Canada's Arthur Ellis Award for Best Juvenile Crime Novel. Although Norah is a freelance editor, she still manages to write at least one novel a year. She wrote *Close to the Heel* in Seven (the series), and *From the Dead* in The Seven Sequels, which both feature Rennie. Norah grew up in Montreal, Quebec, and now lives with her family in Toronto, Ontario. For more information, visit www.norahmcclintock.com.

Keywords: skiing, avalanche, family, murder, suspense

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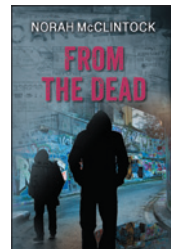
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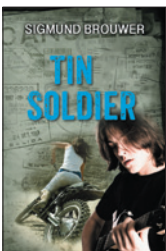
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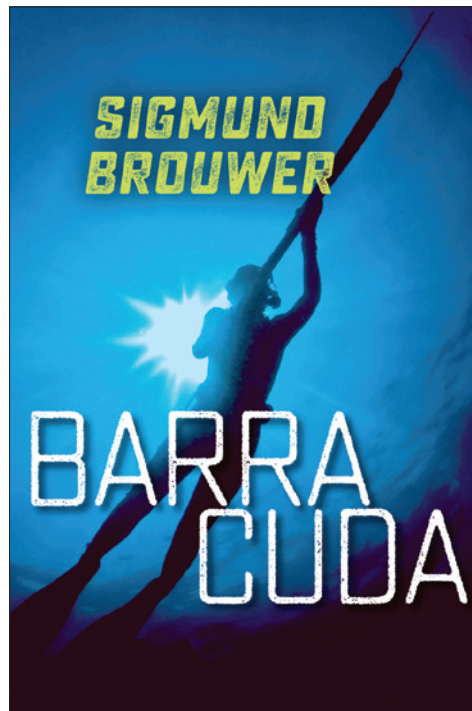
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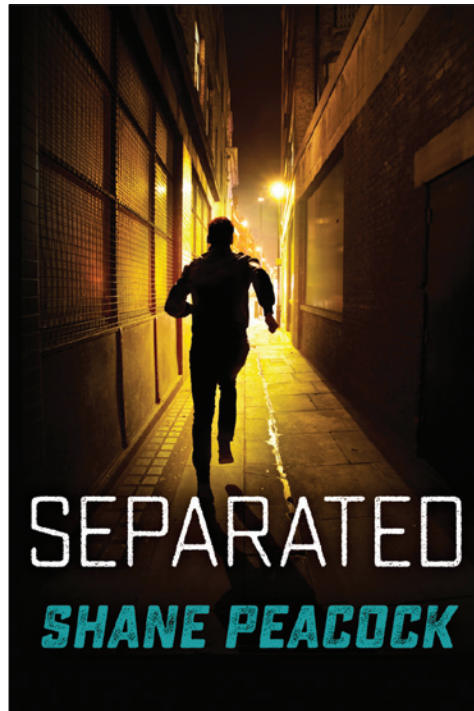
Laid-back Little Torch Key gets a lot more interesting when Jim learns a dying man's secret.

Fishing for barracuda from a kayak in the Florida Keys. That's what Jim Webb thinks this resort vacation with his grandfather should be about. Except the dying resort owner holds the key to a legend about a generations-old crime. A crime that is worth way too much to those who want the legend to be true. Webb soon discovers that what lurks in the sun, sand and shallow waters of the Keys is much more dangerous than a slashing game fish. And along the way, he learns an important truth about himself and his own past.

In this exciting prequel to *Devil's Pass* and *Tin Soldier*, the musically-gifted and tenacious Webb finds himself caught in a dangerous mystery.

Sigmund Brouwer writes for both children and adults. He is the author of *Devil's Pass* in Seven (the series) and *Tin Soldier* in The Seven Sequels, *Rock the Boat* and *Billboard Express* (in the Limelights series), which all feature Jim Webb. In the last ten years, he has given writing workshops to students in schools from the Arctic Circle to inner-city Los Angeles. One of his latest novels, *The Last Disciple*, earned Sigmund an appearance on ABC's *Good Morning America*. Sigmund and his family live half the year in Nashville, Tennessee, and the other half in Red Deer, Alberta. For more information, visit www.sigmundbrouwer.com.

Keywords: Key West, deathbed confessions, fishing, boating, love, rock and roll, Florida, resort vacation



Separated

Shane Peacock

Adam is lost and alone in Stockholm—or is he?

When Adam's grandfather first suggests taking him on a quick trip to Sweden to celebrate his upcoming thirteenth birthday, visions of being in one of the coolest places on earth—and he's not thinking of the temperature—dance in Adam's mind. But on his way there he reads that Swedes have a darker past, and present, than he ever imagined. Then he finds himself alone and separated from his grandfather in busy Stockholm. He is followed by unsmiling strangers, chased by ghosts down alleyways and constantly watched by the strangest girl he's ever seen. And then another terror, perhaps bigger than that of being lost, begins to overwhelm him.

In this fast-paced prequel to *Last Message* and *Double You*, the outwardly confident but often secretly anxious Adam wanders the streets of Stockholm.

Shane Peacock is an award-winning novelist, playwright, journalist and television screenwriter who wrote *Last Message* in *Seven (the series)* and *Double You* in *The Seven Sequels*, both of which feature Adam. He enjoys reading, spending time with his kids, playing and coaching hockey and visiting schools, conferences and festivals across North America to speak about reading and writing. Shane lives in the countryside north of Cobourg, Ontario. For more information, visit www.shanepeacock.ca.

Keywords: Sweden, Stockholm, ghosts, alone, apparitions, fear

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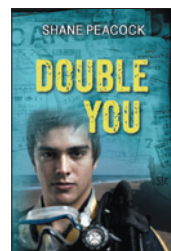
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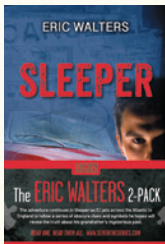
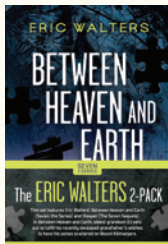
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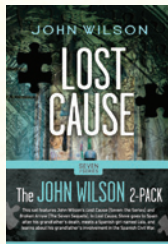
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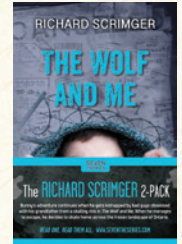
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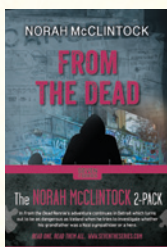
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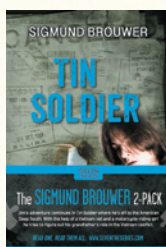
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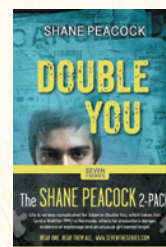
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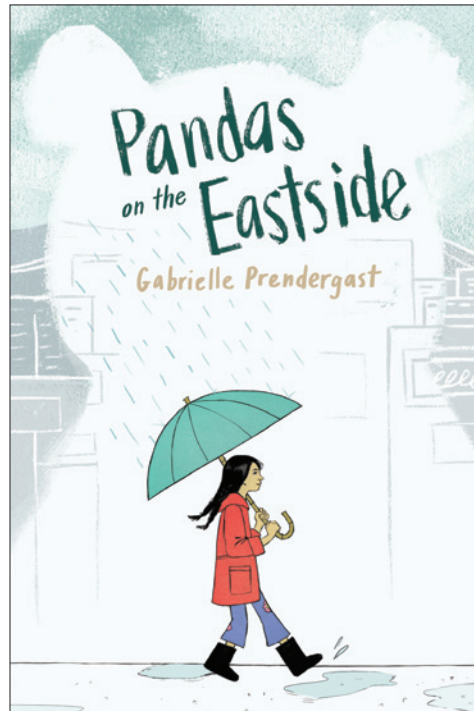
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Gabrielle Prendergast is a UK-born Canadian/Australian who lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, with her husband and daughter and two chickens. She holds an MFA in creative writing from the University of British Columbia. A part-time teacher and mentor, Gabrielle is the author of the verse novels *Capricious* and *Audacious*, which was shortlisted for a CLA award, and *The Frail Days* in the Orca Limelights series. For more information, visit www.angelhorn.com.

Keywords: Vancouver, Downtown Eastside, poverty, the 1970s, alcoholism, homelessness, Vietnam War, diplomatic relations, China, pandas, friendship, community, learning disabilities, politics, neighborhood, neighbors

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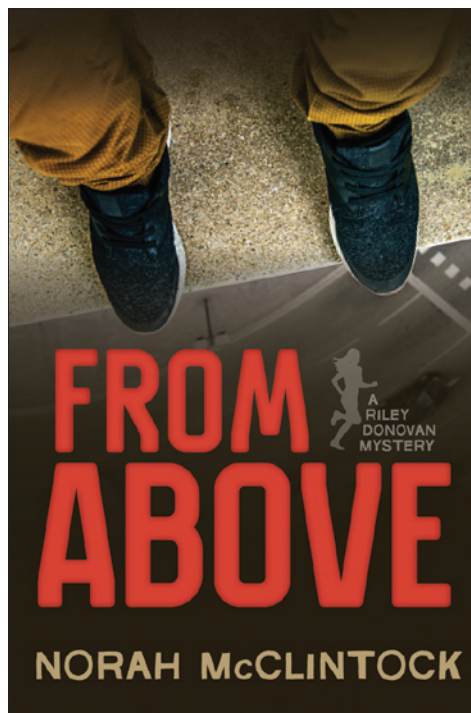
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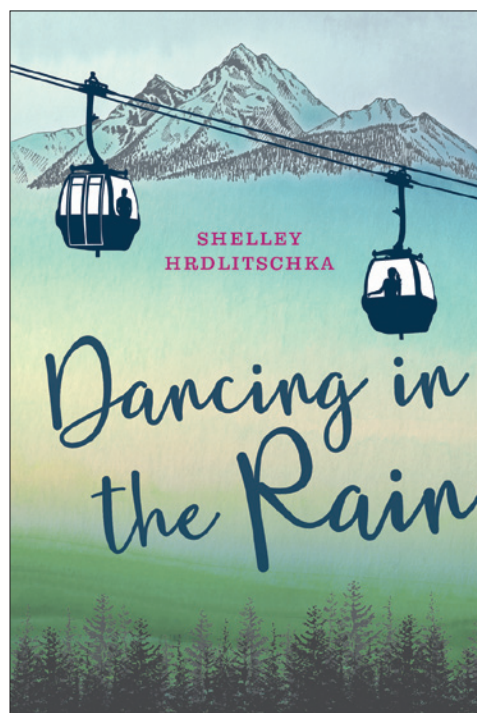
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Norah McClintock is a five-time winner of the Crime Writers of Canada’s Arthur Ellis Award for crime fiction for young people. She is the author of more than sixty YA novels, including books in Seven (the series), The Seven Sequels, The Seven Prequels and the Secrets series. Norah lives in Toronto, Ontario. For more information, visit www.norahmcclintock.com.

Keywords: murder, steroids, football, police, mystery, friendship, loyalty, high school



Dancing in the Rain

Shelley Hrdlitschka

Is Brenna strong enough to survive losing both of her mothers?

While struggling with the death of her beloved adoptive mother, sixteen-year-old Brenna reconnects with members of her biological family, hoping to discover why her biological mother broke off contact many years earlier. At the same time, she is falling in love with Ryan, who provides support while she grieves but has to leave her when she needs him most. Despite powerful feelings of abandonment, Brenna realizes that getting strong physically and focusing on the needs of others might just help her move beyond her crippling grief, find peace and plan a future for herself.

Dancing in the Rain continues the story that began in Shelley Hrdlitschka's bestselling *Dancing Naked*.

Shelley Hrdlitschka is the author of several novels for teens, all published by Orca Book Publishers. She lives in North Vancouver, British Columbia. When she's not writing, she can be found hiking, snowshoeing, practicing yoga, Zumba dancing or volunteering at the Grouse Mountain Refuge for Endangered Wildlife. For more information, visit www.shelleyhrdlitschka.wordpress.com.

Keywords: adoption, biological family, grief, wilderness, wildlife, dogs, healing, romance, abandonment, hiking, Grouse Mountain, sisters, acting out, acceptance

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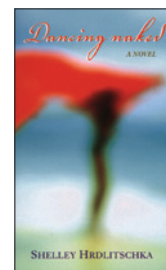
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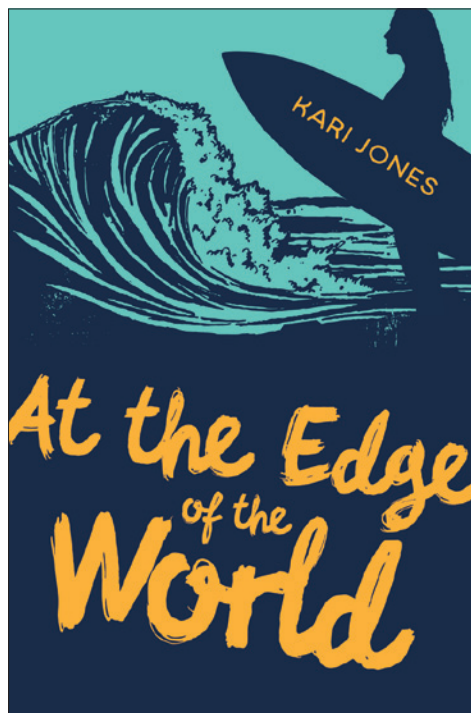
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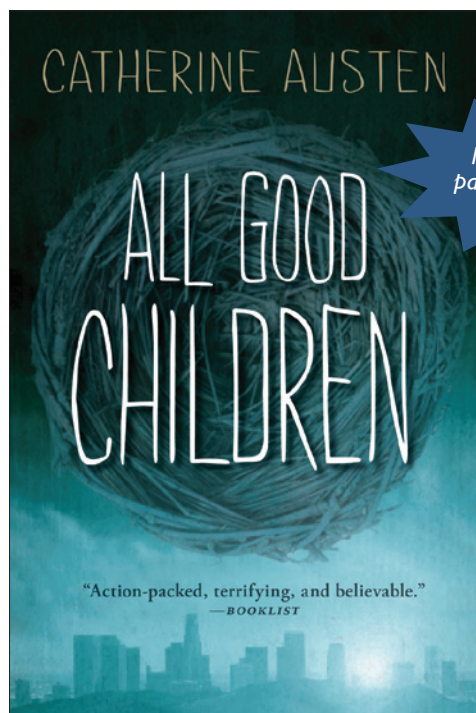
Kari Jones

Maddie fears that telling Ivan’s secrets will destroy their friendship—but she’s willing to take the risk.

Maddie and Ivan have been friends forever. They go to school together, surf, party and hang out all the time. Ivan eats at Maddie’s house almost every day. But all is not well in Ivan’s world, and as control of his life slips farther away from him, Maddie agonizes over her role in his life. Ivan fears the fallout if the people in his community discover what he’s been hiding, but Maddie thinks telling his secret will help him. As Maddie struggles to figure out her own post-high-school path, she worries about how to deal with the things she knows about Ivan’s life. Is she a keeper of his secrets? Should she help him hide what’s going on in his family? Or should she tell someone and get help? What does betrayal look like when your best friend is in trouble?

Kari Jones is the author of numerous novels for young readers and teens, including *Storm Tide* and *Out of Season* in the Orca Currents series, *Shimmy* in the Orca Limelights series and *So Much for Democracy*. She lives on the west coast of Canada, where she enjoys exploring the coast by kayak. For more information, please visit www.karijones.ca.

Keywords: coastal British Columbia, surfing, friendship, painting, alcohol abuse, higher education, community ties, trust, wilderness, vulnerability, emotional abuse



All Good Children

Catherine Austen

Creativity is a crime Max commits every day.

It's the middle of the twenty-first century and the elite children of New Middletown are lined up to receive a treatment that turns them into obedient, well-mannered citizens. Maxwell Connors, a fifteen-year-old prankster, misfit and graffiti artist, observes the changes with growing concern, especially when his younger sister, Ally, is targeted. Max and his best friend, Dallas, escape the treatment, but must pretend to be "zombies" while they watch their freedoms and hopes decay. When Max's family decides to take Dallas with them into the unknown world beyond New Middletown's borders, Max's creativity becomes an unexpected bonus rather than a liability.

Catherine Austen worked in the national conservation movement before becoming a freelance writer. She writes children's books, corporate reports, and short fiction for all ages, working from her home in Gatineau, Quebec. Her books have won the Canadian Library Association Young Adult Book Award, the Sunburst Award, the Quebec Writers Federation Prize for Children's and Young Adult Literature, and the Hackmatack Children's Choice Award. Her Middle Reader title with Orca, *Walking Backward*, was a CCBC Best Books starred selection, and an OLA Best Bet.

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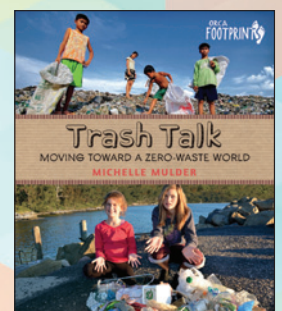
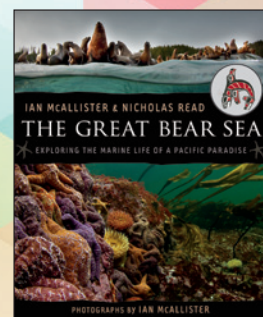
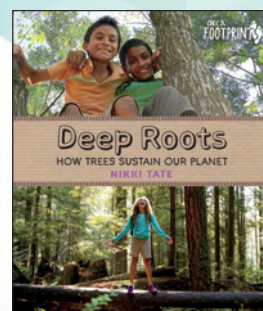
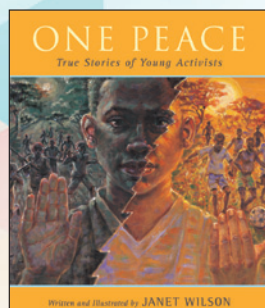
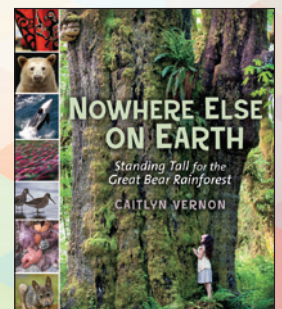
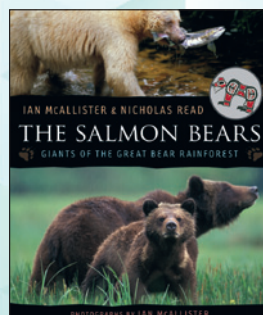
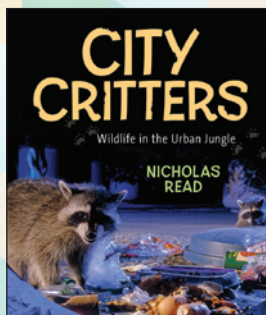
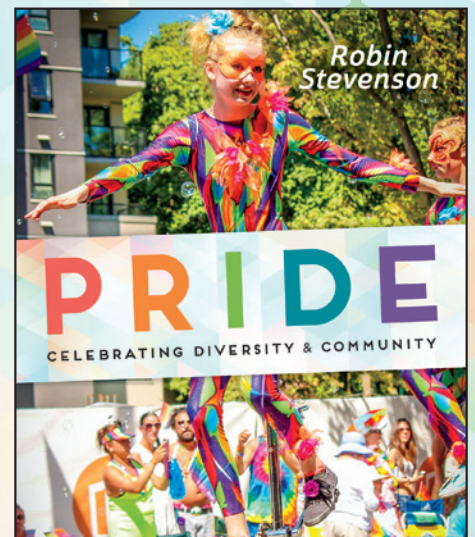
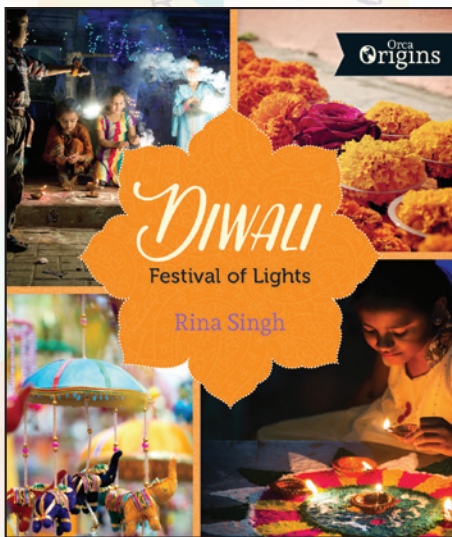
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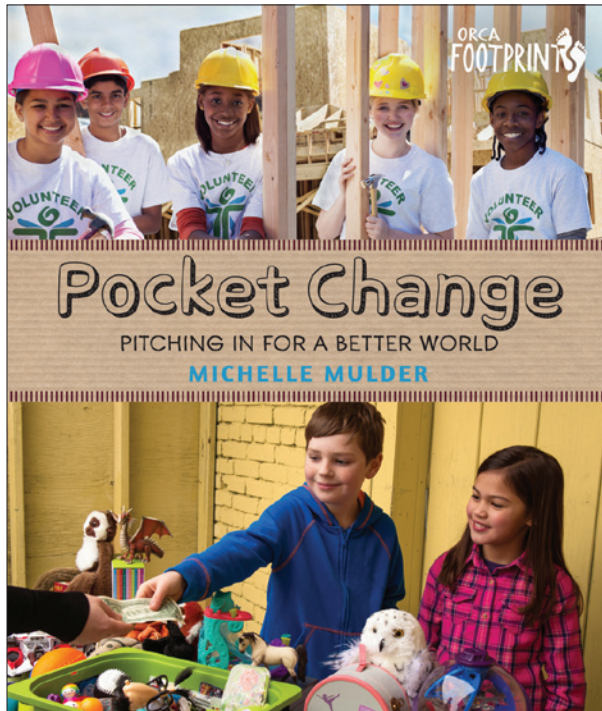


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Michelle Mulder

Be part of creating a whole new concept of wealth.

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When not writing, **Michelle Mulder** can be found exploring free piles, growing food and learning to fix broken stuff. She is the author of four other award-winning books in the Footprints series—*Pedal It!*, *Brilliant!*, *Every Last Drop* and *Trash Talk*—as well as the novels *Not a Chance*, *Out of the Box*, *After Peaches* and several other books for young people. Michelle lives in Victoria, British Columbia, with her husband and daughter. For more information, visit www.michellemulder.com.

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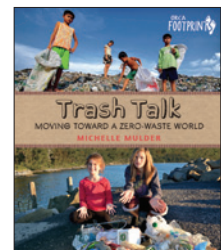
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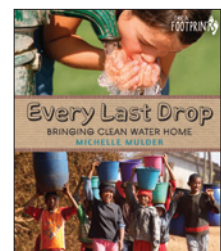
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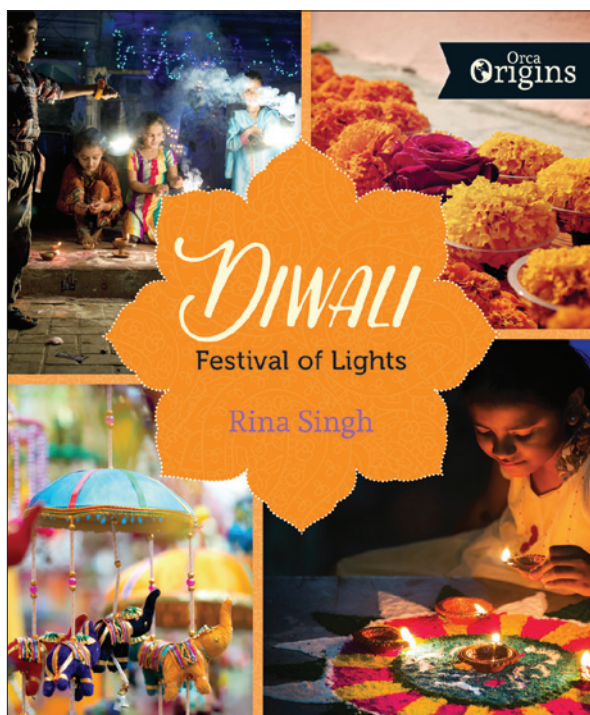
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Rina Singh was born in India and moved to Canada in 1980. She is an internationally published children's author with a deep interest in world cultures: their music, food, rituals and especially their stories. She lives with her husband in Toronto, Ontario, where she continues to teach and write and dream of faraway lands. For more information, visit www.rinasingh.com.

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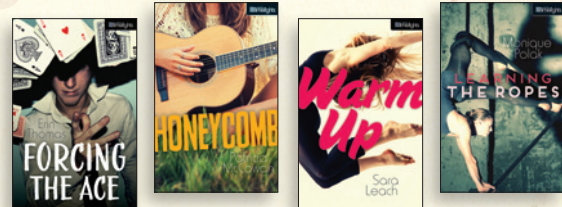
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Eric Howling is an advertising creative director and the author of the Lorimer Sports novels *Head Hunter*, *Red Zone Rivals*, *Hoop Magic*, *Kayak Combat* and *Drive*. As a boy growing up in Montreal, Quebec, he always had a ball or stick or club in his hands. Now Eric's writing stories about playing some of those exciting sports. His books have been shortlisted for the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award, named *Resource Links* Year's Best and picked as CCBC Best Books selections. Eric lives in Calgary, Alberta. Follow him on Twitter @erichowling.

Keywords: football, racism, teammates, gangs, low-income neighborhoods, at-risk youth, fund-raising, game development, high school, bullying, discrimination, sport

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Bungee Jump

Pam Withers

Is this project in free fall?

Thirteen-year-old Chris and his family are setting up a bungee jump in his backyard. It's a real large-scale bungee jump off a bridge that connects his backyard to a small island owned by his family. Not only is it going to be the coolest attraction around, but it also provides Chris with an opportunity to watch a real engineer in action. Chris would be excited about it if things didn't keep going wrong. The rumors of hauntings on the island, once the site of a hospital for children with leprosy, are getting out of control. And there are mysterious mishaps on the bridge. Chris worries that all of these problems will keep customers away. And if the bungee jump isn't a success, his family will lose everything.

Award-winning author **Pam Withers** has written seventeen bestselling sports and adventure books for teens, including two Orca Currents titles: *Camp Wild* and *Daredevil Club*. Pam is a former outdoor guide, journalist, editor and associate publisher. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, with her husband and tours North America extensively. For more information, visit www.pamwithers.com.

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Shatterproof

Jocelyn Shipley

It's all fun and profit until someone loses their integrity.

Thirteen-year-old Nate needs a break from looking after his newly disabled mom. One day when his mom thinks he's at a cross-country meet, he goes to the mall with a friend he's forbidden to have contact with. At the skate shop he sees a new board he can't afford but has to have, and Nate gets talked into running a scam. It turns out Nate looks a lot like a teen TV star filming in the area. So he and his buddy get girls to pay cash to be extras on set. It's all fine until Nate meets a girl he really likes. Nate knows he has to tell her the truth, but he's not sure he has what it takes to come clean.

Jocelyn Shipley's YA books include *How to Tend a Grave*, *Getting a Life* and *Seraphina's Circle*, and she is co-editor of *Cleavage: Breakaway Fiction for Real Girls*. *Shatterproof* is Jocelyn's first book with Orca Book Publishers. Jocelyn divides her time between Toronto, Ontario, and Vancouver Island, British Columbia. For more information, visit www.jocelynshipley.com. Follow her on Twitter @sageshipley.

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Fourteen-year-old Taz knows one thing for sure: she's a perfect disaster in the kitchen. Every time she tries to cook, chaos ensues. After fires, toxins and more than one minor injury, Taz will be happy if she makes it through her food-science class in one piece. But when the class enters a competitive race for a coveted program and Taz is put in a group that expects to win, the pressure is on. As the competition heats up, Taz is desperate to hold her own and not let her team down.

Diane Tullson is a fully-qualified kitchen disaster. Her books have been nominated for many awards, including Stellar and Arthur Ellis awards. Diane lives near Vancouver, British Columbia. For more information, visit www.dianetullson.com.

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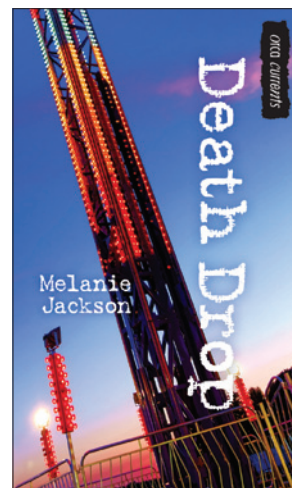
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Death Drop

Melanie Jackson

A drop faster than gravity and a plot more twisted than twine.

On his way to baseball practice, Zeke lines up for Vancouver's newest thrill ride: Death Drop, an elevator that falls faster than gravity. The theme of the ride is based on the story of Persephone, who tumbled into the underworld. Zeke tumbles into a frightening situation himself after he discovers a little girl who is lost. He takes her to the Death Drop manager's office. But later, when he tries to find out what happened with her, the ride's staff say they never saw her! To find the missing girl, Zeke must navigate a devilish plot that includes Dante Gabriel Rossetti's famous painting *Proserpine*, a fiery drop into flames, and an angry coach.

Death Drop is **Melanie Jackson's** fifth mystery in the Orca Currents series. Her other titles, *The Big Dip*, *Fast Slide*, *High Wire* and *Eyesore*, all feature thrilling forms of amusement. Melanie lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. For more information, visit www.melaniejacksonblog.wordpress.com.

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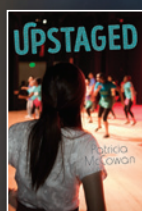
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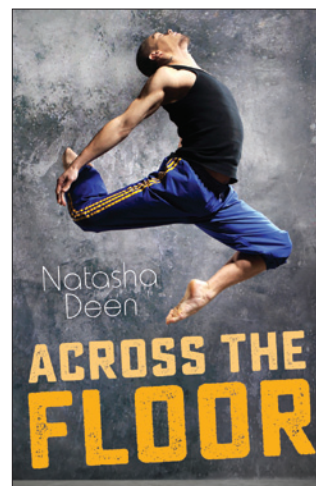


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Natasha Deen's family moved from Guyana, South America, to Calgary, Alberta, to escape Guyana's growing racial and political violence. She now lives in Edmonton, Alberta, where she spends her days writing and working as a presenter at schools, libraries and writing organizations. When she's not writing, she practices her negotiation skills by trying to convince her dogs and cats she deserves a spot on the couch. She is the author of *Burned* in the Retribution series. For more information, visit www.natashadeen.com.

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Is Hailey's own life as dramatic as an opera?

Hailey McEwan has many interests—soccer, field hockey, animation. She'd probably never have started singing if her best friend, Crissy, hadn't persuaded her to take singing lessons and join her choir. No one had any idea that Hailey would be such a natural, least of all Hailey herself. A shared love of music—from pop to opera—has been a big part of the girls' friendship, but when the two face off in a competition for a role in a production of *The Marriage of Figaro*, their closeness turns into a bitter rivalry. Hailey will have to make a tough decision. Is opera as important to her as it is to Crissy? And is landing a role worth losing her best friend?

Jeff Ross is an award-winning author of several novels for young adults. He currently teaches scriptwriting and English at Algonquin College in Ottawa, Ontario, where he lives with his wife and two sons. For more information, visit www.jeffrossbooks.com.

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Sigmund Brouwer & Cindy Morgan

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Elle has come to Nashville to become a star. She has what it takes, but her agent and all the label executives want to change everything about her—her hair, her body, her clothes and, most important, her music. So Elle becomes a blond, sings about cookin' for her man and wears tiny shorts and revealing tank tops. Then a chance meeting with an established female songwriter makes Elle realize that she's paying too high a price for success.

Billboard Express continues the story that began in *Rock the Boat* by Sigmund Brouwer.

Sigmund Brouwer writes for both children and adults. In his presentations to young readers, Sigmund often sings and plays the guitar (very badly). For more information, visit www.rockandrollliteracy.com.

Cindy Morgan is a singer-songwriter based in Nashville, Tennessee, where she and her husband, Sigmund Brouwer, and their two daughters live when they aren't in Red Deer, Alberta. For more information, visit www.cindymorganmusic.com.

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Martha Brack Martin is an award-winning teacher-librarian in the southern Ontario town of LaSalle, near Windsor. After twenty-five years as a teacher (seventeen of them as a TL), she is still thrilled by getting kids excited about reading and finding just the right book for the right person. She was dared by a colleague a few years ago to put *Book Babe* on her business card, and she now revels in the title. The creator of a number of Book Babe teacher guides and author of four nonfiction books for children, she frequently facilitates workshops on children's literature, teaching with technology and librarianship.

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Another Miserable Love Song

Brooke Carter

Can Kallie find new purpose in punk?

Kallie Echo is starting to think dreams are dangerous. Her dad had one—to be a rock star—and then he died. Now Kallie is practically homeless and her life is falling apart. So when a punk band asks Kallie to sing for them, she must decide if she's got the heart to front a band of rocker chicks (and one trans guy). Can she find a new purpose in punk? And will the drummer with the amazing smile break her heart?

The band goes on tour, and everything hinges on Kallie. It's a lot of pressure—especially when you throw in substance abuse and Kallie's deadbeat mom showing up at the worst time. Kallie must learn to trust her friends, and herself, if she's going to get over the past and make a new future. But if she dares to dream again, will she lose it all?

Brooke Carter was born and raised in beautiful British Columbia, where she earned an MFA in creative writing at UBC and where she currently makes her home with her family. Her stories, poems and articles have appeared in literary journals and national magazines. *Another Miserable Love Song* is her first novel. For more information, visit www.BrookeCarter.com.

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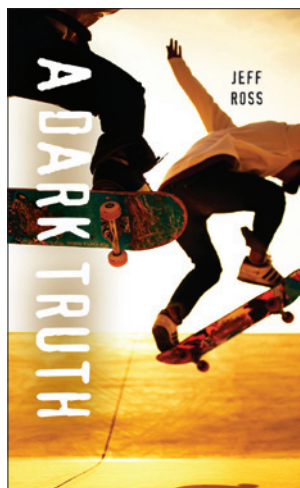
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Jeff Ross

Riley learns the difference between black and white.

Riley and Dashawn have been friends since they were three. They got into skateboarding together and have advanced to the point where it's time to create a Sponsor Me tape. They bring a third skater along, Natasha, and try to get some good clips around a new office development. Then the police storm into the lot. The three skaters quickly scatter, trying their best not to get busted. Riley and Natasha arrive at the meet-up spot. They wait and wait, but Dashawn never shows.

The next day Riley visits Dashawn, only to discover that the police have given him a "beat-down." Nothing like this has ever happened before, and for Riley it is a wake-up call that not everyone lives in the same world he does.

Jeff Ross is an award-winning author of a number of novels for young adults. He currently teaches scriptwriting and English at Algonquin College in Ottawa, Ontario, where he lives with his wife and two sons. For more information, visit www.jeffrossbooks.com.

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Mary Jennifer Payne is a graduate of the Humber School for Writers' Summer Workshop in Creative Writing and a special-education teacher at Nelson Mandela Park Public School in Toronto, Ontario. Her writing has been published in journals, anthologies and magazines in Canada and abroad. *Since You've Been Gone*, her first full-length young-adult novel, was published in 2015.

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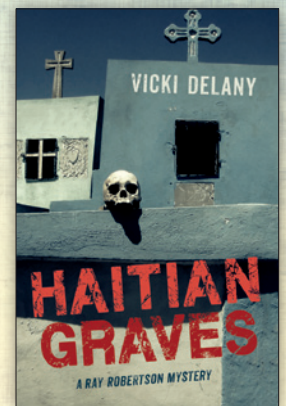
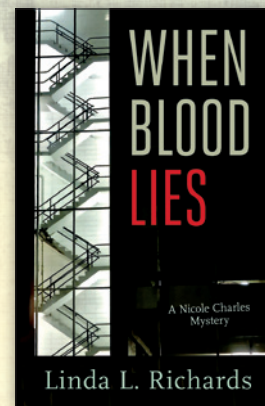
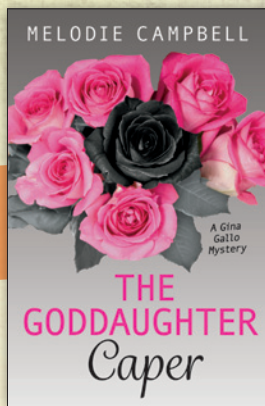
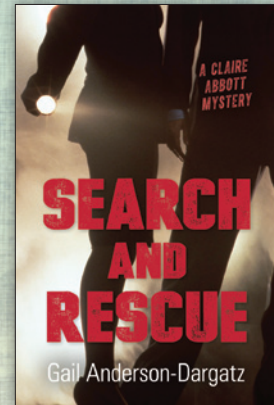
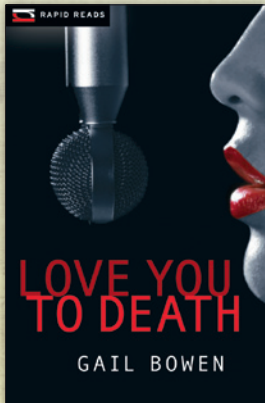
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Race Against Time is the third novel in a series of mysteries featuring journalist and sleuth Claire Abbott.

By the age of eighteen, **Gail Anderson-Dargatz** knew she wanted to write. Today, Gail is a bestselling author. She also teaches other authors how to write fiction. Gail divides her time between the Shuswap region of British Columbia and Manitoulin Island in Ontario. For more information, visit www.gailanderson-dargatz.ca.

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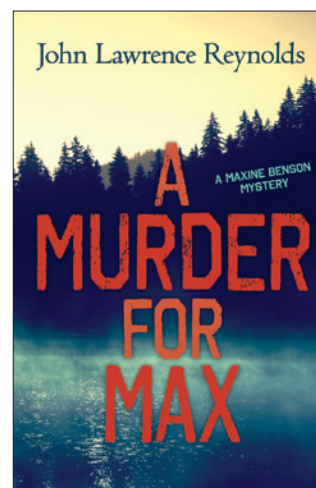
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John Lawrence Reynolds has had thirty works of fiction and nonfiction published. His work has earned two Arthur Ellis Awards for Best Mystery Novel, a National Business Book Award, and a CBC Bookie Award. This is his first book in the Maxine Benson Mystery series. He lives in Burlington, Ontario. For more information, visit www.wryter.ca.

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Rick Blechta has two passions in life: music and writing. A professional musician since age fourteen, he often brings his extensive knowledge of that life to his crime fiction. As well as writing three novellas for Orca, Rick has written eight novels, two of which, *Cemetery of the Nameless* (2005) and *Roses for a Diva* (2014), were shortlisted for the Arthur Ellis Best Novel Award. Rick participates in a blog called *Type M for Murder*, which can be found at www.typem4murder.blogspot.com. For more information, visit www.rickblechta.com.

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Brian Harvey

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Tokyo Girl is the follow-up to *Beethoven's Tenth*, featuring reluctant sleuth Frank Ryan.

Brian Harvey is a scientist and writer. Brian's first nonfiction book for a general audience, *The End of the River*, was published in 2008. He is currently finishing a second nonfiction book about sailing around Vancouver Island and is working on several fiction projects. Brian lives in Nanaimo, British Columbia.

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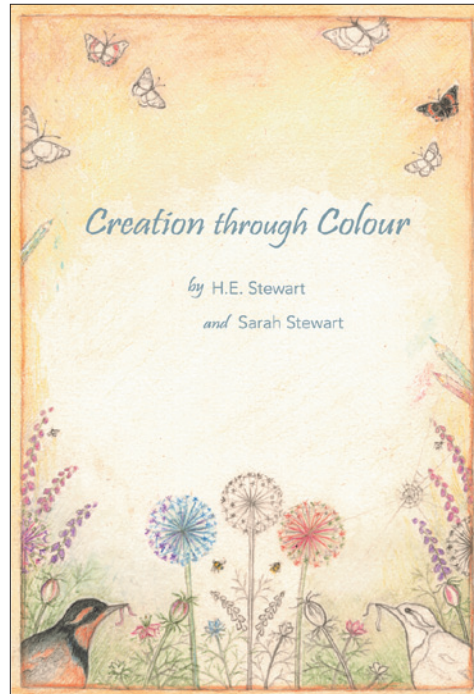
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H.E. Stewart is an author, illustrator, printmaker and gardener. All of her work is connected in some way to nature. She created this colouring book with the help of her daughter Sarah.

Sarah Stewart is a physiotherapist who lives in Victoria, British Columbia.

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