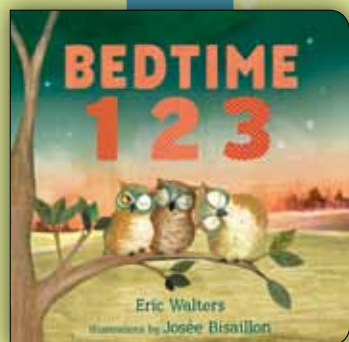




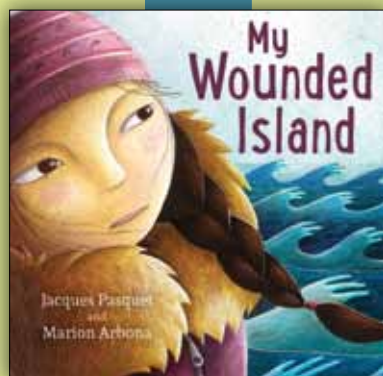
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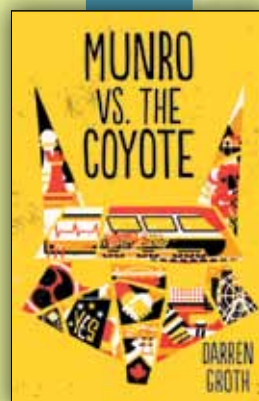
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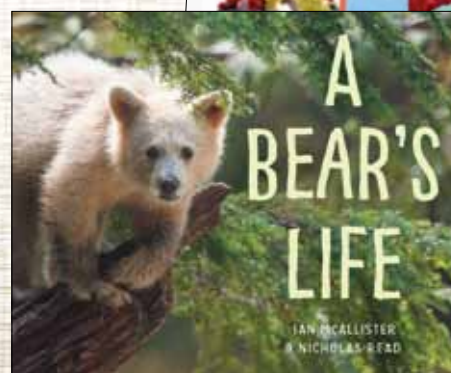
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Orca makes great nonfiction!

Our ever popular Footprints series is back with *A Fair Deal: Shopping For Social Justice* (page 25). And the latest addition to our Origins series is *Chinese New Year: A Celebration for Everyone* (page 27). For a slightly younger crowd, we are pleased to be releasing the second of four picture books from Ian McAllister and Nicholas Read aimed at readers ages 5 to 8. These books feature Ian's amazing photography and the story of individual animals that live in the Great Bear Rainforest (page 9).

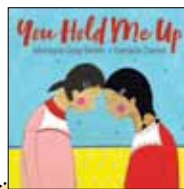




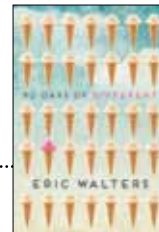
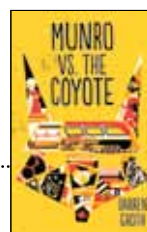
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One Red Button

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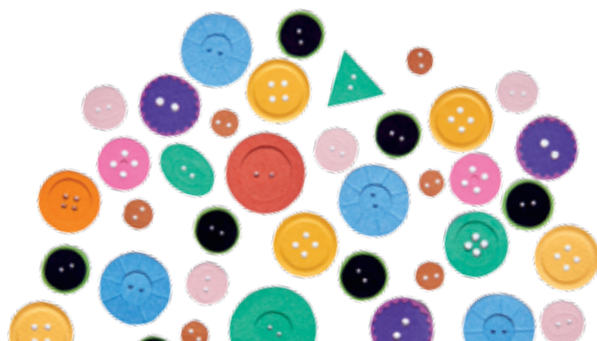
Can you catch the one little button rolling away?

One red button falls off a coat and becomes the cherry on an ice-cream cone, the wheel on a fire truck, the jewel in a necklace, and many other round surprises.

Illustrated using Marthe Jocelyn's delightful paper collage, *One Red Button* is a search-and-find adventure for little ones. This wordless board book will encourage the youngest readers to see the assortment of shapes and colors that decorate their own growing worlds.

Marthe Jocelyn is the award-winning author and illustrator of over thirty-five books for babies, kids and teens. Her illustrated books have been shortlisted for both the Governor General's Literary Award and the Marilyn Baillie Picture Book Award. In 2009 she was the recipient of the prestigious Vicky Metcalf Award for her body of work. *One Red Button* and *One Piece of String* are the result of her lifelong obsession with scraps, and her delight in surprising the reader with unexpected details. Originally from Toronto, Marthe settled in Stratford, Ontario, after a thirty-year stretch in New York. For more information, visit www.marthejocelyn.com.

Keywords: shape primer, search-and-find, concepts, collage, early learning, imagination, play





One Piece of String

Marthe Jocelyn

Can you follow one strand of string through this knotty book?

One piece of string comes untied from a parcel and changes into a spider's web, a ropey updo, a layer of snow on a birdhouse roof, and other surprises.

Illustrated using Marthe Jocelyn's delightful paper collage, this wordless board book invites little ones to follow along and discover that each spread is made up of one single piece of string! This is a book that will inspire the youngest readers to see their own expanding worlds as a collection of interconnected shapes and colors.

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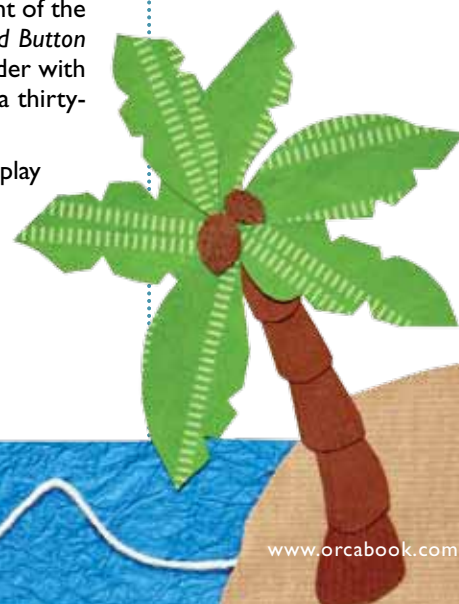
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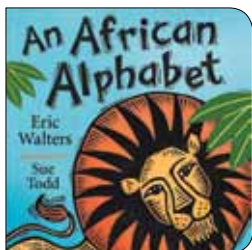
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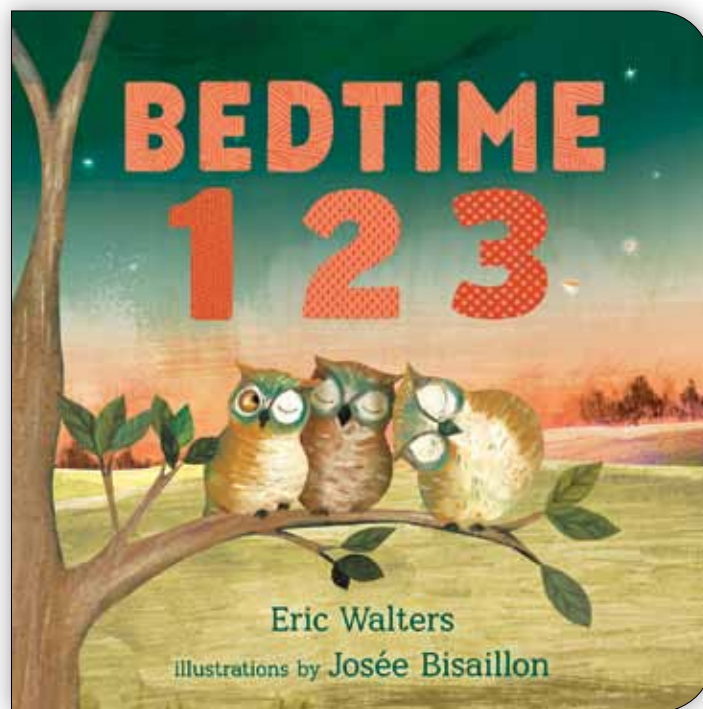
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Bedtime 123

Eric Walters

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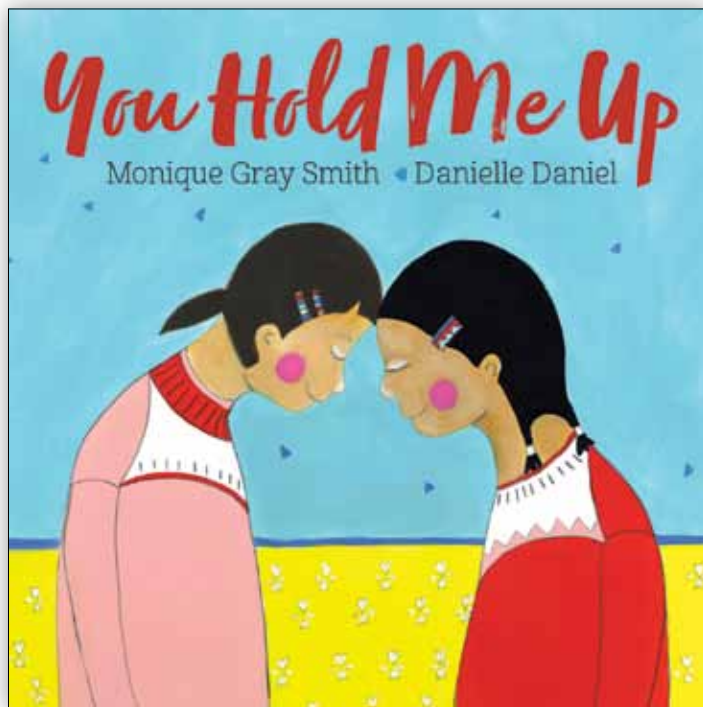
*The stars come out, cubs snuggle, kittens nestle,
and chicks cuddle as all the babies go to sleep.*

Lull your little one to sleep while counting the animals also nestling in for the night. Count the stars coming out, fox cubs snuggling, puppies piling and chicks cuddling as baby rocks gently to sleep. In this gorgeously illustrated board book from bestselling author Eric Walters and award-winning illustrator Josée Bisaillon.

Recently named a member of the Order of Canada, **Eric Walters** began writing in 1993 as a way to get his grade-five students interested in reading and writing. Eric has published almost a hundred 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.

As a child, **Josée Bisaillon** loved drawing cats and houses. That passion followed her into adulthood, and she fell in love with the process of illustrating stories. Josée has illustrated more than twenty-five children's books, created numerous editorial illustrations for magazines and newspapers and has been shortlisted for the Governor General's Literary Award twice. *Bedtime 123* is Josée's first board book. She lives outside of Montreal, Quebec, with her spouse, their three children, one hairless cat and many, many paper characters. For more information, visit www.joseebisaillon.com.

Keywords: counting primer, bedtime, babies, farm animals, forest animals, natural world



You Hold Me Up

Monique Gray Smith
Illustrated by Danielle Daniel

You hold me up. I hold you up. We hold each other up.

This vibrant picture book, beautifully illustrated by celebrated artist Danielle Daniel, encourages children to show love and support for each other in their everyday actions.

Consultant, international speaker and award-winning author Monique Gray Smith wrote *You Hold Me Up* to prompt a dialogue among young people, their care providers and educators about reconciliation and the importance of the connections children make with their friends, classmates and families. This is a foundational book about building relationships, fostering empathy and encouraging respect between peers, starting with our littlest people.

Monique Gray Smith is a mixed-heritage woman of Cree, Lakota and Scottish ancestry. Her life's work has focused on fostering paradigm shifts that emphasize the resilience and strength of Indigenous people. Monique is the author of the bestselling *My Heart Fills With Happiness*, a ccac Best Books for Kids and Teens (2016). Monique and her family live on Lekwungen territory in Victoria, British Columbia. For more information, visit www.littledrum.ca.

Danielle Daniel is the author and illustrator of *Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox*, a finalist for the First Nation Community Reads Award, the Marilyn Baillie Picture Book Award, the Blue Spruce Award and a New York Public Library's Most Notable Books of 2015. Danielle is currently working on a novel and completing an MFA in creative writing through the University of British Columbia. She writes and paints in Sudbury, Ontario.

Keywords: reconciliation, support, respect, empathy, Indigenous, peers, relationships, family, emotional literacy, understanding

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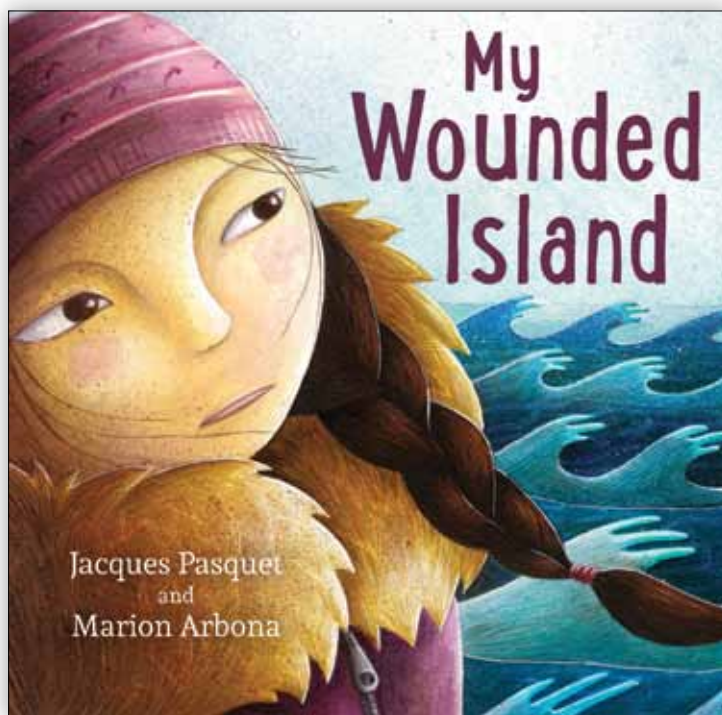
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My Wounded Island

Jacques Pasquet

Illustrated by Marion Arbona

Will our people disappear when our island does?



There's an invisible creature in the waves around Sarichef. It is altering the lives of the Inupiat people who call the island home. A young girl and her family are forced to move to the center of the island for refuge from the rising sea level. Soon the entire village will have to relocate to the mainland. Heartbroken, the young girl and her grandfather worry: what else will be lost when they are forced to abandon their homes and their community?

Addressing the topic of climate refugees, *My Wounded Island* is based on the challenges faced by the Inupiat people who live on the small islands north of the Bering Strait near the Arctic Circle.

Passionate about memories, **Jacques Pasquet** is a writer and storyteller. He lived among the Inuit people for more than a decade and shared their hopes and fears. Now that his busy career as a professor is behind him, he splits his time between writing and visiting schools. Jacques is the author of nearly twenty books for children in Quebec and France. He lives in Montreal, Quebec. For more information, visit www.jacquespasquet.com.

Marion Arbona was born in France. After obtaining her diploma in animation at the École nationale supérieure des Arts Décoratifs in Paris, she moved to Quebec. She devotes her life to illustration, painting and animation. In constant evolution, she explores new techniques such as scratchboard, pastel and transparency, which she combines with her favourite media: gouache, ink and image retouching. For more information, visit www.marionarbona.com.

Keywords: climate change, environment, island, relocation, Inuit, Alaska, sea level, Arctic, legends, myths, climate refugee



First Times

Charles Ghigna
Illustrated by Lori Joy Smith



A foray into the first adventures of childhood.

Experience the adorable first adventures of childhood with this picture book from bestselling author Charles Ghigna and celebrated illustrator Lori Joy Smith. From the first slip down a slide to the first time picking out a book to read, this rollicking narrative takes readers on a journey of discovery into the memorable firsts in a child's world. A story that will be enjoyed by the whole family, from the youngest, eager to experience their own adventures, to the oldest, so proud to watch them grow.

Charles Ghigna, or Father Goose®, lives in a treehouse in the middle of Alabama. He is the author of more than 100 award-winning books. He served as poet-in-residence and chair of creative writing at the Alabama School of Fine Arts and as a nationally syndicated feature writer for Tribune Media Services. Charles is a proud grandfather who celebrates all of his grandbabies' accomplishments. For more information, visit www.FatherGoose.com.

Lori Joy Smith is an artist and illustrator with many picture books to her credit. She's also illustrated for magazines, including *Chirp*, and for beloved children's entertainers Bobs & Lolo. She currently lives in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, with her family. For more information, visit www.lorijoysmith.com.

Keywords: experience, activity, childhood, risk taking, family, siblings



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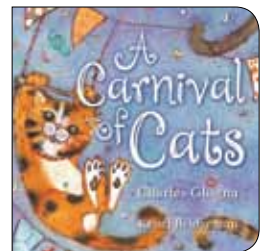
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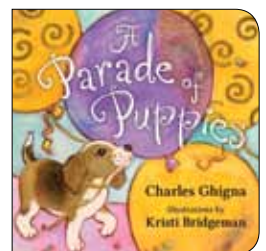
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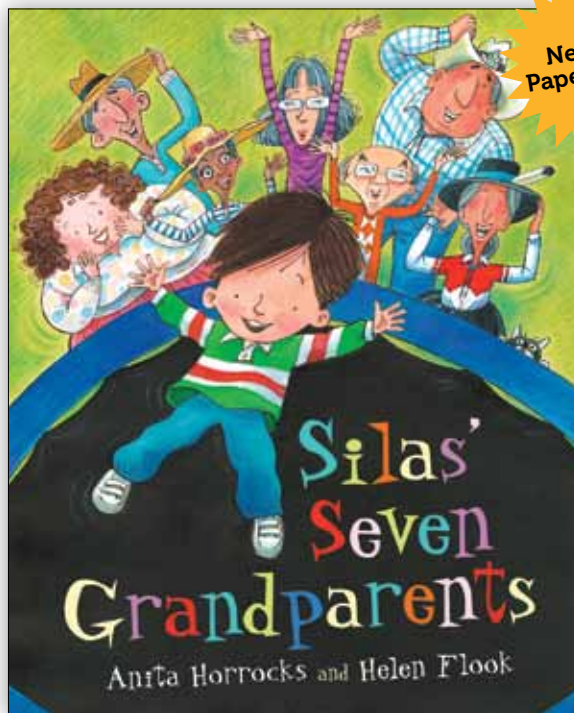
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“The cast of characters is subtly multicultural but their ethnic diversity is presented in a matter-of-fact way. This is a positive story about love and family to share one-on-one with grandparents, no matter how many there are.”

—*School Library Journal*



Silas' Seven Grandparents

Anita Horrocks

Illustrated by Helen Flook

Each of Silas' seven grandparents has something special to offer.

Most of the time, Silas loves having seven grandparents. Each of them has something unique and valuable to offer. They take him to amusement parks, museums, dog shows and camping. But when Silas' parents go away on a business trip, all seven grandparents invite Silas to stay with them. One Silas can't be with seven different grandparents at the same time! How can he choose one without hurting the others' feelings?

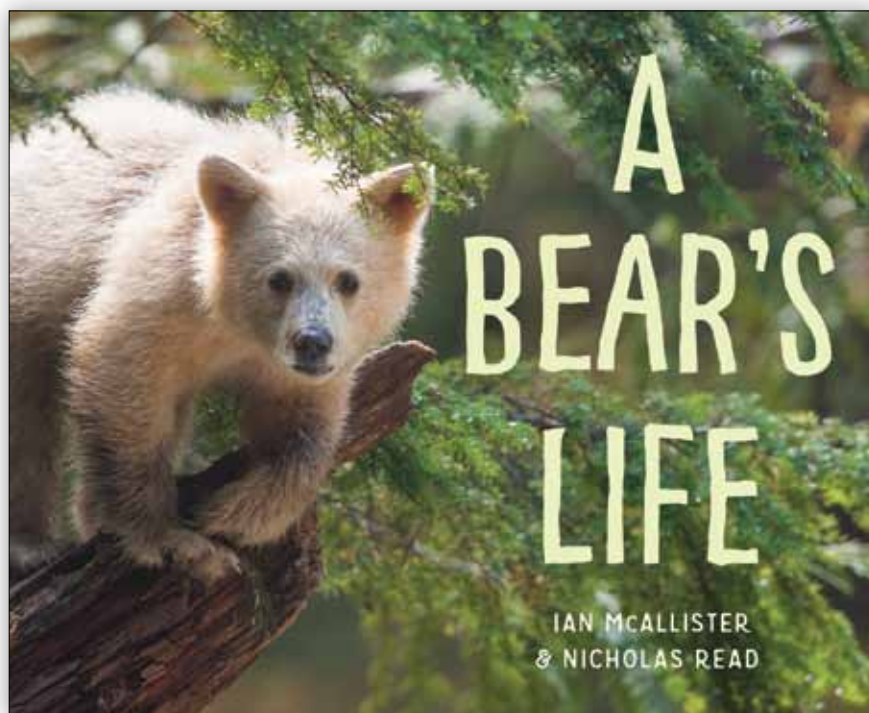
Silas' Seven Grandparents is a fun and loving story about having multiple sets of grandparents and stepgrandparents as a result of divorce and remarriage. Silas' grandparents enjoy exposing him to a variety of interests, values and cultures. But problems arise when Silas feels he can't be everywhere at once. In the end, it's Silas' sensitive, inclusive nature that brings everyone together.

Anita Horrocks has published several award-winning books for young readers. She is one of seven grandparents who love to spoil her two granddaughters. Anita lives in Lethbridge, Alberta, where she divides her time between working part-time at the library, traveling, hiking, cycling, walking, writing, reading, quilting, baking and doing other grandma things.

Helen Flook was born and grew up in the beautiful countryside of Wales. She has a degree in graphic design from the Norwich School of Art. Helen has illustrated numerous children's books, including many Orca picture books and early chapter books in the Orca Echoes series. She lives and works in Abergwyngregyn, a village in Wales.

Keywords: family, multigenerational, extended family, blended family, grandchildren, grandparents, diversity, babysitter, activity





A Bear's Life

Ian McAllister & Nicholas Read

There are so many things for bear cubs to learn about in the Great Bear Rainforest.

Black bears, grizzly bears, and spirit bears all make their home in the Great Bear Rainforest. *A Bear's Life* uses Ian McAllister's stunning photography to follow these beautiful animals through a year in the British Columbia wilderness—catching fish, eating berries, climbing trees and taking long naps.

A Bear's Life is the second in the My Great Bear Rainforest series.

Ian McAllister is an award-winning photographer and author of numerous books, including *Wolf Island*, *The Salmon Bears*, *The Sea Wolves* and *The Great Bear Sea* (all with Nicholas Read). He is the founding director of Pacific Wild, a Canadian nonprofit wildlife conservation group. Ian's photo of a sea wolf was among *National Geographic's* top pictures of 2015. He and his wife, Karen, were named "environmental leaders of the 21st century" by *Time* magazine for their efforts to protect British Columbia's endangered rainforest. He lives with his family on an island in the heart of the Great Bear Rainforest. For more information, visit www.pacificwild.org.

Nicholas Read is a journalism instructor at Langara College in Vancouver, British Columbia. He collaborated with Ian McAllister on *Wolf Island*, *The Salmon Bears*, *The Sea Wolves* and *The Great Bear Sea* and wrote *City Critters*, about urban wildlife. He lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Keywords: black bears, spirit bears, grizzly bears, Great Bear Rainforest, Indigenous people, salmon, berries, ocean



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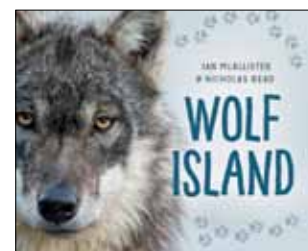
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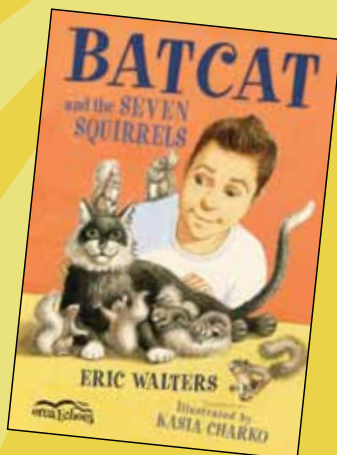
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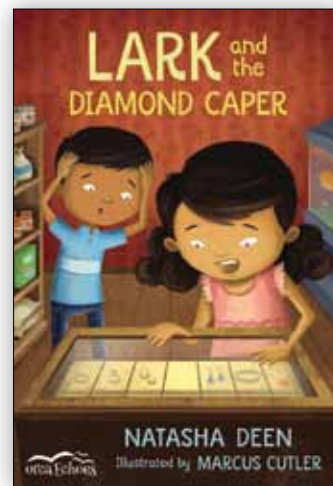


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Lark and the Diamond Caper

Natasha Deen
Illustrated by Marcus Cutler

Who made the diamonds disappear?

Rookie detectives Lark and Connor Ba are back on the case! When a pair of diamond earrings goes missing from the neighborhood general store, Lark and Connor just happen to be in the right place at the right time. Carefully mining the adults for clues, the twin sleuths work together to solve the mystery.

Lark and the Diamond Caper is the second title in the Lark Ba Detective series, following *Lark Holds the Key*.

Award-winning author **Natasha Deen** moved to Canada as a child to escape the racial and political violence of Guyana, South America, and she has called many places home, including Ontario, British Columbia and New York. Her books include *Burned*, from Orca's Retribution series, *Sleight of Hand* and *Across the Floor*. Natasha lives in Edmonton, Alberta. For more information, visit www.natashadeen.com. Follow her on Twitter @natasha_deen.

Keywords: caper, sleuth, mystery, detective, private eye, twins, siblings, dyslexia, magic

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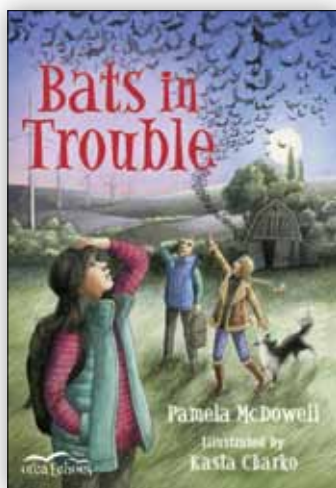
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Bats in Trouble

Pamela McDowell
Illustrated by Kasia Charko

What's killing the bats?

Cricket McKay and her best friend, Shilo, are enjoying the last few weeks of summer vacation when they discover that something is killing bats around Grandpa McKay's farm. Could the new wind turbines be the cause? The kids do some detective work and then jump into action coming up with a plan to save the bats.

Bats in Trouble is the third book featuring animal-activist Cricket McKay, following *Ospreys in Danger* and *Salamander Rescue*.

Pamela McDowell's first career was in education, teaching junior high and high school. She began writing when she left teaching and has now written more than forty nonfiction and fiction books for children. Pamela lives in Calgary, Alberta, with her husband, two kids and an Australian shepherd. For more information, visit www.pamelamcdowell.ca.

Keywords: bats, migratory routes, conservation, ecology, nature, wildlife preservation, wind turbines, renewable energy

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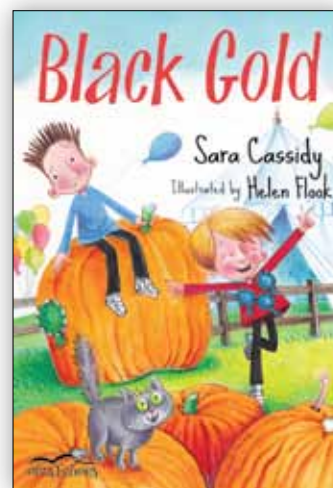
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Black Gold

Sara Cassidy
Illustrated by Helen Flook

Black is the new gold.

Cyrus and Rudy spend the last days of summer selling dahlias, blackberries and tomatoes at their roadside stand. When a neighbor drops off a bin full of red wrigglers, California earthworms that turn compost into fertilizer, Rudy and Cyrus become worm moguls as they discover just how in demand the *Eisenia fetida* are.

Black Gold is the third book featuring Cyrus and Rudy's adventures on the farm, following *Not for Sale* and *Blackberry Juice*.

Sara Cassidy's poetry, fiction and articles have been widely published, and she has won a Gold National Magazine Award. *Black Gold* is her ninth children's novel. She lives in Victoria, British Columbia, with her three children. For more information, visit www.saracassidywriter.com. Follow her on Twitter @SaraCassidyWrit.

Keywords: humour, country living, farm, competition, friendship, discovery, back-to-school, rural, worms, country fairs, agricultural fairs

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Debby Waldman

Passover this year was not at all what Miriam expected.

In 1930 eleven-year-old Miriam travels by train from Brooklyn to her grandparents' farm in upstate New York. Her grandparents are kind, generous people, but they aren't exactly ideal playmates for a lonely girl. When Miriam is not doing homework in the kitchen with Bubby or helping prepare meals for the migrant workers that Zayde hires to help out on the farm, she plays with the barn kittens born just before she arrived. Those kittens are her only friends, until the day Miriam discovers a young girl hiding in the barn. Cissy and her brother, Joe, who's one of Zayde's farm hands, are on the run from an abusive uncle back in Mississippi. Miriam and Cissy hit it off immediately. But their friendship is tested when Miriam is forced to choose between keeping a promise and doing the right thing.

Debby Waldman is the author of a number of children's books based on Jewish folktales, including *A Sack Full of Feathers*, which was named a 2007 Best Book for Kids and Teens by the Canadian Children's Book Centre, and *Clever Rachel*, declared by *Resource Links* to be one of the Year's Best for 2009. She is also the co-author of two books for parents of children who are hard of hearing. Debby lives in Edmonton, Alberta, with her husband, two children and a really chill chocolate labradoodle named Chip. For more information, visit www.debbiewaldman.com.

Keywords: Passover, Seder, Purim, Jewish, friendship, culture, tradition, secrets, upstate New York, festival, farm life

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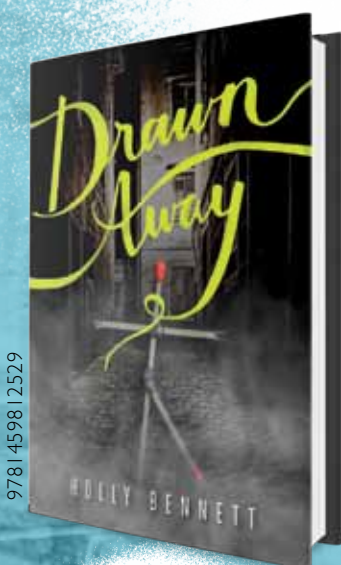
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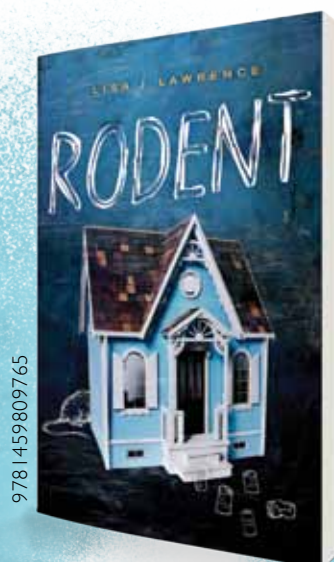
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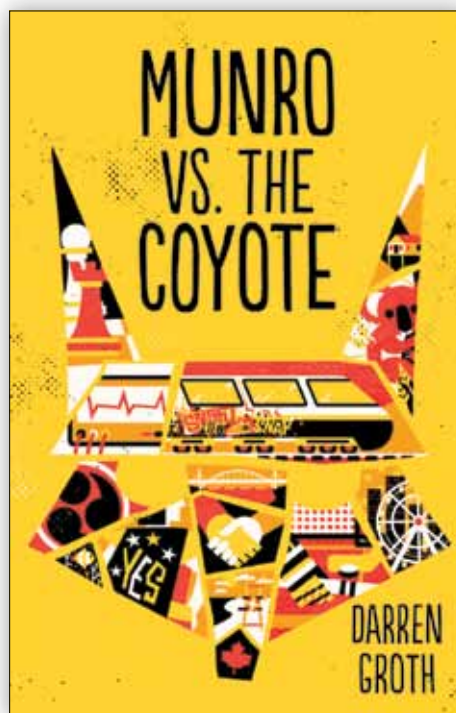
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Munro vs. the Coyote

Darren Groth

Munro is caught in the small cruel space between loss and letting go.

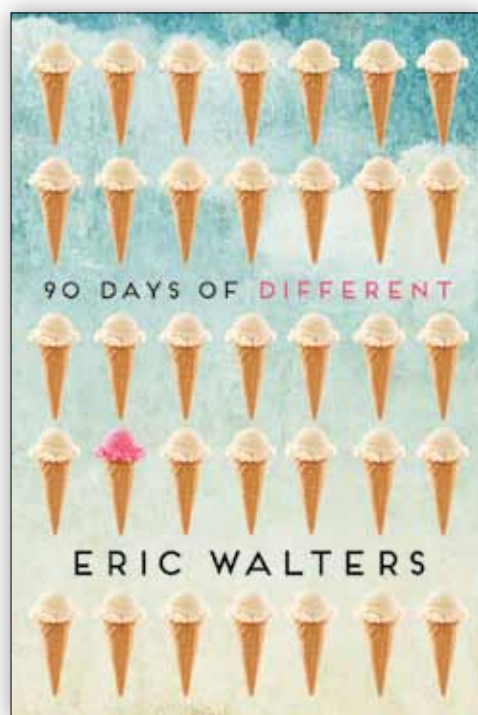
Since the sudden death of his younger sister, Evie, sixteen-year-old Munro Maddux has been having flashbacks and anger-management issues. He also has a constant ache in his right hand. And then there's the taunting, barking, biting voice he calls "the Coyote." Munro knows a six-month student exchange will not be the stuff of teenage dreams, but in Brisbane he intends to move beyond his troubled past. It is there, at an assisted living residence called Fair Go Community Village, that Munro discovers the Coyote can be silenced.

Munro volunteers as a "Living Partner" and gets to know the team of residents he is assigned to. The burden Munro carries, however, is not so easily cast aside. When one of the team makes the decision to leave, the Coyote gets a new life. When a second resident is taken away, the specter of trauma and death looms larger than ever.

Will Munro learn how to silence the voice? Or will the Coyote ultimately triumph?

Originally from Brisbane, Australia, **Darren Groth** now lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, with his Canadian wife and twins. His books have been published on both sides of the Pacific and include his acclaimed YA novel *Are You Seeing Me?*. It was shortlisted for the Governor General's Literary Award and the Sheila A. Egoff Children's Literature Prize in Canada and won the Adelaide Festival Award for Young Adult Literature in Australia. Darren is a former special-education teacher and the proud father of a son with ASD. For more information, visit www.darrengroth.com.

Keywords: loss, grief, healing, student exchange, Australia, romance, assisted living, community, Down syndrome, autism spectrum, family, siblings



90 Days of Different

Eric Walters

Okay, Sophie, you've got ninety days to step out of your comfort zone.

On the last day of high school, Sophie's boyfriend breaks up with her. It turns out he thinks she is too predictable, too responsible, too mature...too boring.

When Sophie turns to her best friend, Ella, for comfort and reassurance, Ella just confirms what her ex said. And that hurts even more.

Then Ella comes up with a plan to help Sophie find her wilder side. In the ninety days between the end of high school and the start of university, she is going to arrange for Sophie to do amazing, new, different and sometimes scary things. The deal is Sophie has to agree to everything, no matter what. And she has to share her adventures on social media.

Can ninety days of different create a different life? Can stepping outside your comfort zone help you find yourself?

Recently named a member of the Order of Canada, **Eric Walters** began writing in 1993 as a way to get his grade-five students interested in reading and writing. Eric has published almost a hundred 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: coming of age, personal growth, friendship, relationships, social media, adventure

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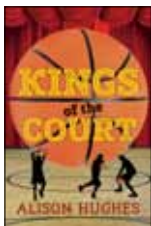
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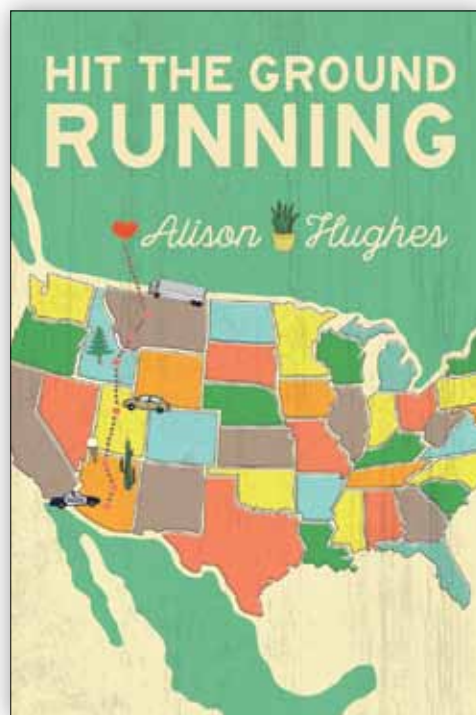
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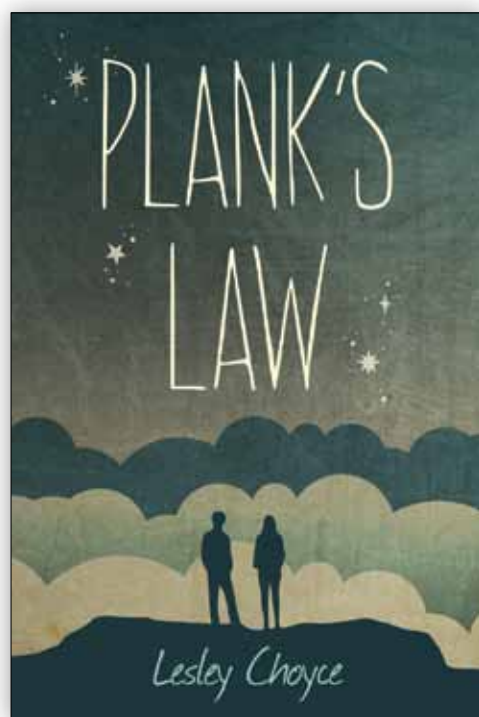
Alison Hughes

An ancient car. No driver's license. A run for the border. What could possibly go wrong?

Sixteen-year-old Dee and her seven-year-old brother, Eddie, have been on their own for six weeks. Their father has seemingly vanished into the baking Arizona desert. Their money is drying up and the rent is coming due, but it's a visit from a social worker and the prospect of being separated from Eddie that scares Dee enough to flee. She dupes her brother into packing up and embarking on the long road trip to Canada, their birthplace and former home. Lacking a driver's license and facing a looming interrogation at the border, Dee rations their money and food as they burn down the interstate in their ancient, decrepit car.

Alison Hughes writes for children of all ages and for adults. Her books have been nominated for the Silver Birch, Red Cedar, Diamond Willow and Hackmatack Awards, as well as the Sigurd F. Olson Nature Writing Award. When she's not writing, she presents at schools, volunteers with a family literacy organization and bikes in the river valley. She lives in Edmonton, Alberta, with her husband and children, where her three snoring dogs provide the soundtrack for her writing. For more information, visit www.alisonhughesbooks.com.

Keywords: coming of age, siblings, road trips, family, responsibility, danger, fear, highways, sight-seeing, borders, truckers



Plank's Law

Lesley Choyce

First item on the list: live.

Trevor has known since he was ten years old that he has Huntington's disease, but at sixteen he is informed that he has about one year to live. One day while he's trying to figure stuff out, an old man named Plank finds him standing on a cliff by the ocean. It's the beginning of an odd but intriguing relationship. Both Trevor and Plank decide to follow Plank's Law, which is "just live." This means Trevor has to finally do the things on his bucket list, like hang out with real penguins, star in a science fiction movie and actually talk to Sara—the girl at the hospital who smiles at him.

With the aid of Plank and Sara, Trevor revises his list to include more important things and takes charge of his illness and his life.

Lesley Choyce is the author of over ninety books of literary fiction, short stories, poetry, creative nonfiction and young adult novels. He runs Pottersfield Press and has worked as editor with a wide range of Canadian authors. Choyce teaches creative writing at Dalhousie University and has won the Dartmouth Book Award, the Atlantic Poetry Prize and the Ann Connor Brimer Award. He has also been shortlisted for Stephen Leacock, White Pine, Hackmatack, and Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy awards and, most recently, a Governor General's Literary Award. He was a founding member of the 1990s spoken-word rock band The Surf Poets. He surfs year-round in the North Atlantic. Lesley lives at Lawrencetown Beach, Nova Scotia. For more information, visit www.lesleychoyce.com.

Keywords: bucket list, terminal disease, hospital treatment, suicide, aging, teenage love, Huntington's disease

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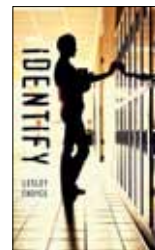
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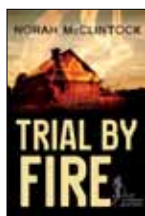
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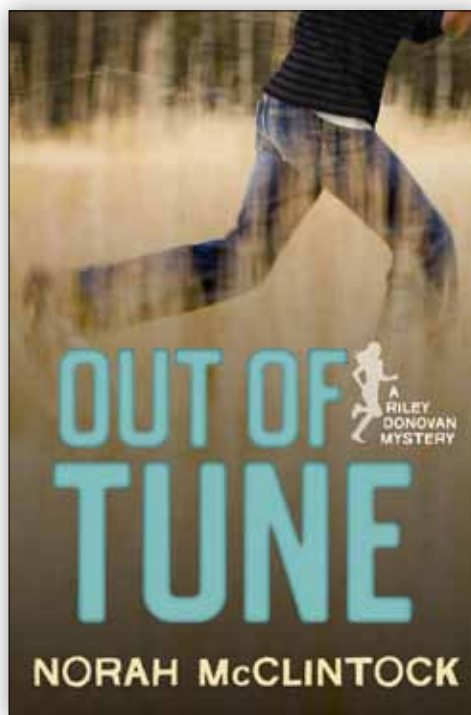
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Norah McClintock is a five-time winner of the Crime Writers of Canada's Arthur Ellis Award for crime fiction for young people. She is the author of more than sixty YA novels, including books in Seven (the series), The Seven Sequels, The Seven Prequels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

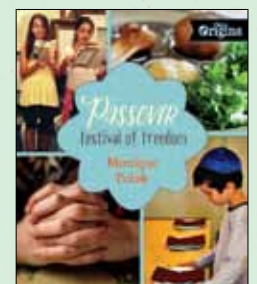
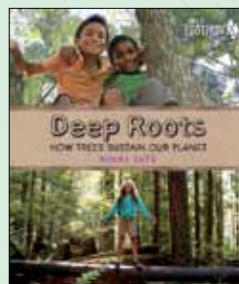
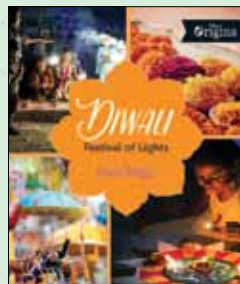
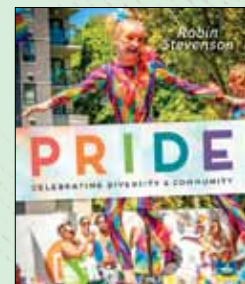
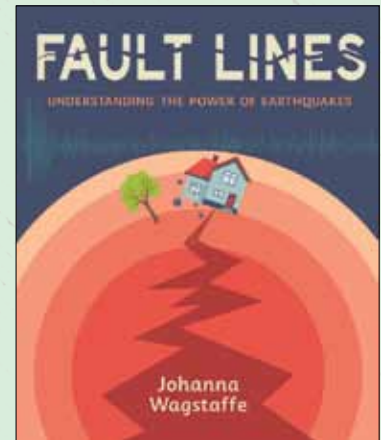
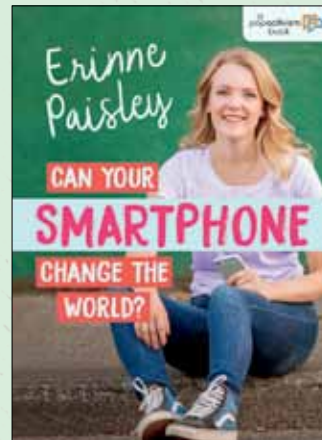
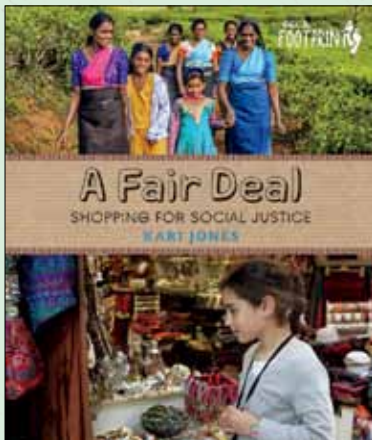
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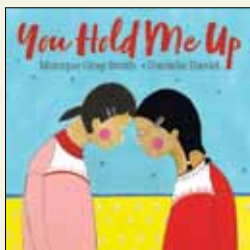
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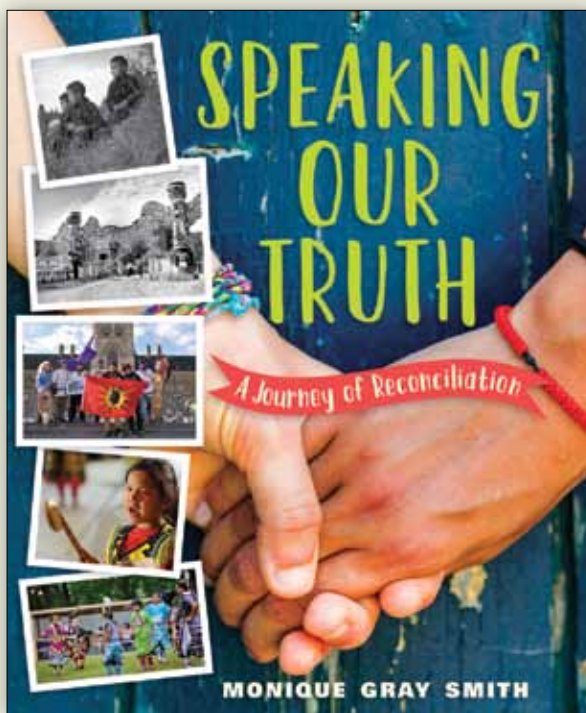
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MONIQUE GRAY SMITH is a mixed-heritage woman of Cree, Lakota and Scottish ancestry and the proud mother of twins. She is an international speaker, an award-winning author and a sought-after consultant. Her first novel, *Tilly: A Story of Hope and Resilience*, won the 2014 Burt Award for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Literature. She has also written the board book, *My Heart Fills With Happiness* and has a new picture book, *You Hold Me Up*. Monique and her family are blessed to live on Lekwungen territory in Victoria, British Columbia. For more information, visit www.littledrum.com.

KEYWORDS: residential schools, racism, abuse, Indigenous people, Seven Sacred teachings, reconciliation, colonization, genocide, healing, allies, Truth and Reconciliation Commission, prejudice





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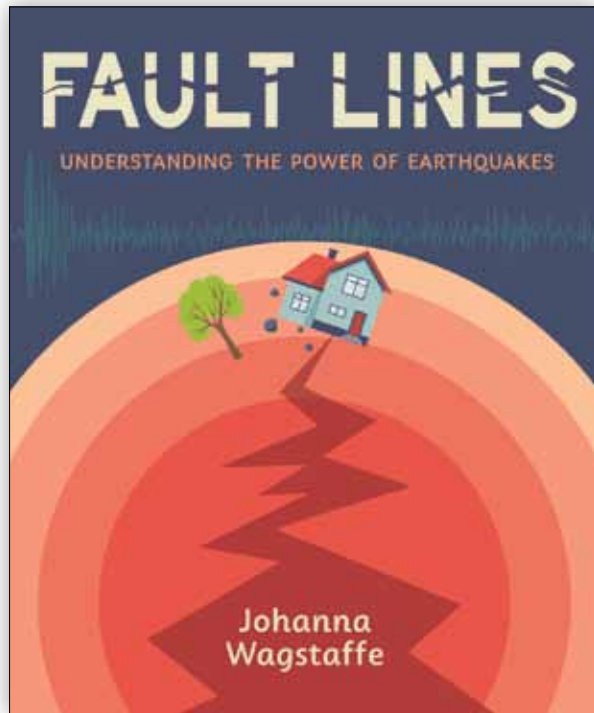
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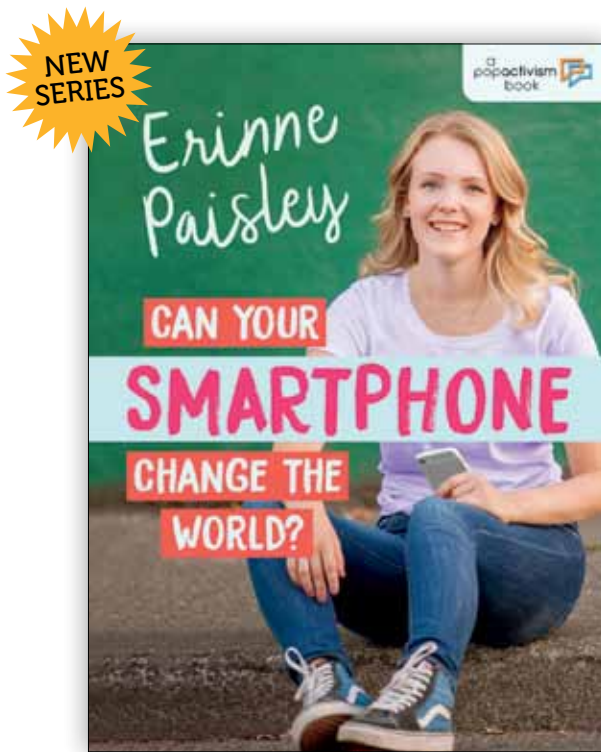
Johanna Wagstaffe

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Johanna Wagstaffe is the meteorologist and science host for CBC Vancouver and CBC News Network. With a background in seismology, geophysics and earth science, Johanna has covered a wide range of science stories, from the 2016 Fort McMurray wildfire and the 2011 Japan earthquake and tsunami to the Paris Climate Change Conference. She enjoys sharing her passion for science education with children and on social media. Johanna also seems to know when to hit the slopes on her snowboard for fresh powder or when to pick a sunny morning for a seawall run. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. You can find her on Twitter @jwagstaffe.

Keywords: safety, natural disasters, emergency preparedness, tsunamis, seismology, meteorology, nature, science



Can Your Smartphone Change the World?

Erinne Paisley

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This is the first book in the PopActivism series. *Can Your Outfit Change the World?* comes out in Spring 2018 and *Can Your Conversations Change the World?* in Fall 2018.

Erinne Paisley is an activist, public speaker, youth content developer, writer and student. She was awarded one of ten University of Toronto National Scholarships and is now studying International Relations at Trinity College, University of Toronto. *Can Your Smartphone Change the World?* is her first book. For more information, visit www.popactivism.com. Follow her on Twitter @popactivism and subscribe to her YouTube channel, Erinne Paisley.

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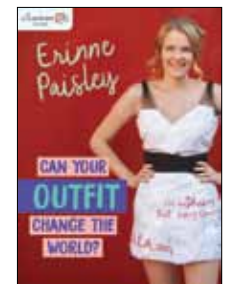
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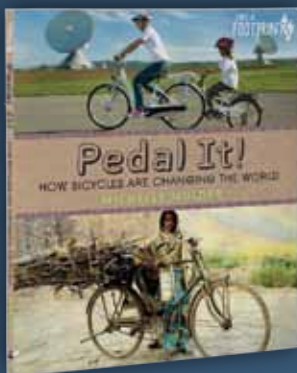
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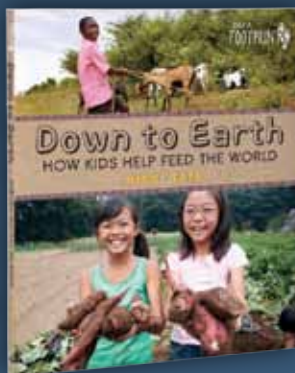
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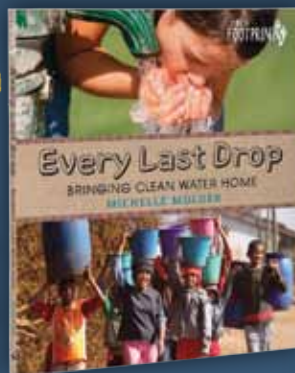
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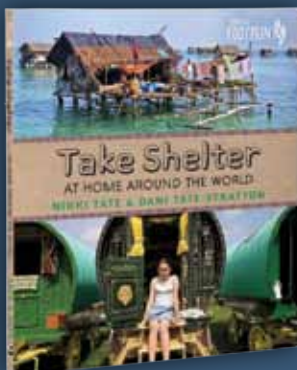
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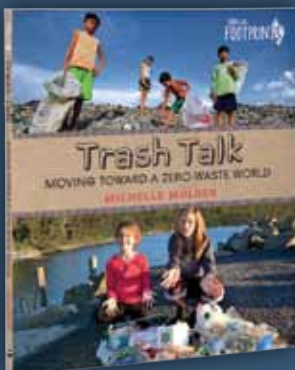
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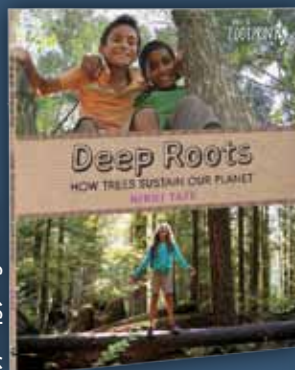
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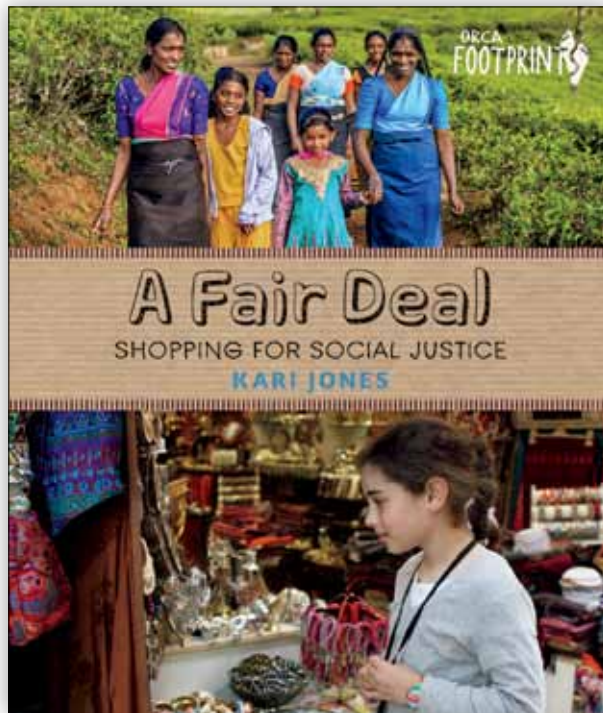
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Kari Jones is the author of numerous books for young readers and teens, including two titles in the Orca Currents series and one in the Orca Limelights series. Her latest novel is *At the Edge of the World*. She lives on the west coast of Canada, where she enjoys exploring the coast by kayak with her husband, son and their dog, Tintin. For more information, visit www.karijones.ca.

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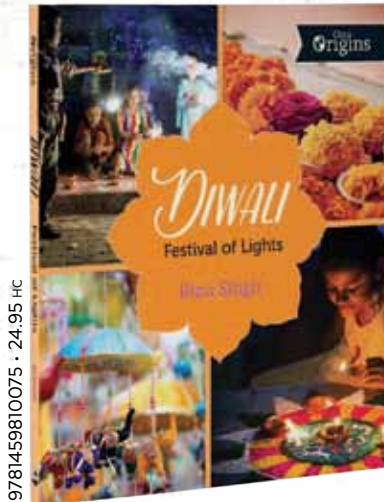
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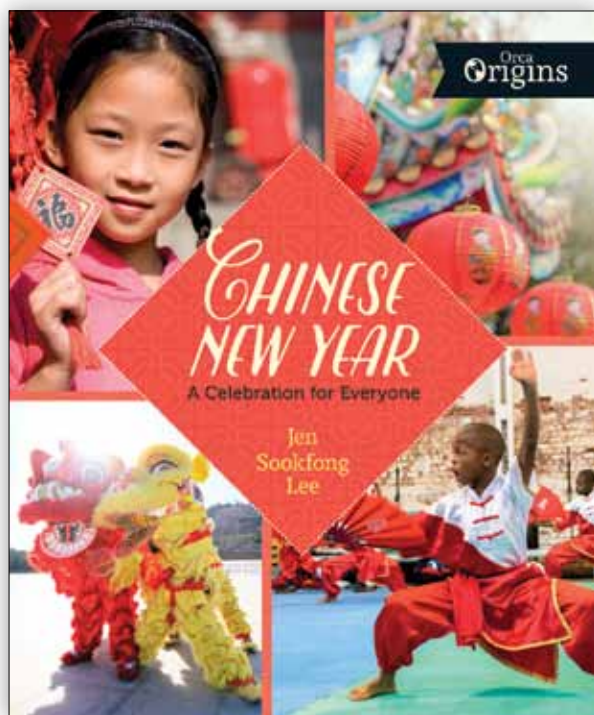
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Jen Sookfong Lee was born and raised in East Vancouver, British Columbia, and she now lives with her son in North Burnaby. Her books include *The Conjoined*, *The Better Mother*, *The End of East* and *Shelter*, a novel for young adults. Her poetry, fiction and articles have appeared in a variety of magazines and anthologies, including *Elle Canada*, *Hazlitt*, *Room* and *Event*. A popular CBC Radio One personality, Jen appears regularly as a contributor on *The Next Chapter* and is a frequent co-host of the *Studio One Book Club*. Jen teaches writing at The Writer's Studio Online with Simon Fraser University and with the Continuing Studies department of the University of British Columbia. For more information, visit www.sookfong.com.

Keywords: Chinese history, immigration, community, food, festivals, tradition, family, prosperity, elders, mythology, racism

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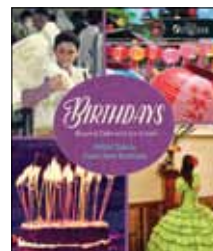
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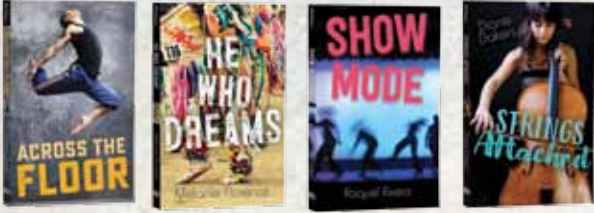
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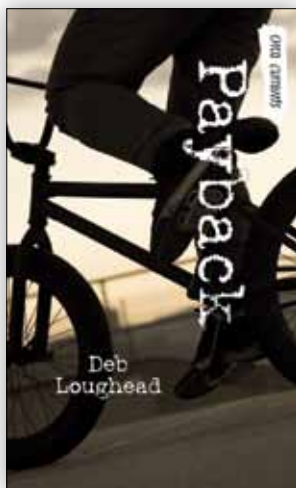
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This is the fourth story featuring Dylan O'Connor after *The Snowball Effect*, *Caught in the Act*, and *Rise of the Zombie Scarecrows*.

Deb Loughead is the author of more than thirty-five books for children and young adults. Her books have been translated into seven languages. She has also written and directed children's plays and taught creative writing classes. Deb lives in Toronto, Ontario. For more information, visit www.debloughead.ca.

Keywords: crime, theft, bravery, loyalty, revenge, adventure

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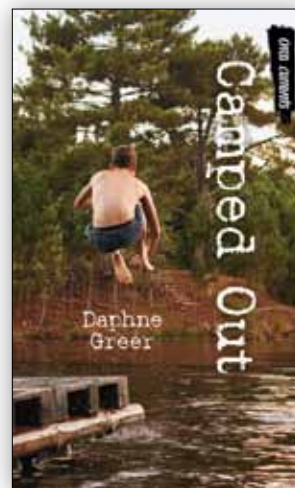
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Camped Out

Daphne Greer

It's not all campfires and canoe trips.

Max knows his mom can't afford to send him to summer camp. But he really, really wants to go. He needs a break from looking after his autistic brother, Duncan. And from his mom's new boyfriend. He is surprised when his mom says that he can go after all. But there's a catch. There are spots available at the camp for families with special needs. A grant would cover Duncan's fees, and Max could attend at no charge. If he goes as Duncan's escort.

This is the second story featuring Max and Duncan after *Maxed Out*.

Daphne Greer has worked with children with special needs for many years, including at a summer camp much like the one in this book. She is the author of *Maxed Out*, a 2013 YALSA Quick Picks nominee, and *Jacob's Landing*, which was a 2016 Hackmatack and 2016 Silver Birch finalist and was on the Best Books for Kids & Teens list from the Canadian Children's Book Centre. Daphne lives in Newport, Nova Scotia. For more information, visit www.daphnegreer.com.

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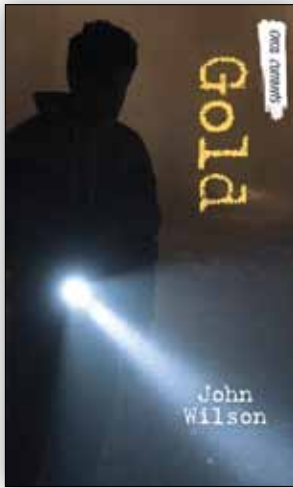
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John Wilson

Searching for treasure, Indiana Jones style.

Sam and Annabel are on vacation with Annabel's parents in Italy. While visiting the small hilltop town of Civita, they hear rumors of looted gold from World War II buried somewhere in the town's network of underground tunnels and caves. Once again the two friends cross paths with an old nemesis, Humphrey Battleford, but he is not the only one in pursuit of the gold. An intimidating man named Kurt, the grandson of a ruthless Nazi, is also snooping around. After Annabel is kidnapped, Sam must solve the mystery of the hidden treasure to save his friend.

This is the fourth mystery featuring Sam and Annabel, after *Stolen*, *Bones* and *Lost*.

Born in Scotland, **John Wilson** is addicted to history and firmly believes that the past must have been just as exciting, confusing and complex to those who lived through it as our world is to us. Most of his thirty-four novels and ten non-fiction books for kids, teens and adults deal with the past. John lives on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. For more information, visit www.johnwilsonauthor.com.

Keywords: treasure, theft, mystery, Nazis, kidnapping, greed, Second World War, Civita, Italy, gold

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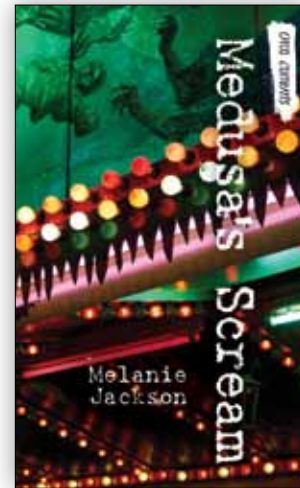
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Medusa's Scream

Melanie Jackson

Something weird is going on down in the mine.

Medusa's Scream is a thrill-ride that hurtles a train through an out-of-service gold mine in the Fraser Valley. Chase can't believe his luck when he lands a summer job in the food truck outside the ride's entrance. But then he notices strange things happening at the old mine. Chase starts to piece things together, and soon his life is threatened by a villain even scarier than the snake-headed Medusa of myth.

Melanie Jackson is the author of several Orca Currents titles, including *Death Drop* and *High Wire*. She likes hiking, piano, English/Scottish history—and continually learning from the kids she works with as writing mentor. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. For more information, visit www.melaniejacksonblog.wordpress.com.

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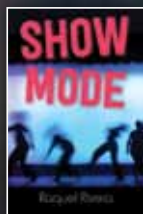
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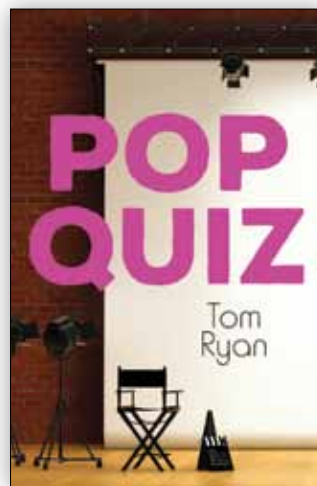


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Pop Quiz

Tom Ryan

Television is so five years ago.

Fifteen-year-old Aiden is a minor cast member on a long-running high school "dramedy" with a low budget and a loyal following. Aiden and his friends are excited that they're being promoted to lead roles for the upcoming tenth season of *Pop Quiz*. But then they learn the show is being canceled. According to the producers, no one even watches TV anymore, with kids preferring the antics of YouTube stars. With the help of some former cast members and a group of hardcore fans, Aiden and his friends attempt to create a movie special to wrap up the storylines and give the series the send-off it deserves.

Tom Ryan worked in the television world for several years. He is the author of several books for young readers, including the Orca Limelights titles *Big Time* and *Totally Unrelated*. He has been nominated for the White Pine Award, the Stellar Award and the Hackmatack Award, and two of his novels were Junior Library Guild selections. Born and raised in Inverness, on Cape Breton Island, Tom currently lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with his husband and their dog, Wheeler. For more information, visit www.tomryanauthor.com.

Keywords: television, YouTube, high school, child actors, performing arts, crowdfunding, fans

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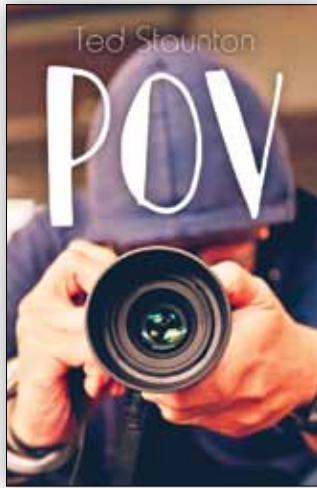
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Ted Staunton

How can Spencer make a video when he has no money and no idea?

When first-year film student Spencer O'Toole is asked to make a music video for a band, he leaps at the chance. But Jerry, Spencer's dad, shows up, and somehow the band assumes he's in charge, despite the fact that he has zero background in film. And then there's Scratch, violent gang member turned sleazy music producer, who keeps making big promises but fails to deliver on a single one. Spencer has no idea how he's going to get this thing made. When the band invites him and his dad up to a cottage for the weekend, Spencer takes the opportunity to ditch Jerry. But one small fib snowballs into dozens of lies, and soon Spencer finds himself in way over his head.

Ted Staunton is the award-winning author of many books for young people, including three others starring Spencer O'Toole—*Speed*, *Jump Cut* and *Coda* from the various Seven series. When not creating stories, Ted writes music and plays in the Maple Leaf Champions Jug Band.

Keywords: filmmaking, videos, blues band, fathers and sons, crime, performing arts, music

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Getting the Brush Off

Mere Joyce

Sydney's dreams are just a brushstroke away.

Two years ago, sixteen-year-old Sydney Hart was kicked out of the prestigious Burke Academy when her mother could no longer afford the tuition. She lost a promising future in the arts, as well as her best friend, who didn't want to be seen with an art-academy reject. But now, without Burke's rigid structure, Sydney has found her true passion in performance painting and is busking on Halifax's boardwalk to earn enough money to go to art camp. After the police shut her down, Sydney learns her old school is hosting a "brush off" speed-painting contest with a cash prize. Entering would mean facing her painful past, not to mention her former friend, who's also competing.

Mere Joyce writes short stories as well as novels and holds a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Western Ontario. The library where she works is also a public art gallery that often showcases contemporary forms of art. The organization hosts an annual brush-off competition for teens. Mere lives in Cambridge, Ontario, with her family. For more information, visit www.merejoyce.com.

Keywords: visual arts, performance, painting, performing arts, competition, friendship

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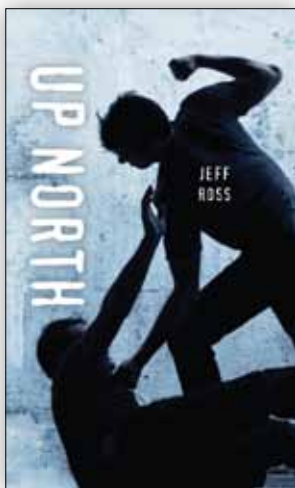
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Up North

Jeff Ross

Racial tensions run high in a small town.

Rob Maclean and his mom have moved to a small community in northern Ontario in order to be closer to Rob's imprisoned brother, Adam. One night after a rowdy party, Rob and some friends end up in a van speeding through a First Nations reserve. The driver of the van has a deep hatred for Indigenous people, and he lobbs rotten fruit at a group of young men gathered in front of a community center. The young men chase them down, and Rob's friend Alan is injured and ends up in a coma. Now the police are pressuring Rob to identify their prime suspect.

This is the second story featuring Rob and Adam Maclean after *Coming Clean*.

Jeff Ross is an award-winning author of several novels for young adults, including the Orca Soundings titles *Coming Clean* and *A Dark Truth*. 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.

Keywords: family, Indigenous, racism, reserve, young offenders, violence, murder, peer pressure, northern community

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Firewall

Sean Rodman

Things are about to get real.

Josh is a gamer. After his parents' divorce and his move from Chicago to a small town where he doesn't know anybody, he copes by staying up way too late playing Killswitch online. Then he discovers a "mod" version of the game that is an exact replica of his new town. Strange things start to happen in the game that are somehow connected with events happening in the real world.

Sean Rodman's interest in writing for teenagers came out of working at schools around the world. In Australia he taught ancient history to future Olympic athletes. Closer to home, he worked with students from over 100 countries at a nonprofit international school. He is currently the executive director of the Story Studio Writing Society, a charity dedicated to unleashing the creativity of young writers and improving literacy. Sean lives in Victoria, British Columbia. For more information, visit www.srodman.com.

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Caged

Norah McClintock

What happened to Clancy?

Even if Kenzie's dog had somehow managed to escape from the family's fenced backyard, Kenzie knows the big, lovable chocolate Lab wouldn't have gone far. As they search for Clancy, Kenzie and his dad keep hearing stories about other dogs that have gone missing too. When Kenzie finds Clancy's ID tag and spots a van loaded up with dog food, he knows he has to investigate further. With the help of a schoolmate whose dog has also disappeared, Kenzie uncovers an illegal operation that grabs dogs off the street and turns them into bloodthirsty killers.

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. This is her third book about Riley Donovan. For more information, visit www.norahmcclintock.com.

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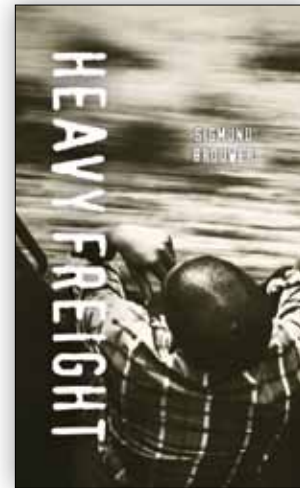
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Heavy Freight

Sigmund Brouwer

Max needs to get his life back on track.

Fifteen-year-old Maxwell Stone has been surviving and thriving in the tough part of East Vancouver by being smart and fast. But when a drug deal goes wrong, Max suddenly finds himself on the run from both the bad guys and the cops. Desperate to escape, Max impulsively decides to hop on a moving freight train. His first attempt to climb aboard fails, but at the last second a hand reaches down and pulls him in. Joseph has been riding the rails for years, and his tales inspire Max to take a journey to the last place he ever expected to go.

Sigmund Brouwer has written dozens of books for both children and adults, including *Devil's Pass*, *Tin Soldier* and *Barracuda* from the Orca Seven series. Sigmund and his family live half the year in Nashville, Tennessee, and half the year in Red Deer, Alberta. For more information, visit www.sigmundbrouwer.com.

Keywords: trains, fathers and sons, adventure, family, cross-country, travel, abandonment, wrongfully accused

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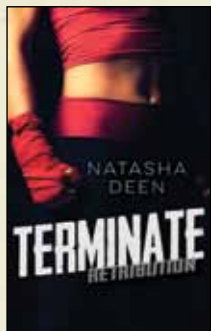
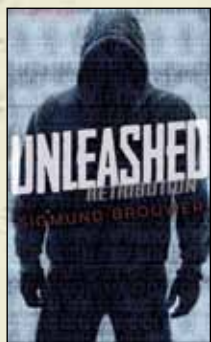
Eric Howling

Cade is in the race of his life.

Cade's dad thinks triathlons are for wimps. He doesn't think it's a real sport and wishes Cade would play football instead, like his older brother, Trent. So Cade trains in secret and qualifies to compete in the provincial championship at Sylvan Lake. The night before the event, Cade's coach suddenly can't go, and Cade is forced to ask his dad for a ride. He only agrees because Trent has a football game nearby. The road trip takes a nasty turn when his dad swerves to avoid a deer and their car hurtles into an ice-cold river. It's up to Cade to use his skills to save his entire family.

Eric Howling is the author of several other sports novels, including Orca Sport's *Gang Tackle*. His books have been shortlisted for the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award, included on *Resource Links'* Year's Best lists and picked as ccBC Best Books selections. Eric lives and plays sports in Calgary, Alberta. For more information, visit www.erichowling.wordpress.com.

Keywords: triathlon, bravery, family, accidents, swimming, biking, running, Sylvan Lake



Stay tuned for the 6th book in the Retribution Series, Sigmund Brouwer's *Escalate* which will be released in Spring 2018.

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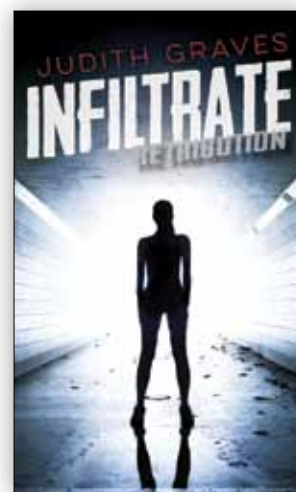
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Infiltrate

Judith Graves

Raven may be in over her head.

In this sequel to *Exposed*, Raven is once again fighting for the underdog. When a desperate wave of teen suicides threatens to overwhelm her school, Raven does some digging and learns that all of the victims have one thing in common: issues with anxiety. With help from Team Retribution, Raven links the deaths to an unauthorized drug trial at a shady medical center. To find out more, she goes undercover, but things quickly get out of her control. Soon she's not sure what is real and what is a drug-induced fantasy?

Judith Graves is the author of several award-winning novels, including *Exposed*, her first installment in the Retribution series. She loves tragic romance, werewolves, vampires, magic and all things a bit creepy. A firm believer that teen fiction can be action packed and snarky yet hit all the right emotional notes, Judith writes stories with attitude. She lives in northern Alberta. For more information, visit www.judithgraves.com.

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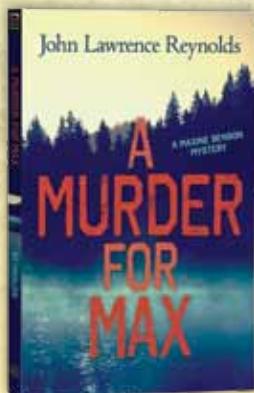
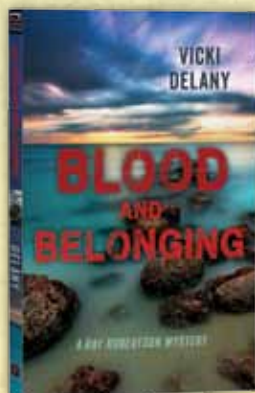
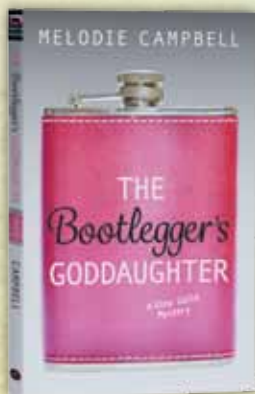
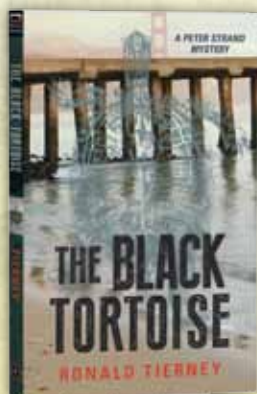
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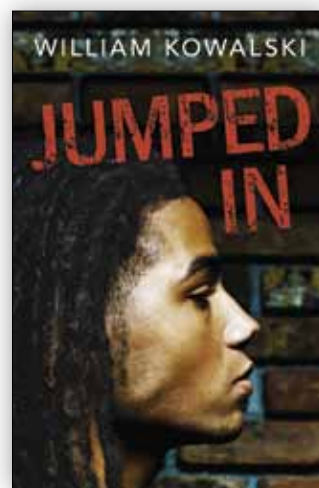
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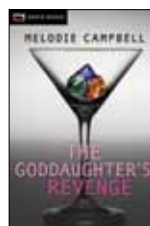
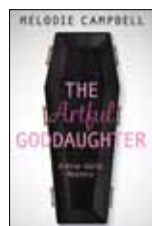
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Melodie Campbell achieved a personal best when *Library Journal* compared her to Janet Evanovich. Melodie got her start writing comedy and has won the Derringer, the Arthur Ellis and eight other awards for fiction. Her work has appeared in *Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine*, *Star Magazine*, *Canadian Living*, the *Toronto Star*, the *Globe and Mail* and many other publications. She lives in Oakville, Ontario. For more information, visit www.melodiecampbell.com.

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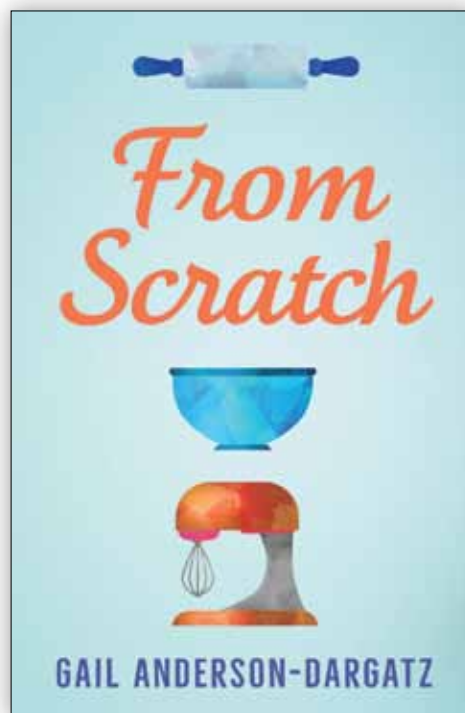
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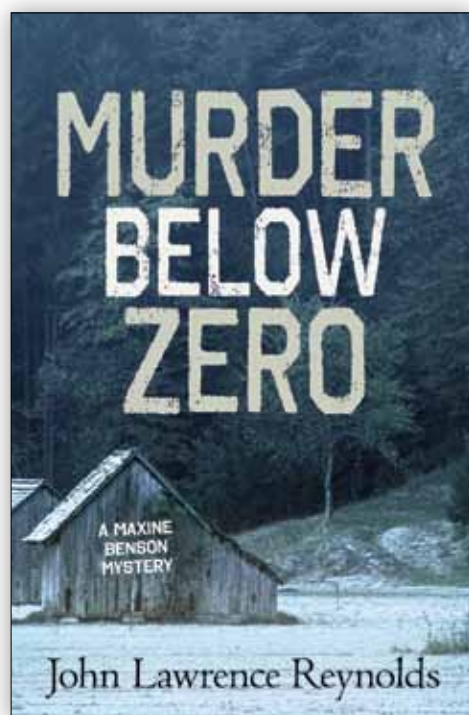
Gail Anderson-Dargatz

Owning a bakery isn't just about making dough.

Cookie is about to lose her job at the local bakery. She dreams of owning her own bakery but doesn't think she has the skills or money to do it. Most of all, she doesn't have the self-confidence. When she takes a course at the local college, she finds she has much more going for her than she imagined. With the help of her community, she figures out how to make sure no one has to go without her famous doily cookies for long!

By the age of eighteen, **Gail Anderson-Dargatz** knew she wanted to write about women in rural settings. Today Gail is a bestselling author. *A Recipe for Bees* and *The Cure for Death by Lightning* were finalists for the Scotiabank Giller Prize. 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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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. His bestselling book *Shadow People*, tracing the development and influence of secret societies through history, was published in fourteen countries and twelve languages. He has also authored several business and investment books, including the bestselling *The Naked Investor* and its sequel, *The Skeptical Investor*, as well as his assessment of the 2008-2009 global financial crisis, *Bubbles, Bankers & Bailouts*. *Murder Below Zero* is the second book in the Maxine Benson mystery series. John lives in Burlington, Ontario, with his wife, Judy. For more information, visit www.wryter.ca.

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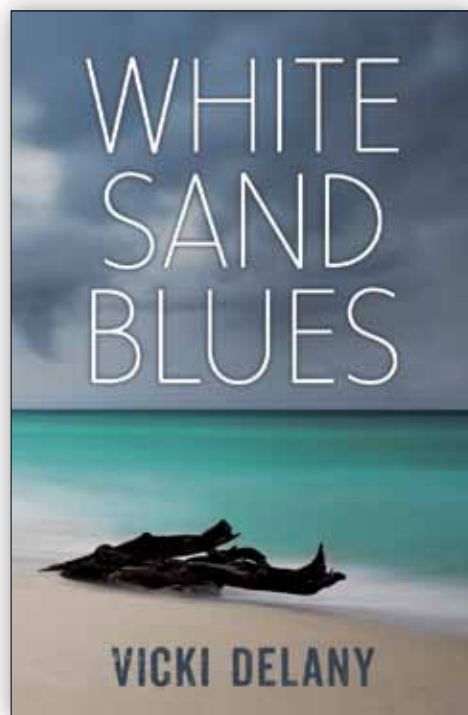
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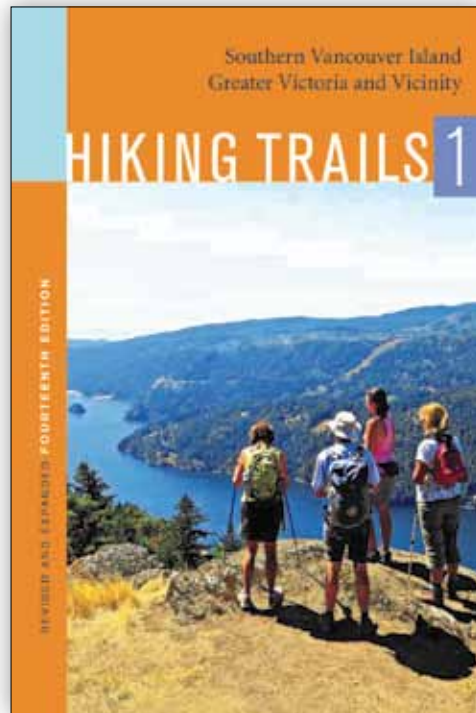
When paramedic Ashley Grant finds her boyfriend in bed with another woman, she moves out of her house (okay, his house), quits her job and takes a new one in a tiny Caribbean country, the Victoria and Albert Islands. Ashley is thrown into the deep end when she arrives. Her new colleague picks her up at the airport in the island's only ambulance, which is called to the discovery of a body floating off the beach at the exclusive Club Louisa.

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White Sand Blues is the first in the new Ashley Grant series from award-winning author Vicki Delany.

Vicki Delany is one of Canada's most prolific and varied crime writers. The first book in her Sergeant Ray Robertson series for Rapid Reads, *Juba Good*, was nominated for a Derringer Award, an Arthur Ellis Award and the Ontario Library Association's Golden Oak Award. She is the author of more than twenty crime novels, including standalone Gothic thrillers, the Constable Molly Smith series, the Klondike Gold Rush Mysteries and the Year-Round Christmas Mysteries. Under the pen name **Eva Gates**, she is the national bestselling author of the Lighthouse Library cozy series. She is the past president of the Crime Writers of Canada. Vicki lives in Prince Edward County, Ontario. For more information, visit www.vickidelany.com.

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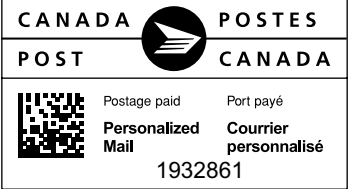
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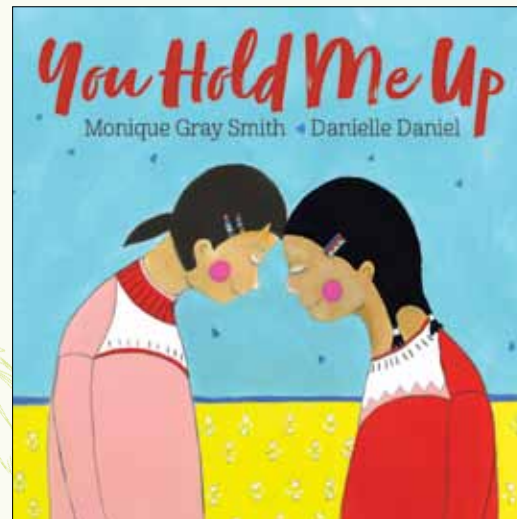
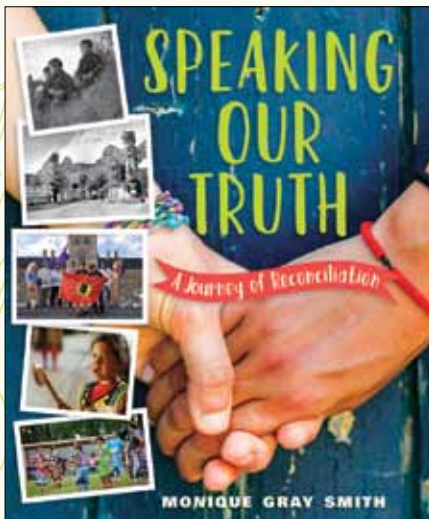


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