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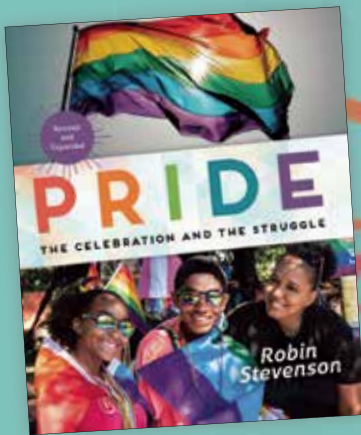
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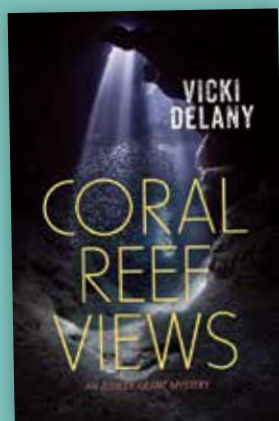
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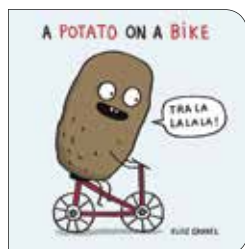
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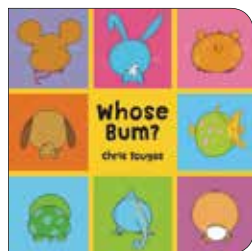
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Whose Bum?

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KEY SELLING POINTS

- The trim size makes this board book perfect for little hands.
- Elise Gravel's other books include the Olga series (HarperCollins), *The Cranky Ballerina* (HarperCollins) and *The Disgusting Critters* series (Tundra).

I Am Scary

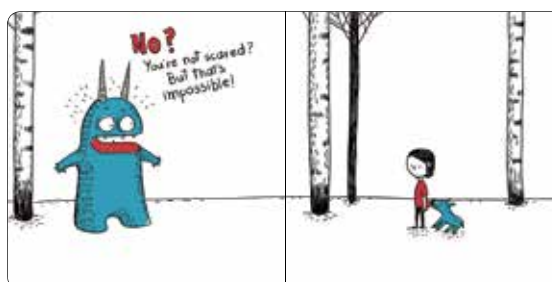
Elise Gravel

"Believe me. I'm the scariest."

In this sweet little book, a monster tries to scare a young child. But the child insists the monster is not scary but actually quite huggable. From the prolific and beloved author and illustrator Elise Gravel comes this funny and cute board book for the littlest readers.

ELISE GRAVEL is an award-winning author and illustrator. Well known for her odd critters and unusual drawing style, Elise creates books that are popular with adults and children alike. In 2012 she won the Governor General's Award for French-language illustration for *La clé à molette*. Elise lives in Montreal with her husband, two daughters and two cranky cats.

KEYWORDS: imagination, monsters, humor, baby board books





KEY SELLING POINTS

- The story of a personified cumulus cloud with illustrations, sidebars, callouts and diagrams.
- This STEM-central book contains additional facts about hurricanes that are peppered throughout and included on a final “Fact Page.”
- Author is a well-known CBC personality and is active on social media.

Little Cloud The Science of a Hurricane

Johanna Wagstaffe • Illustrated by Julie McLaughlin

A little cloud with big dreams.

Follow our little cloud on an adventure through the sky and learn the science behind how it transforms from a simple cumulus cloud to a full-blown hurricane. Beautifully detailed illustrations from award-winning artist Julie McLaughlin integrate science with storytelling. Children will enjoy finding new gems of information even after several reads, thanks to a whimsical and rich layout. And meteorologist Johanna Wagstaffe weaves a comprehensive narrative about a powerful weather system that’s so compelling readers won’t even realize they are on their way to becoming budding meteorologists.

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 lives in Vancouver.

JULIE McLAUGHLIN is an award-winning illustrator whose work includes commissions for editorial, advertising and publishing clients from around the world. Her previous books have been nominated for several awards, and she won the 2015 Norma Fleck Award for Canadian Children’s Non-Fiction for *Why We Live Where We Live* (OwlKids). Julie grew up on the Prairies and now resides on Vancouver Island.

KEYWORDS: hurricane, clouds, environment, science, weather systems, narrative nonfiction



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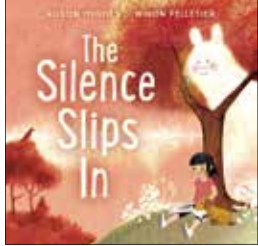
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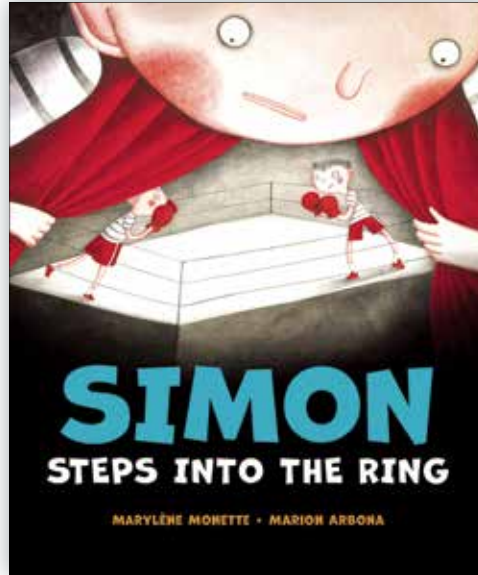
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Treasure

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KEY SELLING POINTS

- Includes discussion questions about how to understand and talk about your emotions.
- Illustrator is a two-time finalist for the Governor General's Award for Young People's Literature for *The Good Little Book* and *Rosalie entre chien et chat*.

Simon Steps into the Ring

Marylène Monette • Illustrated by Marion Arbona

Translated by Sophie B. Watson

Will Simon come out on top?

Simon tries to be kind. But sometimes he loses his temper and acts without thinking, which almost always gets him into trouble. As Simon begins to understand his outbursts, he imagines himself in a boxing ring with his emotions. Can he come out on top and learn how to acknowledge his feelings?

As a former teacher and pedagogical counselor, **MARYLÈNE MONETTE** has worked with children and teachers for many years. She firmly believes that all aspects of our personalities are essential to a balanced self. *Simon Steps into the Ring* is Marylène's first book. She lives in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec.

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.

KEYWORDS: strong feelings, self-control, dealing with emotions, temper tantrums, misbehaving

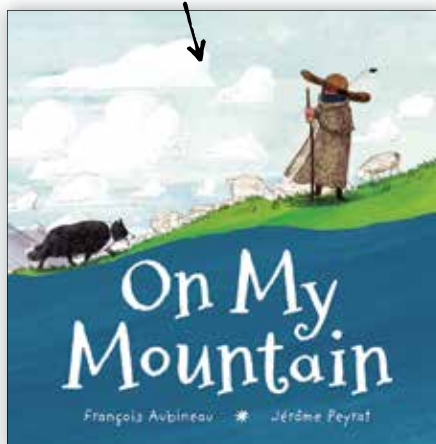
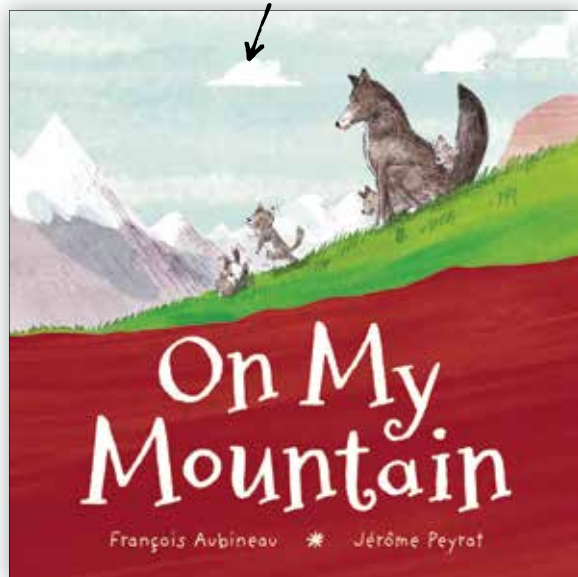




Flippable Format!

Front Cover

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On My Mountain

François Aubineau

Illustrated by Jérôme Peyrat

Flip this story on its head.

Both the shepherd and the wolf live on the mountain. They love their home and want to feel safe there. This book tells the same story, in identical words, from both the wolf's perspective and that of the shepherd. Read the wolf's story then flip it over and read the shepherd's story and see the landscape that each of them sees. A good reminder of how humans should behave in the wild and on this earth that we share.

FRANÇOIS AUBINEAU applies his unique combination of talents and experiences from being a mountain trekker, photographer, model, sales rep and shepherd in the French Alps, and from his current role as a mountain guide, to everything he does. He loves nature, music and spending time with his three daughters. *On My Mountain* is his first book. François lives in Luyes, France.

A graduate of the HEAR art school in Strasbourg, France, **JÉRÔME PEYRAT** uses a combination of techniques to create original and hybrid illustrations. He is the illustrator of numerous books, including *Barry and Melvin*, *Carnivore*, *Cargo* and *Bertie & Twig*. Jérôme lives in Cernay, France.

KEYWORDS: wilderness, nature, tolerance, cohabitation, points of view, respecting wildlife

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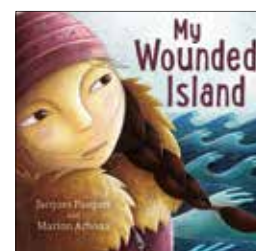
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- Extensive ARC distribution, including NetGalley
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KEY SELLING POINTS

- This flippable book tells the same story from two different points of view: the Wolf's and the Shepherd's.
- Author used to be a shepherd in the southern French Alps and is now a mountain guide.
- Translated from French, this international hit is now available in English for the first time.

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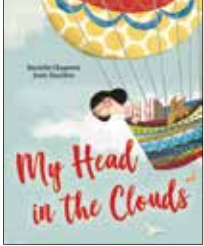
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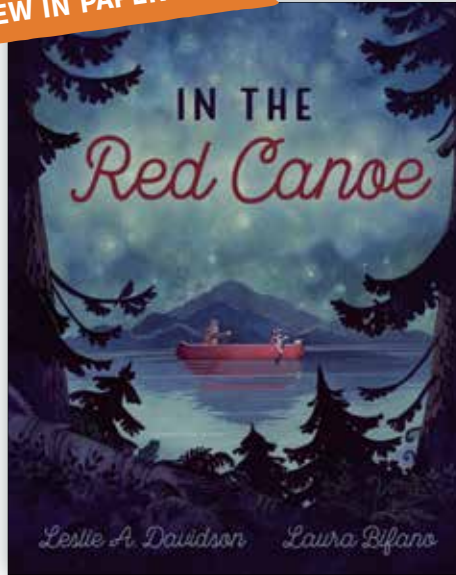


The Night the Forest Came to Town

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NEW IN PAPERBACK



KEY SELLING POINTS

- Spotlights intergenerational relationships and the wonders of nature.
- *In the Red Canoe* was short-listed for the Shining Willow Award (2017) and commended as a Canadian Children's Book Centre Best Book (2017).

In the Red Canoe

Leslie A. Davidson • Illustrated by Laura Bifano

A magical, watery world awaits.

Fish and herons, turtles and dragonflies, beaver lodges and lily pads—a multitude of wonders enchant both the child narrator 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.

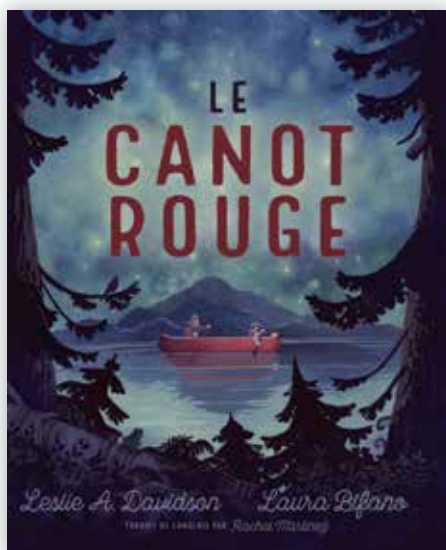
In the Red Canoe celebrates the bond between grandparent and grandchild and invites nature lovers of all ages along for the ride.

LESLIE A. DAVIDSON has always been a writer, though it wasn't until she retired that she finally found time for the stories that had 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* was inspired by her husband's passion for quiet exploration of pristine lakes and rivers. He dreamed of sharing paddling adventures with his grandchildren but did not live long enough to realize that dream. *In the Red Canoe* does that for him. Leslie lives in Revelstoke, British Columbia.

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.

KEYWORDS: canoeing, nature, grandchild, grandparent, family





Le canot rouge

Leslie A. Davidson

Illustrations de Laura Bifano

Traduit de l'anglais par Rachel Martinez

Un monde magique t'attend sur l'eau.

Des poissons et des hérons, des tortues et des libellules, des huttes de castor et des feuilles de nénuphar. Une multitude de merveilles enchantent la jeune narratrice et tous les amoureux de la nature qui seront séduits par cet album tendre et magnifiquement illustré. Les canotons se promènent sur le dos de leur maman; un balbuzard s'élève avec un poisson argenté dans ses serres; le cri du huard s'élève dans la nuit étoilée. Ces images sont évoquées dans des quatrains épousant le rythme des coups de pagaie.

Le canot rouge parle des liens qui unissent les grands-parents et leurs petits-enfants, et invite les amoureux de la nature de tous les âges.

LESLIE A. DAVIDSON a toujours écrit, mais ce n'est qu'à la retraite qu'elle a enfin trouvé le temps de mettre sur papier les histoires qui lui trottaient dans la tête toutes ces années où elle enseignait et élevait ses enfants. Ses histoires traitent de ce qui compte le plus pour elle : la famille, l'amitié et la nature. *Le canot rouge* lui a été inspiré par la passion de son mari pour le canot. Il rêvait d'aller explorer lacs et rivières aux eaux limpides avec ses petits-enfants, mais il n'a pas vécu assez longtemps pour réaliser son rêve.

LAURA BIFANO a grandi sur la côte nord-ouest du Pacifique, une région pluvieuse, où elle passait ses journées à courir dans la forêt et à dessiner. Depuis qu'elle a obtenu son diplôme de l'Alberta College of Art and Design en 2008, elle partage son temps entre l'illustration, les beaux-arts et les dessins animés. Elle vit à Vancouver.

KEYWORDS: canot, nature, petits-enfants, grands-parents, famille

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AUGMENTS DE VENTE

- Ce livre traite des relations intergénérationnelles et des merveilles de la nature.
- La version originale anglaise, *In the Red Canoe*, a été finaliste pour le prix Shining Willow et inscrite au palmarès du Canadian Children's Book Centre en 2017.



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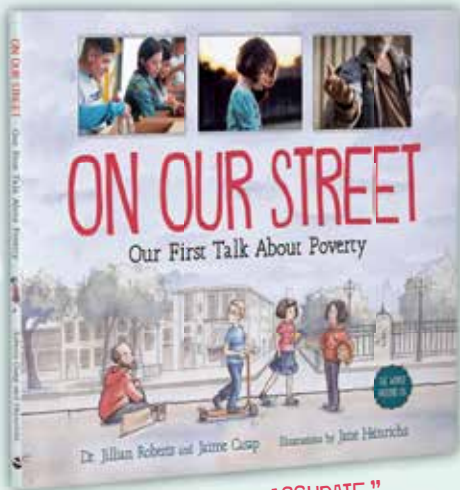
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THE WORLD AROUND US

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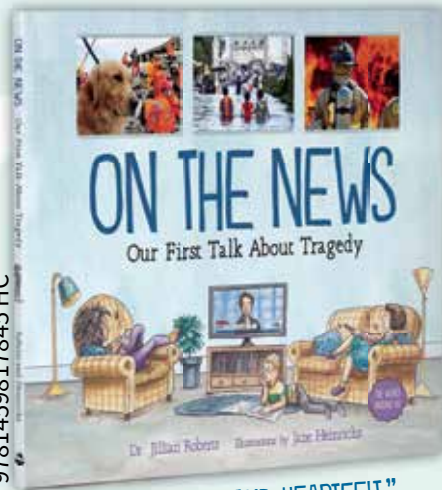
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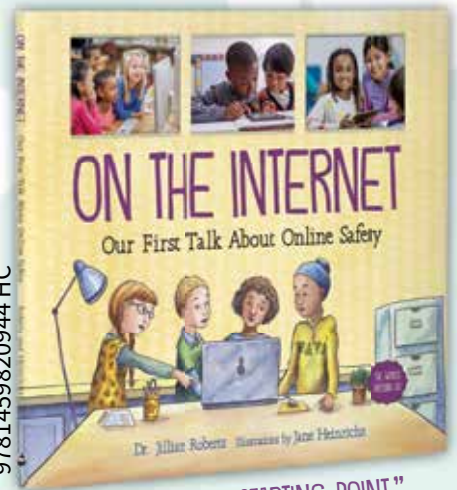
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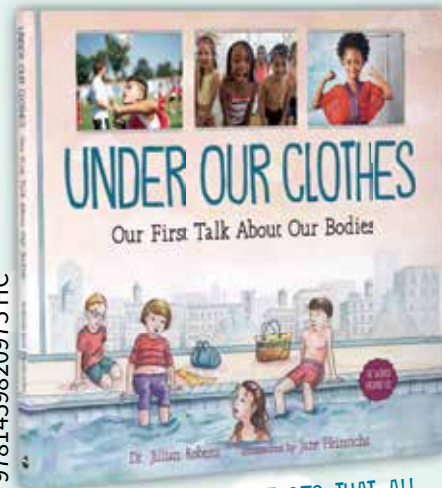
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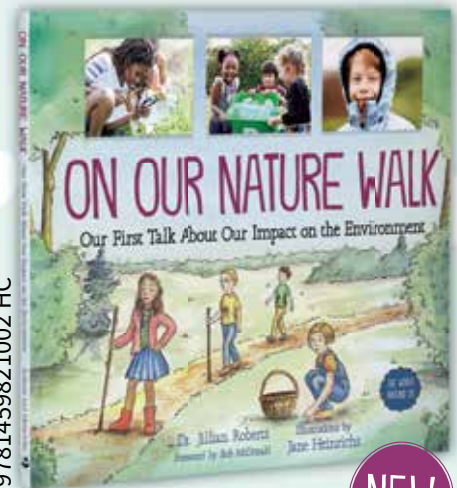
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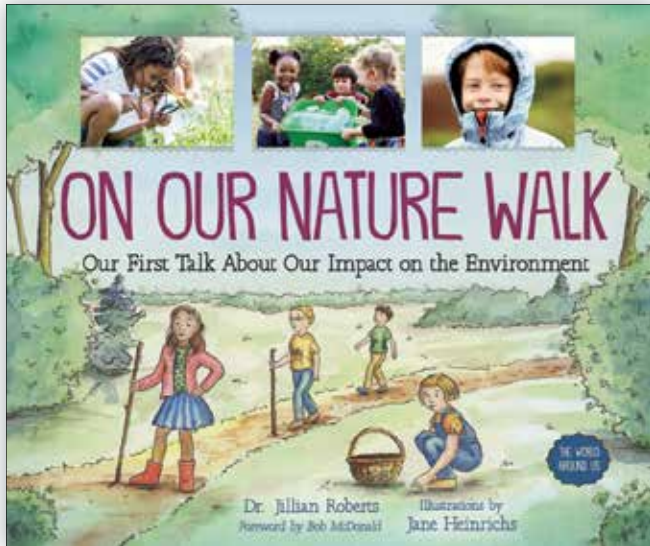


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Simple and straightforward question-and-answer format



Sidebars for further reading to answer bigger questions

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- Foreword by Bob McDonald of CBC's *Quirks & Quarks*.
- Includes profiles of young innovators who are making a difference for the planet, including Ann Makosinski, Deepika Kurup, Param Jaggi and Greta Thunberg.
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On Our Nature Walk

Our First Talk About Our Impact on the Environment

Dr. Jillian Roberts • Illustrated by Jane Heinrichs

What's your impact on the environment around you?

This illustrated nonfiction picture book by child psychologist Dr. Jillian Roberts introduces children to the important topic of the environment. Crafted around a conversation between a grade-school-aged child and an adult, this inquiry-focused book using age-appropriate language and tone will help children shape their understanding of the natural world and how they participate in protecting it. Dr. Roberts starts the discussion with the types of pollution and trash that children might notice on a nature walk or a trip to the beach, how they are caused and how to work to improve things in their own lives and communities.

The World Around Us series introduces children to complex cultural, social and environmental issues they may encounter outside their homes, in an accessible way. Sidebars offer further reading for older children or care providers who have bigger questions. For younger children just starting to make these observations, the simple question-and-answer format of the main text will provide a foundation of knowledge on the subject matter.

This is the newest title in The World Around Us series, following books that address poverty, tragedy, prejudice, online awareness and body safety and body image.

DR. JILLIAN ROBERTS is a renowned child psychologist, author, professor and parent. Considered a go-to expert for journalists, she has had her work published in the *New York Times* and the *Toronto Sun*, and she is a regular contributor to *HuffPost* and *Global News*. Her bestselling *Just Enough* series of children's books was released in 2015 to international acclaim. In early 2017 Dr. Roberts co-founded FamilySparks to offer families a supportive, resource-rich community to help them navigate our increasingly complicated world. She lives in Victoria, British Columbia.

JANE HEINRICHS is a children's book writer and illustrator. She starts her day at a clear desk with her huge sketchbook (for books) and her tiny sketchbook (for daily drawings) but usually ends up sitting on the floor, surrounded by a collection of paints, pencils and papers. Jane lives in the UK with her family.

KEYWORDS: environment, pollution, nature, conservation

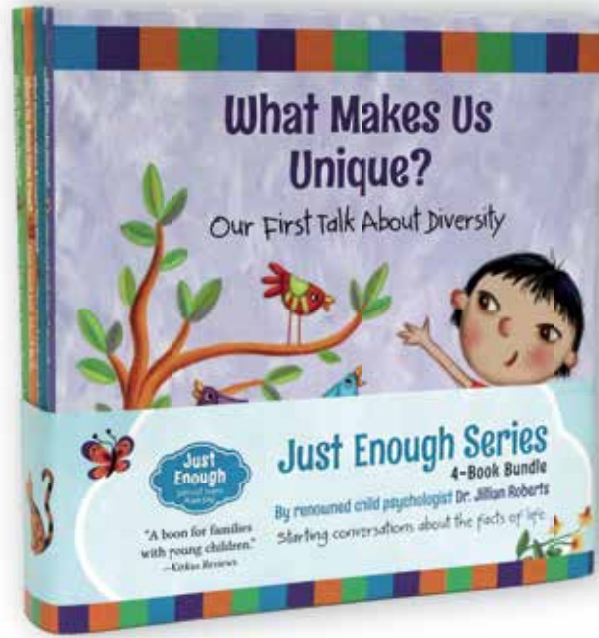
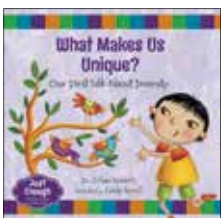
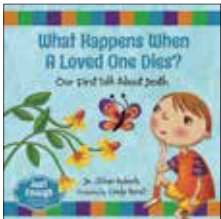
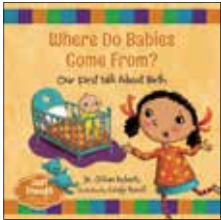


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KEY SELLING POINTS

- Topics: reproduction, diversity, death, and separation and divorce.
- The author has also written the best-selling *World Around Us* series.
- Dr. Jillian Roberts has been working with children for over 20 years, first as a teacher, then as a child psychologist.



Just Enough Series Bundle

Dr. Jillian Roberts • Illustrated by Cindy Revell

Empowering parents and caregivers to start conversations with young ones about difficult or challenging subject matter.

An engaging introduction for very young children to the topics of reproduction, diversity, death, and separation and divorce in a way that is gentle, age-appropriate and accessible. Child psychologist Dr. Jillian Roberts created the Just Enough series to help parents and caregivers approach difficult subjects with little ones. These primers offer an accessible starting point for conversations about important topics.

Using questions posed in a child's voice and answers that start simply and become more in-depth, these books allow adults to guide the conversation to a natural and reassuring conclusion. Additional questions at the back of the book allow for further discussion.

This bundle comprises four hardcover books: *Where Do Babies Come From?*, *What Happens When a Loved One Dies?*, *Why Do Families Change?* and *What Makes Us Unique?*

DR. JILLIAN ROBERTS is a renowned child psychologist, author, professor and parent. She earned her PhD at age 26, became one of the youngest associate professors at the University of Victoria at 32 and shortly after became the associate dean of the Faculty of Education. During this time Dr. Roberts built one of Victoria, British Columbia's most successful child-psychology practices. Considered a go-to child psychology expert for journalists, Dr. Roberts has had her work published in the *New York Times* and the *Toronto Sun*, is a regular contributor to *HuffPost* and Global News, and has been interviewed by *The Tyee* and the CBC. Her bestselling Just Enough series of children's books was released in 2016 to international acclaim. In early 2017 Dr. Roberts co-founded FamilySparks to offer families a supportive, resource-rich community to help them navigate our increasingly complicated world.

CINDY REVELL'S illustrations have been used on billboards, wine bottles, magazines and numerous children's books all over North America. In 2001, Cindy was nominated for a Governor General's Literary Award for children's book illustration. She lives in Edmonton.



My Great Bear Rainforest Bundle

Ian McAllister & Nicholas Read

Take a trip to the Great Bear Rainforest, and keep your eyes and ears open. You never know what you might see.

This collection of four nonfiction picture books showcases the wild inhabitants of the Great Bear Rainforest. Each book focuses on one kind of animal—wolves, bears, seals or whales—but also includes photographs of many other creatures who share the Great Bear Rainforest. Perfect for young readers who want to know more about the natural world, the My Great Bear Rainforest bundle will introduce them to a place of magic, drama and delight. Each page features renowned wildlife photographer Ian McAllister's stunning photographs and Nicholas Read's lively text.

My Great Bear Rainforest is a series of nonfiction picture books focusing on the wild inhabitants of the Great Bear Rainforest and the Great Bear Sea.

This bundle comprises four hardcover books: *A Bear's Life*, *Wolf Island*, *The Seal Garden* and *A Whale's World*.

IAN McALLISTER is an award-winning photographer and author of numerous books. Ian directed the 2019 IMAX film *Great Bear Rainforest* and co-wrote the film's tie-in book, *Great Bear Rainforest: A Giant-Screen Adventure in the Land of the Spirit Bear*. A recipient of the North American Nature Photography Association's Vision Award and the Rainforest Action Network's Rainforest Hero Award, he and his wife, Karen, were named by *Time* magazine "Leaders of the 21st Century" for their efforts to protect British Columbia's endangered rainforest. The founding director of Pacific Wild, a Canadian nonprofit wildlife-conservation group, Ian lives with his family in the heart of the Great Bear Rainforest.

NICHOLAS READ is a retired journalist and journalism instructor who has written 10 books for children including two series about the Great Bear Rainforest with Ian McAllister. He lives in Vancouver.

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KEY SELLING POINTS

- The My Great Bear Rainforest series gives readers a close-up look at the animals who live in the world's largest temperate rainforest.
- Ian McAllister's film *Great Bear Rainforest*, narrated by Ryan Reynolds, premiered at select IMAX theaters across North America in 2019.
- Both *Wolf Island* and *A Bear's Life* were short-listed for Silver Birch Awards. *Wolf Island* was also the winner of the Animal Behavior Society's Outstanding Children's Book Award and short-listed for the Christie Harris Illustrated Children's Literature Prize.



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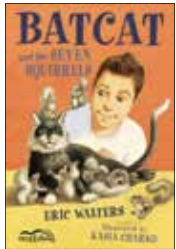
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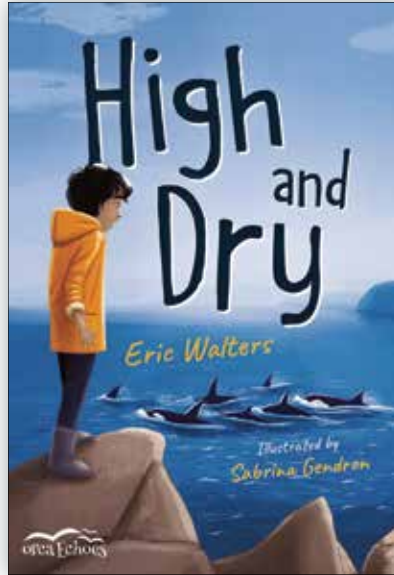
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KEY SELLING POINTS

- A young boy works with his grandfather to save an orca calf stuck in the shallows of an island.
- Features several black-and-white illustrations.
- This is Eric Walters' fifth book in the Orca Echoes series.

High and Dry

Eric Walters • Illustrated by Sabrina Gendron

It's a race against time.

Dylan lives on a remote island in the Pacific Northwest with his parents, but when they have to go to the mainland, his grandfather weathers a storm to come spend time with him. Grandpa's brought Dylan a number of gifts, and one comes in handy the next day while they are exploring the coast. In fact, this gift leads the duo to a dangerous discovery: a young orca got stuck on the rocks during the storm. Racing against the sun and the heat, Dylan and Grandpa need to work together to figure out how to save the calf while his pod circles nearby.

ERIC WALTERS began writing as a way to get his fifth-grade students interested in reading and writing. A Member of the Order of Canada, he has now published more than 100 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.

SABRINA GENDRON has a degree in visual arts from Cégep de Ste-Foy, as well as 2D/3D animation from Collège Bart. She loves to work on animation and visual arts projects and has illustrated a number of French-language books. Her art is colorful and lively and will make you want to dive into the worlds she has created. Sabrina lives in Mont-Saint-Hilaire, Quebec.

KEYWORDS: nature, whales, multigenerational relationship, Pacific Northwest, perseverance



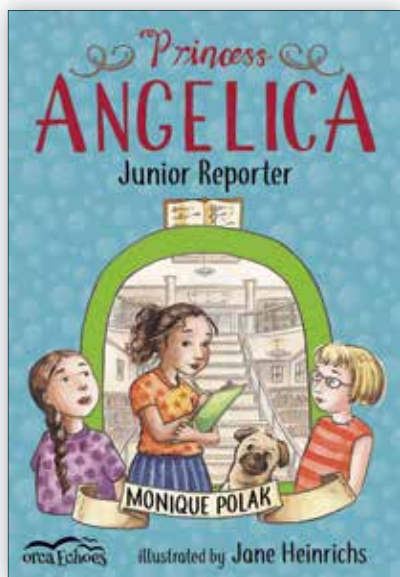
"You've changed too."
"Have I?"
"You're hardly laughing."
"It's not much better. No time and hardly any pain. Not perfect but better."
The path was steep and rocky, and they carried the bag between them along the trail. The cabin was a long way from the dock. They finally got there and went inside. Grandpa let out a big sigh. "It's good to be home."
"I'm happy you're here."
"So am I." Grandpa gave his grandson another big hug. "Being here makes me think of when I was young. Do you know how long it's been since I was your age?"
"A hundred years?"
His grandson laughed. "Close to two hundred."

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Dylan was hungry. All his hard work—and excitement—had given him an appetite. His grandpa had passed some food down to him earlier—he'd eaten apples and a sandwich and some grandpa bars. It was time for another apple.
He sat down, his back against a rock and right beside Orca's head. The whale followed Dylan's movement with his own eye. Once still looked away, but he was calm.
"I wish I could share this apple with you," Dylan said to Orca. "But you'll have to wait until you get back in the water. You know you're going back into the water, right?"
The whale was silent, but his tail rose ever so slightly.

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KEY SELLING POINTS

- Angelica pretends to be a journalist and uses her skills of both observation and repair to find fodder for her first article.
- The third book in the Princess Angelica series.
- Features several black-and-white illustrations.

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- Outreach in Orca newsletters
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Monique Polak • Illustrated by Jane Heinrichs

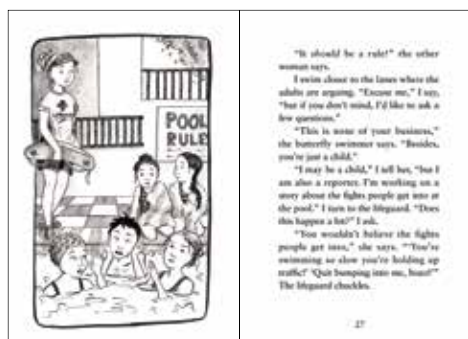
Jelly gets in hot water when she overhears trouble in the lap lane...

Angelica just can't help herself! In this third book in the series, Angelica, aka Jelly, is confused for a junior reporter and decides to make the most of her mistaken identity to learn what it's like to be a real journalist. Jelly and her bestie, Joon, are soon busy with problems at the new library, trouble in the lap lane at the local pool and a predicament in a rare-book room. With her keen observational abilities and a knack for creative solutions, Jelly soon has more than enough material for an article. But will she be able to keep up the ruse when a new friend starts nosing around?

MONIQUE POLAK is the author of over 20 novels for kids and young adults. She has also written two nonfiction books for kids as well as a board book for toddlers. Monique teaches English literature, creative writing and humanities at Marianopolis College in Montreal.

JANE HEINRICHS is a children's book writer and illustrator. She starts her day at a clear desk with her huge sketchbook (for books) and her tiny sketchbook (for daily drawings) but usually ends up sitting on the floor, surrounded by a collection of paints, pencils and papers. Jane lives in the UK with her family.

KEYWORDS: journalism, storytelling, imagination, make-believe, humor



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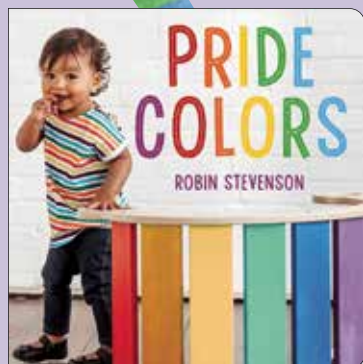
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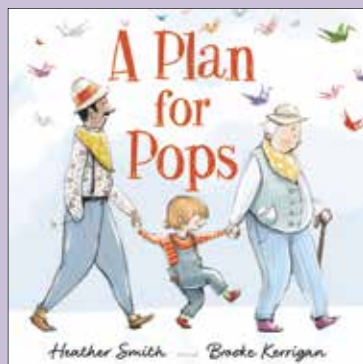
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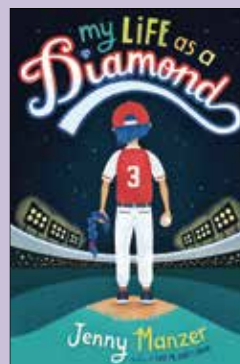
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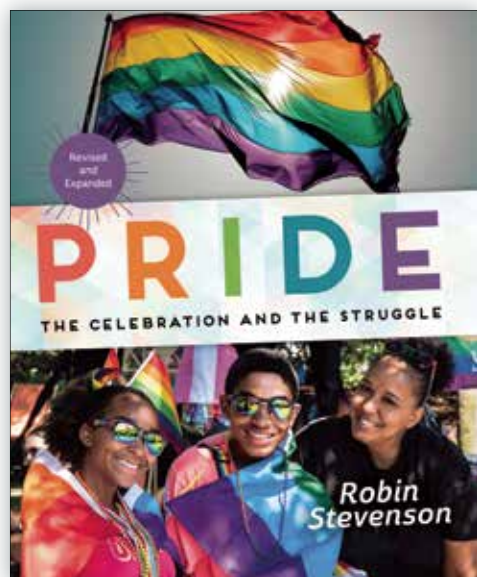
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KEY SELLING POINTS

- Examines the history, identity, celebration and future of Pride.
- The first edition of *Pride: Celebrating Diversity & Community* sold 25,000+ copies.
- The author is a member of the LGBTQ+ community has spoken about LGBTQ+ issues and Pride to thousands of students across Canada and the United States.



Pride

The Celebration and the Struggle

Robin Stevenson

Know your history. Shape your future.

Like the original version, this new edition of *Pride: The Celebration and the Struggle* celebrates the LGBTQ+ community's diversity and the incredible victories of the past 50 years—but it also has a larger focus on activism, the need to keep fighting for equality and freedom around the world and the important role that young people are playing.

The new edition has been **updated** and **expanded** to include many new Proud Moments and Queer Facts as well as a profile of LGBTQ+ refugees from Indonesia, a story about a Pride celebration in a refugee camp in Kenya and profiles of young activists, including teens from a Gender and Sexuality Alliance organizing Pride in Inuvik and a trans girl from Vancouver fighting for inclusion and support in schools. There is also a section on being an ally, a profile of a family with two gay dads (one of them trans) and much, much more!

ROBIN STEVENSON is the author of more than 25 books for kids and teens, including *The Summer We Saved the Bees* and *Pride Colors*. The first edition of her nonfiction book *Pride: Celebrating Diversity & Community* (2016) won a Stonewall Honor and was shortlisted for numerous other awards. Robin lives in Victoria, British Columbia.

KEYWORDS: LGBTQ+, history, activism, equal rights, Pride



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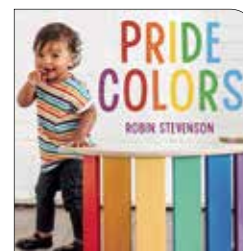
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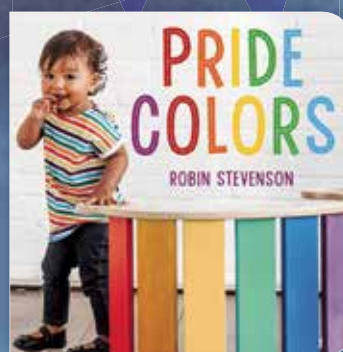
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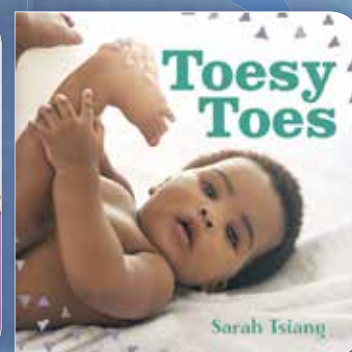
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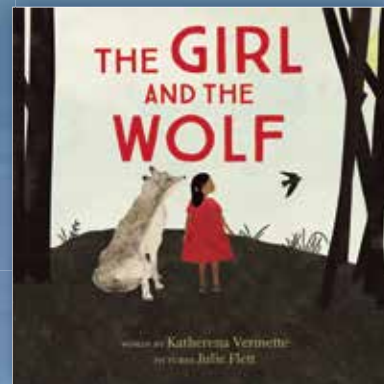
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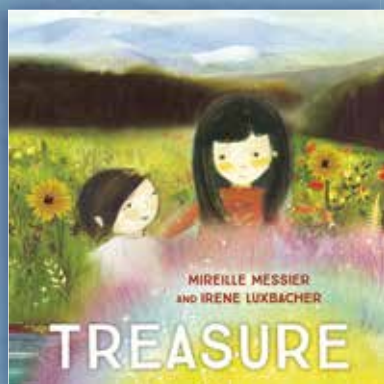
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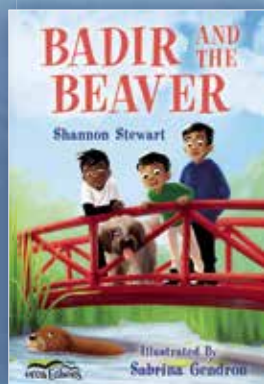
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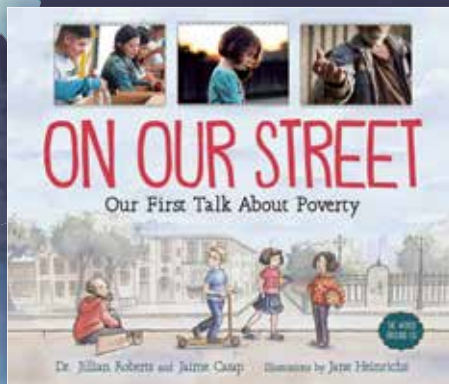
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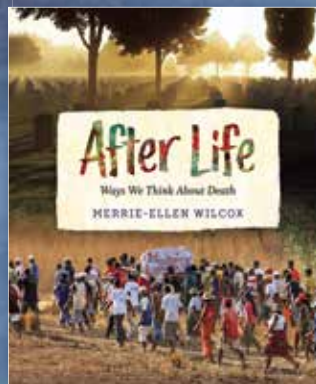
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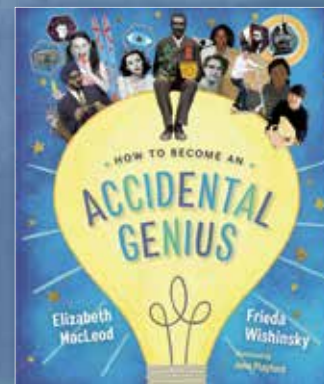
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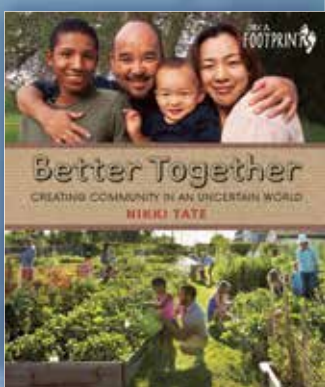
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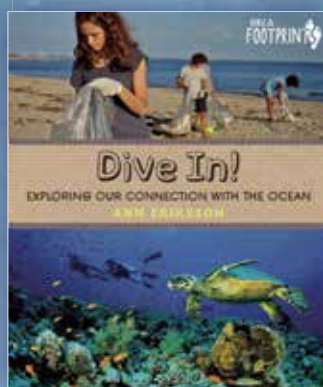
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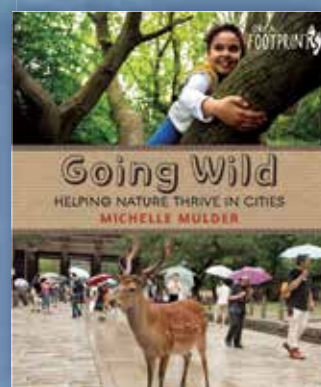
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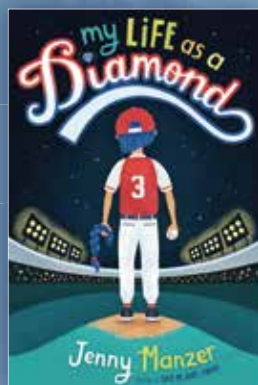
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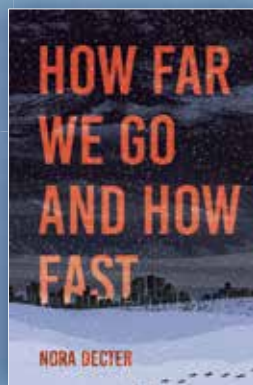
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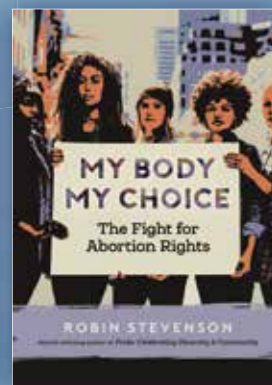
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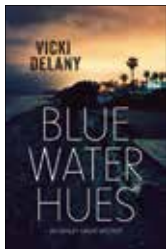
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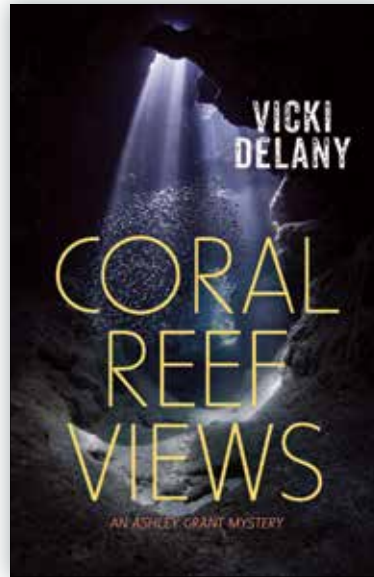
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- Set in the Caribbean islands, this book is the perfect beach or vacation read.
- The third book in the Ashley Grant Mystery series.
- The author is the 2019 recipient of the Derrick Murdoch Award.

Coral Reef Views

An Ashley Grant Mystery

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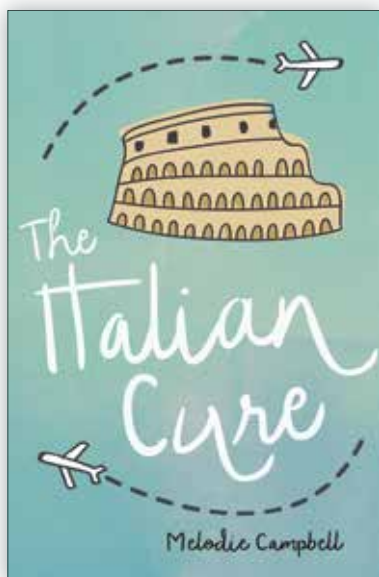
Murder in Paradise.

When paramedic Ashley Grant's parents visit her in the Victoria and Albert Islands, her father, Frank, soon becomes bored with the beach vacation. When a plumbing emergency has him feeling useful again, he makes friends with Ashley's neighbor Paul McIntosh. Then Paul disappears. Ashley isn't worried; after all, he's a single man on vacation. But Frank is determined to find out what happened to his friend, and he soon stumbles on the dark secrets of this Caribbean paradise.

VICKI DELANY is one of Canada's most prolific and varied crime writers, and a national bestseller in the United States. She has written more than 25 books: from clever cozies to Gothic thrillers, gritty police procedurals to historical fiction, and seven novellas in the Rapid Reads line. Under the pen name of Eva Gates, she writes the Lighthouse Library cozy series for Penguin Random House. Her latest novel is *Elementary, She Read*, the first in the Sherlock Holmes Bookshop series from Crooked Lane.

Vicki is the past president of Crime Writers of Canada. Her work has been nominated for the Derringer, Bony Blithe, Ontario Library Association Golden Oak, and Arthur Ellis Awards. She lives in Prince Edward County, Ontario.

KEYWORDS: crime fiction, amateur sleuth, Caribbean, romance

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- In this charming romantic comedy, Charlie goes on a trip to Italy with her aunt after being dumped by her fiancé.
- Melodie Campbell is the author of the popular Gina Gallo Mystery series and the Arthur Ellis Best Crime Novella finalist for *The B-Team: The Case of the Angry First Wife*.

The Italian Cure

Melodie Campbell

Can a trip to Italy cure a broken heart?

Charlie's world comes crashing down when her fiancé leaves her for another woman. Then Aunt Della wins a trip for two to Rome. Maybe Italy can cure her broken heart?

Charlie and Aunt Della board the tour bus in Rome and meet a fun and diverse group of travelers. Rocco, the tour guide, is particularly attractive. Charlie isn't the only one who thinks so. The bus driver, Tony, is also her age. They become friends and explore sites together.

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But with adventure comes danger in the ancient ruins of Pompeii. Charlie wanders from the group and is mugged. She chases the thief who stole her purse into the far reaches of the ruins. Lost and alone, Charlie finds courage she never knew she had.

Physical courage is one thing, but will she risk falling in love again? Anything's possible in *The Italian Cure*.

MELODIE CAMPBELL is the winner of many awards, including the Derringer and Arthur Ellis Awards for crime writing. She has over 200 hundred publications, including 100 comedy credits, 40 short stories and the Goddaughter series in the Rapid Reads collection. Her work has appeared in *Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine*, *Star Magazine*, *Flash Fiction Magazine*, *Canadian Living*, the *Toronto Star*, the *Globe and Mail* and many more. Melodie lives in Oakville, Ontario.

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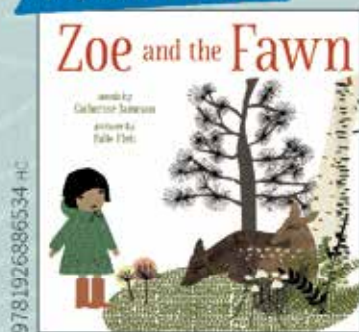
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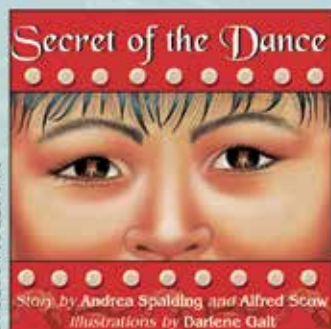
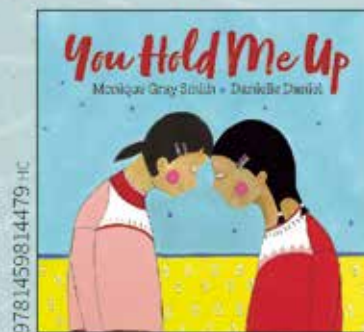
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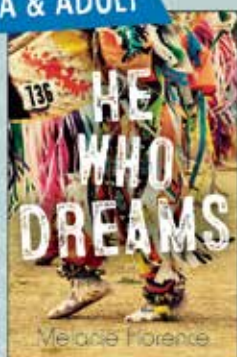


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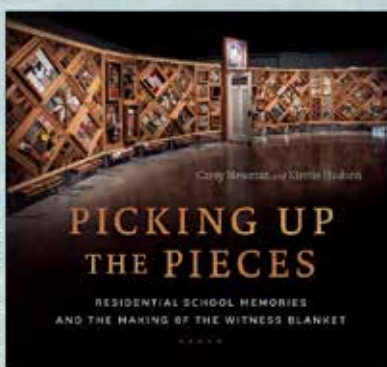
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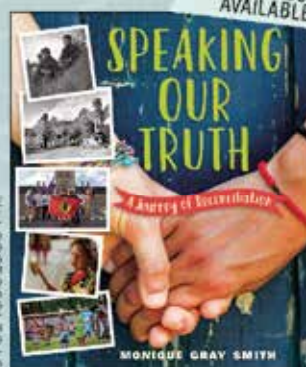
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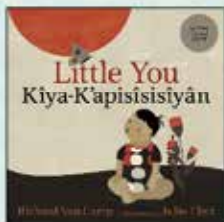
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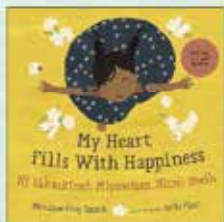
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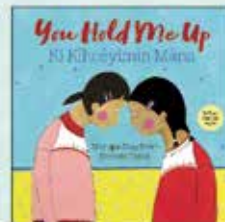
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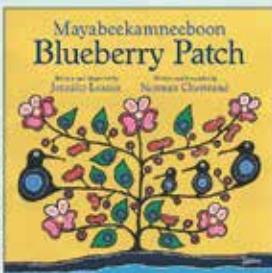
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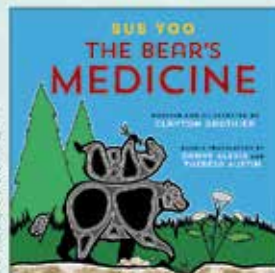
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- This edition has been updated to reflect current political, social and cultural challenges.
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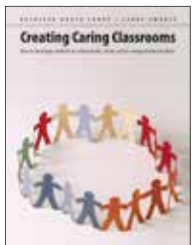
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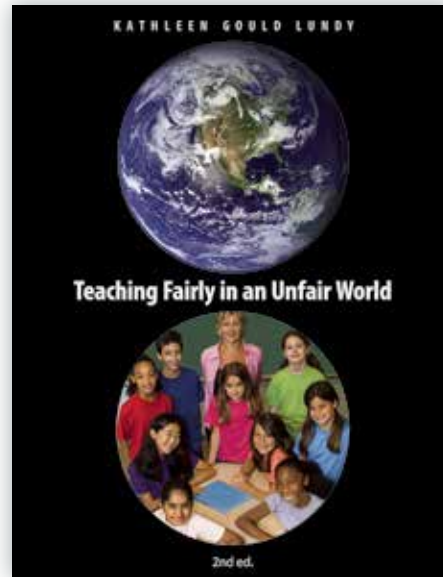
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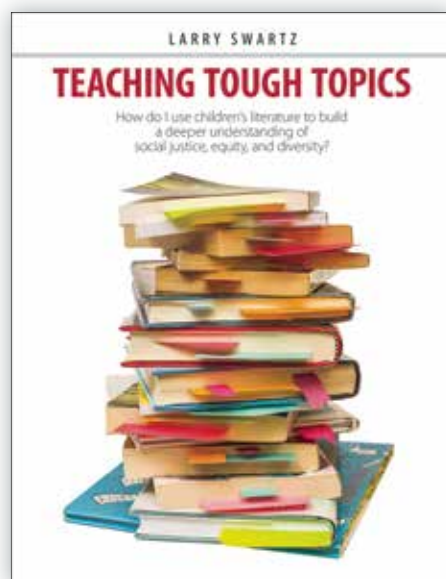
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KATHLEEN GOULD LUNDY is a teacher, consultant, popular speaker and education leader. Kathy is committed to inventive, inclusive teaching that impacts student achievement. The author of many books for teachers, she is involved in the development of curriculum documents and videos on many aspects of learning. She teaches in the Faculty of Education at York University, OISE–University of Toronto, the Glenn Gould School and the Royal Conservatory of Music. Kathy lives in Toronto.

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LARRY SWARTZ is a literacy and drama instructor at OISE–University of Toronto. Larry has worked in classrooms, as a consultant and as a workshop presenter. He has been involved with groups of teachers throughout North America, China and New Zealand, and with Queen Noor's literacy initiative in Jordan. Larry is committed to helping teachers use quality children's literature across the curriculum to inspire students to read, read, read. Larry lives in Toronto.

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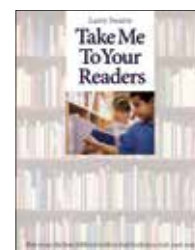
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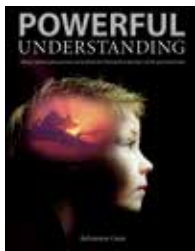
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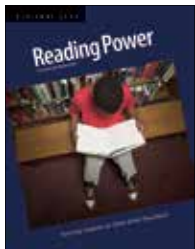
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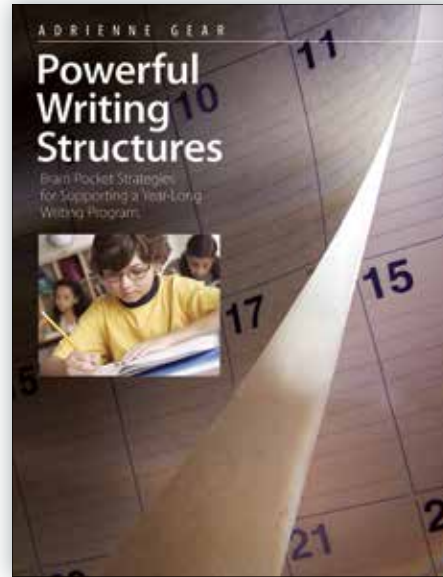
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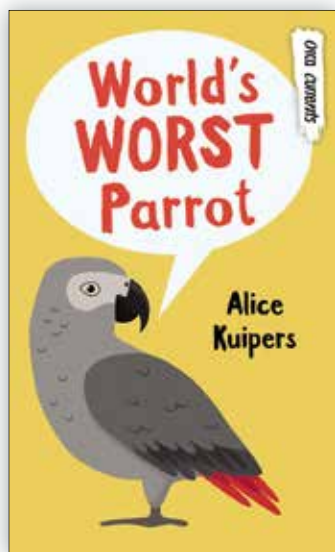
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ADRIENNE GEAR has been teaching in Vancouver for more than 25 years. She remains grounded in classrooms, though she also provides workshops, demonstration lessons and leadership training to teachers throughout North America. Her international experience includes speaking in the United States, Britain, Australia and Sweden. Passionate about literacy and learning, Adrienne is the author of the popular POWER series on reading and writing instruction. Adrienne lives in Vancouver with her husband and two sons.

KEYWORDS: writing, literacy, language arts, comprehension, thinking, thinking skills, critical thinking, thinking structures, writing forms, writing genres, writing program, narrative, story, nonfiction, lesson plans, lesson planning, anchor books, booklists, teachers, teaching, education, educators



World's Worst Parrot

Alice Kuipers

Mervin is ruining everything!

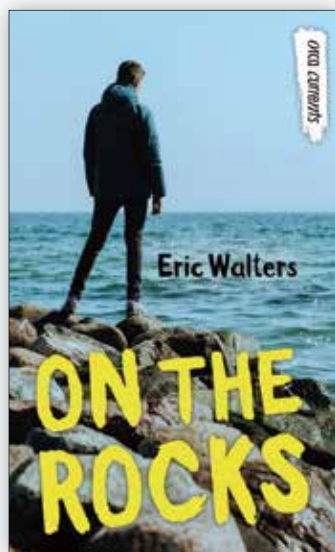
Ava works hard at maintaining a certain image online and at school. As far as anyone else knows, life is great. But when she inherits an African gray parrot from her great-uncle Bernie (whom she barely remembers), Ava's carefully crafted world starts to crumble.

The parrot, Mervin, is loud and messy and obnoxious. Ava's brother thinks it's hilarious to post videos of Ava trying to deal with the crazy bird. He even creates a profile for the two of them. Everyone wants to see more of Ava and Mervin. Suddenly, Ava is internet famous—in the worst possible way. Her friends think the parrot is gross and start acting weird. But then a new girl at school helps Ava see that this parrot might not be the worst gift in the

world and that just being yourself is the best way to be.

ALICE KUIPERS has written many books for young people, and they have been published in dozens of countries. Her work has also been made into plays and produced for radio. She lives with her family in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

KEYWORDS: social media pressures, making new friends, dealing with divorce, finding your own way, responsibilities



On the Rocks

Eric Walters

Dylan knows it's hopeless, but he has to try.

Fourteen-year-old Dylan is sent to live with his estranged grandfather, Angus. Basically strangers, the two avoid each other as best they can. One day Dylan discovers a young orca stranded high up on the rocky beach. Dylan runs to tell his grandfather. There's nothing that can be done, says Angus. The sun is coming up, and soon the orca will die of exposure.

But Dylan knows he has to try to save the whale. He collects towels to cover the delicate skin of the orca and begins transporting buckets of water from the ocean below to keep it hydrated. It's grueling work, and it will be hours before the tide comes back in and the water is high enough for the orca to swim free. Angus is moved by his grand-

son's determination and helps as best he can. They both desperately hope that soon the orca will be able to join its family, who have been calling out to it just offshore.

On the Rocks is an inspiring story about the ups and downs of family.

ERIC WALTERS began writing as a way to get his fifth-grade students interested in reading and writing. A Member of the Order of Canada, he has now published more than 100 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.

KEYWORDS: family dynamics, forgiveness, determination, reconciliation, orcas, animal rescue, coast

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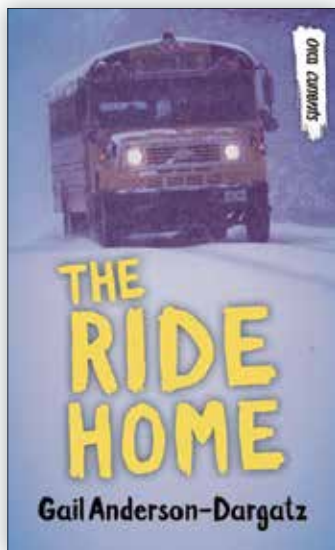
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The Ride Home

Gail Anderson-Dargatz

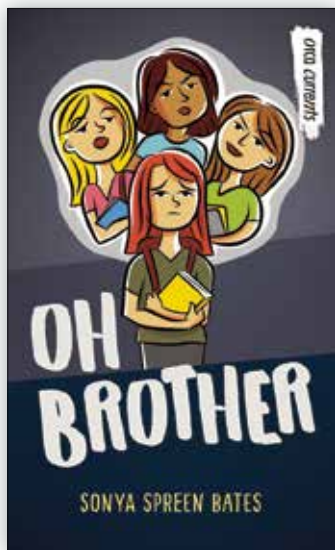
Mark really wishes he'd stayed home today.

Mark is a city kid who has come to a small town to live with his grandmother after his mom goes into rehab. He has to take a school bus home for the first time. The long, noisy ride home is nothing like riding city transit. There's some kind of secret code of knowing where you're allowed to sit, the kids scream non-stop, and there's pudding and cheese flying through the air. Someone even tries to set Mark's seat on fire. Mark quickly decides that all these kids are nuts and does his best to avoid interacting with any of them. But when the bus is involved in a serious accident, Mark has to work with a couple of other students to get everybody to safety. He soon learns that he has more in common with these rural kids than he would ever have

imagined. In turns funny and heartbreaking, *The Ride Home* is about learning that not everything is as it seems and that everyone has a story.

GAIL ANDERSON-DARGATZ is an award-winning author of over a dozen books, including *The Cure for Death by Lightning* and *A Recipe for Bees*, which were finalists for the Scotiabank Giller Prize. She also teaches other authors how to write fiction. Gail lives in the Shuswap region of British Columbia.

KEYWORDS: school-bus culture, bullying, standing your ground, first impressions, friendship



Oh Brother

Sonya Spreen Bates

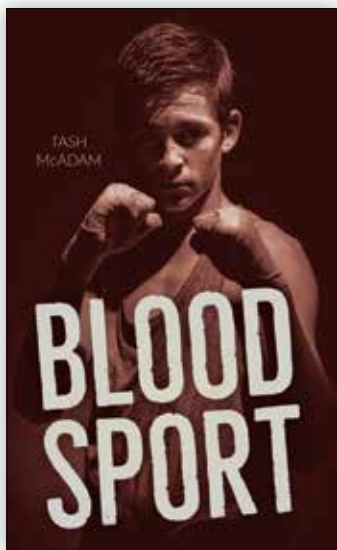
Lauren can't keep Will a secret forever.

Moving to a new city and a new school is never easy. So Lauren is relieved when Callie, Treena and Maddy welcome her into their group. But then Lauren witnesses their reaction to a first grader in a wheelchair. That boy is her little brother, Will. But she's afraid that if she tells them, they may not want to be friends with her.

Soon Lauren finds herself living a double life as she struggles with the challenges of building new friendships and trying to make it up to Will for not acknowledging him at school. At some point Lauren will have to make a decision. What is more important? Friends or family?

SONYA SPREEN BATES is a Canadian writer living in South Australia. She grew up in Victoria, British Columbia, where she obtained a degree in linguistics from the University of Victoria. She then studied speech-language pathology at Dalhousie University and has spent many years working with children with communication disorders, often writing her own stories to use in therapy. Sonya began writing children's fiction in 2001, inspired by her two daughters and their love of the stories she told them. She now writes for children and adults, and has been published in Australia and New Zealand as well as Canada.

KEYWORDS: standing up to bullies, acceptance of diversity, celebrating differences, family loyalty, making new friends



Blood Sport

Tash McAdam

Somebody knows something.

Jason is sure his sister, Becca, was murdered, but he's the only one who thinks so. After finding a photograph Becca kept hidden, he decides to infiltrate a boxing gym to prove that she didn't die accidentally.

As a transgender kid, Jason's been fighting for as long as he can remember, and those skills are going to come in handy as he investigates. Quickly invited into the inner circle, Jason must balance newfound friendships with the burning hate that drives him. Jason soon feels torn between two worlds, determined to discover what happened to his sister but struggling with the fact that this is the first time he's ever felt like he belonged somewhere.

TASH MCADAM is a Welsh-Canadian author of several books for young people. Tash identifies as trans and queer and uses the neutral pronoun "they." As an English teacher, they are fully equipped to defend that grammar! They teach high school English and computer science and have a couple of black belts in karate. They live in Vancouver.

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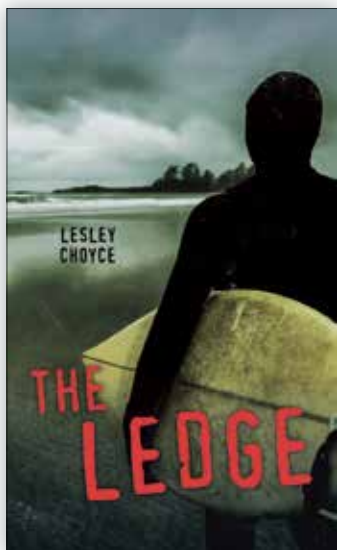
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Lesley Choyce

Nick isn't ready to give up surfing.

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Now partially paralyzed, Nick is angry, depressed and getting far too fond of his prescription meds. But his frequent visits to his physiotherapist, a Syrian refugee, and a budding friendship with a partial amputee who has also experienced firsthand the horrors of war help him start to piece his life back together.

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LESLEY CHOYCE, who has been teaching English and creative writing for over 30 years, is the author of more than 90 books of literary fiction, short stories, poetry, creative nonfiction and young adult novels. He has won the Dartmouth Book Award, the Atlantic Poetry Prize and the Ann Connor Brimer Award. He has also been short-listed for the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humor, the White Pine Award, the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award, the Aurora Award from the Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association and, most recently, the Governor General's Literary Award. He lives in Lawrencetown Beach, Nova Scotia.

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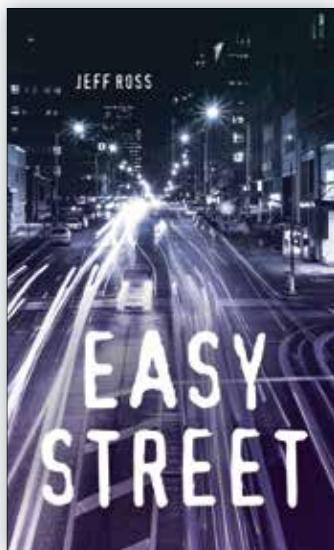
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Easy Street

Jeff Ross

What will his brother do next?

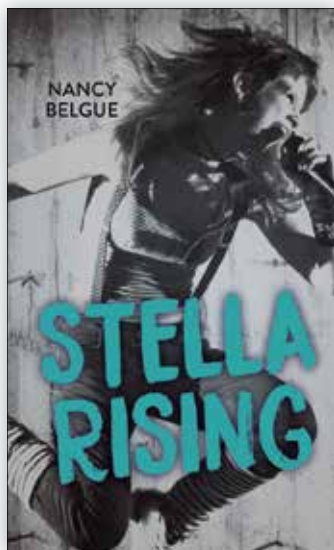
Three years ago Rob's brother, Adam, was sent to jail for his part in the death of a girl who overdosed at a rave. But now that he has been released, Rob hopes that things can go back to the way they used to be. He soon realizes this is impossible. His brother has changed, the times have changed, and Rob has changed.

Adam tells his mom and brother that he is planning to apply to a college in Toronto. He has already discovered how difficult it can be for someone with a criminal record to land a job and thinks he needs to get some education under his belt. He invites Rob to go on a road trip to the city to check out the college. However, Rob suspects that Adam hasn't asked him along just for company. Adam still

believes that there's an easy way to get to where he wants to be. And if Rob can't find a way to save Adam from himself, he just might go down with him.

JEFF ROSS is the author of several novels for young adults including *Coming Clean* and *Up North*, the first two books featuring Rob and his brother Adam. He teaches scriptwriting and English at Algonquin College in Ottawa.

KEYWORDS: sibling relationships, doing the right thing, life choices, facing the future



Stella Rising

Nancy Belgue

It's Stella's time to shine.

Stella Connors has spent her whole life bouncing around from one town to the next, following the latest musician her mother has fallen in love with. She has always vowed she will never become a pathetic groupie like her mother, Viv. But then her best friend uploads a video of Stella singing a cover of her favorite band's biggest hit. It goes viral, and suddenly Stella's ideas about who she is and what she wants take a real hit. As a publicity stunt, the band's manager asks Stella to perform with them when they come to town. Stella is thrilled and agrees immediately. Soon she finds herself in the spotlight, with everyone after her for interviews and photo ops. And unless she's reading things wrong, she's pretty sure the band's lead singer has a thing

for her. When she gets invited to go on the road with the band and perform in another concert, Stella forgets every bad thing she ever thought about being a groupie. After all, she's nothing like her mother. She's a star. Isn't she?

NANCY BELGUE is the author of several books for young people, including the popular *Casey Little*, *Yo-Yo Queen*. Her writing has appeared in magazines in both Canada and the United States. In addition to speaking to children as a visiting author, Nancy has worked as a literary/drama artist with the The Royal Conservatory's Learning Through The Arts program and has acted in television commercials, training videos and documentaries. She lives in Kingsville, Ontario.

KEYWORDS: following dreams, believing in yourself, facing fears, acceptance of self and others

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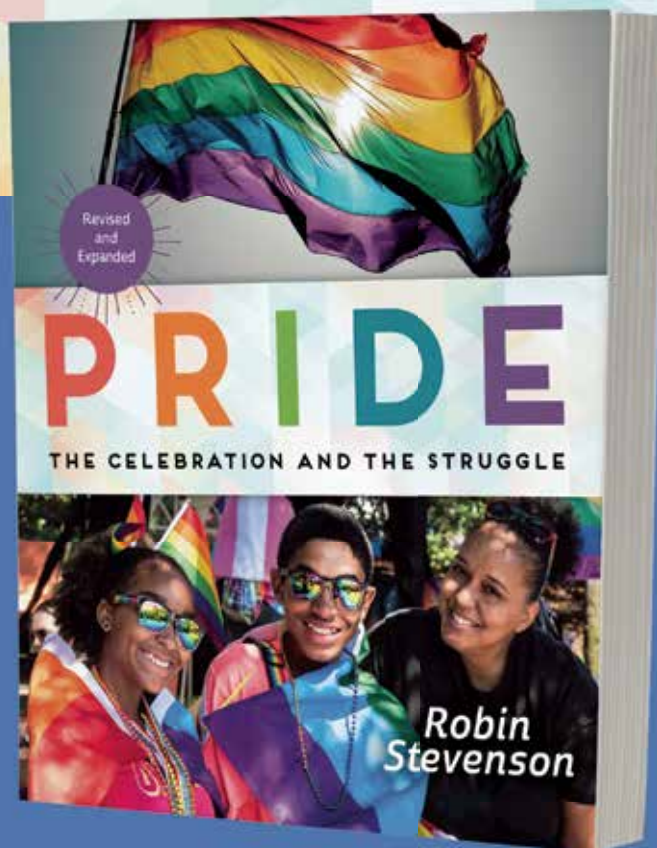
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