

# ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS

WINTER 2021 | JANUARY TO MARCH





*From our publisher:*

**G**reetings from the past, in the early summer of 2020 when this catalogue went to press. From this vantage point we have seen cautious reopening of the economy and are starting to see books leaving the warehouse and making their way to stores. We have been breathing a tentative sigh of relief as things appear to be returning to some sense of “normal.”

We believe deeply in the work we do and the work you do. And we know that what we collectively do has never been more important. Let’s get through this together...stay safe, stay positive and look out for those more vulnerable and less fortunate.

Andrew Wooldridge | Publisher



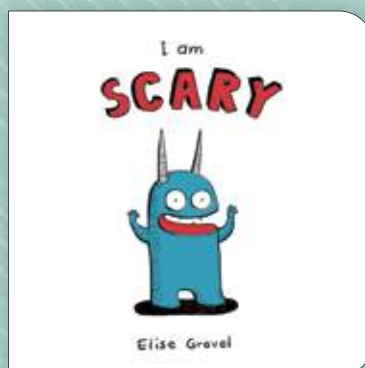
# 2020's GREATEST HITS

## From books for babies right up to YA!



9781459823204 BB • \$10.95

★ Quill & Quire  
★ Kirkus Reviews



9781459823167 BB • \$10.95

“Beguiling.”  
—Publishers Weekly



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★ Publishers Weekly



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“Perfect.”  
—Them.



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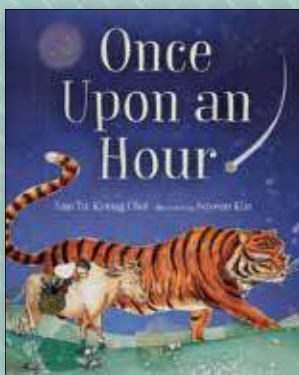
“Colorful and comical.”  
—Kirkus Reviews



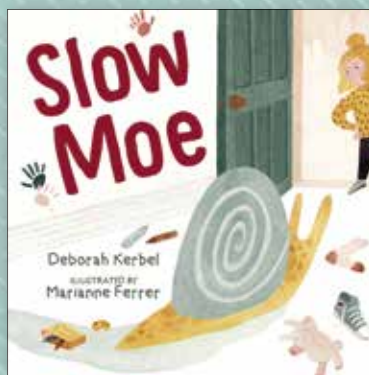
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“Told with empathy.”  
—Kirkus Reviews

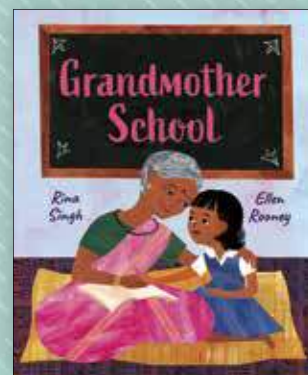




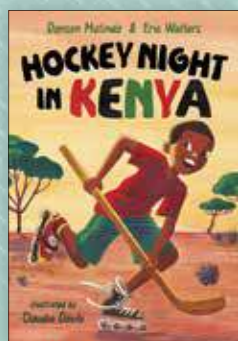
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**"Captivating."**  
*—Kirkus Reviews*



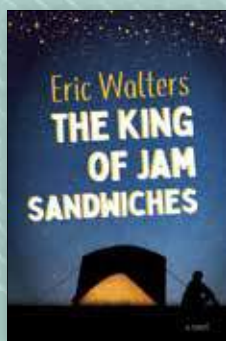
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**"A sweet harangue."**  
*—Kirkus Reviews*



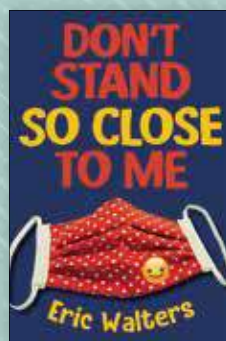
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**"Gorgeous."**  
*—Booklist*



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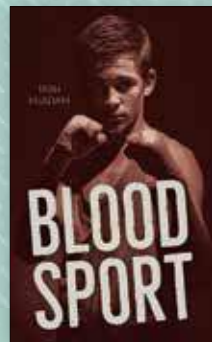
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**"Reassures and provides hope."**  
*—CanLit for Little Canadians*



9781459824874 PB • \$14.95  
**"A touching, heartfelt story."**  
*—Kirkus Reviews*



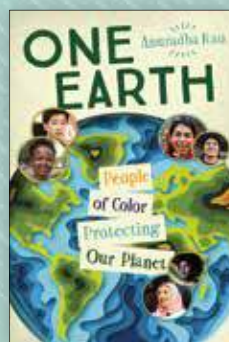
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**"Bold, subversive, feminist."**  
*—Quill & Quire*



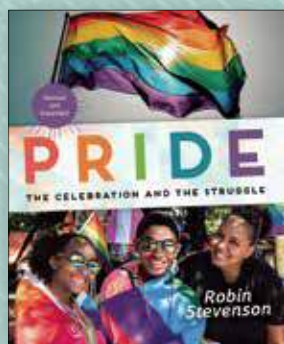
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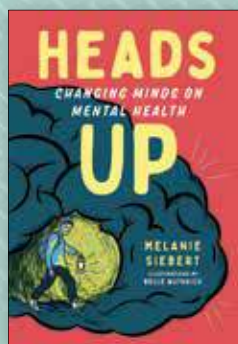
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 ★ *Kirkus Reviews*  
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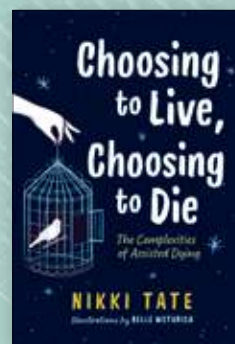
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 ★ *Kirkus Reviews*



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 ★ *School Library Journal*



**February 16, 2021**  
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7 x 7 • 24 PAGES  
AGES 0–2

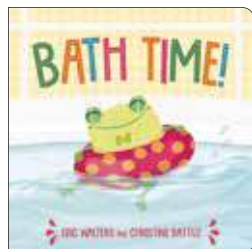
**BEDTIME | SOUNDS | ANIMALS**

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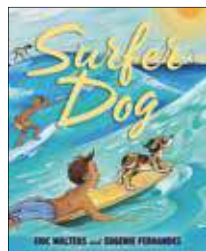
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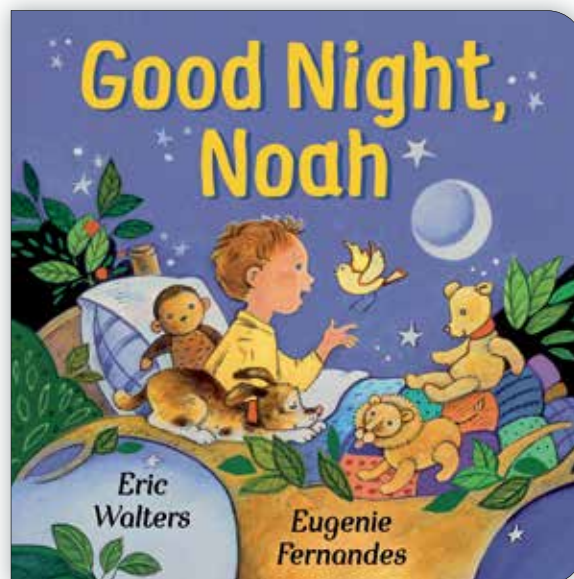
**ALSO BY  
ERIC WALTERS:**



**Bath Time!**  
9781459821309 • \$10.95 BB  
AGES 0–2



**Surfer Dog**  
9781459814356 • \$19.95 HC  
AGES 3–5



## KEY SELLING POINTS

- Noah's drawings and toys come to life as he says good night to each of them in an imaginary world before coming back to his room to say good night to his father.
- Each spread gives a hint of the next animal (real or toy) to be seen once the child turns the page.
- Eric Walters wrote *Good Night, Noah* as a bedtime story for his own grandson, Noa.

# Good Night, Noah

Eric Walters • Illustrated by Eugenie Fernandes

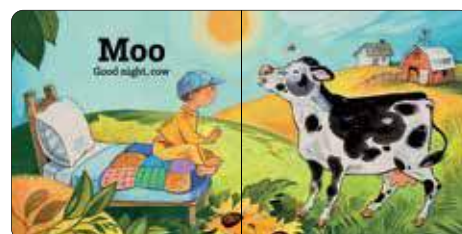
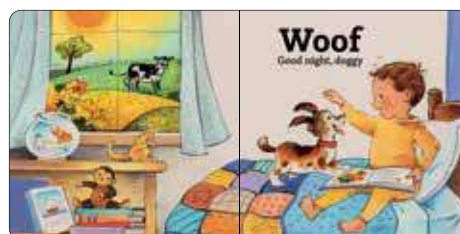
*Say good night, it's time for bed.*

**T**his call-and-response board book with animals is perfect for your bedtime routine. A young child imagines all of his animal friends have come to life as he says good night to each of them before tucking in to sleep. “Moo,” says the cow. “Good night, cow,” says Noah. With hints on each page of the animal featured on the following page, the simple, repetitive text will encourage your little reader to wish their own stuffed animals sweet dreams as they snuggle down for the evening.

**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.

**EUGENIE FERNANDES** is one of Canada's most established children's author/illustrators, with more than 90 books to her credit. Her paintings for illustrations have been used by UNICEF to create cards and puzzles and by One Hen, Inc. to create award-winning educational websites. Her paintings from the books *Earth Magic* and *One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference* are on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art, and *Earth Magic* was shortlisted for Canada's Governor General's Literary Award for Illustration. Eugenie graduated from the School of Visual Arts in New York City and now lives in Lakehurst, Ontario, where she writes and paints in a studio made of glass.

**THEMES:** bedtime routine, lullaby, call and response, search and find, animal sounds





## KEY SELLING POINTS

- Written as a villanelle, a poetic form with nineteen lines and a strict pattern of repetition and rhyme scheme.
- The illustrations are predominantly black and white with a spot of color on each page, making it an ideal first book for babies; newborns only see black, white and gray until around four months of age.
- Gillian Sze has two picture books forthcoming (Summer 2021 and Spring 2022).

## The Night Is Deep and Wide

Gillian Sze • Illustrated by Sue Todd

*Moonlight falls on eyes that close.*

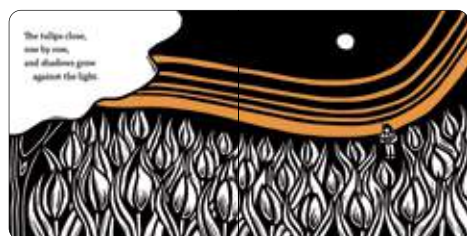
**R**ich imagery, gentle rhythm and soothing repetition will lull your little one to sleep as the tulips close for the night, one by one. In this bedtime story written as an Italian villanelle, poet Gillian Sze makes use of the poetic forms of cyclic pattern and rhyme scheme to create a melodious lullaby.

A young child comes in from picking flowers as the creatures around their home all settle down for the evening. Songbirds curl against their mothers' sides, the house slumps and sighs low, a hush settles as times slows. And little readers are invited to rest their heads and be soothed to sleep as moonlight falls on eyes that close.

**GILLIAN SZE** is the author of multiple poetry collections, including *Peeling Rambutan*, *Redrafting Winter* and *Panicle*. Her work has been nominated for the QWF's A.M. Klein Prize for Poetry and has received awards such as the University of Winnipeg Writers' Circle Prize and the 3Macs *carte blanche* Prize. She has a PhD in études anglaises from the Université de Montréal. Originally from Winnipeg, she now resides in Montreal, where she teaches creative writing. This is her first board book and was inspired by her son, who was a challenging sleeper as a baby.

**SUE TODD** is an award-winning illustrator living in Toronto. Sue began her career as a freelance designer in retail advertising. For a more creative outlet, she took up linoleum carving, an ancient printmaking technique similar to woodcut, and developed a unique style of art that led to a career in illustration. Sue has created images for a wide range of clients, from advertising to editorial and publishing, including illustrations for *An African Alphabet* and *The Wild Beast*.

**THEMES:** lullaby, bedtime stories, poetry for children, rhyme, villanelle



**March 16, 2021**  
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7 x 7 • 20 PAGES

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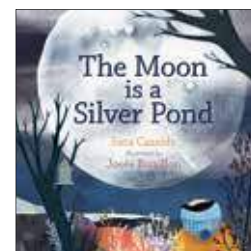
**BEDTIME & DREAMS | POETRY**

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AGES 0-2



**The Sun is a Peach**

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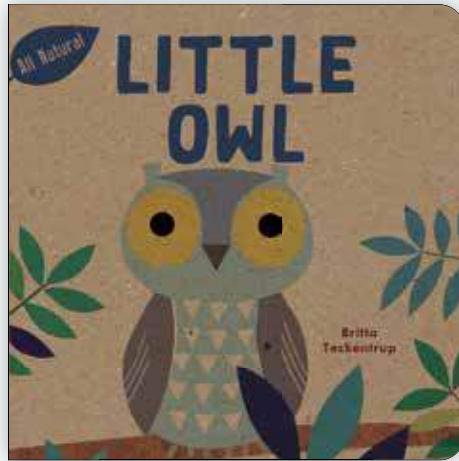
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BABY ANIMALS | SQUIRRELS

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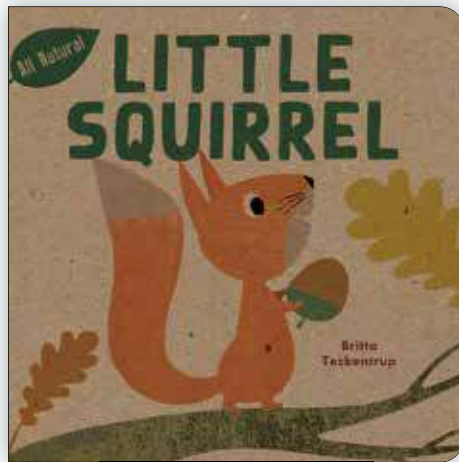
## Little Owl

Britta Teckentrup

*The moon is up, it's time for an adventure!*

**W**hen the sun goes down, it's time for Little Owl to wake up. Together with her parents, she goes on an adventure in the forest. What will Little Owl discover before the sun comes back up?

**THEMES:** natural world, animals, my first library, recycled paper, environment



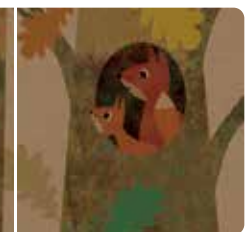
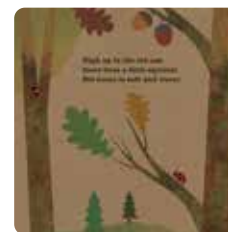
## Little Squirrel

Britta Teckentrup

*Fall is coming, it's time to get ready!*

**L**ittle Squirrel lives with his family high up in the old oak tree. His favorite thing to do is chase his friends from branch to branch. But it can't always be playtime! Little Squirrel also has to help his family get ready for the winter.

**THEMES:** natural world, animals, my first library, recycled paper



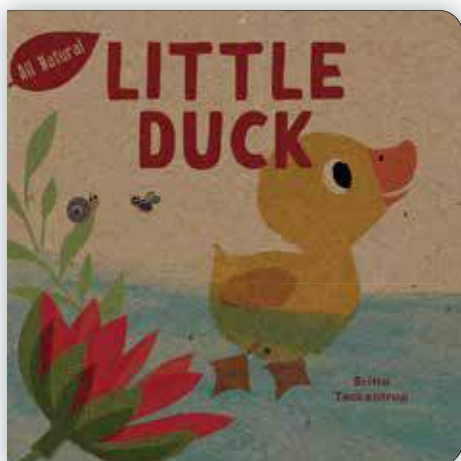
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### KEY SELLING POINTS

- Britta Teckentrup was part of a group of illustrators who worked on Eric Carle's *What's Your Favorite Bug?* (Henry Holt and Co., 2019) Her illustration of *The Egg* (Prestel) received a special mention at the Bologna Ragazzi Awards and her German picture book *Alle Wetter!* (Jacoby & Stuart) was included in the 100 Outstanding Picturebooks exhibition at the 2018 Frankfurt Fair.
- Simple text and a straightforward narrative will hold older babies' attention and is perfect for readers who are transitioning to picture books.





## Little Duck

Britta Teckentrup

*The water is perfect, it's time to swim!*

**I**t's a beautiful day for a swim, so Little Duck heads to the water with her mama and siblings to play games and explore before they settle in for a nap.

**THEMES:** natural world, animals, my first library, recycled paper, environment

January 12, 2021

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\$10.95 BB

6.75 x 6.75 • 14 PAGES

AGES 0-2

BABY ANIMALS | DUCKS

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## Little Fox

Britta Teckentrup

*The sun is setting, it's time to play!*

**W**hen the sun starts to set, it's time for Little Fox to wake up and be with his mama. But she doesn't want to play. Can Little Fox find someone to play with before it's time to go back to bed?

**THEMES:** natural world, animals, my first library, recycled paper, environment

January 12, 2021

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AGES 0-2

BABY ANIMALS | FOXES

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Printed in Germany on 100% recycled paper using eco-friendly inks, each title in the All Natural series features a young critter out and about in the natural world. Little readers will appreciate the simplicity of the story and the eye-catching illustrations. Perfect for bedtime reading and encouraging conversations about your bookworm's own little world.

**BRITTA TECKENTRUP** is an award-winning illustrator, author and fine artist. She was born in Hamburg and moved to London in 1988 to study illustration and fine art at St Martin's College and the Royal College of Art. Britta has written and illustrated over 100 children's picture books, which have been translated into 25 different languages. Some of her accolades include two Special Mentions at the Bologna Ragazzi Awards, being awarded the 2018 Dutch Picture Book of the Year for *Don't Wake Up Tiger* and being shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Award with her book *Under the Same Sky*. Britta now lives and works in Berlin.





**February 16, 2021**

**9781459827370**

\$19.95 HC

6.5 x 9 • 32 PAGES

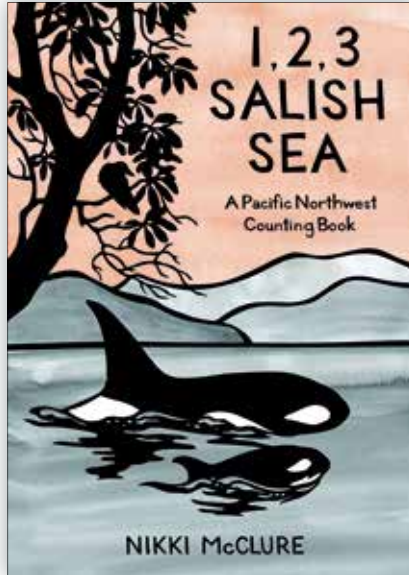
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**COUNTING & NUMBERS |  
MARINE LIFE**

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## MARKETING AND PROMO

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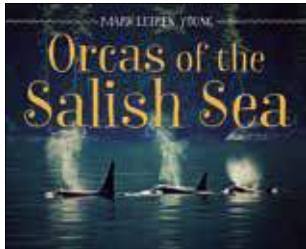
- This book is a visually striking counting primer featuring marine creatures from one to ten, with the addition of larger numbers (20, 50, 100, 500, 1000, 10,000, 1,000,000).
- Each illustration in this book was cut from a single piece of paper.
- Acclaimed artist Nikki McClure is well-known for her simple but exquisite images and produces a sought-after yearly West Coast calendar.
- Distinctly West Coast, this primer is a perfect gift for visitors.

# 1, 2, 3 Salish Sea A Pacific Northwest Counting Book

Nikki McClure

*From one to one million in the Salish Sea.*

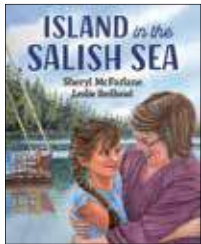
## YOU MAY ALSO LIKE:



**Orcas of the Salish Sea**

9781459825055 • \$19.95 HC

AGES 6-8



**Island in the Salish Sea**

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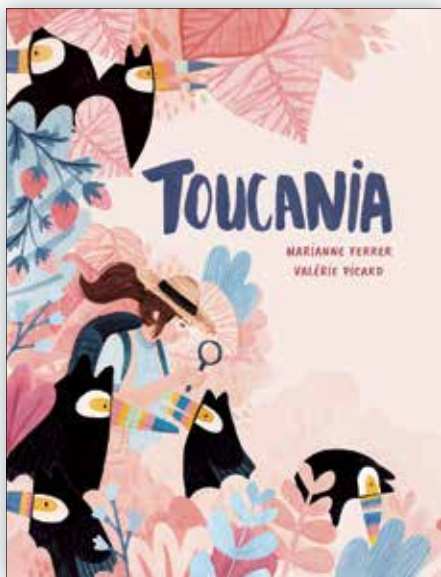
**F**rom one to ten and beyond, explore the Salish Sea in this visually striking, high-concept counting primer. Acclaimed West Coast artist Nikki McClure uses a single piece of paper and an X-ACTO knife to create her simple yet exquisite images. Whether it's one stubby squid or one million raindrops, readers young and not-so-young will delight in this distinctly Pacific picture book.

**NIKKI McCLURE** is a papercut artist based in Olympia, Washington. She is the author and illustrator of many children's books, including *What Will These Hands Make?*, *How to Be a Cat* and *Waiting for High Tide*. She has created works for Patagonia and Slow Food Nation and produces a popular annual calendar.

**THEMES:** Pacific Northwest, papercut, black and white illustrations, ocean, counting primer







#### KEY SELLING POINTS

- Marianne Ferrer's muted watercolor illustrations are charming and her imagined animals are delightful. Readers will enjoy trying to figure out why things are named as they are (e.g., belicornes are beluga unicorns).
- Marianne is the author and illustrator of *The Invisible Garden* (Orca), which garnered a starred review in both *Kirkus* and *Canadian Children's Book News*.
- The French edition of *Toucania* (m. ed) was nominated for the Prix des libraires du Québec 2020, youth category 0-5.

## Toucania

Marianne Ferrer and Valérie Picard

*Are the stories too good to be true?*

Intrepid adventurer Amelia finally gets a chance to explore the legendary island of Toucania, following in her grandfather's footsteps. There she will get to observe the strange creatures that he used to tell her about as she drifted to sleep. Belicornes, chimpanthers and firebats have filled her dreams for years and now she has a chance to see them for herself. But Amelia must get to the island quickly! Otherwise Toucania will soon vanish back into the dense fog that keeps it hidden for decades at a time.

Brimming with whimsical illustrations of imaginary animals, this delightful tale of an independent young woman is sure to encourage your own little explorers to dream of their own big adventures.

**MARIANNE FERRER** was born in Venezuela and immigrated to Canada in 1998. After attending Dawson College in Montreal for illustration and design, she completed her education in graphic design at the Université du Québec à Montréal. Marianne won the Prix Lux for her illustrations in *Le jardin invisible*. Her style is characterized by its charm, delicacy and depth. Marianne lives in Montreal.

**VALÉRIE PICARD** is the artistic director at the Quebec publishing house Monsieur Ed. After obtaining a diploma in visual arts and a degree in anthropology, she fell in love with children's literature. Her book *Le jardin invisible* was a finalist for the Prix des libraires | Jeunesses. Valérie lives in Montreal.

**THEMES:** adventure, imaginary world, made-up animals, discovery, explorers



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6.5 x 8.5 • 48 PAGES  
AGES 3-5

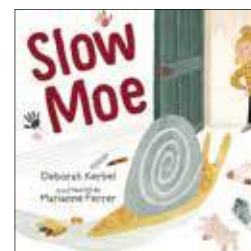
TRAVEL | IMAGINATION & ADVENTURE

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ALSO ILLUSTRATED BY  
MARIANNE FERRER:



Slow Moe

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AGES 3-5



The Invisible Garden

9781459822115 • \$19.95 HC  
AGES 3-5

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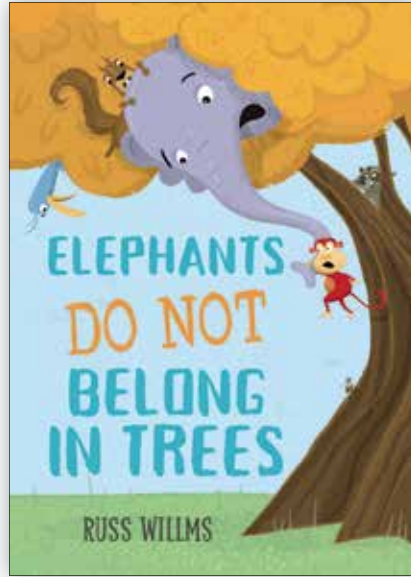
AGES 3–5



### Little Cloud

9781459821842 • \$19.95 HC

AGES 6–8



## KEY SELLING POINTS

- When a bulldozer comes along to knock the tree down, Larry is able to save the tree and the animals realize that having an elephant for a neighbor is actually pretty handy.
- Perfect for Mo Willems fans!
- The author has a picture book called *Sleigh Pullers Wanted* due out in Fall 2021 with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and another book called *Quiet Please* with Orca for Fall 2021 about some noisy giraffes.

# Elephants Do Not Belong in Trees

Russ Willms

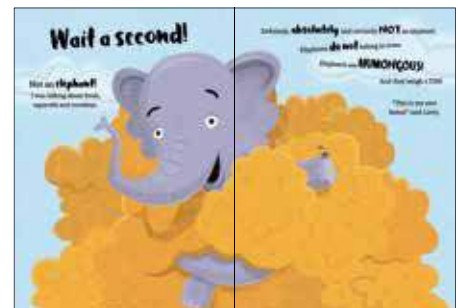
*A savannah, yes. A jungle, sure. A TREE?! Most certainly not.*

**E**lephants do not belong in trees. It's not natural. It makes other animals uncomfortable. This is the story of Larry, an elephant who wanted to live in a tree. This is a story about being the new kid and being a little bit different (okay, a LOT different). A story about acceptance and making friends.

When Larry decides he wants to live in the big bushy tree in the middle of the wide-open field, the current residents, Bird, Squirrel and Monkey, are not very welcoming. They throw nuts at him and peck at his head, they tell him to leave and are downright rude. But Larry persists—why can't he live in the tree? When his new home is threatened by something much bigger than all the animals combined, Larry shows everyone that he cares just as much about the tree as they do.

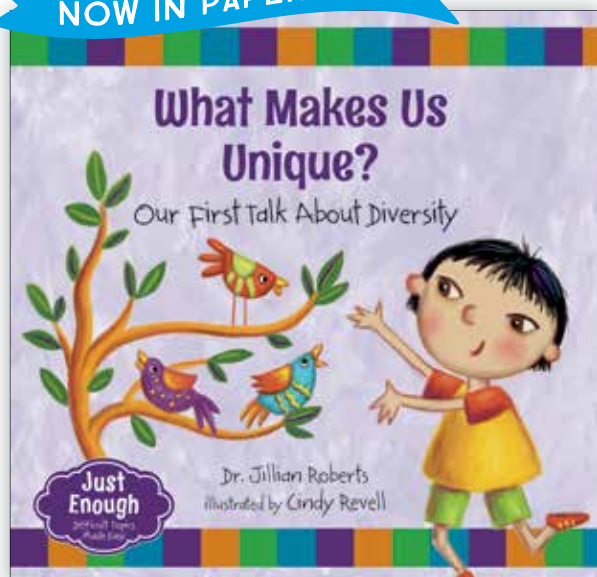
**RUSS WILLMS** has always had a passion for art and fun. His work as an ad executive and designer has been featured in hundreds of magazines, books and ad campaigns throughout the world. He is the illustrator of *Brewster Rooster* (Kids Can Press), which won the Mr. Christie's Book Award and was a finalist for the Governor General's Award.

**THEMES:** acceptance, friendship, animals, silly stories, team work





NOW IN PAPERBACK



#### KEY SELLING POINTS

- Part of the bestselling Just Enough series, *What Makes Us Unique?* explores the concept of diversity in a simple and straightforward way.
- Written in a Q&A format, this book empowers parents and caregivers to start conversations about a subject that's often difficult to talk about.
- Dr. Roberts has been working with children for over 20 years, first as a teacher, then as a child psychologist.
- Now available for the first time in paperback.

## What Makes Us Unique? Our First Talk About Diversity

Dr. Jillian Roberts • Illustrated by Cindy Revell

*A dynamic and approachable introduction to diversity.*

**O**ur conversations with children about cultural, religious and physical differences are more important now than ever, and they need to start at an early age, but we know it can be difficult to know where to begin. *What Makes Us Unique?* provides an accessible introduction to the concept of diversity, teaching children how to respect and celebrate people's differences and that, ultimately, we are all much more alike than we are different. Additional questions at the back of the book allow for further discussion.

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

**DR. JILLIAN ROBERTS** is a renowned child psychologist, author, associate professor and parent. 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* and 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.

**CINDY REVELL**'s illustrations have been used on billboards and wine bottles, and in magazines and numerous children's books all over North America. She has worked with clients like Disney, Penguin Putnam, the *L.A. Times* and Scholastic. Her book *Mallory and the Power Boy* (Annick Press) was nominated for the Governor General's Literary Award for children's book illustration. She lives in Edmonton.

**THEMES:** diversity, inclusion, representation, celebrating differences, foundational conversations

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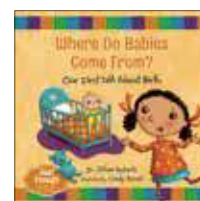
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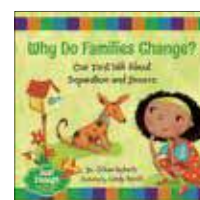
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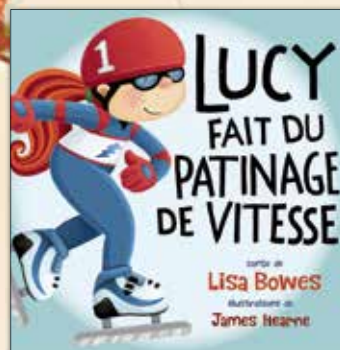
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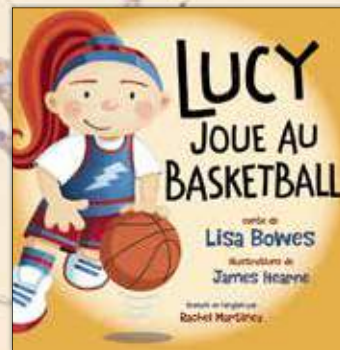
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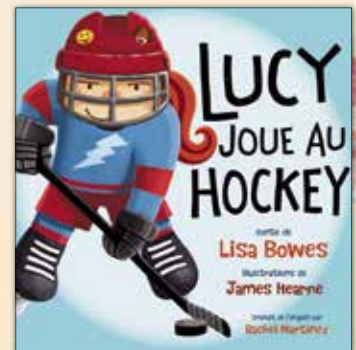
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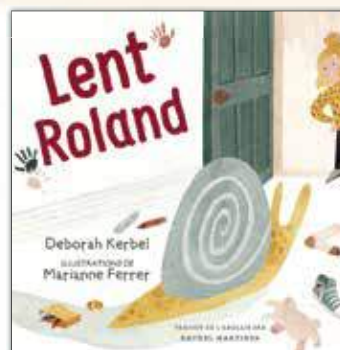
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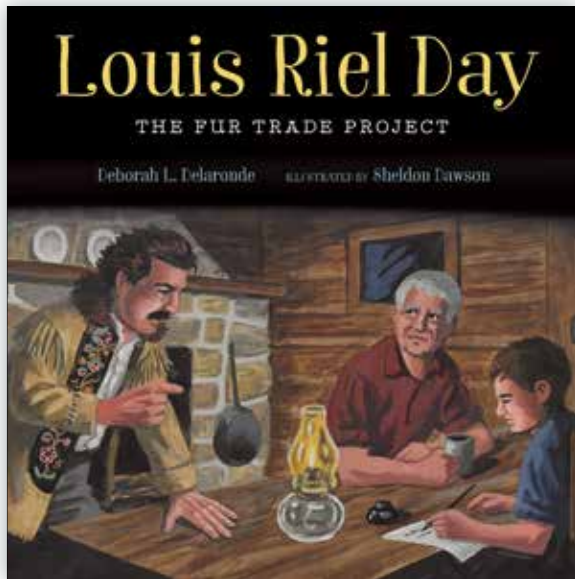


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## KEY SELLING POINTS

- This beautifully illustrated picture book tells the story of a young boy who, through a class assignment, learns about the history of the fur trade, the Métis people and Louis Riel with the help of his grandfather.
- A wonderful way to introduce the important history of the Métis people and why Louis Riel Day is celebrated.
- Louis Riel Day is a provincial statutory holiday observed on the third Monday of February in Manitoba.

## Louis Riel Day

### The Fur Trade Project

Deborah L. Delaronde • Illustrated by Sheldon Dawson

**W**hen a young boy is assigned a project about the fur trade by his teacher, he doesn't know who to turn to because his mom works all day. With help from his grandfather and the internet, they travel back in time and discover how the fur trade began and a new people emerged, the Métis' role in the fur trade, Louis Riel and the Red River Resistance, and the reason behind a holiday named Louis Riel Day.

**DEBORAH L. DELARONDE** is Métis and lives in central Manitoba on a cattle ranch along the western shores of Lake Winnipegosis. She honours her Métis heritage by writing and publishing under her maiden name. Deborah's twelve published stories (with the exception of *Friendship Bay* and *The Rabbit's Race*) focus around Métis protagonists with story situations that she hopes will convey the way of life of the Métis people in both a historical and contemporary context. *Louis Riel Day* is Deborah's twelfth book. Deborah was the first recipient of the Beatrice Mosionier Aboriginal Writer of the Year Award in 2015.

**SHELDON DAWSON** is an illustrator who specializes in children's books and educational material. He works in acrylic and mixed-media paintings, and his culturally sensitive illustrations help teach positive, healthy and traditional lifestyles and provide First Nations students with classroom materials that honor their own identity and culture. Sheldon has been nominated three times for the Best Illustrated Book of the Year Award in Manitoba and his paintings have been exhibited in galleries across Canada.

**THEMES:** fur trade, Métis, Red River Resistance, history, Indigenous



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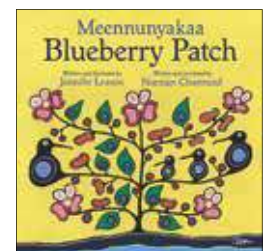
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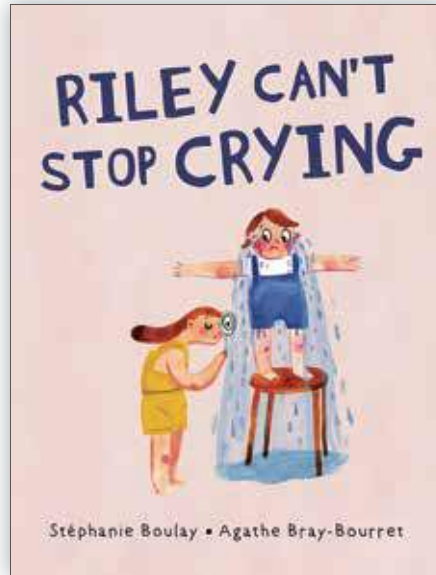
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#### KEY SELLING POINTS

- An introduction to gender identity for young readers.
- Features a nontraditional family—a single father raising his two children
- The French edition of this book, *Anatole qui ne séchait jamais*, won the TD Canada Children's Literature award for a French-language picture book in 2019.
- Author Stéphanie Boulay is half of the singing duo Les soeurs Boulay, a Canadian folk music group based in Montreal. Their first album won two Félix awards in 2013.

## Riley Can't Stop Crying

Stéphanie Boulay • Illustrated by Agathe Bray-Bourret

Translated by Charles Simard

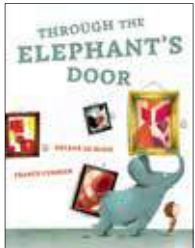
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*Such big feelings for such a little kid.*

**R**iley is inconsolable. He can't stop crying and nothing is making him feel better. His sister, Regina, tries her best to help him figure out what's wrong, but four-year-old Riley isn't sure. It's not his tummy, or his head, or the monsters under the bed. Regina and their dad try everything they can to make Riley smile, but nothing works until one day Regina has an idea. Maybe it's *Riley* that is making Riley upset.

Regina knows what it feels like to be uncomfortable in her body, but she also knows that she's pretty amazing and really good at a lot of things. So how can she help Riley see that he's pretty amazing and really good at a lot of things? A charming story about a child's search for his true self under the compassionate eye of his older sister.

Author and singer-songwriter **STÉPHANIE BOULAY** is half of the Québécois folk group Les soeurs Boulay. When she's not writing music, she's writing award-winning books for readers of all ages that encourage them to be whatever makes them most happy. Stéphanie lives in Montreal.

Born and raised in Montreal, **AGATHE BRAY-BOURRET** studied cinema at Concordia University before her passion for drawing made her change floors and enrol in film animation instead, the perfect mix of her two passions. She uses watercolor and gouache to show the humor of everyday life. Currently Agathe is illustrating a graphic novel and an animated short movie. She lives in Montreal.

**THEMES:** gender identity, self-acceptance, sibling relationship, supportive families, nonconforming







## Genie Meanie

Mahtab Narsimhan

Illustrated by Michelle Simpson

*What good is a genie who  
refuses to grant your wishes?*

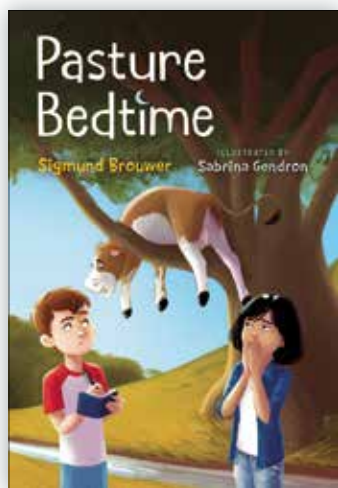
**W**hen eight-year-old Kiara discovers that her recently deceased grandmother left her a genie, trapped in a bottle of garam masala, she's elated. She'll be a modern-day Aladdin and have someone to do her bidding. And Kiara could really use a little magic. Third grade is just about to start and she's spent the summer worried about being in class with Matt, a bully who seems to have nothing else to do but make Kiara's and her best friend Bai's lives

miserable. Unfortunately, the genie has decided he's on vacation after working for 10,000 years and is looking for someone to do *his* bidding.

**MAHTAB NARSIMHAN** is the award-winning author of several books for young readers, including *Embrace the Chicken* (Orca), *Mission Mumbai* (Scholastic), *The Tiffin* (DCB) and *The Third Eye* (Dundurn), which won the Silver Birch Award. She was a Writer in Residence at the Toronto District School Board from 2015–2016. Born in Mumbai, Mahtab immigrated to Canada in 1997. She now lives in Vancouver.

**MICHELLE SIMPSON** is a full-time illustrator from Niagara Falls, Ontario.

**THEMES:** diverse characters, magical realism, bullying, friendship, problem solving



## Pasture Bedtime

Sigmund Brouwer

Illustrated by Sabrina Gendron

*If there is one thing Charlie knows for sure,  
it's that cows do not belong in trees.*

**E**leven-year-old Charlie Dembinski likes to keep his life organized and quiet. This is a challenge when you live on a farm where your mother runs a veterinary clinic for the local livestock, neighbors' pets and sometimes rescued wildlife. To complicate Charlie's orderly life even further, his mother hires a bookkeeper to live on the farm who brings along her daughter, Amy Ma. And Amy is anything but quiet! Her constant questions and attempts to spend

time with Charlie really bother him, and he doesn't understand why the adults seem to like her so much. But when a neighbor's beloved dog gets sick with a mysterious illness, Charlie realizes that Amy's outgoing approach might not be all that bad.

This is the first book in the Charlie's Rules series.

**SIGMUND BROUWER** has written more than 100 books for readers of all ages including the 2015 Arthur Ellis Award-winning novel *Dead Man's Switch* (Harvest House). He is the author of the Justine McKeen series and the Howling Timberwolves series in the Orca Echoes line. He visits over 150 schools per year, speaking to over 60,000 students. Sigmund lives in Red Deer, Alberta.

**SABRINA GENDRON** is an illustrator whose work includes *Badir and the Beaver* and *High and Dry* in the Orca Echoes line. Sabrina lives in Mont-Saint-Hilaire, Quebec.

**THEMES:** ranch life, veterinary clinic, friendship, animal stories, rules for life

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**BULLYING | FRIENDSHIP**

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#### KEY SELLING POINTS

- A story with a twist: a magical genie who *would* grant unlimited wishes if he wasn't on vacation.
- A story about bullying, friendship, loyalty and inner strength.
- Features 15 black-and-white illustrations.

### Previously Announced

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RANCH LIFE | FRIENDSHIP**

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#### KEY SELLING POINTS

- A story about friendship and different ways of looking at the world.
- The first of four books in the Charlie's Rules series.
- Chock-full of animal stories: a dog with a mysterious sickness, a cow gets stuck in a tree, an owl gets into a sticky situation and a kitten has tummy troubles...and all of these stories are true (just ask the author)!



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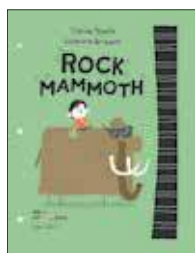
- A boy discovers a strange, wounded creature and nurses it back to health.
- Features more than 30 fun, evocative b/w illustrations by an award-winning illustrator.
- The creatures in the book are based on actual prehistoric creatures (short-faced bear and saber-tooth tiger).

# My Best Friend Is Extinct

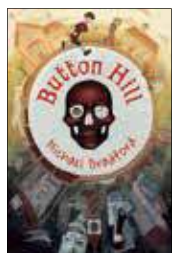
Rebecca Wood Barrett • Illustrated by Cornelia Li

*Henry's new friend isn't from around here.*

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**T**en-year-old Henry Springs is thrilled when the wintery resort town he and his mom recently moved to experiences a record-breaking snowfall. There are even rumors that the extreme weather could mark the beginning of a new ice age.

One day, while exploring one of the many tunnels running through the town's snowbanks, Henry discovers a strange, prehistoric-like creature that is seriously injured. Henry immediately names him Yarp and hauls the wounded animal back to his house on a makeshift sled. There he builds a secret cave for Yarp and slowly nurses him back to health. But, as Henry soon discovers, Yarp is not the only unusual beast lurking in the neighborhood. Where did these creatures come from and how can Henry keep his new friend safe?

**REBECCA WOOD BARRETT** is an award-winning writer and filmmaker whose short fiction has been published in literary journals such as *Room* and the *Antigonish Review*. She has an MFA in creative writing from the University of British Columbia and lives in Whistler, British Columbia, where she teaches writing and filmmaking to kids of all ages.

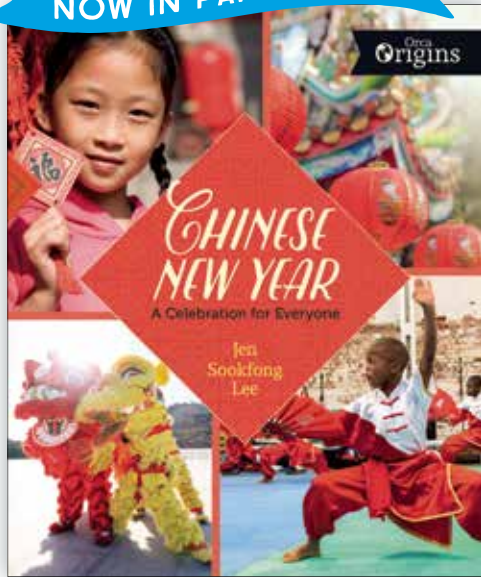
**CORNELIA LI** worked in storyboard and editorial illustration before diving into the world of children's illustration. Her work has been recognized by the Society of Illustrators in NY and LA, the Association of Illustrators, *American Illustration*, *Communication Arts*, the Ontario Library Association and more. Originally from China, she now lives and works in Toronto.

**THEMES:** friendship, bravery, adventure, bullying, prehistoric creatures





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## KEY SELLING POINTS

- Offers a look at the origins, history and evolution of this dynamic holiday and includes recipes for traditional foods eaten at Chinese New Year.
- Released in 2017, it is now available for the first time in paperback. It was recognized as a CCBC Best Book in 2018.
- Jen Sookfong Lee's novel *The Conjoined* (ECW Press) was a finalist for the Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize. She is also the author of the board book *The Animals of Chinese New Year* (Orca).

## Chinese New Year

### A Celebration for Everyone

Jen Sookfong Lee

*Gung hay fat choy! Chinese New Year is a snapshot of Chinese culture.*

From its beginnings as a farming celebration marking the end of winter to today's global party featuring good food, lots of gifts and public parades, Chinese New Year is a snapshot of Chinese culture. Award-winning author and broadcaster Jen Sookfong Lee recalls her childhood in Vancouver and weaves family stories into the history, traditions and evolution of Chinese New Year. Lavishly illustrated with color photographs throughout.

**JEN SOOKFONG LEE** was born and raised on Vancouver's East Side, and she now lives with her son in North Burnaby. Her books include *The Conjoined*, nominated for the International Dublin Literary Award and a finalist for the Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize; *The Better Mother*; a finalist for the City of Vancouver Book Award; *The End of East*; *Gentlemen of the Shade* and *The Animals of Chinese New Year*. Jen teaches at The Writer's Studio Online with Simon Fraser University, edits fiction for *Wolsak & Wynn* and co-hosts the literary podcast *Can't Lit*.

**THEMES:** history of Chinese New Year, Chinese zodiac, diversity, family traditions, festivals

"Sookfong Lee capably conveys the diverse, dynamic nature of this holiday, from past to present to future. A thoughtful, thorough reference."

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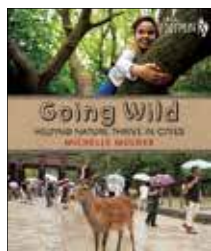


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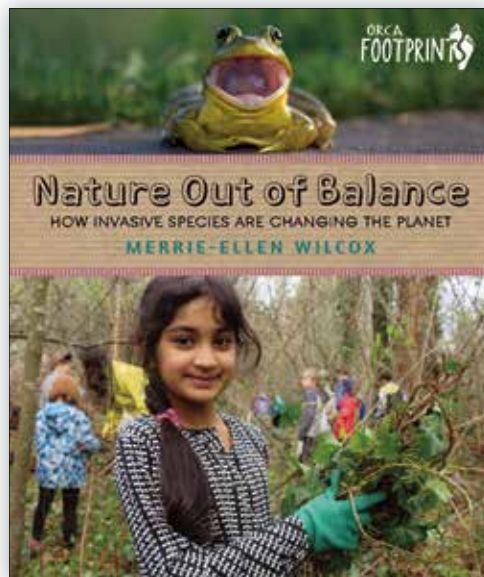
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**Going Wild**

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## KEY SELLING POINTS

- Offers a unique perspective on invasive species and how it might be time to rethink how we coexist with them.
- The author has also written *What's The Buzz: Keeping Bees in Flight* (Orca Footprints), which was a Junior Library Guild selection and was shortlisted for numerous awards, including the Red Cedar Book Award, the Rocky Mountain Book Award and the Information Book Award.
- Invasive species are often described as the most overlooked environmental threat in the world. In the US, they cause \$120 billion/year in damage.

# Nature Out of Balance

## How Invasive Species Are Changing the Planet

Merrie-Ellen Wilcox

*Invasive species aren't going anywhere.*

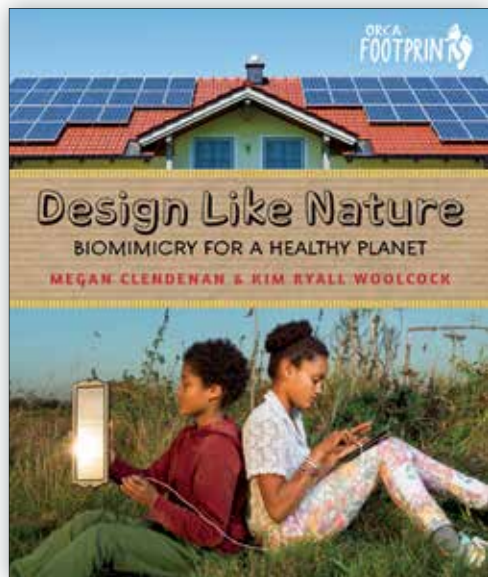
**P**lants, animals, insects and fish are moving in. Invasive species threaten local ecosystems and the planet's biodiversity, but are they all as bad as we think they are? In *Nature Out of Balance*, Merrie-Ellen Wilcox profiles all-star invasive species around the world, starting in her own neighbourhood, and warns that humans are the most invasive species of all. We find out how and why species become invasive, what we can do to stop their spread and whether it's time to think differently about invasive species that are here to stay.

**MERRIE-ELLEN WILCOX** is a writer and editor in Victoria, British Columbia. She is the author of *What's the Buzz?: Keeping Bees in Flight*, which is part of the Orca Footprints series and *After Life: Ways We Think About Death*, which was shortlisted for both the TD Canadian Children's Literature Award and the Norma Fleck Award. When several huge Garry oak trees were cut down at the end of her street to make way for a parking lot, she became a passionate defender of the trees and the ecosystem they are parts of. She studied ecological restoration at the University of Victoria and continues to nature-scape her garden.

**THEMES:** invasive species, native species, conservation, biodiversity, ecosystems







### KEY SELLING POINTS

- Offers positive nature-inspired solutions to current environmental problems, like climate change and pollution.
- Showcases STEAM-themed inventions from designers, engineers and scientists around the world, including inspiring kid-designs.
- Biomimicry as a practice has only been around since the 1990s. There is now an annual Biomimicry Youth Design Challenge hosted by the Biomimicry Institute, where young people from all over come to design bio-inspired ideas as solutions to the climate crisis.

## Design Like Nature Biomimicry for a Healthy Planet

Megan Clendenan and Kim Ryall Woolcock

*Get inspired by nature!*

*The next big idea could be right outside your front door.*

**D**id you know that lamps can be powered by glowing bacteria instead of electricity? That gloves designed like gecko feet let people climb straight up glass walls? Or that kids are finding ways to make compostable plastic out of banana peels? Biomimicry, the scientific term for when we learn from and copy nature, is a revolutionary way to look to nature for answers to environmental problems such as climate change.

In *Design Like Nature* young readers discover innovations and inventions inspired by the environment. Nature runs the entire planet with no waste and no pollution. Can humans learn to do this too? It's time to step outside and start designing like nature.

**MEGAN CLENDENAN** is a freelance writer and editor. She is the author of *Offbeat*, a novel for young readers in the Orca Limelights line. Megan lives in North Vancouver, British Columbia, where she is surrounded by nature.

**KIM RYALL WOOLCOCK** has always loved books and biology. She has an honors degree in literature from UBC and a master's in biology from Duke University. A full-time science writer and editor, Kim lives on Salt Spring Island with her family.

**THEMES:** biomimicry, STEAM, STEM, sustainability, natural design

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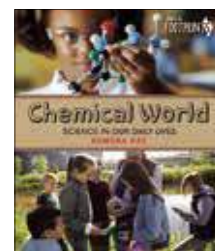
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# *Introducing* **ORCA** *Think*

Books about the issues making headlines in the world today

## *A note from the editor:*

### *What is the Orca Think series?*

At Orca we believe that educated minds create a more compassionate world. More than ever, young people are asking hard questions about current events today and how they can join the discussion. This new series gives them the tools to take their first steps as global citizens. The books take on tough subjects, from homelessness to media literacy to our right to a healthy environment. They're written by authors who bring their expertise, first-hand experience and passion to the issues. We want Orca Think to encourage readers to ask those questions, make connections and take action for a better future.

Kirstie Hudson  
Orca Think series editor



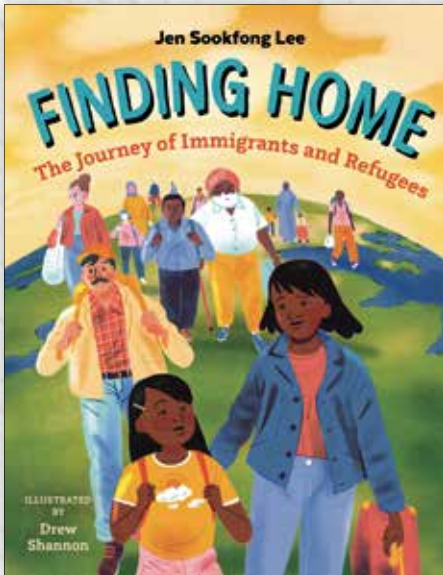
## *Upcoming topics:*

- Human Migration
- Homelessness
- Animal Welfare
- The Right to a Healthy Environment
- Wearable Technology
- Media Literacy



**Question.**  
**Connect.**  
**Take Action.**





## KEY SELLING POINTS

- A critical look at the history of human migration and the realities of being an immigrant or refugee today.
- We are in the worst humanitarian crisis in history, with the highest number of refugees, asylum seekers and IDPs since World War II.
- Award-winning author Jen Sookfong Lee's experiences growing up as the child of immigrants in a diverse neighborhood form the backbone of this book.
- This is the first book in a new middle-grade nonfiction series called Orca Think, which introduces readers to the issues making headlines in the world today, with the goal of creating better citizens.

## Finding Home

### The Journey of Immigrants and Refugees

Jen Sookfong Lee • Illustrated by Drew Shannon

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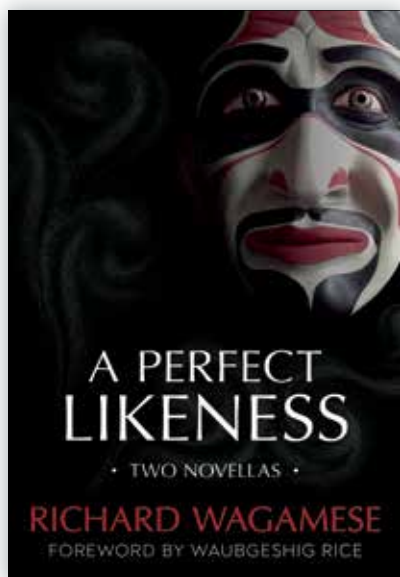
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**WAUBGESHIG RICE** is an author and journalist from Wasauksing First Nation on Georgian Bay. He has written three fiction titles, and his short stories and essays have been published in numerous anthologies. His most recent novel, *Moon of the Crusted Snow*, was published in 2018 and became a national bestseller. Waubgeshig lives in Sudbury with his wife and two sons.

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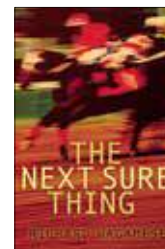
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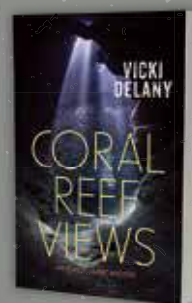
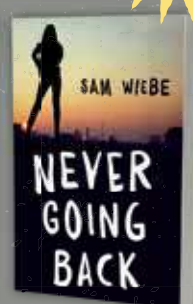
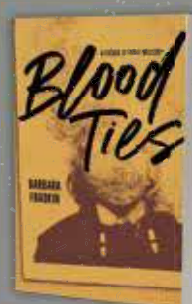
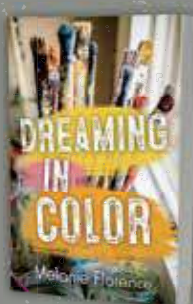
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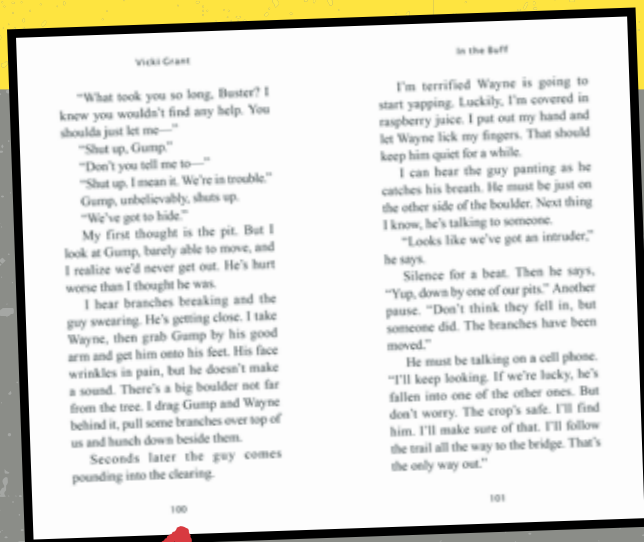


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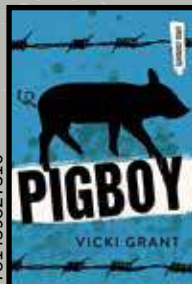
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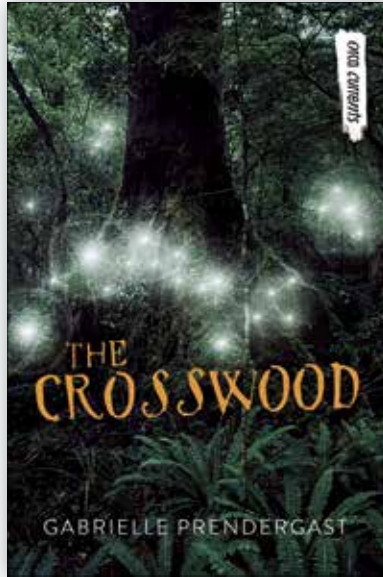
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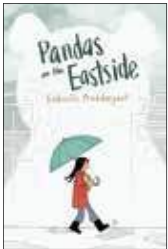
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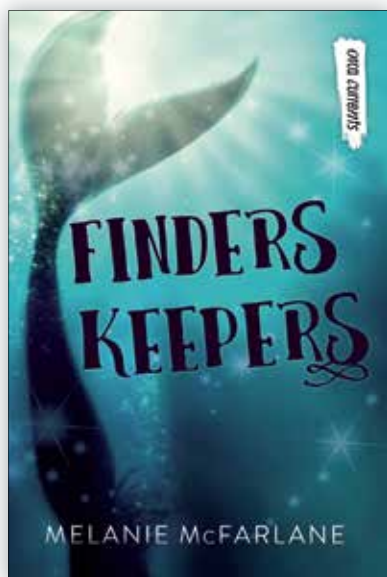
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**GABRIELLE PRENDERGAST** is an award-winning author who has written a number of books for young people, including *Audacious*, winner of the Westchester Award; *Zero Repeat Forever*, winner of the Sheila A. Egoff Prize for Children's Literature, and *Pandas on the Eastside*, which was shortlisted for the Chocolate Lily Award, the Red Cedar Award, the Diamond Willow Award and the Vancouver Book Award. Gabrielle has an MFA in creative writing from the University of British Columbia and has taught writing at Sydney University, San Francisco State University, UBC and Royal Canadian College. She lives in Vancouver.

**THEMES:** faerie land, secrets, enchanted forests, magic, family dynamics





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**MELANIE MCFARLANE** is the author of several otherworldly adventure novels for kids and teens. When not writing, she's on the lookout for mermaids and other fantastical creatures while prepping for the zombie apocalypse. She lives in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, with her family.

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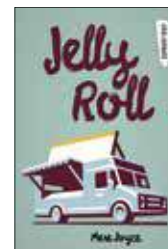
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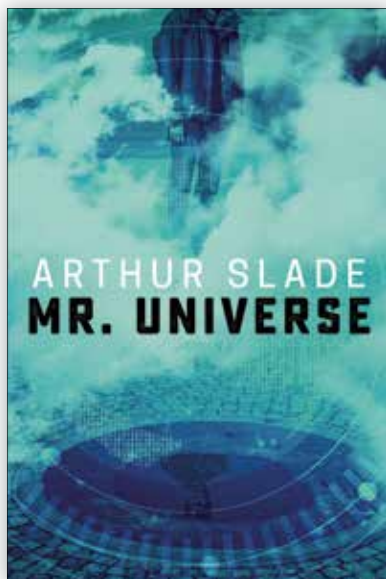
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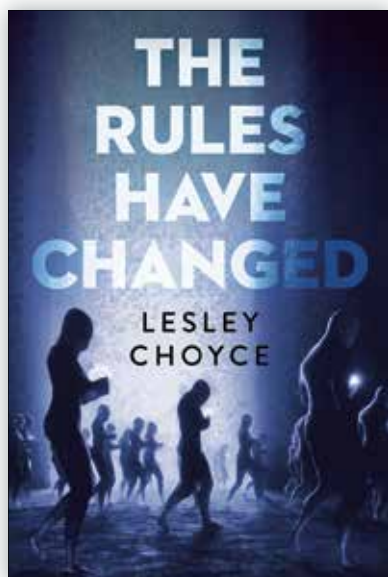
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**ARTHUR SLADE** is the Governor General's Award-winning author of *Dust* and many novels for young readers, including the Amber Fang series and *Death by Airship* in the Orca Currents line. Raised on a ranch in the Cypress Hills of Saskatchewan, Arthur now makes his home in Saskatoon.

**THEMES:** science fiction, alternate universe, romance, aliens, quantum physics





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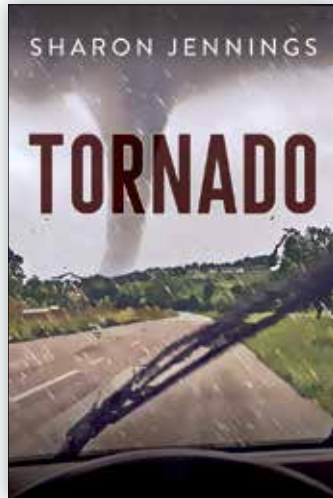
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**SHARON JENNINGS** is the award-winning author of over 70 books for young people, including *The Bye-Bye Pie*, winner of the Blue Spruce Award, and *Home Free*, which was a finalist for the Governor General's Literary Award and the TD Canadian Children's Literature Award. Sharon is the ghostwriter for the beloved Franklin the Turtle series, the president of CANSCAIP and a member on the Board of the Canadian Children's Book Centre. She teaches writing at Ryerson University and lives in Toronto.

**THEMES:** extreme weather, rescue, bravery, family secrets, natural disasters

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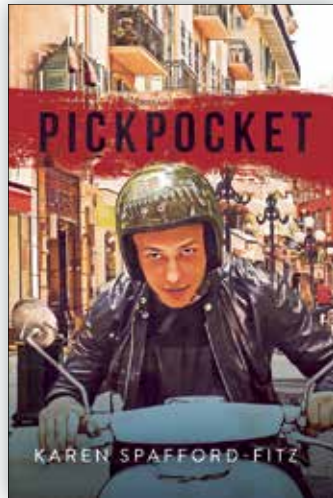
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**A**fter his younger sister dies, 17-year-old Jean-Luc goes into a downward spiral. He is sent away for the summer to live with his uncle in a small town on the coast of France. His first day there he meets the beautiful Selina and decides that this summer might not be so bad after all. That is until he realizes that she stole his wallet. Jean-Luc does some detective work and eventually tracks her down. Selina confesses that she and other runaway teens are being exploited by a mysterious figure known only as Le Patron. Jean-Luc devises a plan to help Selina escape, but will the two of them be able to outwit the dangerous criminal?

**KAREN SPAFFORD-FITZ** is the author of several novels for young people, including *Unity Club*, *Vanish* and *Dog Walker* in the Orca Currents line. She lives in Edmonton.

**THEMES:** family grief, exploitation, delinquent, rescue mission, summer romance



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