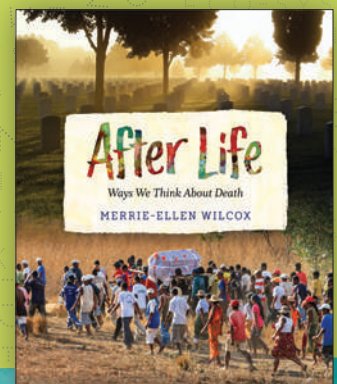
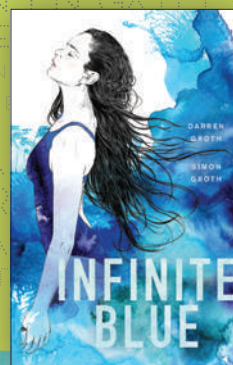
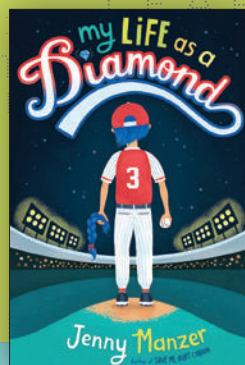


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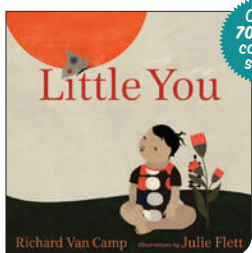
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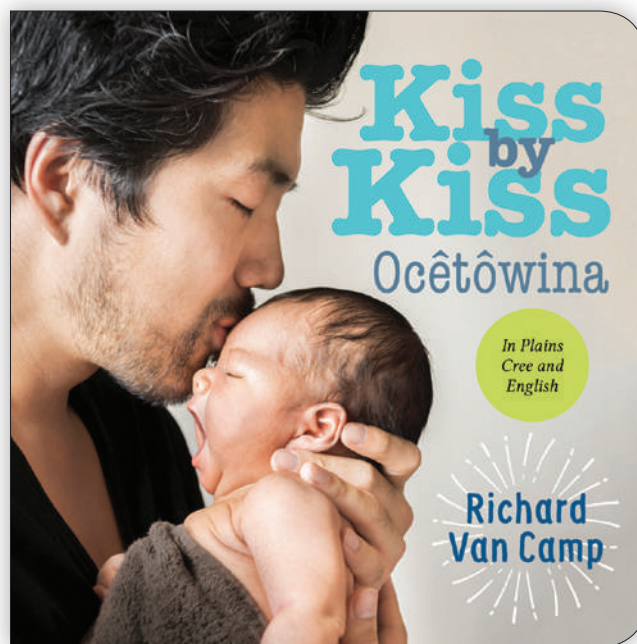
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Kiss by Kiss
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A Counting Book for Families
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Richard Van Camp
 Translated by Mary Collins

Let me count your kisses.

One kiss, two kiss, three kiss, four! So many kisses and so many more. From bestselling author Richard Van Camp comes a delightful counting book that honors families and can be used to praise your little ones as they learn to count. Ten kisses from your sweet baby might not be enough to get you through this adorable book, so you'll just have to read it over and over!

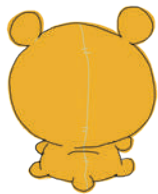
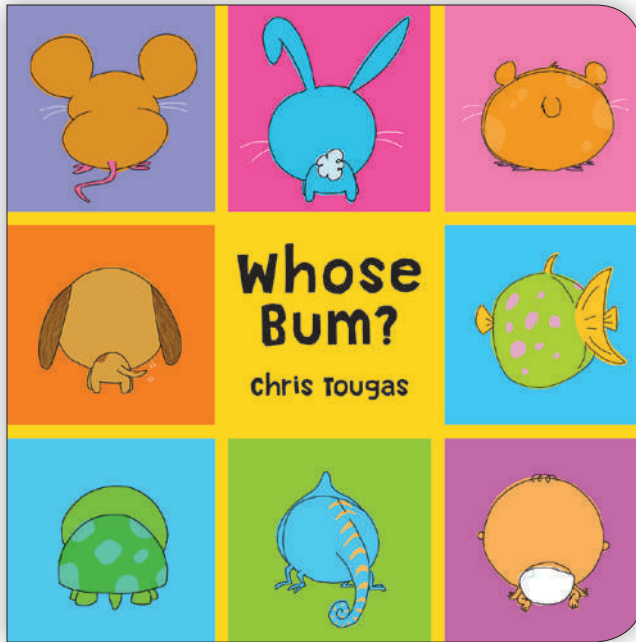
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Richard Van Camp is a proud member of the Tlicho Dene from Fort Smith, Northwest Territories. He is the author of over twenty books in just about every genre, including the Eisner-nominated graphic novel *A Blanket of Butterflies*. His bestselling board book *Little You* has been translated into Bush Cree, South Slavey and Chipewyan, and his novel *The Lesser Blessed* is now a movie with First Generation Films. For more information, visit www.richardvancamp.com. Follow him on Twitter @Richardvancamp.

Keywords: babies, toddlers, counting primer, interaction, affection, diversity, Indigenous



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Whose Bum?

Chris Tougas

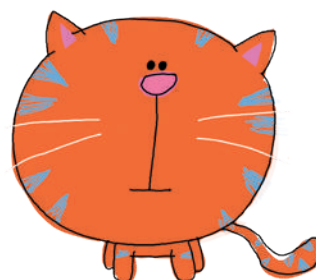


Bet you can't guess whose bum that is!

Would you recognize your own bum if you didn't know it was yours? How about your dog's bum? Or your baby's bum? This vibrant hint-and-reveal board book from celebrated artist Chris Tougas features everyone's favorite feature! Explore these cushy tushies with your little one and play a fun guessing game as you appreciate the posteriors of a variety of brightly hued animals.

Chris Tougas is an award-winning author and illustrator of several picture books, including *Dojo Daycare* (Owlkids, 2014) and *Mechanimals* (Orca, 2007). He has worked as a character designer and concept developer for such studios as Disney, Fox, The Jim Henson Company, Warner Brothers, Sesame Workshop and many others. Chris lives and works in Victoria, British Columbia. For more information, visit www.christougas.com.

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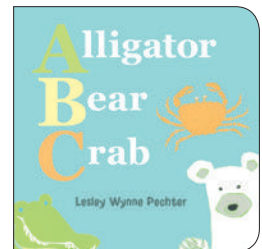
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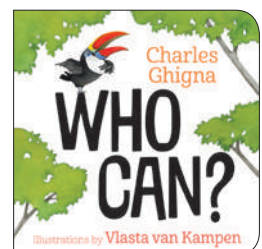
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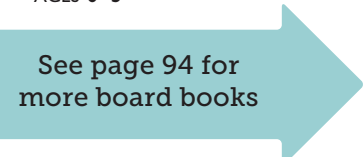
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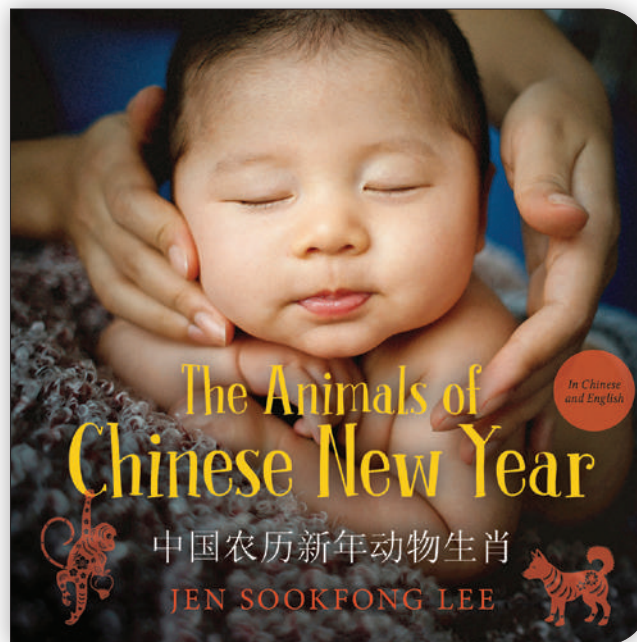
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The Animals of Chinese New Year 中国农历新年动物生肖

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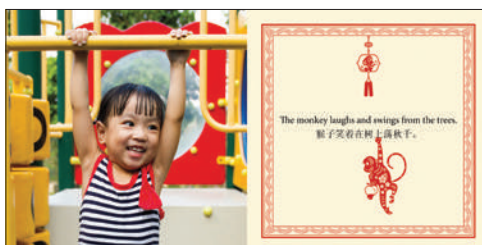
Drawing on the myth of the Chinese zodiac, *The Animals of Chinese New Year* follows twelve animals as they speed across a river, competing to represent the imminent new year in a race held by the Jade Emperor, the most powerful Chinese god. Each animal competes in its own unique way. The ox works hard, the tiger is brave, the dog smiles kindly, but who will win? Bright photographs of babies demonstrating the same traits as the animals in the text, complemented by traditional Chinese graphic elements, accompany Sookfong Lee's lively text.

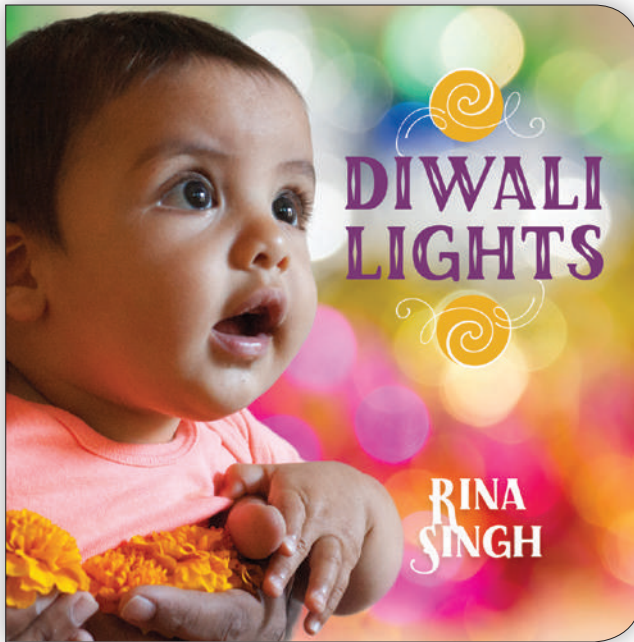
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Jen Sookfong Lee was born and raised in East Vancouver, British Columbia, and she now lives with her son in North Burnaby. Her books include *The Conjoined*, a finalist for the Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize, *The Better Mother*, *The End of East*, *Gentlemen of the Shade* and, with Orca, *Chinese New Year: A Celebration for Everyone*. Jen appears regularly as a contributor on *The Next Chapter* on CBC Radio One and teaches at The Writer's Studio Online with Simon Fraser University. For more information, visit www.sookfong.com.

Keywords: Chinese zodiac, Chinese New Year, festival, celebration, myth

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Diwali Lights

Rina Singh

A festival of sights and sounds for baby!

Every year in October or November people come together to celebrate Diwali. It is the biggest and the brightest of all Hindu festivals. The stories woven into the festival of Diwali celebrate the victory of good over evil and light over darkness, and people celebrate this festival of lights by lighting clay lamps and candles, sharing sweets, exchanging gifts, offering prayers to gods and goddesses and watching fireworks. Introduce your little one to the awe of this brilliant festival through dazzling photographs and Singh's lyrical prose.

Rina Singh has published several critically acclaimed books for children inspired by her Indo-Canadian heritage. *Diwali: A Festival of Lights* was nominated for the Red Cedar Award, and *A Forest of Stories* has been translated into many languages. This is her third book with Orca. She lives in a blue house in Toronto, Ontario. For more information, visit www.rinasingh.com.

Keywords: Hindu festival, sights & sounds, religion, celebration



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for peace and joy.
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One House

Sarah MacNeill

Everyone has come together to build a house for a mouse.

C rabs with clipboards and bears who build are some of the animals who come together in *One House* to DIY a new home from start to finish for their friend. Plans are drafted, holes are dug, and construction begins! This board book will delight little ones with its quirky illustrations and rhyming countdown. With teamwork, generosity and some special skills, it's amazing what these critters can accomplish!

Sarah MacNeill is a graphic designer with a background in architecture. She is also the creator of the Koo & Poppet line of stylish stuffies. She loves New York City, picture books, avocados and new art supplies but could do without alarm clocks and spiders. Sarah lives in Victoria, British Columbia, with her husband and three young daughters. *One House* is her first book. For more information, visit www.cartestudio.com.

Keywords: architecture, construction, community, animals, building, DIY, counting primer





Time for Bed

Carol McDougall
& Shanda LaRamee-Jones

Explore bedtime with your baby.

The newest book in the popular Baby Steps series, *Time for Bed* is a fun and simple step-by-step bedtime story for babies and toddlers. From bath time to story time, this book guides families through a healthy nightly routine. *Time for Bed* will help parents get their baby's bedtime routine off to a great start.

Carol McDougall is a writer, editor and former librarian for the Canadian Children's Book Centre. She received the Mayor's Award for Cultural Achievement and the Progress Women of Excellence Award for her work in early literacy. She is director of the Read to Me! Nova Scotia Family Literacy program and lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia. For more information, visit www.carolmcdougall.com.

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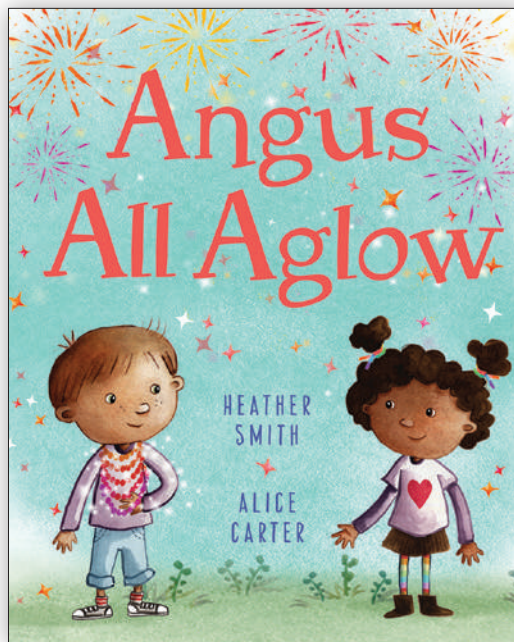
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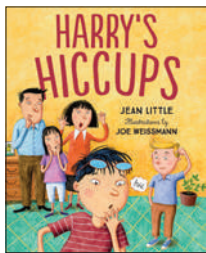
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Heather Smith

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One kind gesture will make Angus sparkle.

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Angus loves sparkly things, so much so that he can hear them. To Angus, shiny objects not only look beautiful; they also *crackle, buzz* and go *whiz-bang-POP!* His unique ability is lost, however, when Angus wears his grandma's beaded necklace to school, and his classmates tease him for his atypical choice. Saddened by their laughter, Angus stops hearing the sparkle.

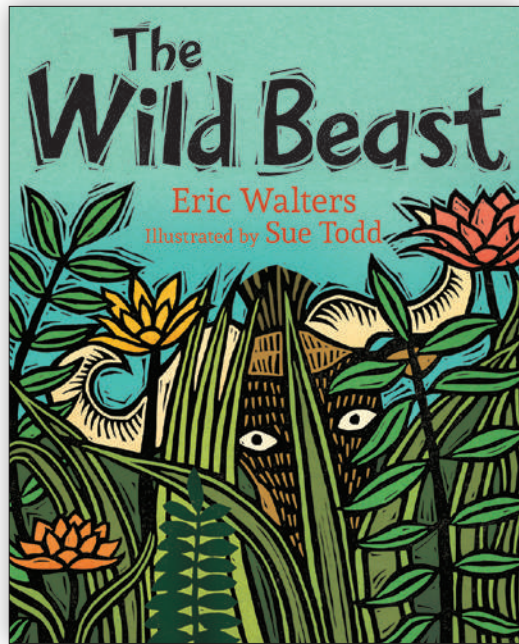
A gentle story of acceptance, generosity and friendship, *Angus All Aglow* reminds us that it only takes one kind gesture to restore your sparkle, and returning the kindness can make you glow from the inside out.

Originally from Newfoundland, **Heather Smith** now lives in Waterloo, Ontario, with her husband and three children. Angus was inspired by Heather's own child, who from a young age told his parents that he attributed certain colors to letters and numbers and often went to school looking very dapper in a tartan bow tie. For more information, visit www.heathersmith.com.

Alice Carter has always loved telling stories through her whimsical art. A graduate of the Ontario College of Art and Design, she has worked as a freelance illustrator and fine artist for over ten years. She is inspired by people-watching, music and all the earth's magnificent creatures. Alice lives with her family of silly humans and serious cats in Ottawa, Ontario. For more information, visit www.alicecarter.com.

Keywords: synesthesia, gender stereotypes, friendship, celebrating differences, self-esteem, onomatopoeia, diversity





The Wild Beast

Eric Walters

Illustrated by Sue Todd

What makes a wild beast?

Inspired by a story told to the author while on safari in 2015, *The Wild Beast* describes the creation of one of Africa's most unusual animals, the wildebeest. According to oral tradition, the Creator built this unique beast out of leftover parts from other magnificent animals found on the continent. Horns from buffalos and stripes meant for zebras. Tails from giraffes and bumps meant for camels. This creative retelling will introduce little ones to a story rich in both imagery and in lesson: *Take what you need to live. Take no more. Waste nothing.*

Eric Walters, Member of the Order of Canada, began writing in 1993 as a way to get his fifth-grade students interested in reading and writing. Eric cofounded a children's program called Creation of Hope that supports orphaned children in the Mbooni district in rural Kenya and is recognized by the Mbooni community as an elder. He spends time each year working with the children and helping to run the organization. For the rest of the year he lives in Guelph, Ontario. For more information, visit www.ericwalters.net.

Sue Todd is an award-winning illustrator living in Toronto, Ontario. She is a graduate of the Ontario College of Art (now OCAD University). 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. This is Sue's second book with Eric Walters, following *An African Alphabet* (see page 78). For more information, visit www.suetodd.com.

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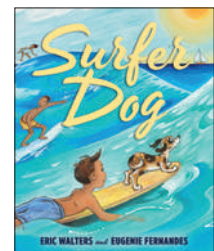
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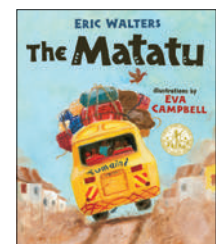
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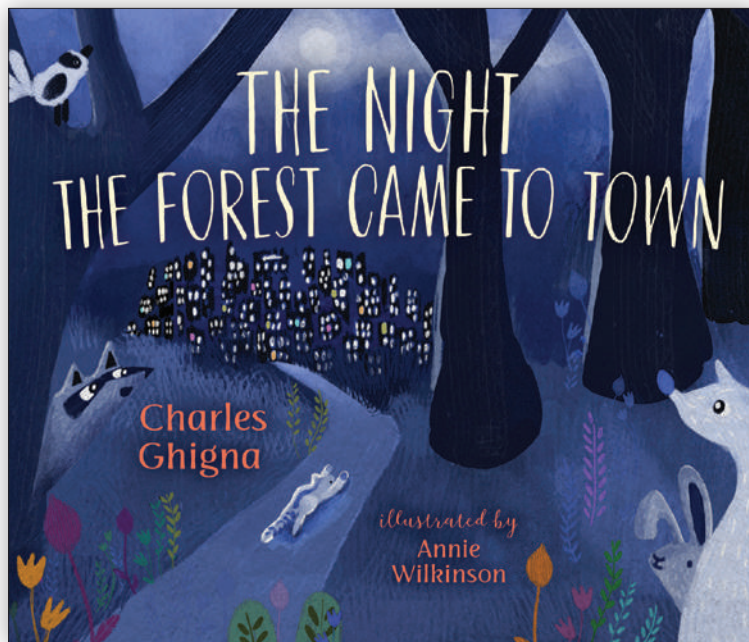
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The Night the Forest Came to Town

Charles Ghigna

Illustrated by Annie Wilkinson

Birdsong and giggling children hush vibrations and notifications.

From dusk to dawn a forest creeps into a town where the grown-ups are too distracted to notice. But the children do. They see greenery take root in the lifeless cracks of dull sidewalks. They see an eagle build her nest atop a forgotten fountain and saplings start to sprout in dark corners. A gray-drab city defined by concrete and steel, vibrations and notifications, transforms into a living garden where apartment buildings overflow with window boxes full of flowers, birds sing songs through day and night and children laugh and tend to their gardens. Watch as nature reclaims this town.

Charles Ghigna, or Father Goose®, lives in a tree house in the middle of Alabama. He is the author of more than 100 award-winning books and has served as poet-in-residence and chair of creative writing at the Alabama School of Fine Arts and as a nationally syndicated feature writer for Tribune Media Services. His books for Orca include *First Times*, *A Parade of Puppies* and *A Carnival of Cats*. Charles is a proud grandfather whose greatest joy is watching his grandchildren grow. For more information, visit www.FatherGoose.com.

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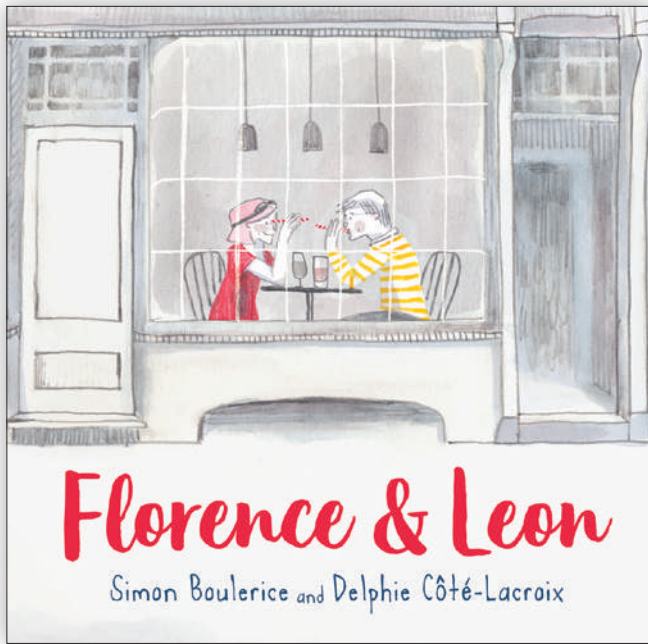
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Florence & Leon

Simon Boulerice

Illustrated by Delphie Côté-Lacroix

Can one striped straw bring two people closer?

Florence and Leon have never met. Florence is a swimming instructor. She has a small problem with her lungs: it's as if she's breathing through a straw. Leon is an insurance salesman. He has a small problem with his eyes: it's as if he's seeing the world through a straw. One day Florence and Leon bump into each other, *literally*, and this mishap turns their lives upside down. Over slushy drinks with proper straws, Florence and Leon find out how their differences make them alike.

Award-winning Quebecois author **Simon Boulerice** writes principally for the theater but has also published novels for adults and children as well as poetry collections. *Florence & Léon* (QuébecAmérique) was nominated for the 2016 Governor General's Award for Children's Illustration (French). At thirty-five years of age, Simon still does the splits at least once a day. He lives in Montréal, Quebec.

Delphie Côté-Lacroix is a multidisciplinary visual artist with a background in graphic design. She uses simple composition and a limited color palette to create images that are delicate yet impactful. She lives and works out of Montréal, Quebec. For more information, visit www.delphiecotelacroix.com.

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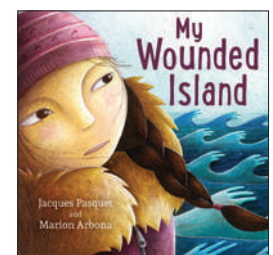
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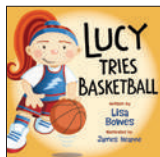
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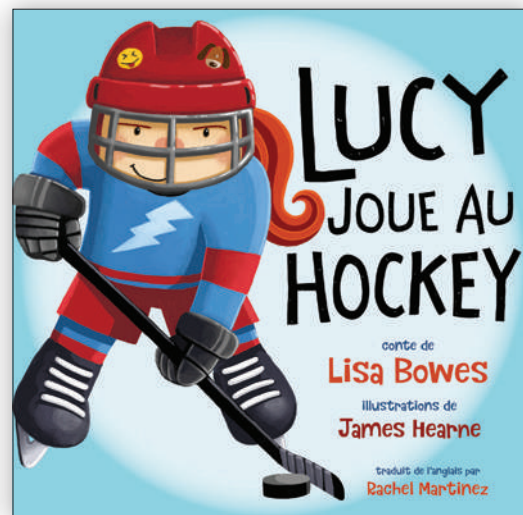
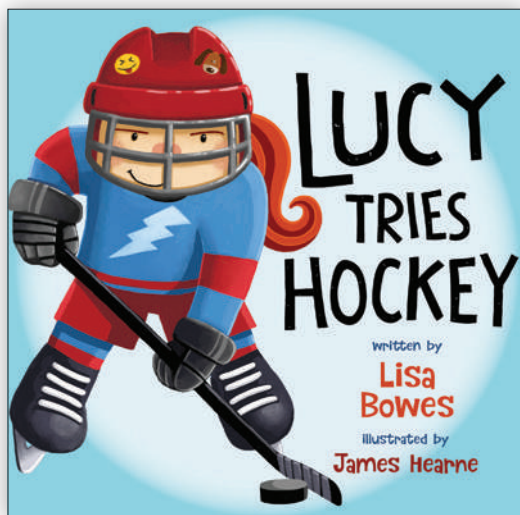
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Translated into French by Rachel Martinez

Lucy and her friends try a new winter sport!

Lucy and her family are skating on an outdoor rink when she sees a game of hockey going on. It looks like fun, but maybe too challenging. Supported by her parents, Lucy enrolls in an introductory-hockey clinic, and thanks to an encouraging instructor, she and her friends learn basic hockey skills, have fun on the ice and decide to add hockey to their list of favorite sports! This title is also available in French.

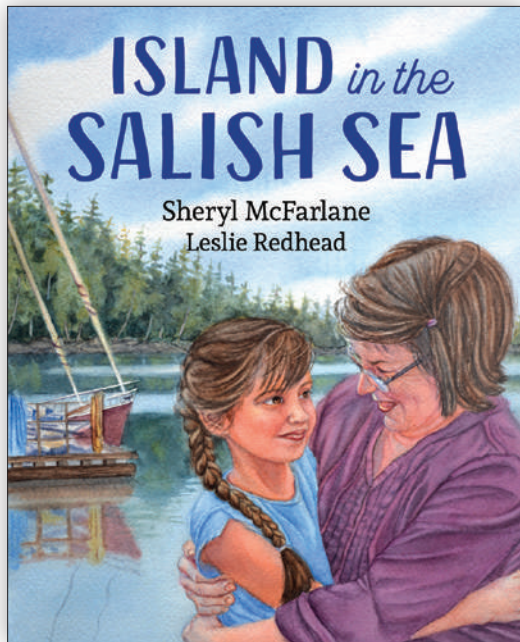
The Lucy Tries Sports series encourages children to get active and participate in sports and recreation. To find out what Lucy will try next, visit www.lucytriestsports.com.

Lisa Bowes is a sports journalist and media consultant. While working for CBC, she was nominated for a Gemini Award for Best Writing in an Information Program or Series. Lisa has covered hockey at all levels—the Vancouver Olympic Winter Games, the World Junior Championship and the NHL, including the Stanley Cup playoffs. She is a Physical Education graduate who is passionate about encouraging children and families to be active. Lisa lives in Calgary, Alberta.

James Hearne is an internationally recognized illustrator and graphic designer. He lives in Calgary, Alberta. For more information, visit www.jameshearnedesign.com.

Keywords: ice hockey, team sports, physical literacy, children's recreation, winter sport





Island in the Salish Sea

Sheryl McFarlane
Illustrated by Leslie Redhead

Spend some time on an island in the Salish Sea.

This gorgeously illustrated picture book is a celebration of summer vacation and West Coast island life. Every day is different on Gran's island in the Salish Sea as granddaughter climbs big-leaf maples, eats blackberries, explores tide pools and sandstone caves and examines ancient middens and petroglyphs. She and Gran watch harbor seals sunning themselves and Gran's neighbor carving an eagle out of a piece of cedar while drinking fresh nettle tea. And on her way home, our young narrator sees a pod of orcas, breaching, tail lobbing and spy-hopping as she says goodbye to the island for another summer.

Sheryl McFarlane is the author of more than a dozen award-winning books for young readers. A former teacher, Sheryl loves bike riding, beachcombing and discovering new books for her grandchildren. She lives on Vancouver Island in British Columbia, where she keeps a little free library stocked with books for her friends and neighbors. For more information, visit www.sherylmcfarlane.ca.

Leslie Redhead is an artist, teacher, illustrator and author whose watercolor paintings have earned international awards and recognition. Leslie holds a Master of Education in Art Education. She lives in Burley, Idaho and returns to Victoria, British Columbia each summer to teach painting at the University of Victoria. Leslie also teaches workshops throughout Canada, the United States and Spain. For more information, visit leslieredheadart.blogspot.com.

Keywords: island life, summer vacation, nature, ferry travel, marine life, West Coast, ocean



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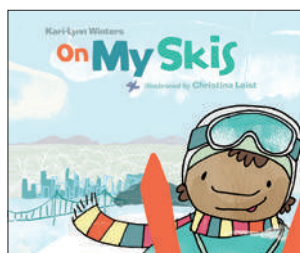
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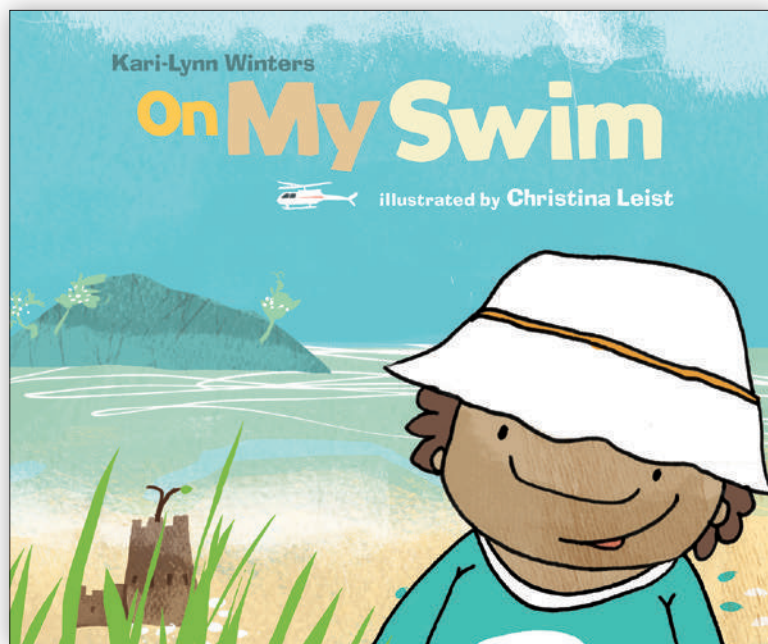
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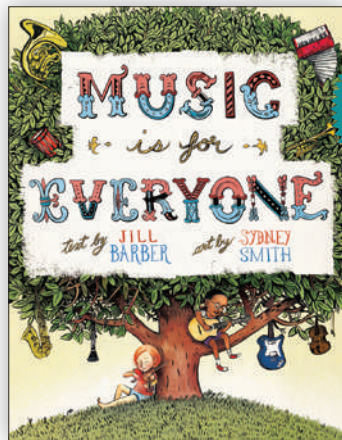
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Kari-Lynn Winters teaches education at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. She has written many highly acclaimed books for young children. For more information, visit www.kariwinters.com.

Christina Leist is an illustrator, graphic designer and writer. She has illustrated several children's books for Tradewind Books, such as *Baaaaad Animals* and *Nutz*. Originally from Germany, she lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. For more information, visit www.christinaleist.com.

Keywords: beach, swimming, water fun



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Jill Barber is an award-winning Canadian singer-songwriter and author. Over the course of her career she has released six albums and a baby board book, *Baby's Lullaby*. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, with her husband and two children. For more information, visit www.jillbarber.com.

Sydney Smith is a NSCAD University graduate, born and raised in Nova Scotia. He has won the Governor General's Award, been short-listed for the Kate Greenaway Medal and has been listed twice on the *New York Times* Best Illustrated Children's Books list. Sydney lives in Toronto, Ontario.

Keywords: music, lyrical, instruments

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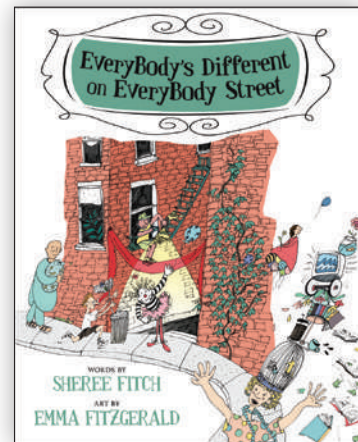
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Sheree Fitch has won almost every major award for Canadian children's literature, including the 2000 Vicky Metcalf Award for Children's Literature for a body of work inspirational to Canadian children. She has over twenty-five books to her credit. Sheree lives in River John, Nova Scotia. For more information, visit www.shereefitch.com.

Emma FitzGerald received a BFA in Visual Art from the University of British Columbia in 2004 and a Master of Architecture from Dalhousie University in 2008. Her art is characterized by on-site drawing, place-based research and a sense of the poetic. She is the author of *Hand Drawn Halifax*, a bestselling book based on her chosen home in Nova Scotia.

Keywords: diversity, poetry, family life, overcoming obstacles

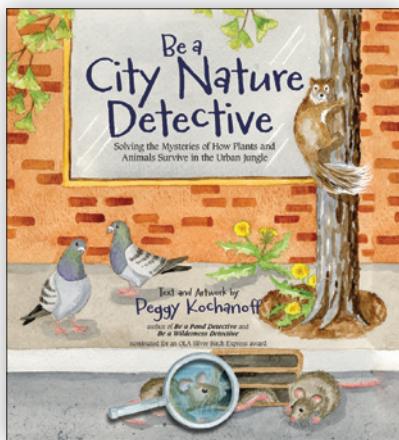
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Peggy Kochanoff graduated from Cornell University with a degree in vertebrate zoology and spent a summer working at the Central Park Zoo in New York City. She is the author and illustrator of several books for children, including the *Be a Nature Detective* series. After marriage and traveling, she settled with her husband and two sons on a tree farm in Nova Scotia.

Keywords: nature, urban wildlife, nature detective series, bugs

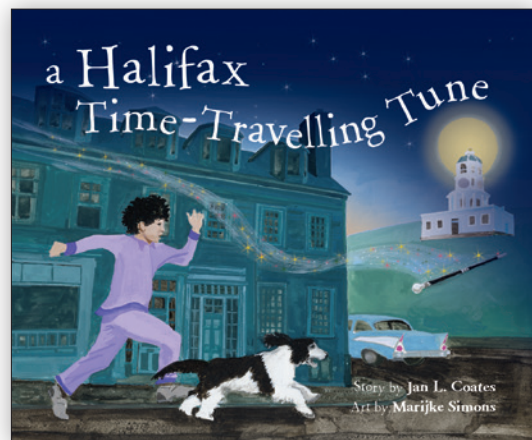
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Jan L. Coates is the author of several books for young readers, including *A Hare in the Elephant's Trunk*, which was a finalist for the Governor General's Literary Award. She lives in Nova Scotia's beautiful Annapolis Valley with her husband, Don, and a Golden Irish dog named Charlie. For more information, visit www.jancoates.ca.

Marijke Simons was born in Amsterdam in 1952 and two years later immigrated with her parents to Montreal. In 1988 she set up a small teaching studio, where she continues to teach art to children. She has illustrated a number of books, including *Who's a Scaredy-Cat!* by Joan Payzant, and she wrote and illustrated *The Flying Squirrel Stowaways* and *Jigs and Reels: a Cruise in Maritime Waters*. Marijke lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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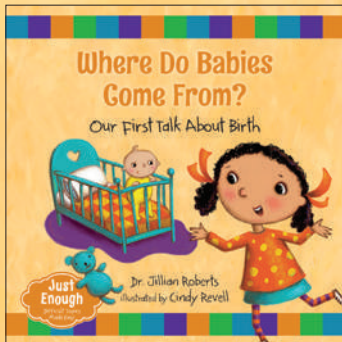
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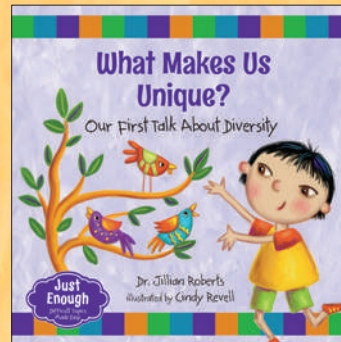
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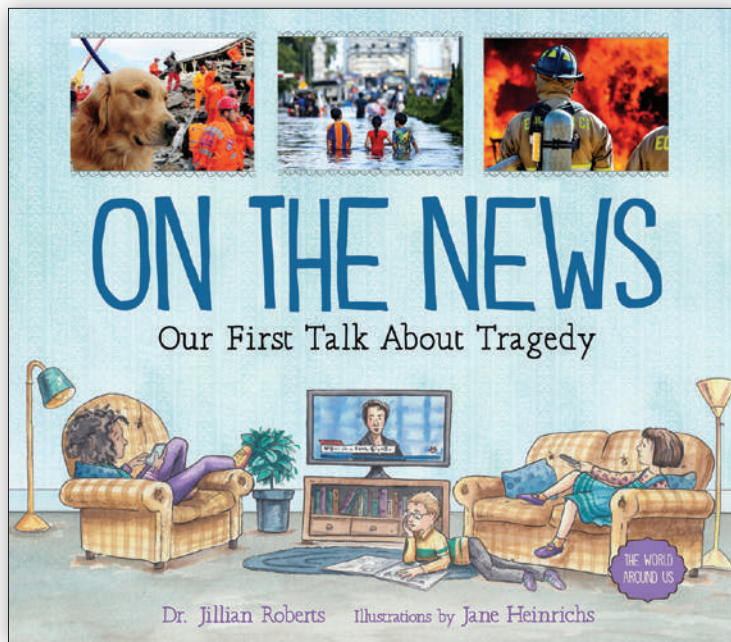
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Keywords: global issues, terrorism, natural disaster, human-caused disaster, opportunity, heroes





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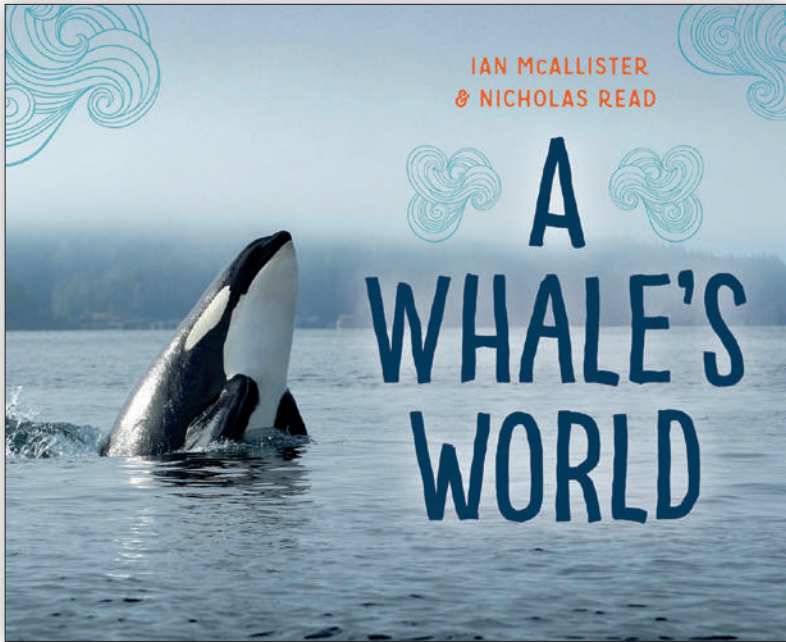
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Ian McAllister is an award-winning photographer and author of many books. He is the founding director of Pacific Wild, a Canadian nonprofit wildlife conservation group. He lives with his family on the coast of British Columbia. For more information, visit www.pacificwild.org.

Nicholas Read is a journalism instructor at Langara College in Vancouver, British Columbia. As well as co-writing several books with Ian McAllister, he has also written *City Critters: Wildlife in the Urban Jungle*. He lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

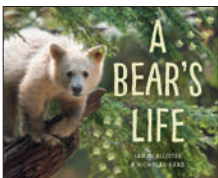
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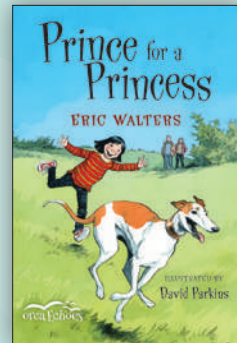
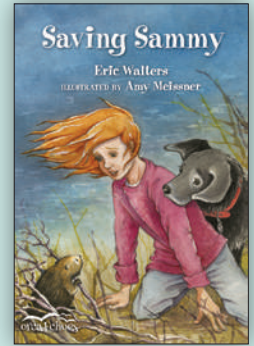
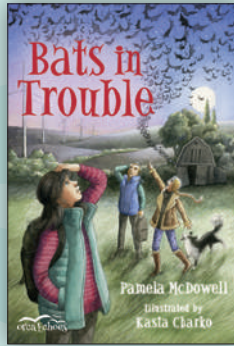
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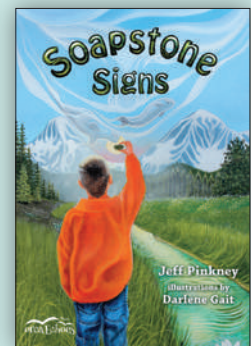
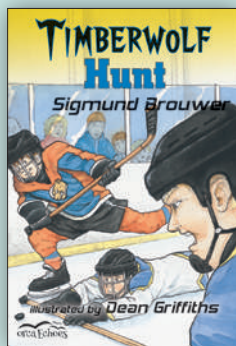
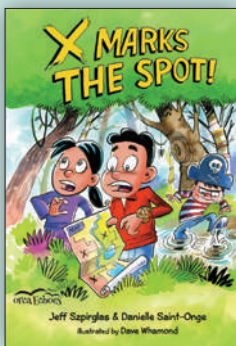
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The Great Googlini

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Filip, the ten-year-old son of Croatian immigrants, lives in a boring suburb of the big city, where he passes his time either at school or in his cozy kitchen, googling everything from dinosaurs to the Hubble Space Telescope. When his favorite uncle gets sick, Filip turns to Google for answers. Instead he receives a visit from the Great Googlini, a tiny woman in Converse sneakers who swirls out of the computer vents. She's not really a genie, she explains: "I'm more of an archivist." Her visit is a little bit of magic that lets Filip see the magic all around him. Ultimately about the things we can know and the things we can't, this is a smart, touching, funny chapter book about growing up, braving tough times and looking for answers.

This is **Sara Cassidy's** tenth book for children. Her books have been short-listed for the Chocolate Lily Award, the Ruth and Sylvia Schwartz Children's Book Award, the Kirkus Prize for Young Readers' Literature and the Bolen Books Children's Book Prize, and two were Junior Library Guild selections. For more information, visit www.saracassidywriter.com.

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Margriet Ruurs
Illustrated by Claudia Davila

A slithery scare leads to a sensational discovery!

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Margriet Ruurs is the author of many award-winning books for children. She enjoys speaking about reading and writing to students at schools around the world. Her adventures have taken her to Myanmar, Pakistan, Laos, Tanzania and many other countries. Margriet was born in the Netherlands but has been a Canadian for most of her life. She lives with her family on Salt Spring Island, British Columbia. For more information, visit www.margietruurs.com.

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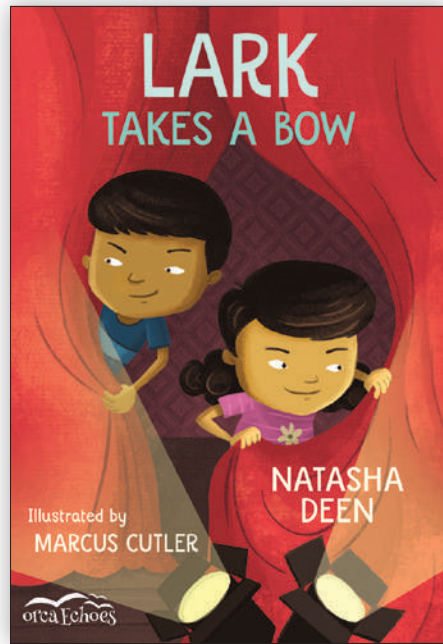
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Lark Takes a Bow

Natasha Deen

Illustrated by Marcus Cutler

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Mysteries seem to follow Lark and Connor Ba wherever they go, and today is no exception! The part-time detectives head to their local community theater to rehearse the play they are in, only to discover that someone is playing pranks on the theater company. The twin sleuths need to work quickly to catch the culprit before one more prank closes down the play for good. It's showtime, Lark and Connor!

Lark Takes a Bow is the third title in the Lark Ba Detective series, following *Lark Holds the Key* and *Lark and the Diamond Caper*.

Award-winning author **Natasha Deen** loves stories—exciting ones, scary ones and, especially, FUNNY ones! Her most recent include *Lark and the Diamond Caper*, *Terminate* and *Across the Floor*. When she's not working on her books or doing presentations at schools, she spends a lot of time trying to convince her dogs and cats that she's the boss of the house. For more information, visit www.natashadeen.com or follow her on Twitter @natasha_deen.

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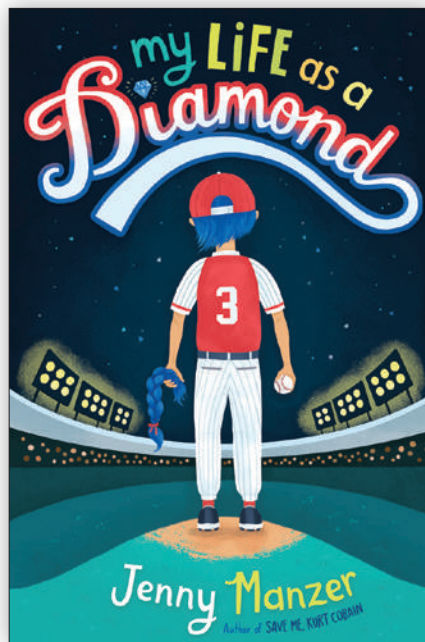


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My Life as a Diamond

Jenny Manzer

Caspar just wants to play ball.

Ten-year-old Caspar “Caz” Cadman loves baseball and has a great arm. He loves the sounds, the smells, the stats. When his family moves from Toronto to a suburb of Seattle, the first thing he does is try out for the local summer team, the Redburn Ravens. Even though Caz is thrilled when he makes the team, he worries because he has a big secret.

No one knows that back in Toronto, Caz used to live life as a girl named Cassandra. And it's nobody's business. Caz will tell his new friends when he's ready.

But when a player on a rival team starts snooping around, Caz's past is revealed, and Caz worries it will be Toronto all over again.

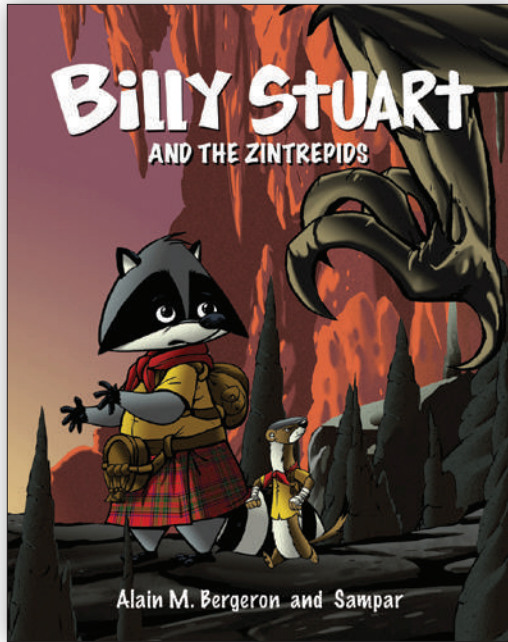
Will Caz's teammates rally behind their star pitcher? Or will Caz be betrayed once more?

A heartwarming, funny, fast-paced story about the bravery it takes to live as your true self, no matter the cost.

Jenny Manzer is the author of *Save Me, Kurt Cobain*, which was nominated for the Bolen Books Children's Book Prize. She has a degree in creative writing and was a finalist for the 2013 CBC Creative Nonfiction Prize, one of Canada's most prestigious literary competitions. She lives with her family in Victoria, British Columbia, and spends a lot of time at baseball games. For more information, visit www.jennymanzer.com.

Keywords: gender identity, baseball, bravery, friendship, loyalty, transgender

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Billy Stuart and the Zintrepids

Alain M. Bergeron
Illustrated by Sampar

Accidental time-travelers on a mission to get home.

Billy Stuart is a young raccoon who aspires to be just like his grandfather, a globe-trotting adventurer who knows no fear. When he learns that his grandfather has found a way to travel through time and is leaving on another great voyage, he sets out to see him off (and maybe sneak along). Billy Stuart follows his grandfather’s puzzling clues through a maze of caves and caverns to find him before he leaves, trailed by his Scout pack, the Zintrepids. What Billy doesn’t know is that once they go down the fateful path his grandfather has taken, there will be no turning back. Brightly illustrated and enhanced with games and puzzles throughout, *Billy Stuart and the Zintrepids* is sure to amuse readers of all ages.

The next book in the Billy Stuart series will be available in Spring 2019.

A prolific author, **Alain M. Bergeron** has written over 250 children’s books. In 1996 he collaborated with Quebecois artist Sampar to create the *Billy Stuart* series. Alain devotes himself exclusively to writing and leading school workshops, and his inexhaustible imagination has made him a fixture in children’s literature and garnered many awards and accolades. Alain lives in Victoriaville, Quebec.

Multitalented, self-taught illustrator and cartoonist Samuel Parent, better known by the pen name **Sampar**, possesses a lively imagination that draws viewers into worlds that are moving, wacky and sometimes even mythical. His career as an illustrator hit its stride at the humor magazine *Safarir*, earning him widespread acclaim in Quebec, the United States and Australia. Sampar lives in Victoriaville, Quebec.

Keywords: graphic novel, adventure, Scouts, animal troops, time travel



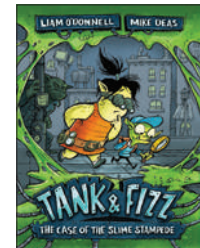
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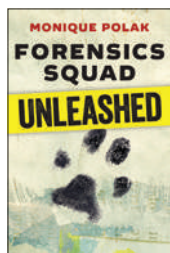
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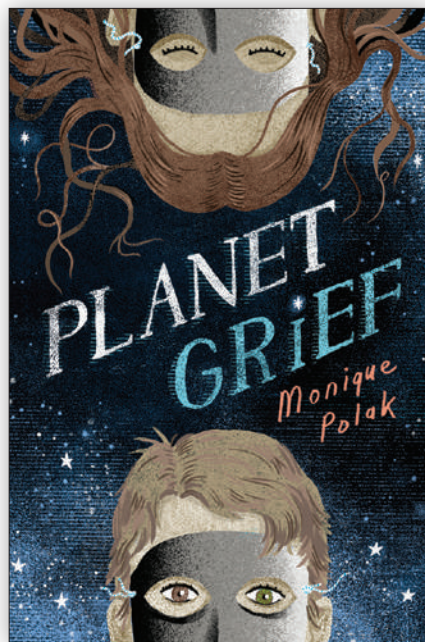
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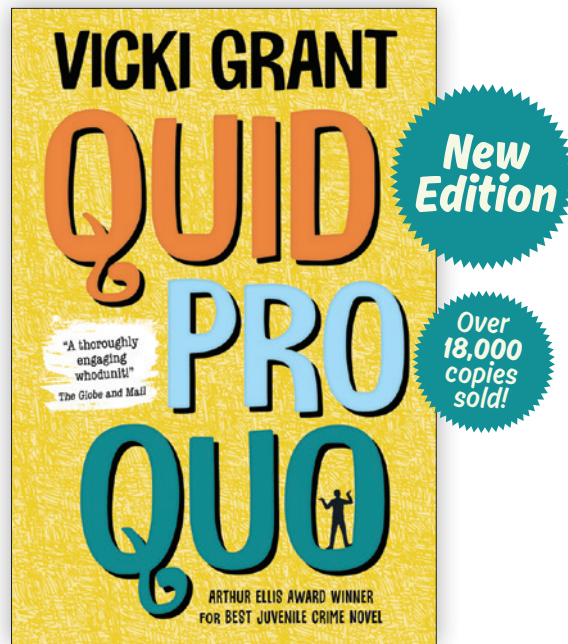
Monique Polak is the author of over twenty novels for kids and young adults. She has also written one nonfiction book for kids (*Passover: Festival of Freedom*), as well as a board book for toddlers. Monique is a two-time winner of the Quebec Writers' Federation Prize for Children's and Young Adult Fiction. In addition to being an active freelance journalist whose work appears regularly in the *Montreal Gazette*, Monique teaches English literature, creative writing and humanities at Marianopolis College in Montreal, Quebec. For more information, visit www.moniquepolak.com.

Keywords: grief, therapy, loss, family, communication, PTSD, suicide

“Polak keeps her prose simple and straightforward, providing her readers with a suspenseful, insightful story”

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Quid Pro Quo

Vicki Grant

True confessions of a teenage fraud.

Quid Pro Quo is a high-stakes, fast-moving legal thriller about real people, and funny ones at that. Cyril MacIntyre's mother is an ex-street kid who dragged her son to all her law-school classes, then proceeded to get kidnapped. That aside, Cyril's life isn't too different from that of other thirteen-year-olds. He has all the usual adolescent issues to deal with: parent problems, self-esteem problems, skin and hair problems, and girl problems. But he has legal problems too. And he's got to solve them if he wants to save his mother's life.

Quid Pro Quo won the Arthur Ellis Award and the CBC Young Canada Reads 2009 award. It has been nominated for numerous awards, including the Edgar Allan Poe and the Ann Connor Brimer. This 2018 edition has been updated with a new cover.

Vicki Grant has been called "a superb storyteller" (The Canadian Children's Book Centre) and "one of the funniest writers working today" (*Vancouver Sun*). She began her career creating ads for Chiat/Day and McCann (formerly McCann Erickson), moved on to writing scripts for *Theodore Tugboat*, *Big Comfy Couch* and her own Gemini-winning series, *Scoop and Doozie*, then graduated to young adult fiction. Her novels have won the Red Maple Fiction Award, the Arthur Ellis Award and CBC's Young Canada Reads, and have been short-listed for the Edgar Allan Poe Award, CLA Children's Book of the Year and numerous Forest of Reading awards. Her books have been translated into fifteen languages. She lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia. For more information, visit www.vickigrant.com.

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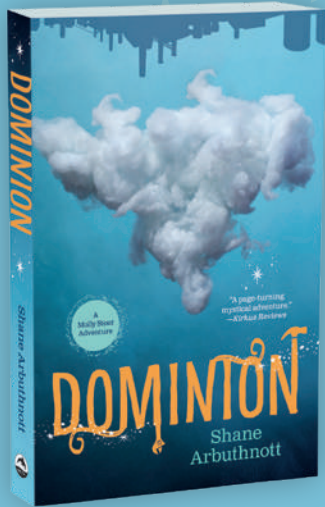
Howard is a lonely, geeky tenth-grader dealing with a father who's had some kind of breakdown, a flaky, overprotective mother and frightening waking dreams. Then he meets Cate, a strange girl who convinces him that he is an Adept, which means he can communicate through dreams with other dimensions and, under certain circumstances, travel between them. Howard discovers that our world is only one of several dimensions swirling in time and space, and that one of the others, peopled by unimaginably powerful monsters, is approaching Earth for the first time in millennia. The last time the dimensions coincided, our world was saved by the breaking of a powerful golden mask in the Chinese city of Sanxingdui. Together, Howard and Cate travel through time and space, meeting other Adepts and avoiding lurking monsters, in a quest to find the three fragments of the golden mask and prevent it from falling into the wrong hands.

Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, **John Wilson** grew up on the Isle of Skye and outside Glasgow, without the slightest idea that he would ever write books. He is now the author of nearly fifty novels and nonfiction books for kids, teens and adults. He was a finalist for the Governor General's Literary Award (*The Alchemist's Dream*, 2007), and his books have won or been short-listed for most Canadian children's-literature prizes. He lives on Vancouver Island. For more information, visit www.johnwilsonauthor.com.

Keywords: fantasy, historical, time travel, quest, China

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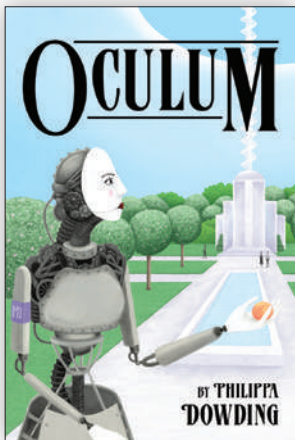
With the help of her family and the spirits Ariel and Legerdemain, Molly has been fighting to free the spirits. But as the authorities of Terra Nova tighten their nets around Molly, she begins to question whether she is really making any difference or if her rebellion puts people and spirits at risk.

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SHANE ARBUTHNOTT grew up in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and now lives in southern Ontario with his family. His short fiction has appeared in *On Spec* and *Open Spaces*. When he is not writing, he can be seen chasing his three adventurous children, trying to convince them to eat green things. For more information, visit www.shanearbuthnott.com or follow him on Twitter @SMArbuthnott.



Oculum

Philippa Dowding

A child of Oculum, raised in a domed world after Earth's environmental collapse, finds a door to an "outside" that is not supposed to exist.

As far as Miranda₁ knows, there is one world: Oculum. Its dome, its walls and its garden are all there is. That's what the residents have been taught since birth. But William₁ shows her something: a door in Oculum's wall. And if there is a door, there must be something on the other side...

What they don't know is that there is a shattered world outside where a ragged few, such as Mannfred, Cranker and their friends, struggle to survive among the ruins. These people have heard of a paradise within Oculum. And they, too, have found a door.

Philippa Dowding is the author of numerous books for young readers. Her work has been nominated for awards in Canada, the United States and Europe. She lives in Toronto, Ontario. For more information, visit www.pdowding.com.

Keywords: dystopia, environment, science fiction



Enid Strange

Meghan Rose Allen

Some people believe the tiny creatures don't exist...but they're ruining Enid's life.

Enid has never fit in with kids her age. They don't speak the way she does, and they don't hand in assignments so perfect that the teachers think she cheated. They're not like Enid at all. And they also can't see the faeries. They don't know how the faeries interfere with people's lives. Not the way Enid and her mother do.

So Enid is writing a book on how to see the faeries. But she doesn't know if she can get it written before the faeries completely ruin her life. If only she could trap one...

Meghan Rose Allen has had short fiction published in journals throughout North America. Meghan lives in New Brunswick and *Enid Strange* is her first novel.

Keywords: faeries, fantasy, family, mental health

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The Princess Dolls

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Childhood in times of war and strife.

Vancouver, 1942. When best friends Esther and Michiko spot beautiful Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret dolls, in vogue at the time, in the local toy-store window, they long to get the dolls for their shared birthday. But when Esther receives a doll and Michiko doesn't, their friendship starts to unravel.

The story is set against the backdrop of an atmosphere of increasing hostility and racist attacks upon the Japanese community that culminates in the internment. Then Michiko and her family are sent away. With such enormous barriers between them, Esther and Michiko are left to their own devices as to how to mend their friendship.

Ellen Schwartz was born in Washington, DC, and now lives with her family near Vancouver, British Columbia. In addition to writing books, she has published dozens of magazine articles and adult short stories. Her stories for children have been published in children's magazines and teaching anthologies. For more information, visit www.ellenschwartz.net.

Mariko Ando was born and raised in Osaka, Japan. She is an artist and illustrator and has exhibited widely in Japan and Canada. Her work has garnered much critical acclaim. She has lived in Vancouver, British Columbia, for many years. For more information, visit www.marikoando.com.

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Kiddo

Cynthia Nugent

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Katherine Wisteria Warble (otherwise known as Kiddo) knows her family depends on her for information. Kiddo devours the *Town Crier* newspaper for its news, contests, community events, Caring Carol's advice column and the annoying opinions of the Junior Journalist. When she grows up, she is going to be the publisher, but first she needs to wrest the title of Junior Journalist away from the irritating Jeremy ("Germ") Marroon.

Can Kiddo get enough community points, improve her spelling enough and stay out of trouble long enough to become the next Junior Journalist? Definitely! But first she has to find a boyfriend for her sister, Pat, fix a little misunderstanding that lands her in jail, nab the real thief and help Ma win a talent contest.

Cynthia Nugent is the award-winning illustrator of the *Mister Got to Go* trilogy and *Honey Cake*, and the author of *Francesca and the Magic Bike* and *Fred and Pete at the Beach*. She also makes book trailers and apps and has animated several Tradewind titles. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. For more information, visit www.cynthianugent.com.

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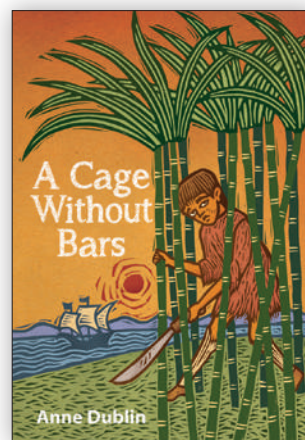
Deb Loughead

The bright shining moments counterbalance the sorrows we all must experience.

Young Aline is twelve years old in 1942. She loves her family but is embarrassed by their poverty. The other girls at school don't raise chickens or take in boarders to make money. Angry that her mother can't spare a dime for a collection drive at school, Aline steals it from her purse. As she seeks to make amends, she reevaluates everything she held to be true, including her relationship with her sworn enemy, Jeanine (whose family is even poorer than Aline's), and comes to the understanding that it's not material wealth that brings happiness, but life's bright and shining moments, which can happen under any circumstances.

Deb Loughead is the author of more than forty books for children and young adults, ranging from poetry and plays to picture books and novels. She lives with her husband, Dan, in Toronto, Ontario. Her three adult sons have long flown the coop. For more information, visit www.debloughead.ca.

Keywords: poverty, 1940s, friendship, brothers and sisters, illness, charity, Catholicism



A Cage Without Bars

Anne Dublin

A Jewish slave boy, survives with the hope of freedom.

It is 1492, and Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand of Spain have signed the Edict of Expulsion, giving all Jews three months to leave the country. Joseph Belifonte, a twelve-year-old boy, escapes to Lisbon, Portugal, with his parents and younger sister, Gracia. However, after eight months there, Joseph and Gracia, along with hundreds of other Jewish children, are kidnapped. They are put on a ship and taken to the island of São Tomé, off the coast of West Africa. Now slaves, they are forcibly baptized and made to work on a sugar plantation. Joseph holds to the hope that one day he will be free.

Anne Dublin is an award-winning author of biographies and historical novels for young people. Her middle-grade novel *44 Hours or Strike!* received the Canadian Jewish Literary Award (for Youth) in 2016. Anne lives in Toronto, Ontario.

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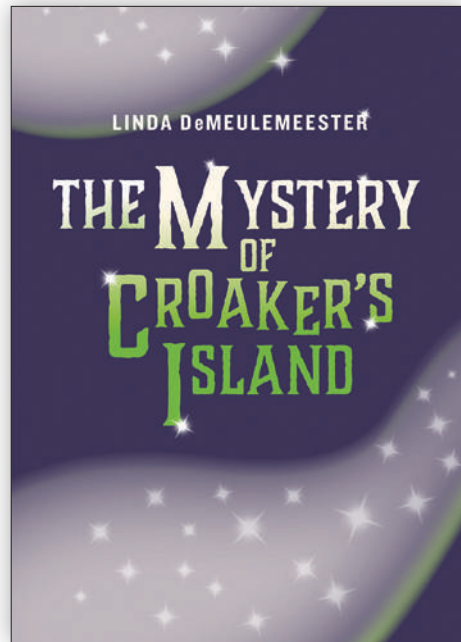
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Linda DeMeulemeester is the author of the critically acclaimed Grim Hill series. With *The Mystery of Croaker's Island*, she returns to the supernatural realm, introducing a cast of characters to a magic-loving middle-reader audience. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. For more information, visit www.grimhill.com.

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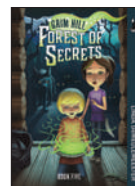
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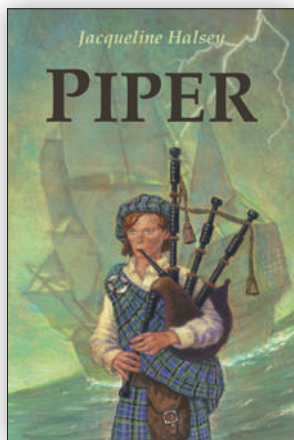
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Jacqueline Halsey's story of the brigantine that brought the first Scottish immigrants to Nova Scotia brings to life the ship's horrendous journey and the strong-willed individuals who risked everything.

Jacqueline Halsey lives in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. In her books, she retells historical events through the eyes of children. *Peggy's Letters* and *Explosion Newsie* were both on the CCBC's Best Books for Children and Teens list. When she's not writing, she spends her time teaching English to newcomers and helping take care of McNabs Island, a place overflowing with history. For more information, visit www.jacquelinehalsey.com.

Keywords: ship Hector, immigration, sea adventure, bagpipes



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Marcia Pierce Harding was born and raised in a fishing village and has always loved the sea. For thirty-three years she worked as an elementary schoolteacher, and the highlight for her was reading to the children and nurturing a love of literature.

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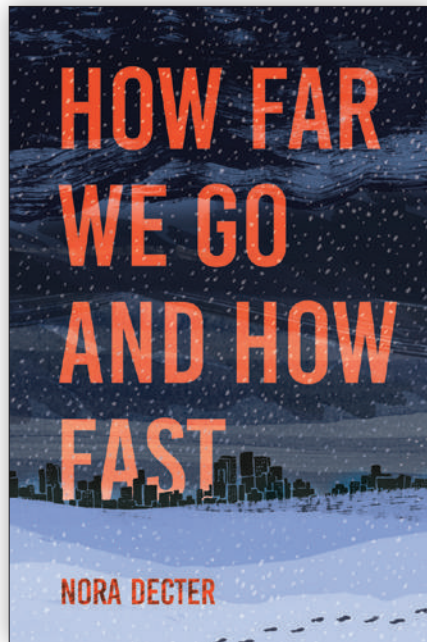
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Nora Decter

We do not build things; we only tear them down.

Sixteen-year-old Jolene, named after the girl in the Dolly Parton song, is from a long line of lowlifes, but at least they're musical lowlifes. Her mother is a tanning-salon manager who believes she can channel her karaoke habit into a professional singing career. Jolene's dad, a failed bass player, has gone back to the family demolition business and lives by the company motto: "We do not build things; we only tear them down." But Jolene and her big brother, Matt, are true musicians, writing songs together that make everything Jo hates about their lives matter less.

When Matt up and leaves in the middle of the night, Jo loses her only friend, her support system and the one person who made her feel cool. As it becomes clear that Matt is never coming back, Jo must use music to navigate her loss.

Nora Decter grew up in the North End of Winnipeg, Manitoba. She has an MFA in Creative Writing and Literature from Stony Brook University and a BA in English and Creative Writing from York University. Though she now lives most of the year in Toronto, Ontario, she wrote the first draft of *How Far We Go and How Fast* at a cabin in the woods in Manitoba. She has a rock 'n' roll past. For more information and to hear the songs Jolene plays in the book, visit www.noradecter.com.

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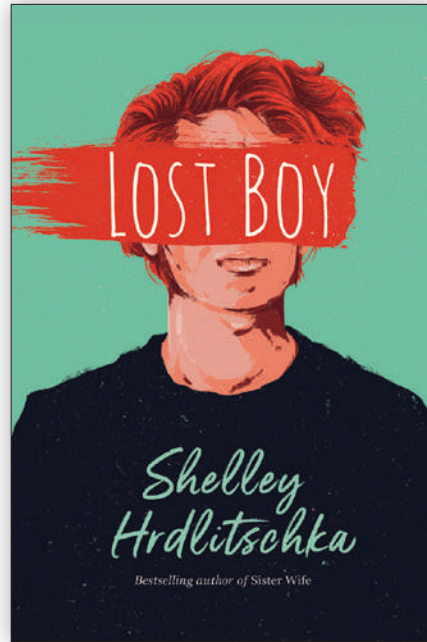
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Raised in a polygamous community, Jon starts to question the rules of his faith. After he is caught kissing a girl, he is forced to flee his town and the only life he knows. He finds a community of other Lost Boys, or “polygs,” but is utterly unprepared for life outside his community of Unity. He spirals into a life of numbing booze, drugs and homelessness. When he hits rock bottom, someone from his past enters his new life and helps him find his way.

Jon and several of the novel’s other characters were introduced in Shelley Hrdlitschka’s earlier novel *Sister Wife*.

Shelley Hrdlitschka is the author of eleven novels for teens, including *Sister Wife*, which was nominated for a Governor General’s Literary Award. She lives in North Vancouver, British Columbia. When she’s not writing, she can be found hiking, snowshoeing, Zumba dancing or hanging out with the two grizzly bears at the Grouse Mountain Refuge for Endangered Wildlife. For more information, visit www.shelleyhrdlitschka.wordpress.com.

Keywords: polygamous community, rebellion, runaway, Mormon, homelessness



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John Wilson

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The final act will change everything.

The *Third Act* deals with the intercultural struggles faced by Chinese students studying in North America in the present day and by an American playwright, Neil Peterson, caught up in the Nanjing Massacre of 1937. The contemporary story focuses on three Chinese friends (Tone, Pike and Theresa) who grapple in their own ways with the pressure to succeed in an unfamiliar culture. The historical tale concerns Peterson's effort to find his literary voice and save the woman he loves amidst the chaos and horror of the fall of Nanjing in the Second Sino-Japanese War. The two stories are tied together by a play that Peterson attempted to write after his return to America. The students in the present day get caught up in putting on a performance of the missing third act of Peterson's play, and in doing so they are forced to confront their cultural and personal pasts and futures.

Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, **John Wilson** grew up on the Isle of Skye and outside Glasgow, without the slightest idea that he would ever write books. After obtaining a degree in geology from University of St. Andrews, he worked in Zimbabwe and Alberta before taking up writing full time and moving to Vancouver Island in 1991. John is the author of numerous articles, essays, poems and reviews, and almost fifty novels and nonfiction books for kids, teens and adults. He was a finalist for the Governor General's Literary Award (*The Alchemist's Dream*, 2007), and his books have won or been short-listed for most Canadian children's-literature prizes. For more information, visit www.johnwilsonauthor.com.

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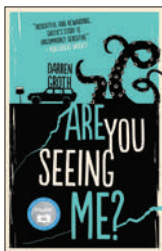
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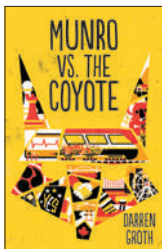


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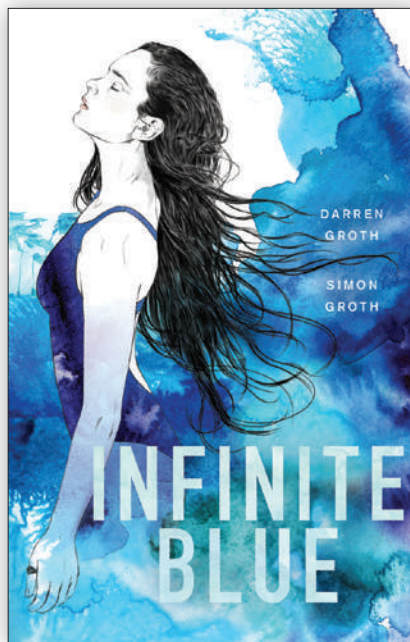
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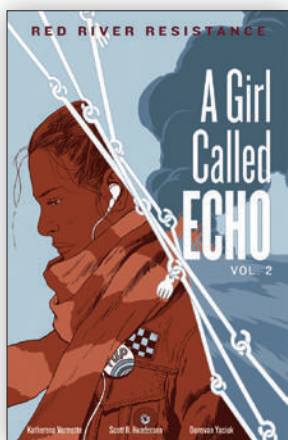
Infinite Blue is a contemporary fairy tale about love and loss, flesh and water, the source of eternity, the lure of possibility and the belief that life is limitless when it's immersed in legend.

Darren Groth is the author of six novels, including the acclaimed YA works *Are You Seeing Me?* and *Munro vs. the Coyote*. He was the winner of the 2016 Adelaide Festival Award for Young Adult Fiction and has been a finalist for numerous other prestigious prizes, including the Governor General's Literary Award, the Sheila A. Egoff Children's Literature Prize and the CBCA Book of the Year.

Darren is a former special-education teacher and the proud father of teenage twins. He lives in Delta, British Columbia. For more information, visit www.darrengroth.com.

Simon Groth is a writer and editor whose books include *Off The Record: 25 Years of Music Street Press* and *Hunted Down and Other Tales*. Simon is director of if:book Australia, an organization that develops and explores experimental digital publishing, based in Brisbane, Australia. His work and reporting on digital publishing has seen him travel the globe to discuss and explore the challenges and opportunities for writers and readers in a digital world. He lives in Brisbane, Australia. For more information, visit www.simongroth.com.

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Katherena Vermette is a Métis writer of poetry, fiction and children's literature. Her first novel, *The Break* (House of Anansi), was shortlisted for the Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction and the Rogers Trust Fiction Prize. She lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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Donovan Yaciuk has worked as colorist for such companies as Marvel, DC and Dark Horse comics. He is a graduate of the University of Manitoba's School of Art. He lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Keywords: time travel, Métis, Canadian history, Graphic Novel

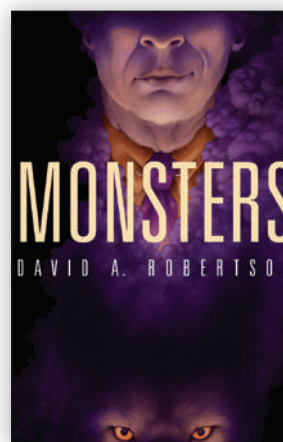
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David Alexander Robertson is an award-winning graphic novelist and writer who has long been an advocate for educating youth on Indigenous history and contemporary issues. He has written several graphic novels, and the award-winning children's book *When We Were Alone*.

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Sure enough, a piece from a dinosaur fossil goes missing. Determined to solve the crime, Sam drags Paige along as her unwilling accomplice.

As Sam closes in on the truth, things get ugly, and she finds herself trapped inside the museum, with no way out.

Jacqueline Guest is the author of numerous books for children and young adults, including *The Comic Book War*, *Ghost Messages* and *Outcasts of River Falls*, all published by Coteau Books.

Keywords: dinosaurs, Alberta, museum, Canada, history, fossils, detective, mystery, crime, theft, Sam Stellar

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Leanne Baugh has been a waitress, receptionist, teacher, stay-at-home mom and screenwriter. Leanne is passionate about books, films, beach walks and hummingbirds. When she isn't at home in Victoria, British Columbia, she's off traveling the world.

Keywords: grizzly bear attack, facial disfigurement, regaining confidence, drama class, bullying

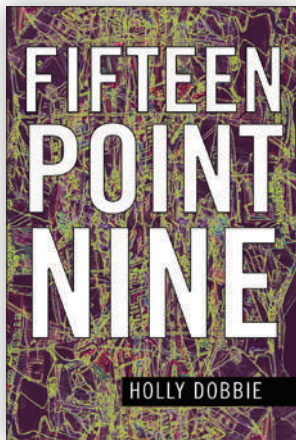
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Aggie and her friend start to stand up for one another and themselves in these hellish times. But is it enough to stop the bullies for good? And how will Aggie deal with her neglectful mother?

Holly Dobbie has worked as a teacher and as a volunteer with at-risk youth. She lives in British Columbia. *Fifteen Point Nine* is her first novel.

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Lisa Harrington's novels include *Twisted*, short-listed for the Canadian Library Association's YA Book of the year, *Live to Tell*, winner of the White Pine, Ann Connor Brimer and SYRCA Snow Willow Awards, and *Rattled*, published in 2010 to critical praise. Lisa lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with her family and puppy, Hermione. For more information, visit www.lisaharrington.ca.

Keywords: breakups, mystery, secrets

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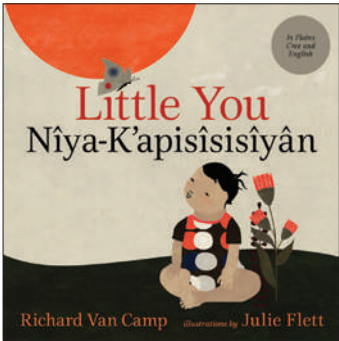
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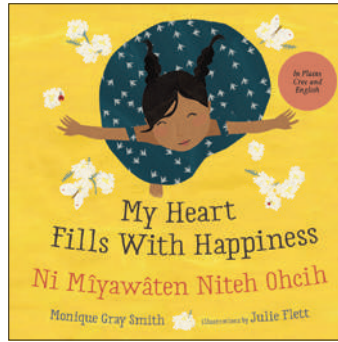
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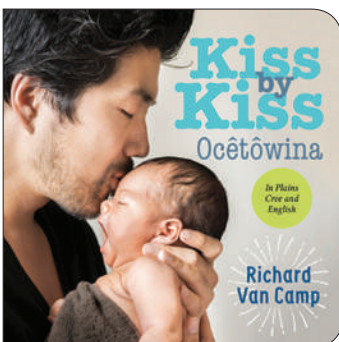
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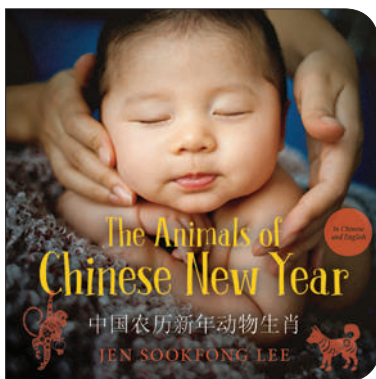


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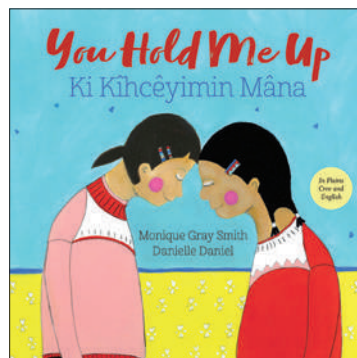
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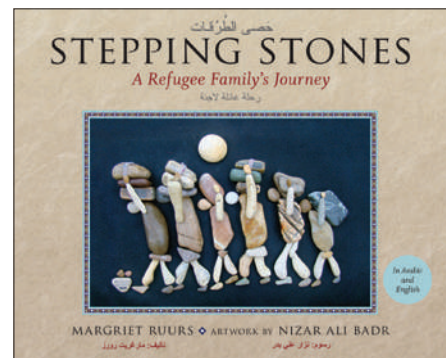


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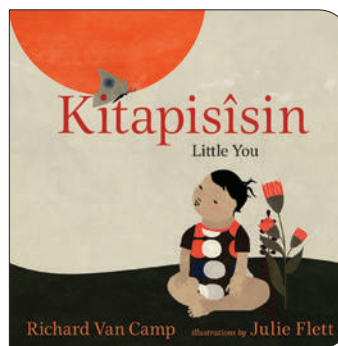


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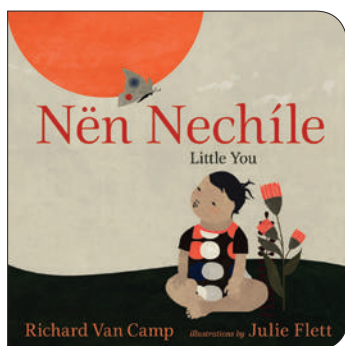
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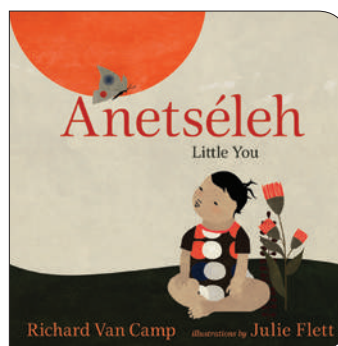
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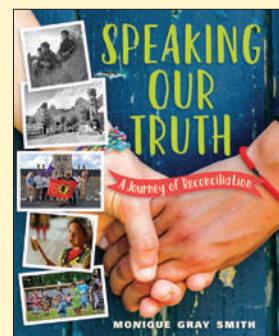
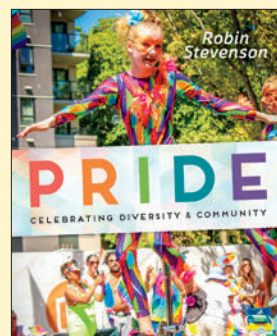
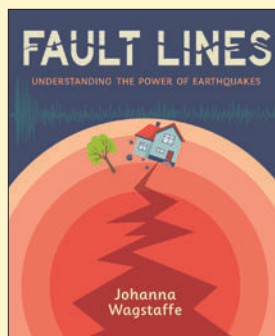
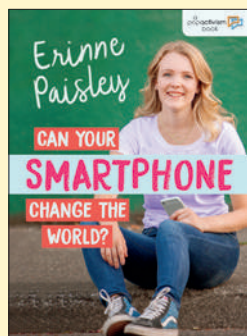


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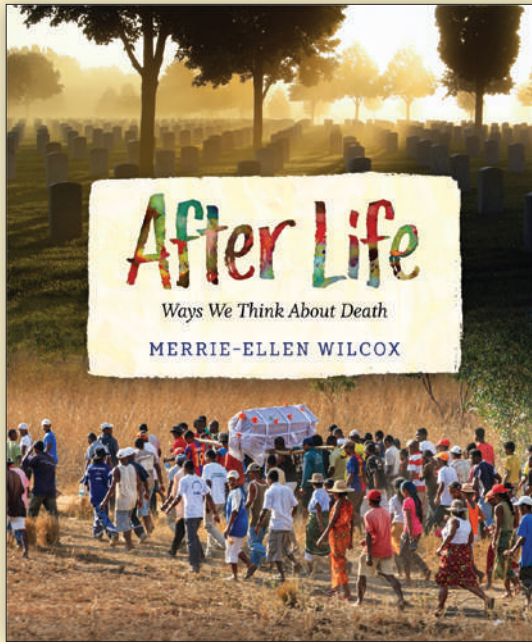
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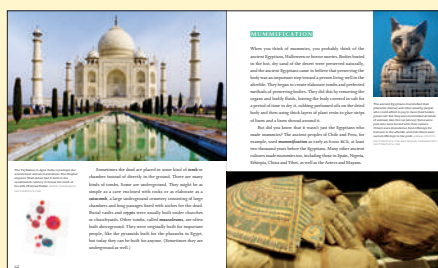
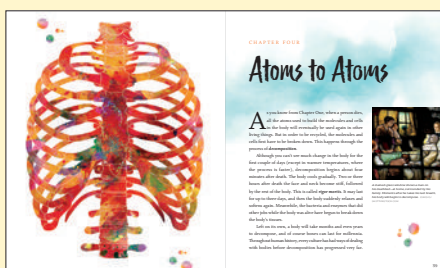
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Merrie-ElLEN Wilcox is a writer and editor who has worked as a volunteer at Victoria Hospice for many years. She wrote *After Life: Ways We Think About Death* because many families and health professionals told her there is a need for a book about death for young readers. She has two adult children and lives in Victoria, British Columbia, with her husband and a busy Jack Russell. For more information, visit www.merriellenwilcox.com.

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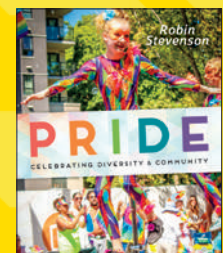
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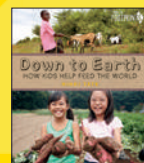
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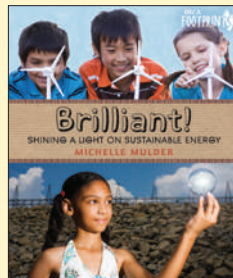


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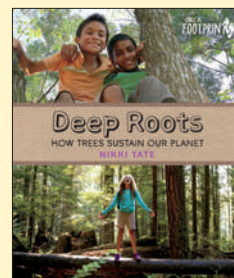
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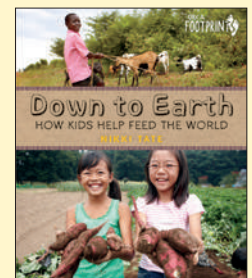
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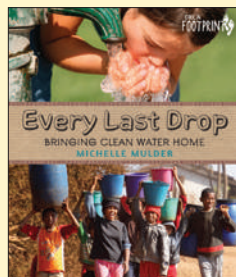
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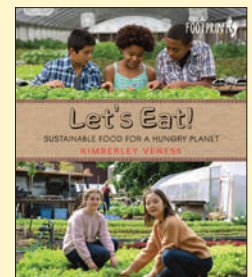
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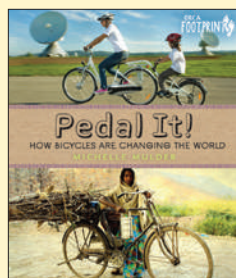
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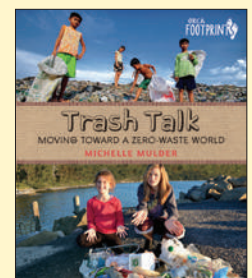
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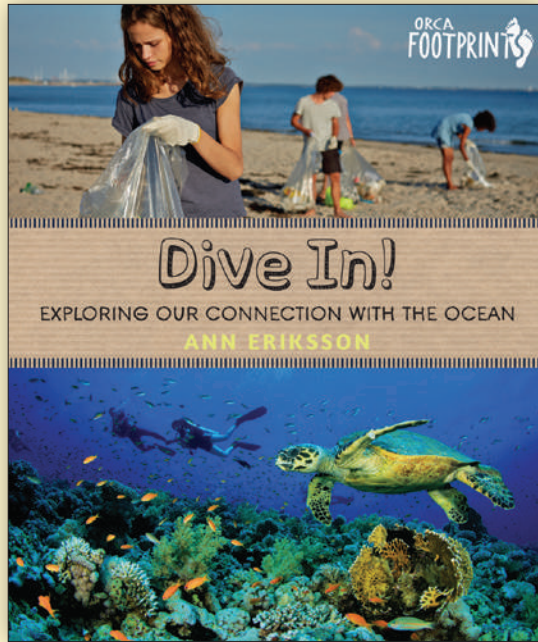
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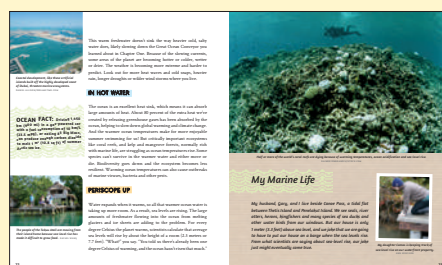
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Biologist and writer **Ann Eriksson** is as passionate about the ocean as she is about creating stories that inform and inspire. Ann shares her oceanfront home on Thetis Island, British Columbia, with her husband, Gary, and the wild herons, eagles, gulls, seabirds, otters, seals, sea stars, clams, crabs, sea jellies and other marine creatures that live nearby. Much of her time is spent on, in and around the ocean. Ann is an environmentalist and founding director of the Thetis Island Nature Conservancy. She has written five novels that focus on environmental and social issues. *Dive In!* is her first book for children. For more information, visit www.anneriksson.ca.

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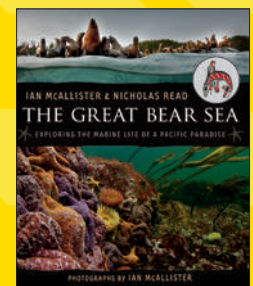
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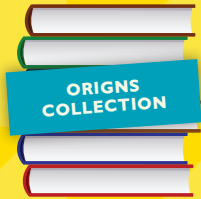
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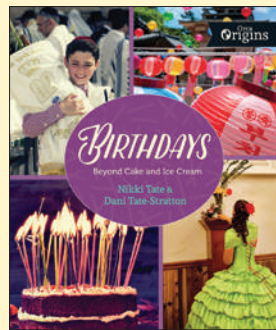
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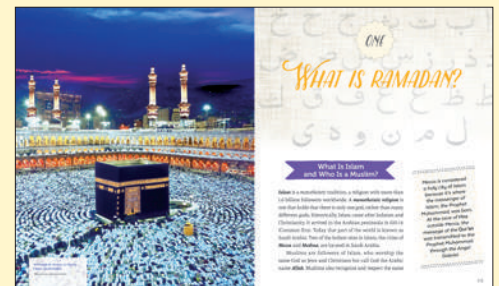
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Nikki Tate is the author of more than thirty books, most of which are for children and teenagers. She splits her time between Canmore, Alberta, and Victoria, British Columbia, so she can indulge two of her passions, climbing and sailing. Born in England, Nikki has traveled all over the world and spent time in Australia, the Caribbean, Europe, Iceland, Canada, the United States and Japan. The constants in her life have been travel, reading and writing. This is her second book in the Orca Origins series, following *Birthdays: Beyond cake and ice cream* (with Dani Tate-Stratton). For more information, visit www.nikkitate.com.

Dani Tate-Stratton lives with her husband in Victoria, British Columbia, but is always plotting her next trip. When she isn't exploring other cities, she is a graphic designer, writer, compulsive crafter and devoted dog mom. This is her third collaboration on a book with her mother. The first two were *Take Shelter: At home around the world*, in the Orca Footprints series, and *Birthdays: Beyond cake and ice cream*, in the Orca Origins series.

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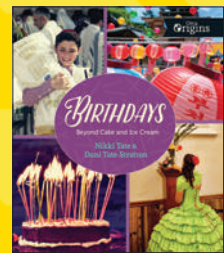
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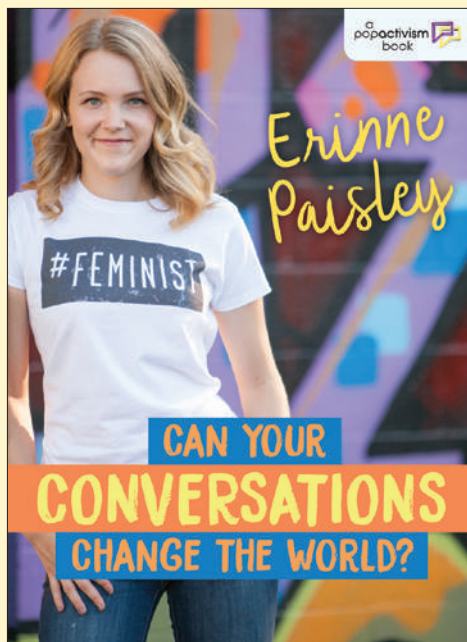
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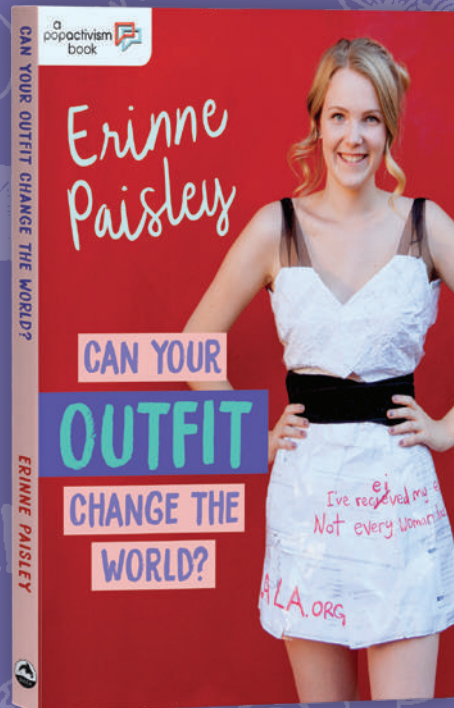
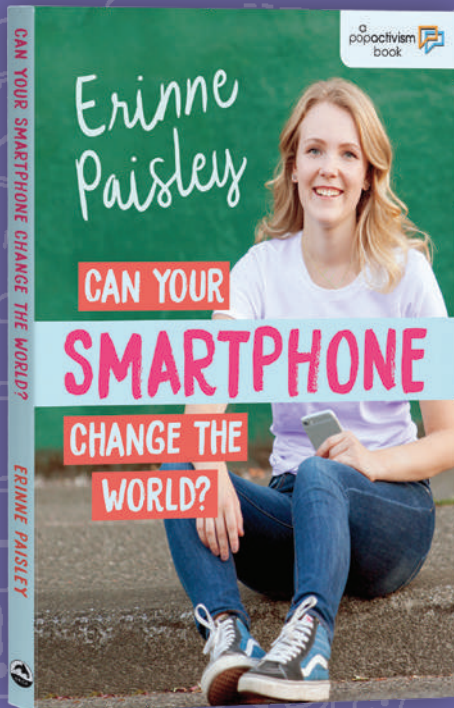
Erinne Paisley is an activist, public speaker, youth content developer, writer and student who made international headlines when she turned her math homework into a dress and wore it to prom, then donated the money she would have spent on a dress to the Malala Fund. She is studying Peace, Conflict and Justice, as well as Book and Media Studies, at the University of Toronto and was an intern at She's the First in New York City in 2017. *Can Your Conversations Change the World?* is the third book in the PopActivism series. For more information, visit www.popactivism.com. Follow Erinne on Twitter @ErinneP and subscribe to her YouTube channel, Erinne Paisley.

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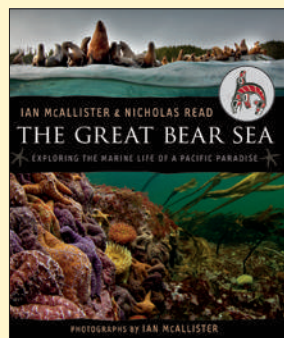
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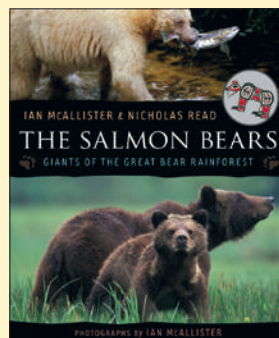
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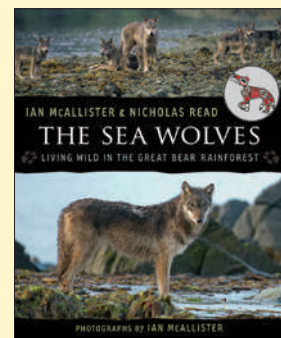
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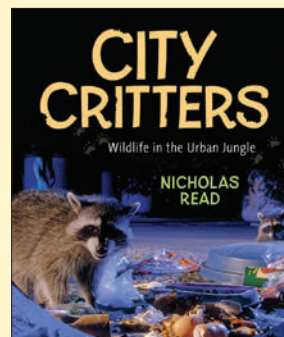
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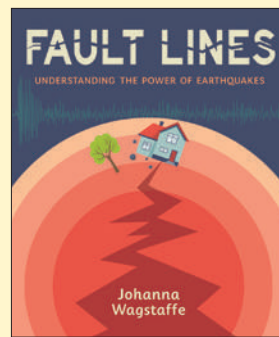
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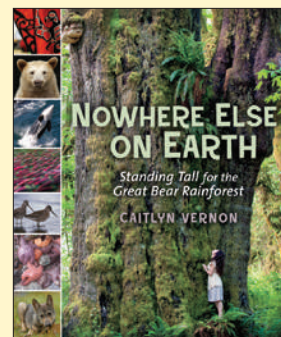
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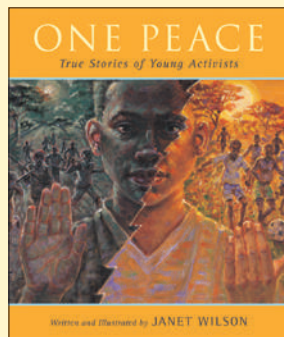
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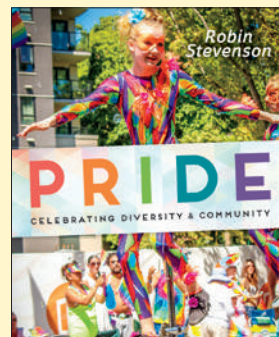
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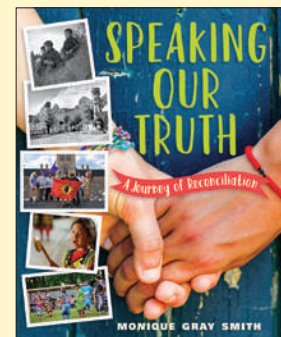
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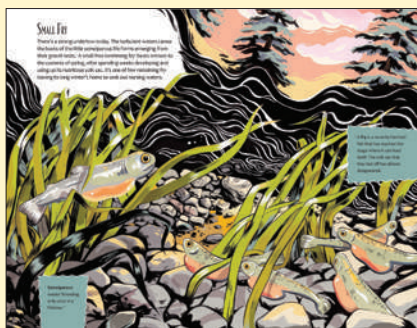
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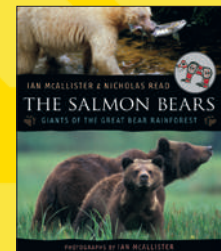
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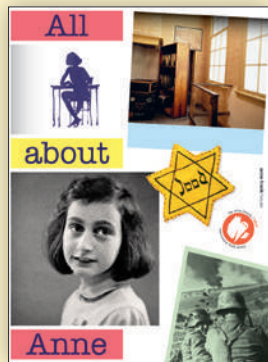
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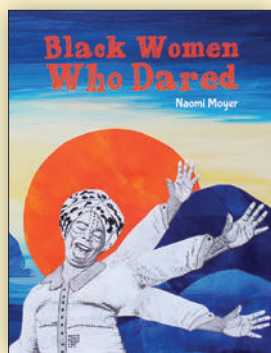
Huck Scarry is the son of authors Patricia Scarry and Richard Scarry. He has illustrated and written numerous children's books and has created many new books featuring his father's charming animal characters. He lives in Vienna, Austria.

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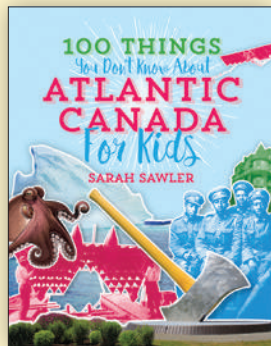
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Sarah Sawler is a freelance writer and journalist. In 2014 she was accepted into the prestigious Humber School for Writers for a postgraduate certificate program in creative writing. She lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with her husband and two children. For more information, visit www.sarahsawler.com.

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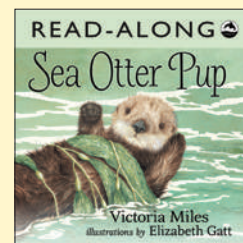
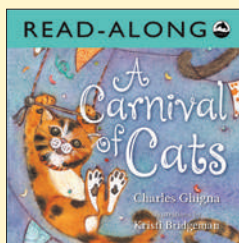
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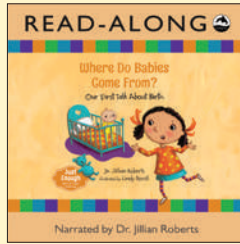
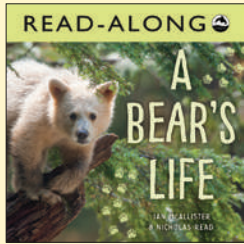


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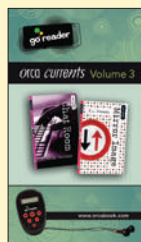
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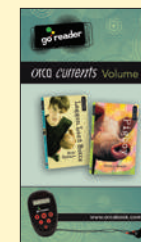
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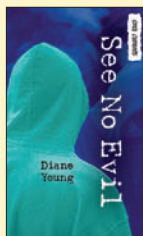
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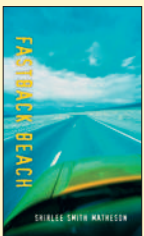
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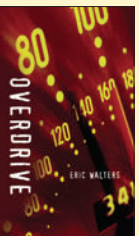
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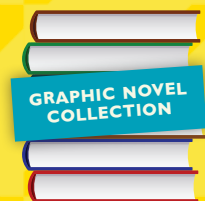
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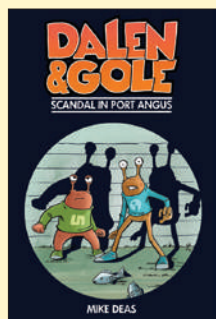
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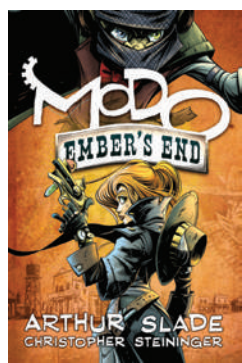
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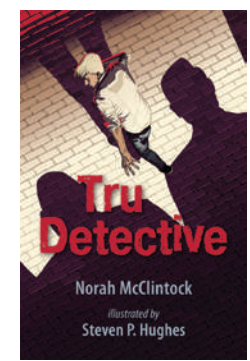
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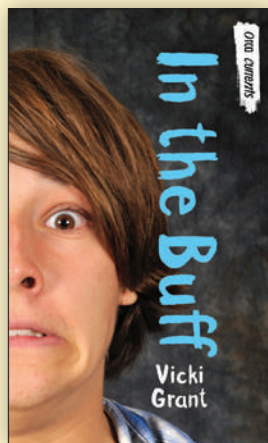
Everyone thinks Jude did it.

Brett is president of her school's Unity Club. When a new group home for at-risk youth opens in the neighborhood, Brett becomes friends with Jude, one of the boys who lives at the home.

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Karen Spafford-Fitz worked as a swimming instructor and lifeguard, an aquatics director and a junior-high teacher before discovering her passion for writing. She is now the author of several novels for young people, including *Vanish* and *Dog Walker* in the Orca Currents series. Karen lives in in Edmonton, Alberta. For more information, visit www.karenscafford-fitz.com.

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Vicki Grant

Grandpa's favorite suit is his birthday suit.

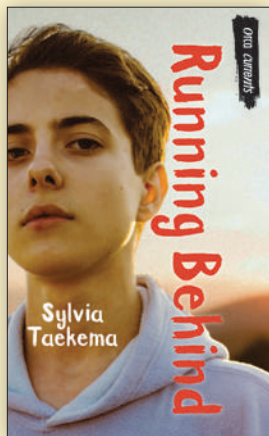
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Vicki Grant is the award-winning author of many novels for young readers, including *Hold the Pickles* and *Pigboy* for Orca Currents. Her novels have won a Red Maple Fiction Award, an Arthur Ellis Award and CBC's Young Canada Reads, as well as been short-listed for an Edgar Award, CLA Children's Book of the Year and numerous Forest of Reading awards. Vicki's books have been translated into more than twenty languages. She lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia. For more information, visit www.vickigrant.com.

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Sylvia Taekema's first novel, *Seconds*, was voted a Silver Birch Express Award Honour Book. She enjoys visiting classrooms and libraries and meeting with readers and writers of all ages. She also loves to read, bake cookies and go on camping adventures with her family. She lives in Chatham, Ontario. For more information, visit www.sylviataekema.wordpress.com.

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Deb Loughead is the author of four other Dylan O'Connor stories in the Orca Currents series: *Payback*, *Rise of the Zombie Scarecrows*, *Caught in the Act* and *The Snowball Effect*. She lives in Toronto, Ontario. For more information, visit www.debloughead.ca.

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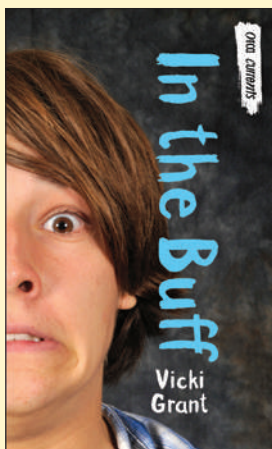
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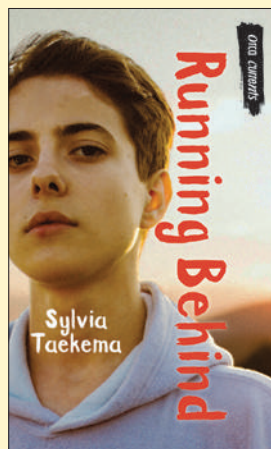
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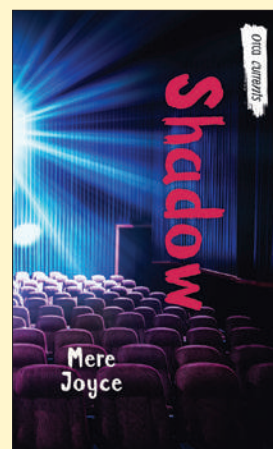
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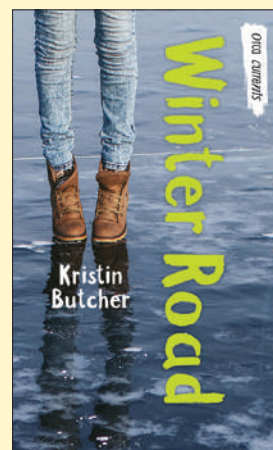
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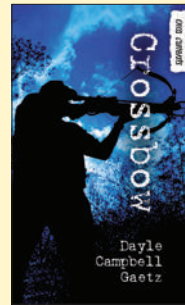
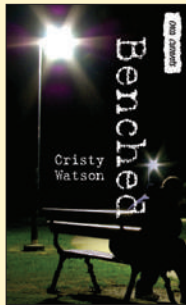
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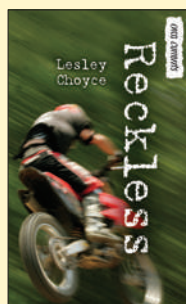
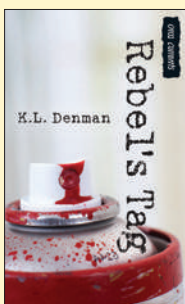
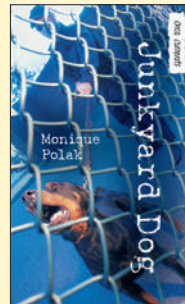
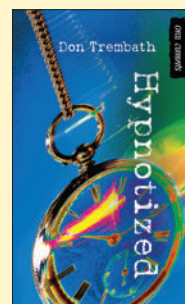
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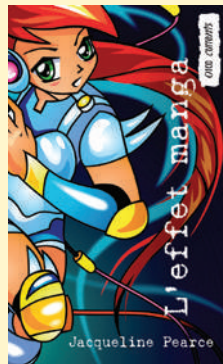
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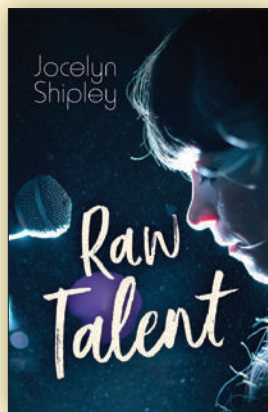
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Megan Clendenan is a freelance writer and editor. When she's not writing, she spends her time running or biking through her local mountains or trying to play her violin. She lives in North Vancouver, British Columbia, with her family. *Offbeat* is her first novel. For more information, visit www.meganclendenan.com.

Keywords: friendship, mothers and daughters, ambition, self-confidence, passion, folk music, fiddle



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Jocelyn Shipley has written several books for teens, including *Impossible* and *Shatterproof*. Her award-winning stories have been published in newspapers and anthologies, and her work has been translated into many languages. Jocelyn lives in Toronto, Ontario, and on Vancouver Island. For more information, visit www.jocelynshipley.com.

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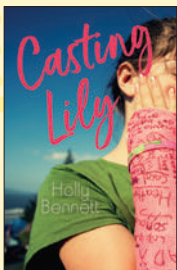
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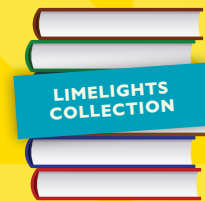
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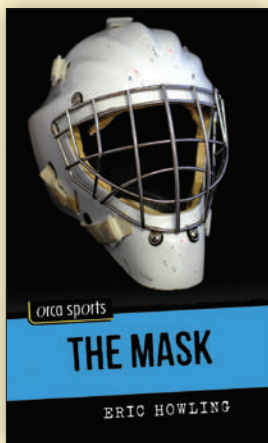
Brooke Carter

Lucy's luck appears to be running out.

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Brooke Carter is the author of the Orca Soundings titles *Another Miserable Love Song* and *Learning Seventeen*. She lives in Maple Ridge, British Columbia with her family. For more information, visit www.brookecarter.com.

Keywords: self-worth, identity, anxiety, mental illness, rugby



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Eric Howling is the author of several sports-themed novels, including *Plunge* and *Gang Tackle*. His books have been short-listed for the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award, named *Resource Links* Year's Best and picked as a CCBC Best Books selection. Eric lives and plays sports in Calgary, Alberta. For more information, visit erichowling.wordpress.com.

Keywords: self-worth, identity, bullying, confidence, friendship, hockey

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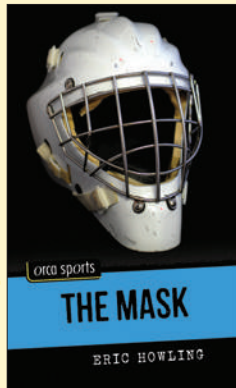
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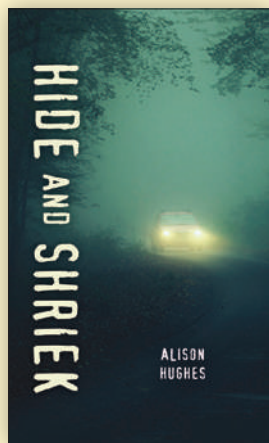
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Alison Hughes is the author of several books for children of all ages, including *Lost in the Backyard* and *Hit the Ground Running*. Her books have been nominated for the Governor General's, Silver Birch, Red Cedar, Diamond Willow, Hackmatack, Chocolate Lily and Alberta Literary awards. Alison lives in Edmonton, Alberta, with her family. For more information, visit www.alisonhughesbooks.com.

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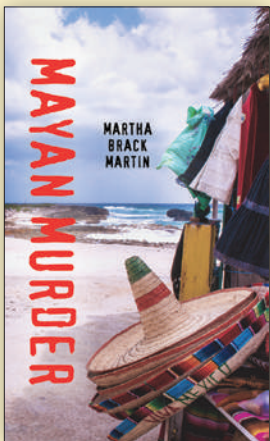
Lesley Choyce

Jake is desperate to find Maria.

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Lesley Choyce is the award-winning author of dozens of books for young adults, including *Kryptonite* and *Identify* in the Orca Soundings series. He has been short-listed or won the Stephen Leacock Medal, the White Pine Award, the Hackmatack Award and the Governor General's Award. For more information, visit www.lesleychoyce.com.

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Martha Brack Martin is the author of the Orca Soundings title *River Traffic*, which was chosen as a Best Bets for Kids and Teens 2017 by the Canadian Children's Book Centre. She is also an award-winning teacher-librarian. She lives in a small town near Windsor, Ontario.

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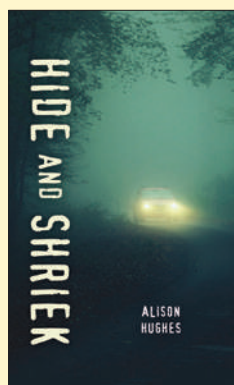
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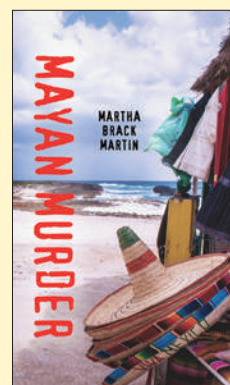
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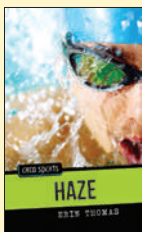
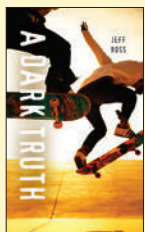
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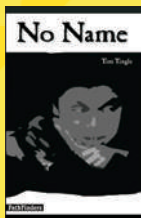
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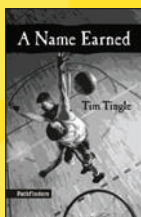
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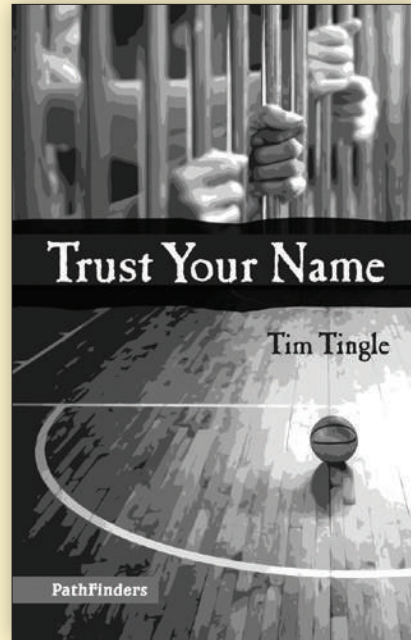
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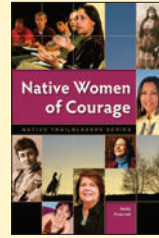
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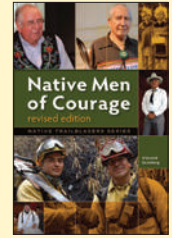


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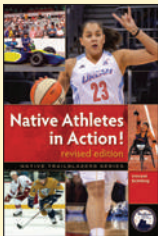
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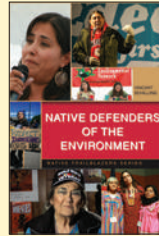
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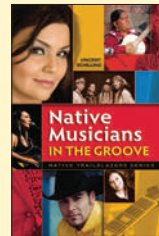
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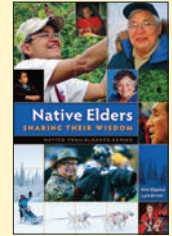
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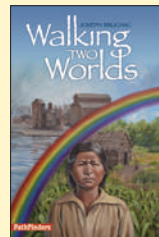
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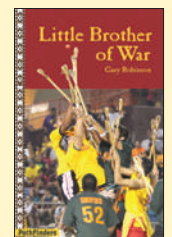
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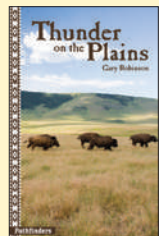
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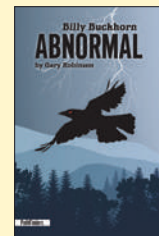
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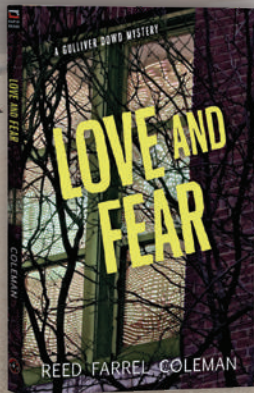
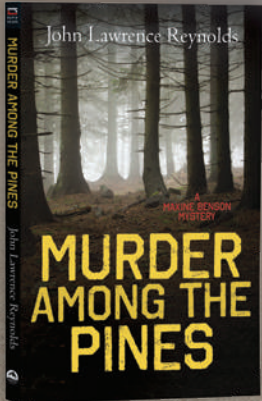
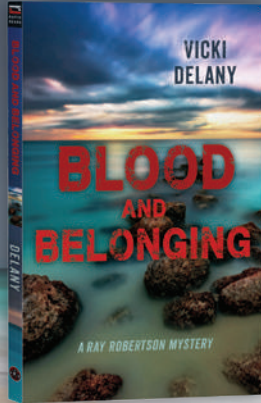
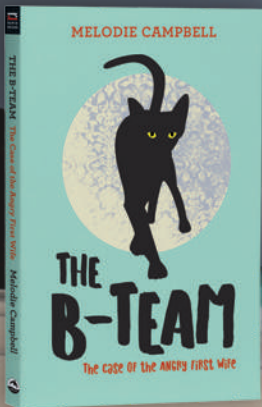


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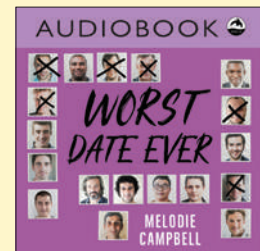
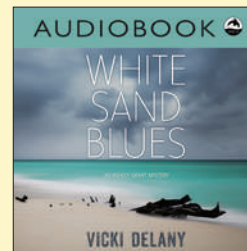
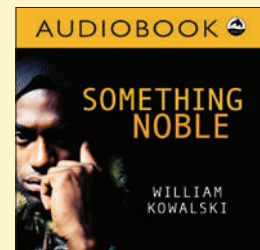
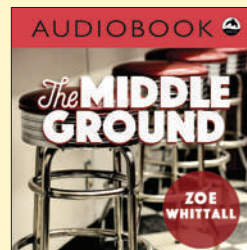
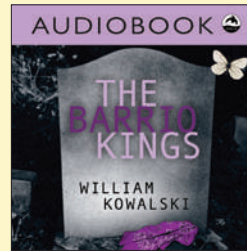
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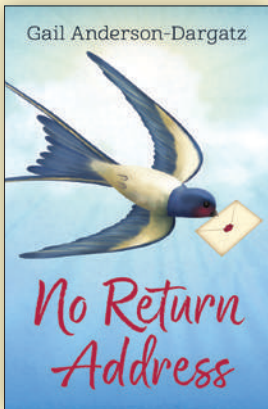
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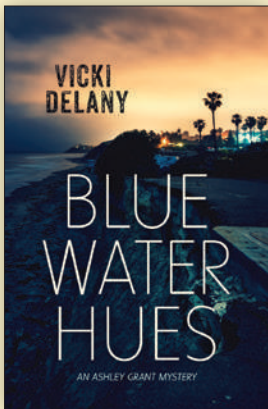
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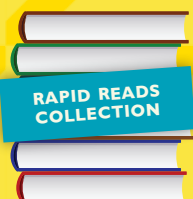


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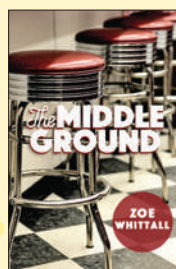
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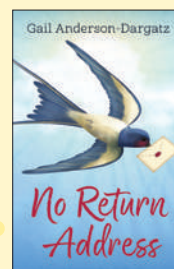
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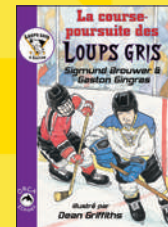


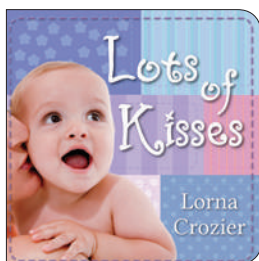
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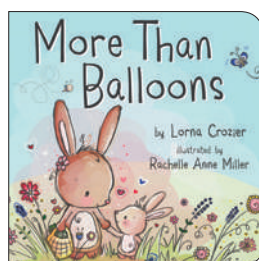
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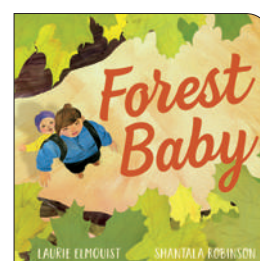
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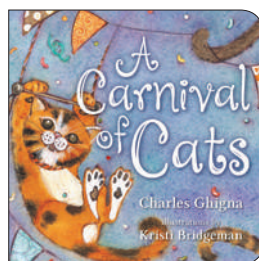
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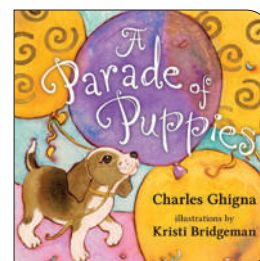
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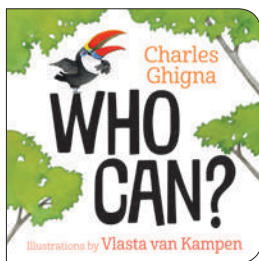
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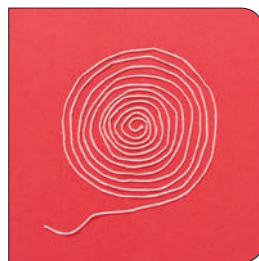
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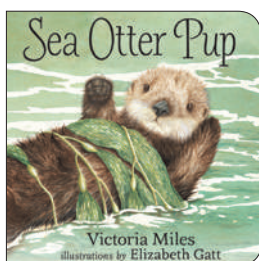
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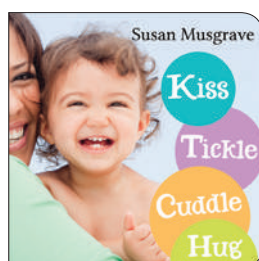
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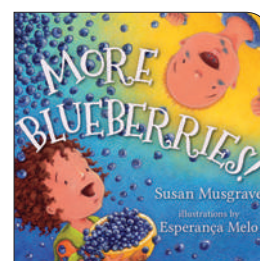
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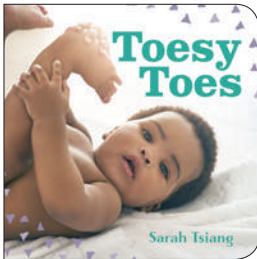
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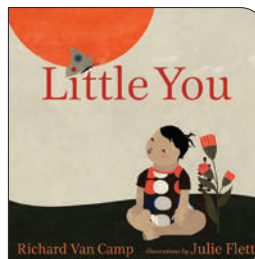
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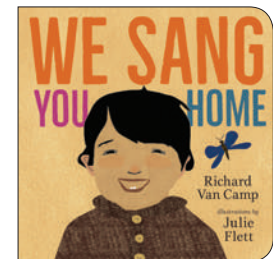
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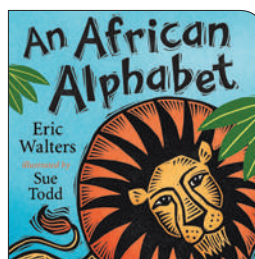
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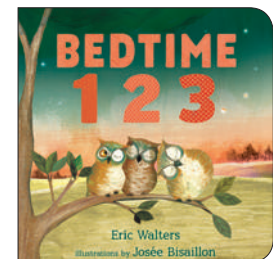
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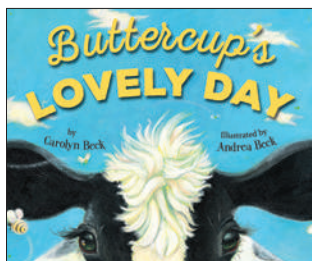
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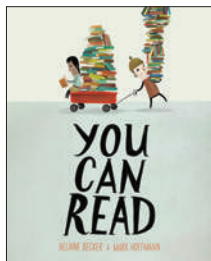


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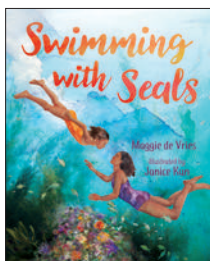
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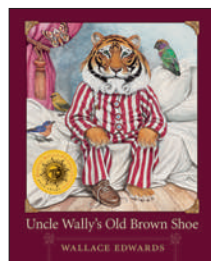
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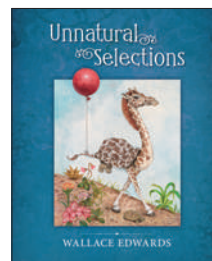
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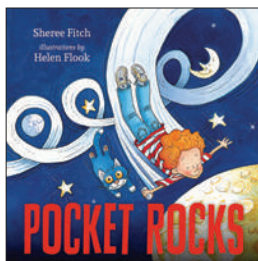
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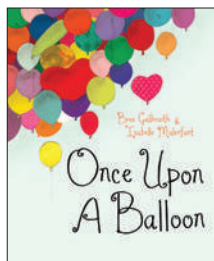
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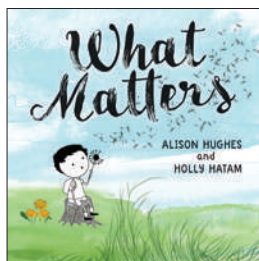
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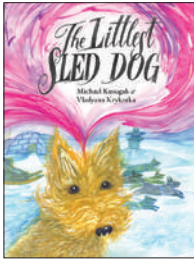
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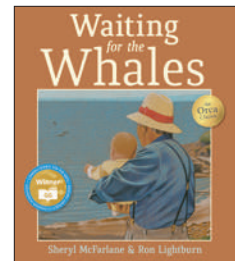
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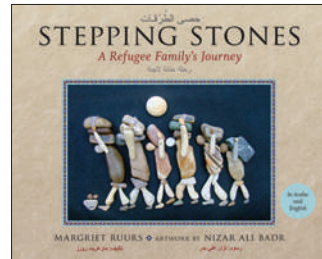
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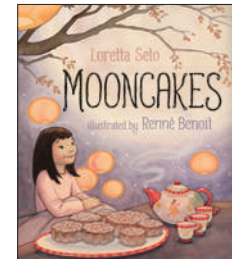
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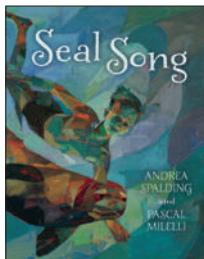
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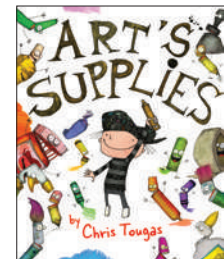
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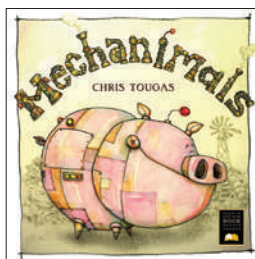
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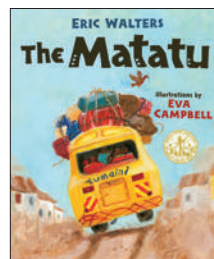
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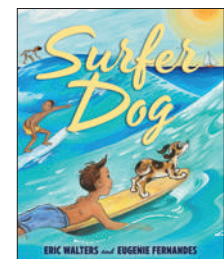
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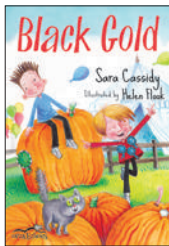
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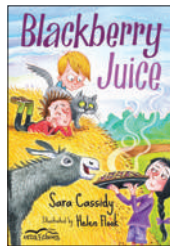
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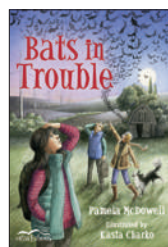
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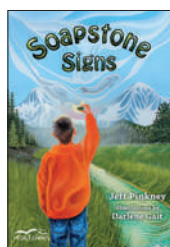
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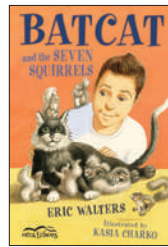
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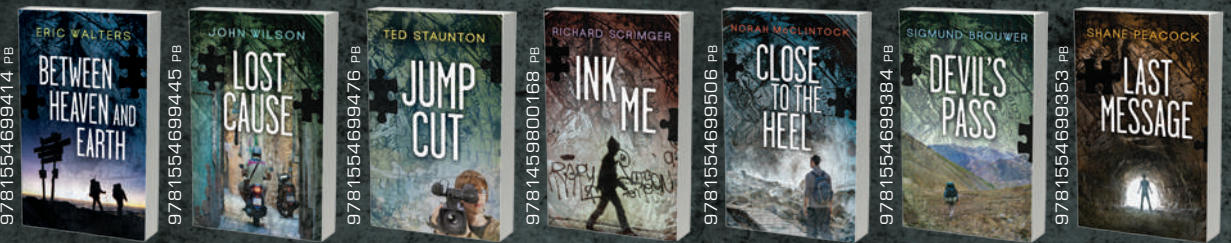
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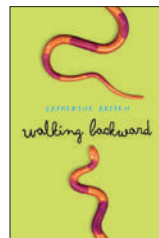
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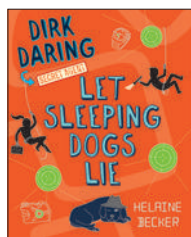
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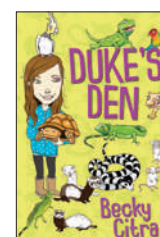
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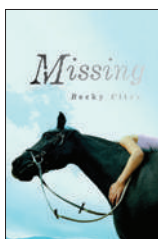
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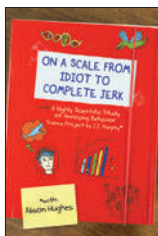
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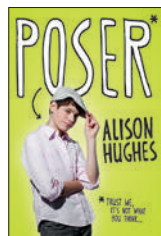
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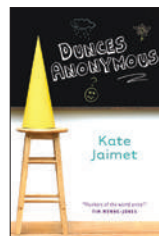
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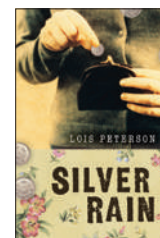
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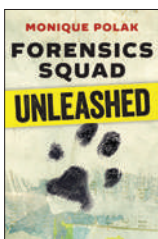
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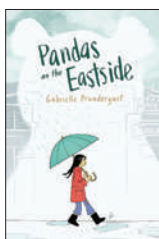
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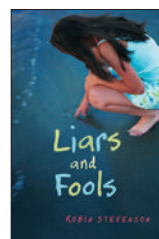
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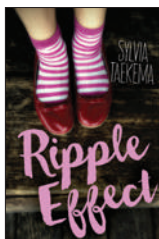
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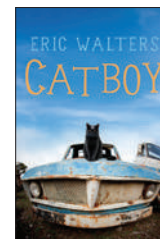
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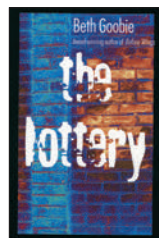
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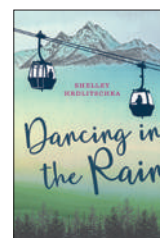
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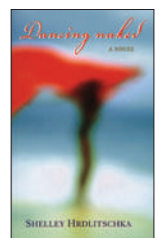
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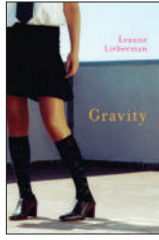


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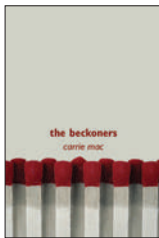
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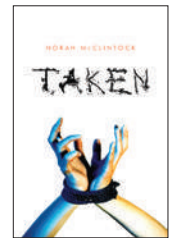
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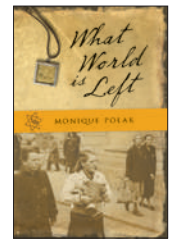
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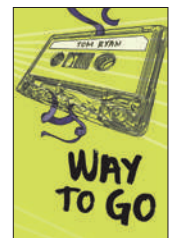
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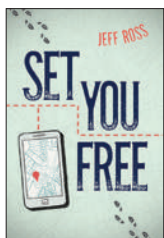
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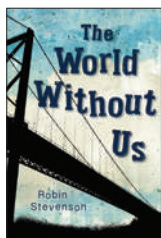
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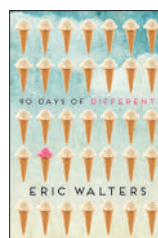
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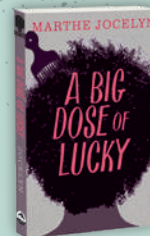
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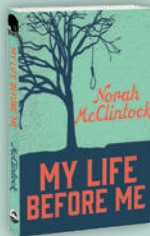
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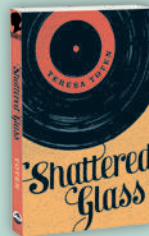
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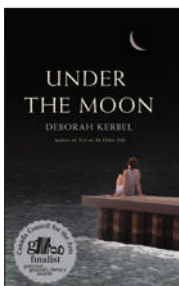
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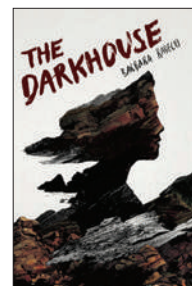
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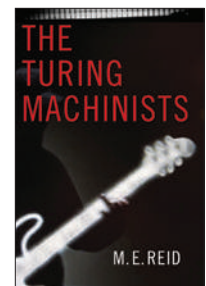
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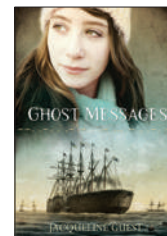
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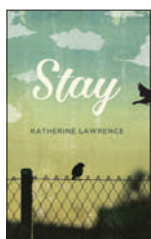
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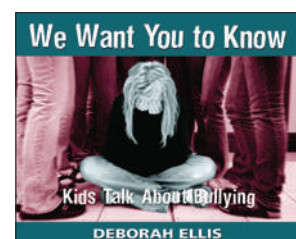
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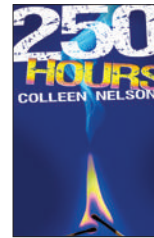
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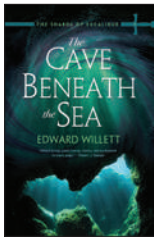
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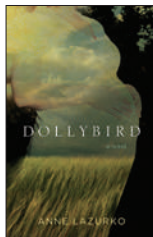
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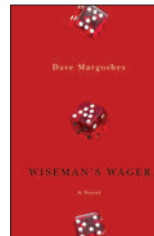
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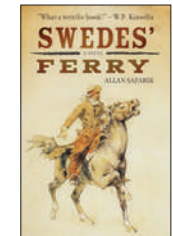
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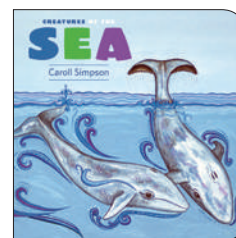
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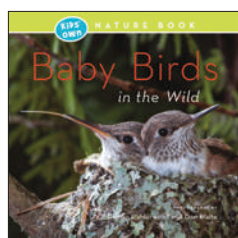
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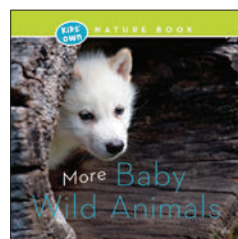
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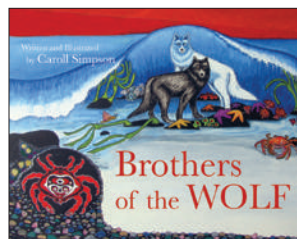
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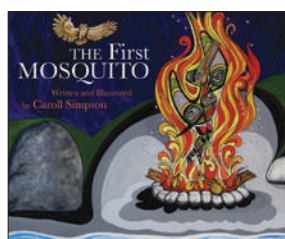
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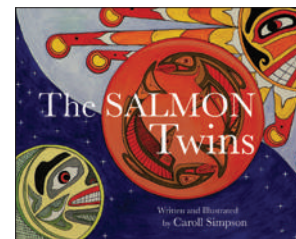
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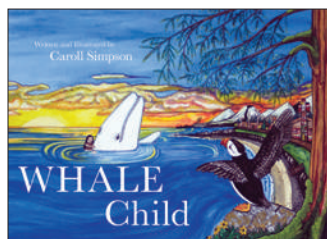
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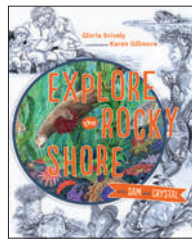
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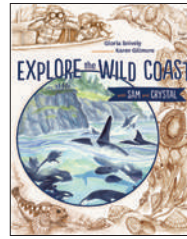
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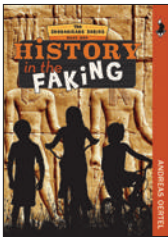
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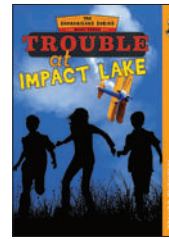
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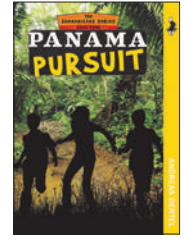
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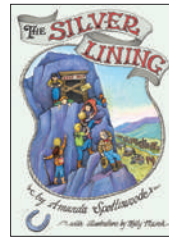
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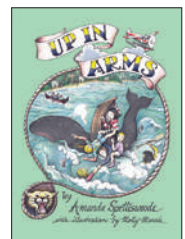
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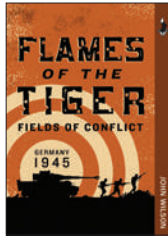
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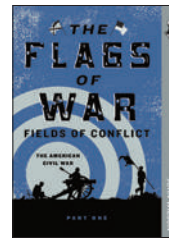
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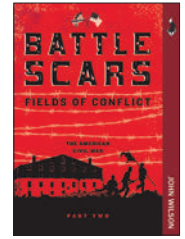
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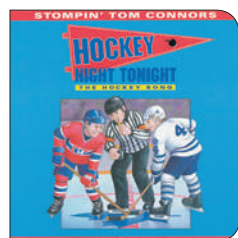


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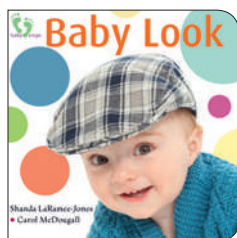
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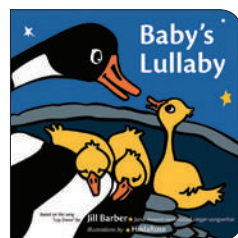
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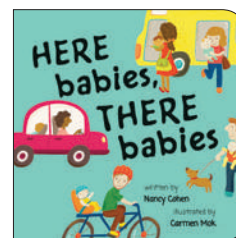
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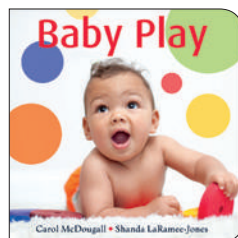
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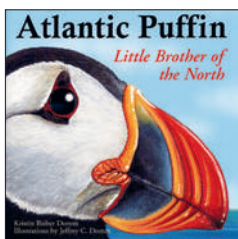
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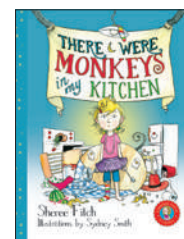
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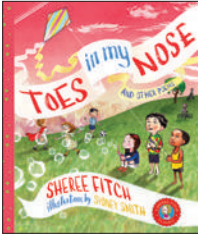
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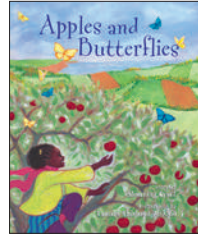
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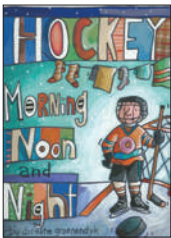
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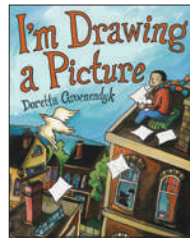
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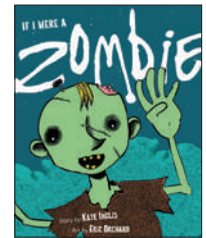
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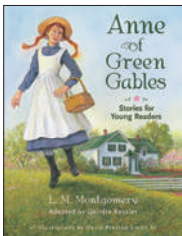
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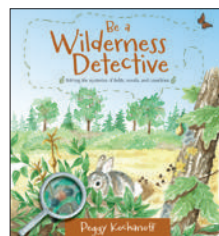
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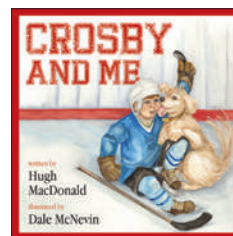
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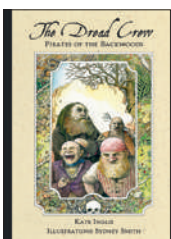
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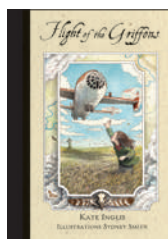
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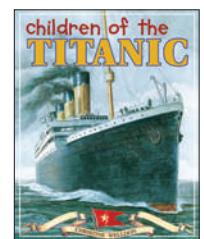
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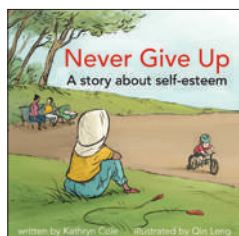
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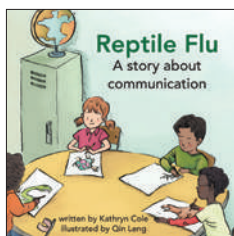
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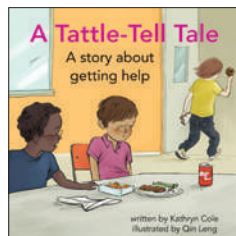
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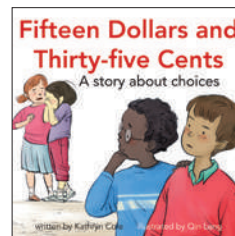
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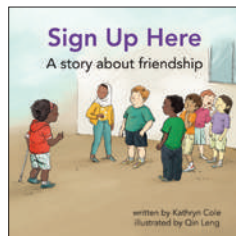
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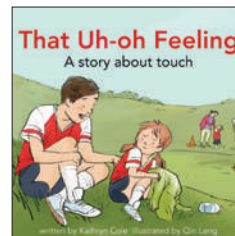
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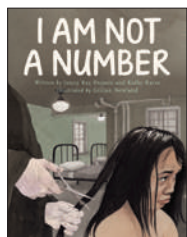
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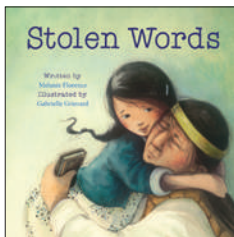
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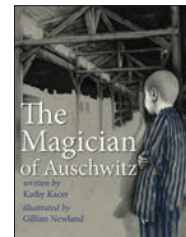
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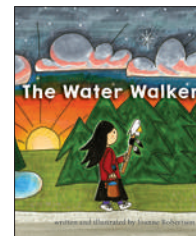


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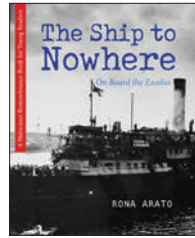
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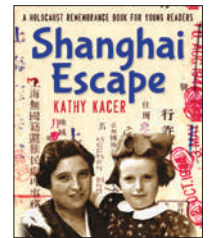
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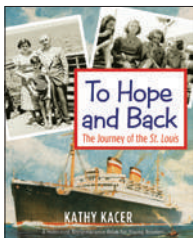
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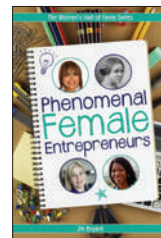
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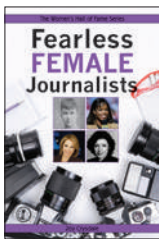
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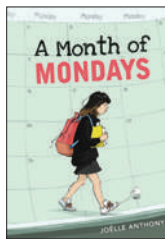
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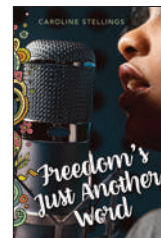
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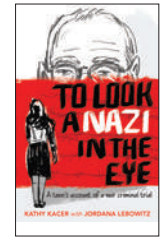
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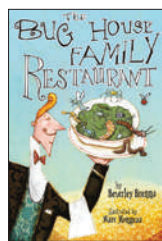


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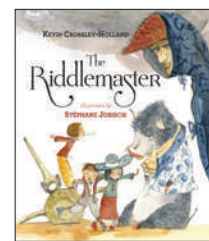
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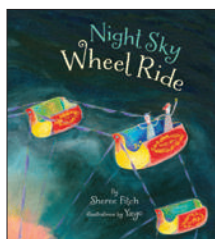
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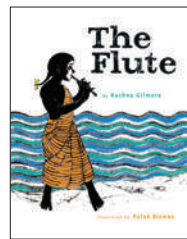
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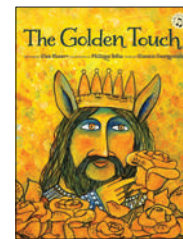
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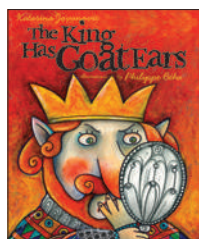
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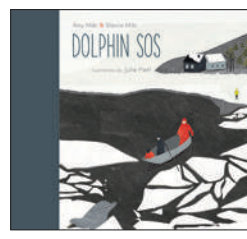
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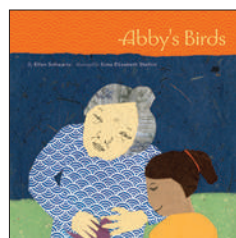
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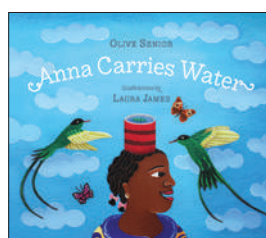
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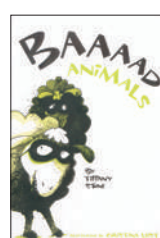
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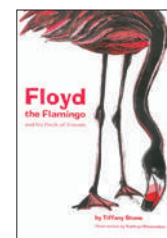
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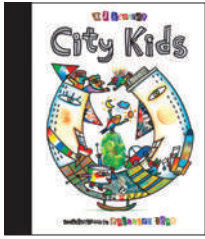
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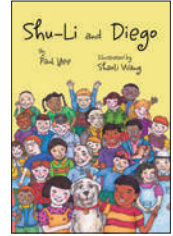
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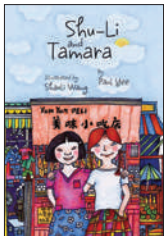
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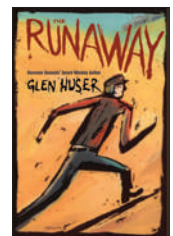
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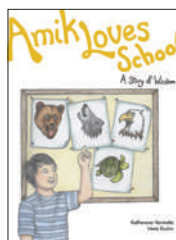


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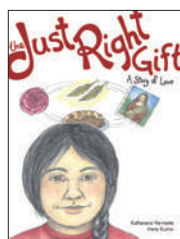
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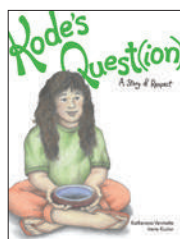
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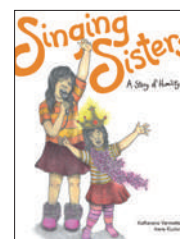
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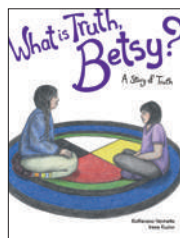
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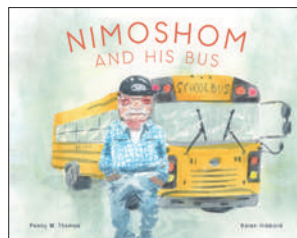
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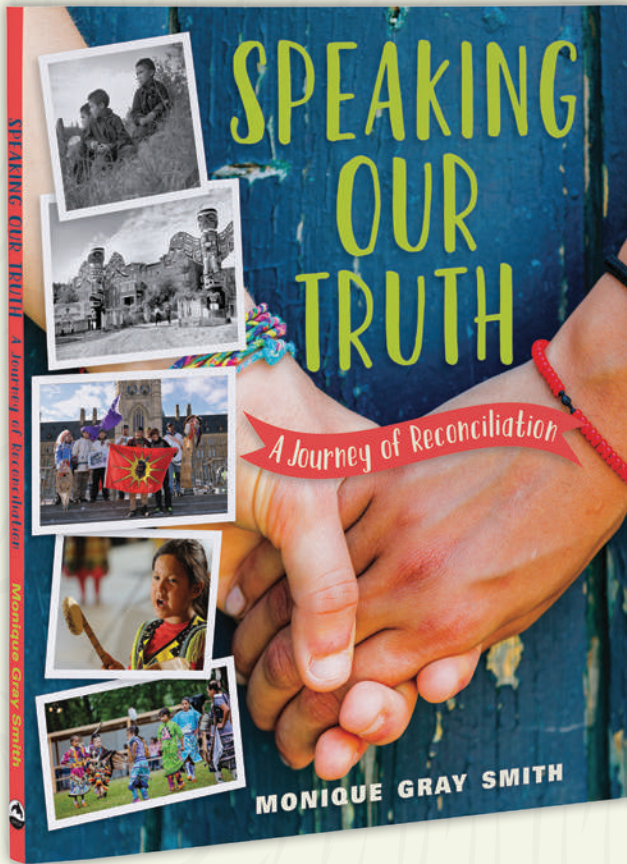
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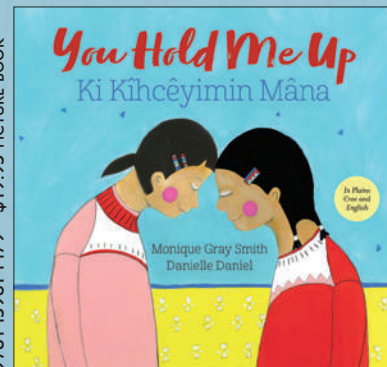
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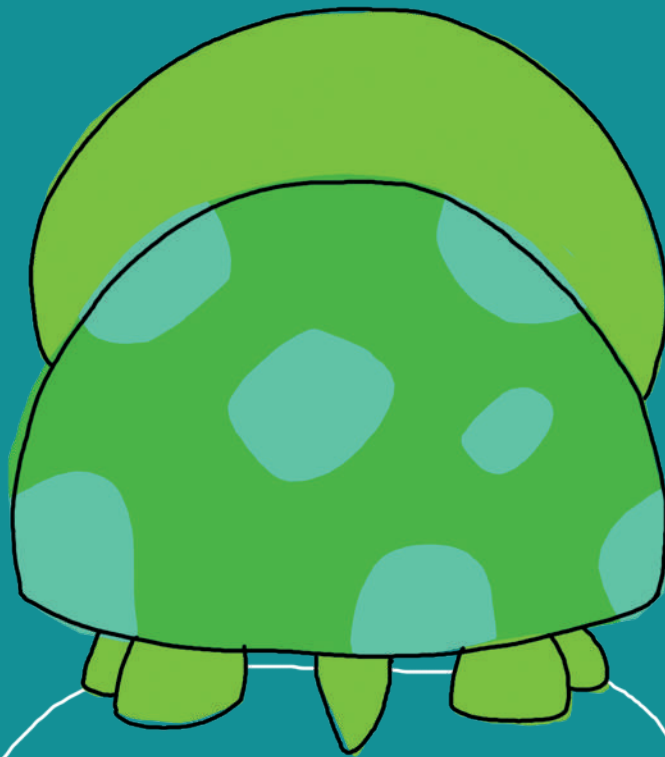
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