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RUNAWAY BLANKET

Nancy Deas Illustrated by Mike Deas



BOARD BOOK

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IT'S TIME for bed, but the child can't go to sleep because he saw his blanket scrambling down the stairs...packing a bag...and wriggling out the window! As each family member, from Auntie to the family dog, tries to get the toddler to go to bed, he tells them about the blanket's journey. After leading a merry chase down the road, the blanket needs a rest. Maybe it's finally

ready for bed...for tonight, at least.

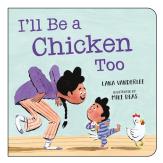
NANCY DEAS grew up on a farm on Mayne Island, BC, wandering forests and beaches. She has a great love of travel and adventure. Nancy holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Victoria and is the co-author of the Sueño Bay Adventures graphic novel series.

MIKE DEAS is an author and illustrator of books for kids and teens, including the graphic novel series Sueño Bay Adventures, the Tank & Fizz series and the Graphic Guide Adventure series. While he grew up with a love of illustrative storytelling, Capilano College's commercial animation program helped Mike fine-tune his drawing skills and imagination.

ALSO BY THE ILLUSTRATOR:

I'LL BE A CHICKEN TOO

Lana Vanderlee Illustrated by Mike Deas



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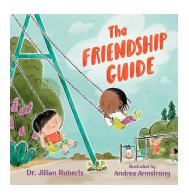
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A LIVELY, loving serenade full of animals and rhyme that celebrates the joy of playing together. Humans become chickens and roosters, frogs and dogs, snails, whales and many more animals under the sun as children explore their creativity and uniqueness and caregivers play alongside.

LANA VANDERLEE is a first-time author. nutrition policy researcher and mom. With a PhD in public health, Lana spends most of her time trying to make it is easier for people to live healthier lives. Her and her family spend most of their free time exploring parks and libraries.

THE FRIENDSHIP GUIDE

Dr. Jillian Roberts Illustrated by Andrea Armstrong



PICTURE BOOK

9 X 9" • 32 PAGES • 1665 WORDS RIGHTS: WORLD, EX NORTH AMERICA FRIENDSHIPS ARE essential for socialemotional learning and mental health, but sometimes children struggle with making and keeping friendships. Sample scenarios show how it relates to real life—at the playground, at the park, at school or on a playdate. With this book, readers will have a comforting and straightforward resource to help guide them toward a lifetime of beautiful friendships.

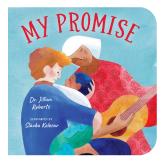
DR. JILLIAN ROBERTS is a child psychologist, author, professor at the University of Victoria and mother of three children. Considered a go-to child psychology expert for journalists, Dr. Roberts is a contributor to the Globe and Mail, Global News and CBC. She is the author of two bestselling and award-winning series of children's books: the Just Enough and the World Around Us series.

ANDREA ARMSTRONG is a visual artist who spends her days (and often nights) illustrating, painting and designing. With roots in rural Indonesia, small town Manitoba and metropolitan Singapore, the gathered impressions of her childhood inspire her palette.

ALSO BY THE AUTHOR:

MY PROMISE

Dr. Jillian Roberts Illustrated by Slavka Kolesar



BOARD BOOK

7 X 7" • 20 PAGES • 200 WORDS RIGHTS: WORLD, EX NORTH AMERICA A STUNNING board book that shows little ones they will be loved unconditionally and empowers parents and caregivers to raise well-rounded, resilient individuals.

SLAVKA KOLESAR studied figurative painting at the Academy of Realist Art in Toronto and holds a BFA in visual studies & art history from the University of Toronto. She has illustrated many books including La Légende de Carcajou, which was a finalist for the Governor General's Award, The Sun is a Shine and My Promise.

GO, SLOTH, GO!

Gabrielle Prendergast Illustrated by Sophie Benmouyal



PICTURE BOOK 9 X 9" • 32 PAGES • 270 WORDS RIGHTS: WORLD, EX NORTH AMERICA

IN THIS cute rhyming picture book told in few words, a sloth tumbles from a tree onto a road and hurts its toe. A helpful truck driver brings the sloth to a wildlife vet, and soon enough the sloth is returning to its

GABRIELLE PRENDERGAST is the awardwinning author of numerous books for children and teens. After years of working in social welfare and the music and film industries, Gabrielle began writing books when she became a mother so she could work from home.

After working as a graphic designer, **SOPHIE BENMOUYAL** decided to pursue her dream of becoming a freelance children's book illustrator. From her home studio, she likes to explore colors and textures while experimenting with different techniques. Her two full-of-life little girls are her main source of inspiration by reminding her daily of the importance of dreams and play.

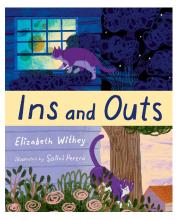
POLAR BEARS and penguins live in similar climates, but they never, ever meet. What if they had a party together?

The penguins of Antarctica write a letter inviting the polar bears of the Arctic to join them at the South Pole to celebrate their longest day of the year. But how will the polar bears get there? It's such a long journey-will they make it in time? What will they bring? And what will happen when they arrive?

MARCUS CUTLER is a freelance children's illustrator. His work has appeared in books, magazines, apps and more, and he has worked with a variety of clients, including chickaDEE Magazine, OWL Magazine, Macmillan Publishers and Parks Canada. He is the illustrator of the Lark Ba Detective series, The Owl and the Two Rabbits and The Walrus and the Caribou.

INS AND OUTS

Elizabeth Withey Illustrated by Salini Perera



PICTURE BOOK 8.75 X 10.75" • 32 PAGES • 115 WORDS RIGHTS: WORLD, EX NORTH AMERICA

WHILE A person sleeps inside, a cat climbs out of the open window. Next, a child sits on the swings outside in an empty school playground, but they get picked up and are inside their parent's truck, happy and warm.

As this nearly wordless picture book progresses, the ideas of IN and OUT get expanded to the surprising, the hilarious and the heartwarming. Readers will enjoy trying to guess before the page-flip what exactly each **IN** or **OUT** is referring to and take up the playful challenge to look more closely and not make assumptions. A clever picture book with minimal text for kids who enjoy puzzles and think outside the box.

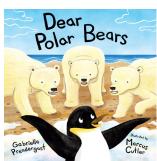
ELIZABETH WITHEY is a Canadian author, journalist and visual artist. Her first book. The One with the Scraggly Beard, is a story inspired by a loved one experiencing homelessness.

SALINI PERERA is a Canadian illustrator. She was born in Sri Lanka, raised in Scarborough and has been making art for as long as she can remember. Now she gets to make art for picture books, a lifelong dream come true.

ALSO BY THE AUTHOR:

DEAR POLAR BEARS

Gabrielle Prendergast Illustrated by Marcus Cutler



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ALSO BY THE AUTHOR:

THE ONE WITH THE **SCRAGGLY BEARD**

Elizabeth Withey Illustrated by Lynn Scurfield



PICTURE BOOK 10 X 10" • 32 PAGES • 370 WORDS RIGHTS: WORLD, EX NORTH AMERICA

A CHILD tries to understand the life of a man he has seen sleeping under a bridge. The boy's mother patiently answers his questions and explains how people's life paths can be so different. The child observes the things he has in common with the man and wonders where his own path will lead.

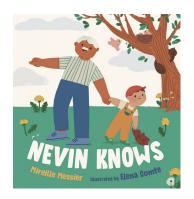
LYNN SCURFIELD is a freelance illustrator. She received her Bachelor of Illustration from Sheridan College in 2015 and has been drawing for a variety of clients ever since.

NEVIN KNOWS

Mireille Messier Illustrated by Elena Comte

NO HUDDLES FOR HELOISE

Deborah Kerbel Illustrated by Udayana Lugo

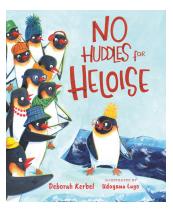


PICTURE BOOK

9 X 9" • 32 PAGES • 285 WORDS RIGHTS: WORLD, EX NORTH AMERICA **IN THIS** sweet picture book, Nevin and Grandpa Frank are going to the park on a spring day, and Grandpa lets Nevin lead the way, from choosing what shoes to wear and which direction to walk in to deciding where to play and, finally, which flowers to bring home for Nana.

MIREILLE MESSIER is an award-winning children's writer with a background in broadcasting and theater. Mireille has published over thirty books, some in French, others in English, for children of all ages.

ELENA COMTE is a Canadian illustrator who loves to create illustrations that communicate joy through color. She is inspired by the shapes that surround her in her daily life and likes to simplify to capture what's essential. Her work is influenced by naive art, collages and gouache paintings.



PICTURE BOOK

8.75 X 10.75" • 32 PAGES • 550 WORDS RIGHTS: WORLD, EX NORTH AMERICA

HELOISE THE penguin likes a lot of things—fish pops, sledding, personal space. She dislikes things too, like crowds, hubbub and penguin huddles. She heads off in search of others like her but eventually returns home to find that her friends like her as she is—and she can huddle AND have space at the same time.

DEBORAH KERBEL is the award-winning author of more than thirty books for young readers. Her books have been shortlisted for the Governor General's Literary Award, the Canadian Library Association's YA Book Award and the Rocky Mountain Book Award, among others.

UDAYANA LUGO is a self-taught illustrator of mixed heritage. She is passionate about representation and tries to portray people of different backgrounds and abilities in her work. She works both traditionally and digitally, with a strong preference for watercolors and pencils.

ALSO BY THE AUTHOR:

TREASURE

Mireille Messier Illustrated by Irene Luxbacher



PICTURE BOOK

10 X 10" • 32 PAGES • 100 WORDS RIGHTS: WORLD, EX NORTH AMERICA when two siblings go on a treasure hunt, they aren't sure exactly what kind of treasure they are looking for? What they do know is that treasures are shiny, mysterious and precious. And that all the really good treasures are hidden! As they explore the forest, their curiosity pays off when they find the biggest, shiniest, most mysterious and precious treasure hidden just over a hill.

IRENE LUXBACHER is an illustrator, children's book author and a graduate of Queen's University and Emily Carr University of Art and Design. Her children's books have received numerous awards and accolades, including being nominated for a Governor General's Award for illustration and chosen for USBBY's Outstanding International Books List.

★ "From tiny discoveries to one big treasure, the natural world delights at every turn...A gentle exploration, using a child's words and told at a child's pace, of a marvelous world."

- Kirkus Reviews, starred review

ALSO BY THE AUTHOR:

SLOW MOE

Deborah Kerbel Illustrated by Marianne Ferrer



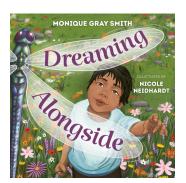
PICTURE BOOK

9 X 9" • 32 PAGES • 645 WORDS RIGHTS: WORLD, EX NORTH AMERICA **LIFE MOVES** oh-so-slow when your little brother is a snail. But is Moe just slow or is there something else going on? This beautifully illustrated picture book reminds readers to be patient and supportive of the people they love.

MARIANNE FERRER was born in Venezuela and immigrated to Canada in 1998. After attending Dawson College in Montreal, Quebec, for illustration and design, she completed her education in graphic design at the Université du Québec à Montréal. Her style is characterized by its charm, delicacy and depth.

DREAMING ALONGSIDE

Monique Gray Smith Illustrated by Nicole Neidhardt



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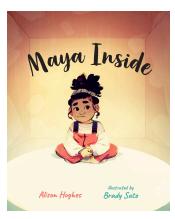
MAYA INSIDE

Alison Hughes Illustrated by Brady Sato



bestselling author and public speaker. Her books cover a broad spectrum of ages, topics and emotions. Woven into all of Monique's writing and her speaking engagements is the teaching that love is medicine.

NICOLE NEIDHARDT is Diné (Navajo) of the Kiiyaa'áanii Clan and is from Santa Fe, New Mexico. She has a Masters of Fine Arts. Nicole's Diné identity is the heart of her practice, which encompasses illustration, installation, murals and Indigenous Futurisms.



PICTURE BOOK 8.75 X 10.75" • 32 PAGES • 800 WORDS RIGHTS: WORLD, EX NORTH AMERICA

MAYA WENT inside her box when someone called her weird, and again when someone hurt her feelings. It's safe and quiet inside the box and it can be anything she wants it to be. She brings it on bike rides and to school, and while kids used to notice it, now they barely see her at all. But Maya can't help but wonder, when she gazes outside, if there might be something she's missing...

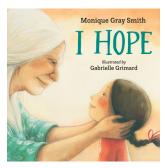
ALISON HUGHES is an award-winning author of many books for children and young adults. Alison is a university writing advisor, volunteers with children and literacy groups and gives frequent workshops and presentations at schools, libraries, festivals and conferences across Canada.

BRADY SATO is a Japanese Canadian illustrator who specializes in digital illustration. They developed an appreciation for visual storytelling from watching TV shows and reading manga as a child in Japan. Brady studied visual narrative with Pixar artist Kelsey Mann.

ALSO BY THE AUTHOR:

I HOPE

Monique Gray Smith Illustrated by Gabrielle Grimard



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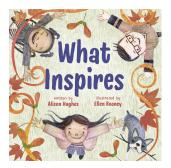
THE HOPES we have for the children in our lives are endless. We want our young people to thrive and experience all that life has to offer, but we also feel protective of them. Using simple but powerful statements, Monique Gray Smith delivers a touching message about loving, nurturing and wishing the best for our children. Paired with Gabrielle Grimard's warm and enchanting illustrations, the message in *I Hope* will resonate with all parents, grandparents and caregivers.

GABRIELLE GRIMARD has been drawing since she was young. Her passion for drawing and painting led her to pursue studies in fine arts and arts education at Concordia University. After she had her first child, she began her career as an illustrator. She is the illustrator of many award-winning books.

ALSO BY THE AUTHOR:

WHAT INSPIRES

Alison Hughes Illustrated by Ellen Rooney



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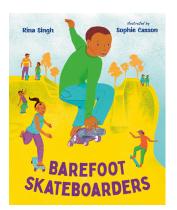
ON A TRIP to the park, three friends watch the whirling maple keys and are inspired to dance, which makes a nearby baby laugh and clap, and a man tap his cane in rhythm... A journey of creative inspiration ensues as the friends go from painting and building castles to colorful parades and finally magical dreams, setting the cycle up anew.

ELLEN ROONEY is an award-winning designer, artist and children's book illustrator. Her textural mixed media artwork combines many traditional art techniques, like pencil drawing, painting, printmaking and collage, often combined with digital techniques.

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BAREFOOT SKATEBOARDERS

Rina Singh Illustrated by Sophie Casson



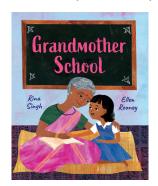
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ALSO BY THE AUTHOR:

GRANDMOTHER SCHOOL

Rina Singh Illustrated by Ellen Rooney

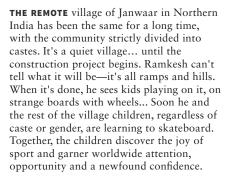


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BIRD BROTHERS, A DELHI STORY

Rina Singh Illustrated by Barkha Lohia



RINA SINGH is an award-winning children's author who is drawn to real-life stories about the environment and social justice. Her critically acclaimed and award-winning books include *Grandmother School*, *Diwali: A Festival of Lights*, and *Once, a Bird*. Rina has an MFA in creative writing and a teaching degree.

SOPHIE CASSON has illustrated more than twenty-five books, including *The Artist* and *Me by* Shane Peacock, and *Helen's Birds* by Sara Cassidy. Her highly acclaimed illustrations are inspired by etchings, silkscreen works and Japanese woodblock prints.

THIS BRILLIANTLY illustrated picture book tells the story of the Aajibaichi Shala, the Grandmother School, that was opened in Phangane, India, in 2016 to teach local grandmothers how to read and write. The narrator beams with pride as she drops her grandmother off with the other aajis to practice the alphabet and learn simple arithmetic. A moving story about family, women and the power of education—when Aaji learns to spell her name you'll want to dance along with her.



PICTURE BOOK

10.75 X 8.75" • 32 PAGES • 1200 WORDS RIGHTS: WORLD, EX NORTH AMERICA

BROTHERS NADEEM and saud grew up in Delhi watching the majestic raptors called black kites circle in the sky above their heads. But every year, when paper-kite-flying season came and people brought out their glass-coated kite strings called manja to have friendly battles, the beautiful birds faced dangerous skies. One day, the brothers found a black kite tangled in manja, but their local vet couldn't help. As they got older, the brothers never forgot that day. Learning from a local vet, who taught them how to mend a bird's wing, and a neighbour who trained pigeons, they began to rescue and rehabilitate injured black kites.

BARKHA LOHIA is an Indian illustrator and visual artist based out of Toronto. She enjoys engaging with different forms of storytelling, including picture books, editorials, and prints. She can often be found loitering in wild spaces—clicking, collecting and sketching.

ALSO BY THE AUTHOR:

ONCE, A BIRD

Rina Singh Illustrated by Nathalie Dion



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IN THIS wordless picture book, a bird emerges after winter to find the world has gone quiet. As she settles on a tree outside an apartment building, its residents notice her through their windows and find hope in her resilience and the continued rhythms of nature.

NATHALIE DION is an award-winning children's book illustrator. Nathalie graduated from Concordia University in design arts. Her Intuos tablet and numeric paint brushes are her favorite tools.

★ "This sweet, understated story is wordless—a perfect way to tell it, as it requires youngsters to relate to the illustrations in a unique, profoundly personal way...Refreshing, beautiful, moving, and meaningful."

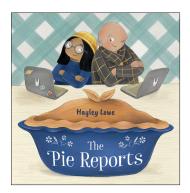
-Kirkus Reviews, starred review

THE PIE REPORTS

Hayley Lowe

THE ROCK AND THE BUTTERFLY

Kathy Stinson Illustrated by Brooke Kerrigan

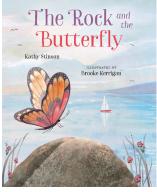


PICTURE BOOK

9 X 9" • 32 PAGES • 795 WORDS RIGHTS: WORLD, EX NORTH AMERICA NOOR AND GRANDDAD love pie. Despite an ocean of distance between them, and Granddad's declining health, the pair continue to connect through their shared passion for pastry by meeting for video chats. These weekly pie reports let them chat about what's new and, of course, discuss and eat pie!

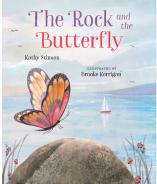
Then one day, Granddad doesn't log in. He's experiencing more blue days and doesn't feel like talking. Noor decides to write down her pie reports, holding space for Granddad until he feels ready.

HAYLEY LOWE is a Canadian illustrator and storyteller. She enjoys exploring a range of media but is particularly drawn to pencil, charcoal and gouache-and a sprinkle of digital magic.



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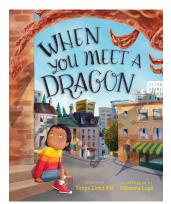
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WHEN YOU MEET A DRAGON

Tanya Lloyd Kyi Illustrated by Udavana Lugo



PICTURE BOOK 8.75 X 10.75" • 40 PAGES • 470 WORDS RIGHTS: WORLD, EX NORTH AMERICA



A CHILD is all alone when they see an enormous dragon. They call to their friends and neighbors, and everyone rallies to help, fending off the dragon and putting out fires. Finally, the dragon flees. Even though the dragon might return, the child knows they'll never have to face it alone again.

TANYA LLOYD KYI is the award-winning author of more than 30 books for children and young adults. She often writes about science, history and activism. Tanya's recent titles include Our Green City, What Will I Discover?, and Bompa's Insect Expedition, co-written with David Suzuki.

A HUG ON THE WIND

Robin Stevenson Illustrated by Kristina Jones



PICTURE BOOK

8.75 X 10.75" • 32 PAGES • 620 WORDS RIGHTS: WORLD, EX NORTH AMERICA

THE ROCK and the butterfly are a perfect fit. The butterfly takes shelter on the steady rock after hours of flittering and fluttering, and the rock loves to hear of the butterfly's adventures after a long day of sitting in one spot. Then one day the rock isn't where it has always been—and the butterfly is alone. It can't find a comfortable place to rest, and it eventually collapses on the ground. When it wakes, the butterfly realizes that it is lying in the exact spot where the rock used to be, and it takes comfort in all that its beloved friend left behind.

KATHY STINSON has loved reading all her life but was almost thirty when she discovered she loves writing too. She is the author of over thirty books for young people, including the classic Red Is Best and the award-winning The Man with the Violin.

BROOKE KERRIGAN has loved drawing ever since she was a little girl, so it seemed only natural that she would grow up to be an artist. Of all her creative endeavors. illustrating children's books is her favorite. Brooke has illustrated more than ten picture books, including the award-winning A Wee Boo and A Plan for Pops.

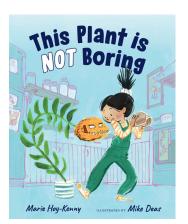
SAM'S GRANDMOTHER is going away for the winter, and he worries about how they'll keep in touch. She tells him that she can send a hug on the wind, kisses in the rain and fireflies to say good night—and Sam realizes his grandma will always be there for him no matter the distance.

ROBIN STEVENSON is the author of more than thirty books for kids and teens. She was awarded the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Literary Excellence in British Columbia.

KRISTINA JONES is an accomplished illustrator known for her whimsical creative style and passion for the wonder and magic of nature. With a Bachelor of Arts in illustration and design, she brings a wealth of knowledge and artistic expertise to her work.

THIS PLANT IS NOT BORING

Marie Hoy-Kenny Illustrated by Mike Deas



PICTURE BOOK

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A WEE BOO

Jessica Boyd Illustrated by Brooke Kerrigan



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PLANT ATTACK! THE FASCINATING WAYS FLORA DEFENDS ITSELF

Erin Silver



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JUST LIKE people and animals, plants need to defend themselves. They face all kinds of threats, like pesky bugs, hungry animals and even large-clawed crabs. But many have developed surprisingly cool and courageous ways to keep themselves safe from predators—including us.

This is a companion book to Mighty Scared: The Amazing Ways Animals Defend Themselves.

ERIN SILVER is the author of numerous books for children, including *Rush Hour* in the Orca Footprints series, and *Good Food*, *Bad Waste*, *In It to Win It* and *All Consuming* in the Orca Think series. Erin holds a Master of Fine Arts in creative nonfiction and a postgraduate journalism degree.

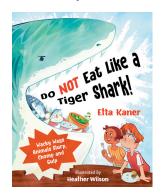
JULIE MCLAUGHLIN is an award-winning illustrator of numerous children's books, including *Pride Puppy*, *Little Cloud*, and three books in the Orca Think series. Her work with various editorial, advertising and publishing clients can be seen around the world.

Etta Kaner Illustrated by Heather Wilson

WACKY WAYS ANIMALS SLURP,

CHOMP AND GULP

DO NOT EAT LIKE A TIGER SHARK



NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK

8.75 X 10.75" • 32 PAGES • 1,500 WORDS RIGHTS: WORLD, EX NORTH AMERICA

ANIMALS EAT and drink in surprising, amazing and downright weird ways. Bearded vultures throw their food. Dogs slurp when they're thirsty. Amazon horned frogs swallow their meal whole. Cows burp. You should definitely NOT copy their behavior at the dinner table. It wouldn't be funny at all. In fact it could be disastrous. So mind your manners and find out what you should NOT do when you're eating or drinking.

ETTA KANER is an award-winning, internationally known author whose nonfiction books for children have been translated into many languages. A former teacher, she is passionate about science books for young readers. When she's not writing, Etta loves helping animals by growing a large variety of flowers and keeping a birdbath in her garden.

HEATHER WILSON is a Canadian illustrator and animation designer. She is a graduate of Sheridan College's Bachelor of illustration program and recipient of the Brenda Clark Visual Narrative Award.

MIA WANTS a dog, but her mom wants her to start with something easier: a plant. Mia thinks her new plant is beyond boring, since it doesn't do anything fun, like shake a paw. But when she turns her back on it for just a moment, it eats her sandwich. Then her stuffed lion. As Plant feeds on more and more of Mia's stuff, she wonders if there's anything she can do! When she spots the care tag inside its pot, Mia realizes that how she treats Plant matters. If she takes good care of it, maybe Plant could be a great companion after all.

MARIE HOY-KENNY is a writer, teacher and mother. Marie has written a young adult novel, *The Girls from Hush Cabin*, and her short stories and poetry have appeared in several literary magazines. *This Plant Is NOT Boring* is her debut picture book.



WEE BOO is a ghost who wants nothing more than to get her haunting license. The problem? She's far too cute to scare ANYONE...until she meets a baby. When Boo makes the baby laugh, she realizes something: although she's a terrible ghost, she might just make an outstanding imaginary friend.

JESSICA BOYD has been a creative writer for over 16 years. She loves writing, reading, baking delicious treats for her delightful friends and hanging out with her wonderful daughters and husband. Jessica reviews kid lit titles on her popular blog, *Jess Reviews a Book*. She has yet to see a ghost at her house.

MY SUMMER CAMP HAS MEGA SLOTHS

Rebecca Wood Barrett Illustrated by Jaimie MacGibbon

YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK, ALINA BUTT

Ambreen Butt-Hussain



MIDDLE GRADE FICTION
5 X 7.5" • 240 PAGES • 40,000 WORDS
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IN THIS follow-up to My Best Friend Is Extinct, Henry and his friends are at a summer camp led by a shady head counselor. Luckily, there's still fun to be had: Henry reunites with Yarp, a prehistoric short-faced bear, and discovers a herd of gentle mega sloths. But danger strikes when a wildfire starts, and Henry, his campmates and the prehistoric creatures have to band together to make their escape.

REBECCA WOOD BARRETT is an award-winning writer and filmmaker. Rebecca is a passionate advocate for the literary arts, and enjoys supporting writers of all ages in their creative writing adventures.

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IN THIS sequel to the critically acclaimed *The Unlovable Alina Butt*, twelve-year-old Alina is actually looking forward to going back to school. For once, she has some friends to sit beside on the first day. But when Alina walks into her classroom, someone is sitting in her spot and there are no seats left next to her friends. Grade seven is off to a rocky start!

Then the teacher announces that the class will be going on a trip to Paris later in the fall. It's an expensive trip, but she's sure that with the right plan, she can convince her strict parents to let her go. What could go wrong?

AMBREEN BUTT-HUSSAIN is the author of the debut middle-grade novel *The Unlovable Alina Butt.* Ambreen was born in Pakistan and lived in England and Scotland before finally settling in Canada. She has a bachelor of science degree from the University of Toronto and a master of education from Queen's University.

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TEN-YEAR-OLD Henry Springs is thrilled when the wintery resort town he and his mom recently moved to experiences a recordbreaking snowfall. One day, Henry discovers a strange, prehistoric-like creature that is seriously injured. Henry immediately names him Yarp and slowly nurses him back to health. But, as Henry soon discovers, Yarp is not the only unusual beast lurking in the neighborhood. Where did these creatures come from and how can Henry keep his new friend safe?

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

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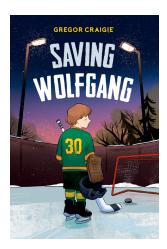
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FITTING IN at a new school is hard enough, but when you're an awkward, big-nosed, nerdy Pakistani girl with a funny last name, it can seem impossible.

Eleven-year-old Alina Butt has changed schools four times already since her family moved to England from Pakistan. Even after all that practice, she doesn't seem to be getting any better at being the new kid. Mocked for her last name and her "weird" lunches, Alina has had enough! Taking a leap of faith to try and stand out for the "right" reasons, Alina auditions for the school play. Her hopes of landing the lead role in Cinderella are dashed when her new friend gets the part of Cinderella instead... and her bully is cast as Prince Charming!

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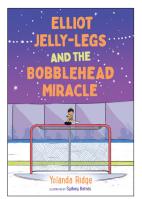
when wolfgang's father dies, everything changes. He and his mother move to Calgary to stay with his grandfather, and Wolfie starts at a new school. Wolfie gets to know his grandpa and makes a friend, Jimmy, who introduces him to hockey. Though he misses his father terribly, Wolfgang finds moments of happiness, like when his mom finally emerges from her grief to rejoin the world, and when his grandpa teaches him how to skate. He even gets good enough to join Jimmy's hockey team! But he still can't figure out why no one will tell him how his father passed away.

GREGOR CRAIGIE is a writer and journalist with his own morning a radio show. He is also the author of two books in the Orca Timeline series: *Why Humans Build Up* and *Walls. Saving Wolfgang* is his first novel for young readers.

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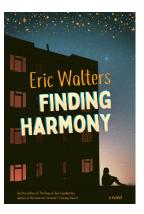
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YOLANDA RIDGE is the author of the middlegrade novel *Inside Hudson Pickle* and the Orca Footprint nonfiction title *What Poo Can Do*. She has a Master of Science degree and is adept at making complex concepts understandable—a skill she uses in her writing, teaching and author visits.

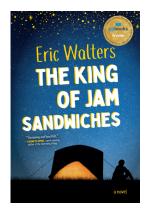


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so what if Harmony has to be the grown-up? After months living in a foster home (again), Harmony convinces a judge that she can move back in with her mother. But now Harmony has an even bigger battle ahead—trying to keep her mom on the straight and narrow, or at least keep Gloria from finding out when she slips. Which she does. A lot. It feels like Harmony's life is always one step from falling apart, and she can't really trust anyone. Harmony knows the question is less about whether she'll return to foster care and more about when she's ready to do it.

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ERIC WALTERS is a Member of the Order of Canada and the author of over 125 books that have collectively won more than 100 awards including the Governor General's Literary Award for *The King of Jam Sandwiches*. A former teacher, Eric began writing as a way to get his fifth-grade students interested in reading and writing.



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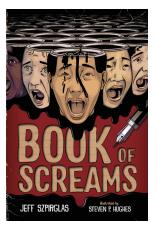
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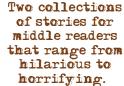
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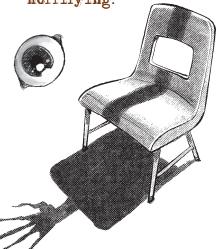
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Despite his important achievement, as an enslaved person Edmond didn't receive payment or recognition for his contribution to science, eventually dying in poverty after being freed from slavery in 1848.

Today it is recognized that Edmond's method of pollination was key to bringing vanilla to the world, helped to create a billion-dollar industry and gave us the flavor we love to use in cooking, baking, medicine and, of course, ice cream.

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ARDEN TAYLOR is a Toronto-based freelance illustrator. A graduate of Sheridan College with an honors bachelor of illustration, she enjoys digitally creating colorful illustrations of architecture and people and designs for wallpaper and other projects.



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Armed with a degree in forest conservation, **KAREN TAM WU** has spent many years working to promote and protect healthy ecosystems and the communities that depend on these ecosystems. Nowadays, Karen helps decision makers understand what kinds of programs, laws and technologies leaders around the world are using to reduce carbon pollution and create clean renewable energy.

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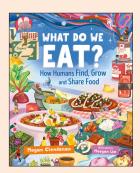
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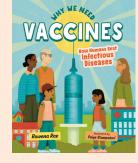
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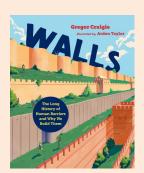
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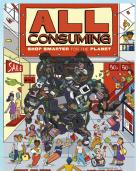
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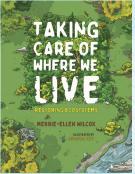


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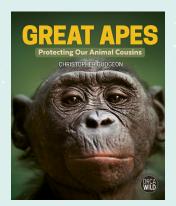


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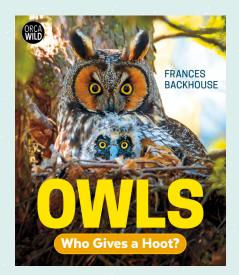
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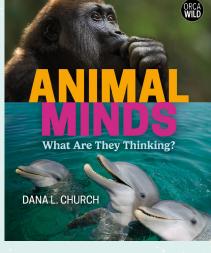


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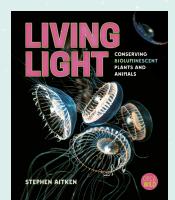


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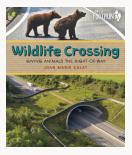
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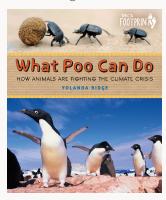
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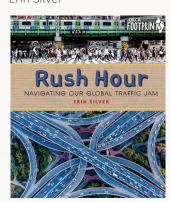


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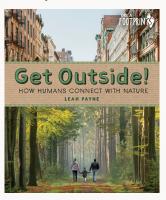


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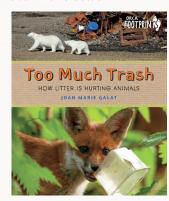
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