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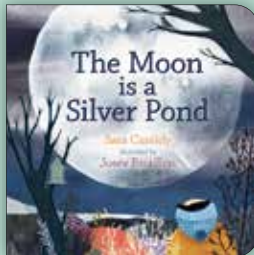


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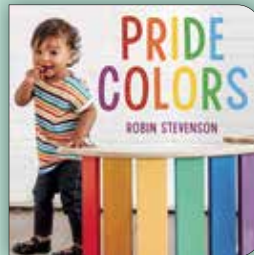
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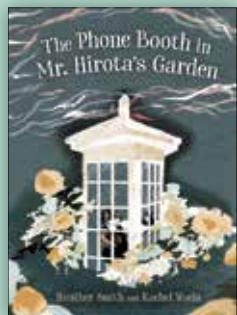
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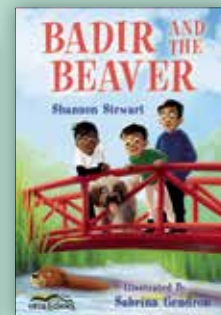
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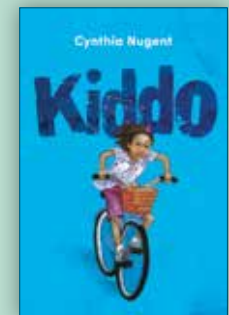
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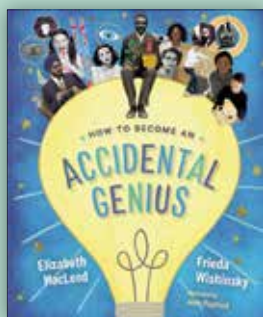
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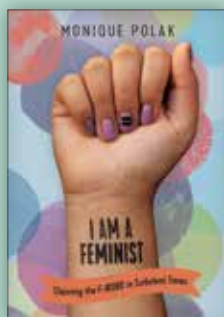
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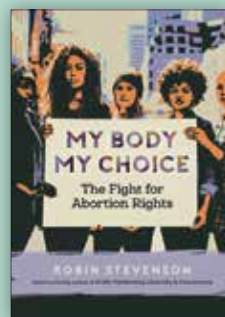
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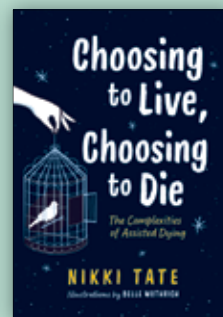
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- Splashy print and online advertising campaigns
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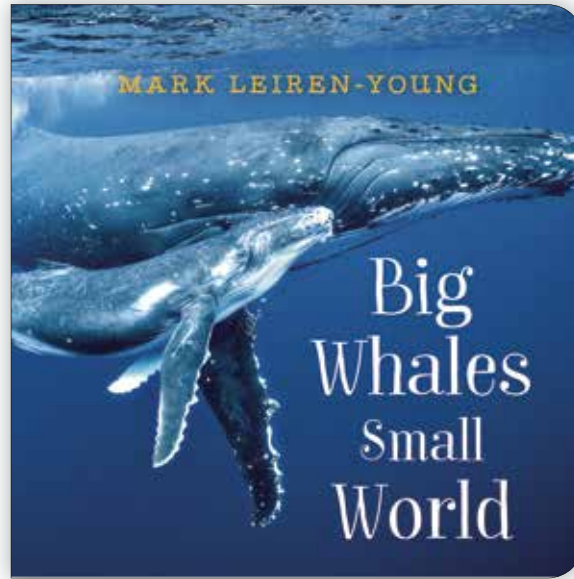
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### KEY SELLING POINTS

- Young readers learn one interesting fact about each marine mammal in this clever, rhyming board book.
- The author has been called Canada's "go-to guy for dolphins, whales and trees."
- It is illegal to take underwater pictures of certain endangered whales. All of the photos in this book were sourced and taken legally.

# Big Whales, Small World

Mark Leiren-Young

*Take a dive in the oceans of the world with whales big and small!*

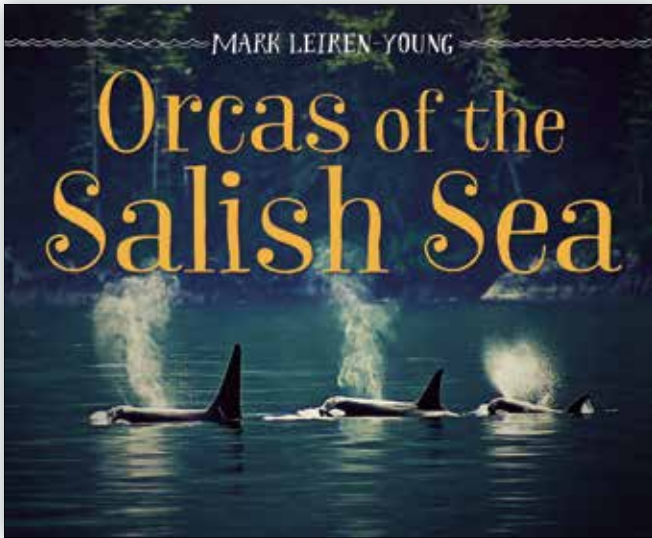
In *Big Whales, Small World* you will meet whales from around the world. This rhyming photographic board book visits the oceans of places like New Zealand, Russia and South America. Writer, filmmaker and orca activist Mark Leiren-Young introduces young readers to blue whales bigger than dinosaurs and tiny vaquitas who swim close to shores.

**MARK LEIREN-YOUNG** is an award-winning writer, documentary filmmaker, podcaster, orca activist and comic. His book, *The Killer Whale Who Changed the World*, won the Science Writers and Communicators of Canada general audience book award. He wrote, directed and produced an award-winning documentary called *The Hundred-Year-Old Whale*, and his documentary about Moby Doll is being produced by Middle Child Films. He is also the author of *Orcas Everywhere: The Mystery and History of Killer Whales* and *Orcas of the Salish Sea*. He lives in Victoria, British Columbia, with his partner and two cool Norwegian forest cats.

**KEYWORDS:** whales of the world, ocean, environment, sea mammals, orcas







**KEY SELLING POINTS**

- Introduces the reader to J pod and its members, such as Onyx, Granny, Moby Doll and Scarlet.
- One of the pod members, Tahlequah, made headlines around the world for carrying her dead calf for 17 days.
- Author is considered the “go-to guy” on southern resident orcas.
- Includes additional resources, a glossary and a map that shows the orcas’ migratory route.

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# Orcas of the Salish Sea

Mark Leiren-Young

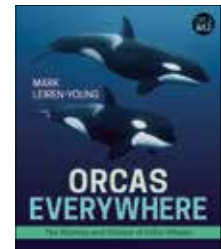
*Meet the most famous whales in the world.*

**M**et Onyx and the orcas of J pod, the world’s most famous whales. Illustrated with stunning photos, this picture book introduces young readers to the orcas humans first fell in love with. The members of J pod live in the Salish Sea, off the coast of Washington and British Columbia. Moby Doll was the first orca ever displayed in captivity, Granny was the oldest orca known to humanity, and Scarlet was the orca humans fought to save.

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**KEYWORDS:** whales, conservation, ocean, environment, southern residents

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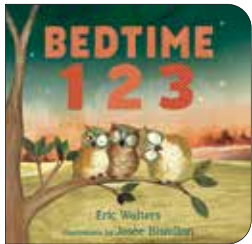
**MARKETING AND PROMO**

- Print and online advertising campaigns
- Promotion at national and regional school, library and trade conferences
- Author interview on blog and social media promotion
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- Promotional postcard with *The Moon is a Silver Pond*

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# The Sun is a Peach

Sara Cassidy • Illustrated by Josée Bisailon

*What does the sun look like to you?*

A young child walks along a country road into town where there’s a parade on. The experiences of the day, and the child’s eventual homecoming and bedtime, are chronicled and compared to the sun. The sun takes the form of the yolk of an egg, a spool of thread, the eye of a bird, an ice-cream cone and a dandelion. Each round, yellow item on the page hints at the big golden ball in the sky.

Stunning illustrations by Josée Bisailon capture how imagination shapes the environment around us. This simple board book shows children that the way they see the world—by heart, mind and imagination—is just right. Revelling in metaphor, *The Sun is a Peach* encourages that magical leap of imagination and asks the reader to look at everyday objects from a different perspective.

**SARA CASSIDY’S** books have been short-listed for many awards, including the Chocolate Lily Award for both *Black Gold* and *Blackberry Juice*, the Ruth and Sylvia Schwartz Children’s Book Award for *A Boy Named Queen* and the Bolen Books Children’s Book Prize for *Skylark*. Additionally, both *A Boy Named Queen* and *Double Play* were Junior Library Guild selections. Her poetry, fiction and nonfiction for adults have been widely published. She lives in Victoria, British Columbia.

**JOSÉE BISAILLON** has illustrated more than twenty-five children’s books, created numerous editorial illustrations for magazines and newspapers. She has been short-listed twice for the Governor General’s Literary Award, and she won the Marilyn Baillie Picture Book Award for *The Snow Knows*. She lives outside Montreal with her family.

**KEYWORDS:** learning about metaphor, figurative language, observation, point of view, child’s perspective

**KEY SELLING POINTS**

- In this book a young child learns about metaphor, comparing their observations of the sun to other everyday objects they encounter through their day from dawn to dusk.
- Praise for the companion title, *The Moon is a Silver Pond*:
  - ★ “Sure to jump-start readers’ imaginations and create moon-y, luminous dreams.”  
 — *Publishers Weekly* starred review
  - “Exquisitely illustrated...Board books don’t often get this level of artistic care. Highly recommended.”  
 — *School Library Journal*





## La lune est un étang d'argent

Sara Cassidy • Illustrations de Josée Bisailon

*À quoi te fait penser la lune ?*

**P**endant qu'un enfant vaque à ses occupations quotidiennes, toutes sortes de choses lui font penser à la lune, là-haut dans le ciel. La lune est comme un étang gelé la nuit dans le bois. La lune est comme le lait dans le seau après la traite des vaches.



## Le soleil est une pêche

Sara Cassidy • Illustrations de Josée Bisailon

*À quoi te fait penser le soleil ?*

**U**n enfant marche sur un chemin de campagne pour aller voir un défilé au village. Ce qu'il voit lors des événements de la journée jusqu'à son retour à la maison et l'heure du coucher lui fait penser au soleil : un jaune d'œuf, une bobine de fil, l'œil d'un oiseau, un cornet de sorbet et un pissenlit. Tous les cercles jaunes lui font penser à la grosse boule orangée dans le ciel.

Les merveilleuses illustrations de Josée Bisailon expriment comment notre imagination façonne notre environnement. Ce livre cartonné démontre aux enfants que leur façon de voir le monde—par le cœur, l'esprit et l'imagination—est tout à fait valable. Grâce à ses métaphores savoureuses, *Le soleil est une pêche* invite les lecteurs à faire le saut magique dans leur imagination et à voir les objets du quotidien sous un autre angle.

*Le soleil est une pêche* complète *La lune est un étang d'argent*, écrit lui aussi par Sara Cassidy.

Les livres de **SARA CASSIDY** ont été finalistes pour de nombreux prix : le Chocolate Lily Award pour *Black Gold* et *Blackberry Juice* ; le Ruth and Sylvia Schwartz Children's Book Award pour *A Boy Named Queen* ; le Bolen Books Children's Book Prize pour *Skylark* ainsi que le Kirkus Prize for Young Readers' Literature. Deux de ses titres, *A Boy Named Queen* et *Double Play*, ont été sélectionnés par la Junior Library Guild. Sara Cassidy a publié de nombreux recueils de poésie, œuvres de fiction et ouvrages documentaires pour adultes. Elle vit à Victoria en Colombie-Britannique.

**JOSÉE BISAILLON** a illustré plus de trente-cinq livres pour enfants et créé de nombreuses illustrations pour des magazines et des journaux. Elle a été finaliste au Prix littéraire du Gouverneur général à deux reprises et a remporté le prestigieux Marilyn Baillie Picture Book Award pour *The Snow Knows*. Il s'agit du quatrième ouvrage de Josée avec Orca, après *My Head in the Clouds* et *Bedtime 123* écrit par Eric Walters, un succès de librairie. Elle vit en banlieue de Montréal avec sa famille.

**KEYWORDS:** métaphore, figures de style, observation, point de vue d'un enfant, poésie

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### AUGMENTS DE VENTE

- Dans ce livre, un jeune enfant apprend ce qu'est une métaphore en comparant le soleil aux objets qu'il voit au cours de la journée, du matin au soir.
- Ce livre destiné aux tout-petits est une introduction au concept de la métaphore. Les illustrations merveilleuses font appel aux formats, aux formes et aux textures.

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## J'ai le cœur rempli de bonheur

Monique Gray Smith • Illustrations de Julie Flett  
Traduit de l'anglais par Rachel Martinez

**Q**u'est-ce qui te remplit le cœur de bonheur ? Le soleil sur ton visage ? L'odeur de la banique qui cuit au four ? Tenir la main d'une personne que tu aimes ? Ce magnifique album cartonné, rappelle aux petits et aux grands de penser aux moments de la vie qui leur apportent de la joie et d'en profiter.

D'origine mixte (crie, lakota et écossaise), **MONIQUE GRAY SMITH** est mère de jumeaux et une experte-conseil, autrice et conférencière accomplie. Son premier roman, *Tilly: A Story of Hope and Resilience*, a remporté le prix Burt de littérature des Premières Nations, Inuits et Métis en 2014. Monique et sa famille ont le bonheur de vivre sur le territoire des Lekwungens à Victoria en Colombie-Britannique.

**JULIE FLETT** a étudié en beaux-arts à l'Université Concordia à Montréal et à l'Emily Carr University of Art + Design à Vancouver. Elle a remporté trois fois le Christie Harris Illustrated Children's Literature Prize et le Prix littéraire du Gouverneur général en littérature jeunesse. Crie et métisse d'origine, Julie vit à Vancouver.

**KEYWORDS:** bonheur, joie réflexion, autochtone, famille, bambins

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## Mi corazón se llena de alegría

Monique Gray Smith • Ilustraciones de Julie Flett  
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**L**a luz del sol en la cara. El aroma de bannock caliente horneándose. Agarrar la mano de alguien querido. ¿Qué llena tu corazón de alegría? Este hermoso libro en cartón, sirve como recordatorio tanto para pequeños como adultos a pensar en y apreciar los momentos de la vida que nos llenan de alegría.

**MONIQUE GRAY SMITH** es una mujer de herencia mixta, de ascendencia Cree, Lakota y escocés y madre orgullosa de mellizos. Su primera novela, *Tilly: A Story of Hope and Resilience*, ganó el premio Burt para literatura de autores canadienses indígenas en 2014. Monique y su familia son afortunados de vivir en territorio Lekwungen en Victoria, Columbia Británica.

**JULIE FLETT** estudió Bellas Artes en la Universidad Concordia en Montreal y la Universidad Emily Carr de Arte + Diseño en Vancouver. Ha ganado tres veces el Premio de literatura infantil ilustrado Christie Harris y ha recibido un Premio Gobernador General de literatura infantil. Es de ascendencia Cree-Métis y actualmente vive en Vancouver.

**KEYWORDS:** felicidad, alegría, reflexión, indígena, familia

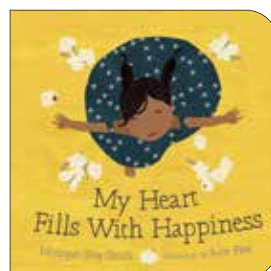
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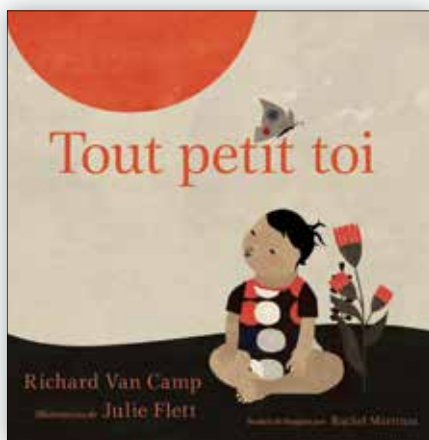
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## Tout petit toi

Richard Van Camp • Illustrations de Julie Flett  
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**R**ichard Van Camp, reconnu à travers le monde à titre de conteur et d'auteur des ouvrages à succès *Welcome Song for Baby* et *We Sang You Home*, s'est associé à la grande illustratrice Julie Flett. Cet album cartonné destiné aux bébés et aux bambins rend hommage, avec tendresse, à l'enfant à l'intérieur de chacun. *Tout petit toi* est un ouvrage parfait pour être regardé, lu à voix haute ou même chanté à tous les petits qui vous entourent... ou qui partageront votre vie bientôt !

**RICHARD VAN CAMP** est fier de faire partie de la nation d'origine tli cho de Fort Smith dans les Territoires du Nord-Ouest. Richard a écrit une vingtaine d'ouvrages dans pratiquement tous les genres, notamment le roman illustré *A Blanket of Butterflies* qui a été finaliste pour le prix Eisner. La version originale anglaise de *Tout petit toi* (*Little You*) a été un succès de librairie et a été traduite en plus de cinq langues, dont le cri des bois, la langue des Esclaves du Sud, le d'origine (chipewyan) et l'espagnol. Son roman *The Lesser Blessed* a été porté au cinéma par First Generation Films.

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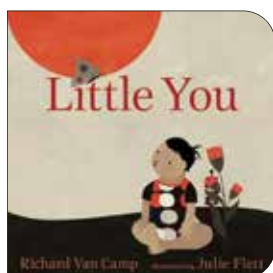
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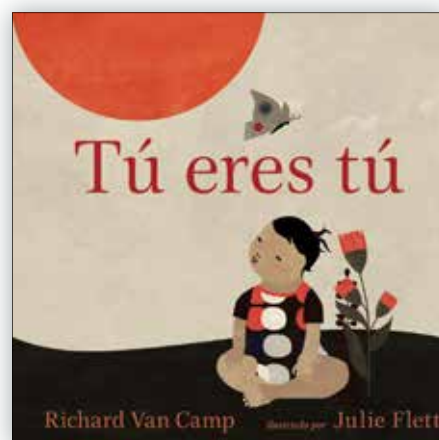
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## Tú eres tú

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**R**ichard Van Camp, cuentacuentos renombrado internacionalmente y el autor de bestsellers como los libros *Welcome Song for Baby* y *We Sang You Home*, ha unido fuerzas con la ilustradora talentosa Julie Flett para crear un libro tierno en cartonné para los lectores más pequeños que honra el niño que hay en todo el mundo. Con sus ilustraciones contemporáneas y encantadoras, *Tú eres tú* es perfecto para ser compartido o leído a todos los seres pequeños en su vida—¡e incluso con los pequeños que vienen de camino!

**RICHARD VAN CAMP** es orgulloso de ser de ascendencia tli cho y es de Fort Smith, Territorios del Noroeste. Graduado de la Escuela Internacional de Escritura En'owkin, Licenciado en Escritura Creativa de la Universidad de Victoria y Máster en Escritura Creativa de la Universidad de British Columbia, Richard es el autor de más de veinte libros en casi todos los géneros, incluyendo la novela gráfica *A Blanket of Butterflies*, que ha sido finalista para los Premios Eisner. Su novela *The Lesser Blessed* es ahora un filme de First Generation Films.

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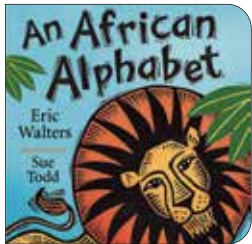
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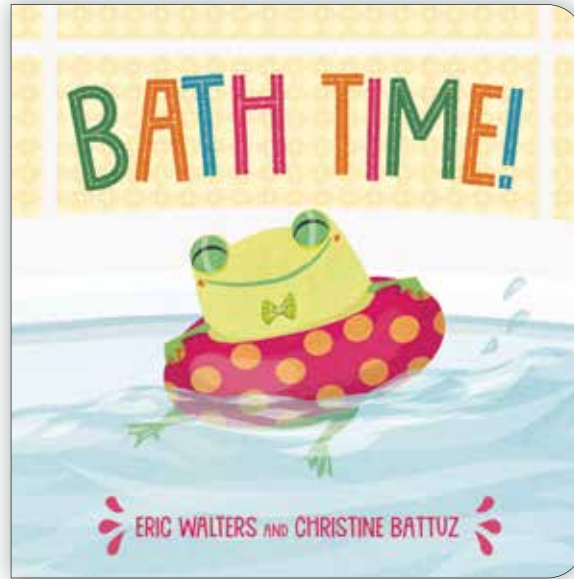
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**KEY SELLING POINTS**

- A unique spin on the bath book, this features bath toys in the shapes of animals.
- This playful book is filled with cheery colours and smiling faces.
- Perfect for learning new animal names.

**Bath Time!**

Eric Walters • Illustrated by Christine Battuz

*Spish splash, it's time for a bath!*

**W**hat makes bath time fun for baby? Bath toys! From parading penguins and splashing seals to frolicking frogs and bathing beavers, these joyful animal toys are ready to play. Join the splashy party in the tub...you may even get wet too!

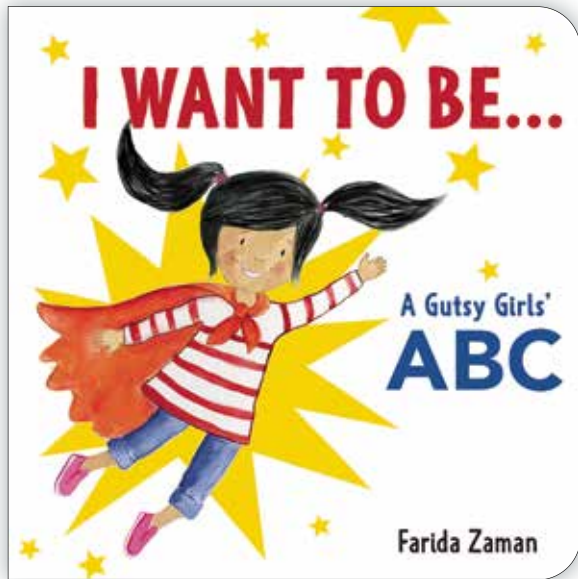
Bright, vibrant illustrations from Christine Battuz match the energy of a baby in the bath as you're introduced to Eric Walters' animal alliterations across each page. Good clean fun!

**ERIC WALTERS** began writing as a way to get his fifth-grade students interested in reading and writing. A Member of the Order of Canada, he has now published more than 100 novels and picture books. He is a tireless presenter, speaking to over 100,000 students per year in schools across the country. This is his third board book for babies with Orca. He lives in Guelph, Ontario.

**CHRISTINE BATTUZ** received her Master of Fine Arts at the Academy of Fine Arts of Perugia in Italy. She has illustrated more than 60 children's books and has worked on projects in various parts of the world including Canada, USA, Korea and some countries in Europe. She is also an art teacher and has worked with students of all ages to share her passion for books and drawing. A partner in the graphic design studio Kuizin Studio, she collaborates regularly with the design and animation department. Born in France, she now lives in Bromont, Quebec.

**KEYWORDS:** baby bath time, animals, splashing, alliteration, bath toys





## KEY SELLING POINTS

- A feminist board book for babies and toddlers that introduces them to fun and unusual jobs they can do when they grow up—from A to Z and everything in between.
- This book imparts the message that girls can do and be anything they want.
- In the tradition of the highly popular *Baby Feminists*, the *Little Feminist Board Books*, and *Dream Big, Little One*.

## I Want to Be...

### A Gutsy Girls' ABC

Farida Zaman

*An alphabet of fun and unusual possibilities for when you grow up.*

**S**ome jobs immediately sound fun—Candy Maker anyone?! And some jobs sound exciting—Oceanographer, Sportscaster, Aerialist! And some jobs—Kite Designer, Wind Farmer, Party Planner—sound so wonderful it's hard to believe that they exist! Babies and toddlers will follow along with this ABC as it explores some of the amazing, and often unusual, jobs that people do. Each fun letter is complemented by an illustration of a girl filled with delight and wonder as she shows us how we can be, quite literally, anything we want to be.

**FARIDA ZAMAN** has a passion for art and design and in her 20 years as a freelance illustrator she has worked in Europe, North America, and the Middle East with clients across the world. Farida lives in Toronto.

**KEYWORDS:** ABC book, fun jobs, feminist, girls, unusual jobs

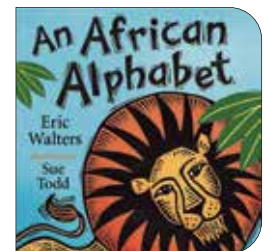


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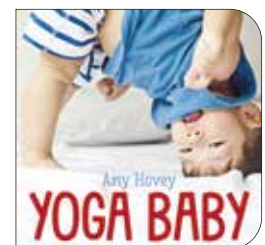
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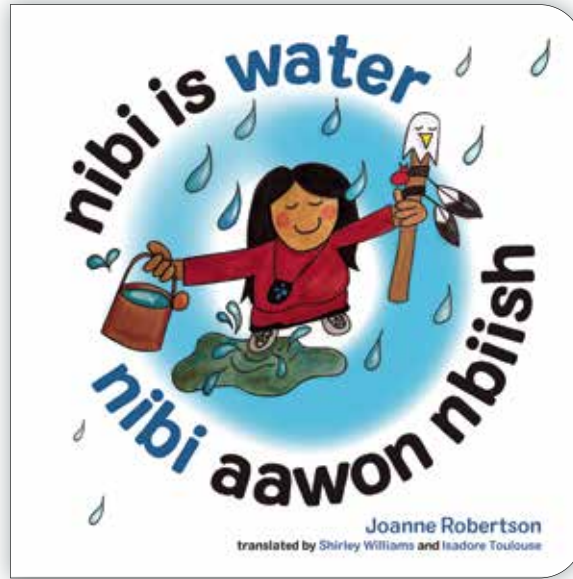
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**KEY SELLING POINTS**

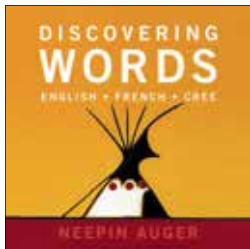
- A board book for babies and toddlers that introduces the importance of water and water protection.
- This book is in Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) and English with an Anishinaabemowin pronunciation guide at the back.
- Indigenous water protectors like author Joanne Robertson are highly respected environmentalists in Canada and across North America.

## Nibi is Water

Joanne Robertson

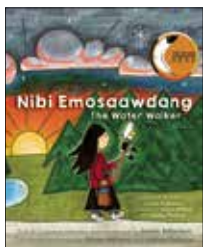
*Nibi is water and water is life.*

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ALSO BY  
 JOANNE ROBERTSON:



The Water Walker |  
 Nibi Emosaawdang  
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 AGES 6–8

**A** first conversation about the importance of Nibi—which means water in Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe)—and our role to thank, respect, love, and protect it. Babies and toddlers can follow Nibi as it rains and snows, splashes or rows, drips and sips. Written from an Anishinaabe water protector’s perspective, the book is in dual language—English and Anishinaabemowin.

**JOANNE ROBERTSON** is AnishinaabeKwe and a member of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek. She continues to support the water walks through live GPS spotting to make sure the water is safe. Joanne is the author and illustrator of *The Water Walker / Nibi Emosaawdang*. She lives near Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

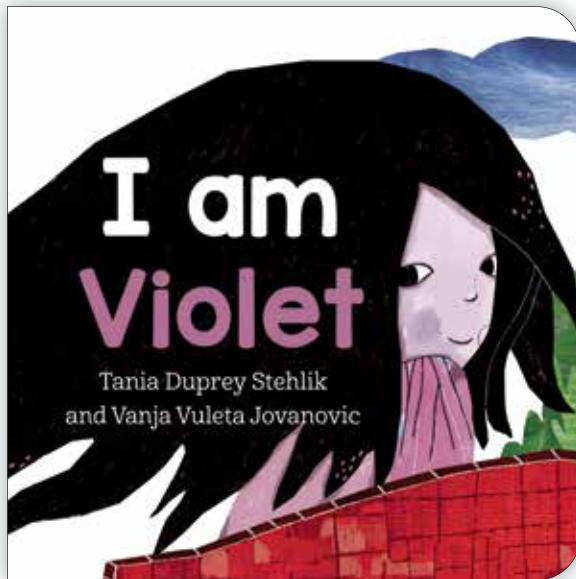
**KEYWORDS:** environmentalism, water protection, Great Lakes, Indigenous, Native American



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#### KEY SELLING POINTS

- This colorful book helps families of mixed heritage celebrate themselves, using colors.
- *I Am Violet* introduces the youngest readers to color theory. Violet is purple, and to get purple you mix red and blue.
- This book is an adaptation of the author and illustrator's popular children's picture book *Violet*, published in 2009 and selected for the "We Need Diverse Books" Booktalking Kit.

## I Am Violet

Tania Duprey Stehlik • Illustrated by Vanja Vuleta Jovanovic

*A book for all babies and toddlers to celebrate the skin they are in.*

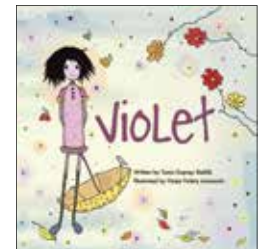
**P**eople come in a rainbow of beautiful colors. A little girl looks around her and sees that some people are blue, some are green, some are red...the world is a rainbow and Violet herself is a wonderful mixture of her mom and dad. Her mom is red, her dad is blue, and the little girl proudly announces: "I am proud to be violet... I am proud to be me... I am Violet!" A book for all babies and toddlers to celebrate the skin they are in.

**TANIA STEHLIK** is an elementary school teacher with the Toronto District School Board. She was born and raised in Montreal, but currently lives in Toronto. She is of Indian and French Canadian descent and takes great pride in her mixed heritage, which inspired this book and her children's picture book, *Violet*.

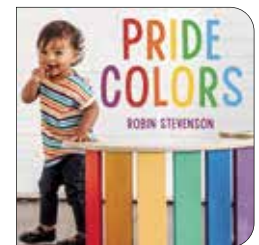
**VANJA VULETA** is a multimedia artist and a freelance graphic designer who has had her work displayed in several shows. She was born in the former Yugoslavia and presently resides in Toronto. She is also the illustrator of the children's picture book *Violet*.

**KEYWORDS:** colors, mixed race, mixed heritage, family, heritage pride

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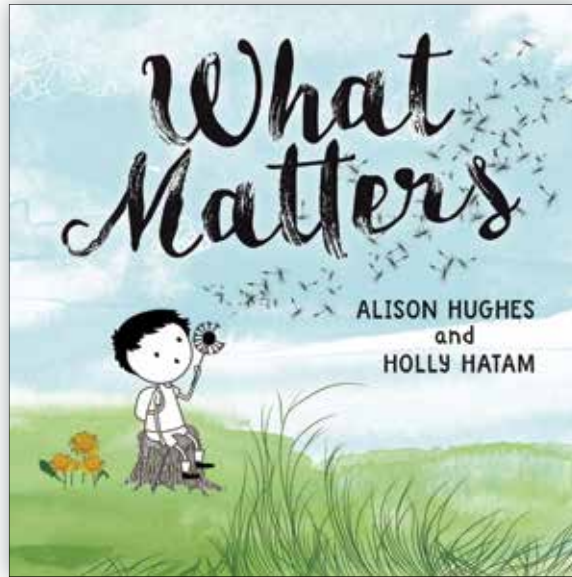
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- Local and national media initiatives
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**KEY SELLING POINTS**

- An introduction to environmental stewardship and how each person and each action can make a difference.
- This vibrant picture book explores themes of the environment, recycling and conservation.
- Alison Hughes's books have been nominated for the Governor General's, Silver Birch, Red Cedar, Diamond Willow, Hackmatack, Chocolate Lily and Alberta Literary Awards.

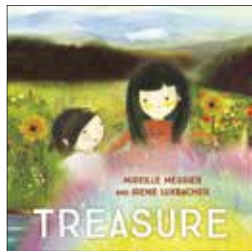


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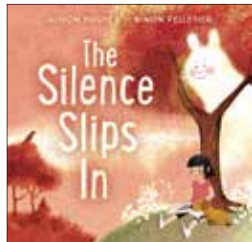
Alison Hughes • Illustrated by Holly Hatam

*Small actions can have a big impact!*

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**W**hat happens when one small boy picks up one small piece of litter? He doesn't know it, but his tiny act has big consequences. From the minuscule to the universal, *What Matters* sensitively explores nature's connections and traces the ripple effects of one child's good deed to show how we can all make a big difference.

**ALISON HUGHES** is an award-winning author of many books for children and young adults, including *Hit the Ground Running*, a nominee for the Governor General's Literary Award. Alison volunteers for children and literacy and gives frequent presentations at schools, libraries and young-writer conferences. She lives in Edmonton with her family.

**HOLLY HATAM** is an illustrator and graphic designer whose work has been featured in greeting cards, prints, clothes and much more. Holly's other passions include snuggling with her hubby and son, spending time hugging trees, filling up her pantry with tea and sticking her nose in a book.

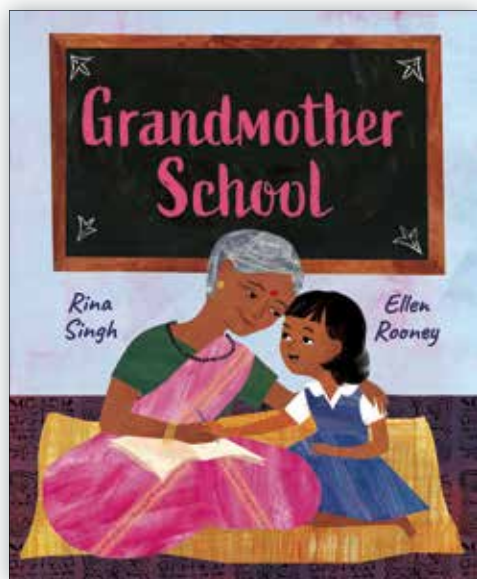
**KEYWORDS:** environmentalism, recycling, nature, waste reduction, making a difference

**"A beguiling, environmental musing on how one small act can have far-reaching consequences."**

—Kirkus Reviews







**KEY SELLING POINTS**

- Based on a true story from Phangane village in India's Maharashtra state where grandmothers attend the Aajibaichi Shala (school for grandmothers). For many of them, this has been their first time in a classroom.
- Explores how important education is, especially for girls and women who have historically been left behind.
- Ellen Rooney's bright and vivid illustrations sparkle as this book teaches us the power of education.

# Grandmother School

Rina Singh • Illustrated by Ellen Rooney

*It's never too late to learn.*

Every morning, a young girl walks her grandmother to the Aajibaichi Shala, the school that was built for all the grandmothers in her village to learn to read and write. The story of the *Grandmother School* is told with love and pride by the young narrator, who helps her grandmother with her homework at night and sees how enthusiastic she is about everything she is learning. A story about family, women and the power of education.

Women in countless countries continue to endure the limitations of illiteracy. Unjust laws have suppressed the rights of girls and women and kept many from getting an education and equal standing in society. Based on a true story from the village of Phangane, India, this beautifully illustrated book tells the story of the grandmothers who got to go to school for the first time in their lives.

**RINA SINGH** has published several critically acclaimed books for children inspired by her Indian Canadian heritage including *Diwali Lights*, *Holi Colors* and *Diwali: A Festival of Lights*, which was nominated for the Red Cedar Award. Rina's own grandmother never got the chance to go to school. *Grandmother School* is dedicated to her memory. Rina lives in Toronto with her family.

**ELLEN ROONEY** is a 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. Originally from Massachusetts, she now lives in the southern Okanagan Valley in British Columbia.

**KEYWORDS:** India, village, female literacy, intergenerational, power of education



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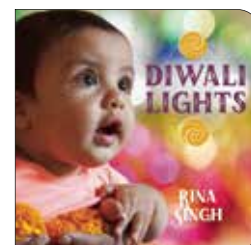
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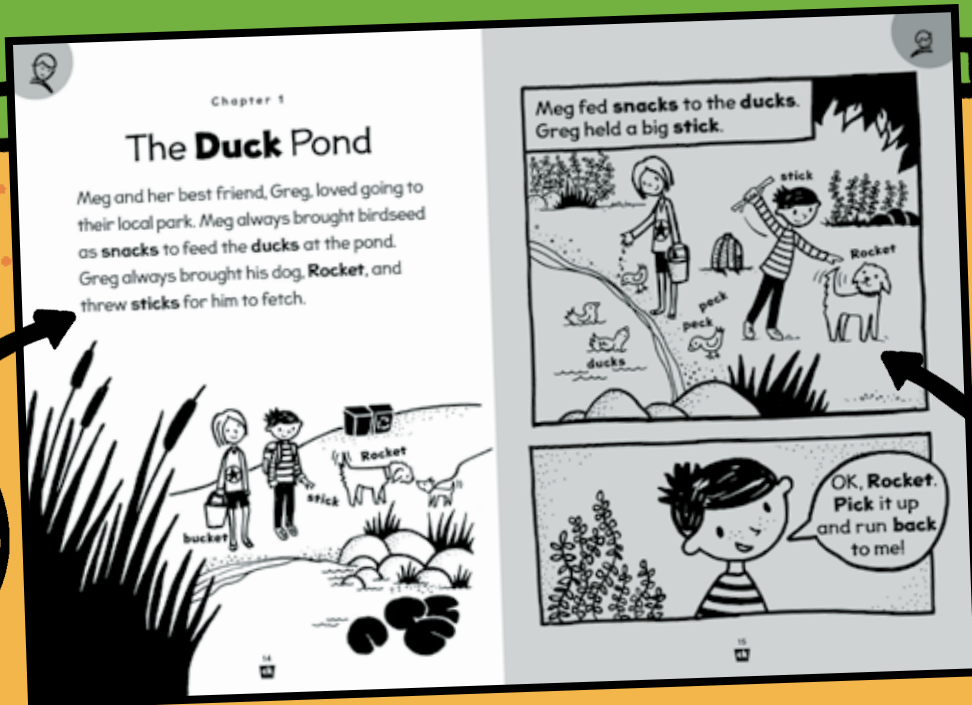


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# Introducing Orca Two Read: books for shared reading



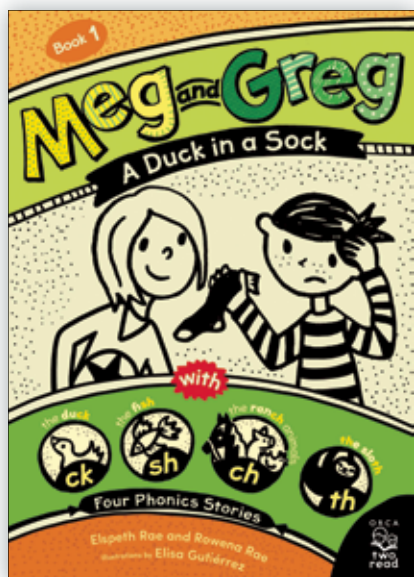
Adult or  
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The Meg and Greg series is specifically designed for shared reading between a child learning to read and an experienced reader.

Includes special features to help readers with dyslexia or another language-based learning difficulty:

- **Shaded paper** reduces contrast.
- **Labels** allow very early readers to participate.
- **Extra space** between letters, words and lines of text.
- Kid's text is **controlled to remove spelling exceptions** and advanced words.
- Words with target phonogram appear in **bold type**.
- **Easy to read font**.



#### KEY SELLING POINTS

- This book includes features to accommodate struggling or dyslexic readers, which make this series more accessible.
- Engaging and age-appropriate plots that don't demoralize or stigmatize striving readers.
- This is the first book in a series that introduces one new phonogram (a letter or combination of letters that represent a sound) in each story. These books are cumulative, so each story builds on the previous one, and each book will build on the previous book. The first book covers the **ck**, **sh**, **ch** and **th** phonograms.

## Meg and Greg

### A Duck in a Sock

Elspeth Rae and Rowena Rae • Illustrated by Elisa Gutiérrez

*Putting the fun in phonics.*

**A** *Duck in a Sock* is the first book in a series designed for shared reading between a child learning to read and an experienced reader. The stories have special features to help a child with dyslexia or another language-based learning difficulty find reading success.

Meg and Greg are hanging out for the summer doing what ten-year-olds do—helping an injured duckling, finding a lost pet fish, saving ranch animals from a wildfire and catching a wandering sloth! Jump inside to join Meg and Greg on their adventures.

**ELSPETH RAE** has a BEd from Simon Fraser University and is a certified Orton-Gillingham teacher for children with dyslexia and other language-learning difficulties. Elspeth was diagnosed with dyslexia at age eight and received Orton-Gillingham instruction during her school years. As a certified teacher, she works as a literacy specialist in the public school system, where she teaches reading, spelling and writing to children ages five to thirteen. She lives in Vancouver with her husband and three children.

**ROWENA RAE** worked as a biologist in Canada and New Zealand before becoming a freelance writer and editor and a children's author. She writes both fiction and nonfiction from her home in Victoria, British Columbia, which she shares with her two book-loving children.

**ELISA GUTIÉRREZ** is an award-winning designer, author and illustrator. Her book *Picturescape* was short-listed for the Christie Harris Illustrated Children's Literature Prize, was honored by the Alcuin Society and was the subject of a scholarly paper by the renowned Dr. Lawrence Sipe. Elisa has designed over 100 books and specializes in book design for children. Born and raised in Mexico City, Elisa now lives in Vancouver.

**KEYWORDS:** early chapter books, learning to read, dyslexia, learning difference, buddy reading



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**“My students love the engaging story lines of the Meg and Greg books. Although they are only meant to read the captions on the picture pages, they take great pride in trying (and succeeding!) to read the 'teacher pages' as well.”**

—Leslie O'Hagan,  
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inclusive learning teacher,  
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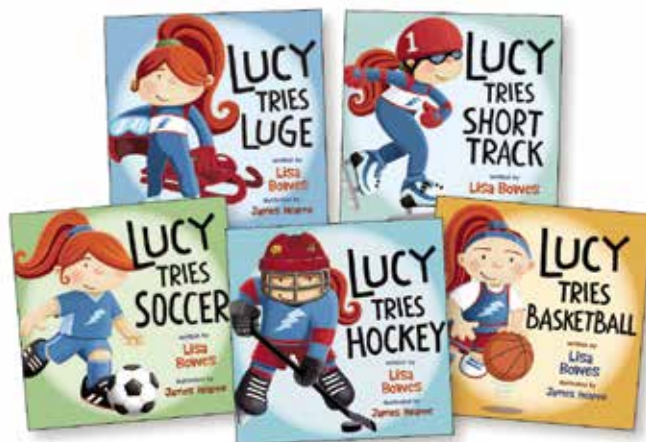
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**MARKETING AND PROMO**

- Print and online advertising campaigns
- Promotion at national and regional school, library and trade conferences
- Blog and social media promotion
- Outreach in Orca newsletter



**KEY SELLING POINTS**

- Introduces the importance of being active, participation and the value sports have to offer.
- Author Lisa Bowes is a sports journalist who is an avid advocate for getting young people involved in sports.
- The Lucy Tries Sports series is a great tool to help promote physical literacy.
- Package is shrink-wrapped with custom bundle and barcode labels.



**Lucy Tries Sports High-Five Pack**

Lisa Bowes • Illustrated by James Hearne

*Lucy tries sports, and you can too!*

**A** perfect introduction to sport and play, the Lucy Tries Sports series follows Lucy as she tries a number of new sports with her friends. Learning the rules of each sport, participating and having fun are key themes in each title that make this series so appealing and accessible to young readers.

This collection contains five paperback books: *Lucy Tries Luge*, *Lucy Tries Short Track*, *Lucy Tries Soccer*, *Lucy Tries Hockey* and *Lucy Tries Basketball*.

**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. She is a Physical Education graduate who is passionate about encouraging children and families to be active. Lisa lives in Calgary.

**JAMES HEARNE** is an internationally recognized illustrator and graphic designer. He lives in Calgary.

**KEYWORDS:** female athletes, physical literacy, friends, skills, teammates

“The Lucy Tries Sports series is an engaging and fun way to teach young children about sports. And we all know that if girls in particular have strong role models they’re more likely to succeed. Lucy is exactly that!”

—Hayley Wickenheiser, Five-Time Olympic Medalist

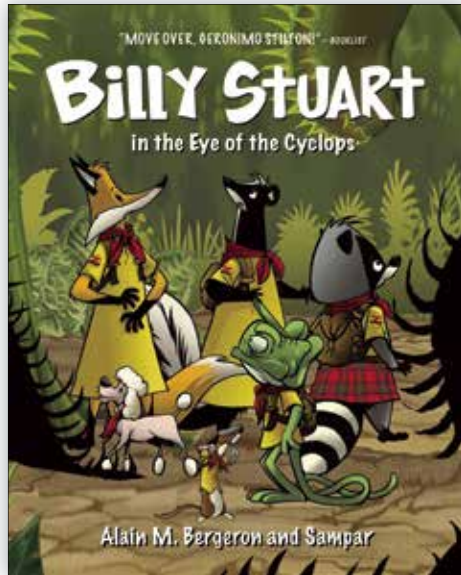
“Lucy rocks! She’s a great inspiration for any kid to get out and play.”

—James Duthie, TSN commentator and author

“Fitness should be fun, and the Lucy Tries Sports series is a shining example of that”

—Eric Smith, television and Sportsnet Radio play-by-play voice of the Toronto Raptors





#### KEY SELLING POINTS

- The fourth book in the Billy Stuart series.
- Similar in format and style to the Geronimo Stilton series, these books are partially illustrated and have words called out in different fonts and colors.
- A great hybrid between early chapter books and graphic novels.
- Over 200,000 copies of the original French version have been sold in Quebec alone.

## Billy Stuart in the Eye of the Cyclops

Alain M. Bergeron • Illustrated by Sampar

Translated from French by Sophie B. Watson

*Somebody has their eye on Billy Stuart and the Zintrepids.*

**B**illy Stuart, the young raccoon leader of the Zintrepids Scout troop, aspires to be just like his grandfather, a globe-trotting adventurer who knows no fear. After accidentally traveling through time in pursuit of the elder Stuart, Billy and friends find themselves lost in a land inhabited by giants: giant plants, giant animals, **GIANT MONSTERS!** Billy and his companions set off to explore the island, looking for fresh water and food. But a hailstorm forces them to take shelter in a grotto, where they find the trail of Billy's grandfather, Virgil Stuart. However, following Grandpa's footsteps turns out to be much more perilous than they expected. And stranded in the heart of this mysterious island, the Zintrepids can't shake the feeling that they are being watched.

Brightly illustrated and enhanced with games and puzzles throughout, *Billy Stuart in the Eye of the Cyclops* is sure to amuse readers of all ages.

A prolific author, **ALAIN M. BERGERON** has written over 250 children's books. He 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:** adventure, Scouts, mythology, time travel, the Cyclops



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- Promotion at national and regional school, library and trade conferences
- Extensive ARC distribution, including NetGalley
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- Outreach in Orca newsletter

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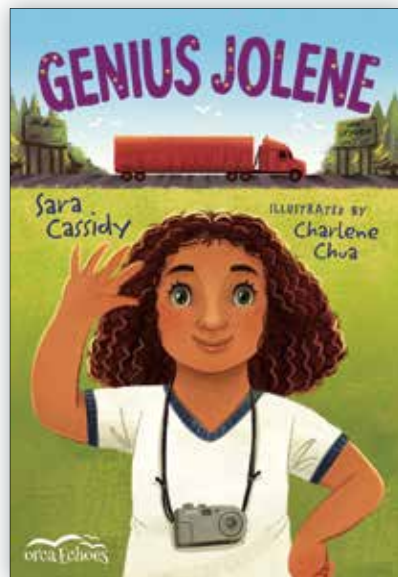
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**KEY SELLING POINTS**

- Jolene’s father recently came out as gay. The pair come face to face with homophobia but find a way to forgive and behave with kindness.
- Includes themes of critical thinking, travel, family, acceptance and confronting homophobia.
- The author’s middle-grade novel *A Boy Named Queen* was a finalist for the Rocky Mountain Book Award, the Silver Birch Express Award, the Ruth and Sylvia Schwartz Children’s Book Award and the Diamond Willow Award.

# Genius Jolene

Sara Cassidy • Illustrated by Charlene Chua

*Jolene’s dad thinks she’s a genius.*

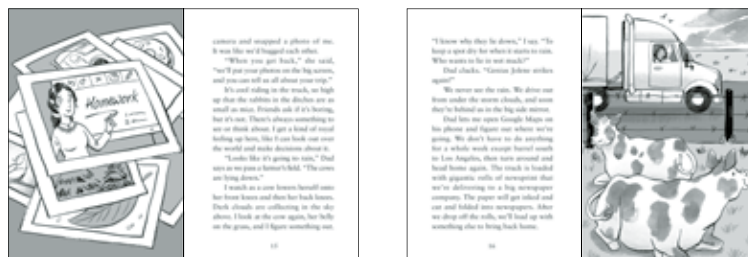
On her annual trip in her father’s 18-wheeler, eight-year-old Jolene is headed to Los Angeles on a six-day road trip to deliver some newsprint with her dad. Just like last year, they tell each other stories and listen to music. They also keep up their favorite tradition: critiquing one type of food at every stop. This time it’s onion rings.

But this year is also different. Unlike last year, Jolene’s parents are no longer together. They split up when her father came out as gay. These are big changes for Jolene, but she is spunky and smart and has a good heart. She’s ready for new adventures and to stand up for what’s right—both on and off the road.

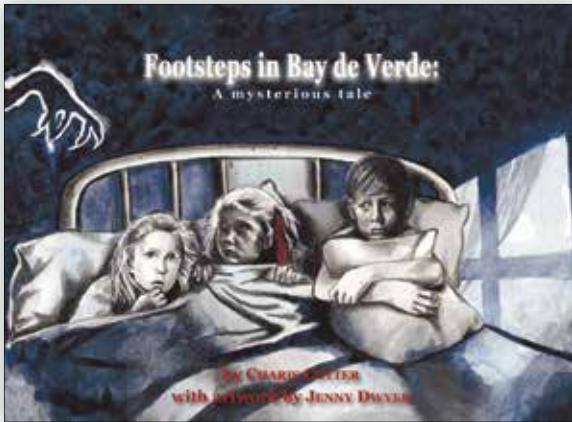
**SARA CASSIDY** has worked as a youth-hostel manager, a newspaper reporter and a tree planter, in five Canadian provinces. Her books have been short-listed for the Chocolate Lily Award, the Ruth and Sylvia Schwartz Children’s Book Award, the Kirkus Prize for Young Readers’ Literature and the Bolen Books Children’s Book Prize, and two were Junior Library Guild selections. Her poetry, fiction and nonfiction for adults have been widely published.

**CHARLENE CHUA** grew up in Singapore, where she divided her time between drawing, reading comics and failing her Mandarin classes. She has worked with clients from Canada, USA, Europe, Singapore and Australia on a wide variety of illustration projects. Charlene lives in Hamilton, Ontario with her husband and their two cats.

**KEYWORDS:** road trip with Dad, LGBTQ+ parent, discrimination, helping others, encouraging inquiry in children







**KEY SELLING POINTS**

- In this creepy tale, a young girl and her siblings stay up late to listen to the adults tell stories when a dying neighbor makes one last visit to his friends.
- A chilling ghost story, with an endnote that outlines the history behind the story, positioning it within world folklore traditions.
- The author has written several acclaimed middle-grade novels about ghosts.
- Features richly detailed and evocative hyper-realistic illustrations.

## Footsteps in Bay de Verde

A mysterious tale

Charis Cotter • Illustrated by Jenny Dwyer

*A mysterious tale about a ghost who comes for one last listen.*

**B**ridie and her brother and sister love to sit up late, listening to the adults trade stories. One stormy night the talk is not only about the price of fish, ghosts and pirates, but also about Poor Keye, a neighbor in hospital who had always loved these storied nights. A loud bang and the sound of his familiar shuffling footsteps suggests that perhaps he is home after all, and has come to join the gathering. But when Bridie’s mother goes to welcome him, Poor Keye is nowhere to be found. The next morning a telegram arrives with shocking news.

For most of her life, **CHARIS COTTER** has been fascinated by ghost stories. She collects, writes and tells them to eager audiences of all ages. She is the author of numerous acclaimed and award-winning books for children, including *The Swallow* and *The Painting*. She lives in a house by the sea in Western Bay, one of the most haunted places in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Born and raised in Newfoundland, **JENNY DWYER** has been steeped in the region’s culture her entire life. An artist and teacher, she has received several local honors for her compelling, hyper-realistic artwork. This is her first illustrated book. She lives in Maddox Cove, Newfoundland and Labrador.

**KEYWORDS:** ghost stories, folklore, paranormal, Newfoundland, scary stories



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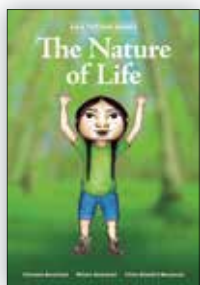
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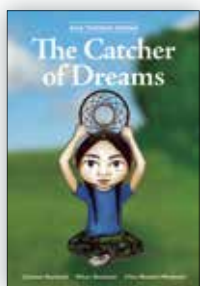
**P**aul Wahasaypa—Siha Tooskin—knows that Ena Makoochay (Mother Earth) gives us many things. Strength, generosity, kindness, and humility may be shown to us by grandfather rocks, towering trees, four-legged ones, and winged ones, reminding us of the part we have to play in this amazing creation.



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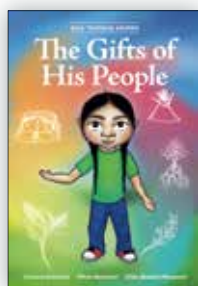
**F**or as long as Paul could remember there were eagle feathers around him...but how had they come to be in all of those places in his life? His family respects and cares for eagle feathers. Now he's old enough for the teachings of where the feathers come from and why they are so sacred.



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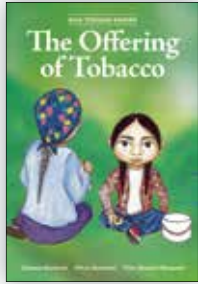
**A** new baby due any day AND a visit from his grandparents! Mugoshin (Grandmother) is creating a very special gift to protect the precious little one. Sit back with Paul as he enjoys delicious bannock, imagines the future of a new baby sister, and listens to Mugoshin's teachings about the catcher of dreams.



## Siha Tooskin Knows the Gifts of His People

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**A**n 11-year-old boy learns Nakota teachings from his family. Transportation, housing, agriculture, communications...there are so many modern conveniences that Paul and his family benefit from in the city. But are they really modern? Where did they really come from? Paul learns about their true origins and more on his walk home from school with his father, Ade.



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As a non-Indigenous boy, Jeff has never had a chance to take in the sights, sounds, and spirit of a powwow.

Now, thanks to his friend Paul, Jeff will have a front-row seat to many styles of dance. Thundering drums, rattling hooves, clinking jingles—Jeff feels blessed to learn the stories and teachings that have carried this beautiful tradition for so many years.



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Paul has a strong mind, heart and a spirit thanks to many important lessons in his upbringing, but even he needs a refresher from time to time. Starting at a new school can be hard, especially when the kids there have never experienced the values, culture, and teachings of the Nakota people. Join Paul as Mitoshin (his grandfather) reminds him how strength of character can be found in the strength of his hair.

### ABOUT THE AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATOR:

**CHARLENE BEARHEAD** is an educator and Indigenous education advocate. She was the first Education Lead for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation and the Education Coordinator for the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. She is a mother and a grandmother who began writing stories to teach her own children as she raised them. Charlene lives near Edmonton.

**WILSON BEARHEAD**, a Nakota Elder and Wabamun Lake First Nation community member in central Alberta (Treaty 6 territory), and was the recent recipient of the Canadian Teachers' Federation Indigenous Elder Award. Wilson's grandmother Annie was a powerful, positive influence in his young life, teaching him all of the lessons that gave him the strength, knowledge, and skills to overcome difficult times and embrace the gifts of life. Wilson lives near Edmonton.

**CHLOE BLUEBIRD MUSTOCH** is from the Alexis Nakoda Sioux Nation of central Alberta, and is a recent graduate of the Emily Carr University of Art & Design. She is a seamstress, beadworker, illustrator, painter, and sculptor. She was raised on the reservation, and was immersed in hunting, gathering, and traditional rituals from a young age.



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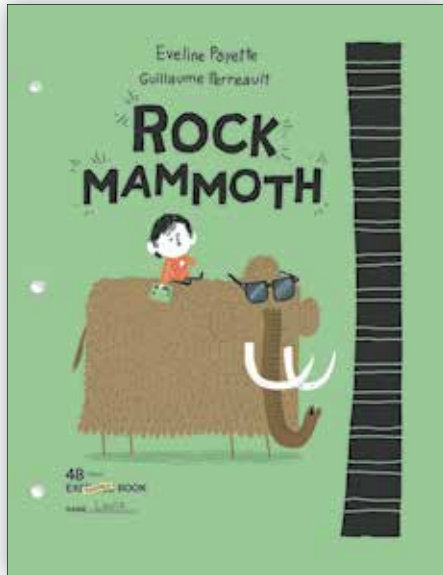
Learn about the life cycle of these stunning birds of prey, the traditions of the Gitxsan, and how bald eagles can enrich their entire ecosystem. Evocative illustration brings the Xsan’s flora and fauna to life for middle years readers in book three of the Mothers of Xsan series.

**HETXW’MS GYETXW (BRETT D. HUSON)** is from the Gitxsan Nation, an Indigenous People from an unceded territory in the Northwest Interior of British Columbia. Brett has worked in the film and television industry and has previously been published in *Red Rising Magazine*.

**NATASHA DONOVAN** is a freelance artist and illustrator from Vancouver. Her sequential work has been published in the anthology *The Other Side* and in the *This Place: 150 Years Retold* anthology. She is the illustrator of the award-winning children’s book *The Sockeye Mother*. Natasha is a member of the Métis Nation of British Columbia.

**KEYWORDS:** biodiversity, Indigenous Peoples, science, eco-awareness





#### KEY SELLING POINTS

- Formatted to look like a traditional school notebook, this book is filled with facts, illustrations and hilarious commentary and sidebars.
- Offers a basic introduction to the scientific method in a fun and enjoyable way.
- Translated from French and now available for the first time in English, this quirky French-Canadian import is ready to take center stage.

## Rock Mammoth

Eveline Payette • Illustrated by Guillaume Perreault

Translated from French by Karen Simon

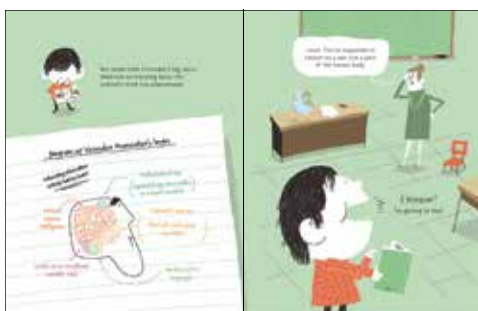
*Louis discovers a new species!*

**L**ouis has to do an oral presentation on his pet. To everyone's great surprise, he decides to present his mammoth. Even more surprising, he talks to the class about a new species of hairy Elephantidae only recently discovered: the Rock Mammoth. This proud ancestor of the hairy musicians of the '70s didn't actually disappear. In fact, these elephants had had enough of being rock stars and wished for a more tranquil life. So they decided to remain hidden during the last millennia. But now Louis, the great mammoth enthusiast and rigorous scientific apprentice, has discovered this well-kept secret and is ready to reveal it to the world.

**EVELINE PAYETTE** studied theater, followed by childhood education. Fascinated by young people who are different, she decided to do a master's degree on these special spectators. After a brief career in theater, she discovered the field of cultural mediation and now works in schools teaching acting to the young. She lives near Montreal with her family, who are an inexhaustible source of inspiration. *Rock Mammoth* is her first book.

**GUILLAUME PERREULT** is a graphic designer but now works mainly as a freelance illustrator and author. His techniques vary according to his projects, but balance, contrast and humor are present in all of his work. Guillaume lives in Gatineau, Quebec.

**KEYWORDS:** school, humor, mammoths, oral presentations, imagination



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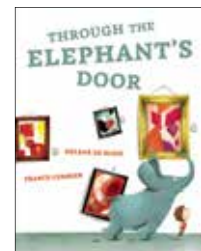
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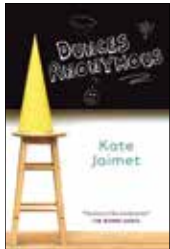
- Humorous, inspiring and will appeal to many middle-grade readers.
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*Internet fame isn't all it's chalked up to be.*

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**D**erek didn't mean to become popular. His accidental photo bomb—the one that made him internet-famous—took him from invisibility to middle-school fame overnight. And you know what? He's not sure if he likes it. But his best friend Sam does, and schemes to find other ways to help Derek to remain the talk of the school. But what goes up must come down, and Derek's reluctant rise is followed by a regrettable crash.

Funny, emotionally rich, and inspiring, *The Rise and Fall of Derek Cowell* is the latest book by award-winning, bestselling author Valerie Sherrard.

**VALERIE SHERRARD** is an award-winning author of picture books and young adult novels. Her novel *The Glory Wind* won the Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction and the Ann Connor Brimer Award. Her works have been chosen as Red Maple and White Pine Award Honour Books and she has been nominated for the Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Award and Snow Willow Award. Born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, she now lives in Miramichi, New Brunswick.

**KEYWORDS:** popularity, social media, rumors, high school, friend





**KEY SELLING POINTS**

- Like the author's previous book, *Tales from Beyond the Brain*, this book features 13 tales that will either make you laugh out loud or never want to go to sleep again.
- *Tales from the Crypt* meets *The Twilight Zone*.
- Vivid and creepy black-and-white illustrations from Steven P. Hughes help to set the spooky tone.
- The author is a horror-film aficionado and a teacher.

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# Tales from the Fringes of Fear

Jeff Szpirglas • Illustrated by Steven P. Hughes

*This school should get an **F**—for FREAKY.*

**M**ost kids don't have to stress about things like exotic insects with a taste for human flesh when they go to class. But students at this school have to be ever vigilant. You never know when a supernatural pastry or a clay monster bent on revenge might be lurking just around the corner. Even a simple field trip to a local animal sanctuary can have ssserious consequences.

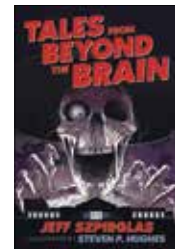
Dragged fresh from the grave and pulled out of the haunted corners of a school locker, these thirteen new stories are a nod to the storytelling style of *Tales from the Crypt* and *The Twilight Zone*. They are guaranteed to make you laugh like a hyena, shake your head in wonder or tremble with fear. A companion volume to *Tales from Beyond the Brain*.

**JEFF SZPIRGLAS** is the author of several works of fiction and nonfiction, including the bestselling *Wild Cards* and the Red Maple Award nominee *You Just Can't Help It!* He has worked at CTV and was an editor at *Chirp*, *Chickadee* and *Owl* magazines. He is the father of twins and has two cats (the cats are not twins). In his spare time, he teaches second grade. Jeff lives in Kitchener, Ontario.

**STEVEN P. HUGHES** is an award-winning Canadian illustrator whose clients include the *Globe and Mail*, *Reader's Digest* and *Scientific American*. He graduated from Sheridan College with a BAA in Illustration. He lives in Bolton, Ontario, with his wife and their two dogs.

**KEYWORDS:** scary stories, weird tales, dark comedy, horror genre, science fiction

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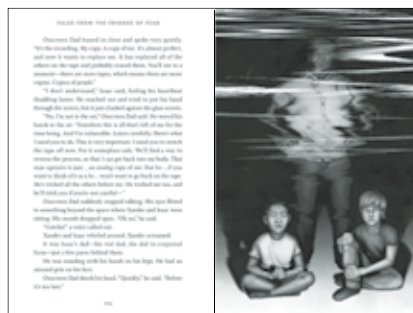
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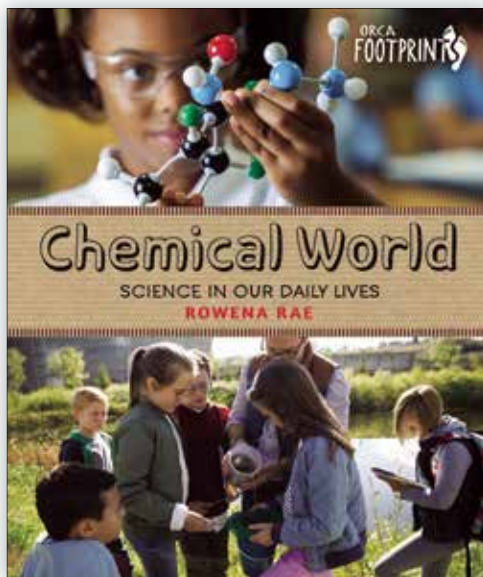
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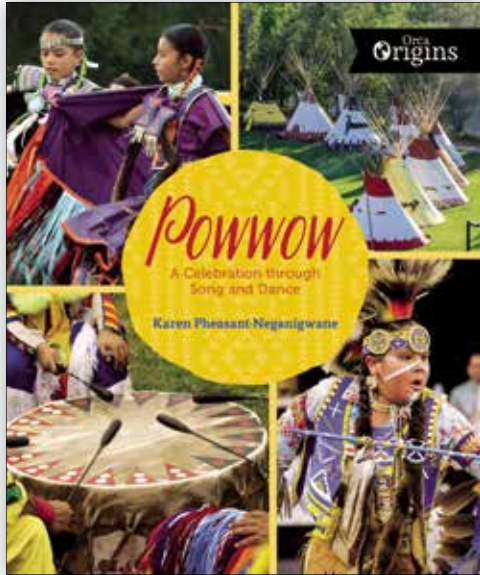
**C**hemical World: Science in Our Daily Lives explores some of the materials—all of which are made of basic chemical elements—that humans use in their day-to-day lives. Some of these chemicals are naturally occurring, such as clay, mercury and lead. Others have been synthesized by chemists during the past 150 years and used in a bewildering array of products. Many have had profound effects on food supply, medicine development and the creation of hosts of useful items for modern life.

Despite people using both natural and synthetic chemicals with (mainly) good intentions, some chemicals have had unintended negative consequences. Chemical residues have contaminated ecosystems the world over and are compromising the health of many ecosystems, animals and humans. *Chemical World* invites readers to take a look at the world around them, ask questions about what’s in their environment and think about how the things they use and eat every day can affect their own health and that of the planet.

**ROWENA RAE** worked as a biologist in Canada and New Zealand before becoming a freelance writer and editor and a children’s author. She writes both fiction and nonfiction from her home in Victoria, British Columbia, which she shares with her two book-loving children.

**KEYWORDS:** history of chemistry, science, pollution, environmental health, contamination





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- Explores how powwow culture, and an understanding of its importance in Indigenous culture, can be a part of reconciliation.
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Karen Pheasant-Neganigwane  
*Feel the power of the powwow dance.*

**P**owwow is a celebration of Indigenous song and dance. It’s a journey through the history of powwow culture in North America, from its origins in colonization, the Indian Act and the Wild West shows of the late 1800s to the thriving powwow culture of today. As a lifelong competitive powwow dancer, Karen Pheasant-Neganigwane is a guide to the protocols, regalia, songs, dances and even food you can find at powwows from coast to coast, as well as the important role they play in Indigenous culture and reconciliation.

**KAREN PHEASANT-NEGANIGWANE** is an Anishinaabe dancer, educator, writer, artist and orator from Wiikwemkoong on Manitoulin Island, Ontario. Her grandparents, maternal and paternal, come from Wiikwemkoong. Her parents are residential school survivors. Karen is an Assistant Professor at Mount Royal University in the Treaty Seven region. She is cross appointed to the Department of General Education, Office of Teaching and Learning, and the Department of Humanities–Indigenous Studies. She is also in completion of a PhD in Educational Policy Studies/Indigenous Peoples Education with the University of Alberta. Karen lives in Calgary.

**KEYWORDS:** powwow dance, Indigenous culture, reconciliation, history, ceremonial dance



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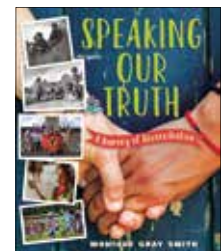
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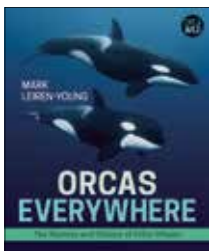
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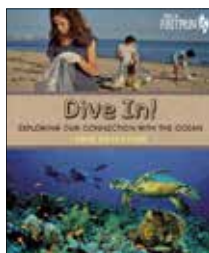
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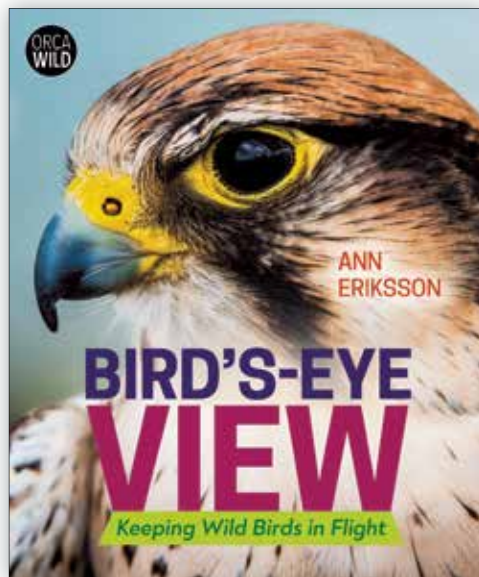


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- The author is a biologist, a conservationist and passionate about birds and other wildlife. She's a director of the Thetis Island Nature Conservancy and the Cowichan Community Land Trust.

**Bird's-Eye View**  
**Keeping Wild Birds in Flight**

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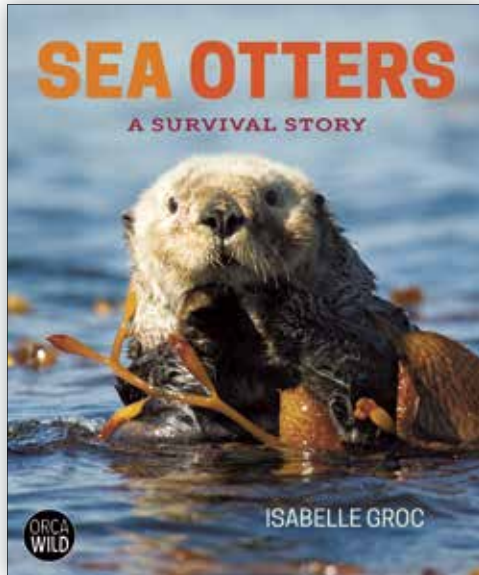
*Let's flock together to save wild birds.*

**W**ild birds are everywhere, from the dry deserts to the icy poles. We see them soaring overhead, paddling across water, flitting through trees, pecking at the ground or our backyard bird feeders and singing from fence posts. Birds contribute to the health of the planet and provide pleasure for millions of people, but wild birds are in trouble. Today, almost 200 bird species are critically endangered. They are threatened by habitat loss, invasive species, climate change, pesticides, plastics in the environment, human-made structures and other animals. *Bird's-Eye View* looks at why wild birds are important, why they need help and what young people all over the world are doing and can do to give wild birds a boost.

**ANN ERIKSSON** lives on Thetis Island, British Columbia, with her husband in a waterfront house surrounded by ocean and trees and a lot of amazing and beautiful wildlife. She is the author of *Dive In! Exploring Our Connection with the Ocean* in the Orca Footprints series. When she's not writing, working in biology or helping protect the environment, she's out exploring the ocean and beaches by foot, kayak or sailboat.

**KEYWORDS:** bird conservation, ornithology, endangered species, habitat loss, young birders





## Sea Otters A Survival Story

Isabelle Groc

*Sea otters back from the brink!*

**S**ea otters once ruled the Pacific Ocean, but the fur trade of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries brought this predator to near extinction. Today they're slowly coming back from the brink, and scientists are learning more about their pivotal role as one of nature's keystone species. This book looks at the history, biology, behavior and uncertain future of sea otters. Author and photojournalist Isabelle Groc takes us into the field: watching sea otter rafts off the British Columbia coast from a kayak, exploring what makes their fur coats so special, understanding how their voracious appetites are helping kelp forests thrive and, ultimately, learning how sea otters are leaving their mark (or paws) on every part of the ecosystem. They might be one of the most adorable creatures in the ocean, but kids will discover how their survival is key to a rich, complex and connected ecosystem.

**ISABELLE GROC** is a writer, wildlife photographer and filmmaker focusing on wildlife conservation, endangered species and the relationships between people and wildlife in a rapidly changing world. With degrees in journalism from Columbia University and urban planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, she brings a unique perspective to documenting the impacts of human activities on threatened species and habitats. Born in the South of France, with family roots in Spain, Isabelle now lives in Vancouver.

With the return of sea otters on the Pacific Coast, Isabelle has had the opportunity to witness an extraordinary ecological story unfold in her backyard of British Columbia for over ten years. She spent extended periods of time documenting sea otters and the coastal communities they influence.

**KEYWORDS:** endangered species, conservation, ecosystem awareness, protection, keystone species

### KEY SELLING POINTS

- Sea otters are a keystone species; their role is essential to a rich, complex and connected ecosystem.
- Author is a photojournalist whose work has appeared in *National Geographic News*, *BBC Wildlife* and *Scientific American*.
- 99% of sea otters were hunted to near extinction during the fur trade and even though their numbers are coming back, they are still an endangered species.

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### Endangered Animals | Conservation

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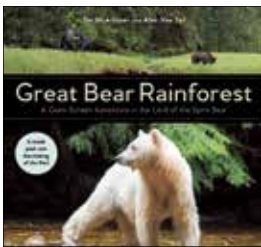
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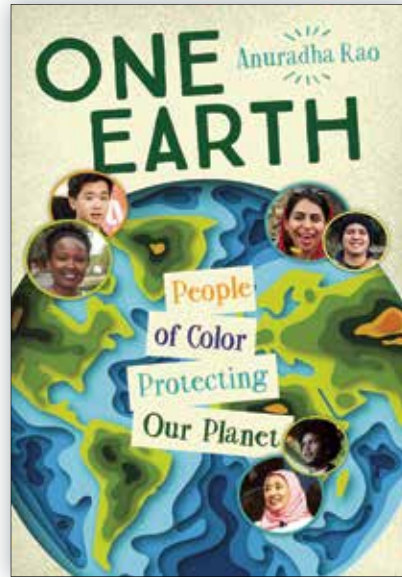
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**KEY SELLING POINTS**

- Contains 20 short biographies of Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) in the environmental movement.
- Offers a positive approach to environmental issues with a focus on environmental successes.
- Written in a readable and accessible voice, *One Earth* presents diverse role models for youth and readers of all ages.
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**One Earth**  
**People of Color Protecting Our Planet**

Anuradha Rao

*Environmental heroes come in all colors.*

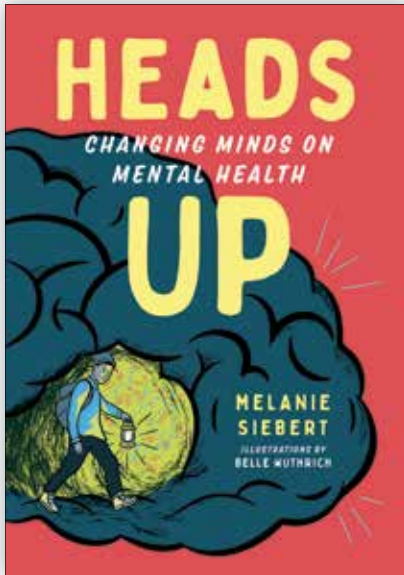
**O**ne Earth profiles Black, Indigenous and People of Color who live and work as environmental defenders. Through their individual stories, the book shows that the intersection of environment and ethnicity is an asset to achieving environmental goals. The twenty short biographies introduce readers to diverse activists from all around the world, who are of all ages and ethnicities. From saving ancient trees on the West Coast of Canada, to protecting the Irrawaddy dolphins of India, to uncovering racial inequalities in the food system in the United States, these environmental heroes are celebrated by author and biologist Anuradha Rao, who outlines how they went from being kids who cared about the environment to community leaders in their field. *One Earth* is full of environmental role models waiting to be found.

**ANURADHA RAO** is a conservation biologist, writer and facilitator born and raised in the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and Mississauga Nations and currently based in unceded Coast Salish territories. She has worked on research, conservation, restoration, planning and stewardship projects with communities and organizations on the coasts of Canada and in 12 other countries. Her worldview and approach to science are heavily influenced by teachings from her Indian culture and from Indigenous knowledge holders. These teachings and the principles of ecology have shown her that everything and everyone is connected and that we must remember this in our actions and interactions. Anuradha lives in Vancouver.

**KEYWORDS:** Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), environmentalism, changemakers, conservation, diversity





**KEY SELLING POINTS**

- One in five children and youth in Canada are affected by mental illness, and less than half of the youth who seek services get the help they need.
- Geared toward youth who need the complete lowdown on mental health, mental illness, trauma and recovery.
- Showcases the candid and courageous real-life stories of young people's experiences with mental health struggles and their amazing resilience.
- Moves beyond the biomedical approach to mental health and considers the effects of trauma, poverty, racism and social inequality.

## Heads Up

### Changing Minds on Mental Health

Melanie Siebert

*It's time to open up about mental health.*

Featuring real-life stories of people who have found hope and meaning in the midst of life's struggles, *Heads Up: Changing Minds on Mental Health* is the go-to guide for teenagers who want to know about mental health, mental illness, trauma and recovery. For too long, mental health problems have been kept in the shadows, leaving people to suffer in silence, or worse, to be feared, bullied or pushed to the margins of society where survival is difficult.

This book shines a light on the troubled history of thinking about and treating mental illness and tells the stories of courageous pioneers in the field of psychiatry who fought for more compassionate, respectful and effective treatments. It provides a helpful guide to the major mental-health diagnoses along with ideas and resources to support those who are suffering. But it also moves beyond a biomedical focus and considers the latest science that shows how trauma and social inequality impact mental health. The book explores how mental health is more than just "in our heads" and includes the voices of Indigenous people who share a more holistic way of thinking about wellness, balancing mind, body, heart and spirit. Highlighting innovative approaches such as trauma-informed activities like yoga and hip-hop, police mental-health teams, and peer support for youth, *Heads Up* shares the stories of people who are sparking change.

**MELANIE SIEBERT** is a youth and family counsellor in Victoria, British Columbia. She works with people to transform depression, anxiety, trauma and inner conflict into meaning, purpose and hope. She also specializes in suicide intervention and prevention. Melanie has a Master of Social Work and a Master of Fine Arts. She has also worked as an emergency medical technician, a river guide and a creative writing instructor. Her first poetry collection, *Deepwater Vee* (McClelland & Stewart), was a finalist for Canada's Governor General's Literary Award.

**KEYWORDS:** youth mental health, anxiety, recovery, ending stigma, indigenous youth

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**MARKETING AND PROMO**

- Local and national media initiatives
- Print and online advertising campaigns
- Promotion at national and regional school, library and trade conferences
- Extensive ARC distribution
- Author interview on blog and social media promotion
- Featured promotion for Mental Health Awareness Month in May

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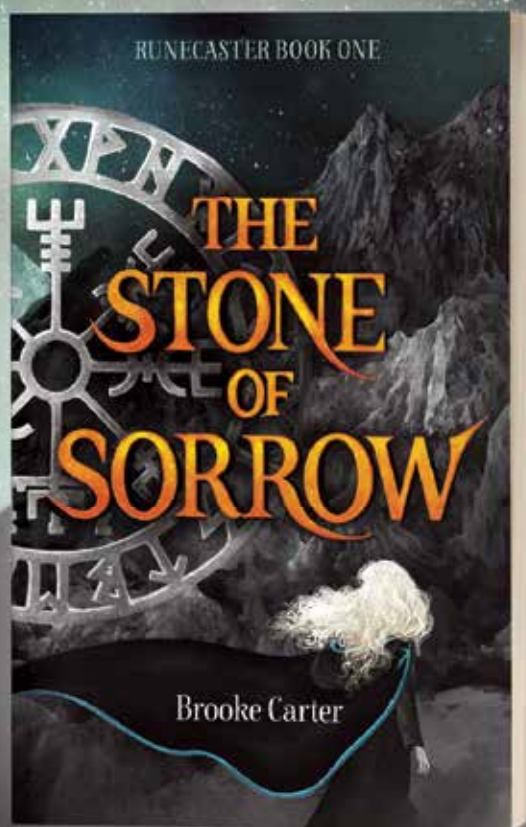
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**BROOKE CARTER** is Icelandic Canadian. She is the author of several books for teens, including *Another Miserable Love Song*, *Learning Seventeen* and *The Unbroken Hearts Club* in the Orca Soundings collection. She earned her MFA in creative writing at the University of British Columbia and lives in Maple Ridge, British Columbia.

**KEYWORDS:** Iceland, dark magic, mythological creatures, sisters, fulfilling your destiny

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### MARKETING AND PROMO

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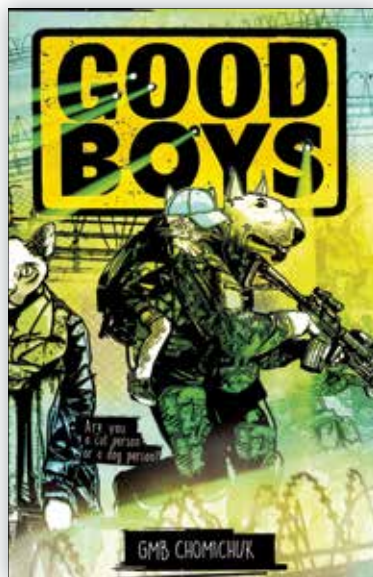
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**KEY SELLING POINTS**

- Features compelling illustrations reminiscent of *Maus* and is equally thought-provoking.
- A great tool to help teachers start difficult conversations about bias and racism.
- A teacher's guide will be available.
- Author is an educator with years of classroom experience.

## Good Boys

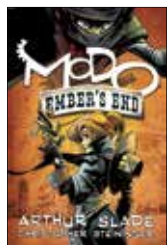
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*In a world of Cats and Dogs, which would you be?*

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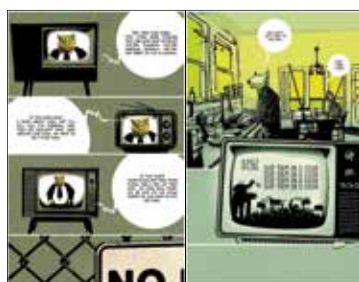
**W**hen some Cats at school bully the Dogs, Oliver doesn't say anything; he doesn't want to get bullied too. But as the new president drags the country into a civil war, the bullying doesn't stop at the schoolyard gate. Soon the city is out of control: signs and protests, fights and rallies rattle the city. Oliver's classmates, mostly Dogs, disappear from school and they don't come back.

It's almost too late when Oliver's parents realize they must get out of the city. When the fighting breaks out, Mom and Dad's old military unit, the Good Boys, must fight their way clear of a regime that wants to put half its population on a leash.

In *Good Boys*, author, artist and educator GMB Chomichuk asks readers to examine their own biases. Where is bias learned? What are the consequences when bias goes unchecked? Using Cats and Dogs as an analogy, this stunning graphic novel presents a nonthreatening platform to discuss the difficult subject of bias with your students.

Writer, illustrator and educator **GMB CHOMICHIK** won the Manuela Dias Book Design and Illustration Award in the Graphic Novel category for *Will I See?*, a collaboration with singer/songwriter Iskwe and Governor General's Award winner David Alexander Robertson. He writes heartwarming all-ages adventure stories like *Cassie and Tonk* and blood-curdling horror tales like *Midnight City*. He is the host of the podcast Super Pulp Science and wants you to join the fight and make comics.

**KEYWORDS:** bias, racism, graphic novel, educational comics, allegory





#### KEY SELLING POINTS

- A fast-paced thriller with a touch of the paranormal.
- Explores the topic of missing and murdered Indigenous women (MMIW).
- Features a LGBTQ+ main character.
- Barbara Radecki's first novel, *The Darkhouse*, received a Starred Review from *Kirkus* and was a finalist for the Kobo Emerging Writer Prize.

## Messenger 93

Barbara Radecki

*An ominous message from a crow launches a teenager on a quest to save the world.*

“In seven days, she will fall,” say the crows. “As she falls, so do we all.” The ominous message starts M on a quest, but what if the person in danger happens to be her nemesis? M meets Gray, a Cree boy with his own hopes of saving a runaway Indigenous girl. As they begin a wild journey through the city and into the bleak northern woods, M grasps for the true meaning behind the crows’ messages and pushes deeper into worlds she doesn’t know or understand, holding fast to a questionable dream that she might be a modern-day Joan of Arc.

Before transitioning to writing, **BARBARA RADECKI** was an established actor with many film and television roles and hundreds of commercials to her credit. In recent years, several of her screenplays have been optioned or sold. Born in Vancouver and now based in Toronto, her debut novel, *The Darkhouse*, was published in 2017.

**KEYWORDS:** supernatural, prophecy, adventure, Indigenous, LGBTQ+

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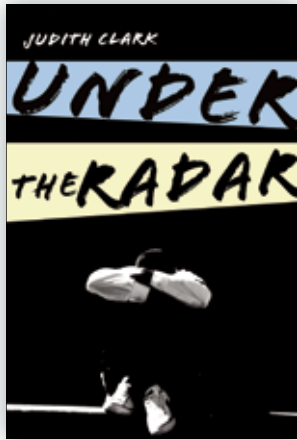
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Judith Clark

*Gunnar wants to make it through his final year of high school without coming out. Things are not going according to plan.*

**G**unnar has one year to go. One year until he graduates from high school, and one year until he'll feel safe coming out. But can he fly under the radar that long, when the pull of dating guys he meets becomes too strong? And more than that: can he control the dark, violent side of himself when he sees other gay teens being tormented?

**JUDITH CLARK** is a former librarian with a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Texas and a Master of Arts from the University of Arkansas. Clark was born in Arkansas and moved to Alberta in 1997. *Under the Radar* is her first novel.

**KEYWORDS:** LGBTQ+, wrestling, graduation, coming out, bullying

### KEY SELLING POINTS

- Features a gay protagonist who is struggling to keep his sexuality hidden in his last year of high school.
- Takes place in a rural setting with lots of details about farm and ranch life.
- The main character, Gunnar, learns to respond to aggression without resorting to violence.

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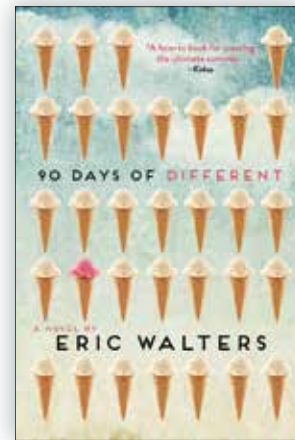
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## 90 Days of Different

Eric Walters

*Okay, Sophie, you've got 90 days to step out of your comfort zone.*

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

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

Then Ella comes up with a plan to help Sophie find her wilder side. In the 90 days between the end of high school and the start of university, she is going to arrange for Sophie to do amazing, new, different and sometimes scary things. The deal is Sophie has to agree to everything, no matter what. And she has to share her adventures through social media.

Can 90 days of different create a different life? Can stepping outside your comfort zone help you find yourself?

**ERIC WALTERS** began writing as a way to get his fifth-grade students interested in reading and writing. A Member of the Order of Canada, he has now published more than 100 novels and picture books. He is a tireless presenter, speaking to over 100,000 students per year in schools across the country. He lives in Guelph, Ontario.

**KEYWORDS:** coming of age, personal growth, relationships, social media, adventure

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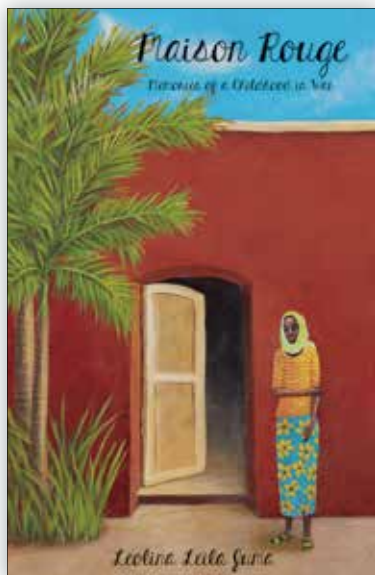
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#### KEY SELLING POINTS

- This memoir tells the story of how a young girl and her family escaped from the war-torn Congo to finally find refuge in Canada.
- Examines life in a Central African city before and after a series of terrible wars.
- An important addition to the growing voices of refugee narratives.
- The author works in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside in a hostel for homeless and battered women.

## Maison Rouge

### Memories of a Childhood in War

Liliane Leila Juma

*A personal memoir of the Congo Wars 1993–1997*

Liliane Leila Juma was 16 years old when her family home in the Democratic Republic of the Congo was destroyed by rebel soldiers. She gives an account of her life before and after her home was destroyed and her family torn apart. *Maison Rouge* is a story of war, and unspeakable loss. It is also the story of survival. Eventually, through the United Nations refugee program, Leila and her family were finally able to relocate to Canada.

**LEILA LILIANE JUMA** grew up in Uvira, a city in the Western Congo. Her life as a young girl was brutally disrupted by war, finally forcing her family to flee to Tanzania. After some time in a refugee protection camp, Leila, her Maman, and her sisters and brothers immigrated to Canada. She now lives in Vancouver, where she works as a Women's Support Worker. She is fluent in three languages—Swahili, French, and English.

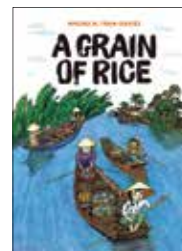
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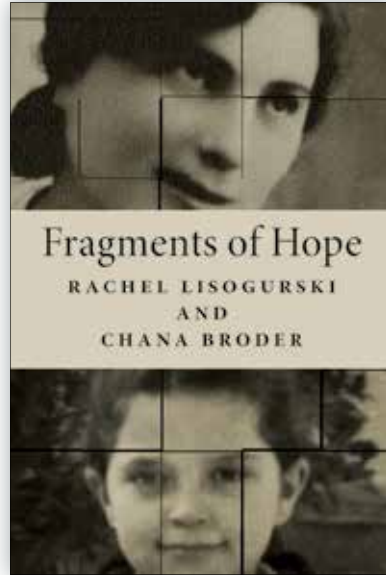


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- Five years after Adolf Eichmann's widely televised war crimes trial, Rachel Lisogurski documented her experiences escaping from the Siemiatycze ghetto and searching for help among friends and strangers.
- Chana Broder, Rachel's daughter, was the youngest person from Siemiatycze to survive the Holocaust.
- Released at a time when Poland has recently enacted legislation to defend its reputation and any complicity in World War II, this memoir lays bare the issues around Polish people who were willing to help Jews versus those who were not.
- Chana went through great effort to name those who did help as Righteous Among the Nations, an extremely honorable recognition in Israel as well as internationally.

## Fragments of Hope

Rachel Lisogurski & Chana Broder

*When friends turn their backs, who will help save a family targeted for murder?*

**W**hen Rachel and her husband, Abraham, escape from the Siemiatycze ghetto one cold winter night in 1942 with their four-year-old daughter, Chana, they are desperate for refuge. Turned away by the one person they thought they could depend on, they are forced to ask for help from strangers and acquaintances. During the 21 months that they are hidden by courageous farmers, Rachel and Abraham fiercely protect Chana, who is taught never to cry, never to make a sound. After liberation, as Rachel and Abraham are haunted by the past, Chana's childhood truly begins. Too young then to fully understand what they have survived, it is only later in life that Chana realizes she must preserve her family's legacy and honor those who rescued them. Told from the perspective of both mother and daughter, *Fragments of Hope* brings light into a world of darkness.

**RACHEL LISOGURSKI** (1911–1998) lived in Siemiatycze, Poland, during World War II and immigrated to Montreal, Canada, in 1948. She first wrote her memoir in 1967.

**CHANA BRODER** (1938–), the daughter of Rachel Lisogurski, lived in Siemiatycze, Poland, during the war and immigrated to Montreal, Canada, in 1948. Chana completed her mother's memoir in 2017 after reuniting with the descendants of the Polish people who saved her family's lives during the Holocaust.

**KEYWORDS:** escape, WWII, Holocaust, Jewish, ghetto



## In Dreams Together

### The Diary of Leslie Fazekas

Leslie Fazekas

*The life of a nineteen-year-old Jewish slave laborer is in suspension—and so is his undying love for the young woman he has been forcefully separated from during the war.*

In the summer of 1944, Leslie Fazekas and his family are deported from their hometown of Debrecen, Hungary, to Vienna, Austria, as slave laborers. It is only after the war that they discover that most of the cattle car trains from their hometown were destined for Auschwitz. Fate and fortune have intervened to save their lives in the devastating circumstances of their captivity, and Leslie details all of his experiences in diary entries and letters to his girlfriend, Judit, who he was separated from in Vienna. Leslie's diary entries and letters from August 10, 1944, to April 2, 1945, are not only love letters but also precious archival documents and a testimony of his family's survival during a harrowing time.

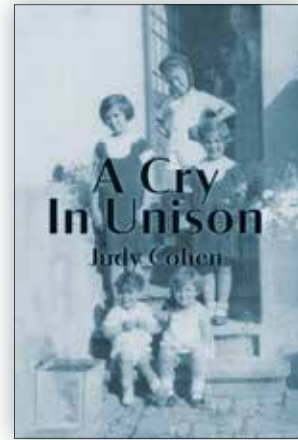
**LESLIE FAZEKAS** was born in Debrecen, Hungary, in 1925. In 1956, during the Hungarian Revolution, Leslie and his family fled Hungary and immigrated to Toronto, Canada, where he still lives.

**KEYWORDS:** WWII, Holocaust, Jewish, ghetto, love letters

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## A Cry in Unison

Judy Cohen

*A memoir about a young girl from Hungary who survives Auschwitz-Birkenau and other concentration camps.*

Judy's joyful childhood in Debrecen, Hungary, is left behind when the Nazis invade in 1944. The cattle cars take Judy and her family to Auschwitz-Birkenau, where she has to scramble to survive, one brutal day at a time. Clinging to her sisters, to friends, and to fleeting life-affirming moments, Judy is liberated at last and returns home, only to discover the true magnitude of her loss. She then sets out to find belonging after so much devastation, creating a new life for herself and making it her mission to give a voice to women who survived the Holocaust.

**JUDY WEISSENBERG COHEN** was born in Debrecen, Hungary, in 1928. She immigrated to Montreal in 1948, where she worked in the garment industry, as a bookkeeper and in public relations. She married her husband, Sidney, in 1961 and raised two children. Judy is an active Holocaust and human-rights educator and in 2001 founded the website "Women and the Holocaust," which explores the experiences of women during the Holocaust. Judy lives in Toronto.

**KEYWORDS:** WWII, Holocaust, Jewish, Nazis, survival

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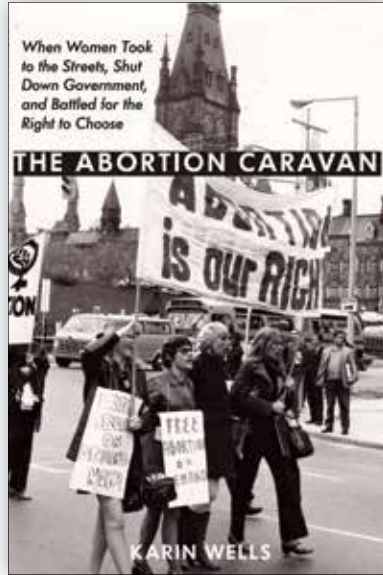
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- Readers want to put today's debates and laws into perspective and learn more about the history of abortion in North America. *The Abortion Caravan* is an in-depth look into the history of this important movement and its fight for reproductive justice.
- The abortion debate is ongoing. Recent events in US politics and changes to the laws in certain states have brought it into focus again on a national scale.
- May 2020 is the 50th anniversary of the Abortion Caravan.

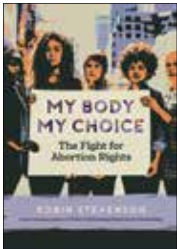
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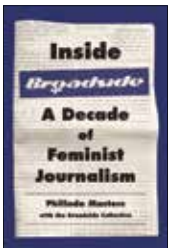
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*How a group of women helped bring about abortion reform in 1970.*

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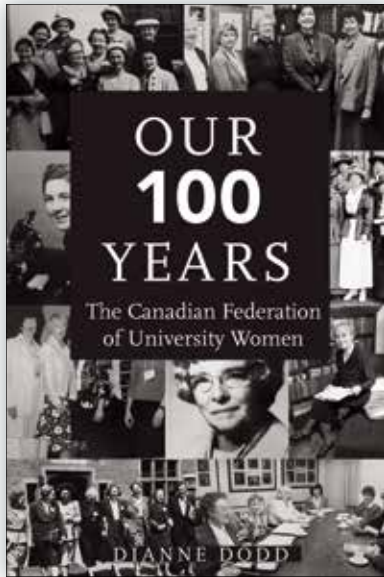


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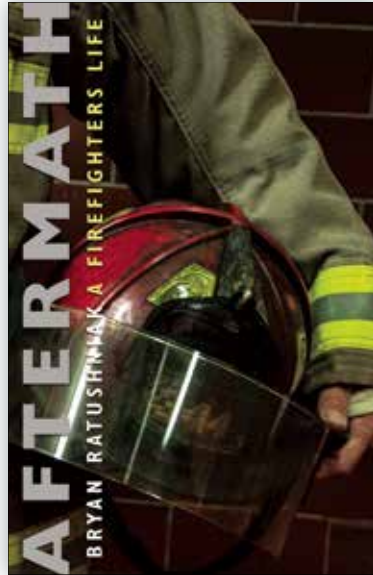
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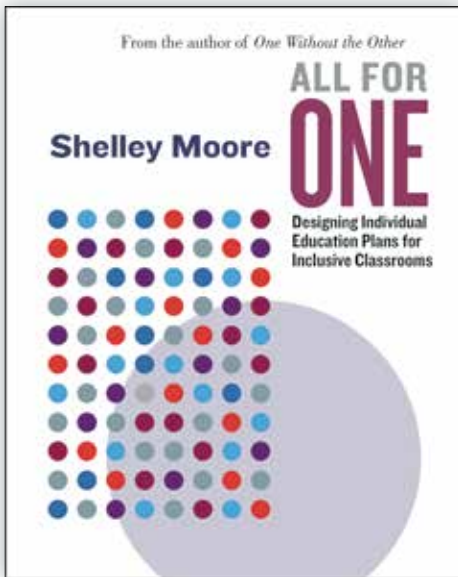
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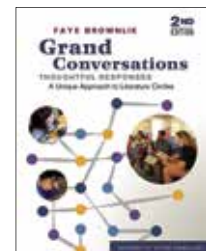
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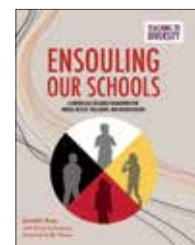
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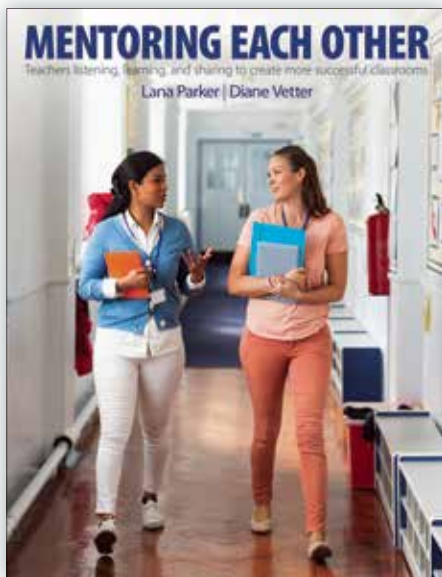


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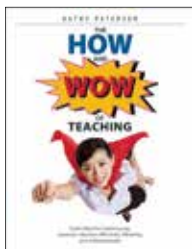
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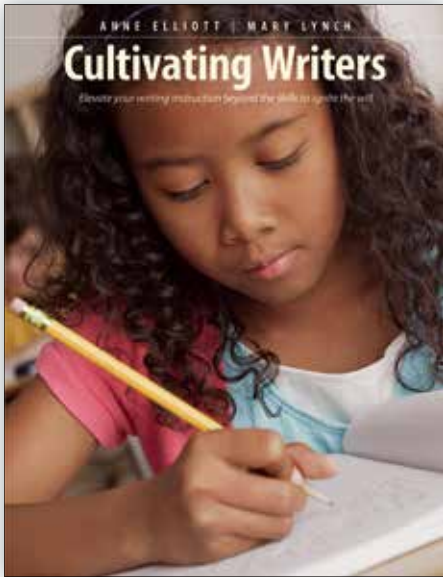
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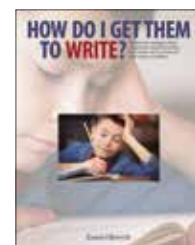
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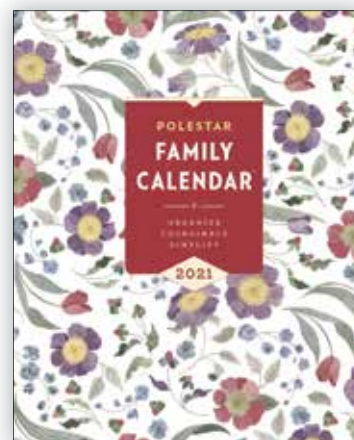
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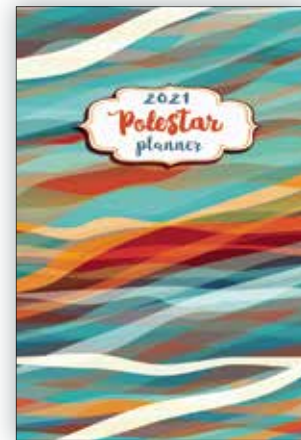
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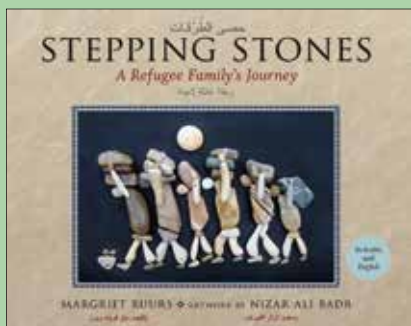
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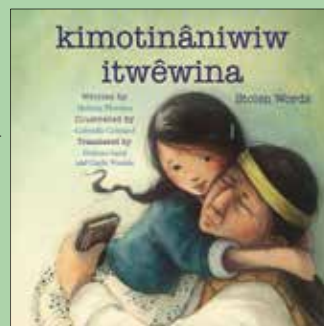
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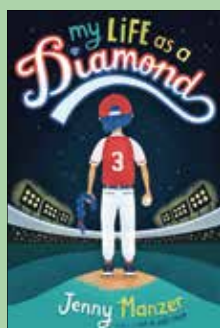
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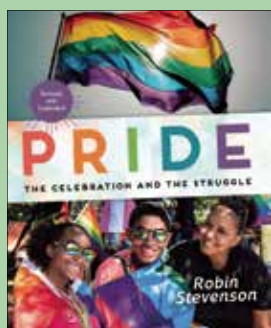
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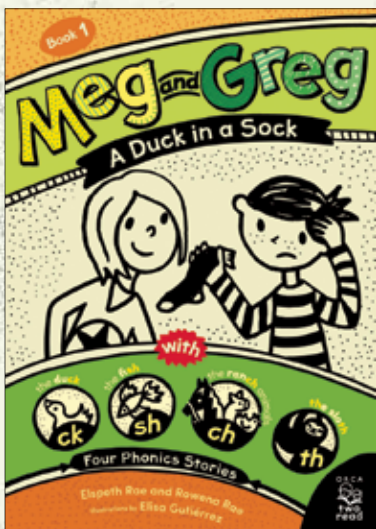
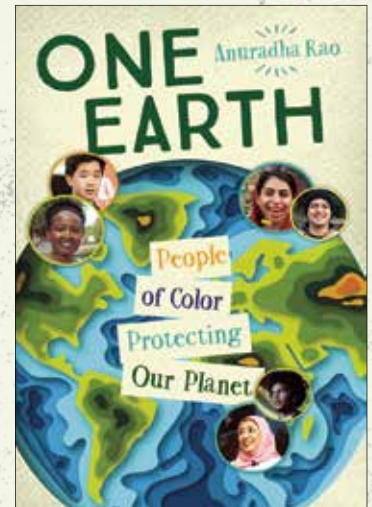
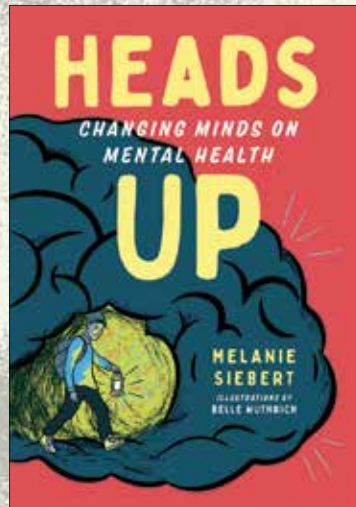
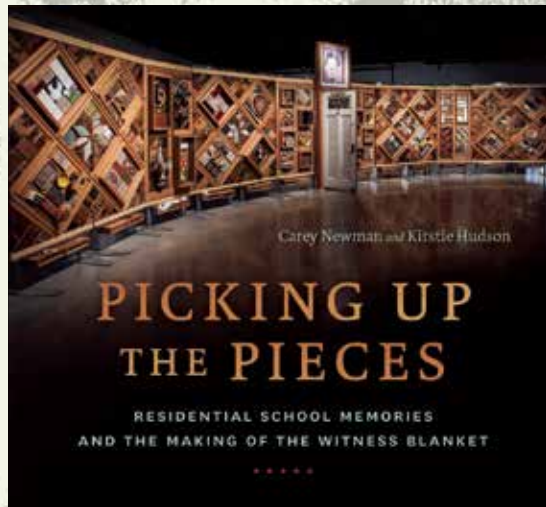
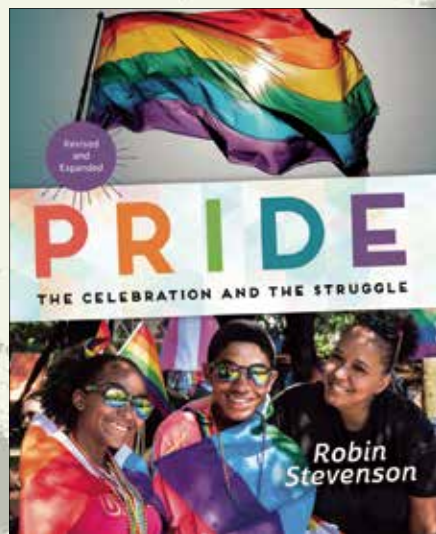
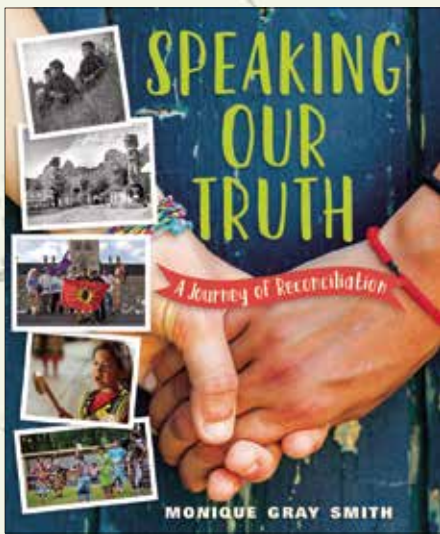
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