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THE LIBRARIANS ARE NOT OKAY

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The line for the tattoo station at the annual conference of the New York Library Association in Saratoga Springs was already snaking through the hotel lobby, and I hadn't even had my first morning cup of coffee yet. Harry Potter motifs, ghost dogs, angelic hearts, and, of course, books were just some of the tats of choice. These weren't temporary tattoos or the kind that eventually fades away. These were the real deal. If getting inked seems an act of gritty rebellion more suited to a bikers' rally than a librarians' convention, it's only because we haven't been paying attention.

Across the country, Republican politicians and right-wing groups such as Moms for Liberty have been waging war against books. Their battlefield: the shelves of libraries. "Book challenges"—attempts to ban or restrict titles—have hit a record high. In August 2022, Missouri passed Senate Bill 775, which made distributing "explicit sexual material" to minors illegal and resulted in the removal of nearly 300 titles from school libraries in the state. People everywhere are targeting books that deal with questions of race and sexual identity or expression.

As I puttered around the conference, I thought about the fact that although books don't have feelings, the librarians forced to remove them from the shelves definitely do. America's librarians are under enormous pressure, and they need to blow off some steam.

I practically grew up in the Brooklyn Public Library. It served as an after-school center, an SAT training school, and a place to get help filling out my

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financial-aid forms for college. So when I was invited to give a talk at the conference, I immediately said yes. The night I arrived, I stopped in the hotel bar for a glass of wine before dinner. The place was already packed; the librarians, the bartender told me, knew how to party. He was anticipating a late night.

But at dinner, the conversation was subdued and serious. Reading about all the attacks on books, Angela Gonzalez, a librarian from Penn Yan, New York, told me, “You get nervous. You’re like, *Oh my gosh, they’re coming for us.*”

Nearly every tumultuous movement in American politics has coincided with a call to ban books. “This piece of it is nothing new to librarians,” Allison Grubbs, the director of the Broward County Libraries in Florida, told me. “What I think is new is some of the pathways that people are choosing to take.” Protests in and outside libraries and library board meetings have become more dramatic. Online, in Facebook groups such as “Informed Parents of California” and “Gays Against Grooming,” the language is more and more incendiary. And the librarians themselves are being personally attacked.

They told me about getting hate mail and harassing phone calls on their private lines, about being verbally attacked while on the job over things as seemingly banal as book displays. “You can’t do a pride display—forget about it,” Shirley Robinson, the executive director of the Texas Library Association, told me. “That’s not gonna work.”

“I’ve been called a pedophile. I’ve been called a groomer. I’ve been called a Communist pornographer,” Cindy Dudenhoffer, a former president of the Missouri Library Association, told me. “I’ve been called all kinds of things. And I know many of my colleagues have been as well. It’s very hurtful.”

Robinson recounted the story of a Texas library worker who had facilitated a children’s story hour while wearing rainbow-flag Pride socks; a patron filed a complaint to the city accusing the individual of grooming children. Grubbs said she had heard angry patrons in Florida call library staff pedophiles too.

Maybe Americans have gotten ruder, but it’s not only that. Online groups are coordinating protests of Drag Queen story hours, compiling lists of books to challenge, and strategizing ways to amend laws in order to censor books. “They might organize a protest and not even live in the state that that library serves,” Grubbs told me.

Moms for Liberty honed this playbook. The group was founded in 2021 to

protest mask requirements for kids and later turned to keeping LGBTQ issues and critical race theory out of schools. Their efforts are part of a larger “parents’ rights” movement that includes many other groups. No Left Turn, for example, offers a list of “aberrant books” on its website, under the “Exposing Indoctrination” tab, just above a link exposing “Woke School Staff & Board” members.

It isn’t just that the attacks are getting more personal for librarians; the laws are as well. Missouri’s S.B. 775 holds librarians (along with teachers and school administrators) criminally liable for distribution of materials deemed inappropriate. A librarian found guilty can face up to a year in prison and up to \$2,000 in fines, not including legal fees.

In Texas, Jonathan Mitchell, the attorney behind S.B. 8, the law enabling citizens to sue individuals who violate the state’s abortion ban, is now going after books. Last month, *Axios* reported that he was allegedly writing draft ordinances for local governments that would use the same strategy, allowing private individuals to sue librarians over the books they choose to stock or even for just expressing LGBTQ support. “There’s a lot of fear,” Robinson told me, “which is what these groups were after from the beginning.”

The graduate degree for librarians is not, typically, a master of arts, but a master of science—in library and information sciences. Librarians may adore books, but they are trained in the technical and data-driven work of running libraries. Unlike a privately owned bookstore, where the stock might reflect the tastes and preferences of the proprietor, at the library, books are acquired based on information about what its particular community wants and needs.

“Librarians love data,” Dudenhoffer, who now coordinates the information-science program at the University of Missouri, told me. “Knowing how to analyze your community, knowing how to look at data, knowing how to look at circulation numbers, knowing how to look at population movement, those things are becoming increasingly important in what we do, and that drives all of this.”

Public librarians, she said, are looking at such things as regional household income, age, education level, and racial and ethnic backgrounds while making their selections. They also consider patron requests. In a school library, this analysis might include information shared by students or teachers about the needs and interests of the current student body.

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Illustration by Gary Kelley
from *Banned Book*



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Librarians who showcase books about underrepresented groups, including LGBTQ people, surely believe that these stories are valuable. But the librarians I spoke with insisted that they're making these choices because an assessment determined that there was a patron need for these books, not to push some personal social agenda. Those controversial book displays? Many, Dudenhoffer said, are a means of letting patrons know that material they might be too shy or embarrassed to ask for is in stock.

"It's really unfair to characterize displays or programs as 'woke,'" Dudenhoffer lamented. "That's just such a terrible word to use right now. But it's not about that. It's about serving our community, and *everyone* in the community, to the best of our abilities."

What seemed most painful to the librarians I spoke with—even more than the personal attacks and fear of litigation—was the way in which book bans hinder their ability to connect their patrons to information that might help them.

Senate Bill 775 requires the removal of any materials deemed sexual in nature (which is subjective), with exceptions for "works of art" or of "anthropological significance" (also subjective). The law's rollout was tumultuous at best: The list of books to be removed varied wildly across the state. One place banned more than 200 titles; others, just two or three. This was partly because the methodology, if you could call it that, also varied—not just county by county, but school district by school district. In some places, the choices were made by a school administrator; in others, an attorney for the district chose. Sometimes the librarians themselves were told they had to decide, which also meant deciding how much personal risk each book in their collection was worth.

"This is chaos," Tom Bober, a vice president of the Missouri Association of School Librarians, told me. "When this law was put into effect, there was no process. There was no procedure. Everyone had to figure it out for themselves." He said that one librarian in his association was told, essentially, "You figure that out." In other words: "We're not going to give you any support with this, because we don't want to be liable for anything. So this is all on your shoulders."

The state finally pushed the librarians too far. Last month, the Missouri ACLU filed a lawsuit on behalf of Bober's organization and the Missouri Library Association challenging the law, arguing that it suppresses their members' First Amendment rights. It also, they argue, exposes school personnel to prosecution based on what they teach

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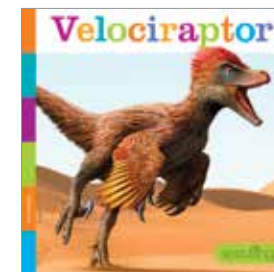
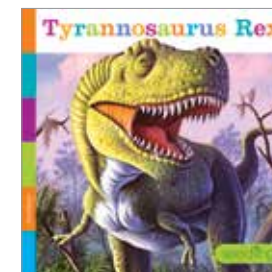
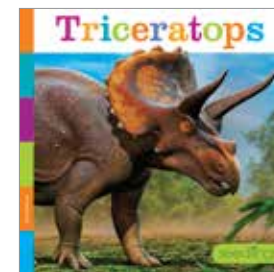
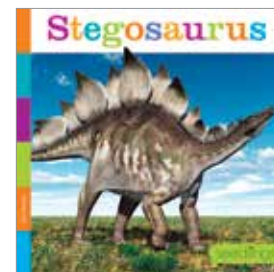
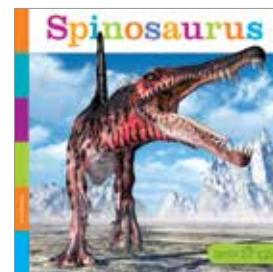
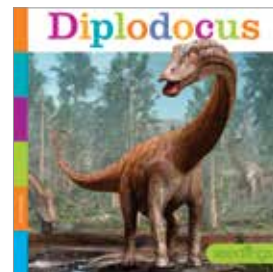
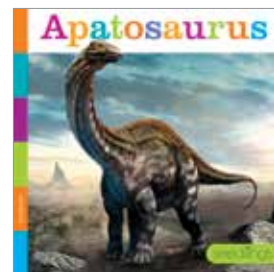
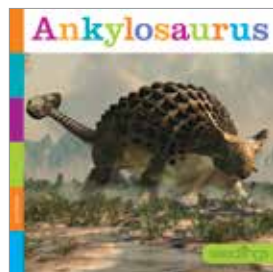
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- 4569 Bees
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- 7782 Coral Reefs
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- 7850 Goats
- 4545 Gorillas
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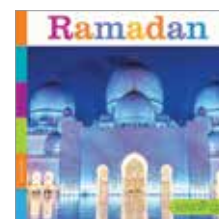
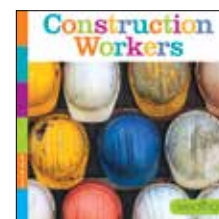
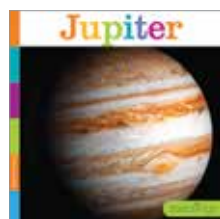
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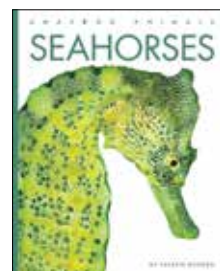
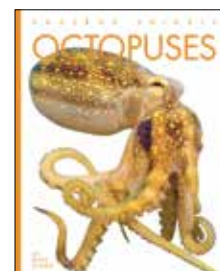
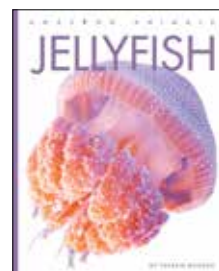
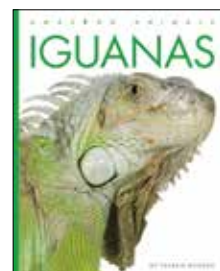
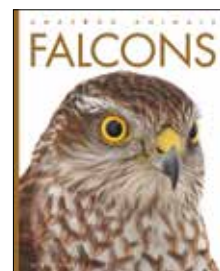
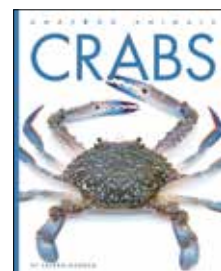
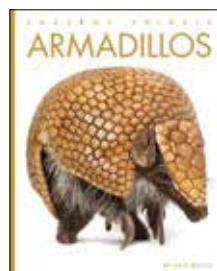


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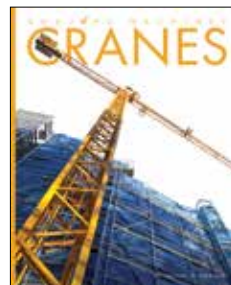
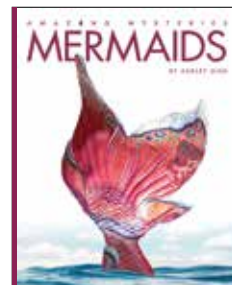
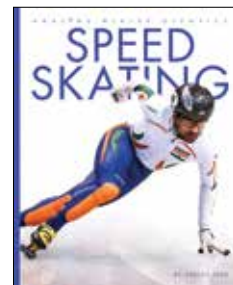
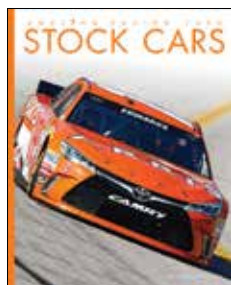
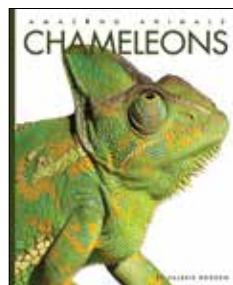
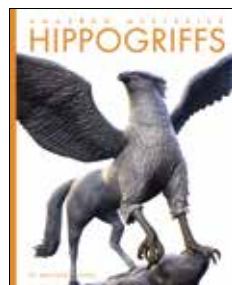
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Mane effect

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Spotlight on Nature

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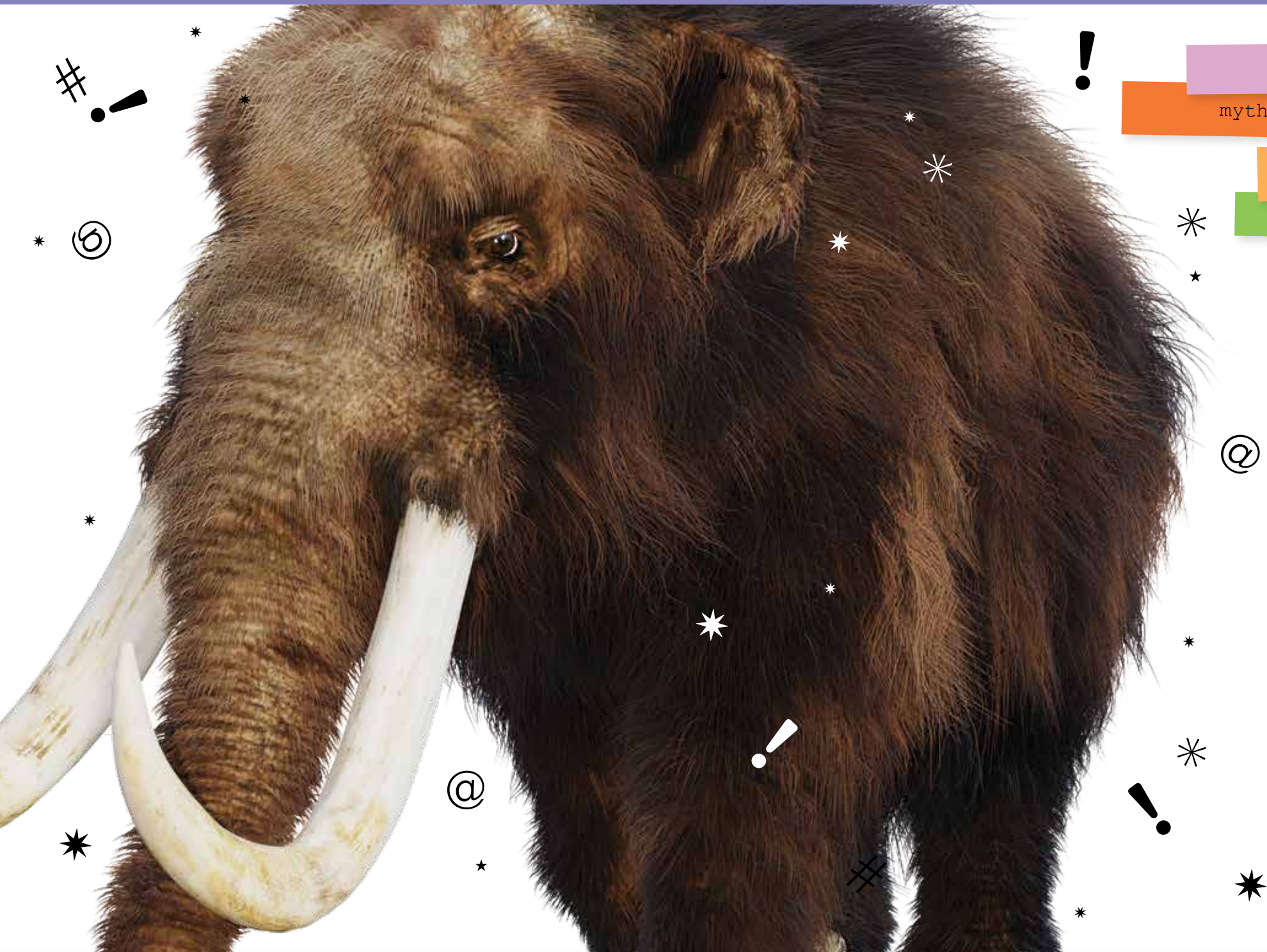


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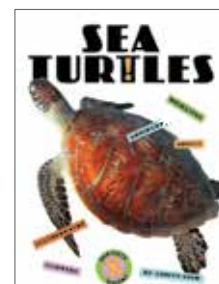
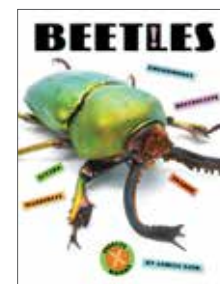
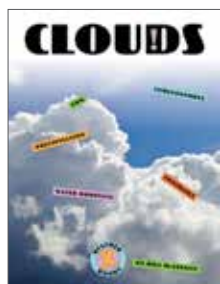
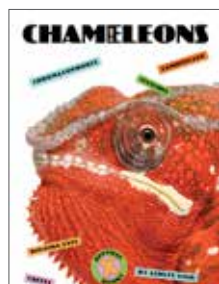
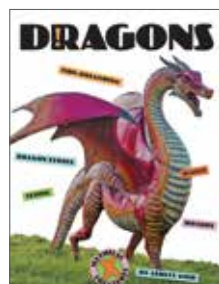
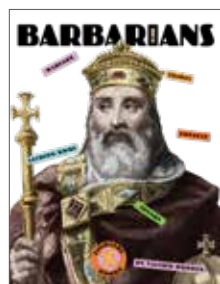
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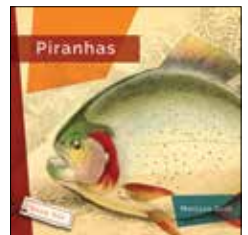
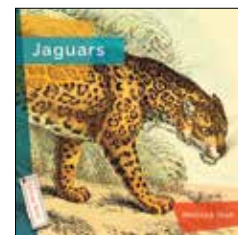
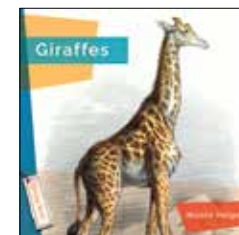
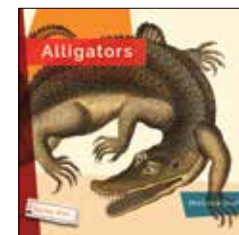


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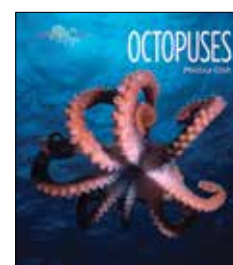
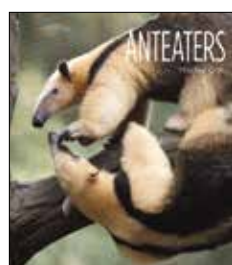
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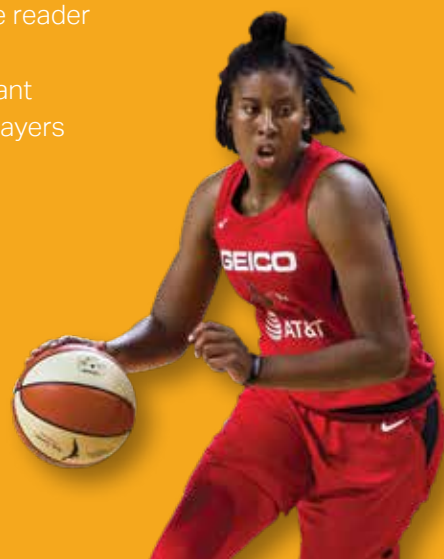
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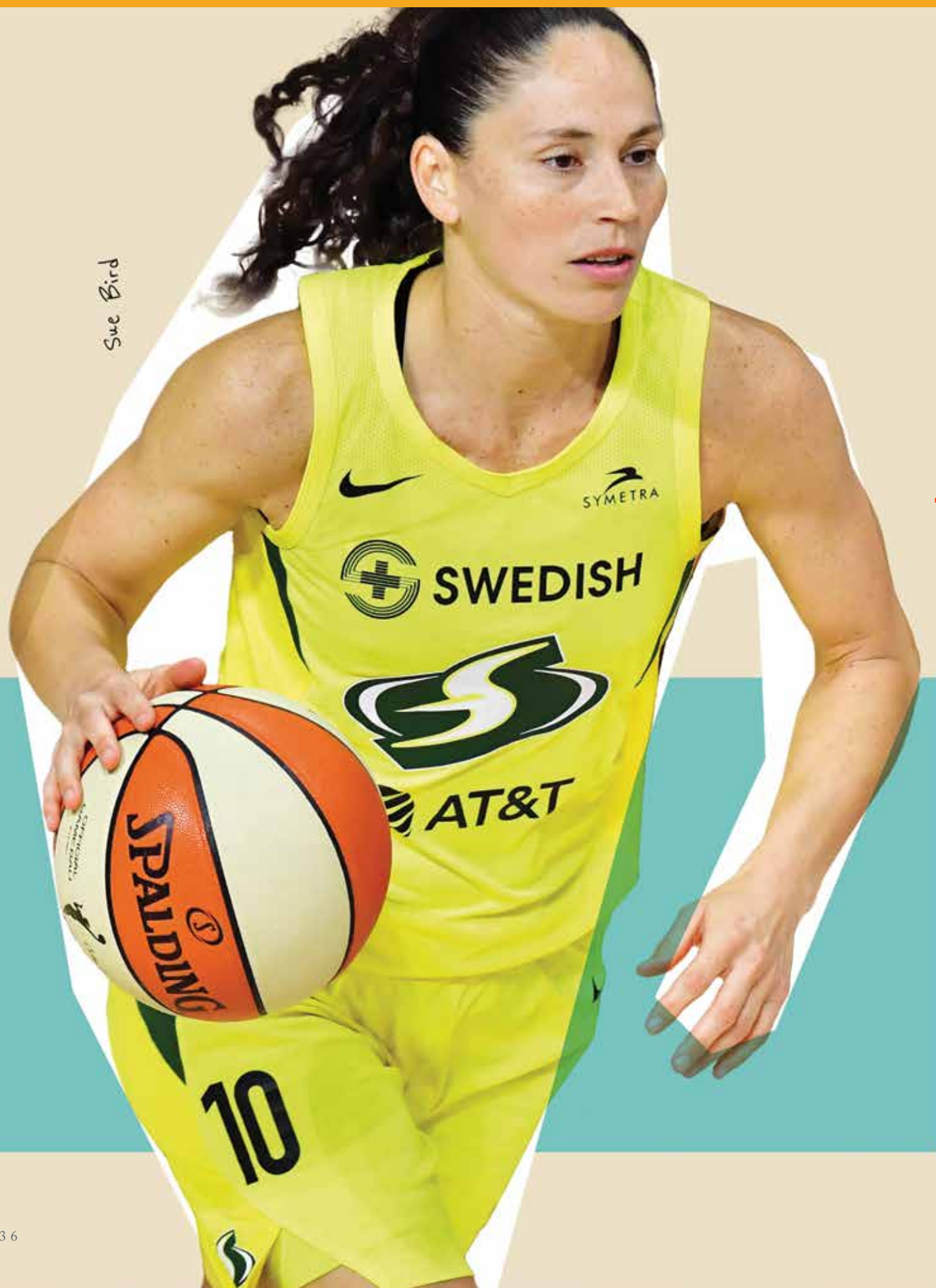
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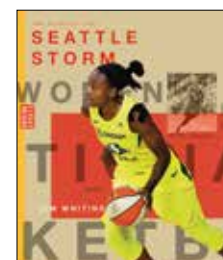
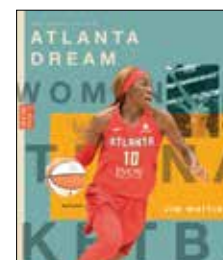
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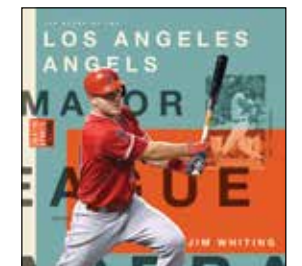
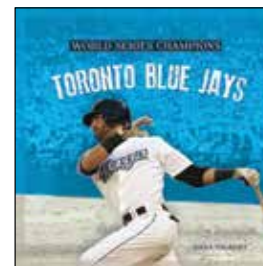
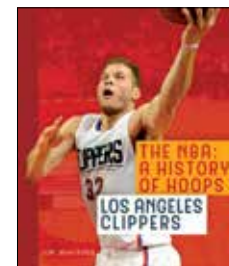
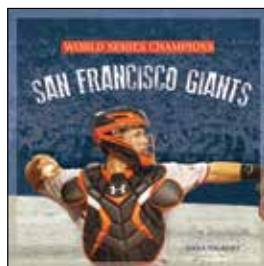
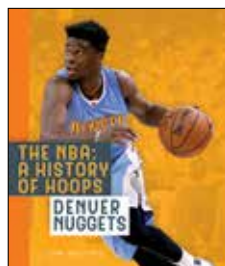
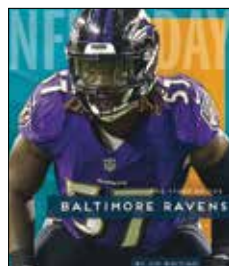
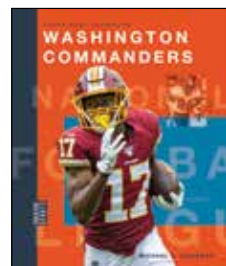
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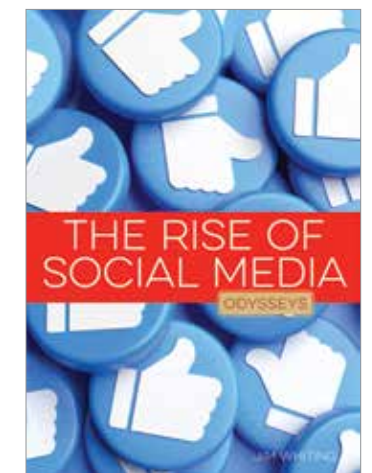
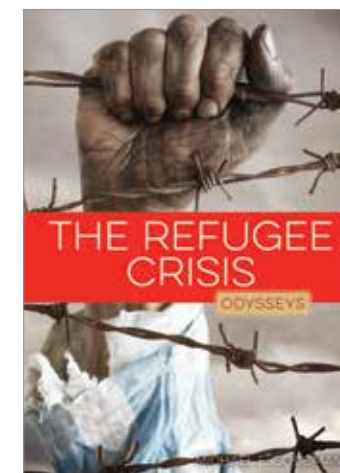
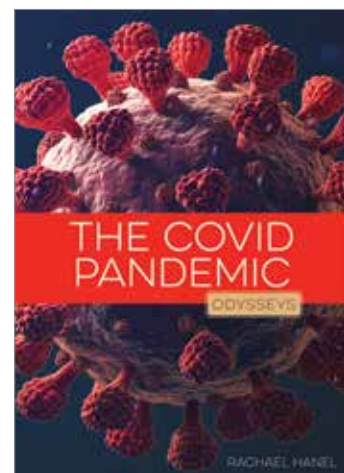
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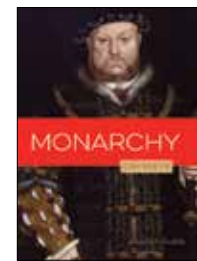
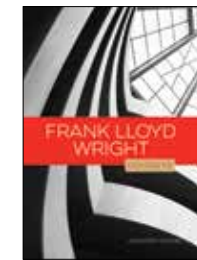
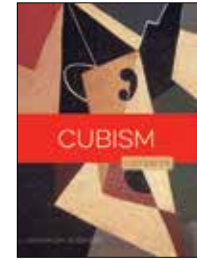
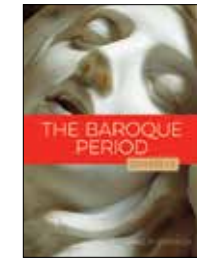
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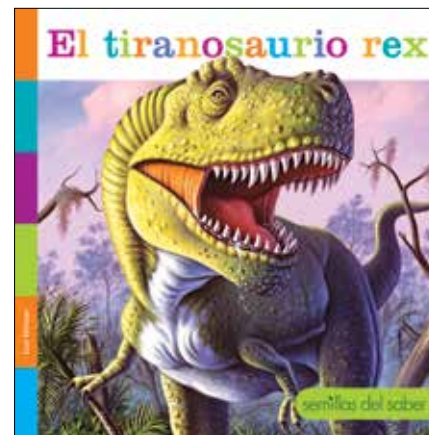
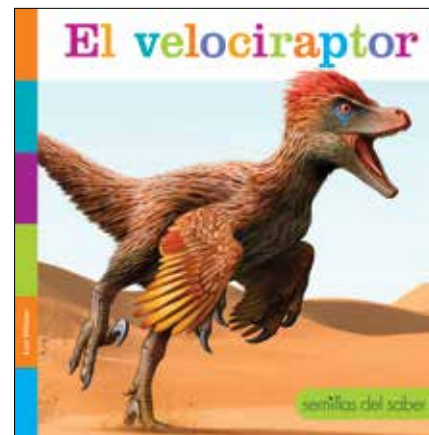
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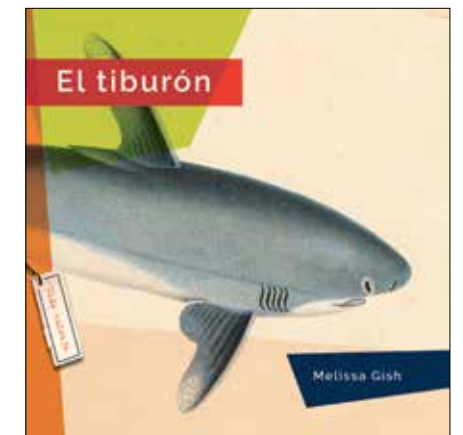
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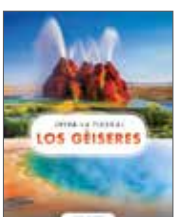
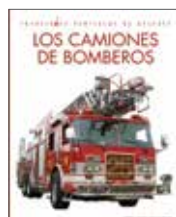
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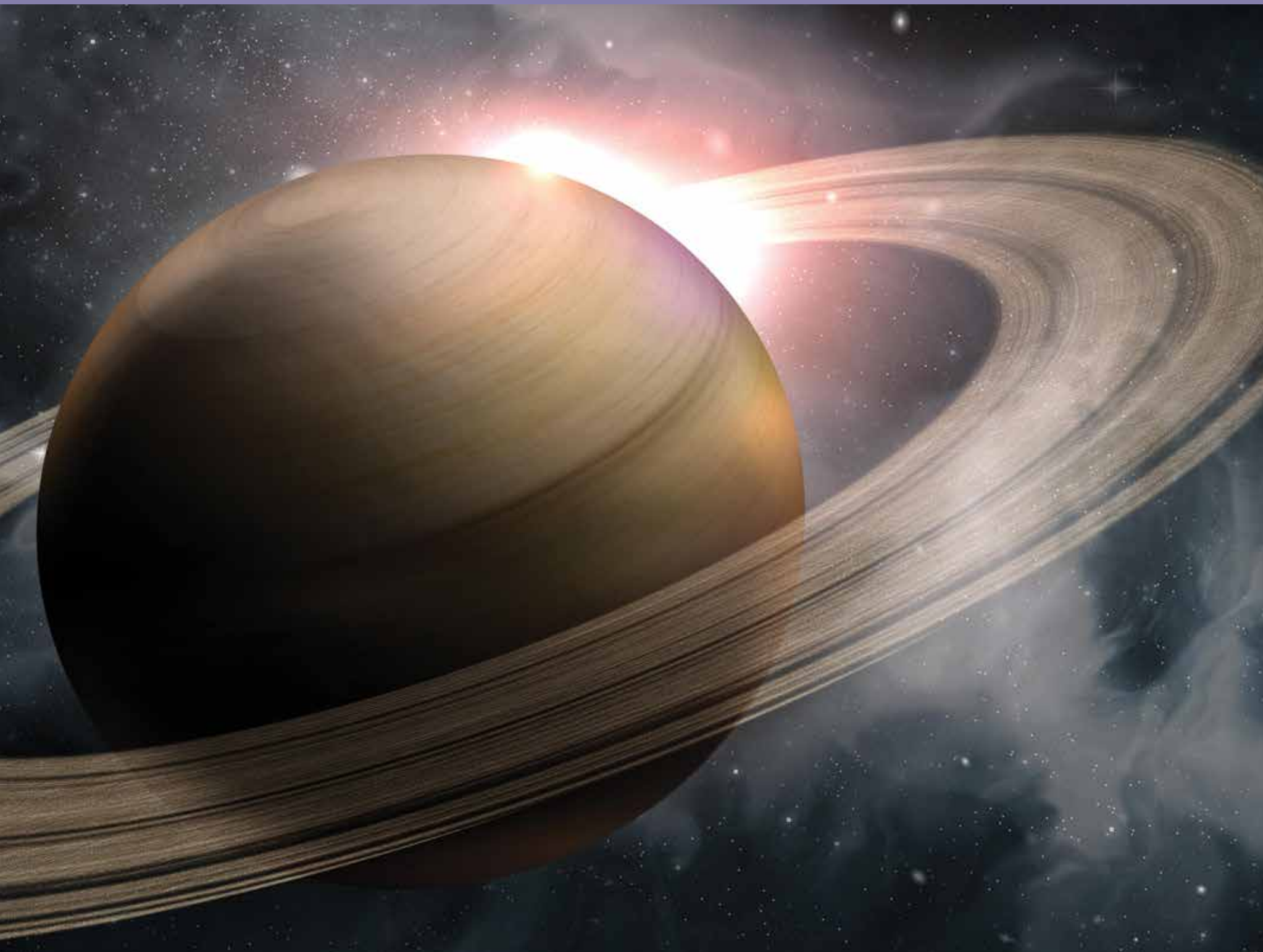
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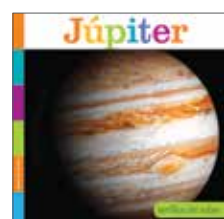
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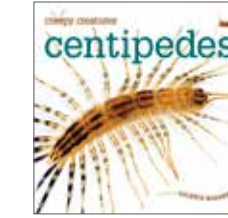
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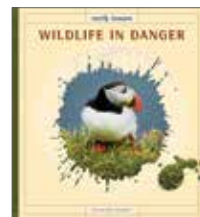
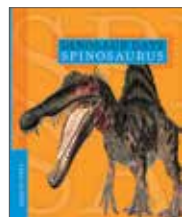
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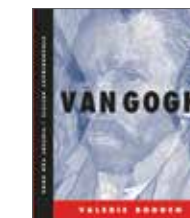
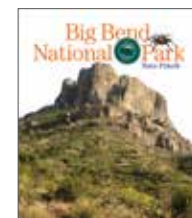
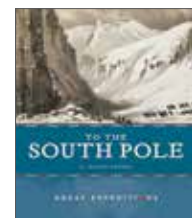
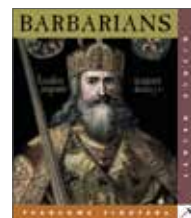
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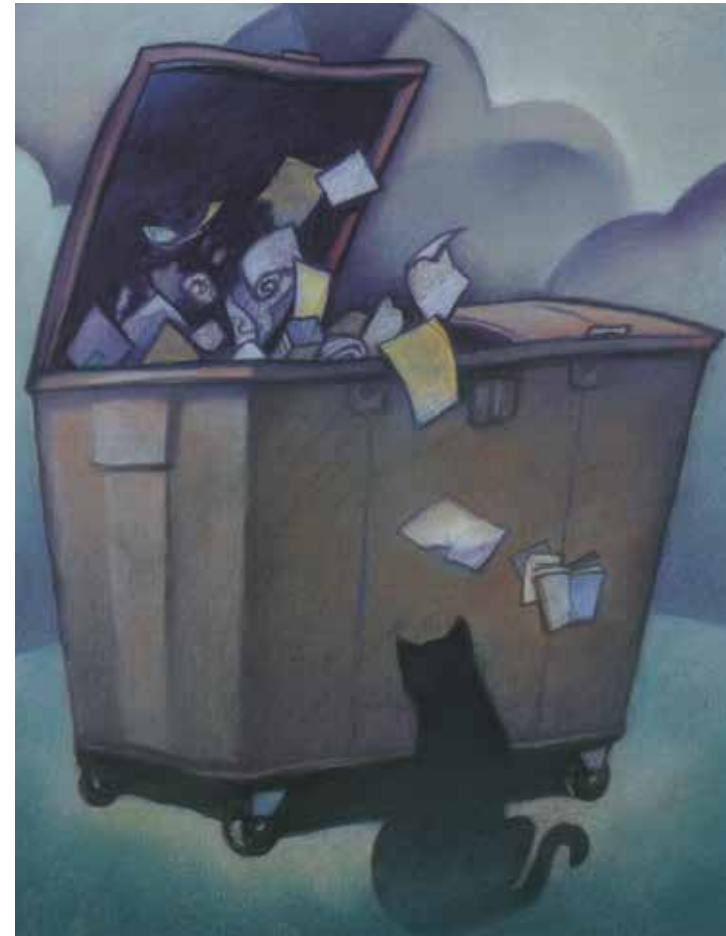
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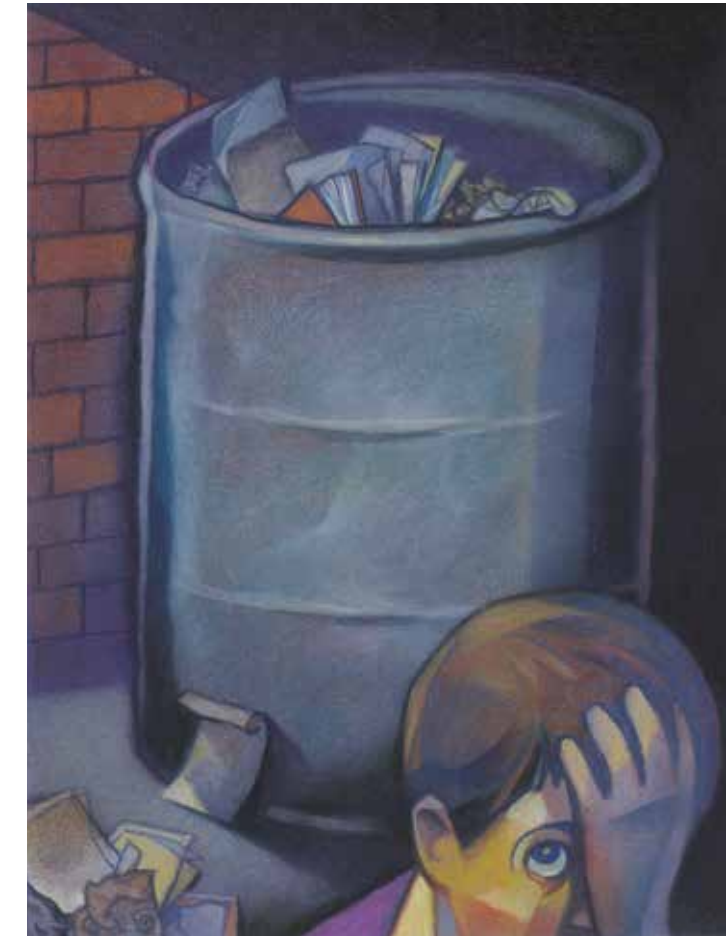


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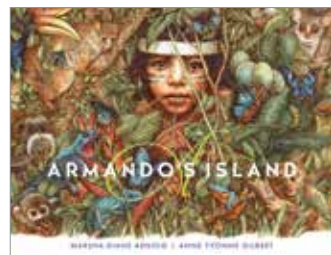


Armando's Island

Armando's home is the rainforest—he knows its sights, smells, tastes, and sounds. He even knows its moods. From the bottom of the forest floor to the top of the emergent layer, the trees are also home to a multitude of creatures. When outsiders begin laying claim to and destroying the surrounding landscape, the displaced animals find refuge with Armando in the only remaining pocket of untouched forest, his “island.” As people come in and animals are forced out, this poignant tale shows the cumulative and disastrous effects of Amazonian deforestation.

A born storyteller, **Marsha Diane Arnold** is the author of many books for children and makes her home in Florida. Her first Creative Editions title was *Lights Out*.

Anne Yvonne Gilbert has designed and illustrated children's books, postage stamps, record sleeves, and posters, infusing her work with a fairy-tale sensibility especially befitting the subject matter of *Armando's Island*. After many years spent in Canada, she and her husband make their home in northern England.



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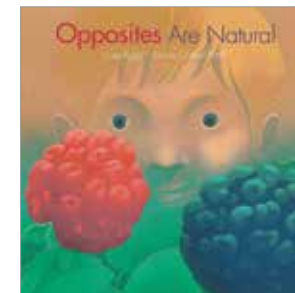


Opposites Are Natural

A young child observes a growing forest through changing seasons in this beautifully illustrated board book from Creative Editions. As the gentle narration advances, the changing trees and animals provide opportunities to observe, compare, and contrast, highlighting opposites in nature. Watercolor scenes help even the youngest of readers conceptualize pairs of opposites and point out the differences, while descriptive words help build vocabulary. Sturdy board pages are easy for toddlers and preschoolers to hold for countless viewings.

Kate Riggs is a Minnesota-based editor and author of children's and young adult nonfiction books. In 2012, her book *Dolphins* was honored as the winner of the Maryland Blue Crab Young Reader Award for Transitional Nonfiction.

Maria Cristina Pritelli is an internationally recognized children's book illustrator whose recent works for Creative Editions include *A Wish Is a Seed*, *Seaside Lullaby*, *The Million Stories of Marco Polo*, and *Sashiko*. She lives with her family in Italy.



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\$9.99 Board
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What to Do with a Box

Author: Jane Yolen
Artist: Chris Sheban

9781682772959 \$12.00 PB
Interest level: Age 5 and up Page count: 32
Trim size: 8¾" x 10½" Color illustrations

Also available in hardcover format: 9781568462899
Review: "This book offers gentle suggestions for what to do with a cardboard box, from the practical to the fantastical and from solitary to social." —*Booklist*



Sashiko

Author: Barbara Ciletti
Artist: Maria Cristina Pritelli

9781682770917 \$12.00 PB
Interest level: Age 8 and up Page count: 32
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Also available in hardcover format: 9781568463704
Review: "Sashiko is an unusual title not only in its subject ... but also in its beauty." —*Wall Street Journal*

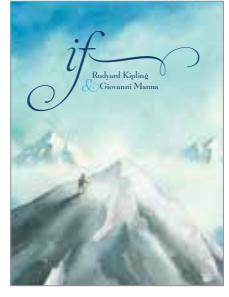


A Song for the Cosmos

Author: Jan Lower
Artist: Gary Kelley

9781682770924 \$12.00 PB
Interest level: Age 9 and up Page count: 32
Trim size: 9" x 12" Color illustrations

Also available in hardcover format: 9781568463629
Review: "Appropriately touching and uplifting." —*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*



If—

Author: Rudyard Kipling
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Interest level: Age 8 and up Page count: 32
Trim size: 7½" x 10" Color illustrations

Also available in hardcover format: 9781568462592



Mother Winter

Author/Artist: James Christopher Carroll

9781682770900 \$12.00 PB
Interest level: Age 9 and up Page count: 16
Trim size: 8½" x 11" Color illustrations

Also available in hardcover format: 9781568463773
Review: "This lyrical, luminous winter solstice book exhorts readers to go outside and experience the season's natural wonders." —*The Horn Book*



Illustration above by James Christopher Carroll, from *Mother Winter*; spot by Giovanni Manna, from *If—*



Island of Shadows

Author: Davide Cali
Artist: Claudia Palmarucci

9781568463889
Interest level: Age 8 and up
Trim size: 9" x 11¾"
\$19.99 HC • Page count: 32
Color illustrations

"Finely detailed lines of early scientific sketches of flora and fauna, echo the old-fashioned language and style of the text."

—*Kirkus Reviews*



Nonsense! Book 1

Author: Edward Lear
Artist: Etienne Delessert

9781568463933
Interest level: Age 2 and up
Trim size: 6¼" x 7¾"
\$14.99 Board • Page count: 14
Color illustrations

"Colorful, whimsical, easy-on-the-eyes illustrations, rendered in watercolors and colored pencils, bring to life the limerick."

—*Kirkus Reviews*



Puddle Song

Author: Laura Purdie Salas
Artist: Monique Felix

9781568463834
Interest level: Age 2 and up
Trim size: 6¼" x 7¾"
\$9.99 Board • Page count: 14
Color illustrations

"The quality of the writing paired with the complementary skillful illustrations make this worthy of readers' bookshelves."

—*Kirkus Reviews*



Sister Spring

Author/Artist: James Christopher Carroll

9781568463841
Interest level: Age 9 and up
Trim size: 8½" x 11"
\$16.99 HC • Page count: 16
Color illustrations

"Joyful and lyrical; a lovely way to represent spring."

—*Kirkus Reviews*



What to Do with a Stick

Author: Jane Yolen
Artist: Paolo Domeniconi

9781568463650
Interest level: Age 5 and up
Trim size: 8¾" x 10½"
\$18.99 HC • Page count: 32
Color illustrations

"The story is a love letter to both creativity and the childhood exuberance of imaginative play."

—*Kirkus Reviews*



Illustration by Paolo Domeniconi from *Afternoon on a Hill*

The Adventures of Pinocchio

Author: Carlo Collodi
Artist: Roberto Innocenti
 9781568461908 \$35.00 HC
 Interest level: Age 8 and up Page count: 192
 Trim size: 8½" × 11¼" Color illustrations

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Author: Mark Twain
Artist: C. F. Payne
 9781568462684 \$29.99 HC
 Interest level: Age 8 and up Page count: 296
 Trim size: 7½" × 10½" Color illustrations

Afternoon on a Hill

Author: Edna St. Vincent Millay
Artist: Paolo Domeniconi
 9781568463346 \$14.99 HC
 Interest level: Age 6 and up Page count: 16
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All the World's a Stage

Compiler: Lee Bennett Hopkins
Artist: Guy Billout
 9781568462189 \$19.99 HC
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Always, Jackie

Author: J. Patrick Lewis
Artist: John Thompson
 9781568463070 \$18.99 HC
 Interest level: Age 8 and up Page count: 32
 Trim size: 9" × 11" Color illustrations

And the Soldiers Sang

Author: J. Patrick Lewis
Artist: Gary Kelley
 9781568462202 (HC) \$19.99 HC
 9780898129755 (PB) \$9.99 PB
 Interest level: Age 9 and up Page count: 32
 Trim size: 9" × 12" Color illustrations

Bat Wings! Cat Wings?

Author: Laura Gehl
Artist: Monique Felix
 9781568463742 \$15.99 HC
 Interest level: Age 3 and up Page count: 16
 Trim size: 8½" × 11" Color illustrations

Bobo's Smile

Author/Artist: Seymour Chwast
 9781568462219 \$14.99 HC
 Interest level: Age 3 and up Page count: 32
 Trim size: 8" × 8" Color illustrations

The Cat Who Invented Bebop

Author/Artist: Marshall Arisman
 9781568461526 \$17.95 HC
 Interest level: Age 8 and up Page count: 32
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Cheyenne Medicine Hat

Author: Brian Heinz
Artist: Gregory Manchess
 9781568461816 \$19.95 HC
 Interest level: Age 8 and up Page count: 32
 Trim size: 8¼" × 12¼" Color illustrations

Chicken Wants a Nap

Author: Tracy Marchini
Artist: Monique Felix
 9781568463087 \$17.99 HC
 Interest level: Age 6 and up Page count: 24
 Trim size: 8" × 11" Color illustrations

A Christmas Carol

Author: Charles Dickens
Artist: Roberto Innocenti
 9781568462783 \$35.00 HC
 Interest level: Age 10 and up Page count: 152
 Trim size: 8¾" × 12" Color illustrations

Color

Author: Christina Rossetti
Artist: Laëtitia Devernay
 9781568463667 \$15.99 HC
 Interest level: Age 5 and up Page count: 16
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The Creative Collection of American Short Stories

Authors: various
Artist: Yan Nascimbene
 9781568462028 \$28.95 HC
 Interest level: Age 10 and up Page count: 272
 Trim size: 7¼" × 10¼" Color illustrations

Dark Fiddler

Author: Aaron Frisch
Artist: Gary Kelley
 9781568462004 \$17.95 HC
 Interest level: Age 8 and up Page count: 32
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Dream Song

Author: Walter de la Mare
Artist: Monique Felix
 9781568463377 \$14.99 HC
 Interest level: Age 6 and up Page count: 16
 Trim size: 8½" × 11" Color illustrations

The Emily Sonnets

Author: Jane Yolen
Artist: Gary Kelley
 9781568462158 \$19.99 HC
 Interest level: Age 11 and up Page count: 40
 Trim size: 8" × 11¼" Color illustrations

Erika's Story

Author: Ruth Vander Zee
Artist: Roberto Innocenti
 9781568461762 (HC) \$19.99 HC
 9780898128918 (PB) \$10.99 PB
 Interest level: Age 8 and up Page count: 24
 Trim size: 10" × 9½" Color illustrations

The Forever Flowers

Author: Michael J. Rosen
Artist: Sonja Danowski
 9781568462738 \$18.99 HC
 Interest level: Age 6 and up Page count: 32
 Trim size: 8¾" × 11¾" Color illustrations

Freedom Like Sunlight

Author: J. Patrick Lewis
Artist: John Thompson
 9780898129731 \$9.99 PB
 Interest level: Age 10 and up Page count: 40
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The Frog Who Wanted to See the Sea

Author/Artist: Guy Billout
 9781568462677 \$16.99 HC
 Interest level: Age 6 and up Page count: 32
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Full Color

Author/Artist: Etienne Delessert
 9781568462660 \$15.99 HC
 Interest level: Age 2 and up Page count: 32
 Trim size: 7¼" × 9¾" Color illustrations

The Girl in Red

Author: Aaron Frisch
Artist: Roberto Innocenti
 9781568462233 \$19.99 HC
 Interest level: Age 8 and up Page count: 32
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The Good Ship Crocodile

Author: J. Patrick Lewis
Artist: Monique Felix
 9781568462387 \$18.99 HC
 Interest level: Age 5 and up Page count: 32
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A Good Story

Author/Artist: Zack Rock
 9781568462806 \$17.99 HC
 Interest level: Age 8 and up Page count: 32
 Trim size: 10" × 9" Color illustrations

The Great North Woods

Author: Brian Heinz
Artist: Michael Rothman
 9781568462752 \$18.99 HC
 Interest level: Age 6 and up Page count: 32
 Trim size: 10¾" × 9½" Color illustrations

The Greatest Table

Author: Michael J. Rosen
Artist: Becca Stadlander
 9781568463032 \$19.99 HC
 Interest level: Age 6 and up Page count: 32
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Harlem Hellfighters

Author: J. Patrick Lewis
Artist: Gary Kelley
 9781568462462 \$27.99 HC
 Interest level: Age 10 and up Page count: 32
 Trim size: 9" × 12" Color illustrations

Homer Henry Hudson's Curio Museum

Author/Artist: Zack Rock
 9781568462608 \$18.99 HC
 Interest level: Age 10 and up Page count: 32
 Trim size: 10" × 10" Color illustrations

The House

Author: J. Patrick Lewis
Artist: Roberto Innocenti
 9781568462011 \$25.00 HC
 Interest level: Age 8 and up Page count: 64
 Trim size: 9" × 12½" Color illustrations

How to Draw with Your Funny Bone

Author/Artist: Elwood H. Smith
 9781568462431 \$17.99 HC
 Interest level: Age 6 and up Page count: 40
 Trim size: 8¾" × 10½" Color illustrations

The Hunter

Author: Jan Wahl
Artist: Tim Jessell
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I Am Elephant

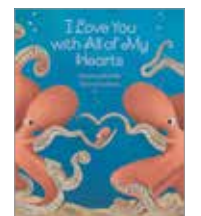
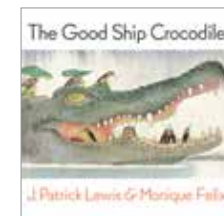
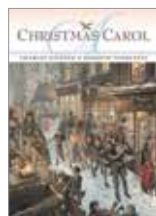
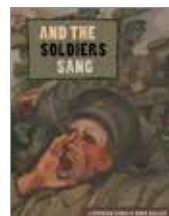
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Artist: Miriam Nerlove
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I Am Polar Bear

Author: J. Patrick Lewis
Artist: Miriam Nerlove
 9781568463322 \$18.99 HC
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 Trim size: 8" × 10" Color illustrations

I Love You with All of My Hearts

Author: Lindsay Bonilla
Artist: Eleonora Pace
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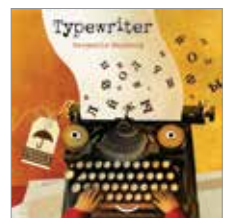
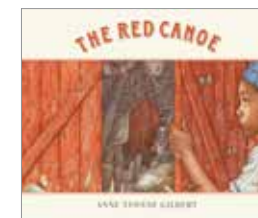
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<p>I Still Hate to Read! Author: Rita Marshall Artist: Etienne Delessert 9781568461748 \$19.95 HC Interest level: Age 4 and up Page count: 32 Trim size: 8½" x 12" Color illustrations</p>	<p>Lola Shapes the Sky Author: Wendy Greenley Artist: Paolo Domeniconi 9781568463193 \$19.99 HC Interest level: Age 6 and up Page count: 32 Trim size: 8½" x 10¾" Color illustrations</p>
<p>If— Author: Rudyard Kipling Artist: Giovanni Manna 9781568462592 \$20.99 HC Interest level: Age 6 and up Page count: 32 Trim size: 7¼" x 10" Color illustrations</p>	<p>The Lonely Pine Author: Aaron Frisch Artist: Etienne Delessert 9781568462141 \$17.99 HC Interest level: Age 9 and up Page count: 32 Trim size: 11" x 7¾" Color illustrations</p>
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Up & Down

Author/Artist: Etienne Delessert
9781568463803 \$15.99 HC
Interest level: Age 5 and up Page count: 16
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The Universe Is a Tree

Author/Artist: Laura Filippucci
9781568463049 \$18.99 HC
Interest level: Age 12 and up Page count: 32
Trim size: 8¼" × 10¾" Color illustrations

The Velveteen Rabbit

Author: Margery Williams Bianco
Artist: Monique Felix
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Virginia Was a Spy

Author: Catherine Urdahl
Artist: Gary Kelley
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Interest level: Age 8 and up Page count: 32
Trim size: 9" × 12" Color illustrations

We Are Brothers

Author: Yves Nadon
Artist: Jean Claverie
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Trim size: 7¼" × 10" Color illustrations

What to Do with a Box

Author: Jane Yolen
Artist: Chris Sheban
9781568462899 \$18.99 HC
Interest level: Age 6 and up Page count: 32
Trim size: 8¾" × 10½" Color illustrations

What to Do with a String

Author: Jane Yolen
Artist: C. F. Payne
9781568463223 \$18.99 HC
Interest level: Age 6 and up Page count: 32
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Where Do I End and You Begin?

Author: Shulamith Oppenheim
Artist: Monique Felix
9781568462745 \$17.99 HC
Interest level: Age 6 and up Page count: 32
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A Wish Is a Seed

Author: Jessica Young
Artist: Maria Cristina Pritelli
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Wilderness

Author: John Muir
Artist: Giovanni Manna
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Author: Henry David Thoreau
Artist: Giovanni Manna
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Author: Walt Whitman
Artist: James Christopher Carroll
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Illustration by Fiammetta Dogi from *A Seed Needs Sun*

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Beyond the Stars

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Artist: Chris Sheban
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Interest level: Age 2 and up Page count: 12
Trim size: 6½" × 10" Color illustrations

Colors of Nature

This illustrated conceptual board book encourages the association of certain colors with the seasons.
Author: Kate Riggs
Artist: Paolo Domeniconi
9781568462998 \$8.99 Board
Interest level: Age 2 and up Page count: 14
Trim size: 6¼" × 8" Color illustrations

Coral

Endlessly varied, coral species are evocative of fire, fans, feathers, and so much more, but they all share a common home.
Author: Amy Sky Koster
Artist: Lisel Jane Ashlock
9781568463674 \$11.99 Board
Interest level: Age 2 and up Page count: 18
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Counting on Birds

This illustrated conceptual board book uses the growth cycle of songbirds to teach the numbers 1 to 10.
Author: Kate Riggs
Artist: Jori van der Linde
9781568463001 \$8.99 Board
Interest level: Age 2 and up Page count: 14
Trim size: 6¼" × 8" Color illustrations

Crowds of Creatures

Six family groups of different kinds of animals introduce the concept of collective nouns.
Author: Kate Riggs
Artist: Fiammetta Dogi
9781568463018 \$7.99 Board
Interest level: Age 2 and up Page count: 14
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Dig It!

Six construction machines are introduced by their defining features or functions.
Author: Kate Riggs
Artist: Laszlo Kubinyi
9781568462370 \$7.99 Board
Interest level: Age 2 and up Page count: 14
Trim size: 7" × 7" Color illustrations

Dot, Stripe, Squiggle

Nine sea creatures bring the marine world to life in this innovative introduction to patterns and shapes.
Author: Sarah Grace Tuttle
Artist: Miriam Nerlove
9781568463254 \$9.99 Board
Interest level: Age 2 and up Page count: 28
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Egg

Compare and contrast 13 bird species' eggs in this artfully designed casebound board book.
Author: Amy Sky Koster
Artist: Lisel Jane Ashlock
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Interest level: Age 2 and up Page count: 18
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In the Garden

Whimsy and science combine in this board book that unfolds to reveal a burgeoning garden environment.
Author: Kate Riggs
Artist: Monique Felix
9781568463353 \$9.99 Board
Interest level: Age 2 and up Page count: 12
Trim size: 6½" × 10" Color illustrations

Jibber-Jabber

Engaging the senses, the onomatopoeic sounds of 14 animals are introduced in rhyming or alliterative pairs.
Author/Artist: Randall Enos
9781568463155 \$8.99 Board
Interest level: Age 2 and up Page count: 14
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Let's Go Outside

Pairs of opposite words are used in context as readers follow a puppy on a walk.
Author: Kate Riggs
Artist: Monique Felix
9781568463162 \$8.99 Board
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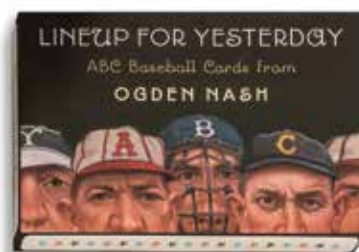
On the Farm

Six common barnyard animals are introduced by their sounds.
Author: Kate Riggs
Artist: Fiammetta Dogi
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Interest level: Age 2 and up Page count: 14
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Lineup for Yesterday Baseball Cards

Nash's classic odes to baseball greats of yore are presented in a boxed set of full-color commemorative cards.
Author: Ogden Nash
Artist: C. F. Payne
9781568462493 \$12.99
Interest level: Age 4 and up Color illustrations
Size: 6" × 4¼" × 1"



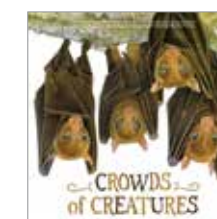
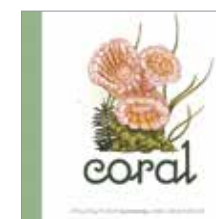
A Number of Animals Nesting Blocks

This set of 10 graduated blocks can be stacked into a tower nearly 3 feet high.
Author: Kate Green
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Storytime Clock

This wall clock serves as a delightful aid to telling time and as a reminder that any time can be a good time for reading.
Artist: Etienne Delessert
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Interest level: Age 4 and up Size: 12" round



Ready or Not, Here I Come!

In this illustrated board book based on the beloved children's game, readers and listeners alike are prompted to locate the prepositions based on contextual clues.

Author: Emilia Zebrowska
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Seashell

Compare and contrast 13 patterned shells in this artfully designed casebound board book.

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Artist: Lisel Jane Ashlock
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A Seed Needs Sun

A plant's life cycle is introduced by highlighting what it needs to grow at each stage.

Author: Kate Riggs
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Shapes All Around

Geometric concepts and the natural world are connected through six brightly colored shapes.

Author: Kate Riggs
Artist: Laëtitia Devernay
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Simon Says Open the Book

This bedtime-themed version of the beloved children's game leads to a sleep-inducing conclusion.

Author: Emilia Zebrowska
Artist: Susan Reagan
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Sounds of the Forest

Six different animals introduce the atmospheric sounds and actions of an African rainforest.

Author: Kate Riggs
Artist: Fiammetta Dogi
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Spot, Spike, Spiral

Nine extraordinary creatures bring to life more patterns and shapes of the animal kingdom.

Author: Sarah Grace Tuttle
Artist: Miriam Nerlove
 9781568463339 \$8.99 Board
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Taste the Clouds

This illustrated conceptual board book encourages imaginative exploration of the senses.

Author: Rita Marshall
Artist: Paolo Domeniconi
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That's Creepy!

Six creepy-crawlies are introduced by the animals' common traits or behaviors.

Author: Kate Riggs
Artist: Fiammetta Dogi
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Time to Build

Six common tools are introduced by their use in a construction project.

Author: Kate Riggs
Artist: Laszlo Kubinyi
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 Interest level: Age 2 and up Page count: 14
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To the Rescue!

Six helpful vehicles are introduced by action words, encouraging kinetic learning.

Author: Kate Riggs
Artist: Nate Williams
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 Trim size: 7" x 7" Color illustrations

Wake up, Weather!

This illustrated conceptual board book encourages imaginative exploration of weather phenomena.

Author: Rita Marshall
Artist: Monique Felix
 9781568462868 \$8.99 Board
 Interest level: Age 2 and up Page count: 14
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What to Do with a Box

This poetic tribute takes the literal shape of a box to bring an imaginative concept to life.

Author: Jane Yolen
Artist: Chris Sheban
 9781568463209 \$8.99 Board
 Interest level: Age 2 and up Page count: 12
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Where Go the Boats?

Set sail along a riverine scene in this foldout edition of a classic children's verse.

Author: Robert Louis Stevenson
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Wild Backyard

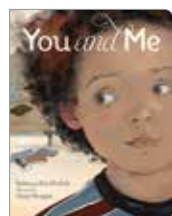
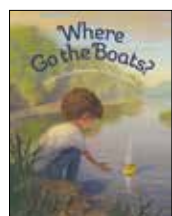
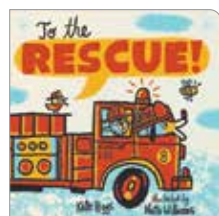
Six backyard animals are introduced by what and how they eat in their microhabitats.

Author: Kate Riggs
Artist: Fiammetta Dogi
 9781568462875 \$7.99 Board
 Interest level: Age 2 and up Page count: 14
 Trim size: 7" x 7" Color illustrations

You and Me

This warm, poetic work encapsulates the balancing act of giving attention to both older and younger siblings.

Author: Rebecca Kai Dotlich
Artist: Susan Reagan
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their own children at home. The Moms for Liberty don't want the government dictating what their children learn, but neither do parents who happen to be Missouri personnel.

The Texas Library Association is fighting back, too, with a campaign called Texans for the Right to Read, which raises awareness about efforts to censor books. They also started a volunteer-staffed help line to offer support to librarians being intimidated into censorship.

Censorship is hardly the only challenge librarians face. Budget cuts mean that many librarians, particularly in smaller communities, are also tasked with things like unclogging toilets and taking on programs previously offered by schools. As public-facing professionals, they are on the front lines of the masking wars, the homelessness crisis, the opioid epidemic, and the general rise in public rage. The library, Grubbs told me, is "often the last place, the last opportunity" for people who have nowhere else to go.

In Los Angeles, librarians will soon be trained in administering Narcan to patrons overdosing on opioids. Gonzalez told me she's seen mentally ill people strip their clothes off in the library, throw things. "A guy died on us," she said. "He died right at the computers."

About 50 librarians got tattoos at the New York conference. I asked the librarians I spoke with what else they did to let off steam. Unsurprisingly, I heard a lot about reading: fantasy, romance, literary fiction. Grubbs had just taken a "bookcation" with friends; they rented an Airbnb for a long weekend and read, cooked, and talked about books together. Others told me about therapy and yoga and socializing with other librarians. Dudenhoffer does needle felting—sculpting animals and dolls and other objects out of felt—which she described as a "stabby" craft. "I stab things," she said. "We all have our outlets."

The attacks on books aren't letting up anytime soon, but luckily, the librarians aren't either. "One of my mantras," Dudenhoffer said, "is 'I am smart and well intentioned.'" And so I just have to always go back to that, and I swear I say it 25 million times a day. "I am smart and well intentioned. This is the work I do. My work is important. My work is good."

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