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### ~ OUR MISSION ~

We produce books that engage and inform, develop and strengthen a love for reading, and bring smiles and laughter to the world. Our books are made with all readers in mind and with a focus on the “R” factor ... Re-readability! We want them to be read time and again, to be cherished, and to light the way on a lifetime of reading adventures.

### ~ OUR TITLES ~

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*The Sorry Seeds*  
*Alpacas Make Terrible Librarians*  
*Emily Snook: The World's Smallest Cook*

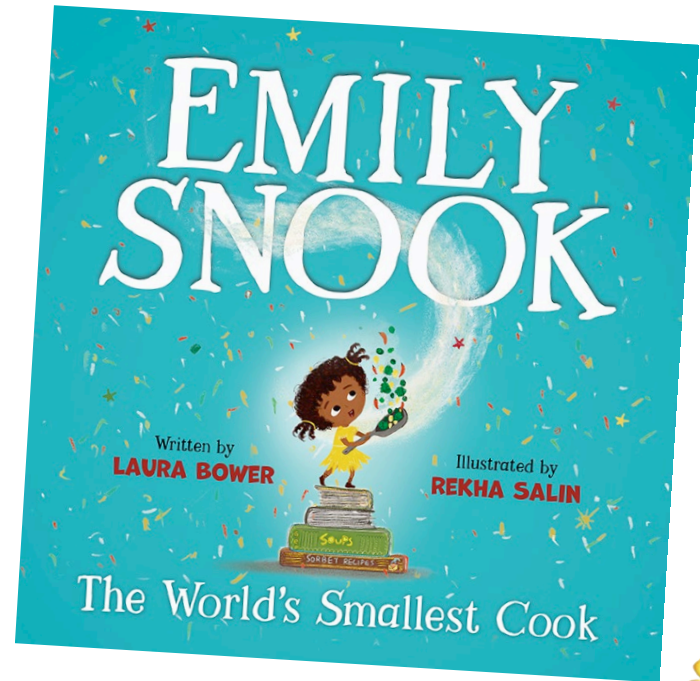
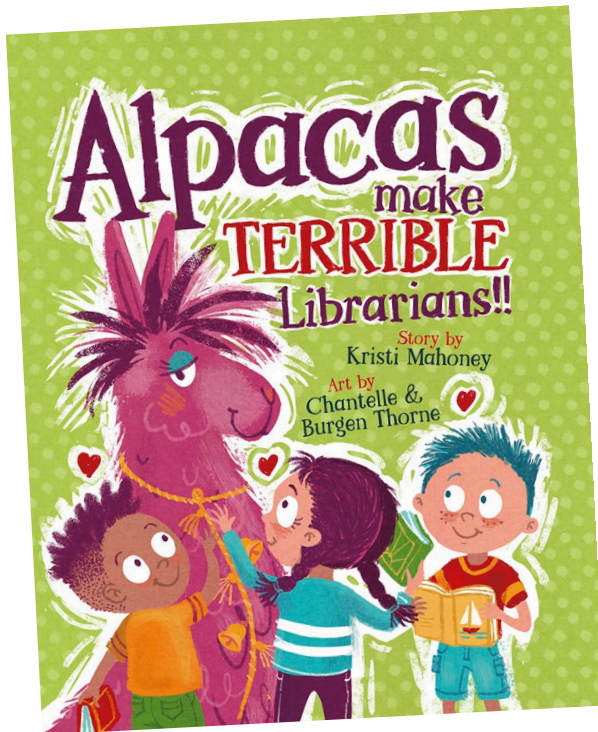
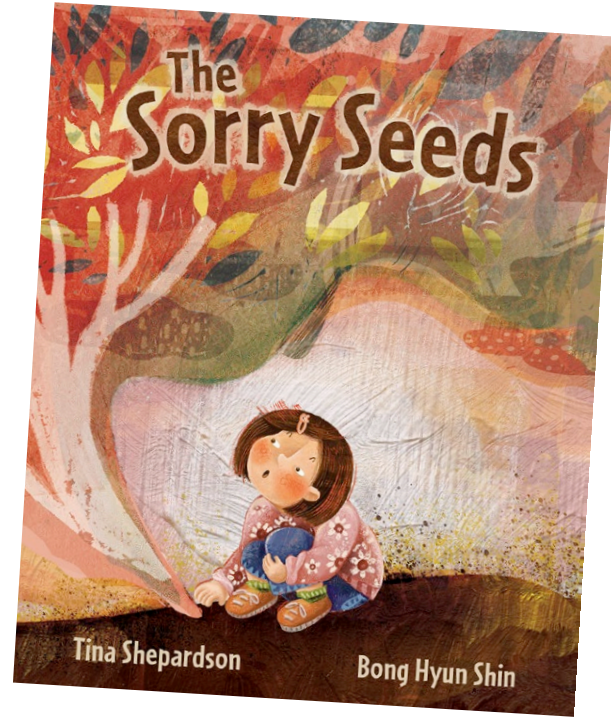
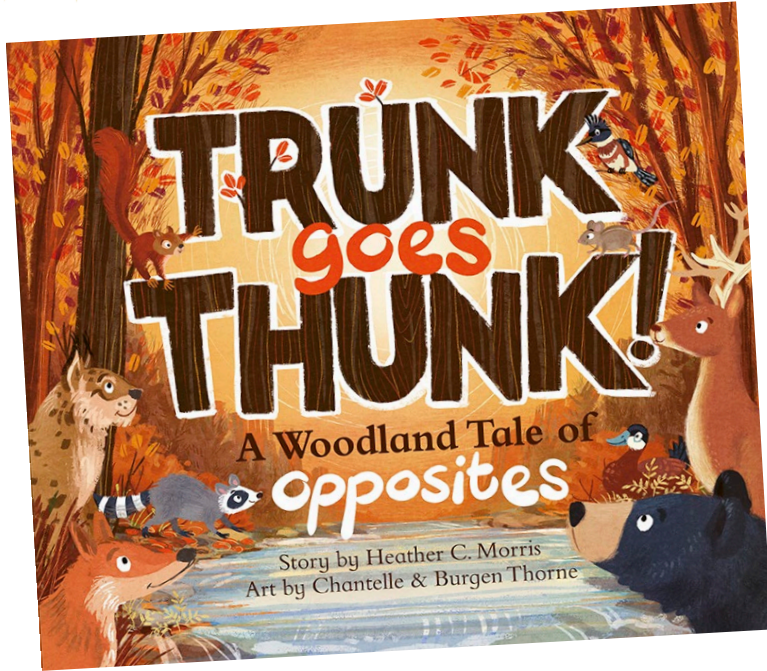
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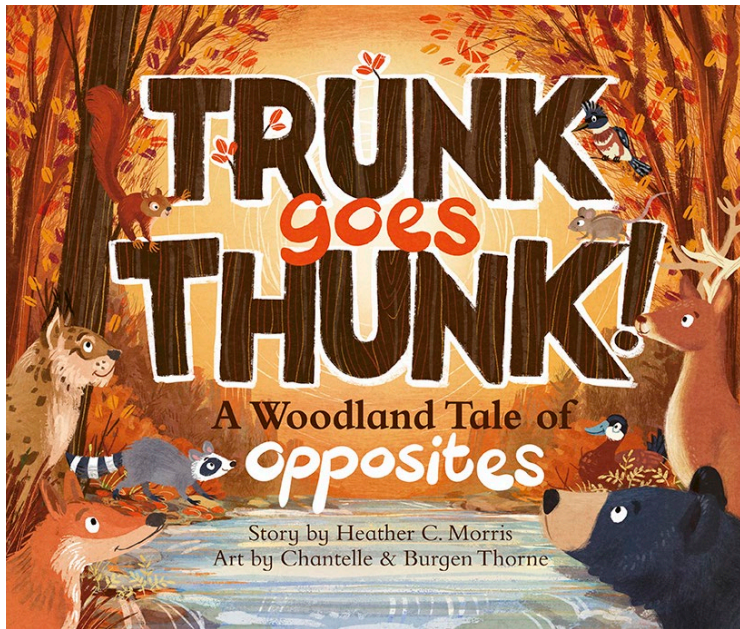
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**Written by Heather Morris**  
**Illustrated by Chantelle and Burgen Thorne**

Whoosh! Crash! Thunk! Follow along as the LOUD sounds of a falling tree signal the transformation of a QUIET area of the forest into a flourishing center of activity.

This lyrical nonfiction story uses word opposites such as small and large, dark and light, high and low, and fast and slow to introduce young readers to the natural recycling of fallen timber into log bridges. From bears, porcupines and raccoons to eagles, mice and deer, a host of forest animals repurpose a fallen tree, connecting two sides of a stream together throughout the seasons.

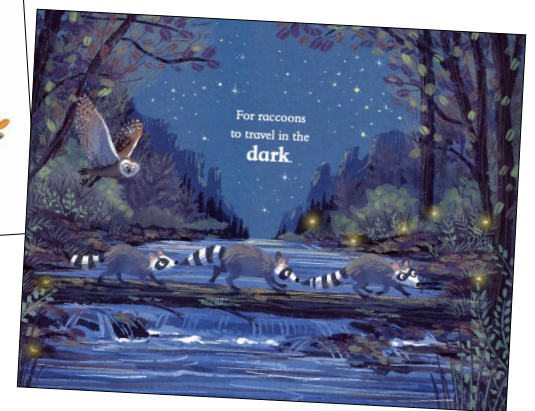
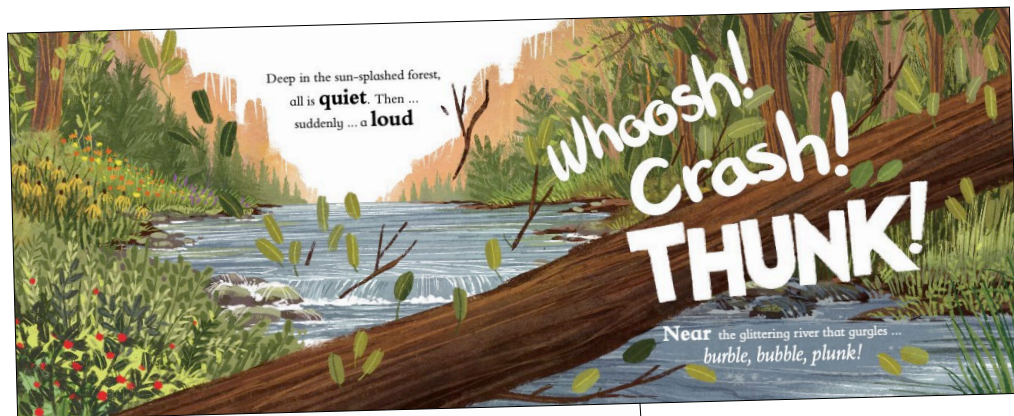
A carefully-chosen color palette of soothing natural colors and a charming collection of characters bring the playful prose to life in what is certain to become a storytime or bedtime favorite and a go-to book for early elementary science and language arts teachers.

~ **RELEASING September 10, 2024!** ~

11 x 8.5 inches ~ 32 Pages  
 Ages 3 to 7

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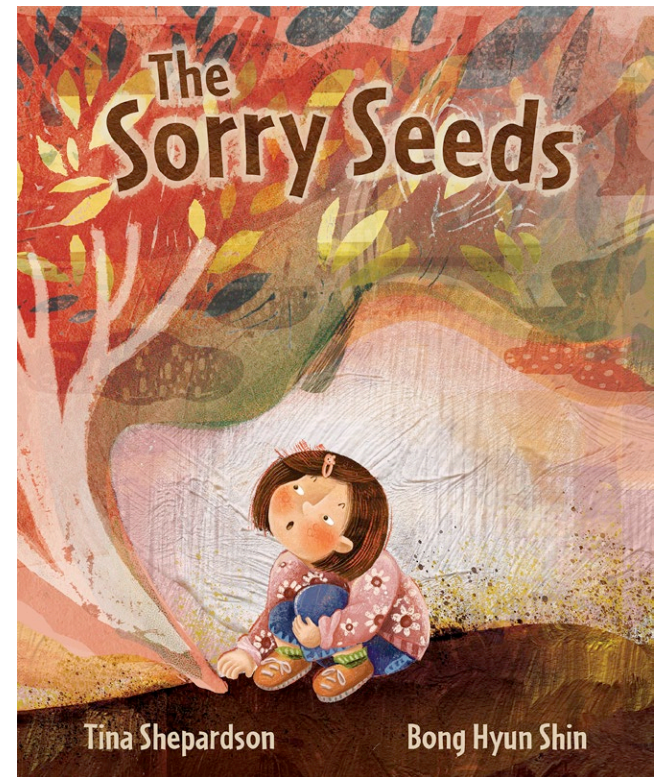


**Written by Tina Shepardson**  
**Illustrated by Bong Hyun Shin**

Saying the words “I’m sorry” isn’t always easy and sometimes words alone don’t feel like enough. But with a courageous heart, finding a way to ask for forgiveness can make even rotten feelings grow into something sweet.

This uplifting story explores the feelings that come with making mistakes, owning them, and learning how to ask others for forgiveness. When first-grader Courtney is caught taking an apple from her neighbor’s tree without permission, she wonders how she can make things right again and apologize in a way that shows how she feels in her heart. And since her neighbor is also her teacher, she will have to figure it out by morning. Tossing and turning throughout the night, Courtney realizes it’s not always easy to find a way to authentically say she’s sorry to someone she cares about. Fortunately, an idea takes root and gives Courtney the courage to bring an apology to fruition.

With illustrations that reflect the warmth and emotional depth of the story, young readers will look to this book as a reminder of the power within themselves to make positive choices even when it feels hard to do so. It’s an excellent tool for caregivers and educators to open a discussion on making mistakes and asking for forgiveness, and will be a welcome addition to any library or classroom collection.



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9 x 11 inches ~ 32 Pages  
Ages 4 to 8

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**Written by Kristi Mahoney**  
**Illustrated by Chantelle and Burgen Thorne**

The last thing you expect when you go to the library is to see your librarian replaced with an alpaca. BEWARE! Alpacas make terrible librarians!

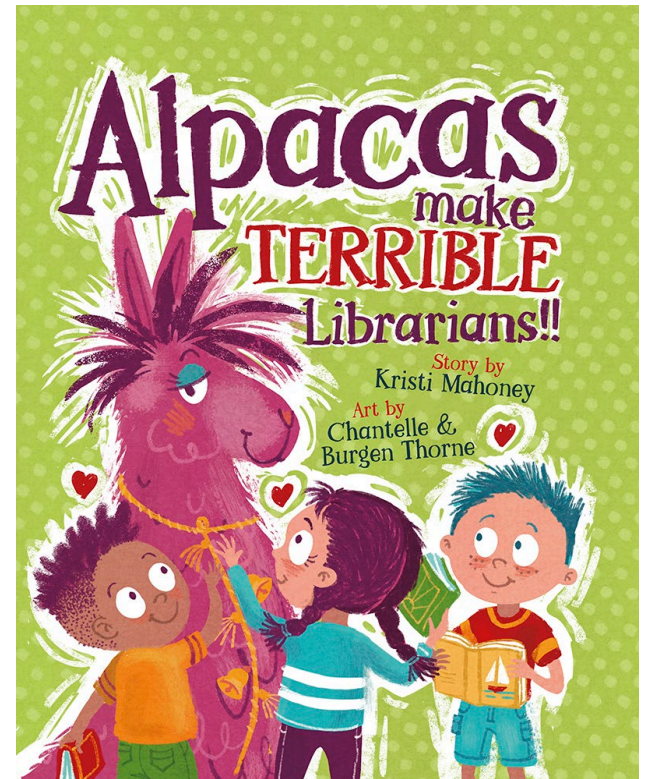
Prepare for laughs and learning in this humorous exploration of what might happen when an alpaca fills in for a librarian. You'll learn all sorts of things about alpacas that you never knew you wanted to know! From surprise haircuts and sun-bathing storytime to a communal dung pile and impromptu games of tag, this trip to the library is like no other. And when rules are broken, WATCH OUT! When alpacas get angry . . . things can get messy. But just as you're about to tip-toe out the door, the real librarian returns and you can breathe a sigh of relief (and check out books on any animal you like ... not just alpacas)!

With a zany cast of characters brought to life by the award-winning illustration team of Chantelle and Burgen Thorne, this hilarious and informative story will leave readers with a good understanding of alpacas and a renewed appreciation for the librarians in their lives. It's perfect for any library, classroom or at-home collection!

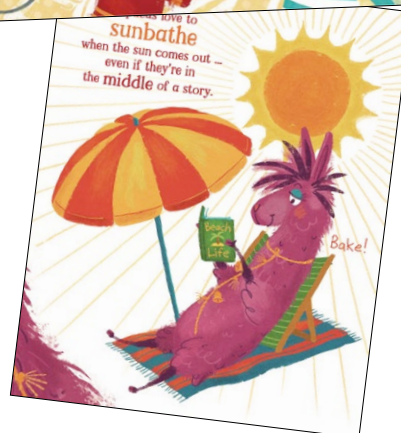
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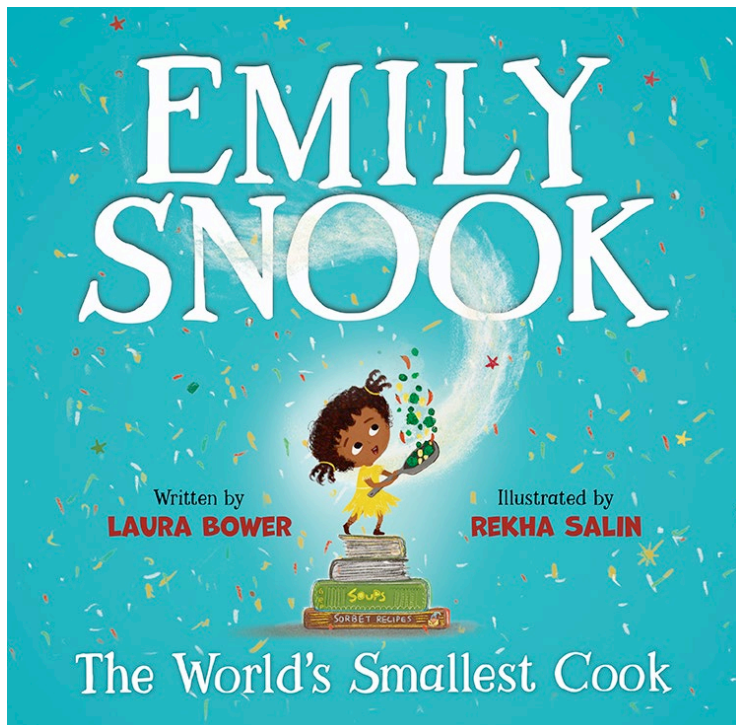
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~ **RELEASING September 17, 2024!** ~

**Written by Laura Bower**  
**Illustrated by Rekha Salin**

Emily Snook is a whiz in the kitchen. But when she enters an international cooking contest and meets the competition, her hopes of winning deflate like a botched soufflé. Everyone is older, taller and in serious doubt of her cooking capabilities!

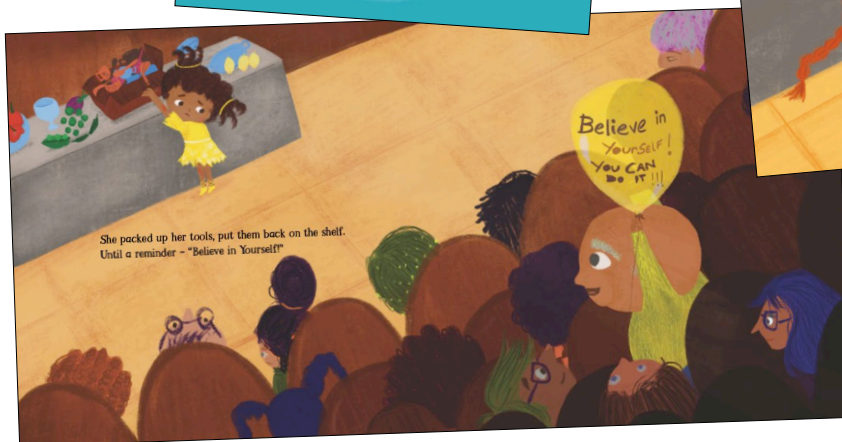
A classic underdog story, *Emily Snook: The World's Smallest Cook* reminds readers of the power of determination and a willingness to take risks. With the encouragement and support of her favorite sous chef - her grandpa - Emily tackles each cooking catastrophe that threatens her chance of winning. From utensils that are too big to counters too high, Emily Snook takes on the challenges of being the tiniest contestant, proving to everyone that being small doesn't mean you can't do it all.

Told with rhythmic rhyme and incorporating vibrant, kid-friendly illustrations, this story will delight young readers who enjoy crafting culinary creations of their own. It's a great choice for story-time at the library or for enhancing classroom discussions about perseverance and positivity, and of course, for reading with grandparents throughout the year.

10 x 10 inches ~ 32 Pages  
Ages 4 to 8

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