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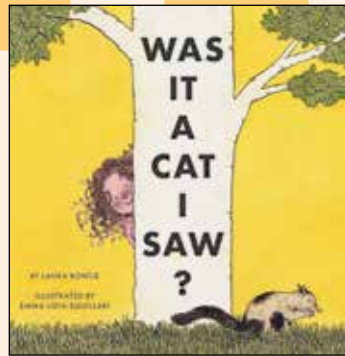
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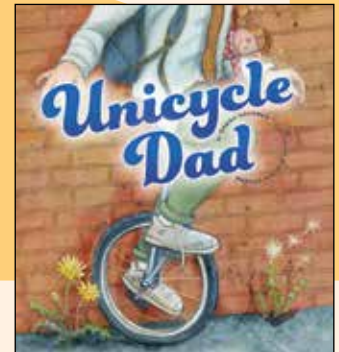




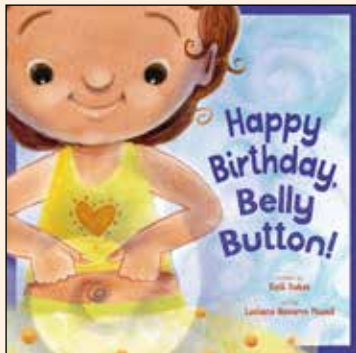
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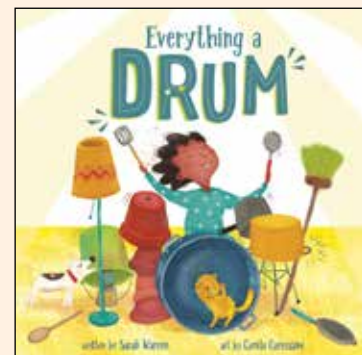
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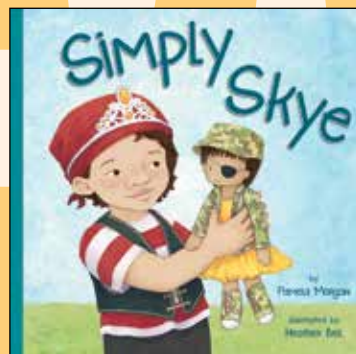
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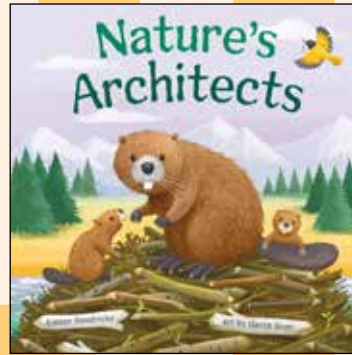
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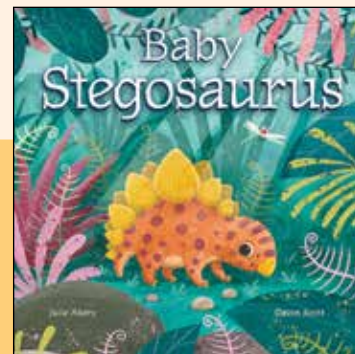
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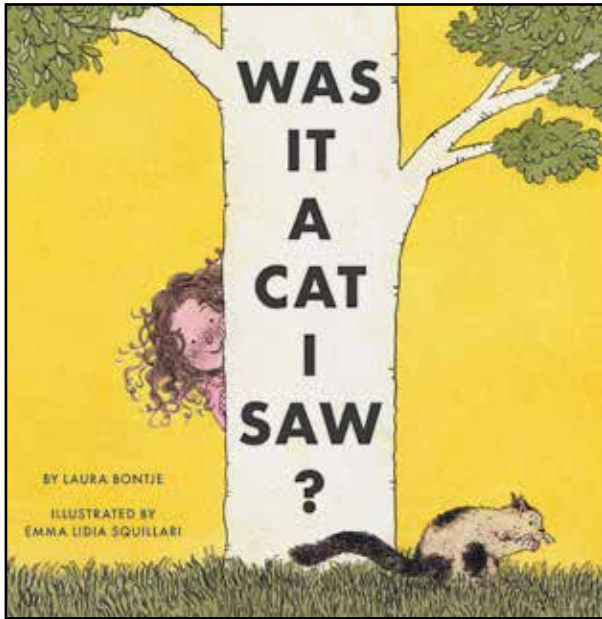


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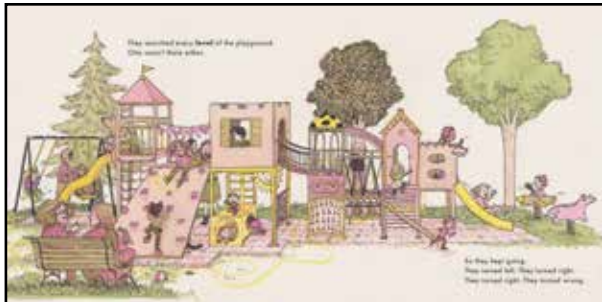
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# WAS IT A CAT I SAW?

**AUTHOR: LAURA BONTJE**  
**ILLUSTRATOR: EMMA LIDIA SQUILLARI**  
**PAGE COUNT: 32**  
**ATOS: 2.5**  
**TRIM: 9 X 9**  
**AGE RANGE: 5-9**

Hannah loves palindromes. She even speaks in them! When Otto the cat runs away, Hannah and his owner go on a wordplay-filled quest to find him. But they, too, become lost. To get everyone home, Hannah will need a forward-and-backward-thinking solution. One thing's for certain: She's found a new friend—and if she ever asks his name, she'll see just how well matched they are. Written by debut picture book author **Laura Bontje** and illustrated by **Emma Lidia Squillari**, *Was It a Cat I Saw?* will delight readers who like their language silly and their friendships sincere.



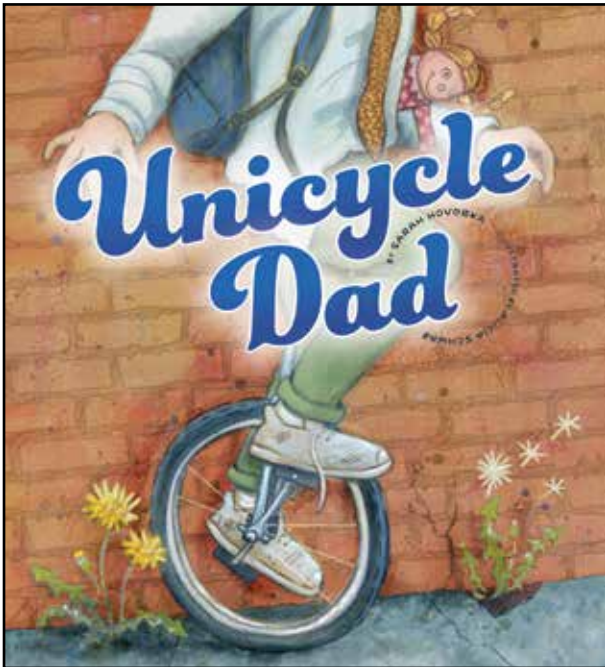
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## UNICYCLE DAD

**AUTHOR: SARAH HOVORKA**  
**ILLUSTRATOR: ALICIA SCHWAB**  
**PAGE COUNT: 24**  
**ATOS: 2.7**  
**TRIM: 9 X 10**  
**AGE RANGE: 5-9**

Sarah knows her unicycle-riding dad is special—even as Sarah cooks, takes care of her brother, and does homework on her own. When her dad finally graduates from high school, gets a second job, and eventually lands a promotion, Sarah realizes there's so much more that's special about him. *Unicycle Dad* shares the inherent struggles and quiet joys of a single-parent, impoverished household. Raised by a single, teenage father in poverty, author **Sarah Hovorka** grew up in a family structure lived by many but seldom represented in children's books. Illustrator **Alicia Schwab** captures the story with warm, expressive art.



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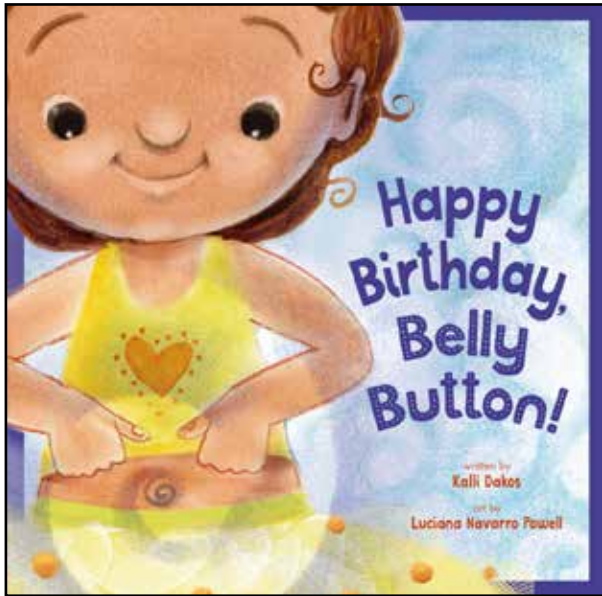
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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BELLY BUTTON!

**AUTHOR: KALLI DAKOS**  
**ILLUSTRATOR: LUCIANA NAVARRO POWELL**  
**PAGE COUNT: 24**  
**TRIM: 9 X 9**  
**AGE RANGE: 2-5**

An exuberant child celebrates being one year older, calling out body parts from head to toe that have grown since their last birthday. When you're young, every inch grown feels like a huge achievement. You're not just one year older, you're one year bigger, too. Spirited rhyming text and active illustrations highlight body parts and share the joy of celebrating a birthday.

Written by veteran children's poet **Kalli Dakos** and illustrated by **Luciana Navarro Powell's** warm and expressive art, *Happy Birthday, Belly Button!* is a delightful picture book to read with toddlers and preschoolers growing up.

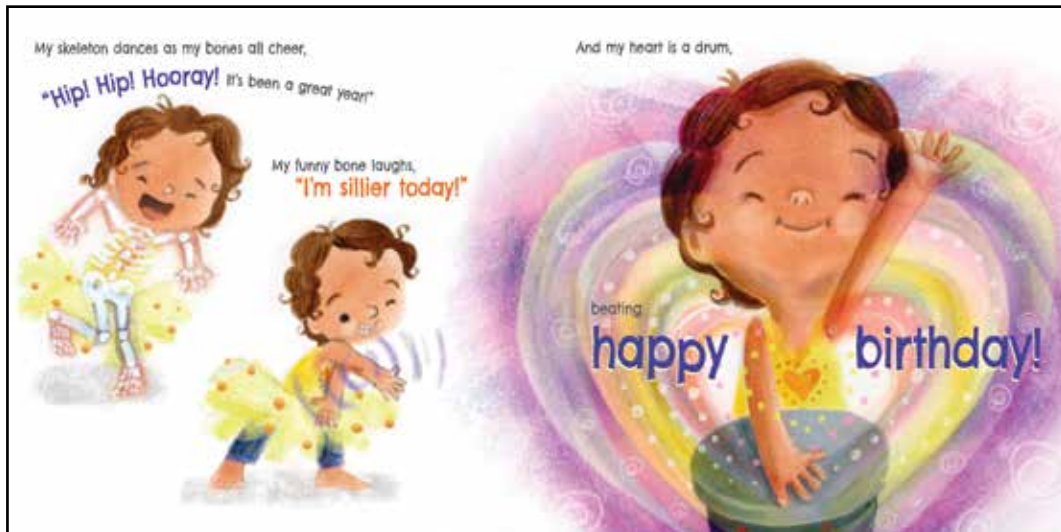


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# EVERYTHING A DRUM

**AUTHOR: SARAH WARREN**  
**ILLUSTRATOR: CAMILA CARROSSINE**  
**PAGE COUNT: 24**  
**ATOS: N/A**  
**TRIM: 9 X 9**  
**AGE RANGE: 0-3**

A musical toddler keeps his parents on their toes as he explores his world and turns everything—from walls to the family pet—into a means to tap out a beat. Capturing both the joy and frustrations of toddler life and young parenthood, *Everything a Drum* will speak to both young rhythm makers and their parents. Humorous, touching illustrations of the exuberant musician celebrate musicality and daily family life with rhythmic phrases and sound words that are fun to read aloud.

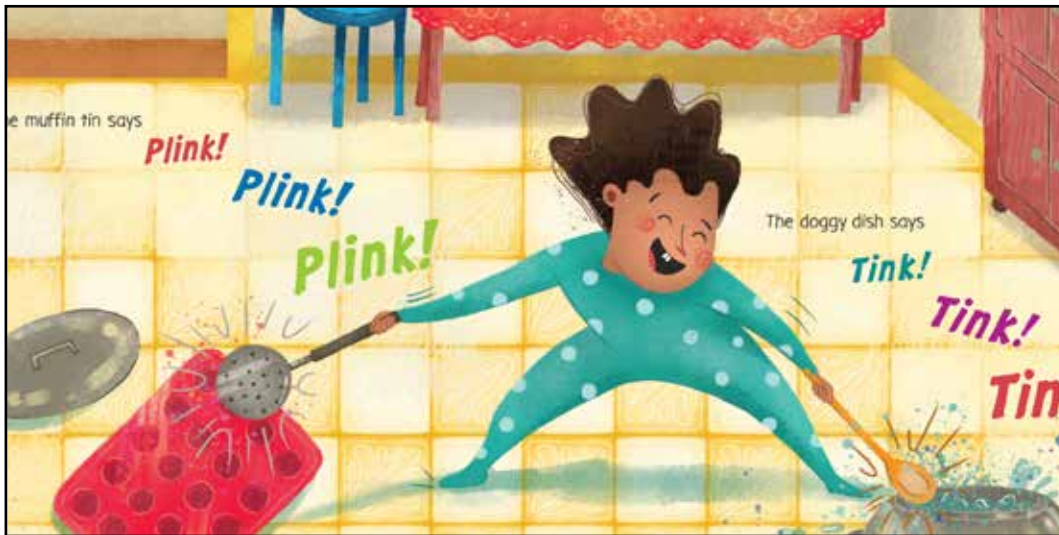


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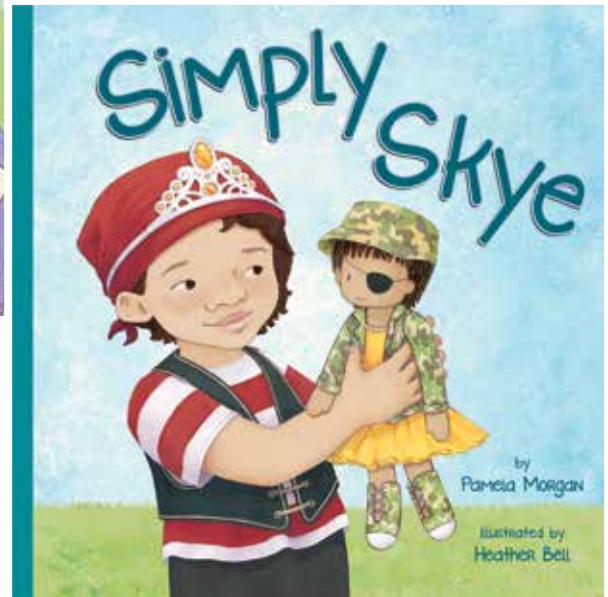
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## SIMPLY SKYE

AUTHOR: PAMELA MORGAN  
 ILLUSTRATOR: HEATHER BELL  
 PAGE COUNT: 32  
 ATOS: 1.9  
 TRIM: 9" X 9"  
 AGE RANGE: 6-9

Avi's doll Skye is not a boy or a girl. Neither is Avi. But what will their family think? Avi uses Skye to explore gender expression and identity and also to discover how their family will react to Avi's own nonbinary identity. Breaking gender stereotypes, Avi's clothing choices and actions show their brother, sister, and parents who they really are as their family gradually understands and accepts Avi's identity.

As the mother of a nonbinary child, author [Pamela Morgan](#) wanted to make the books her child wasn't finding on bookshelves. She is a fierce advocate for transgender rights and an award-winning author and playwright. Illustrator [Heather Bell](#) grew up playing tea party, war, and squirrel adventures. The labels "girl" and "boy" never fully fit as Heather felt like both. It would be years before Heather heard the term "nonbinary" and felt understood and seen. As a proud member of the LGBTQ+ community and a mother, illustrator Heather Bell sensitively portrays Avi's story with relatable emotions and family dynamics.

A touching story of self-acceptance, *Simply Skye* is a great starting point for discussions of diversity and understanding others and building SEL skills.

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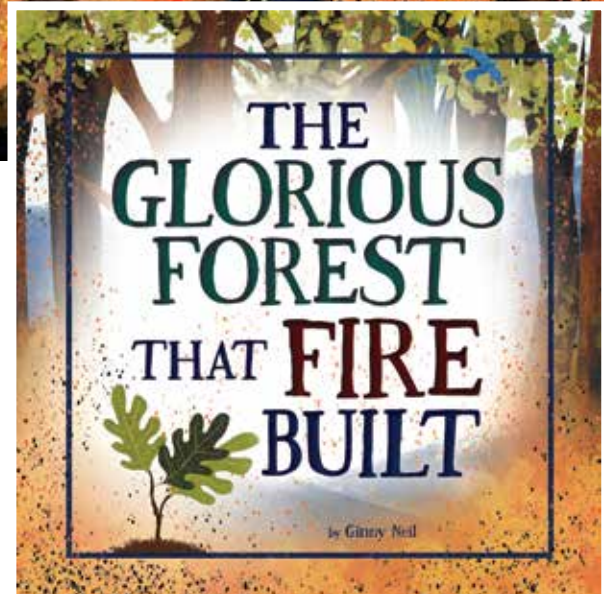
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## THE GLORIOUS FOREST THAT FIRE BUILT

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR: GINNY NEIL  
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 AGE RANGE: 6-9



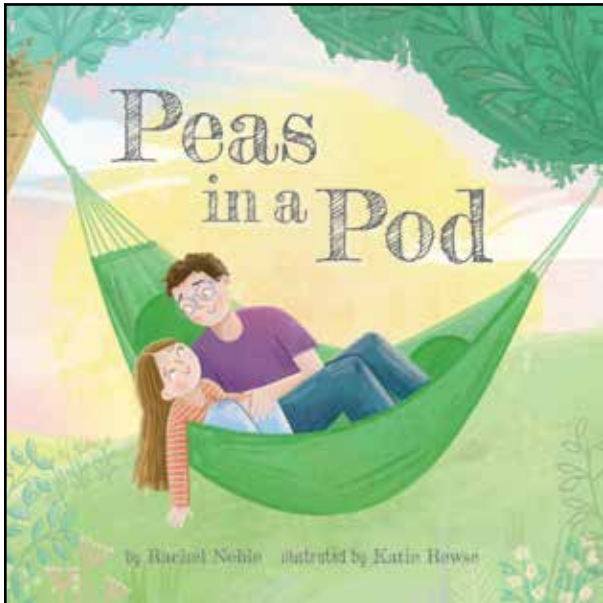
A wildfire roars through the forest, leaving nothing but ashes until seeds sprout from deep below. Root by root and seed by seed, the forest rises again. In this lyrical cumulative nonfiction story about forest succession, readers will learn that forest fires are critical to forest health and that the end of a tree's life provides the opportunity for new life. Back matter explains the timeline of the forest cycle in more detail.

**Ginny Neil** is an author, illustrator, award-winning teacher, and master naturalist. When she's not slogging through a marsh, trying to spot spring peepers, or chasing errant sheep across mountains and meadows, she manages an outdoor learning lab, teaches STEM to elementary and middle school students, and writes about all the things and people that make Earth such a fun and fascinating place to live. *The Glorious Forest that Fire Built* is her first picture book.

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## THE GREAT COOKIE KERFUFFLE

**AUTHOR: JESSICA SHAW**  
**ILLUSTRATOR: PAULINE GREGORY**  
**PAGE COUNT: 32**  
**ATOS: 2.4 • LEXILE: 370L**  
**TRIM: 9" X 9"**  
**AGE RANGE: 4-8**

A friendly little farm breaks into chaos as increasing numbers of farm animals fight over a dropped cookie, until there's trouble overhead! United against a common enemy, the animals learn that friendship and taking care of each other is more important than winning a fight.

Written by debut picture book author **Jessica Shaw** and illustrated by **Pauline Gregory**, this book counts groups of animals from 1 to 10 and back down again and makes a great read-aloud for friendship-themed story times.

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## PEAS IN A POD

**AUTHOR: RACHEL NOBLE**  
**ILLUSTRATOR: KATIE REWSE**  
**PAGE COUNT: 32**  
**ATOS: 1.5 • LEXILE: 590L**  
**TRIM: 9" X 9"**  
**AGE RANGE: 4-8**

Sophie is finally getting used to having just her dad around after her mother died. Things are going smoothly—Sophie and her dad are like two peas in a pod. But when Sarah and her dog, Billy, come along, everything changes. Will there be room for more peas in the pod?

Written by **Rachel Noble** and illustrated by **Katie Rewse**, this picture book will help any child who has had to adjust to a parent having a new partner.

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## A LITTLE ROUND PANDA ON THE BIG BLUE EARTH

**AUTHOR: TORY CHRISTIE**  
**ILLUSTRATOR: LUCIANA NAVARRO POWELL**  
**PAGE COUNT: 32**  
**ATOS: 3.7**  
**TRIM: 10" X 9.5"**  
**AGE RANGE: 4-8**

In the middle of a Chinese forest, a baby panda munches on bamboo. Where is his place on the big, blue Earth? This richly illustrated poem illuminates a unique geographical perspective, showcasing China's environment. Take in ever-widening views from forest to terraced farms to village and city, country, continent, ocean, and finally the planet in space. Endsheets include a map of Asia labeling places shown.

**ALSO AVAILABLE:**

**A TINY BROWN MONKEY ON THE BIG BLUE EARTH**



**HARDCOVER ISBN: 9781681524986**  
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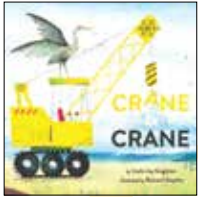
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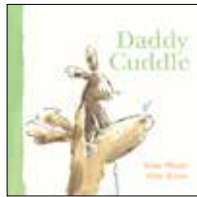
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**CRANE & CRANE**

**AUTHOR:** LINDA JOY SINGLETON  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** RICHARD SMYTHE  
**FORMAT:** HARDCOVER  
**PAGE COUNT:** 32  
**TRIM:** 9" X 9"  
**AGE RANGE:** 4–8  
**ISBN:** 9781681524085  
**PRICE:** \$17.99

A sandhill crane lifts a stick. A construction crane lifts a log. The two cranes grab, stretch, and stack, working through bad weather and difficult obstacles toward their end goal: building a home for a new family. Told in a simple sequence of verbs, this colorful picture book demonstrates how the mechanical world mirrors the natural world.

**DADDY CUDDLE**

**AUTHOR:** KATE MAYES  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** SARA ACTON  
**FORMAT:** HARDCOVER  
**PAGE COUNT:** 32  
**TRIM:** 8.75" X 8.75"  
**AGE RANGE:** 2–5  
**ISBN:** 9781681521930  
**PRICE:** \$17.99

Young Bunny rises early, eager to start the day, but will Daddy ever wake up? The brief text lets the watercolor illustrations carry the story in this picture book that beautifully captures the joys and trials of an energetic child and a tired father. Perfect to read for Father's Day with little ones on your lap.

**EXTRAORDINARY ORDINARY ELLA**

**AUTHOR:** AMBER HENDRICKS  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** LUCIANA NAVARRO POWELL  
**FORMAT:** HARDCOVER  
**PAGE COUNT:** 32  
**TRIM:** 9.25" X 8.25"  
**AGE RANGE:** 4–8  
**ISBN:** 9781681525020  
**PRICE:** \$17.99

Ella is extraordinary. Extraordinarily ordinary, that is. Not graceful like Carmen or musical like Kenji, Ella is determined to prove herself at the school talent show. But when every attempt to find a talent falls flat and her own ordinary acts of kindness steal the show, Ella discovers just how extraordinary ordinary can be!

**GROW**

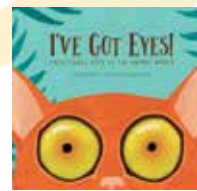
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**ILLUSTRATOR:** OLIVIA HOLDEN  
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**ISBN:** 9781681522395  
**PRICE:** \$17.99

A young girl's seed of an idea to clean up an abandoned inner city lot grows into something big when neighbors work together to create a garden full of color and life.

**I'VE GOT A TAIL!: TERRIFIC TAILS OF THE ANIMAL WORLD**

**AUTHOR:** JULIE MURPHY  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** HANNAH TOLSON  
**FORMAT:** HARDCOVER  
**PAGE COUNT:** 32  
**TRIM:** 10" X 9.5"  
**AGE RANGE:** 4–8  
**ISBN:** 9781681525013  
**PRICE:** \$17.99

From dolphins with tails that spin to a viper whose tail looks like a spider, animals from around the world describe how their tails help them survive. Covering adaptations to desert, ocean, forest, and arctic habitats, this narrative nonfiction picture book highlights the diversity of the animal world.

**I'VE GOT EYES!: EXCEPTIONAL EYES OF THE ANIMAL WORLD**

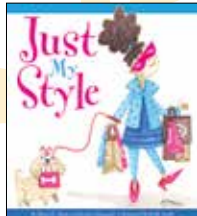
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Animals in varied habitats describe unique features of their eyes and how they are adapted for the jungle, the deep ocean, the desert, and even the dark. From bulging eyes to hiding eyes, handlebar eyes to double-decker eyes, young readers will learn about the diversity of the animal world in this nonfiction picture book.

**I'VE GOT FEET!: FANTASTICAL FEET OF THE ANIMAL WORLD**

**AUTHOR:** JULIE MURPHY  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** HANNAH TOLSON  
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Animals around the world describe unique features of their feet and how they use them. From webbed feet to sticky feet, hooved feet to bright blue feet, young readers are introduced to animal adaptations in this nonfiction picture book.

**JUST MY STYLE**

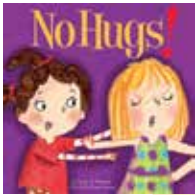
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On the way to the hair salon, young Anna imagines herself in a myriad of different hairstyles—and life styles—until finally, she decides that being herself is the best choice.

**MY ROOM IS A ZOO!**

**AUTHOR:** JERRY RUFF  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** SIMONA CECCARELLI  
**FORMAT:** HARDCOVER  
**PAGE COUNT:** 32  
**TRIM:** 10" X 9.5"  
**AGE RANGE:** 4–8  
**ISBN:** 9781681525723  
**PRICE:** \$18.99

An entire alphabet of raucous stuffed animals keeps an imaginative boy up at bedtime with endless demands and squabbles. Finally, he becomes the "parent" so he can get to sleep in this rhyming, illustrated picture book.

**NO HUGS!**

**AUTHOR:** DEIRDRE A. PRISCHMANN  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** SARAH JENNINGS  
**FORMAT:** HARDCOVER  
**PAGE COUNT:** 24  
**TRIM:** 9" X 9"  
**AGE RANGE:** 4-8  
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**PRICE:** \$16.99

Alice loves hugs, so she is confused and upset when her friend Zara doesn't want a hug. When the tables are turned, she appreciates her friend's perspective and realizes that a hug takes two willing individuals.

**ONE BLUE GNU**

**AUTHOR:** DANNA SMITH  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** ANA ZURITA  
**FORMAT:** HARDCOVER  
**PAGE COUNT:** 32  
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**AGE RANGE:** 4-8  
**ISBN:** 9781681527451  
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When a box of cell phones is accidentally delivered to the zoo, one blue gnu quickly calls two white sheep, who plan a party - beep beep beep! Call by call, the party spreads around the zoo, but oh no! Who invited tiger, and who will he call on his new phone? A fun and colorful picture book romp, where we count from 1 to 10 and down again in one huge party!

**SUN & SON**

**AUTHOR:** LINDA JOY SINGLETON  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** RICHARD SMYTHE  
**FORMAT:** HARDCOVER  
**PAGE COUNT:** 32  
**TRIM:** 9" X 9"  
**AGE RANGE:** 4-8  
**ISBN:** 9781681527475  
**PRICE:** \$17.99

While a father nurtures a son, the sun nurtures our planet. Told in a simple sequence of verbs, this colorful picture book invites comparisons between the human world and the natural world, shown against the subtext of a father-son birthday camping trip.

**THE MIGHTY STEAM ENGINE**

**AUTHOR:** YVONNE NG  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** RICHARD SMYTHE  
**FORMAT:** HARDCOVER  
**PAGE COUNT:** 24  
**TRIM:** 11" X 9"  
**AGE RANGE:** 4-8  
**ISBN:** 9781681522371  
**PRICE:** \$17.99

Using the rhyming poetic structure of "This is the House that Jack Built," author Yvonne Ng takes young readers on a cumulative path through the inner workings of a steam engine, from the big wheels rolling on the tracks all the way to the engineer driving the train.

**THEY'RE TEARING UP MULBERRY STREET**

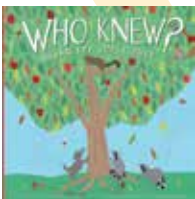
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A boy walks home one day, only to find his street under construction! As he enjoys watching the excavators, bulldozers, dump trucks, pavers, and more, he gets a sense of the building process from start to finish. From blueprints to demolition to fresh, new asphalt, friendly, bright illustrations show the construction machines and workers up close.

**TWINKLE, TWINKLE, LITTLE LAMB**

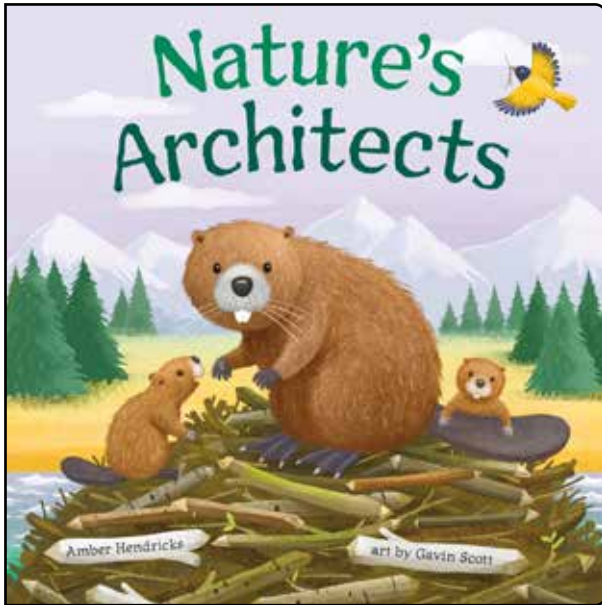
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**AGE RANGE:** 4-8  
**ISBN:** 9781681524054  
**PRICE:** \$17.99

When a little girl gets the words mixed up to "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" and "Mary Had a Little Lamb," Star loves being Mary's new beloved pet. But Lamb doesn't appreciate his new "starring" role. Will the mix-up ever be set right?

**WHO KNEW? UNDER THE APPLE TREE**

**AUTHOR:** LAURIE LAZZARO KNOWLTON  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** STEPH MARSHALL  
**FORMAT:** HARDCOVER  
**PAGE COUNT:** 24  
**TRIM:** 9" X 9"  
**AGE RANGE:** 4-8  
**ISBN:** 9781681526577  
**PRICE:** \$17.99

The apples are ripe! Which animal will be first to know? Or second? Or third? And how will they communicate it to their families? Inspire young readers to notice the arrival of fall with ordinal numbers in this cheerfully illustrated picture book.



## NATURE'S ARCHITECTS

SERIES: LITTLE NATURE EXPLORERS  
 AUTHOR: AMBER HENDRICKS  
 ILLUSTRATOR: GAVIN SCOTT  
 PAGE COUNT: 20  
 TRIM: 6" X 6"  
 AGE RANGE: 0-3

Birds build nests. Beavers build lodges. Animals' homes are all different, but they're all built to protect young. Amber Hendricks's short, expressive text lines with repeated action words, together with Gavin Scott's cozy illustrations, make this poem perfect for sharing with babies and toddlers and encouraging all ages to appreciate nature.

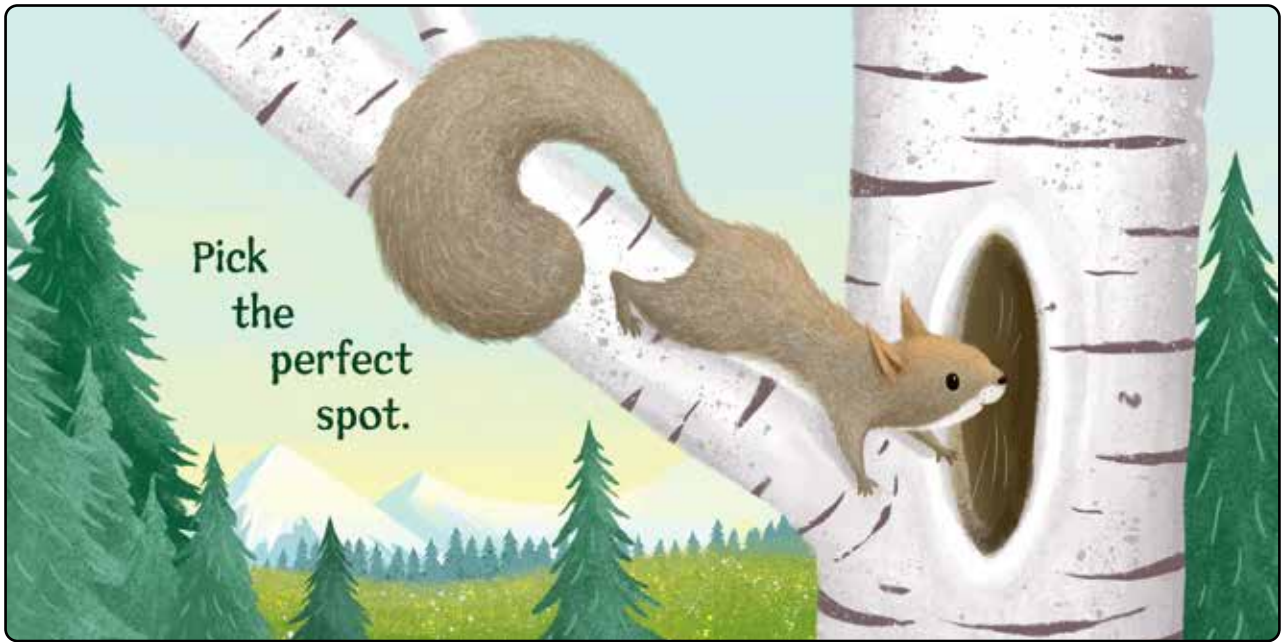
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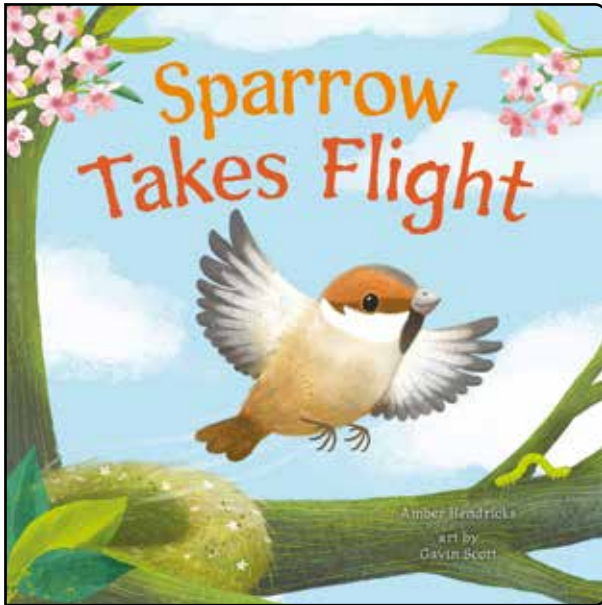
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## SPARROW TAKES FLIGHT

SERIES: LITTLE NATURE EXPLORERS  
AUTHOR: AMBER HENDRICKS  
ILLUSTRATOR: GAVIN SCOTT  
PAGE COUNT: 20  
TRIM: 6" X 6"  
AGE RANGE: 0-3

Just as babies learn to walk, a bird must learn to fly. Follow along with a young sparrow as she tries and tries again before finally taking off in flight. Amber Hendricks's short, expressive text lines with repeated action words, together with Gavin Scott's cozy illustrations, make this poem perfect for sharing with babies and toddlers and encouraging all ages to appreciate nature.

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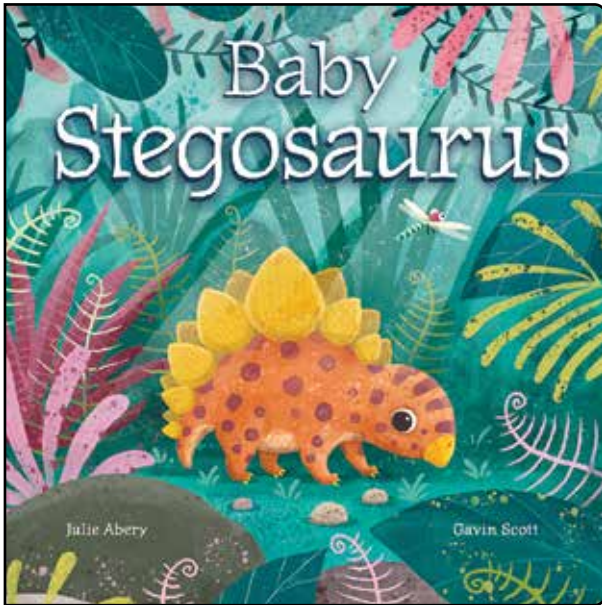
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## BABY STEGOSAURUS

**SERIES: BABY DINOSAURS**  
**AUTHOR: JULIE ABERLY**  
**ILLUSTRATOR: GAVIN SCOTT**  
**PAGE COUNT: 20**  
**TRIM: 6" X 6"**  
**AGE RANGE: 2-5**

Baby Stegosaurus travels with the herd, munching on plants. When a volcano erupts, the dinosaurs run, but Baby Stegosaurus can't keep up and is swept downriver. It'll take luck (and some help from Mama) to bring the little dino back to the herd.

Written by former preschool teacher [Julie Aberly](#) and infused with [Gavin Scott's](#) warm illustrations depicting the Jurassic era, this book in the Baby Dinosaurs board book series will delight babies and toddlers and demand to be read again and again.

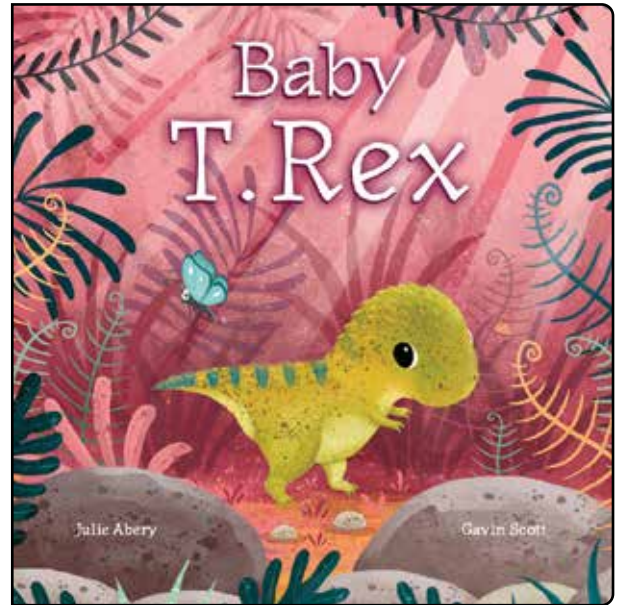
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## BABY T. REX

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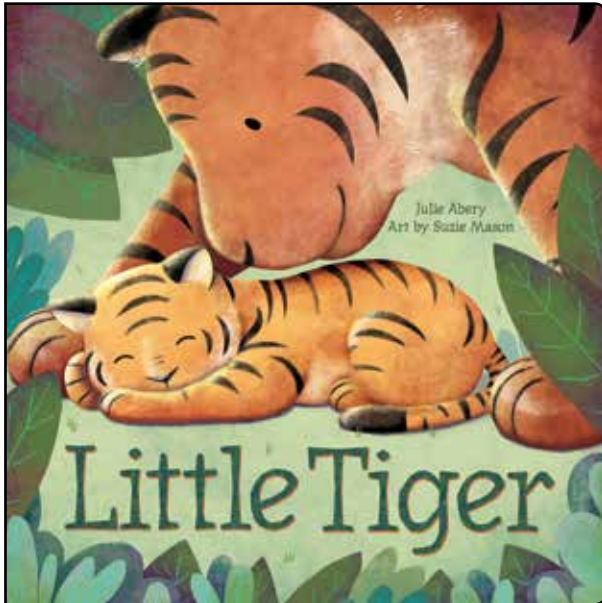
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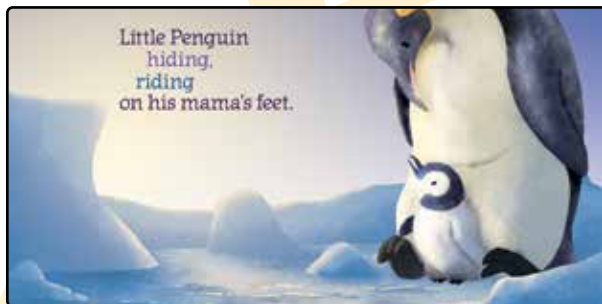
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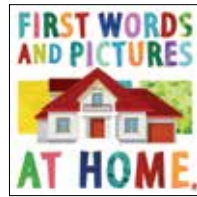
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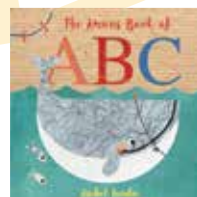
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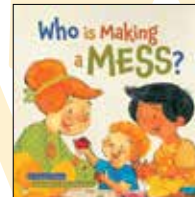
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