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HC (jacket & PLC) Hardcover with jacket and picture laminated to cover
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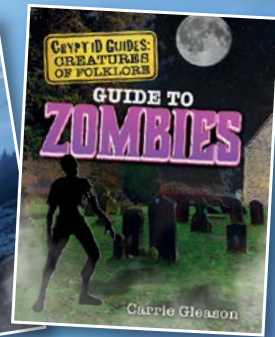
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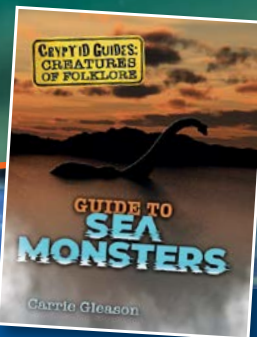
LOCH NESS MONSTER

"Nessie," or the Loch Ness Monster, is a cryptid superstar. It lives in a lake in Scotland called Loch Ness. Nessie is the most watched-for cryptid in the world.

NESSIE MANIA

The earliest record of Nessie dates back to the Picts, a group of people who lived in the Scottish Highlands long ago. They created carvings in stones around the lake that showed the "Pictish Beast," a sea-horse-type monster. In the year 565, a monk named Saint Columba commanded Nessie to hide itself deep in the lake as punishment for harming people. Nessie stayed mostly out of sight until a canal was built connecting the lake to the sea in 1822. People visiting the lake on boats started to report sightings. The number of sightings grew again when a road was built around the lake in 1932. These sightings were reported in newspapers in Scotland and England. People began to flock to Loch Ness for a glimpse of Nessie. In the last one hundred years, there have been more than a thousand sightings of the monster. People come to Scotland from all over the world each year to try and spot it.

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Loch Ness was formed about 12,000 years ago by melting ice after the last Ice Age. It is surrounded by tall mountains. The shape of the lake is narrow and deep. The water is dark and murky because a type of dark soil called peat runs into the lake when it rains. In short, it is the perfect hideout for a camera-shy lake monster!

HOAX!

The most famous photograph of Nessie is "the surgeon's photo," taken in 1934. It shows a creature with a long neck like a dinosaur and a hump-shaped body sticking out of the water. In 1994, it was revealed that the photo had been a hoax created by a man named Marmaduke. In 1934, why would he do such a thing? Marmaduke was a filmmaker and a hunter. In 1933, the *Daily Mail* newspaper hired him to find Nessie, and he delivered. He claimed to have found Nessie's footprints near the lake. Casts, or impressions, of the footprints were made and sent to the Natural History Museum in London to be verified. The newspaper, however, printed the story before the results came in. When the museum experts said that the footprint came from a stuffed hippopotamus foot, the newspaper called Marmaduke a liar. In revenge, Marmaduke created the photograph, which tricked people for 60 years!

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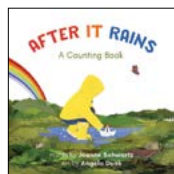
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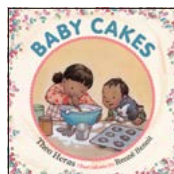


After It Rains: A Counting Book

Written by Joanne Schwartz
Illustrated by Angela Doak
Halifax: Nimbus Publishing, 2022
\$13.95 BD 978-1-77471-037-1
22 pages, full-colour, 7" x 7"
IL: Ages 0-3 RL: Grades 1-2

Once the rain stops, what is there to do but go outside and explore your newly wet and sparkly backyard? In this counting board book, young readers will discover all the things the rain brings out: one puddle, four butterflies, nine wiggly worms. A great introduction to counting and all the activities you can do after the rain!

COUNTING | NUMERACY | RAIN | NATURAL WORLD | OUTDOOR PLAY



Baby Cakes

Written by Theo Heras
Illustrated by Renné Benoit
Toronto: Pajama Press, 2022
\$13.95 BD 978-1-77278-234-9
22 pages, full-colour, 7" x 7"
IL: Ages 1-3 RL: Grades 1-2

Baby and his older sister are helping with the baking, but kitty wants to help, too. Put on an apron, gather ingredients, measure the flour, and cream the butter... Waiting is the hardest part, but time flies for these playmates, whose patience is rewarded with more than just baby cakes. Originally published as a picture book in 2017.

SIBLINGS | BAKING | COOPERATION | COOKING



Give Me a Snickle!

Written by Alisha Sevigny
Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022
\$10.95 BD 978-1-4598-2870-4
\$8.99 EB 978-1-4598-2872-8
20 pages, full-colour, 7" x 7"
IL: Ages 3-5 RL: Grade 1

This playful board book introduces readers to fun fabricated words of affection. A tickle plus a snuggle makes for a tuggle! Accented by photos of beaming babies, this board book takes the reader on an engaging romp through repeated rhyming sounds landing right back at the best feeling ever—a snuggle with someone you love.

LOVE | WORDPLAY | FAMILY | DIVERSITY | HUMOUR

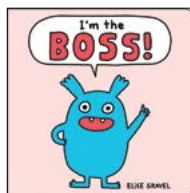


I Can See You

Written by Rosemarie Avrana Meyok
Illustrated by Michelle Simpson
Iqaluit: Inhabit Media, 2022
\$13.95 BD 978-1-77227-420-2
28 pages, full-colour, 8" x 8"
IL: Ages 0-3 RL: Grades 1-2

In this board book to be shared with babies and toddlers, mothers explore their love for their babies as experienced through the five senses. From the sound of a baby's giggles to the smell of their skin, the feel of a hug and the taste of a kiss, this book celebrates the unique bonds between mothers and babies.

SENSES | ARCTIC | LOVE | MOTHER-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS | PARENT-CHILD BOND



I'm the Boss

Written and illustrated by Elise Gravel
Translated by Charles Simard
Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022
\$10.95 BD 978-1-4598-3294-7
\$8.99 EB 978-1-4598-3296-1
30 pages, full-colour, 5 1/2" x 5 1/2"
IL: Ages 2-4 RL: Grades 1-2

Very young readers will understand how this tiny monster feels. This small beast wants to get everything it wants—right here, RIGHT NOW! While the grown-up monster can't give them a dinosaur egg with a real baby dino in it or a castle made of chocolate, they can give them a really big hug when they feel upset. Available in French as *C'est moi qui décide!*

FEELINGS | TODDLERS | HUMOUR | WHIMSY

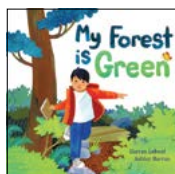


Little Seed

Written and illustrated by Benson Shum
New York: Little Simon, 2022
\$11.99 BD 978-1-6659-0294-6
\$9.99 EB 978-1-6659-0295-3
30 pages, full-colour, 7" x 7"
IL: Ages 1-5 RL: Grades 1-2

Little Seed has a very big wish: figure out how to hug the whole world. So, Little Seed sets out on an adventure to meet and learn different ways to hug each new friend. But how do you hug a panda as soft as a cloud? And how do you hug a whale as big as a mountain?

ANIMALS | HUGS | LOVE

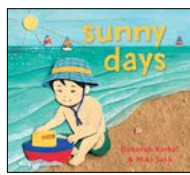


My Forest Is Green

Written by Darren Lebeuf
Illustrated by Ashley Barron
Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2022
\$12.99 BD 978-1-5253-0925-0
30 pages, full-colour, 7" x 7"
IL: Ages 2-5 RL: Grade 1

Young readers join a curious artist as he explores all the shapes, colours and textures of his urban forest. Each aspect of the forest inspires the boy to create a different kind of art; there's always something new to discover and capture! Encouraging children to explore the green spaces around them, this title was originally published as a picture book in 2019.

URBAN FORESTS | NATURAL WORLD | NATURE | ART | COLOURS | SENSES | CREATIVITY

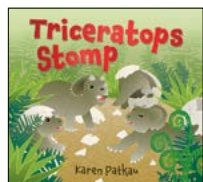


Sunny Days

Written by Deborah Kerbel
Illustrated by Miki Sato
Toronto: Pajama Press, 2022
\$13.95 BD 978-1-77278-253-0
22 pages, full-colour, 8" x 7"
IL: Ages 1-3 RL: Grade 1

For young children, sunny days are full of possibilities. Warm weather means seeds in the garden, mud pies in the yard, adventures at the beach, and ice cream in the shade. This board book for babies and toddlers is a celebration of sunny days and all the activities they make possible. Originally published as a picture book in 2021.

SEASONS | WEATHER | SUN | OUTDOOR PLAY | NATURAL WORLD | VERSE



Triceratops Stomp

Written and illustrated by Karen Patkau

Toronto: Pajama Press, 2022

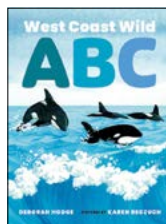
□ \$13.95 BD 978-1-77278-237-0

26 pages, full-colour, 7 1/2" x 6 3/4"

IL: Ages 1-3 RL: Grades 1-2

Deep in the forest is a nest full of eggs. With cracks and pops, a gaggle of baby Triceratops hatch. They scamper about under mother Triceratops' watchful eye, but danger lurks in the forest! With their mother's protection to keep them safe, the baby dinosaurs can settle in for a well-needed nap. Originally published as a picture book in 2019.

DINOSAURS | TRICERATOPS | ONOMATOPOEIA



West Coast Wild ABC (West Coast Wild)

Written by Deborah Hodge

Illustrated by Karen Reczuch

Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2022

□ \$12.99 BD 978-1-77306-621-9

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26 pages, full-colour, 6" x 8"

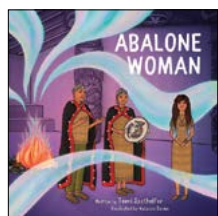
IL: Ages 0-3 RL: Grade 1

Explore the wild and wonderful Pacific coast from A to Z! Bears amble, cougars prowl, and eagles nest in this alphabet book celebrating the Pacific west coast. Babies and toddlers will delight in the fascinating creatures that inhabit the ancient rainforest, rugged beach and majestic Pacific Ocean. Large upper and lowercase alphabet letters on each page encourage letter recognition.

ALPHABET | ABECEDARIUM | PACIFIC WEST COAST | ANIMALS | NATURAL WORLD | EARLY LITERACY

Picture Books

FOR KIDS AGES 2 AND UP



Abalone Woman (Little Wolf, Book 3)

Written by Teoni Spathelfer

Illustrations by Natassia Davies

Victoria: Heritage House Publishing, 2022

□ \$19.95 HC 978-1-77203-411-0

□ \$12.95 PB 978-1-77203-427-1

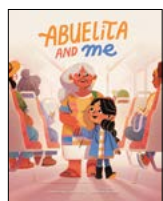
□ \$9.99 EB 978-1-77203-412-7

27 pages, full-colour, 9" x 9"

IL: Ages 6-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Little Wolf's mother spent 10 years in a residential school, separated from her family and isolated from her culture. When she was young, Little Wolf herself was bullied for her Indigenous heritage. Little Wolf worries about the world her daughters will inherit. One night, a vivid dream helps her realize her own strength as a leader and peacemaker in her community.

INDIGENOUS STORYTELLING | INDIGENOUS CULTURE | RACISM | HEALING | FAMILY | ACCEPTANCE



Abuelita and Me

Written by Leonarda Carranza

Illustrated by Rafael Mayani

Toronto: Annick Press, 2022

□ \$21.95 HC 978-1-77321-610-2

□ \$14.99 EB 978-1-77321-611-9

32 pages, full-colour, 8 3/4" x 11"

IL: Ages 4-7 RL: Grade 3

Being at home with Abuelita means pancakes and nail-painting. But venturing outside can be scary. Sometimes people aren't nice to Abuelita—sometimes, they even yell. Sad, angry, and scared, the young narrator decides not to leave home again... until a moment of empowerment helps her see the strength she and Abuelita share when they face the world together. Available in Spanish as *Abuelita y yo*.

RACISM | COURAGE | INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS | GRANDPARENTS | EMPOWERMENT | PREJUDICE



All Cats Welcome

Written by Susin Nielsen

Illustrated by Vivian Mineker

New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2022

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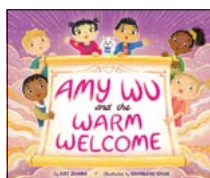
□ \$14.99 EB 978-1-5344-7698-1

40 pages, full-colour, 8 1/2" x 11"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Leonard adores his human. But sometimes, he gets lonely when his human is at work. So does Mariposa, who is new in town. Maybe they could keep each other company? "Hello," says Leonard. "Hola," says Mariposa. While the friends don't share a language, they do share adventures. Together they find a place where all cats—and their humans—are welcome.

CATS | PETS | ADVENTURE | FRIENDSHIP



Amy Wu and the Warm Welcome (Amy Wu, Book 3)

Written by Kat Zhang

Illustrated by Charlene Chua

New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2022

□ \$23.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-5344-9735-1

□ \$14.99 EB 978-1-5344-9736-8

40 pages, full-colour, 11" x 9"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Amy's class has a new student from China. Amy tries to make Lin feel included, but she can't draw him out of his shell. When she sees Lin chattering in Chinese with his family, a plan blossoms. She'll invite Lin to her dumpling party! With a little help from her grandma and a special banner, can Amy give Lin a warm welcome?

KINDNESS | EMPATHY | LANGUAGE | INCLUSIVENESS

Picture Books

FOR KIDS AGES 2 AND UP



And J.J. Slept

Written by Loretta Garbutt

Illustrated by Erika Rodriguez Medina

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2022

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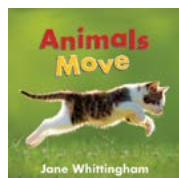
☐ \$12.99 EB 978-1-5253-0467-5

32 pages, full-colour, 8" x 9 3/4"

IL: Ages 3-7 RL: Grades 2-3

Baby J.J.'s new family is bubbling with excitement to meet him. He is greeted by lots of new sounds when he arrives at his adoptive home. With four brothers and sisters and a dog, it's always loud! How can J.J. sleep through all that noise? And what happens when things get a little too quiet at his new home?

ADOPTION | FAMILY | HOME | DIVERSITY | HUMOUR



Animals Move

(Big, Little Concept Books)

Written by Jane Whittingham

Toronto: Pajama Press, 2022

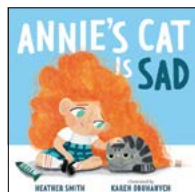
☐ \$19.95 HC 978-1-77278-238-7

36 pages, full-colour, 9" x 9"

IL: Ages 2-5 RL: Kindergarten-Grade 1

Whale calves swim and kangaroo joeys hop! Storytime is on the move with this concept book. Preschoolers will enjoy using their bodies to mimic the movements each baby animal makes. Bright photographs give a close-up look at each animal—such as a kitten, cygnet and foal—as well as young children who are pouncing, snuggling, and racing alongside them.

MOVEMENT | ANIMALS | BABY ANIMALS | ACTION WORDS



Annie's Cat Is Sad

Written by Heather Smith

Illustrated by Karen Obuhanyich

New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2022

☐ \$24.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-250-80684-0

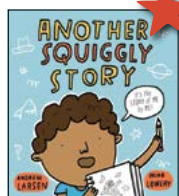
☐ \$11.99 EB 978-1-250-88732-0

32 pages, full-colour, 10" x 10"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 1-2

Annie's cat, Delilah, has had a terrible day and is sad. Annie tries to cheer Delilah up with TV, warm milk, and even yoga! But Annie knows that no distraction can really make a bad day simply disappear. You just have to face them head-on, maybe have a good cry, and find comfort in those you love.

FEELINGS | EMOTIONS | BAD DAYS | PETS



Another Squiggly Story

Written by Andrew Larsen

Illustrated by Mike Lowery

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2022

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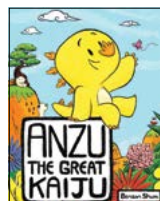
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32 pages, full-colour, 9" x 10"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

In this sequel to Andrew Larsen's *A Squiggly Story*, a boy struggles with a school assignment—writing a story about himself. He feels stuck, unsure how to begin. His sister suggests starting with lists—Things I Like, Things I Know. Only, all the things seem disconnected. Is there some way to connect them and make them into a story?

SELF-EXPRESSION | WRITING PROCESS | SELF-DISCOVERY | IMAGINATION | HUMOUR



Anzu the Great Kaiju

(Anzu the Great Kaiju, Book 1)

Written and illustrated by Benson Shum

New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2022

☐ \$25.99 HC (jacket) 978-1-250-77612-9

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36 pages, full-colour, 8 1/2" x 11"

IL: Ages 4-7 RL: Grades 1-2

All great Kaiju (Godzilla-like creatures) are born with a superpower to strike fear in the heart of their city. But Anzu is different. Instead of mayhem, he likes mayflowers. Instead of striking fear, he prefers to be sincere. Can Anzu find a way to make his family proud and stay true to his kind self?

KINDNESS | DIFFERENCES | MONSTERS | BEING ONESELF | FAMILY | SELF-ACCEPTANCE



As Glenn as Can Be

Written by Sarah Ellis

Illustrated by Nancy Vo

Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2022

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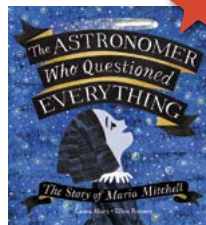
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IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grades 3-4

Glenn Gould was a child who knew his own mind and loved to play the piano more than anything else. At 15, Glenn had a professional performing career. In his twenties, he gave concerts all over the world. But Glenn grew to dislike giving concerts. Could he continue doing what he loved best while being completely himself?

GLENN GOULD | MUSICAL PRODIGY | DIFFERENCES | MUSICIANS | BEING ONESELF | BIOGRAPHY



The Astronomer Who Questioned Everything: The Story of Maria Mitchell

Written by Laura Alary

Illustrated by Ellen Rooney

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2022

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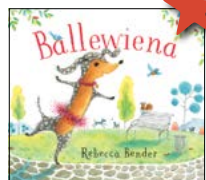
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36 pages, full-colour, 9" x 10"

IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grade 4

Maria spent her youth scanning the night sky with her telescope. So, when the King of Denmark offered a prize to the first person to find a new comet, Marie resolved to be the one to find it! The first professional female astronomer, Maria was a true trailblazer; her shining determination lit the way for young women scientists to follow.

ASTRONOMY | WOMEN SCIENTISTS | TRAILBLAZERS | DETERMINATION | BIOGRAPHY | MARIA MITCHELL



Ballewiena

Written and illustrated by Rebecca Bender

Toronto: Pajama Press, 2022

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IL: Ages 4-7 RL: Grades 2-3

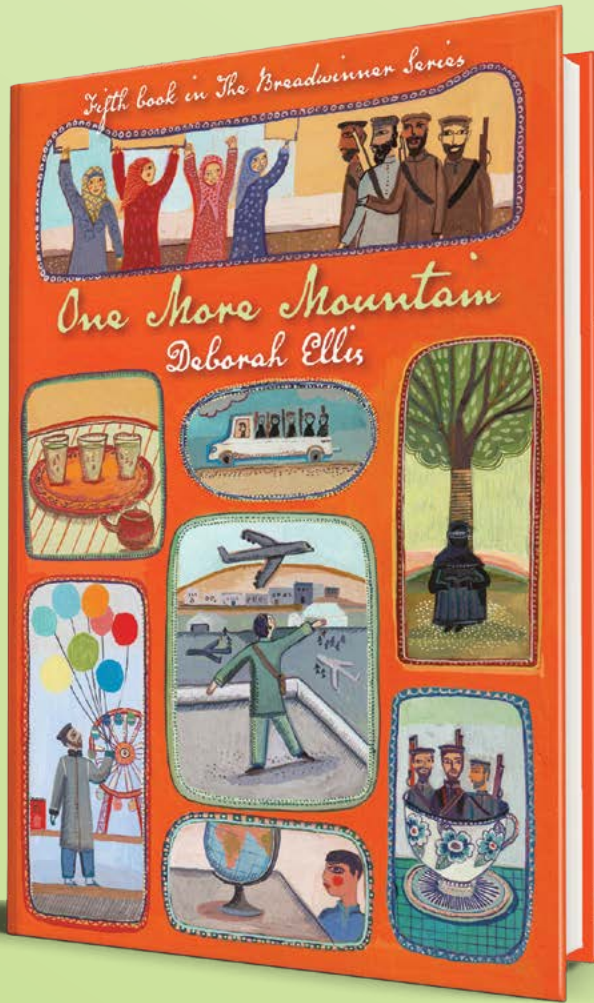
Dotty the dachshund was born to dance ballet, but Mrs. Austere is fed up with Dotty's lack of discipline. She wants Dotty to sit and stay, not plié and assemblé. Obedience school is a disaster, and Dotty is heartbroken. Could an unexpected new friend know the secret to helping Dotty dance out her dreams with her own kind of discipline?

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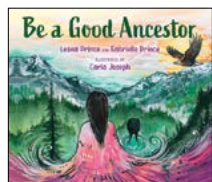


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FOR KIDS AGES 2 AND UP



Be a Good Ancestor

Written by Leona Prince and Gabrielle Prince
Illustrated by Carla Joseph

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022

□ \$21.95 HC 978-1-4598-3140-7

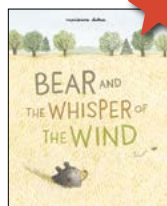
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28 pages, full-colour, 10" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 4-7 RL: Grades 2-3

Addressing environmental issues, animal welfare, self-respect, and the importance of community, the authors deliver a universal message: Be a good ancestor to the world around you. Thought-provoking stanzas ask each of us to consider how we affect future generations. Every decision we make ripples out, and we can affect the world around us by thinking deeply about those decisions.

INDIGENOUS TEACHINGS | INTERCONNECTEDNESS | ENVIRONMENTALISM | COMMUNITY



Bear and the Whisper of the Wind

Written and illustrated by Marianne Dubuc

Hudson, NY: Princeton Architectural Press, 2022

□ \$27.95 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-64896-119-9

□ \$11.99 EB 978-1-64896-147-2

68 pages, full-colour, 7 1/2" x 9 1/2"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Bear is happy at home, eating strawberry pie and spending time with his friends. But one day, the wind whispers to Bear, "It is time to try something new." He isn't sure where he's going, but he knows that everything will turn out okay if he trusts his instincts. Available in French as *Ours et le murmure du vent*.

ANIMALS | FORESTS | CHANGE | JOURNEYS | INTUITION



Bedtime in Nunatsiavut

Written and illustrated by Raeann Brown

Vancouver: Arsenal Pulp Press, 2022

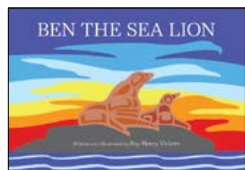
□ \$19.95 HC 978-1-55152-887-8

40 pages, full-colour, 9" x 12"

IL: Ages 5-8 RL: Grades 2-3

This picture book depicts transformative dreams envisioned by a young Inuk girl. Nya yearns to fly, swim and wander like the goose, salmon, bear and fox that populate her world. Each night, her Ananak (mother) tucks her into bed and gives her a kunik (nose-to-nose rub) to help Nya dream and transform into the animals she longs to be like.

DREAMS | TRANSFORMATION | MOTHER-DAUGHTER RELATIONSHIPS | NATURAL WORLD | INUIT | NUNATSIAVUT



Ben the Sea Lion

Written and illustrated by Roy Henry Vickers

Madeira Park, BC: Harbour Publishing, 2022

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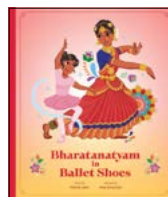
□ \$15.99 EB 978-1-55017-974-3

32 pages, full-colour, 12" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 5-8 RL: Grades 3-4

Tsimshian storyteller and artist Roy Henry Vickers shares a childhood adventure in the Indigenous village of Kitkatla on BC's north coast. When Uncle Johnny catches an orphaned sea lion pup in his fishing net, young Roy helps care for him until he's big enough to return to the wild. Vickers' illustrations capture the beauty of the West Coast and the richness of village life.

INDIGENOUS CULTURE | BRITISH COLUMBIA | SEA LIONS | RESPONSIBILITY | WILDLIFE | NATURAL WORLD



Bharatanatyam in Ballet Shoes

Written by Mahak Jain

Illustrated by Anu Chouhan

Toronto: Annick Press, 2022

□ \$22.95 HC 978-1-77321-615-7

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36 pages, full-colour, 8 1/2" x 10 1/4"

IL: Ages 4-7 RL: Grades 2-3

Paro loves to dance Bharatanatyam with her mom and is excited to learn ballet. But what if she can't dance like the other kids in her class? Ballerinas move like fairies, while Bharatanatyam dancers seem like queens. Paro can't be both... can she? This picture book was inspired by the real-life collaboration between Bharatanatyam icon Rukmini Devi Arundale and ballerina Anna Pavlova.

DANCE | BHARATANATYAM | BALLET | CULTURAL IDENTITY | DIVERSITY | SELF-CONFIDENCE



Bibi's Got Game: A Story about Tennis, Meditation and a Dog Named Coco

Written by Bianca Andreescu with Mary Beth Leatherdale

Illustrated by Chelsea O'Byrne

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2022

□ \$24.99 HC (jacket) 978-0-7352-7055-8

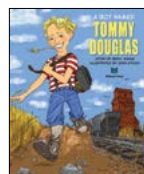
□ \$11.99 EB 978-0-7352-7056-5

48 pages, full-colour, 9" x 9"

IL: Ages 5-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Bibi loves playing tennis. On the court, she feels strong and powerful. But everything changes when she's injured. Sad, frustrated and angry, Bibi decides to quit. But her mother shows her how to meditate, focusing on the things that make her grateful and happy. And when her body is ready to go back to tennis, so is her mind.

TENNIS | SPORTS | MEDITATION | MINDFULNESS | FAMILY



A Boy Named Tommy Douglas

Written by Beryl Young

Illustrated by Joan Steacy

Vancouver: Midtown Press, 2022

□ \$19.95 HC 978-1-988242-41-5

32 pages, full-colour, 8" x 10"

IL: Ages 7-10 RL: Grades 2-3

A childhood injury and a surgery that saved his leg inspired Tommy Douglas, a boy who wasn't from a wealthy family, to grow up to become a prominent politician and the "Father of Medicare" in Canada. Here is the little-known story of Tommy Douglas and his dream. Available in French as *La jeunesse de Tommy Douglas*.

TOMMY DOUGLAS | MEDICARE | CANADA | CANADIAN HISTORY | BIOGRAPHY



Chickadee: Criminal Mastermind

Written by Monica Silvie

Illustrated by Elina Ellis

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2022

□ \$21.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-5253-0338-8

□ \$12.99 EB 978-1-5253-1043-0

36 pages, full-colour, 8" x 10 1/4"

IL: Ages 4-7 RL: Grades 1-2

Meet Chickadee. Criminal and all-around bad seed. His parents warned him about human houses, but winter arrives, and food gets hard to find. So, when Chickadee spies a "vault of gold" near a house, he cleverly devises a plan to snatch the treasure without getting caught! Only, wait... is the vault really a feeder? Maybe Chickadee's not a criminal after all?

BIRDS | HUMOUR | HABITATS | NATURE

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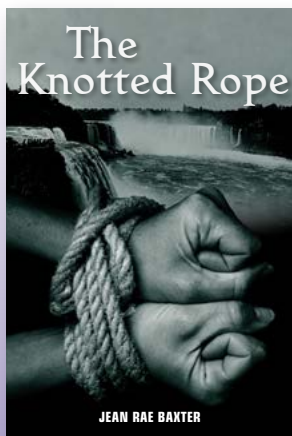
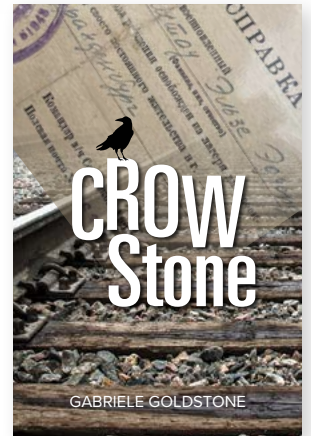
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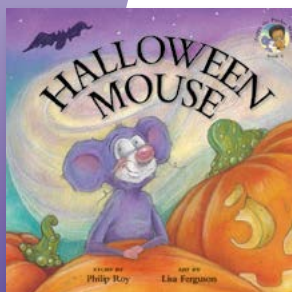
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Story: Philip Roy

Art: Lisa Ferguson

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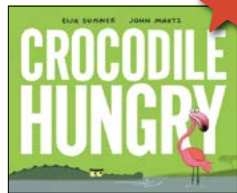
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Picture Books

FOR KIDS AGES 2 AND UP



Crocodile Hungry

Written by Eija Sumner
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Toronto: Tundra Books, 2022

☐ \$24.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-0-7352-6787-9

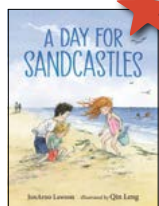
☐ \$11.99 EB 978-0-7352-6788-6

40 pages, full-colour, 9 1/2" x 7 3/4"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Crocodile hungry. What can Crocodile eat? Canned ham? Too hard to open. Beef jerky? Gets stuck in teeth. Crocodile must find food. But where? Crocodile tries the farmer's market, the grocery store and a community garden, but amidst all the uproar, the food is ruined. Crocodile cries himself a pond of tears where he meets flamingos—pink marshmallow birds on stilts! Crocodile knows!

HUMOUR | ANIMALS | CROCODILES | FOOD



A Day for Sandcastles

Storyline by JonArno Lawson

Illustrated by Qin Leng

Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2022

☐ \$23.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-5362-0842-9

44 pages, full-colour, 8 1/2" x 11"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: n/a

This wordless picture book evokes the wonder of a day at the beach and celebrates creative problem-solving and teamwork. Three siblings spend their day at the beach building sandcastles. Each iteration is met with unforeseen obstacles—a large hat, a toddler and the ever-creeping tide. But each time, the determined siblings rebuild... until it's time to head home.

WORDLESS BOOK | BEACHES | SANDCASTLES | SIBLINGS | COOPERATION | PROBLEM SOLVING



Days Like This

Written by Oriane Smith

Illustrated by Alice Gravier

Translated by Luba Markovskaia

Varennes, QC: Milky Way Picture Books, 2022

☐ \$23.99 HC (jacket) 978-1-990252-09-9

40 pages, full-colour, 9 1/2" x 12"

IL: Ages 4-9 RL: Grades 1-2

An average day can be just that: average. But it can also be extraordinary and full of surprises. In this picture book, readers explore the peaks and valleys of everyday life through two different narrative voices. The tiniest detail or the most fleeting moment can look quite different, depending on your perspective! Available in French as *Des jours comme ça*.

NATURAL WORLD | MINDFULNESS | PERSPECTIVE | EVERYDAY LIFE



Do Trees Have Mothers?

Written and illustrated by Charles Bongers

Madeira Park, BC: D&M Kids, 2022

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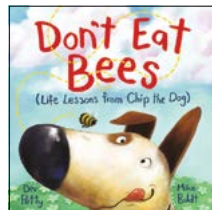
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32 pages, full-colour, 9" x 9"

IL: Ages 3-5 RL: Grades 1-2

This picture book translates scientific knowledge about the kinship structures of the forest into an affirming story about how trees nurture the young. Discover the ways in which a mother tree protects and nourishes the baby trees of the forest understorey. Young readers can explore what it means to care for a community and for our environment and the earth.

FORESTS | TREES | NATURE | NATURAL WORLD



Don't Eat Bees:

Life Lessons from Chip the Dog
(Life Lessons from Chip the Dog, Book 1)

Written by Dev Petty

Illustrated by Mike Boldt

New York: Doubleday Books for Young Readers, 2022

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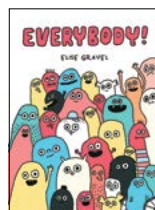
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28 pages, full-colour, 10" x 10"

IL: Ages 3-7 RL: Grades 2-3

Are you a dog in need of advice? Chip the dog is ON IT in this super-silly guide to living your best canine life. Chip is seven; *he* knows what to eat—socks, the Thanksgiving turkey, homework, and Grandpa's teeth! Chip also knows what *not* to eat—lemons, fire and bees! But that cactus sure looks good...

DOGS | HUMOUR | PETS



Everybody!

Written and illustrated by Elise Gravel

Toronto: North Winds Press/Scholastic Canada, 2021

☐ \$19.99 HC 978-1-4431-9167-8

40 pages, full-colour, 8" x 11"

IL: Ages 3-8 RL: Grades 1-2

Everybody is unique and different. But we are more similar than we think. Everybody has fears. Everybody has moments of joy... and moments of sadness. Everybody wants friends... and everyone can be a friend. And, just like you, everybody needs to feel loved and accepted. A reassuring picture book featuring Elise Gravel's signature monsters, this title is available in French as *Tout le monde!*

RESPECT | KINDNESS | EMPATHY | AFFIRMATION



The Family Tree

Written by Sean Dixon

Illustrated by Lily Snowden-Fine

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2022

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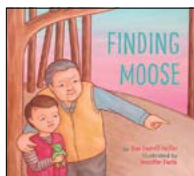
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IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

When her homework assignment involves making a family tree, Ada wonders how to make her family fit. Ada is adopted, so where should she put her birth mom? What about her foster brothers and sisters? Ada has a biological sister, but her sister has different adoptive parents—where do they go? With the help of friends and family, Ada creates a very special family tree.

FAMILY | BELONGING | ADOPTION | INCLUSIVENESS | FOSTER CARE | LOVE



Finding Moose

Written by Sue Farrell Holler

Illustrated by Jennifer Faria

Toronto: Pajama Press, 2022

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32 pages, full-colour, 9" x 8"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

On a walk in the forest, a boy and his grandfather come upon fresh moose droppings and set out to find the moose itself. As they search for the elusive moose, the grandfather teaches the boy the Ojibwemowin names for plants and animals they see. Finally, the boy and his grandfather head home... only to be met with a big surprise.

INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS | GRANDPARENTS | NATURE | NATURAL WORLD | OJIBWEMOWIN LANGUAGE | INDIGENOUS PEOPLES



First Morning Sun: A Book of Firsts

Written by Aimee Reid

Illustrated by Jing Jing Tsong

New York: Beach Lane Books, 2022

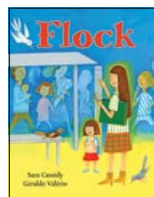
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36 pages, full-colour, 10" x 10"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

From the very first sunrise for a new baby, life is full of wonder and discovery. Every little one learns to laugh, learns to talk, takes first steps, and eventually goes to school and makes new friends. All these milestones are celebrated in this joyful, rhyming text that is perfect for read-aloud sharing.

BABIES | CHILDHOOD | VERSE | MILESTONES



Flock

Written by Sara Cassidy

Illustrated by Geraldo Valério

Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2022

□ \$18.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-77306-440-6

□ \$16.99 EB 978-1-77306-441-3

28 pages, full-colour, 8 1/2" x 11"

IL: Ages 3-6 RL: Grades 1-2

Lunch turns into bird food when a little girl starts feeding birds at the bus stop. First, a pigeon she names Serious comes pecking, and then Fancy and Sleepy gather to gobble up the offerings. But what happens when even more birds want to join in on the feast? And what are all these fantastical birds doing in the city, anyway?

BIRDS | IMAGINATION | WHIMSY | SHARING



Flowers Are Pretty... Weird! (Nature's Top Secrets, Book 2)

Written by Rosemary Mosco

Illustrated by Jacob Souva

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2022

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IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Prepare to be weirded out by this fun and totally true picture book introduction to some of nature's strangest plants. Flowers can be beautiful, with bright colours, soft petals and sweet nectar. But flowers can be WEIRD... and a bee, talking directly to the reader, reveals how flowers are so much stranger than what we think.

FLOWERS | NATURE | NATURAL WORLD | HUMOUR

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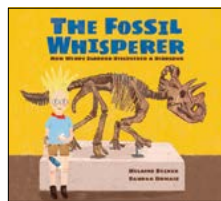


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The Fossil Whisperer: How Wendy Sloboda Discovered a Dinosaur

Written by Helaine Becker
Illustrated by Sandra Dumais

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2022

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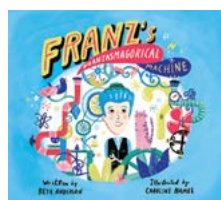
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32 pages, full-colour, 10" x 9"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

On a school field trip, 12-year-old Wendy, who sees things that others miss, finds a piece of fossilized coral that is 100 million years old. Wendy is thrilled and gets hooked on finding fossils. Wendy turns her passion into her career and is now a legendary fossil hunter, known as the "fossil whisperer" around the world.

DINOSAURS | FOSSILS | PALEONTOLOGY | DISCOVERY | ALBERTA | BIOGRAPHY | WENDY SLOBODA



Franz's Phantasmagorical Machine

Written by Beth Anderson
Illustrated by Caroline Hamel

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2022

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32 pages, full-colour, 10" x 9"

IL: Ages 5-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Franz dreams of being an inventor, but his family needs him on the farm. Still, a tiny whisper calls to him to create. As he gets older, Franz listens to the whisper—he collects trash, trinkets and treasures and lets his imagination soar. For years he works in secret, but when he finally unveils his contraption... will others appreciate his masterpiece?

BIOGRAPHY | FRANZ GSELLMANN | INVENTORS | IMAGINATION | PERSEVERANCE | CREATIVITY | INVENTIONS



Free

Written and illustrated by Barroux

Toronto: Owlkids Books, 2022

□ \$19.95 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-77147-451-1

36 pages, full-colour, 8" x 11 1/4"

IL: Ages 3-7 RL: Grades 2-3

The Great Bird Circus is headed to a big show, but they run into trouble at the border. Paloma and the ringmaster are allowed to cross, but their birds need paperwork—lots of paperwork! Then clever Paloma gets an idea to outwit the bureaucracy... There is more than one way for the birds to cross the border.

CREATIVE THINKING | PROBLEM SOLVING | WHIMSY | HUMOUR | BUREAUCRACY



A Garden of Creatures

Written by Sheila Heti
Illustrated by Esmé Shapiro

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2022

□ \$24.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-0-7352-6881-4

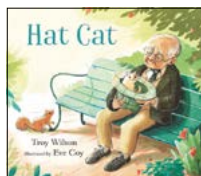
□ \$11.99 EB 978-0-7352-6882-1

36 pages, full-colour, 8 1/2" x 10"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Two bunnies and a cat live happily in a beautiful garden. But when one bunny dies, the other bunny begins to wonder... Where do we go when we die? Why does everything that lives have to leave us? Cat and Bunny agree that a friend who dies hasn't really left the garden. Instead, they become the garden, and we live in them.

FRIENDSHIP | LOSS | DEATH | LOVE | HEALING



Hat Cat

Written by Troy Wilson
Illustrated by Eve Coy

Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2022

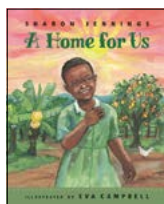
□ \$23.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-5362-1366-9

32 pages, full-colour, 10 1/2" x 9"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

An elderly man finds a kitten while out feeding the squirrels. He names the cat Hat, and they become inseparable. Only when the old man goes outside to feed the squirrels Hat stays inside. What if Hat ran away or chased the squirrels? One day the old man leaves and doesn't return. Caretakers look after Hat. Can Hat prove himself trustworthy?

CATS | FRIENDSHIP | FOUND FAMILY | COMPANIONSHIP



A Home for Us

Written by Sharon Jennings
Illustrated by Eva Campbell

Markham, ON: Red Deer Press, 2022

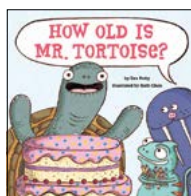
□ \$19.95 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-0-88995-575-2

32 pages, full-colour, 8" x 10"

IL: Ages 6-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Four-year-old Yula is discovered by a Kenyan orphanage director. At the orphanage, Yula learns many things, including what home means to her. When a new child arrives, Yula is angry and jealous but soon realizes there is enough love for everyone. This story was inspired by a girl Sharon Jennings met while visiting the Hope Development Centre in Kenya.

KENYA | ORPHANS | LOVE | HOME | EMOTIONS | IMPOVERISHMENT



How Old Is Mr. Tortoise?

Written by Dev Petty
Illustrated by Ruth Chan

New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2022

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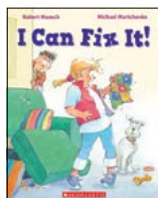
□ \$19.39 EB 978-1-6833-5972-2

36 pages, full-colour, 9 1/2" x 9 1/2"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

It's Mr. Tortoise's birthday, and he can't wait to eat cake with his friends. But Mr. Tortoise can't remember how old he is, so his friends don't know how many candles to put on the cake. After the party-goers work through a variety of possibilities, they find their way to the answer with a simple bit of addition.

HUMOUR | BIRTHDAYS | FRIENDSHIP | SHARING | CRITICAL THINKING



I Can Fix It!

Written by Robert Munsch
Illustrated by Michael Martchenko

Toronto: North Winds Press/Scholastic Canada, 2021

□ \$19.99 HC 978-1-4431-9211-8

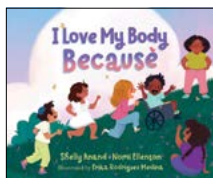
□ \$7.99 PB 978-1-4431-9212-5

27 pages, full-colour, 8" x 10"

IL: Ages 3-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Six-year-old Taylor still loves the baby blanket her mother gave her. But her brother borrows it to mop up a mess, and all his attempts to clean it only make things worse. Finally, he hides the remains and hopes Taylor never finds it. But she does! Will anyone be able to fix it? Available in French as *Doudou avant tout*.

HUMOUR | FAMILY | SIBLINGS | SECURITY BLANKETS



I Love My Body Because

Written by Shelly Anand and Nomi Ellenson
Illustrated by Erika Rodriguez Medina

New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2022

☐ \$23.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-5344-9495-4

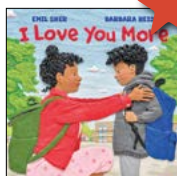
☐ \$14.99 EB 978-1-5344-9496-1

32 pages, full-colour, 11" x 9"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Everybody has a body, and every body is good. Your body takes you where you want to go. Your body is your first home. And your body is different from everyone else's body! A gentle and poetic picture book for young readers about celebrating your own body and all the different, wonderful bodies that make up our world.

SELF-LOVE | ACCEPTANCE | DIVERSITY | INCLUSIVENESS | BODIES



I Love You More

Written by Emil Sher

Illustrated by Barbara Reid

Toronto: North Winds Press/Scholastic Canada, 2022

☐ \$21.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-4431-7580-7

32 pages, full-colour, 10" x 10"

IL: Ages 3-8 RL: Grades 1-2

I love you more than cones love ice cream. As young Des moves through the day, he finds himself surrounded and uplifted by love. In acts big and small—between generations, neighbours, friends and community—connection and caring are woven into the fabric of life. The ways to say I love you are as limitless as love itself.

COMMUNITY | CONNECTIONS | WORDPLAY | LOVE



I Was Born a Baby

Written by Meg Fleming

Illustrated by Brandon James Scott

New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2022

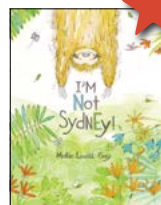
☐ \$21.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-0-06-315721-7

36 pages, full-colour, 9" x 11"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

A pup can be a hamster or a dog, or a seal. A calf can be a cow or a whale! Everyone starts out small. That is just what we do. Cats were kittens and dogs were pups, but what about you? The text invites readers to predict what the baby animal is by using context clues, and the endpapers provide the answers.

HUMOUR | ANIMALS | BABY ANIMALS | VERSE



I'm Not Sydney!

Written and illustrated by Marie-Louise Gay

Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2022

☐ \$19.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-77306-597-7

☐ \$16.99 EB 978-1-77306-598-4

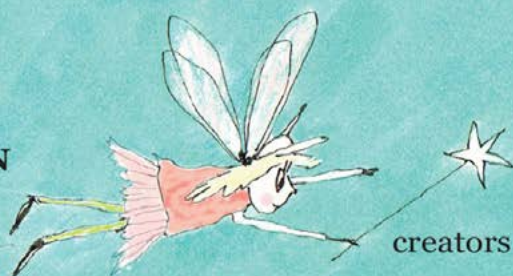
40 pages, full-colour, 8" x 10 3/4"

IL: Ages 3-6 RL: Grades 2-3

Hanging upside down in a tree, Sydney imagines he's a sleepy sloth. Sami scampers up the tree and becomes a spider monkey. "Fast is fun!" she chatters. One by one, the neighbourhood kids slip into a shared imaginative world, playing, laughing, teasing and bickering, until Edward the elephant fills up his trunk and—WHOOSH! Available in French as *Où es-tu Sydney?*

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Picture Books

FOR KIDS AGES 2 AND UP



In the Clouds

Written and illustrated by Elly MacKay

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2022

☐ \$24.99 HC (jacket) 978-0-7352-6696-4

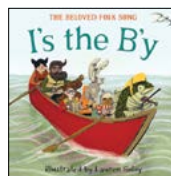
☐ \$11.99 EB 978-0-7352-6697-1

44 pages, full-colour, 9" x 11"

IL: Ages 3-7 RL: Grades 1-2

A cloudy day is the starting point for a bored little girl's adventure in the sky. There she contemplates questions both scientific and philosophical in nature: How do clouds float? Or carry the rain? Where do they go when they disappear? Are there clouds on other planets? Do they have memories? Have they ever seen a girl like her?

BOREDOM | IMAGINATION | CURIOSITY | CLOUDS



It's the B'y: The Beloved Folk Song

Illustrated by Lauren Soley

Vancouver: Greystone Kids, 2022

☐ \$22.95 HC (jacket) 978-1-77164-833-2

☐ \$22.95 EB 978-1-77164-834-9

44 pages, full-colour, 9" x 9"

IL: Ages 3-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Perfect for reading or singing, this picture book brings to life the spirited, traditional folk song from Newfoundland, "It's the B'y," which celebrates community, music and place. Rollicking verses are full of energy, and sheet music is included to help readers young and old sing along. Endnotes offer insights into the history of the song.

FOLK SONG | NEWFOUNDLAND | MUSIC



It's Me, Henry!

Written by Stéphanie Deslauriers

Illustrated by Geneviève Després

Translated by Charles Simard

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022

☐ \$19.95 HC 978-1-4598-3083-7

☐ \$14.99 EB 978-1-4598-3102-5

32 pages, full-colour, 8 3/4" x 10 3/4"

IL: Ages 5-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Henry marches to the beat of his own green thumb. Most days, Henry doesn't notice how different he is from other kids, but some days, he does. When his class goes on a field trip to his favourite place, the botanical gardens, Henry shows the other kids that his unique interests are really something special. Available in French as *Laurent, c'est moi!*

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER | DIFFERENCES | UNIQUENESS | BOTANY | ACCEPTANCE | FRIENDSHIP



Journey of the Midnight Sun

Written by Shazia Afzal

Illustrated by Aliya Ghare

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022

☐ \$19.95 HC 978-1-4598-2760-8

☐ \$14.99 EB 978-1-4598-2762-2

36 pages, full-colour, 10 3/4" x 8 3/4"

IL: Ages 6 and up RL: Grades 2-3

In 2010, Inuvik's small but growing Muslim community was in need of more space. Funds were raised to ship a mosque over 4,000 kilometres on a journey fraught with difficulties and a tight deadline to arrive before the winter freeze. All obstacles were overcome, and the mosque arrived at its new home. It is now one of the most northern mosques in the world.

COMMUNITY | MOSQUES | MUSLIM COMMUNITY | INUVIK, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES



Just Bea

Written by Kari-Lynn Winters

Illustrated by Nahid Kazemi

Vancouver: Tradewind Books, 2022

☐ \$21.95 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-926890-32-6

☐ \$21.95 EB 978-1-990598-02-9

32 pages, full-colour, 8 1/2" x 11"

IL: Ages 3-7 RL: Grades 2-3

Bea's big sister is so annoyed with her mischievous behaviour that she wishes Bea would go away. But when she roars like a lion, "BEA BE GONE," Bea does go, and her big sister can't find her anywhere. Did she wish her sister away? Realizing life is boring without Bea, she regrets her wish. Can the sisters find a way to just... be?

SIBLINGS | SISTERS | FAMILY LIFE



kā-āciwīkīkīk/The Move

Written by Doris George and Don K. Philpot

Illustrated by Alyssa Koski

Victoria: Heritage House Publishing, 2022

☐ \$22.95 HC 978-1-77203-409-7

☐ \$14.95 PB 978-1-77203-428-8

☐ \$11.99 EB 978-1-77203-410-3

48 pages, full-colour, 10" x 10"

IL: Ages 9 and up RL: Grades 3-4

This moving story, inspired by the forced relocation of the Chemawawin Cree Nation from Cedar Lake, Manitoba, is told in both Cree and English. As two Elders adjust to life in their new town, they incorporate old ways into their new surroundings and begin to transform the barren landscape into fertile land full of new life.

CREE FIRST NATION | INDIGENOUS STORYTELLING | DISPLACEMENT | HOME | FAMILY | HOPE | INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS



Kunoichi Bunny

Storyline by Sara Cassidy

Illustrated by Brayden Sato

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022

☐ \$19.95 HC 978-1-4598-2780-6

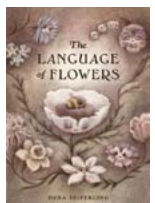
☐ \$14.99 EB 978-1-4598-2782-0

32 pages, full-colour, 8 3/4" x 10 3/4"

IL: Ages 5-7 RL: n/a

In this wordless picture book, Saya, her dad and her well-loved stuffed bunny, Kunoichi, are going to the park. During a day of adventures, Saya and her fearless ninja-bunny find ways to save the day—from stopping a cat fight to cheering up a lonely woman—proving that small actions can have great impacts.

WORDLESS BOOK | ADVENTURE | COURAGE | KINDNESS | FATHER-DAUGHTER RELATIONSHIPS



The Language of Flowers

Written and illustrated by Dena Seiferling

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2022

☐ \$24.99 HC (jacket) 978-0-7352-7053-4

☐ \$11.99 EB 978-0-7352-7054-1

52 pages, full-colour, 8" x 11"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

In a magical meadow, a baby bumblebee named Beatrice is raised by flowers. Learning the language of the floral family, Beatrice discovers that the secret to flourishing is kindness. When she sets out to find more bumblebees, Beatrice passes through a swamp inhabited by strange plants with snapping jaws. Perhaps these prickly plants are in need of some kindness themselves?

BUMBLEBEES | FLOWERS | ADVENTURE | JOURNEYS | KINDNESS

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Picture Books

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Like Cats and Dogs

Written by Mélanie Perreault
Illustrated by Marion Arbona
Translated by Chantal Bilodeau
Toronto: Second Story Press, 2022
□ \$19.95 HC 978-1-77260-241-8
□ \$14.99 EB 978-1-77260-242-5
32 pages, full-colour, 8 1/2" x 8 1/2"
IL: Ages 6-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Rosalie's parents are divorced but still fight like cats and dogs. It's hard going from one house to another and knowing that although she loves them both, her parents don't get along anymore. But there's one thing her mom and dad do agree on: they both love Rosalie, and Rosalie is here to stay! Available in French as *Rosalie entre chien et chat*.

DIVORCE | LOVE | CONFLICT | FAMILY | FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS



Lizzy and the Cloud

Written and illustrated by Terry Fan and Eric Fan
Toronto: Simon & Schuster Canada, 2022
□ \$21.99 HC (jacket) 978-1-6680-0336-7
□ \$14.99 EB 978-1-6680-0337-4
52 pages, full-colour, 8 1/2" x 12"
IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Buying a pet cloud may be out of fashion, but Lizzy doesn't mind. She's not looking for a fancy cloud, just an ordinary one. Lizzy names her cloud Milo, and soon, she's taking him out on walks, watering him right on schedule, and watching him grow. But what happens when Milo gets too big for Lizzy's apartment?

WHIMSY | PETS | LETTING GO | CARETAKING

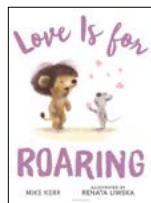


A Long Way Home

Written by Jean Little
Illustrated by Gabrielle Grimard
Toronto: North Winds Press/Scholastic Canada, 2022
□ \$19.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-4431-7091-8
30 pages, full-colour, 9 1/2" x 9 1/2"
IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Maya is a refugee, new to Canada. Jane has always lived in the same place. The girls become instant friends. After learning about endangered species in school, they are inspired to help locally by planting milkweed for monarch butterflies. Watching their monarch fly off, Maya tells Jane about her own long journey to Canada. Available in French as *Le long chemin*.

FRIENDSHIP | MONARCH BUTTERFLIES | MIGRATION | JOURNEYS | IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE | ENDANGERED SPECIES

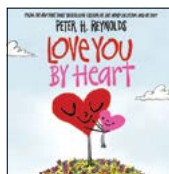


Love Is for Roaring

Written by Mike Kerr
Illustrated by Renata Liwska
New York: Bloomsbury Children's Books, 2022
□ \$23.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-68119-124-9
28 pages, full-colour, 7 1/2" x 10 1/2"
IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 1-2

Today the fierce, fearsome Lion is supposed to show his love. But that makes him grumpy. Lion doesn't love lovey-dovey stuff. Hugs? Kisses? NO WAY! But Lion's friend Mouse wonders... doesn't Lion love to run? And chase? And growl? And Roar? Actually, maybe Lion does love those things—and maybe Lion loves his friendship with Mouse, too!

FRIENDSHIP | FEELINGS | LOVE | HUMOUR

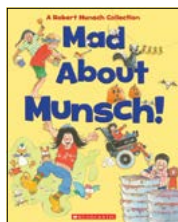


Love You by Heart

Written and illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds
New York: Orchard Books/Scholastic, 2021
□ \$13.99 HC 978-1-338-78363-6
□ \$10.99 EB 978-1-338-80825-4
28 pages, full-colour, 7" x 7"
IL: Ages 3-5 RL: Grades 1-2

A celebration of unconditional love—from the intimate and unbridled love parents and caregivers have for their children to the tremendous love of a lifelong friendship and the boundless love of a grandparent. A poetic tribute to the rare and beautiful love that binds two hearts. Available in French as *Je t'aime de tout mon cœur*.

LOVE | UNCONDITIONAL LOVE



Mad About Munsch! A Robert Munsch Collection

Written by Robert Munsch
Illustrated by Michael Martchenko and the children of Sir Isaac Brock Public School
Toronto: Scholastic Canada, 2021
□ \$24.99 HC 978-1-4431-8905-7
180 pages, full-colour, 8 3/4" x 11"
IL: Ages 3-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Kids will love this collection of classic Robert Munsch stories with Michael Martchenko's original illustrations! Includes *Smelly Socks*, *More Pies!*, *Zoom!*, *Boo!*, and *The Sandcastle Contest*. Also included are stories of how each book was written and the kids who inspired them, plus a new bonus story, *Braids*. Available in French as *Mordus de Munsch : Recueil d'histoires de Robert Munsch*.

HUMOUR | FAMILY | STORYTIME | COMMUNITY

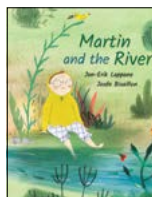


Majagalee: The Language of Seasons

Written and illustrated by Shawna Davis
Photography by Toonasa Jordana Luggi
New Westminster, BC: McKellar & Martin Publishing Group, 2022
□ \$22.00 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-99045800-2
34 pages, full-colour, 10" x 10"
IL: Ages 4-10 RL: Grades 2-3

This picture book weaves childhood memories of being closely tied to the land and reflects the teachings that continue to be passed down as we move through the seasons in the footsteps of our ancestors. This is a story of nature's importance to our lives and why it must be cared for and respected. Gitksan/Sim Algyax pronunciation guides included.

INDIGENOUS STORYTELLING | SEASONS | NATURAL WORLD | GITKSAN NATION | INDIGENOUS TEACHINGS



Martin and the River

Written by Jon-Erik Lappano
Illustrated by Josée Bisailon
Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2022
□ \$18.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-77306-444-4
□ \$16.99 EB 978-1-77306-445-1
36 pages, full-colour, 8 1/2" x 10 3/4"
IL: Ages 3-6 RL: Grades 2-3

Martin's favourite place is the river near his house. When Martin's parents tell him they're moving to the city, he doesn't know how he can leave his river behind. None of the city's charms can compare with his river until his parents show him a small stream running through the park. Here, Martin finds a new connection with nature.

MOVING | CHANGE | NATURAL WORLD | NATURE | URBAN LANDSCAPES | RURAL LIFE | RESILIENCE



Meet Mary Ann Shadd (Scholastic Canada Biography)

Written by Elizabeth MacLeod
Illustrated by Mike Deas

Toronto: Scholastic Canada, 2022

□ \$16.99 HC 978-1-4431-9130-2

31 pages, full-colour, 9" x 9"

IL: Ages 9 and up RL: Grade 3

Mary Ann Shadd was born free in 1823 in Delaware. Her family moved to Canada in 1851. She became a trailblazer in every realm she touched—opening a desegregated school; becoming the first Black female newspaper publisher in North America; becoming a suffrage activist; and, at the age of 60, becoming one of the first Black women to practice law! Available in French as *Voici Mary Ann Shadd*.

BIOGRAPHY | MARY ANN SHADD | SLAVERY | EQUAL RIGHTS | RACISM | WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE



Meet the Hamantaschen: A Purim Mystery

Written and illustrated by Alan Silberberg

New York: Viking Children's Books, 2022

□ \$23.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-0-593-35157-4

□ \$11.99 EB 978-0-593-35161-1

□ \$6.95 AB 978-0-593-50361-4

36 pages, full-colour, 9 1/2" x 10 1/2"

IL: Ages 6-8 RL: Grade 3

The Purim play is about to start, but the megillah is missing! Without the scroll that recounts the Purim story, how can the show go on? Never fear—the three hamantaschen (triangle-shaped Purim pastries) are on the case! These delicious detectives uncover the facts so the story of Purim can be told!

HUMOUR | PURIM | MYSTERY | TRADITIONS | JEWISH HOLIDAYS | FOOD



Midnight & Moon

Written by Kelly Cooper
Illustrated by Daniel Miyares

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2022

□ \$24.99 HC (jacket) 978-0-7352-6630-8

□ \$11.99 EB 978-0-7352-6631-5

40 pages, full-colour, 10 1/2" x 9"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Moon cannot see but hears sounds that other horses don't. Clara does not speak but is attuned to sounds others miss. Both the foal and the girl live with challenges. Both also have special qualities, which are recognized by friends who are open to seeing them. A celebration of the qualities that challenge us and make us different.

HORSES | FRIENDSHIP | DISABILITIES | DIFFERENCES | KINDNESS



Mina

Written and illustrated by Matthew Forsythe

Toronto: Simon & Schuster Canada, 2022

□ \$21.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-9821-8281-6

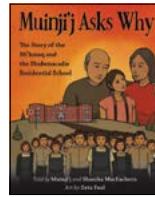
□ \$14.99 EB 978-1-9821-8285-4

64 pages, full-colour, 8 1/2" x 11"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Mina is a mouse. She and her father live in a hollowed-out tree stump on the edge of a pond on the edge of a forest. Mina lives in her little world, and nothing bothers her until, one day, her father brings home a suspicious surprise from the woods. Should Mina trust her father—or listen to her own instincts? Available in French as *Mina*.

ANIMALS | MICE | FATHER-DAUGHTER RELATIONSHIPS | HUMOUR | SURPRISES | WORRIES



Muinji'j Asks Why: The Story of the Mi'kmaq and the Shubenacadie Residential School

Told by Muinji'j MacEachern and Shanika MacEachern

Illustrated by Zeta Paul

Halifax: Nimbus Publishing, 2022

□ \$22.95 HC 978-1-77471-047-0

□ \$8.99 EB 978-1-77471-050-0

40 pages, full-colour, 8" x 10"

IL: Ages 7-10 RL: Grade 3

Seven-year-old Muinji'j comes home from school upset. Her teacher was talking about the residential schools. Muinji'j doesn't understand why the schools existed and why children died there. Nana and Papa tell Muinji'j the whole story and tell her about her people before their traditional ways were made illegal, before their words, beliefs, and eventually, their children were taken from them.

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS | CANADIAN HISTORY | MI'KMAW NATION | REMEMBRANCE | LOSS | INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS | MI'KMAW CULTURE | TRAUMA | HOPE



My Delicious Garden

Written by Anne-Marie Fortin

Illustrated by Julien Castanié

Translated by Heather Camlot

Toronto: Owlkids Books, 2022

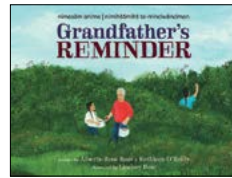
□ \$18.95 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-77147-468-9

24 pages, full-colour, 9" x 9"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Month by month, a young gardener describes the work and planning that goes into the different stages of her garden. As the seasons change, she draws her plans, plants her seeds, cares for growing fruits and vegetables and, finally, harvests a bounty big enough to share with all her friends. Available in French as *Mon beau potager*.

GARDENS | GARDENING | VEGETABLES | HARVEST | SHARING



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Written by Alberta-Rose Bear and Kathleen O'Reilly

Illustrated by Lindsey Bear

Saulteaux translation by Lorena Cote and Margaret Cote

Plains Cree translation by Solomon Ratt

Regina: Your Nickel's Worth Publishing, 2022

□ \$19.95 HC 978-1-988783-82-6

39 pages, full-colour, 11" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 8-10 RL: Grades 2-3

"We need to be careful that we don't hurt the gifts that are given to us." Told in Plains Cree, Saulteaux and English, this simple tale of traditional teachings and values follows a grandparent and grandchild on a visit to a chokecherry patch, where lessons about respect and gratitude for the earth's gifts are shared.

INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE | INDIGENOUS TEACHINGS | INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS | GRATITUDE | RESPECT | NATURAL WORLD

Picture Books

FOR KIDS AGES 2 AND UP



Olivia Wrapped in Vines

Written by Maude Nepveu-Villeneuve

Illustrated by Sandra Dumais

Translated by Charles Simard

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022

□ \$19.95 HC 978-1-4598-3103-2

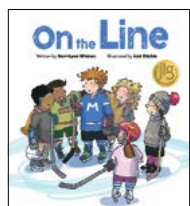
□ \$14.99 EB 978-1-4598-3105-6

32 pages, full-colour, 8 3/4" x 10 3/4"

IL: Ages 5-8 RL: Grades 2-3

When Olivia gets overwhelmed by her big feelings, she sprouts thorny, twisty vines. The vines stop her from doing things she loves, and no one wants to come near a giant ball of thorns. Can one special teacher see past the prickly thorns and help Olivia learn to manage the vines? Available in French as *Simone sous les ronces*.

ANXIETY | FEELINGS | COPING STRATEGIES | NEW EXPERIENCES



On the Line

Written by Kari-Lynn Winters

Illustrated by Scot Ritchie

Toronto: Pajama Press, 2021

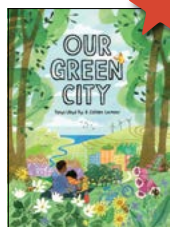
□ \$19.95 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-77278-218-9

36 pages, full-colour, 9" x 10"

IL: Ages 5-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Jackson comes from a long line of hockey heroes. But, while Jackson is good at making game plans, on the ice he feels like a potato on skates. But when his team risks losing their tournament spot because players can't afford proper equipment, Jackson makes a new game plan. His problem-solving and stewardship abilities make Jackson a true MVP!

HOCKEY | PROBLEM SOLVING | RESILIENCE | FAMILY | SPORTSMANSHIP



Our Green City

Written by Tanya Lloyd Kyi

Illustrated by Colleen Larmour

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2022

□ \$21.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-5253-0438-5

□ \$14.99 EB 978-1-5253-0468-2

32 pages, full-colour, 8" x 11"

IL: Ages 4-7 RL: Grades 2-3

Welcome to our green city! Here people work together to take care of all living things. A family collects the rain to water their garden while solar panels catch the sun. Residents keep hens and hives in their yards and care for flower beds that feed bees, birds and butterflies. Readers explore all the ways communities can go green.

ENVIRONMENTALISM | URBAN LIFE | URBAN GARDENS | GREEN LIVING | SUSTAINABILITY | COMMUNITY



Our Playground Rules!

Written by Kallie George

Illustrated by Jay Fleck

New York: Rodale Kids, 2022

□ \$27.99 LIB 978-0-593-37875-5

□ \$23.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-0-593-37874-8

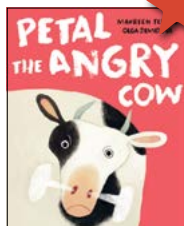
□ \$11.99 EB 978-0-593-37876-2

28 pages, full-colour, 10" x 10"

IL: Ages 3-7 RL: Grades 1-2

This playground rules because the young animals that play here have rules! Everyone gets a turn; they play fair, practice patience, return what they borrow, and, most importantly, try their best. A simple story about what it means to share space and how following a few simple rules of kindness can make playtime more fun for everyone!

ANIMALS | PLAY | SHARING | KINDNESS | RULES



Petal the Angry Cow

Written by Maureen Fergus

Illustrated by Olga Demidova

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2022

□ \$21.99 HC (jacket) 978-0-7352-6468-7

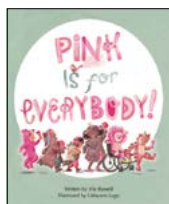
□ \$10.99 EB 978-0-7352-6469-4

48 pages, full-colour, 8 1/4" x 10 1/4"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Petal the cow has a very big, out-of-control temper. When the farmer announces a trip to a water park, Petal has her biggest tantrum yet. There will be no water park for Petal if she can't control her temper. In a humorous twist, a swan offers to show her a thing or two about handling aggravating situations.

FARM ANIMALS | HUMOUR | TEMPER | EMOTIONS | SELF-CONTROL



Pink Is for Everybody!

Written by Ella Russell

Illustrated by Udayana Lugo

Toronto: Owlkids Books, 2022

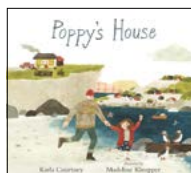
□ \$19.95 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-77147-465-8

24 pages, full-colour, 7 3/4" x 9 1/2"

IL: Ages 3-7 RL: Grades 2-3

Chase a grey day away with a parade of pink! A group of kids stuck inside on a rainy day discover a pink treasure chest! Pink is for astronauts and aliens, dancers and dragons! Pink is for everyone... isn't it? A story about the joy of being yourself while respecting the unique preferences of others.

IMAGINATION | COLOURS | DIVERSITY | INCLUSIVENESS | PLAY | BEING ONESELF



Poppy's House

Written by Karla Courtney

Illustrated by Madeline Kloepper

Somerville, MA: Walker Books, 2022

□ \$23.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-5362-1152-8

36 pages, full-colour, 10" x 9"

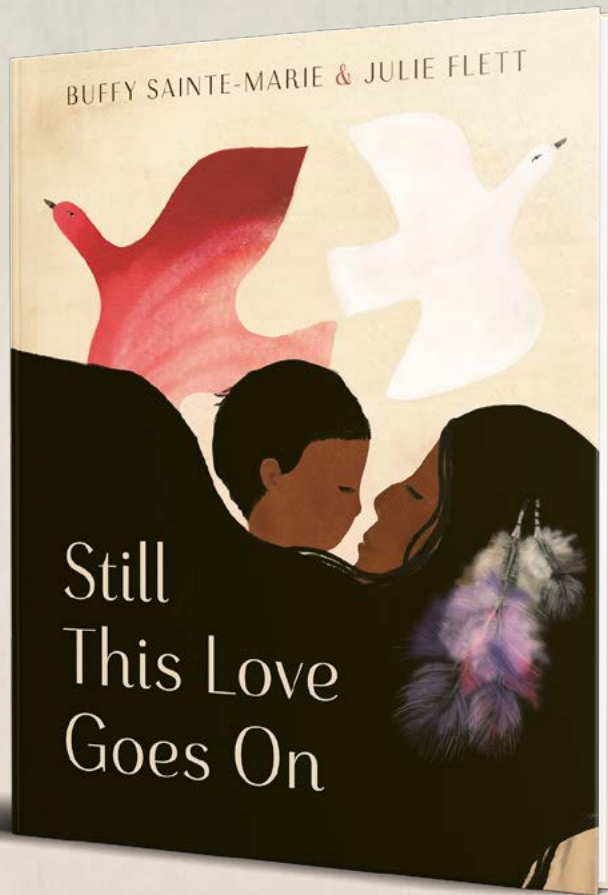
IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

In this story of the bond between young and old—that evokes the wild, windswept banks of Newfoundland and the joys of a traditional way of life—a little girl takes a ferry to the island to spend time with her Poppy. Time slows and days of companionship and adventure include exploring, potato digging and stories by lamplight.

INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS | GRANDPARENTS | NEWFOUNDLAND | ADVENTURE | LOVE



GREYSTONE KIDS



This “love letter to Indigenous family, home, and traditions ... reminds readers of the joy we experience upon returning to those whom we love and who love us.”

KIRKUS STARRED REVIEW

Still This Love Goes On

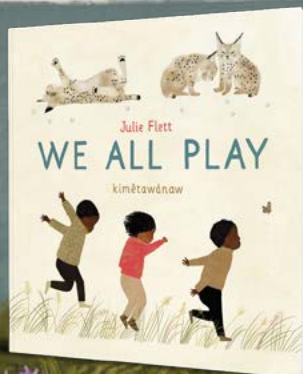
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Picture Book

ages 0-5

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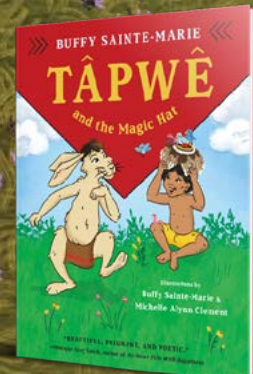


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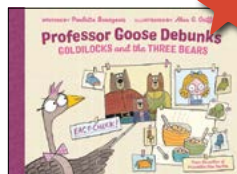
Chapter Book

ages 6-9

ISBN 9781771645461

Picture Books

FOR KIDS AGES 2 AND UP



Professor Goose Debunks Goldilocks and the Three Bears (Professor Goose Debunks Fairy Tales, Book 1)

Written by Paulette Bourgeois

Illustrated by Alex G. Griffiths

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2022

☐ \$24.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-0-7352-6730-5

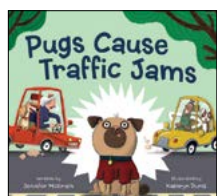
☐ \$11.99 EB 978-0-7352-6731-2

40 pages, full-colour, 11" x 8"

IL: Ages 7-10 RL: Grades 2-3

The first in a new series by the author of Franklin the Turtle. Mother Goose's fairy tales are NOT based on science, and her great niece Professor Goose thinks it's time to share the truth. Join Professor Goose as she fact-checks and pecks her way through the pages of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, exposing the flaws and explaining the science.

HUMOUR | SCIENCE | FAIRY TALES | SCIENTIFIC METHOD | STEM EDUCATION



Pugs Cause Traffic Jams

Written by Jennifer McGrath

Illustrated by Kathryn Durst

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2022

☐ \$21.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-5253-0340-1

☐ \$12.99 EB 978-1-5253-0363-0

32 pages, full-colour, 10" x 9"

IL: Ages 3-7 RL: Grades 2-3

Kirby the pug is missing, and no one in the neighbourhood has seen him. Nearby, a traffic jam is building... What could possibly be the cause? Mayhem abounds in this romp of a story about a girl searching for her missing dog—and a dog chasing a wild adventure!

HUMOUR | DOGS | VERSE | PETS



Quiet, Please!

Written and illustrated by Russ Willms

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022

☐ \$21.95 HC 978-1-4598-2602-1

☐ \$16.99 EB 978-1-4598-2604-5

36 pages, full-colour, 7 3/4" x 10 3/4"

IL: Ages 5-7 RL: Grades 2-3

Junior the giraffe is just looking for a nice quiet place to read his book. But Junior's brothers and sisters are the noisiest giraffes in the jungle! Whether it's band practice, family singalongs or just really loud burping, Junior can't escape the noise of his sonorous siblings! Will Junior discover the one thing that will keep them quiet?

GIRAFFES | HUMOUR | SIBLINGS | READING



Rainy Days (Weather Days)

Written by Deborah Kerbel

Illustrated by Miki Sato

Toronto: Pajama Press, 2022

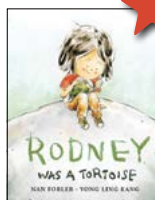
☐ \$19.95 HC 978-1-77278-246-2

24 pages, full-colour, 9" x 8"

IL: Ages 3-5 RL: Grades 1-2

For preschoolers, rainy days are full of possibilities. Puddles are just waiting for a stomp in rubber boots. A drizzling rain is perfect for finding worms and snails. And watching a heavy rainfall makes sitting inside with a warm bowl of soup all the cozier. In this toddler-tough picture book, very young readers discover a variety of rainy-day activities.

RAIN | WEATHER | SEASONS | VERSE



Rodney Was a Tortoise

Written by Nan Forler

Illustrated by Yong Ling Kang

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2022

☐ \$24.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-0-7352-6662-9

☐ \$11.99 EB 978-0-7352-6663-6

40 pages, full-colour, 8" x 10"

IL: Ages 3-7 RL: Grades 2-3

Rodney is Bernadette's old pal. Each night, when Bernadette goes to sleep, Rodney is there, watching over her from his tank. But Rodney is old, and he moves slower and slower until one day, he stops moving at all. Without Rodney, Bernadette feels alone. She can't stop thinking about him, but no one at school seems to notice. Except for Amar.

FRIENDSHIP | LOSS | EMPATHY | PETS | KINDNESS | GRIEF



Room for More

Written by Michelle Kadarusman

Illustrated by Maggie Zeng

Toronto: Pajama Press, 2022

☐ \$22.95 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-77278-252-3

32 pages, full-colour, 10" x 9"

IL: Ages 5-8 RL: Grades 2-3

When a fire sweeps through the Australian bush, wombats Dig and Scratch are glad for their snug burrow to keep them safe. But other animals are less lucky, and Dig keeps inviting them in! Soon there's a wallaby, a koala and a snake sharing their burrow. When the rain comes with a new threat of flooding, the wombats' kindness is repaid.

KINDNESS | AUSTRALIA | WILDFIRES | ANIMALS | GENEROSITY | AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE



Runs With the Stars

Written by Darcy Whitecrow and Heather M. O'Connor

Illustrated by Lenny Lishchenko

Toronto: Second Story Press, 2022

☐ \$19.95 HC 978-1-77260-238-8

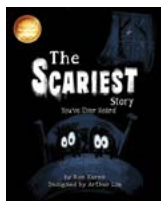
☐ \$14.99 EB 978-1-77260-240-1

32 pages, full-colour, 8 1/2" x 11"

IL: Ages 6-8 RL: Grades 1-3

As they await the birth of a new foal, a man teaches his grandchild about the Ojibwe horses that used to run wild and free in the forests of northwestern Ontario. When Grandfather was a boy, they almost disappeared. Now, Grandfather has his own small herd, keeping the breed alive for future generations. Also available in dual-language text: Anishinaabemowin and English.

CANADA | HORSES | INDIGENOUS HERITAGE | INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS | OJIBWE



The Scariest Story You've Ever Heard

Written by Ron Keres

Illustrated by Arthur Lin

Cat Lake, ON: Ron Keres, 2022

☐ \$18.99 HC 978-8-9859112-4-4

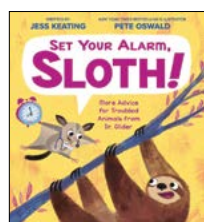
☐ \$13.99 PB 978-8-9859112-3-7

48 pages, full-colour, 8" x 10"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

It's a dark and stormy night. The power goes out and two brothers are startled awake. What was that noise? CREEEAAK, CRRRAAACK, THUMP, GRRRRR, SLRRRRP, CRUNCH... Two boys let their imaginations run wild over the strange noises they hear one night. Is it a monster? Is it a beast? They must find out, but it's not what they expect!

HUMOUR | IMAGINATION | DARKNESS | FEAR | SUSPENSE



Set Your Alarm, Sloth! More Advice for Troubled Animals from Dr. Glider

Written by Jess Keating

Illustrated by Pete Oswald

New York: Orchard Books/Scholastic, 2021

☐ \$23.99 HC (jacket) 978-1-338-23989-8

☐ \$19.99 EB 978-1-338-78201-1

36 pages, full-colour, 10" x 11"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Dr. Glider is back, helping animals big and small! A sneezing iguana, a leaderless clownfish, a lovesick egret, and a sloth with algae on her back are just some of the animals who call on Dr. Sugar Glider for advice. Young readers will learn fascinating and fun facts while uncovering the answers to some mysteries of the animal world.

ANIMALS | HUMOUR | BIOLOGY | ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS | ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR



Sing in the Spring

Written by Sheree Fitch

Illustrated by Deb Plestid

Halifax: Nimbus Publishing, 2022

☐ \$22.95 HC 978-1-77471-039-5

☐ \$8.99 EB 978-1-77471-110-1

32 pages, full-colour, 10" x 9"

IL: Ages 3-7 RL: Grades 2-3

With poems by award-winning author Sheree Fitch and featuring luminous original artwork by quilt artist Deb Plestid, this poetic celebration of spring invites readers into a rural family home and the natural world that surrounds them. Tiny details and clues emerging from hibernation are a source of wonder, seeds hold secrets of sunflowers, and mudluscious puddles await!

POETRY | SPRING | NATURAL WORLD | RURAL LIFE | NATURE



Sitting Shiva

Written by Erin Silver

Illustrated by Michelle Theodore

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022

☐ \$21.95 HC 978-1-4598-2772-1

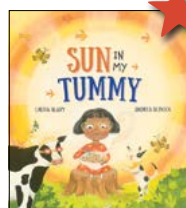
☐ \$16.99 EB 978-1-4598-2774-5

32 pages, full-colour, 8 3/4" x 10 3/4"

IL: Ages 6-8 RL: Grades 2-3

A girl grieves the loss of her mother. When friends and family arrive to sit shiva, she refuses to come downstairs. Eventually, she comes out of hiding to find solace with others. She feels stronger and more nourished, and she understands the beautiful tradition of sitting shiva. A story about grief, loss, comfort and the importance of community.

GRIEF | LOSS | COMMUNITY | JEWISH FAITH | TRADITIONS | FAMILY



Sun in My Tummy

Written by Laura Alary

Illustrated by Andrea Blinick

Toronto: Pajama Press, 2022

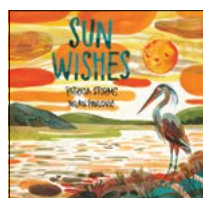
☐ \$22.95 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-77278-241-7

32 pages, full-colour, 9" x 10"

IL: Ages 5-8 RL: Grades 2-3

How does a home-cooked breakfast of oatmeal and blueberries give a little girl the energy she needs to be ready for the day? This picture book introduces young readers to big concepts of matter and energy and how the sun's light becomes fuel for our bodies through the food we eat. A concluding author's note shares further information about photosynthesis.

ENERGY | FOOD | PHOTOSYNTHESIS | STEM EDUCATION



Sun Wishes

Written by Patricia Storms

Illustrated by Milan Pavlović

Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2022

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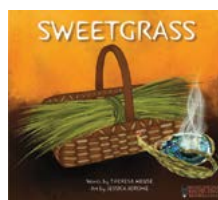
☐ \$16.99 EB 978-1-77306-451-2

32 pages, full-colour, 9 1/2" x 9"

IL: Ages 3-6 RL: Grades 1-2

"If I were the sun, I would sing a gentle morning song..." Join the sun in this imagining of its travels across the sky, lighting up our gloomiest days, celebrating a bountiful harvest, and delighting in the diversity of life around the world. Young readers will be inspired to step outside and celebrate the sun in their own unique way!

SUN | IMAGINATION | NATURAL WORLD | ANIMALS | DIVERSITY



Sweetgrass (Indigenous Knowledge)

Written by Theresa Meuse

Illustrated by Jessica Jerome

Halifax: Nimbus Publishing, 2022

☐ \$12.95 PB 978-1-77108-933-3

32 pages, full-colour, 9" x 8"

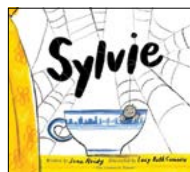
IL: Ages 4-7 RL: Grades 2-3

It's early July, and it is Warren's first time going sweetgrass picking. With Auntie's traditional Mi'kmaw knowledge and his cousin Matthew's gentle guidance, Warren learns about the many uses for sweetgrass—as traditional medicine, a sacred offering, and a smudging ingredient. A story about the gifts we receive from Mother Earth and how to gather them respectfully.

INDIGENOUS TRADITIONS | INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE | MI'KMAW NATION | RESPECT | NATURAL WORLD

Picture Books

FOR KIDS AGES 2 AND UP



Sylvie

Written by Jean Reidy

Illustrated by Lucy Ruth Cummins

New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2022

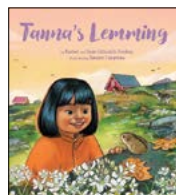
□ \$23.99 HC (jacket) 978-1-5344-6348-6

40 pages, full-colour, 10" x 9"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Sylvie hangs on a silvery thread from the underside of a fire escape. From there, she watches over her people—four children living in the apartment building above. Lately, her people seem to be missing something. Sylvie wants to help, but not everyone appreciates a spider who calls attention to herself. Can Sylvie muster her moxie and risk stepping into the spotlight?

SPIDERS | COMMUNITY | CONNECTIONS | COURAGE | FRIENDSHIP



Tanna's Lemming

Written by Rachel Qitsualik-Tinsley and Sean Qitsualik-Tinsley

Illustrated by Tamara Campeau

Iqaluit: Inhabit Media, 2022

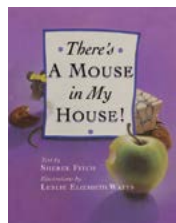
□ \$18.95 HC 978-1-77227-423-3

33 pages, full-colour, 8 1/2" x 9 1/2"

IL: Ages 6-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Tanna finds a small lemming and decides to raise it as a pet. But when the lemming nests in her mother's precious fabrics, Tanna remembers her father explaining about respect for little things and that every life is important. Had she done what was best for the lemming? Is it possible to mistreat something by trying to treat it well?

ARCTIC | RESPECT | INTERCONNECTEDNESS | NATURAL WORLD | WILDLIFE



There's a Mouse in My House (A Sheree Fitch Classic)

Written by Sheree Fitch

Illustrated by Leslie Elizabeth Watts

Halifax: Nimbus Publishing, 2022

□ \$13.95 PB 978-1-77471-067-8

□ \$8.99 EB 978-1-77471-068-5

32 pages, full-colour, 8 1/2" x 10 3/4"

IL: Ages 3-7 RL: Grades 2-3

A mouse has found her way inside a young boy's house, and his mother is not happy! She tells her son to get rid of the mouse, but it turns out that this is no ordinary mouse! She convinces the boy to grant her three wishes: a glass of pop, some cheese, and a chance to tell her story.

VERSE | HUMOUR | ADVENTURE | FAMILY | STORYTELLING



This is the Boat that Ben Built

Written by Jen Lynn Bailey

Illustrated by Maggie Zeng

Toronto: Pajama Press, 2022

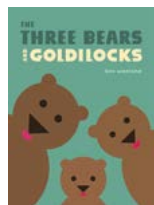
□ \$22.95 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-77278-242-4

40 pages, full-colour, 10" x 9"

IL: Ages 5-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Ben is an intrepid explorer! He sets off on a river adventure with his boat, his binoculars, his sample collection gear, and his scientific curiosity—with his mom watching from the shore, of course. Patterned on the familiar "The House That Jack Built" rhyme, this is an engaging story about a young child exploring a northern river ecosystem.

EXPLORATION | RIVERS | ECOSYSTEMS | NATURAL WORLD | INDEPENDENCE | WILDLIFE | NATURE | ADVENTURE



The Three Bears and Goldilocks

Storyline and illustrations by Bee Waeland

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022

□ \$19.95 HC 978-1-4598-3385-2

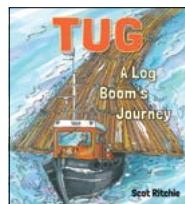
□ \$14.99 EB 978-1-4598-3387-6

64 pages, full-colour, 6 1/2" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 3-5 RL: n/a

In this wordless, graphic reimagining of the fairy tale *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, Goldilocks—tracking poop—invades the Bear family's house, breaks things, eats all their porridge and falls asleep in Baby Bear's bed. When the Bear family comes home from their outing, they call the authorities. You won't get away with it this time, Goldilocks!

WORDLESS BOOK | HUMOUR | FRACTURED FAIRY TALES



Tug: A Log Boom's Journey

Written and illustrated by Scot Ritchie

Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2022

□ \$18.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-77306-177-1

□ \$16.99 EB 978-1-77306-430-7

32 pages, full-colour, 9 3/4" x 10 3/4"

IL: Ages 3-6 RL: Grades 2-3

In this picture book, readers follow a child and his father through their workday on a tugboat on the West Coast as they watch a log boom being made, then tow it to a sawmill upriver. The pair steer clear of other boats, weather a storm, and race against the tide, encountering a few surprises along the way.

WEST COAST | BRITISH COLUMBIA | TUGBOATS | LOGGING | PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS



The Tunnel

Written by Sarah Howden

Illustrated by Erika Rodriguez Medina

Toronto: Owlkids Books, 2022

□ \$19.95 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-77147-427-6

32 pages, full-colour, 8" x 10 1/4"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

When something bad happens, a boy feels sad and grey. Picking up a plastic shovel, he digs a tunnel from his room, deep down and into the backyard. The distance gives him space to see his mother's love, and he decides to return home. He tells his mom about his tunnel and finds warmth in her gentle acknowledgment: "You came back."

FEELINGS | GRIEF | FAMILY | HOME | LOSS | HEALING



Una Huna? Ukpik Learns to Sew

Written by Susan Aglukark

Illustrated by Amiel Sandland and Rebecca Brook

Iqaluit: Inhabit Media, 2022

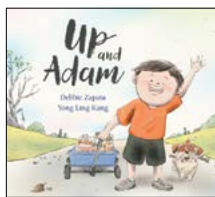
□ \$18.95 HC 978-1-77227-433-2

33 pages, full-colour, 8" x 9"

IL: Ages 5-7 RL: Grades 2-3

Ukpik's mother is teaching Ukpik how to prepare caribou skin, dry it, and sew a new pair of mitts. Ukpik wants to work with the beautiful new beads her mother traded for, but Anaana insists that she focus on the basics first. Anaana hopes Ukpik will learn the skills she will need to provide for herself and her family.

ARCTIC | PATIENCE | PRACTICE | CHANGE | TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE | FAMILY



Up and Adam

Written by Debbie Zapata
Illustrated by Yong Ling Kang

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2022

□ \$21.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-5253-0441-5

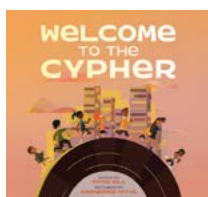
□ \$12.99 EB 978-1-5253-0500-9

32 pages, full-colour, 10" x 9"

IL: Ages 3-7 RL: Grades 2-3

A storm has hit the seaside community where Adam, a young boy with Down syndrome, and his dog Up live. When Adam hears the mayor ask the community for help, he's on it! All day, Up and Adam do what they can—clearing sidewalks, sweeping up debris, and passing out homemade cookies. A story celebrating individuality, community and volunteerism.

DOWN SYNDROME | INCLUSIVENESS | COMMUNITY | KINDNESS | VOLUNTEERISM



Welcome to the Cypher

Written by Khodi Dill
Illustrated by Awuradwoa Afful

Toronto: Annick Press, 2021

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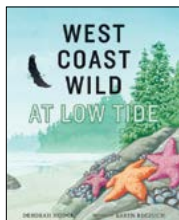
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32 pages, full-colour, 10 1/4" x 9 1/2"

IL: Ages 4-7 RL: Grades 2-3

Words burn bright in this joyful celebration of rap, creativity and self-expression. Starting with beatboxes, claps and finger snaps, an exuberant narrator introduces kids in his community to the powerful possibilities of rap: from turning a simple phrase into soaring imagery; inciting a musical riot; to proclaiming, "this is a voice that represents me!"

MUSIC | RAP | REPRESENTATION | HIP-HOP | SELF-EXPRESSION



West Coast Wild at Low Tide (West Coast Wild, Book 3)

Written by Deborah Hodge
Illustrated by Karen Reczuch

Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2022

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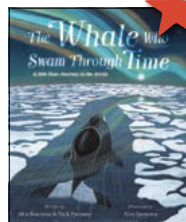
□ \$16.99 EB 978-1-77306-414-7

40 pages, full-colour, 8 3/4" x 11"

IL: Ages 3-6 RL: Grades 2-3

At the edge of the Pacific Ocean, where land and sea meet, lies a narrow strip of beach called the intertidal zone. A remarkable community of shoreline creatures flourish here. In this third book in the West Coast Wild series, readers meet sea stars, a giant Pacific octopus, hermit crabs, delicate sand dollars, fish that camouflage and other intriguing marine animals.

PACIFIC WEST COAST | OCEANS | MARINE ECOSYSTEMS | MARINE LIFE | EXPLORATION | DISCOVERY



The Whale Who Swam Through Time: A 200-Year Journey in the Arctic

Written by Alex Boersma and Nick Pyenson

Illustrated by Alex Boersma

New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2022

□ \$26.99 HC (jacket) 978-1-250-80302-3

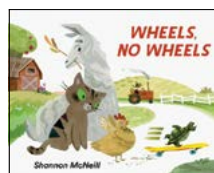
□ \$11.99 EB 978-1-250-88208-0

48 pages, full-colour, 9" x 11"

IL: Ages 5-8 RL: Grades 2-3

In this non-fiction picture book, readers meet a bowhead whale calf and follow her 200-year-long journey through the Arctic, from learning to feed herself to having her own calves. Her Arctic home changes as she ages, with increasing dangers including oil rigs, noise and plastic pollution and less sea ice. An important look at how human activity affects the natural world.

WHALES | BOWHEAD WHALES | ARCTIC | ENVIRONMENTALISM | OCEAN LIFE | MARINE ECOSYSTEMS | POLLUTION | CLIMATE CHANGE



Wheels, No Wheels

Written and illustrated by Shannon McNeill

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2022

□ \$23.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-0-7352-7037-4

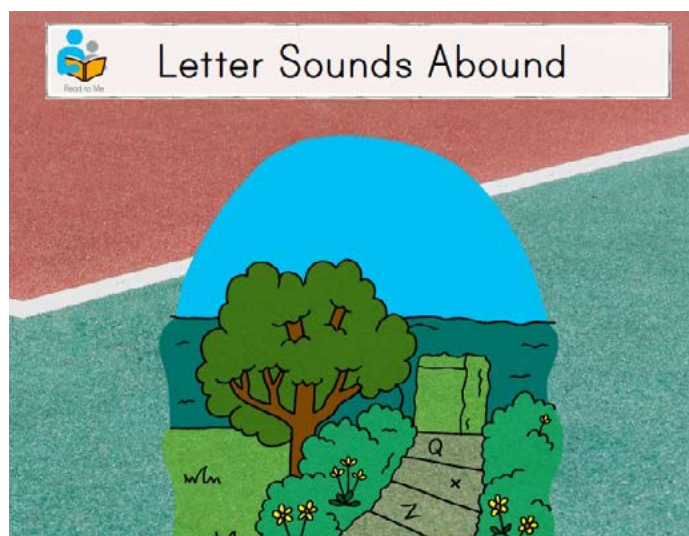
□ \$11.99 EB 978-0-7352-7038-1

32 pages, full-colour, 10" x 8"

IL: Ages 3-7 RL: Grades 1-2

A llama has no wheels. But a tractor has wheels. A turtle has no wheels. But a skateboard has wheels. A cat has no wheels. But a bike has wheels... Some wily farm animals go for a ride, leaving the farmer without her wheels. The animals go and go and go, and chaos ensues. But wait... The chicken has wheels?

HUMOUR | ANIMALS | FARM ANIMALS | ADVENTURE



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FOR KIDS AGES 2 AND UP



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Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2022

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□ \$16.99 EB 978-1-77306-255-6

32 pages, full-colour, 8 1/2" x 11"

IL: Ages 3-6 RL: Grades 1-2

"Please, be quiet!" A child hears these words and sits in silence while her imagination sweeps her away. When she sits still, she can hear the trees breathing. When the trees begin to dance, bears join in, making so much noise they wake up a dragon! The adventure continues, as one wonderful flight of fancy leads to the next.

IMAGINATION | CREATIVITY | SILENCE



When the Wind Came

Written by Jan Andrews

Illustrated by Dorothy Leung

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2022

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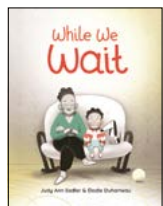
□ \$12.99 EB 978-1-5253-0365-4

32 pages, full-colour, 9 1/2" x 9 1/2"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

A young girl remembers the day the wind came—a storm that destroyed their home while her family took refuge in the root cellar. As she helps her parents in the storm's aftermath, the girl finds something special, something unbroken... This picture book reminds us how light can always be found even on the darkest days.

NATURAL DISASTERS | FAMILY | RESILIENCE | HOPE



While We Wait

Written by Judy Ann Sadler

Illustrated by Élodie Duhamel

Toronto: Owlkids Books, 2022

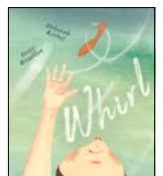
□ \$19.95 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-77147-440-5

32 pages, full-colour, 8 1/2" x 11"

IL: Ages 3-7 RL: Grades 1-2

A boy and his grandmother are waiting for... something. As the hours go by, they fill the day together. They sit and knit, they stretch, they rock, they dance, they snack, and they talk. But still, time passes slowly until it's finally time! The long wait is over when the boy's parents come home with a special arrival.

FAMILY | INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS | PATIENCE | WAITING



Whirl

Storyline by Deborah Kerbel

Illustrated by Josée Bisaillon

Toronto: Owlkids Books, 2022

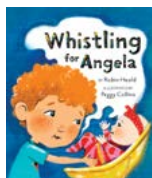
□ \$19.95 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-77147-428-3

32 pages, full-colour, 9 1/2" x 11"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: n/a

A stray maple seed, sometimes called a maple key or whirlingig, is picked up by the wind and begins a long journey. It twirls and flips through a family's backyard. Eventually, it finds a place to set down roots. Years later, that family takes a walk in the forest and meets the maple seed again—this time as a maple sapling!

WORDLESS BOOK | NATURE | NATURAL WORLD | JOURNEYS | URBAN FORESTS



Whistling for Angela

Written by Robin Heald

Illustrated by Peggy Collins

Toronto: Pajama Press, 2022

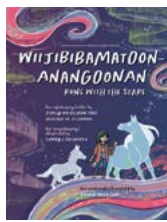
□ \$22.95 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-77278-245-5

40 pages, full-colour, 9 1/2" x 11"

IL: Ages 5-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Daniel wants to whistle like the birds he loves as a gift to his new adoptive baby sister Angela. When he can't get the knack of whistling, it is Jessie, Angela's birth mother, who knows just what to do. When his family says goodbye to Jessie, Daniel reassures her that he and his family will love and take care of Angela.

BABIES | ADOPTION | FAMILY | LOVE



Wiijibibamatoo-anangoonan/ Runs With the Stars

Written by Darcy Whitecrow and Heather M. O'Connor

Illustrated by Lenny Lishchenko

Anishinaabemowin translation by Kelvin Morrison

Toronto: Second Story Press, 2022

□ \$19.95 HC 978-1-77260-220-3

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32 pages, full-colour, 8 1/2" x 11"

IL: Ages 6-8 RL: Grades 2-3

As they await the birth of a new foal, a man teaches his grandchild about the Ojibwe horses that used to run wild and free in the forests of northwestern Ontario. When Grandfather was a boy, they almost disappeared. Now, Grandfather has his own small herd, keeping the breed alive for future generations. Also available as English-only text.

CANADA | HORSES | INDIGENOUS HERITAGE | INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS | OJIBWE



Wildflower

Written by Melanie Brown

Illustrated by Sara Gillingham

Vancouver: Greystone Kids, 2022

□ \$22.95 HC 978-1-77164-906-3

□ \$22.95 EB 978-1-77164-907-0

32 pages, full-colour, 8" x 11"

IL: Ages 3-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Daisy is just opening her petals to the sun when Rose tells her that she's a weed—something that wasn't planted on purpose. Daisy isn't tall like Sunflower, sweet like Strawberry, or fragrant like Rose. Daisy is sad that she is a weed until another plant offers Daisy a different perspective. Daisy's a wildflower, and every plant is special.

GARDENS | WEEDS | FLOWERS | BELONGING



You Are My Favorite Color

Written by Gillian Sze

Illustrated by Nina Mata

New York: Philomel Books, 2022

□ \$23.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-0-593-20310-1

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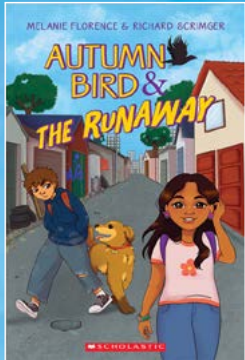
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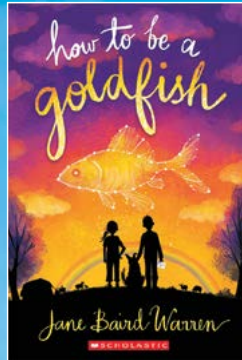
"When you ask me why your skin is brown, I will tell you that you are my favorite color." So begins a mother's celebration of her children's brown skin. This picture book reminds young readers that they have shades of colour that only they can discover and express. A celebration of brown skin, in all its infinite shades, and of multiracial families.

FAMILY | MULTIRACIAL FAMILIES | LOVE | COLOURS

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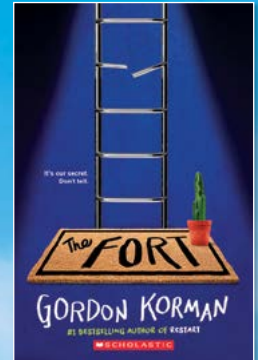
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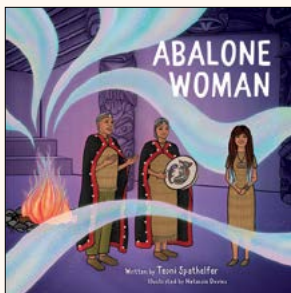
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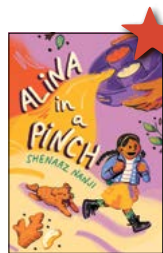


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IL: Ages 6-9 RL: Grades 2-3

Alina is struggling to fit in at her new school. With her beloved Nani's help, Alina learns to cook her favourite Afro-Indian meals and is inspired to audition for a Junior Chef competition. Can Alina stay true to herself, embrace her heritage, and still fit in?

DIVERSITY | FITTING IN | COOKING | IDENTITY | BULLYING | SCHOOL LIFE | INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS



Anne's Tragical Tea Party

(An Anne Chapter Book, Book 4)

Written by Kallie George

Illustrated by Abigail Halpin

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2022

☐ \$16.99 HC (jacket) 978-0-7352-6722-0

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65 pages, full-colour, 6 1/2" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 6-9 RL: Grades 2-3

Marilla allows Anne Shirley to host a tea party and invite her kindred spirit, Diana. Anne sets out to host the loveliest and grown-uppiest tea party she can muster. But she accidentally makes Diana sick by giving her the wrong drink, and Diana's mother is furious. Will Anne ever be forgiven?

ANNE OF GREEN GABLES | FRIENDSHIP | RESPONSIBILITY | FORGIVENESS



Bear in the Family

(Orca Echoes)

Written by Eric Walters

Illustrated by Olga Barinova

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022

☐ \$7.95 PB 978-1-4598-3297-8

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89 pages, b&w, 5 1/4" x 7 5/8"

IL: Ages 6-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Returning home after a wildfire, siblings Jasmin and Hunter find an orphaned bear cub stuck in a well. Rescuing the cub was the easy part; caring for it is much harder. The cub turns out to be exactly what one would expect of a wild animal—a huge handful!

WILDFIRES | WILDLIFE REHABILITATION | WILDLIFE RESCUE | RURAL LIFE | FAMILY | RESPONSIBILITY



Bee & Flea and the Compost Caper

(Bee & Flea, Book 1)

Written by Anna Humphrey

Illustrated by Mike Deas

Toronto: Owlkids Books, 2022

☐ \$18.95 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-77147-420-7

119 pages, b&w, 6" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 6-9 RL: Grades 3-4

Unlikely bug buddies bring the science of compost heaps to life. Flea, the one and only agent of F.L.E.A., the Fenced-in-Area Law Enforcement Agency, enlists Bee's help to investigate trouble in the compost bin. There, the pair discover bopping bacteria, wriggling worms and mites playing dodge-poop... But, as Bee and Flea learn, there is more to this compost chaos than meets the eye!

COMPOSTING | BUGS | HUMOUR | STEM EDUCATION | FRIENDSHIP



Belly of the Beast

(The Fabled Stables, Book 3)

Written by Jonathan Auxier

Illustrated by Olga Demidova

Toronto: Puffin Canada, 2022

☐ \$16.99 HC 978-0-7352-6778-7

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81 pages, full-colour, 6" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 6-9 RL: Grades 2-3

Auggie is worried his caretaking days at the Fabled Stables are numbered. When he gets the alert to rescue a mysterious creature called a Shibboleth, he hopes to prove his worth. In a castle tower, Auggie meets a band of Rooks, a curious girl and a very hungry monster... Now he must muster all his courage and cleverness to save the day.

FANTASY | MAGIC | COURAGE | PROBLEM SOLVING | MAGICAL CREATURES | FRIENDSHIP



Daphne's Bees

Written by Catherine Dempsey

Illustrated by Veselina Tomova

Tors Cove, NL: Running the Goat Books & BroadSides, 2022

☐ \$14.99 PB 978-1-927917-50-3

48 pages, full-colour, 11" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 6-9 RL: Grades 2-3

Daphne is abuzz with excitement! It's her 10th birthday and she is getting her very own bee hive! Daphne's been learning the ins and outs of beekeeping from her grandmother. Together they assemble hive boxes, set up a colony, tend to the colony, and gather honey. Told in a simple, straightforward manner, this informational storybook offers an introduction to beekeeping.

BEES | BEEKEEPING | INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS | NATURE | NATURAL WORLD



Hush, Puppy

(Orca Echoes: Charlie's Rules, Book 3)

Written by Sigmund Brouwer

Illustrated by Sabrina Gendron

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022

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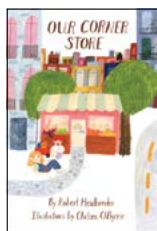
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IL: Ages 6-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Charlie, 11, lives by the rules he writes down in his notebook. Faced with a swarm of bees attached to a car, a cat with an unusual lump, a big dog who eats jewellery, and a best friend who's upset for reasons he doesn't understand, Charlie is put to the test. Can his rules help solve these problems?

FRIENDSHIP | ANIMAL CARE | PROBLEM SOLVING | SENSITIVITY | HUMOUR



Our Corner Store

Written by Robert Heidbreder

Illustrated by Chelsea O'Byrne

Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2020

☐ \$16.95 HC (jacket) 978-1-77306-216-7

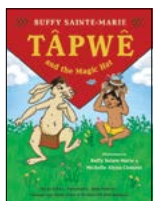
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60 pages, full-colour, 5 1/2" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 6-9 RL: Grades 2-3

For a brother and sister, Stanstones corner grocery store is the heart of their neighbourhood. The store is the source of many adventures: a memorably spooky Halloween; playing tricks on Mr. and Mrs. Stanstones; and searching for Toby, the store cat, when he goes missing. But can their beloved store stay in business when big new supermarkets open nearby?

VERSE | SIBLINGS | COMMUNITY | NEIGHBOURHOODS | CORNER STORE



Tâpwê and the Magic Hat

Written by Buffy Sainte-Marie

Illustrated by Buffy Sainte-Marie and Michelle Alyn Clement

Vancouver: Greystone Kids, 2022

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IL: Ages 6-9 RL: Grades 2-3

Gifted a magical hat by his Kohkom with bluebirds and grass snakes that come to life, Tâpwê spends a week meeting his cousins on the other side of his reserve, taking part in a powwow and sleeping in a tipi. But, in all the excitement, Tâpwê forgets his Kohkom's advice: watch out for tricksters! Is a new friend leading him astray with mischief? Available in Cree as *tâpwê êkwa mamâhtâwastotin*.

INDIGENOUS STORYTELLING | MAGIC | TRICKSTER STORIES | CREE FIRST NATION | ADVENTURE



Wednesday Wilson Fixes All Your Problems (Wednesday Wilson, Book 2)

Written by Bree Galbraith

Illustrated by Morgan Goble

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2022

☐ \$16.99 HC 978-1-5253-0328-9

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136 pages, b&w, 5 1/4" x 7 1/4"

IL: Ages 6-9 RL: Grades 2-3

Wednesday's little brother Mister is anxious about speaking at the school assembly. Wednesday gets an idea and offers Mister a marble—promising that a worry marble will help calm his nerves. Soon she's selling worry marbles to other anxious schoolmates. Has Wednesday just hit entrepreneurial gold?

SCHOOL LIFE | SIBLINGS | FAMILY | ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT | FRIENDSHIP



The Weird Sisters: A Note, a Goat, and a Casserole (Weird Sisters Detective Agency, Book 1)

Written by Mark David Smith

Illustrated by Kari Rust

Toronto: Owlkids Books, 2022

☐ \$18.95 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-77147-456-6

69 pages, b&w, 5 1/2" x 7 1/4"

IL: Ages 6-9 RL: Grades 2-3

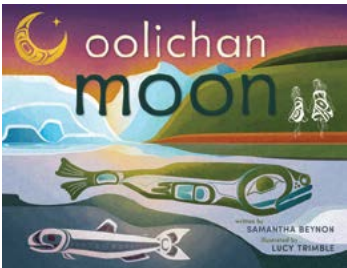
Three sisters arrive in the town of Covenly to open a pet store. Some town residents think the sisters are a bit... weird. Their first customer hopes the sisters can help find her pet goat. As they set out to search, they stumble over another mystery—a curious casserole dish and a note suggesting the sisters leave town.

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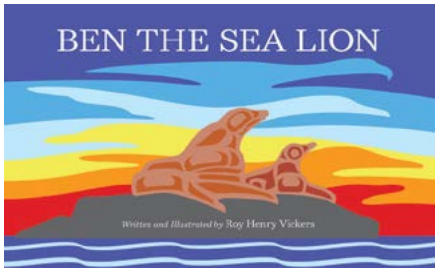


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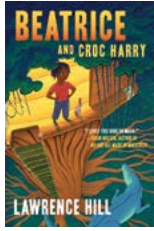
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Beatrice and Croc Harry

Written by Lawrence Hill

Toronto: HarperCollins Publishers, 2022

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□ \$11.99 EB 978-1-4434-6337-9

□ \$35.99 AB 978-1-4434-6729-2

374 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 9-13 RL: Grades 4-5

Beatrice wakes up all alone in a tree house in the magical forest of Argilia, where all the animals can speak. Outside, Beatrice meets the most unlikely ally, King Crocodile Croc Harry. Forming an unusual alliance and working together, Beatrice and Croc Harry learn more about their forest home—and about themselves—than they ever could have imagined.

ADVENTURE | FANTASY | FRIENDSHIP | FORGIVENESS | STORYTELLING | ACCEPTANCE



A Bend in the Breeze

Written by Valerie Sherrard

Toronto: DCB Young Readers, 2022

□ \$13.95 PB 978-1-77086-647-8

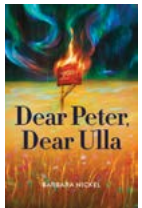
□ \$9.99 EB 978-1-77086-648-5

240 pages, 5 3/8" x 8"

IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 3-4

Pascale, 11, finds herself on a lifeboat drifting toward an uncharted island. She wants to get back to her family, but the Elders of TeJé believe she's the Long Awaited—a visitor who will determine their island community's future. When strange things begin to happen, Pascale finds it impossible to be certain of anything. Could she be the Long Awaited after all?

FANTASY | COMMUNITY | PROPHECIES | COMPASSION | ACCEPTANCE | GRATITUDE



Dear Peter, Dear Ulla

Written by Barbara Nickel

Saskatoon: ThistleDown Press, 2021

□ \$16.95 PB 978-1-77187-217-1

349 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 3-4

Two cousins have become fast friends through the exchange of letters until the outbreak of World War II interrupts their conversation. Ulla lives in Danzig, a city now occupied by the Nazis, and Peter lives on a Mennonite farm in Saskatchewan. Must they consider each other enemies now that Canada and Germany are at war?

FRIENDSHIP | WORLD WAR II | BULLYING | VIOLENCE | COURAGE | HISTORICAL FICTION



Eight Days

Written by Teresa Toten

Toronto: Scholastic Canada, 2022

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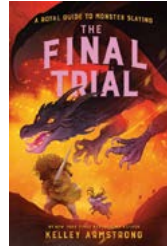
□ \$12.99 EB 978-1-4431-9003-9

298 pages, 5 3/16" x 8 3/8"

IL: Ages 10-14 RL: Grades 4-5

When unexpected news shakes her world, Sami comes face to face with her deepest fears. Is there anywhere she really belongs? From Toronto's Thorncliffe Park to Chicago's south side and back again, Sami, her recovering alcoholic grandfather, Carl, and Aggie, a beloved neighbour, set off together on a journey that will change Sami's life forever.

FAMILY | SECRETS | SELF-DISCOVERY | LOSS | BELONGING | ROAD TRIPS | COMMUNITY | DIVERSITY



The Final Trial

(A Royal Guide to Monster Slaying, Book 4)

Written by Kelley Armstrong

Illustrated by Xavière Daumarie

Toronto: Puffin Canada, 2022

□ \$19.99 HC (jacket) 978-0-7352-7020-6

□ \$10.99 EB 978-0-7352-7021-3

□ \$19.99 AB 978-0-7352-7023-7

293 pages, b&w, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 10-14 RL: Grades 4-5

After discovering the true reason for the monster migration, Rowan is on an expedition to prove that she is worthy of the ebony monster-slaying sword. She and her twin brother Rhydd are on a mission to help protect the dragon living in their homeland. If she succeeds, she will become Royal Monster Hunter at long last.

ACTION | ADVENTURE | MONSTERS | FANTASY | MYTHOLOGY



For the Record

Written by Monique Polak

Toronto: Owlkids Books, 2022

□ \$19.95 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-77147-437-5

252 pages, 5" x 7 3/4"

IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grades 2-3

Twelve-year-old Justine's parents are recently divorced. Her mother, whose anxiety manifests as the need to control, enlists Justine in collecting evidence that would lead to her getting sole custody. At first, Justine goes along with the plan. But when she finds herself crafting an outright lie for her mother's court case, Justine starts to question her mother's behaviour—and her own.

DIVORCE | FAMILY | ANXIETY | TRUTH | MANIPULATION | LIES



The Fort

Written by Gordon Korman

New York: Scholastic Press, 2022

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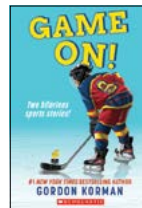
□ \$19.99 EB 978-1-338-62915-6

239 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 3-4

The morning after a hurricane rips through town, five friends find an old bomb shelter—a completely intact underground lair—and turn it into their secret fort. The shelter soon becomes a very real refuge for one of the boys trying to avoid an abusive stepfather. The fort is the safest place they have. Will they be able to protect it?

FRIENDSHIP | SECRETS | DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | ABUSE | BULLYING | DIVORCE | MENTAL HEALTH



Game On!

Written by Gordon Korman

Toronto: Scholastic Canada, 2021

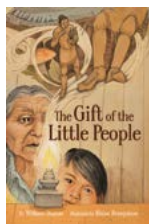
□ \$12.99 PB 978-1-4431-8242-3

395 pages, 5 1/4" x 7 5/8"

IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 3-4

This collection includes two favourite books by bestselling author Gordon Korman—*The Chicken Doesn't Skate* and *The Toilet Paper Tigers*. Whether following the adventures of an ill-fated baby chick who becomes a school hockey team's mascot or those of a middle grader whose Little League dreams are heading straight down the toilet, these two stories deliver a laugh-filled read.

HUMOUR | SPORTS | BASEBALL | HOCKEY | SCHOOL LIFE



The Gift of the Little People (Six Seasons of the Asiniskaw Ithiniwak)

Written by William Dumas

Illustrated by Rhian Brynolson

Winnipeg: HighWater Press, 2022

☐ \$22.95 HC 978-1-55379-992-4

☐ \$18.00 EB 978-1-55379-993-1

40 pages, full-colour, 6" x 9"

IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 4-5

In this illustrated short story, Rocky Cree storyteller William Dumas shares a teaching about hope in the face of adversity. Helpless to stop a deadly illness, Rocky Cree Elder Kākakiw struggles to help the sick as his people pass into the spirit world. To save them, Kākakiw must overcome doubt and trust in traditional teachings and the gift of the Little People.

INDIGENOUS STORYTELLING | ADVERSITY | HOPE | ROCKY CREE | INDIGENOUS TEACHINGS



The Grave Thief

Written by Dee Hahn

Toronto: Puffin Canada, 2022

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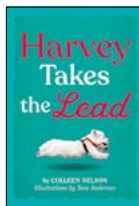
☐ \$11.99 EB 978-0-7352-6944-6

334 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grades 4-5

Spade, 12, digs up the dead to steal jewels. When he and his brother get caught robbing a royal grave, Spade is forced to hunt down a deadly creature called the Woegan in exchange for their freedom. Spade meets Ember, the Queen's niece, and together they work to solve a mystery involving the Woegan, a missing King, and a mysterious pebble.

FANTASY | ADVENTURE | FRIENDSHIP | COURAGE | MYSTERY | MAGIC



Harvey Takes the Lead (Harvey, Book 3)

Written by Colleen Nelson

Illustrated by Tara Anderson

Toronto: Pajama Press, 2022

☐ \$22.95 HC (jacket) 978-1-77278-240-0

256 pages, b&w, 5 1/2" x 8"

IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grades 3-4

Harvey is back with Maggie, Austin and the residents of Brayside Retirement Villa. When the Assistant Director starts enforcing new rules, Harvey's visits become more difficult, and the residents and staff aren't happy. Maggie and Austin are also experiencing difficulties at school. With all the changes, can Harvey stay a part of the Brayside community?

DOGS | PETS | FRIENDSHIP | INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS | SCHOOL LIFE | PERSEVERANCE



Just Dance (Whatever After, Book 15)

Written by Sarah Mlynowski

New York: Scholastic Press, 2022

☐ \$19.99 HC (jacket) 978-1-338-77555-6

☐ \$15.99 EB 978-1-338-77556-3

159 pages, 5 1/2" x 7 1/2"

IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 3-4

With help from the magical fairy Maryrose, the magic mirror sends Abby and Jonah into the story of *The Twelve Dancing Princesses* to find the enchanted object that will give Maryrose her fairy powers back. Can Abby and Jonah get an invisibility cloak, learn some complicated dance steps, and avoid the dungeon to help their friend?

FRACTURED FAIRY TALES | SIBLINGS | ADVENTURE | MAGIC | TWELVE DANCING PRINCESSES



Last Week

Written by Bill Richardson

Illustrated by Emilie Leduc

Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2022

☐ \$14.99 HC (jacket) 978-1-77306-566-3

☐ \$12.99 EB 978-1-77306-567-0

63 pages, full-colour, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 4-5

A child counts every second because this is their grandmother's last week of life. Especially precious are the times they have alone, just the two of them. As Sunday approaches, the child must find a way to say goodbye. A nuanced look at what death with dignity can mean to a whole family, with an afterword and additional resources.

MEDICALLY ASSISTED DEATH | FAMILY | LOSS | INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS | ACCEPTANCE



Let the Monster Out

Written by Chad Lucas

New York: Amulet Books, 2022

☐ \$22.99 HC (jacket) 978-1-4197-5126-4

☐ \$19.40 EB 978-1-6470-0542-9

316 pages, 5 1/2" x 8"

IL: Ages 10-14 RL: Grades 3-4

Bones Malone and Kyle Specks are an unlikely pair. Bones, one of the only Black kids in his new small town, feels like he can't do anything right. Kyle has a hard time fitting in and suspects he might be neurodivergent. When things in their town start getting weird, the two boys work together to save their community.

FRIENDSHIP | ACCEPTANCE | SCIENCE FICTION | MYSTERY | THRILLER | BASEBALL | FEARS



Lost Shadow (A Song Dog Adventure, Book 2)

Written by Claire Gilchrist

Toronto: Dundurn, 2021

☐ \$13.99 PB 978-1-4597-4825-5

☐ \$8.99 EB 978-1-4597-4827-9

202 pages, 5" x 8"

IL: Ages 8-13 RL: Grades 4-5

It's winter, and Pica and Scruff are struggling to find food when the unthinkable happens: Pica gets locked in a delivery truck and is driven into the wilderness. Alone, Scruff finds a new pack that plays a dangerous game relying on human food. Pica rallies all her strength and courage to survive wolves, leg traps and mountains to get back to Scruff.

COYOTES | ADVENTURE | URBAN WILDLIFE | FRIENDSHIP | CHALLENGES | SURVIVAL

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Me Three

Written by Susan Juby

Toronto: Puffin Canada, 2022
□ \$22.99 HC (jacket) 978-0-7352-6872-2
□ \$10.99 EB 978-0-7352-6873-9
□ \$22.99 AB 978-1-7748-8137-8
219 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"
IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grades 4-5

Rodney is starting sixth grade in a new school, in a new home, in a new state. In Las Vegas, he'd been a popular fifth grader with a cool dad—a successful professional poker player. Now his old life is over, and his dad is in rehab, facing sexual harassment allegations. Can Rodney accept the truth of his new life?

HUMOUR | FAMILY | CHANGE | ACCEPTANCE | #METOO | GROWING UP



Metatron's Children

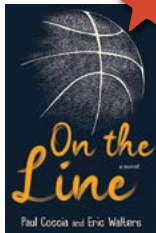
Written by Chy Ryan Spain

Illustrated by Sydney Kuhne

Toronto: Flamingo Rampant, 2022
□ \$14.95 PB 978-1-9991562-7-5
135 pages, full-colour, 6" x 9"
IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 4-5

It's 2130, and 12-year-old Black, non-binary Yren and their sibling Augi, are navigating the development of their unusual extra-sensory abilities and their feelings of grief and guilt following a tragic accident that kills their parents. Along the way, and with the help of a few friends, they unravel a mystery that very well may save what is left of humanity.

SIBLINGS | MYSTERY | FRIENDSHIP | RESILIENCE | FANTASY | ADVENTURE | LGBTQ2S+ | NON-BINARY



On the Line

Written by Paul Coccia and Eric Walters

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022
□ \$12.95 PB 978-1-4598-2713-4
□ \$9.99 EB 978-1-4598-2715-8
304 pages, 5" x 7 1/2"
IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grades 5-6

Jordan learns that his dad, who taught him everything he knows about basketball, is gay. There's a championship game coming up, and Jordan needs his dad but feels abandoned. A new girl with wicked basketball skills, and a revelation from his best friend, help Jordie understand that while life is full of upheaval, some things never change.

BASKETBALL | FAMILY | PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS | LGBTQ2S+ | IDENTITY | HOMOPHOBIA | FRIENDSHIP



Operation Do-Over

Written by Gordon Korman

Toronto: Scholastic Canada, 2022
□ \$22.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-4431-9378-8
□ \$22.99 EB 978-1-4431-9379-5
294 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"
IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grades 4-5

Until Ava Petrakis, Mason and Ty were best friends, two nerdy sides of the same coin. But five years later, everything has gone wrong and Mason's life is a mess. So, when he wakes up from a freak accident and finds himself transported back to seventh grade, he's determined to use this second chance to save his friendship. Are do-overs possible?

CHOICES | FRIENDSHIP | HUMOUR | MISTAKES | AMENDS | REDEMPTION | SCHOOL LIFE



Peanut Butter and Chaos (The Mythic Adventures of Samuel Templeton, Book 1)

Written by Anita Dahar

Winnipeg: Yellow Dog, 2022
□ \$12.95 PB 978-1-77337-077-4
□ \$12.99 EB 978-1-77337-078-1
174 pages, 5" x 8"
IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grades 4-5

Sam, 12, is struck by a bolt of lightning and now he sees everything in pixels. His life is further upended by Flum, a non-binary being from a parallel world, a missing neighbour, and astonishing powers. Science and magic collide as Sam races to solve a mystery and help Flum return home. But what happens when solving one mystery sparks another?

MYSTERY | ADVENTURE | ALTERNATE REALITIES | LGBTQ2S+ | NON-BINARY | FANTASY | SCIENCE FICTION



Screamers

Written by Joel A. Sutherland

Toronto: Scholastic Canada, 2021
□ \$8.99 PB 978-1-4431-8278-2
□ \$8.99 EB 978-1-4431-8279-9
155 pages, b&w, 5 1/4" x 7 5/8"
IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grades 4-5

Sai, Jason and Aaliyah are thrilled to be cast for a special episode of the TV show *Screamers*. Zoë, the show's star, is excited to hang out with kids her own age. When the set—a creepy abandoned amusement park—turns out to be haunted by an evil clown, the kids must put on the performance of their lives.

HORROR | HAUNTING | GHOSTS | ACTION | FRIENDSHIP



The Secret Diary of Mona Hasan

Written by Salma Hussain

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2022
□ \$23.99 HC (jacket) 978-0-7352-7149-4
□ \$11.99 EB 978-0-7352-7150-0
□ \$23.99 AB 978-1-77049-944-7
282 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"
IL: Ages 10-14 RL: Grades 5-6

Mona is a Muslim girl growing up in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The first Gulf War sparks big changes in her life. Over the course of a year, Mona falls in love, learns to speak up, loses her best friend, has summer adventures in Pakistan, immigrates to Canada, and pursues her ambition to be a feminist and a poet.

WAR | CHANGE | MOVING | IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE | FAMILY | FRIENDSHIP | SCHOOL LIFE



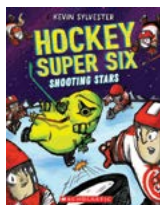
Shadow Grave

Written by Marina Cohen

New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2022
□ \$22.99 HC (jacket) 978-1-250-78300-4
□ \$10.99 EB 978-1-250-78301-1
276 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"
IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 4-5

After a collision with a strange beast totals the family's car, 12-year-old Arlo, his mom, and his sister end up stranded in the eerie town of Livermore. The few residents live without modern conveniences. When Arlo stumbles upon a dark secret that the town's inhabitants will kill to keep, getting out of Livermore becomes a matter of life or death.

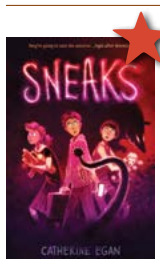
FAMILY | ANXIETY | MYSTERY | HORROR | SPOOKY STORIES



Shooting Stars
(Hockey Super Six, Book 4)
Written and illustrated by Kevin Sylvester
Toronto: Scholastic Canada, 2022
□ \$8.99 PB 978-1-4431-8295-9
□ \$8.99 EB 978-1-4431-9406-8
169 pages, b&w, 5 7/8" x 7 1/2"
IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 3-4

Benny, Jenny, Karl, Starlight, DJ and Mo got zapped in an evil plot gone wrong—and became the super-est team the world has ever seen. Lucky thing, because they have to face off against formerly microscopic, now ginormous, tardigrades in an epic space battle! Can the Super Six use their hockey superpowers to thwart the baddies? Available in French as *Les étoiles du match*.

ACTION | HUMOUR | HOCKEY | TEAMWORK | SUPERPOWERS



Sneaks
Written by Catherine Egan
New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2022
□ \$22.99 HC (jacket) 978-0-593-30640-6
□ \$10.99 EB 978-0-593-30642-0
□ \$27.00 AB 978-0-593-51036-0
326 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"
IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 3-4

Ben's doing a boring local history project with two other misfits, Charlotte and Akemi, when he sees his first Sneak—an interdimensional mischief-maker that takes the form of ordinary objects. Their project turns from dull to epic when they interview an elderly town resident. Now Ben, Charlotte and Akemi are trying to decode a cryptic book in time to stop an alien takeover.

MYSTERY | SCIENCE FICTION | ADVENTURE | FANTASY | ALIENS | SCHOOL LIFE | FRIENDSHIP



A Sure Cure for Witchcraft
Written by Laura Best
Halifax: Nimbus Publishing, 2021
□ \$13.95 PB 978-1-77108-977-7
□ \$8.99 EB 978-1-77108-984-5
185 pages, 5 1/4" x 7 3/4"
IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grades 4-5

Eighteenth-century Württemberg: Lilli, 13, knows that Alisz, who's teaching her how to heal people, isn't a witch. But Lilli's father, afraid of witchcraft, moves his family to the New World. Lilli and Alisz pledge to be soul friends, inseparable by oceans or years... and across time. Now, in present-day Nova Scotia, Lilly and Alice are finding each other again.

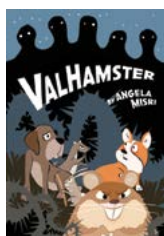
HISTORICAL FICTION | 18TH CENTURY | WITCHES | FRIENDSHIP | SUPERNATURAL



Under the Iron Bridge
(The Holocaust Remembrance Series for Young Readers)
Written by Kathy Kacer
Toronto: Second Story Press, 2021
□ \$13.95 PB 978-1-77260-205-0
□ \$9.99 EB 978-1-77260-206-7
222 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"
IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grades 4-5

1938: Dusseldorf, Germany. Desperate to escape joining the Hitler Youth, Paul stumbles across the Edelweiss Pirates, a group of teenage rebels working to undermine the growing power of the Nazis by leading a dangerous campaign of sabotage against them. During the terrifying violence of Kristallnacht, Paul must make a life-changing decision. A story of courage in the face of cruelty.

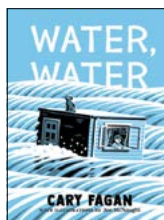
HISTORICAL FICTION | WORLD WAR II | GERMANY | COURAGE | RESISTANCE



ValHamster
(Tails from the Apocalypse, Book 3)
Written by Angela Misri
Toronto: DCB Young Readers, 2022
□ \$13.95 PB 978-1-77086-651-5
□ \$9.99 EB 978-1-77086-652-2
154 pages, 5 3/8" x 8"
IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grades 4-5

Emmy is an unsurpassed zombie fighter who fiercely defends her animal friends. Woe to any undead human crossing her path. But when a weasel is invited to join their camp, Emmy feels betrayed. She decides to go solo—a lone warrior—but discovers that it is the love of her friends that gives her the courage to fight zombies.

ZOMBIES | ANIMALS | HUMOUR | PREJUDICE | FRIENDSHIP | FOUND FAMILY



Water, Water
Written by Cary Fagan
Illustrated by Jon McNaught
Toronto: Tundra Books, 2022
□ \$22.99 HC 978-0-7352-7003-9
□ \$10.99 EB 978-0-7352-7004-6
□ \$22.99 AB 978-1-77488-139-2
153 pages, two-colour, 6" x 7 3/4"
IL: Ages 10-14 RL: Grades 5-6

One morning, 12-year-old Rafe wakes up to discover his bedroom is floating in a sea of water. With only his dog for company, Rafe gathers flotsam, fends off pirates and encounters other survivors. Then, one day, Rafe fishes out Dao, who joins him in his room—they don't speak the same language, but they will face this uncertain future together.

LOSS | GRIEF | FRIENDSHIP | PERSEVERANCE | SURVIVAL | INGENUITY

Junior & Intermediate Fiction

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What the Dog Knows

Written by Sylvia McNicoll

Toronto: Dundurn, 2022

□ \$13.99 PB 978-1-4597-4989-4

□ \$8.99 EB 978-1-4597-4991-7

230 pages, 5" x 8"

IL: Ages 10-14 RL: Grades 5-6

In Naomi's worst summer ever, her dog Diesel dies, her dad loses his job, her parents split up, and she's stuck babysitting instead of taking swimming lessons. Then, on July 1, at precisely 4:30, Naomi drowns. She awakes a week earlier to Diesel talking to her—he knows why her watch keeps resetting to 4:30 on July 1. Can his knowledge save her?

FRIENDSHIP | FAMILY | SECOND CHANCES | CHOICES | DEATH | TRUST | DOGS



The Witch's Apprentice (Dragons in a Bag, Book 3)

Written by Zetta Elliott

Illustrated by Cherise Harris

New York: Random House Children's Books, 2022

□ \$22.99 HC (jacket) 978-0-593-42770-5

□ \$10.99 EB 978-0-593-42772-9

□ \$24.00 AB 978-0-593-50548-9

265 pages, b&w, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 3-4

Magic is out of balance, and a strange sleeping sickness is spreading across the city. Jaxon's friends, Kenny and Kavita, are changing, becoming more like the fairy and dragon they'd cared for. Also, Jax is hiding a secret—a phoenix egg. Can Jax find the strength and magic he needs to help his friends and hatch the phoenix?

MAGIC | DRAGONS | FANTASY | WITCHES | FRIENDSHIP | SELF-DISCOVERY



Zachary Ying and the Dragon Emperor

Written by Xiran Jay Zhao

New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2022

□ \$21.99 HC (jacket) 978-1-6659-0070-6

□ \$11.99 EB 978-1-6659-0072-0

□ \$25.99 AB 978-1-7971-4672-0

340 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

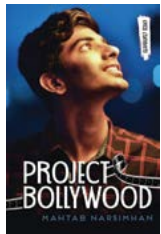
IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 3-4

After his gaming headset is possessed by the spirit of the First Emperor of China, 12-year-old Chinese American Zack Ying must travel across China to steal an ancient artifact, fight figures from Chinese history and myth, and seal a portal to prevent malicious spirits from destroying the human realm. Can Zack prevent spirits of the underworld from flooding into the mortal realm?

ACTION | HUMOUR | FANTASY | ADVENTURE | MYTHOLOGY | CHINESE HISTORY | IDENTITY | SELF-DISCOVERY

Middle Years Fiction (Hi-Lo)

FOR RELUCTANT READERS AGES 9-12



Project Bollywood (Orca Currents)

Written by Mahtab Narsimhan

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022

□ \$10.95 PB 978-1-4598-3211-4

□ \$8.99 EB 978-1-4598-3213-8

116 pages, 5" x 7 1/2"

IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grade 2

Salman loves Hindi movies and wants to produce a short Bollywood film for his school project. He insists his friends follow his script exactly, making unreasonable demands and ignoring all suggestions to improve the script, which is full of stereotypes. When his entire cast threatens to walk out, Salman must decide whether to stand firm or find a way to collaborate.

FRIENDSHIP | CONFLICT | COLLABORATION | SCHOOL LIFE | FILMMAKING



Willpower (Orca Currents)

Written by Marty Chan

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022

□ \$10.95 PB 978-1-4598-3291-6

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100 pages, 5" x 7 1/2"

IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grades 2-3

Jennifer Mah can move objects with her mind. To keep her secret, she and her father have been living under false identities. But when Jennifer uses her powers to save someone, she exposes herself to the authorities. Her father is taken away by agents, and Jennifer must find a way to save him without getting caught herself.

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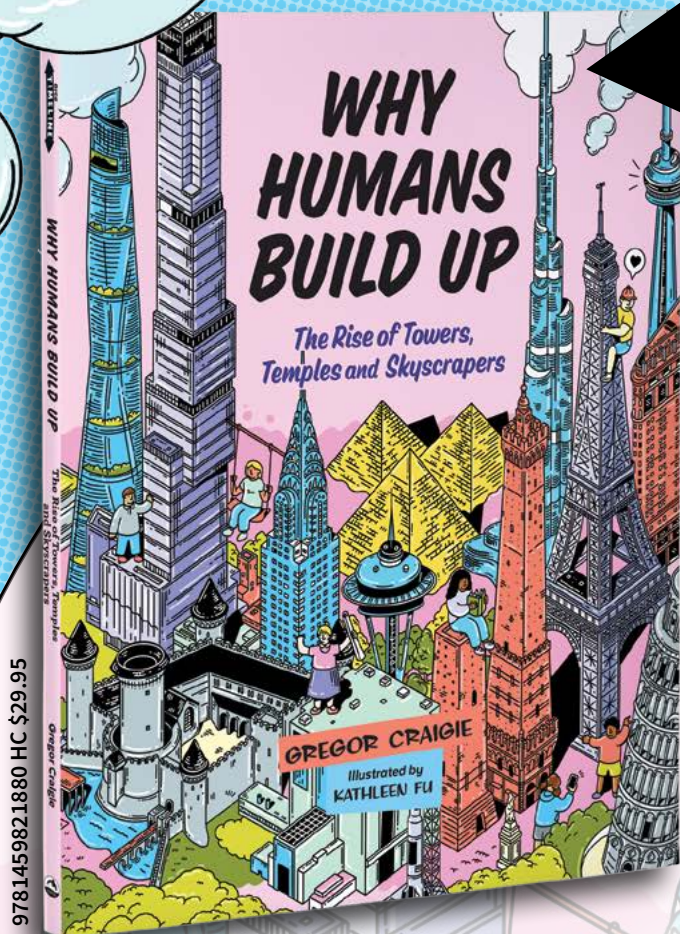
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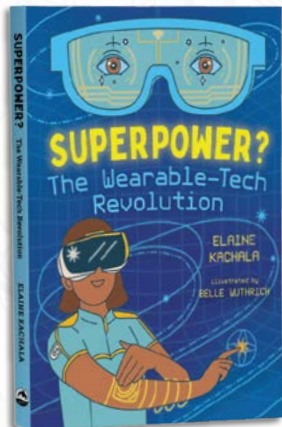
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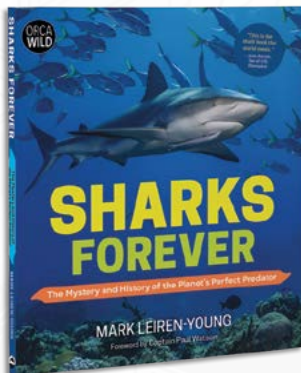
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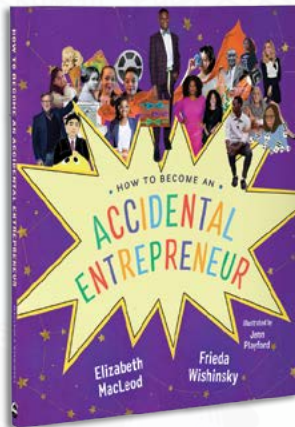
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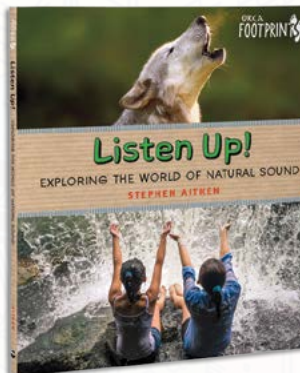
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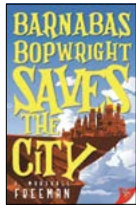
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Young Adult Fiction

IDEAL FOR TEENS



Barnabas Bopwright Saves the City

Written by J. Marshall Freeman

Johnsonville, NY: Bold Strokes Books, 2022

□ \$20.99 PB 978-1-63679-152-4

□ \$11.99 EB 978-1-63679-153-1

304 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grades 9-10

Barnabas, 15, discovers a transit map with an unknown subway line. Soon he's on a train, running from authorities who have guarded his city's dark mysteries for a century. The subway brings Barnabas to a hidden valley outside the city, where he's drawn into a terrifying world of deception and revenge.

MYSTERY | ADVENTURE | FRIENDSHIP | ENVIRONMENTALISM | FANTASY | ALTERNATE REALITIES



Blood Scion

Written by Deborah Falaye

New York: HarperTeen, 2022

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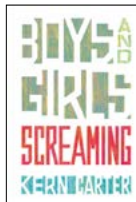
□ \$40.99 AB 978-0-06-322081-2

417 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 15 and up RL: Grades 10-11

Fifteen-year-old Sloane can incinerate an enemy at will—she is a Scion, a descendant of the ancient Orisha gods. Under the Lucis' brutal rule, her identity means her death if her powers are discovered. But when she is conscripted into the Lucis army, Sloane sees an opportunity—overcome the bloody challenges of Lucis training and destroy them from within.

FANTASY | ACTION | VENGEANCE | SURVIVAL | MAGIC



Boys and Girls Screaming

Written by Kern Carter

Toronto: DCB Young Readers, 2022

□ \$15.95 PB 978-1-77086-645-4

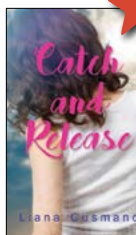
□ \$9.99 EB 978-1-77086-646-1

193 pages, 5 3/8" x 8"

IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grades 9-10

Devastated by family tragedy, siblings Ever and Jericho decide to start a high school support group with their best friend, Candace. Although the other teens find solace in the group, Ever tumbles further into depression until she reaches a breaking point. As the group learns the true source of Ever's pain, they work to help her find a way out.

TRAUMA | HEALING | FRIENDSHIP | FAMILY | SECRETS | SIBLINGS



Catch and Release (Essential Prose)

Written by Liana Cusmano

Hamilton, ON: Guernica Editions, 2022

□ \$20.00 PB 978-1-77183-732-3

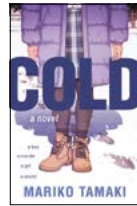
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259 pages, 5" x 8"

IL: Ages 15 and up RL: Grades 9-10

Lucca, 21, is coming to terms with both her sexual orientation and her mental illness. When she falls in love with the brilliant and beautiful Adèle, Lucca must acknowledge that she is not and never has been straight and that her relationship with a teacher in high school was not as harmless as she thought.

COMING OF AGE | LGBTQ2S+ | COMING OUT | ROMANCE | DEPRESSION | HEALING | SEXUAL ORIENTATION | MENTAL ILLNESS



Cold

Written by Mariko Tamaki

New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2022

□ \$24.99 HC (jacket) 978-1-62672-273-6

□ \$11.99 EB 978-1-62672-274-3

229 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grades 7-8

Todd Mayer is dead. Now a ghost, hovering over his own body, naked and frozen, Todd replays the choices that led to this end. Georgia didn't know Todd, but she can't stop thinking about him. Maybe because they're both school outcasts or because they're both queer. Plus, Georgia has a feeling she's seen Todd somewhere before—somewhere he wasn't supposed to be.

MURDER | MYSTERY | LGBTQ2S+ | BULLYING | HOMOPHOBIA | SECRETS | POLICE INVESTIGATION



Daughter

Written by Kate McLaughlin

New York: Wednesday Books, 2022

□ \$24.99 HC (jacket) 978-1-250-81744-0

□ \$13.99 EB 978-1-250-81745-7

330 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 13 and up RL: Grades 7-8

When the FBI shows up at Scarlet's door, she learns her father is an infamous serial killer. Now dying, he'll only give the names and locations of his remaining victims to her. Scarlet and her mother face a media firestorm that erupts when they emerge out of hiding. Can Scarlet make the world see her as more than a monster's daughter?

RESPONSIBILITY | MOTHER-DAUGHTER RELATIONSHIPS | SERIAL KILLERS | COURAGE | VICTIMS | TRAUMA | MEDIA | THRILLER



Decoding Dot Grey

Written by Nicola Davison

Halifax: Nimbus Publishing, 2022

□ \$21.95 PB 978-1-77471-056-2

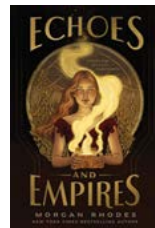
□ \$8.99 EB 978-1-77471-057-9

280 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grades 9-10

It's 1997, and after a car accident puts her mother in a coma, 18-year-old Dot Grey leaves home and her grieving father in favour of a dank basement apartment and a job at the animal shelter—her refuge. When Joe starts working there, Dot recognizes a kindred spirit and warms up to him. But Joe has a deep secret.

GRIEF | TRAUMA | ANIMALS | FAMILY | FRIENDSHIP | LOSS



Echoes and Empires

Written by Morgan Rhodes

New York: Razorbill, 2022

□ \$24.99 HC (jacket) 978-0-593-35165-9

□ \$11.99 EB 978-0-593-35168-0

□ \$36.50 AB 978-0-593-50283-9

384 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grades 7-8

Joss, 17, is infected by a dangerous piece of forbidden magic that must be removed before corrupting her soul and killing her. Jericho, the thief who inadvertently infected her, kidnaps her and offers her a deal: his help extracting the magic in exchange for the magic itself. Joss accepts and discovers that everything she has ever known has been a lie.

FANTASY | MAGIC | SECRETS | INTRIGUE | ROMANCE | MYSTERY



Edgewood

Written by Kristen Ciccarelli

New York: Wednesday Books, 2022

□ \$24.99 HC (jacket) 978-1-250-82152-2

□ \$13.99 EB 978-1-250-82153-9

394 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grades 7-8

Seventeen-year-old Emeline left Edgewood to pursue a singing career in Montreal, but the forest is still trying to reclaim her—she can see the moss creeping from her microphone even if no one else can. When her grandfather disappears, Emeline is drawn to the court of the fabled Wood King and makes a deal—her voice for her grandfather's freedom.

FANTASY | ROMANCE | SACRIFICE | MAGIC | MEMORY | CURSES



How to Be the Best Third Wheel

Written by Loridee De Villa

Toronto: Wattpad Books, 2022

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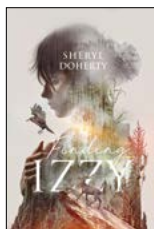
□ \$9.99 EB 978-1-77729-009-2

330 pages, 5 1/4" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grades 8-9

After a summer in the Philippines visiting family, Lara is eager to reunite with her three besties for senior year. What she didn't expect was to find all three of them in relationships! Feeling like a third wheel, Lara learns to accept that change is inevitable, love is complicated, and being the odd one out is sometimes where inner power is found.

HUMOUR | HIGH SCHOOL LIFE | TEEN RELATIONSHIPS | FRIENDSHIP | ROMANCE



Finding Izzy

Written by Sheryl Doherty

Mossbank, SK: Wood Dragon Books, 2021

□ \$34.99 HC 978-1-989078-67-9

□ \$19.99 PB 978-1-989078-66-2

□ \$9.99 EB 978-1-989078-68-6

298 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 13 and up RL: Grades 8-9

A teen wakes up in a hospital with no memory. There is nothing to indicate who she might be, but her skin colour and features indicate she is Indigenous, possibly Cree. But how did she arrive alone and naked in a Vancouver metro station? As she begins to piece it together, she discovers she is no ordinary girl

AMNESIA | FRIENDSHIP | INDIGENOUS PEOPLES | CREE HERITAGE | IDENTITY | SELF-DISCOVERY | PURPOSE



How to Live Without You

Written by Sarah Everett

New York: Clarion Books, 2022

□ \$23.99 HC (jacket) 978-0-35-825622-9

□ \$9.99 EB 978-0-35-817416-5

□ \$35.99 AB 978-0-35-866941-8

389 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grades 9-10

When her sister Rose disappeared, 17-year-old Emmy lost a part of herself. She returns to their Ohio hometown for a summer, determined to uncover clues that will lead her to the truth about her sister's disappearance. What she finds is a string of secrets and lies that have Emmy questioning herself and the sister Emmy thought she knew.

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IDEAL FOR TEENS



Jagged Little Pill: The Novel

Written by Eric Smith with Alanis Morissette, Diablo Cody and Glen Ballard

New York: Amulet Books, 2022

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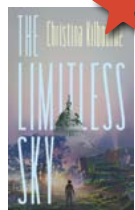
☐ \$24.99 EB 978-1-6470-0477-4

291 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grades 9-10

Adopted Frankie struggles with belonging in her family. Queer Jo wants her mom's acceptance. Phoenix tries to find his place at the new school. Bella wants a smooth transition to college. Frankie's brother Nick is desperate to please his parents. Their lives are all changed forever after Bella is sexually assaulted at a party—and the perpetrator might get away with it.

SEXUAL IDENTITY | FAMILY | ADDICTION | BELONGING | JUSTICE | SEXUAL ASSAULT | FRIENDSHIP



Limitless Sky

Written by Christina Kilbourne

Toronto: Dundurn, 2022

☐ \$14.99 PB 978-1-4597-4887-3

☐ \$8.99 EB 978-1-4597-4889-7

370 pages, 5" x 8"

IL: Ages 12-15 RL: Grades 7-8

Rook lives in the structured community of ArHK, where she struggles to find meaning in her appointed role as an apprentice Keeper. Gage is part of a nomadic society and has just joined the Scouts on the frontier line, a life of constant danger. Can Gage and Rook find a way to save themselves and each other's worlds?

ADVENTURE | SUSPENSE | DYSTOPIA | ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER | FAMILY | FRIENDSHIP



A Magic Steeped in Poison (The Book of Tea, Book 1)

Written by Judy I. Lin

New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2022

☐ \$24.99 HC (jacket) 978-1-250-76708-0

☐ \$11.99 EB 978-1-250-76709-7

364 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 13 and up RL: Grades 7-8

Ning unknowingly brewed the poison tea that killed her mother and threatens to take her sister. She enters the kingdom's magical tea-steeping competition, hoping to win a favour from the princess—her one chance to save her sister's life. Now Ning must navigate backstabbing competitors, bloody court politics, and a mysterious boy with a shocking secret.

GRIEF | DETERMINATION | LOSS | MAGIC | FANTASY | MYSTERY | CHINESE FOLKLORE



Mountain Runaways

Written by Pam Withers

Toronto: Dundurn, 2022

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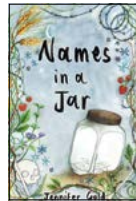
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266 pages, 5" x 8"

IL: Ages 12-15 RL: Grades 7-8

After an avalanche kills their parents and Children's Services threatens to separate them, the three Gunnarsson kids decide to hide in the mountains and fend for themselves until the oldest can become their legal guardian. Pursued by search teams, they face hunger, injury, dangerous animals, and a shadowy woods dweller. Do Jon, Korka, and Aron have what it takes to survive?

SURVIVAL | SIBLINGS | ACTION | LOSS | ADVENTURE | WILDERNESS



Names in a Jar

Written by Jennifer Gold

Toronto: Second Story Press, 2021

☐ \$14.95 PB 978-1-77260-207-4

☐ \$9.99 EB 978-1-77260-208-1

☐ \$19.99 AB 978-1-77260-300-2

320 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 13 and up RL: Grades 8-9

Anna, 12, and her sister Lina are imprisoned in the Warsaw Ghetto. Along with an orphaned baby, Anna goes into hiding with a Catholic family, changing her name to hide her identity. Lina is captured and taken to the infamous Treblinka. Can Lina survive and find her way back to Anna? Will the sisters recognize each other after so long apart?

HISTORICAL FICTION | WORLD WAR II | POLAND | SURVIVAL | SISTERS | HOLOCAUST | COURAGE



The Queen of Junk Island

Written by Alexandra Mae Jones

Toronto: Annick Press, 2022

☐ \$19.95 HC 978-1-77321-635-5

☐ \$12.95 PB 978-1-77321-634-8

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☐ \$29.99 AB 978-1-77321-638-6

415 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 16-18 RL: Grades 10-11

Reeling from recent trauma, 16-year-old Dell is happy to head to the family cottage to help her mom clean up the garbage left by a tenant. They're joined by her mom's boyfriend and his daughter. Ivy makes Dell uncomfortable—yet she's drawn to her. As Dell uncovers family secrets in the wreckage, Ivy leads her toward revelations about her sexuality and identity.

TRAUMA | IDENTITY | SEXUALITY | FAMILY | SECRETS | HAUNTING | SELF-DISCOVERY | LGBTQ2S+



The Red Palace

Written by June Hur

New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2022

☐ \$24.99 HC (jacket) 978-1-250-80055-8

☐ \$13.99 EB 978-1-250-80056-5

329 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 13 and up RL: Grades 7-8

Hyeon, 18, is a palace nurse, one of the only esteemed positions open to illegitimate daughters in 1758 Joseon Korea. Hyeon is thrust into the dangerous world of court politics when she starts her own secret investigation to clear her friend and mentor, who is accused of killing four women. Teaming up with Eojin, a young police inspector, Hyeon and Eojin must work together to search the darkest corners of the palace and uncover the deadly secrets behind the bloodshed.

HISTORICAL FICTION | MYSTERY | KOREA | THRILLER | ROMANCE | INTRIGUE



The Ribbon Leaf

Written by Lori Weber

Markham, ON: Red Deer Press, 2022

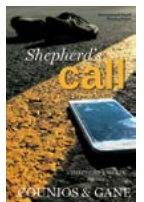
□ \$16.95 PB 978-0-88995-663-6

495 pages, 5 1/4" x 7 1/2"

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grades 6-7

Germany, 1938. The friendship between an Aryan and a Jew is considered verboten, but Sabine and Edie have been best friends since kindergarten. In the aftermath of Kristallnacht, their friendship is splintered. Edie escapes to Canada, and Sabine remains in her Nazi-controlled German town. Separated throughout the long years of World War II, they keep hope alive that their bond of friendship remains.

WORLD WAR II | FRIENDSHIP | GERMANY | COURAGE | HISTORICAL FICTION | FAMILY | HOPE



Shepherd's Call

(A Shepherd & Wolfe Mystery, Book 4)

Written by Angie Counios and David Gane

Regina: Your Nickel's Worth Publishing, 2022

□ \$19.95 PB 978-1-988783-77-2

□ \$9.99 EB 978-1-988783-87-1

442 pages, 5 1/4" x 8"

IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grades 9-10

Charlie Wolfe vanishes from Tony Shepherd's high school graduation, leaving only a cryptic message asking for help. Tony must summon all the skills he's learned and face off against old foes to uncover the truth of Charlie's disappearance. But things are more complicated and dangerous than he realizes. How far is he willing to go to save his friend?

THRILLER | FRIENDSHIP | MYSTERY | FAMILY



The Signs and Wonders of Tuna Rashad

Written by Natasha Deen

New York: Running Press Teens, 2022

□ \$22.99 HC (jacket) 978-0-7624-7868-2

□ \$11.99 EB 978-0-7624-7870-5

252 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 13 and up RL: Grades 8-9

Aspiring screenwriter Tuna Rashad wants to win over her crush Tristan before leaving for college. To succeed, she must break free from her grief-stricken brother's overbearing ways and get him a life (or at least, get him out of hers!). The signs her Caribbean ancestors are sending are proof that they're on board! What could possibly go wrong?

HUMOUR | LOSS | SIBLINGS | FAMILY | GRIEF | CARIBBEAN | HERITAGE



The Summer Between Us

Written by Andre Fenton

Halifax: Formac Publishing, 2022

□ \$14.95 PB 978-1-4595-0681-7

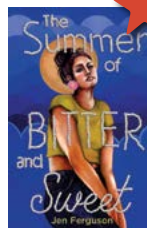
□ \$9.95 EB 978-1-4595-0682-4

223 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grades 9-10

High school is over. Biracial, 18-year-old Adrian is facing decisions that will change the course of his life. Should he accept a university scholarship or take off on a tour across the country with his punk-rock girlfriend, Mei? Does he want to choose either option? Adulthood is far more complicated than he's ever imagined.

FAMILY | MENTAL HEALTH | RACISM | LOVE | CHOICES | COMING OF AGE | EATING DISORDERS | BIRACIAL



The Summer of Bitter and Sweet

Written by Jen Ferguson

New York: Heartdrum, 2022

□ \$21.99 HC (jacket) 978-0-06-308616-6

□ \$11.99 EB 978-0-06-308618-0

□ \$35.99 AB 978-0-06-308619-7

360 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grades 9-10

Lou faces a summer working at her family's ice cream shack with her ex-boyfriend and her long-absent former best friend. On top of that, she gets a letter from her biological father—the white man who raped her Métis mother—who's out of jail and wants to talk to her. A powerful novel about the sweetness that can live alongside the bitterest truth.

RACISM | SEXUAL IDENTITY | SEXUAL ASSAULT | TRAUMA | SUBSTANCE ABUSE | INDIGENOUS TEENS | PRAIRIES



TJ Powar Has Something to Prove

Written by Jesmeen Kaur Deo

New York: Viking, 2022

□ \$23.99 HC (jacket) 978-0-593-40339-6

□ \$11.99 EB 978-0-593-40340-2

□ \$30.99 AB 978-0-593-59328-8

359 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grades 9-10

Pretty, popular debater TJ Powar is horrified when her face is used in a meme as the "after" to her Sikh cousin's "before." She's determined to prove that she can be her hairy self and still be beautiful. But as her carefully crafted sense of self begins to crumble, TJ discovers that the hardest judge to convince of her arguments might be herself.

SELF-IMAGE | SELF-LOVE | BEAUTY | CONFORMITY | SOCIAL EXPECTATIONS | HIGH SCHOOL LIFE | BODY IMAGE



Twice as Perfect

Written by Louisa Onomé

Toronto: HarperCollins Publishers, 2022

□ \$21.99 HC (jacket) 978-1-4434-6470-3

□ \$11.99 EB 978-1-4434-6471-0

□ \$35.99 AB 978-1-4434-6857-2

407 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grades 9-10

For 17-year-old Adanna Nkwachi, life is all about duty—to school, the debate team, and to her Nigerian parents. Six years ago, her older brother, Sam, had a fight with their parents and disappeared. Adanna has tried to fill the void he left behind. When she reconnects with Sam, Ada is determined to get answers about the night he left.

FAMILY | EXPECTATIONS | IMMIGRANT FAMILIES | SIBLINGS | NIGERIAN CULTURE

Young Adult Fiction

IDEAL FOR TEENS



What World Is Left **NE**

Written by Monique Polak

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022

□ \$15.95 PB 978-1-4598-3303-6

□ \$11.99 EB 978-1-4598-3305-0

216 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grades 7-8

In 1942, the Nazis invade Holland and Anneke Van Raalte's family is deported to Theresienstadt, a concentration camp set up as an elaborate hoax by the Germans to convince the world that European Jews are thriving under Nazi rule. Inspired by the experiences of the author's mother, who was imprisoned in Theresienstadt. Originally published in 2008 (*Best Books for Kids & Teens* 2010).

WORLD WAR II | HOLOCAUST | CONCENTRATION CAMPS | SURVIVAL | COURAGE | HISTORICAL FICTION



White Lies

Written by Sara de Waard

Toronto: DCB Young Readers, 2022

□ \$15.95 PB 978-1-77086-649-2

□ \$9.99 EB 978-1-77086-650-8

207 pages, 5 3/8" x 8"

IL: Ages 13 and up RL: Grades 9-10

Missy's sweet 16 is almost here, but recent birthdays haven't exactly been happy occasions. Her brother died when she turned 13, and her mom was arrested on her 15th. Missy volunteers at a nearby store to escape her guilt and her father's alcohol-induced rages. But then she meets Luke, and he seems to understand her. Will Missy let him in?

MENTAL HEALTH | TRAUMA | SUBSTANCE ABUSE | DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES | ROMANCE | HEALING



Wish Upon a Satellite **(Ciel)**

Written by Sophie Labelle

Toronto: Second Story Press, 2022

□ \$14.95 PB 978-1-77260-257-9

□ \$11.99 EB 978-1-77260-258-6

239 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 13 and up RL: Grades 7-8

The glaciers are melting and the climate crisis is on their mind, but nothing shakes the foundations of non-binary teen Ciel's world more than sharing an unexpected kiss with their best friend, Stephanie. Everything they thought was clear is suddenly all mixed up—and that's without the new problems at school: sexting, peer pressure, and overdue book reports.

DIVERSITY | NON-BINARY | LGBTQ2S+ | SELF-EXPRESSION | HIGH SCHOOL LIFE | RELATIONSHIPS | ROMANCE | GENDER IDENTITY



Wrong Side of the Court

Written by H.N. Khan

Toronto: Penguin Teen Canada, 2022

□ \$23.99 HC (jacket) 978-0-7352-7087-9

□ \$11.99 EB 978-0-7352-7088-6

□ \$23.99 AB 978-1-77488-135-4

305 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grades 9-10

Fawad, 15, has big dreams about being the world's first Pakistani to be drafted into the NBA. All he has to do now is convince his mother to let him try out for the basketball team. And let him date girls from his school. Not to mention somehow get Omar, the Regent Park neighbourhood bully, to leave him alone.

FAMILY | EXPECTATIONS | IMMIGRANT FAMILIES | PAKISTANI CULTURE | BULLYING | ROMANCE | GANG VIOLENCE

Teen Fiction (Hi-Lo)

FOR RELUCTANT READERS AGES 12 AND UP



Creeboy

Written by Teresa Wouters

Toronto: James Lorimer, 2022

□ \$14.95 PB 978-1-4594-1678-9

□ \$8.99 EB 978-1-4594-1679-6

128 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 13 and up RL: Grades 3-4

Sixteen-year-old Josh's dad, leader of the Warrior gang on their reserve, is in jail, and Josh's older brother Darion has taken charge. Josh, aka "Creeboy," is unsure whether gang life is for him, but when Darion is killed by a rival gang, the decision seems made. Can his family and community help Josh envision a different future for himself?

RESERVE LIFE | GANG VIOLENCE | GANGS | FAMILY | CHOICES | SELF-DISCOVERY | CREE FIRST NATION



Face the Music **(Orca Soundings)**

Written by Lesley Choyce

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022

□ \$10.95 PB 978-1-4598-3288-6

□ \$8.99 EB 978-1-4598-3290-9

103 pages, 5" x 7 1/2"

IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grade 3

Mason convinces Tyler to help steal a car and escape their boring town. They run out of gas and are stranded on the side of the highway fighting, when they're rescued by Sean Dakota, a heavy-metal musician who's disappeared from the spotlight. Listening to Sean and the lessons he's learned from his own life choices makes Tyler reconsider his friendship with Mason.

DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES | TOXIC RELATIONSHIPS | CHOICES | SELF-DISCOVERY



Grave Message (Orca Anchor)

Written by Mary Jennifer Payne
Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022
□ \$10.95 PB 978-1-4598-2864-3
□ \$8.99 EB 978-1-4598-2866-7
66 pages, 5" x 7 1/2"
IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grade 2

Jaylin receives a message from her best friend, Fatima, who died a year ago in a traffic accident. Is it a horrible prank? But the messages contain secrets that just the two of them shared... Then Fatima shares one last secret and asks Jaylin to solve the mystery of her death. Is Jaylin strong enough to relive losing her best friend?

FRIENDSHIP | LOSS | GRIEF | SUPERNATURAL | SUSPENSE | GHOSTS



One Last Job (Orca Anchor)

Written by Sean Rodman
Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022
□ \$10.95 PB 978-1-4598-2860-5
□ \$8.99 EB 978-1-4598-2844-5
84 pages, 5" x 7 1/2"
IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grade 2

Michael is looking after his grandfather for the summer. The thing is, Gramps isn't your average senior citizen: he's a retired burglar with a lifetime of criminal know-how. When a thief breaks into Gramps' apartment and steals a necklace with great sentimental value, the unlikely pair team up to track down the necklace—and try to steal it back.

INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS | THEFT | FAMILY | ACTION

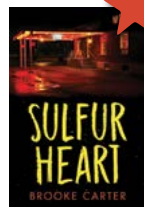


The Ooze (Orca Anchor)

Written by Tash McAdam
Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022
□ \$10.95 PB 978-1-4598-2848-3
□ \$8.99 EB 978-1-4598-2850-6
78 pages, 5" x 7 1/2"
IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grade 2

Bran's headed to the basement when the lights go out and the elevator stalls. He pries the doors open to find that everything's very wrong. His own mother can't remember his name; there is black slime dripping from her ears, and then she attacks their cat. Outside, Vancouver is teeming with people—all with the same black slime in their ears.

ACTION | HORROR | SCIENCE FICTION | LGBTQ2S+ | TRANSGENDER | ALIENS



Sulfur Heart (Orca Soundings)

Written by Brooke Carter
Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022
□ \$10.95 PB 978-1-4598-3160-5
□ \$8.99 EB 978-1-4598-3162-9
163 pages, 5" x 7 1/2"
IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grades 3-4

After he learns his father died a suspicious death in a pile of sulfur, Will returns to the small town he swore he'd never set foot in again. And then there's Eve; the girl Will left behind. But she isn't the only complication he'll face while investigating his father's murder. Could his search for the truth cause history to repeat itself?

MYSTERY | THRILLER | ACTION | ROMANCE | SUSPENSE

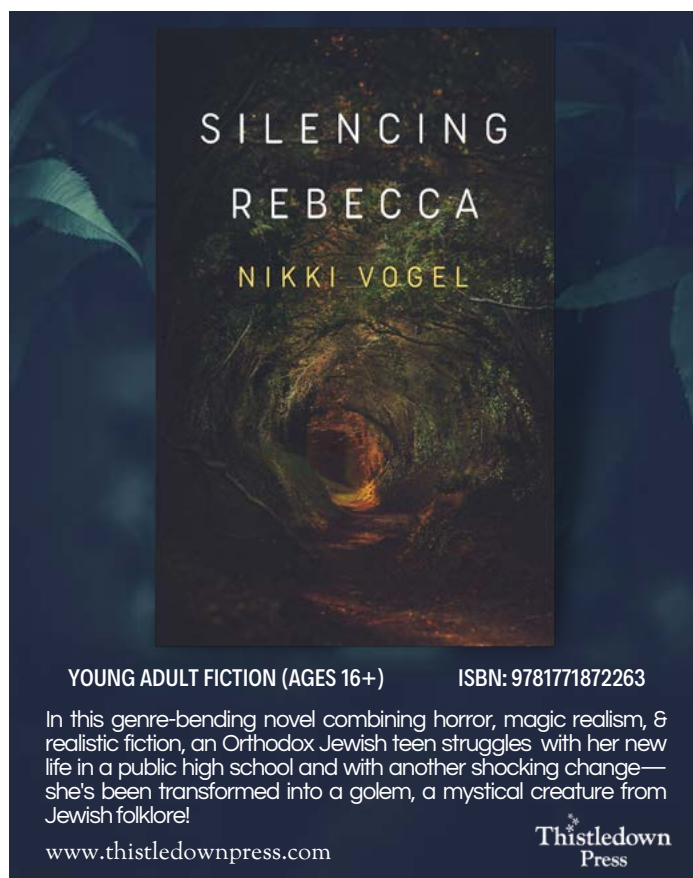


Trapped (Orca Anchor)

Written by Sigmund Brouwer
Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022
□ \$10.95 PB 978-1-4598-2861-2
□ \$8.99 EB 978-1-4598-2863-6
77 pages, 5" x 7 1/2"
IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grade 3

Matt plans to escape the Yukon River valley and his abusive foster parents as soon as he turns 16. He wants to start a new life in the city. Then he discovers a large gold nugget and what seems like a dream come true quickly turns into a nightmare that will test Matt's wilderness survival skills to the fullest.

SUSPENSE | ACTION | YUKON | SURVIVAL | RESOURCEFULNESS | WILDERNESS



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Graphic Novels

COMICS FOR AGES 4 AND UP



Batter Royale

Written and illustrated by Leisl Adams

New York: Amulet Books, 2022

☐ \$31.99 HC (jacket) 978-1-4197-5075-5

☐ \$22.99 PB 978-1-4197-5076-2

☐ \$19.40 EB 978-1-6470-0121-6

234 pages, full-colour, 6" x 9"

IL: Ages 10 and up RL: Grades 4-5

After 17-year-old waitress Rose impresses a famous food critic, she finds herself thrust into the world of competitive baking. The contest is intense, full of bizarre challenges, and the rivalry is cutthroat. Some contestants are willing to lie, cheat and sabotage their way to the top. Rose is determined to prove she has what it takes to out-bake the competition.

COMPETITION | COOKING | ROMANCE | FOOD | REALITY TELEVISION | FRIENDSHIP



Cat's Cradle: The Golden Twine NEW (Cat's Cradle, Book 1)

Written and illustrated by Jo Rioux

New York: First Second, 2022

☐ \$28.99 HC 978-1-250-62535-9

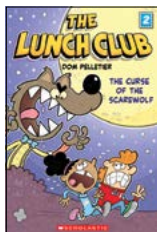
☐ \$18.99 PB 978-1-250-62536-6

118 pages, full-colour, 6" x 9"

IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grades 4-5

Suri aspires to be a monster tamer. Unfortunately, no one takes an orphan who travels with a merchant caravan very seriously. But Suri's self-confidence and cleverness serve her well when a mysterious new wagon joins her camp, holding something big, loud, and very monstrous. Originally published in 2012 by Kids Can Press as *The Golden Twine* (*Best Books for Kids & Teens*, Spring 2013).

MONSTERS | MAGIC | FANTASY | MYSTERY | FRIENDSHIP | ADVENTURE | COURAGE



The Curse of the Scarewolf (The Lunch Club, Book 2)

Written and illustrated by Dom Pelletier

Translated by Dina Ginzburg

Toronto: Scholastic Canada, 2021

☐ \$13.99 PB 978-1-4431-8272-0

133 pages, full-colour, 6" x 9"

IL: Ages 7-10 RL: Grades 2-3

Fall festive fun is underway at Pleasant Valley Elementary. The science fair is bustling and costumes for the Halloween bash are being planned. But when a werewolf who looks oddly familiar makes off with the school principal, Tia and Leo realize their supernatural problems aren't over. Available in French as *Le Rodri-Garou*.

HUMOUR | ALIENS | FRIENDSHIP | MIDDLE SCHOOL LIFE | HALLOWEEN



The Devil's Music (The Montague Twins, Book 2)

Written by Nathan Page

Illustrated by Drew Shannon

New York: RH Graphic, 2022

☐ \$34.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-0-525-64680-8

☐ \$23.99 PB 978-0-525-64681-5

☐ \$11.99 EB 978-0-525-64683-9

320 pages, full-colour, 5 3/4" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grades 8-9

The Montague twins are more than magical teen detectives. With their stepsister, they are a band known as the Bony Fingers. When a famous rockstar, Gideon, appears at one of their shows, he brings his dark past with him. Pete gets drawn into Gideon's web or, perhaps, put under his spell. What if Pete isn't the only twin at risk?

MUSIC | SUSPENSE | MYSTERY | MAGIC | TWINS | SUPERNATURAL | 1960s | FANTASY | ROMANCE | DEPRESSION



Expedition Backyard: Exploring Nature from Country to City

Written by Rosemary Mosco and Binglin Hu

Illustrated by Binglin Hu

Coloured by Ashanti Fortson

New York: RH Graphic, 2022

☐ \$21.99 LIB 978-0-593-12735-3

☐ \$17.99 HC 978-0-593-12734-6

☐ \$10.99 EB 978-0-593-12736-0

116 pages, full-colour, 6 1/2" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Mole and Vole love to explore—from pigeons and jumping spiders to swamp milkweed and maple trees—and document all the wonders they find in their nature journal. After an accidental move from the country to the city, Mole and Vole explore their new urban environment and make new friends. Back matter includes a variety of at-home activities.

NATURE | NATURAL WORLD | ADVENTURE | EXPLORATION | FRIENDSHIP | URBAN LANDSCAPES



Future Purrfect (Sparks!, Book 3)

Written by Ian Boothby

Illustrated by Nina Matsumoto

New York: Graphix/Scholastic, 2022

☐ \$36.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-338-33994-9

☐ \$19.99 PB 978-1-338-33993-2

☐ \$15.99 EB 978-1-338-78371-1

188 pages, full-colour, 6" x 9"

IL: Ages 7-10 RL: Grades 2-3

Charlie and August, the kitty duo who control the incredible Sparks costume, are exhausted. It's hard work saving people all the time! While on a tropical island vacation, weird things start to happen. They discover that the island holds a surprising secret, and they're blasted off on their craziest adventure ever. This time they have to save themselves!

ADVENTURE | ACTION | FRIENDSHIP | CATS | HUMOUR | ANIMALS



Giju's Gift (Adventures of the Pugulatmu'j, Book 1)

Written by Brandon Mitchell
Illustrated by Veronika Barinova
Winnipeg: HighWater Press, 2022
□ \$20.95 PB 978-1-55379-947-4
□ \$17.00 EB 978-1-55379-948-1
79 pages, full-colour, 5 1/2" x 8"
IL: Ages 6-10 RL: Grades 2-3

When her hair clip disappears, Mali knows it was stolen by the pugulatmu'j. It was special, made by her giju'. When Mali meets Puug, he's wearing her hair clip. He'll return the clip if she helps him find items on his list. But why is Puug collecting these things?

INDIGENOUS FOLKLORE | MI'GMAO FIRST NATION | ADVENTURE | COURAGE | FAMILY



Hermit Hill (Sueño Bay Adventures, Book 3)

Written by Mike Deas and Nancy Deas
Illustrated by Mike Deas
Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022
□ \$14.95 PB 978-1-4598-3149-0
□ \$11.99 EB 978-1-4598-3150-6
182 pages, full-colour, 6 5/8" x 10 1/4"
IL: Ages 6-10 RL: Grades 2-3

Sleeves stumbles upon tiny Moon Creatures called Hivers and, claiming them as his loyal subjects, he locks them away. Stories say that the last person who messed with the Hivers, the Hillside Hermit, was cursed to roam alone, never to return to Sueño Bay. Is Sleeves destined to suffer the same fate?

ADVENTURE | INDEPENDENCE | SUPERNATURAL | PACIFIC NORTHWEST | FRIENDSHIP



Linty: A Pocketful of Adventure

Written and illustrated by Mike Shiell
Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2022
□ \$14.99 HC 978-1-5253-0494-1
□ \$11.99 EB 978-1-5253-1052-2
64 pages, full-colour, 6 1/2" x 8 1/2"
IL: Ages 6-9 RL: Grades 2-3

In the front pocket of a pair of hand-me-down jeans, a tiny ball of lint lives alone. The days are pretty much the same for Linty until one day, a boy starts wearing the jeans and everything changes. Soon, visitors start arriving. Then, just as suddenly... Wash Day. Is Linty's world about to be turned upside down again?

ADVENTURE | HUMOUR | COURAGE | DISCOVERY | FRIENDSHIP

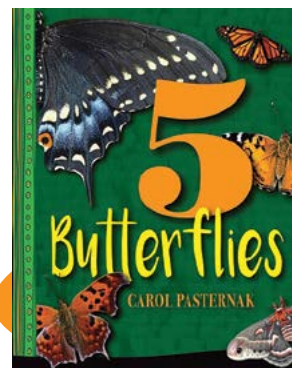
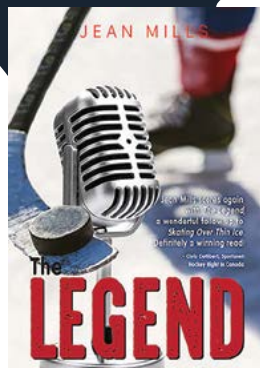
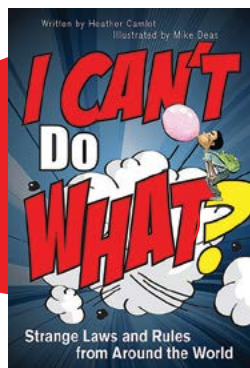


Mellybean and the Villains' Revenge (Mellybean, Book 3)

Written and illustrated by Mike White
Toronto: Razorbill, 2022
□ \$27.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-0-593-20284-5
□ \$17.99 PB 978-0-593-20286-9
□ \$10.99 EB 978-0-593-20578-5
199 pages, full-colour, 5 1/2" x 8"
IL: Ages 7-10 RL: Grades 2-3

In the final book of this trilogy, Melly and friends help the giant monster Narra reunite with his long-lost magical friends in order to defeat some old foes who've joined forces and hatched a diabolical new plan to take over the kingdom. Can Melly convince the last ancient creatures to join their side and help? If anyone can, it's Mellybean!

MAGIC | ADVENTURE | ANIMALS | KINDNESS | FRIENDSHIP | HUMOUR



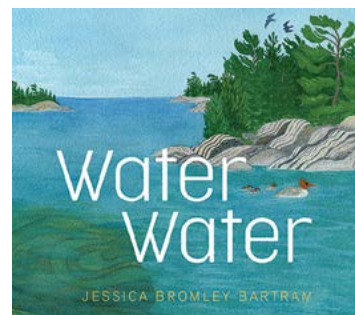
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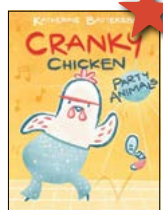


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Graphic Novels

COMICS FOR AGES 4 AND UP



Party Animals (Cranky Chicken, Book 2)

Written and illustrated by Katherine Battersby
New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2022
□ \$15.99 HC 978-1-5344-7021-7
□ \$11.99 EB 978-1-5344-7023-1
103 pages, full-colour, 6" x 8"
IL: Ages 6-9 RL: Grades 2-3

The crank-o-meter is on high! What can Speedy the super worm do to help a hangry, hangry chicken? It's Cranky's birthday, but Cranky hates surprises. So Speedy plans an unsurprise party, a day filled with all of Cranky's favourite un-cranky things. After, Speedy wants to go to the beach, but Cranky absolutely doesn't. Can Cranky learn to try something new?

HUMOUR | FRIENDSHIP | ANIMALS | ACCEPTANCE

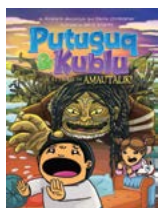


PAWS: Gabby Gets It Together

Written and coloured by Nathan Fairbairn
Illustrated by Michele Assarasakorn
New York: Razorbill, 2022
□ \$27.99 HC 978-0-593-35185-7
□ \$17.99 PB 978-0-593-35186-4
□ \$10.99 EB 978-0-593-35189-5
163 pages, full-colour, 5 1/2" x 8"
IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 3-4

Meet best friends Gabby, Priya and Mindy—they're all in the same class, they love animals, and none of them can have any pets at home. The girls team up to offer afterschool dog-walking and PAWS is born! But it turns out that running a business is harder than it looks. Can the girls save their business and their friendship?

FRIENDSHIP | ANIMALS | DOGS | PROBLEM SOLVING | ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Putuquq & Kublu and the Attack of the Amautalik!

Written by Roselynn Akulukjuk and Danny Christopher
Illustrated by Astrid Arijanto
Iqaluit: Inhabit Media, 2022
□ \$9.95 PB 978-1-77227-419-6
37 pages, full-colour, 6" x 8"
IL: Ages 6-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Putuquq and Kublu are at their grandparents' house for lunch. Putuquq's holey (and stinky) socks remind his grandparents of the story of the amautalik and the orphan, a traditional story about an orphan who outsmarts a child-stealing ogress. Grandmother's storytelling starts Putuquq's imagination running wild. The siblings decide to act out the story and Putuquq is determined to prove his fearlessness.

ARCTIC | INUIT | SIBLINGS | INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS | INUIT FOLKTALES | HUMOUR

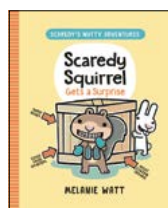


Rabbit Chase

Written by Elizabeth LaPensée
Illustrated by KC Oster
Anishinaabemowin translation by Aarin Dokum
Toronto: Annick Press, 2022
□ \$23.99 HC 978-1-77321-620-1
□ \$13.99 PB 978-1-77321-619-5
□ \$18.99 EB 978-1-77321-621-8
108 pages, full-colour, 7" x 10"
IL: Ages 10-12 RL: Grades 4-5

Aimée, a non-binary Anishinaabe middle-grade student, is on a class trip to offer gifts to Paayehnsag, the water spirits known to protect the land. When Aimée accidentally wanders off, they are transported to an alternate dimension populated by traditional Anishinaabe figures in a story inspired by *Alice in Wonderland*. Working with Trickster, Aimée must overcome self-doubt to save the land.

NON-BINARY | GENDER IDENTITY | LGBTQ2S+ | ADVENTURE | INDIGENOUS CULTURE | ANISHINAABE | FANTASY | BELONGING | TRADITIONAL STORIES



Scaredy Squirrel Gets a Surprise (Scaredy's Nutty Adventures, Book 2)

Written and illustrated by Mélanie Watt
Toronto: Tundra Books, 2022
□ \$16.99 HC 978-0-7352-6959-0
□ \$10.99 EB 978-0-7352-6960-6
81 pages, full-colour, 6 3/4" x 8 1/2"
IL: Ages 6-9 RL: Grades 2-3

Scaredy does NOT like surprises. He is a squirrel who likes a schedule, predictability, and nothing unexpected. So, what's inside the mysterious crate? Turns out it's a POOL! Scaredy imagines sharks, eels and algae! He prepares safety rules! Luckily his friends Ivy, Timber and newcomer Rash are happy to remind him of another important rule... Having fun! Available in French as *Frisson l'écureuil et la surprise*.

HUMOUR | ANIMALS | SQUIRRELS | ANXIETY | FEARS | FRIENDSHIP



Scout Is Not a Band Kid

Written and illustrated by Jade Armstrong
New York: RH Graphic, 2022
□ \$31.99 LIB 978-0-593-17624-5
□ \$27.99 HC (jacket) 978-0-593-17623-8
□ \$17.99 PB 978-0-593-17622-1
□ \$10.99 EB 978-0-593-17625-2
263 pages, full-colour, 5 1/2" x 8"
IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 3-4

Scout is determined to meet her favourite author, who's doing an autograph session at a nearby festival. When she learns that the school band will be playing at the same festival, an idea takes shape. Being a band kid can't be that hard, right? Can Scout master the trombone, make new band friends and get to her favourite author's book signing?

HUMOUR | SCHOOL LIFE | FRIENDSHIP | FANDOM



Swim Team

Written and illustrated by Johnnie Christmas

New York: HarperAlley, 2022

☐ \$26.99 HC 978-0-06-305677-0

☐ \$15.99 PB 978-0-06-305676-3

☐ \$11.99 EB 978-0-06-305680-0

245 pages, full-colour, 6" x 9"

IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 3-4

Bree can't wait for her first day at her Florida middle school until she's faced with the dreaded Swim 101... Bree can't swim. Luckily, Etta, an elderly neighbour and former swim team captain, is willing to help. With Etta's training and a lot of hard work, Bree finds her swim-crazed community counting on her to guide her team to a state championship.

SPORTS | SWIMMING | FRIENDSHIP | BLACK IDENTITY | COMPETITION | CLASSISM | RACISM



Version Control

(The Reckoner Rises, Vol. 2)

Written by David A. Robertson

Illustrated by Scott B. Henderson

Coloured by Donovan Yaciuk

Winnipeg: HighWater Press, 2022

☐ \$23.00 PB 978-1-55379-967-2

☐ \$18.00 EB 978-1-55379-968-9

80 pages, full-colour, 6 1/2" x 10"

IL: Ages 16 and up RL: Grades 10-11

After finding out Mihko reinstated the Reckoner Initiative, Cole and Eva confronted Mihko head-on. But when Eva discovers a secret laboratory, her worst nightmares come to life. After a vicious battle with Mihko's newest test subject leaves Cole near death, Eva must continue alone. What new terrors has Mihko created and can they be stopped?

SUSPENSE | ADVENTURE | SUPERHEROES | INDIGENOUS PEOPLES | MENTAL HEALTH | TRAUMA | HORROR



Who Was the First Man on the Moon?

Neil Armstrong

(Who HQ Graphic Novels)

Written by Nathan Page

Illustrated by Drew Shannon

New York: Penguin Workshop, 2022

☐ \$17.99 HC 978-0-593-22444-1

☐ \$10.99 PB 978-0-593-22443-4

☐ \$9.99 EB 978-0-593-38520-3

63 pages, full-colour, 5 1/4" x 7 5/8"

IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 3-4

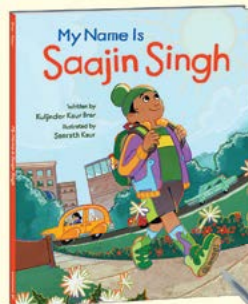
From his childhood experiments to his first encounters with flight, explore the steps Neil Armstrong took in order to become the first person to land on the moon. A story of calculated risk, perseverance and earth-defying reward, this graphic novel invites readers to immerse themselves in the famous astronaut's life.

BIOGRAPHY | NEIL ARMSTRONG | OUTER SPACE | SPACE EXPLORATION | ASTRONAUTS | PERSEVERANCE



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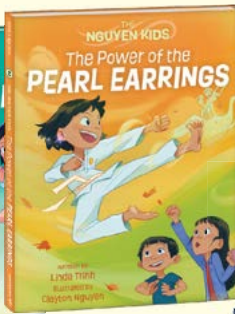
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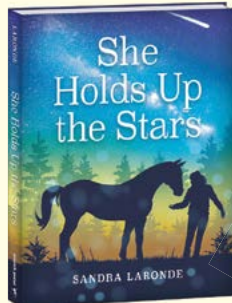
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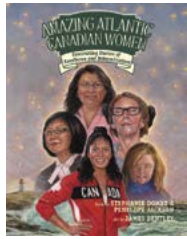
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MESMERIZING PEOPLE AND TRUE STORIES FOR AGES 9 AND UP



Amazing Atlantic Canadian Women: Fascinating Stories of Excellence and Determination

Written by Stephanie Domet and Penelope Jackson

Illustrated by James Bentley

Halifax: Nimbus Publishing, 2021

□ \$22.95 PB 978-1-77471-016-6

183 pages, full-colour, 7" x 9"

IL: Ages 10 and up RL: Grades 4-5

The third instalment in this series celebrating amazing Atlantic Canadians features incredible women from across the region. While readers may know women like activist Viola Desmond, painter Maud Lewis, and singer-songwriter Anne Murray, this book profiles over 70 amazing women, past and present, from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland and Labrador.

ATLANTIC CANADA | WOMEN LEADERS | BIOGRAPHY | PERSEVERANCE | CHALLENGES | TRAILBLAZERS | ACHIEVEMENT



Better Connected: How Girls Are Using Social Media for Good (Orca Think)

Written by Tanya Lloyd Kyi and Julia Kyi

Illustrated by Vivian Rosas

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022

□ \$24.95 HC 978-1-4598-2857-5

□ \$18.99 EB 978-1-4598-2859-9

102 pages, full-colour, 7" x 9"

IL: Ages 9 and up RL: Grades 6-7

Girls are using online platforms in creative and powerful ways to change the world for the better. They're building diverse communities. They're changing the public conversation in areas from environmental activism and LGBTQ2S+ rights to immigration policy and education access. This book explores the many ways girls are showing up, teaming up and speaking up online.

SOCIAL MEDIA | FEMINISM | ACTIVISM | ONLINE COMMUNITIES | SOCIAL JUSTICE | CHANGE-MAKERS



Fresh Air, Clean Water: Our Right to a Healthy Environment (Orca Think)

Written by Megan Clendenan

Illustrated by Julie McLaughlin

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022

□ \$24.95 HC 978-1-4598-2679-3

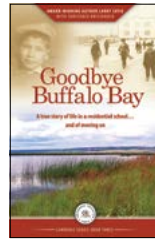
□ \$18.99 EB 978-1-4598-2681-6

102 pages, full-colour, 7" x 9"

IL: Ages 9 and up RL: Grades 5-6

Everyone depends on clean air to breathe, safe water to drink and healthy soil for growing food. But what if your drinking water is dangerous, your air is polluted and your soil is toxic? This title explores the connections between our environment and our health and why the right to live in a healthy environment should be protected as a human right.

ENVIRONMENTALISM | SOCIAL JUSTICE | HUMAN RIGHTS | ACTIVISM | CLIMATE JUSTICE



Goodbye Buffalo Bay

Written by Larry Loyie with Constance Brissenden

Brantford, ON: Indigenous Education Press, 2022

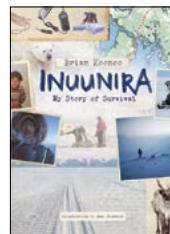
□ \$19.99 PB 978-1-990297-27-4

140 pages, b&w, 6" x 9"

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grade 7

This is the true story of Larry Loyie's experience at residential school in the 1940s and his struggles as a teenager to find a place for himself in the outside world. The traditional First Nations life he once knew changed, but with Grandfather's guidance, he finds his way. Originally published in 2008 by Theytus Books (*Best Books for Kids & Teens 2009* Starred Selection).

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS | CANADIAN HISTORY | FIRST NATIONS | SELF-DISCOVERY | INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS | RESILIENCE



Inuunira: My Story of Survival

Written by Brian Koonoo

Illustrated by Ben Shannon

Iqaluit: Inhabit Media, 2022

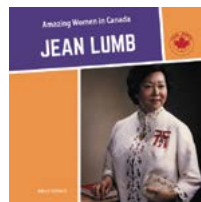
□ \$19.95 HC 978-1-77227-430-1

37 pages, full-colour, 7" x 9 1/2"

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grades 5-6

A hunting trip in Canada's Arctic becomes a story of survival when Brian Koonoo's snowmobile breaks down and he finds himself alone in the Arctic wilderness for seven days. While searching for safety, he uses the knowledge his father and Elders taught him—modern and traditional means of navigation, finding water, and making shelters—to keep his spirits up and continue on.

SURVIVAL | ARCTIC | JOURNEYS | NORTHERN CANADA | TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE | PERSEVERANCE



Jean Lumb

(Amazing Women in Canada)

Written by Kelly Spence

Collingwood, ON: Beech Street Books, 2022

□ \$28.95 LIB 978-1-77456-239-0

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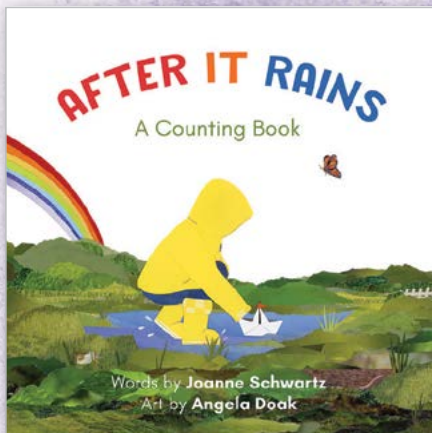
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24 pages, full-colour, 9" x 9"

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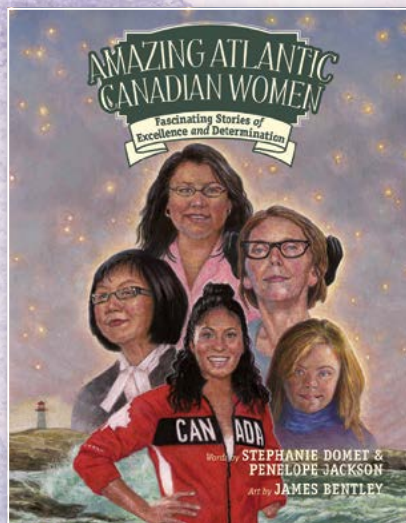
Throughout history women have shaped the culture, politics and people of the land we know as Canada. The women in this series have had a lasting impact on our daily lives. Jean Lumb was the first Chinese-Canadian woman to receive the Order of Canada for her role in changing Canada's immigration laws that separated Chinese families and helping save Toronto's Chinatown.

CANADIAN HISTORY | TRAILBLAZERS | WOMEN ACTIVISTS | BIOGRAPHY | JEAN LUMB | CHINESE CANADIANS

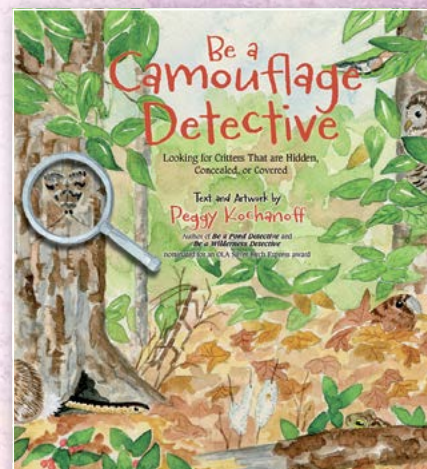


AFTER IT RAINS: A COUNTING BOOK

Words by JOANNE SCHWARTZ
Art by ANGELA DOAK



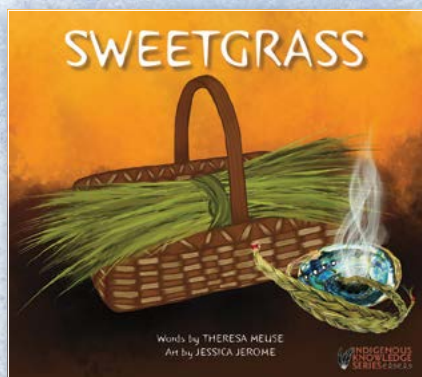
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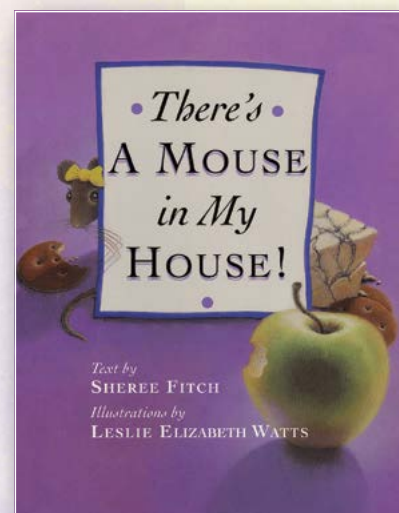


SING IN THE SPRING!

Verse by SHEREE FITCH
Art by DEB PLESTID



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LAURA BEST

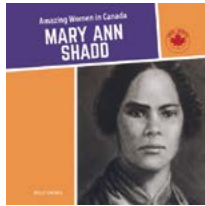


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Mary Ann Shadd (Amazing Women in Canada)

Written by Kelly Spence

Collingwood, ON: Beech Street Books, 2022

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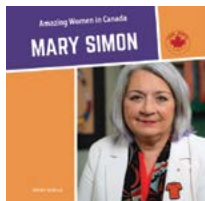
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24 pages, full-colour, 9" x 9"

IL: Ages 9-11 RL: Grades 3-4

Throughout history women have shaped the culture, politics and people of the land we know as Canada. The women in this series have had a lasting impact on our daily lives. Explore their stories and learn how they made a difference. In this book, readers learn about Mary Ann Shadd—an anti-slavery activist, journalist, publisher, teacher and lawyer.

CANADIAN HISTORY | TRAILBLAZERS | SLAVERY | EQUAL RIGHTS | RACISM | BIOGRAPHY | WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE | MARY ANN SHADD



Mary Simon (Amazing Women in Canada)

Written by Becky Noelle

Collingwood, ON: Beech Street Books, 2022

☐ \$28.95 LIB 978-1-77456-241-3

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24 pages, full-colour, 9" x 9"

IL: Ages 9-11 RL: Grades 3-4

Throughout history women have shaped the culture, politics and people of the land we know as Canada. The women in this series have had a lasting impact on our daily lives. Explore their stories and learn how they made a difference. In this book, readers learn about Mary Simon—the first Indigenous person to be named Governor General of Canada.

CANADIAN HISTORY | TRAILBLAZERS | WOMEN IN POLITICS | BIOGRAPHY | MARY SIMON | INUIT RIGHTS



The Moon Speaks Cree

Written by Larry Loyie with Constance Brissenden

Brantford, ON: Indigenous Education Press, 2022

☐ \$19.99 PB 978-1-990297-28-1

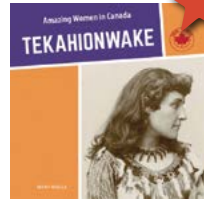
60 pages, b&w, 6" x 9"

IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grades 3-4

In this book, young Lawrence rides his father's long toboggan pulled by four eager dogs, reconnects with his older brother, and learns the secrets of winter survival from his parents and

grandparents. Based on Larry Loyie's traditional Cree childhood, the story teaches deeper lessons on the effect of change on Indigenous People and respect for culture and history.

CREE FIRST NATION | INDIGENOUS CULTURE | FAMILY | TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE



Tekahionwake (Amazing Women in Canada)

Written by Becky Noelle

Collingwood, ON: Beech Street Books, 2022

☐ \$28.95 LIB 978-1-77456-242-0

☐ \$13.95 PB 978-1-77456-258-1

☐ \$32.95 EB 978-1-77456-274-1

24 pages, full-colour, 9" x 9"

IL: Ages 9-11 RL: Grades 3-4

Throughout history women have shaped the culture, politics and people of the land we know as Canada. The women in this series have had a lasting impact on our daily lives. Explore their stories and learn how they made a difference. In this book, readers learn about Tekahionwake—a Canadian poet, author and performer who celebrated her mixed-race heritage.

CANADIAN HISTORY | TRAILBLAZERS | BIOGRAPHY | TEKAHIONWAKE | INDIGENOUS WRITERS



Threads of Peace: How Mohandas Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. Changed the World

Written by Uma Krishnaswami

New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2022

☐ \$26.99 HC (jacket) 978-1-4814-1678-8

☐ \$19.99 PB 978-1-4814-1679-5

☐ \$11.99 EB 978-1-4814-1680-1

325 pages, full-colour, 7 1/2" x 9"

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grades 4-5

Mohandas Gandhi and Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. were born more than a half-century apart. Both men shaped the world with their dream of peace. Both preached love for all people, regardless of race or religion. Both believed that freedom and justice were won by not one, but many. Both met their ends in the most unpeaceful of ways—assassination.

ACTIVISM | PEACE | MOHANDAS GANDHI | MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. | HISTORY | EQUALITY | SOCIAL JUSTICE



When the Spirits Dance

Written by Larry Loyie with Constance Brissenden

Brantford, ON: Indigenous Education Press, 2022

☐ \$19.99 PB 978-1-990297-29-8

60 pages, b&w, 6" x 9"

IL: Ages 11-14 RL: Grades 6-7

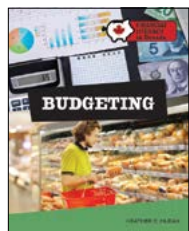
Set during World War II, this story is about Larry Loyie, his Cree family and how the war years changed the life of one Cree community.

This story examines the meaning of war, contributions made by courageous Indigenous veterans, the importance of traditional knowledge, and respect for the environment. Originally published in 2006 by Theytus Books (*Best Books for Kids & Teens 2008* Starred Selection).

CREE FIRST NATION | COURAGE | FAMILY | TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE | WORLD WAR II | INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS | INDIGENOUS TEACHINGS

Economic & Financial Literacy

MONEY SENSE FOR AGES 12 AND UP



Budgeting (Financial Literacy in Canada)

Written by Heather C. Hudak

Collingwood, ON: Beech Street Books, 2022

☐ \$30.95 LIB 978-1-77456-251-2

☐ \$15.95 PB 978-1-77456-267-3

☐ \$35.95 EB 978-1-77456-283-3

32 pages, full-colour, 8 1/8" x 10 1/4"

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grade 5

This series explores the importance of financial literacy as a life skill for all young Canadians. Learn how to handle money and the

benefits and pitfalls of borrowing and investing. Practical examples, infographics, and case studies help encourage financial literacy. In this title, readers learn about budgeting. Topics include needs and wants, setting goals, debt, and good money habits.

FINANCIAL LITERACY | MONEY | ECONOMICS | FINANCIAL CHOICES

Health & Wellness

HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND FOR AGES 5 AND UP



Pink, Blue, and You! Questions for Kids About Gender Stereotypes

Written by Elise Gravel with Mykaell Blais
Illustrated by Elise Gravel

New York: Anne Schwartz Books, 2022

☐ \$27.99 LIB 978-0-593-17864-5

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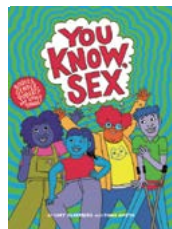
☐ \$11.99 EB 978-0-593-17865-2

36 pages, full-colour, 8" x 10"

IL: Ages 5-10 RL: Grade 2

Is it okay for boys to cry? Can girls be strong? Should girls and boys be given different toys to play with? Should we all feel free to love whoever we choose? This picture book is for kids and parents or teachers to read together, opening the door to conversations about gender stereotypes and everyone's right to be their true selves. Available in French as *Le rose, le bleu et toi! Un livre sur les stéréotypes de genre*.

GENDER IDENTITY | EQUALITY | GENDER STEREOTYPES | INCLUSIVENESS | SELF-EXPRESSION



You Know, Sex: Bodies, Gender, Puberty, and Other Things!

Written by Cory Silverberg

Illustrated by Fiona Smyth

New York: Triangle Square Books for Young Readers, 2022

☐ \$39.95 PB 978-1-64421-080-2

☐ \$22.99 EB 978-1-64421-081-9

432 pages, full-colour, 7 1/2" x 10"

IL: Ages 11 and up RL: Grade 6

This book grounds sex education in social justice, covering not only the big three of puberty—hormones, reproduction and development—but also power, pleasure and how to be a decent human being. There are chapters on body autonomy, disclosure, pornography, trauma, masturbation, consent, boundaries and safety in our media-saturated world, and reproduction that includes trans, non-binary and intersex bodies, and more.

SEX | SEXUALITY | PUBERTY | GENDER ROLES | RELATIONSHIPS | CONSENT | REPRODUCTION

History, Geography & Culture

FOR YOUNG SOCIAL SCIENTISTS AGES 6 AND UP



Can You Believe It? How to Spot Fake News and Find the Facts

Written by Joyce Grant

Illustrated by Kathleen Marcotte

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2022

☐ \$19.99 HC 978-1-5253-0322-7

☐ \$14.99 EB 978-1-5253-0451-4

55 pages, full-colour, 9" x 10"

IL: Ages 9-14 RL: Grade 5

This book helps young readers decide which online information they can trust—and which they can't. Explore how real journalism is made, what "fake news" is and how to spot the difference. Learn about bylines and credible sources, influencers and clickbait. Readers are encouraged to approach online information with skepticism and to make smart choices about what they believe and share.

CRITICAL THINKING | SOCIAL MEDIA | FAKE NEWS | MEDIA LITERACY



Detection Dog (Jobs of a Working Dog)

Written by B. Keith Davidson

St. Catharines, ON: Crabtree Publishing, 2022

☐ \$26.19 LIB 978-1-0396-4610-0

☐ \$9.75 PB 978-1-0396-4737-4

☐ \$27.00 EB 978-1-0396-5214-9

32 pages, full-colour, 7" x 9"

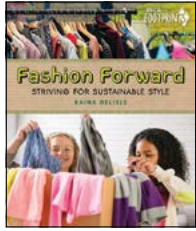
IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grade 3

Working dogs are extraordinary heroes, whether they're making the world a safer place or assisting someone with a disability. Discover which breeds are used for these jobs and read about training techniques. A detection dog is trained to smell certain scents and lead their handler to them. They can sniff out everything from bombs to cancer and human remains to bedbugs!

DOGS | WORKING DOGS | DETECTION DOGS

History, Geography & Culture

FOR YOUNG SOCIAL SCIENTISTS AGES 6 AND UP



Fashion Forward: Striving for Sustainable Style (Orca Footprints)

Written by Raina Delisle

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022

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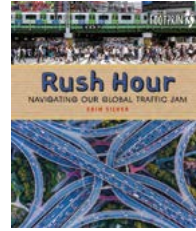
□ \$14.99 EB 978-1-4598-2582-6

52 pages, full-colour, 8" x 9 1/2"

IL: Ages 9 and up RL: Grade 6

This book goes behind the glitz and glamour to explore the social and environmental issues within the fashion industry. It looks at the history of fashion, from why humans started wearing clothes to the explosion of fast fashion. Readers meet innovative people, fashion companies and organizations and explore how to make ethical choices and become fashion heroes for the future.

FASHION | SUSTAINABILITY | ENVIRONMENTALISM | CONSUMERISM | ACTIVISM | ETHICAL SHOPPING



Rush Hour: Navigating Our Global Traffic Jam (Orca Footprints)

Written by Erin Silver

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022

□ \$19.95 HC 978-1-4598-2775-2

□ \$14.99 EB 978-1-4598-2777-6

47 pages, full-colour, 8" x 9 1/2"

IL: Ages 9 and up RL: Grade 6

In this title, readers learn how traffic got so bad and some of the innovative ways it's being managed around the world—including talking cars and electric buses. From walking to school, carpooling, or petitioning the government, the next generation of drivers must think differently about traffic. It starts with changing our habits, one less car ride at a time.

TRANSPORTATION | TRAFFIC | SUSTAINABILITY | ENVIRONMENTALISM | URBAN LIVING



Herding Dog (Jobs of a Working Dog)

Written by B. Keith Davidson

St. Catharines, ON: Crabtree Publishing, 2022

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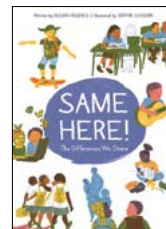
□ \$27.00 EB 978-1-0396-5213-2

32 pages, full-colour, 7" x 9"

IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grade 3

Working dogs are extraordinary heroes, whether they're making the world a safer place or assisting someone with a disability. Discover which breeds are used for these jobs and read about training techniques. Herding dogs watch over and help move livestock safely from one place to another, guarding against predators and other hazards. Handlers use voice, hand and whistle commands.

DOGS | WORKING DOGS | HERDING DOGS



Same Here! The Differences We Share

Written by Susan Hughes

Illustrated by Sophie Casson

Toronto: Owlkids Books, 2022

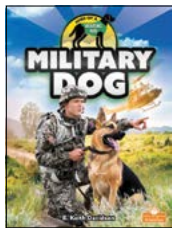
□ \$21.95 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-1-77147-307-1

63 pages, full-colour, 7 3/4" x 11"

IL: Ages 6-12 RL: Grade 4

Children around the world live different lives, but despite these differences, they all share common needs: to feel loved and protected, to have a place to live, to learn, to eat, to play, to share, and to dream for the future. This book encourages kids to draw connections to their own lives while learning about the experiences of others.

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP | GLOBAL COMMUNITY | CHILDREN | NEEDS | DIVERSITY



Military Dog (Jobs of a Working Dog)

Written by B. Keith Davidson

St. Catharines, ON: Crabtree Publishing, 2022

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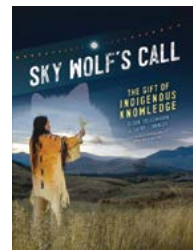
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32 pages, full-colour, 7" x 9"

IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grade 3

Working dogs are extraordinary heroes, whether they're making the world a safer place or assisting someone with a disability. Discover which breeds are used for these jobs and read about training techniques. Military working dogs serve as detection, scout and patrol dogs on military bases, airfields and prisons. Find out how these dogs can detect threats that humans cannot.

DOGS | WORKING DOGS | MILITARY DOGS



Sky Wolf's Call: The Gift of Indigenous Knowledge

Written by Eldon Yellowhorn and Kathy Lowinger

Toronto: Annick Press, 2022

□ \$24.95 HC 978-1-77321-630-0

□ \$16.95 PB 978-1-77321-629-4

□ \$18.99 EB 978-1-77321-631-7

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120 pages, full-colour, 7 1/2" x 9 1/4"

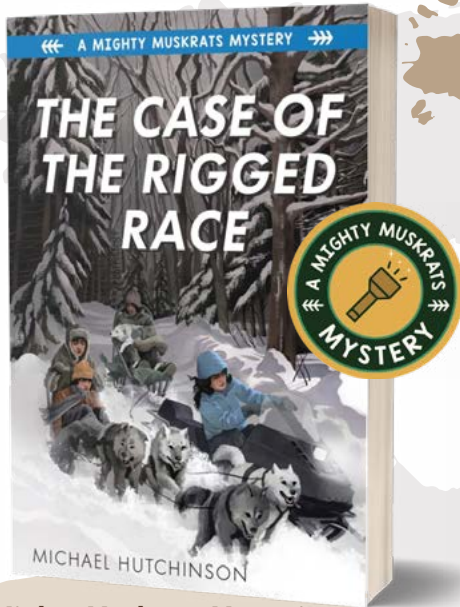
IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grade 7

Indigenous knowledge has much to teach us: how to deal with forest fires, how to grow food in sustainable ways, and how to heal our communities and our planet. Drawing on the wisdom of elders, traditional stories, and profiles of Knowledge Keepers, this book introduces readers to a body of knowledge gathered by Indigenous peoples through countless generations.

INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE | ENVIRONMENTALISM | NATURAL WORLD | CONNECTIONS | INTERDEPENDENCE | INDIGENOUS TEACHINGS | COMMUNITY

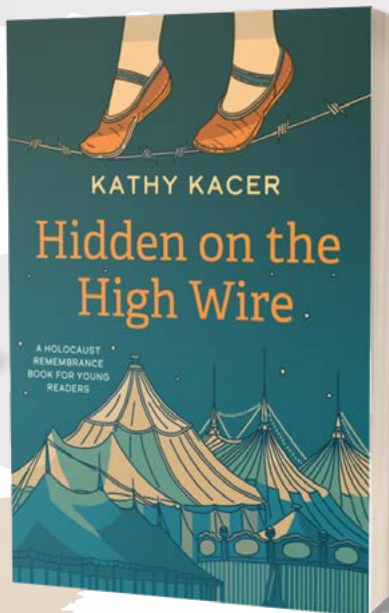
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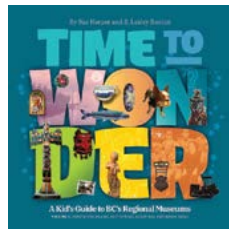
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History, Geography & Culture

FOR YOUNG SOCIAL SCIENTISTS AGES 6 AND UP



Time to Wonder: A Kid's Guide to BC's Regional Museums: Vancouver Island, Salt Spring, Alert Bay, and Haida Gwaii (Time to Wonder, Vol. 2)

Written by Sue Harper and S. Lesley Buxton

Victoria: Rocky Mountain Books, 2022

☐ \$22.00 PB 978-1-77160-506-9

☐ \$10.99 EB 978-1-77160-507-6

175 pages, full-colour, 8" x 8"

IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grade 6

Go on... be a time traveller, an anthropologist, an archeologist, an artist, or an explorer! Be everything at once! When you visit a museum, you enter an amazing world that is limited only by your imagination. The books in this series give adventurous families a backstage pass to explore behind the scenes in regional museums throughout British Columbia. This book would also be useful for teachers planning a school field trip.

MUSEUMS | EXPLORATION | BRITISH COLUMBIA | HISTORY | TOURISM



Trapped in Terror Bay: Solving the Mystery of the Lost Franklin Expedition

Written by Sigmund Brouwer

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2022

☐ \$19.99 HC 978-1-5253-0345-6

167 pages, full-colour, 7" x 9"

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grade 8

In 1845, Sir John Franklin's expedition set sail for the Arctic in search of the Northwest Passage from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Both his ships—HMS *Erebus* and HMS *Terror*—and their entire party of 129 men vanished, their fate remaining a mystery. This book reveals bone-chilling details of what really happened in Terror Bay.

MYSTERY | FRANKLIN EXPEDITION | INUIT | FORENSIC SCIENCE | ARCTIC | ADVENTURE | DISASTERS | EXPLORERS | CANADIAN HISTORY



The Witness Blanket: Truth, Art and Reconciliation

Written by Carey Newman and Kirstie Hudson

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022

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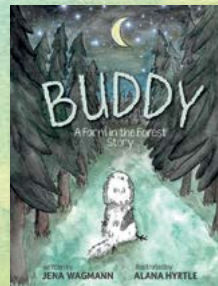
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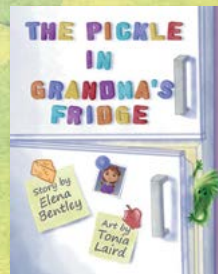
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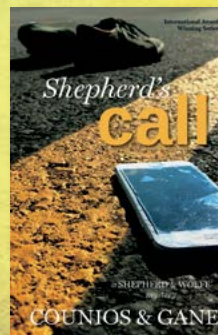
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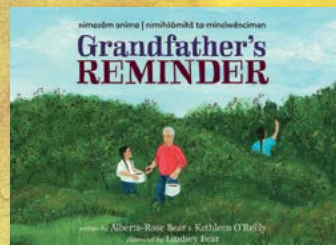
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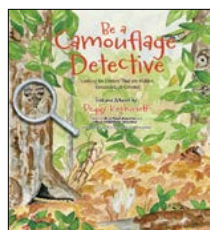


Animals Illustrated: Ringed Seal (Animals Illustrated)

Written by William Flaherty
Illustrated by Sara Otterst tter
Iqaluit: Inhabit Media, 2022
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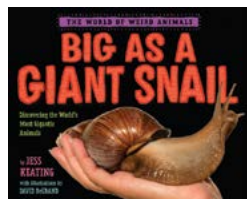


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Written and illustrated by Peggy Kochanoff
Halifax: Nimbus Publishing, 2021
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OBSERVATION | NATURAL WORLD | CAMOUFLAGE | NATURE



Big as a Giant Snail: Discovering the World's Most Gigantic Animals (The World of Weird Animals)

Written by Jess Keating
Illustrated by David DeGrand
New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2022
\$27.99 LIB 978-0-593-30085-5
\$23.99 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-0-593-30084-8
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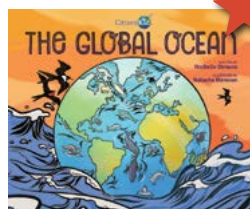


Dig, Dance, Dive: How Birds Move to Survive

Written by Etta Kaner
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Toronto: Owlkids Books, 2022
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Written by Rochelle Strauss
Illustrated by Natasha Donovan
Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2022
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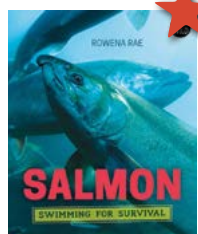


Little Pine Cone: Wildfires and the Natural World

Written by Johanna Wagstaffe
Illustrated by Julie McLaughlin
Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022
\$21.95 HC 978-1-4598-2830-8
\$16.99 EB 978-1-4598-2832-2
36 pages, full-colour, 9" x 9"
IL: Ages 6-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Jacky is a Jack pine cone who loves her forest home. She noticed that summers are getting hotter and drier. When a fire breaks out in her forest, all her animal friends run to safety, and the firefighters battle the flames. When the fire reaches Jacky, she discovers that the heat is important for her to continue her life cycle.

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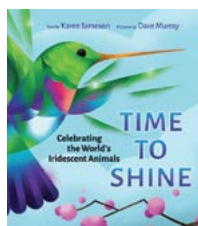
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IL: Ages 9 and up RL: Grades 5-6

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Written by Karen Jameson

Illustrated by Dave Murray

Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2022

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32 pages, full-colour, 8 3/4" x 10"

IL: Ages 4-7 RL: Grades 2-3

Have you ever noticed the rainbow-like shimmer on certain bird feathers, insect bodies and animal scales? Animals use this iridescence to both blend in and stand out. This book takes a closer look at these creatures and their sparkly "clothes"—from the hummingbird's sequined "costume" to the peacock's feathered train, readers learn about each animal's environment and adaptation.

ADAPTATION | IRIDESCENCE | CAMOUFLAGE | NATURAL WORLD | ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR



★ **Urgent Message from a Hot Planet: Navigating the Climate Crisis (Orca Issues)**

Written by Ann Eriksson

Illustrated by Belle Wuthrich

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022

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206 pages, full-colour, 6" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grades 7-8

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CLIMATE CHANGE | CLIMATE CRISIS | ACTIVISM | ENVIRONMENTALISM



★ **Who's Looking? How Animals See the World**

Written by Carol Matas

Illustrated by Cornelia Li

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2022

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36 pages, full-colour, 10" x 10"

IL: Ages 5-8 RL: Grades 2-3

In this non-fiction picture book, a young girl and her little sister's outdoor adventures are seen through the eyes of a variety of animals. Goats have panoramic vision, whales see the world in shades of grey, and an eagle's sharp sight can pick out a tiny mouse far below. What does the world look like? It depends on who's looking!

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Markham, ON: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2022

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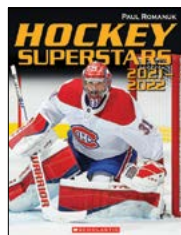
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IL: Ages 7-12 RL: Grades 3-4

This book takes readers on a trip to the Rocky Mountains! Learn about grizzly bears, moose, bighorn sheep, wolves and many others, as well as interesting facts about eagles and owls, loons, grouse, woodpeckers, chickadees and ravens. Nature writer and wildlife photographer Wayne Lynch draws upon 40 years of mountain experience to create a wildlife book for readers of all ages.

ROCKY MOUNTAINS | WILDLIFE | MOUNTAINS | HABITATS | NATURAL WORLD | BIOMES





Hockey Superstars 2021-2022

Written by Paul Romanuk

Illustrated by Bill Dickson

Toronto: Scholastic Canada, 2021

□ \$8.99 PB 978-1-4431-9144-9

48 pages, full-colour, 8 1/4" x 10 7/8"

IL: Ages 6-12 RL: Grades 4-5

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 IL: Ages 3-6

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