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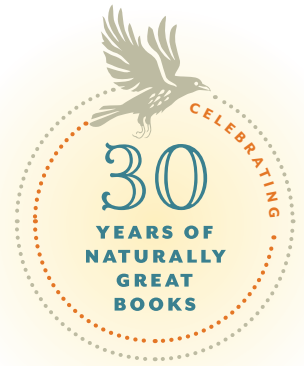


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PUBLISHER'S NOTE



THIRTY YEARS AGO, Greystone Books, the parent company of Greystone Kids and Aldana Libros, published our first list of books. It may surprise some to learn that there were kids' books on the list in our early years, and some of those books are still in print today. In 2019, to be more intentional about publishing for kids, we decided to launch two imprints, each with a distinct and unique focus.

Aldana Libros, the eponymous imprint of publisher Patricia Aldana, brings books by exceptional writers and illustrators from around the world to English-speaking children, encouraging knowledge and understanding of others. The Aldana Libros books on this Spring 2023 list come from creators in Mexico, Colombia, and Quebec. They look deep into the past and far out into the universe, exploring culture, art, and love.

Greystone Kids publishes books for young readers centering on science, nature, the environment, well-being, and social issues. The Greystone Kids Spring 2023 list includes delightful picture books celebrating nature and science, as well as a powerful biography of a beloved folk artist. For middle-grade readers, we explore nature in our own backyards and science at the North Pole in two engaging and informative nonfiction books.

In three short years, Greystone Kids and Aldana Libros have published dozens of critically acclaimed books and had an impact on children around the world. We are extremely proud of what we have accomplished, and we look forward to one day celebrating our own thirtieth anniversary.

JEN GAUTHIER | PUBLISHER



Greystone Kids is committed to reducing our environmental footprint in our production and supply chain. We print on paper that meets international standards set by globally recognized organizations that certify paper sourced with socially responsible and environmentally friendly methods. Printed in Canada at Hemlock Printers on 100% recycled paper.

AN ALDANA LIBROS BOOK

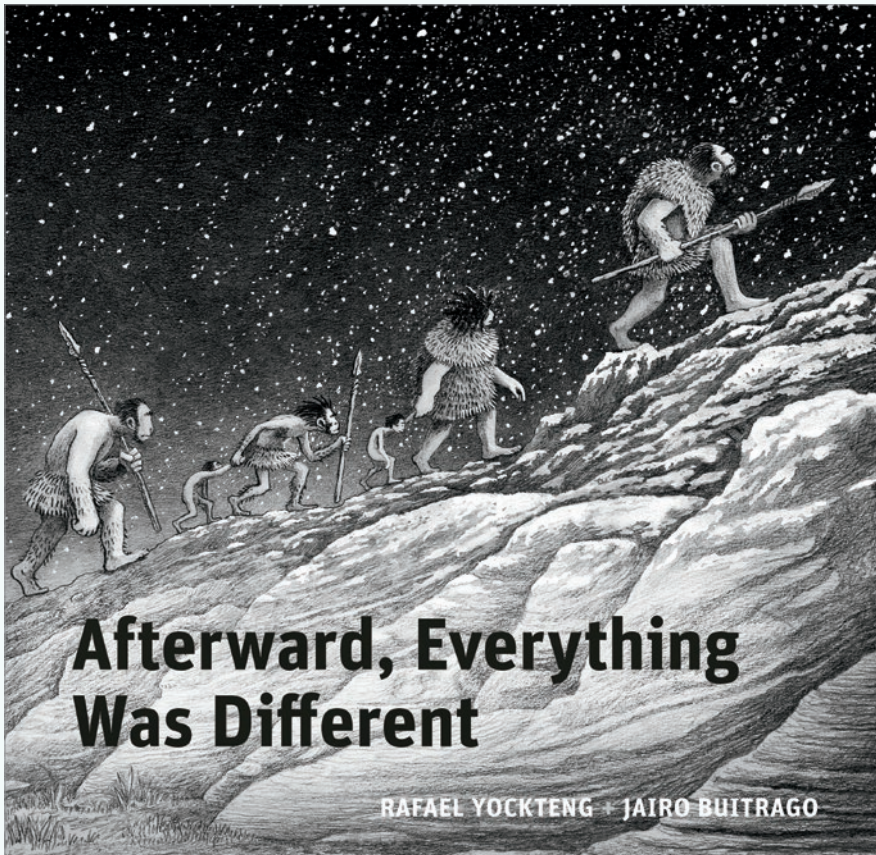
AFTERWARD, EVERYTHING WAS DIFFERENT

A Tale of the Pleistocene

JAIRO BUITRAGO

Illustrated by RAFAEL YOCKTENG

Translated by ELISA AMADO



Afterward, Everything Was Different

RAFAEL YOCKTENG • JAIRO BUITRAGO

From the creators of *Drawing Outdoors* (a *Kirkus* ★ and *School Library Journal* ★ book), this almost wordless picture book set in the dawn of human life imagines how art and storytelling were born from the power of one young girl's observation.

Picture Book
Hardcover with dust jacket
ISBN 978-1-77840-060-5
9.75 × 9.5 • 64 pages
Pencil illustrations throughout

RIGHTS HELD:

World, English

AGE RANGE: 4–8

GRADE RANGE: PreK to Grade 2

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Artistic Expression / Visual
Literacy / Storytelling / Early
Humans

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR HOME:

Mexico City, Mexico (Buitrago)
Bogotá, Colombia (Yockteng)

TRANSLATOR HOME:

Canada

Canada

May 2023 • \$22.95

U.S.

May 2023 • \$19.95

U.K.

May 2023 • £13.99

ONCE UPON A TIME, during the Pleistocene, somewhere between two-and-a-half million and ten thousand years ago, small groups of people traveled their known world, hunting for food, seeking shelter, and slowly becoming more like the people we are today.

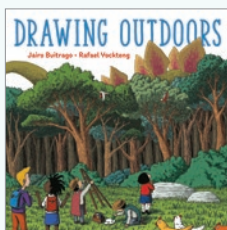
As far back as forty thousand years ago (and maybe even earlier), people began drawing pictures on cave walls. And a bit later, they carved images onto stones. Some pictures were of humans, usually drawn as stick figures, but most were of animals. We don't know their purpose, though in some cases, evidence seems to suggest they were used for storytelling. But when we look at these pictures now, we can't help but admire the extraordinary talent of the first artists. They aren't just scratches on the wall. They are great art.

In this book of few words, we see a young girl who notices everything that happens around her as her people search for a cave to shelter for the winter. And we can believe that she feels the absolute necessity to draw what she has seen and to tell stories.

And afterward, everything is different.

JAIRO BUITRAGO (author) and **RAFAEL YOCKTENG** (illustrator) have collaborated on many highly acclaimed picture books, including *Drawing Outdoors*, *Jimmy the Greatest!*, *Two White Rabbits*, *Walk With Me*, and *Lion and Mouse*. They won the A la Orilla del Viento Picture Book Competition for the Spanish edition of *Walk With Me* (Camino a casa), which was also named to the IBBY Honour List and the Kirkus Prize shortlist. Their books have also appeared on *Kirkus Reviews Best Books*, the *Horn Book Fanfare*, and in the *White Ravens* catalogue. Buitrago lives in Mexico City. Yockteng lives in Bogotá.

ALSO OF INTEREST:



Drawing Outdoors

Jairo Buitrago
Illustrated by Rafael Yockteng
978-1-77164-847-9 • HC
\$22.95 CAN, \$18.95 U.S.,
£12.99 U.K.



Ways to Make Friends

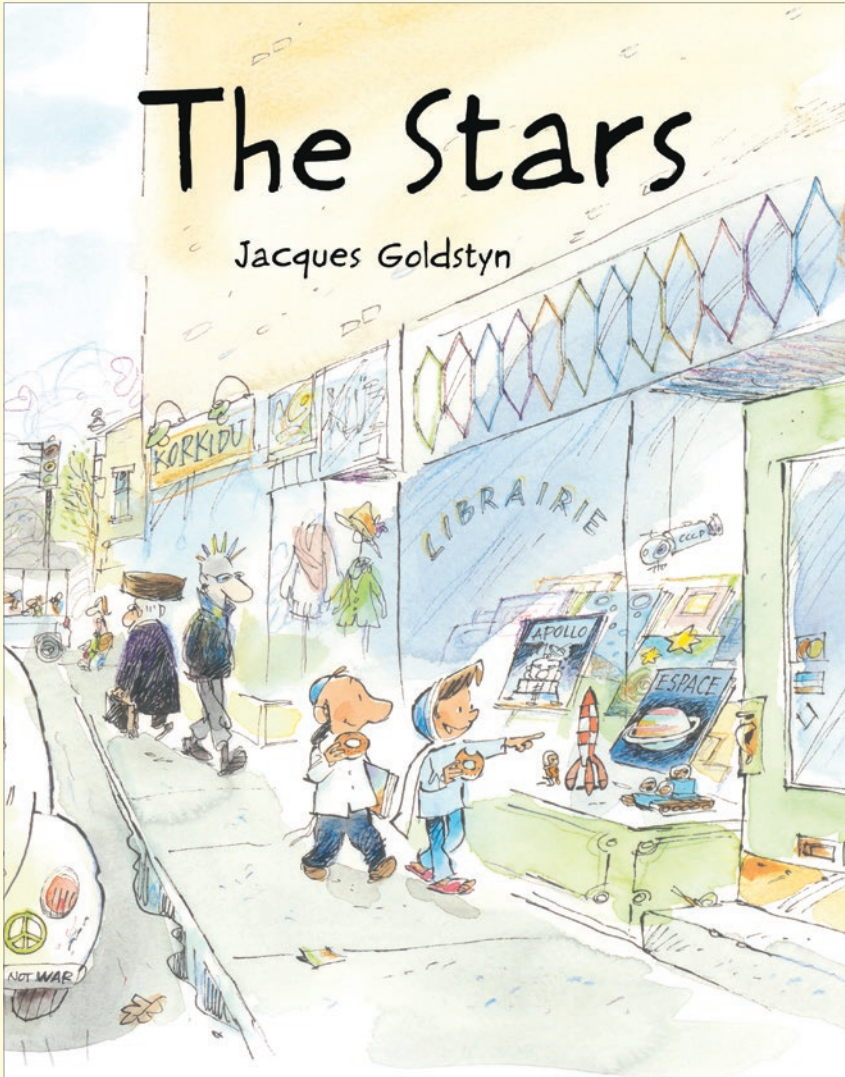
Jairo Buitrago
Illustrated by
Mariana Ruiz Johnson
978-1-77164-975-9 • HC
\$22.95 CAN, \$18.95 U.S.,
£12.99 U.K.

AN ALDANA LIBROS BOOK

THE STARS

JACQUES GOLDSTYN

Translated by HELEN MIXTER



A dazzling story about love—for the stars, and for one another—between two young people.

Picture Book
Hardcover with dust jacket
ISBN 978-1-77164-919-3
Ebook also available
7.5 × 9.5 • 72 pages
Full-color illustrations

RIGHTS HELD:

World, all languages

AGE RANGE: 7–10

GRADE RANGE: Grades 2 to 5

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Cultural Awareness / Tolerance /
Acceptance / Diversity /
Astronomy

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR HOME:

Montréal, Quebec

TRANSLATOR HOME: Canada

Canada

May 2023 • \$24.95

U.S.

May 2023 • \$19.95

U.K.

May 2023 • £13.99

EVERY DAY, Yakov takes his sisters to the park. He's supposed to look after them, but their games are boring, so he reads about space and dreams of becoming an astronaut instead. His father, though, has other plans: he wants Yakov to take over his grocery store when he grows up.

Yakov's world changes when at the park one day, he comes across a girl also reading a book about space. Aïcha has moved into the house right behind his, and the two become inseparable. Together, they search for constellations, check out astronomy books from the library, and marvel at the night sky. However, their fathers fear they are growing too close. They are forbidden from spending time together, and Aïcha eventually moves away.

Years later, Yakov has achieved his dream: he works for NASA and builds space probes. Will he and Aïcha ever see each other again?

From award-winning picture book creator and cartoonist Jacques Goldstyn, *The Stars* is a brilliant and heartwarming hymn to friendship, the infinitude of the sky, and following what you love.

JACQUES GOLDSTYN is an illustrator and a political cartoonist, who began life as a geologist. He received the Governor General's Award in 2017 for his book *Azadah* and was inducted to the Canadian Comic Book Hall of Fame in 2018. He has twice won Le Grand Prix du Journalisme Indépendant for editorial illustration.



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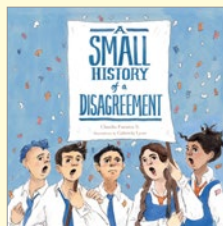


New Year

Mei Zihan

Illustrated by Qin Leng

978-1-77164-731-1 • HC
\$24.95 CAN, \$18.95 U.S.,
£13.99 U.K.



**A Small History of
a Disagreement**

Claudio Fuentes

Illustrated by Gabriela Lyon

978-1-77164-707-6 • HC
\$24.95 CAN, \$18.95 U.S.,
£14.99 U.K.

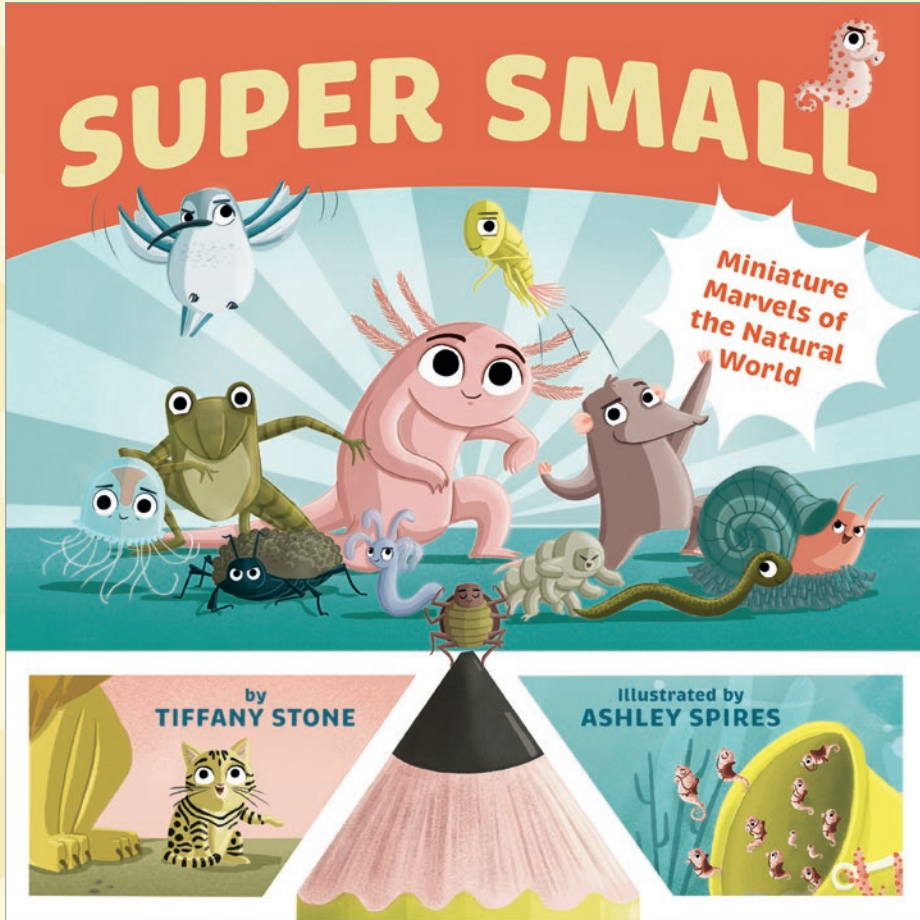
SUPER SMALL

Miniature Marvels of the Natural World



TIFFANY STONE

Illustrated by ASHLEY SPIRES



This utterly unique rhyming comic book explores super small creatures with astounding abilities.





Picture Book

Hardcover

ISBN 978-1-77164-656-7

Ebook also available

10 x 10 • 36 pages

Full-color illustrations

RIGHTS HELD: World, all languages

AGE RANGE: 4-8

GRADE RANGE: K to Grade 4

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Nature / Environment / Adaptation

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR HOME:

Tsawwassen, BC (Stone)

Maple Ridge, BC (Spire)

Canada

April 2023 • \$22.95

U.S.

April 2023 • \$18.95

U.K.

April 2023 • £12.99



DID YOU KNOW that some of the smallest creatures on Earth have real-life superpowers?

The minute oribatid mite can lift more than a thousand times its own weight. A tiny type of salamander (called an axolotl) can regrow body parts. And the almost microscopic tardigrade? It can survive practically anywhere, even in outer space! Acclaimed author Tiffany Stone combines comic panels and rhymes to share incredible facts about our world's miniature marvels, while bestselling illustrator Ashley Spire's zany cartoon-style illustrations make these itty-bitty superheroes (and supervillains) pop on the page.

From glow-in-the-dark sharks to immortal jellyfish and tiny cats with lethal aim, *Super Small* shows readers that just because you are small, it doesn't mean you aren't super.

In fact, sometimes being small can be super in and of itself.

TIFFANY STONE is a children's poet and critically acclaimed picture book author. She lives in BC with her family and several sort-of small (but very super) pets.

ASHLEY SPIRES is the author and illustrator of many books, including the bestselling *The Most Magnificent Thing* and the *Binky the Space Cat* series, both of which have animated adaptations. When she is not making books, she enjoys yoga, jogging, and fostering orphan kittens for her local shelter.

ALSO OF INTEREST:



Luminous

Living Things That

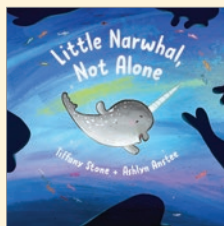
Light Up the Night

Julia Kuo

978-1-77164-888-2 • HC

\$22.95 CAN, \$18.95 U.S.,

£12.99 U.K.



**Little Narwhal,
Not Alone**

Tiffany Stone

Illustrated by Ashlyn Anstee

978-1-77164-620-8 • HC

\$22.95 CAN, \$17.95 U.S.,

£12.99 U.K.

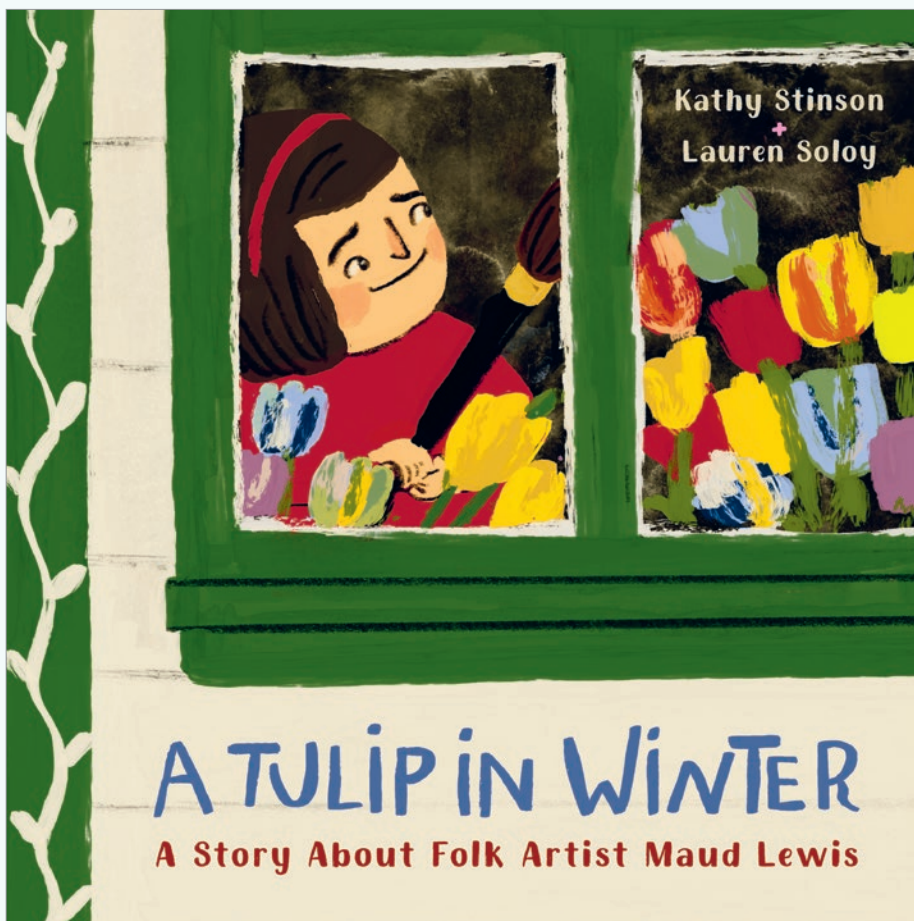


A TULIP IN WINTER

A Story About Folk Artist Maud Lewis

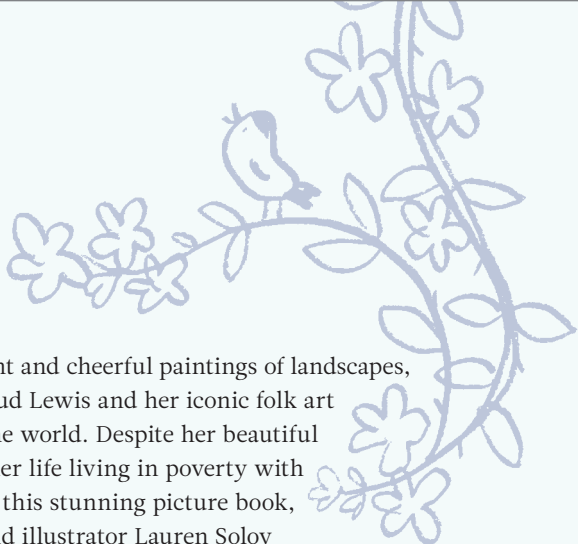
KATHY STINSON

Illustrated by LAUREN SOLOY



A celebration of a beloved folk artist and
her artistic expression of joy and beauty.





Picture Book

Hardcover with dust jacket

ISBN 978-1-77164-951-3

Ebook also available

9 × 9 • 44 pages

Full-color illustrations

RIGHTS HELD: World, all languages

AGE RANGE: 4-8

GRADE RANGE: PreK to Grade 3

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Diversity / Artistic Expression / Resilience / Maritime History

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR HOME:

Rockwood, ON (Stinson)

Bridgetown, NS (Soloy)

Canada

March 2023 • \$22.95

U.S.

March 2023 • \$18.95

U.K.

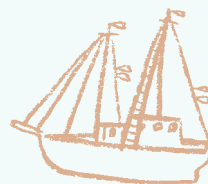
March 2023 • £12.99

KNOWN FOR HER vibrant and cheerful paintings of landscapes, plants, and animals, Maud Lewis and her iconic folk art are celebrated around the world. Despite her beautiful art, she spent much of her life living in poverty with rheumatoid arthritis. In this stunning picture book, author Kathy Stinson and illustrator Lauren Soloy bring Maud's world to life: how she captured in her art what she loved most while navigating the mobility issues caused by her condition. From bright paintings of the sea and countryside to the flowers and birds she painted on the walls of the small house she shared with her husband, Maud's work continues to delight and inspire viewers young and old.

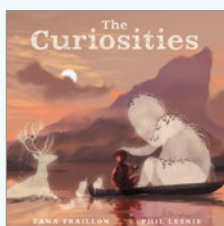
Uplifting and visually compelling, Maud's story will inspire readers to find and focus on the beauty in their worlds.

KATHY STINSON is the author of a wide range of books for children and adults, including the classic *Red Is Best* and the TD Canadian Children's Literature Award-winning picture book *The Man With the Violin*.

LAUREN SOLOY is an author and illustrator whose books include *When Emily Was Small*, *Etty Darwin* and *the Four Pebble Problem*, and *I's the B'y*. She lives in a 140-year-old house in the wilds of Nova Scotia with her librarian husband, two curious children, an ever-expanding collection of books, two beehives, and one cat.



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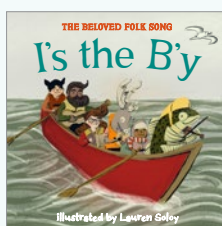


The Curiosities

Zana Fraillon

Illustrated by Phil Lesnie

978-1-77840-008-7 • HC
\$22.95 CAN, \$18.95 U.S.



I's the B'y

The Beloved Folk Song

Illustrated by Lauren Soloy

978-1-77164-833-2 • HC
\$22.95 CAN, \$18.95 U.S.,
£12.99 U.K.



Picture Book

Hardcover with dust jacket

ISBN 978-1-77164-695-6

Ebook also available

9 × 9 • 40 pages

Full-color illustrations

RIGHTS HELD: World, all languages

AGE RANGE: 2–6

GRADE RANGE: PreK to Grade 2

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Seasons / Water Cycle / Poetry

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR HOME:

Victoria, BC (McFarlane)

Vancouver, BC (Wei)

Canada

April 2023 • \$22.95

U.S.

April 2023 • \$18.95

U.K.

April 2023 • £12.99

WELCOME, RAIN!

SHERYL MCFARLANE

Illustrated by CHRISTINE WEI

We all love the rain—until we are ready for some sun!

This joyful ode to rain explores a child's many emotions when it comes to wet weather.

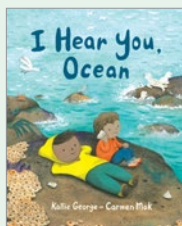
IN THIS CHARMING PICTURE BOOK, a young child's conversation with the rain poetically captures the ever-shifting feelings we have when it comes to drizzles and downpours. She thanks the rain for helping the strawberries and carrot seeds to grow, and delights in splashing in the puddles with her little brother. Then she asks the rain if it could take a vacation so she can play in the park and go lightning fast on her scooter. Eventually, it's too hot for sidewalk chalk and catching frogs, and she begins to miss it.

Cycling through the seasons, *Welcome, Rain!* is a celebration of our feelings for the rain—how we wish it would go away then long for it when it's gone—and the necessary role it plays in our lives.

SHERYL MCFARLANE is a writer and educator. She is the award-winning author of many books for children, including *Waiting for the Whales*, *Jessie's Island*, *A Pod of Orcas*, and *I Love Kisses*. *Welcome, Rain!* was inspired by jumping in puddles with her grandchildren.

CHRISTINE WEI is a Taiwanese illustrator based in Canada. Christine's work has been recognized by the Society of Illustrators, American Illustration, and CBC Arts, and has been featured in 3x3 magazine, *Flow*, *Mandarin Daily News*, and more.

ALSO OF INTEREST:



I Hear You, Ocean

Kallie George

Illustrated by Carmen Mok

978-1-77164-739-7 • HC

\$22.95 CAN, \$17.95 U.S.,

£12.99 U.K.



Wildflower

Melanie Brown

Illustrated by Sara Gillingham

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\$22.95 CAN, \$17.95 U.S.,

£12.99 U.K.



Picture Book
Hardcover with dust jacket
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Ebook also available
8 x 10 • 36 pages
Full-color illustrations

RIGHTS HELD: World, all languages

AGE RANGE: 2-6

GRADE RANGE: PreK to Grade 2

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:
Patterning / Geometry / Nature /
Art and Design

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR HOME:
Vancouver, BC

Canada

April 2023 • \$22.95

U.S.

April 2023 • \$18.95

U.K.

April 2023 • £12.99



WINGS, WAVES & WEBS

Patterns in Nature

ROBIN MITCHELL CRANFIELD

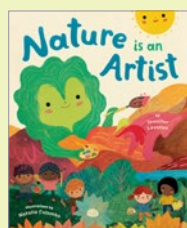
A visually stunning introduction to patterns found in the natural world.

FROM THE DOTS ON A LADYBUG to the spiral on a snail, patterns in nature can be found anywhere. Perfect for early education, this simple and playful concept book introduces the littlest of readers to both math and nature through playful text and gorgeous illustrations. After a showcase of stripes, honeycombs, waves, and more, the book's final page—a striking sunflower—will inspire kids to find patterns for themselves. Vibrant and immersive, *Wings, Waves & Webs* invites young children to discover the beauty of the world around them.

ROBIN MITCHELL CRANFIELD is an illustrator, teacher, and graphic designer. She is the co-creator of the Windy books series, and has been honored by the Kidscreen Awards, iTunes Editor's Choice selections, the Parents' Choice Awards, and the Bologna Ragazzi Award for her work. *Wings, Waves & Webs* is her fifth children's book.

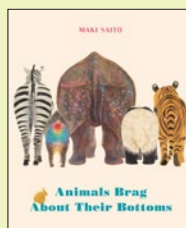


ALSO OF INTEREST:



Nature Is an Artist

Jennifer Lavallee
Illustrated by
Natalia Colombo
978-1-77164-649-9 • HC
\$22.95 CAN, \$17.95 U.S.,
£12.99 U.K.



Animals Brag About Their Bottoms

Maki Saito
978-1-77164-710-6 • HC
\$21.95 CAN, \$16.95 U.S.,
£11.99 U.K.



Picture Book
Hardcover with dust jacket
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Ebook also available
9 x 11 • 36 pages
Full-color illustrations

RIGHTS HELD: World, all languages

AGE RANGE: 3-6

GRADE RANGE: PreK to Grade 2

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:
Scientific Enquiry / Goal Setting / Risk Taking

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR HOME:

Vancouver, BC (Lloyd Kyi)
Toronto, ON (Qiuqi)

Canada

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U.S.

May 2023 • \$18.95

U.K.

May 2023 • £12.99



SOMETIMES, IT SEEMS as if scientists know everything about the world. They've recorded the songs of humpback whales, dug up the bones of dinosaurs, and even tracked the storms of Jupiter. But the young scientist in this charming picture book knows there's so much more to explore. Do different trees speak different languages to one another through their tangled roots? Do faraway suns have planets like ours, with air and ocean and land? How do ideas pop into our heads, and where do our questions come from?

What Will I Discover? is an inspiring exploration of curiosity and scientific discovery—and all the great mysteries just waiting to be solved.

TANYA LLOYD KYI is the author of more than thirty books for children and young adults. She is curious about everything from penguins to popcorn, and she has more questions about the world than any scientist could answer. Tanya's most recent books include *Our Green City* and *Better Connected* (written with her daughter, Julia Kyi). Tanya teaches for the University of British Columbia's School of Creative Writing.

RACHEL QIUQI is an illustrator and author passionate about storytelling for children. She started drawing when she was little and has been drawing with the same naivete to this day. Her delightful work is not only inspiring for kids, but for grown-ups too.

ALSO OF INTEREST:



Fiona the Fruit Bat

Dan Riskin

Illustrated by Rachel Qiuqi

978-1-77164-785-4 • HC

\$22.95 CAN, \$17.95 U.S.,

£12.99 U.K.



Luminous

Living Things That
Light Up the Night

Julia Kuo

978-1-77164-888-2 • HC

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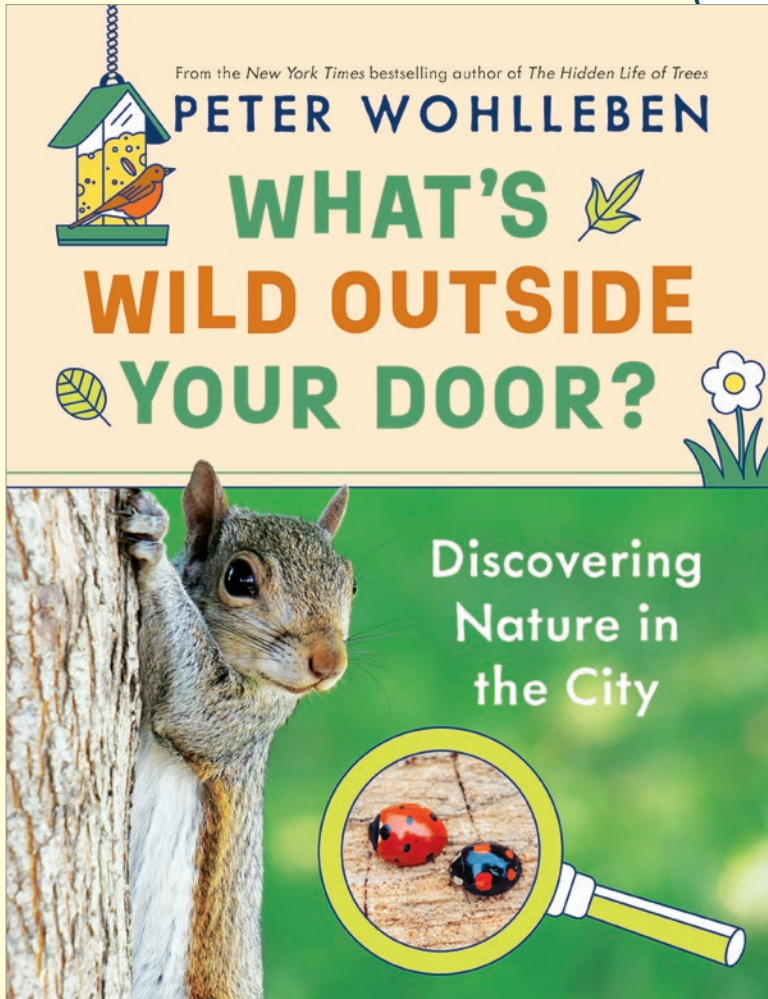


WHAT'S WILD OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR?

Discovering Nature in the City

PETER WOHLLEBEN

Translated by Jane Billinghamurst



From the *New York Times* bestselling
author of *The Hidden Life of Trees* comes
a kid's guide to finding nature in the city.

Middle Grade Nonfiction
Hardcover

ISBN 978-1-77164-895-0

Ebook also available

8.5 × 11 • 84 pages

Full-color illustrations

RIGHTS HELD: World, English

AGE RANGE: 8–12

GRADE RANGE: Grades 3 to 7

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Nature / Ecosystems /
Interdependence / Urban
Environments

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR HOME:

Hümmel, Germany (Wohlleben)

TRANSLATOR HOME:

U.S. / Canada

Canada

April 2023 • \$24.95

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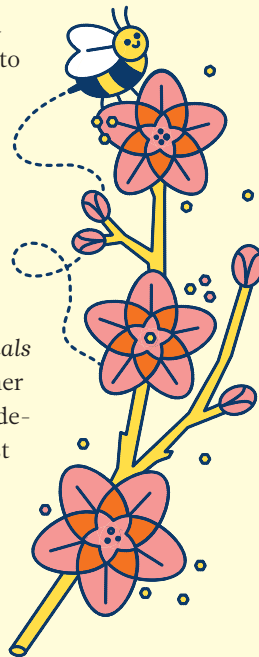


YOU MIGHT THINK cities are the last place to find nature. But nature is actually right outside your door—you just need to know where to look. From the roofs of apartments to parking lots, cities are bursting with plants and animals.

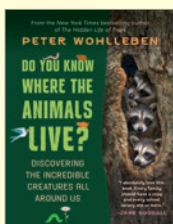
In this fascinating and interactive guide, kids learn how birds build their nests on bridges, where salamanders and toads hide, and how plants push through sidewalk cracks. Alongside these awe-inspiring facts, Peter shares engaging, science-based activities that include how to identify animal sounds, raise a slime mold, make your own compass, collect plants to start your own herbarium, and even see shooting stars. Peter also provides information on which animals thrive in cities and which could use our help, as well as tips for staying safe and having fun while embarking on a nature adventure.

Perfect for outdoor education, *What's Wild Outside Your Door?* equips kids in urban and suburban environments with the knowledge to engage with the natural world around them and the confidence to go exploring.

PETER WOHLLEBEN is the author of several books about the natural world, including *The Hidden Life of Trees*, *The Inner Life of Animals*, and *The Heartbeat of Trees*. His books for children include *Can You Hear the Trees Talking?*, *Do You Know Where the Animals Live?*, and *Peter and the Tree Children*. A former longtime forester, Wohlleben runs a forest academy in Germany that supports sustainable forest management and teaches adults and children about the many wonders of the forest.



ALSO OF INTEREST:



Do You Know Where the Animals Live?

Discovering the Incredible
Creatures All Around Us

Peter Wohlleben

978-1-77164-659-8 • HC

\$24.95 CAN, \$19.95 U.S.,

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Can You Hear the Trees Talking?

Discovering the Hidden
Life of the Forest

Peter Wohlleben

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Middle Grade

Hardcover

ISBN 978-1-77164-956-8

Ebook also available

9.5 × 11.5 • 128 pages

Full-color illustrations & photos

RIGHTS HELD: World, English

AGE RANGE: 9–14

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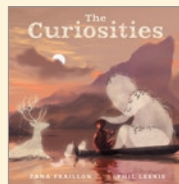
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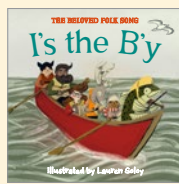
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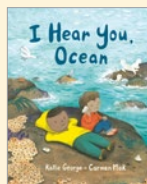
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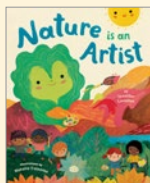
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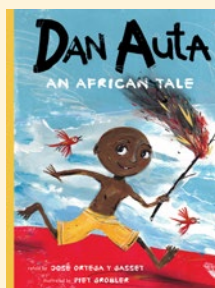
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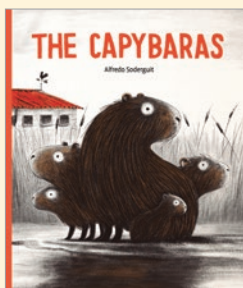
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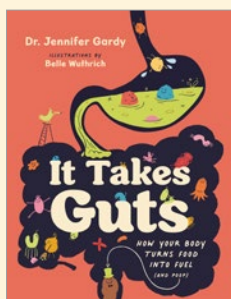
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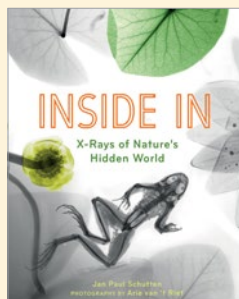
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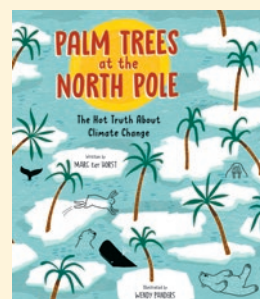
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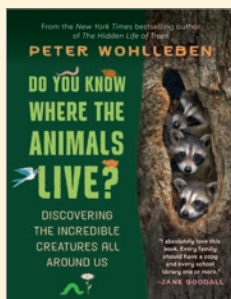
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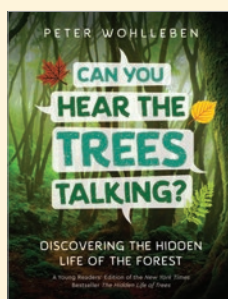
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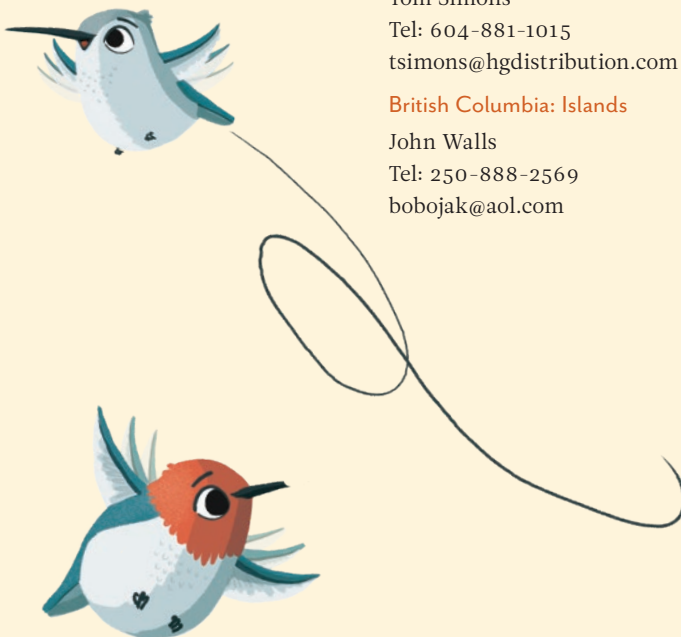
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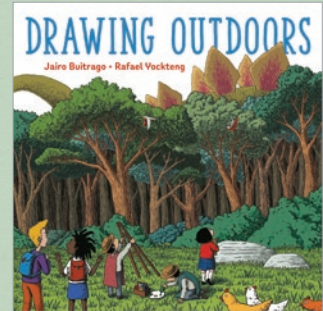
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