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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

THE GREYSTONE KIDS AND ALDANA LIBROS Spring 2024 lists are filled with diverse and unique books from creators all over the world, and yet they share some similar and inspiring themes.

Courage and community shine in Julie Flett's newest picture book, *Let's Go! / haw êkwa!* in which a young child finds the confidence to join other kids on skateboards at the park. Courage is also prominent in both new Aldana Libros books: *The Voyage* follows an intrepid young woman who sets sail on a high-seas adventure, while in *Champ* we meet a boy who finds the strength to be himself despite the pressure to conform.

Community is celebrated as characters gather together in *This Table*, and also by getting to know the wacky neighbors in *No. 5 Bubblegum Street*. In *Bird is Dead*, friendship is key when trying to understand death and loss.

The natural world has held a special place on every list, and this one is no exception. Our own Kallie George and Sara Gillingham have teamed up to uncover the many fascinating things we can learn from fungi in *Mushrooms Know*. Candace Savage and Rachel Wada reveal the origins of our universe in *Always Beginning*, Peter Wohlleben teaches kids how to *Be a Nature Explorer!*, and Rick McIntyre—the “ultimate guru of wolf behavior,” according to Jane Goodall—teams up with children's writer David Poulsen to introduce young readers to the gripping coming-of age story of an underdog in *The Unlikely Hero*, the first in their *Chronicles of the Yellowstone Wolves* series.

We are also thrilled to be releasing some of our acclaimed books in paperback and to be publishing our first board book—the adorable and cheeky *Animals Brag About Their Bottoms*.

That's all the bragging from me about our Spring 2024 books, but I look forward to hearing what the kids think, since their opinions matter most. Reach out and let us know!

JEN GAUTHIER | PUBLISHER

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Printed in Canada at Marquis Printers.

Cover is on 30% recycled paper and interior text is on 100% recycled paper.



Picture Book
Hardcover with jacket
ISBN 978-1-77164-610-9
Ebook also available
11 × 9 • 44 pages

RIGHTS HELD:
World, all languages

RIGHTS SOLD:
French

AGE RANGE:
3-8

GRADE RANGE:
PreK to Grade 3

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:
Sports / Indigenous Languages
/ Community / Goal-Setting /
Risk-Taking / Self-Awareness /
Self-Confidence

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR HOME:
Victoria, BC

Canada
May 2024 • \$23.95

U.S.
May 2024 • \$19.95

U.K.
May 2024 • £13.99



LET'S GO!

haw êkwa!

JULIE FLETT

An extraordinary new book
that celebrates skateboarding
and community, from beloved
artist and author Julie Flett.



EVERY DAY, A LITTLE BOY watches kids pass by on skateboards, and dreams of joining them. One day, his mother brings a surprise: her old skateboard, just for him! *haw êkwa! Let's go!* Together, they practice on the sidewalk, at the park, in Auntie's yard—everywhere. But when it comes time to try the skatepark, the other skateboarders are crashing down like a waterfall. Can he find the confidence to join them?

This fun and touching story from Julie Flett, accompanied by her renowned art, is a tribute to family, community, friendship, and perseverance.

JULIE FLETT is a Cree-Métis author, illustrator, and artist who has received numerous awards for her books, including the New York Times/New York Public Library Best Illustrated Children's Book Award. Her critically acclaimed picture books, including *Birdsong*, *We All Play*, and *Still This Love Goes On* (with Buffy Sainte-Marie), have been selected for Best of the Year lists by dozens of media outlets.







MUSHROOMS KNOW

Wisdom From Our Fungi Friends

KALLIE GEORGE

Illustrated by **SARA GILLINGHAM**

An adorable picture book from an all-star team that captures the wisdom that mushrooms can teach us.

Picture Book

Hardcover

ISBN 978-1-77840-077-3

10 × 8 • 40 pages

RIGHTS HELD:

World, all languages

AGE RANGE:

4-8

GRADE RANGE:

PreK to Grade 3

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Nature and the Environment
/ Ecosystems / Life Cycles /
Interdependence / STEM

AUTHOR HOME:

Gibsons, BC

ILLUSTRATOR HOME:

Vancouver, BC

Canada

May 2024 • \$23.95

U.S.

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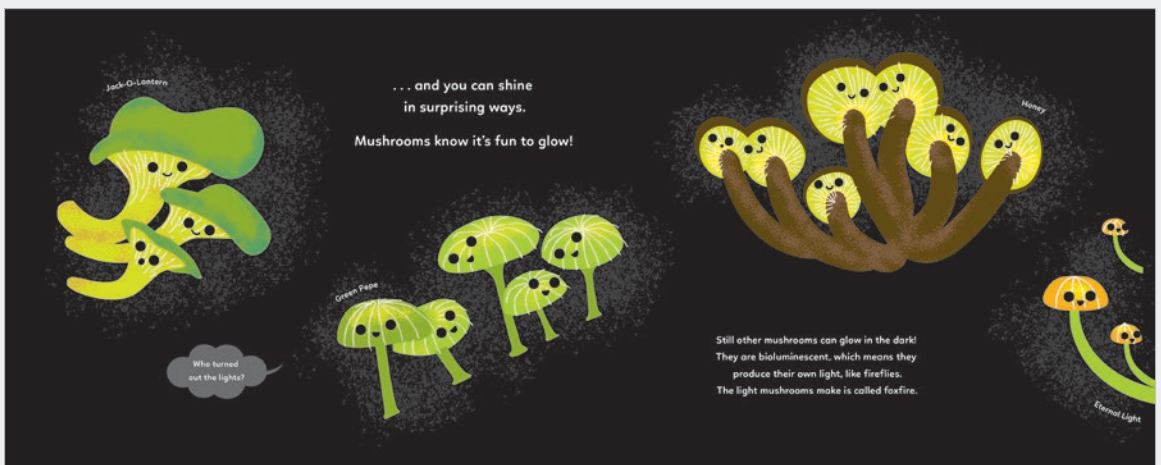
June 2024 • £12.99

MUSHROOMS ALWAYS WEAR THEIR THINKING CAPS. They know so many things. This vibrant and informative book shares the fascinating lessons that we can learn from fungi: that small can be mighty, being unique is a reason to celebrate, and staying connected is key. Each page is accompanied by sidebars that dive further into the science of mushrooms, reviewed by a mycologist. With Sara Gillingham's lively art and Kallie George's charming text, *Mushrooms Know* is a whimsical addition to the nonfiction shelf.

KALLIE GEORGE is an author and picture book editor who has written numerous acclaimed books for children. She grew up on the Sunshine Coast in BC, where she spent her days roaming the forests, making up stories, and even mushroom foraging with her family.

SARA GILLINGHAM is an award-winning children's book author and illustrator, art director, and designer who has helped publish many bestselling books. She has written and illustrated more than twenty-five titles for children.







THIS TABLE

ALEX KILLIAN

Illustrated by BROOKE SMART

For fans of Sophie Blackall's *Farmhouse* comes a gorgeous story of one table and the life that grows around it.



Picture Book
Hardcover with jacket
ISBN 978-1-77164-582-9
11 x 9 • 36 pages

RIGHTS HELD:
World, all languages

AGE RANGE:
4-8

GRADE RANGE:
PreK to Grade 3

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:
Families / Communities / Life Cycles

AUTHOR HOME:
Long Beach, California

ILLUSTRATOR HOME:
Salt Lake City, Utah

Canada
May 2024 • \$23.95

U.S.
May 2024 • \$18.95

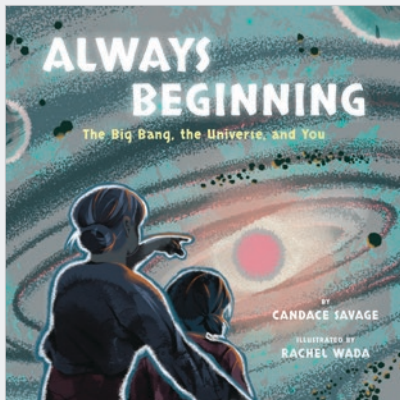
U.K.
May 2024 • £12.99

THIS MOVING PICTURE BOOK traces a table and its transformation: from a seed to a felled tree to the heart of a home. Strong and stable through the years, the table becomes a space for being together and sharing stories, for birthday parties and science projects, and for meals big and small. With poetic text and lush illustrations, *This Table* will inspire conversations about the everyday, ordinary objects in our lives, and their role in creating beloved, lifelong memories.

ALEX KILLIAN worked in the film industry in both production and creative story development. *This Table* is her debut children's picture book.

BROOKE SMART is an artist and illustrator whose work has appeared in children's books, children's magazines, and newspapers, and on walls of buildings near and far.

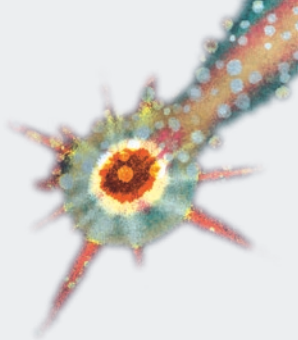




ALWAYS BEGINNING

*The Story of the Universe
From the Big Bang to You*

CANDACE SAVAGE
Illustrated by **RACHEL WADA**



For kids with big questions comes a mesmerizing, STEM-themed celebration of the universe and our place in it.

Picture Book
Hardcover
ISBN 978-1-77164-843-1
Ebook also available
9 × 9 • 44 pages

RIGHTS HELD:
World, all languages

AGE RANGE:
4–8

GRADE RANGE:
PreK to Grade 3

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:
Astronomy / Geology / Evolution /
Earth's Systems

AUTHOR HOME: Saskatoon, SK

ILLUSTRATOR HOME: Vancouver, BC

Canada
April 2024 • \$23.95

U.S.
April 2024 • \$18.95

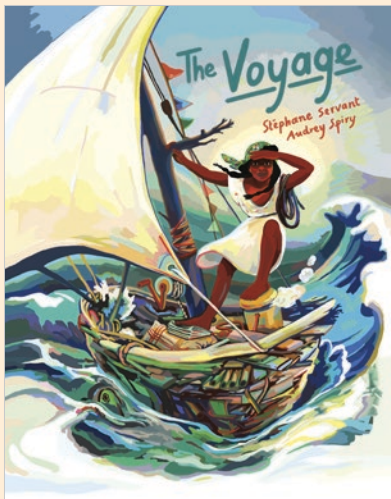
U.K.
April 2024 • £12.99

THE STORY OF THE UNIVERSE is enough to send our minds spinning with wonder! This awe-inspiring picture book introduces the universe's history, from the Big Bang and the beginning of life on Earth, all the way up until today. Told with reassuring warmth and gorgeous art, along with back matter explaining the science, *Always Beginning* captures the immensity and strangeness of the universe and how we came to be a part of it.

CANDACE SAVAGE is the award-winning author of more than two dozen books for children and adults.

RACHEL WADA is an illustrator for children's books, magazines, murals, and more. Her visual style is an amalgamation of cultural influences and techniques that reflect her Japanese–Chinese heritage.





Picture Book
 Hardcover with jacket
 ISBN: 978-1-77840-070-4
 8.75 × 11.25 • 40 pages

RIGHTS HELD:

World, English

AGE RANGE:

7 and up

GRADE RANGE:

Grade 2 and up

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Risk Taking / Courage /
 Self-Exploration

AUTHOR HOME:

Carcassonne, France

ILLUSTRATOR HOME:

Toulouse, France

TRANSLATOR HOME:

Canada

Canada

April 2024 • \$23.95

U.S.

April 2024 • \$18.95

U.K.

May 2024 • £12.99

THE VOYAGE

STÉPHANE SERVANT

Illustrated by AUDREY SPIRY

Translated by HELEN MIXTER



An immersive tale of leaving home,
 and the joy of adventure.

DRAWN TO THE HORIZON since she was small, the heroine of this story longs to discover what lies beyond it. With a gift from her parents, she sets off in her boat, sailing through storms and facing down sea monsters. In a distant port, she adopts a child, and together, they set sail once more. After years of adventuring, they find the island that was once her home. Coming to rest on the shore, our heroine then sends her son off on his own voyage.

Beautifully illustrated, *The Voyage* is a tribute to living beyond fear, of leaving home, and returning to it—and allowing your child to do the same.

STÉPHANE SERVANT is an award-winning author based in France, who has written dozens of books for adults and children.

AUDREY SPIRY is an animator, illustrator, and graphic novel creator.



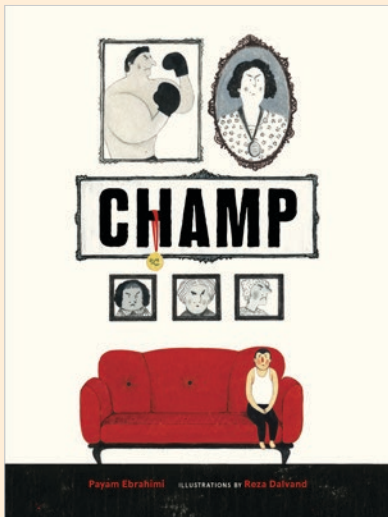


I was born on the **EARTH**.
SALT from **MY MOTHER'S** womb
 was on my lips.
 A **PUFF OF AIR** from **MY FATHER'S** song
 whispered in my ears.

Maybe that's why, though I barely knew
 how to walk, I already wanted
 to **SAIL THE SEAS**.



When I was very **SMALL**, I looked out at the **HORIZON**.
 I dreamed of **SECRET ISLANDS**, of **HIDDEN TREASURES**.
 And I said to myself, one day I will go there.
 One day, I will go and see what can be **FOUND** on the **OTHER SIDE**.



Picture Book
Hardcover with jacket
ISBN 978-1-77840-119-0
8.5 × 11.25 • 40 pages

RIGHTS HELD:

World, English

AGE RANGE:

5 and up

GRADE RANGE:

Grades 2 to 5

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Bullying / Positive Personal Identity

AUTHOR HOME:

Tehran, Iran

ILLUSTRATOR HOME:

Tehran, Iran

TRANSLATOR HOME:

USA

Canada

April 2024 • \$23.95

U.S.

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April 2024 • £12.99

CHAMP

PAYAM EBRAHIMI

Illustrated by REZA DALVAND

Translated by CAROLINE CROSKERY



A powerful and honest story of continuing to be yourself, despite the pressure to conform.

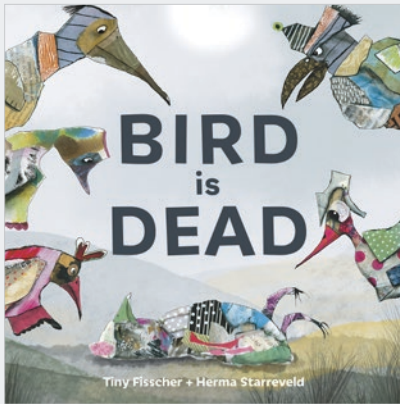
ABTIN IS NOTHING like the rest of his family. The Moleskis are fiercely competitive sports champions, and they expect Abtin to become a great athlete too. But Abtin is a reader, an artist, and has his own way of doing things. Despite his family's best efforts, Abtin remains stubbornly himself. Wanting his family to be proud of him, he comes up with a plan to make them happy: a plan that doesn't go quite as expected.

Originally published in Iran, *Champ* is a book for those around the world who have resisted and continue to do so, no matter what.

PAYAM EBRAHIMI was born in Tehran. He has a degree in nuclear physics, but has worked as a graphic artist, journalist, and filmmaker. He has written numerous books for children and adolescents.

REZA DALVAND is a member of the Iranian Society of Illustrators and has published more than fifteen picture books in Iran, Europe, and Asia.





Picture Book

Hardcover

ISBN 978-1-77840-117-6

9.75 × 9.75 • 40 pages

RIGHTS HELD:

World, English

AGE RANGE:

4–8

GRADE RANGE:

PreK to Grade 3

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Life Cycles / Social-Emotional Learning / Interpersonal Communication

AUTHOR HOME:

Amsterdam, Netherlands

ILLUSTRATOR HOME:

Alkmaar, Netherlands

TRANSLATOR HOME:

Netherlands

Canada

March 2024 • \$23.95

U.S.

March 2024 • \$18.95

U.K.

March 2024 • £12.99

BIRD IS DEAD

TINY FISSCHER

Illustrated by HERMA STARREVELD

Translated by LAURA WATKINSON

This honest and simple exploration of death for young children features playful illustrations from a longtime therapist-turned-artist.

BIRD IS DEAD. Yesterday he was alive. Some of the other birds cry a little. And that's all right. Crying together can be nice. Then it's time to give Bird a funeral. And have tea with worms. Or cake, if you don't like worms.

In a straightforward yet warm way, *Bird Is Dead* shows kids what happens when someone dies, and shares how grief can be experienced differently. Sensitive and humorous, this picture book of collaged birds provides kids and adults with a space to talk about death on their own terms.

TINY FISSCHER writes for all ages in all genres, and is the author of many books for children.

Originally a therapist, **HERMA STARREVELD** now works as a mixed media artist.





NO. 5 BUBBLEGUM STREET

MIKOŁAJ PA

Illustrated by GOSIA HERBA

Translated by SCOTIA GILROY



For fans of Richard Scarry comes a hilarious and zany peek into a busy apartment building. Get ready for an unforgettable tour of No. 5 Bubblegum Street!

THERE'S A LOT HAPPENING inside the apartment building on Bubblegum Street. You can hear music playing, and very loud snoring, too. The delicious aroma of cake wafts through the stairwell, and there's always something tapping, knocking, shuffling, and ringing...

All the residents are unique, and each has a different hobby. But nobody ever bothers anyone else, and they live together peacefully. Why don't you come in and meet the neighbors?

MIKOŁAJ PA is a graduate of cultural studies and a graphic designer, writer, and collage artist. He is the author of graphic novels and books for children.

For the last fifteen years, GOSIA HERBA has been working for publishers, magazines, music labels, and ad agencies. She's also an illustrator and author of books for children and graphic novels.

Picture Book

Hardcover

ISBN 978-1-77840-062-9

8.75 × 11.25 • 56 pages

RIGHTS HELD:

World, English

AGE RANGE:

4-8

GRADE RANGE:

PreK to Grade 3

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Communities / Diversity / Identity

AUTHOR HOME:

Wrocław, Poland

ILLUSTRATOR HOME:

Wrocław, Poland

TRANSLATOR HOME:

Poland

Canada

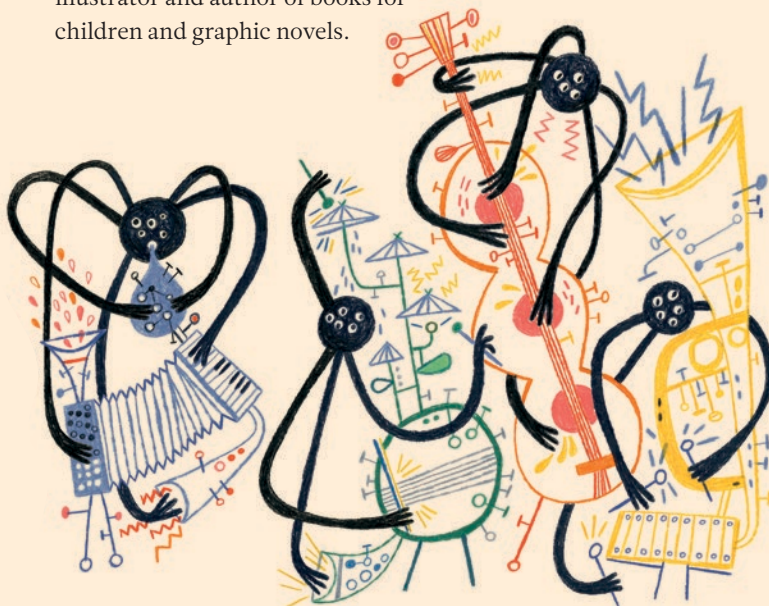
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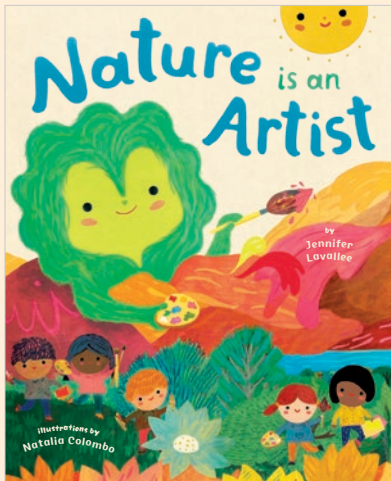


This is the apartment building at No. 5 Bubblegum Street.
Right now it's 5:00 PM.



In apartment number two, some monkeys are baking a cake. They're using a recipe from a cookbook called *Monkeys in the Kitchen*.





Picture Book

Paperback

ISBN 978-1-77164-650-5 (PBK)

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9 × 11 • 32 pages

RIGHTS HELD:

World, all languages

AGE RANGE:

3-8

GRADE RANGE:

PreK to Grade 3

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Visual Art / Nature / Artistic Expression / Elements of Design / Outdoor Classroom

AUTHOR HOME:

St. Albert, AB

ILLUSTRATOR HOME:

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Canada

May 2024 • \$12.95

U.S.

May 2024 • \$9.95

U.K.

May 2024 • £7.99

NATURE IS AN ARTIST



JENNIFER LAVALLEE

Illustrated BY NATALIA COLOMBO

The perfect picture book for inspiring art activities in the classroom or at home, while also fostering an appreciation for nature.



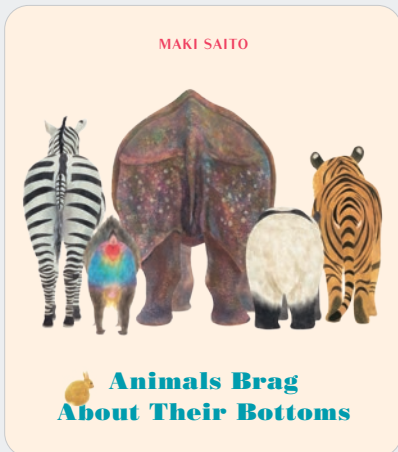
“A vibrant, cheerful story extolling the ease and joys of artistic adventure ... A solid debut suited to early elementary classrooms, outdoor programs, and caregivers seeking approachable craft inspiration.” —*BOOKLIST*

“A sweet-natured tribute to both classroom-scaled creativity and the grandeur of the outdoors.” —*PUBLISHERS WEEKLY*

JENNIFER LAVALLEE is from the Canadian prairies, where she lives with her busy family of five. An avid reader and crafter, Lavallee grew up experiencing all the wonder and beauty of nature, including the soaring Rocky Mountains, curious Alberta Badlands, and lush boreal forests of the north. *Nature is an Artist* is her first book.

NATALIA COLOMBO is an illustrator and graphic designer whose picture books have been published in multiple languages around the world. Her book *Cerca* was awarded the first International Compostela Prize for Picture Books. She works with colored and black pencils, acrylics, pen, ink, and markers on different types of paper and in digital format. She lives in Buenos Aires.





ANIMALS BRAG ABOUT THEIR BOTTOMS

MAKI SAITO

Translated by BRIAN BERGSTROM



The beloved and cheeky story celebrating bottoms and self-love, now available as a board book.

“In Saito’s delicate renderings, each bottom is distinct and, yes, beautiful.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

“The text is light, conversational, and funny; and the painterly patoots are lovely in their texture and shading.”—*The Horn Book*

ALL BOTTOMS ARE WONDERFUL! Don’t you agree? Each animal has a different reason for loving their behind—from cute and round to fashionable and striped! Illustrator Maki Saito’s traditional Japanese art techniques add a sophisticated, beautiful feel to a book about . . . animal butts! Now, the youngest of readers can enjoy laughing out loud at the backsides of hippos, zebras, pandas, and more of their favorite animals.

MAKI SAITO is an artist and author known for her unique artistic methods using a traditional Japanese dyeing technique developed in Okinawa. She has written and illustrated several books in Japanese. *Animals Brag About Their Bottoms* is her first book translated into English.

Board Book

ISBN 978-1-77840-151-0 (BB)

978-1-77164-710-6 (HC)

5.5 × 6.75 • 28 pages

RIGHTS HELD:

World, English

AGE RANGE:

0-2

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR HOME:

Tokyo, Japan

Canada

March 2024 • \$12.95

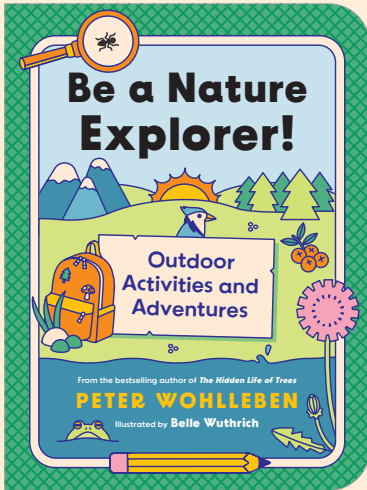
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U.K.

March 2024 • £7.99





Middle Grade Nonfiction
Paperback

ISBN 978-1-77164-969-8
6 x 8 • 100 pages

RIGHTS HELD:

World, all languages excluding German

AGE RANGE:

6–10

GRADE RANGE:

Grades 1 to 5

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Nature and the Environment /
Outdoor Learning / Plant and Animal
Adaptations / Seasonal Cycles /
Scientific Inquiry / STEM

AUTHOR HOME:

Hümmel, Germany

ILLUSTRATOR HOME:

San Francisco Bay Area, California

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U.K.

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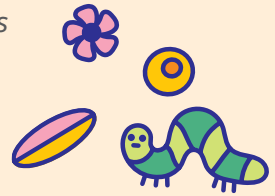
BE A NATURE EXPLORER!

Outdoor Activities and Adventures

PETER WOHLLEBEN

Illustrated BY BELLE WUTHRICH

Translated by JANE BILLINGHURST



From the bestselling author of *The Hidden Life of Trees*, this guide featuring fifty-two fun and easy-to-follow activities—one for each week of the year—is the perfect companion for every child’s next nature adventure.

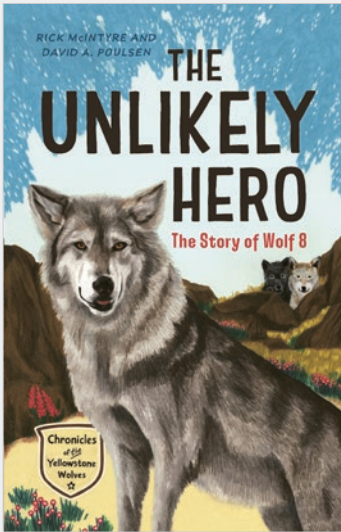
IN THIS EXCITING GUIDE, kids will discover fascinating science about the natural world and develop outdoor skills, including how to decode nature’s messages, identify plants and animal tracks, and record and preserve their finds. The perfect size to throw in a backpack and take on adventures, *Be a Nature Explorer!* is designed for kids, parents, home-schoolers, and teachers to use all year round.

PETER WOHLLEBEN is the author of several bestselling books about the natural world.

A former longtime forester, Wohlleben runs a forest academy in Germany that teaches adults and children about the many wonders of the forest.

BELLE WUTHRICH is an illustrator and designer, specializing in books for young readers. Wuthrich has contributed to more than a dozen books for kids, a number of which have won awards or been republished internationally.





Juvenile Nonfiction
Hardcover

ISBN 978-1-77840-022-3
5.5 × 8.5 • 120 pages
5 B&W illustrations

RIGHTS HELD:

World, all languages

AGE RANGE:

9–12

GRADE RANGE:

Grades 4 to 7

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Animal Behavior / Habitats and
Communities / Interdependence in
Ecosystems / Biodiversity / Narrative
Nonfiction / STEM

AUTHOR HOME:

Silver Gate, Montana (McIntyre),
Saskatoon, SK / Maricopa,
Arizona (Poulson)

Canada

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U.S.

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U.K.

June 2024 • £14.99

THE UNLIKELY HERO

The Story of Wolf 8

Chronicles of the Yellowstone Wolves, Book 1

RICK MCINTYRE AND DAVID POULSEN

Adapted from the acclaimed adult nonfiction book *The Rise of Wolf 8*—an Amazon Best Science Book of the Year as seen in the *Washington Post*, NPR, and more—this gripping book for young children shares the true story of Yellowstone’s most famous underdog, Wolf 8.

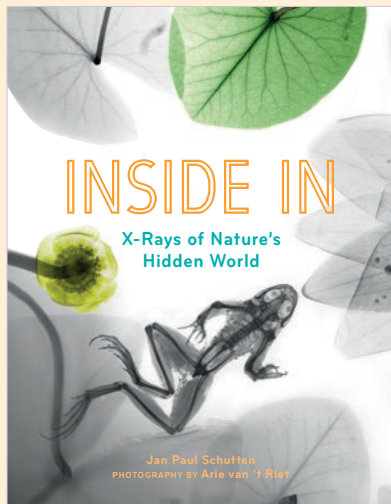
NEWLY REINTRODUCED ALONG with his pack to Yellowstone National Park, Wolf 8 struggles at first. Small and often bullied by his siblings, he must learn to fend for himself in his new home. Soon enough, though, little 8 grows into one of Yellowstone’s greatest leaders.

Drawing on renowned wolf researcher Rick McIntyre’s work with the Yellowstone wolves and told in a thrilling style that captures their daily lives, *The Unlikely Hero* is an unforgettable adventure—and a rare glimpse into the fascinating world of wolves.

RICK MCINTYRE has spent more than forty-four years watching wolves in America’s national parks, twenty-eight of those in Yellowstone, and has written several books about the wolves for adult readers including *The Rise of Wolf 8*, *The Reign of Wolf 21*, and *The Alpha Female Wolf*. To learn more, visit rickmcintyrebooks.com.

DAVID A. POULSEN is the author of twenty-seven books, many for middle readers. His book *Numbers* was selected for the Sakura Medal. To learn more, visit davidapoulsonauthor.com.

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World, English

AGE RANGE:

8–12

GRADE RANGE:

Grades 3 to 7

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Body Systems (Skeletal System) /
Nature / Animals / Scientific Method /
Electromagnetic Radiation

AUTHOR HOME:

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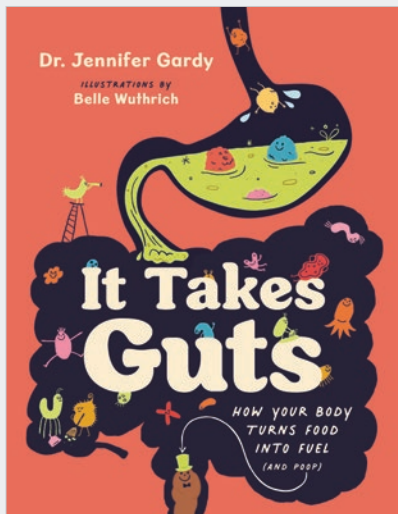
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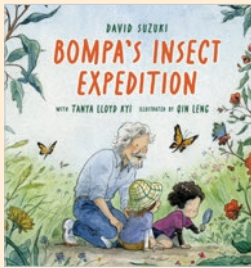
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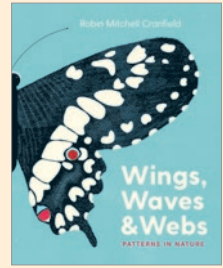
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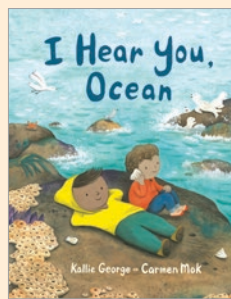
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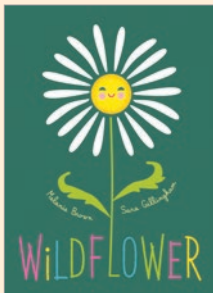
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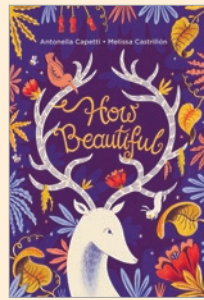
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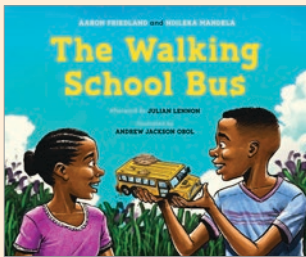
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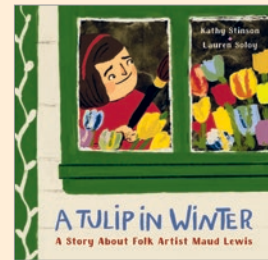
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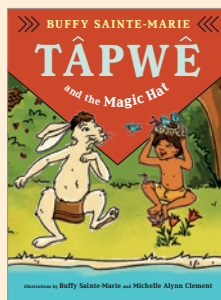
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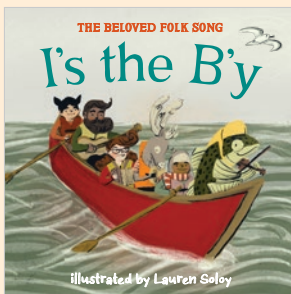
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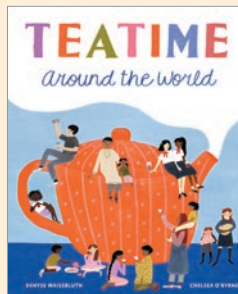
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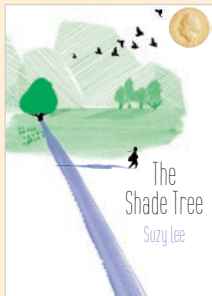


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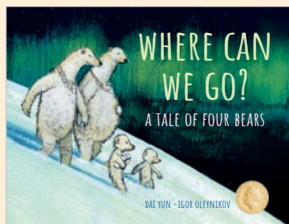
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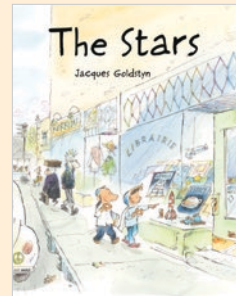
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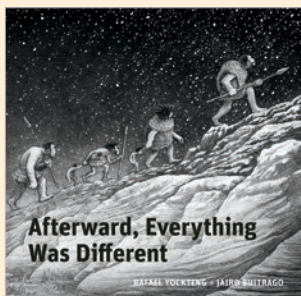
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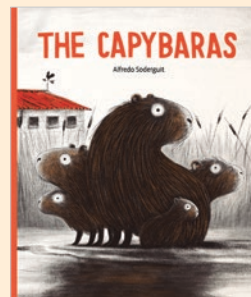
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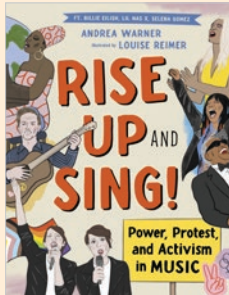
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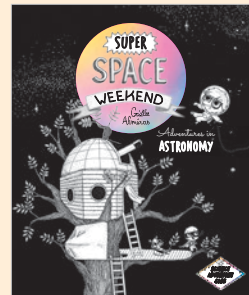
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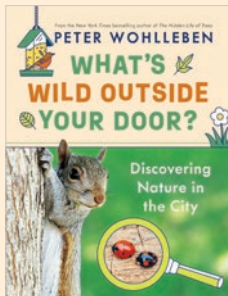
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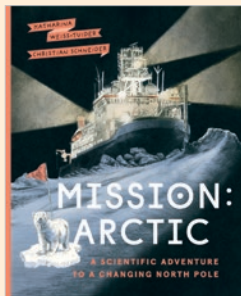
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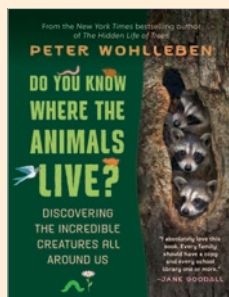
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