Goslings Gossie, Gertie, BooBoo, and Peedie are all hiding Easter eggs. “‘My egg,’ whispers Ollie.” Ollie has a slightly different plan for the Easter egg hunt . . . but all ends well. Vibrant ink-and-watercolor illustrations on crisp white backgrounds get the emotions of the day just right, especially Ollie’s wiggly impatience. Tuck this board book inside an Easter basket as an unexpected treat! Visit all the goslings at www.gossieandfriends.com!

Painter, sculptor, and children’s book creator Olivier Dunrea lives in the tiny village of Narrowsburg, New York, in the Catskill Mountains, where he shares his home with two other artists and seven dogs. Visit his website at www.olivierdunrea.com.
Halloween night isn’t so scary when two little bunnies partner up for trick-or-treating. The simple, rhyming story about turning quivers and shivers into giant hops and giggles—with plenty of sound effects—is the perfect read-aloud for preschoolers. Boo!

Kathryn O. Galbraith still loves Halloween, especially when bunnies come tapping on her door. She lives in Tacoma, Washington, with her husband and one brave puppy. Visit her at www.kathrynogalbraith.com.

If it were up to the acclaimed illustrator Jeff Mack, every day would be Halloween. He lives in Easthampton, Massachusetts. Visit him at www.jeffmack.com.
Open wide—it’s time to eat! Fussy babies may not be interested in food themselves, but they might want to share a spoonful with absolutely anyone else! There’s a spoonful for Mommy, one for the fish, for the fly in the corner, even the lady in the picture. With bright, engaging illustrations, a die-cut open mouth to feed, and just enough silliness, this fun board book is bound to make dinner entertaining for picky babies everywhere. Hooray—you ate it all!

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**A cozy die-cut board book with twenty touching ways to say good night!**

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**Good Night**  
Benoît Marchon, illustrated by Soledad Bravi

*Good night, my jewel . . . Good night, my shrimp!* When it’s time for baby to close her eyes and go to sleep, say good night with this winsome board book. Whether you’re reading to your bug, your treasure, or your dumpling, this book’s affectionate tone, luscious colors, endearing round-headed babies, and die-cut moon are just right for sending her off to dreamland.

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Who doesn’t love to eat? This enticing touch-and-feel board book helps baby learn the vocabulary of mealtime in English, Spanish, and French!

I Love to Eat
Deluxe Trilingual Touch-and-Feel
Amélie Graux

This delightfully interactive, adorably illustrated board book is designed with a dozen textures for tiny fingers to explore. Babies will discover words like bib, cereal, and high chair—all the necessary components for a successful breakfast. Each object is named in English, Spanish, and French. A delicious treat to pair with I Love to Sleep!

I Love to Sleep
Deluxe Trilingual Touch-and-Feel
Amélie Graux

I Love to Sleep is an interactive touch-and-feel board book for the smallest of sleepers, designed with a dozen different textures for small fingers to explore. Babies will find objects from a touchable pacifier to an inviting crib, all identified in English, Spanish, and French. Pair this with I Love to Eat for a terrific baby gift!

There was one little baby / who was born far away. / And another who was born / on the very next day. / And both of these babies, / as everyone knows, / had ten little fingers / and ten little toes. No matter which part of the world a baby comes from—born on the ice or in a tent—that baby has “ten little fingers / and ten little toes,” the pleasing refrain of this rhyming tribute to the sweet universality of babies of all colors. Soft, rounded babies are captured in soft, rounded watercolors in this new Spanish-English bilingual board book edition!


Helen Oxenbury is the world-class illustrator of Michael Rosen’s We’re Going on a Bear Hunt, Phyllis Root’s Big Momma Makes the World, and her own Tom and Pipo series. She lives in London, England.
Lois Ehlert’s award-winning picture book about vegetable gardening for the very young is now available as a bilingual board book, written in both English and Spanish. The tools are pictured and labeled, as are the seeds (green bean, pea, corn, zucchini squash, and carrot). Father and child share the joys of planting, weeding, harvesting, washing, chopping, and cooking! “It was the best soup ever . . .” Ehlert’s simple, colorful cut-paper-style illustrations are as kid-friendly as the bold type in two colors: one for each language. A recipe for vegetable soup tops it all off! A delectable read-aloud for preschool gardeners and language students alike.

Lois Ehlert has created many celebrated picture books inspired by the world around her. She lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
I Ain’t Gonna Paint No More!

_Lap board book_

Karen Beaumont, illustrated by David Catrow

A dab of blue here, a splash of red there, a goopy smear of green . . . everywhere. To the tune of “It Ain’t Gonna Rain No More,” one creative kid floods his world with color, painting first the walls, then the ceiling, then himself! Before this feisty artist is through, he’ll have painted his head, back, hands, legs, feet, and . . . Oh no—here comes Mama!

Karen Beaumont’s zippy text and David Catrow’s zany illustrations turn an infamous childhood activity into raucous storytime fun, giving a silly twist to the fine art of self-expression. Now in board book format!

Karen Beaumont’s flair for rhythm and rhyme was evident in _I Like Myself!,_ her first book with David Catrow. She lives in Capitola, California.

David Catrow is a political cartoonist and the illustrator of many popular books for children, including the Book Sense 76 Top Ten selection _Don’t Take Your Snake for a Stroll_ by Karin Ireland. He lives in Springfield, Ohio.

“With rhymes that invite audience participation and scenes that draw the eye, this is a strong storytime choice.” —_School Library Journal_
How could any preschooler resist these joyful, fuzzy, laugh-out-loud lambs?

Laura Numeroff, illustrated by Lynn Munsiger

Happy lambs, / grumpy lambs, / Lambs in a coat. / Grandpa lambs, / Baby lambs, / Lambs on a boat.

Jaunty rhymes make for excellent read-alouds on their own, but add flaps to flip and textures to touch and storytime success is inevitable. Lynn Munsinger’s colorful lambs in contrasting situations (indoors/outdoors, for instance) help reinforce the concept of opposites. A great choice for fans of Matthew Van Fleet’s Tails!

Laura Numeroff is the author of many best-selling children’s books, including If You Give a Mouse a Cookie. She lives in Los Angeles, California. Visit her at www.lauranumeroff.com.

Lynn Munsinger is the beloved illustrator of the Tacky the Penguin and Wodney Wat books. She lives in Vermont.
When five little monkeys eat some ice cream and play in the mud, they become icky, sticky monkeys . . . and Mama says it's time for a bath! But even after those silly little monkeys scrub themselves clean, they find a way to get mucky all over again. Toddlers will giggle over the wild monkey antics, rhyming refrains, and expressive, up-close monkey art in this brand-new board book.

Eileen Christelow has written and illustrated many best-selling picture books, including nine popular books about the Five Little Monkeys. She lives with her husband in Dummerston, Vermont. Visit her at www.christelow.com and www.fivelittlemonkeys.com.
Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed

Board book

Eileen Christelow

★ “Whether sublimely happy or ridiculously goofy, Christelow’s expressive monkeys pack a lot of appeal.”—School Library Journal, starred review

NO MORE MONKEYS JUMPING ON THE BED! A sure-fire hit at story hour, this rhythmic romp is a counting lesson, too, as the five bouncy bed-jumpers bump their heads and get hauled off to the doctor one by one. Wonderful pencil-and-watercolor illustrations capture both the glee and the pratfalls of those misbehaving monkeys. (IRA/CBC Children's Choice) Since its publication more than twenty years ago, Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed has become a true children's classic, selling millions of copies. This improved board book edition features all the art from the original hardcover edition in a new larger size.

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Five Little Monkeys Jump into Learning boxed set
Eileen Christelow

Your favorite monkeys will have a field day with this all-monkey, all-the-time science and math kit for young children. Each kit contains two stories in one paperback (Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed and Five Little Monkeys Go Shopping), two 32-page original workbooks (Five Little Monkeys Jump into Math and Five Little Monkeys Jump into Science), a spiral-bound nature field journal, sticker sheets, a poster, a tangram shape set, a CD with an original story recording, a certificate of achievement, and an envelope for those pesky loose items. Hours of hands-on learning!

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The Family Bedtime Treasury (with CD)

Soft and warm, sweet and soothing, the stories and poems in this impressive, silver-jacketed anthology—complete with a CD of one hour of soothing classical music—are just right for bedtime.

You'll find eight complete picture books: Five Little Monkeys Reading in Bed (Eileen Christelow), The Napping House (Don Wood/Audrey Wood), Bedtime Bunnies (Wendy Watson), Tell Me Something Happy Before I Go to Sleep (Debi Gliori), The Goodnight Train (June Sobel/Laura Huliska-Beith), The Quiet Book (Deborah Underwood/Renata Liwska), Gideon (Olivier Dunrea), and No Sleep for the Sheep (Karen Beaumont/Jackie Urbanovic).


Pair this with The Family Storybook Treasury!
In this lovely valentine of a book, Julie Paschkis offers young readers a glimpse of the extraordinary world that can be hidden in the simplest of things. Alfonso loves his colorful, magical existence. He also loves the brilliant, beautiful Ida. But Ida, nose in a book, just doesn’t seem to notice. Can he win her heart with a cake of his own creation if the salt is gathered from the deep blue ocean, the butter from the summer sun, and flour like snowflakes from a night sky? An exquisitely illustrated story about imagination for children, but also a wonderful gift for lovestruck adults. (A treasured family recipe for apple cake included!)

With warmth and humor, this Christmas companion to the award-winning *The Quiet Book* and *The Loud Book* celebrates quiet moments amid the holiday bustle.

The holidays are filled with joyful noise. But Christmas is sometimes wrapped in quiet: “Searching for presents quiet,” “Gingerbread quiet,” and “Hoping for a snow day quiet.” Irresistibly cute, soft colored pencil illustrations of bunnies, owls, bears, and more paint a magical holiday picture indeed.

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**The Christmas Quiet Book**
Deborah Underwood, illustrated by Renata Liwska

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The note read: “Bedtime is canceled.” Maggie thought of it. Her brother wrote it. It was just a funny note for their parents at first, but then it blew out the window and a journalist read it. It became headline news! Soon it’s official: No one in the city is sleeping, and the sleep-deprived people are drying their faces with cats and throwing tantrums in flower beds. A wry parody of our tech-connected age and an entertaining sibling story with wonderful comical, detail-packed illustrations by a terrific French artist who makes her U.S. debut here.

Cece Meng works as a small-business consultant and freelance copywriter. She lives with her husband and their two children in Santa Cruz, California. Visit her website at www.cecemeng.com.

Aurélie Neyret is an artist and illustrator living in Lyon, France. Visit her website at www.ecartez-vous-jarrive.blogspot.com.
Mouse feels lower than low. His forest friends, including Badger, Hedgehog, Rabbit, and Mole, all knock themselves out trying to cheer up the little guy, to no avail. In the end, all Mouse really needs is a hug! Jed Henry's wonderful illustrations, in watercolor pastels and colored pencils, beautifully complement the spare text. Readers will love seeing all the exuberant animal antics in trees, ponds, and even underground tunnels as they try to distract their gloomy friend. A charming antidote for the blues.

Jed Henry, illustrator of Mike Huckabee's best-selling Can't Wait till Christmas, loves animals so much that he always thought Shark Week was more fun than Christmas. He lives by the foothills of the Rocky Mountains in Provo, Utah. Visit him at www.jedhenry.com or his blog at jedartblogspot.com.
“Mr. Galdone . . . had a knack for communicating humor through the eyes of his characters, whether he was drawing an overconfident wolf ogling a clever pig or a mouse in raptures at the scent of a freshly baked cake.”—*Wall Street Journal*

This wonderful library includes four classic stories, all told and illustrated by the award-winning Paul Galdone: *The Three Bears, Three Little Kittens, The Little Red Hen,* and *The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse.* Pair this gift box with the Folk Tale Classics Heirloom Library!

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The Folk Tale Classics Heirloom Library
Paul Galdone

“Galdone has already proven many times over that he is perfectly at home with those traditional nursery tales that are still preschoolers’ favorites, and his expressive, unassuming style is just right for their very young audience.” — Kirkus Reviews

No child should be without the best versions of the best stories, all told and illustrated by the masterful Paul Galdone: The Three Little Pigs, Three Billy Goats Gruff, Little Red Riding Hood, and The Gingerbread Boy.

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The Man from the Land of Fandango
Margaret Mahy, illustrated by Polly Dunbar

“The man from the land of Fandango / Is given to dancing and dreams, / He comes in at the door like a somersault star / And he juggles with junkets and jam in a jar / And custards and caramel creams.”

Two children paint Mr. Fandango to life, and together the trio has a tremendous adventure with baboons and bison, dinosaurs and kangaroos! Polly Dunbar’s textured, childlike illustrations reveal a playful imaginary world, and even the lines of type curve and tango. A bouncy, buoyant read-aloud for storytime.


Watch out, naughty bugs—Captain Bob is on the beat!

Bug Patrol
Denise Dowling Mortensen, illustrated by Cece Bell

Wee-o! Wee-o! Wee-o! Woo! Bug Mobile coming through! Bugs are a misbehaving bunch, so Captain Bob, insect cop, has a busy beat. The beetles are using their bug mobiles like bumper cars, the roaches are protesting for better housing (down with roach motels!), and the crickets are up late, partying. Can Captain Bob keep the peace and maintain law and order? This enthusiastic, goofy-sweet read-aloud is crawling with fun rhymes, lots of action, endearing bug-eyed characters, and a few lessons in manners, too!


Cece Bell has illustrated several books for children, most of which she also wrote. She lives in Virginia with her family. Visit her at www.cecebell.com.
The last day of October had finally arrived. The empty house at the end of the street mysteriously came to life. Oliver, the ghost who lives in that empty house, lives for Halloween! He always has a big party. To get ready, he puts dust on the furniture, welcomes the spiders, wakes up the black cats, and delivers his invitations! This time, though, one envelope goes astray and two human trick-or-treaters show up. Are treats—or tricks—in order? Simple, cartoonish watercolor-and-pencil illustrations complement this sweet tale of the spirit of generosity and acceptance.

Leo Landry likes to explore secret worlds in his young picture books, which include Space Boy and Eat Your Peas, Ivy Louise. He lives in North Easton, Massachusetts. Visit his website at www.leolandry.com.
Could you swim on the day you were born? A baby capybara could!

My First Day
Steve Jenkins and Robin Page, illustrated by Steve Jenkins

The first day of life is different for every animal. Human newborns don’t do much at all, but some animals hit the ground running. The Caldecott Honor–winning team Steve Jenkins and Robin Page apply their considerable talents to revealing how twenty-two different species, from the emperor penguin to the Siberian tiger, adapt to those crucial first few hours of life, with or without parental help. Jenkins’s vividly colorful cut-paper illustrations are eye-poppingly three-dimensional and as exquisite as ever. While the text is short and sweet, an illustrated guide provides descriptions of the twenty two animals in the back. Fantastic!

Robin Page lives in Boulder, Colorado, with her husband and collaborator, Steve Jenkins, and their three children. They have collaborated on many works, including the 2004 Caldecott Honor winner What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?. Visit Steve Jenkins’s website at www.stevejenkinsbooks.com.
Princess in Training
Tammi Sauer, illustrated by Joe Berger

“Royalty does not karate-chop.”—Madame Gertrude

Princess Viola is great at skateboarding and karate-chopping, but she’s lousy at the royal wave, walk, and waltz. The king and queen are not pleased. What’s a princess to do? Attend the skill-polishing Camp Princess, of course. In the end, it’s a good thing Viola is made of tougher stuff. Who else will save the day when the green dragon comes along? Joe Berger’s zippy illustrations use comic book–style panels and show off ZIP! ZUP! ZOOM! sound effects. This sweet, funny picture book is just the ticket for spunky princess-loving girls who can appreciate a glittery book jacket!


Joe Berger is an animator and cartoonist, as well as an author and illustrator of many popular picture books. He lives in Bristol, England, with his family. Visit him at www.joeberger.co.uk.
Slept. Scratched. Slept. Indeed, it seems like Christmas will be just another day for the wombat . . . until she smells carrots! In this charming picture book, the star of Diary of a Wombat goes head to head with Santa’s reindeer in competition for carrots—and wins. Then, as an accidental stowaway on Santa’s sleigh, she learns that carrots are internationally available. No wonder she isn’t hungry for treats on Christmas morning! Engaging illustrations delightfully complement the spare text in this unique, wombat’s-eye view of a favorite holiday.

Beloved, award-winning Australian author Jackie French has written more than 140 books. She lives in Australia with her family . . . and usually one or more wombats. Visit her at www.jackiefrench.com.

The illustrator-author Bruce Whatley was born in Wales and now lives with his family in Australia. He has illustrated more than fifty children’s books, including French’s best-selling Diary of a Wombat.

Christmas Wombat
Jackie French, illustrated by Bruce Whatley

Deck the halls with boughs of . . . carrots? It’s a wombat Christmas!
The true story of how a family brought the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree to New York City one year . . . by tugboat!

The Christmas Tugboat
How the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree Came to New York City

George Matteson and Adele Ursone, illustrated by James Ransome

Nothing says Christmas like a Christmas tree, and the Rockefeller Center tree in New York City has said it beautifully since 1931. But how does the tree get there? One year, the tugboat captain (and author) George Matteson, his wife, and their daughter traveled by tug to fetch the giant tree. This dramatic picture book tells the story of their real-life journey up the Hudson River, and James Ransome's striking paintings capture the excitement of the trip and the pride of the young girl who helped steer the tug into New York Harbor.

George Matteson is an author and former tugboat captain living with his artist-editor wife, Adele Ursone, and their daughter in New York City and Sedgwick, Maine.

James Ransome has illustrated more than thirty-five books for children, including many award winners. He lives with his family in Rhinebeck, New York. Visit his website at www.jamesransome.com.
An astonishing bedtime picture book from the Caldecott Honor artist Pamela Zagarenski and the award-winning Mary Logue.

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978-0-547-64102-7

Sleep Like a Tiger
Mary Logue, illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski

In this magical bedtime story, the lyrical narrative echoes a Runaway Bunny–like cadence: “Does everything in the world go to sleep?” the little girl asks. In sincere and imaginative dialogue between a not-at-all sleepy child and understanding parents, the little girl decides “in a cocoon of sheets, a nest of blankets” she is ready to sleep, warm and strong, just like a tiger. The Caldecott Honor artist Pamela Zagarenski’s rich, luminous mixed-media paintings effervesce with odd, charming details that non-sleepy children could examine for hours. A rare gem.

Mary Logue has written more than twenty books for children. She lives on the Mississippi with the writer Pete Hautman. Visit her at www.marylogue.com.

The Caldecott Honor artist Pamela Zagarenski (Red Sings from Treetops, 2010) divides her time between Stonington, Connecticut, and Prince Edward Island.
Give your valentine this quirky collection of poems that burst with affection from the madcap poet and artist Calef Brown.

We Go Together!
A Curious Selection of Affectionate Verse
Calef Brown

In Calef Brown’s poem “We Go Together,” he jubilantly decrees: “We go together / like fingers and thumbs. / Basses and drums. / Pastries and crumbs.” In “You Are Two (Kiwis),” he muses, “I am quite frequently, / reminded by thee / of a kiwi. / Either kind.” Yes, silliness and sentimentality have free rein in this “curious selection” of childlike poems about love and friendship, each accompanied by an equally absurd, stylized acrylic painting. Like Sandol Stoddard’s I Like You, We Go Together! makes an offbeat Valentine’s gift for anyone with a good sense of humor and a penchant for wordplay.

Old Man Fookwire and those darn squirrels are back for a third go-round!

Those Darn Squirrels Fly South
Adam Rubin, illustrated by Daniel Salmieri

Grumpy Old Man Fookwire’s one pleasure in life is painting the birds in his backyard. When they migrate south, he misses them. The squirrels are curious: Where are the birds going? With their usual ingenuity, the squirrels devise a way to follow the birds to their destination . . . a tropical paradise with mangos and marimbas. It’s a fiesta! Can the squirrels get the grumpy old man to come down to Santa Vaca and join the fun? Quirky, expressive illustrations add to the hilarity of this off-the-wall picture book comedy.

Adam Rubin is the author of Those Darn Squirrels and Those Darn Squirrels and the Cat Next Door. A major celebrity in the squirrel community, he lives in New York City.

Daniel Salmieri painted the squirrels in his backyard to prepare for this book, and they were annoyed. He lives in Brooklyn, New York. Visit his website at www.danielsalmieri.com.
How do you get rid of the Blooz?

Stuck with the Blooz
Caron Levis, illustrated by Jon Davis

Sunday morning I felt a damp breeze. I heard squishy steps and a sloshy knock at the door. And I knew. The Blooz. When the Blooz shows up uninvited, muddies up your paints, and trickles into your socks, what do you do? What if even glitter Band-Aids and an ice-pop won’t cheer it up? Through trial and error, the child in this story discovers that while it may not be easy, it's not impossible to shake the Blooz. With read-aloud rhythm and whimsical, sweet illustrations, this debut picture book can serve as a jumping-off point for talking about the blues . . . or simply enjoyed as a day spent with a big blue monster.

Caron Levis received her MFA in creative writing from the New School University. She lives in New York City. Visit her at www.caronlevis.com.

Celebrate African village life with Mama Jumbo the elephant in this exuberant companion to Niki Daly’s Welcome to Zanzibar Road.

Next Stop—Zanzibar Road!

Niki Daly

Readers first met the elephant Mama Jumbo in Niki Daly’s Welcome to Zanzibar Road. Here she is sporting her flippy-floppy, flappy-slippy, this-way-that-way pompom hat in five easy-to-read adventures, including a bubblegum rescue and a brand-new tutti-frutti shirt for Mama Jumbo’s adopted child, Little Chico the chicken. Full-color ink-and-watercolor illustrations bubble over with tiny details of the vivacious African village and Mama Jumbo’s comfortable home under the pawpaw tree. A charming picture book/chapter book hybrid that’s terrific for reading aloud.

Niki Daly is the award-winning author and illustrator of the ALA Notable Children’s Book Jamela’s Dress and many other books. He lives in Kleinmond, a small seaside town, in Western Cape, South Africa.
The Extraordinary Music of Mr. Ives  
*The True Story of a Famous American Composer*  
Joanne Stanbridge

When the *Lusitania* was attacked in 1915, the American composer and New Yorker Charles Ives transformed the experience of this heartbreaking news into a musical piece. It begins with a jumble of traffic noises, then the hurdy-gurdy swells into the lovely old hymn “In the Sweet Bye-and-Bye.” In lyrical text and watercolors—sometimes in dramatic wordless spreads—this thoughtful picture book reveals not only a wartime tragedy, but a composer’s conviction that everyday music can convey profound emotion—and help heal a city. Young readers will understand that if they listen, music can be heard in the unlikeliest of places, from the busy chatter of a market to the wail of a fire engine.

Joanne Stanbridge has written and illustrated several books for young readers in Canada. This is her first book for Houghton Mifflin and her U.S. debut. She lives in Ontario. Visit her at www.joannestanbridge.com.
There’d be no Webster’s American Dictionary without the redheaded Noah Webster!

Noah Webster and His Words
Jeri Chase Ferris, illustrated by Vincent X. Kirsch

Webster’s American Dictionary is the second most popular book ever printed in English. But who was that Webster? Noah Webster (1758–1843) was a bookish Connecticut farm boy who became obsessed with uniting America through language. He spent twenty years writing two thousand pages to accomplish that, and the first 100 percent American dictionary was published in 1828 when he was seventy years old. This clever, hilariously illustrated account shines a light on early American history and the life of a man who could not rest until he’d achieved his dream. An illustrated chronology of Webster’s life makes this a picture perfect bi-og-ra-phy [noun: a written history of a person’s life].

Jeri Chase Ferris is the author of eleven biographies because she likes to set the record straight about people. She lives in California. Visit her at www.jerichaseferris.com.

Vincent X. Kirsch is an author-illustrator who lives in New York City and likes to draw egg-headed, spindly-legged people from the past. Visit him at www.vincentxkirsch.com.
The great delights of winter ice crystallize in these timeless vignettes, illustrated by the award-winning illustrator Barbara McClintock.

Twelve Kinds of Ice
Ellen Bryan Obed, illustrated by Barbara McClintock

“This is a joyful, spirited gem of a book, as bracing and glorious as a perfect stretch of ice.” —Newbery Honor author Joyce Sidman

With the first ice—a skim on a sheep pail so thin it breaks when touched—one family’s winter begins in earnest. Next comes ice like panes of glass. And eventually, skating ice! Take a literary skate over field ice and streambed, through sleeping orchards and beyond. The first ice, the second ice, the third ice . . . perfect ice . . . the last ice . . . Twelve kinds of ice are carved into twenty nostalgic vignettes, illustrated in elegantly scratched detail by the award-winning Barbara McClintock.

Ellen Bryan Obed grew up waiting for the first ice like some wait for Christmas. Now Ellen waits for ice with her husband in snowy Dover-Foxcroft, Maine.

Barbara McClintock grew up in rural New Jersey and North Dakota. Cursed with weak ankles, she has a healthy respect for snow and ice. Visit her website at www.barbaramcclintockbooks.com.
Mr. Putter & Tabby Dance the Dance

Cynthia Rylant, illustrated by Arthur Howard

Mr. Putter knows what he likes, and dancing is not on the list. But his neighbor Mrs. Teaberry has been watching ballroom dancing on TV! She talks the reluctant Mr. Putter into coming along for an evening at the Crystal Ballroom, along with fine cat Tabby and good dog Zeke, of course. The ballroom is full of sparkles—and surprises. What a wonder!

Cynthia Rylant won the Newbery Medal for Missing May. She’s also well known for Poppleton and the Geisel Award–winning Henry and Mudge. She lives in the Pacific Northwest.

Arthur Howard created the lively illustrations for all the Mr. Putter & Tabby books and has written and illustrated several picture books of his own. He lives in New York City.
Who were the moms behind the U.S. presidents? Get the scoop with some fun facts and embarrassing childhood stories!

First Mothers
Beverly Gherman, illustrated by Julie Downing

Did you know that Abraham Lincoln’s mother was a wrestler? James Madison’s mom called him “Jemmy.” Woodrow Wilson made Mother’s Day official to celebrate all mothers—especially his. While the award-winning Beverly Gherman dishes fun facts about each mother, Julie Downing engages readers with lively illustrations. A fresh take on U.S. presidential history and a timely tie-in to the election season.

Beverly Gherman has won many awards, including a Smithsonian Notable Book award. She lives in San Francisco, California. Visit her website at www.redroom.com/member/beverly-gherman.

Julie Downing has written and/or illustrated more than thirty picture books. She lives in San Francisco, California. Visit her website at www.juliedoing.com.

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In a starred review, Booklist called the Just Grace series “hilarious” and said, “Give this to . . . anyone looking for a funny book.” Grace is a curious and well-meaning third-grader who occasionally gets into a little bit of trouble. This time, her class is putting on a play, and Grace is determined to be the star! But things don’t work out quite like she planned, and Marta gets the role. Grace is jealous at first, but soon realizes there’s more than one way to shine on stage. This is an act that fans of Judy Moody and Clementine surely won’t want to miss!

Charise Mericle Harper is the author of the Just Grace series and many other children’s books. She lives in New York with her family. Visit her website at www.chariseharper.com or go to www.justgracebooks.com for videos, quizzes, and more about the Just Grace series!
Meet Jo Schmo, fourth grade girl-superhero, in this hilarious series debut!

Dinos Are Forever

Greg Trine, illustrated by Frank W. Dormer

“I am retiring from my life as a superhero and have enclosed my cape. Use it well. Sincerely, Uncle George.”

Jo Schmo comes from a long line of crime fighters, but she’s just a normal fourth grade girl into boys and skateboards—until her uncle’s cape arrives on her San Francisco doorstep. Time to join the family business! Gramps shows Jo the tricks of the trade, and her dog, Raymond, becomes her slobbery sidekick. Just in time, too. Can Jo stop Dr. Dastardly and his deadly gang of dead dinos? Stay tuned for more adventures of Jo Schmo, complete with hilarious black-and-white illustrations.


Frank W. Dormer is the illustrator of the acclaimed Aggie and Ben series. He is an elementary school art teacher who lives in Connecticut with his family. Visit him at www.frankwdormer.com.
Wyatt Burp Rides Again!

Greg Trine, illustrated by Frank W. Dormer

Superhero Jo Schmo has a problem: There aren’t any crimes to fight in San Francisco! So she and her doggy sidekick Raymond build a time machine and head back to the gold rush days to track down the notorious burping outlaw Wyatt Burp. Meanwhile, trouble is brewing back in the present time. Two mean girls have it in for Jo, and they’re lying in wait for her with a wrecking ball. If Wyatt and his Hole in the Head gang don’t get her, Gertrude and Betty will. Look out, Jo!


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Like an express train, John was picking up musical styles wherever he went, gaining speed, energy, and rhythm. Growing up in North Carolina in the 1930s, John Coltrane was a seeker. He wondered about spirit, and the meaning of life. And he wondered: Could music bring people closer to God? Electrifying paintings by Rudy Gutierrez capture Coltrane’s musical and spiritual journey with a bold, kinetic style. With engaging, lyrical prose that doesn’t shy away from Coltrane’s struggles with drugs and alcohol, this picture book biography for older readers shines a light on a revered jazz musician whose work shattered boundaries.


Rudy Gutierrez is the Pura Belpre Honor–winning illustrator of Arthur Dorros’s Papa and Me. He lives in Bogota, New Jersey. Visit his website at www.altpick.com/rudygutierrez.
Two Curious George board books + monkey-eared cotton hat + soft, toy-size blankie = the ideal baby gift!

Curious Baby Curious George Night and Day Gift Set

It’s never too early to introduce a child to the monkey wonder that is Curious George. Start baby’s day with the board book My First Words at the Farm, and lull the sweet one to sleep with the gentle, rhyming story My Curious Dreamer. Add an adorable cotton monkey-eared hat and a soft, toy-size cotton blankie for the best baby gift ever! The gift package includes new-parent tips on sharing a love of reading with babies. For more monkey fun, investigate www.curiousgeorge.com and discover all the latest on Curious George (and Curious Baby Curious George), books, promotions, activities, and more!
Happy Hanukkah, Curious George tabbed board book

It is the eighth night of Hanukkah, and George and his friends have gathered for a celebration. They light the menorah, spin the dreidel, make latkes, and learn the importance of mitzvah! In this tabbed board book, youngsters will even find a tasty latke recipe and instructions for constructing a dreidel, with rules for play. A festive foil-stamped cover makes this a fine holiday gift for fans of Curious George. For more monkey fun, investigate www.curiousgeorge.com.
Curious George loves thank-you notes so much, he wants to thank everyone!

Curious George Says Thank You

George is thrilled to get a thank-you card in the mail from his friend Betsy. It makes him want to send thank-you cards to everyone he knows. Whom can he thank? George tries to remember all the people who have been nice to him, but tracking them down to deliver his homemade cards soon becomes a challenge. Now published for the first time as a stand alone title, this lighthearted lesson in good manners includes two perforated Curious George thank-you cards for personalizing. For more monkey fun, investigate www.curiousgeorge.com and discover all the latest on Curious George, books, promotions, games, activities, and more!

H. A. Rey and his wife, Margret, first introduced the world to the big hearted, fun-loving troublemaker-hero Curious George in 1941, and young readers have been in love with him ever since. This book has a new author and illustrator but carries on the proud monkey tradition.
Kids will go bananas for this Curious George pop-up schoolhouse with three paperback books and six punch-out Curious George characters!

Play and learn with Curious George, star monkey of the number-one preschool TV show! This pop-up schoolhouse displays both the outside of the school and the inside of a classroom, and six perforated Curious George characters are ready to take on their new student roles! The set also includes three popular Curious George concept books: *Shapes*, *Numbers*, and *Color Fun*, all square paperbacks. Children can count school supplies, find colorful objects in the classroom, and identify shapes that make up the schoolhouse! For more monkey fun, investigate [www.curiousgeorge.com](http://www.curiousgeorge.com).
Merry Christmas, Curious George

It's Christmastime! And irrepressible, excitable Curious George has just the spirit for it. He can't wait to help his best friend, the man with the yellow hat, pick out their holiday tree. At the tree farm, however, amid all the excitement of finding the perfect specimen, George gets carried away, as usual—atop his favorite tree! Hiding in the tree's branches, George finds himself delivered to the local children's hospital, where his tree-trimming antics cheer the children and he gets to meet a jolly man in a bright red suit.

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It’s Christmastime, and Curious George has just the spirit for it. He can’t wait to help his best friend, the man with the yellow hat, pick out their holiday tree at the tree farm. George climbs a tree, of course, and finds himself delivered to the local children’s hospital, where his tree-trimming antics cheer the children and he gets to meet a jolly, red-suited man. This seasonal favorite is now a Spanish-English book, with the two languages in two different colors! For more monkey fun, investigate www.curiousgeorge.com.

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Save your pennies with Curious George in this all-new original storybook, complete with coin bank!

Curious George Saves His Pennies

When George decides to save up for that special red train in the toy store, he doesn’t realize how long it will take—or how hard he’ll have to work for his money. But when the time finally arrives to take his very full piggy bank to the toy store—surprise!—George loses it. Can this day, and George’s hard-won earnings, be saved? Each hard-cover picture book includes a pop-out coin bank and a “Just the Money Facts” activity page showing how coins and bills work.

For more monkey fun, investigate www.curiousgeorge.com and discover all the latest on Curious George, books, promotions, games, activities, and more!
Curious George Librarian for a Day

Curious George won two Daytime Emmy Awards for Outstanding Children’s Animated Program on PBS-TV, and this delightful tie-in tells the madcap story of Curious George at the library. Of course, when the librarian Mrs. Dewey leaves George in charge, he’s in quite the quandary. How will he organize the books? By color? By size? Will he able to shelve them all before Mrs. Dewey comes back? Activities exploring alphabetizing and classification add even more fun to the equation.

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It's Halloween! When George and his friend, the man with the yellow hat, go to Mrs. Gray's house, George is excited to find out that it is a costume party. After seeing his friends dressed up as astronauts, mummies, witches, and more, George gets to pick out his own costume. But George accidentally wraps himself up in a tablecloth and gets mistaken for a ghost! Will everyone enjoy George's Halloween trick or will he scare away the party guests?

This edition features both English and Spanish text set in two different colors for ease of reading.

For more monkey fun, investigate www.curiousgeorge.com.
Three books in one—triple the fun! These popular paperbacks, based on the award-winning Curious George TV show—The Surprise Gift, Snowy Day, and A Winter’s Nap—make a splendid companion for a cold winter’s night. In The Surprise Gift, Curious George discovers that there are plenty of things to unwrap besides presents, but not everything can be rewrapped! In Snowy Day, George enjoys his first snow day and learns all about skiing, sledding, and snowshoes. In A Winter’s Nap, George decides to hibernate like a bear, but can a monkey sleep through the winter?

For more monkey fun, investigate www.curiousgeorge.com.
Embrace Halloween Martha-style with this fun-filled sticker activity book! Two pages of glow-in-the-dark moon stickers, ghost stickers, and even bats stickers Halloweenify even the most boring objects, and Halloween activities will inspire boys and ghouls alike. A real treat for fans of the popular PBS show *Martha Speaks*!

For more Martha antics, visit [www.marthathetalkingdog.com](http://www.marthathetalkingdog.com).
What is Martha’s favorite food?
Anything on your plate!

One of the best things about being able to talk is telling jokes. Depending on the joke, anyway! This joke book, created with the early reader in mind, is packed with pet-themed humor, from knock-knock jokes to wordplay and riddles. Kids will love sharing the jokes with their family and friends, whether their audience groans or giggles.

For more Martha antics, visit www.marthathetalkingdog.com.
A brand-new comic book for fans of Martha the talking dog, with six stories based on the PBS show Martha Speaks!

Susan Meddaugh’s
Martha Speaks: Canine Comics
Six Daring Doggie Adventures

Martha gets herself into all sorts of sticky situations, from competing with a robot dog to getting zapped into Alice’s computer. The question is, will she always be able to talk her way out of them? These six full-color comic book adventure stories are all based on episodes from the award-winning PBS show!

For more Martha antics, visit www.marthathetalkingdog.com.
Who better than Martha to keep Wagstaff City safe?

Susan Meddaugh’s

Martha Speaks: Detective Dog

Chapter Book

Wagstaff City is in trouble, and it’s time for Martha to break out her doggie detective skills in this full-color, two-part Martha Speaks chapter book. First, she becomes a patrol dog for a day and exposes some smugglers of infested rutabagas that could destroy the city’s crops. Then, Martha joins Helen to sniff out a thief’s identity in a rash of robberies. It’s all tail-waggingly exciting . . . even the activities section and glossary of fun new vocabulary!

For more Martha antics, visit www.marthathetalkingdog.com.
The Adventures of a South Pole Pig

Chris Kurtz, with illustrations by Jennifer Black Reinhart

Flora the pig was born for adventure: “If it’s unexplored and needs to get dug up, call me. I’m your pig,” she says. The day Flora spots a team of sled dogs is the day she sets her heart on becoming a sled pig. Before she knows it, she’s on board a ship to Antarctica for the most exhilarating—and dangerous—adventure of her life. This poignant novel of a purposeful pig is sure to become a favorite with any young readers who have ever dreamed of exploring the great beyond.

Chris Kurtz is a teacher, storyteller, and author of The Pup Who Cried Wolf. He has also cowritten picture books with his sister Jane Kurtz. He lives in Portland, Oregon, with his family. Visit his website at www.angelfire.com/ok5/anbussa.
Secrets of Shakespeare’s Grave
Deron R. Hicks

Twelve-year-old Colophon Letterford has a serious mystery on her hands. Will she discover the link between her family’s literary legacy and Shakespeare’s tomb before it’s too late? Antique paintings, secret passages, locked mausoleums, a four-hundred-year-old treasure, and a cast of quirky (and some ignoble) characters all add up to a fun original adventure. Readers will revel in a whirlwind journey through literary time and space in real-world locales from Mont St. Michel to Stratford-Upon-Avon to Central Park!

Deron R. Hicks investigates mysteries as a lawyer, so it makes sense that he would write about one of literature’s biggest puzzles. He lives in Warm Falls, Georgia, with his wife and children.


The Da Vinci Code meets Nancy Drew in this lively middle grade mystery with a Shakespearean slant. A series debut!
“If you always feel fully and completely happy, my friends, then you do not need my drops and I will not sell them to you for any amount of money.” —Master Melville

Eleven-year-old juggling enthusiast Sullivan Mintz helps his family run the Stardust Home for Old People. It’s not ideal: his best friend, Manny, is eighty-one years old. But life as usual turns upside down when Master Melville’s Medicine Show comes to town. Sullivan’s excitement at finding performers his own age dissolves into dread when he steps onstage for a magic act only to wake up imprisoned in the traveling show’s caravan. As his fears subside, his questions multiply. Is his family better off without him? Would life as a juggler performing with other kids be worse than living in an old folks’ home? Being kidnapped could be the best thing that ever happened to him . . . or decidedly not.

Cary Fagan is an award-winning author whose work includes the Kaspar Snit novels. He lives with his family in Toronto. Visit him at www.caryfagan.com.
When Malcolm the rat arrives as the pet at McKenna School, he revels in the attention. He also meets the Midnight Academy, a secret society of classroom pets that keeps the nutters (kids) safe. There’s just one problem: Rats have a terrible reputation! So when the Academy’s iguana leader is kidnapped, Malcolm must prove his innocence—and show that even rats can be good guys. Illustrated by Brian Lies of Bats at the Beach, this engaging middle grade novel will have readers rooting for Malcolm as they try to solve the mystery alongside him.


Brian Lies is the award-winning creator of the New York Times bestseller Bats at the Beach. He lives on the South Shore of Massachusetts with his family. Visit him at www.brianlies.com.
Is Liv’s beauty only skin-deep?

Prettiest Doll
Gina Willner-Pardo

It’s good to be pretty. I’m really lucky. So begins the story of thirteen-year-old Olivia, or Liv, who started winning beauty pageants at age three. Lately she’s been wondering, however, if that’s all she is. She gets a chance to find out when she meets a runaway named Dan and they embark on a trip to Chicago, each determined to uncover family secrets. This story of two teens from very different backgrounds making their way in a world preoccupied with physical appearance sparkles with wry humor, romance, and a revealing behind-the-scenes glimpse at the world of beauty pageants.

What Came from the Stars
Gary D. Schmidt

The peaceful civilization of Valorim is under siege . . . it's about to fall to the dark Lord Mondus. In a panic, a few heroes bind all their world’s beauty into one precious necklace and hurl it into the cosmos. All the way into the lunchbox of sixth-grader Tommy Pepper of Plymouth, Massachusetts. He puts it on. Soon Tommy starts doo-dling strange pictures and hearing strange music. But Tommy, whose mother has just died and whose little sister isn’t speaking, barely even notices what’s happening at first. Gary D. Schmidt masterfully presents the epic story of a family trying to redefine itself in the wake of tragedy.

Whether she likes it or not, ten-year-old Piper Lee DeLuna is about to get a new family. Four years after the plane Piper’s daddy was flying disappeared, her mama is getting married again. The way Piper sees it, Mama’s being plain disloyal. Besides, who needs a stepdad—or a bratty stepsister, for that matter—when she and Mama are just fine on their own? But when Piper Lee hatches a plan to get the wedding called off, everything spirals out of control. With a perfect blend of heartbreak and humor, this refreshing middle grade debut set in small-town Georgia and told in Piper Lee’s irresistible Southern voice explores opening one’s heart and learning to let go.

Dianna Dorisi Winget is a lifelong resident of the Pacific Northwest, living in the mountains of north Idaho with her husband and daughter. A Smidgen of Sky is her first novel. Visit her website at www.diannawinget.com.
I don’t fit in at school because I don’t do what I’m told if it’s stupid. Twelve-year-old Tom is a loner. The only person he can talk things over with is his imaginary identical twin, Eddie, a jock with a positive attitude—on another planet. Eddie lives fifty years behind Tom’s 2011 New Jersey world. Surprise! Eddie and his planet are just as real as Tom and his Earth, the result of some alien scientists’ scheme for managing the universe. The twins switch places as part of a crusade to save their planets. Sly humor, great dialogue, fast action, and over-the-top sci-fi machinations will hook readers and hold them fast.

Robert Lipsyte was an award-winning sportswriter for the New York Times. Winner of the Margaret A. Edwards Award, he is the author of twelve acclaimed novels for young adults. He lives in Manhattan and on Shelter Island, New York, with his wife, Lois Morris, and his dog, Milo.
An exquisitely absurd coming-of-age adventure, Pinkwater-style!

Bushman Lives!
Daniel Pinkwater

“What Pinkwater does is magic, and I’m grateful for it.”
—Neil Gaiman (about The Neddiad)

Is Bushman the gorilla alive? According to the papers he died a long time ago. Why is he so important to high school senior and aspiring Great Artist Harold Knishke? It’s a hot summer in 1960s Chicago, and people are on the streets late at night, including the Chicken Man and Molly the dwerg. While reading this hilarious middle grade novel (with illustrations by Calef Brown!) teens will ask themselves, “Why am I reading this?” and “Is Harold about to embark on a voyage of great adventure?” He is.

Will Sparrow’s Road
Karen Cushman

I care for no one but myself and nothing but my belly. Twelve-year-old Will Sparrow—liar, thief, and rogue—decides to leave his hard life behind and make his own way in Elizabethan England. On the road, he encounters a string of con artists (a pickpocket, a tooth puller, a pig trainer, a conjurer) even more talented than he is. Will gets a bigger dose of his own medicine when he joins a troupe of “oddities,” including a dwarf and a cat-faced girl. A lively new comic masterpiece from the Newbery winner Karen Cushman.

Meet three extraordinary sisters—Charlotte, Emily, and Anne Brontë—in this riveting young adult biography.

The Brontë sisters are among the most beloved writers of all time, best known for their classic nineteenth-century novels *Jane Eyre* (Charlotte), *Wuthering Heights* (Emily), and *Agnes Grey* (Anne). In this sometimes heartbreaking young adult biography, Catherine Reef explores the turbulent lives of these literary siblings and the oppressive times in which they lived. Brontë fans will also revel in the insights into their favorite novels, the plethora of poetry, and the outstanding collection of more than sixty black-and-white archival images. A powerful testimony to the life of the mind. (Endnotes, bibliography, index.)

The award-winning Catherine Reef is the author of more than forty nonfiction books for young readers, including *Jane Austen: A Life Revealed* among many other biographies. She lives in College Park, Maryland. Visit her at www.catherinereef.com.
Wild Horse Scientists

Kay Frydenborg

Wild ponies have roamed the shores of Assateague Island for centuries. As their population increases, however, they risk damaging the delicate ecosystem of the area, and being rounded up and sold off the island. Dr. Ron Keiper and Dr. Jay Kirkpatrick have made researching wild horses their lives’ work in hopes of finding the best birth-control strategy to keep the populations thriving. Descriptive prose meets solid science as the author Kay Frydenborg shares never-before-seen full-color photography of the reclusive Assateague herds, and reveals the fierce beauty of their island home.

Kay Frydenborg grew up in Sarasota, Florida, where she learned to ride horses from a retired circus equestrian . . . and a team of elephants. She is the author of Animal Therapist and They Dreamed of Horses. She lives in Stewartstown, Pennsylvania. Visit her website at www.kayfrydenborg.wordpress.com.
Stronger Than Steel

Spider Silk DNA and the Quest for Better Bulletproof Vests, Sutures, and Parachute Rope

Bridget Heos, with photographs by Andy Comins

People have always marveled at the durability of spider webs. The strongest spider silk is five times stronger than steel! In this thrilling new addition to the Scientists in the Field series, Bridget Heos takes readers to the office of scientist Randy Lewis. In what sounds like science fiction, Lewis injects spider DNA into goats, then extracts what he needs from the goat’s milk to make artificial spider silk, a nearly indestructible fiber that doctors might someday be able to use to repair or replace ligaments or tendons in the human body. An enthralling exploration of modern genetics with plenty of incredible full-color photographs!


The first migrants arrived in North America perhaps 15,000 or 20,000 years ago. Who were these people . . . and what was their story? Their skeletons can reveal clues to their lives and deaths, and time and place in history. Sometimes artists use replicas of skulls to reconstruct human faces, which helps tell a person's story. Sibert Honor author James M. Deem's engrossing (and sometimes gross) book with full-color photographs introduces teens to a shipwrecked French sailor (1686), a Mexican soldier from San Jacinto (1836), and many more forgotten people.

Delusion
Laura L. Sullivan

Opening-night jitters are nothing new for seventeen-year-old Phil and her sister Fee, who come from a centuries-old line of stage illusionists. The girls love to dazzle London audiences, but in the aftermath of the Blitz they’re shipped off to the countryside, away from the bombs and Nazis. Phil, however, wants to fight for her country, and when she stumbles upon a hidden college of real magicians led by the devastatingly handsome Arden, all she wants to do is persuade them to help England win the war. She’ll risk anything to give her country a fighting chance, even if it means losing her heart . . . or her life.

Laura L. Sullivan is a former newspaper editor, biologist, social worker, and deputy sheriff. Her other books include Ladies in Waiting, Under the Green Hill, and Guardian of the Green Hill. Laura lives on the Florida coast, but her heart is in England.
In the good old days, magic was indispensable—it could both save a kingdom and clear a clogged drain. But now magic is fading: Drain cleaner is cheaper than a spell, and magic carpets are used for pizza delivery. Fifteen-year-old foundling Jennifer Strange runs Kazam, an employment agency for magicians—but it's hard to stay in business when magic is drying up. And then the visions start, predicting the death of the world's last dragon at the hands of an unnamed Dragonslayer. If the visions are true, everything will change for Kazam—and for Jennifer. Because something is coming. Something known as . . . Big Magic.

Two years ago, teenagers Mal and Laura destroyed a corporate empire intent on controlling human thinking through technology. For a while, life was good. But now a new force has arisen: the Old Man. He's hungry for power and he knows who holds the key to getting it: Mal. Mal needs his beloved Laura's help to defeat the Old Man, but is he willing to risk her life in another battle to save humanity? *What We Become* combines mind-bending thrills with the hot immediacy of corporate greed. It will leave readers wondering who is really in control . . .

**Jesse Karp** is a school librarian in Greenwich Village. He grew up in and loves New York City, where he lives with his family. Visit his website at www.beyondwhereyoustand.com.
A crossroads can be a place of great power. So begins this deliciously spine-tingling prequel to Kate Milford’s *The Boneshaker*, set in the colorful world of nineteenth-century Coney Island and New York City. Few crossroads compare to the one being formed by the Brooklyn Bridge and the East River, and as the bridge’s construction progresses, forces of unimaginable evil seek to bend that power to their advantage. Only two orphans with unusual skills stand in their way. Can the teenagers Sam, a card sharp, and Jin, a fireworks expert, stop them before it’s too late? Here is a richly textured, slow-burning thriller about friendship, courage, and the age-old fight between good and evil.

*The Broken Lands*

Kate Milford, with illustrations by Andrea Offermann

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**In this eerie prequel to *The Boneshaker*, dark forces converge on New York to claim the city as their own personal hell.**
A shameful fact about humanity is that some people can be so ugly that no one will be friends with them. It is shameful that humans can be so cruel, and it is shameful that humans can be so ugly. So begins the incredible story of Myron Horowitz, a disfigured thirteen-year-old just trying to fit in at his Pennsylvania school. When a fight with a bully leaves him unconscious and naked in the wreckage of the cafeteria, Myron discovers that he is an immortal lycanthrope—a were-mammal who can transform from human to animal. He also discovers that there are others like him, and many of them want Myron dead. “People will turn into animals,” says the razor-witted narrator of this tour-de-force, “and here come ancient secrets and rivers of blood.”

Hal Johnson is the singer-songwriter Halifax Slasher. His music is folk-punk—folk because he has an acoustic guitar and punk because he doesn’t know how to play it. He lives in Astoria, New York.

In this modern-day suburban town, one percent of all fatalities come about in the most peculiar way. Deaths—eight-foot-tall, silver-gray creatures—send a letter (“Dear So-and-So, your days are numbered”) to whoever is chosen for a departure, telling them to wrap up their lives and do the things they always wanted to do before they have to “depart.” When sixteen-year-old Gabriela receives her notice, she is, of course, devastated. Will she kiss her crush Sylvester before it’s too late? Friendship, first love, and fantasy artfully mesh in this magically realistic world that ultimately celebrates life.

It’s decades into the future, and everyone’s interacting solely on computers . . . no face-to-face contact required.

Middle Ground
Katie Kacvinsky

In this provocative cautionary tale for teens, the sequel to *Awaken*, seventeen-year-old Maddie’s rebellion against the digital-only life grows dangerous. Maddie is in Los Angeles, trying to stay out of trouble. But one night, a seemingly small act of defiance lands her in the place she fears the most: a detention center. Here, patients are reprogrammed to accept a digital existence. Maddie is now fighting for her mind, her soul, and her very life. Once again, Katie Kacvinsky paints a disturbing picture of our increasingly technology-based society.

*Katie Kacvinsky* is the author of the acclaimed teen novels *Awaken* and *First Comes Love*. She lives in Corvallis, Oregon. Visit her website at [www.katiekacvinsky.com](http://www.katiekacvinsky.com).
Sons of the 613
Michael Rubens

Thirteen-year-old Isaac is awaiting the impending doom of his bar mitzvah. His college-age brother, Josh, an undefeated wrestler and self-proclaimed “Super Jew,” decides to teach Isaac how to be a real man. The mad “vision quest” that ensues begins with Isaac sleeping in a tent and killing his food. Things get more complicated when Isaac begins to fall for Josh’s gorgeous friend (but potentially friend with benefits) Leslie. Josh grows volatile and the challenges crescendo in this uproarious coming-of-age comedy!

Michael Rubens was a producer for several years for the award-winning *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*. His first adult novel, *The Sheriff of Yrnameer*, was published last year. He lives in Brooklyn, New York.
The fourth and final book in the futuristic Giver Quartet by the Newbery Medal author Lois Lowry.

Son
Lois Lowry

Told in three parts, Lois Lowry’s Son combines elements from the first three novels in her Giver Quartet—The Giver (1994 Newbery Medal winner), Gathering Blue, and Messenger—into a breathtaking, thought-provoking narrative that wrestles with ideas of human freedom. Thrust again into the dark, claustrophobic world of The Giver, readers will meet an intriguing new heroine, fourteen-year-old Claire. Jonas from The Giver is here, too, and Kira, the heroine of Gathering Blue. In a final clash between good and evil, a new hero emerges. The whole Quartet has been redesigned in honor of this long-awaited grand finale!

Lois Lowry is a two-time Newbery Medal winner for Number the Stars (1990) and The Giver (1994), the first dystopian novel in a quartet that includes Gathering Blue, Messenger, and, as of fall 2012, Son. She now divides her time between Cambridge, Massachusetts, and an 1840s farmhouse in Maine. Visit her website at www.loislowry.com.
Lois Lowry’s 1994 Newbery Medal winner The Giver has a whole new look! An unforgettable dystopian classic.

The Giver
Lois Lowry

“The theme of balancing the values of freedom and security is beautifully presented.”—Horn Book

The Giver, the 1994 Newbery Medal winner, has become one of the most influential novels of our time. The haunting story centers on twelve-year-old Jonas, who lives in a seemingly ideal, if colorless, world of conformity and contentment. Not until he is given his life assignment as the Receiver of Memory does he begin to understand the dark, complex secrets behind his fragile community. Lowry has written three companion novels to The Giver, including Gathering Blue, Messenger, and now Son, published in October 2012.

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Lois Lowry won the Newbery Medal for *The Giver* in 1994 and followed with this second in the Giver Quartet.

Gathering Blue
Lois Lowry

“Lowry is a master at creating worlds, both real and imagined, and this incarnation of our civilization some time in the future is one of her strongest creations.” — *Booklist*

Six years after *The Giver*, Lois Lowry ushered readers back into that mysterious but plausible futuristic world to tell the story of Kira, orphaned, physically flawed, and left with uncertain prospects. Like *The Giver*, *Gathering Blue* challenges readers to imagine what our world could become and how people could evolve. Return again to Jonas’s world in the newly designed Quartet’s concluding volume, *Son*, available in October 2012.

*Lois Lowry* is a two-time Newbery Medal winner for *Number the Stars* (1990) and *The Giver* (1994), the first dystopian novel in a quartet that includes *Gathering Blue*, *Messenger*, and, as of fall 2012, *Son*. She now divides her time between Cambridge, Massachusetts, and an 1840s farmhouse in Maine. Visit her website at [www.loislowry.com](http://www.loislowry.com).
Trouble is brewing in Village. Once a utopian community that welcomed strangers, Village will soon be cut off to all outsiders. As one of the few able to traverse the forbidding Forest, Matty must deliver the message of Village’s closing and try to convince Seer’s daughter Kira to return with him before it’s too late. But Forest is now hostile to Matty, too, and he must risk everything to fight his way through it. Messenger is the masterful third novel in Lois Lowry’s Giver Quartet, which includes The Giver, Gathering Blue, and Son—all newly designed!

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Welcome to the world of Eric Greitens, humanitarian and Navy SEAL.

The Warrior’s Heart
Becoming a Man of Compassion and Courage
Eric Greitens

In this adaptation of his best-selling book, The Heart and the Fist, Eric speaks directly to teen readers, interweaving memoir and intimate second-person narratives that ask readers to put themselves in the shoes of himself and others. Readers will share in Eric’s evolution from average kid to globe-traveling humanitarian to warrior, training and serving with the most elite military outfit in the world: the Navy SEALs. Along the way, they’ll be asked to consider the power of choices, of making the decision each and every day to act with courage and compassion so that they grow to be tomorrow’s heroes. Sure to inspire and motivate.

Eric Greitens was born and raised in Missouri. After earning a PhD as a Rhodes scholar and serving as a humanitarian volunteer overseas, Eric joined the Navy SEALs. A boxing champion and a decorated combat veteran, he is the founder of the nonprofit The Mission Continues and the author of the New York Times bestseller The Heart and the Fist. Visit his website at www.ericgreitens.com.
At Suburban High School, life or death depends on a simple question: Are you kind or unkind?

Shy Celia Balaustine is new to Suburban High, but a mysterious clique of students called the Rosary has befriended her. Friends aside, Celia soon discovers something is not quite right at Suburban. Girls at the school begin having near-fatal accidents on the eve of their sixteenth birthdays. Who is causing the accidents, and why? As Celia’s own birthday approaches, she is inexorably drawn into an underground conflict between good and evil—the Kind and the Unkind—that bubbles beneath Suburban High. Plentiful references to music and art—along with the intriguing underworld mythology—make this supernatural series debut a page-turner.

Nathan Kotecki lives in Durham, North Carolina. This is his first young adult novel.
There’s none so blind as they that won’t see.

Seventeen-year-old Tricia Farni’s body floated to the surface of Alaska’s Birch River six months after the night she disappeared. The night Roz Hart had a fight with her. The night Roz can’t remember. Roz, who struggles with macular degeneration, is used to assembling fragments to make sense of the world around her. But this time it’s her memory that needs piecing together—to clear her name . . . to find a murderer. This unflinchingly emotional novel is written in the powerful first-person voice of a legally blind teen who just wants to be like everyone else.

Laura Ellen, who is also legally blind, was born and raised in Fairbanks, Alaska, and now lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan, with her husband, three children, and a dog. Visit her website at www.lauraellenbooks.com/tag/blind-spot.
When Perry ends up in Venice on a European tour with his band, Inchworm, he can’t resist a visit to Harry’s Bar, where Gobi told him she’d meet him someday. The last time he saw Gobi, five people were assassinated one crazy night in New York City. Well . . . Gobi shows up, and once again Perry is roped into a wild, nonstop thrill ride with a body count. Double crossings, kidnappings, CIA agents, arms dealers, boat chases in Venetian canals, and a shootout in the middle of a Santa Claus convention ensue.

Celebrate the tenth anniversary of the popular Bloody Jack series and its unconventional heroine Jacky Faber.

Viva Jacquelinna!
Being an Account of the Further Adventures of Jacky Faber, Over the Hills and Far Away
L. A. Meyer

The vivacious Jacky Faber returns in the tenth tale in L. A. Meyer's Bloody Jack Adventures, a rip-roaring young adult series applauded for its alluring combination of adventure, romance, history, and humor. Once again under the thumb of British Intelligence, Jacky is sent to Spain to spy for the Crown during the early days of the nineteenth-century Peninsular War. She finds herself in the company of guerrilla freedom fighters, poses for the famous artist Goya, runs with the bulls, is kidnapped by the Spanish Inquisition, and travels with a caravan of gypsies...all while hoping to one day reunite with her beloved Jaimy Fletcher.


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Little Blue Truck Leads the Way

Big book

Alice Schertle, illustrated by Jill McElmurry


The big city sure is a speedy, noisy place for a country truck like Blue. Everywhere Blue looks, he sees buses, police cars, taxis, vans—even the mayor’s limousine. With everyone pushing to be first, a traffic jam ensues. Hey—one at a time! But even a wrangle-tangle is no match for Little Blue Truck, who comes to the rescue in true Blue style. Jill McElmurry’s vibrant illustrations honk with bright colors and city energy, as do the boisterous rhymes. A delightful big-book companion to Little Blue Truck.

Alice Schertle is an award-winning poet who has written many well-loved books for children. She lives in Plainfield, Massachusetts.

Jill McElmurry is the illustrator of Mad About Plaid and many other popular picture books, some of which she also wrote. She lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Visit her website at www.jillmcelmurry.com.
Who knew so much trouble could come from one little bubble?

Little Mabel blew a bubble and it caused a lot of trouble—/Such a lot of bubble trouble in a bibble-bobble way./For it broke away from Mabel as it bobbed across the table,/Where it bobbled over Baby, and it wafted him away. Soon the baby is floating out of the house, above the fence, and all over town! Ebullient rhymes, joyful illustrations, and the new big-book format combine to create a delightful storytime experience. Winner of the 2009 Boston Globe–Horn Book Award for Best Picture Book!

Margaret Mahy has received the Hans Christian Andersen Award (2006) and England’s Carnegie Medal twice. She lives in New Zealand. Visit her at www.christchurchcitylibraries.com/margaretmahy.

Polly Dunbar is also the illustrator of Mahy’s Down the Back of the Chair. She lives in Brighton, England. Visit her at www.pollydunbar.com.
Very Hairy Bear

Alice Schertle, illustrated by Matt Phelan

★ “He’s a bear of rare appeal, and it’s hard to resist the urge to snuggle down next to him.” — Kirkus Reviews, starred review

Deep in the green gorgeous wood lives a boulder-big bear with shaggy, raggy, brownbear hair everywhere . . . except on his no-hair nose. So begins the story of a cheerful bear who spends his days salmon fishing in the spring and eating berries in the summer. But when winter comes, his very chilly, not-so-hairy nose is the only thing that stands in the way of a really great nap. Matt Phelan’s creamy pastel-and-pencil illustrations are as irresistible as this story for all seasons!

Alice Schertle has written many children’s books, including Little Blue Truck. She lives in Plainfield, Massachusetts, and sometimes spots bears on nearby hikes.

Annie is a little girl who lives in a forest cottage with her cat, Taffy. When Taffy disappears mysteriously into the snow, Annie is crushed. She puts out corn cakes to see if she can find a new animal friend to keep her company, but who can snuggle with a moose, bear, or wildcat? Jan Brett’s wonderfully illustrative borders tell the story of the vanishing Taffy and the surprises fall has in store. This perennial favorite is now a paperback book and CD set, with an unabridged dramatic reading set to fun music and lively sound effects.

Jan Brett has more than 37 million books in print. She and her family live both in a coastal Massachusetts town and in a summer home in the Berkshire Hills. Visit her website at www.janbrett.com.
Steve Jenkins’s gorgeous, double-cover tribute to dogs and cats (or cats and dogs) is now in paperback!

This visually stunning, oversize paperback (with French flaps!) is a dog book . . . until you flip it over to make it a cat book. The dog and cat meet in the middle, sharing a cozy rug. Steve Jenkins’s cut- and torn-paper collages are exquisite, a fine match for the lively narrative that explores animal characteristics and behaviors as well as the roles of cats and dogs in human history. A wonderful, accessible, beautiful way to learn about animal science and nature from one of the nonfiction greats!

Steve Jenkins lives in Boulder, Colorado, with his wife and three children. He has written and illustrated many nonfiction picture books, including the Caldecott Honor–winning What Do You Do with a Tail Like This? Visit him at www.stevejenkinsbooks.com.
Time for Bed, the Babysitter Said
Peggy Perry Anderson

“This froggy folly makes the grade.” —School Library Journal

Even the babysitter’s most strenuous efforts can’t convince lively Joe the Frog to put on his pajamas and go to bed. But if she figures out the magic words (hint: “please”), will he finally hop under the covers and stay put? Easy vocabulary, rhyming fun, picture clues, and short sentences practically guarantee early reading success for the Level 1 set. Expressive, amusing ink-and-wash illustrations don’t hurt a bit, either. Collect all four Level 1 Green Light Readers about Joe the Frog!

It’s time for a froggy mud bath! A very down-to-earth Level 1 Green Light Reader.

To the Tub
Peggy Perry Anderson

“Good-natured slapstick . . . and bright rhymes.” —School Library Journal

It’s bathtime for the Joe the Frog, but after a day of muddy fun in the backyard, he is stalling like crazy. Dad plays along and fetches Joe toy after toy . . . until he’s so loaded down he falls straight into the mud puddle with his son. Guess who else is ready for a bath? Captivating, full-of-fun ink-and-wash illustrations enhance this easy-to-read rhyming story. Collect all four Level 1 Green Light Readers about Joe the Frog.

Mr. and Mrs. Green are back in another charming tale for alligator fans!

Fishing
A Mr. and Mrs. Green Adventure
Keith Baker

"Who wants to spend the day with a couple of grown-up, married alligators? Answer: Every kid you know." —The Bulletin

Mr. and Mrs. Green are happy to be on a fishing trip. But Mrs. Green is frustrated that Mr. Green is catching all the fish. What’s his secret? Is it his lucky hat? His new fishing pole? Or does it have something to do with jelly beans? Beginning readers will have a sweet time finding out. Bursting with picture clues to help build early-reading confidence, this favorite from More with Mr. and Mrs. Green is now one of four standalone Level 2 Green Light Readers about the Greens. Collect them all!

American Idol for alligators? Mr. and Mrs. Green bring more merriment to Level 2 Green Light Readers.

The Talent Show
A Mr. and Mrs. Green Adventure
Keith Baker

“Baker’s cartoon-like paintings bubble over with humor.” —Publishers Weekly

Mr. Green is a singing sensation in the shower at home. But at the town talent show, he can’t sing a note . . . until Mrs. Green spies a nearby hose and comes up with a splashing idea. This popular story from Lucky Days with Mr. and Mrs. Green is now available in a Green Light Readers edition for Level 2 readers. Familiar words, short sentences, full-of-fun illustrations, and a humorous plot twist encourage repeat readings. Collect all four Level 2 Green Light Readers about Mr. and Mrs. Green!

Keith Baker has written and illustrated many well-loved picture books and early chapter books, including several about Mr. and Mrs. Green. Two of his best-known picture books, Hide and Snake and Who Is the Beast?, are also about animals. He lives in Seattle, Washington. Visit his website at www.KeithBakerBooks.com.
Does Walter like his Cousin Howie better than he likes Iris? An Iris and Walter favorite joins the Green Light Readers collection.

Iris and Walter and Cousin Howie
Elissa Haden Guest, illustrated by Christine Davenier

Iris figured when Walter’s favorite cousin Howie came to visit, they’d all have fun together. Instead, Iris ends up feeling left out. Will Walter ditch her as his best friend? No chance. As in all the Iris and Walter books, serious subjects are treated honestly . . . and this one will help children with troubles such as jealousy, bossiness, cliques, and even bullying. Christine Davenier’s whimsical illustrations add warmth and humor to a story already brimming with both. Now available in paperback as a Level 3 Green Light Reader!

Elissa Haden Guest has written ten books about Iris and Walter. She lives in San Francisco, California. Visit her at www.elissahadenguest.com.

Christine Davenier has illustrated all the Iris and Walter books, and the Very Fairy Princess books by the actress Julie Andrews and Emma Walton Hamilton. She lives in Paris.
When Baby Rose is born, she cries and fusses . . . a lot. She’s not at all the dreamy baby doll her sister Iris thought she’d be. But with a little help from Grandpa and her best friend, Walter, Iris discovers that being a big sister can be fun . . . at least some of the time. Four chapters of easy-reading pleasure make this an ideal Level 3 Green Light Reader for ages six to nine. Christine Davenier’s charming pen-and-ink and watercolor illustrations capture a full range of very real emotions.

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Mouse and Mole: A Perfect Halloween
Wong Herbert Yee

Eeny meeny, miny mumpkin . . . Which of you will be my pumpkin? Mouse and Mole have different attitudes about Halloween. Mouse loves all the spooky decorations and costumes. Mole thinks it’s all very creepy and is afraid to go trick-or-treating. How can Mouse help a best friend who has become a big Scaredy-Mole? Newly independent readers will enjoy finding out in this Level 3 Green Light Reader. Thoroughly charming, detailed illustrations add an extra layer of enjoyment to this delightful friendship story told in four easy-to-read chapters.

Wong Herbert Yee has written and illustrated six Mouse and Mole books, including Mouse and Mole: Fine Feathered Friends, which received a Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor. He’s also the creator of the Fireman Small books. He lives in Michigan with his family. Visit his website at www.wongherbertyee.blogspot.com.
Dong! Dong! Dong! The school bell is ringing. The fall wind is blowing. Mr. Putter wishes he could go back to school—even for just one day. Then he has an idea: How about a visit during show-and-tell with his fine cat, Tabby? And Zeke and Mrs. Teaberry? The teacher agrees, but there's one problem. She and the students expect pet tricks. Will Tabby and Zeke be able to deliver? Mr. Putter & Tabby Ring the Bell marks the twentieth book in this beloved series, a perennial hit since 1994.

Cynthia Rylant won the Newbery Medal for Missing May. She's also well known for Poppleton and the Geisel Award–winning Henry and Mudge. She lives in the Pacific Northwest.

Arthur Howard created the lively illustrations for all the Mr. Putter & Tabby books and has written and illustrated several picture books of his own. He lives in New York City.
Meet an unforgettable cast of “wicked good” monsters in this clever collection of illustrated poems, the sequel to Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich—now in paperback!

Frankenstein Takes the Cake
Adam Rex

“This gifted artist, whose clever wordplay reveals a wonderfully warped sense of comedy, has whipped up another winner.” —School Library Journal

Jam-packed with sight gags, sly jokes, and ghoulish cartoons, Frankenstein Takes the Cake is a creative way to celebrate Halloween. Dubbed a “fiendishly funny picture book” by Family Fun magazine, this silly sequel finds Frankenstein about to marry his undead bride. But first, he has to meet his future in-laws and stop his best man, Dracula, from freaking out about the garlic bread. No one ever said it was easy being a monster!

Gooney Bird Greene series, by the two-time Newbery medalist Lois Lowry, is now available in paperback.

The fourth engaging title in the popular Gooney Bird Greene series, by the two-time Newbery medalist Lois Lowry, is now available in paperback.

Gooney Bird Is So Absurd
Lois Lowry, illustrated by Middy Thomas

“Few beginning chapter books have the range of this one, from hilarity to sadness, from outrage to compassion, and few writers could manage it with such finesse.”
—Booklist

It’s a cold January at Watertower Elementary School—the ideal weather for second-grader Gooney Bird Greene to break out her brain-warming hat. Mrs. Pidgeon is teaching poetry—from haiku to limericks. So when tragedy befalls their teacher, her students are prepared to write the most important poem they’ve ever written. Thomas’s expressive drawings bring the characters to life in this funny, emotionally nuanced beginning chapter book. Brain-warming . . . and heartwarming, too!

Lois Lowry is a two-time Newbery Medal winner for Number the Stars and The Giver, the first of a quartet. She now divides her time between Cambridge, Massachusetts, and an 1840s farmhouse in Maine. Visit her website at www.loislowry.com and visit www.hmhbooks.com/gooneybirdgreene.

The illustrator Middy Thomas is a native Mainer and art teacher. She lives in Brunswick, Maine.
Grace and Mimi can’t wait for Mimi’s adopted little sister to arrive—except they are in for a surprise . . . it’s a boy!

Just Grace and the Double Surprise
Charise Mericle Harper

“Girls who are settling into chapter book series . . . will love the fast pace and familiar school and family situations.” —Horn Book

The latest paperback in the Just Grace series finds Grace’s best friend in the whole world, Mimi, on the verge of getting a brand-new sister. Grace is really excited, plus nervous, plus worried, plus happy all mixed together. But both Grace and Mimi are in for a surprise when they find out that Mimi’s family is not adopting a brand-new sister—and instead she is getting a brand-new brother. (Oh, brother!) And to heighten the excitement even further, Grace is in for a big surprise of her very own . . . Readers will be just as curious as Grace to find out what it is!

Charise Mericle Harper is the author of many books for young readers in addition to the witty and winning Just Grace series. Charise lives in New York’s Westchester County with her family. Visit her website at www.chariseharper.com. You can also visit Just Grace’s website at www.justgracebooks.com for fun activities, videos, quizzes, and information about all the Just Grace books.
**Who wants to run for president? The fourth title in the Nikki and Deja series is a timely choice for the 2012 U.S. election!**

*Nikki and Deja: Election Madness*

Karen English, illustrated by Laura Freeman

“Fans will be glad to see [the girls] back in fine form.” —*The Bulletin*

Watch out, Carver Elementary. Deja is running for president! When the students in Nikki and Deja’s class find out their school is holding its first-ever election for student body president, some kids are excited, but none is as excited as Deja. She decides Nikki will be her campaign manager, of course, and puts her to work. But will Deja’s take-charge ways alienate her best friend when she needs her most? A great friendship story that ties in well with the U.S. election season. Now in paperback!

Karen English, recipient of a Coretta Scott King Honor, lives in Los Angeles, California. She taught elementary school in urban neighborhoods for many years.

Laura Freeman has illustrated several books for children. She grew up in New York City and now lives in Atlanta, Georgia. Visit her at [www.lfreemanart.com](http://www.lfreemanart.com).
Is there no rest for the travel worn and weary? Not if you are Nathaniel Fludd, world’s youngest beastologist-in-training. All Nate really wants is to track down his missing parents, but when a unicorn falls mysteriously ill, Nate’s Aunt Phil makes it clear where beastologists’ duties lie: with the beasts who need them.

If ministering to the creatures of the world isn’t difficult enough, Nate and Aunt Phil must also keep them safe from a villainous man. Will Nate ever find the parents he is so absolutely convinced are alive?

R. L. LaFevers grew up surrounded by a wide variety of beasts, including goats, chickens, chipmunks, an anteater, and, for a brief time, two bear cubs. She lives in Carpinteria, California. Visit her website at www.rllafevers.com.

Kelly Murphy grew up surrounded by swamps and marshes, which she explored with her six other siblings in southern New England. She lives in Providence, Rhode Island. Visit her website at www.kelmurphy.com.
Ten inspiring stories of black women freedom fighters, now in paperback!

Let It Shine
Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters
Andrea Davis Pinkney, illustrated by Stephen Alcorn

“Engaging text and glorious art.” — School Library Journal

Harriet Tubman escaped slavery, but she returned often to the South to lead slaves to freedom. Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus and sparked a protest that changed America. These two, along with Sojourner Truth, Mary McLeod Bethune, Biddy Mason, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Ella Josephine Baker, Dorothy Irene Height, Fannie Lou Harner, and Shirley Chisholm are ten of many who let their light shine brightly on the darkness of discrimination. Stephen Alcorn’s stylized full-page portraits brim with symbols and enrich the lively narrative. A Coretta Scott King Author Honor book!

Andrea Davis Pinkney is the author of numerous award-winning picture-book biographies, sometimes collaborating with her husband, the illustrator Brian Pinkney. She lives in Brooklyn, New York.

The Klise sisters have their formula down to a science: a heavily illustrated, comedic/ghostly mystery revealed in a series of letters and documents by a quirky cast whose pun-filled names are truly groanworthy." — Booklist

When a dog arrives at the Old Spence Mansion, eleven-year-old Seymour is overjoyed. His adoptive parents, Ignatius B. Grumply and ghost-mom Olive C. Spence, are less enthusiastic—especially when Secret, the dog, begins barking all night long. Does Secret have a secret? Readers will revel in this runaway mystery told in letters, limericks, a last will, and loose change.

Kate Klise and M. Sarah Klise are the creators of Dying to Meet You, the first book in their illustrated 43 Old Cemetery Road series, which landed on more than a dozen state award lists and which Kirkus Reviews called “a quirky, comedic romp.” Kate lives in Norwood, Missouri, and leads writing workshops all over the country. Sarah teaches art to children and adults in San Francisco, California. Visit their website at www.kateandsarahklise.com.
Fifteen-year-old Beatrix Ling (or Trix) is tough. She can deal with being an orphan charity case at a snobbish boarding school. She can even fight back against the masked stranger who tries to steal her parents’ meteorite. But can she handle her life changing forever? The Circus Galacticus has come to town, and the dazzling young ringmaster has invited Trix aboard. Soon she discovers an entire universe of deadly enemies and potential friends, and she just might unravel the secrets of her own past—if she can survive that long. An action-packed intergalactic ride for science-fiction fans . . . now in paperback!

Deva Fagan lives in Maine with her husband and her dog. She is not (to her knowledge) a space-faring mutant, though she has been known to dye her hair bright colors. Visit her at www.devafagan.com.
It’s hard being the new girl, especially if you’re also the shy girl . . .

Hound Dog True
Linda Urban

★ “Urban traces a highly self-conscious child’s cautious emergence from her shell in this tender novel.” — Publishers Weekly, starred review

“Do not let a mop sit overnight in water. Fix things before they get too big for fixing.” Fifth-grader Mattie Breen writes it all down. She has just one week to convince Uncle Potluck to take her on as his custodial apprentice before school starts. As his apprentice, she’ll have important work to do during lunch and recess . . . work that will keep her safely away from other fifth-graders. But when Mattie’s plans come crashing down, she ends up with a friend who is hound dog true.

Move over, Indiana Jones. Theodosia Throckmorton is on the case!

Theodosia and the Last Pharaoh
R. L. LaFevers, illustrated by Yoko Tanaka

Praise for Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos:
★ “A sure bet for Harry Potter fans.” —Booklist, starred review

Eleven-year-old Theodosia of twentieth-century England sets off to Egypt with her cat, Isis. Her plan is to return the Emerald Tablet, embedded with the ancient world’s most guarded secrets. Then she’ll explore the mysteries surrounding her own birth and—oh, yes—help her mother dig up treasures on her archeological expedition. When the Serpents of Chaos get involved, however, Theo finds she’s digging up a lot more than she expected! Visit www.theodosiathrockmorton for more about the indomitable Theodosia Throckmorton.

R. L. LaFevers grew up with brothers who taught her an awful lot about how to get into mischief, much like Theodosia does. She lives in California with her husband. Visit her at www.rllafevers.com.

An entertaining collection of four Newbery Honor books in a just-right-for-gift-giving slipcase box.

A Newbery Honor Collection boxed set
Scott O’Dell, Gary D. Schmidt, Karen Cushman, and Marion Dane Bauer

This lovely library of stellar Newbery Honor–winning novels features four favorite adventures: Scott O’Dell’s The Black Pearl (1968), Marion Dane Bauer’s On My Honor (1987), Karen Cushman’s Catherine, Called Birdy (1995), and Gary D. Schmidt’s The Wednesday Wars (2008). All four are the latest paperback editions with updated covers, and the set makes a wonderful gift for the voracious reader. Pair with the Newbery Collection boxed set!

Praise for The Black Pearl:
“Reverberates with . . . proud admiration of the courage of the human spirit.” —Publishers Weekly

Praise for On My Honor:
★ “A powerful, soul-stirring novel told simply and well.”
—Booklist, starred review

Praise for Catherine, Called Birdy:
★ “Superb historical fiction.”
—School Library Journal, starred review

Praise for The Wednesday Wars:
★ “Schmidt . . . makes the implausible believable and the everyday momentous . . . a gentle, hopeful, moving story.”
—Booklist, starred review
Which Egyptian queen bathed in donkey’s milk?
Read about twenty amazing women in this terrific title in the Lives of . . . series, now in paperback!

Lives of Extraordinary Women
Rulers, Rebels (and What the Neighbors Thought)
Kathleen Krull, illustrated by Kathryn Hewitt

★ “Fabulous reading, great for research, deliciously . . . feminist.”
—Kirkus Reviews, starred review

Kathleen Krull turns her spotlight on twenty powerful women from Cleopatra to Rigoberta Menchú Tum, revealing their feats and flaws for all the world to see. They were queens, warriors, prime ministers, first ladies, revolutionary leaders. But they were all real people with private interests and personalities. What were they really like? Wild or mild, hated or beloved, each of these women dared to stand up and be a leader.

Kathleen Krull is well known for her innovative nonfiction, including six other Lives of . . . books. She lives in San Diego, California. Visit her at www.kathleenkrull.com.

Kathryn Hewitt’s caricatures of famous figures led kids to dub the Lives of . . . series the “Big Head” books. She lives in Santa Monica, California. Visit her at www.kathrynhewitt.com.
The riveting account of the search for Mongolia’s elusive snow leopard . . . now in the Scientists in the Field paperback collection!

**Saving the Ghost of the Mountain**

*An Expedition Among Snow Leopards in Mongolia*

Sy Montgomery, with photos by Nic Bishop

School Library Journal Best Book of 2009
An NSTA/CBS Outstanding Science Trade Book for 2010
2009 Booklist Top 10 Environmental Titles for Youth

Sy Montgomery and the photographer Nic Bishop invite readers on a trek to the cold, rocky ridges of Mongolia as they search for the elusive snow leopard with a team of conservation scientists. The engaging, as-it-happens narrative and spectacular photographs reveal how much effort goes into researching and protecting this endangered, little-understood species . . . the ghosts of the mountain.

The award-winning author *Sy Montgomery* has been bitten by a vampire bat and hunted by tigers. She lives in Hancock, New Hampshire. Visit her at [www.symontgomery.com](http://www.symontgomery.com).

*Nic Bishop*, an award-winning photographer, is well known for his stunning photos of the natural world. He lives in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Visit him at [www.nicbishop.com](http://www.nicbishop.com).
Against All Odds

Never Give up

Glenn Stout

Roy Reigels in the 1929 Rose Bowl, Frank Reich and the Buffalo Bills during the 1993 NFL playoffs, Tracy McGrady and the Houston Rockets in 2004, the entire St. Louis Cardinals team in the 2011 World Series, Tim Tebow and the Denver Broncos in 2011 . . . What do these players have in common? Every one of them was on the brink of a humiliating defeat. But at the moment when they could have called it quits, they didn’t. These four real-life stories, illustrated with black-and-white photographs, will inspire readers young and old.

Under the auspices of Matt Christopher, Glenn Stout wrote thirty-nine titles in the Matt Christopher Sports Biography and Legends in Sports series. He lives in Allburgh, Vermont with his wife and daughter. Visit his website at www.goodsportsbyglennstout.com.
From Hardships to Championships
Glenn Stout

“Never patronizing, [Stout] captures both grit and glory.” —Kirkus Reviews

Many of the baseball greats overcame huge challenges to be sports heroes—and here are five inspiring stories of men who did just that. Baseball is considered America’s pastime, but not all players grew up living the American dream. Babe Ruth, Jim Peir-sall, Torii Hunter, Ron LeFlore, and Joe Torre sure didn’t. Poverty, abuse, and addiction are a few of the issues they had to deal with as kids, but they turned their lives around to play the game they loved.

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What would old New York be like if magical gangs ruled the streets?

The Inquisitor’s Apprentice
Chris Moriarty, illustrated by Mark E. Geyer

“A compelling book that I read in a single sitting and highly recommend.” —Garth Nix

Being an Inquisitor is no job for a nice Jewish boy. But when the police learn that thirteen-year-old Sacha Kessler can see witches, he’s apprenticed to the NYPD. Their mission? To stop magical crime. And New York at the turn of the twentieth century is full of it. Sacha’s first case is to find out who’s trying to kill Thomas Edison, inventor of a witch detector that could unleash the worst witch-hunt in American history. Every magician in town has a motive, but all the clues lead back to the Lower East Side, and Sacha’s own family could be accused!

Chris Moriarty wrote The Inquisitor’s Apprentice so her children could read a fantasy that celebrates their New York Jewish heritage. She lives in upstate New York. Visit her website at www.chrismoriartybooks.com.
Three bored guys weave a tangled web of lies in this suspenseful teen novel.

Also Known as Rowan Pohi
Ralph Fletcher

“A funny and poignant tale. . . . Fletcher's novel will resonate with fans of Chris Crutcher and Todd Strasser.” —VOYA

In this unsettling, entertaining young adult novel, Ralph Fletcher tells the story of Bobby Steele and his pals, three guys waiting for tenth grade to begin. Out of their boredom, the imaginary Rowan Pohi (that's IHOP backwards) is born. Bobby applies to the prestigious private school Whitestone Prep in Rowan's name, and, amazingly, he's accepted. Eager to escape his public school and his unhappiness at home, Bobby becomes Rowan, hoping the two lives he's living will stay separate forever. For a short, exhilarating time, they do.

Ralph Fletcher is the versatile author of many novels, picture books, poetry, and books about writing. He lives in Durham, New Hampshire, with his wife and four sons. Visit his website at www.ralphfletcher.com.
A contemporary teen novel that takes an honest look at addiction . . . and the possibility of a second chance.

Flyaway
Helen Landalf

“So good I read it in one sitting.” —Han Nolan, National Book Award finalist

Girl loves Mom. Mom loves meth. Stevie Calhoun is fifteen, and she can take care of herself. Her mom has disappeared before, but this time Aunt Mindy is making Stevie stay with her. Whatever. Stevie will pack up her camouflage pants and red high heels and go live with Aunt Mindy . . . for now. But she’ll also make sure her mom comes back and promises never to see Drake and his white powder again. A powerful mix of humor and heartbreak!

Helen Landalf is a debut author of teen novels. She lives with her husband and two stepsons in Seattle, Washington, where she’s also a pilates instructor. Visit her website at www.helenlandalf.com.
Riveting historical fiction for fans of Greek mythology!

Dark of the Moon
Tracy Barrett

“This retelling of the myth of the Minotaur is deft, dark, and enthralling.” —School Library Journal

Fifteen-year-old Ariadne of Krete is the daughter of the high priestess of the moon. Isolated and lonely, she finds companionship only with her beloved handicapped brother, Asterion, who is held captive below the palace for his own safety. When a ship arrives from Athens, Ariadne meets Theseus, the handsome son of the king. Ariadne is drawn to him, and they form a friendship. But Theseus is doomed to die as an offering to the Minotaur, the monster beneath the palace—unless he can kill the beast first. That monster? He’s Ariadne’s brother. A wonderfully rich coming-of-age story.

A chilling tale of violence told from the point of view of a teen gunman, new in paperback.

Endgame
Nancy Garden

“A hard-hitting and eloquent look at the impact of bullying.” —School Library Journal

New town, new school, new start. That’s what fourteen-year-old Gray Wilton believes. But it doesn’t take long for him to realize that there are bullies in every school, and he’s always their punching bag. Their abuses escalate until Gray feels trapped and alone. He has no power at all until he enters the halls of Greenford High School with his father’s semiautomatic in hand. Nancy Garden deftly explores the cruelty of bullying and its devastating effects. In this brutal, heartbreaking story, a school shooting shatters lives on both sides of the gun.

Nancy Garden is the award-winning author of Annie on My Mind, one of the first young adult novels to dramatize a lesbian relationship. She currently lives in Massachusetts. Visit her at www.nancygarden.com.
Blood Wounds
Susan Beth Pfeffer

★ “Willa’s frankly portrayed grief, confusion, and uncertainties will have a strong impact on readers.” — Publishers Weekly, starred review

Sixteen-year-old Willa is fortunate to have a happy blended family. But a frantic phone call from Pryor, Texas, shatters the calm. Willa’s birth father has murdered his second wife and daughters . . . and the police think he’s on his way east to hunt down Willa and her mother. As this disturbing tragedy inevitably exposes family secrets to Willa and her community, she struggles with her own destructive secret.

Susan Beth Pfeffer is the author of more than seventy books, including the New York Times bestseller Life As We Knew It, nominated for more than twenty state awards, and its companion books The Dead & The Gone and This World We Live In. She lives in Middletown, New York. Visit her blog at www.susanbethpfeffer.blogspot.com.
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Dead Is . . . in a Box
Boxed set
Marlene Perez

“Sassy, romantic, and spooky-fun!”
—Cynthia Leitich Smith, author of Tantalize

Welcome to Nightshade, California—home to the psychic Giordano sisters, who have a way of getting mixed up in mysteries. During their investigations, they run across everything from pom pom–shaking vampires to shape-shifting boyfriends. They can crack any case! This boxed set contains the series’ first five books: Dead Is the New Black, Dead Is a State of Mind, Dead Is So Last Year, Dead Is Just a Rumor, and Dead Is Not an Option. It’s a boxful of paranormal antics served with a hearty dose of humor.

Marlene Perez is the author of the Dead Is series, including Dead Is the New Black, an ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers. She lives in Orange County, California. Visit her at www.marleneperez.com.
A diabolical pied piper comes to a California town in the seventh installment of the popular Dead Is paranormal mystery series.

Dead Is a Killer Tune
Marlene Perez

High school freshman Jessica Walsh is a virago—a woman warrior who must protect her hometown from danger. And in Nightshade, California, trouble is always lurking. At the town’s Battle of the Bands, Jess’s boyfriend, Dominic, and his band, Side Effects May Vary, are up against Hamlin, a band so popular, their fans follow them everywhere. Soon, Nightshade’s musicians are doing risky, illegal, and even fatal things—and claiming that the strange music they heard right before falling asleep told them to do it. Can Jess and her friends track down the tuneful tyrant before it’s too late?

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An exciting relaunch of the classic Earthsea Cycle, by the fantasy literature legend Ursula K. Le Guin.

In the first volume of this legendary fantasy series originally published in 1968, a boy grows to manhood while attempting to subdue the evil he unleashed on the world as an apprentice to the Master Wizard.

Ged was the greatest sorcerer in all Earthsea, but once he was called Sparrowhawk, a reckless youth, hungry for power and knowledge, who tampered with long-held secrets and loosed a terrible shadow upon the world. This is the tale of his testing, how he mastered the mighty words of power, tamed an ancient dragon, and crossed death’s threshold to restore the balance.

Ursula K. Le Guin is the author of more than three dozen books. She was awarded a Newbery Honor for the second volume of the Earthsea Cycle, The Tombs of Atuan, and among her other distinctions are the Margaret A. Edwards Award, a National Book Award, and six Nebula Awards. She lives in Portland, Oregon. Visit her at www.ursulakleguin.com
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Tales from Earthsea
by Ursula K. Le Guin

“The magic of Earthsea is primal; the lessons of Earthsea remain as potent, as wise, and as necessary as anyone could dream.” —Neil Gaiman, author of The Sandman

The tales of this book explore and extend the world established by the Earthsea novels—yet each stands on its own. It contains the novella “The Finder” and the short stories “The Bones of the Earth,” “Darkrose and Diamond,” “On the High Marsh,” and “Dragonfly.” Concluding with with an account of Earthsea’s history, people, languages, literature, and magic, this collection also features two new maps of Earthsea.

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The Other Wind
Ursula K. Le Guin

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The sorcerer Alder fears sleep. The dead are pulling him to them at night. Through him they may free themselves and invade Earthsea. Alder seeks advice from Ged, once Archmage. Ged tells him to go to Tenar, Tehanu, and the young king at Havnor. They are joined by amber-eyed Irian, a fierce dragon able to assume the shape of a woman. The threat can be confronted only in the Immanent Grove on Roke, the holiest place in the world, and there the king, hero, sage, wizard, and dragon make a last stand.

In this final book of the Earthsea Cycle, Le Guin combines her magical fantasy with a profoundly human, earthly, humble touch.

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Sick of vampires? Try goblins on for size. The second fantasy in the Goblin Wars Trilogy is now in paperback!

In the Forests of the Night
_The Goblin Wars, Book Two_
Kersten Hamilton

“Hamilton is a wizard at creating tension.” — Kirkus Reviews

The battle against goblinkind continues . . . but which side will seventeen-year-old Teagan Wyltson be on? Teagan, Finn, and Aiden have escaped Mag Mell alive, but the Dark Man’s forces are on their heels. Teagan knows she doesn’t have much time left, and she refuses to leave Finn or her family to be killed. A wild Stormrider, born to rule and reign, is growing stronger inside her. But as long as she can hold on, she’s still the Teagan who plans to be a veterinarian and who heals the sick. Elements of Celtic mythology, suspense, and romance make this a spellbinding sequel to _Tyger Tyger_.

_Kersten Hamilton_ is the author of several picture books and many middle grade novels. The Goblin Wars books are her first teen novels. She lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Visit her website at www.kerstenhamilton.com.
Death! Romance! Sarcasm! This is the edgy teen sequel to the morbidly funny *Croak*.

**Scorch**
Gina Damico

Sixteen-year-old Lex Bartleby is a teenage grim reaper with the bizarre ability to damn souls. That makes her pretty scary, even to fellow Grims. But after inadvertently transferring her ability to Zara, a murderous outlaw, Lex is a pariah in Croak, the little town she calls home. To escape the townspeople’s wrath, she and her friends embark on a wild road trip to DeMyse. Though this sparkling desert oasis is full of luxuries and amusements, it feels like a prison to Lex. Her best chance at escape would be to stop Zara once and for all—but how can she do that from DeMyse, where the Grims seem mysteriously oblivious to Zara’s killing spree?

**Gina Damico** is the author of *Croak*. She lives outside Boston, Massachusetts, with her husband, two cats, and a closet full of black hoodies. Visit her website at [www.ginadami.co](http://www.ginadami.co).

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“Cadel rides right up there with Artemis Fowl as a sympathetic anti-villain.” —Kirkus Reviews, starred review

Cadel Piggot has a genius IQ. He’s caught hacking into government databases at the age of seven. By fourteen, he’s studying for his World Domination degree at an institute founded by a criminal mastermind. The three action-packed science-fiction adventures in the critically acclaimed Genius Trilogy track this fascinating character, his amazing friends, and his terrible adversaries through their over-the-top high-tech adventures. This handsome boxed set includes all three books in paperback: Evil Genius, Genius Squad, and Genius Wars.

Rob’s ghost is watching over his girlfriend, Holly—and he doesn’t like what he sees . . .

Wherever You Go
Heather Davis

The closeness is maddening. You’re so full of the desire to be seen, you must be freaking glowing. I’m here. You try to reach her with mental tricks, with all your powers of concentration, with all your love distilled into a single thought. See me.

Rob’s ghost is watching Holly, so when he sees his best friend, Jason, trying to get close to her, he isn’t happy. This haunting paranormal romance is deftly told from the perspectives of Rob, Holly, and Jason. Can everyone make peace with the past and find the courage to move forward?

Heather Davis is the author of Never Cry Werewolf and The Clearing, which was nominated for a RITA Award for Best Young Adult Romance. She lives in Seattle, Washington. Visit her website at www.heatherdavisbooks.com.
An award-winning vampire romance, now with a new look!

Companions of the Night
Vivian Vande Velde

“Interview with a Vampire for the learner's permit set.” —Horn Book

“A freshly written thriller, an offbeat love story, an engaging twist on the vampire novel, and an exciting tale of moral complexity.” —The Bulletin

Vampires? In Brockport, New York? When sixteen-year-old Kerry Nowicki finds herself at a late-night Laundromat with a group of vigilante vampire hunters and their handsome prisoner Ethan, her first instinct is to help the injured boy. Her kindness, however, leads Ethan's crazed captors to believe she's a vampire too, and Kerry and Ethan's escape thrusts her into a dangerous midnight world she never knew existed. Kerry isn't even sure if she's the hunted . . . or the hunter.

Vivian Vande Velde is the celebrated author of Three Good Deeds, the short-story collection Being Dead, Never Trust a Dead Man, and many more award-winning books. She lives in Rochester, New York. Visit her at www.vivianvandevelde.com.
Wisdom’s Kiss

Catherine Gilbert Murdock

★ “Packed with double entendres [and] humorous dialogue, this is a joyful, timeless fantasy that teens will savor.” —Booklist, starred review

Princess Wisdom, known as Dizzy, longs for a life of adventure beyond the staid old kingdom of Montagne. Tips, a soldier, longs to keep his true identity a secret. Fortitude, an orphaned maid, longs only for Tips. These three souls could attain their dreams—if only they could bear one another’s company long enough to come up with a plan. Revisit the world of Catherine Murdock’s Princess Ben in this side-splittingly funny fairy-tale romance cleverly told in diaries, letters, an encyclopedia, and even a play.

Catherine Murdock lives outside Philadelphia with her husband and two children, plus a black cat who inspired the character of Escoffier and another cat who didn’t. For the record, she is otherwise very fond of both little dogs and dowagers. Visit her website at www.catherinemurdock.com.
East meets West in this genre-busting graphic novel for teens!

Mangaman
Barry Lyga, illustrated by Colleen Doran

“Fantastic—in every sense of the word! . . . Fans of both comics and manga will love Mangaman.” —Jeff Smith, author of Bone

When Ryoko Kiyami, a manga character from a manga world, falls through the Rip into the “real” Western world, he must learn to survive as an outsider at a typical American high school. He must find a way back through the Rip to his manga world, but things tangle up when he develops “hearts for eyes” for a beautiful girl from the wrong kind of comic book. This metafictive masterpiece blends manga and traditional Western comic book styles to create a complex comic hybrid that’s both hilarious and heartbreaking.


Illustrator Colleen Doran has worked on some of the greatest characters in comics, including Superman, Spider-Man, and Wonder Woman. She lives in Virginia. Visit her at www.colleendoran.com.
Katie is on the verge of her Rumspringa, the time in Amish life when teenagers can get a taste of the real world. But her plans are thwarted by rumors of massive unrest on the “Outside.” Something murderous is out there. Amish elders make a rule: No one goes outside, and no outsiders come in. But when Katie finds a gravely injured young man, she can’t leave him to die. She smuggles him into her family’s barn—at what cost to her community? The suspense of this vividly told, truly horrific thriller will keep the pages turning.

Laura Bickle is the author of four fantasy novels for adults. The Hallowed Ones is her first novel for teens. She works in a public library and lives with her husband in Columbus, Ohio. Visit her website at www.laurabickle.com.
A courageous novel about a teen mother by the National Book Award winner Han Nolan, now in paperback.

Pregnant Pause
Han Nolan

★ “Readers . . . will always feel like they are in the experienced hands of a master storyteller.” —Kirkus Reviews, starred review

Nobody gets away with telling sixteen-year-old Eleanor Crowe what to do. But as a pregnant teen, her options are limited: move to Kenya with her missionary parents or marry the baby’s father and work at his family’s summer camp for overweight kids. She chooses marriage. A camp tragedy prompts a series of events that overwhelms Elly with difficult choices. Somehow, she must leverage her usual stubbornness to ensure a future for herself and her baby. A fascinating character study.

Among Han Nolan’s many acclaimed novels are the National Book Award–winning Dancing on the Edge and the National Book Award finalist Send Me Down a Miracle. She and her husband live on the East Coast. Visit her website at www.hannolan.com.
The much-anticipated sequel to the paranormal romance *Jessica’s Guide to Dating on the Dark Side*!

I should sue the people who designed the My Little Pony Crystal Rainbow Castle I played with in kindergarten. They led me to believe that castles were filled with rainbows and cupcakes and pastel-pink furniture. Not stone and fire and . . . blood.

Eighteen-year-old Jessica Packwood is having a hard enough time feeling regal with her new vampire husband, Lucius. But when he’s charged with murder, Jessica’s suddenly on her own. She knows that with no blood to drink, Lucius’s time is running out. Can she figure out who the real killer is—and whom she can trust—before it’s too late?

**Beth Fantaskey** lives in rural Pennsylvania with her husband and two daughters. She wrote *Jessica’s Guide to Dating on the Dark Side* and *Jekel Loves Hyde*. Visit her website at [www.bethfantaskey.com](http://www.bethfantaskey.com).
Years ago, a teen’s disappearance rocked his small town . . . What really happened is revealed in the sequel to the Printz Honor book *The Body of Christopher Creed*.  

**Following Christopher Creed**

Carol Plum-Ucci

“The careful writing will hold [the] secret under wraps until the startling conclusion.”  
—School Library Journal

When the college reporter Mike Mavic finds out that a body has been found in the small town of Steepleton, New Jersey—four years after Christopher Creed mysteriously disappeared—he hops a plane to get the story that will undoubtedly launch his journalistic career. But what Mike finds is a strange town suffering under a cloud of bad luck. And to the unstable sixteen-year-old Justin Creed who’s obsessed with his older brother’s memory, discovering what really happened to Chris Creed is a matter of life and death.

Carol Plum-Ucci’s debut novel, *The Body of Christopher Creed*, was a Michael L. Printz Honor Book. She lives in New Jersey. Visit her website at [www.carolplumucci.com](http://www.carolplumucci.com).
The Hobbit
J.R.R. Tolkien

A new hardcover edition with cover art featuring J.R.R. Tolkien's painting "Conversation with Smaug." Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely traveling any farther than his pantry or cellar. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard Gandalf and a company of dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an adventure. They have launched a plot to raid the treasure hoard guarded by Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon. Bilbo reluctantly joins their quest, unaware that on his journey to the Lonely Mountain he will encounter both a magic ring and a frightening creature known as Gollum. Written for J.R.R. Tolkien's own children, *The Hobbit* has sold many millions of copies worldwide and established itself as a modern classic. For more information about other editions of *The Hobbit* and J.R.R. Tolkien's books, visit www.readthehobbit.com.

J.R.R. Tolkien (1892–1973) was the creator of Middle-earth and author of such classic and extraordinary works of fiction as *The Hobbit*, *The Lord of the Rings*, and *The Silmarillion*. His books have been translated into more than fifty languages and have sold many millions of copies worldwide.
A children’s biography of J. R. R. Tolkien, the creator of The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings trilogy, just in time for the theatrical release of The Hobbit!

Mythmaker
The Life of J. R. R. Tolkien, Creator of The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings
by Anne E. Neimark

J. R. R. Tolkien was far more than a fantasy book writer. His lifelong fascination with medieval texts and languages gave him a unique vision and endless inspiration for his tales. His broad interests made possible his creation of faery worlds and entire races of beings, as well as the languages, cultures, and characters that make his books as engaging today as they were fifty years ago. This clear and thoroughly researched biography of the creator of The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings recalls the mystery of Tolkien’s imaginary worlds.

Anne E. Neimark is a renowned author whose reader-friendly approach to writing biographies has allowed many young people to learn about the lives of famous and important people. She lives near Chicago.
Dear Teen Me
Authors Write Letters to Their Teen Selves
Edited by E. Kristin Anderson and Miranda Kenneally

Dear Teen Me includes reflections and advice from more than seventy YA authors (including Lauren Oliver, Ellen Hopkins, and Nancy Holder—to name a few) in the form of letters. The letters cover a wide range of topics, including physical abuse, body issues, bullying, friendship, love, and enough insecurities to fill an auditorium. Find out which of your favorite authors had a really bad first kiss. Who found true love at eighteen and who wishes he’d had more fun in high school, instead of studying so hard? Whether you hang out with the theater kids, the band geeks, the bad boys, the loners, the class presidents, the delinquents, the jocks, or the nerds, you’ll find friends—and a lot of familiar faces—in the course of Dear Teen Me.

E. Kristin Anderson is an assistant editor at Hunger Mountain. Ms. Anderson’s work is in the forthcoming anthology Coin Opera II, a collection of poems about video games from Sidekick Books.

Miranda Kenneally is the author of Catching Jordan (fall 2011), Playing Parker (fall 2012), and Bad, Bad Thing (spring 2013.) They are co-creators of the blog Dear Teen Me, dearteenme.com.
Holy Spokes!
A Biking Bible for Everyone
Rob Coppolillo

Biking is cheap, it’s healthy, and it can provide easy access to an incredible array of life experiences. In this wide-ranging and quick-hitting guide, the author Rob Coppolillo explains how bikes work, why bikes matter (especially today, when gas is expensive and interest in green living is high,) and how readers—whatever their level of experience—can indulge their tastes for mountain trails, competitive racing, city exploration, and just basic transportation from point A to point B. Profiles from a raucous cast of health, racing, and travel experts shed light on common pitfalls and offer great ideas about how to pursue your passions while on two wheels. So take the quiz, pick your bike, and get rolling!

A BMX hellion as a kid and a road racer into his twenties, today Rob Coppolillo acts as a guide on bike trips in Italy and on mountain bike expeditions anywhere it’s pretty. He makes literally tens of hundreds of dollars annually as a writer for VeloNews, Rocky Mountain Sports, and Climbing, and lives in Boulder, Colorado, with his wife, Rebel, and their twins, Luca and Dominic.
Seventeen-year-old Regine Stokke was diagnosed with Leukemia in 2008, and here she bravely describes what it is like to live with a fatal illness.

Regine’s Book
* A Teen Girl’s Last Words
* Regine Stokke

Regine’s blog about living with leukemia gained a huge following in her native Norway, and eventually turned into this incredible book in which she wrote openly about the emotional and physical aspects of her fifteen month struggle to recover, and explained how her disease affected her life. In the course of her illness, Regine had photography exhibits, went to concerts, enjoyed her friends and family, and advocated for registering as a blood and bone marrow donor. She was a typical teenager with an amazing will to live, and the lessons she learned have relevance for all of us. She died at home on December 3, 2009, with her family and her cat by her side.

Henriette Larsen (translator) grew up in Switzerland and the United States, speaking Norwegian at home. She has fond memories of beautiful summers (but no winters) in Norway. She earned a bachelor’s degree in French literature from Pomona College and completed graduate coursework in French and comparative literature at San Francisco State University. She lives in San Francisco.
This incredible autobiography provides a vivid portrait of teenage friendship, drug abuse, and alienation in and around Berlin’s notorious Zoo Station.

Zoo Station
The Story of Christiane F.
Christiane F.

In 1978 Christiane F. testified against a man who had traded heroin for sex with teenage girls at Berlin’s notorious Zoo Station. In the course of that trial, Christiane F. became connected with two journalists, and over time they helped to turn her story—which begins with a dysfunctional but otherwise fairly normal childhood—into an acclaimed bestseller. Christiane F.’s rapid descent into heroin abuse and prostitution is shocking, but the boredom, the longing for acceptance, the thrilling risks, and even the musical obsessions that fill out the rest of Christiane’s existence will be familiar to every reader. Christiane F.’s Berlin is a strange and often terrifying place, but it’s also a place that remains closer than we might think . . .

Christiane F. is a former heroin addict who is famous for her contribution in this autobiographical work, and to the film that is based on the book.
Vividly detailed stories about fifty fascinating legends, complete with photography and illustrations.

Dead Strange
The Bizarre Truths Behind 50 World-Famous Mysteries
Matt Lamy

This amazing collection of the weird and wonderful contains entries on everything from the bizarre to the horrific, and from the spooky to the just plain confounding. The book gives essential background information and provides updates on the events and the people involved, discusses the impact of particular myths and beliefs, and the latest investigations being undertaken in an attempt to find answers to the world’s most baffling phenomena. From Loch Ness to Bigfoot, spontaneous combustion to Roswell, each entry is supported with sidebars related to pop culture, and comes with a wealth of photographs and fascinating illustrations.

Matt Lamy was born on the Channel Island of Jersey, where he attended Victoria College. It was while studying for a degree in journalism at Sheffield University in the U.K. that he developed an interest in the paranormal, filing reports on the nearby Peak District’s ghost planes, earth lights, and hauntings. He is now the chief writer at Cycling Active. Since writing 100 Strangest Mysteries, his first book, Matt Lamy has written Lance and Le Tour: The Complete History of Cycling’s Most Uneasy Alliance.
This informative and entertaining guide explains what styling is and why it matters, and shows teens how to style themselves and others.

The Book of Styling
An Insider’s Guide to Creating Your Own Look
Somer Flaherty

This guide explains the whats, whys, and hows of styling—so whether you’re looking to update your wardrobe or curate your closet, this book has the answer. The accomplished stylist Somer Flaherty helps readers figure out what their look is (or ought to be) and how to tailor that look to their own particular body type. Also, for all of the future Rachel Zoes out there, Flaherty helps readers understand the skills that are necessary to style others, and to even turn styling into a real career. Additionally, the book includes

• color illustrations for all of the looks, body types, and style elements
• sidebars about style through the decades and fashion icons
• fashion activities to help readers put down the book and get to work
• tips for a wide array of fashion emergencies

Based in California, Somer Flaherty is a fashion stylist, journalism instructor, editor, and writer with more than a decade of experience in the fashion industry. Her work has appeared in national magazines such as Teen Vogue, luxury advertising campaigns, and in the wardrobes of private clients throughout the country.
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