Charles G. Esperanza is the second of six cool kids. The South Bronx is where he first opened his eyelids. A dope land shrouded in bright-colored decay, the home of graffiti and hip-hop DJs! He paints funky elephants! Bodegas too! Mixed with this wonder is some whimsical truth. Charles has a voice that is seldom heard. A fusion of jazz, distorted guitars, and chirping birds. You can find him online at www.cgesperanza.com.

The city is alive with vibrant art in every corner of the parks, the shops, the trains. But most people are too busy to see it! Three children realize it’s up to them to show everyone else how truly special it is. C. G. Esperanza celebrates the rich culture of the Boogie Down Bronx through an infectious read-aloud beat and colorful illustrations that leap right off the book. With the turn of a page and two shakes of a can of paint spray, an epic block party awaits readers.

Boogie, y'all.

Ages 4–8

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Jacket design by Rachel Zegar
Busy, busy, busy, all day.
The city BOOGIED all day.
Boogie, Boogie, y'all.

The city BOOGIED all day. Busy, busy, busy, till one kid stopped to say...
WOAH,

WOAH,

WOAH!

Look at the ART on the WALL!
WoAH, WoAH, WoAH!

Look at the ART on the WALL!
Busy, late, in a hurry.

Busy,

busy.

No one cared at all about the ART on the WALL.
Bravo! Bravo!
Look at the ART on the TRAIN!
The train boogied down the track.

Bravo!

Boogie, y'all.

The train BOOGIED down the track.

Everyone was in a hurry; one kid stopped to clap...

BRAVO! Look at the ART on the TRAIN!
Everyone else complained about the ART on the TRAIN.

Yuck, gross, horrible.
Awful, yuck, awful.
Boogie boogie, y'all.
The kids BOOGIED in the park.

Jump, skip, hop.
One dog began to bark.

Bow! Wow! Wow!

Look at the ART in the PARK!
Look at the ART in the PARK!
No one cared at all about the **ART** in the **PARK**!
The Boogie Down Block Party boogied in the park.

Up, down,
all around,
the block was having fun!

“COCO, MANGO, CHERRY!” yelled the man with icy treats.

while the break crew BOOGIED to a BombaYo beat!
BANG!

FLASH!

and a

The whole block was bubblin' and having a blast. Just then it happened with a BANG and a FLASH!
BOOM, ALAKAZOOM! The art Boogied off the wall.
Everyone **BOOGIED** away.
Except... two kids, a dog, and cans of paint spray!
Clickity, clackity, click!

They shook the cans and sprayed.

Psst
Psssssst

You won’t believe the art they made!
Boogie, Boogie, Y’ALL.

Bang a drum, don’t run!

The art on the walls makes the block mad fun!
The block began to **BOOGIE**

till the block became the art...

or the art became the block...

I forget that part.
Boogie Boogie, y'all.
We boogied down and had a ball.

And that's the tale of how the art came off the wall!