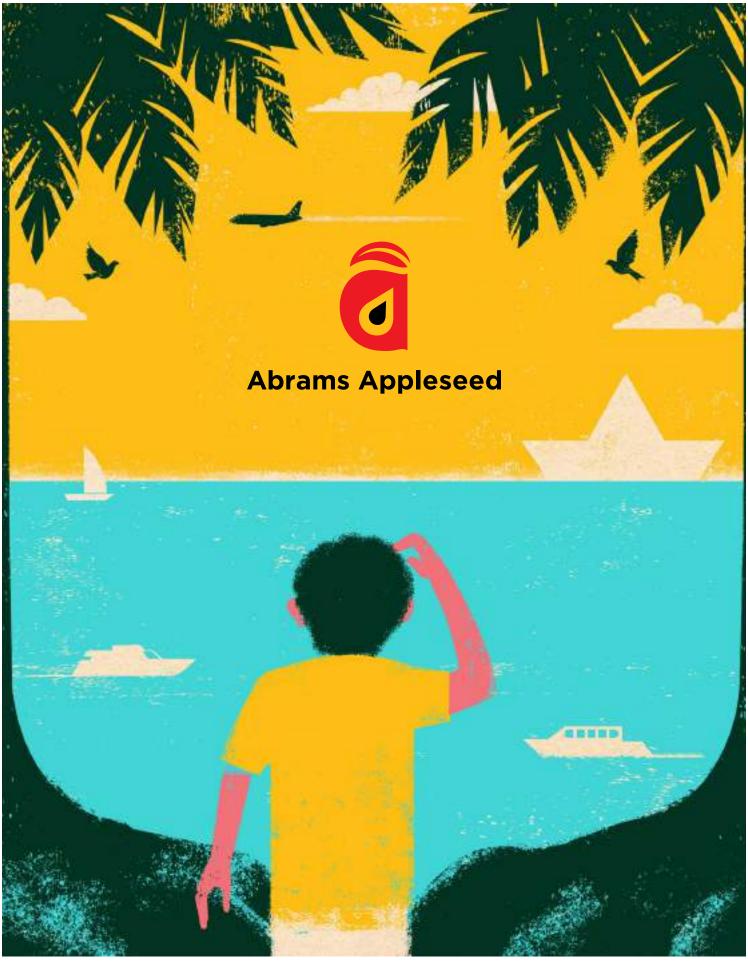




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From  $\textit{Two Worlds (Dos Mundos)} \cdot \textit{Written and illustrated by Edel Rodriguez}$ 

## Yum, 2, 3! (A Hello!Lucky Know & Grow Book)

AN ICE CREAM COUNTING BOOK (A BOARD BOOK)

A HELLO!LUCKY BOOK; WRITTEN BY SABRINA MOYLE; ILLUSTRATED BY EUNICE MOYLE

From Sabrina and Eunice Moyle—also known as Hello!Lucky—the superstar creators of *My Mom Is Magical!* and *My Dad Is Amazing!* comes *Yum, Two, Three!*, a rhyming concept board book all about counting



Do you want one scoop of ice cream? Or two? Or . . . maybe three or four? Let's ask for more!

In this whimsical trip to the ice cream parlor, the youngest reader will learn to count as another scoop of delicious ice cream gets piled onto a cone. How many scoops can you put on your cone? Well, ten of course—which is revealed in a fun gatefold featuring a giraffe's ten–scoop cone! Hello!Lucky lends their vibrant illustrations and pun–derful voice to this delicious rhyming board book, the first in a brand–new concept series for preschoolers. Future concepts will include shapes, colors, and opposites.



Hello!Lucky is all about using creativity to spread joy, fun, and kindness. Founded by sisters Eunice and Sabrina Moyle in 2003, Hello!Lucky is an award-winning letterpress greeting card and design studio working with dozens of partners to create products, including Abrams' pun-derful children's books: My Mom Is Magical!; My Dad Is Amazing!; My Grandma Is Great!; My Grandpa Is Grand!; My Brother Is the Best!; My Sister Is Super!; Super Pooper and Whizz Kid: Potty Power!; Kindness Rules!; Christmas Is Awesome!; Halloween Is a Treat!; Easter is Egg-cellent!; Sloth and Smell the Roses; Go Get 'Em, Tiger!; Thanks a Ton!; School Is Cool!; Bananas for You!; A Seed Will Grow; and the Astrid and Stella graphic novel series. They also offer gifts, ceramics, stationery, kids' partyware, and more. Hello!Lucky is based in San Francisco.







#### **SELLING POINTS**

EDUCATIONAL: Learning to count will be as easy as FUN-2-3 with this humorous new concept board book series perfect for preschoolers.

STRIKING PACKAGE: Beautifully designed and illustrated, the book features a fifth color of ink throughout, sparkly glitter on the cover, and a gatefold that flips up to reveal an ice cream cone with all ten scoops decorated with more glitter!

**SENSATIONAL SALES:** More than 1.8 million combined sales for the Hello!Lucky program!

#### STRONG FOLLOWING:

Hello!Lucky has almost 75,000 followers on Instagram and nearly 70,000 followers on Pinterest.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 24 pages
- \* WIDTH: 7" 178mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8" 203mm
- \* Board Book

PUB MONTH: MAY 2025 BOARD BOOK, KIDS NOVELTY

ISBN 978-1-4197-7501-7



#### THE DESIGN STUDIO FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART!

Hello!Lucky is a sister team creating playful products for all ages, and we love to have pun! Our ultimate goal is to spread joy, creativity, kindness, and connection worldwide with delightful, well-crafted products. Hello!Lucky can be found in independent bookstores, mass-market retailers, boutiques, museum stores and chains like Barnes & Noble, Urban Outfitters, Paper Source, and Target.

#### **PRODUCTS FOR 2024 AND BEYOND**

Unicorn Dress-Up | Mix & Match Puzzle Space Yeti | Shaped Play Puzzle Bananas for You! | Double-sided Puzzle

Kids party goods, temporary tattoos, patches & novelty gifts

Letterpress | Egg Press Digital invitations | Paperless Post Offset | Recycled Paper Greetings Risograph & stationery | Ohh Deer

#### CELEBRATE MILESTONES AND PROMOTE POSITIVITY WITH THE HELLO!LUCKY PUBLISHING PROGRAM—NEARLY 1.5 MILLION COPIES SOLD!

#### **BOARD BOOKS**



978-1-4197-2962-1 US \$7.99 CAN \$9.99 UK £5.99 Puzzle Available



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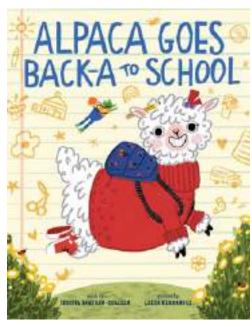
978-1-4197-6983-2 US \$14.99 CAN \$18.99 UK £10.99

## **Alpaca Goes Back-a to School**

#### A PICTURE BOOK

WRITTEN BY SUDIPTA BARDHAN-QUALLEN; ILLUSTRATED BY LEEZA HERNANDEZ

From powerhouse team Sudipta Bardhan–Quallen and Leeza Hernandez comes a joyful picture book about an alpaca's first day back at school



Working together. / Learning each rule.
You're getting the KNACK-a / of being at school.
You'll dream of tomorrow / when you hit the SACK-a
Your school will be waiting . . . / get ready, Alpaca!

The first day back to school is always a little scary, but Alpaca is eager to face the new year!

From singing new songs to making new friends (and a paint spill here and there), Alpaca will help young readers feel prepared for their first day, easing their anxieties and getting them excited for school. Sudipta Bardhan–Quallen's inventive rhyme, paired with Leeza Hernandez's bright, graphic art, is perfect for read–aloud fun, as well as school and family libraries.





Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen has many things in common with alpacas-she's highly sociable, she's easily trained, and she never spits or bites unless you really scare her. Her stack-a of published children's books is over fifty titles high and includes picture books like Chicks Rule and Roxie Loves Adventure, as well as chapter book series like Purrmaids and Mermicorns. She lives in New Jersey with her husband, three children, and an adorable pug named Roxie (who does happen to love adventure). Leeza Hernandez adores alpacas because they're just like cats: curious, treat-loving, and cuddly. She nearly adopted one, but with a tiny apartment, frequent farm visits to snuggle and sketch seemed like a better option. With more than 25 illustrated books in her backpack-a, including Roxie Loves Adventure, Hernandez currently lives in Central Florida where alligators outnumber alpacas. She's not sure how cuddly gators are but she sketches them a lot and they always smile . . . so they must be friendly!







#### **SELLING POINTS**

**DREAM TEAM:** Bardhan Quallen's humorous text and Hernandez's bright and graphic artwork pair beautifully.

#### **BACK-TO-SCHOOL RULES:**

Back-to-school picture books are in high demand, as evidenced by the strong sales of Abrams' own School is Cool! (A Hello!Lucky Book) and Mae's First Day Of School. We think this exuberant Alpaca is an A+ addition to back-to-school favorites.

SERIES POTENTIAL: Much like the Llama Llama series, Alpaca Goes Back—a to School has strong series potential with new experiences as the focal point of each story.

#### ROLLICKING READ-ALOUD:

With its wholly original rhyme scheme, this warm and inviting picture book is perfect as a read—aloud for family and classroom story–times.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 40 pages
- \* WIDTH: 8 1/2" 216mm
- \* HEIGHT: 10 7/8" 276mm \* Hardcover with jacket
- PUB MONTH: JUNE 2025
  PICTURE BOOK

ISBN 978-1-4197-7390-7 US \$18.99

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#### ALSO AVAILABLE Chicks Rule! ISBN 978-1-4197-3414-4

US \$16.99 CAN \$21.99 UK £11.99

UK £11.98

## Little Witch's To-Do List (A Magical List Book)

#### A PICTURE BOOK

WRITTEN BY HELEN KEMP ZAX; ILLUSTRATED BY KIERSTEN EVE EAGAN

From training her stubborn owl to taking flying lessons, Little Witch will get through her daily to-do list one item at a time in this brand-new picture book that gently teaches time management, with the next book in the series set to feature a very busy Easter Bunny



Cast a spell for sunshine / Fluff my cobweb bed Feed my baby phoenix / Turn my black robe red

Little Witch is very busy from morning to night—good thing she has a to—do list! From brewing potions to summoning bats to baking a toadstool cake, she has many tasks to complete before bedtime. But it'll all get done; one thing at a time. And when all her tasks are finally completed, Little Witch is rewarded with a fantastically finished list and a hug from her mom.

Perfect for Halloween or every—day read—alouds, *Little Witch's To–Do List* offers a gentle lesson on the importance of organization. The raised, glittery text on the cover is so inviting that young readers will be eager to accompany Little Witch during her very busy day. And they are in for another sparkly surprise when they unfold a secret flap at the end of the book to see all the items in Little Witch's to–do list checked off in glittery ink from her magic wand!





Helen Kemp Zax could spend all day musing over rhymes, so daily to-do lists keep her life on track. She is co-winner of the 2021 YorkMix International Children's Poetry Prize and winner of the 2018 Middle Grade Katherine Paterson Prize. Her poetry has appeared in many anthologies and magazines. A former lawyer and teacher, Kemp Zax holds an MFA in Writing from Vermont College of Fine Arts. She lives in Washington, D.C., with her husband, Leonard, and their Aussie-doodle, Huckleberry Finn. Kiersten Eagan is an illustrator working in children's publishing as well as design for television and film. Eagan is passionate about storytelling and loves using design to help bring stories to life. She studied illustration at the Academy of Art in San Francisco and now lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, where she loves exploring the mountains or spending time by the sea.







#### **SELLING POINTS**

**CLEVER TEXT:** Sweet, relatable, and perfect to read aloud all year long, but especially at Halloween!

#### LIGHT EDUCATIONAL HOOK:

Highlights list–making (in the most fun way possible), which is an age–appropriate aspect of executive functioning.

NOVELTY ELEMENTS: The cover shines with raised text stamped with glitter UV, and a big gatefold at the end of the book reveals a completed to-do list, with each item checked off in sparkly glitter.

SERIES POTENTIAL: With two more books signed up, we think this has BIG backlist potential, allowing kids to join in the day–to–day activities of the Easter Bunny, a Christmas elf, and many more through their funny to–do lists.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout with gatefold
- \* 40 pages
- \* WIDTH: 8 1/2" 216mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8 1/2" 216mm
- \* Hardcover POB

PUB MONTH: JULY 2025 PICTURE BOOK

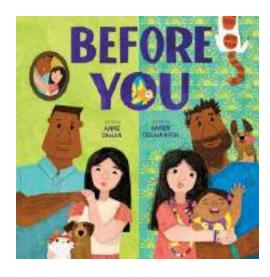
ISBN 978-1-4197-7895-7 US \$14.99

## **Before You**

#### A PICTURE BOOK

WRITTEN BY ANNE SAWAN; ILLUSTRATED BY KAREN OBUHANYCH

A picture book celebrating the ways any new addition to a family brings joyful chaos and makes everyday experiences that much sweeter, warmer, better!



Before you, there was a bath, a book, and a comfy bed.
Then you came and now the bath is sudsier, the book is sillier, and the
bed is bouncier!

When a new child is introduced into a household—whether they are being fostered, adopted or being welcomed as a newborn—there is always a "before" and an "after." Before they arrived, there was a cozy chair, a yummy meal, a frisky cat, a wiggly dog, and a jazzy song. After they arrived? Well, it only gets better—the chair is cozier, the meal is yummier, the cat is friskier, the dog is wigglier, and the song is jazzier!

But the goldfish? It stays exactly the same.

This irresistible picture book celebrates all the small but impactful ways life changes when someone new joins a family.





Anne Sawan is a writer, reader, parent, and psychologist. She enjoys spending time with her large family and their numerous pets, including two dogs, three cats, several chickens, and some fish. Before You was inspired by her experience of having five children and seeing how her once quiet, average life was transformed into a world full of energy and love. She lives in Medford, MA. Karen Obuhanych is an author-illustrator living on the Big Island of Hawaii. She wrote and illustrated This Little Kitty and This Little Kitty in the Garden and has illustrated several books for young readers including Annie's Cat is Sad by Heather Smith, and The Fastest Tortoise in Town by Howard Calvert. Before having her daughter, Obuhanych loved surfing, dining out, and spending hours in her art studio. Then her daughter came, and now the house is messier, the mornings are busier, and her heart is fuller.







#### **SELLING POINTS**

EVERGREEN TOPIC: The introduction of a new member into the family is a perennial—and popular—subject, as shown by the strong sales of Abrams' own Hello In There!: A Big Sister's Book of Waiting.

BABY'S FIRST GIFT: Perfect for baby showers, adoption celebrations, or Mother's Day and Father's Day promotions!

**PERFECT READ–ALOUD:** The simple but delightful text makes for a great read–aloud.

#### TERRIFIC ILLUSTRATIONS:

Karen Obuhanych's bold, humorous art style perfectly captures the joy and wonder of Anne Sawan's fizzy, funny text.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 32 pages
- \* WIDTH: 9" 229mm
- \* HEIGHT: 9" 229mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

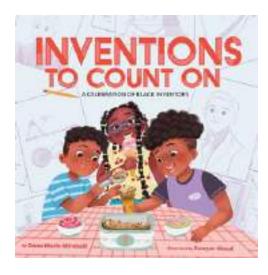
PUB MONTH: **MAY 2025** PICTURE BOOK

**ISBN 978-1-4197-7386-0** US \$17.99

## Inventions to Count On: A Celebration of Black Inventors A PICTURE BOOK

WRITTEN BY DANA MARIE MIROBALLI; ILLUSTRATED BY SAWYER CLOUD

From forgotten innovators like Anna M. Mangin to well–known inventors like James West, this picture book is a celebration of Black history and inventors with a unique counting rhyme



One heater keeps a family warm / Sheltered from the winter storm. Two phones bridge a thousand miles / Bringing laughter, joy, and smiles.

From traffic lights to ice cream scoopers to fire trucks, there are so many different ways that Black inventors changed history. Follow a bustling modern—day family as they get ready for a beloved family member's 100th birthday. Woven into their activities are ten inventions that positively impact their daily lives as they prepare for the celebration.

With simple, rhyming text and charming art, *Inventions to Count On: A Celebration of Black Inventors* shines a light on forgotten pioneers, including Alice H. Parker, Garrett Morgan, Anna M. Mangin, Joseph Winters, Alfred L. Cralle, Sarah Boone, Jan Ernst Matzeliger, and Alexander Miles, as well as honoring celebrated inventors like James West, who developed the tiny microphone still used in cell phones today, and Granville T. Woods, who invented third rail technology for trains.





Dana Marie Miroballi is a speech-language pathologist and former teacher. She grew up in Germany, served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Uzbekistan, and now lives in Chicago with her family. Miroballi began writing at an early age and is the author of If My Hair Had a Voice. Working in schools and becoming a parent inspired her to create books that celebrate cultural diversity and educate children about overlooked people and events in Black history. Sawyer Cloud is a self-taught artist from the island of Madagascar. She has illustrated more than 35 children's books and is constantly looking for new stories to tell. Her long list of goals includes traveling around the world and writing her own books for children. Passionate and curious by nature, Cloud believes in the power of big dreams and loves discovering new things in life, such as the inventions in this book!







#### **SELLING POINTS**

#### **REPRESENTATION MATTERS:**

Focusing on Black inventors and leaders of technology, this inspirational book helps young readers realize there is always space for them and expands beyond commonly known inventors.

EDUCATIONAL: Back matter includes information on patents, what an inventor is, additional reading and sources, and mini biographies on all ten of the featured inventors.

**CONCEPTUAL HOOK:** Learning to count will be as easy as 1–2–3 with this unique counting book celebrating the creations of ten amazing inventors. There's also a bonus spread for older kids ready to count 100 birthday candles!

PERFECT READ ALOUD: Dana Marie Miroballi's rhyming text is ideal for read–alouds and Sawyer Cloud's warm, funny illustrations showcase the result of the ten inventors' hard work and imaginations.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 40 pages
- \* WIDTH: 8 1/2" 216mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8 1/2" 216mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

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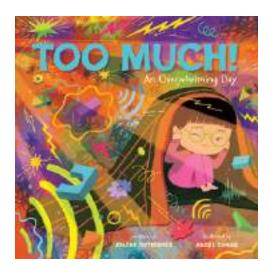
US \$18.99

## Too Much!

#### AN OVERWHELMING DAY

WRITTEN BY JOLENE GUTIÉRREZ; ILLUSTRATED BY ANGEL CHANG

A reassuring rhyming picture book about sensory overload and what you can do when everything is too much



When feelings go on overload,

I pause and breathe

and all is . . . slowed.

Sometimes everything is too much! Too loud, too bright, and all too overwhelming. Writing from her own experience with sensory processing disorder, Jolene Gutiérrez's compassionate text—paired with Angel Chang's beautiful illustrations—explores the struggles of a sensorily sensitive child and how they settle themselves. An extensive author's note to caregivers and educators explores sensory systems, sensory processing issues, and specific information about how to support kids with overstimulated nervous systems.





Jolene Gutiérrez is an award-winning teacher-librarian who has been working with diverse learners for the past 28 years. When she was little, she would squint to protect her eyes from bright lights and cover her ears to protect herself from loud noises. Now, she wears sunglasses when she's outside and brings earplugs if she thinks she'll need them. She hopes Too Much! will help caregivers and educators recognize and support sensory processing challenges. Learn more at www.jolenegutierrez.com. Angel Chang was once a young girl who felt too much and often thought she didn't belong because of it. It took a long time for her to learn that her feelings matter as much as everyone else's. She hopes this book will help young readers realize theirs do too. Chang is the illustrator of Most of the Better Natural Things in the World; Just Like Me; and Lunar New Year Around the World. She lives in Taiwan with a cat who loves to chew papers and sleep on books. Learn more at angelchangart.com.







#### **FOREIGN RIGHTS SOLD**

Arabic (Sumo)
Complex Chinese (Children's
Publications)
Polish (Foksal)
Spanish + Catalan (Inuk)
Turkish (Indigo Kitap)
Thai (Jamsai)

#### **SELLING POINTS**

**INCLUSIVE CONTENT:** Too Much! takes a simple and gentle approach to discussing sensory sensitivity issues, which is greatly needed in the picture book space.

BACK MATTER: Gutiérrez's author's note speaks to her own experiences with sensory processing disorder and includes suggestions for caregivers and educators who want to help neurodivergent kids in their care.

RHYMING TEXT: The simple, rhyming text tackles a tricky subject as a child works through overwhelming situations.

**INCREDIBLE ART:** Chang's commercial and kid–friendly art hits the core of the text perfectly.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 32 pages
- \* WIDTH: 8 1/2" 216mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8 1/2" 216mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

PUB MONTH: AUGUST 2023
PICTURE BOOK

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 $\textbf{From \textit{Frida Kahlo's Flower Crown} \cdot \textbf{W} ritten \ by \ \textbf{Nydia Armendia-Sánchez}; illustrated \ by \ \textbf{Loris Lora}$ 

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Dive into the magical world of tokidoki's *Mermicorno: Starfall* with this deluxe sticker book packed with 96 pages of stickers, exclusive posters, and activities! A must-have for all fans of the TV show!



This giftable sticker book is set in the world of the forthcoming animated TV series *Mermicorno: Starfall*, premiering soon on Max in the U.S. and other major platforms worldwide. The epic adventure—comedy takes place in a fantastical undersea world and is based on tokidoki's collectible Mermicorno line. The show follows a group of Mermicornos—enchanting mermaid—unicorn creatures—on their adventures in the magical undersea world known as the Pearl Kingdom. In this sticker book, fans can explore the entire ocean—including the Pearl Palace, the city of Octokyo, the mysterious Arcadicornos, and even Ika Inkblot's secret lair—in a variety of colorful backdrop pages perfect for decorating with their favorite *Mermicorno: Starfall* characters from 20 pages of included stickers. The sticker book also includes four exclusive double—sided pull—out posters.

**AUTHOR BIO** 

## SELLING POINTS

AGES 4 to 8

COMING TO MAX: tokidoki and Atomic Cartoons have partnered to launch the first season of the new TV show *Mermicorno*: Starfall on Max in early 2025.

BIG GLOBAL MOMENT: tokidoki is one of the most sought-after and iconic global art, fashion and lifestyle brands. Its ever-growing loyal fan base of all ages can't get enough of its larger-than-life characters and wide range of products. The global launch of its new Mermicorno: Starfall product lines and TV show include major marketing campaigns, targeting millions of consumers in the US in spring 2025 with an eye toward vaulting Mermicorno: Starfall to stratospheric levels of popularity.

MANGA-INSPIRED: Mermicorno: Starfall draws inspiration from manga comics and graphic novels, which have surged in popularity, becoming the fourth-largest fiction category in the US market.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 96 pages
- \* WIDTH: 8" 203mm
- \* HEIGHT: 10 1/2" 267mm
- \* Paperback

PUB MONTH: MAY 2025
PUZZLES, COLORING, AND
ACTIVITY BOOKS

ISBN 978-1-4197-8265-7

US \$14.99

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A charming collection of short stories set in the world of tokidoki's *Mermicorno:* Starfall and designed to be read in five minutes or less! Relive the most exciting adventures, memorable moments, and heartwarming friendships of the most mer-mazing crew in the whole Pearl Kingdom with Astra, Gwen, Kameko, Squishella, and Nautique!



A collectible volume of short stories set in the world of tokidoki's *Mermicorno: Starfall* and designed to be read in five minutes or less!

Based on the HBO Max and Cartoon Network show, meet your favorite Mermicorno characters and revisit some of the most magical episodes in the show, in print for the first time, with this gifty storybook collection!

Each of the 12 stories retells a beloved episode, making it perfect for read alouds or when it's time to settle down for bed.

Sudipta Bardhan–Quallen is the author of many children's books, including the chapter book series Purrmaids and Mermicorns, as well as the picture books *Tyrannosaurus Wrecks!*, *Quackenstein Hatches a Family*, *Chicks Rule!*, *Chicks Rock!*, and *Roxie Loves Adventure*. She lives in New Jersey with her family.

## AGES 5 to 8

**SELLING POINTS** 

COMING TO MAX: tokidoki and Atomic Cartoons have partnered to launch the first season of the new TV show Mermicorno: Starfall on Max in early 2025. Our 5-Minute Stories title is based on the show and will hit the market soon after Part 1 drops. BIG GLOBAL MOMENT: tokidoki is one of the most sought-after global art, fashion and lifestyle brands. Its ever-growing fan base can't get enough of tokidoki's larger-than-life characters and wide range of products. The global launch of its new Mermicorno: Starfall product lines and TV show includes major marketing campaigns, targeting millions of consumers in the US with an eye toward vaulting Mermicorno: Starfall to stratospheric levels of popularity. POPULAR FORMAT: The 5-Minute Stories format has consistently been popular with beginning readers aged 5-8. It's a great way to introduce a new audience to the brand and a

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

\* Full-color illustrations throughout

unique opportunity for fans of the

show to revisit their favorite

\* 176 pages

stories.

\* Hardcover POB

PUB MONTH: **OCTOBER 2025** PICTURE BOOK, FICTION

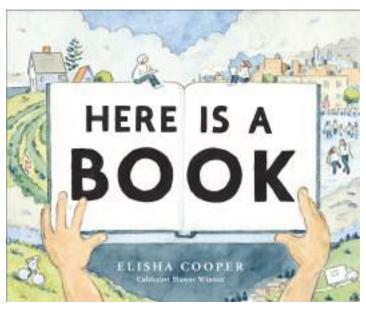
ISBN 978-1-4197-8306-7 US \$12.99

## Here Is a Book

#### A PICTURE BOOK

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY ELISHA COOPER

A love letter to books, showing how many elements and people contribute to making something beautiful, from Caldecott honoree Elisha Cooper





An artist's studio overflows with sketches, drafts, a wastebasket, and wonder.

A publisher's office hums with computers, layouts, coffee, and teamwork

A printer makes a layout into a book using presses, ink, paper, and time.

And that book travels to a school, to a library, to a student, to a home.

In this poetic and beautifully illustrated ode to creativity and the process of making books, Caldecott honoree Elisha Cooper takes readers on a journey showing how words and art move from one person to another. From writer to reader, and everyone who contributes in between: *Here is a book, made with love*.

Elisha Cooper is an author/illustrator who received a Caldecott Honor for *Big Cat, Little Cat,* and his following book *River* won the 2020 Robin Smith Picture Book Prize. *Dance!*, one of his earlier books, was a *New York Times* Best Illustrated Children's Book of the Year, and *Beach* won the Society of Illustrators Gold Medal. In 2016, he was awarded a Sendak Fellowship. His essays and sketchbooks have appeared in the sports section of the *New York Times*. Cooper lives with his wife, daughters, and cats in New York City.





#### **SELLING POINTS**

#### AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR:

Cooper's Big Cat, Little Cat won a Caldecott Honor, the Charlotte Zolotow Award, an ALSC Notable, and an NCTE Charlotte Huck Award, followed up by River (winner of the Robin Smith Picture Book Prize) and Yes & No (five starred reviews). His books have garnered many other notable nods, starred reviews, and best-of-the-year accolades.

EVERGREEN TOPICS: Books about books tend to do well, particularly among reviewers and librarians, while the broader focus here on creativity feels universal. This is a beautifully crafted, fresh take compared to what's out there.

POETIC TELLING: With a lyrical, simple text, Cooper's approach is kid–friendly, vividly describing a book's physical journey through various environments as well as its artistic evolution, from a solitary idea to collaboration to impacting a reader.

VISUALLY STUNNING: As readers trace one book's journey through every spread, from a home to an office to a printer, across country landscapes and bustling cities, Cooper's art captures incredible detail every step of the way.

INSPIRING ENDING: Features a child who's ultimately inspired to create their own story, emphasizing how a book that reaches even a single child can make a world of difference in their lives.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 40 pages
- \* WIDTH: 11" 279mm
- \* HEIGHT: 9" 229mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

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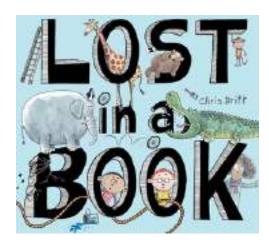
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## Lost in a Book

#### A PICTURE BOOK

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY CHRIS BRITT

An interactive, playful picture book about getting lost in a book—literally!



Two best friends, Chad and Oliver, take a leisurely stroll through a book, but when Oliver disappears, they soon find out that some books can be an adventure! With each turn of the page, things go hilariously from bad to worse as everyone who comes to help slips into the same situation—that is, until a librarian comes to the rescue.

With a creatively spare design, this highly original, interactive picture book from nationally syndicated cartoonist Chris Britt is not only laugh—out–loud funny, but also a great primer for kids on the anatomy of a book.

Author/Illustrator **Chris Britt**'s cartoons are syndicated by over two hundred newspapers nationally and internationally, and have appeared in *Newsweek*, *TIME* magazine, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and *USA Today*, as well as aired on CNN's Inside Politics, MSNBC, Fox News, and ABC's Good Morning America. He is also the author of the picture book *The Most Perfect Snowman*. Chris lives in Tacoma, Washington.







#### **SELLING POINTS**

CREATOR TO WATCH: Britt is a celebrated cartoonist with a knack for humor. His debut picture book, *The Most Perfect Snowman* (2016), was praised in reviews as "imaginative" and "memorable."

BOOKS ABOUT BOOKS: A playful, literal interpretation of the feeling of getting "lost" in a great story. With a helpful librarian saving the day at the end, this book will appeal to educators and book—lovers everywhere.

INTERACTIVE: Directly addresses the reader at times and encourages kids to free characters who've been trapped in the gutter by shaking the book. For fans of Hervé Tullet, *This Book Just Ate My Dog*, and *The Book of Mistakes*, this clever tale works on multiple levels.

KID-FRIENDLY HUMOR: Britt's dry tone, hysterical characters, and the physical comedy in the illustrations are perfect for reluctant readers.

DYNAMIC DESIGN: Big, bold type and speech bubbles add energy to the reading experience, and the movement of text and characters into and across the gutter is a "meta" play on the format of a book.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
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- \* WIDTH: 10" 254mm
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- \* Hardcover with jacket

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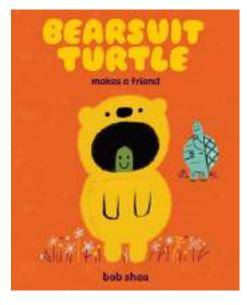
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## **Bearsuit Turtle Makes a Friend**

#### A PICTURE BOOK

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY BOB SHEA

Fall in love with a turtle wearing a bear suit—determined to prove that he's a "for-real" bear—in this laugh-out-loud silly friendship story from the award-winning Bob Shea, author-illustrator of the popular Dinosaur VS. series and Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great



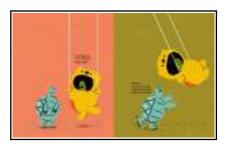
When a turtle in a bear suit claims he is a "for-real" bear, he must prove himself to another turtle who just so happens to be a for-real bear *expert*. Hilarity ensues as Bearsuit Turtle proves he can climb trees, hibernate, and do other for-real bear stuff . . . like riding bikes, eating ice cream, and smashing pumpkins.

But when Bear–Expert Turtle reveals a secret, Bearsuit Turtle has to admit a truth of his own. Whether or not these two turtles are for–real bears or experts, they just might become for–real friends.

With a fabulously endearing, offbeat, and memorable new character; playful, true–to–life child dynamics; and a goofy, kid–perfect sense of humor, *Bearsuit Turtle Makes a Friend* is sure to charm readers everywhere. Includes a page of "for–real bear facts" at the end.



Bob Shea has written and/or illustrated over 20 picture books including the popular Dinosaur Vs. series, *Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great*, and the Ballet Cat early readers series. His most recent picture book, *Chez Bob*, received three starred reviews, with *Booklist* calling it "terrifically funny and surprisingly sweet." Bob's characters and animations have appeared on Nick Jr, Playhouse Disney, and PBS Kids.







#### **SELLING POINTS**

STAR CREATOR: Shea's Dinosaur VS. series has sold over 140,000 copies across hardcover and board. In addition to strong sales, numerous awards, and starred reviews for his many other author—illustrated books, he is also the author of Who Wet My Pants?, a 2020 Eisner Award nominee.

KICKING OFF A NEW SERIES: A second picture book will star the fabulously endearing character Bearsuit Turtle.

FRIENDSHIP STORY: True—to—life kid dynamics shine in this playful adventure between two new friends.

HILARIOUS READ—ALOUD: This energetic, funny text is perfect for fans of Jon Klassen, with a goofier, sweeter sensibility.

**KID-FRIENDLY ART:** With a spare, graphic style, bold color palette, and visual humor on every spread.

**POPULAR ANIMAL:** Turtles are evergreen favorite characters in picture books.

FACT CHECK: To correct some of the turtles' misconceptions, a list of funny (but true) for—real bear facts is included at the end.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 40 pages
- \* WIDTH: 8 1/2" 216mm
- \* HEIGHT: 10 1/2" 267mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket
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PICTURE BOOK

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## I Come from Another Galaxy

#### A PICTURE BOOK

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY JAMES KWAN

A charming, sci-fi twist on the first day of school genre, featuring a young astronaut whose new classmates are literal aliens



Hello, friends.

I am writing this little book to document my discoveries from outer space.

Things are very different here . . .

James is far away from his home planet of Earth, and in this galaxy, he's the alien. He has no idea how to fit in with his classmates, who all have googly eyes, slimy tentacles, or noodle arms. No one here knows how to pronounce his name, the school bus is a UFO, and don't even get him started on the bathroom! But when it comes time for show and tell, James realizes that he has something special to share.

From author–illustrator James Kwan comes an affirming picture book to soothe first day of school jitters—and celebrate what makes us different.



James Kwan is an animator and illustrator with a BFA from Pratt Institute. He is the illustrator of A Case of the Zaps (a Good Housekeeping Best Kids' Picture Book), and his picture books Dear Yeti and How It Feels to Be a Boat received starred reviews from Kirkus and Publishers Weekly and were featured in the New York Times. He was a character artist on BoJack Horseman and has also animated, illustrated, and directed work with many clients, including Microsoft and LEGO. He lives in Ridgewood, NY.







#### **SELLING POINTS**

CREATOR TO WATCH: A Case of the Zaps was a Good Housekeeping Best Kids' Picture Book, while Kwan's previous books have received starred reviews. His eye—catching art is full of kid humor and energy.

#### SCI-FI MEETS

BACK-TO-SCHOOL: This unique spin on an evergreen genre will provide comfort to any anxious child worried about making friends and will encourage them to embrace a new environment.

#### PERSONAL IMMIGRANT

**EXPERIENCE:** James pulled from his personal experience as the child of immigrants and being the only Asian child in many of his classes growing up.

INSPIRING MESSAGE: In a sweet ending that celebrates vulnerability and embracing difference, James connects with his classmates by sharing stories of his life on Earth

#### PERFECT FOR KID WRITERS:

Throughout the story, James journals in a "little book," documenting his experiences to process his feelings, and coming away with his own book of stories to share.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

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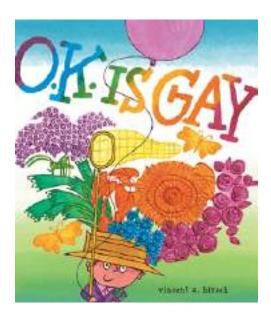
A Case of the Zaps ISBN 978-1-4197-5672-6 US \$18.99 CAN \$23.99 UK £13.99

## O.K. Is Gay

#### A PICTURE BOOK

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY VINCENT X. KIRSCH

Author–illustrator Vincent X. Kirsch's picture book *O.K. Is Gay* is an unapologetic celebration of being who you are and loving who you love



Olivio Kipling, known to his friends as O.K., has something to say: he loves George, and he can't wait to share his feelings with his whole community. O.K. rushes from friend to friend, excited to tell them his big news, but he's having some trouble. Everyone assumes they know what he's going to say, and he can't quite get the words out.

O.K. tries again and again until, with a little help from someone special, he's finally able to tell everyone what he wanted to say: O.K. is gay, and he and George belong together!

From author–illustrator Vincent X. Kirsch comes a sweet story of queer joy that explores how—even in loving and supportive communities—there is power in being able to name who you are, and in finding others who share your experience.



Vincent X. Kirsch is an author, illustrator, playwright, and designer. He is the author–illustrator of books for children, including From Archie to Zack, How I Learned to Fall Out of Trees, and Natalie & Naughtily. He lives in Pasadena, CA. You can find him online at vincentxkirsch.com.







#### **SELLING POINTS**

#### INCLUSIVE STORYTELLING:

This picture book celebrates the love between two young boys. It demonstrates the importance of sharing who you are with your community, and the joy that comes with being accepted for your identity.

**EMOTIONAL MILESTONES:** This story explores first crushes, and it models the push—and—pull of figuring out how to articulate one's feelings to their broader community.

#### CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED

AUTHOR: School Library Journal called Kirsch's lastest picture book, From Archie to Zack, "a pure and perfect capture of first love" in a starred review, and it was a finalist for a Lambda Literary Award.

EVERGREEN THEMES: The central theme of being proud of who you are shines through in this charming story that celebrates queer joy and belonging.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

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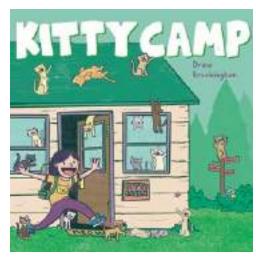
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## **Kitty Camp**

#### A PICTURE BOOK

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY DREW BROCKINGTON

From Drew Brockington, the creator of the CatStronauts series, a girl accidentally finds herself at a summer camp for kitties in this hilarious companion to *Puppy Bus* 



Heading to day camp for the first time, one girl can't wait to hike, swim, and sing around the campfire. But when she accidentally gets on the wrong bus, she ends up at a very different summer camp—full of kitties!

Arts & Crafts is pretty chaotic, it seems like it's always nap time, and it's impossible to eat lunch with kittens pouncing on her food. She starts to wonder if maybe this won't be the greatest summer ever—until her fellow campers show her some new ways to have fun.

For cat lovers everywhere, this charming picture book from author–illustrator Drew Brockington is a laugh–out–loud twist on the classic fish–out–of–water tale.



**Drew Brockington** is the creator of *Puppy Bus* and the CatStronauts series of graphic novels. His first picture book, *Hangry*, was published in 2019. He lives with his family in Minneapolis.







#### **SELLING POINTS**

#### SUCCESSFUL AUTHOR:

Brockington is the creator of the CatStronauts graphic novel series, which has sold over 300,000 copies. His second picture book, *Puppy Bus*, was a Junior Library Guild selection and received a starred review.

POPULAR ANIMAL: Cats are commercial favorites, and any cat lover will relate to the hilarious kitty antics here.

#### FOR RELUCTANT READERS:

With a simple text, bright, energetic art, and visual humor on every spread, this lighthearted story is catnip for kids.

**NEW EXPERIENCES:** A gently reassuring read, featuring a protagonist who's away from home for the first time and in an unfamiliar environment.

**EMOTIONAL THEMES:** Subtly addresses relatable anxieties and insecurities—like missing home, the pressure of making new friends, and dealing with disappointed expectations—with a big dose of humor.

**SUMMER SETTING:** Going to camp is a common kid experience, making this story a great fit for summer promos.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

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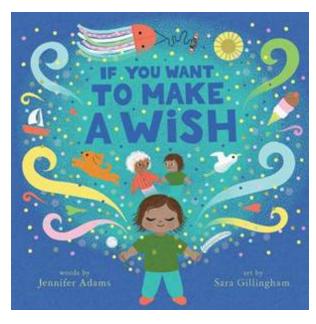
**Puppy Bus ISBN 978-1-4197-5191-2**US \$17.99 CAN \$22.99
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## If You Want to Make a Wish

#### A PICTURE BOOK

WRITTEN BY JENNIFER ADAMS; ILLUSTRATED BY SARA GILLINGHAM

From the author of the bestselling BabyLit series, Jennifer Adams, comes a lyrical and empowering picture book about the many ways children can make a wish and how they can make their wishes—even the tough ones—come true



You can make a wish on many things: on a star, on a penny, or by blowing out the candles of your cake. Some wishes are easy but some are hard, like wishing people would be kind to each other or that your grandparent isn't sick. But by taking action, we can make even the hardest wishes come true.

This mindful, warm text from author Jennifer Adams paired with the upbeat, bold art of Sara Gillingham shows the many ways we can help along even our toughest wishes.





Jennifer Adams is the author of more than 50 children's books, including the BabyLit board books, which introduce children to classic literature and have been translated into ten languages and have sold more than 2 million copies. Adams wishes she could have a pet penguin, ride bareback on a moose, and that her cat could text her. She lives in Salt Lake City, UT, near the Wasatch Mountains with her husband, who is also a writer. Sara Gillingham is an award-winning children's book author and illustrator, art director, and designer who has helped publish many bestselling books. Sara has written and illustrated more than 25 titles for children, including Snuggle the Baby, All Better Baby!, Love Is a Truck, Love Is a Tutu, Love Is a Ball, and the Empowerment series. She lives in Vancouver with her family.







#### **SELLING POINTS**

AMAZING TRACK: Adams has an impressive track record as author of the BabyLit board books, which introduce small children to the world of classic literature and have sold 2 million copies worldwide.

STUNNING PACKAGE: This picture book will feature multicolored metallic foil accents on the jacket.

**EMPOWERING TEXT:** Making wishes is a big part of childhood and Adams's clever, hopeful text—paired with Gillingham's bold style—makes for an inspiring read for young readers and adults alike.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

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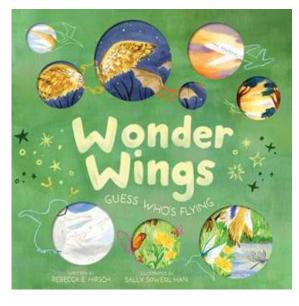
**Love Is a Ball ISBN 978-1-951836-35-1**US \$13.99 CAN \$17.99
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## **Wonder Wings**

#### **GUESS WHO'S FLYING (THE NATURE RIDDLES AND RHYMES SERIES)**

WRITTEN BY REBECCA E. HIRSCH; ILLUSTRATED BY SALLY SOWEOL HAN

From the swooping bat to the buzzing honeybee, kids will delight in learning about the many wondrous wings of our world in this nonfiction picture book guessing game from critically acclaimed creators Rebecca E. Hirsch and Sally Soweol Han



Wings can soar and wings can skim.
Wings can hover, hum, and swim.
Small wings, big wings, near and far.
Can you guess whose wings these are?

Some wings make music, some wings move too fast to see, and some wings carry people all over the world. Can you guess who these wings belong to?

Learn about the wonderous world of wings through rhyming riddles that will encourage little readers to guess along with every page turn. From hummingbirds to pterosaurs, honeybees to maple seeds—each pair of wings is unique, and each gets its due in this delightful nonfiction picture book.



80 books for young readers. A plant biologist by training, Hirsch enjoys sharing her love of science and inviting children to discover the natural world. She lives in a college town in the mountains of Pennsylvania, where she writes, grows gardens, bakes bread, tends a small flock of chickens, and goes for long walks in the woods with her dog. Sally Soweol Han's passion lies in portraying poetic and lyrical narratives, allowing her to construct a visual language and push the boundaries of her imagination. She is dedicated to illustrating picture books, with the hope to bring warmth and joy to readers of all age groups.

Rebecca E. Hirsch is the award-winning author of over







#### **SELLING POINTS**

SERIES LAUNCH: Wonder Wings is the first in a rhyming, riddle–based series that explores the many wonders of our world. From the giant jet plane to the tiny honeybee, this book teaches children about the many ways wings exist all around us.

#### **READ-ALOUD DELIGHT:**

Hirsch's clever, science—based riddles encourage kids to guess whose wings they are learning about. With a new riddle on every page, this is sure to be a storytime favorite.

EDUCATIONAL HOOK: The riddles in the rhyming text teach kids about the functions of all different kinds of wings.
Additional back matter explains the mechanics of wings as well as the ways different creatures use their wings.

EYE-CATCHING PACKAGE: With a beautiful die-cut jacket, kids will get a peek at the fun guessing element of the story. This one is sure to stand out on bookstore shelves and gift shop tables.

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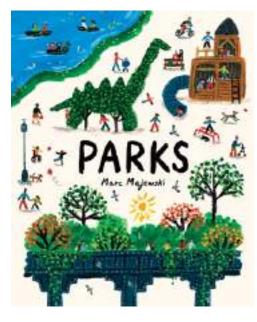
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### **Parks**

#### A NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK ABOUT PARKS AROUND THE WORLD

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY MARC MAJEWSKI

Explore parks around the world—and how they welcome us—in this gorgeously illustrated nonfiction picture book, a companion to Marc Majewski's acclaimed *Bridges* 



Parks can be big or small, quiet or loud, sunny or snowy. Parks protect the natural world, but they're also public spaces where anyone can explore, gather, and play. Whether they're wildlife reserves or your local dog park, wide open spaces or places of quiet in the city, deep in a canyon or just around the corner, parks can be a refuge.

With poetic text and sweeping illustrations, Marc Majewski delivers a unique, accessible look at parks all around the world: from Central Park to the Serengeti to the Great Barrier Reef and everything in between. Both informational and awe—inspiring, this gorgeously illustrated nonfiction picture book shows how parks of all kinds bring people, animals, and nature together.



Marc Majewski is a French picture—book maker based in Berlin and the author—illustrator of *Bridges*. As a child, Majewski spent all his time drawing, writing stories, and dressing up. Things haven't changed much since. Majewski loves painting landscapes and scenes from the natural world. He is the author of several books, including *Bridges*, *Does Earth Feel?*, and *Butterfly Child*.







#### **SELLING POINTS**

RISING TALENT: Bridges was named an ALSC Notable Children's Book and hailed as "grand and thought–provoking" in one of two starred reviews, while Majewski was selected for the 2024 Bologna Book Fair Illustrators Exhibition.

#### **BEAUTIFUL PAINTINGS:**

Majewski's exquisitely painted illustrations, imbued with a deep respect for the environment, will transport readers to countries around the world while invoking wonder.

#### ARTFUL NONFICTION:

Gorgeously illustrated and meditative, and packed with back matter facts in the vein of Bees: A Honeyed History, Trees: A Rooted History, Snow Birds, and Before Music.

UPLIFTING MESSAGE: An appreciation of nature and the theme of unity shines through in this celebration of human connection and the places we congregate.

BROAD, GLOBAL APPEAL: For curious kids who love books about nature and conservation, with a fun around–the–world element

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

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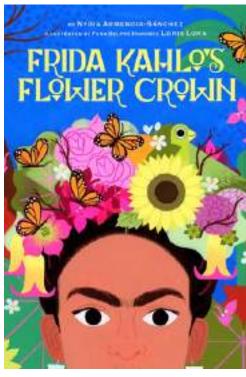
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## Frida Kahlo's Flower Crown

#### A PICTURE BOOK

 WRITTEN BY NYDIA ARMENDIA-SÁNCHEZ; ILLUSTRATED BY PURA BELPRÉ HONOREE LORIS LORA

A lyrical and inspiring picture book about the life of Frida Kahlo—told through the language of flowers—and how she blossomed into a celebrated, beloved artist



Like a seed / Frida sprouted /

And burst through the earth where / the coyotl once foraged.

Told through the language and imagery of the native Mexican flowers and plants comes the life of acclaimed and beloved artist Frida Kahlo. Like a flower, Frida blossomed, wilted, was crushed, survived, and thrived, growing into one of the most celebrated Indigenous painters.

This poetic and empowering picture book, written by Nydia Armendia–Sánchez and illustrated by Pura Belpré Honor awardee Loris Lora, features the very flora Frida grew in her garden, painted in her famous portraits, and wore proudly in a crown around her head. Back matter will include an illustrated guide to all the flowers and plants featured, an author's note, and an activity for kids to make their own flower crown!





Nydia Armendia-Sánchez was mesmerized by Frida Kahlo's sweeping brows and colorful artwork as a child. As an adult, she continued to explore Frida's paintings, and so, the idea for Frida Kahlo's Flower Crown blossomed! Armendia-Sánchez also draws inspiration for her picture books from her Guatemalan and Basque heritage. She was awarded the Sustainable Arts Foundation Illustrated Children's Book Award and named a finalist for the We Need Diverse Books Walter Grant. She lives in Los Angeles, CA, with her husband and their two children. Loris Lora is an awardwinning Latina illustrator from Southern California. Her sense of color and design sensitivity bring a playful approach to her compositions. She has been awarded two Pura Belpré Honor awards for May Your Life Be Deliciosa and Phenomenal AOC: The Roots and Rise of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Like Frida Kahlo, she finds inspiration in her own garden, observing the wide range of colors and textures. Lora lives with her family in Riverside, CA.







#### **SELLING POINTS**

PROVEN CATEGORY: Picture book biographies continue to perform well critically and commercially.

**UNIQUE HOOK:** While there are many books about Frida Kahlo for young readers,

Armendia—Sánchez uses the native flora of Mexico to describe Frida's life and career, offering readers a new perspective on both the artist and country.

EDUCATIONAL: This book will include an author's note, an activity so kids can make their own flower crowns, and a labeled, illustrated guide to all the plants and flowers featured in the book and in Frida Kahlo's paintings.

#### SENSATIONAL ARTWORK: Pura

Belpré Honor winner Lora's magnificently bold artwork perfectly captures the spirit of Frida Kahlo's life and work, and includes many Easter eggs for Kahlo fans young and old to find.

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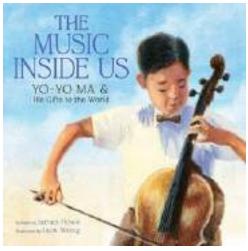
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## The Music Inside Us

YO-YO MA AND HIS GIFTS TO THE WORLD (A PICTURE BOOK BIOGRAPHY)

WRITTEN BY JAMES HOWE; ILLUSTRATED BY JACK WONG

From a bestselling and award–winning team comes a moving, gorgeously illustrated picture–book biography of one of the greatest cellists of all–time, Yo–Yo Ma, and his lifelong passion for using music to unite people in harmony and joy





"I've been asking myself all my life, 'What is the purpose of music?'" –Yo–Yo Ma

At a young age, Yo–Yo Ma discovered a remarkable gift for the cello, playing Bach from memory by age four. His technique was far beyond his years, but even as he grew into a world–class musician, he wanted to use his gift for something deeper, something bigger. So Yo–Yo dedicated his life to learning from other cultures' musical traditions and to bringing people together, while also teaching a new generation of young cellists to find the music inside themselves.

From James Howe, bestselling author of *Bunnicula*, and Jack Wong, award–winning author/illustrator of *When You Can Swim*, comes the story of legendary cellist Yo–Yo Ma and his lifelong belief in the power of music—to create joy, to open hearts and minds, and to unite us.





James Howe wrote his first book, Bunnicula, for fun. He has tried to bring the same spirit of playfulness and discovery to all the books he has written since. These include picture books such as Milo Walking, Brontorina, and Horace and Morris But Mostly Dolores. He is also the author of *The Misfits* and *Totally Joe*, as well as numerous seguels to Bunnicula. Howe lives with his husband in an old house just north of New York City. Jack Wong's debut picture book, When You Can Swim, received the 2023 Boston Globe-Horn Book Award in Picture Books and the 2023 Governor General's Literary Award in Young People's Literature, Illustrated Books. Born in Hong Kong and raised in Vancouver, Jack holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Halifax, Canada, where he now lives with his wife and two cats.





#### **SELLING POINTS**

MAJOR AUTHOR: Howe is the bestselling author of the modern classic Bunnicula series, as well as many other books for children, including *Milo Walking* (two starred reviews).

RISING-STAR ARTIST: Wong's author-illustrated debut, When You Can Swim, won the Boston Globe-Horn Book Picture Book Award and received four starred reviews

ROLE MODEL: Ma's dedication and passion to his craft, his love of children and advocacy for music education, and his strong belief in the power of music—to heal, open hearts and minds, and create joy—makes him the perfect subject for a picture book.

NEEDED REPRESENTATION: One of the few Asian Americans in the world of classical music throughout much of his career, Ma is also an inspiring role model for kids, especially Asian American readers who so rarely see themselves represented on the page.

AUTHOR EXPERIENCE: Howe performs in a band with his husband and plays the cello himself; he is a passionate devotee of Ma and his music.

#### SUBSTANTIAL BACK MATTER:

Back matter includes a timeline, resources, and notes from both author and illustrator.

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## Rube Goldberg's Big Book of Building

**MAKE 25 MACHINES THAT REALLY WORK!** 

 WRITTEN BY JENNIFER GEORGE AND ZACH UMPEROVITCH; ILLUSTRATED BY ED STECKLEY

Written by the famed inventor's granddaughter herself for builders of all ages, this is the only official guide to building 25 kid–friendly Rube Goldberg Machines at home



To build a Rube Goldberg Machine, all you need is a pile of junk and a great imagination. Rube Goldberg's granddaughter, Jennifer George, has teamed up with world–renowned Rube Goldberg Machine builder Zach Umperovitch and award–winning illustrator Ed Steckley to show us just how true that is! This comprehensive guide to building Rube Goldberg Machines at home (or school) breaks down how to create a variety of machines that solve simple problems in complex ways. Progressing in difficulty with each chapter, kids (and builders of all ages) will learn how to construct super simple machines that fit on a tabletop, to hard ones that take up entire rooms or yards! Learn how to make chain reaction machines that DUNK A COOKIE, FEED A PET, PUT ON A HAT, WATER A PLANT, and more! Filled with jokes, fun facts, trivia, hacks, and tips and tricks to make building as successful and entertaining as possible, this book is sure to satisfy every family's most curious and inventive minds!





Jennifer George, Rube Goldberg's granddaughter, is the Chief Creative Officer of The Rube Goldberg Institute, a not–for–profit 501(c)–3, committed to equity and access in STEM and art education. She is the author of Baby Rube's Opposites, Rube Goldberg's Simple Normal Humdrum School Day, Rube Goldberg's Simple Normal Definitely Different Day Off, and The Art of Rube Goldberg. Zach Umperovitch is the National Contest Director at the Rube Goldberg Institute, and a professional Rube Goldberg Machine builder, 3–time Guinness Book of World Records holder, Co–Host of Discovery Channel's Contraption Masters, and the Creative Lead of Zyynlabs, the production company behind many award–winning ads featuring famous Rube Goldberg Machines. Ed Steckley is an award–winning print and advertising illustrator and the artist at the helm of the Rube Goldberg publishing program.

#### **SELLING POINTS**

POPULAR SUBJECT: Rube Goldberg

was a Pulitzer

Prize—winning cartoonist famous for his zany contraptions. With almost a billion posts for

#rubegoldberg on TikTok and millions of posts on YouTube, working Rube Goldberg Machines are some of the most popular content on social media today.

EASY TO USE: Features detailed, stepby-step instructions on how to build 25 Rube Goldberg Machines at home, making builds accessible while encouraging creative thinking and improvisation.

STEAM HOOK: Rube Goldberg is part of STEAM education around the world, including 3rd to 5th grade school curricula across the United States. This book teaches foundational physics concepts, critical thinking, problem—solving, and more.

**VIDEO CONTENT:** Access video tutorials online for all 25 machines through QR codes.

LAUGH-OUT-LOUD HUMOR: An inventive combination of practical how-to information and humor based on Rube Goldberg's classic cartoons, this book makes learning how to build truly fun.

**AUTHORIZED:** Written by the Rube Goldberg Institute team.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

\* Full-color illustrations throughout

\* 240 pages

\* WIDTH: 9" - mm

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## **Spooky Lakes**

#### 25 STRANGE AND MYSTERIOUS LAKES THAT DOT OUR PLANET

BY GEO RUTHERFORD

Dive into the most mysterious waters around the world (if you dare) in *Spooky Lakes*, an illustrated nonfiction book from TikTok star and educator Geo Rutherford



Some of Earth's strangest—and creepiest—wonders lie deep below the surface. There's Lake Natron, a Tanzanian lake so briny that its waters can mummify any creature that touches its surface; Lake Maracaibo, a Venezuelan tidal bay where a constantly brewing storm sends an average of 28 lightning bolts per second into the water; and at the bottom of Lake Superior, the crew of the USS *Kamloops*—which mysteriously disappeared in 1921—remains somehow almost perfectly preserved to this day.

From Geo Rutherford—the creator of the hit series Spooky Lake Month (over 65 million likes!)—comes this thrilling nonfiction book that plumbs the depths of 25 unusual lakes around the world. Readers will learn not only about the science of hydrology, but why understanding the natural world is crucial to protecting it from pollution and climate change. Backed by extensive research and packed with all—new content—including eerie and eye—popping watercolor illustrations in full color—*Spooky Lakes* takes readers on an adventure through weird and wild waters. Includes a glossary, bibliography, author's note, and index.



Geo Rutherford is an artist and teacher who has spent her entire professional career working in art education. She is an adjunct professor at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee and the visual arts director at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. While Geo's interest in lakes began as a part of her artistic practice, she soon found a captive audience after sharing the information she was learning on TikTok. Her videos explaining the science behind strange ice formations or drifting islands piqued the interest of viewers worldwide, but her channel found its stride when she began posting videos about spooky lakes every October. Today she receives constant messages from teachers and parents thanking her for creating educational content that encourages kids to engage with science.

#### **AGES 8 to 11**

#### **SELLING POINTS**

TIKTOK STAR: The creator of the hit series Spooky Lake Month, Rutherford herself has over 1.7 million TikTok followers (@geodesaurus, plus another 427,000 on Instagram). Featuring over 80 percent new content, this book will attract both longtime fans and new audiences.

SPOOKY LAKE MONTH: Every day for the month of October, the author highlights the fascinating and ghastly history behind a different "spooky lake." Across TikTok and Instagram, these videos have over 65 million likes.

**ADVANCE INTEREST:** A year in advance of publication, preorders are more than 3,500!

UNIQUE NONFICTION: Accessible,

illustrated

middle–grade nonfiction is in high demand. With a spooky–light feel, a kid–friendly voice, and a STEAM hook, Rutherford knows how to captivate kids while encouraging them to engage with science.

**DEBUT AUTHOR–ARTIST:** As an artist and an art educator who works with kids daily—and who knows this subject inside and out—Rutherford is perfectly positioned to make a splash in the nonfiction space.

**GIFTY:** Stunning, detailed full–color art, and an oversize format combine for maximum shelf appeal, making this perfect for holiday promotions or any time of year.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

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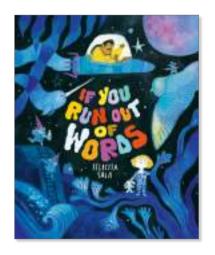
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## "With humor, heart, and oodles of child appeal . . ." —Kirkus starred review



## If You Run Out of Words

maginative, humorous, and heartfelt, this picture book from internationally celebrated creator Felicita Sala in her author/illustrator debut is a whimsical ode to a parent's boundless love for their child. Seeking reassurance of her father's attention, a young girl peppers her dad with elaborate, anxious what-ifs. Dad soothes each worry with the perfect answer: if he ever ran out of words, he'd visit the Elves' Word Factory so that he never runs out again, of course! Even if it means having to brave the darkest woods, escape pirates, or even fly a rocket ship back home, there's nothing that could ever come between them—and there aren't enough words to describe how much he loves her.

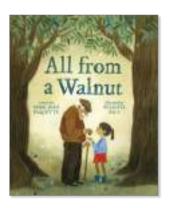
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### All from a Walnut



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### Be a Tree



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- O 40 pages 216 × 267 mm
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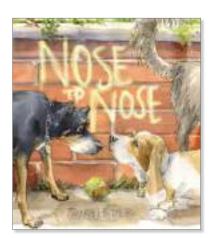
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Felicita Sala is the self-taught illustrator of several picture books, including All from a Walnut by Ammi-Joan Paquette, Be a Tree! by Maria Gianferrari, and The Hideout by Susanna Mattiangeli, as well as her own book of recipes for children, What's Cooking at 10 Garden Street? She grew up between Italy and Australia and now lives in Rome, Italy, with her family.

★ "[A] thoughtful take of imagination, determination, and community"
 —Booklist, starred review





## Nose to Nose

oby is the new dog on the block, and he can't wait to meet his neighbors. But his attempts to make friends go largely unnoticed by his neighbors and Toby finds being new isn't so easy. At least he finds a nice, smelly ball at the park. There's just one problem: The ball belongs to another pup who desperately wants it back. Toby tries his best to explain his mistake, but when his messages get misunderstood, the neighborhood rumors fly. Toby doesn't know if he'll ever make a friend, but hopefully by being brave and taking a chance, he can make things right.

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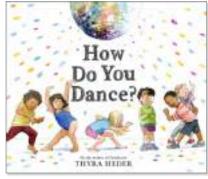
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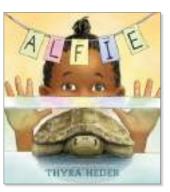
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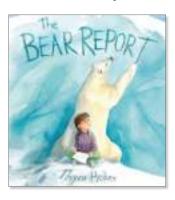
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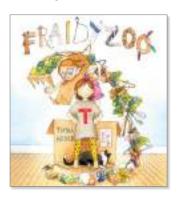
### **Alfie**



## The Bear Report



## Fraidyzoo



**Thyra Heder** is the author and illustrator of *Sal Boat, Fraidyzoo, The Bear Report*, Alfie, and *How Do You Dance?* She is also a scenic designer and storyboard artist for film and advertising. She lives in Brooklyn.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

#### Fraidyzoo

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- O 229 × 245 mm
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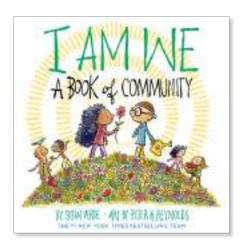
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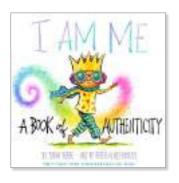
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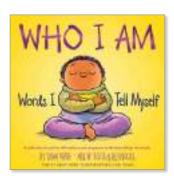
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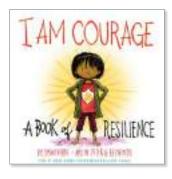
ometimes we may wonder, how does caring for ourselves help anyone else? But then we realize that the better we feel inside, the more we can be there for others—our friends, families, and communities. We are part of something bigger than ourselves, and when we each turn our goodness and compassion outward, we can create, learn, and love. From the New York Times bestselling team behind the I Am series comes a celebration of caring for ourselves AND others with open hearts and minds. Whether it's listening to a friend, welcoming newcomers with open arms, or standing up against injustice, I Am We shows us what true community looks like—and the amazing things that can happen when we come together.

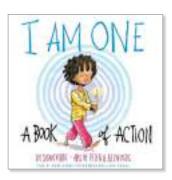


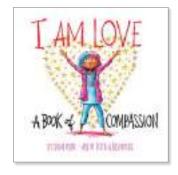


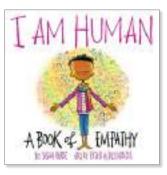
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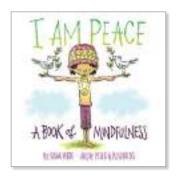
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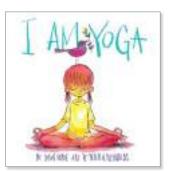












**Susan Verde** is the bestselling author of the I Am Wellness series and the Feel-Good Fairy Tales books. She teaches yoga and mindfulness to children and lives with her three children in East Hampton, New York. **Peter H. Reynolds** is the illustrator of many bestselling and award-winning picture books, including The Dot and Ish. He lives in Dedham, Massachusetts, where he operates Blue Bunny Books and Toys.



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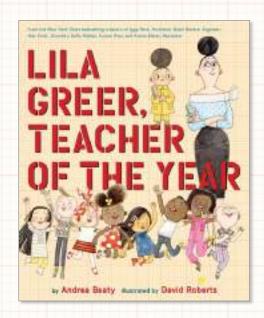
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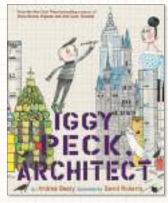
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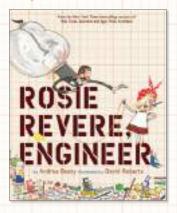
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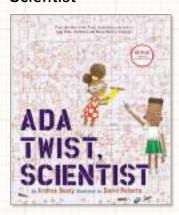
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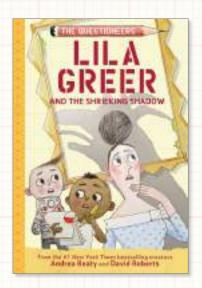
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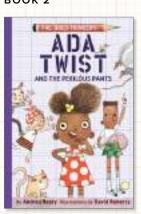
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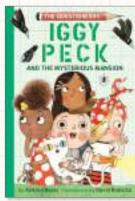


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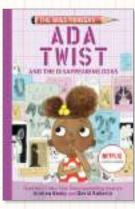


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Andrea Beaty is the author of the Questioneers series, Attack of the Fluffy Bunnies, and Happy Birthday, Madame Chapeau, among other children's titles. She lives just outside Chicago. David Roberts has illustrated many children's books, including the Questioneers series, The Cook and the King, and Happy Birthday, Madame Chapeau. He lives in London, where, when not drawing, he likes to make hats.

Nearly 1,000,000 copies sold of chapter books!

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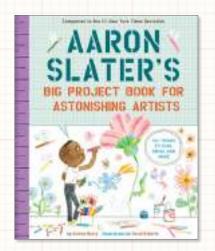
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ake art of all sorts in this project book from the team behind the bestselling Questioneers series. Aaron Slater shows readers how art is everywhere in our world—from the famous paintings and photographs that we know so well to places you may not think as much about, like on stamps or coins—and encourages them to make art of their own based on what they see. Activities will help to spark creativity, encourage curiosity, and show some of the traits most important to being an artist: being observant, being persistent, and being flexible. From coloring pages to drawing prompts to instructions on how to make your very own puppet show and so much more, this project book encourages and uplifts the youngest artists and the creators of tomorrow.

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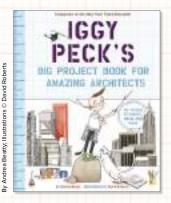
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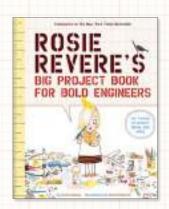
## Iggy Peck's Big Project Book for Amazing Architects



#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

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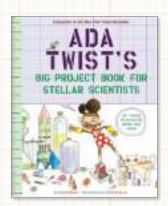
## Rosie Revere's Big Project Book for Bold Engineers



#### SPECIFICATIONS

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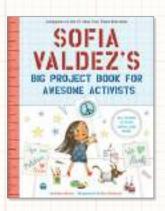
## Ada Twist's Big Project Book for Stellar Scientists



#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

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Sofia Valdez's
Big Project Book for
Awesome Activists



#### SPECIFICATIONS

PUB MONTH: MAY 2021
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SIMPLIFIED CHINESE
(THINKINGDOM MEDIA)

Andrea Beaty is the author of *Iggy Peck*, *Architect*; *Rosie Revere*, *Engineer*; and *Ada Twist*, *Scientist*, among other children's titles. She lives just outside Chicago. David Roberts has illustrated many children's books, including *Iggy Peck*, *Architect*, *Rosie Revere*, *Engineer*, and *Ada Twist*, *Scientist*. He lives in London, where, when not drawing, he likes to make hats.



### ANNOUNCING NEW BOOKS STARRING

# ADA TWIST, SCIENTIST

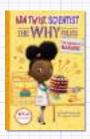


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#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- O Color illustrations throughout
- O 229 × 152 mm
- O Page Count: 80
- Hardcover

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The Why Files: Exploring Flight! PUB MONTH: DECEMBER 2021

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The Why Files: Team Green! PUB MONTH: OCTOBER 2024

#### SPECIFICATIONS

- O Color illustrations throughout
- O 267 × 197 mm
- O Page Count: 176
- Hardcover

5-Minute Ada Twist, Scientist Stories

PUB MONTH: OCTOBER 2022 RIGHTS SOLD: ARABIC (SUMO)

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- O Color illustrations throughout
- O 235 × 235 mm
- O Page Count: 32
- O Hardcover

Ada Twist, Scientist: Show Me the Bunny

PUB MONTH: FEBRUARY 2022 RIGHTS SOLD FRENCH (HACHETTE)

Ada Twist, Scientist: **Ghost Busted** 

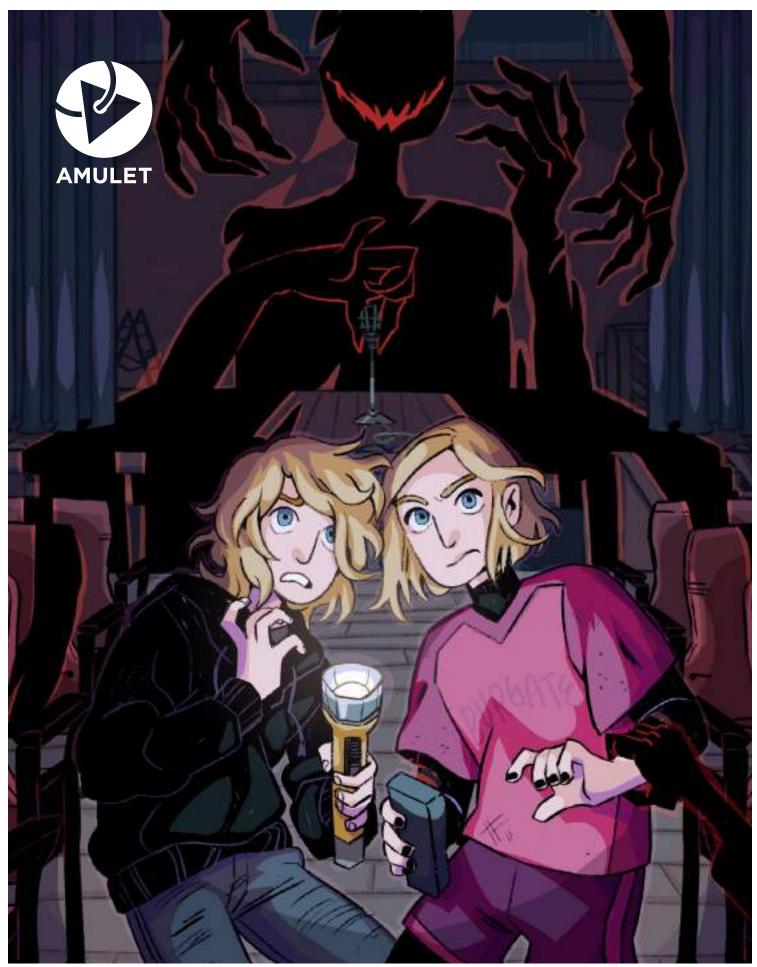
PUB MONTH: AUGUST 2022 RIGHTS SOLD FRENCH (HACHETTE)

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- O Color illustrations throughout
- O 267 × 203 mm
- O Page Count: 76
- O Paperback Activity book

Ada Twist. Scientist: Brainstorm Book

PUB MONTH: FEBRUARY 2022 RIGHTS SOLD FRENCH (HACHETTE)



From The Many Hauntings of the Manning Family  $\cdot$  By Lorien Lawrence

## **Girl Haunts Boy**

#### **A NOVEL**

BY CESAR VITALE

This heartfelt and sweet YA romance follows a boy who falls for the ghost haunting his family's new house—perfect for fans of *My Life with the Walter Boys* and *The Dead Romantics*. Soon to be an original film starring Peyton List (Cobra Kai, School Spirits) and Michael Cimino (Love, Victor, Never Have I Ever)!



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After the death of his father, Cole and his mother move from New York City to a sleepy town in Jersey for a fresh start. There's just one problem—Cole is shocked to learn he's sharing a room in his new house with the ghost of 17–year–old Bea, who died in the 1920s and is under the curse of an ancient ring.

When Cole wears the ring, he's able to see Bea, and the two become fast friends over their shared love of music. As Cole and Bea start to develop strong feelings for each other, Cole discovers a way to undo the curse—which would mean that Bea's spirit can finally move on.

Faced with an impossible choice, Cole must decide if he's willing to lose the girl he loves forever.

Cesar Vitale was born in Santos, Brazil. He earned his Communications degree from ESPM—SP college and moved to the United States soon after, where he received his Screenwriting certificate from UCLA Extension. He is a recipient of the Academy Nicholl Fellowship in Screenwriting and an Academy Gold Alumnus. He currently lives in California.

#### AGES 13 and up

#### **SELLING POINTS**

MOVIE TIE-IN: The movie will be available to stream, rent, or buy everywhere in early October, just ahead of the novelization. Teen entertainment on major streaming services has been proven to drive book sales (Outer Banks, The Summer I Turned Pretty, Kissing Booth, To All The Boys I've Loved Before, My Life with the Walter Boys!

MAJOR PR: The film will be supported by a major PR campaign, including an original soundtrack which will be available on Spotify, Apple, and Amazon. Stars Peyton List (Cobra Kai) and Michael Cimino (Love, Victor) have large followings and are committed to promoting the book adaptation via social media and through appearances and PR.

Pevton List:

Instagram: 20.6M followers

Michael Cimino:

Instagram: 1.3M followers

TikTok: 715K followers

COMMERCIAL PREMISE: This sweet romance with a ghostly twist has a lot of layers and heart, perfect for fans of Ashley Poston, Nicola Yoon, and Dustin Thao.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* 272 pages
- \* Paperback

PUB MONTH: OCTOBER 2024
YOUNG ADULT

ISBN 978-1-4197-8263-3

US \$13.99

## Sea Change

#### A NOVEL

BY SUSAN FLETCHER

An original and timely new YA novel from acclaimed author Susan Fletcher, set in a near–future where rogue gene editing has changed humanity—loosely based on *The Little Mermaid* 



A girl torn between two worlds . . .

Turtle is scavenging a drowned town when she saves a stranger's life. There's something special about Kai—an attraction she's never felt before. She would do anything to see him again.

But Turtle can never truly be with Kai, because Kai is Normal, and Turtle is one of the Mer, kids whose genes were illegally hacked before birth and who now have working gills as well as lungs. Turtle lives on an old cruise ship with the other Mer in order to be close to the water she needs to survive.

Yet she sneaks away and lies to her friends to spend more time on land with Kai. And the pull of the shore grows even stronger when Turtle reconnects with her sisters and learns that her father, who has been in prison for having her genes modified, has escaped and may be hiding out nearby.

When scientists come up with a way for the Mer to surrender their gills and live as Normals, Turtle faces a terrible choice. Turtle loves her life with her Mer friends, but she desperately misses her family. And then there's Kai . . .

Should she give up her Mer community and their way of life, along with the joy of living freely under the sea? Or give up the guy she's falling for . . . and any hope of reconnecting with her family?



Susan C. Fletcher is the award—winning author of eleven novels for kids and young adults.

Collectively, her books have been translated into nine languages and her accolades include a Golden Kite Honor Book, the American Library Association's Notable Books and Best Books for Young Adults, BCCB Blue Ribbon Books, and School Library Journal's Best Books. She lives in Bryan, Texas, with her husband.

#### **AGES 12 to 18**

**SELLING POINTS** 

REIMAGINED CLASSIC: Loosely inspired by *The Little Mermaid*, this story is an updated take on a classic sure to captivate fans of fairytale retellings.

**EMOTIONAL HOOK:** Sea Change explores themes of fitting in, first love, and family—both the one you're born to and the one you make for yourself. Readers will see themselves in Turtle's coming—of—age journey.

MODERN ROMANCE: Much like Ariel in *The Little Mermaid*, Turtle changes her whole life for a boy. However, in Fletcher's reimagining, things are much more complicated, and Turtle's romance takes an unexpected turn. Readers will appreciate the way this modernized love story interrogates the challenges that come with changing your whole life for a partner.

SCIENCE FUTURE: Sea Change grapples with the moral complexities and consequences of our near future. Characters deal with the late—stage effects of climate change and rising sea levels, and explore the moral ambiguity around genetic modification.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* 368 pages
- \* WIDTH: 5 1/2" 140mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8 1/4" 210mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

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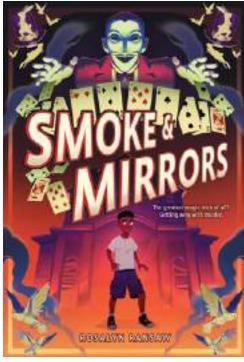
US \$19.99

## **Smoke & Mirrors**

#### A NOVEL

BY ROSALYN RANSAW

An exciting and twisty middle-grade debut mystery novel—perfect for fans of From the Desk of Zoe Washington and The Parker Inheritance—about the disappearance of a famous magician, and one boy's quest to find the truth



Spending the summer with his aunt as the only Black kid in a small Midwestern town was bad enough, but now Andy Carter's summer has been effectively ruined. His dad's parole hearing is postponed, he misses his friends, and—when an old barn burns down—he's stuck taking the blame. Andy is sentenced with helping the barn's owner, a cantankerous old man, renovate his crumbling mansion—a mansion that hides a mystery. It was once owned by the famous magician the Red Nave. In 1954, the Nave was a wanted suspect in the town's most infamous murder before disappearing without a trace.

The whole town is sure the Red Nave is guilty, but to Andy, things just don't add up. Investigating a mystery from the '50s isn't the same as spending time with his dad, but Andy can't help but be drawn into the Red Nave's exciting world of magic and illusion. To solve the Nave's final vanishing act, Andy teams up with another boy he doesn't quite trust. Secret by secret, they try to uncover the Red Nave's identity and learn why his last performance came to such a tragic end.

With a gripping combination of hidden doors, shocking twists, and deep emotional heart, *Smoke & Mirrors* asks the question: How much of the truth is what you can get people to believe?



Rosalyn Ransaw is a Columbia University graduate living in Columbus, Ohio. When not writing, she works as a digital marketing manager and enjoys claiming her best friend's dog as her own. Smoke & Mirrors was loosely inspired by her time working as a small—town summer camp counselor and witnessing the way white children's side of the story was always easier believed, coupled with her mother's unshakable belief that the only difference between illusion and magic is perspective.

#### **SELLING POINTS**

#### STRONG SOCIAL THEMES:

Ransaw tackles delicate social topics such as bullying, prejudice, and the injustices of our justice system with a refreshing mix of realism and compassion.

#### **COMPELLING MYSTERY:**

Packed to the brim with twists and turns, readers will fly through this book as they accompany Andy in solving this mystery.

#### INTERGENERATIONAL

FRIENDSHIP: The heart of this story comes from the unlikely friendship formed between Andy and Mr. Gilbert, a curmudgeonly old man who gives Andy a second chance when no one else will.

#### **COMBATING ASSUMPTIONS:**

This story encourages readers to stand up for the truth, even when others can't see it, and reminds us all that sometimes it's the kids in our lives who see things most clearly.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

\* 272 pages

\* WIDTH: 5 1/2" - 140mm

\* HEIGHT: 8" - 203mm

\* Hardcover with jacket

PUB MONTH: JUNE 2025 MIDDLE-GRADE FICTION

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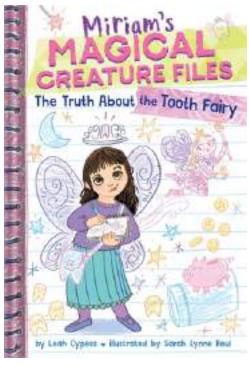
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#### MIRIAM'S MAGICAL CREATURE FILES

## The Truth about the Tooth Fairy (Miriam's Magical Creature Files #1)

WRITTEN BY LEAH CYPESS; ILLUSTRATED BY SARAH LYNNE REUL

A charming new chapter book series about a young Orthodox Jewish girl out to discover the truth about all the magical mysteries in her world, perfect for fans of Marya Khan and Zoey and Sassafras



Miriam is the youngest, but that doesn't mean she doesn't know things. She's not as gullible as her parents or older siblings think, and she is too old for ridiculous stories that make no sense. So, using her superior detective skills, she sets out to debunk all of the fantastical things that people tell gullible kids.

When her first tooth comes loose, Miriam is determined to prove to her friends and family that the tooth fairy isn't real. She's going to lay the perfect trap . . . just as soon as her tooth *actually* comes out. But despite all her scheming, her investigation doesn't go to plan. Maybe, just maybe, the tooth fairy is real after all?



**Leah Cypess** wrote her first story when she was in the first grade and has been writing ever since. She's the author of the Sister Ever After series along with many books for young adults. She lives in Silver Spring, MD.



Sarah Lynne Reul is the author–illustrator of many books for children including *Bubbie & Rivka'&s Best–Ever Challah (So Far!)*, *The Breaking News*, and *Allie All Along*. She grew up in Brooklyn, but now lives just outside of Boston with her family.

#### AGES 5 to 8

#### **SELLING POINTS**

#### SCRAPBOOK FORMAT:

Notebook–style illustrations and lists make the format accessible for reluctant readers and will inspire kids to investigate their own mysteries.

LAUGH-OUT-LOUD FUNNY: Full of silly schemes and just the right amount of sass, Miriam is sure to be a favorite of emerging readers everywhere.

MAGICAL TWIST: Miriam will investigate the magical creatures all around her, from the tooth fairy to mermaids, fairies, and more!

#### JEWISH REPRESENTATION:

Miriam's family and community are observant of the Jewish faith and traditions, an underrepresented community in the chapter–book category.

**TWO FORMATS:** Available in hardcover (978–1–4197–7240–5) and paperback (978–1–4197–7241–2).

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Black-and-white illustrations throughout
- \* 112 pages
- \* WIDTH: 5 1/2" 140mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8" 203mm
- \* Hardcover POB

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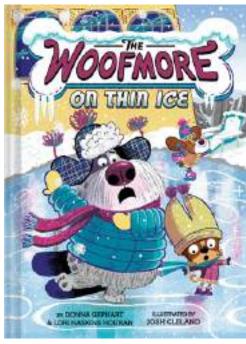
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US \$19.99

# The Woofmore on Thin Ice (The Woofmore #3)

 WRITTEN BY DONNA GEPHART AND LORI HASKINS HOURAN; ILLUSTRATED BY JOSH CLELAND

Return to the luxury hotel for dogs in *The Woofmore on Thin Ice*, the third book in the *paw*some full–color chapter book series from authors Donna Gephart and Lori Haskins Houran and illustrator Josh Cleland



Welcome to the Woofmore, where the water bowls are always full and there's kibble on every pillow! Rufus and his boss, Ms. Coco, work hard to make every guest feel like a VIP (Very Important Pooch).

It's winter at the Woofmore and the hotel is down to one guest—famous figure skater Furya LaBone. Ms. Coco wants her visit to be *pawf*ect. The Woofmore needs more guests to stay open, and a good review from a VIP like Furya could save the hotel. But when the local ice rink closes and Furya is left with nowhere to practice for her big competition, it looks like the hotel may be on thin ice.

If Rufus can't help this skating superstar come up with a showstopping move for her routine, it could be a *ruff* winter for the Woofmore. With adorable illustrations and hilarious text, this new early chapter book series will hit young dog lovers smack in the funny bone!





Lori Haskins Houran and Donna Gephart are longtime furends who love books, dogs, and books about dogs! They had a pawsome time writing this one. Lori lives in Massachihuahuasetts and Donna hails from Chew Jersey. Get more details at lorihaskinshouran.com and donnagephart.com. Josh Cleland is an illustrator working out of his home studio just outside of Portland, Oregon, where he resides with his wife, Rayna, and creative director/dog, Newman. His work has been featured in various children's magazines, including Highlights and Storytime, as well as on greeting cards, billboards, and more.







#### **FOREIGN RIGHTS SOLD**

Dutch (Pelckmans BV)
Simplified Chinese (Guangzhou
Tianwen Kadokawa)

#### **SELLING POINTS**

**AWESOME AUTHORS:** Gephart and Houran have written a number of books that have sold well, received starred reviews. and gotten on best-of-the-year lists. Gephart's Lily and Dunkin was an Indie Next Pick, a JLG selection, a Goodreads Choice Award winner, a Southern Book Award Winner, a YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers, and a California Young Reader Medal Winner, among many others. Houran's books have won the Paterson Prize for Books for Young People, received starred reviews, and been named a Best Children's Book by the Smithsonian Air & Space magazine.

DOG DELIGHT: Dog stories are perennially popular, and this pet-centered adventure is filled with puns and is super kid-friendly.

#### ADORABLE ILLUSTRATIONS:

The chapter book will include lots of full-color illustrations, so kids can see just how adorable every hotel pup really is!

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 80 pages
- \* WIDTH: 6" 152mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8 1/4" 210mm
- \* Hardcover POB

PUB MONTH: **FEBRUARY 2025** CHAPTER BOOK

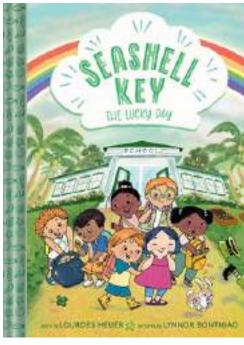
ISBN 978-1-4197-6766-1

US \$14.99

# The Lucky Day (Seashell Key #3)

WRITTEN BY LOURDES HEUER; ILLUSTRATED BY LYNNOR BONTIGAO

The Lucky Day is the third book from author Lourdes Heuer and award–winning illustrator Lynnor Bontigao's young chapter–book series—perfect for fans of Princess in Black and Mercy Watson—about a diverse community of kids living in a beautiful seaside town



It's the last day of school before spring break, but there's still so much to do! Mateo is on a mission to catch a leprechaun, and Sasha and Sophia can't wait to work on their school garden. Elena just wants to read about dinosaurs, but when she finds a secret map in her textbook, she'll need all her friends to help her find the treasure of Seashell Key—and make a treasure map of their own!

Filled with a vibrant cast and lots of spring fun, this is a great addition to an exciting new chapter book series.



Lourdes Heuer holds an MFA in writing from the Vermont College of Fine Arts and is an associate professor of English at Broward College in South Florida. She is the author of several books, including On This Airplane and Esme's Birthday Conga Line. Heuer grew up in a city apartment above a little toy shop before moving to South Florida, where she spent many of her summers making sandcastles on the shore of the Cape Florida Lighthouse of Key Biscayne. Lynnor Bontigao is an illustrator based in New Jersey. She is a recipient of the SCBWI Tomie dePaola Award. Bontigao is the author–illustrator of Sari–Sari Summers and the illustrator of The World's Best Class Plant by Audrey Vernick and Liz Garton Scanlon, At the End of the Day by Lisl H. Detlefsen, and Kailani's Gift by Dorina Lazo Gilmore–Young. Growing up in the Philippines, Bontigao encountered many monster storms and like the kids in Seashell Key, looked forward to the warm bright sun after.

#### AGES 5 to 8

#### **SELLING POINTS**

POPULAR CATEGORY: Young, full—color chapter books are popular with emerging readers, and this is a masterfully written and charming new addition to the category.

#### ADORABLE ILLUSTRATIONS:

Beautiful full-color illustrations throughout bring the world of Seashell Key to life.

**DIVERSE CAST:** A wide range of readers will see themselves in the playful inhabitants of this seaside town.

LITERACY BUILDER: Short sentences, repetition, reader questions and more make this series "ideal for sensitive beginning readers" (*Kirkus*).

CROSS PROMOTION: The third book will publish alongside the paperback of *The Monster Storm*, which will include promotional materials for the third book.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 80 pages
- \* WIDTH: 6" 152mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8 1/4" 210mm
- \* Hardcover POB

PUB MONTH: **JUNE 2025** CHAPTER BOOK

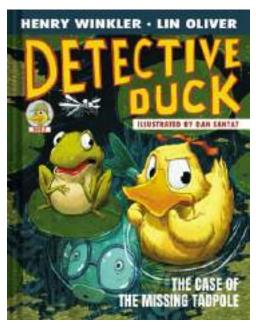
ISBN 978-1-4197-6752-4

US \$14.99

## Detective Duck: The Case of the Missing Tadpole (Detective Duck #2)

WRITTEN BY HENRY WINKLER AND LIN OLIVER; ILLUSTRATED BY DAN SANTAT

Detective Duck: The Case of the Missing Tadpole is a hysterical, full-color chapter book adventure from New York Times bestselling creators—Emmy Award-winning actor Henry Winkler, children's book author Lin Oliver, and Caldecott Medal-winning author-illustrator Dan Santat



Willow Feathers McBeaver, aka Detective Duck, is a crime—solving (and very precocious) little duck. She and her animal pals live on Dogwood Pond, a beautiful pond in New England adjacent to Lazy Days, a human campground. Dogwood Pond has always been a pristine spot with clear water, abundant wildlife, and shady willow trees, but now it is encountering puzzling problems—mysteries that arise from human—caused disruptions in nature, such as water pollution, refuse, warming climate, and human encroachment.

When Tad the Tadpole goes missing, Detective Duck and her friends in the Pond Squad are on the case. What first seemed like a simple search and rescue mission gets more complicated when her friends find a pipe leaking a strange brown liquid and a cluster of peculiar blue-green plants that make it difficult for the pond creatures to breathe.

Fortunately, Detective Duck is on the job, solving these puzzling mysteries before they get out of hand and destroy their habitat! The Pond Squad will have to work together to clean up their environment and bring Tad home in this charming new mystery.



Henry Winkler is an Emmy Award–winning actor, writer, director, and producer who has created some of the most iconic TV roles, including Arthur "the Fonz" Fonzarelli on Happy Days and Gene Cousineau on Barry. Lin Oliver is a children's book writer and a writer and producer for both TV and film. She is the co–founder of the Society of Children's Books Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) and is the managing director of the SCBWI Impact and Legacy Fund. Dan Santat is the New York Times bestselling author of more than 100 books for children, including A First Time for Everything, winner of the National Book Award, and The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend, for which he won the Caldecott Medal. He lives in Southern California with his wife, two kids, and many, many pets.







#### **FOREIGN RIGHTS SOLD**

Hungarian (Maxim)

#### **SELLING POINTS**

BESTSELLING TEAM: Winkler and Oliver's *Alien Superstar* was an instant *New York Times* bestseller, and Santat is the winner of the Caldecott Medal and the National Book Award for Young People's Literature.

CHARMING READ: With hilarious text and full—color illustrations throughout, this new chapter book series is perfect for fans of *Princess in Black* or *Mercy Watson*.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HOOK:** Each mystery includes a light environmental message and discusses the impact that humans are having on the environment and the animals who call it home.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 80 pages
- \* WIDTH: 6 1/2" mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8 1/4" mm
- \* Hardcover POB

PUB MONTH: OCTOBER 2024 CHAPTER BOOK

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#### **ALSO AVAILABLE**

**Alien Superstar (Book #1) ISBN 978-1-4197-3369-7**US \$14.99 CAN \$18.99
UK £10.99

The Princess and the Pit Stop ISBN 978-1-4197-2848-8 US \$16.99 CAN \$21.99 UK £12.99

#### MONSTER HIGH SCHOOL SPIRITS

## A Fright to Remember (Monster High School Spirits #1)

BY ADRIANNA CUEVAS

The first book in a fangtastic new series inspired by Nickelodeon's animated show *Monster High*!



As Monster High prepares for its annual talent show, Frankie Stein is left wondering what they could perform. When Torelei Stripe mocks Frankie's music playing abilities, Frankie is left even more confused about which of their brain parts is exciting enough for the talent show. Luckily, Headmistress Bloodgood presents Frankie with new information about their brain that might hold the answer. Except Frankie discovers that their brain part is from a disgraced scientist accused of unethical experiments. Plagued by dreams from the scientist's life, Frankie teams up with Draculaura and Clawdeen to discover the truth about their past—and save Monster High in the process.



Adrianna Cuevas is the author of the Pura Belpre honor book *The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez, Cuba in My Pocket, The Ghosts of Rancho Espanto*, and *Mari and the Curse of El Cocodrilo*. She is a first–generation Cuban–American originally from Miami, Florida. A former Spanish and ESOL teacher, Adrianna currently resides in Austin, Texas with her husband and son. When not working with TOEFL students, wrangling multiple pets including an axolotl, and practicing fencing with her son, she is writing her next middle grade novel.

#### **AGES 10 to 14**

#### **FOREIGN RIGHTS SOLD**

Polish (Bukowy Las) Czech (Albatros)

#### **SELLING POINTS**

POPULAR BRAND: Since launching Monster High, Mattel has sold more than 150 million dolls, including a 2020 collector's edition that sold out almost immediately. The brand is still just as relevant today, with loyal fans who grew up with the show generating more than three billion views on TikTok and ranking it as the #7 toy brand on Instagram.

MULTIMEDIA RELAUNCH: In addition to a brand-new animated show, Mattel and Nickelodeon have partnered on a new live-action Monster High film, released on October 6th 2022. The show and film draws new fans of all ages to the books, as well as older fans revisiting their

#### **INCLUSIVE STORYTELLING:**

favorite characters.

Monster High believes strongly in embracing one's true, unique self. Mattel has updated its storytelling and branding to represent a more diverse and inclusive cast of characters, all while staying true to their original hook.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Black-and-white illustrations throughout
- \* 248 pages
- \* Hardcover POB

PUB MONTH: OCTOBER 2023 MIDDLE-GRADE FICTION, KIDS SERIES, FICTION, SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY

ISBN 978-1-4197-6986-3

US \$14.99

## Once Bitten, Twice Dead (A Monster High YA Novel)

BY TIFFANY SCHMIDT

Get your spook on with Draculaura and the other O.G.s—Original Ghouls—while they hit up their old haunts in this all–new YA novel set in the world of Mattel's *Monster High* and written by Tiffany Schmidt.



When a horrific loss throws Monster High into a state of grave upheaval, Draculaura and the other ghouls find themselves coping in different ways. Cleo and her family sense opportunity in the mayhem, grasping at control and leaving the rest of the ghouls' loyalties divided.

For her part, the chaos at school is making Draculaura sick. She feels more exhausted by the day, and she finds escape only by slipping away to the cemetery to pore over her mom's old journals. It's there that she meets Poe, a handsome human harboring some darkness of his own. Soon Draculaura finds herself caught in an impossible web of lies. If her ghoulfriends find out she's fallen for a normie, they'll freak. And if Poe discovers she's a vampire, his monster–hunting dad may have a stake in the matter.

Meanwhile, dangerous events have begun plaguing the halls of Monster High. The gargoyles stage a mutiny, and the water in the swimming pool boils while Lagoona is swimming laps. When the magical protections around the school borders falter and a group of normies stumble onto campus, Draculaura and the other ghouls know something needs to be done before Monster High becomes Monster Die.

But there's a secret about Draculaura that no one—not Poe, the other ghouls, or even she—was aware of until now: a secret tied to the school's very marrow. When Draculaura and Ghoulia uncover ancient texts that reveal the full implications of her identity, Draculaura is forced to make an impossible choice that will alter her identity forever.

Will her loyalties to Monster High determine all their fates? Or will Draculaura succumb to a dangerous passion that makes her feel more . . . alive than she ever has?



**Tiffany Schmidt** is the author of *Once Bitten, Twice Dead* in addition to nine other acclaimed young adult novels. She is a former sixth grade teacher and is married to a saint, the mother of three impish boys, and owns a pair of mischievous pups. Tiffany lives and writes in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. Find out more at TiffanySchmidt.com.

#### **AGES 13 to 18**

#### **FOREIGN RIGHTS SOLD**

Polish (Bukowy Las)

#### **SELLING POINTS**

POPULAR BRAND: Since its initial launch in 2010, Monster High has gained a cult following and has become the second-bestselling doll, with more more than 150 million dolls sold, including a 2020 collector's edition that sold out in less than a day. The brand continues to thrive, with loyal fans generating more than 10 billion views on TikTok.

#### **GHOULISHLY GRAND**

RELAUNCH: In addition to the brand–new 2022 animated show, Mattel and Nickelodeon partnered on a new live–action Monster High film, which released on October 6, 2022. Abrams will be kicking off a brand–new Monster High book program across different age groups and formats, with our first title (middle–grade novel *A Fright to Remember*) pubbing this fall.

#### **INCLUSIVE STORYTELLING:**

Monster High believes strongly in embracing one's true, unique self. Mattel has updated its storytelling and branding to represent a more diverse and inclusive cast of characters, including LGBTQIA+themes, all while staying true to their original hook.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* 320 pages
- \* WIDTH: 5 1/2" mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8 1/4" mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

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US \$19.99

# Young Blood (An Umbrella Academy YA Novel)

BY ALYSSA SHEINMEL

The official prequel novel to the hit Umbrella Academy series on Netflix, starring a teenaged Umbrella Academy in an original, darkly comic adventure written by New York Times bestselling author Alyssa Sheinmel.



The Umbrella Academy has always been extraordinary—ready to leap to superpowered action at a moment's notice. But now that Five has disappeared and their fame has crested, sometimes the only thing Luther, Diego, Allison, Klaus, Ben, and Viktor want is to be normal. . . which is much easier said than done, when you're raised by someone like Hargreeves.

For their exacting and tyrannical father figure, nothing is ever enough; which is why, during a dinnertime debriefing on their latest mission, Ben snaps, prompting Klaus to suggest that they all need a change of scenery—just one night of partying like a bunch of average teens. In fact, Klaus knows just the place; there's a frat house in a neighboring college town that throws weekend blowouts. What could go wrong?

They soon realize sneaking out of Hargreeves's house—er, *fortress*—is the least of their concerns. When the six teens pledge not to use their powers under any circumstances, they fail to factor in the sheer force of teen drama. Faced with weird earthquakes, weirder partygoers, and a possible new foe, the Umbrella Academy must choose between the night they always dreamed of and an unexpected mission that may save the world and—finally—secure Hargreeves's approval.



Alyssa Sheinmel is the New York Times bestselling author of several novels for young adults, including Outer Banks: Lights Out, The Castle School for Troubled Girls, What Kind of Girl, A Danger to Herself and Others, and Faceless. She currently lives and writes in New York.

## AGES 13 to 18

#### **FOREIGN RIGHTS SOLD**

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#### **SELLING POINTS**

HIT SERIES: After first releasing on Netflix, *The Umbrella Academy* was an undisputed mega–hit watched by more than 45 million households, as well as a critical success with the second season receiving a 91 percent critics' score on Rotten Tomatoes.

**ORIGIN STORY:** This original prequel novel based on the hit show—which was based on the Eisner–nominated comic—gives fans an in–depth look at favorite characters' untold stories.

**AUTHOR TRACK:** Sheimel has a proven talent of expanding existing worlds into fresh, fast–paced reads with the success of *Outer Banks: Lights Out* (Abrams, Fall 2021).

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* 320 pages
- \* WIDTH: 5 1/2" mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8 1/4" mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

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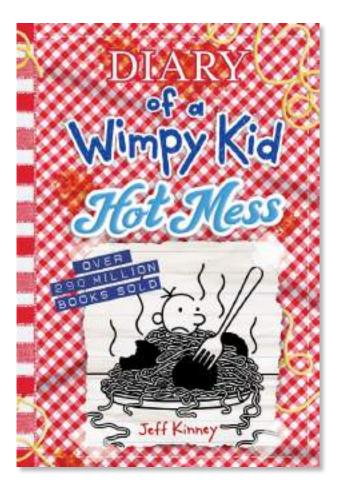
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# FROM #1 INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLING AUTHOR Jeff Kinney

# Diary of a Wimpy Kid **Hot Mess**

BY JEFF KINNEY



## **Selling Points**

- GLOBAL PHENOMENON: With over 290 million books sold around the world in 86 editions and 70 languages, Wimpy Kid has turned millions of kids into readers. The series is the fourth bestselling book series-adult and kids-of all time.
- MEGA BESTSELLING SERIES: A consistent fixture on the New York Times bestseller list for over 900 weeks-longer than any other kids' series! Wimpy Kid is also a #1 bestseller on the USA Today, Wall Street Journal, Publishers Weekly, and IndieBound bestseller lists.
- NOW A MAJOR DISNEY MOVIE FRANCHISE: Three original animated Wimpy Kid movies released on Disney+ in 2021, 2022, and 2023.
- WIDE SOCIAL MEDIA REACH: Over 6 million fans across TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, and X, 20+ million YouTube views, and 1.4 billion views on GIPHY.

# **Specifications**

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Hot Mess US \$14.99

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n Hot Mess, book 19 of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series from #1 international bestselling author Jeff Kinney, Greg Heffley is in for a particularly awkward summer with his whole family.

The pressure is building for Greg Heffley, who discovers that when you mix heaps of family, a tiny beach house, and sweltering heat, it's a recipe for disaster. Speaking of recipes—the secret ingredients behind Gramma's famous meatballs have been closely guarded for years. Can Greg unpack all of his family's mysteries before thier vacation is over? Or will he just stir the pot?

This sidesplittingly relatable summer story is the funniest Wimpy Kid book yet!

Jeff Kinney is a #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series and the Awesome Friendly Kid series. He is a six-time Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Award winner for Favorite Book and has been named one of Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World. He spent his childhood in the Washington, DC, area and moved to New England, where he and his wife own a bookstore named An Unlikely Story.

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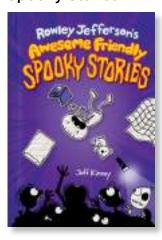
# Diary of an **Awesome** Friendly Kid



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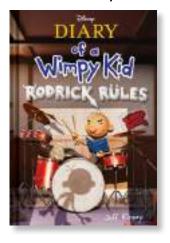
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## **AGES 8 TO 12** MIDDLE-GRADE FICTION

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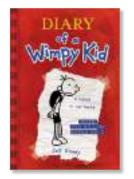
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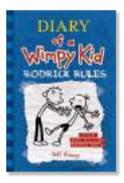
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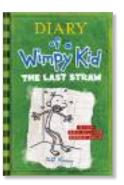
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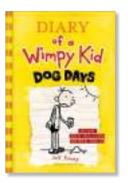
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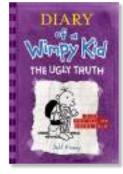
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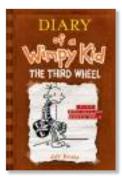
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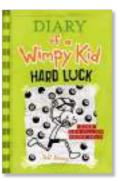
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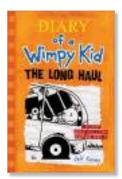
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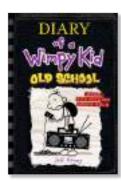
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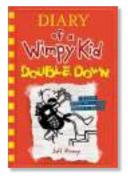
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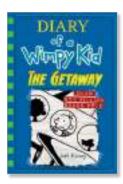
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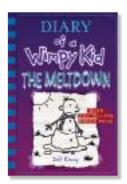
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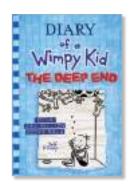
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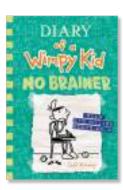
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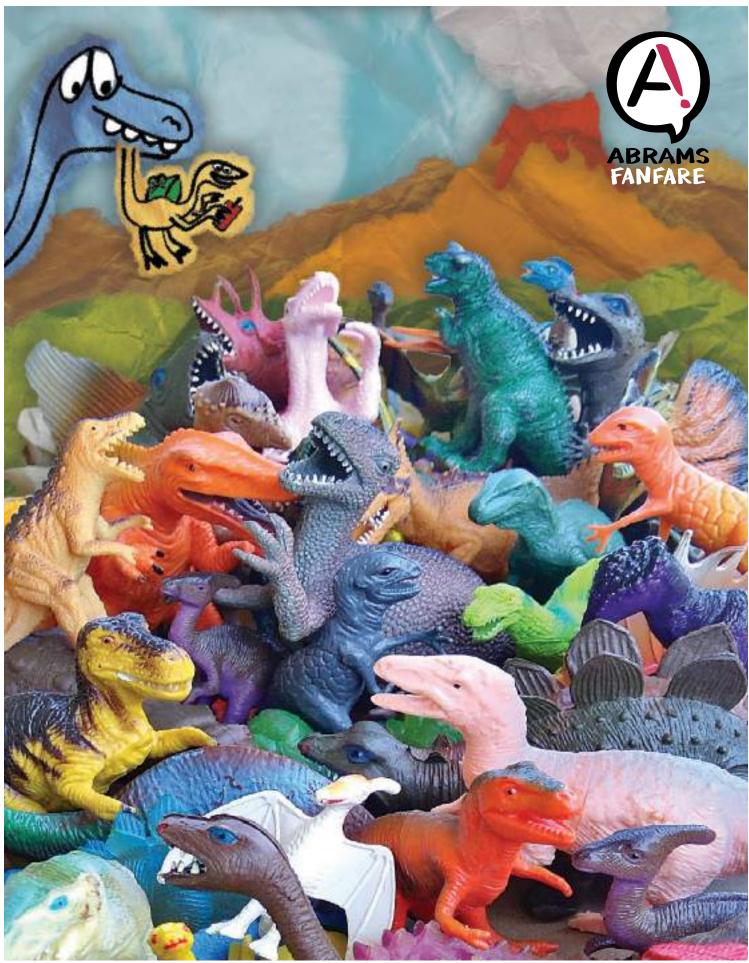


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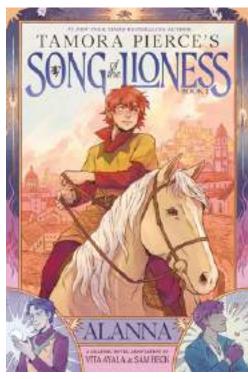
From *Dino Poet* • By Tom Angleberger

# Song of the Lioness, Book 1: Alanna

#### A GRAPHIC NOVEL ADAPTATION

BY TAMORA PIERCE; ADAPTED BY VITA AYALA; ILLUSTRATED BY SAM BECK

The first book in #1 New York Times bestselling author Tamora Pierce's award–winning Song of the Lioness quartet, adapted into a gorgeous, full–color graphic novel



In Song of the Lioness, Book 1: Alanna, the first of four volumes adapting #1 New York Times bestseller Tamora Pierce's Song of the Lioness quartet, we meet Alanna of Trebond, a young noblewoman from the kingdom of Tortall. However, Alanna isn't like other girls from noble families—what she really wants is to become a knight and earn her shield, something women definitely aren't allowed to do.

But Alanna will not be deterred, and she arrives in the capital disguised as a boy to begin training as a page, the first step toward becoming a knight. Despite the tough conditions and grueling work, Alanna's skills and stubbornness win her friends amongst the nobility and the denizens of the lower city. But not everyone wishes her well . .

Filled with magic and mayhem, adventure and action, swords and spells, book one in the *Song of the Lioness* quartet is the ultimate introduction to Alanna and Tamora Pierce's legendary Tortall universe.





Tamora Pierce is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of over 18 novels set in the fantasy realm of Tortall. She is the winner of the Margaret A. Edwards Award for her "significant and lasting contribution to young adult literature." Pierce lives in Syracuse, New York, with her husband, Tim. Vita Ayala is a queer Afro—Puerto Rican writer born and bred in New York City. Their work includes The Wilds (Black Mask Studios), Submerged (Vault), Static (DC Comics), Xena: Warrior Princess (Dynamite), Shuri and New Mutants (Marvel), and Livewire (Valiant), among others. Sam Beck is an artist living in Toronto, and the author of the fantasy trilogy Verse. When she's not working on her comics, you can find her admiring the forests of northern Ontario.







#### **SELLING POINTS**

EVERGREEN SERIES: The Song of the Lioness series is classic, one of *Time's* 100 Best Fantasy Books of All Time. Originally published in 1983, this title has never gone out of print, with lifetime sales nearing 500,000 copies across editions (since Bookscan began reporting—actual sales much higher).

LGBTQ-FOCUSED: In 2019, Pierce said, "Alanna has always defied labels. She took the best bits of being a woman and a man and created her own unique identity. I think the term is 'gender-fluid,' though there wasn't a word for this (to my knowledge) when I was writing her." With feminist themes and a diverse cast, and examined through this new queer lens, this story is timelier than ever.

TALENTED CREATORS: Vita Ayala and Sam Beck are stars in the comics community. Ayala has written for publishers such as DC Comics, Dynamite, IDW, Image Comics, Marvel, Macmillan, and Valiant. Beck has worked with Valiant and Dark Horse, and her webcomic, Verse, was published by Wonderbound in 2021.

CROSSOVER AUDIENCE: This new adaptation will not only appeal to readers of the original series, but usher in a new generation of fans.

**TWO FORMATS:** Available in hardcover (978–1–4197–6558–2) and paperback (978–1–4197–6557–5).

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 256 pages
- \* WIDTH: 6" 152mm
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- \* Hardcover with jacket

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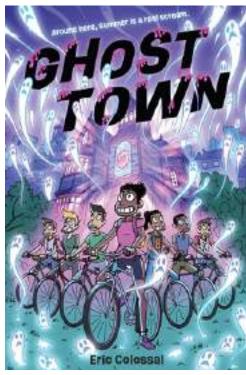
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## **Ghost Town**

#### A GRAPHIC NOVEL

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY ERIC COLOSSAL

From author Eric Colossal comes an exciting new middle–grade graphic novel about friendship, growing up, and catching ghosts



The sleepy seaside town of Crater, is falling apart. The buildings are run–down, the streets are full of potholes, and the power is unreliable. However, it's the only home Lily Cole has ever known, and despite her protests, Lily's family will be moving away at the end of the summer. Now, Lily is determined to spend as much time as possible with her friends before she leaves, riding bikes, hanging out, and playing stickball.

When a foul ball leads the kids into an abandoned mansion on the edge of town, the gang is shocked to discover that Crater is haunted by thousands of ghosts, and they've stumbled upon the tools to hunt and trap them! With ghost traps fully charged and bikes at the ready, join Lily and her friends in the spookiest summer of their lives.

Funny and full of heart, *Ghost Town* is the perfect read for fans of *Snapdragon*, *Beetle and the Hollowbones*, and *This Is Our Pact*.



Eric Colossal is a writer and artist born and raised in upstate New York. By day he works as a game director at an independent video game studio and by night he writes and illustrates graphic novels like the award—winning Rutabaga the Adventure Chef. While he may not believe in ghosts, he is still afraid of the dark.







#### **SELLING POINTS**

HOUSE AUTHOR: Eric Colossal is no stranger to the comics scene; his Rutabaga series has netted over 50,688 copies across formats (HC + paperback), gaining praise from Scott Campbell and a place on New York Public Library's Best Books for Kids (2016).

**COMING-OF-AGE STORY:** With relatable events like changing schools, getting bad report cards, and dealing with crushes, protagonist Lily Cole is sure to appeal to young readers who are going through similar adolescent growing pains.

#### SPOOKY, FUN ADVENTURE:

Ghost Town mixes heart, humor, and adventure with a light, ooky–spooky tone, sure to appeal to fans of Snapdragon, the Mighty Jack and Zita the Spacegirl series, and Abrams' own Suee and the Shadow duology.

**TWO FORMATS:** Available in hardcover (978–1–4197–4584–3) and paperback (978–1–4197–4585–0).

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 256 pages
- \* WIDTH: 6" 152mm
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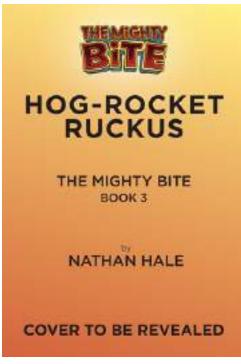
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# The Mighty Bite #3: Hog-Rocket Ruckus

#### A GRAPHIC NOVEL

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY NATHAN HALE

Trilobite and his friends are back, and the hunt for fame and fortune continues in this hilarious graphic novel series from the bestselling cartoonist behind the Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales series



The beloved team of prehistoric—and hysterical—creatures is back! This wacky, hilarious, and totally unique graphic novel series is perfect for fans of *Dog Man* and *InvestiGators*.

Trilobite and his friends hope to strike it rich making a documentary about an Ice Age super pig called the Entelodont. This mega pig is a cross between a hippo, a razorback, and a bag of chainsaws. A dangerous creature feature is sure to be a big hit with their audience. What could go wrong?

Their quest for a viral video takes a chaotic turn when they accidentally create the Hog–Rocket—a flying Entelodont with a love for destruction

Now Trilobite and company have no video, no money—and no way to stop the mayhem they set in motion.



Nathan Hale is the #1 New York Times bestselling author and illustrator of the Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales series. He also wrote and illustrated the graphic novels One Trick Pony and Apocalypse Taco. Hale lives in Utah, and you can find him online at nathanhaleauthor.com.

#### **SELLING POINTS**

#### SENSATIONAL NEW SERIES:

The first two books in the series have been a huge success, selling over 37,000 copies combined. The first book in the series, *The Mighty Bite*, received a starred review from *Booklist*, which called it "a mighty undertaking." This younger, totally hilarious graphic novel is perfect for both fans of the Hazardous Tales series and for readers who aren't yet ready for those books but want their next great read after finishing a book like *Dog Man*.

#### **BESTSELLING AUTHOR: The**

Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales series has sold over 1.8 million copies, and sales for each book keeps getting bigger and bigger!

#### **EDUCATIONAL ADDITIONS:**

In-text callouts and light back matter will help readers learn more about some of the real-world science in the story.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Two-color illustrations throughout
- \* 288 pages
- \* WIDTH: 5 1/2" 140mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8 1/4" 210mm
- \* Hardcover POB

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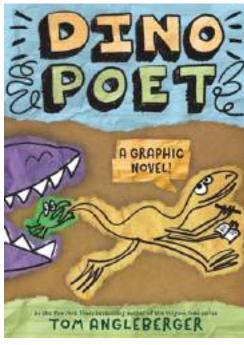
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# **Dino Poet**

#### A GRAPHIC NOVEL

BY TOM ANGLEBERGER

From New York Times bestselling author Tom Angleberger, creator of the Origami Yoda series, comes a hilarious young graphic-novel adventure through the land of the dinosaurs



Get writing or get eaten! Dino Poet is on a mission: to write the first great poem—ever! His lunch, a prehistoric frog, is also on a mission: to not get eaten! So when Frog tells Dino Poet that his poems stink, he decides lunch can wait... for now. The two set off into the wide, wild world, chasing life! Chasing poetry! Until a T–Rex starts chasing *them*.

From the incomparable mind of *New York Times* bestselling author Tom Angleberger, Dino Poet kicks off a hilarious graphic–novel series that is a rollicking romp through the land of the dinosaurs and a celebration of the poets that live in all of us.



**Tom Angleberger** is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the Origami Yoda series and the Flytrap Files series, as well as many other books for kids. He lives with his family in Virginia.







#### **SELLING POINTS**

SUPERSTAR AUTHOR: Tom Angleberger is the author of the bestselling Origami Yoda series, the Qwikpick Papers series, and the Flytrap Files series, among many other beloved books for young readers. He's a dynamic promoter, and kids love him.

**DINO LOVE:** This story is filled with plenty of dinosaur action, a perennially popular and kid–friendly topic.

POETRY PRIMER: This silly story serves as an accessible introduction to poetry for young readers, teaching them about rhyme schemes, haikus, limericks, and more.

GROWING FORMAT: Early graphic novels are on the rise with the success of Fox & Rabbit (over 64,000 gross sales across formats), Batcat (over 20,000 copies sold across all formats), and Astrid and Stella (over 50,000 copies sold across formats), with no signs of slowing down.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 96 pages
- \* WIDTH: 6" 152mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8 1/4" 210mm
- \* Hardcover

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ISBN 978-1-4197-7280-1

US \$13.99

## ALSO AVAILABLE

Inspector Flytrap (Inspector Flytrap #1)

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# Cooking Contest! (Batcat Book #3)

#### A GRAPHIC NOVEL

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY MEGGIE RAMM

Batcat is back and cooking up something extra special in the new graphic novel in Meggie Ramm's hilarious early reader series



There's something delicious in the air on Spooky Isle . . . it's the scent of fall! The changing of seasons means Spooky Isle transforms into an autumnal wonderland—the tree leaves and the skull on Mount Marrow change colors, the air gets crisper, and, best of all, the Night Festival arrives!

Celebrating food, friends, found family, and festivities, everyone is excited for the next full moon. And this year, Al will enter the cooking contest! But Al doesn't know what to cook . . . and he really, *really* wants to win! Together, Batcat and Al search for the perfect recipe and learn that sometimes winning doesn't always mean coming in first place.

Filled with pun–derful, spooky (but not too spooky) humor, *Cooking Contest!* is perfect for fans of *Investigators*, the Narwhal and Jelly series, and Abrams' own Astrid and Stella series.



Meggie Ramm (they/them) is a nonbinary cartoonist from Michigan. They spent their 20s teaching comics to kids in Oakland, California, and it was the best job in the whole world. They've had work in *The New Yorker*, have worked with *Everyday Feminism* and Silver Sprocket, and have a limerick–based comic strip called *The Littlest Dungeon Guard* distributed through *Sunday HaHa*. They love rhymes, reading gay sci–fi and fantasy, and comics.







#### **FOREIGN RIGHTS SOLD**

Dutch (Leopold)
Spanish + Catalan (Anaya)

#### **SELLING POINTS**

GROWING FORMAT: Early graphic novels are on the rise with the success of Astrid and Stella (over 70,000 gross sales across volumes in the series and formats), Fox & Rabbit (over 106,000 gross sales across volumes in the series and formats), and Mighty Marvel Team Up (over 165,000 gross sales across volumes in the series and formats), with no signs of slowing down.

FACING BIG FEELINGS: In this new adventure, Batcat and Al the Ghost learn that sometimes coming up short is OK—with the help of all of their friends on Spooky Isle.

SERIES SUCCESS: Readers who connected with Batcat and friends in the first two books will devour book three as quickly as Batcat devours a bag of delicious fish tacos, and find themselves impatiently waiting for the next installment.

FUN BACK MATTER: A fun recipe for Al the Ghost's delicious Butternut Squash Quesadilla is included for aspiring young chefs to enjoy.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 96 pages
- \* WIDTH: 6" 152mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8 1/4" 210mm
- \* Hardcover POB

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### A MIGHTY MARVEL TEAM-UP#4

# Iron Man: Something Strange! (A Mighty Marvel Team-Up) AN ORIGINAL GRAPHIC NOVEL

WRITTEN BY DEAN HALE; ILLUSTRATED BY DOUGLAS HOLGATE

Iron Man must team up with Doctor Strange to outsmart an otherworldly force that threatens New York City in this new Mighty Marvel Team-Up series



There's chaos at Avengers Tower! When the communications system goes down at the tower, technical genius and super hero Tony Stark, a.k.a. Iron Man, thinks there will be a quick and easy solution. But when Iron Man learns that the root of the problem is the arrival of the otherworldly creature Gargantos and it's missing children that are loose across New York City, Iron Man quickly finds that he's out of his depth. Luckily for him, mystical expert Doctor Strange arrives to team up with Iron Man and save the day! The two heroes must find the missing Gargantots within the hour or Gargantos will return to take its anger out on the city. Can the two heroes gather the mystical toddlers in time?

Dean Hale is the New York Times bestselling coauthor of over 20 books for young readers, including Eisner Award–nominee Rapunzel's Revenge, popular early chapter book series The Princess in Black, two graphic novels about young Wonder Woman, and two novels about the Unbeatable Squirrel Girl. It has been said that if you look in the mirror and say Hale's name three times, he will appear and give you a piggyback ride. This is mostly untrue. Douglas Holgate is the illustrator of the #1 New York Times bestselling series The Last Kids on Earth from Penguin Kids, now also an Emmy Award–winning Netflix animated series, and the cocreator and illustrator of the graphic novel Clem Hetherington and the Ironwood Race for Scholastic Graphix. He has worked for the last 20 years making books and comics for publishers around the world from his garage in Victoria, Australia.

#### AGES 5 to 9

#### **SELLING POINTS**

MIGHTY BRAND: Marvel Comics continues to be one of the most recognizable and biggest brands worldwide, with Iron Man being one of the most popular characters among younger readers and fans.

#### SPIN-OFF TO HIT SERIES: The

Spider–Man: Mighty Marvel Team–Up series has been extremely successful, with critical and commercial success and nearly 200,000 copies sold between the three books in all formats

ALL-START TALENT: Author Dean Hale has cowritten several hit series and graphic novels with Shannon Hale in this category, including the New York Times bestselling series Princess in Black, with this being his solo debut, and artist Douglas Holgate has been the ongoing illustrator for the New York Times bestselling series Last Kids on Earth, making this a power team for launching a new series.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 96 pages
- \* WIDTH: 6" 152mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8 1/2" 216mm
- \* Hardcover POB

PUB MONTH: MAY 2025 GRAPHIC NOVELS

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US \$12.99

## **Amazing Adventures (Marvel Super Stories Book #2)**

 BY MARVEL ENTERTAINMENT WITH VARIOUS CONTRIBUTORS; EDITED BY JOHN JENNINGS

The second volume of the first–ever middle–grade anthology series, featuring all–new Marvel comics stories by 15 all–star cartoonists



Contributors in Book Two: Ethan M. Aldridge (*Estranged*): Doctor Strange; Ryan Andrews (*This Was Our Pact*): Silver Surfer; Mike Cavallaro (Nico Bravo): Thor; Chan Chau (The Baby–Sitters Club): Moon Knight; Gabriela Epstein (*Invisible: A Graphic Novel*): Silk; Tim Fielder (*Matty's Rocket*): Spider–Man 2099; Brian Fies (*The Last Mechanical Monster*); The AvengersDean Haspiel (*Mo and Jo Fighting Together Forever*): Fantastic Four; John Jennings (*Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation*): Black Panther; Jarrett Krosoczka (the Lunch Lady series): Spider–Man; Kat Leyh (*Snapdragon*): Guardians of the Galaxy; Jamar Nicholas (*Leon the Extraordinary*): Hulk; Amber Padilla (*The Secret Garden on 81st Street*): Ant–Man; Carlisle Robinson (Deafverse) Hawkeye; Judd Winick (Hilo): Captain America

The second volume in a brand–new middle–grade anthology series with Marvel Comics, edited by John Jennings. Featuring 15 all–new six–page stories written and illustrated by some of the biggest names in comics for young readers, this all–star lineup features original stand–alone stories featuring Spider–Man, Captain America, The Avengers, Guardians of the Galaxy, the Incredible Hulk, Doctor Strange, Silver Surfer, Thor, Moon Knight, Silk, Spider–Man 2099, the Fantastic Four, Black Panther, Ant–Man, and Hawkeye. This all–star roster takes a fun, fresh look at everyone's favorite Marvel super heroes, delivering delightful stories that will introduce them to first–time fans for a whole new generation of readers.

Marvel Entertainment, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Walt Disney Company, is one of the world's most prominent character-based entertainment companies, built on a proven library of more than 8,000 characters featured in a variety of media over eighty years. Marvel utilizes its character franchises in entertainment, licensing, publishing, games, and digital media. For more information visit marvel.com. John Jennings, illustrator of Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation, is associate professor of visual studies at SUNY-Buffalo and has written several works on African American comics creators. His research is concerned with the topics of representation and authenticity, visual culture, visual literacy, social justice, and design pedagogy. He is an accomplished designer, curator, illustrator, cartoonist, and award-winning graphic novelist. His work overlaps into various disciplines including American studies, African American studies, design history, media studies, sociology, women and gender studies, and literature.

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Italian (Panini)

**AGES 8 to 12** 

Spanish - Spain, Andorra

(Panini)

Spanish - LatAm, US, Mexico (Trillas)

#### **SELLING POINTS**

#### ALL-STAR CONTRIBUTORS:

The biggest and most diverse names in comics for kids join forces in this super hero–size anthology edited by John Jennings, featuring all–new Marvel stories by 15 notable names! Jennings, curator of our Megascope line of graphic novels, will act as our spokesperson for all interviews, along with our esteemed contributors.

ONE-OF-A-KIND SERIES: This is the first middle-grade anthology series of all-new comics ever licensed by Marvel Entertainment. Uniquely positioned to introduce kids to Marvel's colorful cast of super heroes, this series is certain to appeal to a generation of new fans while giving longtime readers a new and exciting way to bond with their family over the characters they love.

MIGHTY BRAND: Marvel Comics celebrated its 85th anniversary in 2024 and is one of the most recognizable brands worldwide.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 160 pages
- \* WIDTH: 5 1/2" mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8" mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

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# The Mythmakers

## THE REMARKABLE FELLOWSHIP OF C.S. LEWIS & J.R.R. TOLKIEN (A GRAPHIC NOVEL)

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY JOHN HENDRIX

From New York Times bestselling, award–winning creator John Hendrix comes The Mythmakers, a graphic novel biography of two literary lions—C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien—following the remarkable story of their friendship and creative fellowship



The rich worlds of C.S. Lewis's *The Chronicles of Namia* and J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of Rings* have enchanted readers both young and old for generations. But before they created these literary landmarks, Lewis and Tolkien were simply two friends who shared a love of stories.

The Mythmakers chronicles their lives, from their horrific tour of the trenches of World War I, their first meeting at Oxford in 1929, and the literary discussions of the Inklings to World War II, the publications of their work, and their aftermath. Their personal stories are so intertwined that neither can be easily told without the other.

Written and illustrated by John Hendrix, the New York Times bestselling and award—winning creator of The Faithful Spy, The Mythmakers reveals how these remarkably creative minds influenced each other: their world—building philosophies, their ideas of mythology and faith, and their belief in the truth behind the human imagination. The Mythmakers is a masterful work capturing the extraordinary lives and literary contributions of Lewis and Tolkien, two of the most important and influential writers of the twentieth century.



John Hendrix is a New York Times bestselling author and illustrator. His books include the young adult graphic novel The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler (a YALSA Nonfiction Excellence in Nonfiction Award Finalist). He is also the author—artist behind the adult books The Holy Ghost: A Spirited Comic and Drawing Is Magic: Discovering Yourself in a Sketchbook. He is chair of the MFA Illustration and Visual Culture program in the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts at Washington University in St. Louis. Hendrix lives in Webster Groves, Missouri.







#### **SELLING POINTS**

# AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR-ILLUSTRATOR:

Illustrator of the New York Times bestselling Ronan Boyle series and author–artist behind The Faithful Spy, Hendrix has established himself as a successful creator with a strong sales track.

LITERARY LANDMARKS: Books about creativity, bookmaking, and literary figures always have an audience. Focusing on the minds behind beloved classics *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Chronicles of Narnia*, this biography highlights two literary icons who are still famous today among teens and adults.

#### **INNOVATIVE NONFICTION:** The

Faithful Spy (four starred reviews) was praised for its "bold visuals," "strong sense of historical context," and "engaging narrative." Following the same format, The Mythmakers weaves thoroughly researched facts and quotes with narrative and imagined conversations between characters, offering a fresh take on graphic–novel nonfiction.

#### ACCLAIMED ART + DESIGN:

Includes hand–lettered typeface, comic panels, spot art, and the occasional map, symbol, or diagram interspersed throughout, made even more vivid by a limited color palette.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 224 pages
- \* WIDTH: 6 3/8" mm
- \* HEIGHT: 9" mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

PUB MONTH: **SEPTEMBER 2024** YOUNG ADULT GRAPHIC NOVEL

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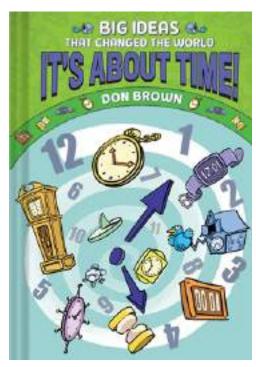
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# It's About Time!

#### BIG IDEAS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD #6 (A NONFICTION GRAPHIC NOVEL)

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY DON BROWN

Award-winning author-illustrator Don Brown explores the science of time in *It's About Time!*, part of the Big Ideas That Changed the World graphic novel series



In It's About Time!, narrator Albert Einstein takes kids through time—literally. Measuring time is explored, from the stone circles and giant pyramids of ancient cultures to hourglasses and sundials to early time pieces and watches to atomic clocks. The book explains why there are 12 months a year, 24 hours in a day, 60 minutes in an hour, and 60 seconds in a minute. And seven days in the week.

From Stonehenge to Greenwich Mean Time to James Hutton's Deep Time, the book helps kids understand the passage of time, and why sometimes it seems so slow and other times way, way too fast.

Also includes: Time Timeline, Who was Albert Einstein?, endnotes, and a bibliography.

Big Ideas That Changed the World is a graphic novel series that celebrates the hard—won succession of ideas that ultimately changed the world. Humor, drama, and art unite to tell the story of events, discoveries, and ingenuity over time that led humans to come up with a big idea and then make it come true.



Don Brown is the award—winning author and illustrator of many nonfiction graphic novels and picture books, including All Charged Up!, We the People!, A Shot in the Arm!, Machines that Think!, and Rocket to the Moon! His books have been called "masterful" and "a must for youth graphic collections." Brown has received an Eisner Award nomination, two Sibert Honors, a Boston Globe—Horn Book Award honor, a YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults Award, and multiple starred reviews, among other awards and notices. He lives in the Hudson Valley in New York with his family.







**AGES 8 to 11** 

#### **FOREIGN RIGHTS SOLD**

Korean (Dourei) Simplified Chinese (United Sky)

#### **SELLING POINTS**

**BACKLIST STAPLE SERIES:** The Big Ideas series has over 100,000 copies in print to date!

CELEBRATED AUTHOR: Brown is an award–winning author–illustrator well known to booksellers, teachers, and librarians. His graphic novel *The Unwanted* was a Sibert Honor Medalist and a YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction winner.

SERIES PRAISE: Books 1–4 in the series have received multiple starred reviews (with Book 5 coming Jan. 2024), and *Rocket to the Moon!* was chosen for the Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List.

# **CLASSROOM APPEAL:** A must–have for science and history curricula.

**POPULAR FORMAT:** The graphic novel genre remains wildly popular with kids, especially in nonfiction, where Brown is a master.

RICH BACK MATTER: Includes a narrator biography, timeline, author's note, bibliography, and endnotes.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 128 pages
- \* WIDTH: 5 1/2" 140mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8" 203mm
- \* Hardcover POB

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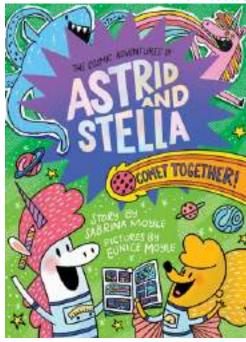
US \$15.99

# Comet Together! (The Cosmic Adventures of Astrid and Stella Book #4 (A Hello!Lucky Book))

A GRAPHIC NOVEL

WRITTEN BY SABRINA MOYLE; ILLUSTRATED BY EUNICE MOYLE

Fire up the turbo pumps! Best friends Astrid and Stella are off on another high–flying adventure in *Comet Together!*, fourth in the graphic novel series from bestselling creators Hello!Lucky



Astrid and Stella love reading comet books and are on a mission to make one of their own. But when they run into creative differences, the dynamic duo must figure out if they can work together to take their creation to the next level

Next, Stella is on a quest to discover if robots are helpful friends or evil machines. Bobo takes the buddies planet hopping to see if robots deserve a one—star or a five—star review. Along the way, the Friend Ship crew will encounter a new friend—Time Travel Tiger—whose tools from the future (and the past!) help them complete their mission.

With a focus on social—emotional learning and hilarious storytelling from the bestselling Hello!Lucky team, the fourth book in the Cosmic Adventures of Astrid & Stella series is perfect for emerging readers and graphic novel fans.



Hello!Lucky is all about using creativity to spread joy, fun, and kindness. Founded by sisters Eunice and Sabrina Moyle in 2003, Hello!Lucky is an award—winning letterpress greeting card and design studio working with dozens of partners to create products, including Abrams' pun—derful children's books My Mom Is Magical!, My Dad Is Amazing!, Super Pooper and Whizz Kid: Potty Power!, Kindness Rules!, Christmas Is Awesome!, Sloth and Smell the Roses, Go Get 'Em, Tiger!, and Thanks a Ton! They also offer bedding, ceramics, socks, stationery, custom photo albums, and more. Hello!Lucky is based in San Francisco.







#### **FOREIGN RIGHTS SOLD**

Swedish (Bokforlaget)

#### **SELLING POINTS**

BESTSELLING TEAM: Sabrina and Eunice Moyle are the team behind Hello!Lucky. Their books have sold nearly 1.5 million copies across formats, and they boast nearly 75,000 followers on Instagram.

#### **HIGH-DEMAND FORMAT:**

Graphic novels for emerging readers are an in-demand category that's only growing. With three easily digestible stories per book, this series is sure to satisfy.

#### **EVERGREEN THEMES:**

Friendship, teamwork, communication, and more make an appearance in the pages of this latest outing from the social—emotional learning pros behind Hello!Lucky.

BELOVED SERIES: We've sold nearly 40,000 copies of the Astrid & Stella books and counting! And *Kirkus* says reading these graphic novel stories is "like being enveloped in a nonstop hug."

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 112 pages
- \* WIDTH: 6" 152mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8 1/4" 210mm
- \* Hardcover POB

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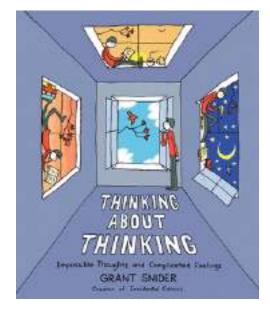
From Grand Slam Romance Book 3: Farewell to Babes • Written by Emma Oosterhous and Ollie Hicks; illustrated by Emma Oosterhous

# **Thinking About Thinking**

#### IMPOSSIBLE THOUGHTS AND COMPLICATED FEELINGS

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY GRANT SNIDER

A playful examination of the way we think (and overthink) by cartoonist Grant Snider, creator of *Incidental Comics*, which appear regularly in the *New York Times Book Review* 



#### Praise for The Art of Living

"Pithy, witty, and a joy to read . . . Without a doubt, Snider has moved up to a level of excellence that can draw comparisons to any number of the all–time great cartoonists, including Charles M. Schulz." —Comics Grinder

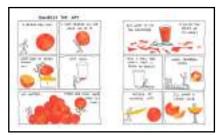
#### Praise for I Will Judge You by Your Bookshelf

"If you surround yourself with books and can't imagine life without them, you'll definitely want to add Snider's new collection to your shelf." —KMUW

Emotions can be tricky to navigate. We overthink. We second—guess. And we can't get out of our own way. But the reality is, it's impossible for any of us to understand our complicated feelings fully. So fear not, because you've come to the right place. *Thinking About Thinking*—the latest collection of one—and two—page haiku—like comics from cartoonist Grant Snider—explores our inner life, using colorful illustrations and clever visual metaphors to depict the spectrum of our emotions. Facing self—doubt? Overcoming fears? Grappling with indecision? Snider doesn't present solutions to these challenges, but he does inspire and encourage, offering thoughtful reassurance and a unique, humorous perspective that's characteristic of his work—an approach that resonates with millions of readers all over the world.

Grant Snider is an orthodontist by day and an artist by night. His comics have been featured in the Kansas City Star, the New York Times, and the New Yorker, as well as the anthology The Best American Comics. He is the creator of Incidental Comics and the author/illustrator of The Art of Living, I Will Judge You by Your Bookshelf, and The Shape of Ideas; the picture books Poetry Comics, Nothing Ever Happens on a Gray Day, One Boy Watching, Blue Floats Away (with Travis Jonker), There Is a Rainbow (with Theresa Trinder), My Words, What Sound Is Morning?, What Color Is Night?, and Quiet Power (with Susan Cain). Snider lives in Wichita, Kansas, with his wife and five children. Follow him online at incidentalcomics.com and @grantdraws.







#### **SELLING POINTS**

AUTHOR ON THE RISE: Grant Snider's titles sell steadily, and his profile continues to grow with his comics feature Incidental Comics, which appears regularly in the New York Times Book Review. In addition to his collections on the ComicArts list, Grant has become a sought—after children's book creator, illustrating Blue Floats Away by Travis Jonker on the Abrams Young Reader list, and picture books for other publishers.

RELATABLE THEMES: Snider's unique and lightly philosophical perspective resonates with readers worldwide. His voice is both timeless and timely—perfect for the unpredictable era that we live in.

CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED: This is the fourth collection of Incidental Comics that Abrams ComicArts has published. Our three previous collections, The Shape of Ideas, I Will Judge You By Your Bookshelf, and The Art of Living, are internationally popular and critically acclaimed by outlets such as Publishers Weekly, the New York Times Book Review, and more.

### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 128 pages
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- \* HEIGHT: 9 1/4" 235mm
- \* Hardcover POB

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#### **ALSO AVAILABLE**

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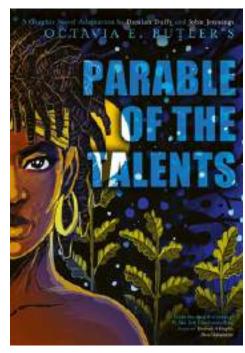
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# Parable of the Talents

#### A GRAPHIC NOVEL ADAPTATION

 WRITTEN BY OCTAVIA E. BUTLER; ADAPTED BY DAMIAN DUFFY; ILLUSTRATED BY JOHN JENNINGS AND DAVID BRAME

The graphic novel adaptation of Octavia E. Butler's groundbreaking dystopian novel, the follow-up to the graphic novel adaptation of *Kindred*, a #1 New York Times bestseller, and the critically acclaimed Parable of the Sower



The companion to Parable of the Sower: A Graphic Novel Adaptation

Winner of the 2019 Hugo Award for Best Graphic Story or Comic







Octavia E. Butler's Parable of the Talents: A Graphic Novel Adaptation is the continuation of the travails of Lauren Olamina, the heroine of 2019's Hugo Prize—winning Parable of the Sower: A Graphic Novel Adaptation. Brought to life by Damian Duffy and John Jennings, the creative team behind the #1 New York Times bestseller Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation, Parable of the Talents is told in the voice of Lauren Olamina's daughter, Asha Vere—from whom she has been separated for most of the girl's life—interspersed with sections in the form of Lauren's own journals. Against a background of a war—torn continent under the control of a Christian fundamentalist fascist state, Asha searches for answers about her own past while struggling to reconcile with her mother's legacy—caught between her duty to her chosen family and her calling to lead humankind into a better future among the stars.

Octavia Estelle Butler (1947–2006), often referred to as the "grand dame of science fiction," was born in Pasadena, California, on June 22, 1947. She won the PEN Lifetime Achievement Award and the Nebula and Hugo Awards, among others. Damian Duffy is a cartoonist, scholar, writer, curator, lecturer, teacher, and a #1 New York Times bestselling graphic novelist. Parable of the Sower: A Graphic Novel Adaptation won the 2021 Hugo Award for Best Graphic Story or Comic. He lives in Champaign, Ilinois. John Jennings is a professor, author, graphic novelist, curator, Harvard Fellow, New York Times bestseller, 2018 Eisner Award-winner, and all-around champion of Black culture. He is the illustrator of #1 New York Times bestselling Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation and the Hugo Award-winning Parable of the Sower: A Graphic Novel Adaptation. He lives in Riverside, California. David Brame has worked on titles such as the Hugo and Eisner Award-nominated graphic novel adaptation of After the Rain from Abrams ComicArts Megascope, Is'Nana The Werespider, and Necromancer Bill.

#### **SELLING POINTS**

RENOWNED AUTHOR: Octavia E. Butler is renowned in feminist and science–fiction circles. In recent years, her prescient and timely work has seen a resurgence in pop cultural conversations, with high–profile adaptations for film and television in development.

# BASED ON AN AWARD-WINNING NOVEL:

Parable of the Sower was published in 1993. It was nominated for a Nebula Award for Best Novel in 1995 and was a New York Times Notable Book of the Year in 1994. The sequel, Parable of the Talents, was published in 1998. It won the Nebula Award for Best Novel in 2000.

CONTINUING SUCCESS: The Abrams ComicArts adaptation of Parable of the Sower was critically acclaimed, winning the 2021 Ignyte Award for Best Comics Team and the 2021 Hugo Award for Best Graphic Story.

#### UPCOMING FILM

ADAPTATIONS: Forthcoming film adaptations of Butler's works by award–winning Ava DuVernay (Selma, 13th, A Wrinkle in Time) will create a resurgence in public interest as well as creating a new generation of fans. In 2021, A24 won the rights to adapt Parable of the Sower to film, and has tapped Garrett Bradley to direct.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 304 pages
- \* WIDTH: 6 1/2" 165mm
- \* HEIGHT: 9 1/2" 241mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

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#### ALSO AVAILABLE

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#### **GRAND SLAM ROMANCE#3**

#### Grand Slam Romance Book 3: Farewell to Babes

#### A GRAPHIC NOVEL

 WRITTEN BY EMMA OOSTERHOUS AND OLLIE HICKS; ILLUSTRATED BY EMMA OOSTERHOUS

The third and final graphic novel in the Grand Slam Romance series, *Farewell to Babes*, is a raucous celebration of queer joy and magical girl mayhem!







In *Grand Slam Romance: Farewell to Babes*, softball's favorite throuple, Mickey, Astra, and Wolfgang have finally given in to their undeniable attraction: but it is true love or just temporary lust?

Wolfgang's ready to go public with the relationship, Mickey's still sorting out their feelings, and Astra has conveniently peaced out on a mysterious eurotrip that she neglected to inform her partners about. Between Berlin and Belle City, magic and havoc follow these lovebirds wherever they go—but in pursuit of love, they're going to swing for the fences

With the supercharged doses of magic and mayhem from creative power–couple Ollie Hicks and Emma Oosterhous, the Grand Slam Romance trilogy comes to a heartfelt and hilarious conclusion!

Ollie Hicks is a Black British comics creator and editor who lives in the UK and has Jamaican heritage. They have a PhD in comics studies—focused on 20th—century British and American girls' comics—from the University of Dundee, which is gently gathering dust. They like to write funny gay stories with their funny gay wife, Emma Oosterhous. Grand Slam Romance is their debut graphic novel. Emma Oosterhous is a cartoonist, animal enthusiast, and lesbian from Colorado. In 2018, she earned a Marshall Scholarship and then an MDes in comics and graphic novels from the University of Dundee. She now lives in the UK, where she makes comics with her wife, Ollie Hicks. Grand Slam Romance was her debut graphic novel.

#### **SELLING POINTS**

#### QUEER ROMANCE FOR

ADULTS: Perfect for adult readers who grew up on manga and books like Heartstopper, Fence!, and Check, Please! but are looking for a story with more mature themes.

#### CONTINUING SURELY SERIES:

Farewell to Babes (Grand Slam Romance Book 3) will conclude the Grand Slam Romance trilogy, the first series on the Surely Books imprint.

LGBTQIA+ CREATORS: Hicks and Oosterhous are a powerhouse queer creative team focused on hugely entertaining storytelling with a diverse cast of characters.

SOFTBALL SPOTLIGHT: Softball is one of the most popular sports in the United States. An estimated 40 million Americans will play at least one softball game annually, and softball's largest sanction body, the Amateur Softball Associate of America (ASA), has more than 3.5 million registered players.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full color illustrations throughout
- \* 272 pages
- \* WIDTH: 6" 152mm
- \* HEIGHT: 8 1/2" 216mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

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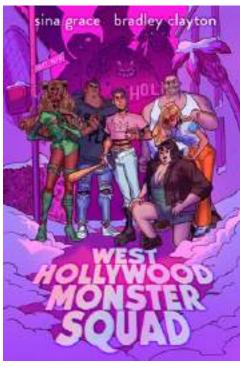
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# **West Hollywood Monster Squad**

#### A GRAPHIC NOVEL

WRITTEN BY SINA GRACE; ART BY BRADLEY CLAYTON

A group of high schoolers get more than they bargained for when the drag show they're attending is attacked by monsters in this funny YA graphic novel from acclaimed queer comics creator Sina Grace



Marvin Matocho just wanted to have a simple night out with his friends at a local drag show. But when a mysterious pink snow starts to fall, Los Angeles is suddenly overrun with monsters! Now, Marvin, his friends, a drag queen, and a 50–something bar manager, are the only folks who can prevent the complete annihilation of the city—that is, if they can sort through their personal issues before they become dead meat.

As they fight for their lives through a thrilling night, the gang must work together to find out who's behind the sinister pink snow. With the city of angels overrun with demons, this team of misfits will have to solve the mystery—or die trying.





Sina Grace is a writer and artist living in Los Angeles, best known for a prolific library of work that balances slice—of—life, blockbuster action, and everything in—between. His groundbreaking *Iceman* series at Marvel Comics paved the way for Grace to work on all of his favorites: *Jughead's Time Police* for Archie, Wonder Woman for DC, *Go Go Power Rangers* for Boom Studios, and *The Haunted Mansion* for Disney/ IDW. He is currently promoting *Rockstar and Softboy* at Image Comics, and *Superman: The Harvests of Youth*, a young adult graphic novel he's writing and drawing at DC. Bradley Clayton is a GLAAD Award—winning illustrator who hails from Brooklyn and can be found indoors most times of the year with a black cat named Pluto, plotting.

#### **SELLING POINTS**

**GREAT TALENT:** Sina Grace is one of the best queer comics creators in the industry, with acclaimed runs on *Iceman* and *Superman*, for Marvel and DC respectively.

AMAZING ART: Bradley Clayton is a GLAAD Award–winning illustrator who has worked with Image, Dark Horse, and F(r)iction. His bright, commercial art will be a hit with YA readers.

STRONG YA COMPS: YA graphic novels with horror themes are on the rise with the success of books like Squad, Paper Girls, and Something Is Killing the Children Vol. 1.

**TWO FORMATS:** Available in hardcover (978–1–4197–6482–0) and paperback (978–1–4197–6483–7).

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 176 pages
- \* WIDTH: 6" 152mm
- \* HEIGHT: 9" 203mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

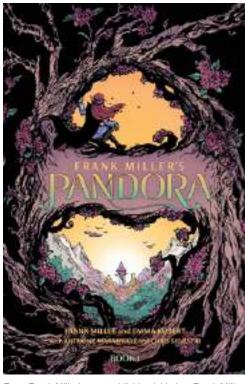
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# Frank Miller's Pandora (Book 1)

 WRITTEN BY FRANK MILLER, ANTHONY MARANVILLE, AND CHRIS SILVESTRI; ILLUSTRATED BY EMMA KUBERT

From legendary creator Frank Miller comes a dark, modern fairy tale about a teenage girl searching for a perfect world. But not all is what it seems . . .



From Frank Miller's new publishing initiative, Frank Miller Presents, comes the collected edition of *Pandora* (self–published initially in 2022–23 as six comics). Inspired by the illustrated fairy tales Miller read with his mother growing up, *Pandora* focuses on an endlessly curious girl named Annabeth. Unpopular at school, unhappy at home, and struggling to feel like she belongs, everything changes for Annabeth when she stumbles across a flower–shaped relic with the power to warp reality. Determined to change her dissatisfying everyday life, Annabeth starts to change the world around her, and as she does, she sows the seeds of impending chaos in her wake.

Co-written by Anthony Maranville and Chris Silvestri, who previously teamed up on *Star Trek: Discovery*, and illustrated by Emma Kubert, daughter of Marvel Comics artist Andy Kubert, and granddaughter of industry legend Joe Kubert, founder of the Kubert school, this celebrated creative team brings to life a story that is unlike any Miller has told before, while still distinctly retaining his iconic storytelling touch.

New readers and longtime Miller fans will both be drawn to *Pandora* as the mystery unfolds and the true cost of Annabeth's magic is revealed.

Frank Miller is regarded as one of the most influential and prominent creators in the comic book industry today, known for his intense, hard—boiled storytelling and gritty noir aesthetic across comics, novels, and film. His most notable works include 300, Ronin, the Sin City series, Batman: The Dark Knight Returns, and Batman: Year One, among others. He has received numerous awards, including two Harvey Awards for Best Graphic Album of Original Work in 1998 and Best Continuing Series in 1996; and six Eisner Awards, including those for Best Writer/Artist, Best Graphic Novel Reprint, Best Cartoonist, Best Cover Artist, Best Limited Series, and Best Short Story. In 2015, Miller was inducted Will Eisner Award Hall of Fame for his lifetime of contributions to the industry. Emma Kubert is a freelance comic book artist, writer, co—creator, penciler, and colorist of Image Comic's Inkblot series, and graduate of the Kubert School. She is the daughter of Marvel cover artist Andy Kubert and granddaughter of industry icon Joe Kubert.

Anthony Maranville is a television writer who has previously written for for the Emmy, Saturn, and GLAAD Award—winning Star Trek: Discovery and the Emmy Award—nominated Star Trek: ShortTreks episode "Ephraim and DOT." He also directed the award—winning documentary Mimi Vang Olsen: Pet Portraitist. Chris Silvestri is an award—winning television writer who has worked on shows such as Star Trek: Discovery, NBC's Hannibal, Netflix's Brainchild, and Star Trek: Short Treks. He also co—wrote Hide or Seek, a graphic novel with Dan DiDio and Anthony Maranville.

### **SELLING POINTS**

PRESTIGIOUS CREATOR: Frank Miller is a legend in the comic book industry, and much of his work has gone on to shape and inform pop culture today across mediums. Stories such as 300 and Sin City are instantly recognizable to most pop culture fans, and Miller has consistently used the influence and reader base he's gained through IP work like Batman: Year One, Marvel's Daredevil, and The Dark Knight Returns, to cultivate a formidable platform for telling original stories. Pandora is one of the first titles of his new endeavor, Frank Miller Presents, which launched in 2022.

TWISTED FAIRY TALE: As Miller steps out of his comfort zone to deliver a story from the point of view of a young girl, *Pandora* seems like a typical wish–fulfillment fairy tale at first, but soon spirals into a unique and twisted romp through a goblin world where not all is as it seems. Miller's touch brings an element of the unexpected to the classic myth of Pandora. The fantasy element of the work will help this title transcend the traditional audience for Frank Miller's storytelling as a crossover title, while showing longtime fans a new side of Miller's work.

#### RICHLY ILLUSTRATED:

Up-and-coming talent Emma Kubert is part of a long legacy of comics artists, beginning with the legendary founder of the Kubert School, Joe Kubert, and her father, award-winning comics artist Andy Kubert. Emma's charming and eerie art skillfully provides both YA and classic comics appeal to *Pandora*, and her family's long collaborative partnership with Frank Miller provides added prestige to the work.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
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- \* Hardcover with jacket

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## Frank Miller's Ronin Rising Collector's Edition

BY FRANK MILLER; ILLUSTRATED BY PHILIP TAN AND DANIEL HENRIQUES

# The long-awaited sequel to the award-winning classic *Ronin* by Frank Miller





A cursed Ronin. Psychological manipulation by a sentient Al. A security commander turned savior. And a postapocalyptic biotech war in the demon–teeming pits of a twenty–first century New York inadvertently started by the once benevolent Aquarius Corporation.

Eisner Hall of Famer Frank Miller, with the team Philip Tan and Daniel Henriques, returns to the world of *Ronin*, continuing his story for a new generation in *Frank Miller's Ronin Rising*. With Tan and Henriques providing pencils and inks and the masterful Miller himself drawing chapters 4 and 6, *Frank Miller's Ronin Rising* is a visual feast, with skillfully executed battle sequences that seem to jump off the page. Miller and his team continue the story of *Ronin* deftly and intentionally, drawing the reader into his postapocalyptic world as completely as he did in the original series run, which is widely considered to be one of his most influential original works.

This exclusive collector's edition includes the following:

- ·A new cover by Frank Miller
- ·A foreword by the legendary Jim Lee
- ·Frank Miller's never-before-seen layouts for issues 2 to 5
- ·Concept designs by Philip Tan
- ·All six full-page wraparound variant covers





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#### **SELLING POINTS**

PRESTIGIOUS CREATOR: Frank Miller is a legend in the comic book industry, and much of his work has gone on to shape and inform pop culture today across mediums. Stories like 300 and Sin City are instantly recognizable to most pop—culture fans today, and Miller has consistently used the influence and reader base he's gained through IP work to cultivate a formidable platform for telling original stories.

ICONIC ORIGINAL STORY: Frank Miller's *Ronin* is an iconic original work and a piece of comics and pop—culture history, having been cited as an inspiration by cartoonists worldwide.

DYNAMIC FORMATS: Released simultaneously in two formats, the deluxe hardcover edition and manga paperback will reach two different and equally receptive audiences. This deluxe, hardcover edition presents each spread in landscape format it was originally intended.

#### **COLLECTED FOR THE FIRST**

TIME: Originally self–published as part of the Frank Miller Presents line as *Ronin II* in six issues, this critically acclaimed series is collected for the first time and includes all–new cover by Frank Miller.

INCREDIBLE ART: Phillip Tan and Daniel Henriques's explosively dynamic black—and—white art is perfect for fans of manga, while Frank Miller returns to illustrate part of the story himself in the iconic style which originally made *Ronin* a classic.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Partial color illustrations throughout
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- \* Hardcover POB

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# Frank Miller's Ronin Rising Manga Edition

BY FRANK MILLER; ILLUSTRATED BY PHILIP TAN AND DANIEL HENRIQUES

The manga edition of the long-awaited sequel to the award-winning classic *Ronin* by Frank Miller



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Eisner Hall of Famer Frank Miller's *Ronin* is cited as the inspiration for *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* and *Samurai Jack*. Now—40 years later—Miller, with the team Philip Tan and Daniel Henriques, returns to the world of *Ronin*, continuing his story for a new generation in *Frank Miller's Ronin Rising*.

With Philip Tan and Daniel Henriques providing pencils and inks for chapters 1, 2, 3, and 5 of the manga, and the masterful Frank Miller himself drawing chapters 4 and 6, *Frank Miller's Ronin Rising* is a visual feast, with skillfully executed battle sequences that seem to jump off the page.

Miller and his team continue the story of *Ronin* deftly and intentionally, drawing the reader into his postapocalyptic world as completely as he did in the original series run, published in 1983–84 by DC Comics, which is widely considered to be one of his most influential original works.

This affordable manga edition pays homage to Frank Miller's inspirations for the original *Ronin*, appealing to Frank Miller fans and manga readers alike.







Frank Miller is regarded as one of the most influential and prominent creators in the comic book industry today. His most notable works include 300, Ronin, the Sin City series, Batman: The Dark Knight Returns, and Batman: Year One. He has received numerous awards, including two Harvey Awards for Best Graphic Album of Original Work in 1998 and Best Continuing Series in 1996 and six Eisner Awards. In 2015, Miller was inducted into the Will Eisner Award Hall of Fame for his lifetime of contributions to the industry. Philip Tan is a comic book writer and artist who has worked on Spawn, Uncanny X—Men, Iron Man, and more. Outside of the comics industry, he has illustrated for Magic: The Gathering. Daniel Henriques is a Portuguese comic book artist who has contributed inks for titles published by Marvel, Image, Dark Horse, and DC Comics, collaborating with some of today's top talents in a wide variety of titles, such as Green Arrow, Mortal Kombat X, Batman Arkham Knight: Robin, Lobo, JLA: Power & Glory, Justice League: Rebirth, TeenTitans, Supergirl, Aquaman, and Spawn.

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- \* Paperback with Jacket

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# The Avengers in the Veracity Trap!

BY CHIP KIDD AND MICHAEL CHO

The newest original graphic novel in the Marvel Arts line, the Avengers star in a reality-bending adventure from award-winning writer Chip Kidd and artist Michael Cho



As the original Avengers—Captain America, Iron Man, Thor, Giant Man, the Wasp, and the Incredible Hulk—fight a series of Kirbyesque creatures, they encounter a mysterious entity called the Veracity Vortex. This glowing object is actually a portal, and once you go through it you learn . . . the Truth. But when Thor jumps into the Veracity Vortex to retrieve his hammer, the rest of the Avengers soon follow, only to come out the other side and make the startling discovery that they're not *real*. In fact, they are merely fictional characters whose actions and heroics are being controlled by—*writers and artists*—comics creators who are just as surprised to come face—to–face with the actual Avengers!

The super heroes have no more than a moment to grapple with the reality that they are merely characters in a comic book—a medium, as Thor grimly reveals, that's considered to be "literature of the lowest order"—before they are thrust into the real world. There, they face their most terrifying foe yet—existential dread! And in this strange "real world," they discover that the writers and artists control them in the midst of a battle with an equally terrifying foe— deadlines! Follow the Avengers as they oscillate between worlds, question their fate and destiny, and struggle to take control of their own story in this wholly original meta narrative from award—winning creators Chip Kidd and Michael Cho.

Chip Kidd is an award—winning graphic designer, writer, and editor at large at Pantheon. A three—time Eisner Award winner, he has written and designed more than a dozen books on comics, including Only What's Necessary: Charles M. Schulz and the Art of Peanuts, Shazam! The Golden Age of the World's Mightiest Mortal, Mythology: The DC Comics Art of Alex Ross, and Marvelocity: The Marvel Comics Art of Alex Ross. He lives in New York City. Michael Cho is a cartoonist and illustrator based in Toronto, Canada. These days you can see his art on comic book covers for Marvel, DC Comics, and other companies. He's also drawn for Star Wars, Star Trek, Fortnite, Disney, the Marvel Cinematic Universe, and even the Joe Biden presidential campaign. Along the way, Cho has won a few awards for his work and published an art book of his drawings, Back Alleys and Urban Landscapes, with Drawn & Quarterly in 2012. His first graphic novel, Shoplifter, was published in 2014 by Pantheon and was a New York Times bestseller.

### **SELLING POINTS**

STELLAR CREATIVE TEAM: Chip Kidd is an award—winning writer, designer, editor, and comics historian. Michael Cho is an award—winning illustrator and cartoonist who has been commissioned by everyone from Marvel Comics to the New York Times Book Review to the 2020 Joe Biden presidential campaign.

LARGE FORMAT: As with Fantastic Four: Full Circle and The Super Hero's Journey, The Veracity Trap will be in the same oversize format.

CLASSIC STORY WITH A TWIST: This tongue—in—cheek meta story is an original twist on the trope of characters breaking the fourth wall to meet their writers. Fans of the Avengers will be thrilled with this loving riff on the super hero team and the references baked into the narrative, while new fans will appreciate the snappy writing and incredible art from Kidd and Cho.

CONTINUING LINE: The Veracity Trap is the third title in our Marvel Arts line, which is committed to delivering standalone stories set in the Marvel Universe from innovative writers and artists. Our two previous installments, The Super Hero's Journey by Patrick McDonnell, and Fantastic Four: Full Circle by Alex Ross, are critically acclaimed. Fantastic Four: Full Circle was a national bestseller, won the prestigious Reuben Award from the National Cartoonist Society for Best Graphic Novel, and was named a best graphic novel of 2022 by outlets such as the Mary Sue, IGN, Publisher's Weekly, Paste magazine, the Washington Post, ScreenRant, CBR, Mercury News, Forbes, Panel Patter, the Examiner, Multiversity Comics. Film School Rejects. The Comics Journal, and Looper. The Super Hero's Journey.

MIGHTY BRAND: Marvel Comics celebrates its 85th anniversary in 2025 and is one of the most recognizable brands worldwide.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

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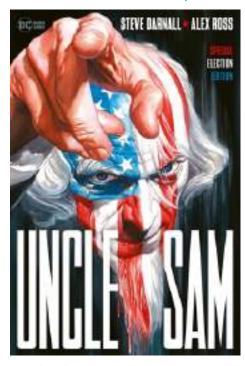
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## **Uncle Sam**

#### SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION

WRITTEN BY STEVE DARNALL; ILLUSTRATED BY ALEX ROSS

Out of print for over a decade, the long-awaited reissue of the classic Vertigo miniseries *Uncle Sam* by Steve Darnall and Alex Ross is a sharp political fever dream praised by *Kirkus* as a "truly subversive graphic novel" and "a damning account of American political history that also affirms basic democratic ideals"



#### Praise for Uncle Sam

"The most eloquent use of a superhuman archetype for a great many years, Darnall and Ross have, with *Uncle Sam*, produced a luminous and moving study of America's iconographic landscape, at once an indictment and a reclamation of the nation's oldest and most venerable symbol. As a portrait of a fond American dream at last waking to itself, *Uncle Sam* is genuinely inspiring and deserves to be read more than once. Highly recommended."—Alan Moore, *Watchmen*, *V for Vendetta*, and *Batman: The Killing Joke* 







Uncle Sam: Special Election Edition is a vibrant, hallucinatory tour of modern America—the story of a star–spangled, ragged vagrant named Sam who is guided by the voices in his head and his own fractured memories. Absorbed by history–traveling visions of America's dark past, Uncle Sam struggles to remember his true identity and piece together the scattered clues of his own experiences in this deep and thoughtful look at America's checkered past.

Meticulously researched by Steve Darnall and fully painted by Alex Ross, *Uncle Sam* returns in print just when it is needed most—in time for the 2024 presidential election—as a reminder of American ideals, the promise of our nation, and the democracy that is at stake.

Originally published by DC, and out of print for over a decade, this expanded and updated Special Election Edition is brought to readers by Abrams in collaboration with DC..

Steve Darnall first worked with Alex Ross when the two collaborated on a Human Torch story that served as the inspiration for the award–winning 1993 series Marvels. Steve served as a consultant on the movie Being the Ricardos and Ken Burns's documentary Country Music. He is also the editor of Nostalgia Digest magazine, and the host of two weekly radio shows dedicated to the golden age of radio. Alex Ross studied illustration at the American Academy of Art in Chicago, then honed his craft as a storyboard artist before entering the comics field. His miniseries Marvels opened a wider acceptance for painted comics. In 1996, he moved on to produce the equally successful Kingdom Come for DC Comics. Ross is also the writer and artist of Fantastic Four: Full Circle—the award—winning national bestseller—and The Alex Ross Marvel Comics Poster Book and The Alex Ross Marvel Comics Super Villains Poster Book

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#### **SELLING POINTS**

#### TIMELY SUBJECT MATTER:

With the election coming in November 2024, the message of *Uncle Sam* is as relevant as it was when it was first published in 1997, with nationalist sentiment and political division running higher than ever. Our Fall 2024 *Special Election Edition* of this out–of–print classic by Steve Darnall and Alex Ross is timed perfectly for our current conversations about the state of our country.

#### **INCREDIBLE CREATIVE TEAM:**

Alex Ross's art makes Steve Darnall's words jump off the page, bringing pathos to the journey of Sam as he tries to recollect where his vision for America went wrong. Ross expertly captures both the mundane suffering of everyday Americans and the gravitas of the weight of American history. Uncle Sam would feel trite if executed by a less skilled team, brought fully and expertly to life in a medium Ross helped to define.

NEW CONTENT: In addition to reprinting the introduction by journalist Greil Marcus, Alex Ross has created a new cover and a new afterword, and writer Steve Darnall adds a new afterword and an expanded, illustrated essay on the history and iconography of Uncle Sam.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

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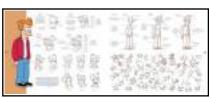
## The Art of Futurama

#### A VISUAL HISTORY OF MATT GROENING'S CULT CLASSIC ANIMATED SERIES

 BY MATT GROENING; INTRODUCTION BY DAVID X. COHEN; FOREWORD BY CLAUDIA KATZ

From Matt Groening, creator of *The Simpsons*, the first art book that delves into the development and history of his beloved TV series, *Futurama*—timed for the show's 25th anniversary





The world of *Futurama* comes to life in this deluxe art book, with commentary from the show's creator, Matt Groening, showrunner David X. Cohen, and producer Claudia Katz. Just in time for the show's 25th anniversary and the new season on Hulu, this first and only *Futurama* art book examines the first seven seasons of the series, which first aired on Fox in 1999. Readers can dive into the development and visual history of all 150 episodes, including brand–new content, never–before–seen concept art, sketches, developmental work, and a complete episode quide.

TV Guide named Futurama one of the Greatest TV Cartoons of All Time. This comprehensive visual history is a must–have for any animation, television, or sci–fi aficionado.

Matt Groening is the creator and executive producer of the Emmy Award-winning series The Simpsons, as well as the creator of the animated television series Futurama and Disenchantment. In addition to supervising the ongoing production of these television series, Groening wrote and illustrated Life in Hell, a weekly syndicated comic strip from 1977 to 2012. He lives in Los Angeles. David X. Cohen is a longtime collaborator of Matt Groening and an animation mainstay, having written for TheSimpsons in its late-middle-early days before becoming the head writer, showrunner, and executive producer of Futurama. Cohen has won four Primetime Emmy Awards, two of which are for Futurama as "Outstanding Animated Program." Claudia Katz is the producer of Futurama and executive vice president of Rough Draft Studios, where she has also produced Disenchantment, Drawn Together, Full English, Looney Tunes, Napoleon Dynamite, The Simpsons Movie, Star Wars: Clone Wars I & II, and more. She has received an Annecy Award for her work on The Maxx, Emmy and Hugo Awards for Futurama, Emmy Awards for Star Wars: Clone Wars I & II, and Annie Awards for Bender's Big Score, Beast With A Billion Backs, and Into the Wild Green Yonder.





#### **SELLING POINTS**

25TH ANNIVERSARY: Futurama debuted on Fox on March 28, 1999. Our book will be released to time with the show's 25th anniversary.

BELOVED BRAND: Futurama is an Emmy Award–winning cult classic and critical success.

After an outpouring of fan demand, it was revived by both Comedy Central and Hulu in July 2023 following its original 2003–07 run on Fox.

#### **CULTURAL RELEVANCE:**

Season 11 of *Futurama* started airing on Hulu on July 24, 2023, after a 10–year hiatus. The new season has received strong interest and attention and Hulu has already announced that it has greenlit up to season 14. *Futurama*'s lovingly satirical skewering of life in the distant future could not be more relevant or timely, as ethical technological advances, social media, and the uncertain future dominate

Millennial and Gen Z cultural conversations.

NEVER-BEFORE-SEEN

**CONTENT:** The Art of Futurama contains brand-new material as well as never-before-seen developmental material from the history of the show, and a complete episode quide, all presented by Matt Groening and other series contributors, including longtime showrunner David X. Cohen and producer Claudia Katz. This comprehensive, beautifully designed book offers fans an innovative look at the making of this cult classic—the perfect gift for longtime fans as well as a new generation first encountering the show on Hulu.

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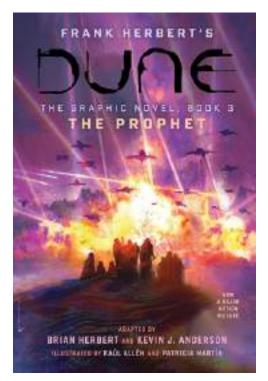
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DUNE: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL#3

## **DUNE: The Graphic Novel, Book 3: The Prophet**

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The third and final volume of the graphic novel adaptation of *Dune*, the groundbreaking science–fiction classic by Frank Herbert



Praise for Dune: The Graphic Novel Series

\* "Faithful, Dazzling . . . The core of what made Dune a great science fiction novel has been preserved, and to it are added vibrant visuals in *Dune: The Graphic Novel, Book 1*—a resoundingly successful adaptation."

—Foreword Review (starred review)

"Intricate . . . well defined . . . easy to follow . . . blending the aristocratic costumery, sci–fi technology, and desert landscape into a world that is unmistakably Dune."

—Booklist







The highly anticipated finale of the graphic novel adaptation of Frank Herbert's 1965 novel *Dune* comes to an epic conclusion in *DUNE: The Graphic Novel, Book 3: The Prophet.* 

The final battle for Arrakis is swiftly approaching. Paul Atriedes has accepted his role as the leader of the Fremen but knows his power over them teeters on the brink—they will either take back their planet or lead a jihad that will consume the entire cosmos.

Brian Herbert, son of Frank Herbert, and New York Times bestselling author Kevin J. Anderson conclude their faithful adaptation of the novel *Dune* with Paul's manifestation of his great and terrible purpose. Once more illustrators Raúl Allén and Patricia Martín transport readers to the *Dune* universe in this visual masterpiece that blends classic science fiction with contemporary comics storytelling.





Frank Herbert (1920–1986) was an American science–fiction writer best known for his novel *Dune* and its subsequent five sequels. Brian Herbert, the son of Frank Herbert, is known for his collaborations with author Kevin J. Anderson, with whom he has written multiple sequels and prequels to his father's landmark 1965 science–fiction novel *Dune*. Kevin J. Anderson is the author of more than 50 bestsellers. Along with Brian Herbert, he is the co–author of the *Dune* prequel series. Raúl Allén and Patricia Martín are artists living in Valladolíd, Spain. Allén and Martín have worked for Marvel Comics, Valiant, and DC Comic. Bill Sienkiewicz is an Eisner–winning, Emmy–nominated artist best known for his work with Marvel Comics and DC Comics.

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#### **SELLING POINTS**

SUCCESSFUL SERIES: The first two volumes of our graphic novel adaptation have collectively sold more than 206,000 copies across formats.

PUBLISHING PLAN: Following the huge success of the first two books and subsequent deluxe collector's editions, this third and final volume to adapt Herbert's seminal work will be released Spring 2024, with the third and final deluxe collector's edition set to publish in Fall 2024.

FILM ADAPTATION: Legendary Entertainment's epic two-film, live-action feature of *Dune*, directed by Denis Villeneuve (*Arrival*, *Blade Runner 2049*) and starring Timothée Chalamet, Zendaya, and others, will be completed in November 2023.

INSTANT MASTERPIECE: Dune was originally published in 1965 and won the first Nebula Award, shared the Hugo Award, and formed the basis of what is undoubtedly considered the grandest epic in science fiction. It has sold more than 20 million copies, making it one of the most successful science—fiction novels of all time.

CONTINUING SUCCESS: 55 years since its release, *Dune* continues to sell every year, and Abrams' graphic novel adaptation of the first book in the series appealed to *Dune*'s already well–established fan base, as well as a whole new generation of readers.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- \* Full-color illustrations throughout
- \* 200 pages
- \* WIDTH: 6 1/2" 165mm
- \* HEIGHT: 9 3/4" 248mm
- \* Hardcover with jacket

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