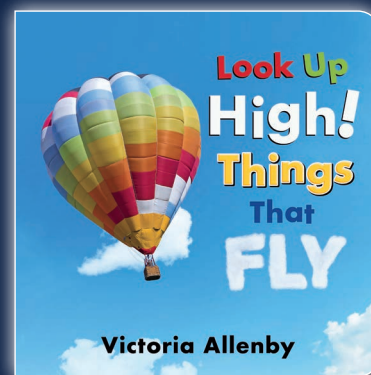
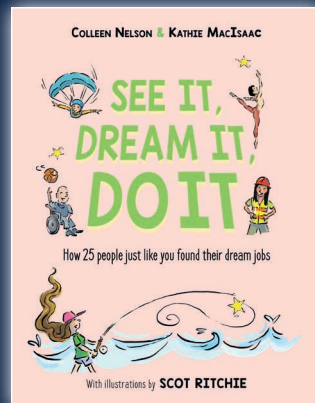
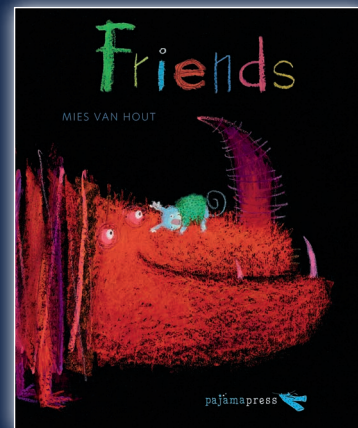
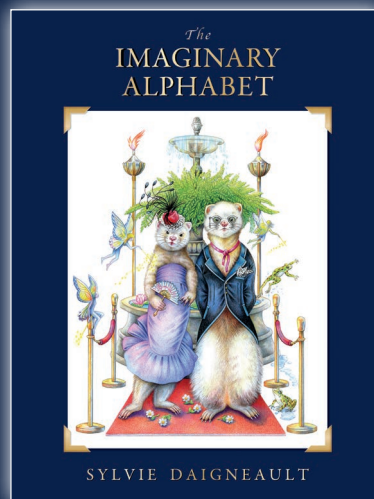
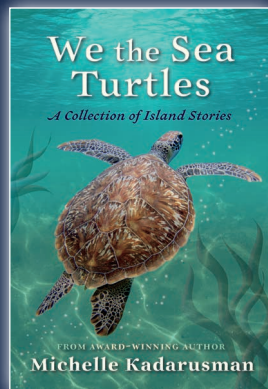
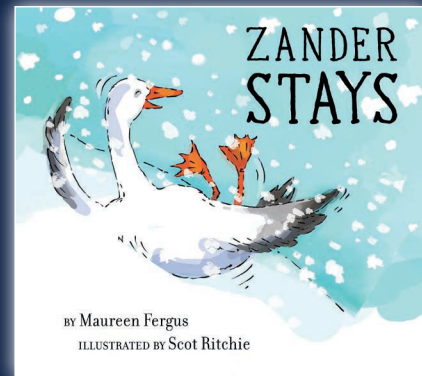
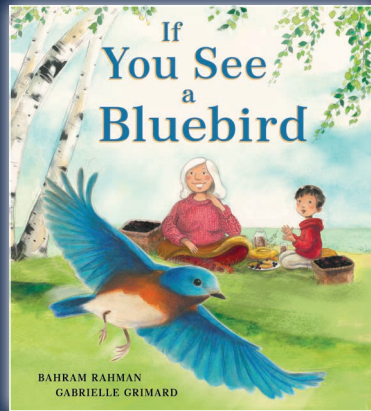


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Letter from the Publisher



As we enter the Fall 2023 season, I am filled with gratitude for my highly talented Pajama Press team members who have poured their creativity into this beautiful collection of children's books. During the past year we have welcomed new individuals who have brought incredible energy and fresh ideas to complement the skills of our amazing core of experienced staff. Our authors and illustrators continually tell me about the positive experiences they have when working with our great team.

I have such appreciation for our trusted and ethical printers, domestic and offshore, who ensure our books are produced to the highest standards—from the gorgeous 5-colour cover with gold foil lettering of Sylvie Daigneault's *The Imaginary Alphabet* to the elegant and well-bound hard-cover edition of Michelle Kadarusman's *We the Sea Turtles: A Collection of Island Stories*. Beautiful and lasting production quality is a core value of Pajama Press. Our printers have given us unwavering support through all the global challenges we have faced in the past few years, and I am forever thankful.

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Warmly,

Gail Elizabeth Winskill, Publisher

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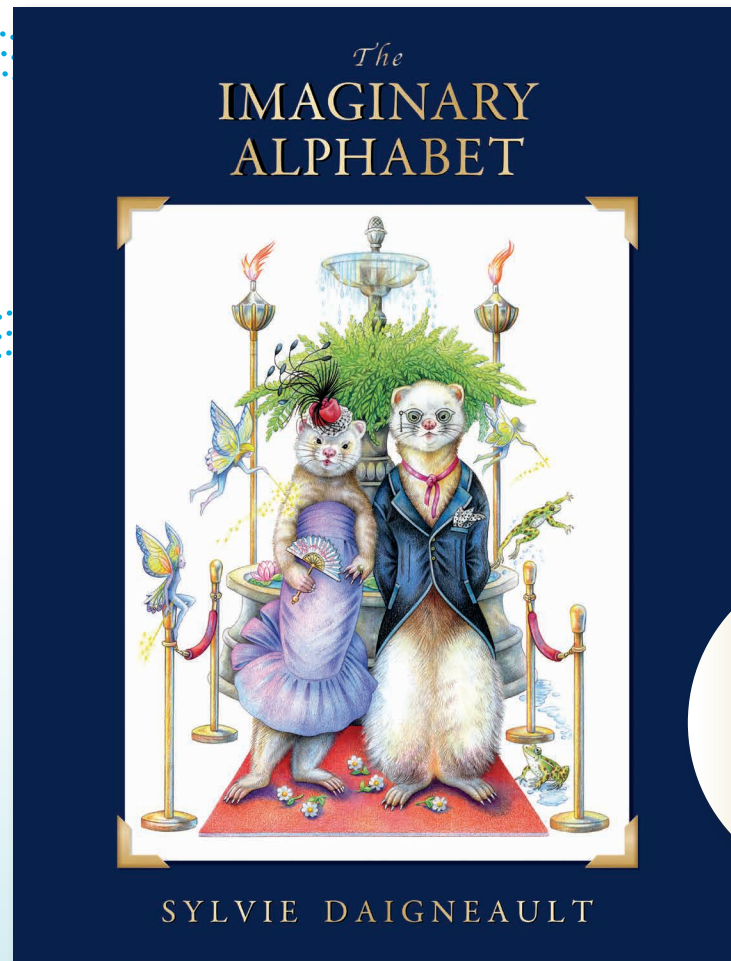
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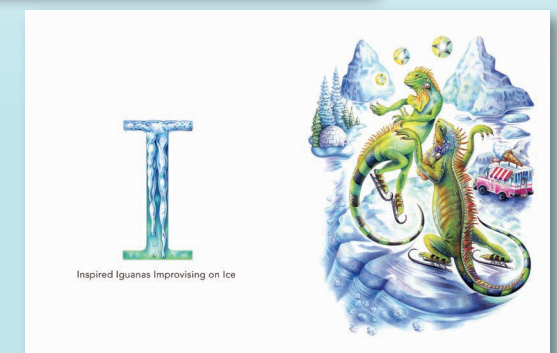
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by Sylvie Daigneault



Sylvie Daigneault, an award-winning commercial artist and author-illustrator originating from Montreal, Quebec, enjoyed painting and drawing from a young age. She studied at Montreal's École des Beaux-Arts and her works were featured at a variety of venues and galleries before she began focusing on her passion for children's illustration using colored pencil. She has illustrated fifteen books, most memorably the Bruno series, *The Good Garden*, which won several awards and accolades, and *Sarah Saw a Blue Macaw*. Sylvie currently resides in Toronto, Ontario.

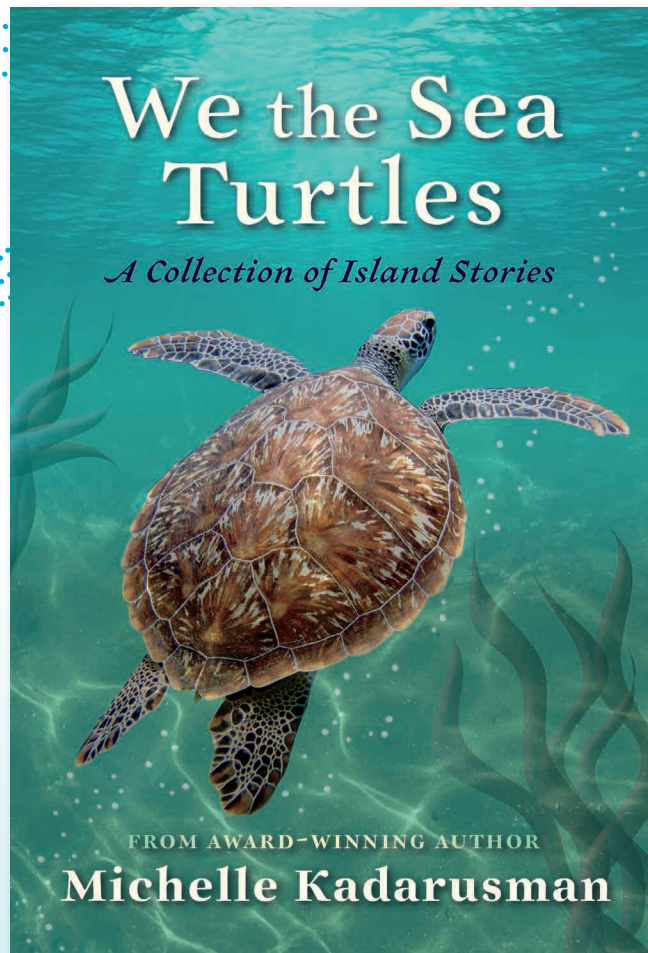
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Michelle Kadarusman grew up in Melbourne, Australia, and also lived many years throughout her father's homeland of Indonesia before moving to Canada in the year 2000. Her books have earned numerous nominations, including the Governor General's Literary Award, the Ontario Library Association Silver Birch Award, and the Green Earth Book Award. Her highly acclaimed novels include *The Theory of Hummingbirds*, *Girl of the Southern Sea*, *Music for Tigers*, and *Berani*. Her first picture book, *Room for More*, was published in 2022. Michelle now lives in Toronto, Canada and Byron Bay, Australia.

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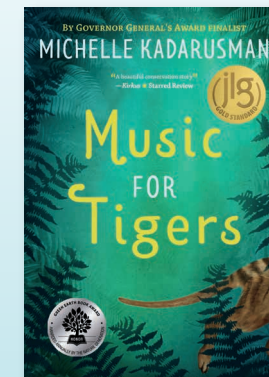
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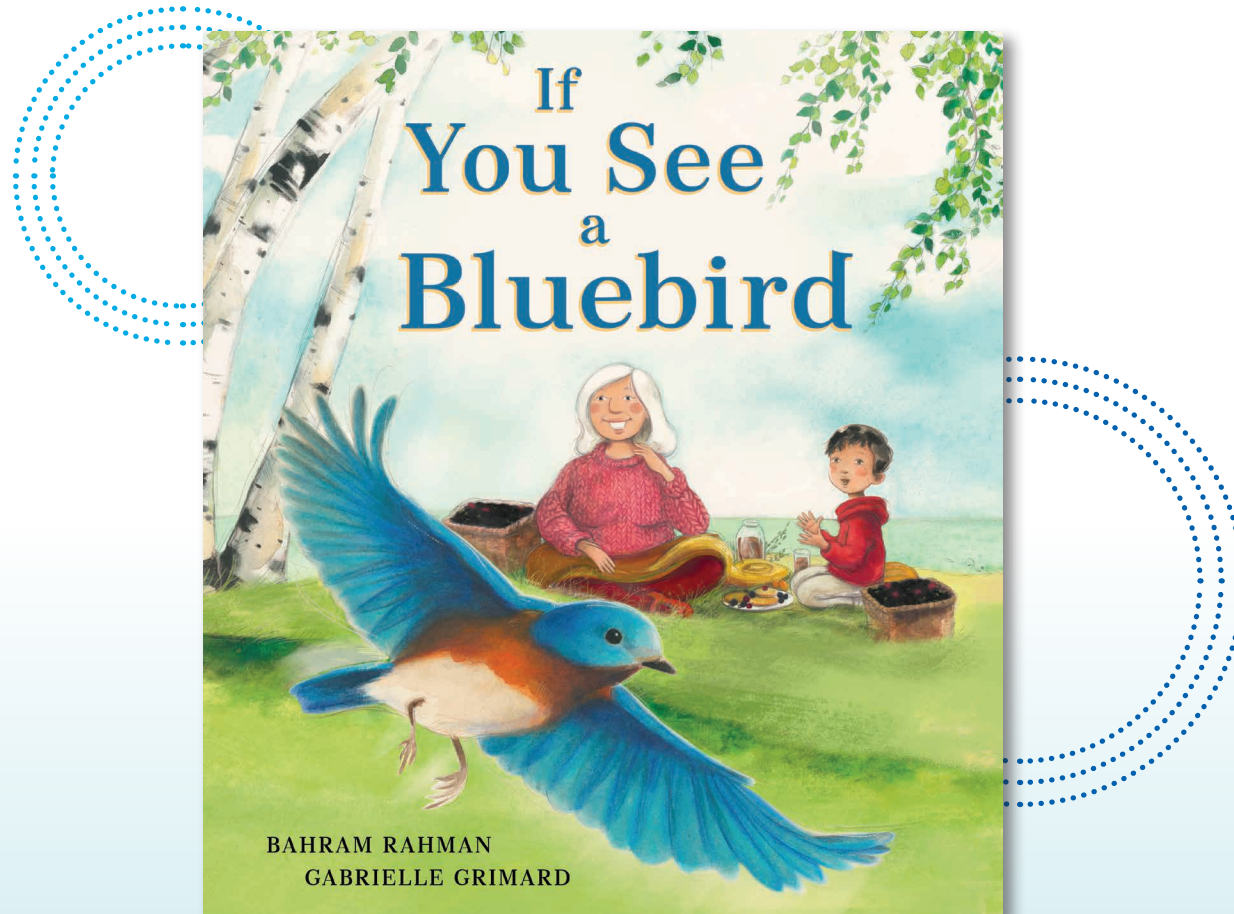
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Bahram Rahman was born in Kabul, Afghanistan, and grew up during the civil war and the first Taliban regime. He came to Canada as a refugee in 2012, and today is a senior policy advisor at the Ministry of Health in Ontario. Bahram's first picture book, Governor General's Literary Award finalist *The Library Bus*, was praised by the *New York Times* for documenting the barriers to education experienced by girls in war-torn countries and their resilience in overcoming them. His 2021 picture book *A Sky-Blue Bench* was an ALA Schneider Family Book Award honor book.



Gabrielle Grimard transformed her love of design into a career in illustration over the course of her studies at Concordia University and the University of Quebec. In 2018, Gabrielle's picture book *Stolen Words* won the Ruth and Sylvia Schwartz Children's Book Award and was a finalist for the TD Canadian Children's Book Award. *Not My Girl* was a USBBY Outstanding International Book.

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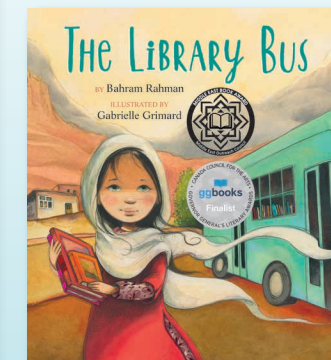
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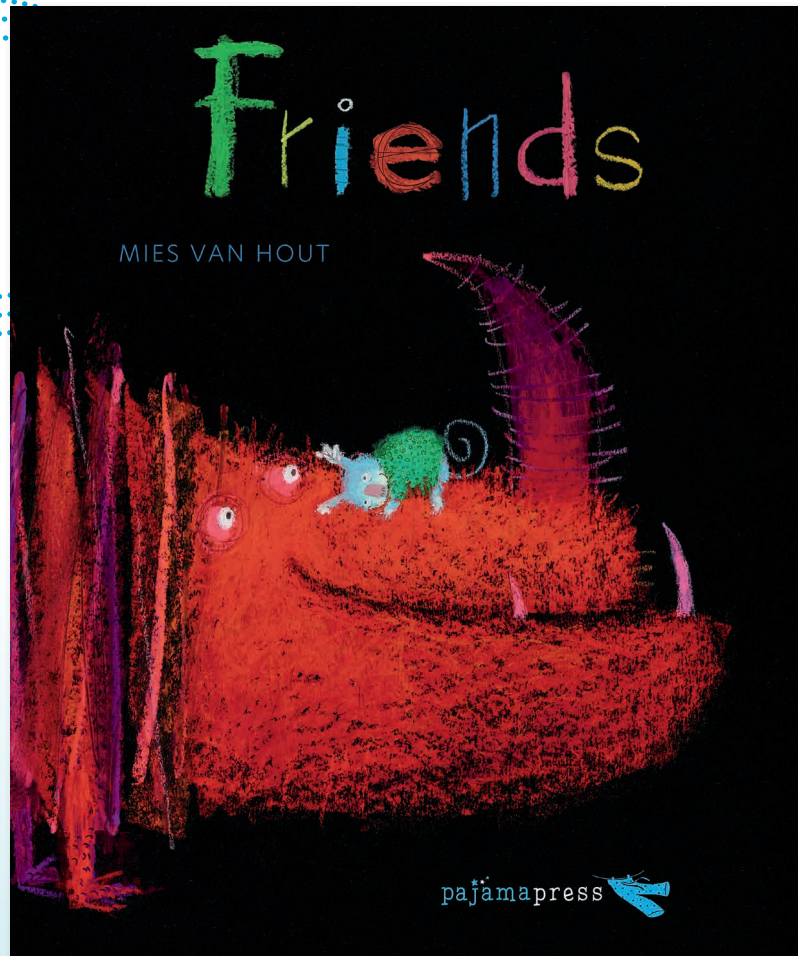
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Mies van Hout is the author and illustrator of the picture books *Happy*, *Friends*, *Surprise*, *From One to Ten*, *If Only...*, and *This Is My Daddy*, among others, which have been hugely popular in Europe and North America. She studied graphic design at the Arts Academy in Groningen, the Netherlands, and has worked as a freelance illustrator and graphic designer since 1989. Her distinctive paintings are cheerful and bold, and her work has been published in more than twenty countries.

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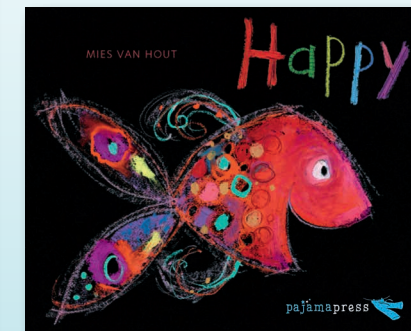
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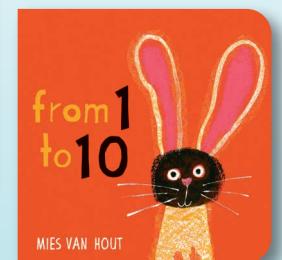
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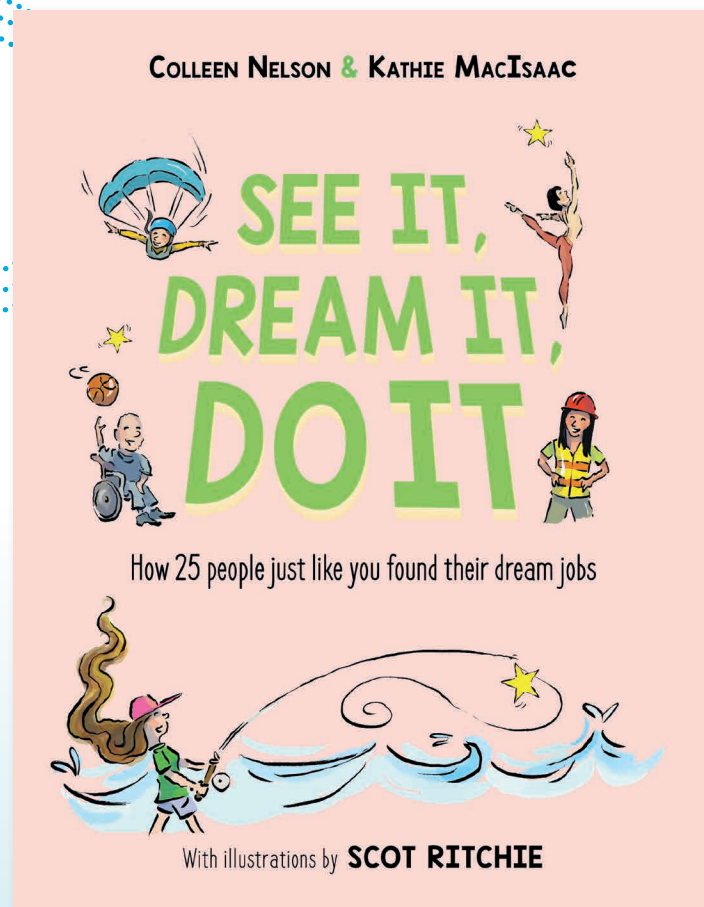


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An author and elementary school teacher, **Colleen Nelson** earned her Bachelor of Education from the University of Manitoba in her hometown of Winnipeg. Her previous titles include the critically acclaimed *Harvey Stories*, *The Undercover Book List*, and *If You Can Dream It, You Can Do It: How 25 inspiring individuals found their dream jobs*. Colleen writes daily in between appearances at hockey rinks and soccer fields in support of her two sports-loving sons.



Kathie MacIsaac is an award-winning literacy advocate and children's author passionate about books for middle-grade readers. Her first book, *If You Can Dream It, You Can Do It: How 25 inspiring individuals found their dream jobs*, was co-written with Colleen Nelson and published by Pajama Press in October 2022. She is a co-author of the blog *Bit About Books* and a co-founder of the website *MG Book Village*, which facilitates connections between members of the middle-grade community.

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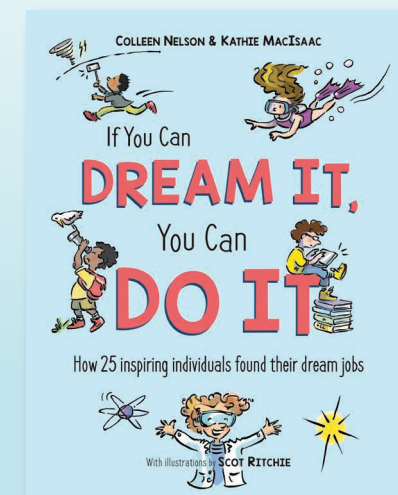
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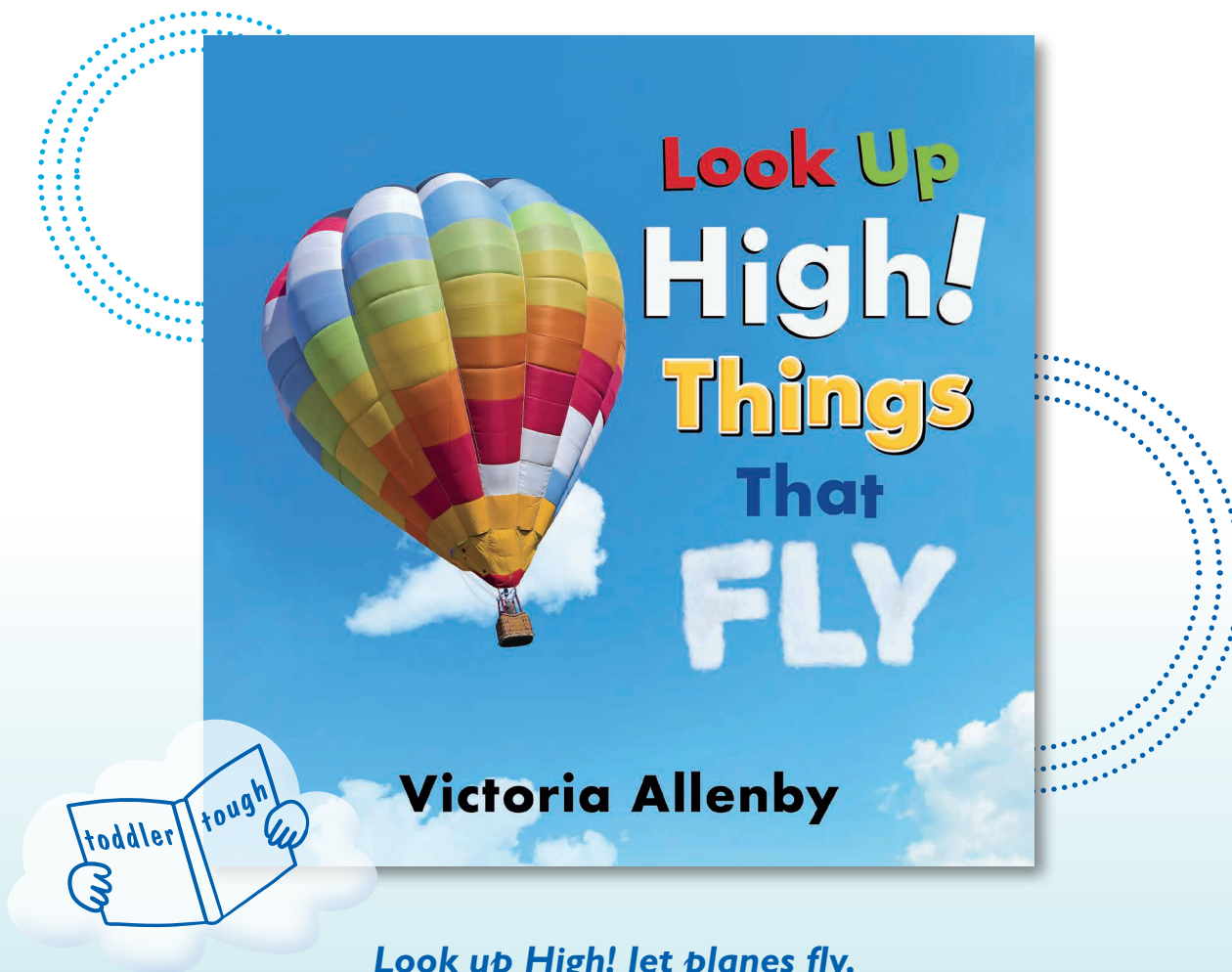
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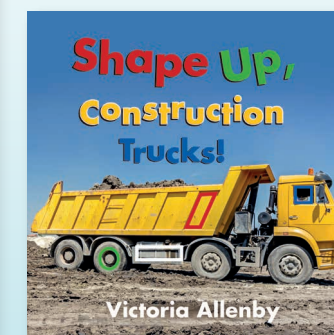
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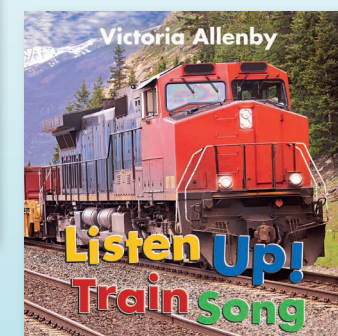
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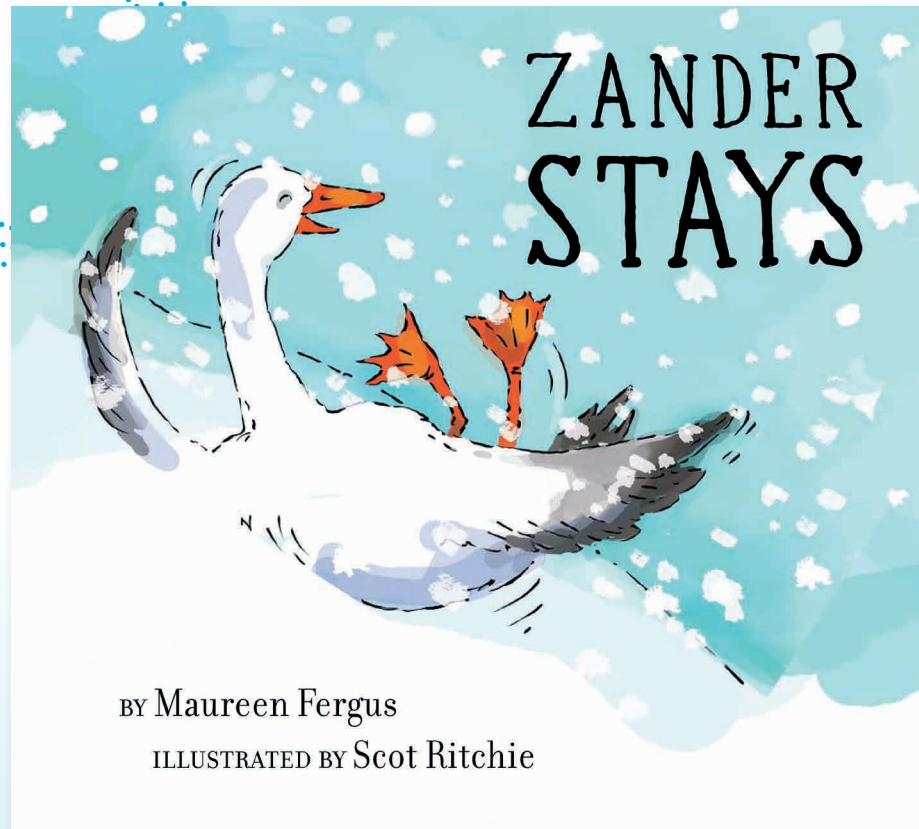
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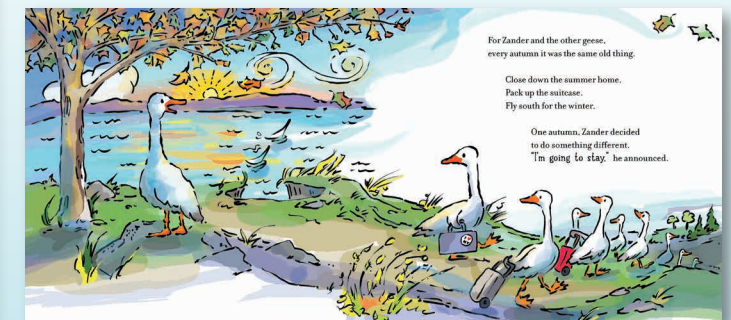


Maureen Fergus is an award-winning author who has published dozens of books for young people. Maureen's books have been translated into dozens of languages, optioned for film, and shortlisted for many awards, including the Marilyn Baillie Picture Book Award, the Sunshine State Young Readers Award, and more. Her picture book *Buddy and Earl* was a *Boston Globe* Best Book, and *The Day My Mom Came to Kindergarten* was an OLA Blue Spruce Award Winner. Maureen lives in Winnipeg with her family and has never met a gander she didn't like.



Scot Ritchie is an award-winning illustrator and author with more than 70 books to his credit, including most recently *Dinos Driving*. His books have been translated into French, Korean, Indonesian, Polish, Finnish, Arabic and Dutch. Scot has worked with the National Film Board of Canada and has had his illustrations exhibited at the National Gallery of Canada. He lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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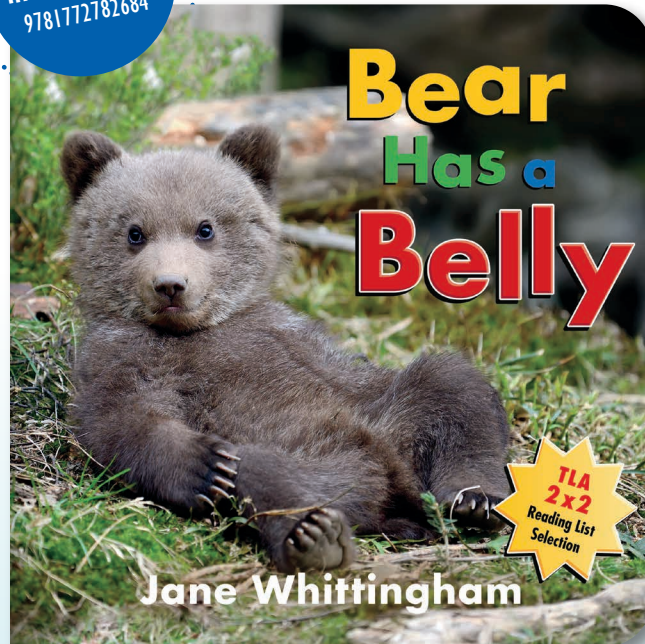
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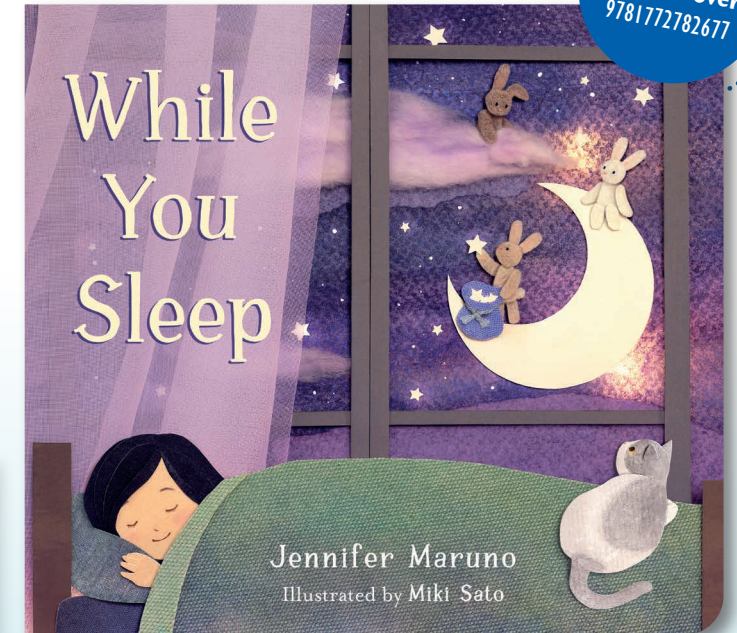
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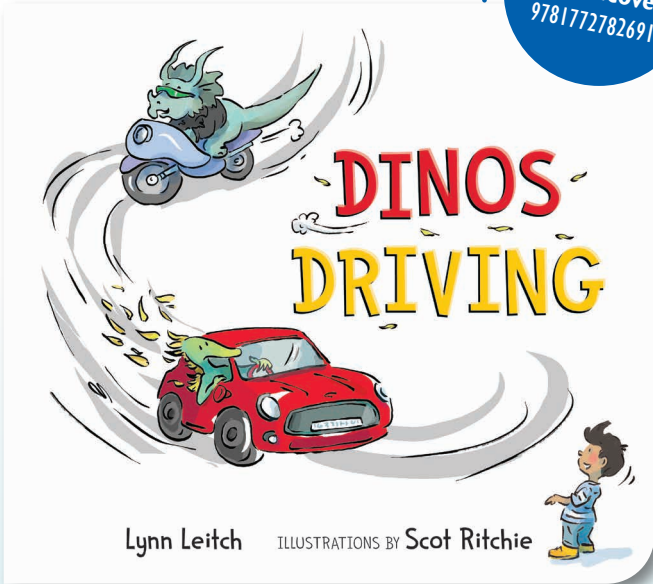
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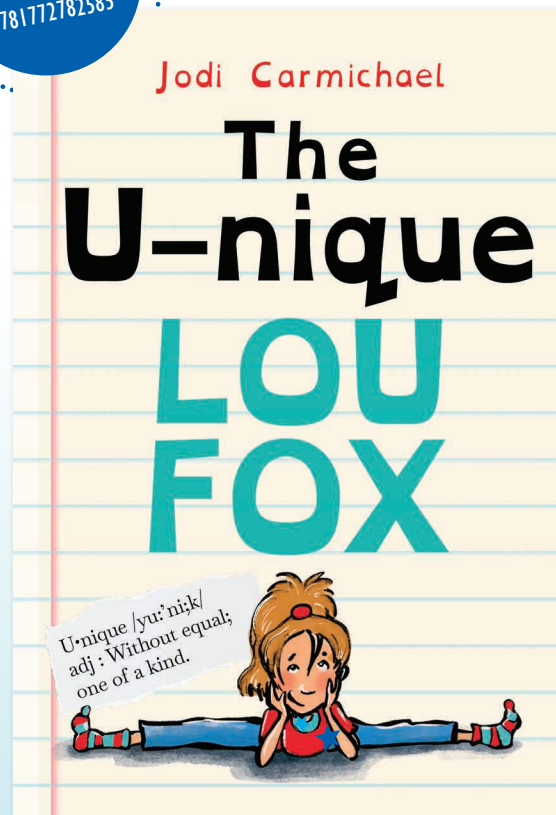
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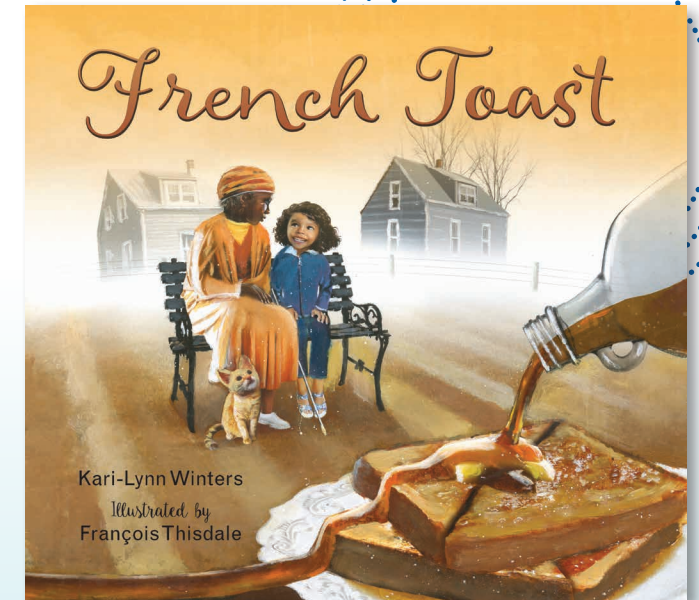


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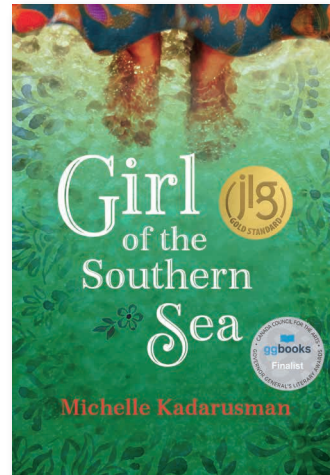
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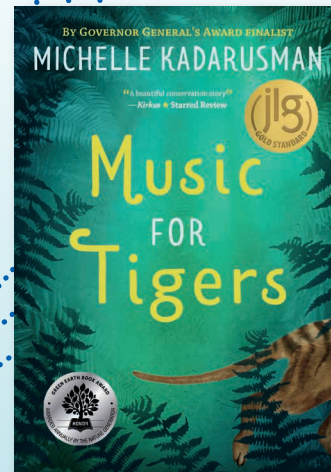
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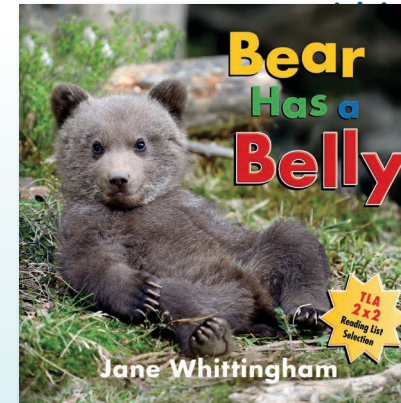
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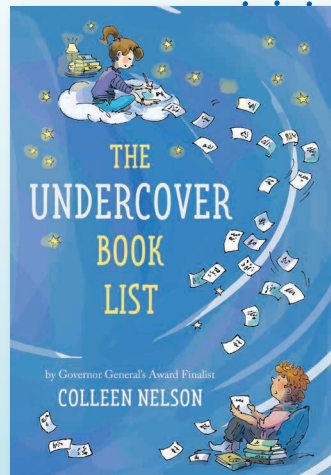
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