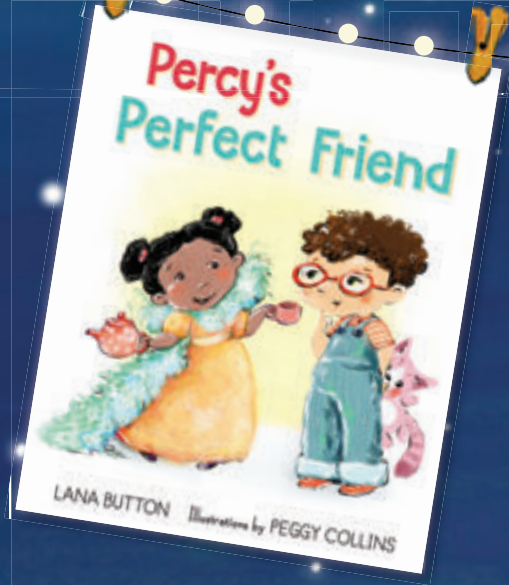


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As we move through the seasons and approach Spring 2023, we reflect on a year of changes.

Throughout changes in the world at large and the global publishing industry, Pajama Press has striven to be innovative and adaptable, publishing children's books which will undoubtedly continue to shine in the years ahead.

In our upcoming books, budding civil engineers will take joy in ***I Love My City***, a nonfiction middle-grade book containing 56 full-color illustrated pages bursting with information about how cities work. ***A Flower is a Friend*** takes the reader on a journey through the garden to celebrate the relationships between flowers and nature's creatures with which they share their world. ***Percy's Perfect Friend*** is a heartfelt story about a young child learning to socialize through the power of play, and about the magic of a plush toy to unite new friends. Set in New York City and based on a real historic East Village apartment building, Colleen Nelson's middle-grade novel ***The Umbrella House*** tells a tale about community, family, and the power of art to tell a story and make a change.

Pajama Press is proudly bringing back a beloved and best-selling picture book, ***Happy*** by Mies van Hout, in a deluxe new edition. *Happy's* dazzlingly colored fish have helped hundreds of thousands of people learn to recognize and name their emotions. In 2012, *Happy* received a starred review from *Publishers Weekly* and glowing praise from the *New York Times Book Review*, among others, sweeping the scene as both a marvelous art piece and a social-emotional learning book. Watch for our bigger and bolder edition of this iconic emotions book publishing May 2nd.

Pajama welcomes three new staff members who bring fresh energy to our fabulous team. Simin Dewji, a former medical resident turned Marketing Assistant extraordinaire, brings us a fresh take on our social media, all things visual, and marketing. Liza Kleinloog, quite new to Canada, is our office administrator, bringing a wealth of accounting and organizational skills. Quinn Baker, who has been making impressive gains with our marketing for a year now, is stepping up as our Sales & Marketing Manager. He is a favorite with our creators and everyone on our team. I am so very **HAPPY** to have such a strong team taking part in producing all our fabulous, new books coming for 2023!

Gail Elizabeth Winskill, Publisher



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Celebrating our Recent Awards



Birds on Wishbone Street

by **Suzanne Del Rizzo** 🍁

- 2022 IODE Jean Throop Award Winner
- 2022 Bank Street Best Book

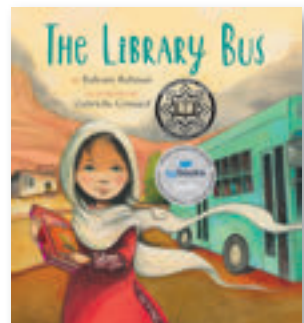


A Sky-Blue Bench

by **Bahram Rahman** 🍁

illustrated by **Peggy Collins** 🍁

- 2022 ALA Schneider Family Book Award Honor Book
- 2022 Middle East Book Award Honor Book
- 2023 OLA Forest of Reading Blue Spruce Award Finalist
- 2023 Indiana Young Hoosier Award Nominee
- 2023 IBBY Canada "IBBY Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities" Selection



The Library Bus

by **Bahram Rahman** 🍁

illustrated by **Gabrielle Grimard** 🍁

- 2021 Governor General's Literary Award Finalist
- 2022 RISE: A Feminist Project List Selection
- 2022 Florida Literary Association Children's Book Award Finalist
- 2021 Middle East Book Award Winner
- 2022 OLA Forest of Reading Blue Spruce Award Finalist
- 2021 South Asian Book Award Highly Commended Book



No More Plastic

by **Alma Fullerton** 🍁

- 2022 Green Earth Book Award Honor Book
- 2022 SYRCA Shining Willow Award Finalist
- 2022 OLA Forest of Reading Blue Spruce Award Honour Book



Harley the Hero

by **Peggy Collins** 🍁

- 2022 OLA Forest of Reading Blue Spruce Award Winner



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Music for Tigers

by **Michelle Kadarusman** 🍁

- 2021 White Ravens Selection
- 2021 USBBY Outstanding International Book
- 2021 Green Earth Book Award Honor Book
- 2021 OLA Forest of Reading Silver Birch Award Honour Book
- 2022 MYRCA Sundogs Award Finalist



Girl of the Southern Sea

by **Michelle Kadarusman** 🍁

- 2019 Governor General's Literary Award Finalist
- 2019 NCTA Freeman Book Award Honorable Mention
- 2020 USBBY Outstanding International Book
- 2023 Indiana Young Hoosier Award Nominee



Berani

by **Michelle Kadarusman** 🍁

- 2022 Junior Library Guild Selection



The Undercover Book List

by **Colleen Nelson** 🍁

- 2023 OLA Forest of Reading Silver Birch Award Finalist
- 2021 CBC Books Best Book
- 2022 Diamond Willow Award Finalist
- 2022 IODE Violet Downey Book Award Shortlist



Duck Days

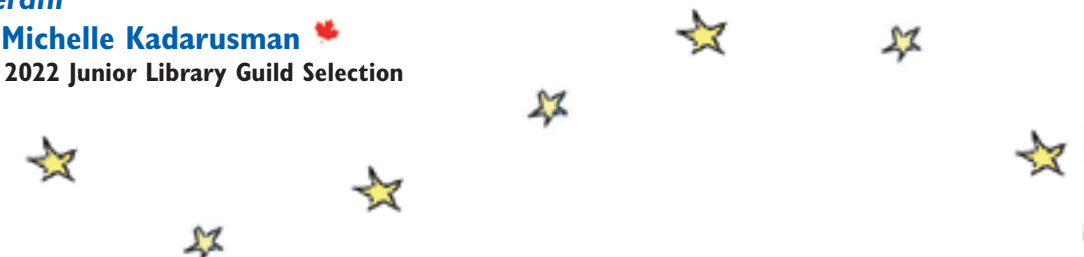
by **Sara Leach** 🍁

illustrated by **Rebecca Bender** 🍁

- 2020 Junior Library Guild Selection
- 2022 OLA Forest of Reading Silver Birch Express Award Finalist
- 2023 Chocolate Lily Award Finalist

- 2022 Rocky Mountain Book Award Honour Book
- 2021–2022 Cypress Fairbanks ISD Horned Toad Tales Finalist
- 2020 Junior Library Guild Selection
- 2022–2023 Lectio Book Award Nomination
- OLA Best Bet

- 2019 Malka Penn Award for Human Rights in Children's Literature Honor Book
- 2020 RISE: A Feminist Project List Selection
- 2022 Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award Finalist
- 2020 SYRCA Diamond Willow Award Finalist



New Paperback Format!

Laura Alary 🍁

Illustrated by

Andrea Blinick 🍁

The cooking of a healthy breakfast moves from parent-child bonding to an eloquent conversation about energy, the growth of plants, and the miraculous ways the sun's light nourishes us all.

"Alary carefully creates sound, rhythm, and action.... Mixed-media artwork creates striking color variation and subtle dimension, lifting the illustrations right off the page.... This book is as essential as sunshine; the absolutely beautiful STEM story is as absorbing as photosynthesis itself."

—*School Library Journal* ★ **Starred Review**

"Toronto author Laura Alary's poetic rumination about how the sun nourishes us all offers food for thought. The sunny and bright mixed-media illustrations from Andrea Blinick are inviting."

—*Quill & Quire* ★ **Starred Review**

SUN IN MY TUMMY

"Perfect for reading out loud, this engaging tale could be used as an introduction to elementary science units and also to encourage young readers to find the magic in everyday things." —*Booklist*

"This is a great way to talk about the cycles of food and how we end up with some of the yummy dishes that become part of our family routines." —*Youth Services Book Review*

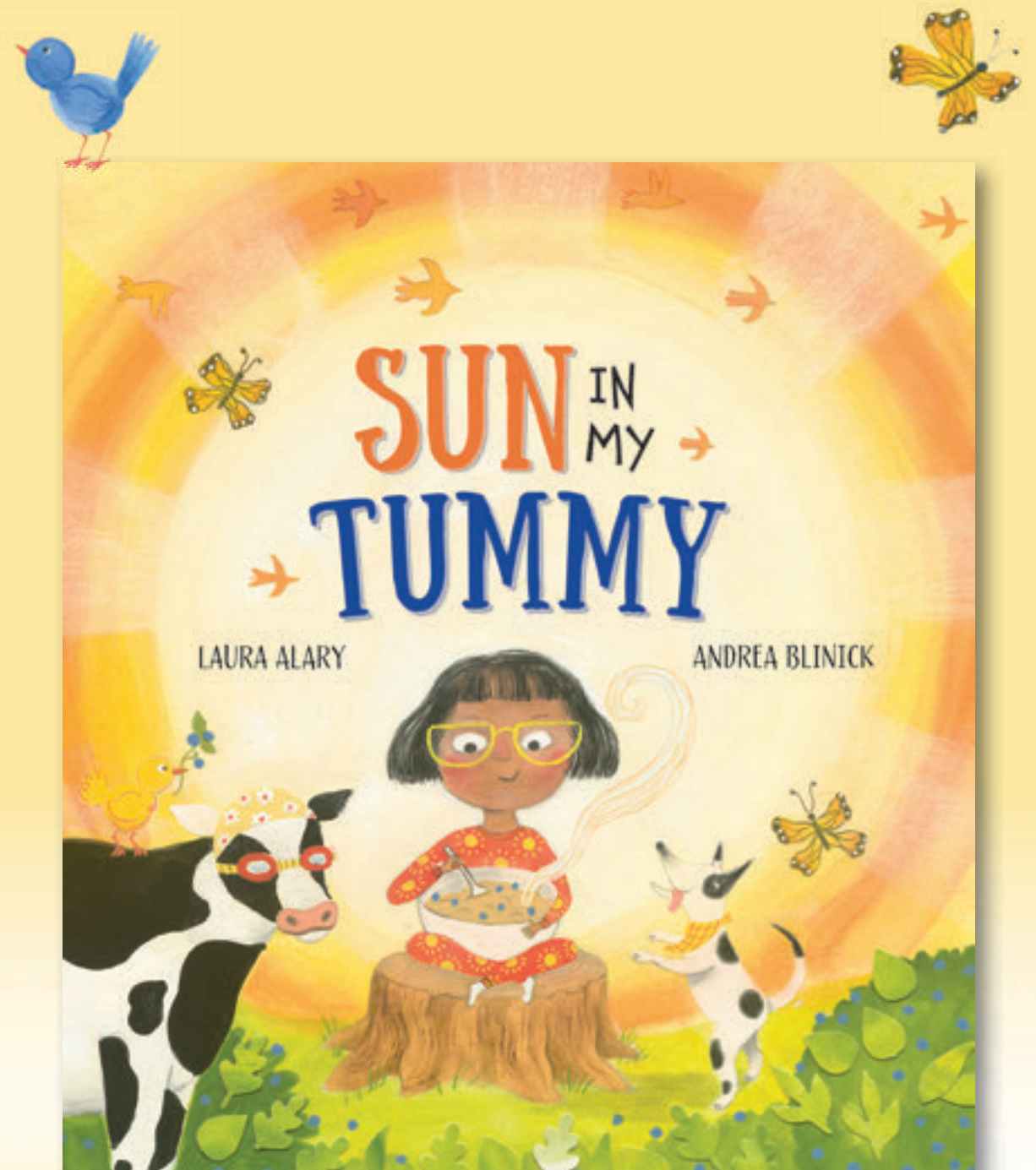
2022 Shelf Awareness Gift Guide selection



Laura Alary believes in writing stories that make us bigger on the inside. Born in Halifax, she earned her B.A. with Honours in classics at Dalhousie University before moving to her current home of Toronto, where she completed a Ph.D. at University of St. Michael's College. Laura has worked as a lecturer, a library assistant, and a music specialist in Montessori classrooms, all the while writing books and raising her three children. Laura's most recent titles include *Here! The Dog We Call Home* and *The Astronomer Who Questioned Everything: The Story of Maria Mitchell*.



Andrea Blinick is an artist and an art educator with a passion for children's literature. After graduating from the Ontario College of Art and Design with an illustration diploma, she went on to receive a Bachelor of Design through OCAD in conjunction with Thompson Rivers University and then pursued a Bachelor of Education at York University. Today Andrea lives in Toronto with her husband and two daughters, who often inspire the story-telling behind her art. Her first two picture books are *Outside, You Notice* and *Sun in My Tummy*. Andrea enjoys music, writing, comedy, travel, and making a mess on her art table.



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New Paperback Format!

A World of Mindfulness

From the Editors & Illustrators of Pajama Press

The meditative picture book that Kirkus Reviews recommends as “a practical introduction to mindfulness meditation, as an example of the practice, and as a guide”—now in paperback!

“[The illustrations] are soothing and promote thinking in the moment about one’s environment and feelings.... The gentle writing and age-appropriate examples make this a useful book for little ones.”—**Booklist**

“An effectively grounding read.”—**Publishers Weekly**

“With its meditative words that encourage slow reading, this book can be used as a practical introduction to mindfulness meditation, as an example of the practice, and as a guide.”—**Kirkus Reviews**

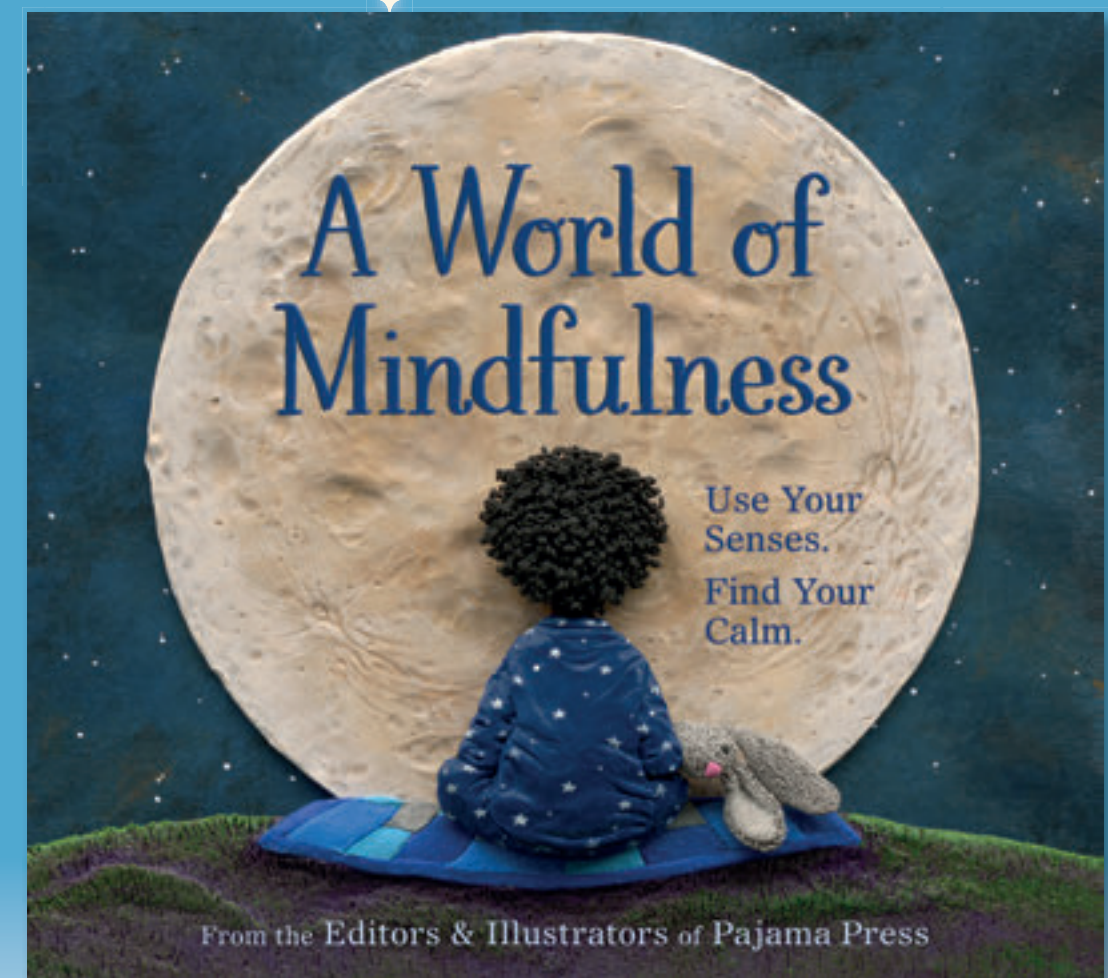
“This book transcends categorization as it tells a story of tranquility, instructs a generation on mindfulness, and opens a conversation about self-care for every age.... A *World of Mindfulness* is a wonderful resource for parents and educators as it makes mindfulness practice for children accessible and uncomplicated.... Highly Recommended.”—**Canadian Review of Materials**

13 Weeks on the CBC Books Bestsellers List

“A tool to spur kindness conversations...”
—**Kirkus Reviews**

“Regardless of age, color, what we look like or who we are, this book models what kindness looks like for all living creatures. Teaching good manners, accepting differences, talking about making others feel good are all exemplified here in simple text with vivid gentle pictures.”—**Youth Services Book Review**

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France Desmarais
& Richard Adam

Illustrated by
Yves Dumont

Translated by
Nicholas Aumais
*The Big Book of Civil Engineering
for Curious Kids*

In the spirit of David Macaulay’s *The Way Things Work*, *I Love My City* is a treasure trove of information for middle-grade readers who want to know the *how* and *why* of cities. Why did cities start appearing in the first place, or become what we know today? How do urban planners know where to place fire stations, schools, and parks? What’s a water tower, and how does it fill the pipes of thousands of people? How about roads and highways, communications and energy, water treatment and waste? The answers to these questions and more can be found in this richly illustrated, global guide to everything urban.

Today, 55% of the global population is urban, and that number is only growing. In *I Love My City*, readers explore

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MY CITY

the history, geography, demography, technology, infrastructure, and government of cities, with fascinating facts about specific urban centers around the world. A particular focus on ecology, green energy, and environmental planning moves readers forward to consider what sustainable development might look like in the future as well. This nonfiction STEM title, ideal for civics and social studies units, includes a table of contents, a glossary, and a list of resources for further research. Written by children’s author France Desmarais and municipal administrator Richard Adam, with lively full-color illustrations from Yves Dumont, *I Love My City* is a captivating resource for the library, classroom, or home.



France Desmarais has a bachelor’s degree in art history and a master’s degree in art studies from the University of Quebec in Montreal (UQAM). She started out working in the field of museology before discovering the magical world of children’s literature. In the early 2000s, France joined the Communication-Jeunesse association, which she led as general manager from 2013 to 2019. Since then, France has discovered new parts of the book world: publishing and writing. She is an honorary member of Communication-Jeunesse.



With a bachelor’s degree in urban studies, a master’s degree in architecture, and another in public administration, **Richard Adam** has led a career mainly in municipal administration. His positions during thirty years with the City of Montreal have included leadership positions in the Department of Culture and Library services, and he has directed many construction, renovation, and expansion projects.



Yves Dumont was born in Boulogne-sur-Mer, France. He spent his childhood there daydreaming and especially drawing, never imagining that he could make a career out of it. Yves graduated from the School of Graphic Research in Brussels in 1999. He moved to Montreal, Quebec, in 2008 to pursue his art. A full-time illustrator, Yves has now illustrated more than forty books for children.



Juvenile Nonfiction for Children Ages 9–12

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New Paperback Format!

Outside, You Notice

Erin Alladin 🍁

Illustrated by

Andrea Blinick

Now in paperback! A lyrical nonfiction celebration of the outdoors pairing childlike observation with facts about the natural world

"The detailed text and varied images immerse readers in the feeling of being outside, fully attentive and relaxed.... The illustrations use soft coloring, varied perspectives, and active characters to great effect, pulling observers into the worlds of plants, animals, and the people who love them. This lovely book is more than the sum of its parts."—*Kirkus* ★

Starred Review

"As this blend of fiction and nonfiction emphasizes observation, it also leads up to a mindfulness of being present when outside.... A charming, gentle nudge to go outside and simply be."—*Booklist*

"Blinick's illustrations offer a sense of excitement and serenity, showing cheerful children with light and dark skin tones and different physical abilities.... This exploration of the outdoors is fit to use for budding biologists."—*School Library Journal*

"This is a thoughtful, reflective story about the healing power of spending time outdoors.... This light-hearted, relatable, and timely text will bring youth new enlightenments each time they sift through its pages."—*Seattle*

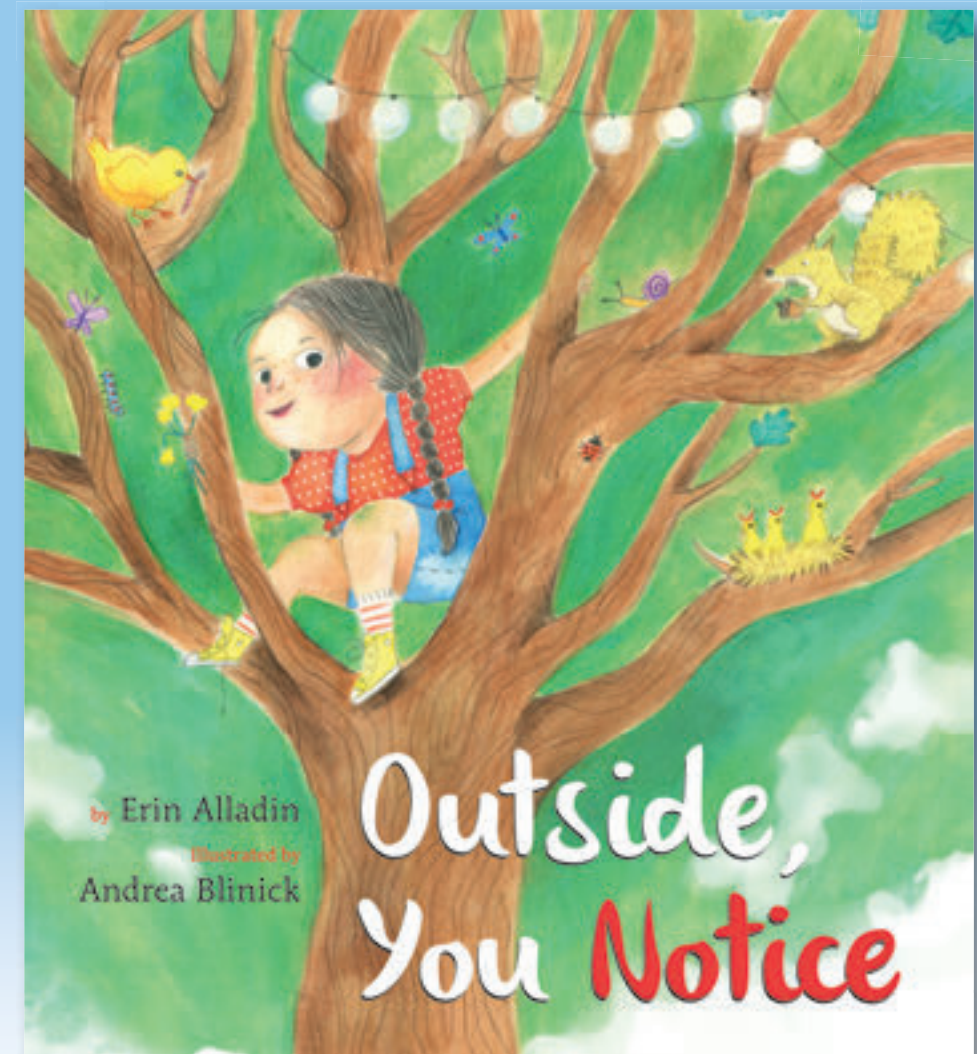
Book Review



Erin Alladin is an editor, a writer, and an ecology enthusiast who is always looking for ways to combine her passions. Born in Northern Ontario to a gardener and a forester, she spent most of her early life looking at and thinking about the natural world. As a young adult she spent nearly a decade immersed in Toronto's children's literature scene before retreating back up north to the Parry Sound region, where she continues to edit while writing *Earth Undaunted*, a blog about regenerative gardening.



Andrea Blinick is an artist and an art educator with a passion for children's literature. After graduating from the Ontario College of Art and Design with an illustration diploma, she went on to receive a Bachelor of Design through OCAD in conjunction with Thompson Rivers University and then pursued a Bachelor of Education at York University. Today Andrea lives in Toronto with her husband and two daughters, who often inspire the story-telling behind her art. Her first two picture books are *Outside, You Notice* and *Sun in My Tummy*. Andrea enjoys music, writing, comedy, travel, and making a mess on her art table.



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New Paperback Format!

Penguin Days

Sara Leach 🍁

Illustrated by

Rebecca Bender 🍁

A 2020 Bank Street Best Book and the second title in the acclaimed *Slug Days Stories*, now in paperback.

“While she faces particular challenges, Lauren’s misadventures (dealing with loud relatives, letting calves out of their stall, throwing up on her flower girl dress) could have happened to any girl. Other kids will enjoy reading about them from her point of view. Bender’s winsome pencil drawings with gray shading illustrate the story with sensitivity and humor.”—**Booklist**

“As in the first book, Leach gets into Lauren’s head, showing how she feels when others laugh at her for reasons she doesn’t understand....Black-and-white pencil and digital illustrations should help early-elementary-age readers understand Lauren’s emotions and those of the people around her.”—**The Horn Book Magazine**

“Lauren relates her prickly feelings in a believably forthright voice that offers readers welcome insight into her perspective....Another fine and enlightening peek into Lauren’s unique, often challenging world that displays her differences but highlights the needs she shares with all children: love, acceptance and friendship.”—**Kirkus Reviews**

“Honest and descriptive....In *Penguin Days*, Lauren’s family learns to accept one another, no matter how challenging a situation might seem.”—**Foreword Reviews**



Juvenile Fiction for Ages 7–10
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**Also in the
Slug Days Stories:**



New in Board Book!

Animals Move

Jane Whittingham 🍁

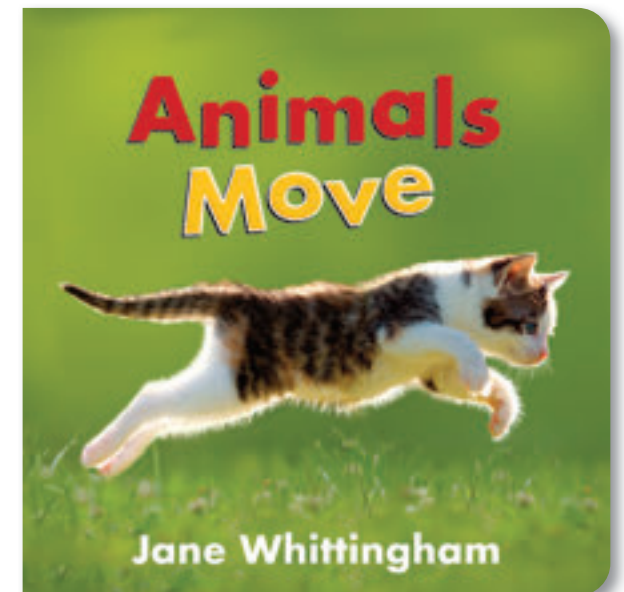
Preschoolers love baby animals, and they love to move. Celebrate both with this Toddler Tough board book perfect for an active read-aloud!

2023 CLEL Bell Picture Book Awards Shortlist

2022 Toronto Public Library First and Best Selection

“This book works in all the ways books for littles should work: engaging subject, pleasing presentation, gentle introduction of new vocabulary, lack of stereotyping, and strong construction for repeated reading and handling. There is a note to adults in the back offering several extension activities to get kids thinking and moving.”—**Youth Services Book Review ★ Starred Review**

“Photography! Baby animals! Now that’s the kind of board book I like to see....A good transitional book from board to picture book.”—**School Library Journal, Fuse 8**



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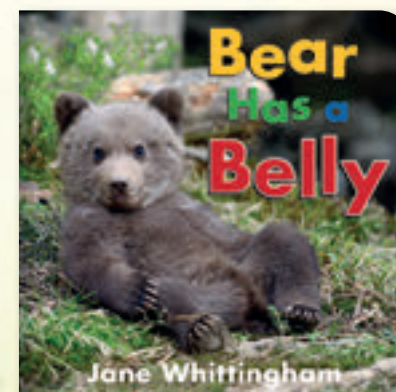


Also in the Big, Little Concepts collection

“The format, repetition, and neutral observations make this a refreshing title among body books for toddlers and preschoolers....A welcome message of appreciation for human (and animal!) bodies.”—**Kirkus Reviews**

“This entertaining activity book will work well for one-on-one sharing and as a toddler storytime selection...”—**Booklist**

“As charming as its cover implies.”—**School Library Journal, Fuse 8**



Percy's Perfect Friend

Lana Button 🍁

Illustrated by

Peggy Collins 🍁

When Percy finds himself in a classroom full of unfamiliar children, he can't help but feel uncomfortable and alone—that is, until he meets a cuddly new friend: a plush cat he names Miss Petticomb.

When Percy's new friend is picked up by other children, Percy cautiously sets out to find her. On his journey to retrieve Miss Petticomb, Percy must decide whether it is better to share his friend with his classmates or keep her all to himself. A plush cat, a tea party, and the uniting power of toys may be the secret to saving Miss Petticomb and bringing Percy out of his shell.

In *Percy's Perfect Friend*, early childhood educator Lana Button celebrates the importance of toys in play, the power they have to help children practice social skills, language skills, and imagination, and their ability to bring children together. ALA Schneider Honor Book Winner Peggy Collins captures Percy's growth from uncertainty to confidence on his quest to save Miss Petticomb. He may just be surprised at the new friends he makes along the way.



Lana Button is an early childhood educator and a children's author who is passionate about supporting and encouraging children through entertainment. Lana began writing following a career in television and theatre. Her books, including *Willow Finds a Way*, have been short-listed for the Blue Spruce Award, The Shining Willow Award, the Jean Throop IODE Award, the Rainforest of Reading Award, and more. Her most recent book, *The Cow Said Boo*, was a Parents Approved® book. Lana lives in Burlington, Ontario.



Peggy Collins is an award-winning children's book author-illustrator with more than 35 titles to her name, including Blue Spruce Award-winner *Harley the Hero*, *In the Snow*, and *In the Garden*. *A Sky-Blue Bench* was an ALA Schneider Family Book Award Honor Book. She has also written and illustrated for animated apps teaching math, indigenous history, and education. Peggy lives in Newburgh, Ontario, with her two children. Peggy's most recent title is *Whistling for Angela*.



Percy's Perfect Friend



LANA BUTTON Illustrations by PEGGY COLLINS

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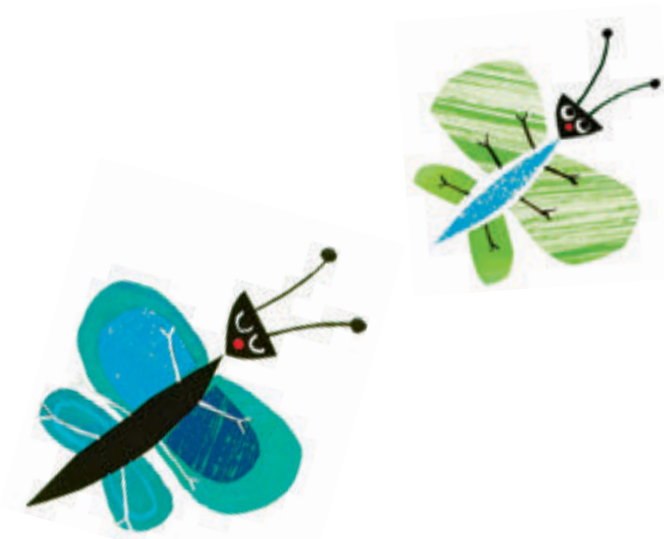
IF ONLY...

Mies van Hout

Now in paperback! Bestselling author-illustrator Mies van Hout employs vivid creatures in a jewel-tone natural setting to explore the longing we all feel at times to be like somebody else

"Spread after spread of exuberantly busy, beautiful life.... A visual delight, this picture book offers openings for conversation about wishes, predictions, and one's own enviable strengths."—**School Library Journal** ★ **Starred Review**

"The imaginative narrative guides viewers through a series of richly colorful, dynamic collages, each showcasing a creature and its particularly enviable ability, characteristic, or situation....Originally published in the Netherlands, this radiant picture book has international appeal."—**Booklist** ★ **Starred Review**



"This gentle celebration of differences also promotes an appreciation of others' strengths and quietly emphasizes relationships within the animal kingdom. A colorful introduction to the natural sciences featuring warm and inviting illustrations."—**Kirkus Reviews**

"This luminous picture book...brilliantly explores the personal—and universal—conundrum of wanting what you don't have and yearning to be someone else...*If Only...* will spark reflection and an appreciation of differences."—**Canadian Review of Materials**

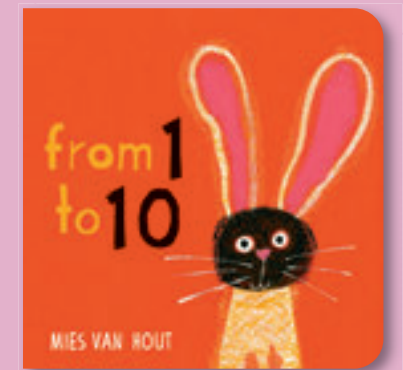


Mies van Hout is the author and illustrator of the picture books *What Cats Think*, *If Only*, *From One to Ten*, and *This Is My Daddy*, among others, which have been hugely popular in Europe and North America. She studied graphic design at the Arts Academy in Groningen, the Netherlands, and has worked 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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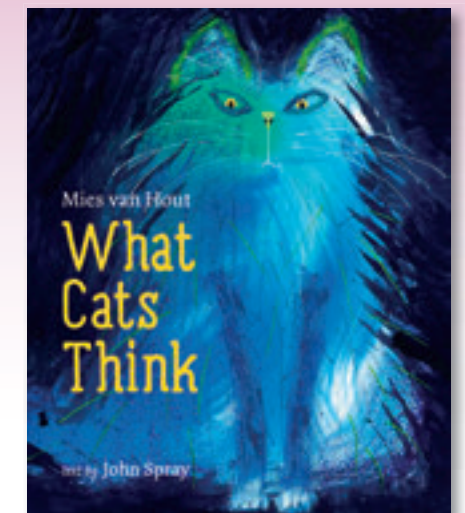
"Amidst the numerous counting books available, van Hout offers a stand-out with great child (and adult) appeal."

—**Booklist** ★ **Starred Review**

"Simplicity plus spirited art equals a counting book that you can count on."

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"The rhythmic text and dynamic art will delight all readers, but cat lovers will take extra pleasure in the quintessentially feline traits celebrated in this book."

—**School Library Journal**

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Happy

Mies van Hout

“Mies van Hout’s *Happy* is a tour de force of underwater awesomeness and emotion, showcasing what an artist can do with a few pastels, black paper and something fundamental to express.”

—New York Times Book Review



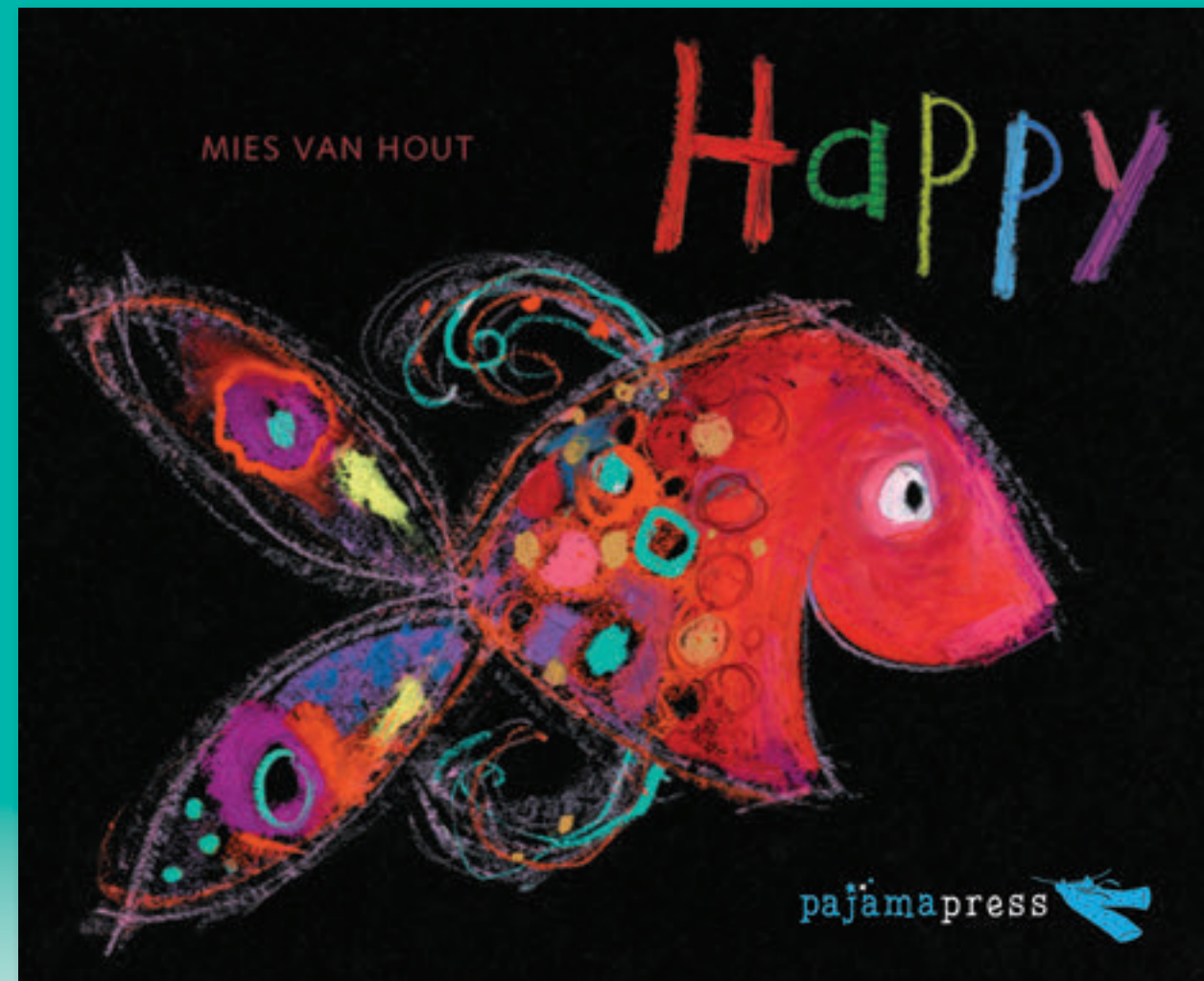
Who could have guessed that dazzlingly colored fish swimming in an ink-black sea would help hundreds of thousands of people around the world learn to recognize and name their emotions? In 2012, Mies van Hout’s *Happy* swept the scene as both a stunning art piece and a social-emotional learning book like no other. On each of its spreads swims a single fish, each scale and fin suffused with an emotion that the facing page names in similarly expressive letters: *curious, nervous, loving, content...*

Now, in this luxuriously enhanced edition of *Happy*, van Hout’s luminous fish swim across extra-heavy pages that will endure through countless readings.

Readers of all ages can benefit from expanding their emotional vocabulary. Use *Happy* during a story time full of energetic face-making, or emote with your whole bodies for a drama exercise. Share it one-on-one to help someone name what they’re feeling, or inspire budding artists to see what they can do with chalk pastels and black paper. Or simply page through the art and lose yourself in Mies van Hout’s ocean of extraordinary fish. Whatever makes you...*happy*.



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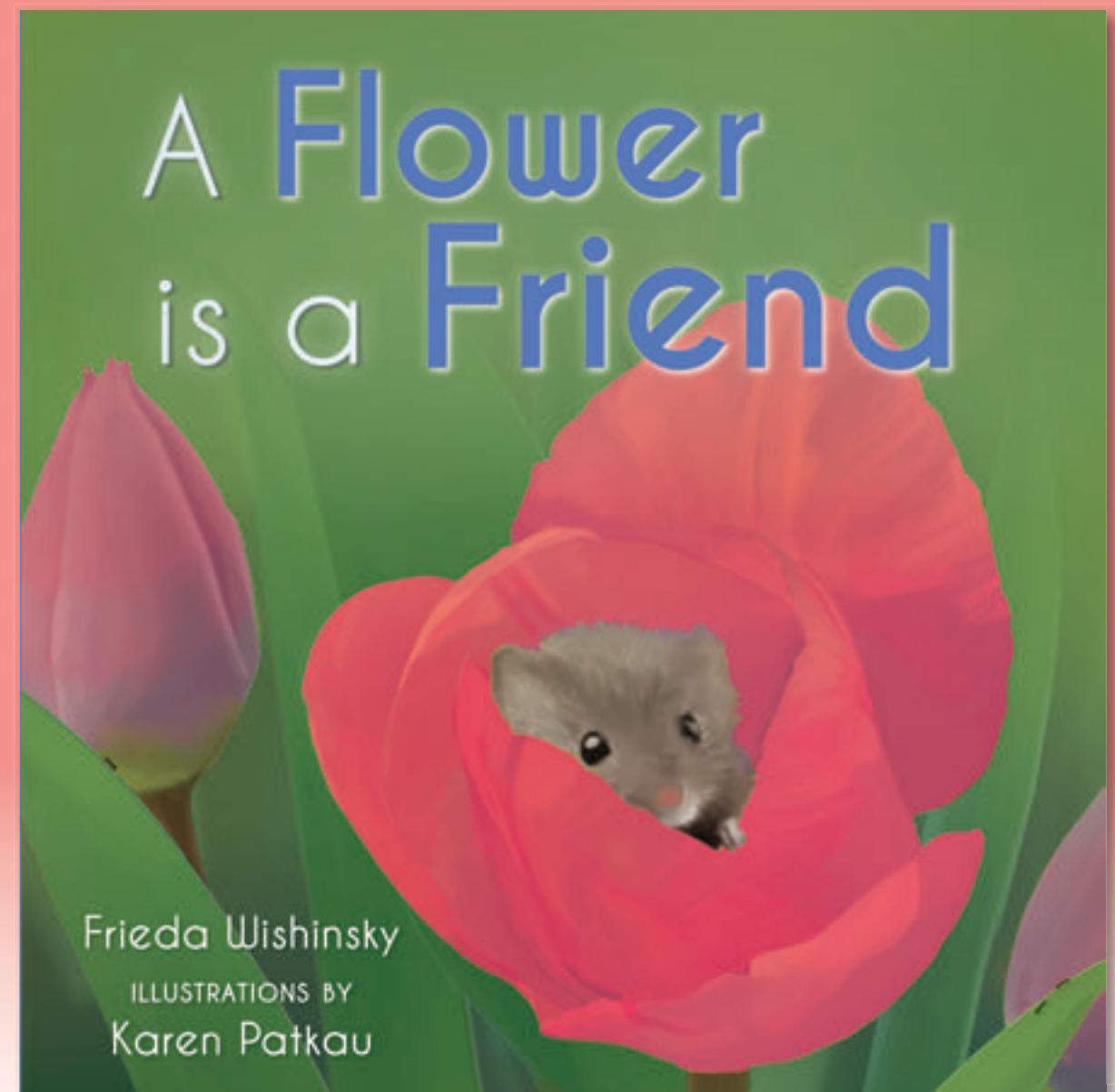
Karen Patkau

In the garden ecosystem, a flower means many things to each bird, insect, and creature.

What does a flower do? They may not seem active to human eyes, but for the creatures of the garden they dust a bumblebee, shade a frog, feed a hummingbird, and serve as the center of a buzzing, humming community.

In *A Flower is a Friend*, award-winning author Frieda Wishinsky's spare text whispers softly to readers about

the many ways a flower cares for those around it, while award-winning illustrator Karen Patkau's striking art provides a close-up view of each mouse, frog, and butterfly within a blossom's embrace. Rich back matter unfurls further information about the partnerships within the garden ecosystem, including the ways these garden creatures are friends to flowers in return.



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Frieda Wishinsky grew up in New York City, where she played in local parks and frequented the local candy store. After earning her BA in international relations and her Master of Science in special education, Frieda began to teach...and then to write. Her first title, *Oonga Boonga*, was an American Booksellers' Pick of the List. Since then, she has grown a magical garden and published more than seventy books, including her bestselling biography of Frederick Law Olmsted, *The Man Who made Parks*. Frieda has earned many starred reviews and awards, including the Print Braille Book of the Year and the Marilyn Baillie Picture Book Award. Today lives in Toronto, where she still loves exploring parks and gardens.



Illustrator, author, designer, and visual artist **Karen Patkau's** distinctive art can be found in more than twenty picture books for children, many of them about animals and ecosystems. She is the recipient of the Ezra Jack Keats Memorial Medal for *Don't Eat Spiders*, and *One Watermelon Seed* was a Bank Street Best Book. *A Good Trade* was a White Ravens Choice, a Bank Street Best Book, and a nominee for the OLA Blue Spruce Award and the Kentucky Bluegrass Award, among others. Karen's most recent books include *Triceratops Stomp* and *A Family for Faru*. She lives in Toronto, Ontario.

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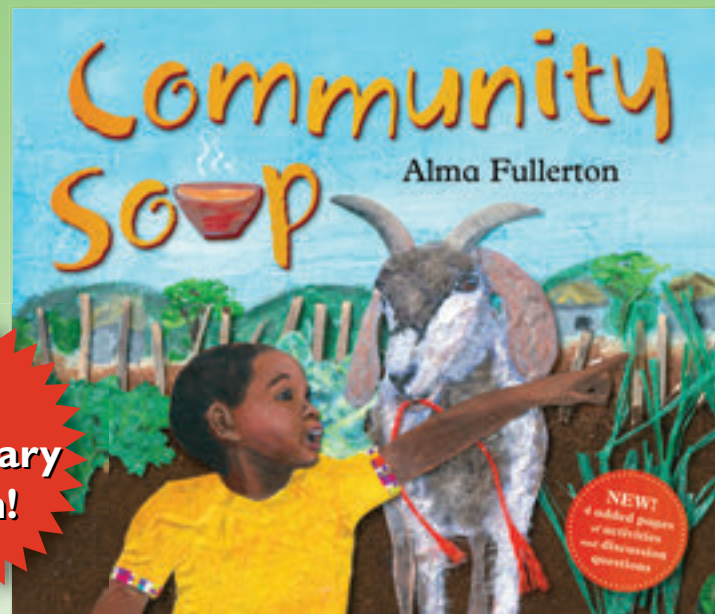
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rainy days

Deborah Kerbel

Illustrated by

Miki Sato

Sunny rain sparkling showers
Water for our trees and flowers

“Anyone seeking a refreshing spin on rainy-day books will find it here. This delightful picture book is awash in treats for readers’/ listeners’ ears and eyes, with bouncy, lively, rhythmic verses...The artwork suits the book’s message, with pages splashed with lovely, lively, textured illustrations...Rainy days bring all sorts of pleasures; reading this book is just one of them.”
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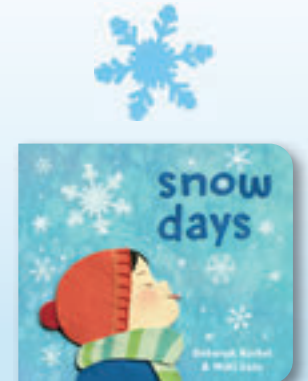
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the Umbrella House

By Governor General's Award Finalist

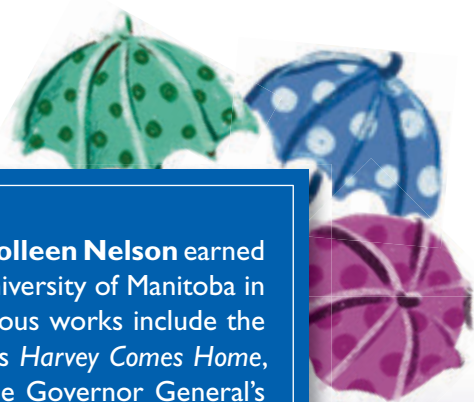
Colleen Nelson 

In this intimate and inspiring novel about the power of art and the value of community, award-winning author and former New Yorker Colleen Nelson brings life and liveliness to an eccentric cast of New York City neighbors.

Middle-schooler and New Yorker Ruby Markowski wants to tell the truth fearlessly and powerfully, just like her idols at Veracity News. She and her best friend Scout already make YouTube videos together about East Village life, so when Veracity News announces a Young Voices video competition, Ruby knows it's the perfect opportunity to make a name for herself, if only she can find a story worth telling. When a real-estate mogul threatens to buy her historic East Village apartment building, Umbrella House, Ruby sets out to create a video about the people who

live in her building, depicting their love for art, community, and family.

With time—and her options for saving Umbrella House—running out, Ruby finds herself caught up in the mystery of the Midnight Muralist, a famous East Village artist whose murals once made buildings famous and valuable. Could finding this enigmatic artist be the key to saving her historic East Village apartment building?



An author and middle-school teacher, **Colleen Nelson** earned her Bachelor of Education from the University of Manitoba in her hometown of Winnipeg. Her previous works include the critically acclaimed middle-grade novels *Harvey Comes Home*, *Harvey Holds His Own* (a finalist for the Governor General's Literary Award), *Harvey Takes the Lead*, and *The Undercover Book List*. The titular building from *The Umbrella House* is a real place, which inspired Colleen during her years in New York City.



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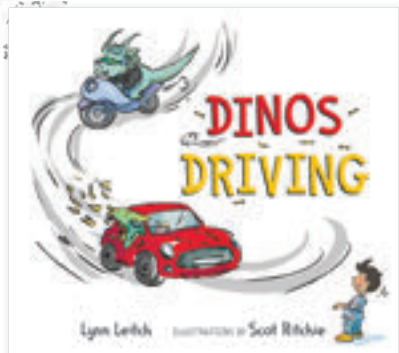
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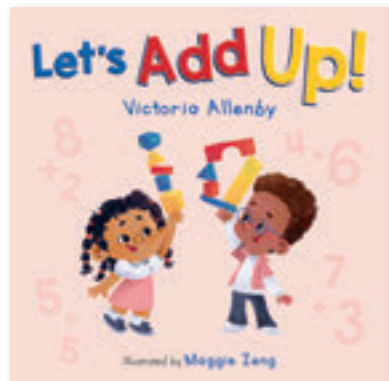
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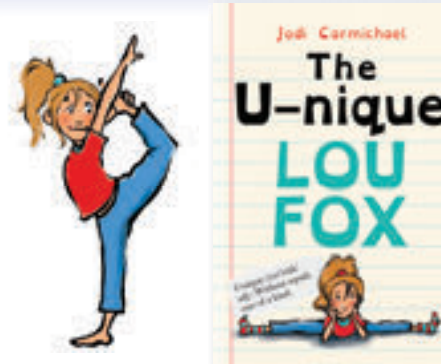
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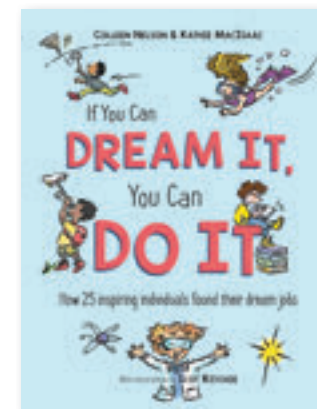


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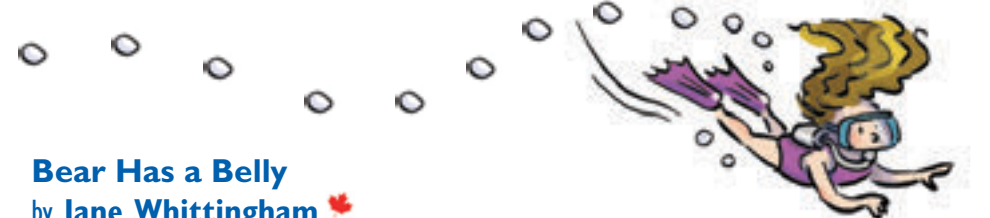
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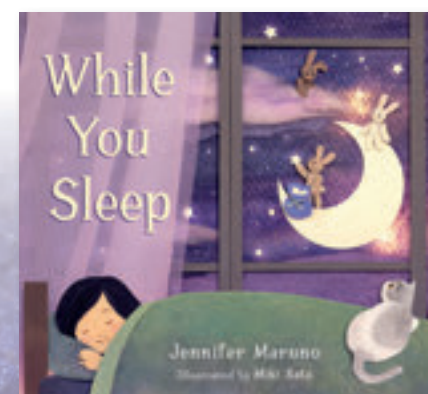


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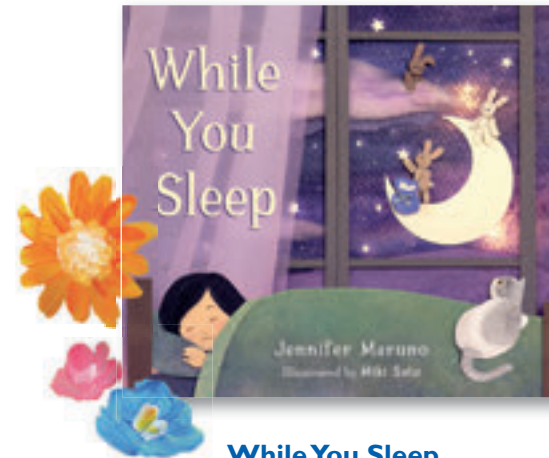
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★ "Maruno narrates in flawless and immersive rhyming verse.... Readers will linger over each tiny, essential detail—nothing is extraneous.... the text and art are expertly stitched together, each visible and impactful on their own and interwoven into a bewitching whole. A perfect bedtime selection for eye-catching, vibrantly colorful dreams."—*Kirkus* ★ *Starred Review*



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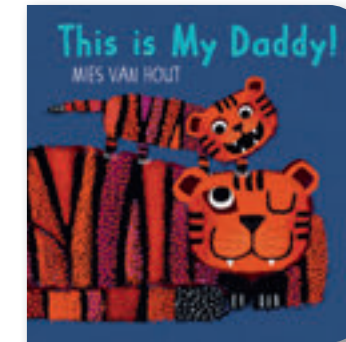


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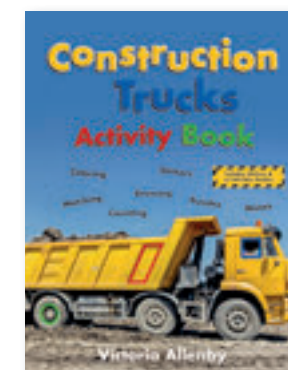
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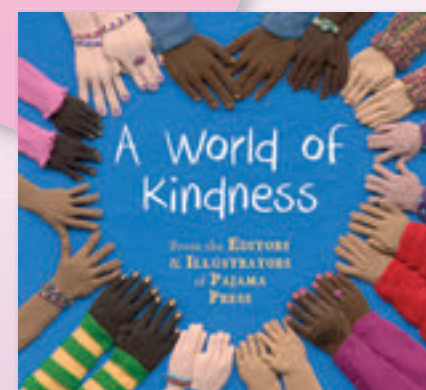
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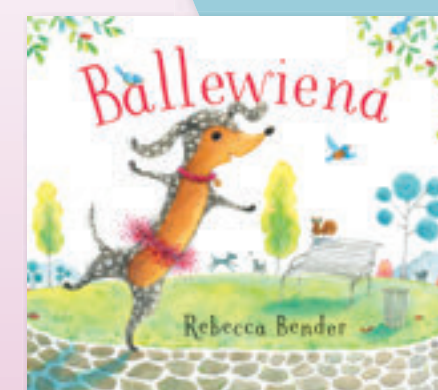
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