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The colorful cover of our fall catalogue features Peggy Collins's clever book art from our new release of *The Stolen Statue*, #5 in the Mystery at the Biltmore Series. Colleen Nelson, author of the Biltmore series has been travelling on the East Coast for Canada Book Week visiting schools and bookstores, and in June she will be in Chicago for the American Library Association convention to promote her new Pajama titles. The Biltmore series has quickly established itself in the world of mystery titles for young readers! All titles are available or forthcoming in Audiobook and eBook editions. However, the big news is that the backlist titles are now releasing in paperback editions every season. Please find these new Biltmore titles in the colorful pages of our catalogue and we hope you enjoy them.

Promotionally, we will be releasing an amazing new animated trailer which features the three main characters of *Mystery at the Biltmore*: Elodie, Oscar and Carnegie—the energetic West Hyland White Terrier. The trailer will be part of a *Mystery at the Biltmore* social media campaign, and we will also feature it on our website. This amazing, animated clip was created by Kenay Maldonado, a gifted student of Peggy Collins with the Animation Program at Loyalist College.

Our fall list features Michelle Kadarusman's sequel, *Listening for Tigers*, to her award-winning novel, *Music for Tigers*. Watch for early chaplets of this exciting Book II of *The Tiger Trilogy*. And included in our exciting line-up are two new series. *Preschool Pretend*, created by Kari-Lynn Winters for Kindergarten and Grade 1 children, celebrates drama and imagination. Our first title is *I Am a Growl*, followed by *I Am a Squeak*. Jennifer Maruno's new series, *Babies Bloom*, offers new parents engaging books for their newborns in a beautiful gift format, perfect for baby showers or newborn gifts.

And lastly, a very funny middle grade novel, *What If There Are Alligators?* from the award-winning author, Beverley Brenna, will entertain young readers with lots of laughs.

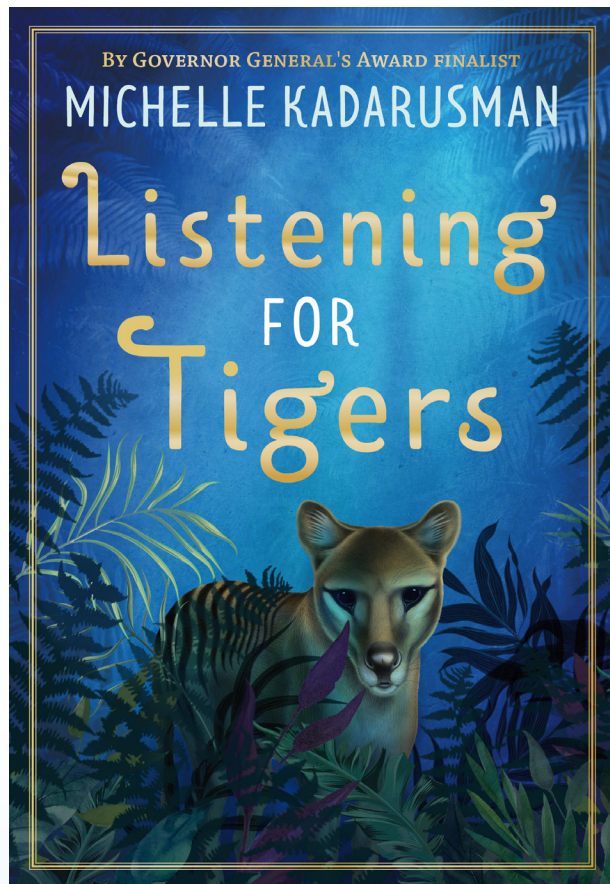
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The Tiger Trilogy  
Book II



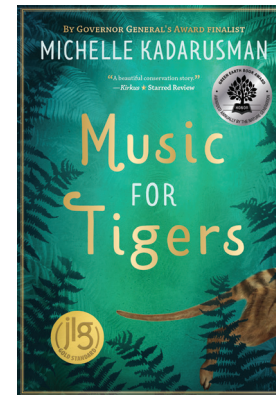
From the award-winning author of *Music for Tigers* comes the highly anticipated sequel, *Listening for Tigers*.

In this thought-provoking sequel to the acclaimed *Music for Tigers* (Book I in *The Tiger Trilogy*), middle-schooler Louisa carries a secret the world isn't meant to know: the Tasmanian tiger still exists. As scientists press for answers and her family face unexpected challenges, Louisa learns to trust the music of nature—and herself—to protect the fragile future of the wild.

**LISTENING FOR TIGERS**

by Michelle Kadarusman 🇨🇦

Sequel to:



"A beautiful conservation story told in a rich setting and peopled with memorable characters."

—*Kirkus* ★ *Starred Review*

"A heartfelt story of a dedicated family whose good deeds have run up against the ever-encroaching, commerce-driven modern world."

—*Quill and Quire* ★ *Starred Review*

"A stirring tale that will inspire young readers..."

—*Foreword* ★ *Starred Review*

From the author of:

**October 20, 2026**

Ship Date: September 18, 2026

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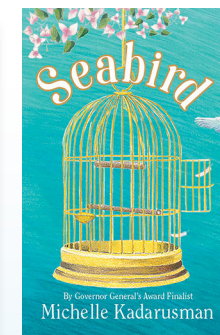
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"Kadarusman beautifully brings Kartini to life with clarity and empathy in a story that's educational without being preachy"

—*Kirkus Reviews*

"A first purchase for all libraries wishing to inspire readers to make their own path rather than follow the trail."

—*School Library Journal*



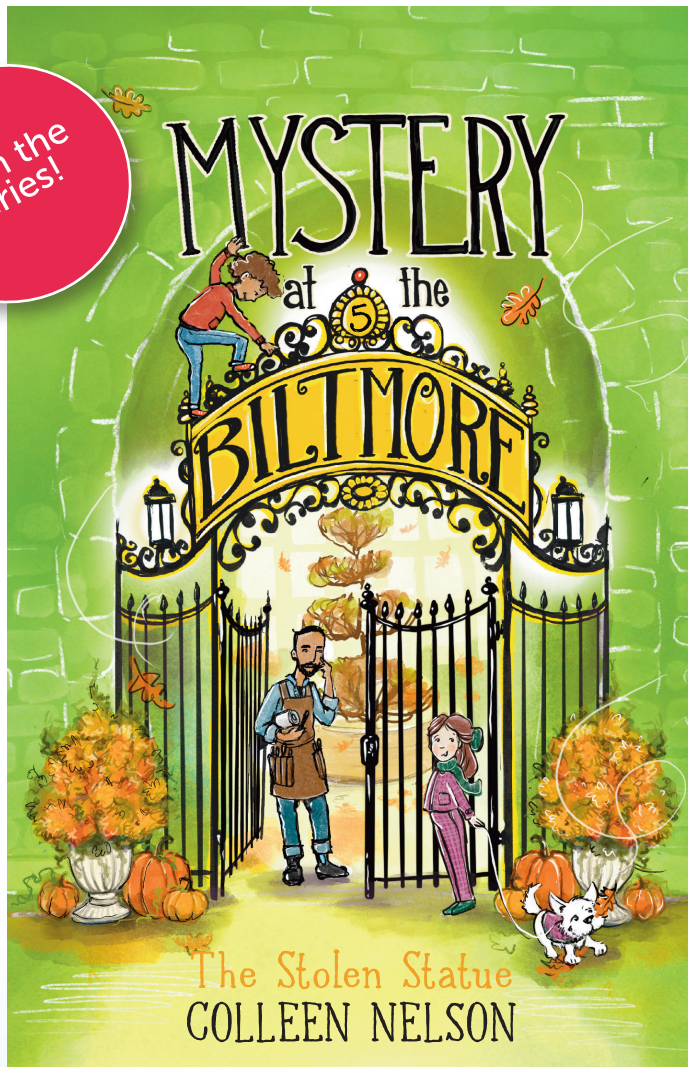
"A stirring introduction to the plight faced by orangutans."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

"An inspiring tale in support of environmental conservation."

—*School Library Journal*

#5 in the series!



# MYSTERY AT THE BILTMORE #5 THE STOLEN STATUE

by Colleen Nelson  illustrated by Peggy Collins 

Also from the **Mystery at the Biltmore** series:



Elodie LaRue is back with an all-new heart-stopping case, but this time she's not alone!

When an ancient artifact goes missing during a party at The Biltmore, fingers are pointed in all directions. Luckily, Elodie, Oscar, and Carnegie are on the case, and so are Elodie's parents! Finally, she'll be able to prove she has what it takes to join the famous LaRue Art Crime Detective Agency. But with a room full of suspects and a mystery as complicated as one of Oscar's puzzle boxes, this might be her toughest case yet.

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#2 now in quality paperback!

The Classified Catnapping  
COLLEEN NELSON

*"Using dogged detective work, an intrepid young New Yorker solves a feline felony...Suspense, a winsome cast and setting, and an admirable lead make this sequel a cat-egorical success."* —Kirkus Reviews

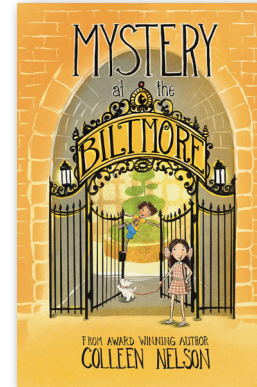
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## MYSTERY AT THE BILTMORE #2 THE CLASSIFIED CATNAPPING

by Colleen Nelson 🇨🇦 Illustrated by Peggy Collins 🇨🇦

You may also like:



"This engaging mystery, a series starter for early readers...charms from page one. Elodie is a delightful lead character who demonstrates logic and compassion as she investigates, all the while fighting through doubts that she's too young to be a detective."

—Publishers Weekly

"Move over, Eloise at the Plaza: It's Elodie at the Biltmore."

—Kirkus Reviews

Look inside:



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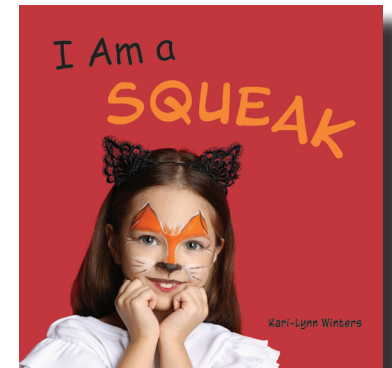


# I AM A GROWL

by Kari-Lynn Winters 🇨🇦

New from series:  
*Preschool Pretend*

Coming Winter 2026  
*I Am A Squeak*  
by Kari-Lynn Winters  
978-1-77278-388-9



Look inside:

New from series *Preschool Pretend*, *I Am A Growl* is a high-energy, performative read-aloud where children become growl-y, rowl-y, animals that sneak, lumber, sprint, and reach. Set in real habitats, it blends early sciences with imaginative play. With clues in the words and face painted faces, children guess each animal. Perfect for classrooms, homes, and birthdays or Halloween celebrations.

**September 15, 2026**

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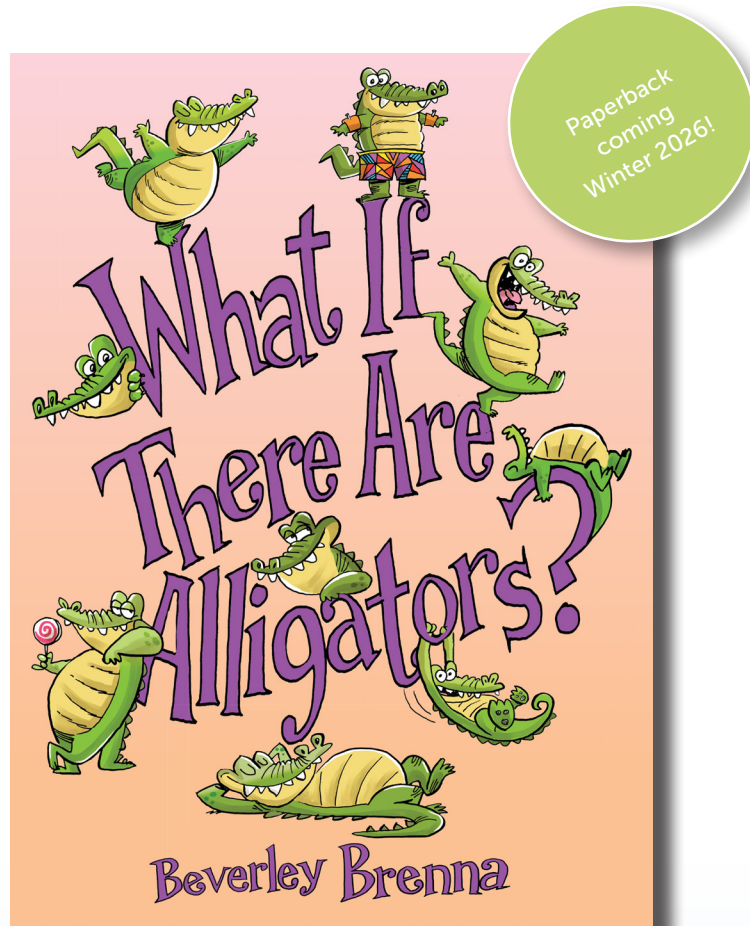
I am a **growl**.

**Grrr...Yip!**

Across the snow -  
Ready...set...leap!  
Spring, spring,  
pounce!

I am a...





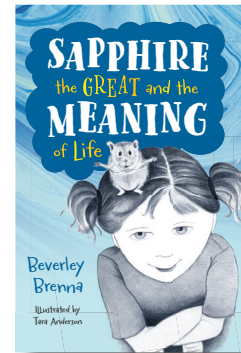
From the pen of award-winning author Beverley Brenna comes a heart-warming story about a boy who overcomes an irrational fear, gains confidence in his ability to problem solve, learns to become a strong team player on his aunt's farm, and ultimately demonstrates uncommon bravery.

Nine-year-old Belvin has always lived in the shadow of his gregarious twin brother Beaman, who is determined to go away to summer camp—which Belvin will not. His parents have decided to take different paths for their summer vacation, so his perceptive mom sends Belvin to his Aunt Edna's goat farm. Belvin misses home at first and is reluctant to try new things—until he does, gaining more confidence every day as he learns to navigate the farm from wise Aunt Edna. Beverley Brenna's knack for writing a funny tale shines in this hilarious middle grade story which will appeal to young readers who are contemplating a summer away from home.

# WHAT IF THERE ARE ALLIGATORS?

by Beverley Brenna 🇨🇦

## Also by Beverley Brenna:



"This slice-of-life Canadian import is more than just another 'I want to get a pet' tale....Sapphire and Jeannie narrate alternating chapters, and neither is completely aware of all that is going on around them. Sapphire, especially, reports dialogue and action she does not fully understand, adding an additional layer to this tale of understanding difference."

—Kirkus Reviews

## Author Beverley Brenna:



Beverley Brenna is a writer, editor, and visual artist. Beverley has previously published 15 books for young people, earning the Printz Honor Award for her young adult novel *The White Bicycle*. She also earned a Dolly Gray Award for *Waiting for No One*; and a Stuchner Award for humor in *Sapphire and the Great Meaning of Life*. Beverley is a professor emerita from the University of Saskatchewan, where her research spotlights patterns and themes in children's literature. She has also taught in rural and urban elementary schools. She and her family live in Saskatoon.

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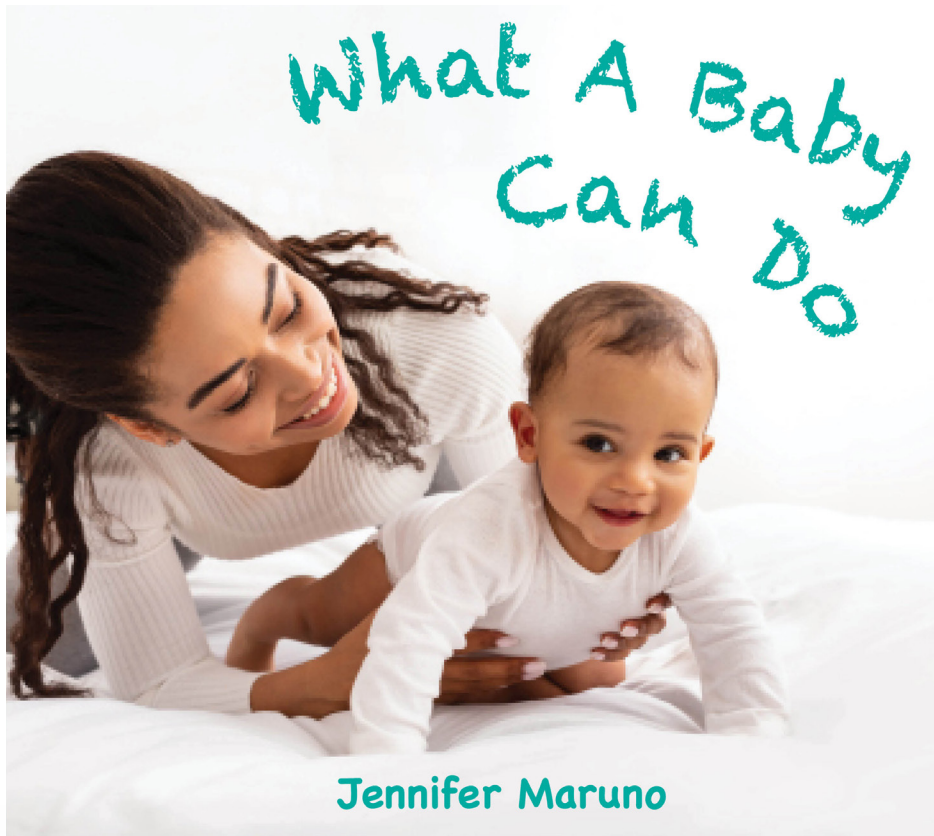
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# WHAT A BABY CAN DO

by Jennifer Maruno 

New from Pajama Press's *Babies Bloom* Series!



## Look inside:

**September 15th, 2026**

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Picture book for All Ages

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A baby can smell  
the locks of your hair.



Blankets around them  
and clothes that you wear.



This charming first book in Pajama Press's new *Babies Bloom* series celebrates the wonder of a baby discovering their five senses and their new-found abilities

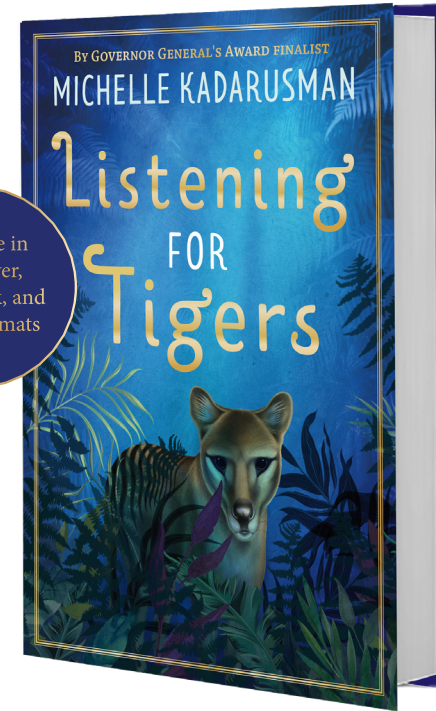
Through poetic text and tender images, *What A Baby Can Do* celebrates the wonder of early discovery as baby begins to explore their five senses and discover all the things they can do. From noticing light and shadow to grasping tiny fingers and finding their voice, a baby is constantly learning, growing, and discovering something new. Perfect for reading aloud, this story invites parents and little ones to share in the magic of those first remarkable milestones.

Slated for a October 2026 release, *Listening for Tigers*—an enlightening work by Michelle Kadarusman—pulls readers back into the story of middle-schooler, Louisa, a year after her life-changing adventure in Tasmania.

Louisa, while spending the summer at her grandfather’s farmhouse in rural Ontario, recovering from an injured elbow, and preparing for her next musical chapter carries an extraordinary secret: the Tasmanian tiger, believed extinct for nearly a century—still survives in the wild.

When a de-extinction organization begins searching for evidence of the lost species and Louisa’s biologist mother is asked to help, Louisa frets that Ellie—the thylacine she helped protect—is again in danger.

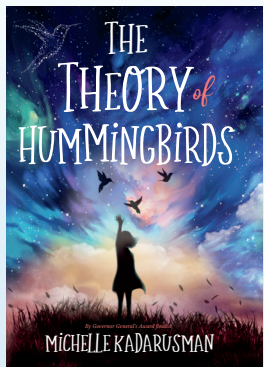
As Louisa navigates family challenges and a frightening accident of her own, she finds guidance in the steady wisdom of her grandfather and the journals of her great-grandmother Eleanor. Through music, dreams, and the rhythms of the nature, Louisa begins to understand that intuition and science can exist side by side.



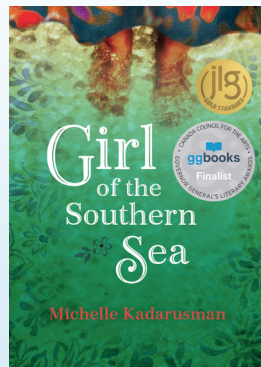
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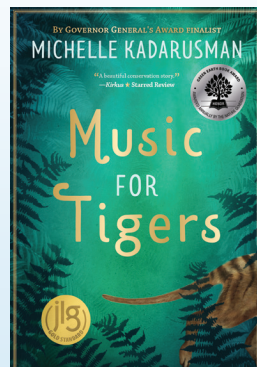
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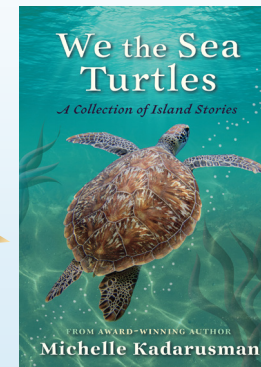
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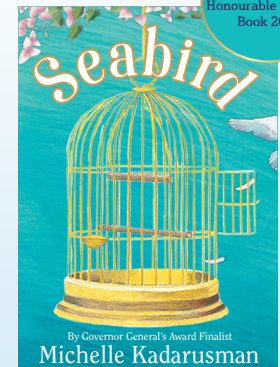
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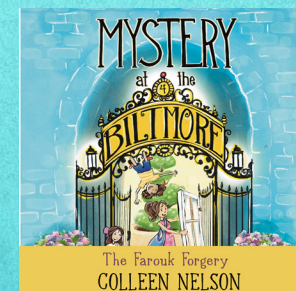
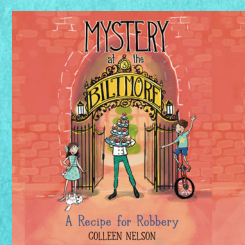
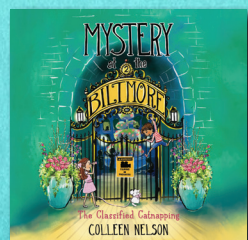
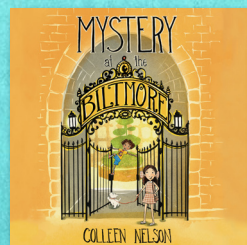
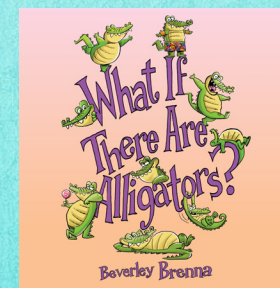
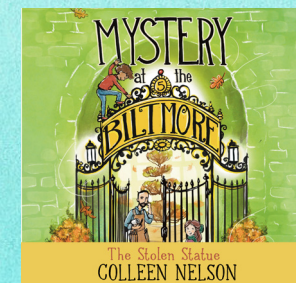
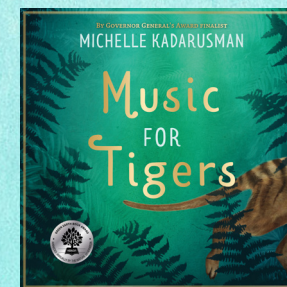
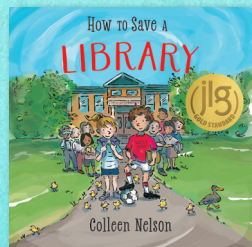
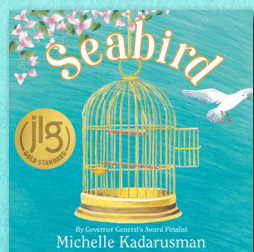


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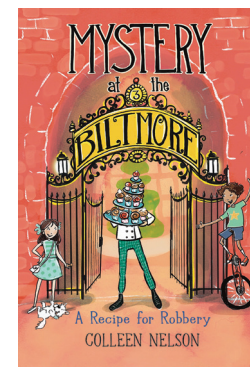
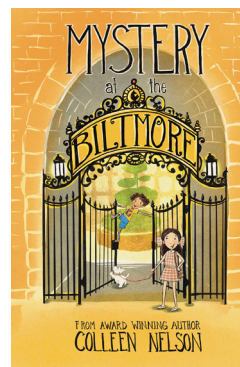




Colleen Nelson is a teacher, librarian, and award-winning author of over twenty books for young people. When she's not writing, you can find her walking her dog, Rosie, exploring new places, or enjoying a strong cup of coffee and a good book... maybe at the library. Colleen has lived in New York City and Japan, but currently calls Winnipeg, Canada home.

Available in hardcover, audiobook, and ebook formats

## Praise for Nelson's *Mystery at the Biltmore* series



### **Mystery at the Biltmore**

"Move over, Eloise at the Plaza: It's Elodie at the Biltmore...Nelson draws out the mystery, planting clues and red herrings, explaining good reasoning, citing evidence, and providing a satisfying solution...An entertaining blend of quirky characters and locked-room puzzle." — **Kirkus Reviews**

### **The Classified Catnapping**

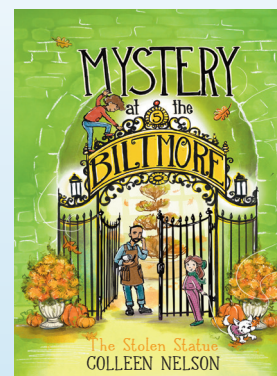
"Using dogged detective work, an intrepid young New Yorker solves a feline felony....Suspense, a winsome cast and setting, and an admirable lead make this sequel a cat-egorical success." — **Kirkus Reviews**

### **A Recipe for Robbery**

"Nelson's lively writing and expert pacing sustain just-right tension while adding... sprinklings of wisdom [to] flavor the text." — **Kirkus Reviews**

### **The Farouk Forgery**

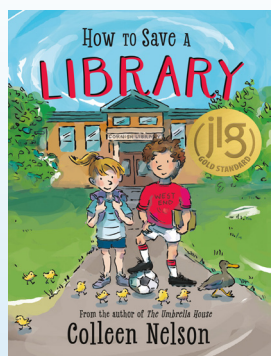
"This engaging mystery...charms from page one." — **Publishers Weekly**



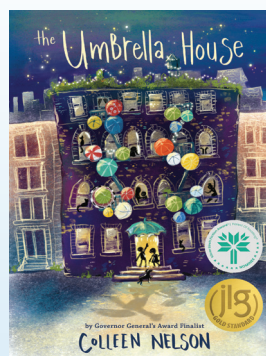
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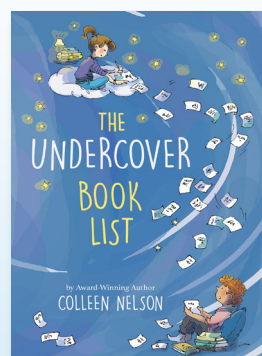
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Verdict: A first purchase

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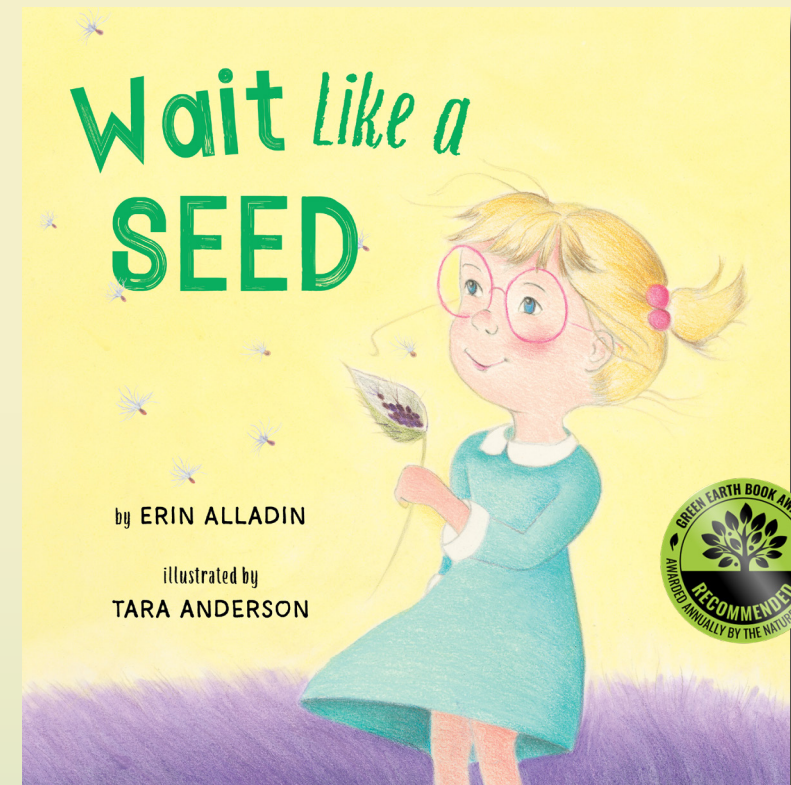


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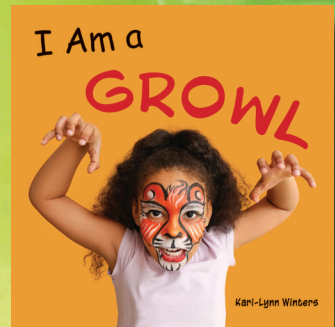
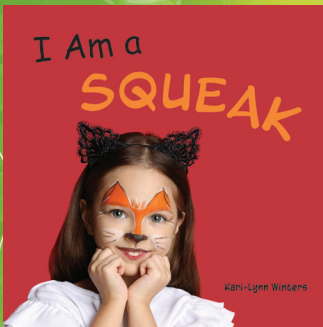
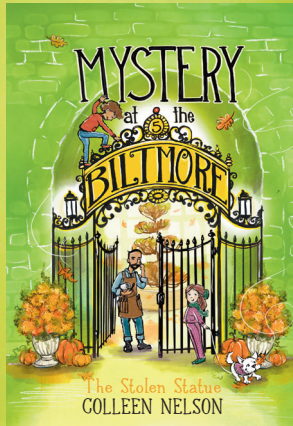
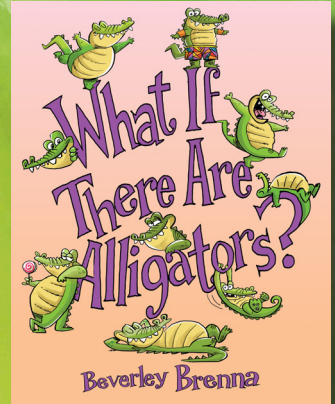
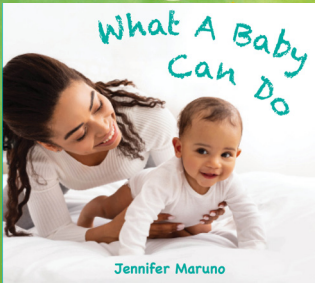
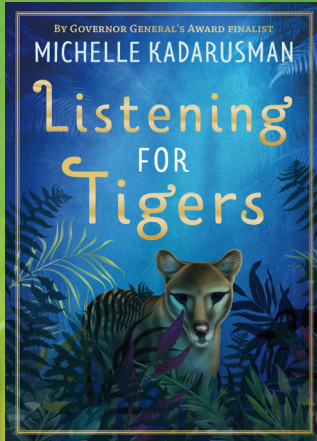
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