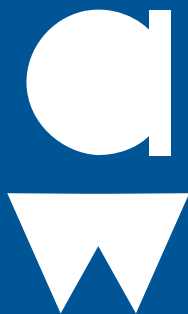


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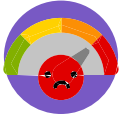
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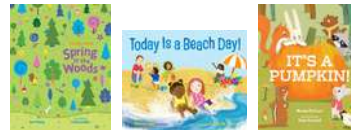


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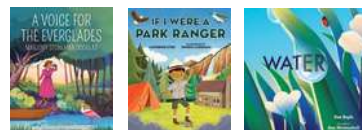


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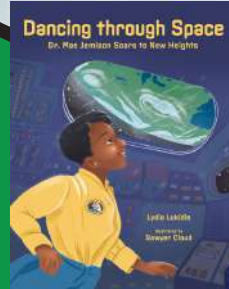
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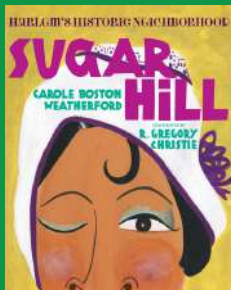
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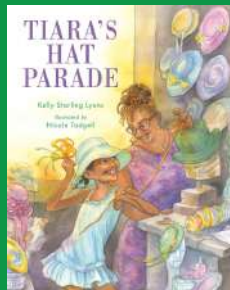
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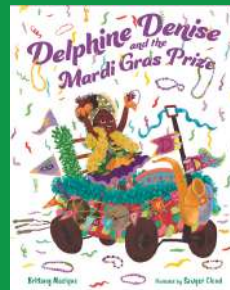
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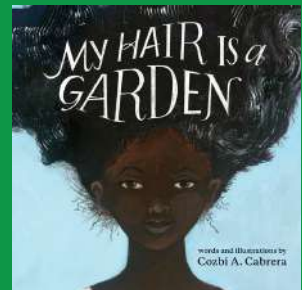
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Love Grows Here

by **CHLOE ITO WARD**
 illustrated by **VIOLET KIM**

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 Ages 4 to 8/Grades P to 3

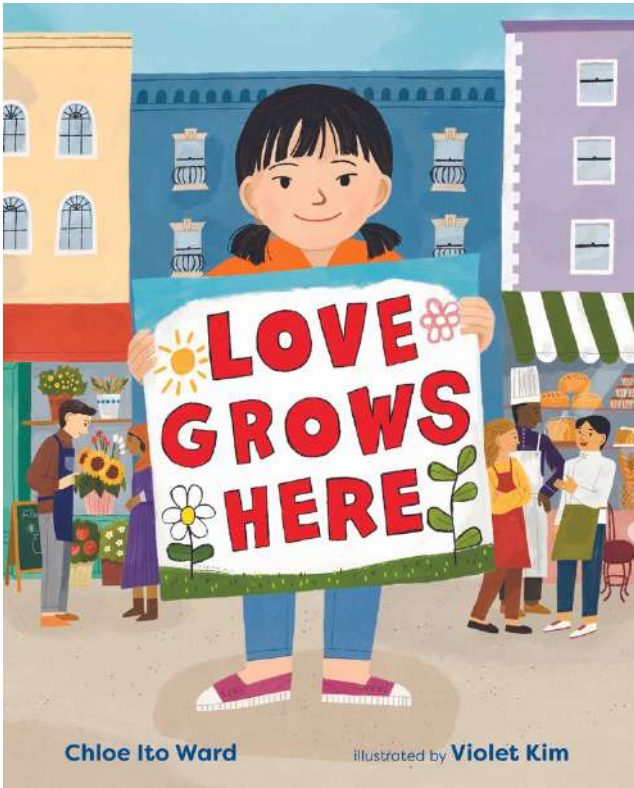
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After a racist encounter, an Asian American girl decides to fight hate by spreading love.

Aiko learns that Japanese Americans were once put in prison camps in her own country—the US—and that there are still some people who don't like her, for no reason. But Aiko also learns that people respond to acts of kindness.

What to Expect

- Written by a Japanese American author who experienced racism as a child
- A timely story about prejudice against Asian Americans, from the internment camps of World War II to the present day
- Illustrates how words and actions can grow fear and anger, or compassion and hope



CHLOE ITO WARD is a Japanese American author. A former curriculum director, she has a M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction. She spent the last decade teaching kindergarten, where she discovered her passion for picture books. When Chloe isn't perfecting her ramen recipe, you can find her rock climbing or dancing in the kitchen with her husband, son, and their imaginary dog, Miso.

VIOLET KIM (Jung Ah Kim) received a degree in illustration from the Rhode Island School of Design. She is also an illustrator of *Earth Day, Birthday!* and *If You're Going to a March*. Her book *Luna's Yum Yum Dim Sum* was named one of the 2023 Best Children's Picture Books of the Year by Bank Street College. She lives in Taipei, Taiwan, waiting for her next journey while drinking coffee and working on her art.



Don't Ask Cat!

by **MARYANN COCCA-LEFFLER**

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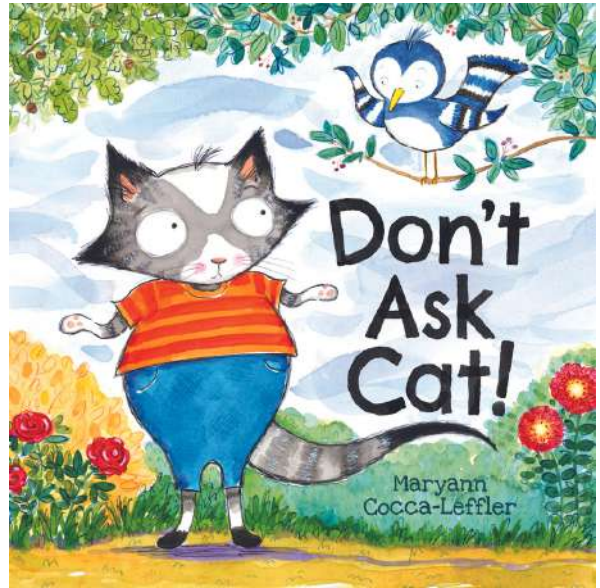
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A cat who struggles with social skills learns ways to be honest without being rude.

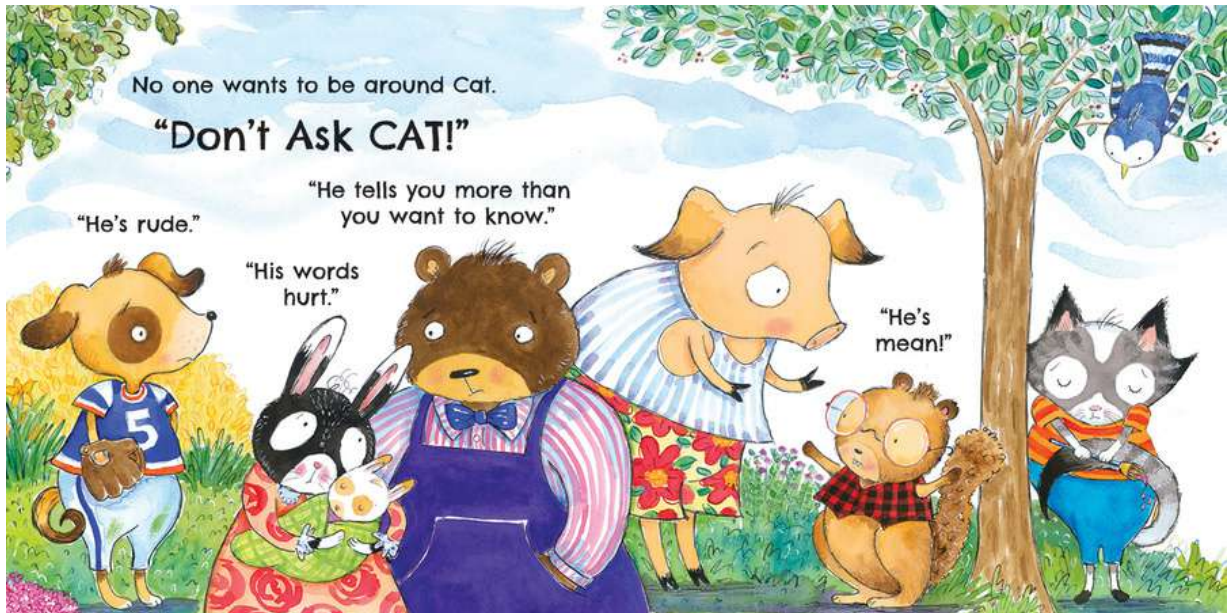
Cat always says what's on his mind, no matter how much his words may upset others. But when he hears his friends talk about him, Cat realizes that words can hurt, even though that may not be the intention.

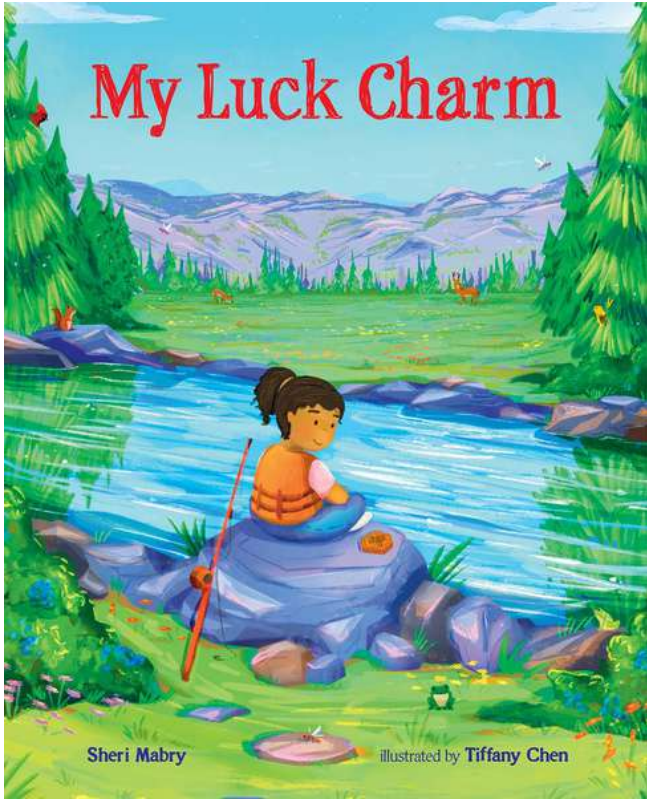
What to Expect

- Helps children learn the importance of honesty and tact
- Reminds readers to think before they speak
- Encourages understanding of neurodivergent perspectives and communication styles



MARYANN COCCA-LEFFLER has been a passionate disability rights advocate since the birth of her daughter Janine. Maryann is also an award-winning author and illustrator of over sixty books for children, including *We Want to Go to School!*, *Same Way Ben*, and *Theo's Mood*. She lives and works on the coast of Maine.





My Luck Charm

by **SHERI MABRY**
 illustrated by **TIFFANY CHEN**

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When a girl gets a close look at a fish out of water, she thinks twice about her actions.

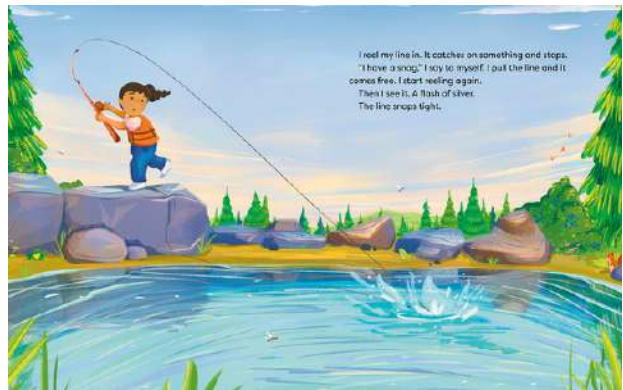
It's early morning at the cabin. A girl tucks her honeybee good luck charm in her pocket and sets out to catch fish for everyone's breakfast. She can smell the pine trees, hear the birds, and see the squirrels. But when her line snaps taut and a fish is right on the rock with her, gasping for air, her excitement turns into concern.

What to Expect

- A moving story about a child's discovery of her connection with nature
- Promotes conversations about the food we eat and where it comes from
- Encourages readers to listen to their intuition

SHERI MABRY lives in a small town in the Midwest. She has a master's degree in curriculum and instruction, a BS in education, and various other certifications. She teaches yoga and meditation and offers writing services to authors. With over a dozen books published, Sheri hopes that each book she writes brings something positive to the world. She spends much of her free time in nature with her two dogs, and is the founder of All Kind Project.

TIFFANY CHEN is a self-taught illustrator who enjoys drawing brave characters exploring the big wide world. She is the illustrator of *Meowloween*, has had her work displayed at the Wing Luke Museum and Gallery 839, and has also created illustrations for numerous clients including Citibank. She lives in Seattle, Washington.



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Way Past Mean

by **HALLEE ADELMAN**
illustrated by **KAREN WALL**

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Ages 4 to 8/Grades P to 3

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Ruby wants her friends to like her more than she wants to be nice to the new girl at school.

Once Ruby starts being mean to the new girl, Nelly, she can't stop. She likes being part of Yaz and Keya's group, so she also makes fun of Nelly and hurts her feelings. It's like Ruby's on an out-of-control roller coaster, but it's up to her to stop the ride.

What to Expect

- The ninth book in a successful SEL series
- Features a diverse cast of kids who learn to solve problems on their own
- Portrays how the pressure to fit in can lead to unkind actions while encouraging readers to listen to their inner voice



HALLEE ADELMAN is the author of numerous books for children, and she works to better the lives of kids and families through education, story, and film. With a PhD in education, she has taught elementary through university students and was nominated twice for the Disney Teacher of the Year Award. Hallee lives outside Philadelphia, PA, with her family.

KAREN WALL was born in Scotland, where she studied art and textile design, and now illustrates picture and chapter books for children. Karen dreams up her ideas in a studio above her local library in London, England.

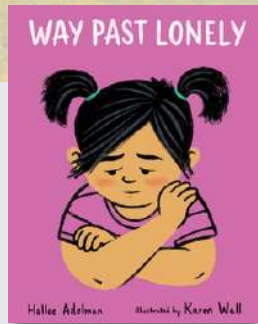


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An illustration of a woman and a child. The woman, on the left, has dark hair and is wearing a purple and yellow diamond-patterned sweater over a white long-sleeved shirt. She is smiling and adjusting a yellow headscarf with colorful patterns. The child, on the right, has long brown hair and is wearing a purple sweater with a white scalloped collar. She is also smiling and holding a brown woven basket. The background is a soft, light purple.

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Spark their imagination



Purple Up! We Salute Our Friends

by **SARAH SCHEERGER**
illustrated by **LEAH GILES**

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While military parents are away serving and protecting, their children are at home, taking care of themselves and each other.

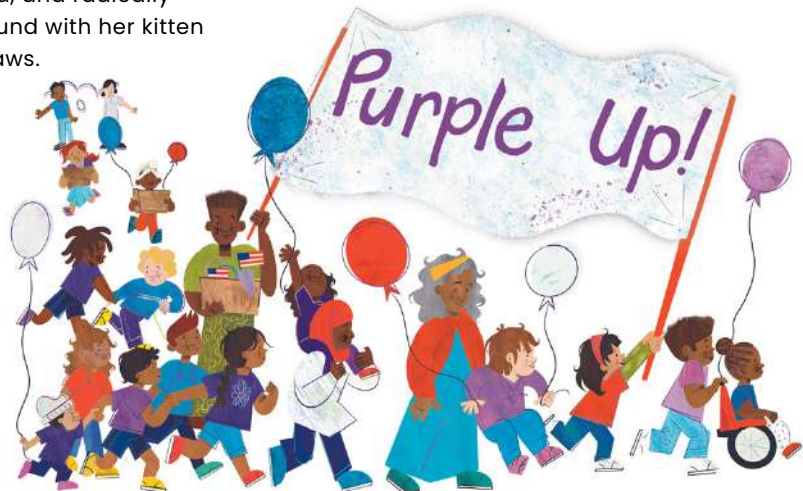
April 15 is Purple Up! Day—a day when Americans around the world recognize and celebrate the children who make sacrifices along with their military parents. Classmates mix the colors of the different military branches to create banners that say, "Thank you for your service!"

SARAH SCHEERGER, LCSW, provides school-based counseling and other mental health services. She is grateful for the opportunity to support students along their journey. They inspire her daily with their strength and wisdom. Sarah is the author of eight books for young readers. She lives in California, with her family and their dog, Daisy.

LEAH GILES grew up outside of Toronto, Canada. She now resides in a noisy little apartment in Brooklyn, New York, where she splatters paint and collages paper to create stories that celebrate joy. Leah is a fan of all things brightly bold, colorfully collaged, and radically lovely. Most of the time, she can be found with her kitten napping on her shoulder while she draws.

What to Expect

- Inspired by Purple Up! Day, held every April 15 throughout the US in support of the 1.9 million military children in the nation, as well as those based overseas
- Spotlights the sacrifices made by children of military personnel, and shows a community coming together to celebrate them
- Offers ways to make new people feel welcome at school and in the neighborhood



The Mud Angels

How Students Saved the City of Florence

by **KAREN M. GREENWALD**

illustrated by **OLGA LEE**

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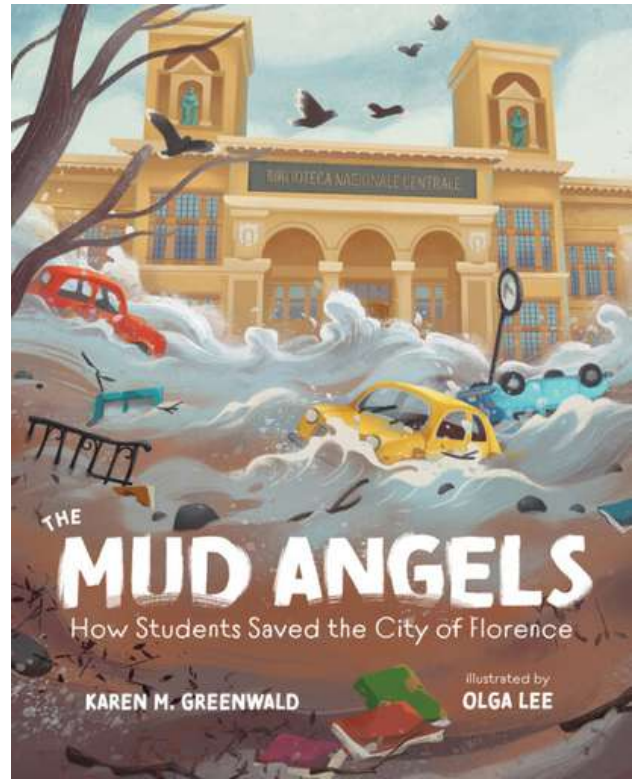
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Based on real events, this story shows how a team of international volunteers worked together to save priceless artifacts after a flood.

When the Arno River floods the city of Florence, Italy in 1966, it leaves slimy, smelly mud everywhere. A young girl watches students from around the world, many from the US, help save the town's rare treasures, earning themselves the nickname *Angeli del Fango*, the Mud Angels.

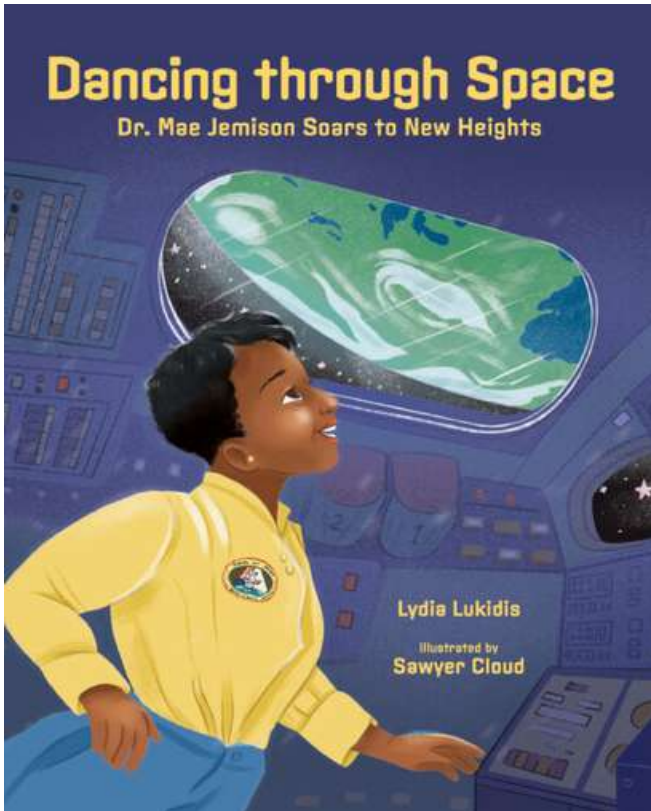
What to Expect

- An inspiring historical example of international cooperation
- Portrays young people working together to make a positive impact
- Reminds readers that it's possible to help others even when you don't speak the same language



KAREN M. GREENWALD is the author of *A Vote for Susanna*, which was a Kansas 2022 Notable Book. It represented Kansas at the Library of Congress National Book Festival and in the Great Reads from Great Places initiative. She cofounded the #SunWriteFun writing contest, which raises money for kidlit charities, and her strategic branding efforts have earned 17 international awards. Karen shares her Maryland office with a very noisy dog.

OLGA LEE is an illustrator of Korean ethnicity currently based in Moscow, Russia. After studying animation at Max the Mutt Art and Animation College in Toronto, Canada, she returned to Russia to work as an animator on a feature film while freelancing as an illustrator whenever she could to practice drawing. Eventually she realized she wanted to focus on illustrating full time. Olga takes her inspiration from everyday life and stories. When not illustrating, she loves spending time with her dog and skating.



Dancing through Space

Dr. Mae Jemison Soars to New Heights

by **LYDIA LUKIDIS**

illustrated by **SAWYER CLOUD**

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The true story of Dr. Mae Jemison, whose lifelong passions of science and dance prepared her to become a trailblazing astronaut.

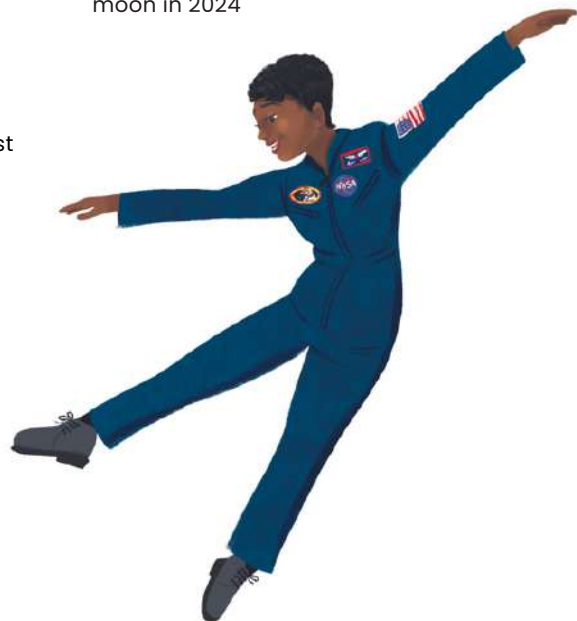
Today, Dr. Mae Jemison is famous for being the first Black woman to travel into outer space. But when she was growing up, she felt torn between two passions: science and dance. It seemed like an impossible choice. There had to be some way to make room for both—and Mae found one. As an adult, she combined her gifts of scientific logic and artistic creativity and became an astronaut.

What to Expect

- Highlights the power of combining creativity and arts with science and technology
- Provides a model of someone who spent her life keeping her mind and her body strong
- A timely story, coinciding with NASA's plans to land the first woman and person of color on the moon in 2024

LYDIA LUKIDIS is the author of more than 50 trade and educational children's books. Her titles include *Deep, Deep Down* and *The Broken Bees' Nest*, which was nominated for a CYBILS Award. A STEAM enthusiast from a young age, Lydia now incorporates her studies in art and science into her books. She lives in Quebec, Canada, with her daughter.

SAWYER CLOUD is a self-taught artist living in Madagascar, her birth country. She is a passionate artist with a huge interest in dreams and freedom. Her previous titles include *The Juneteenth Story* and *Sugar Pie Lullaby*, among many others. Sawyer loves music and has a long list of dreams to accomplish, including traveling around the world.



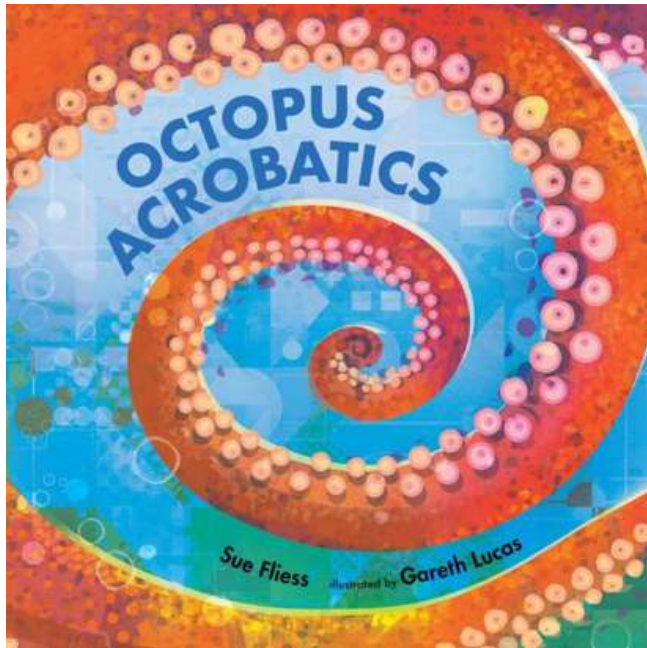


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Octopus Acrobatics

by **SUE FLIESS**
illustrated by **GARETH LUCAS**

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Master of disguise. Skilled escape artist. Behold the wondrous octopus!

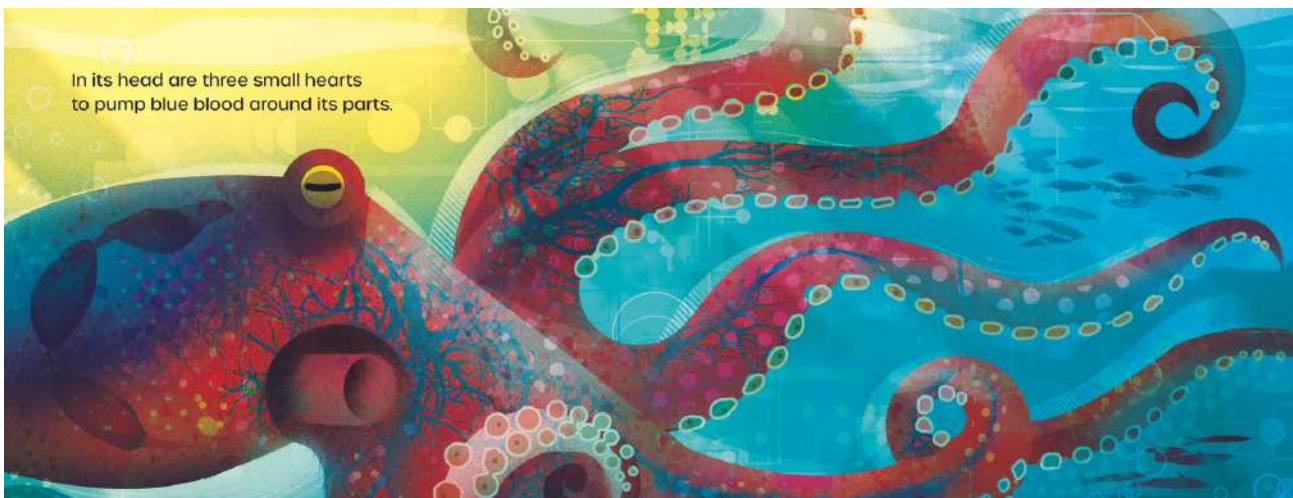
Though octopuses live in every ocean and along every US coast, you may never catch a glimpse of one in the wild. All 300 species, from the tiny wolfi octopus to the enormous Pacific octopus, can camouflage themselves by changing color, pattern, and texture. Some octopuses are also capable of regenerating limbs, surviving on land for short periods of time, and fitting through impossibly small spaces!

What to Expect

- Follow-up to star-reviewed *Cicada Symphony*, by the same author-illustrator team
- Learn about the characteristics and behaviors of the octopus, including its fascinating hunting and hiding techniques
- Two ways to read: focus on the rhythmic, rhyming verse or the fun fact boxes on every spread

SUE FLIESS is the award-winning, bestselling author of more than 50 children's books including *Cicada Symphony*, *The Earth Gives More*, and the Kid Scientist series. Her books have been named to notable lists and translated into multiple languages. Sue lives in Northern Virginia.

GARETH LUCAS is an illustrator and designer living in Essex, England. He studied at Brighton and Central Saint Martin's Art Schools, and since graduating he has worked as a full-time artist, illustrating many well-loved books—all with the natural world at their center. Gareth combines digital processes with a colorful palette and a charming style to produce work that is joyful and exuberant.



Beauty and the Beaker

by **SUE FLIESS**

illustrated by **PETROS BOULOUBASIS**

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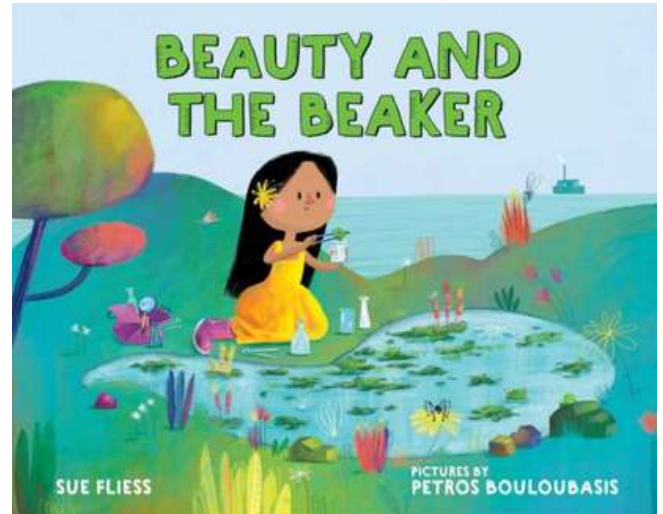
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In the aftermath of a cyclone, scientist Beauty finds the key to restoring power in a nearby pond.

Beauty is a scientist who is never without her beaker. When a beast of a storm hits her island home, Beauty discovers a type of green energy that will restore power to the community, and help many others, too.

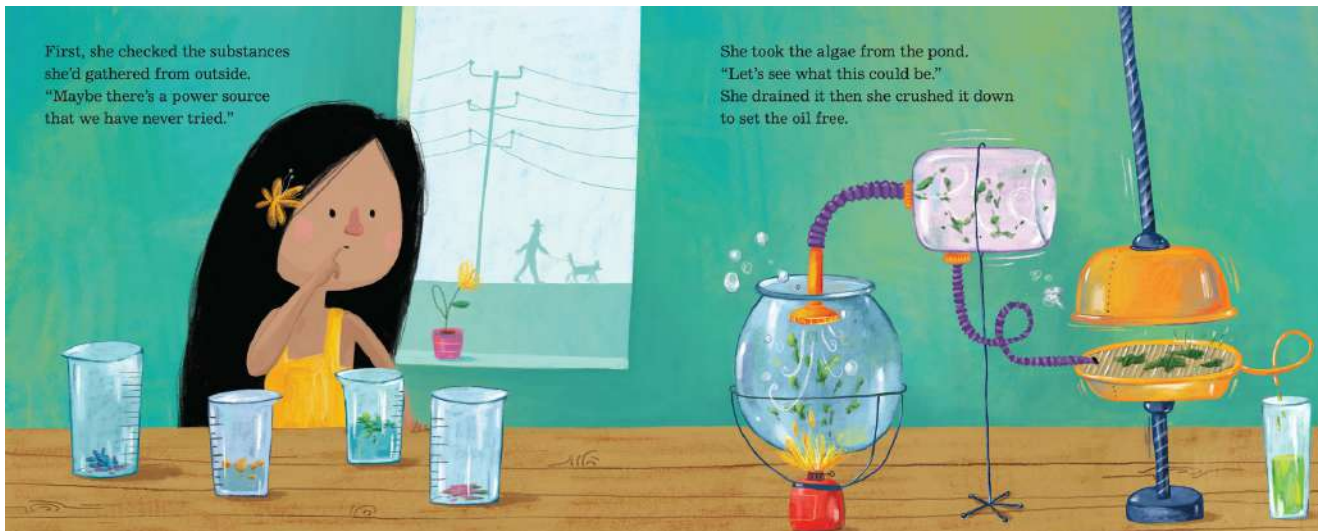
What to Expect

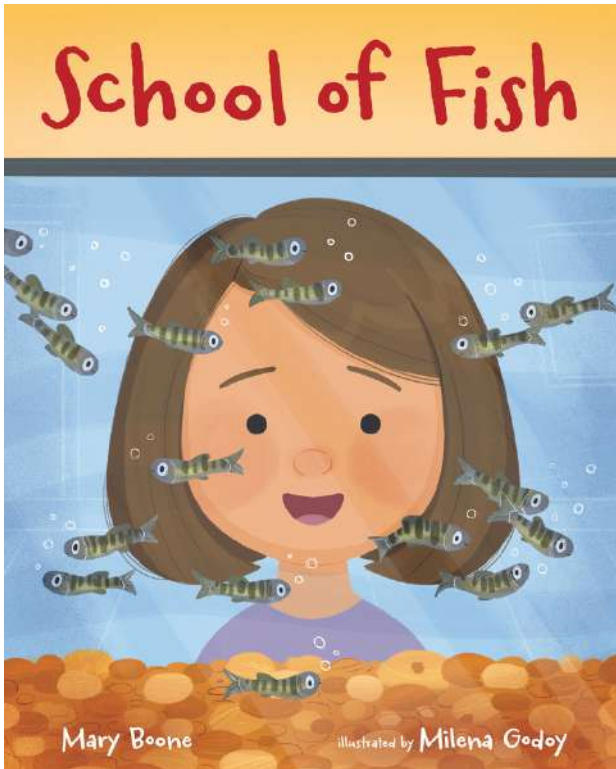
- Rhyming and rhythmic stories inspired by real discoveries in STEM fields
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PETROS BOULOUBASIS graduated from the Graphic Design Institute of Athens. His work is published and exhibited in Greece, Spain, Japan, Iran, Australia, France, Korea, Belgium, and Turkey. He is also the illustrator of *Mary Had a Little Lab*, *Little Red Rhyming Hood*, and *The Princess and the Petri Dish*. He lives in Athens, Greece.





School of Fish

by **MARY BOONE**
illustrated by **MILENA GODOY**

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8 x 10, 32 pages
Ages 4 to 8/Grades P to 3

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Students work together to raise salmon in the classroom.

Emmy and her classmates have a special hands-on assignment: raising salmon and releasing them into the wild! At school, they learn about the biology, life cycle, and habitat of salmon, and watch them grow from egg stage to fry stage. When Release Day comes, the students wish their fry goodbye and good luck, hoping that one day they'll find their way back to spawn.

What to Expect

- Learn about the behaviors, habitat, and conservation of salmon
- Backmatter includes an author's note, glossary, and additional information on the life stages of the salmon
- Two ways to read: focus on the rhythmic, rhyming verse or the fun fact boxes on every spread

MARY BOONE has ridden an elephant, jumped out of an airplane, and baked dozens of cricket cookies—all in the interest of research for her books and magazine articles. She's written 69 nonfiction books for young readers. Mary lives in Tacoma, Washington, with her husband, Mitch; kids, Eve and Eli; and the world's most opinionated airedale terrier, Ruthie Bader. *School of Fish* is Mary's debut picture book.

MILENA GODOY is an illustrator from São Paulo, Brazil. She started her career right after graduating in animation and is currently focused on children's books. Her most recent and notable works include illustrations for *Superinteressante* and *Você S/A* magazines.

Zoologists on the Trail

by **SUE FLIESS**

illustrated by **MIA POWELL**

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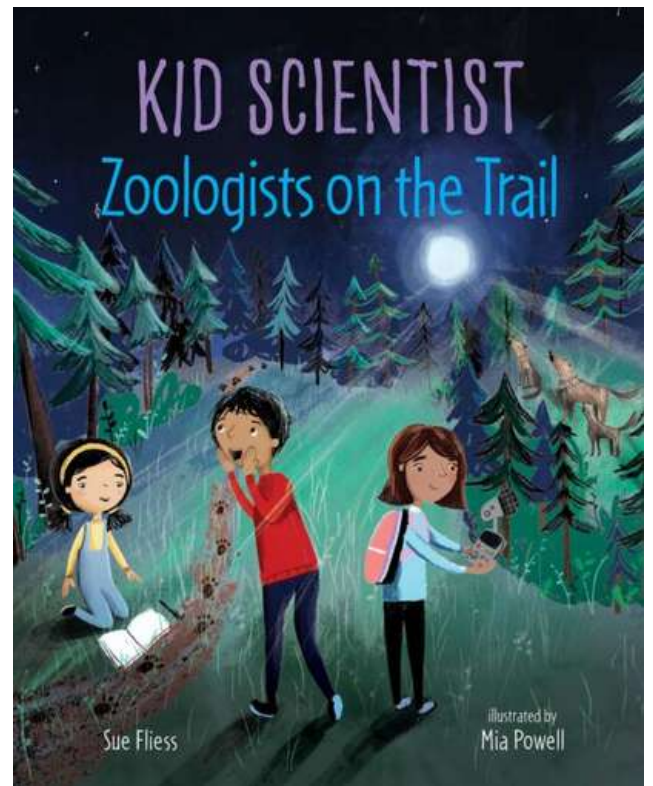
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The kid scientists are in Yellowstone National Park, checking on a wolf pack they last saw one year ago.

Kai is a zoologist. He and his team study animals and how they behave in their environments. Their latest assignment: observing wolves in Yellowstone National Park. Using a combination of old and new technology, Kai's team checks the pack's health and its effect on the environment. Inspired by a real-world study, this story introduces readers to the terms, tools, and techniques zoologists use in their research, including bioacoustics, the study of making and receiving animal sounds.

What to Expect

- Inspired by the Yellowstone Wolf Project, an ongoing, internationally-acclaimed study of the keystone predator
- Learn about the terms, tools, and techniques zoologists use in their research
- Follow the steps of the scientific method as characters ask and answer questions



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MIA POWELL is a children's illustrator based in Birmingham, England. She studied illustration at Birmingham City University, where she graduated at the top of her class. She has since illustrated children's books, art for print, greeting cards, and children's clothing.



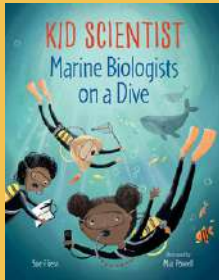
"Each howl is unique," says Kai, "so we should be able to count and identify new wolves. The pack has been growing each year and the park is thriving. My hypothesis, or educated guess, is that the wolf pack will have grown this year, too."



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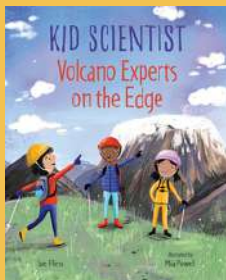
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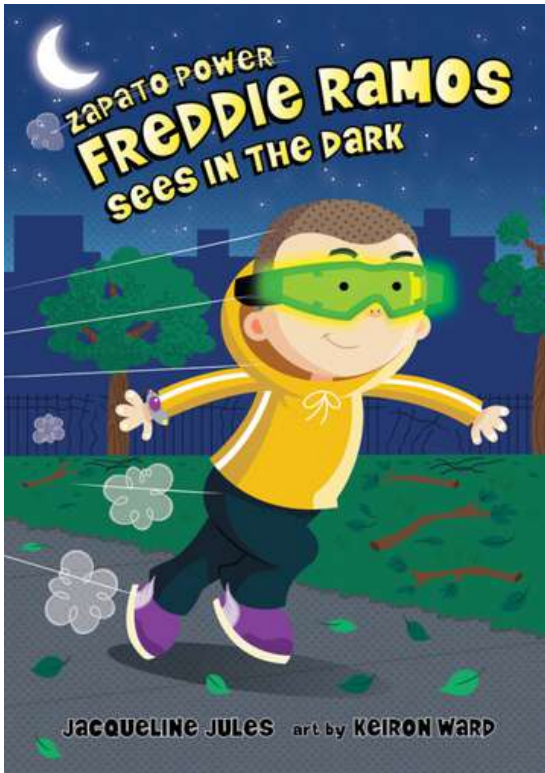
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What to Expect

- Features a diverse cast of characters, including a new ally
- Freddie and his friends find ways to help in a crisis
- Encourages readers to confront their fears in a

JACQUELINE JULES is the author of 50 books, including *Freddie Ramos Takes Off*, a CYBILS Award winner, and *Never Say a Mean Word Again*, a Sydney Taylor Honor Book. She lives on Long Island, New York. A former school librarian, she loves to interact with young readers and teachers.

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What to Expect

- Readers will learn about Earth's moon alongside Abby and her classmates
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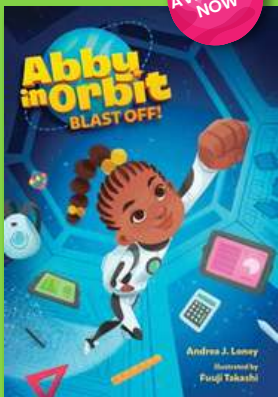


ANDREA J. LONEY is an award-winning children's author whose books celebrate diversity, joy, and kindness. She holds an MFA from New York University and, in addition to the Abby in Orbit series, has published several acclaimed picture books, including *Bunnybear* and *Double Bass Blues*, which won a Caldecott Honor. Andrea lives in Los Angeles, California, with her family and their incredibly spoiled pets.

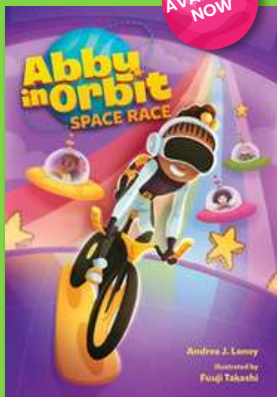
WENDY TAN is a Chinese-Malaysian artist known for her captivating illustrations and passion for storytelling. She graduated with a diploma in multimedia design and started her career as a storyboard and visual development artist in the animation industry. Her publications include the Pets Rule! and Girls Survive series. In her free time, Wendy enjoys reading, traveling, spending time with family and her puppy, Lucky.

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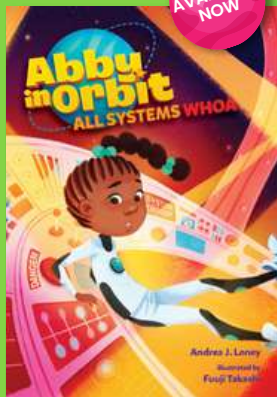
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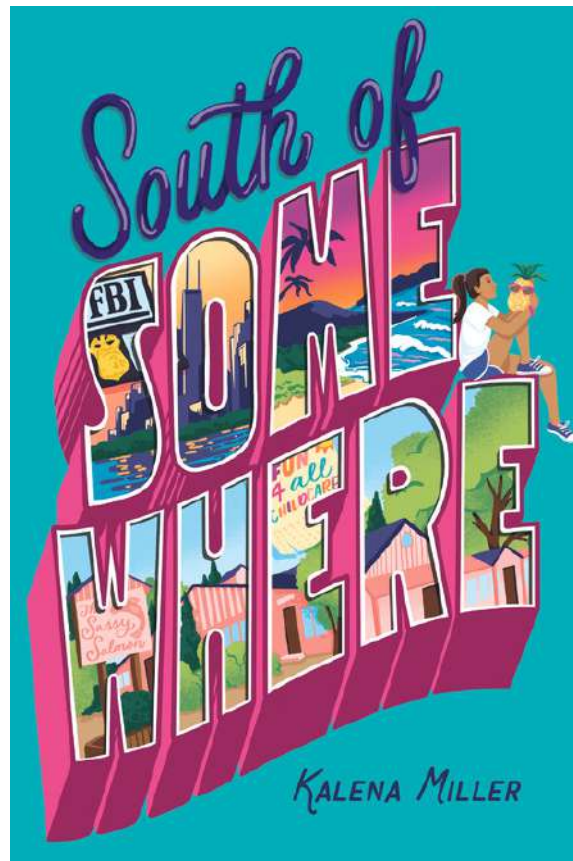
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The unforgettable tale of a girl, her maybe-criminal mom, her babysitting business, and her pet pineapple.

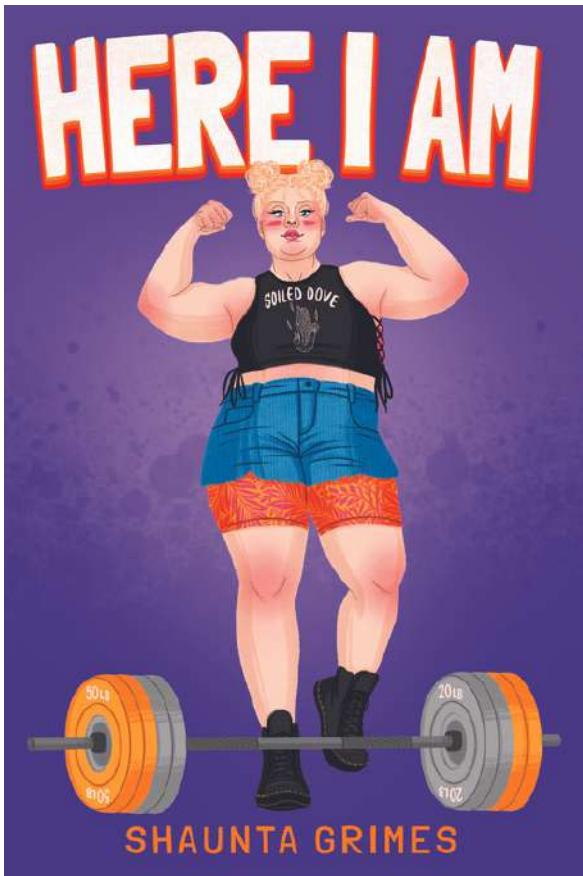
When FBI agents swarm twelve-year-old Mavis Callahan's downtown Chicago home, her mom goes on the run. With the family's house and bank accounts seized, Mavis's dad takes her and her siblings to seek refuge with his sister just south of rural Somewhere, Illinois—a far cry from the big city lifestyle Mavis is used to. As Mavis grapples with her sudden turn in fortune, she learns to make new friends and starts a babysitting business to bring in some much-needed cash for the family. But she can't help but wonder—is her mom truly guilty? And if not, why has she gone into hiding, contacting Mavis only through a series of postcards from exotic locales? Mavis isn't sure if she's ready for the truth, but she'll do anything to find it.

What to Expect

- Explores a girl's relationships with family and friends during a period of monumental change
- Addresses relevant themes surrounding class differences and the rural/urban cultural divide in the US
- Compelling story with endearing characters, a strong voice, and a sense of humor



KALENA MILLER is the author of several books for children and teens. She graduated from Carleton College before receiving an MFA in creative writing from Hamline University. She currently lives with her husband and lovable, if slightly neurotic, dog in College Station, Texas, where she runs a bookstore with her mom. When she is not writing, reading, or selling books, Kalena enjoys tap dancing, crocheting, and watching an embarrassing amount of reality television.



SHAUNTA GRIMES lives in Warren, Pennsylvania. She has a MFA from Sierra Nevada College and runs a writing school and community called Ninja Writers. She's also the author of *Viral Nation*, *Rebel Nation*, *The Astonishing Maybe*, and *Center of Gravity*.

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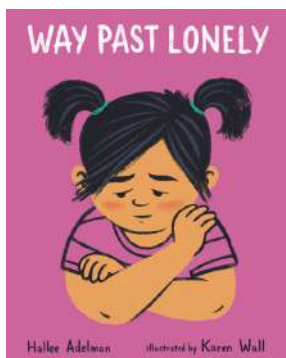


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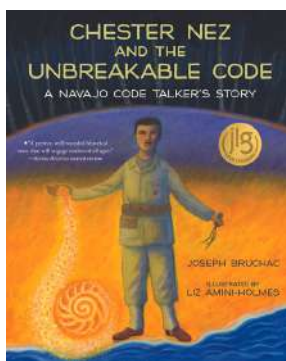


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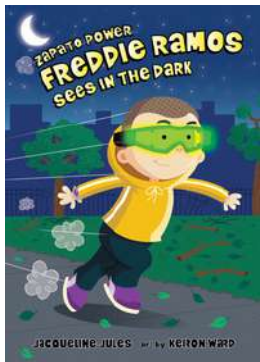


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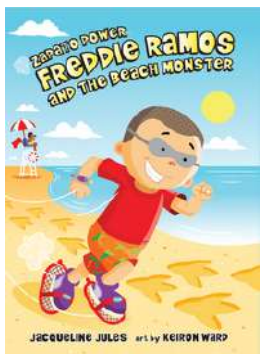


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Freddie Ramos and the Beach Monster

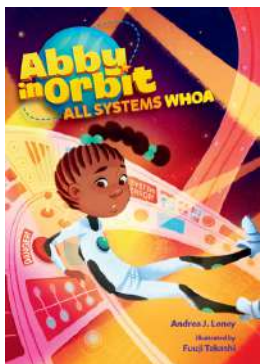


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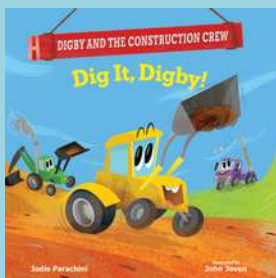


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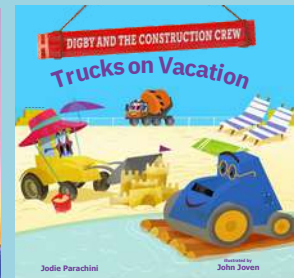
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