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Picture Book

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Will Hillenbrand



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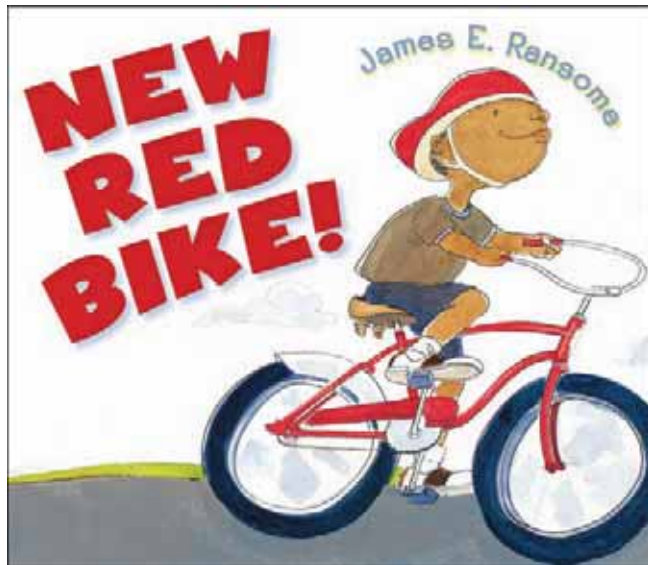
Spring Is Here!

written and illustrated in full color
by WILL HILLENBRAND

Sniff. Sniff. Sniff. Spring is in the air. Mole can smell it. But Bear is still asleep after his long winter nap. How will Mole wake up Bear so they can celebrate together? When a *knock, knock, knock* and *toot, toot, toot* can't get Bear out of bed, Mole cooks up a special treat.

Spring fever is catching in this vibrant story of friendship.

Will Hillenbrand is the author and illustrator of *Asleep in the Stable*, which *Publishers Weekly* called, ★“perfect for Christmas Eve sharing with little ones” in a starred review. He and his wife, Jane, the author of *What a Treasure!*, which ★“goes right to the heart of universal childhood emotions” (*PW* starred review), live in Ohio.

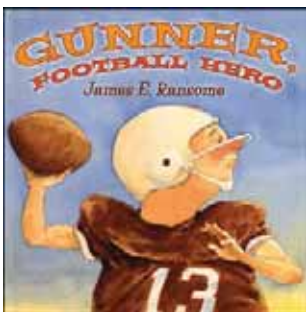


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Picture Book

Also by
James E. Ransome



Gunner, Football Hero
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New Red Bike!

written and illustrated in full color by JAMES E. RANSOME

Up and down! Round and round! Tom is having a blast zooming all over the neighborhood on his new red bike. But when Tom stops by Sam's house to show off his wheels, he's in for an unhappy surprise. The new bike is suddenly . . . gone. Could his best friend, Sam, be the culprit? This deceptively simple-seeming picture book offers a clever take on sharing.

James E. Ransome received both the Coretta Scott King Award for Illustration and the IBBY Honor Award for his art for *The Creation* by James Weldon Johnson. Other awards include Coretta Scott King Honor Awards, an NAACP Image Award, and a *Parenting Reading Magic* Award. He lives in upstate New York.

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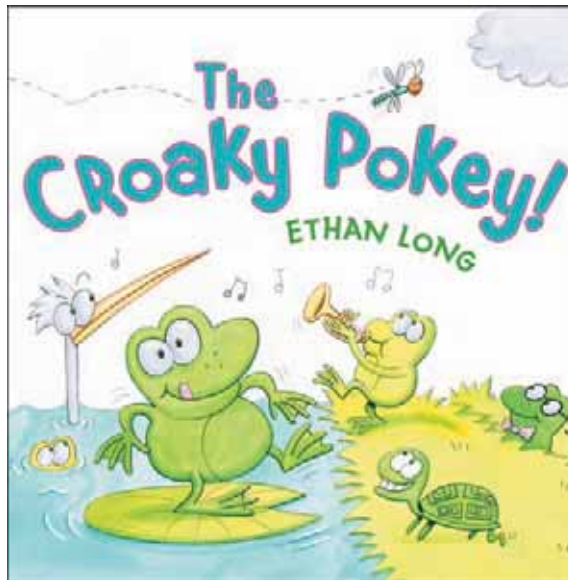
Picture Book

Also illustrated
by Ethan Long



*Muddy as a Duck Puddle
and Other American
Similes*

written by Laurie Lawlor
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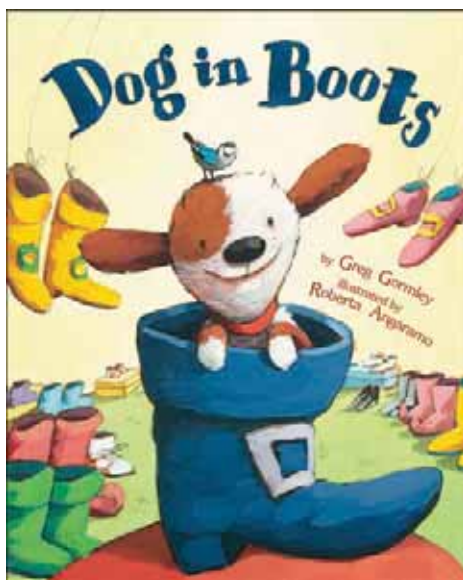
The Croaky Pokey!

written and illustrated in full color by ETHAN LONG

*Put your right hand in,
Put your right hand out,
Put your right hand in,
And wave it all about,
Hop the Croakey Pokey
As flies buzz all around,
Right in the froggy's mouth!*

Don't miss the froggy fun in this hopping and bopping version of a favorite traditional song and game.

Ethan Long is a multitalented artist who created the animated cartoon *Tasty Time with Ze Fronk*. He wrote and illustrated the best-selling book *Tickle the Duck* and illustrated *Mañana*, *Iguana*, *Fiesta Fiasco*, *Count on Culebra*, and *Tortuga in Trouble*, all by Ann Whitford Paul. He lives with his family in Florida.

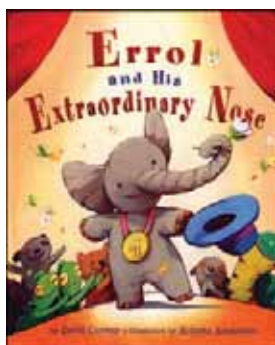


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Picture Book

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by Roberta Angarano



*Errol and His
Extraordinary Nose*
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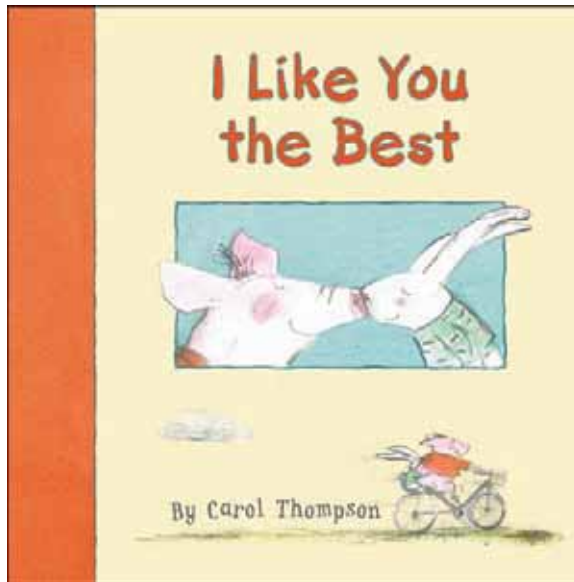
Dog in Boots

by GREG GORMLEY
illustrated in full color by ROBERTA ANGARAMO

Inspired by his favorite story about a cat with fantastic boots, Dog heads to the local shoe store and emerges with some splendid footwear. But Dog soon discovers that his fancy shoes won't let him do doggy things. He tries flippers, high heels, even skis, but can't find anything that is just right. Could the perfect solution be right under his nose? Wants and needs are contrasted through the process of trial and error in this cheerful picture book illustrated by an artist whose work *Publishers Weekly* has called "exceptionally adorable."

Greg Gormley is the author and illustrator of several books for children. He studied fine art in Belfast and Liverpool and now lives in England.

Roberta Angarano has illustrated more than thirty books for children. *School Library Journal* raved that her "lively illustrations" in *Errol and His Extraordinary Nose* "take center stage." She lives in Italy.



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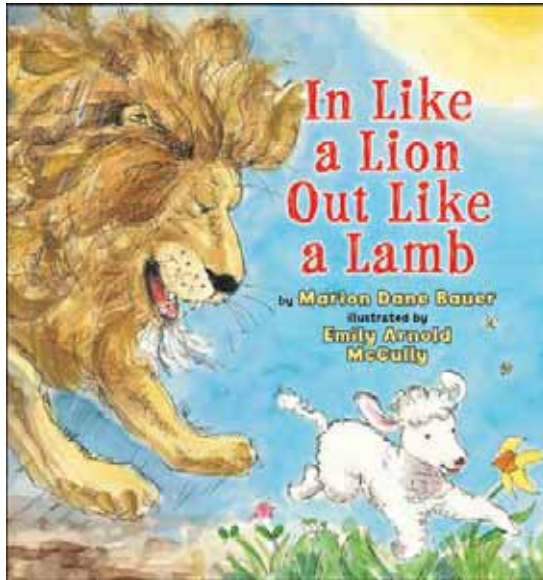
I Like You the Best

written and illustrated in full color by CAROL THOMPSON

Dolly the pig and Jack Rabbit are the best friends in all the world. Together they sit in their Best Place and watch clouds, or play so hard that all they can do is laugh. One afternoon while painting portraits, they hurt each other's feelings. They are mad and sad. Can this dynamic duo ever be best buddies again?

This is a heartwarming picture book about the ups and downs of being best friends.

Carol Thompson studied textile design before going on to become a graphic designer and then an author-illustrator. She has published forty-five books, which have been translated into fifteen different languages, including Lebanese and two indigenous Sioux languages: Dakota and Ojibwe. She resides in England.



Ages 4–8
32 pages
9 × 10
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Picture Book

In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb

by MARION DANE BAUER

illustrated in full color by EMILY ARNOLD McCULLY

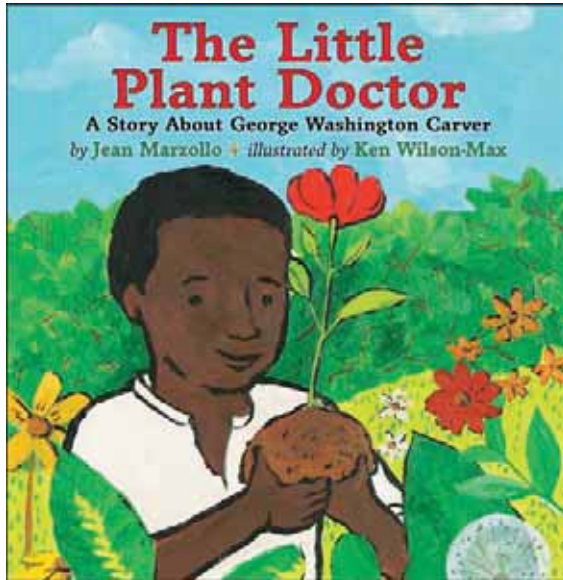
*March comes in with a roar.
He rattles your windows
and scratches at your door.*

In this exuberant, rhythmic story, March, personified as a lion, enters a boy's cozy home and leaves a trail of snow flurries and muddy footprints. The boy calmly observes the pouncing, howling, growling lion until in comes the lamb on the crest of a huge sneeze.

Escorted by grass, flowers, sunshine, showers, and animal babies, the lamb brings forth spring.

Marion Dane Bauer is the author of *On My Honor*, a Newbery Honor Book, and *The Longest Night*, illustrated by Ted Lewin. She lives in Minnesota.

Emily Arnold McCully is the author and illustrator of *Mirette on the High Wire*, for which she won the Caldecott Medal. She lives in New York State.



Ages 4–8
32 pages
10 × 10
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Shipping March

Picture Book

The Little Plant Doctor

A Story About George Washington Carver

by JEAN MARZOLLO
illustrated in full color by KEN WILSON-MAX

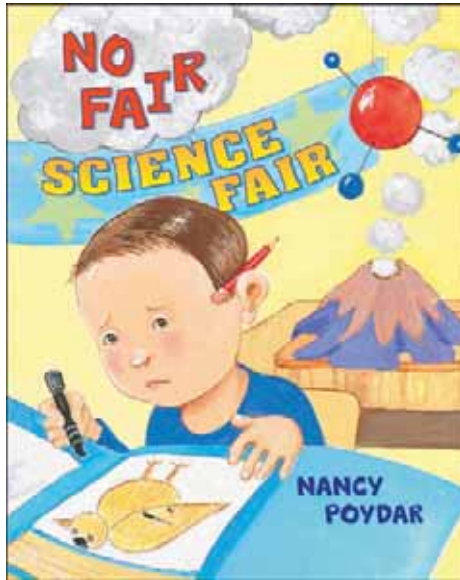
If a flower drooped, George asked, “What’s the matter? Too much sun? Too little sun?” He moved some plants from sun to shade and others from shade to sun. Nicknamed the Little Plant Doctor, George would try to find a remedy.

Jean Marzollo introduces children to a great scientist and encourages them to cultivate a sense of wonder and a desire to explore.

Bright, bold illustrations by Ken Wilson-Max underscore that science and learning are fun!

Jean Marzollo has written more than 130 books for children, including the books in the award-winning *I Spy* series. She lives with her husband in Cold Spring, New York.

Ken Wilson-Max has illustrated more than fifty books for children, including *Big Red Fire Truck* and *Little Blue Engine*. He and his wife live in London, England.

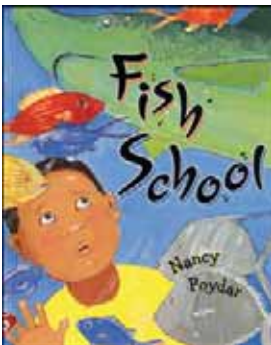


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Picture Book

Also by Nancy Poydar



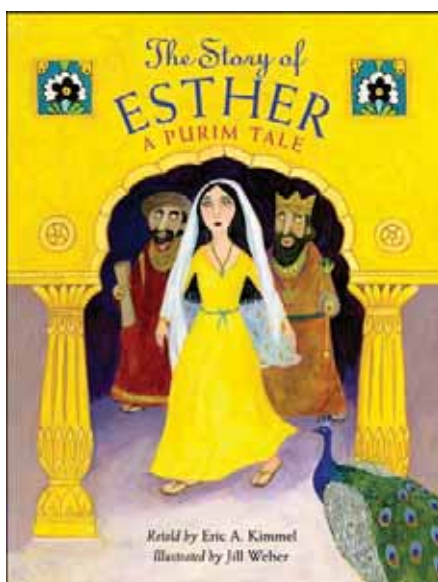
Fish School
978-0-8234-2140-4
R, \$16.95

No Fair Science Fair

written and illustrated in full color by NANCY POYDAR

Oh no! Otis needs a science fair project in a hurry. The problem is that all the good ideas are already taken and the judges will arrive on Friday. Luckily a blue jay outside the classroom window inspires Otis to make a bird feeder and observe which birds come to it. Even when other kids question the “scientificness” of his project and no birds come to the feeder, Otis doesn’t give up—winning the prize for stick-to-it-iveness.

Nancy Poydar’s experiences as an elementary school teacher inspire and inform her reassuring picture books about children. Now a full-time author and artist, she lives with her husband in Wayland, Massachusetts.

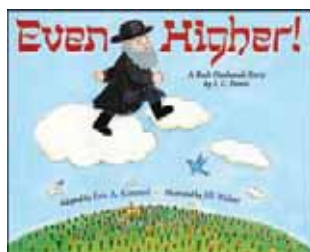


Ages 4–8
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8½ × 11
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Picture Book

Also by Eric A. Kimmel
and Jill Weber



Even Higher!
A Rosh Hashanah Story
by I. L. Peretz
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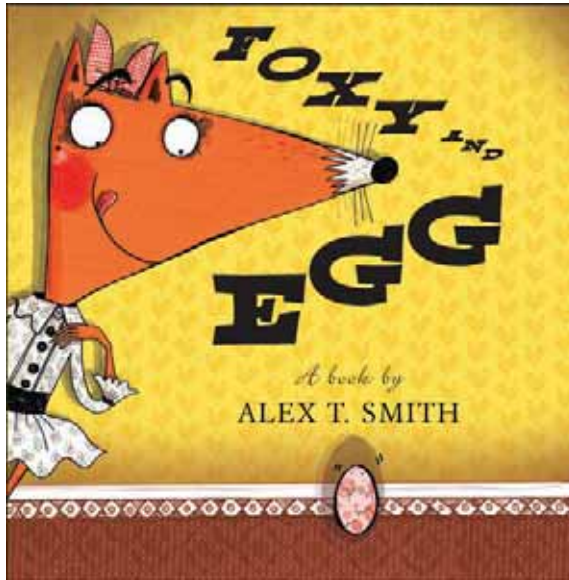
The Story of Esther A Purim Tale

by ERIC A. KIMMEL
illustrated in full color by JILL WEBER

The Purim story is full of drama. It brings together a mighty king, a jealous scoundrel, and a wise uncle. However, at its center is a clever heroine who was so beautiful she was known as the Morning Star. It is only because of Queen Esther's cunning and courage that evil was brought to justice and many lives were saved. Told for many thousands of years, her story is still thrilling and inspiring.

Eric A. Kimmel is a celebrated children's author and master storyteller. His books have won National Jewish Book Awards, and he has been given the Sydney Taylor Lifetime Achievement Award. He lives in Oregon.

Jill Weber is a children's book illustrator, book designer, and college art teacher. Her work has been praised for its "childlike feel" and "vibrant appeal." She lives in New Hampshire.



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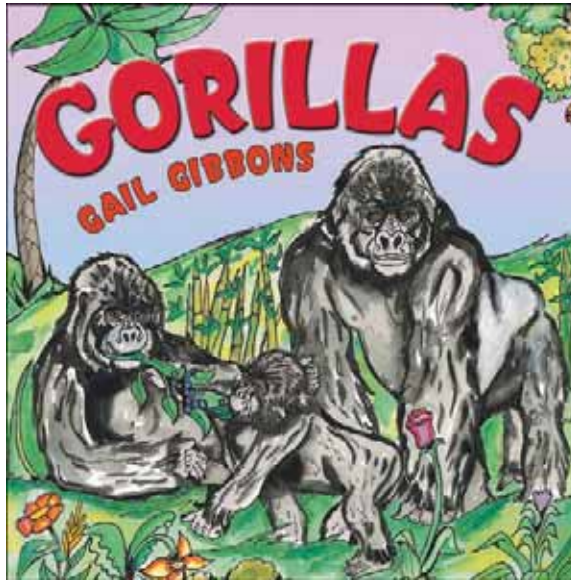
Picture Book

Foxy and Egg

written and illustrated in full color by ALEX T. SMITH

Delightful hostess Foxy DuBois invites Egg over for dinner. While Egg is taking notice of Foxy's chicken-themed art, Foxy is in the kitchen devising her breakfast menu: Egg. Foxy serves an indulgent dinner—she wants a big, delicious Egg. Then they play games—Foxy also wants a fit Egg. At Foxy's insistence, Egg spends the night: "I have something even more wonderful planned for breakfast," Foxy says. But in the morning Foxy is the one in for a surprise.

Alex T. Smith had career aspirations of space travel, cooking, and being a rabbit before deciding to be an illustrator. In 2008 he was shortlisted for the Best Emerging Illustrator by Booktrust. He lives in England.

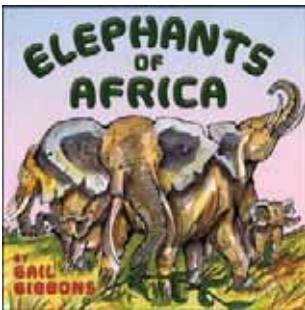


Ages 4–8
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10 × 10
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Nonfiction Picture Book

Also by Gail Gibbons



Elephants of Africa
R, \$16.95
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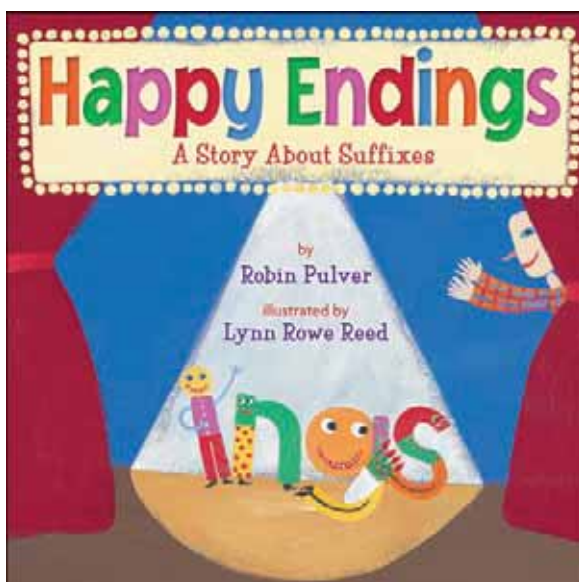
Gorillas

written and illustrated in full color by GAIL GIBBONS

All wild gorillas live in Africa. They are peaceful and intelligent, and live in family groups called troops.

Here are descriptions of the physical characteristics of these primates as well as information about how they live, including how they eat, raise their young, and adapt to their environment.

Gail Gibbons has written and illustrated more than fifty books for Holiday House, including *Alligators and Crocodiles*. *School Library Journal* describes her work as “just right for browsers and beginners.” She lives with her husband in Corinth, Vermont.



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Language Arts Picture Book

Also by Robin Pulver
and Lynn Rowe Reed

*Punctuation Takes a
Vacation*
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R, \$17.95
978-0-8234-1820-6
P, \$6.95

*Nouns and Verbs Have a
Field Day*
978-0-8234-1982-1
R, \$17.95
978-0-8234-2097-1
P, \$6.95

*Silent Letters Loud and
Clear*
978-0-8234-2127-5
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Happy Endings A Story about Suffixes

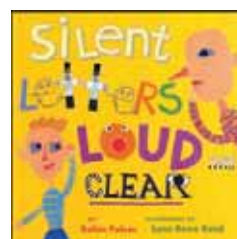
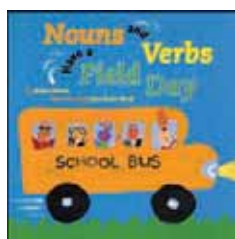
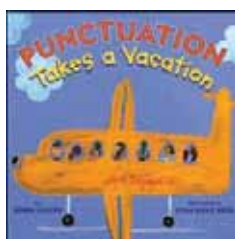
by ROBIN PULVER

illustrated in full color by LYNN ROWE REED

Yikes! Mr. Wright announces that word endings will be tackled after lunch. The suffixes written on Mr. Wright's board are in a tizzy. How can they defend themselves and prove that suffixes are helpful? The creators of *Punctuation Takes a Vacation*, *Nouns and Verbs Have a Field Day*, and *Silent Letters Loud and Clear*, have concocted another memorable language arts picture book.

Robin Pulver lives in upstate New York.

Lynn Rowe Reed lives in Indiana.



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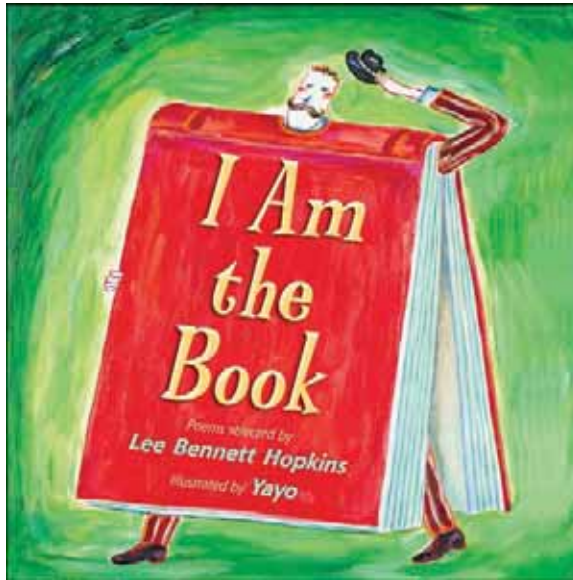
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Poetry

Also selected by
Lee Bennett Hopkins



Give Me Wings
illustrated by
Ponder Goembel
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I Am the Book

poems selected by LEE BENNETT HOPKINS
illustrated in full color by YAYO

A book is a wonderful, magical treat. The thirteen poems in this collection encourage young readers to snuggle up with a story and stretch their imaginations, to splash in a sea of tales by day and swashbuckle through chapters late at night. With playful illustrations by Yayo and thought-provoking poems by Jane Yolen, Rebecca Kai Dotlich, Naomi Shihab Nye, and others, readers will unlock a treasure trove of poems in this exuberant celebration of reading.

Lee Bennett Hopkins is the recipient of the Christopher Award, the University of Southern Mississippi Medallion, and the NCTE Award for Excellence in Poetry for Children. He lives in Cape Coral, Florida.

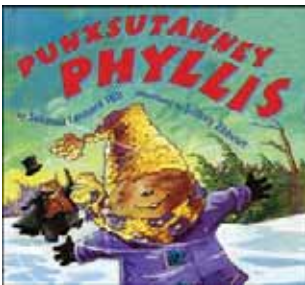
Yayo has won numerous prizes for his illustrations. *Kirkus Reviews* praised the “whimsy and fun” in his illustrations for *The King Who Barked* by Charlotte Foltz Jones. A native of Colombia, he lives in Montreal, Canada.

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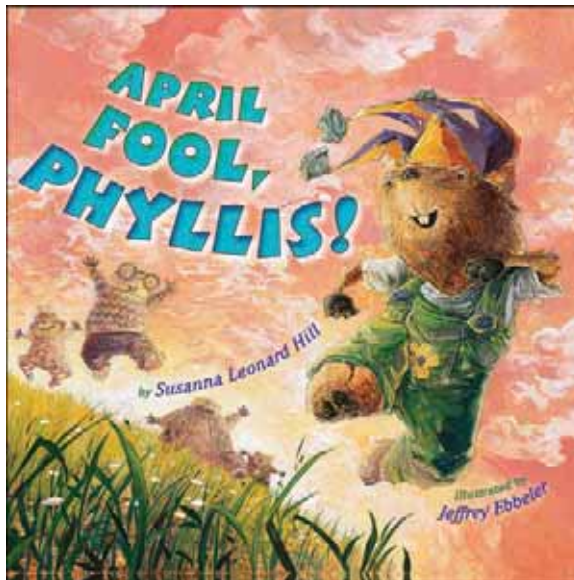
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Picture Book

Also by
Susanna Leonard Hill
and Jeffrey Ebbeler



Punxsutawney Phyllis
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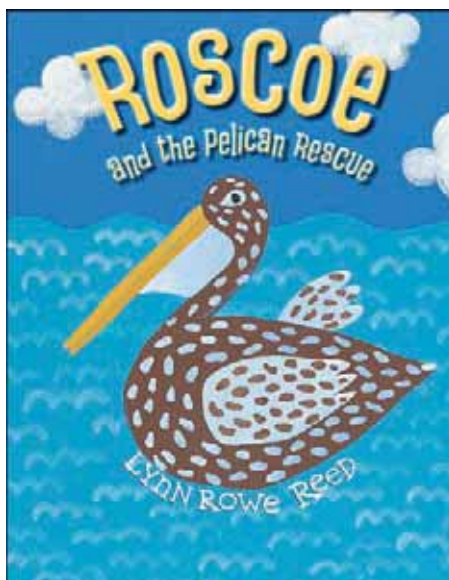
April Fool, Phyllis!

by SUSANNA LEONARD HILL
illustrated in full color by JEFFREY EBBELER

It might be April Fools' Day, but Punxsutawney Phyllis knows that winter isn't over yet.

Her infallible instincts tell her that a blizzard is brewing. Too bad no one will believe her. Luckily Phyllis uses a combination of common sense and uncommon abilities to lead the April Fools' Day treasure hunters back to safety when the storm comes on quickly. Once again Phyllis gets the last laugh in this buoyant holiday tale.

Susanna Leonard Hill and **Jeffrey Ebbeler** are the creators of *Punxsutawney Phyllis*, which *Booklist* called "charming" and which *School Library Journal* referred to as "exuberant." She lives in New York. He lives in Ohio.



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Picture Book

Also by
Lynn Rowe Reed



Color Chaos!
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Roscoe and the Pelican Rescue

written and illustrated in full color by LYNN ROWE REED

Tony is expecting the best summer ever! He'll even get to visit Cousin Addison, who lives in Louisiana right near the beach. But the cousins find that the local beach is closed and full of brown balls of goo. Worse yet, Roscoe, Addison's retriever, finds an oil-covered pelican. However, Aunt Olivia has been trained to work a rescue operation, and Tony and Addison learn how to help oil-covered animals. Information about the Deepwater Horizon accident and its affect on the Gulf Coast are included, along with information on animal rescue efforts.

Lynn Rowe Reed is an author, illustrator, and sculptor. *Booklist* praised the "high-energy activity" in her illustrations for *Punctuation Takes a Vacation* by Robin Pulver. She lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Ages 6–10
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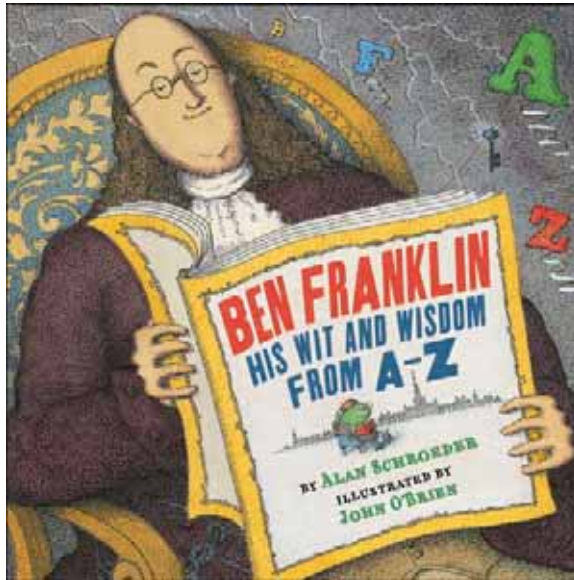
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Nonfiction Picture Book

Also illustrated by
John O'Brien



Red, White, Blue, and Uncle Who? The Story Behind Some of America's Patriotic Symbols
written by Teresa Bateman
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P, \$6.95



Ben Franklin

His Wit and Wisdom from A–Z

by ALAN SCHROEDER
illustrated in full color by JOHN O'BRIEN

Benjamin Franklin devised *armonicas* and *bifocals*, helped bring us the Constitution and signed the *Declaration of Independence*, and even experimented with electricity and invented the *Franklin stove*. He amassed enough noteworthy accomplishments to cover the entire alphabet from A to Z. This nontraditional tribute is brimming with humorous cartoons, instructive adages, and a wealth of information about a Founding Father who was as amusing as he was amazing.

Alan Schroeder is the author of acclaimed books such as *Ragtime Tumpie*, which was an ALA Notable Children's Book, and *Minty*, an ALA Notable Book and a *TIME* Magazine Best Children's Book of the Year. He lives in Alameda, California.

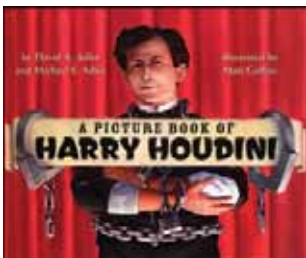
John O'Brien is a cartoonist whose work appears in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and other publications. He is also the illustrator of many children's picture books. He lives in New Jersey.

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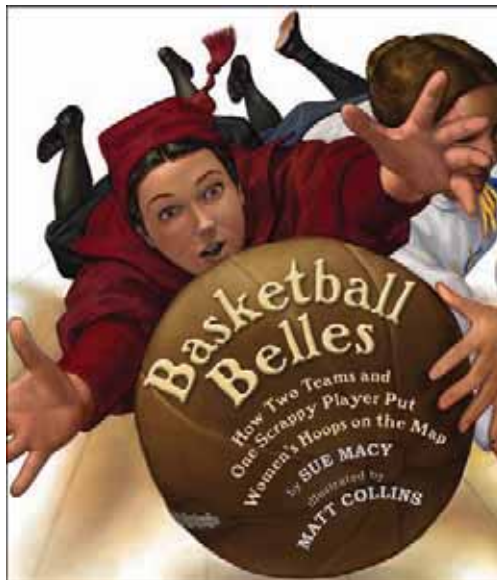
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Nonfiction Picture Book

Also illustrated by
Matt Collins



*A Picture Book of
Harry Houdini*
by David A. Adler and
Michael S. Adler
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Basketball Belles

How Two Teams and One Scrappy Player Put Women's Hoops on the Map

by SUE MACY

illustrated in full color by MATT COLLINS

Raised on a cattle ranch, Agnes Morley was sent to Stanford University to learn to be a lady. Yet in no time she exchanged her breeches and spurs for bloomers and a basketball, and in April 1896 she made history. In a heart-pounding game against the University of California at Berkeley, Agnes led her team to victory in the first-ever intercollegiate women's basketball game, bringing national attention to women's basketball.

Sue Macy loves to write about sports and fearless women. Her books have been named ALA Notable Books, Best Books for Young Adults, and *Booklist* Editors' Choices. She lives in Englewood, New Jersey.

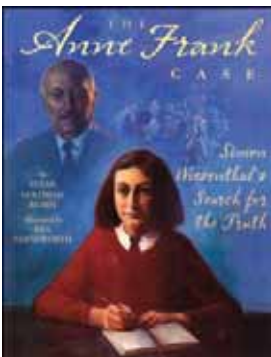
Matt Collins has illustrated many children's books. *Booklist* called his illustrations for *A Picture Book of Harry Houdini* "dramatic." He lives in Connecticut.

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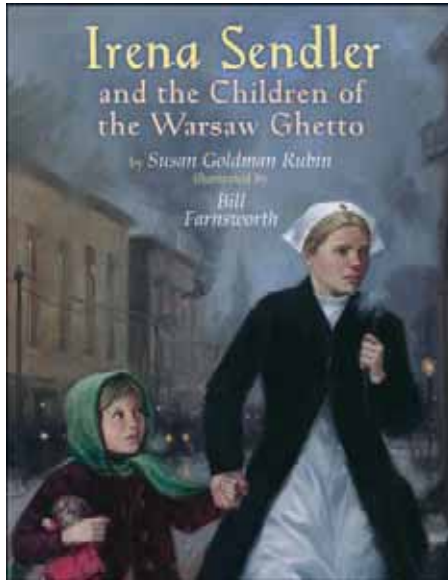
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Nonfiction Picture Book

Also by
Susan Goldman Rubin
and Bill Farnsworth



The Anne Frank Case:
Simon Wiesenthal's
Search for the Truth
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Irena Sendler and the Children of the Warsaw Ghetto

by SUSAN GOLDMAN RUBIN
illustrated in full color by BILL FARNSWORTH

Irena Sendler was a Polish social worker who helped spirit more than four hundred Jewish children out of the Warsaw Ghetto during World War II. Using toolboxes, ambulances, and false identities for the children, Sendler risked her life while defying the Nazis. An inspiring story of courage and compassion, this biography includes a list of resources, source notes, and an index.

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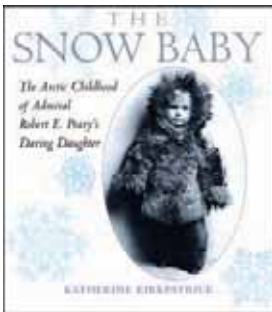
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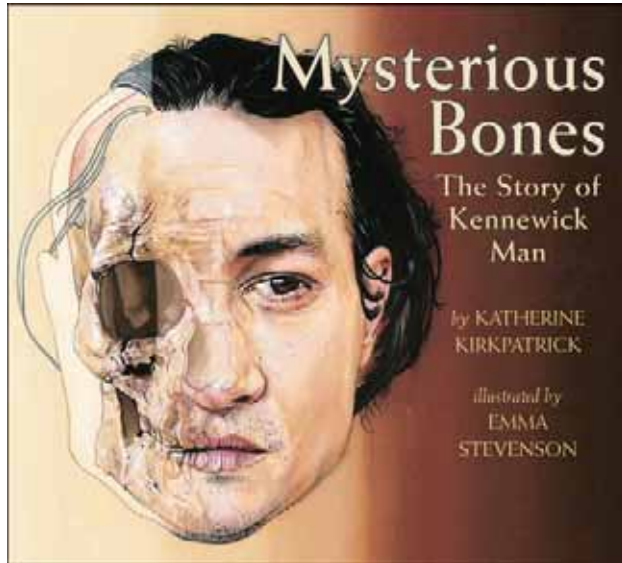
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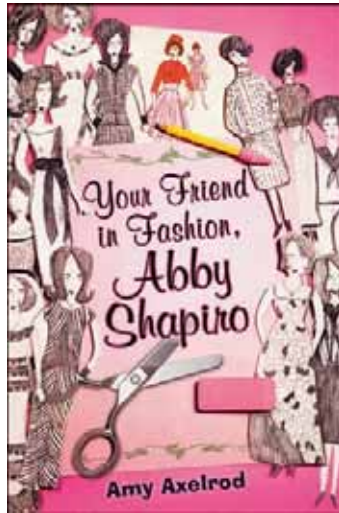
by KATHERINE KIRKPATRICK
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When two young men accidentally uncovered a skeleton along a bank of the Columbia River in Kennewick, Washington, in 1996, they had no idea of the impact of their discovery. The bones were those of one of the oldest and most complete skeletons ever recovered in the U.S. and led to one of the most important archaeological controversies of modern times. Kennewick Man transformed long-held theories about the colonization of the Americas and sparked a nine-year battle pitting scientists against Native American tribes for control of the remains. Time line, glossary, chapter notes, bibliography.

Katherine Kirkpatrick is the author of fiction and non-fiction books for young readers, all reflecting her fascination with history. These include *The Snow Baby* and *Redcoats and Petticoats*. She lives in Seattle, Washington.

Emma Stevenson is the illustrator of *Eggs* by Marilyn Singer and *Killer Ants* by Nicholas Nirgiotis. She lives in England.

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Deeply affecting and funny, this coming-of-age novel captures the temper of the times and introduces readers to an unforgettable young heroine. The book is based in part on the author's childhood and is illustrated with paper dolls she made when she was Abby's age.

Amy Axelrod is the author of the best-selling math series, *Pigs Will Be Pigs*. She lives in New York State. This is her first novel.

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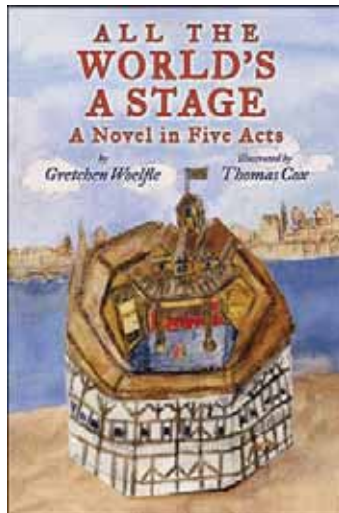
by JEN K. BLOM
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Eleven-year-old P (short for Princess, a name she loathes) longs for a pet, but her father insists that all animals on their Oklahoma farm must earn their keep. While he's away on combat duty in Iraq, P tries to turn his cattle dog into her pet—with disastrous results. Then P rescues an orphaned opossum that she names Ike. She hand-feeds the beguiling critter, smuggles him into school, and teaches him to follow her everywhere. But when her father is reported injured, P knows that before he is shipped home, she must betray Ike's trust and force him to return to the wild. *Possum Summer* is a heartbreaking novel about a girl and her father whose fractious relationship is healed by the hard lessons they learn about love and letting go.

Jen K. Blom works as a translator and commercial and business writer in Germany, where she has lived for the past seven years. This is her first book.

Omar Rayyan, an illustrator of children's books, provided the drawings for *Nightshade City* by Hilary Wagner. He lives in West Tisbury, Massachusetts.

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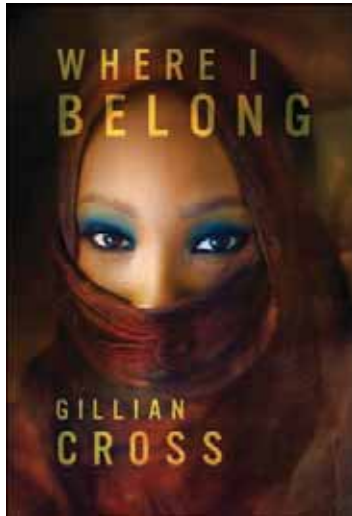
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Gretchen Woelfle’s book for young readers *Jeannette Rankin: Political Pioneer* received the 2008 Once Upon a World Children’s Book Award from the Simon Wiesenthal Center. This is her first novel. She lives in Los Angeles, California.

Thomas Cox grew up and currently resides in Banbury, England. This is the first book he has illustrated.

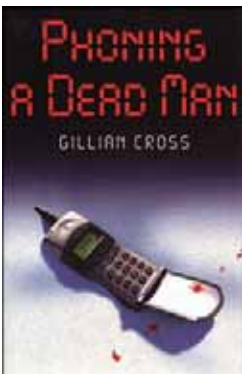


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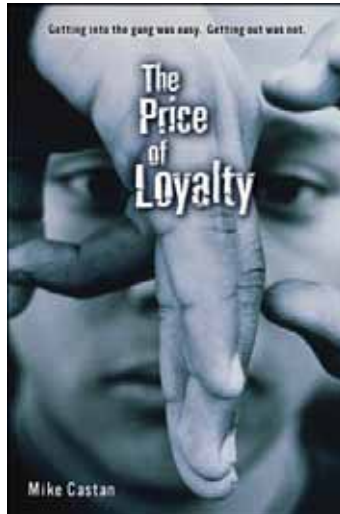
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In the hot desert of Somalia, Mahmoud is kidnapped and held for a ten-thousand-dollar ransom. His older sister, Khadija, is in London, thousands of miles away; and yet Mahmoud's life is in her hands. Someone has discovered her identity, that she is Qarsoon—the Hidden One—the face of famous fashion designer Sandy Dexter's newest collection. Who can Khadija trust to help her? She now must appear as planned on the Fashion Week runway. Only then can she possibly earn the money to save Mahmoud's life. Also involved is Abdi, a fourteen-year-old boy coming to terms with the mysterious disappearance of his father, and Freya, the totally unfashionable daughter of Sandy Dexter, trying to find her place in her mother's world of haute couture. Gillian Cross's exciting new novel grapples with issues of identity, trust, and family.

Gillian Cross has been writing children's books for more than thirty years and has been called "a master of suspense" by *The Horn Book*. She lives in England.

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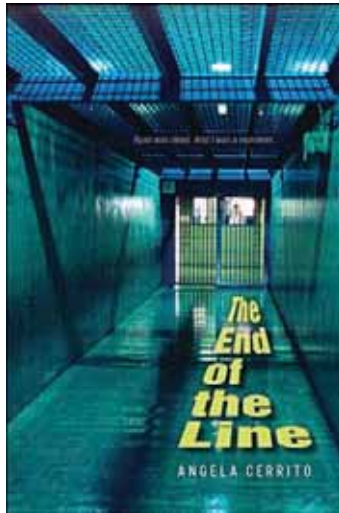
by MIKE CASTAN

When Manny moves on to Raleigh Middle School, he's relieved that he'll be with his other Latino friends from elementary school. Hanging out with his *vatos* is great; but before Manny knows it, kids are calling the clique the Emperors and saying that they are a gang. Gradually Alex, whose older brother is in prison, starts calling the shots; and the pressure is on Manny—first to shave his head and eventually to get drugs for the *vatos*. Close calls with the authorities become more and more frequent, and Manny can see where it's all headed. Does he have the guts to turn his back on his oldest friends so he can keep clean?

This riveting novel about peer pressure and core values highlights a hot-button topic.

Mike Castan is a writer who has been an actor and a middle-grade substitute teacher. This is his first novel. He lives in California.

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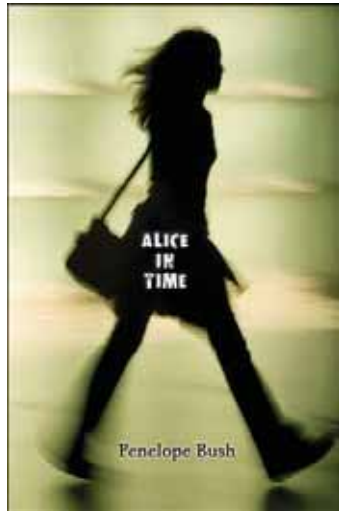
The End of the Line

by ANGELA CERRITO

Thirteen-year-old Robbie is locked in a room with nothing but a desk, a chair, a piece of paper, and a pencil. He's starving, but all they'll give him is water. He is sure he's in a nuthouse or a prison. Actually, he's at Great Oaks School, aka the End of the Line. Kept in solitary confinement, Robbie must earn points for food, a bed, even bathroom privileges. He must learn to listen carefully, to follow the rules, and to accept and admit the truth: he is a murderer. Robbie's first-person account of his struggles at the school—at times horrifying, at times hilarious—alternates with flashbacks to the events that led to his incarceration. Ultimately he must confront the question: which is worse—that he wanted to kill his friend Ryan or that he killed him by accident? Gripping and suspenseful, this is a powerful, no-holds-barred novel by an exciting new talent.

Angela Cerrito works for the U.S. government in Germany as a physical therapist. This is her first book.

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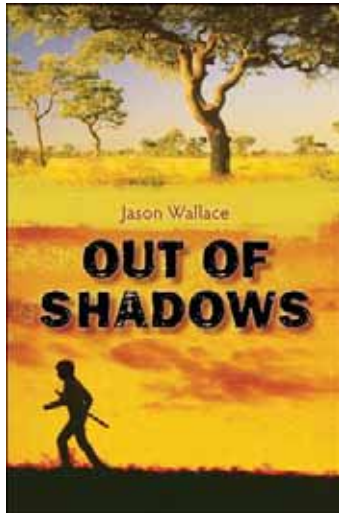
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When fourteen-year-old Alice falls off a merry-go-round, she wakes to find that she is seven years old again and has been given a chance to rewrite her wretched life. As she experiences her past through the eyes of her teenage self, she witnesses some disturbing new evidence to explain her parents' divorce. At school she has some decisions to make: become best friends with smart and sulky Imogen, as she did the first time, or make new friends. And there are romantic choices to be made as well: does she want hunky Seth or Luke, a boy she's known since elementary school? When Alice returns to the present, she is shocked to find everything has changed even more than she bargained for.

Penelope Bush trained and worked as a tapestry weaver but always knew that one day she would write. She does her writing in an old trailer, where she is only interrupted by the occasional pheasant walking past. She lives in England. *Alice in Time* is her first book.

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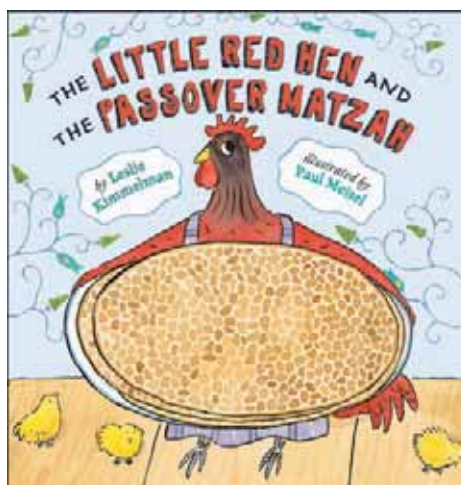
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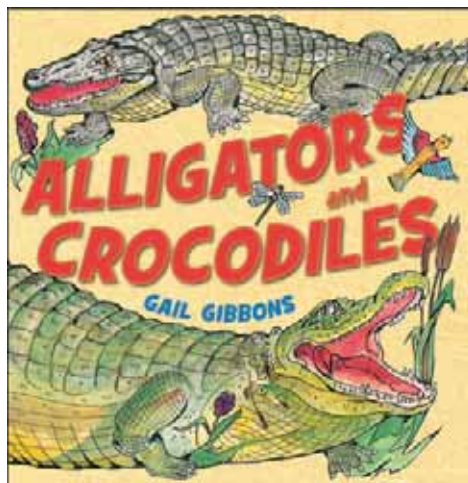
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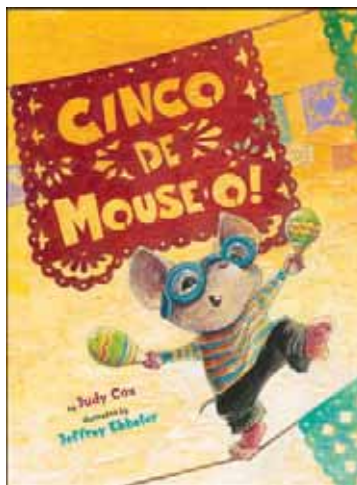
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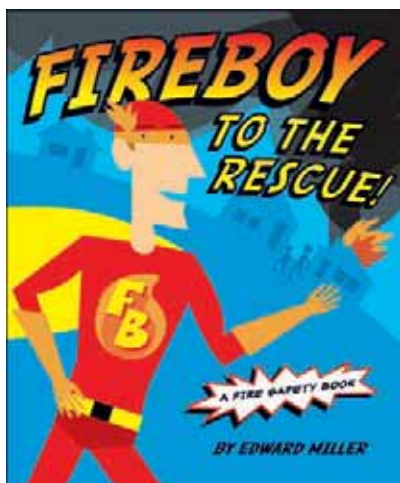
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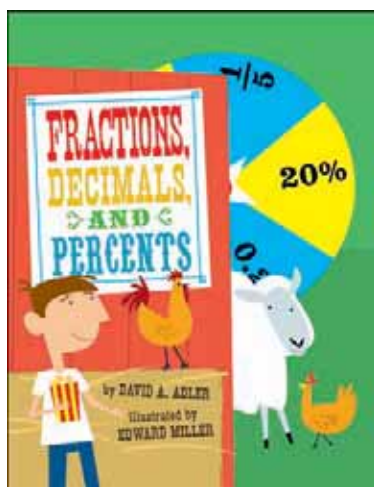
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