

# The World of Ashley Spires:



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# The Most Magnificent Team

Written & illustrated by Ashley Spires

New for fans of the runaway bestseller The Most Magnificent Thing, a story about the ups and downs of working with others.

When a girl and her dog arrive at the girl's favorite workspace to make something, they find that a neighbor has gotten there first! Hmm, well, maybe they could make something together? Magnificent idea! So the girl starts cutting, hammering and gluing, while the neighbor considers, measures and calculates. The neighbor believes in always measuring twice and cutting once, but the girl thinks that takes way too long. Clearly, they have very different approaches to making. Will they ever be able to work things out as a team?

This fresh take on the joys and pressures of working with others will inspire kids to imagine, try and persevere - together!

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#### The Kite Collector

Whenever Connor has earned enough money from doing small jobs for his neighbors, he buys himself a new kite. He hangs it in his closet with his other kites, where they remain just as Connor likes them: safe, tidy, just right. That is, until his little sister discovers them. GG has different ideas about kites, and about keeping things safe and tidy. Connor wants to keep things just right, but he also loves GG. Is it time for him to reconsider what "just right" means to him? Siblings will relate to Connor as he opens up to new experiences by opening his heart to his sister.



#### **Unnaturally Blue**

A richly imagined picture book about finding your way back to yourself. A young swimmer panics in a crowded community pool, and it feels like there isn't even any room for her tears. Out of place where she was once at home, she swims down, down, into the deepest deep ... and embarks on a surrealist journey to the swampy world under the under. As she rests there with her feelings, she finds power in embracing who she is — even the swampiest parts. And her triumphant return to the pool inspires the other children to be their truest selves, too. This dreamlike story about big feelings and acceptance is sure to spark children's wildest imaginings.

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#### Also by Zoey Abbott



#### Clementine and the Lion

A plucky, self-determined girl gets an unexpected houseguest. Since her parents are ogres of the worst kind, Clementine is relieved when her mother is snatched by dragons and her father lost at sea in a bottle. Now she eats when she pleases, does her hair as she likes, or not. She's happy. But when a lion appears, uninvited, in her living room, Clementine's pleasant world is suddenly upended. After he eats all the food and wrecks the house, Clementine realizes there's nothing she can do but leave. Or is there?

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# Also by Dorson Plourde



## Garbage Gulls

A poetic ode to the freedom of a summer day spent doing nothing but imagining. On a hot summer day that's lasted forever, two brothers stretch out in an abandoned car in a strip-mall parking lot. They pass the time thinking up another place and scattering ketchup-soaked fries to attract the garbage gulls. Just the right amount, the older boy says, so enough will come. Enough to lift them in their tangle of wings and take them to the beach. Children will be transported through the clouds to the delights that lie beyond in this richly imagined gem of a picture book.

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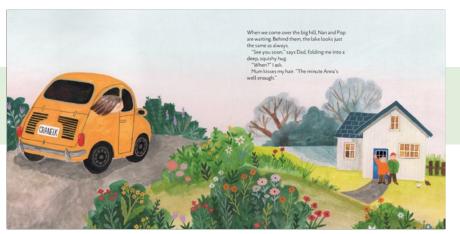
### A Summer without Anna

Written by Kate Jenks Landry; Illustrated by Risa Hugo

Junie misses her sister – and their summers together before Anna got sick.

When Junie's mum and dad leave her at Nan and Pop's house for the summer, they promise they'll be back to get her "the minute Anna's well enough." Then they hand her Anna's camera with a note that reads, "In case you find Edmund." Junie spends her days floating in the lake, fishing with Pop and taking lots of pictures – though none of Edmund, the elusive giant turtle. Edmund will have to wait, just like Junie's waiting, until Junie finally gets to see her sister again.

A heartfelt tribute to the love between siblings, certain to resonate with any child missing the people they love.





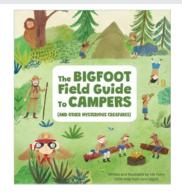
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# Sloth and Squirrel on Vacation

When a speedy squirrel and a slowmoving sloth discover they want different things from their vacation, things do not go smoothly, but solving problems together is what counts. Finding a destination best friends Sloth and Squirrel can agree on for their vacation is a challenge, until they learn that Paradise Park has "Something for Everyone!" Perfect! While Sloth lazes on the beach, Squirrel goes rock climbing, kayaking, paragliding, ziplining ... until he starts to miss Sloth, and heads back to the beach to find him. Meanwhile, Sloth, finished with his nap, sets off to look for Squirrel. Will the friends manage to spend any of their vacation together?



The Bigfoot Field Guide to Campers And Other Mysterious Creatures

Written & illustrated by Jami Gigot

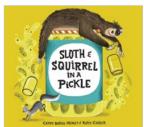
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For fans of *Larf* and *Alma and the Beast*, an endearing, funny friendship story from an unexpected perspective.

While there are many dangerous creatures in the forest, there's one species that Bigfoot fears most: campers! They're smelly and noisy, and they make a mess of everything! Thankfully, Bigfoot has ten simple guidelines sure to keep anyone safe from these interlopers. Only, when he slips up on Guideline #2 – "Never, EVER allow yourself to be seen by a camper" – he's surprised to find himself ignoring his own advice to help one who's lost. Could it be he's had the wrong idea about campers all along?

A playful story about reconsidering what we think we know, to make a friend.

#### Also in the Sloth and Squirrel series



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# Sloth and Squirrel in a Pickle

Sloth and Squirrel have different ways of doing things — and different speeds of doing them. So, when fast-as-lightning Squirrel gets himself and slow-as-molasses Sloth hired as pickle packers to earn money for a new bike, things don't go according to plan. They're so bad, in fact, that the friends are shown the door, along with the 677 1/2 jars of pickles they packed incorrectly! Now their bicycle dream is shot. Or so they think — until the resourceful pair come up with an ingenious plan!

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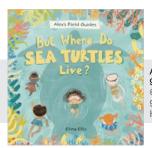
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#### This Is How a Ball Rolls

## Written by Heather Tekavec; Illustrated by Suharu Ogawa

An innovative and fun guessing game book about sports balls and the physics behind how they move! In this one-of-a-kind informational picture book, cleverly tongue-twisting descriptions introduce twelve different types of sports balls, and readers are encouraged to guess what they are. An accompanying block of kid-friendly text explains the science behind why balls do what they do and what makes them so much fun! This book is the perfect combination of an interesting topic, fascinating science and engaging text.

Silly and sporty, and great fun to read aloud, it's sure to leave kids bowled over!



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#### **But Where Do Sea Turtles Live?**

#### Written & illustrated by Elina Ellis

Dive deep into the mystery of sea turtles in the latest addition to the Alex's Field Guides series.

The Curious Explorers Club has one question for Alex: Where do sea turtles live? As her friends share their theories, Alex checks her journal for clues. How big are they? What do they eat? Where do they lay eggs? The explorers follow the answers to find out: Where exactly do sea turtles live? The answer surprises everyone!

Kids will follow Alex anywhere to solve an animal mystery – even to the bottom of the sea!

#### Also in the Alex's Field Guides series





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#### **Kersplash! A Cloud Bursts**

Written by Jessica Kulekjian; Illustrated by Zoe Si This fun, informational picture book expertly pairs

This fun, informational picture book expertly pairs poetry and science to explain how a cloud experiences the water cycle.

Here's an innovative story about the water cycle – told by a cloud! The cloud describes the process in lyrical prose, complemented by side commentary from a clever bird who fills in the science facts. First, the cloud soaks up moisture, gathering "steam from a cup of tea" and "vapors from salty seas." Then, it becomes full and heavy: its "soggy edges bulge." Finally, it BURSTS, creating a rainstorm. punctuated by thunder and

Also in the Forces of Nature series

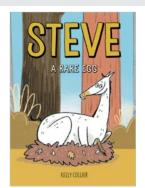


lightning. Until, at last, it's spent, "frizzled, drained," leaving only a rainbow.

A companion to Kaboom! A Volcano Erupts, Kersplash! A Cloud Bursts is a perfect pick for both interactive science lessons and lively read-alouds!

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#### Steve, a Rare Egg

Steve makes an intriguing discovery as he is munching leftover party cake in the picnic area. The thingamabob, as he has named it, is oval shaped and smooth. Hmm. It must be an egg! True, no one has ever seen a red egg before ... but that must be because they've never seen a super rare thingamabob egg before! Now that Steve has identified it, he'd better take care of it until they find its parents. Steve knows a lot about caring for eggs.

What could possibly go wrong? Kids will be rooting for Steve as he tries to solve this mystery ... and laughing at how he's never even close!

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# **Wav Off Track**

Step aside for a fresh and funny new voice in middle-grade graphic novels.

Nansi has never lost a race ... until snobby Tania beats her in an unofficial event. Surely it's Tania's flashy shoes that gave her the edge. Nansi has to get a pair before the track tryouts! But how will she kick up \$338?

This endearing debut hits the ground running with humor, hijinks and a heroine who always goes the distance - even if it's the wrong way.

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# Yellow Singing Sail

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# Yellow Singing Sail

For fans of New Kid and Stealing Home, an unforgettable portrait of childhood during the onechild era in China. In this graphic novel memoir, Yinfan Huang describes growing up as an only child in China in the 1990s. Yinfan's early years are spent near family in the small county of Xintian, but when they move for her father's new job to the city of Guangzhou, her life changes dramatically. From speaking a different dialect to complying with new rules at home and in school, Yinfan must adapt and try to fit in, all while yearning to make a friend. A heartwarming look at a girl's struggle to forge her own identity and find acceptance.

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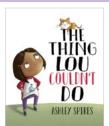
While Zeke and his friends are happy the temperature is rising, Zeke's Mood Meter starts to wobble when he notices cracks in the river ice. If the ice melts too quickly, it could turn into a flood! Zeke's favorite meteorologist, Freeze Jones, has invited Zeke to join the Weather Watchers, and Zeke's hoping that will give him the inside scoop on the flood watch. Meanwhile, everyone at school is too focused on the spring play to worry about the potential spring flood! Can Zeke keep his teacher happy while still being an ace Weather Watcher?

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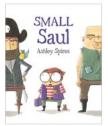
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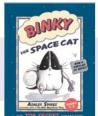
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#### **Burt the Beetle**

Blending fiction and nonfiction, this humorous graphic novel series for 5- to 8-year olds stars an adorable ten-lined june beetle named Burt, who discovers all sorts of fascinating things about insects and about himself, and shows readers that courage and kindness are superpowers, too.

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#### **Binky Adventures**

# Binky may look like an ordinary

housecat, but he's actually a certified member of F.U.R.S.T. (Felines of the Universe Ready for Space Travel). His mission? Protecting his space station (house) from alien domination (bugs), of course! Readers of all ages will love the Binky graphic novels, which mix dry humour and sci-fi slapstick with lots of heart.

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# **Coming Spring 2025**

Holy fuzzbutt! A new Ashley Spires picture book series, based on the animated TV show Agent Binky: Pets of the Universe.

Perfectly silly picture books for younger fans who can't get enough Binky. Kids will laugh out loud at his overactive imagination – and cheer when he wins the day!

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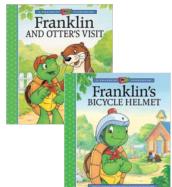
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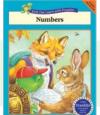
Franklin TV Storybooks are based on the animated television series produced by Nelvana with characters created by Paulette Bourgeois and Brenda Clark, Franklin fans will delight in these gentle, entertaining stories about the world's best-loved turtle. Franklin's sense of fun is infectious!





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Primary-grade Franklin fans will love this workbook series featuring a collection of activities designed to reinforce basic math, reading and writing skills. Each workbook also includes four different colorful Franklin collector cards so kids can build their very own set. Learning is always more fun with Franklin as a guide.





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### Life in the Wild

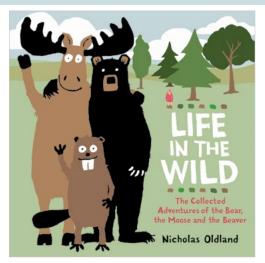
Written & illustrated by Nicholas Oldland

Starring a charming cast of characters, Nicholas Oldland's light-hearted fables highlight the importance of teamwork, environmental awareness, time management and living life to the fullest.

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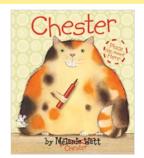
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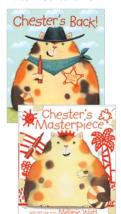
#### Chester

The talent behind the Scaredy Squirrel sensation returns with a larger-than-life character so big that the covers of a picture book can't contain him. The Chester series pits an egomaniacal cat named Chester against the author-illustrator — the acclaimed Melanie Watt — who created him. Unlike any other book character, Chester is never satisfied with his creator's work, so he tries to do it himself — with hilarious results. This battle of the picture-book makers provides an insider's look at the creative process.

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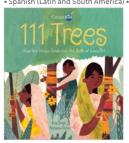
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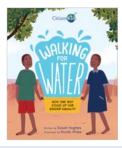


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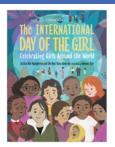


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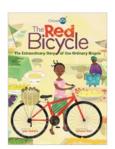
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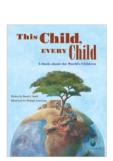
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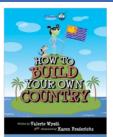
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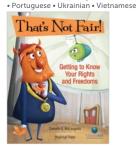


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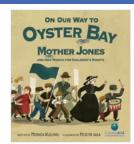
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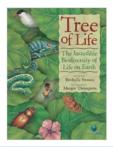
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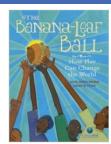


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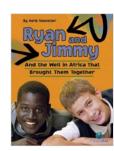
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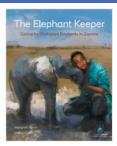
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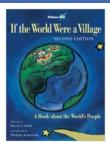
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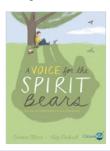
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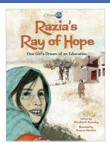
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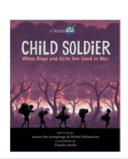
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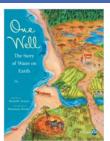
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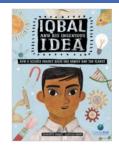
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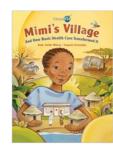


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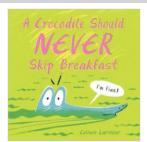


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#### A Crocodile Should Never Skip Breakfast

A hungry crocodile. A load of animals on his back. What could go wrong?

Croc is running late for his shift as the river ferry. No time for breakfast. He'll pick up donuts at the Hippo Hut. Only, Hippo's sold out! Good thing Croc has an emergency snack. Except, his banana's gone bad! Croc is going to have to work on an empty stomach, with loads of animals on his back. Croc gets hungrier and hungrier, thinking of donuts and ... other things to eat. Will he make it to lunch?

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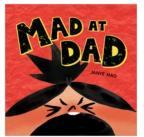


#### Dark Cloud

Abigail's dark cloud follows her everywhere. It can be a ball of worries, a swirl of fog or a long shadow. But it's always with her, making other children distant, getting in the way at ballet class and even taking away her appetite. Then Abigail begins to understand some things about her dark cloud. Like how it's not always the same size. How she can trap it in a sandcastle. And how, sometimes, she can even step away from it and feel the sunshine on her skin. Children will be comforted by this realistic yet hopeful story about depression as a clinical condition

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#### Mad at Dad

A one-of-a-kind, lift-theflap book about some very BIG feelings.

When a girl gets SO MAD at her dad, she storms off and slams the door, but soon realizes she doesn't really like being mad. She tries everything she can think of to be less mad. Counting. Taking deep breaths. Drawing pictures. But it is so hard to NOT be mad! After a while of being mad, though, the girl is worn out and sad. And, strangely enough, when the girl is sad, her dad's pretty good at making her feel better!

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#### What Lolo Wants

Every night, Maria and Lolo, her grandfather, draw together. Maria marvels at how Lolo can draw anything: Lola cooking, sampaguita blooming, maya birds perching. One day, though, things start to change. Lolo is not well. And when Maria asks him to draw, he says he needs to rest. Not long after, Lolo begins forgetting people's names, and soon he cannot find the words for what he wants. Maria tries to find some way to help Lolo communicate - could their shared love of drawing be the answer?

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#### The Dragon Slayer

Girl meets dragon in this funny. modern fairy tale. Freya lives in a castle where she has everything a girl could want - loving parents, loads of books AND marshmallows. But what she really wants is a dragon ... to slav. Freya doesn't understand why it's always knights who get to be brave, bold dragon slayers, so one morning she decides to go and slay one for herself. However, trouble ensues when a dragon, tired of a steady diet of toocrunchy knights, happens to be looking for a sweet and tender girl to eat... Kids will be cheering Freya on as she defies expectations and follows her own path!

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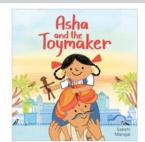
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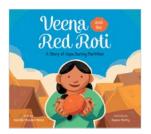
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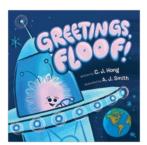
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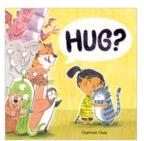


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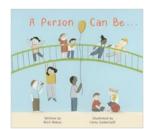


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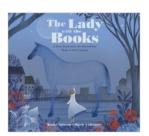
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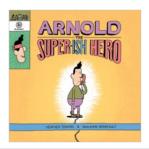
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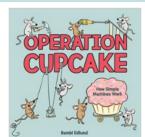
"You can feel wind ... but you can't see it. What is wind?" This exploration of different types of wind pairs lyrical descriptions of wind types with accessible, informational sidebars about each. The whimsical narrative uses metaphor and figurative language to help readers visualize wind's characteristics, describing wind as a butterfly that fluffs flower petals or an excited puppy that swings its tail. Informative bubbles on each page compliment these descriptions with short explanations of each wind type. which range from a light breeze to a hurricane. Evocative illustrations bring the text to life in this fascinating introduction to the ever-changing wind.

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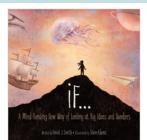
Think humans are the only intelligent creatures? Scientists are discovering that we can learn a lot from some super-smart animals. For example: some birds can store seeds in thousands of different places - and remember them all! Ants can work together on tasks by following instinctive algorithms. This fascinating book, covering four intelligence categories, celebrates all kinds of critters - each with their own kind of smarts! Kids will love this mindexpanding view of creatures great and small! **RIGHTS SOLD:** Japanese



#### **Operation Cupcake**

Ginger and Mac are pros at snatching up delicious tidbits and bringing them back to their mousehole to eat. Today, though, their mission is complicated. Their target is a vanilla cupcake with buttercream frosting. Only, it's (a) too big for them to carry, (b) within leaping distance of the resident cat and dog and (c) under a heavy glass cake dome. Luckily, these mice love a challenge. Ginger is sure they can use simple machines to get the job done. But is she right?

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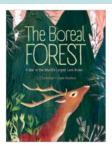


#### Polar

Despite the bitter cold. ferocious winds and six months of darkness, the polar regions are home to many animals. These creatures can survive because of their unique adaptations. Readers learn about the arctic fox's furry toe pads that protect her when walking on ice, emperor penguins that huddle in groups around their chicks to keep everyone warm, and narwhals that use echolocation to find a crack in the surface ice to breathe.

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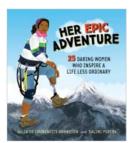
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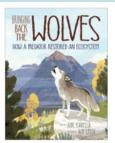
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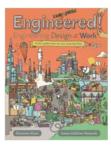


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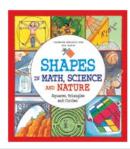


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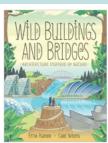
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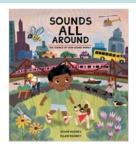


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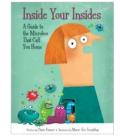


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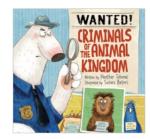
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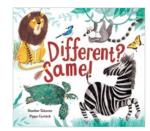
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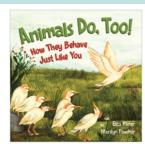
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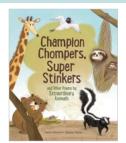


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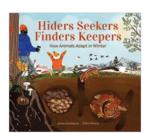
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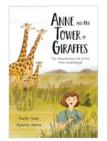


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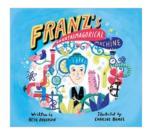
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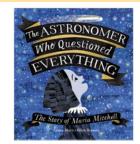


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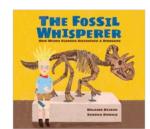
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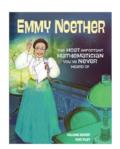
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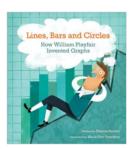
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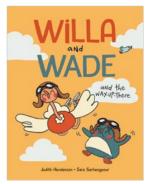
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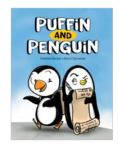
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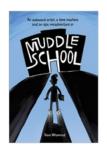
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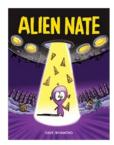
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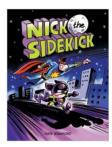
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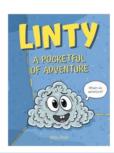
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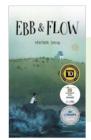


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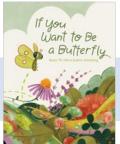
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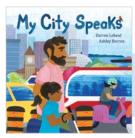


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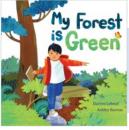


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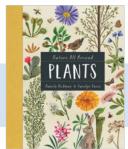
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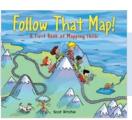
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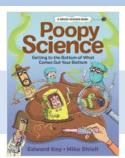
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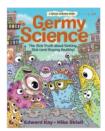
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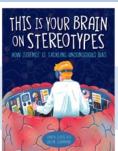
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