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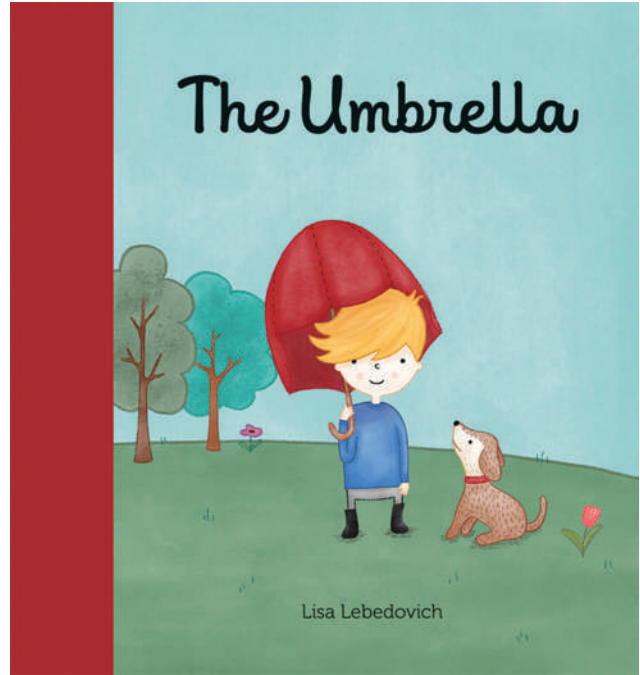
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LISA LEBEDOVICH lives in Vancouver, Canada and loves writing, drawing and creating wild-limbed dance routines to impress her daughter Iris. Her fears include bugs that fly into her hair, making exact change at the store when there's someone waiting behind her, and food from the floor sticking to her socks. Aside from this, she believes that most good things in life come from facing your fears and doing things that scare you a little.

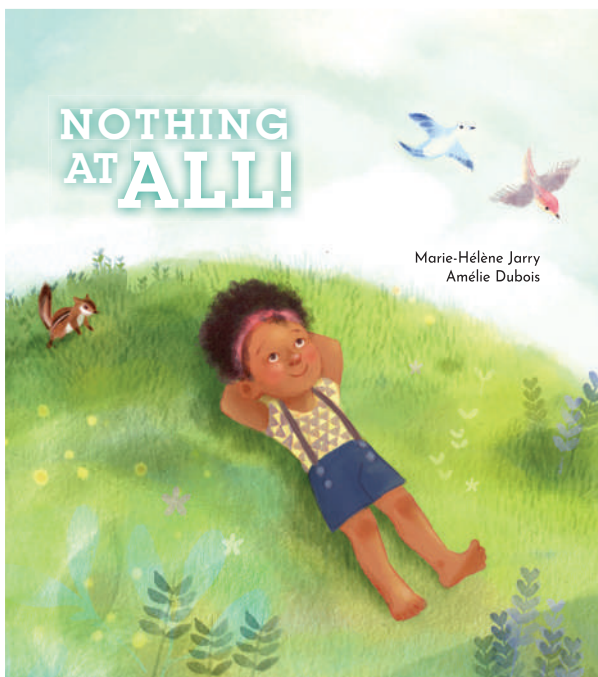


THE UMBRELLA

Written & Illustrated by Lisa Lebedovich

One day Sebastian wakes up to find a little grey raincloud floating above his head. Afraid of getting wet, he carries a big umbrella everywhere he goes. Sure, the umbrella keeps him safe and dry (and ensures he never has to share a seat on the school bus) but it also makes it hard for him to play games, meet new friends and watch his favourite show. Where did the raincloud come from? And, more importantly, will it ever go away?





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MARIE-HÉLÈNE JARRY WAS born in Montréal, where she still lives. Nicknamed the “Intellectual Who Reads” when she was young, she has tried to do justice to this name by studying literature and working in translation. She has published a number of books for children. She loves to explore the world’s many mysteries and focuses on the brighter side of life.

NOTHING AT ALL

Written by Marie-Hélène Jarry © Illustrated by Amélie Dubois

*Daddy would like me to be busy from morning to night.
 But today, doing nothing
 is exactly what I want to do!*

Clara is tired of her hectic schedule. All she wants to do is listen to the wind, count the clouds, and get lost in the magic of doing nothing. Why won't her dad understand? *Nothing at All!* is an ode to the joys and wonders that can come from slowing down and living in the moment.

AMÉLIE DUBOIS is an illustrator who worked previously in animation and visual effects. Originally from Montréal, she now lives in Mauricie with her dog Lulu, where she creates her art from her studio. Her book *The Trouble of Sophie-Fourire* received honorary mention from the Trois-Riviere Book Fair.

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 GEORGE M. JOHNSON is from Ontario, and moved to Kamloops, BC, in 1991, where everything seemed tilty at first. He still lives there, happily surrounded by mountains, and teaches at Thompson Rivers University. He is an award-winning writer of literary criticism, plays, and screenplays, and believes in the power of literature to create empathy. CHELSEA O'BYRNE is an illustrator living and working in Vancouver, BC. She loves to spend rainy days drawing indoors and sunny days playing outside. Just like Marisa, Chelsea's family comes from Saskatchewan and she has made the journey from the mountains to the prairies many times to visit them.

MARISA AND THE MOUNTAINS

Written by George M. Johnson  Illustrated by Chelsea O'Byrne

*The mountains get smaller, smaller, smaller,
and then they disappear.
Yes, Marisa is glad to leave those mountains.*

Marisa lives in the mountains—and she does not like them. Although they are fun to bike or toboggan down, they are such a pain to climb back up. They cast long shadows, and swallow the sun in the evening before playing time is done. So, when it's time to visit her cousin in the flat prairies, Marisa can't wait. She won't miss the mountains—not even a little. But is she sure...?





A WONDERFUL SECRET

Written & Illustrated by Laura Orsolini

*We have a secret.
I can't say it out loud.
But I can whisper it in your ear...*

Mom looks for a bit more of time and a bit more of space. What does she need them for? This is secret, one she cannot say out loud but just softly whisper. Luckily everybody from Dad to the busy Mr. Time, including the sturdy House Maker and the old Mrs. Earth, finds Mom's secret absolutely wonderful and is more than happy to assist her! With their help, enough time and enough space are finally found and Mom's secret can be revealed! And it is... a new baby!



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Laura Orsolini is a children's book author and illustrator born in Rome. She has lived many years in Asia and she is currently based in her hometown. Her books have been published in various countries, and samples of her artwork have been selected for different international exhibitions including the Illustrators Exhibition at the Bologna Children's book Fair.

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Laura Orsolini:

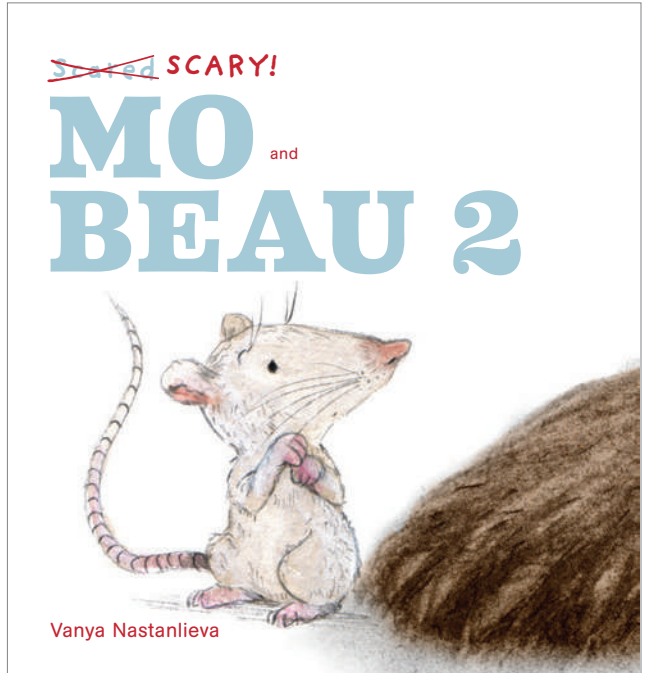


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 VANYA NASTANLIEVA is a freelance illustrator from Bulgaria. She studied Textiles and Fashion before getting a BA in Book and Graphic Design from The National Academy of Art in Sofia, Bulgaria. She received her MA in Children's Book Illustration from Cambridge School of Art, England. One of her final projects was highly commended in the Macmillan Prize for Children's Book Illustration 2011. Her work includes *The New Arrival*, and *Mo and Beau*. She currently lives in Cambridge, England.



MO AND BEAU 2

Written & Illustrated by Vanya Nastanlieva

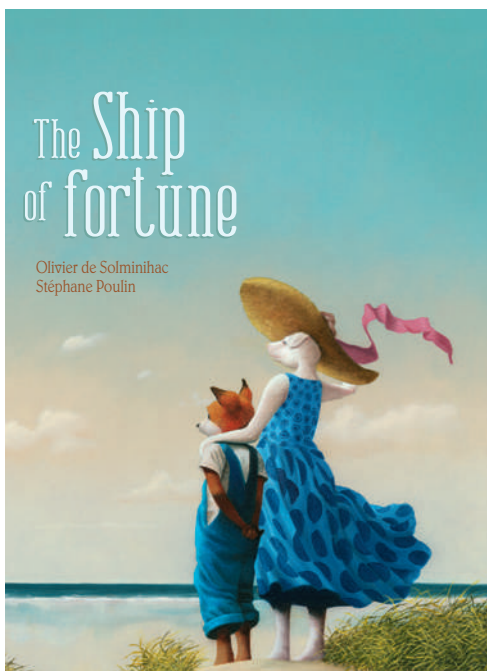
Mo wanted to be scary.

Very, very scary.

So he asked Beau to teach him how.

Little mouse Mo wants to be scary like his friend big bear Beau. Beau shows him how to make his eyebrows. He shows him how to make his ears. He shows him how to roar like a bear. Being scary is hard work! Join these two adorable characters on their second read-aloud adventure as Mo learns that even big bears can be scared, and little mice can be scary.





THE SHIP OF FORTUNE

Written by Olivier de Solminihac 🌿 Illustrated by Stéphane Poulin

*It's a beautiful summer day.
Michao is driving us to the beach. We can't wait!
Who will see the sea first?*

A book that will make us reminisce about summers past and dream all winter of a great summer in 2021. When Michao and his friends arrive at the beach for a day trip, they open the car trunk to find...nothing. Michao forgot to pack their swimsuits and all the beach toys! But there's still a way to have fun: using their imagination to build a ship and sail it far, far away.


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🌿 OLIVIER DE SOLMINIHAC WAS born in Lille and lives in Dunkirk, France. To write his children's books he prefers to take the road to far away places where everything is strange and surprising. In another life he might prefer to be an anthropologist. He's the author of more than a dozen children's books as well as novels and poetry for grown ups.

🌿 STÉPHANE POULIN is a Canadian children's book author and illustrator. In 1984, as he was completing his studies in graphic arts at College Ahuntsic, he won first prize for children's illustration in the Communication-Jeunesse contest. Stéphane still resides in Montreal, where he divides his time between illustrating and pillow fighting with his family.



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 CAROLINA MARÍN LONDOÑO is a freelance graphic designer and illustrator born in Medellín, Colombia. She currently lives in Buenos Aires, where she received a PGD in Children's and Youth Literature at the San Martín University (UNSAM). Carolina uses watercolor, gouache, acrylics, and pencils to tell stories that convey emotions which are intended to leave a lasting impact on viewers. Her work has been published in different print and editorial media in Colombia, Argentina, and Brazil



UNDER A MELODY

Written & Illustrated by Carolina Marín Londoño

*Under a melody, everything is possible.
 There are no borders, and no limits
 to where our curiosity can take us.*

New worlds make way to the curious who cross boundaries; in them we transform, feel, live, flow...This wordless picture book follows the journey of six characters who advance across the borders of fantastic worlds, each one filled with wonders that invite you to play, imagine and discover new stories.





DREAM RESCUERS

Written by Jennifer Lloyd 🍷 Illustrated by Eden Cooke

Cloud 98's Department of Dream Rescue has job openings. It needs brand-new Dream Rescuers to slide down to different parts of the world to solve children's nightmares. Ruby, a failed Tooth Fairy, is eager for work. Ralph, a rambunctious reindeer, and Mighty, a tiny Super Hero, also need a fresh start. Will they be able to work together as a team? Will they be able to battle a dragon, letting a young girl from London, England, finally sleep?



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🍷 JENNIFER LLOYD is the author of several children's books, including the *Murilla Gorilla* book series. When she is not at her writing desk, she works as a kindergarten teacher in Blainville, Québec. Visit pages 24 & 30 for more of Jennifer Lloyd's books.

🍷 EDEN COOKE is an artist, illustrator and comic book creator based in rainy Vancouver, BC. Her work is built up of scraps of story, coincidence and overlooked magic. Incapable of confining herself to one medium, she experiments in ceramic, paper, digital and various other techniques to portray her imagery.


The
ERRAND

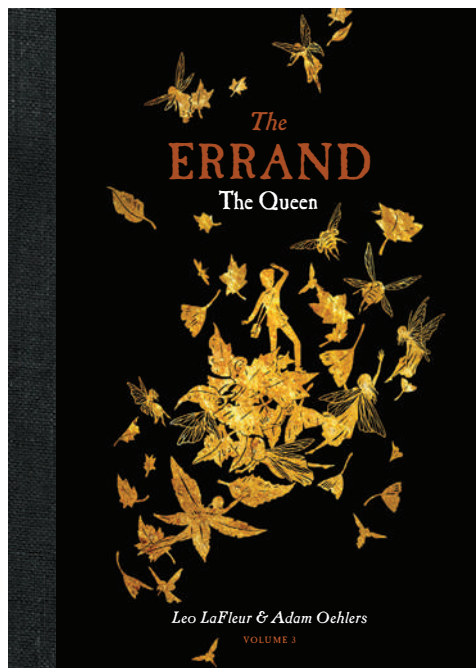
by *Leo LaFleur &
Adam Oehlers*

THIS GRAPHIC NOVEL SERIES WEAVES THE DARK, FANTASTICAL, FABLE-LIKE STORY OF AN ERRAND BOY WORKING IN A MAGICAL WORLD, TOLD WITH HAUNTINGLY BEAUTIFUL ILLUSTRATIONS.

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 LEO LAFLEUR writes short stories, poems, novels, and songs. He studied English, Philosophy, and Great Books at St. Thomas University and has been published in literary magazines throughout North America, as well as nominated for multiple music-related awards. He lives in Saint John, New Brunswick, where he finds a great deal of inspiration in nature and the surrounding forests.

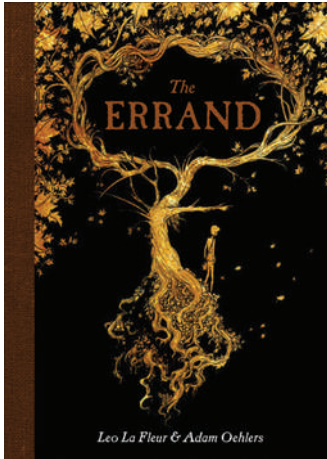


THE ERRAND: THE QUEEN

Written by *Leo LaFleur*  Illustrated by *Adam Oehlers*

In the third volume in The Errand graphic novel series, Leo La Fleur and Adam Oehlers use poetic language and hauntingly beautiful illustrations to spin a darkly fantastical tale in which the reader follows a simple errand boy on a courage-testing adventure of great magic and ever deepening peril.

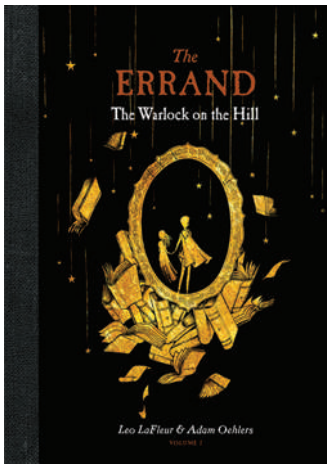
ALSO AVAILABLE IN **THE ERRAND** GRAPHIC NOVEL SERIES



THE ERRAND

You can't remember how you became the errand boy of a suspected witch. You can only remember being desperate...To reach the witch's hut one must beware of all those creatures of the Whispering Woods. Move faster, pick up speed.

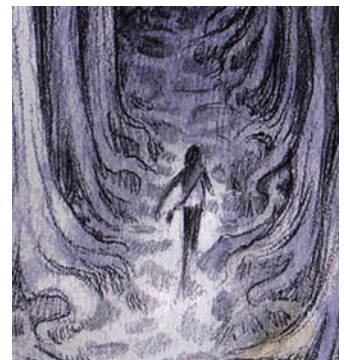
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THE ERRAND: THE WARLOCK ON THE HILL

Do you dare to enter the magical mansion of the Warlock on the Hill? Through the darkness appears a mansion shrouded in magic and mystery. All of your instincts tell you to run, but you know you must enter and fulfill your duty...

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☞ ADAM OEHLERS is an award-winning illustrator currently working out of Norwich, England. He has exhibited worldwide and has worked as Concept artist, Character Designer and Writer for Animations and Computer games. Adam has a great love of old stories and fairy tales and aims to tell a story through every illustration.

**simply
small**

by Paola Opal

BOLD, BRIGHT AND ADORABLE, THE SIMPLY SMALL BOOKS ARE IDEAL FOR LITTLE ONES WITH GROWING MINDS. MEET ALL THESE CUTE BABY ANIMALS THAT FIND CLEVER WAYS TO SOLVE THEIR NOT-SO-SMALL PROBLEMS.

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the Simply Small Series

- ~ Multiple titles chosen as Canadian Toy Testing Council Recommended Reads
 - ~ Multiple titles chosen as a Canadian Children's Book Centre (CCBC) Best Books Picks and Top 10 Great Books for Children
 - ~ Multiple books chosen as Best Books for Kids & Teens, *Canadian Children's Book News*
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—*ABC Best Books for Children*

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CHEERA

Written & Illustrated by Paola Opal



It's nap time, but Cheera is having so much fun chasing butterflies. How will Cheera get some rest? Bold and bright, the Simply Small books are perfect for little ones with growing minds. Meet all these cute baby animals that find clever ways to solve their not-so-small problems.

These stories are created specifically with babies and toddlers in mind. "As I write, I try to imagine life from the perspective of a young child. I also visualize myself reading the story out loud to a child," says Opal.

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EMMA

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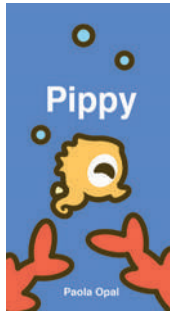


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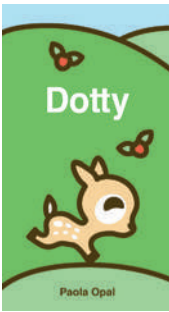


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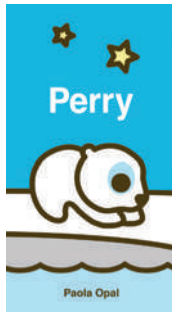


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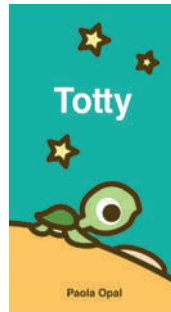


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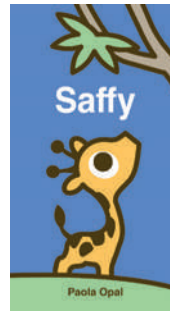


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SPOOKIE

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⇒ PAOLA OPAL (her pen name) is a Dutch-born Canadian illustrator and co-author of the *Simply Small* board book series. Paola has a diploma in visual design and works as a graphic designer in Vancouver, BC. She is also a recipient of the Alcuin Society Award for Excellence in Book Design for *One Little Bug* (under the name Paola van Turennot).



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 MATTHEW PORTER is a children's book illustrator and writer. He currently has five books published with Vancouver, BC publishing house Simply Read Books. Matthew Porter Art is a husband and wife duo, and Matthew is happy working in his studio while Andrea handles all the administrative work. Together they owned Bluebottle Art Gallery and Store from 2002-2010.

 PRAISE FOR
Matthew Porter's ABC

"This sturdy tome with vintage-inspired aesthetic does double duty as an alphabet primer and baby's first lesson in style."

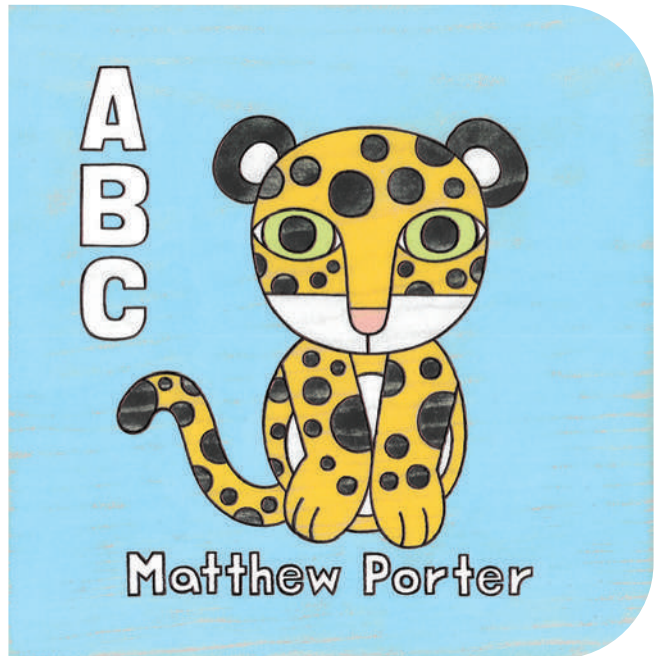
— *Seattle Magazine*

"Porter's stunner will mesmerize both you and your child with simple text and gorgeous acrylic animal paintings on wood grain."

— *motherrising*

"I love that the paintings allow some of the wood to show through the paint...it adds a little cheekiness to the term board book."

— *The Cool Mom Picks August Newsletter*

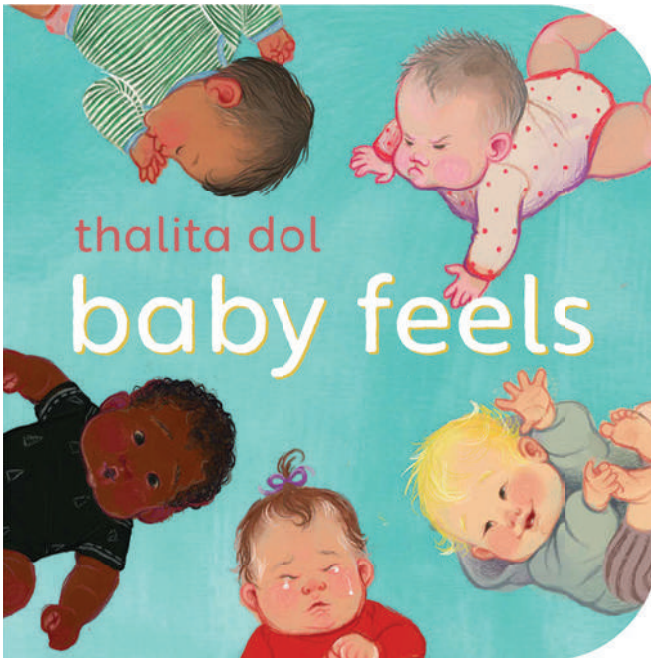


ABC

Written & Illustrated by Matthew Porter

Matthew Porter's *ABC* is an adorable alphabet book that is full of gorgeous colours, textures, and cute animals. It comes with funky acrylic and ink paintings on wood, like those well-loved and worn wooden ABC blocks we stacked up, chewed up, kicked around, and dropped as children. This unique children's book is vintage, modern, and timeless.





BABY FEELS

Written & Illustrated by Thalita Dol

Thalita Dol's debut picture book, *Baby Feels*, is a book about feelings, but with a twist: it shows not only the basic feelings we usually see in similar books, but also those that aren't always discussed. By showing these feelings that are very present in a baby's daily life, this adorable board book will help care givers acknowledge their babies' emotions.

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THALITA DOL is a "carioca" from Rio de Janeiro who decided to make Vancouver her home. She lives with her husband and two joyful puddle-jumper daughters, and a baby will soon join their pack. She attended Escola de Artes Visuais Parque Lage (EAV-RJ) and the University of Fine Arts (EBA – UFRJ), but soon discovered she really needed to follow her heart and focus on her eternal passion, children's illustration. She has been loving it ever since!



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EMILY PAULINE JOHNSON

was born in 1861 at Chiefswood, her family home on the Six Nations Reserve near Brantford, Ontario. Her father was George Johnson, a distinguished Mohawk chief. She was equally proud of her British-born mother, Emily Howells, and valued her dual heritage. From 1892 until 1909, she toured Canada, the United States, and Britain, giving dramatic performances of her poetry and entertaining audiences of all ages with the stories. After her retirement in 1909, she settled in Vancouver, BC. Pauline Johnson died in 1913 and her ashes are buried in Vancouver's Stanley Park.



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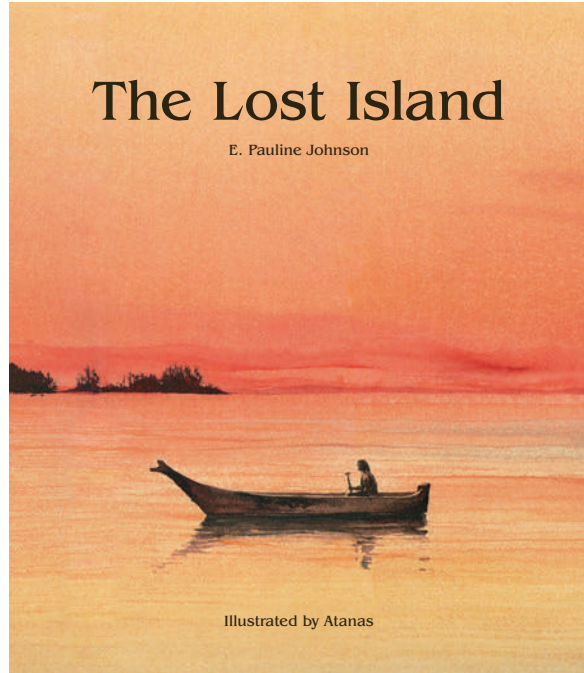
The Lost Island

"A worthy addition to any collection of Native folklore."

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"Matsoureff's stirring watercolor landscape paintings are a stunning match for an honest story."

— *Booklist*



The Lost Island

E. Pauline Johnson


Illustrated by Atanas

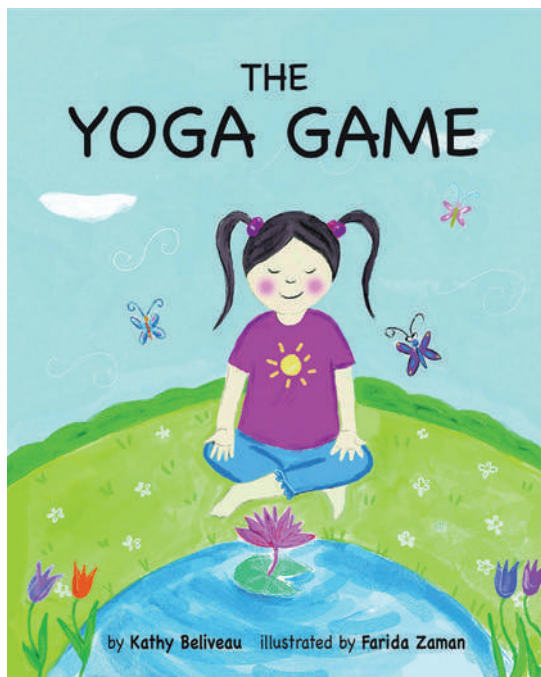
THE LOST ISLAND

Written by E. Pauline Johnson  Illustrated by Atanas

A search for the timeless connection to the old world presages a vision of the future in the haunting story of *The Lost Island* from *Legends of Vancouver*, a book inspired by the friendship between a Mohawk poet and a Salish chief and storyteller. It was the first collection of West Coast legends retold in English by a native artist and has become a classic of Canadian children's and native literature. Set amidst the natural beauty of Vancouver, the detailed watercolour illustrations by Atanas convey a spirit infused with the love of nature.

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 ATANAS MATSOUREFF was born in Bansko, Bulgaria in 1975. His paintings are prized for their beauty and sensitivity in depicting the world of nature.



THE YOGA GAME

Written by Kathy Beliveau 🌿 Illustrated by Farida Zaman

Beliveau, a certified yoga instructor, joins forces with Farida Zaman to bring *The Yoga Game* to life. This creative picture book invites children of all ages to play with the words, guess the riddles and enjoy an actual yoga practice, all while introducing the concepts of balance, breath and focus. Entertaining rhymes, enchanting riddles and vibrant illustrations create a rich, multi-layered experience.

Paperback edition also available. ISBN: 9781897476727

🌿 FARIDA ZAMAN is a Toronto based freelance illustrator, author, designer, and educator. She is known for her bright, friendly yet sophisticated and whimsical style. Her work is often female focused with style, colour and culture, and has been exhibited at private shows and public galleries in New York City, New Jersey, and Toronto. She has lived and worked in countries across the world, bringing style and joy to many.

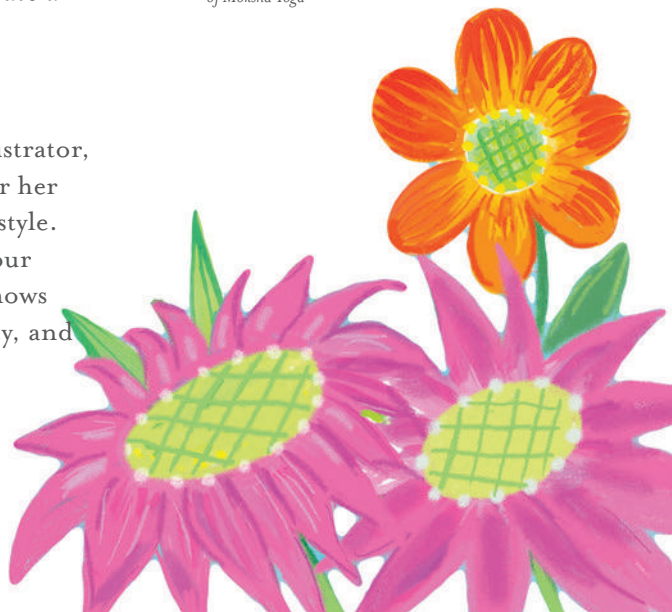
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🌿 KATHY BELIVEAU loves yoga, nature, writing, and all things that feed the soul. She has traveled extensively, sailed a third of the way around the world and now lives in a small seaside community on Vancouver Island, where she was raised and where she raised her own children. Kathy writes for children and adults, teaches yoga to all ages and presents at schools, festivals and professional development conferences.

🌿 PRAISE FOR
The Yoga Game

"*The Yoga Game* is a book that will likely remain a favourite on your shelves, dog-eared and worn from years of yoga fun!"

—Jessica Robertson, co-founder of Moksha Yoga



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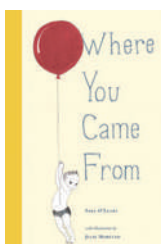
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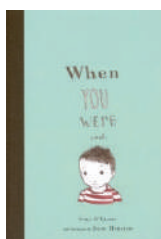
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WHEN I WAS SMALL

Written by Sara O'Leary  Illustrated by Julie Morstad

The third book in the critically acclaimed, award-winning series from powerhouse talents Julie Morstad and Sara O'Leary is now available in paperback! Curious little Henry has a new question for his mother in this charming picture book. "What was it like when you were small?" he asks. His mother proceeds to describe her adventures to him, all about when she was little—very little!

The hardcover edition of *When I Was Small* was the winner of the 2012 Christie Harris Illustrated Children's Literature Prize at the BC Book Prizes, and won third place in the Alcuin Society Book Design Awards, 2012.

Visit page 25 to find out more about Julie Morstad's other works.

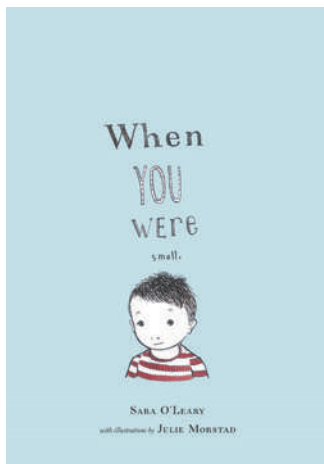


ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE HENRY BOOKS SERIES



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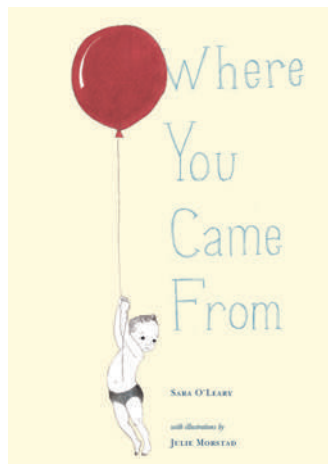


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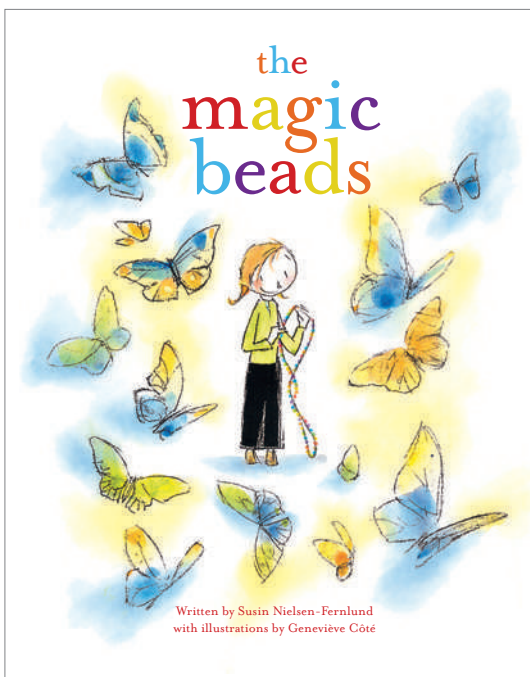
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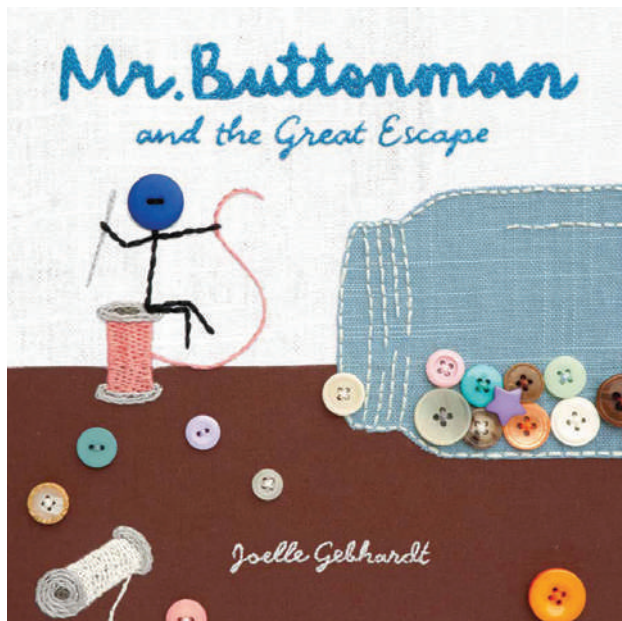


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It's 7 year-old Lillian's first day at a new school, and she's got butterflies in her tummy. When she learns she has to bring something for Show and Tell at the end of the week, her butterflies turn into grasshoppers. Lillian and her mother have just moved away from Lillian's abusive father and into a family shelter, leaving behind all of their possessions. Every day that Lillian anxiously watches her classmates bring toys in to share, the creatures in her stomach change and grown, until finally, she realizes that imagination can make anything magical—even an ordinary string of beads.

 GENEVIÈVE CÔTÉ has illustrated a number of books for children of all ages, and is also the author-illustrator of many books of her own. Her work has earned her several awards, including the Marilyn Baillie Picture Book Award in 2012 and the Governor General's Literary Award for Illustration in 2007. Geneviève lives in Montreal, Quebec, and although she doesn't have any pets, she feeds her neighbors' cats secretly.



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JOELLE GEBHARDT is a Canadian illustrator living in Berlin, Germany. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a focus in illustration from Emily Carr University and is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. Her illustrations are colourful and playful, combining various fabrics, embroidery, drawing and buttons. *Mr. Buttonman and the Great Escape* is Joelle's first children's picture book, for which she received a Merit Award in 3x3 Magazine Annual Illustrators Show.



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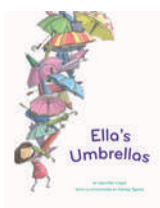
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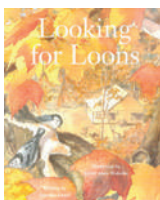
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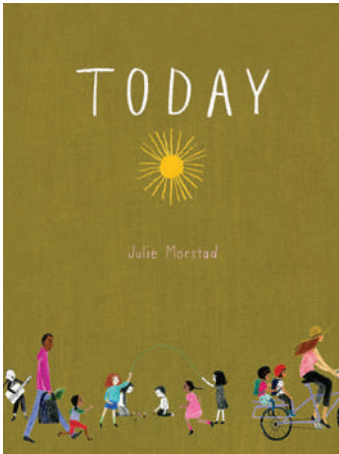
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Now available in a new large-format special edition! One winter night, out of their nest, ten little grey mice climb onto the ice. One by one, they run back to the house, each scared off by a new animal that comes by—until the last one finds itself far down the ice and has to hurry back, past each of the ten animals. *Hurry, hurry! Scurry scurry!*

The original edition of *One Winter Night* (Simply Read Books, 2007) earned an Honorable Mention at the Alcuin Society Awards for Excellence in Book Design.

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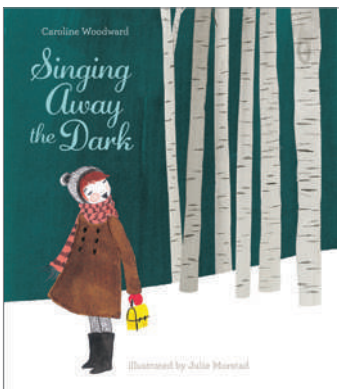
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“How do you like to go up in a swing?”

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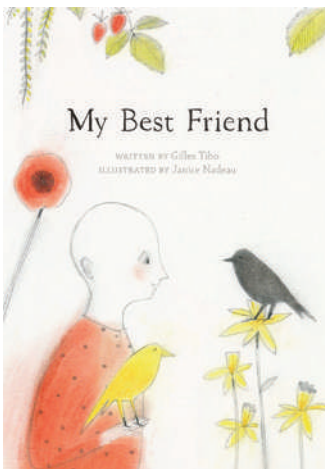
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Next up in the *Sean Awesome* series, a new dog moves in next door. Sean is determined to make friends with the dog, but this new neighbour doesn't seem very friendly. Through a fun, accessible story, children will learn the importance of getting to know people and understanding that not everyone is the same.



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A mysterious shadow walks the corridors. It goes from room to room, and sometimes leaves with someone in its arms, taking them to the land of dreams. Until one day a patient at the hospital speaks to the shadow, offering it a drink of water. So begins a great friendship between an unlikely pair: a little boy, and Death.

A little bear cub is sure that sleep must be hiding from him. He searches under his sibling's beds, but doesn't find it there. It isn't flattened under the rug, or hidden under the sheets either. Where could it be? *Searching for Sleep* was published in the original french as *Où s'est caché le sommeil?* (Éditions Les 400 coups, 2012).

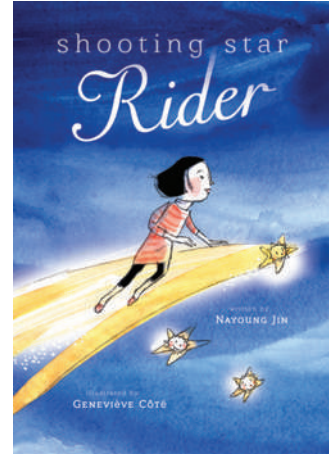


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It should come as no great surprise that Dragons Love Art. After all, art is where Dragons first got their start. With dragons as a guide, this visually compelling book offers a fresh approach to exciting and engaging the very young with the art of the past, while inspiring them to create a new art of their own.

“Make Granda well,” Elinor wishes. But when she receives a postcard from a shooting star telling her not to wait for miracles anymore, Elinor sets out to change the shooting stars’ minds, embarking on an adventure that leads her to the far reaches of outer space.



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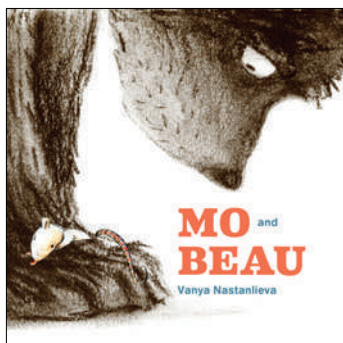
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The bears have a problem. Their cub won’t... You know...Fart!

What if his belly swells up with gas? Will he float away? Will he explode!? Find out in this hilarious book in which parents watch their ever-worsening worries become real.

Thumbelina is as pretty and delicate as the flower she was born in, and no bigger than her mother’s thumb. She grows older, but no taller in their happy home until she awakens one morning to a terrible surprise: an ugly mother toad has kidnapped her and wants Thumbelina to marry her even more awful toad son.



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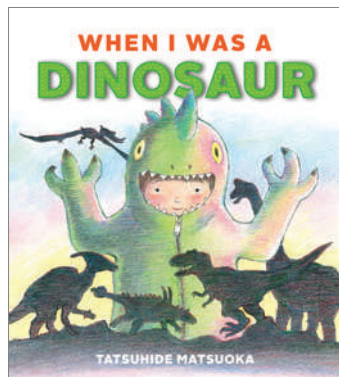
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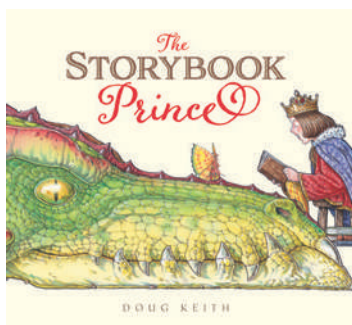
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Little mouse Mo wants to play. But big bear Beau is tired, and getting ready for sleep. Luckily Mo finds the perfect way to have fun: by copying Beau! Stretching, yawning, bristling his fur—Mo copies it all, until he too is ready for a nap. Meet these two adorable characters in this perfect bedtime book.

When a little boy gets a dinosaur costume for his birthday, it opens up a whole world of imagination. An amazing, prehistoric world, full of friendly Iguanadons and dangerous Tyrannosauruses, and most of all—adventure.



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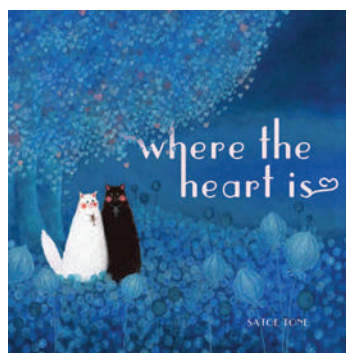
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A young prince loves to read storybooks and share them with the many friends that come to visit him at the castle. The dragon loves stories about witches, and the witch loves stories about trolls. But what story is the prince's favorite? Die-cuts throughout this book let readers peek into each tale the prince reads to his friends.

On an evening walk along the banks of a lake, two cats spot mysterious lights shining in the water. The black cat wants to gift one of those lights to the white cat, but can't seem to grasp them! Can the white cat help to show him that the perfect gift isn't important, when his efforts have already captured her heart?

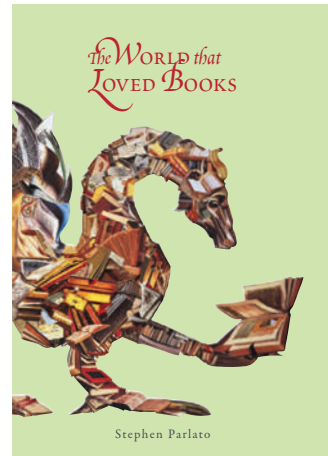


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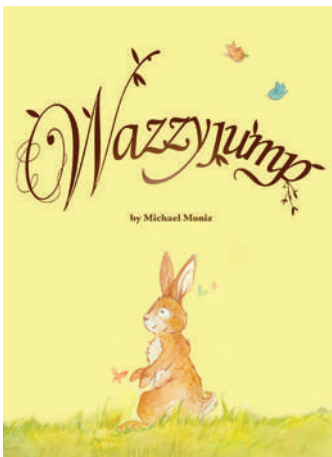
**THE WORLD THAT
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When you are little hedgehog, even a few weeks old, you must find your own place to live. Little Sam set off to find his and quickly does—in a lovely tree in a nice forest. There’s only one important thing missing: friends. Will the others welcome him?

In a world where all creatures read, marvelous transformations occur. Cats reading about mice become mice. Horses reading about fish become fish. Even a rhinoceros can become a butterfly. This uniquely illustrated fable shows that books can change us in unexpected ways.

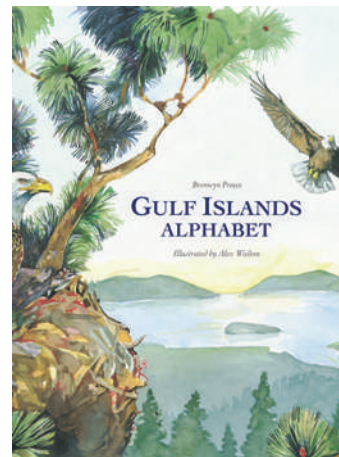


WAZZYJUMP

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Wazzyjump is a magical rabbit, but no one knows what his magic is. Lion, ruler of all the beasts, wants to steal Wazzyjump’s magic for himself. And so does tricky Fox. But these rivals are about to learn an important lesson from the little rabbit, for Wazzyjump has a special magic that can be had but cannot be stolen.

Gulf Islands Alphabet flows from letter to letter, island to island, blending the charms, natural beauty, and character of this unique corner of the world. The inviting language and compelling illustrations take children and adults alike on an island-hopping journey through the south-western corner of British Columbia.

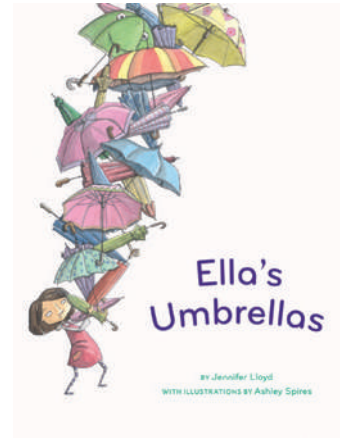


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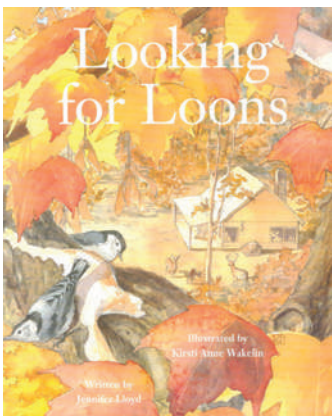
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All of the shoes in the store are plain and dull except for one pair: the apple red shoes, just waiting to be picked. The little girl knows they are perfect, but can she convince her mom? This cheerful tale is matched with charming illustrations depicting the fashions of the 1960s.

Ella has every umbrella under the rainbow, from aquamarine to jellybean green. They fill up the entire house. Aunt Stella from Kathmandu is coming to visit and Ella's mom demands that Ella get rid of her umbrellas. But Ella wants to keep her precious possessions.



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Just after sunrise a boy ventures to the front porch of his family cottage to scan the misty lake with an old pair of binoculars. He is looking for loons. As he waits, his other pajama-wearing family members join him, and together they experience the fascinating sights and sounds of nature.

In this tale inspired by *Moby Dick*, one harpooner and one boy must face the rigors of life on a whaling vessel, hunting the largest thing that has ever lived: the leviathan. As the boy's respect for both the whaler and the whales grows, he becomes tormented by visions and memories he doesn't understand.

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