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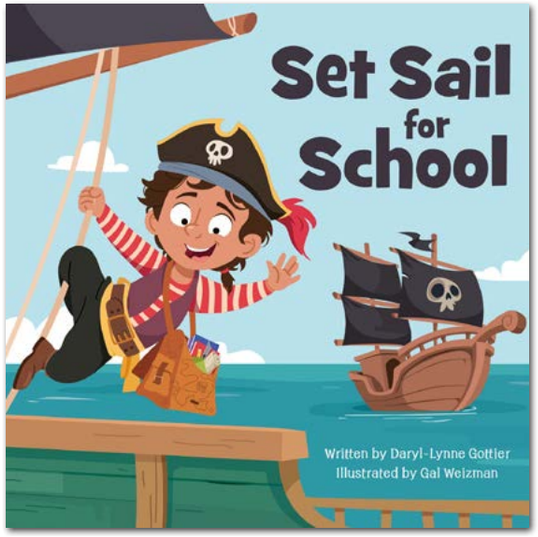
Set Sail for School

Written by Daryl-Lynne Gottier Illustrated by Gal Weizman



Ahoy, mateys! Jack is off to school, but his school is no ordinary one!

From waking up in his hammock to learning his A, B… Arrrs!, every moment of Jack's day is full of pirate-y fun and surprises.

With rollicking verses and clever, pirate-themed "anti-rhymes" on each page, *Set Sail for School* turns the school day into a high-seas adventure!

Packed with bright illustrations, a motley crew, and a bonus "Pirate Dictionary," *Set Sail for School* is a giggle-filled read for little buccaneers.

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Daryl-Lynne Gottier has been published in *Highlights for Children*, *Hopscotch*, and *Boys' Quest*. In addition to working as a speech pathologist in elementary schools, she worked in a bookstore and a children's library. She lives in Central MA, and this is her first picture book. If Daryl was a pirate, her name would be Barnacle Book-Builder.

Gal Weizman has illustrated over 100 children's books. Her playful animated characters bounce through games and TV shows, sit on packaging, and live in books around the globe. If Gal was a pirate, her name would be Captain Ink-Stain. See Gal's work on Instagram @gal__weizman.

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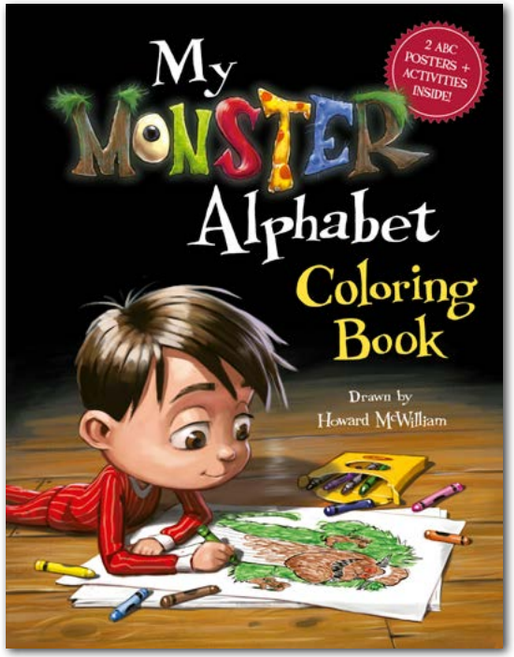
My Monster Alphabet Coloring Book

Drawn by Howard McWilliam



My Monster Alphabet Coloring Book is based on the award-winning *D is for Drool* picture book. It features monsters from the entire best-selling *I Need My Monster* series.

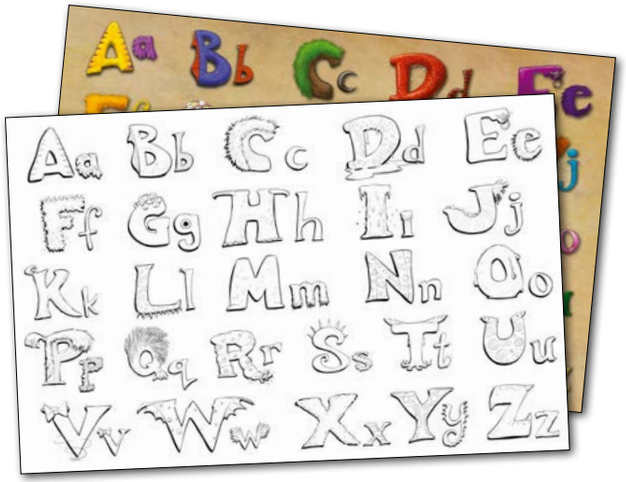
Kids will spend hours coloring these silly, not-so-spooky, magnificent monsters with alphabetical attributes that follow the ABCs, as in A for Arms, B for Belly, C for Claws, and D for Drool!

OVER 880,000 PHYSICAL COPIES SOLD ACROSS THE SERIES

A great educational and entertainment resource that kids will love!

What's inside:

- A to Z coloring pages featuring Arms, Belly, Claws, Drool, etc.
- Kid-friendly monster illustrations to color in
- ABC poster to color in + full-color ABC poster on inside cover
- Growth chart and finger puppet activities



Howard McWilliam is both the author and illustrator of *Just SNOW Already!* and the illustrator of the *I Need My Monster* series, *When a Dragon Moves In* series, John Cena's *Elbow Grease* series (a *New York Times* #1 Bestseller), and many other children's books — with over one million copies sold. He is the cover artist of *The Week* (US & UK), and he lives with his wife and three sons in Cheltenham, England. The monster under his bed is Brompton.

Ages 5–7, 32 pages. Paperback, 8.5 x 11", $8.99, September 2026
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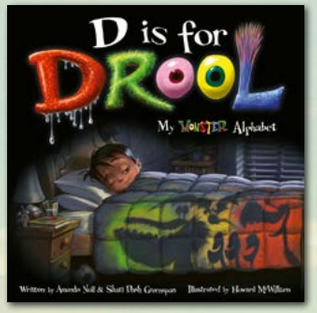

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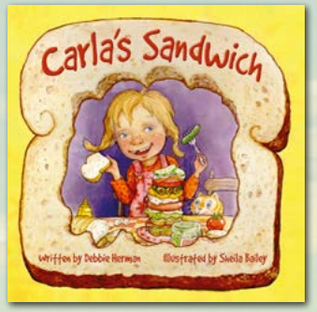

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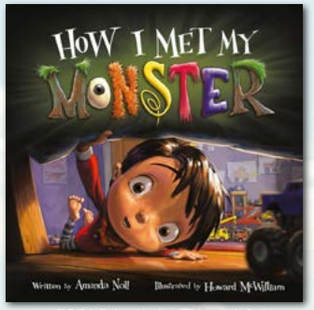

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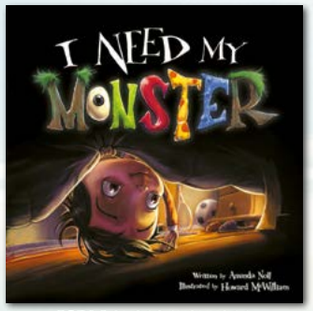

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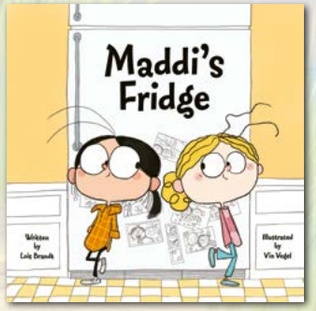

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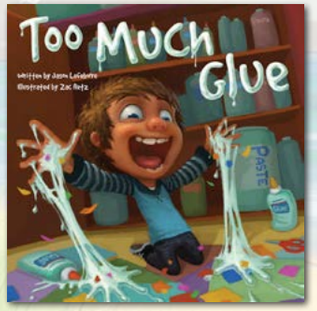

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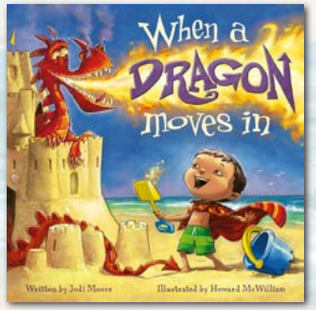

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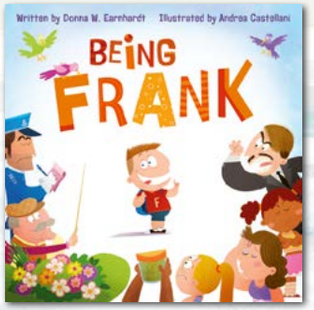

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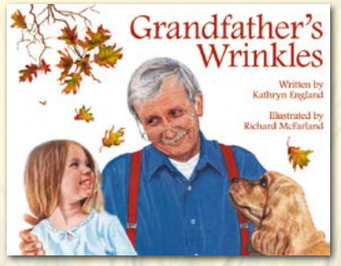

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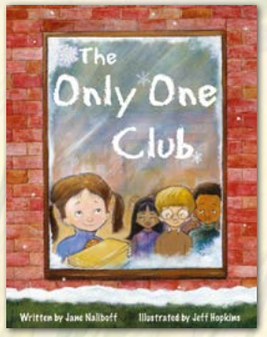

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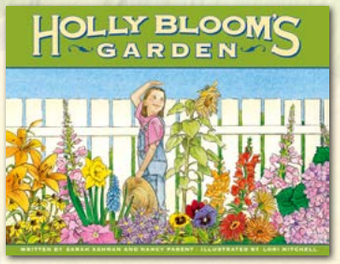

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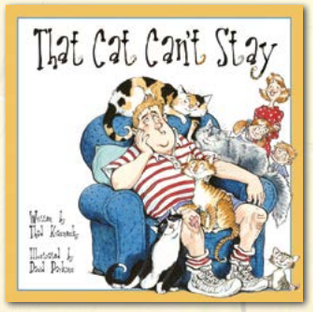

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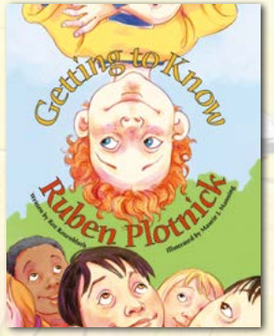

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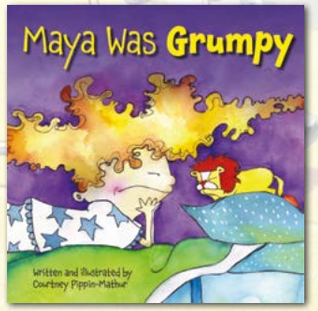

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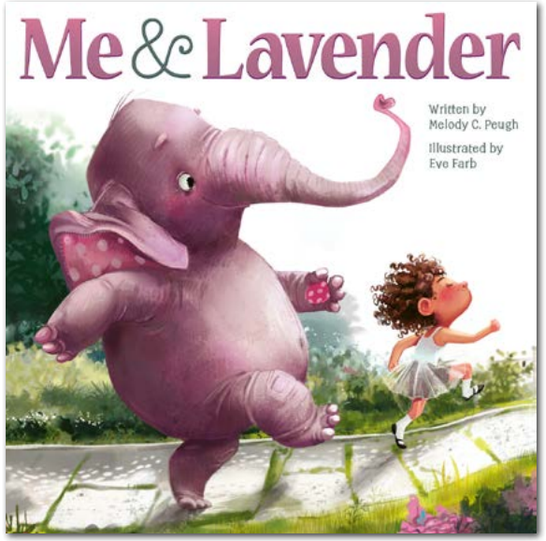
Me & Lavender

Written by Melody C. Peugh | Illustrated by Eve Farb



- ★ 2026 Ezra Jack Keats Award nominee
- ★ WY Buckaroo Book Award list 2026-27
- ★ Grand Prize Winner in SeasonsOfKidLit's 2025 Book Awards (Best Spring Books)
- ★ Kiddable Award 2025: Best Kid's Ebook (Gold)

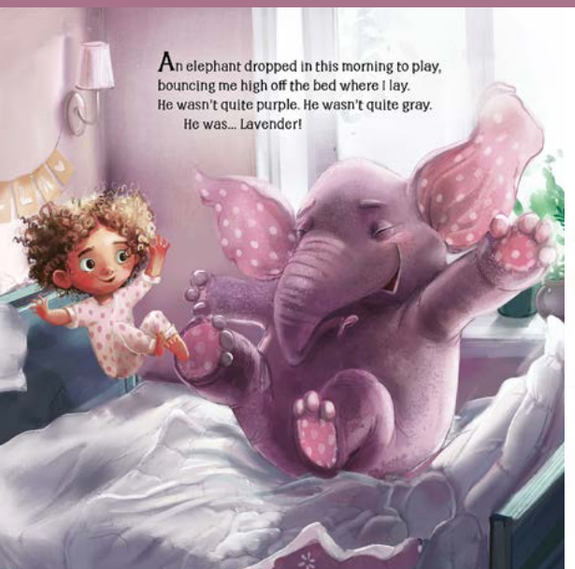
When Lavender the stuffed elephant drops in to play, Ella is ready for fun – until she remembers that they need to stay tidy for Mommy's afternoon tea party. But quiet activities soon escalate to exciting ones, ending in a magnificent mud-pie mess! Will the playful pair get clean in time for tea?

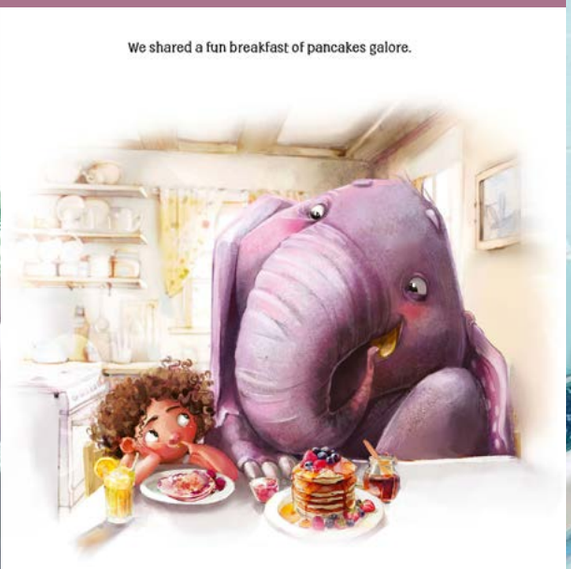
"A sweet tribute to youthful creativity." –*Kirkus Reviews*

"a delightful story about playtime.... entertaining, playful, and imaginative." –Edwards Book Club

"...original, delightful, kid friendly, and fun...unreservedly recommended...." –*Children's Bookwatch*

Celebrate the joy of pretending!





Melody C. Peugh (pronounced Pew) worked at Hallmark Cards and Sears Roebuck, was a Girl Scout leader and 4H leader, and enjoys gardening, fairy hunts with her granddaughters, and broadening young minds. She lives in Peabody, KS, and this is her first picture book.

Eve Farb is a psychologist whose passion is drawing. She has illustrated five picture books in Russian, as well as the well-received *Clovis Keeps His Cool*. See Eve's work on Instagram @eve_farb.

Ages 4–8, 32 full-color pages. Hardcover, 10¼" x 10¼", $18.95, May 2025
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So Much Slime

Written by Jason Lefebvre | Illustrated by Zac Retz

- ★ **Emmy nomination for "Outstanding Children's Personality"** for actress June Squibb's reading of So Much Slime on Storyline Online
- ★ **NY Reads, Elementary School Titles**
- ★ **Kiddable Award 2024: Best Kid's Ebook** (Bronze)

"Original, unique, imaginative, activity-inspiring, fun and funny from start to finish." –*Children's Bookwatch*

"I love this book because it tells me that even if… something goes wrong – with help, with friends, with teachers, with mothers and dads – you can make them alright." –June Squibb, Academy Award-nominated actress (on Storyline Online)

"*So Much Slime*… shows children the importance of perseverance and ingenuity…." –Courtney B. Vance, SAG-AFTRA Foundation President and Chairman, as quoted in *PEOPLE Magazine* online

Slime is spectacular!

Jason Lefebvre is Assistant Director of the Holyoke Public Library and was formerly a preschool paraprofessional and children's librarian. He is the author of *Too Much Glue* and *So Much Slime*. He lives in Holyoke, MA.

Zac Retz is an art director and production designer in the entertainment industry who has worked for Disney, DreamWorks, Netflix, Illumination, and Sony. His movies include *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*, *Encanto*, *Scoob!* and many more. Zac runs his own studio, Impetus Animation, and is the illustrator of *Too Much Glue* and *So Much Slime*. He lives in Fountain Green, UT.

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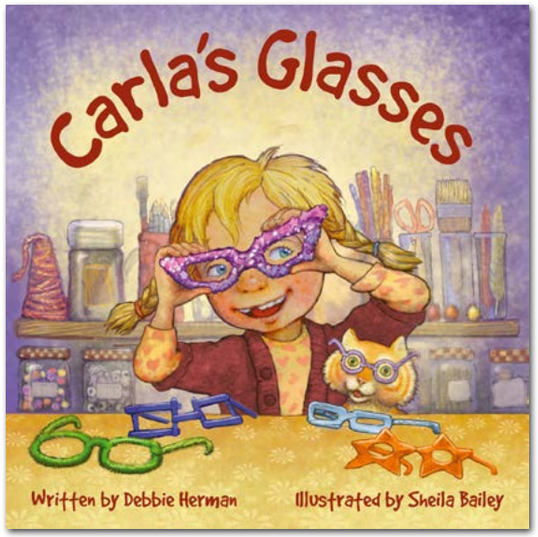
Carla's Glasses

Written by Debbie Herman — Illustrated by Sheila Bailey



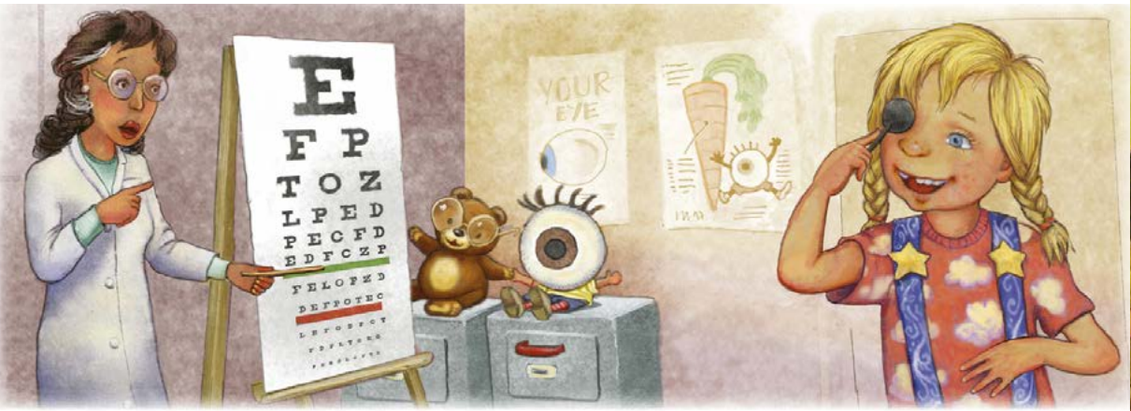
- ★ Read by **Nicola Coughlin** for **Storyline Online**
- ★ **AR Diamond Primary Book Award** list 2026-27
- ★ **DE Diamonds Award** list 2025-26
- ★ **WY Buckaroo Book Award** list 2026-27
- ★ **PA Mountain Laurel Book Award** list 2025
- ★ **Kiddable Award 2024: Best Kid's Ebook** (Silver)

"This uplifting, reassuring story is about warm friendship and about being seen—literally—and accepted for who you are. ...should boost the esteem of kids nervous about getting their first pair of glasses." –*Kirkus Reviews*

"...details an important rite of passage for many children, and could be especially useful for parents helping their child navigate wearing glasses." –*School Library Journal*

"...a wonderful, thought-provoking book celebrating friendship and individuality..." –The Picture Book Buzz

"*Carla's Glasses* is perfect for...anyone who doesn't want to stand out like the giant letter "E" on the eye chart, but can appreciate a friend who does." –Emily Schneider, educator, writer, and blogger on Imaginary Elevators



"Hi, Carla!" said the nurse. "Please face the chart and cover your right eye.
Now read this row of letters."
"EDFCZP," read Carla. "That was easy."
"Terrific," said the nurse. "Please continue."

Carla read the next row and the next. "Hmm...it's getting tricky.
Is that a C or a G? I'll go with C."
"Great," said the nurse. "Now cover your left eye and we'll start again."
After a few more tests, the nurse handed Carla an eyeball sticker. "Nice job," she said.
"Thanks!" said Carla, and she skipped back to her seat.

Carla likes to stand out. Buster likes to blend in!

Debbie Herman is the author of *Carla's Glasses, Carla's Sandwich,* and other books for children. She's a writer, editor, and former elementary school teacher. Like Carla, Debbie is a fan of funky frames. She lives in Chicago, IL.

Sheila Bailey is the illustrator of *Carla's Glasses, Carla's Sandwich,* and many other children's books. She is a firefighter on Sauvie Island near Portland, OR, and has 19 pairs of reading glasses strewn about her house.

Ages 4–8, 32 full-color pages. Hardcover, 10¼" x 10¼", $18.95, September 2024, ISBN: HC 9781947277717 / Ebook 9781947277724

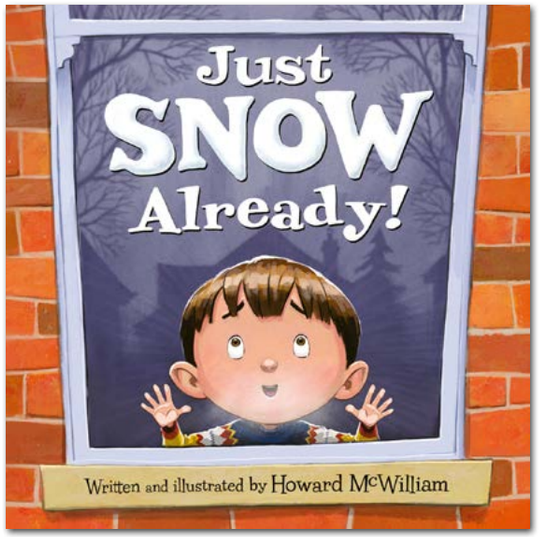
"My glasses make me look like an insect!" said Marcus.

"I'm bursting with butterflies!" called Lottie.

"And I'm a flower garden," said Ms. Pimento.

Just SNOW Already!

Written and Illustrated by Howard McWilliam



- ★ Read by **Julianna Margulies** for **Storyline Online**
- ★ **Kiddable Award 2024: Best Kid's Ebook** (Gold)
- ★ **Bresnahan Book Award nominee** 2025
- ★ **Delaware Diamonds** list 2024-2025
- ★ **Illinois Monarch K-3 Readers' Choice Award** list 2026
- ★ **Indiana Young Hoosier Picture Book Award** list 2025-2026
- ★ **Michigan's Great Lakes Great Books** 2024-25 award list
- ★ **Nevada Young Readers' Award** List 2025
- ★ **New Jersey's M. Jerry Weiss Book Award** list 2024
- ★ **NY State Reading Association Charlotte Award** list 2025

"Just snuggle up and read this one already!" –*Kirkus Reviews*

"…imparts the magic of snow to young children everywhere" – *Children's Literature*

"…brimming with big, bold, and frame-worthy images." –Edwards Book Club Reviews

"I love this book because it reminds me of the snow days I used to have as a kid, and that feeling when suddenly you don't have to go to school…." –Julianna Margulies, award-winning actress (on Storyline Online)

Nothing is as fun as snow!

Howard McWilliam is both the author and illustrator of *Just SNOW Already!* He is the award-winning illustrator of the *I Need My Monster* series, *When a Dragon Moves In* series, John Cena's *Elbow Grease* series (a *New York Times* #1 Bestseller), and many other children's books — with over one million copies sold. He is the cover artist of *The Week* (US & UK), and *Just SNOW Already!* marks his debut as an author. Howard lives with his wife and three sons in Cheltenham, England.

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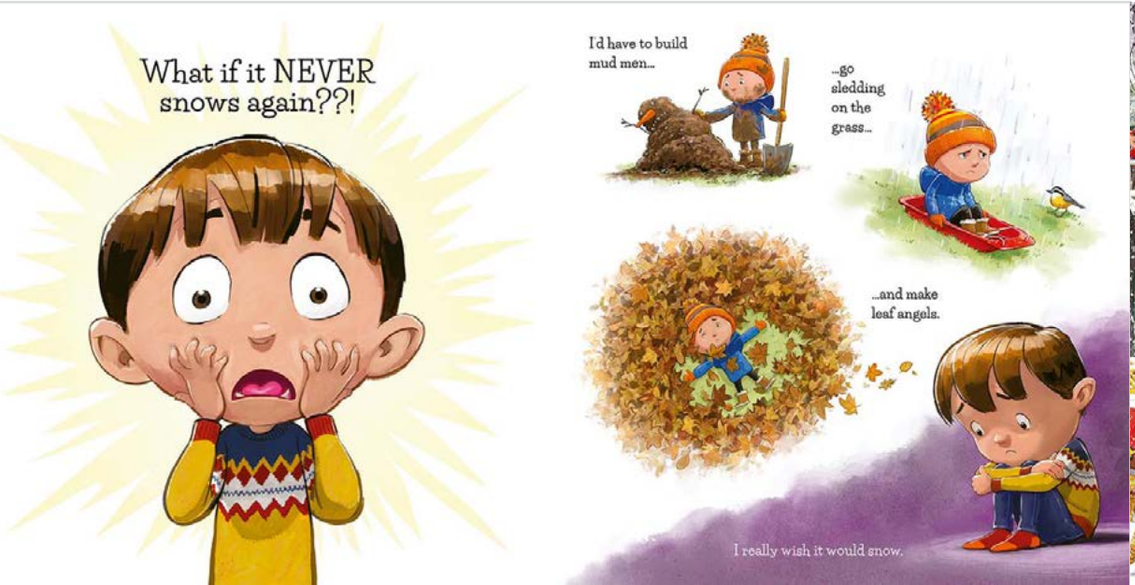
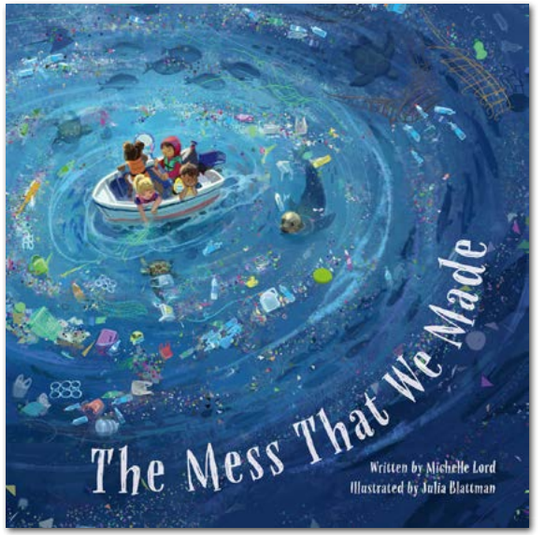


The Mess That We Made

Written by Michelle Lord

Illustrated by Julia Blattman



- ★ Read by Kathryn Hahn for Storyline Online
- ★ Delaware Diamonds Award, 2023-2024,
- ★ Queensland Premier's Reading Challenge
- ★ Nevada Young Readers' Award list, 2024
- ★ Storytelling World Awards Honor Book
- ★ Northern Lights Book Award, Winner, Environment Category
- ★ Pennsylvania Keystone to Reading Elementary Award list
- ★ Big Bang Notable Book List 2025, Bronze in Science Spark Category
- ★ The 26th Japan Picture Book Award Finalist

"The cadences of a familiar nursery rhyme introduce concerns about ocean garbage and what we, who made the mess, can do to help clean it up." –*Kirkus Reviews*

"…outstanding.… sure to inspire.…" –Cleaner Ocean Foundation

Michelle Lord has written several books for children including *A Song for Cambodia*, *Nature Recycles*, and *Animal School: What Class Are You?*, which received a starred review from *Kirkus Reviews*. She lives with her family in New Braunfels, TX.

Julia Blattman works as a visual development artist for animated feature films, and has created art for Disney mobile games. Julia lives in Los Angeles, CA, and this is her first picture book.

"But we are the ones who can save the day.…"

"**VERDICT: A successful addition in a growing genre of engaging picture books about pollution and environmentalism.**

…**a clear and realistic message** to young readers **in a surprisingly enjoyable package**. … Lord does not shy away from our collective responsibility to the earth's oceans and its animals. However, she ends on an uplifting note.

Comprehensive back matter elaborates on each of the repeated phrases, describing how each animal is affected by pollution, why plastics are particularly problematic, and ways that children can make a difference. This includes individual acts such as using reusable bags, but also collective actions toward systemic change.

Blattman's digital illustrations bring **beauty and brightness** to an otherwise heavy topic, without making light of the severity of the situation. The pieces of plastic look like neon-colored confetti, clearly standing out against the swirling natural blues and greens of the sea.

Through **vibrant and immersive** underwater views, readers can see a boat full of children observing the scenes below and, finally, working to clean up the waters." – *School Library Journal*

"...at once a wake-up call... a call to action.... a message of hope... [and] a promise for a healthier, happier tomorrow." –The Corner on Character

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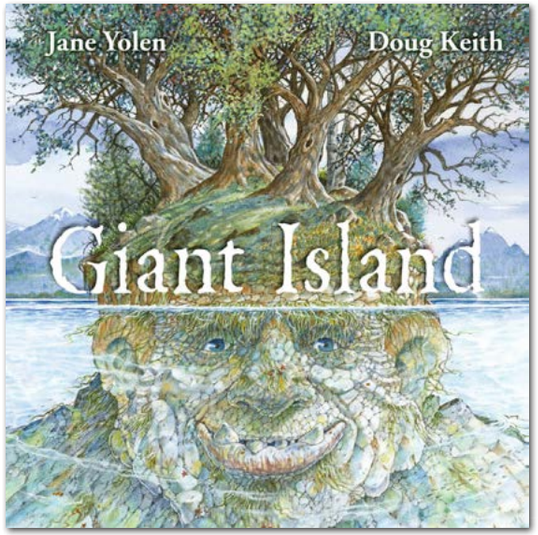
Giant Island

Written by Jane Yolen — Illustrated by Doug Keith



★ **Mississippi Magnolia Book Award** list 2024

"Delightful." –*Booklist*

"…celebrate[s] the power of imagination to make magic." –*The Horn Book Magazine*

"The wonder of childhood comes alive…literally." –*Kirkus Reviews*

"a feast for the eyes and the imagination. Bubbling with magic, Jane Yolen and Doug Keith's 'Giant Island' is a mythical adventure for readers of all ages." –The Picture Book Pages blog

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ISBN: HC 9781947277182 / Ebook, Audio, and Read-along editions available.

"The wonder of childhood comes alive…literally."
–Kirkus Reviews

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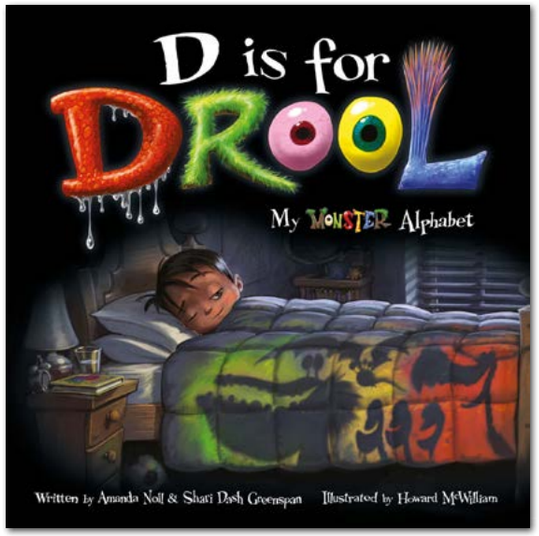
Jane Yolen is a writer of fantasy, science fiction, and children's books, and the author or editor of over 400 books. These include *Owl Moon*, winner of the Caldecott award, and the *How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight* series. She lives in Western Massachusetts. There are two islands in Jane's background: Manhattan Island where she spent her early years and and the Isle of Skye in Scotland where she has spent much time over the past 30 summers. Either of these islands could have housed a giant.

Doug Keith has over thirty years' experience as an illustrator, designer, and fine artist. His resumé includes more than forty illustrated books, a Benjamin Franklin Award for interior design, a television Emmy award for graphic design, and commissioned works installed at Lewis-McChord Air Force Base and The University of Washington. Doug lives in Seattle, Washington, surrounded by the mountains and water which inspired *Giant Island*.

D is for Drool

Written by Amanda Noll & Shari Dash Greenspan — Illustrated by Howard McWilliam



★ **Florida Literacy Association Children's Book Award** list 2023-2024
★ **Nevada Young Readers' Award** list 2024

"The entire thing ends on the **perfect, bedtime-read note**, and despite the claws and growls, this one does invite to sweet dreams. To say it's a **fun read** is an understatement." –Bookworm for Kids

"A bedtime story that **flips the monster under the bed on its head**, this whimsical alphabet book is a **surefire hit.**" –*Foreword Reviews*

"**Being all smiles** and more likely to elicit snorts of amusement than screams of terror, the monstrous marchers crawling, oozing, slithering, or strolling into and out of view with each page turn have the intended soporific effect…. **A monstrously effective lid-dropper.**" –*Kirkus Reviews*

Ages 3–5, 32 full-color pages. Hardcover, 10¼" x 10¼", $18.95, September 2021
ISBN: HC 9781947277496 / Paperback, 8" x 8", $8.99, ISBN: PB 9781962269339
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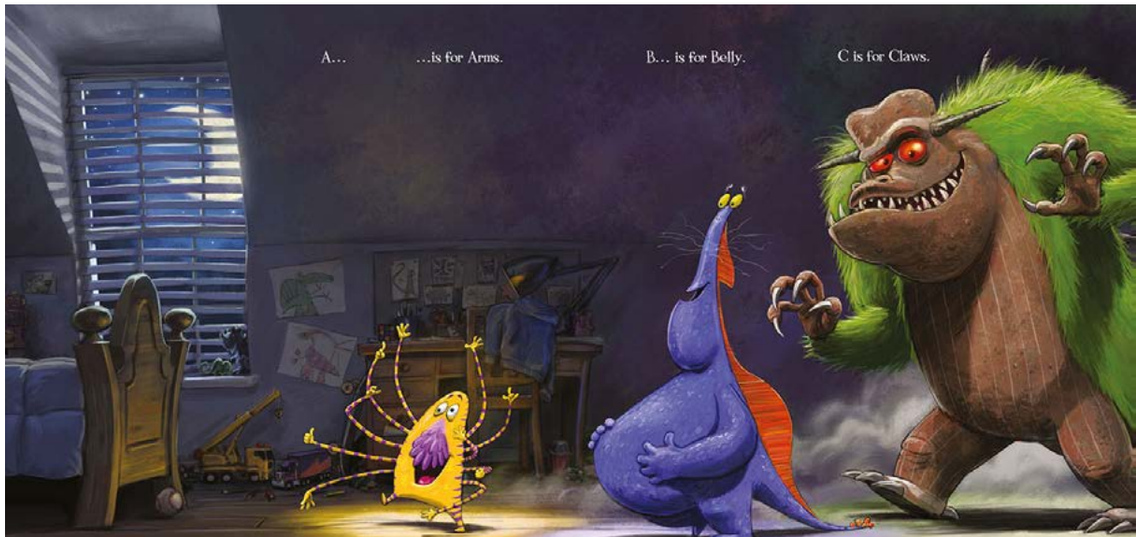
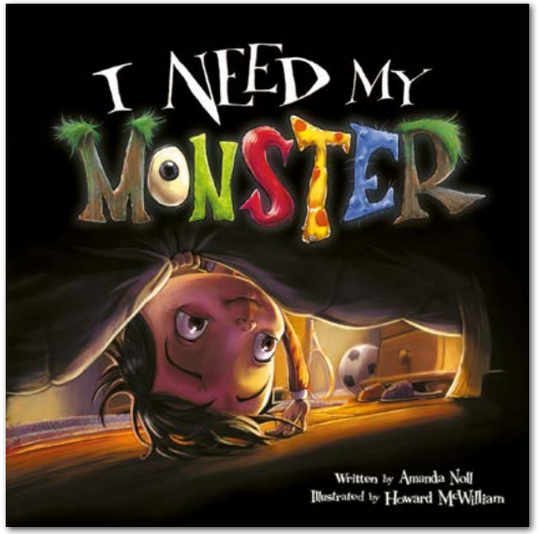


I Need My Monster

Written by Amanda Noll — Illustrated by Howard McWilliam



- ★ Read by Rita Moreno for Storyline Online
- ★ 2 weeks on The Wall Street Journal Hardcover Bestseller list
- ★ AL Camellia Award
- ★ AZ Grand Canyon Award
- ★ CA Young Reader Medal
- ★ GA Picture Storybook Award
- ★ IA Regional Goldfinch Award
- ★ NV Young Readers Award
- ★ VA Reader's Choice Award
- ★ MS Magnolia, NE Golden Sower, SD Prairie Bud, WA Children's Choice, and WY Buckaroo Book Award lists
- ★ NY Reads, Elementary School Titles
- ★ Scholastic Book Club Selection
- ★ Storytelling World Honor Book
- ★ Indie Next Kids' Pick
- ★ The series is ranked #7 in top books read by 3rd graders in Accelerated Reader, as reported in Renaissance's 2025 Report
- ★ Included on the California Department of Education Recommended Literature list

"...an unusually well done double-debut." –*Kirkus Reviews*

"...turns the tables on monster fears...." –*Booklist*

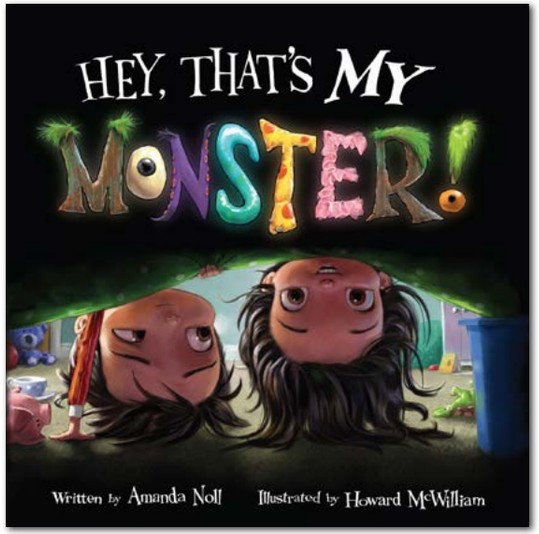
"[a] Monster tale so sly it oozes excellence... superbly silly... irresistible... a perfect read-aloud...." –*The Sacramento Bee*

"The humorous text diffuses bedtime fears... digitally painted illustrations bring the sort-of-scary, mostly-silly monsters out of their lairs." –*The Horn Book Review*

Ages 4–8, 32 full-color pages. Hardcover, 10¼" x 10¼", $17.95, ISBN: HC 9780979974625
Paperback, 8" x 8", $6.99, ISBN: PB 9781947277311
Ebook, Audio, and Read-along editions available.

Hey, That's MY Monster!

Written by Amanda Noll — Illustrated by Howard McWilliam



- ★ Read by Lily Tomlin for Storyline Online
- ★ MS Magnolia Children's Choice Award PreK-2, 2018
- ★ Literary Classics Book Award, Silver Medal in Fantasy, 2017
- ★ Children's Literary Classics Seal of Approval
- ★ Big Bang Notable Book List 2025, Bronze in Laugh Out Loud category
- ★ NY Reads, Elementary School Titles

"The...monsters in McWilliam's toy-strewn bedroom scenes are show stealers, whether exuding pools of pink slime or rearing up in glowering, warty menace in vain efforts to get Emma into bed." –*Kirkus Reviews*

"Superior in style, liveliness, integrity and format... the vivid three-dimensional illustrations are truly amazing. This will not be a shelf-sitter." –Puget Sound Council for the Review of Children's Media

"Emma is cut from the same cloth as Boo from *Monsters Inc.* – she's tickled, not terrified, by the visiting monsters – and McWilliam's cinematic artwork embraces the comedy of the situation as Emma puts bracelets on the snakelike tail of one monster and jumps rope with the tentacles of another." –*Publishers Weekly*

"...a quirky bedtime story with plenty of good humor, thrills, and sibling exasperation. Bold and colorful, the illustrations by Howard McWilliam are reminiscent of *Monsters, Inc.*, with their large, expressive eyes, gleeful movement, and hideously charming monsters." –*Foreword Reviews*

Ages 4–8, 32 full-color pages. Hardcover, 10¼" x 10¼", $17.95, ISBN: HC 9781936261376
Paperback, 8" x 8", $7.99, ISBN: PB 9781947277380
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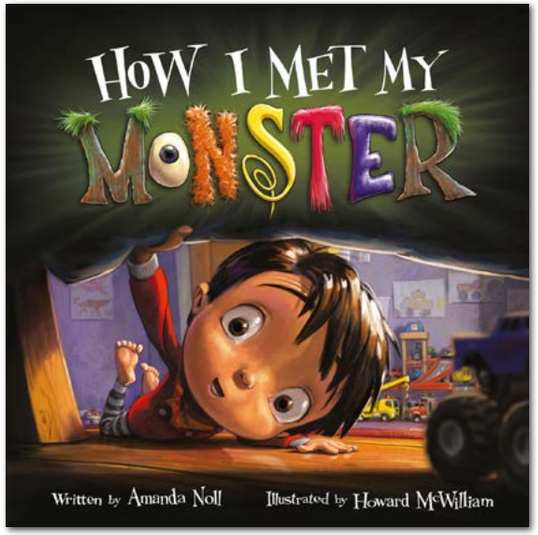
How I Met My Monster

Written by Amanda Noll — Illustrated by Howard McWilliam



★ Read by **Nancy Cartwright** for **Storyline Online**
★ **Milner Award Battle of the Books**, 2nd place, 2024-25
★ **Scholastic Book Club Selection**
★ **Book of the Month** by **The Literacy Alliance Project Reads** program

"Frightful and delightful." –*Kirkus Reviews*

"In this peppy prequel to *I Need My Monster* and *Hey, That's MY Monster!*, Noll and McWilliam reveal how Ethan, a child, chose Gabe as his personal monster when he was younger. Three other vividly hued monsters compete for the job…but only Gabe…clinches the role thanks to some secret weapons…which simultaneously give the boy shivers and lull him to sleep.

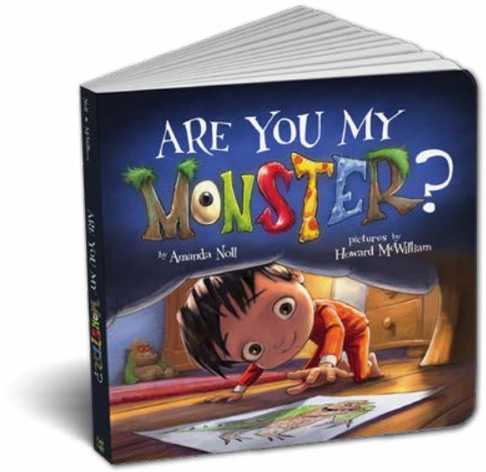
Like the text, McWilliam's brassy digital acrylics are more silly than scary, with the characters' wildly exaggerated facial expressions amplifying the comedy." –*Publishers Weekly*

"In this fun-loving tale, Ethan meets his match as Gabe the toe-loving monster takes up residence under his bed. Proving to be the perfect monster to keep this little guy in his bed, it's sure to bring some giggles and chuckles along the way." – Story Monsters Ink Shelf

Ages 4–8, 32 full-color pages. Hardcover, 10¼" x 10¼", $17.95, ISBN: HC 9781947277090
Paperback, 8"x8", $7.99, ISBN: PB 9781947277786
Ebook, Audio, and Read-along editions available.

Are You My Monster?

Written by Amanda Noll — Illustrated by Howard McWilliam



Littlest listeners can enjoy the topsy-turvy, under-the-bed world of *I Need My Monster* in this sturdy, age-appropriate board book.

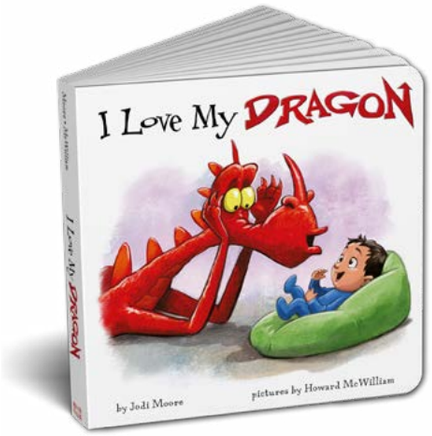
Help Ethan compare his drawing to an assortment of amusing monsters. Do the colors match? Are their tails long or short? Are their nails pointy or round? Are their teeth big or small? Children will be thrilled when Ethan finds the perfect match – which turns out to be his beloved stuffed monster toy – just in time for bed.

"A young boy needs to find the monster in his drawing before he can go to sleep. Little ones will enjoy the parade of silly creatures he checks against his drawing, while also learning colors and matching. The sweet ending shows that even those with sharp teeth and scratchy claws can be cuddly, turning the monster-under-the-bed trope on its head." –*School Library Journal*, On the Boardwalk: Our picks for the best board books of the season

Board Book, 26 full-color pages. 7" x 7", Ages 0-3, $9.99, ISBN: 9781947277328
Ebook, Audio, and Read-along editions available.

I Love My Dragon

Written by Jodi Moore — Illustrated by Howard McWilliam



This vibrantly colored board book for babies and toddlers features the best friends from the award-winning *When a Dragon Moves In*.

The little boy and big dragon have tons of fun together at home and outdoors, making music and reading, and playing with the boy's baby brother.

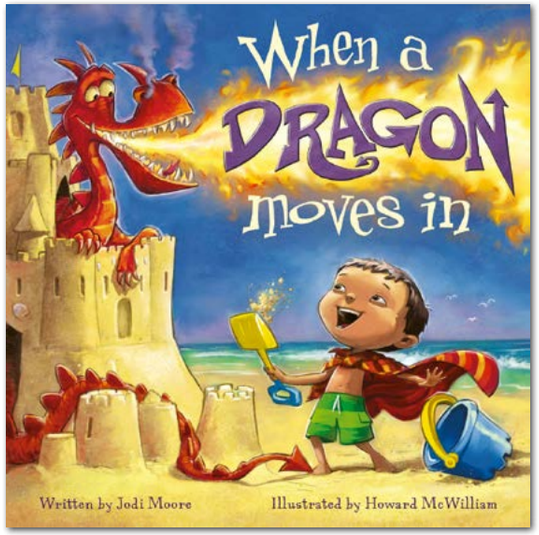
Youngest listeners will enjoy the adventures, and then settle down with the boy and dragon as they snuggle at nap time.

"This tale of a very special relationship touches the heart and lets imagination have free flight in a simple yet fun way. …shows what real love and friendship really is, even if it's with something as wonderful as a dragon.... a wholesome read which leaves young listeners feeling loved, while inviting them to dream away." –Bookworm for Kids blog

Board Book, 24 full-color pages. 7" x 7", Ages 0-3, $7.99, ISBN: 9781947277304
Ebook, Audio, and Read-along editions available.

When a Dragon Moves In

Written by Jodi Moore — Illustrated by Howard McWilliam



- ★ Read by Mark Duplass for Storyline Online
- ★ Whitney and Scott Cardozo Award for Children's Literature
- ★ Indie Kids' Next list
- ★ ABC Best of Books Catalog pick
- ★ GA Children's Book Award
- ★ KS Bill Martin, Jr. Picture Book Award list
- ★ MS Magnolia Children's Choice Award list
- ★ NE Golden Sower Award list
- ★ Charter Oak Children's Book Award Winner, CT
- ★ Scholastic Book Club Selection
- ★ WY READS Selection

"Fans of *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* and its sequels should enjoy how debut author Moore muses upon the consequences of having a dragon take up lodging in a sand castle...." –*PW*

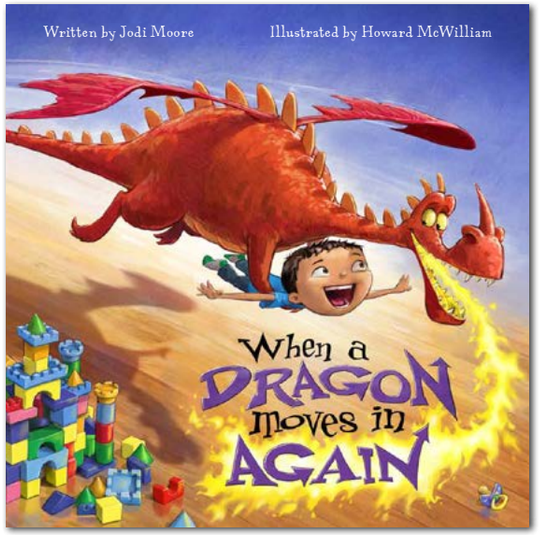
"...in this funny and creative riff on cause and effect.... The deadpan text is sure to elicit giggles as it captures the conundrum of an imaginary friend with a child's eye and provides a gentle acceptance of the mild misbehavior that sometimes accompanies imaginative play." –*Kirkus Reviews*

"Warmly caricatured people, cinematic pacing, and gleaming pages give this a look that is just short of animation itself. This is a crowd-pleasing merger of sly text and pictures that will tickle many a funny bone." –*Library Media Connection*

Ages 4–8, 32 full-color pages. Hardcover, 10¼" x 10¼", $16.95, ISBN: HC 9780979974670
Paperback, 8"x8", $7.99, ISBN: PB 9781947277397
Ebook, Audio, and Read-along editions available.

When a Dragon Moves In Again

Written by Jodi Moore — Illustrated by Howard McWilliam



- ★ Scholastic Book Club Selection
- ★ Children's Literary Classics Seal of Approval

"The fun-loving, jubilant imaginary friend from *When a Dragon Moves In* is back in this stand-alone picture book.... Verdict: Readers will hope that this dragon keeps coming back." –*SLJ*

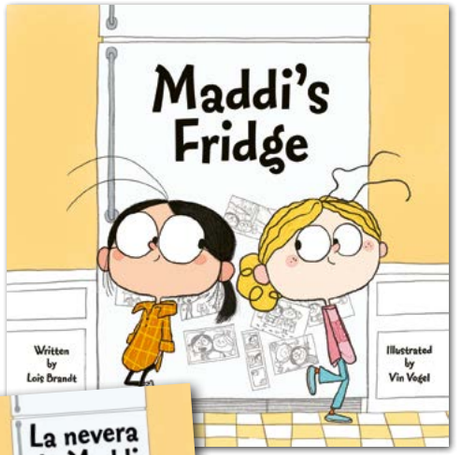
[McWilliam's] artwork has a sculptural depth and emotional vividness that, when combined with Moore's second-person narration, will make readers feel like they are right there with this growing family, through all of its messy, noisy, and tender moments." –*Publishers Weekly*

"...it turns out that castles of any sort, not just sand, attract dragons, so the soon-to-be-born baby's crib, with its crenellations and turrets at the corners, has an occupant even before mom gives birth.... the dragon is definitely the boy's release–his way of engaging in naughty behavior and then blaming it on the dragon–when it's tough to accept the new changes around the house that come with a baby. McWilliam's ...illustrations are wonderfully raucous and tongue-in-cheek, and his facial expressions are spot-on. It doesn't matter whether or not they can be seen; there's a little bit of dragon inside each of us." –*Kirkus Reviews*

Ages 4–8, 32 full-color pages. Hardcover, 10¼" x 10¼", $17.95
ISBN: HC 9781936261352
Ebook, Audio, and Read-along editions available.

Maddi's Fridge

Written by Lois Brandt — Illustrated by Vin Vogel



- ★ Read by Jennifer Garner for Storyline Online
- ★ ILA Children's and Young Adults' Book Award
- ★ Christopher Award
- ★ Michigan Mitten Honor Book
- ★ NV Young Reader, Great TX Mosquito, and WA Children's Choice Award lists
- ★ 1 of 30 books that embody the 6 core tenets of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child
- ★ included in Human Rights in Children's Literature exhibition at UConn, 2016
- ★ UN Sustainable Development Goals Book Club list
- ★ Great Texas Mosquito list
- ★ Childsplay Stage Adaptation
- ★ 10 Best Indie Picture Books of 2014, Foreword Reviews

"...notable..... A thoughtful and well-executed look at the challenge of childhood hunger." –*Kirkus Reviews*

- ★ *La nevera de Maddi* included in Bank Street College of Education "Best Spanish Children's Picture Books of the Year"
- ★ *La nevera de Maddi* read by Isabella Gomez for Storyline Online

Ages 4–8, 32 full-color pages. Hardcover, 10¼" x 10¼", $17.95, ISBN: HC 9781936261291
Paperback, 8" x 8", $7.99, June 2022, ISBN: PB 9781947277762
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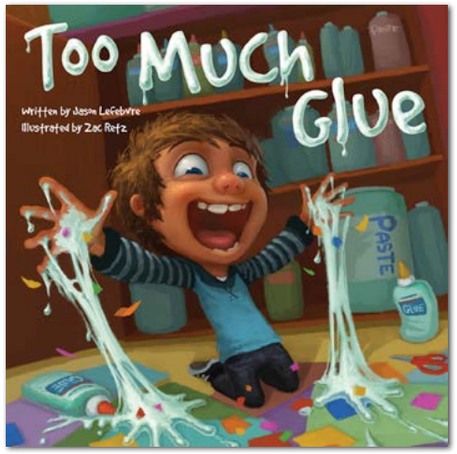
Too Much Glue

Written by Jason Lefebvre — Illustrated by Zac Retz



- ★ Read by Nicole Byer for Storyline Online
- ★ Featured in Elmer's World of Glue Teaching Guide
- ★ ABC Best Books for Children
- ★ Creative Child Magazine Preferred Choice Award
- ★ Play on Words PAL Award
- ★ AL Camellia, NY Charlotte, and MT Treasure State Award lists
- ★ NY Reads, Elementary School Titles

"...a rowdy tale about the disruptive forms that creativity can take..." –*Publishers Weekly*

"The facial expressions are wonderful..." –*School Library Journal*

Ages 4–8, 32 full-color pages. Hardcover, 10¼" x 10¼", $17.95, ISBN: HC 9781936261277
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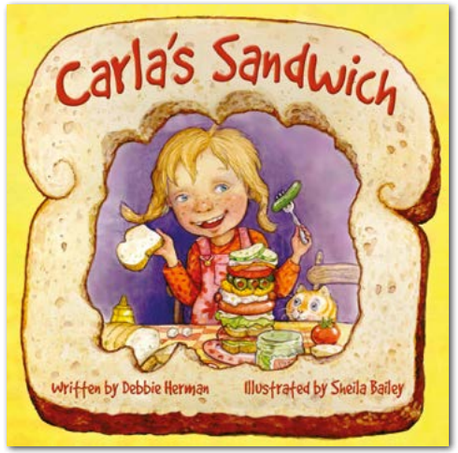
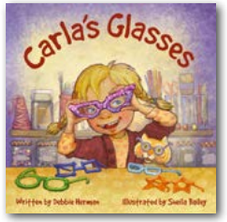
Carla's Sandwich

Written by Debbie Herman — Illustrated by Sheila Bailey



- ★ Read by Allison Janney for Storyline Online
- ★ Society of School Librarians International Honor Book
- ★ Storytelling World Award Honor Title
- ★ NY Reading Association Charlotte Award list
- ★ Starred review in *Criticas* for *El sándwich de Carla*

"Spunky Carla is one cool kid...." –*Atlanta Parent Magazine*



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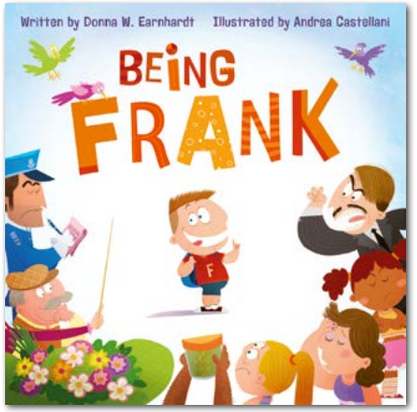

Being Frank

by Donna W. Earnhardt & Andrea Castellani

- ★ Read by Bob Odenkirk for Storyline Online
- ★ AL, KS, NE, SD, and WA State Award lists
- ★ IN Summer Reading list
- ★ TX Mockingbird list
- ★ SCWBI Crystal Kite Award, Southeast Division Finalist

"...laugh right along with Frank's every miscue... retro-styled... illustrations pop with frantic energy." –*Booklist*

Ages 4-8, 32 full color pages. Hardcover, 10¼" x 10¼", $16.95
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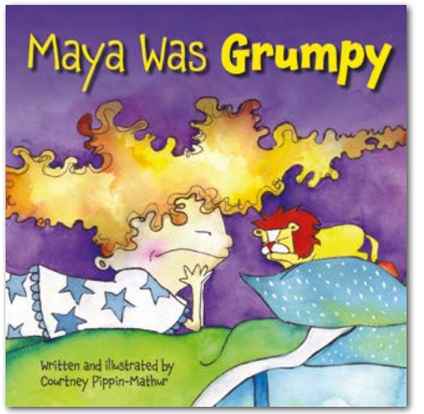

Maya Was Grumpy

by Courtney Pippin-Mathur

- ★ Christopher Award
- ★ Indie Kids' Next Top Ten Great Read
- ★ Scholastic Book Club Selection
- ★ NH Ladybug Picture Book Award list

"...laugh-out-loud funny.... Pippin-Mathur manages to combine the realistically sour expressions of a grumpy toddler and a child's boundless imagination...." –*The New York Journal of Books*

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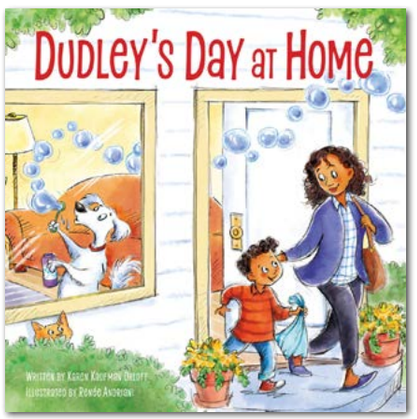

Dudley's Day at Home

by Karen Kaufman Orloff & Renée Andriani

- ★ NV Young Readers' Award list

"...a funny, fetching picture...that uses minimal text and maximal visual storytelling to share a day in a dog's life." –Children's Bookwatch

"Bright, cheerful cartoons contrast Sam and Dudley's days, in reality and imagination, and offer plenty of scope for extension activities. This makes a delightful storytime read, but teachers and parents will also find it a great choice for a writing or drawing prompt." –Jean Little Library

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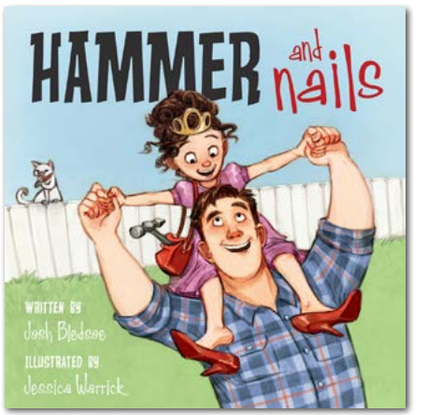

Hammer and Nails

by Josh Bledsoe & Jessica Warrick

Kirkus Reviews, **starred review**: "Kudos to this dad for not only making chores fun and making the most of time with his daughter, but for meeting her on her level."

- ★ ME Chickadee, MS Magnolia, NE Golden Sower, and TN Volunteer State Book Award lists
- ★ Children's Book of the Month Club Main Selection
- ★ CLEL Bell Awards list
- ★ Literary Classics Seal of Approval

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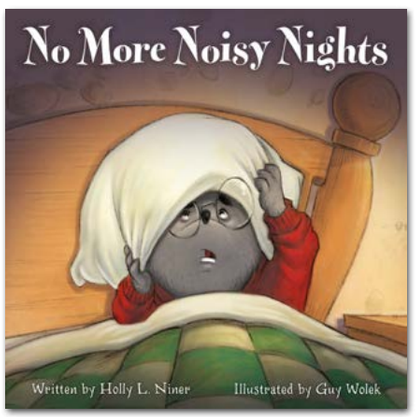

No More Noisy Nights

by Holly L. Niner & Guy Wolek

- ★ Read by Tony Hale for Storyline Online
- ★ Mom's Choice Award Gold Winner
- ★ NY Charlotte Award list
- ★ MS Magnolia Children's Choice Award list
- ★ Scholastic Book Club Selection

"This story is a winner, with a charming message and wonderful drawings." –*Children's Literature*

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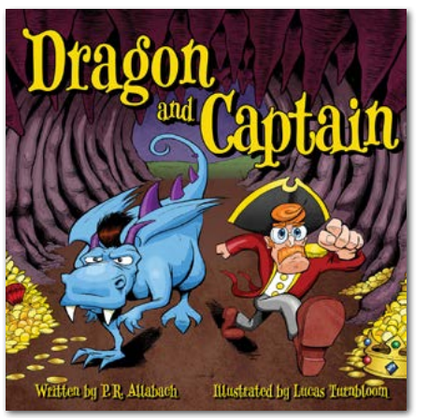

Dragon and Captain

by P.R. Allabach & Lucas Turnbloom

- ★ IN Young Hoosier Book Award list
- ★ Literary Classics Seal of Approval, 2015

"...a rollicking celebration of summer days and unleashed imaginations.... Like Bill Watterson's Calvin and Hobbes comic strips, [this] is a graphic novel that moves between illustrations of real life and the active imaginations of the two boys who transform into the dragon and captain. ...lighthearted, kinetic illustrations...." –Brooklyn Family

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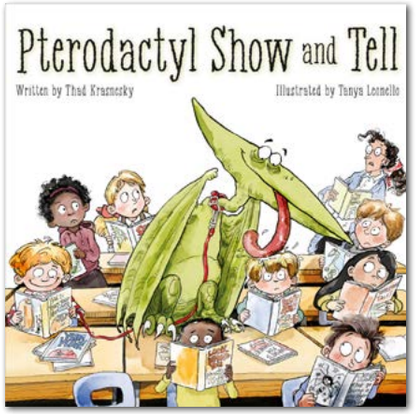

Pterodactyl Show and Tell

by Thad Krasnesky & Tanya Leonello

- ★ Children's Literary Classics Seal of Approval
- ★ A top ten bestseller in youth books at the American Museum of Natural History

"Have your teacher read this the day before show-and-tell: Any pet will be more than welcome…as long as it's not a pterodactyl." –*Kirkus Reviews*

"Dinosaur-loving kids will surely love this book. It's a funny and sneakily educational tale making it a great book for school and home bookshelves." –Christa Mcgrath, Edwards Book Review

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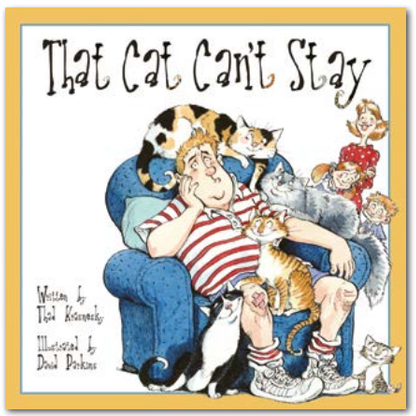

That Cat Can't Stay

by Thad Krasnesky & David Parkins

- ★ Bank Street Best Books for Children
- ★ Read by Haley Lu Richardson for Storyline Online
- ★ Wanda Gag Read Aloud Book Award Honor Book
- ★ Smithsonian Notables for Children
- ★ Cat Writers' Association Muse Medallion
- ★ DE Diamond, IL Monarch, NE Golden Sower, and NY Charlotte Award lists
- ★ Storytelling World Award Honor Title
- ★ SSLI Honor Book
- ★ An NSW Premier Reading Challenge Book in Australia

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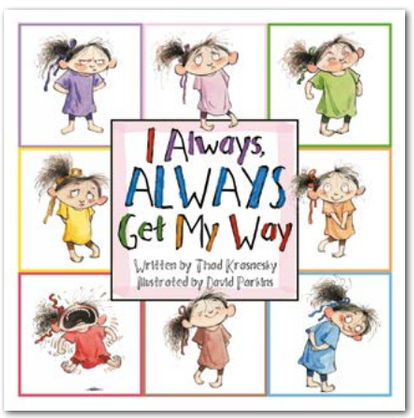

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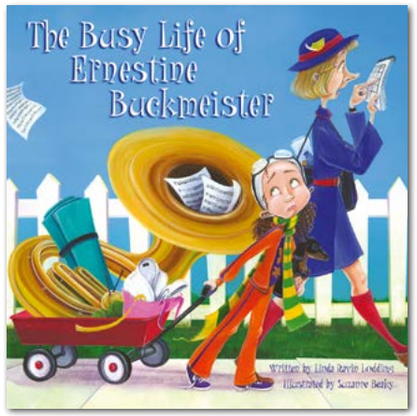

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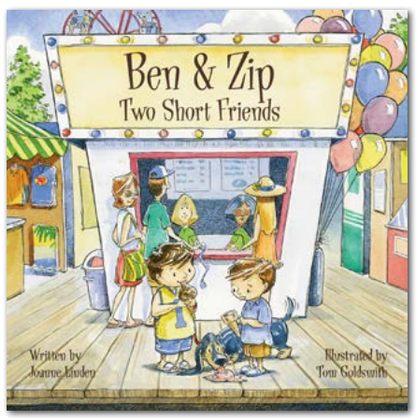

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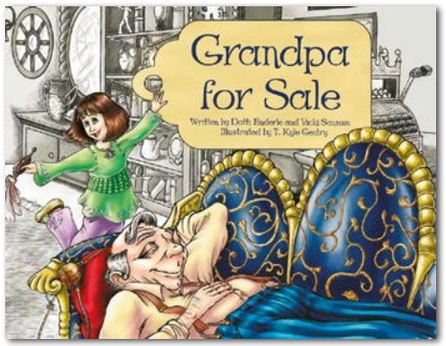

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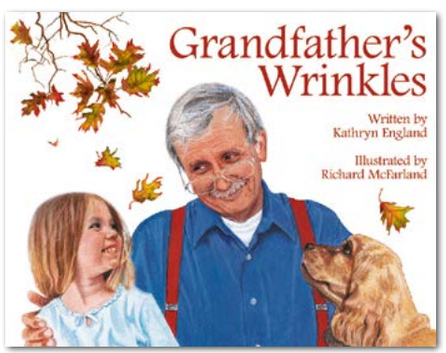

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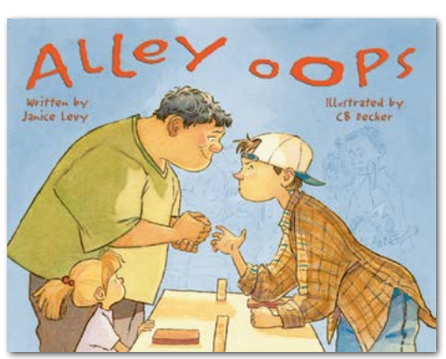

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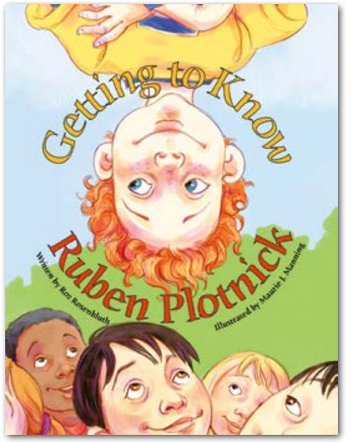

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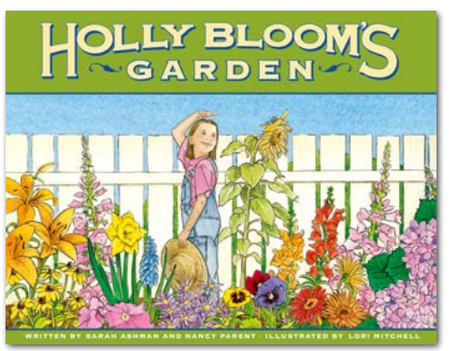

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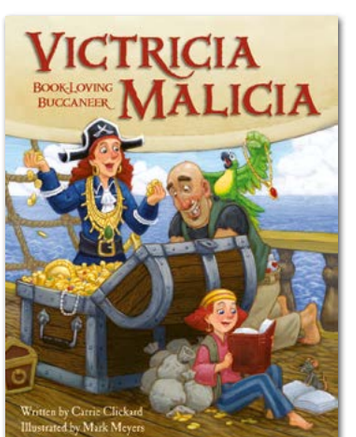

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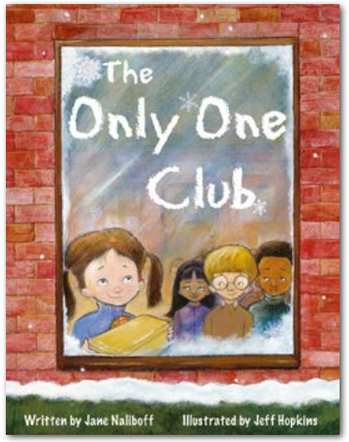

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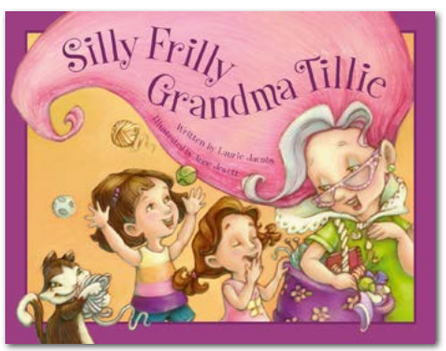

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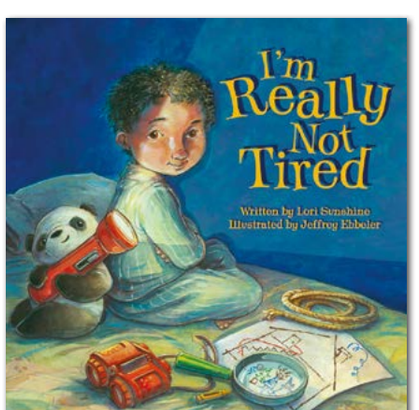

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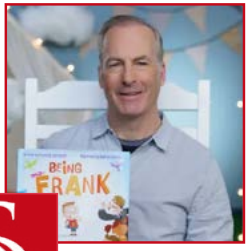

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