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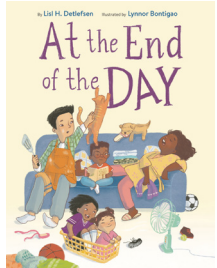


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PICTURE BOOK



AT THE END OF THE DAY



Author: Lisl H. Detlefsen 🇺🇸
Illustrator: Lynnor Bontigao
Knopf/Penguin Random House
April 30, 2024
ISBN: 0593378636; 978-0593378632

A pitch-perfect story about a busy, exhausted, and loving family dealing with one obstacle after another in the run-up to bedtime, in the spirit of *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*. At the end of a long day, sometimes it feels as if time will keep stretching endlessly.

There are errands to run, homework to do, and toys to be put away. Sometimes it's windy, and stormy, or downright boring. But...sometimes, with a little patience, the end of the day can be warm and cozy, surprising and exciting, and just right—filled with reasons to be grateful for the day you've had and to look forward to tomorrow, too.

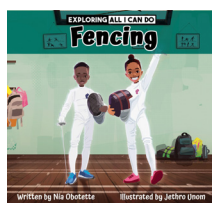
BEE CATASTROPHE, WE'LL MISS THEM WHEN THEY'RE GONE



Author: Marta Magellan 🇺🇸
Illustrator: Mauro Magellan 🇺🇸
Eifrig Publishing
January 1, 2023
ISBN: 9781632333605

If you like lemonade, strawberries, and almonds, thank a honey bee, but bees, all bees, are in danger. You wouldn't want to live in a world without them, so you need to know what you can do.

EXPLORING ALL I CAN DO: FENCING



Author: Nia Obotette 🇺🇸
Illustrator: Jethro Unom
Self-Published
February 2023
ISBN: 978-1-959280-25-5

A wonderfully illustrated book sharing one girl's journey to become a fencer. Sometimes peer pressure can be challenging, will our young fencer succumb to the pressure

to fit in or influence her friends to try something new? Part of a fantastic new book series, discover the irresistible world of fencing.



EXPLORING ALL I CAN DO: HOCKEY

Author: Nia Obotette 🇺🇸
Illustrator: Blessing Ossom
Self-Published
August 2023
ISBN: 978-1-959280-17-0

Get ready to hit the ice and follow a young girl as she enjoys an exciting day at the rink. Can one game inspire the

next hockey star? What will she experience at the rink? Join a family as they enjoy an exciting day at the rink. Discover *Hockey*, a fun story that encourages readers to explore hockey and is part of a fantastic new book series.

EXPLORING ALL I CAN DO: SNOWBOARDING & SKIING



Author: Nia Obotette 🇺🇸
Illustrator: Hans Lundy
Self-Published
August 2023
ISBN: 978-1-959280-03-3

Get ready to hit the slopes with grandma! In this thrilling tale, a passionate grandmother shares her love of skiing and snowboarding with her grandkids. But it's not just about the sport - this book showcases how families can bond across generations while having a blast on the slopes. Part of an incredible new book series, *Snowboarding & Skiing* is a captivating book—leaving readers excited for more snowy adventures!

EXPLORING ALL I CAN DO: TRIATHLON



Author: Nia Obotette 🇺🇸
Illustrator: Adriel Meka
Self-Published
August 2023
ISBN: 978-1-959280-44-6

Prepare for an inspiring journey! Triathlon is a beautifully illustrated book detailing a young girl's journey to swim, bike, and run. As part of a fantastic new series, this book will ignite inspiration in every reader, encouraging them to embark on their unique journey!

THE GREAT CARRIER REEF

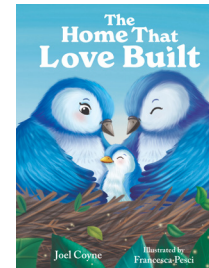


Author: Jessica Stremmer 🇺🇸
Illustrator: Gordy Wright
Holiday House
July 4, 2023
ISBN: 9780823455256

An outstanding STEM picture book documenting the transformation of an aircraft carrier that was gutted and turned into the world's largest artificial reef.

What happens when something designed to be unsinkable gets bombed to the bottom of the ocean floor? With careful preparation, new life can take root!

THE HOME THAT LOVE BUILT



Author: Joel Coyne 🇺🇸
Illustrator: Francesca Pesci
Mascot Books
November 7, 2023
ISBN: 978-1-63755-618-4

Mama Bird circles far and wide, gathering blades of grass, twigs, and big leaves to build the perfect nest for her hatchling. She visits a wide green meadow where deer frolic and play. She visits a beaver dam and sees the sturdy home that beavers live in. And she visits a pond and sees a school of fish swimming in the glistening waters. But Mama Bird does not live in a beaver dam, or a wide green meadow, or in a glistening pond with other fish. So what makes Mama Bird's home special? Love. Love is all you need.



LIGHTS OUT: A Movement to Help Migrating Birds

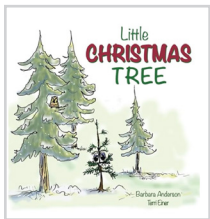


Author: Jessica Stremmer
Illustrator: Bonnie Pang
Simon & Schuster
March 5, 2024
ISBN: 1665931973

Based on the real-life Lights Out movement, this inspirational picture book shows how even the smallest of actions, like flipping a switch, can

make a big difference in helping migrating birds. When the seasons change and it's time for a flock of sparrows to move on, a map made of stars guides their way. But when they reach the city, light pollution masks the map and confuses the birds. One sparrow becomes separated from the flock. A girl rescues the lost sparrow and decides to take action so this doesn't happen again. She rallies a group of friends, and together they encourage people all over the city to help the sparrows by turning off their lights at night. But will the city be ready by the time the flock returns?

LITTLE CHRISTMAS TREE



Author: Barb Anderson
Illustrator: Terri Einer
Self-published
October 18, 2023
ISBN: 979-8861411813

Little Christmas Tree is looking forward to being chosen and welcomed home for a holiday celebration. He can't wait to be decorated and

fully experience the joy of Christmas. Little did he know that there would be even more the season had to offer. Adventure, love, nature, friends, and giving back are all in store for both the Little Christmas Tree and readers in this wonderful picture book.

NO BEAR ANYWHERE

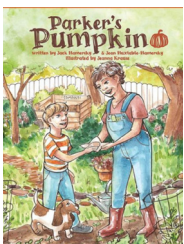


Author & Illustrator: Leah Gilbert
Bloomsbury Children's Books
May 14, 2024
ISBN: 978-1547605620

When his family takes a walk on Bear Creek Trail, Bruin is determined to spot his favorite animal (a bear). Before too long, he notices something! It's a... pinecone! Not a bear, but

that's okay. Eventually, they make it all the way to the... cave! But when there is no bear anywhere in the cave, Bruin is as sad as could be. Can he turn his day around, even when there's no bear? Or, wait a minute—was a bear there, after all? Leah Gilbert's gorgeous art shines in this playful and charming story about finding wonder and joy in the world around us, even when life takes unexpected turns.

PARKER'S PUMPKIN



Author: Jean Huxtable-Hamersky and Jack Hamersky
Illustrator: Jeanna Krause
Orange Hat Publishing
September 2023
ISBN: 9781645387220

When Grandma discovers a mystery seed in her attic, not knowing what it is or what to do, she decides to enlist the help of her grandson Parker. Follow along as the duo plant and care for the seed, which turns into a grand adventure that

includes creative problem solving and community excitement.

STELLA AND THE THREE CRAYON CHALLENGE

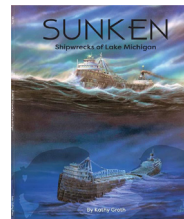


Author: Linda Teed
Illustrator: Jess Bircham
Tootsie and Teed Publishing
October 15, 2023
ISBN: 979-8-9874954-5-2

When Stella walked into her art class and was greeted by her favorite teacher Mrs. Casper, she never could have predicted that today's assignment would be her greatest challenge yet. Is it possible that

Stella can use her disappointment to create her most treasured piece of artwork?

SUNKEN: SHIPWRECKS OF LAKE MICHIGAN



Author: Kathy Groth
Loon Calling Press
November 3, 2023
ISBN: 979-8-9887488-0-9

Enter the world of underwater history and mystery to see what lies beneath Lake Michigan through the eyes of a child... Meet Chase, a boy who conquered his fear of deep water while exploring shipwrecks on Lake Superior with a new friend he met at the museum, Bri. Bri, short

for Brizo, is a girl with incredible knowledge about the wrecks, storms, and heroes of the Great Lakes. Using a magical map, the two begin an adventure that allows them to time-travel back to the day of some of the most horrific wrecks in Lake Michigan's history. With Bri's guidance, Chase experiences the harrowing details of each of the ship's final hours. How did the ship sink? Why did it sink? Was it wrecked due to a storm, fire, ice, collisions, faulty materials, or human error?

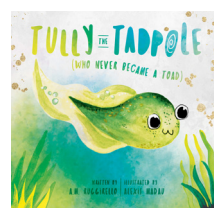
THERE'S STILL A BULLY IN MY SCHOOL: The Christmas Party Snowman



Author: Linda Teed
Illustrator: Monica Paterson
Tootsie and Teed Publishing
October 15, 2023
ISBN: 979-8-9874954-3-8

Annabelle Ginton is back! With her sparkly boots, trusty walker, and best friend Samantha, Annabelle sets out to uncover the truth about the school bully at their Christmas party. In the spirit of Christmas, she discovers that sometimes understanding is the best gift of all!

TULLY THE TADPOLE

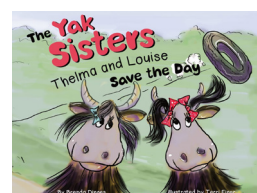


Author: A.M. Ruggirello
Illustrator: Alexis Madau
Cardboard Monet Publishing
August 22, 2023
ISBN: 978-1-7354200-3-5

Join Tully, a cheerful tadpole, on an exciting adventure! Tully's whole life has been spent swimming happily in their cozy pond.

But things start changing when Tully's pals turn into toads and hop on land. Tully feels scared and unsure if they're ready for that big leap. Although loneliness sometimes creeps in, Tully stays positive and embraces their specialness. As Tully keeps growing, they discover amazing talents of their own, and they learn that they don't have to be like anyone else—they're already perfect just being themselves!

THE YAK SISTERS: Thelma And Louise Save The Day



Author: Brenda Dinges
Illustrator: Terri Einer
Self-published
June 1, 2023
ISBN: 979-8218182519

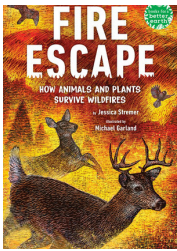
This colorful tale about two yak sisters, Thelma and Louise, offers parents a gentle way to teach their children about danger and how to call 911.



MIDDLE GRADE



FIRE ESCAPE: How Plants and Animals Survive Wildfires



Author: Jessica Stremer 🇺🇸
Illustrator: Michael Garland
Holiday House
June 11, 2024
ISBN: 9780823454426

A timely middle grade nonfiction overview of the incredible ways animals detect, respond, and adapt to wildfires, as well as how climate change is affecting the frequency and severity of these devastating events in nature. The Books for a Better

Earth series is designed to inspire children to become active, knowledgeable participants in caring for the planet they live on.

MAYA AND WAGGERS: I Have To Scoop What?



Author: W.T. Kosmos 🇺🇸
Illustrator: Spits Mullins
Wise Wit Press, LLC
January 5, 2024
ISBN: 979-8-9883151-3-1

Maya stays with Uncle Puddin' Head to prove she can take care of the new family puppy, Waggers. But Maya refuses to scoop poop, and Uncle Puddin' Head really, really cares about his new lawn. When Maya attempts creative solutions in the neighbors' yards, problems start piling up.

THINGS THAT SHIMMER

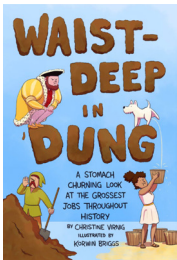


Author: Deborah Lakritz 🇺🇸
Kar-Ben Publishing
April 2, 2024
ISBN: 9781728476261

In the spring of 1973, Melanie Adler desperately wants to be accepted by the Shimmers, the popular kids in her class. But the secret of her mother's PTSD stands in the way. As hard as she tries, Melanie can't act as effortlessly confident and fun as the Shimmers. She's convinced no one knows what it's like to have a parent who's afraid of everything—until

Dorit Shoshani moves to town. Clever, independent Dorit understands Melanie's home life thanks to her own family's struggles. The girls become fast friends. But when the Shimmers finally start to pay attention to Melanie, she's torn between her bond with Dorit and her chance at popularity.

WAIST-DEEP IN DUNG



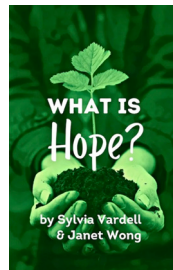
Author: Christine Virnig 🇺🇸
Illustrator: Korwin Briggs
Macmillan/Godwin Books
March 12, 2024
ISBN: 9781250762351

Waist-Deep in Dung is an illustrated exploration of the grossest jobs throughout history. Combining science, history, and a buttload of fascinating facts, it's middle grade nonfiction with major kid appeal.

POETRY: GRADES 3 AND UP



WHAT IS HOPE?



Contributing poets from Wisconsin:
Rochelle Melander 🇺🇸 and Joyce Uglow 🇺🇸
Pomelo Books
September 1, 2023
ISBN: 9781937057220

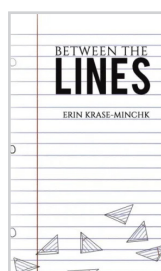
How can we help children feel more confident? With poetry! Give children a daily dose of hope simply by sharing the 40 ekphrastic poems in this book. Inspired by a wide variety of diverse and inclusive black-and-white photos, these poems explore the many places where hope pops up in our lives: when

we play a sport, water a garden, do volunteer work, visit a hospital, or even when we take a test.

YOUNG ADULT



BETWEEN THE LINES



Author: Erin Krase-Minchk 🇺🇸
Austin Macauley
September 15, 2023
ISBN: 979-8-8869326-7-6

Lucy can hardly believe the end of middle school has finally arrived. But faced with end-of-the-year deadlines, a crush, and the ultimate manipulator, Lucy learns the hard way that silencing the signals from her body leads to missing the one event she's looking forward to the most. Will Lucy figure things out before she ruins the big night for everyone? *This book focuses on social thinking, and self-regulation, and has built-in structures to help readers of all levels.

BLAZE UNION AND THE PUDDIN' HEAD SCHOOLS



Author: W.T. Kosmos 🇺🇸
Illustrator: Spits Mullins
Wise Wit Press, LLC
June 2023
ISBN: 979-8-9883151-1-7

A fourteen-year-old phenomenal guitar and football (soccer) player attempts to lead a Puddin' Head educational revolution against powerful, divisive knuckleheads, as told by a teacher seeking a cure for absurdity neurosis.