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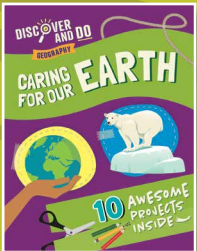
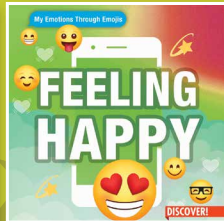
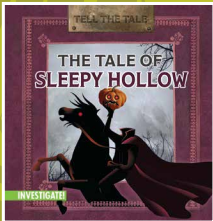
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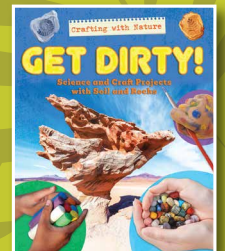
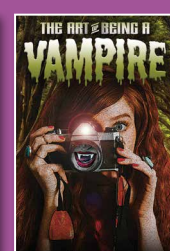
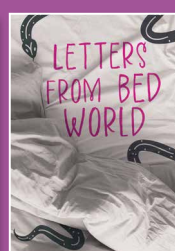


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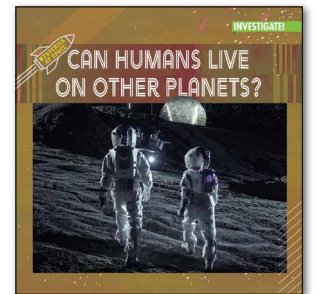
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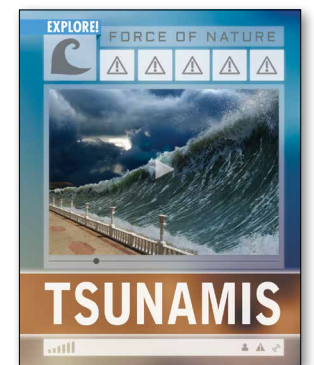
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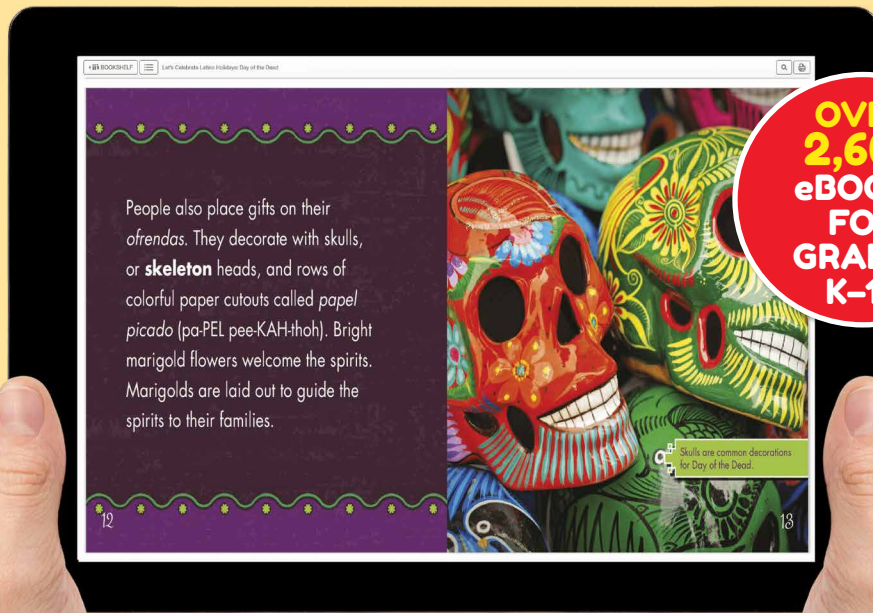
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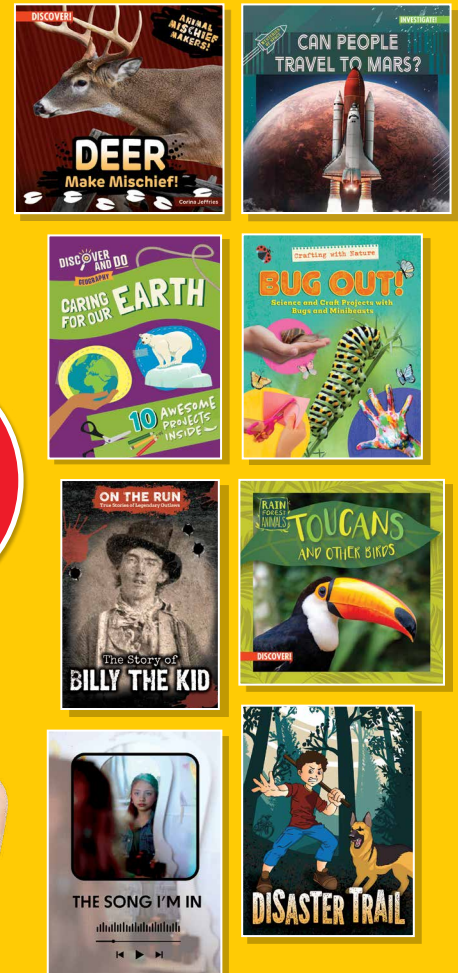


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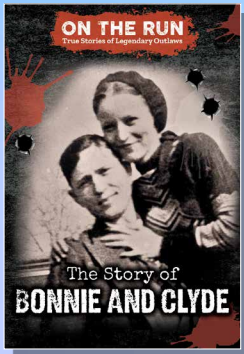
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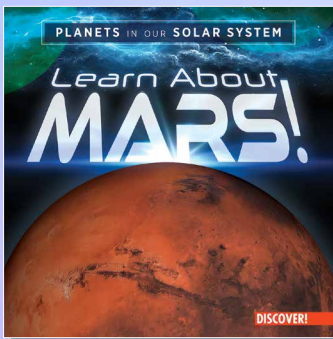
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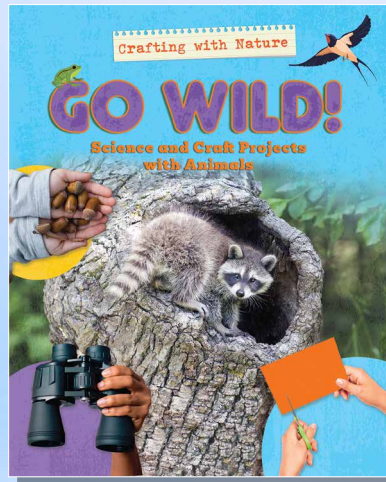
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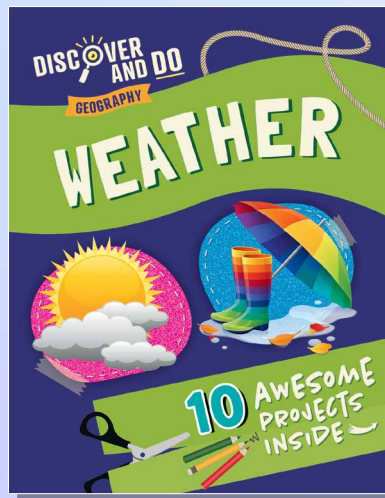
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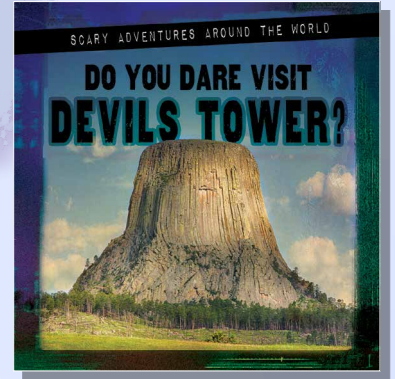
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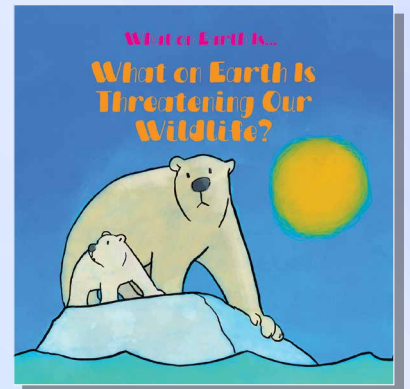
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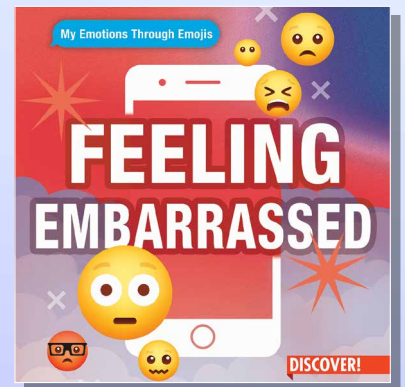
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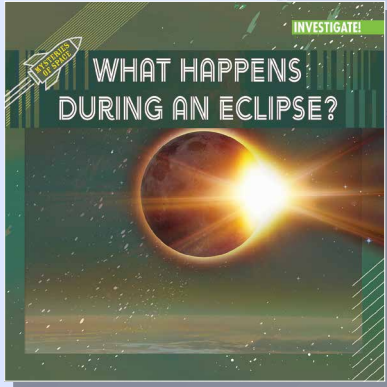


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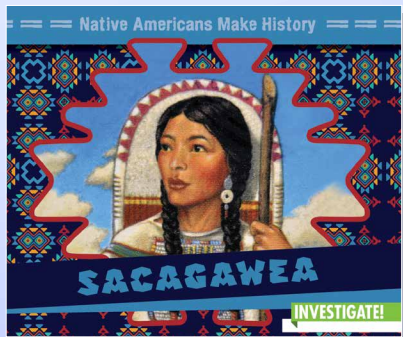
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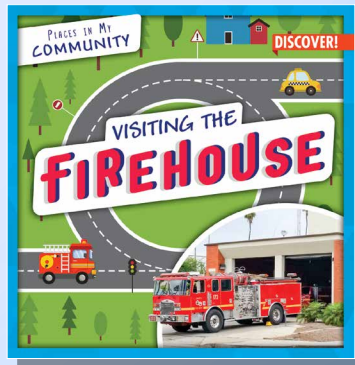
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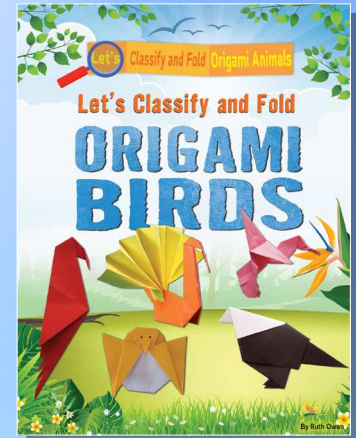
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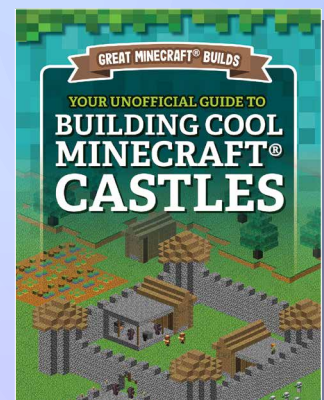
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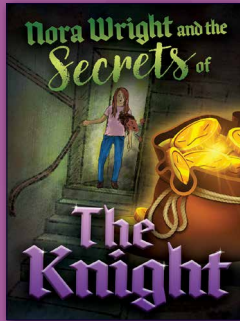
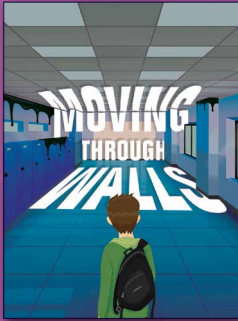
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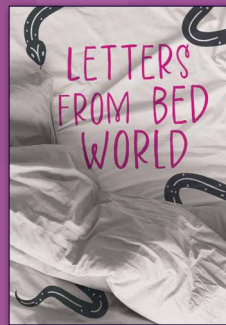
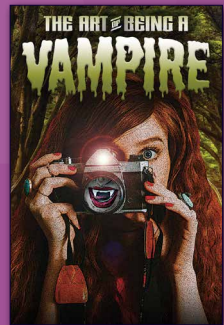
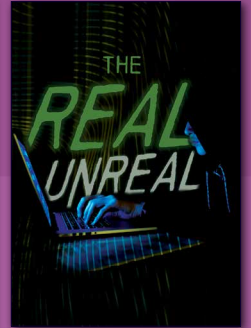
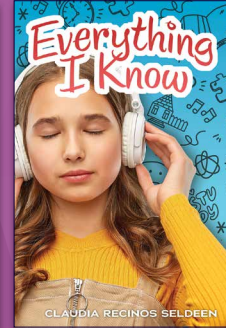
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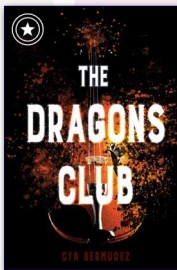
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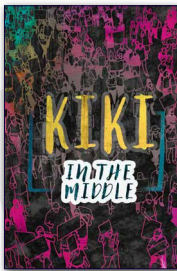
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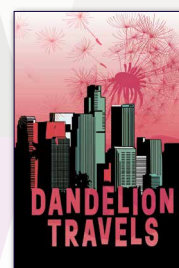
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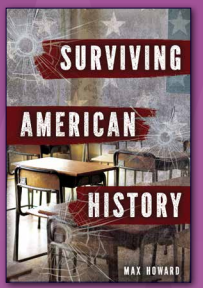
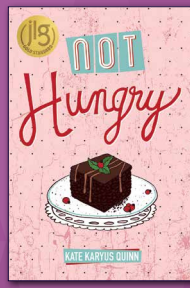
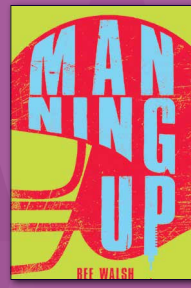
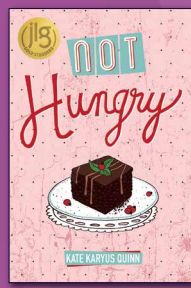
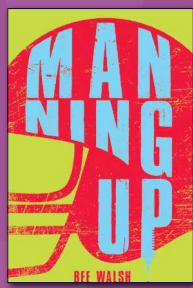
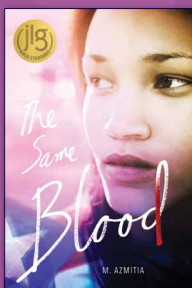
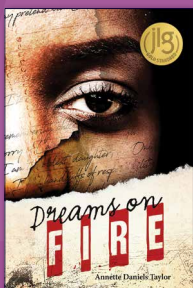
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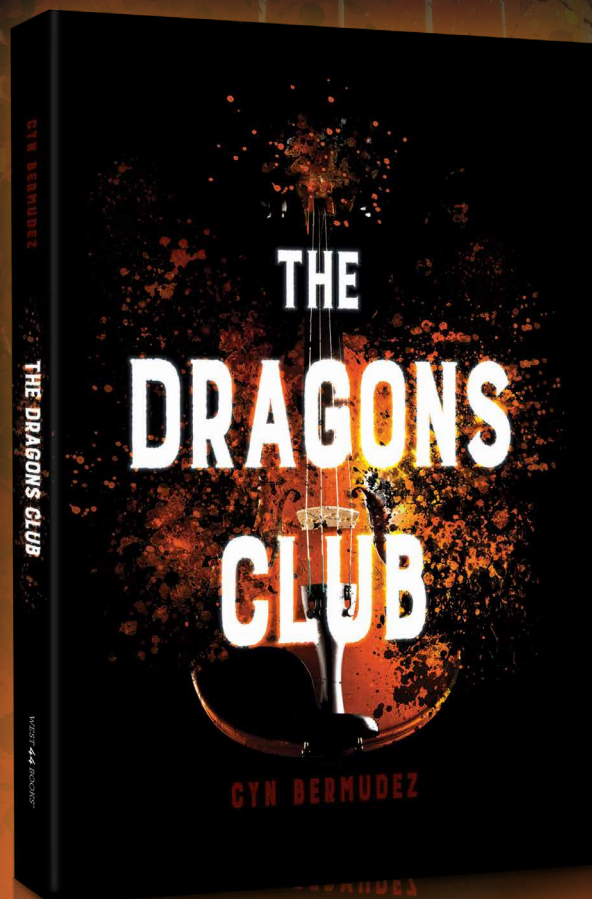
**Sharp, tender, carefully crafted; highly recommended for both strong and striving readers.**

**–Kirkus, STARRED REVIEW**

As her sister's addiction worsens, Faith learns hard lessons about boundaries while finding strength and companionship through talk therapy.

When cancer took their father, Faith and Emma Navarro's mother started working a lot more. Faith is a talented violinist attending a special arts school on a scholarship, but while she was practicing, older sister Emma was partying and is now struggling with a meth addiction. Faith tries to take care of Emma, but missing too much school lands her in the Dragons Club Teen-Speak Support Group. Participation is mandatory for her to remain enrolled. Though Emma is worsening, Faith begins to feel less alone and invisible as she develops the detachment and boundaries she needs. The sessions are therapeutic even for readers; calm, wise teacher Mr. Padilla, or Boots to the kids, threads coping mechanisms, comfort, and advice organically into the dialogue. Razor-thin verse spotlights a quick chain of moments, never landing too long in one place or lingering on the pain, though Emma's situation is portrayed realistically and with clarity. Faith's on-page struggles with anxiety are also no less powerful for their brevity. Any reader who loves a person with an addiction will feel seen, and others will gain much in terms of insight and perspective. Faith's family and Boots read Latine.

Sharp, tender, carefully crafted; highly recommended for both strong and striving readers. (Verse novel. 12–18)



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# THE MARVELOUS MARVELLA J.Q.

By Annette Daniels Taylor

Marvella Juanita Quincy is a little girl with a big personality. She likes to collect sunglasses and spend time in the Big City. When Marvella's parents get divorced, she's forced to leave behind everything she's ever known. Then, Marvella discovers a secret power she has within her—the ability to communicate with animals—and her life is changed forever.

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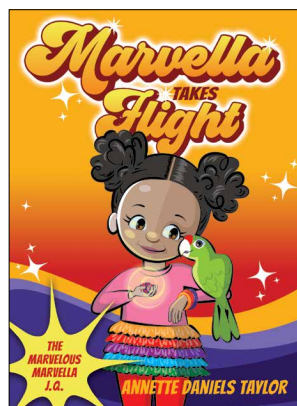
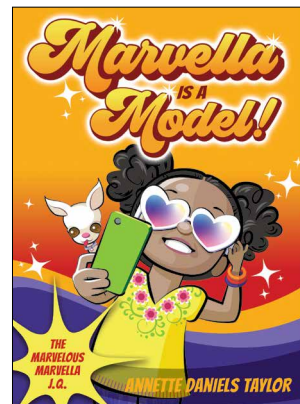
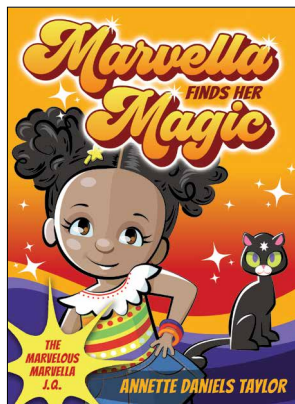
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"There's something bad hurting the water. The fish we depend on for food can no longer survive here."

"So now we have to move further up the river," Robby continues. "Or else we won't be able to eat."

This sounds like the pollution Park Ranger Hayley told us about earlier! "It's not just happening to us," Robby says. "It's happening to all the animals relying on the river to survive."

Rose says, "Marvella, can you help solve the problem? We don't want to move again."

"I'll sure try," I say. But I don't know what I can do! I wave to them as they fly away. And that's when the drama begins.

Kendra appears on the veranda carrying Jo-Jo under one arm like a baby. She rushes over to us, waving a piece of paper. The paper has lots of writing on it. She looks the opposite of happy right now.

"Raymond!" she yells. "They want to shut down my factory! They say I can't make fashion here! Raymond, they are ruining me!"

Then all of a sudden, Kendra Adams

falls into my dad's arms and cries. Jo-Jo jumps to the ground before she gets crushed between two human grown-ups.

Jo-Jo doesn't like being on the ground. She barks at Kendra. Her bark's a bit yippy-yappy. She calls out, "Mama, mama!" But of course Kendra doesn't know that.

"Mama!" Jo-Jo yelps to Kendra. "Please, pick me up! Mama, I'm scared! Mama, big birds are up there! Mama, mama!"

Getting the doggie treats outta my bag, I offer some to Jo-Jo. I pet her. She calms down. I pick her up. She tells me, "Being outside in the open air scares me. I've lived all my life in Kendra's bag. That's why I don't really like other people. I'm scared."

"Well, I've got you now," I tell her. "And I'll keep you safe."

Jo-Jo gives me a full-face kiss lick!



**Annette Daniels Taylor** loves cats, butterflies, babies, dogs, books, dreaming, and plants. She has so many plants inside her Buffalo home, she stopped counting at 300! Her favorites are Rhipsalis, Peperomia, Orchids, Philodendron, Pothos, Hoya, and well, most plants that trail, hang, and just grow. Annette is from Staten Island, New York. She got married and started a family in Brooklyn. One day, after her husband got sick, they packed up and moved to his hometown of Buffalo. Like Marvella, Annette misses Brooklyn, but now Buffalo is home.

# IZZY JEEN THE BIG-MOUTH QUEEN

By Wil Mara

Izzy is determined to get her way, no matter what. Nicknamed Izzy Jeen the Big-Mouth Queen by a classmate, she can't always control her words or temper, and that can lead to big trouble! Through her adventures and misadventures, Izzy learns how to fight for what's right. But can she keep her cool?

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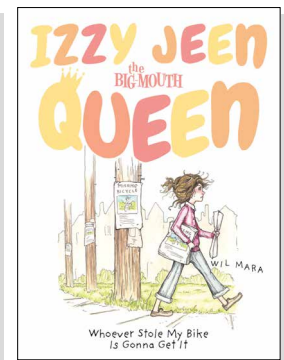
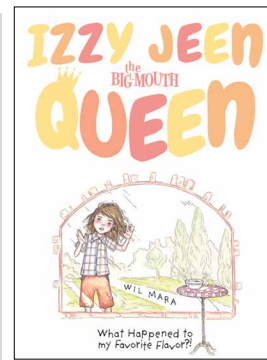
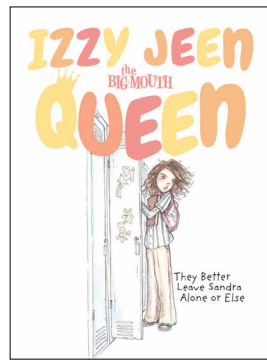
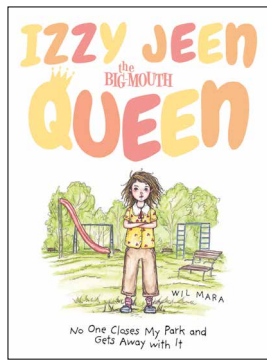
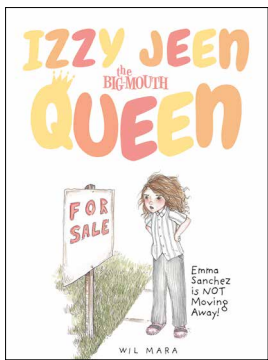
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**Four**  
The Business of Business

I set my just-for-emergencies phone on my desk and put it on speaker. Then I called the number for Vogel Electronics. Somebody has to answer, even on a Saturday, right? A receptionist answered, sounding tired. "Vogel Electronics."

"I'd like to speak to Mr. Vogel, please," I said. "That's not possible—"

I did some quick thinking, and said, "I'm his niece. He's my, uh, Uncle Adam. And it's serious." The receptionist made me hold a moment and then—

"Hello?" came this voice. Even though the

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speaker was small, the voice was big. I felt a little scared.

But you can't let that stop you. I reminded myself. If you do, Emma's outta here...

"Hello?" he asked again. He sounded a little

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By D. J. Brandon

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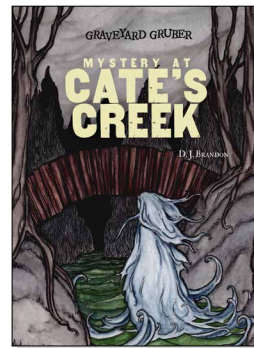
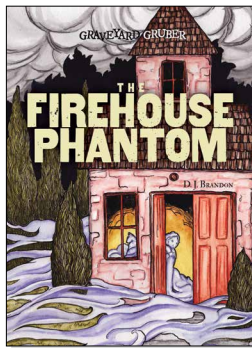
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## MINECRAFT® EXPLORERS

By Jill Keppeler

For Matt Lopez and his friends Dave, Jaz, and Kayla, *Minecraft* was just a game, their favorite game, to be sure, but just a game. Then, Matt acquired a very special virtual reality headset and found himself in the world of *Minecraft*! These books will draw in young *Minecraft* fans with intriguing stories as the friends venture into the world, learning how to survive and create their own place with their gaming know-how. Useful fact boxes meld gameplay tips with real-life STEM knowledge related to the game, and challenges related to game survival will pull readers in.

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Matt sounded fine, she thought, rounding a corner in the dark. He sounded relieved. Well, so was she.

And there he was. He looked OK. In fact, he was holding...

"Diamonds!"

Matt held them out to her, grinning. "I wasn't looking when I was placing torches," he admitted. "And that gravel pit fell apart underneath me! I fell down into it."

He frowned briefly. "I couldn't breathe for a second...but I dug myself out. Still, I was stuck down here." He looked around. "And I didn't have many torches left."

■ A PLAYER CAN SUFFOCATE, OR DIE FROM BEING UNABLE TO BREATHE. IN MINECRAFT, THIS CAN HAPPEN FROM BEING UNDERWATER TOO LONG OR HAVING GRAVEL OR SAND DROP ON THEIR HEAD.



There was only one torch placed, right at his feet. Jaz looked down at it. "And you just happened to be stuck in a cave with diamonds?"

"Yep!" Matt sounded far too cheerful. He continued to hold them out to her. Finally, Jaz put her hands out. Matt spilled the gemstones...five, six, seven, eight...into her hands.

"Thanks for finding me!" he told her. "Now, let's take our treasure and our obsidian and get out of here!"

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Oliver loves mountain biking on rocky, wooded trails. And he has an unlikely partner—his much older half sister Morgan. One summer evening while out with their dog Digby, Oliver tries to impress Morgan by leading her down a new trail he claims to know. They end up at the bottom of a canyon with no choice but to push their bikes up the steep trail. Then disaster strikes. Morgan slips and badly injures her ankle. With no cell service, it's up to Oliver to hike out and get help. But daylight is fading fast, and danger waits in the wilderness.

### ROCKS, DIRT, SPEED

It's like flying.  
Bouncing over a  
rocky dirt trail.

It's like flying  
but a lot bumpier.

Rise up out of  
your seat.  
Grip your handlebars  
with your fingerless gloves.

Keep your fingertips  
on your brakes ready  
to squeeze.

Then point  
your bike  
downhill  
and fly.



### SPEED DEMON

Speed demon.  
That's what Morgan  
calls me.

Me—Oliver Weiss.  
I've actually got  
a cool nickname.

When we're going uphill,  
Morgan goes first.  
She's a lot faster and stronger.

But when we're going downhill,  
she lets me go first.  
She says I'm faster.  
She's just being nice.

Morgan is really good at sports.  
All I ever played was  
soccer and T-ball way back  
in elementary school.

She knows a ton  
of stuff about mountain biking.  
Now she's teaching me.



**Katy Grant** is the author of nine novels for young readers. For many years, she taught creative writing and composition courses at the college level. A native of Tennessee, she now lives in Arizona with her husband. She enjoys travel, hiking, biking, and spending time with her two adult sons.

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# MOVING THROUGH WALLS

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Dennis feels out of place after moving to a gloomy town where his dad accepted work at a controversial chemical plant. He struggles to fit in and soon senses something may be very wrong with his new middle school. When he finds the journal of a student who went missing decades ago, he begins exploring the haunting truth behind the disappearance. Everything points to a dark and strange reality lurking behind the walls of the school itself. Dennis must uncover a long-buried secret if he hopes to make it through the year.

## WEEKEND

Wish  
I had  
a better grip  
on life.

I spend most  
of the weekend  
dreading school  
on Monday.

With each box  
I unpack,  
it's like I'm giving up  
a little of  
who I was.

I find  
old yearbooks.  
Flip through  
the faces  
I knew.

I can try  
to keep up  
with everyone  
online.

But things  
will never be  
the same.

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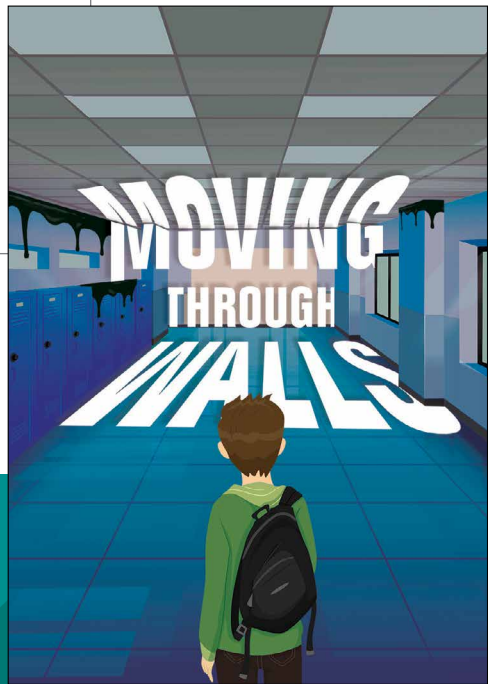
## MONDAY

While  
waiting  
for the bus,  
I see smoke  
spewing  
from  
Gardenview Chemical.

It's less than  
a mile away.  
Casting clouds  
over this  
wasteland  
of a neighborhood.

I hope  
my dad's job  
is worth it.

Because  
everything  
feels  
up in smoke  
to me.



**Ryan Wolf** is the author of the young adult novels *Watches and Warnings* (2019) and *Control Room* (2020), as well as the *Creepy Critter Keepers* chapter book series for children. He has published stories, poems, essays, reviews, and journalism. Ryan holds his BA from Canisius College and his MA in the humanities from the University of Chicago. He currently resides in Buffalo, NY, with his wife and daughter.

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## NORA WRIGHT AND THE SECRETS OF THE KNIGHT

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Twelve-year-old Nora's mom manages The Knight, a medieval theme restaurant on the verge of shutting down for good. When Nora and her new friend Mavis stop by The Knight to borrow costumes for their school play, a snowstorm hits. Nora and Mavis are trapped overnight with Diane, the restaurant's eccentric cook. Nora is familiar with Diane's many tall tales, so she doesn't pay much attention to her strange theory about hidden gold. But when they find evidence that Diane might be telling the truth, Nora starts to wonder if treasure really is hidden in the crumbling castle—and if it could save the restaurant.

FICTION

NEW FALL 2023!



Last year  
in sixth grade  
Ms. Simmons  
asked me to  
help with the  
school play.

I ran the spotlight.

So I really was a light maker.

This year, Ms. Simmons asked me to be  
Tech Director.

It's a big step up.

Now I can borrow  
keys to the  
light booth. Keys to the  
workshop. Keys to the  
power tool  
cupboard. Keys to the  
costume room.

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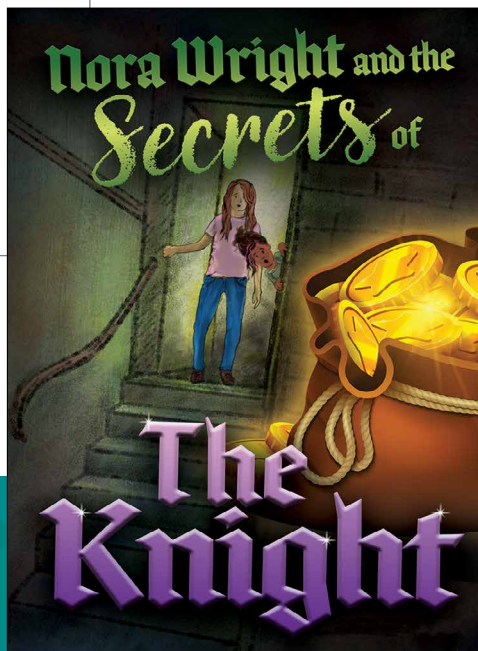
Last year  
Liam Benes was the  
tech director. Now he's at  
Oso High.

I'm the  
first seventh  
grader to do this  
job.

Last year my best friend  
Britta did  
stage crew, too.

She always forgot her cues.

But we got to throw  
confetti  
over the crowd.  
We made it snow.



**Max Howard** is the author of *Everything in Its Path*, *Fifteen and Change*, *The Water Year*, and *Surviving American History*. Max's writing has received recognition from the American Library Association (YALSA), the Junior Library Guild, and the North Star YA Award committee.

## CREEPY CRITTER KEEPERS

By Ryan Wolf

Bruce, Mei, Nia, and Pablo are best friends whose lives are perfectly normal—until they find an alien in their neighborhood. Can they keep it in their treehouse fort, and how can they take care of it? Soon, the friends find out they've unlocked a whole world of mischief and mayhem, as they encounter more and more creepy critters. The Creepy Critter Keepers have to use teamwork, smarts, and heart to save the day!

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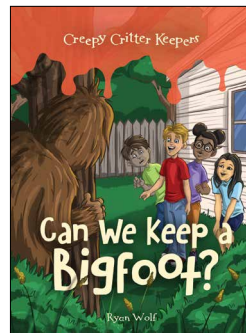
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## MAX BOOTH: FUTURE SLEUTH

By Cameron Macintosh, Illustrated by Dave Atze

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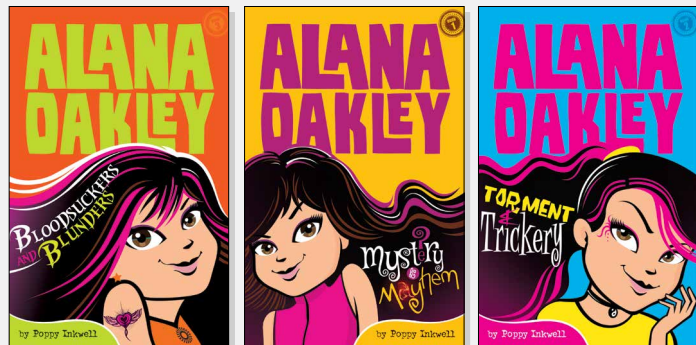
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# TWISTED

By Wil Mara

Read if you dare, but prepare for the worst! This middle grade thriller series unleashes twisted tales of the paranormal. From time traps to haunted houses to out-of-this-world video games, the characters in each *Twisted* book come face-to-face with supernatural situations that will change their lives forever. Will each unlucky character be stuck in a weird world of magic and mayhem? Will they survive to tell the story? Readers are in for one twisted ride.

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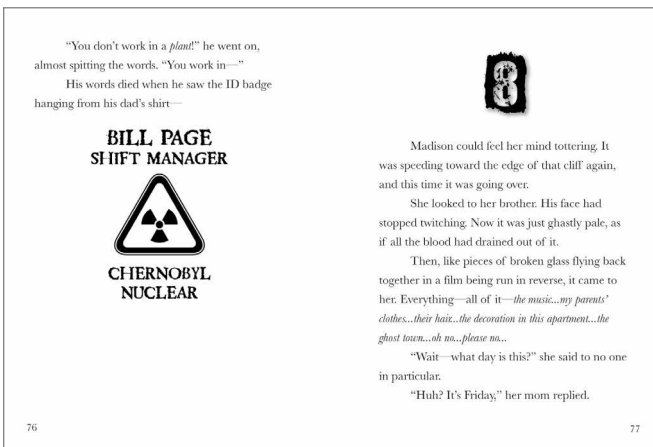


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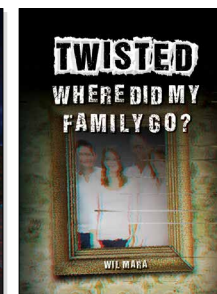
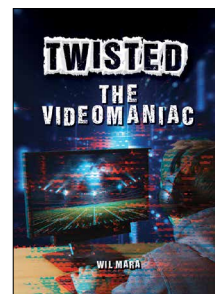
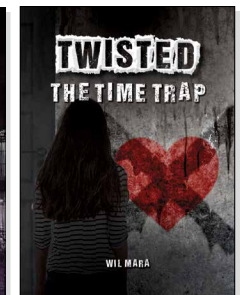
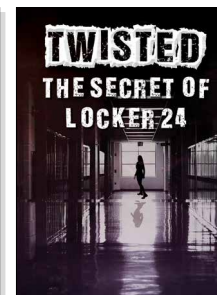
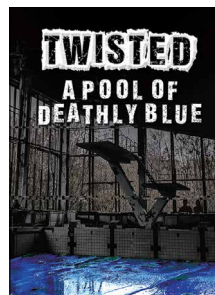
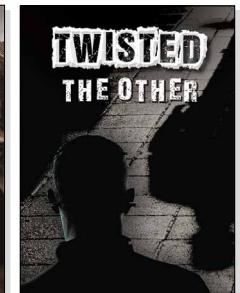
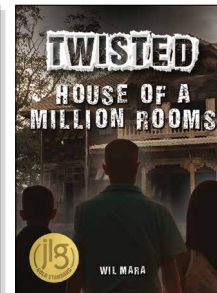
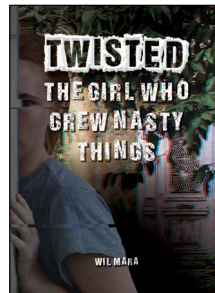
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By David Aro

What happens when a school cuts its basketball team? The kids who live in the Alton Heights housing complex need to come up with a plan fast. That's how the Alton Heights All-Stars team is born. They may not have matching jerseys, a coach, or even a regular court to practice on, but they make up for it with perseverance and heart. Cam, Jasmine, Brianna, Tyler, and Markus prove to everyone that they're not just playing around; they're out to be all-stars.

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**David Aro** is a former Collegiate All-American basketball player and conference player of the year. In college, he scored over 1,900 points, broke his school's record for the most three-pointers ever made, and also finished in the top 10 in rebounds, steals, and assists. While coaching college basketball, he earned a master's degree in executive leadership and change. Today, he coaches his kids and follows his passion of writing children's books.

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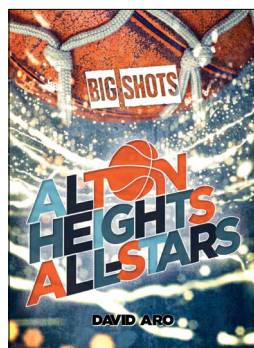
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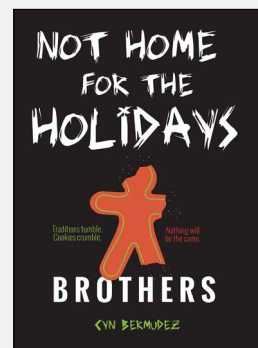
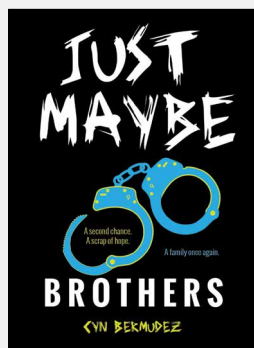
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# THE BAD KIDS IN 4B

By Brynn Kelly

The kids in classroom 4B have a reputation as the “baddest” kids in school. What no one sees is that each kid has a reason for acting that way. Mila has been removed from her mom’s care and placed with her aunt, whom she doesn’t trust. Landon has trouble learning, but doesn’t want anyone to know. Jordan’s father was recently sent to jail. Jayme has been taking care of her younger siblings while her mother starts dating again. Together, the “bad kids” in 4B learn about acceptance, stepping out of their molds, and confronting life’s challenges.

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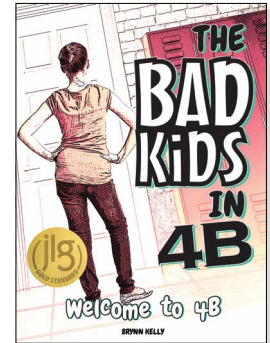
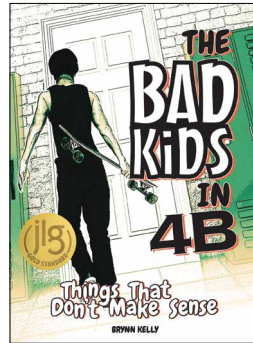
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# THE CLUB

By Elizabeth Gordon

Every day after school, kids in the Parkside neighborhood hang out at the community rec center, which they call The Club. Milo, Noah, Zoe, Javi, and Addy couldn’t be more different, but they have one thing in common, The Club. The Club has a way of pushing their comfort zones and making them try new things, from competing in the annual go-kart rally to starring in a musical. Together, they’ll learn some tough life lessons, discover their strengths, and find their true friends.

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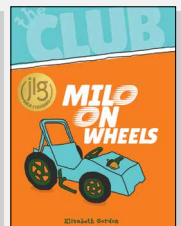
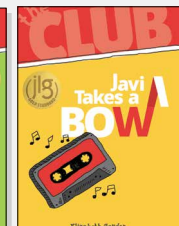
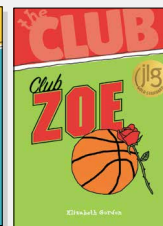
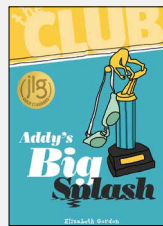
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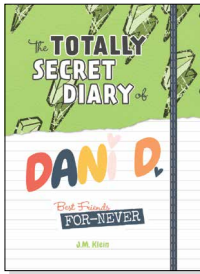
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## THE TOTALLY SECRET DIARY OF DANI D.

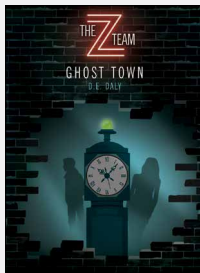
By J. M. Klein

Dani D. is the new girl in school. She's determined to convince people that she is cool, talented, and worthy of being part of the popular crowd. Dani pretends she has no worries, but secretly she's dealing with her parents' separation and divorce and being forced to live with her strict grandparents. Dani's new clique isn't very understanding, and she's one misstep away from blowing her cover. Dani confides her feelings and the truth behind the lies she tells only in her diary, which is totally top secret.

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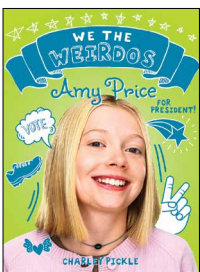
## THE Z TEAM

By D. E. Daly

Chloe, Malik, and Justin are best friends, drawn together by their love of all things weird and spooky. One night, the abandoned railroad station in town becomes a portal to a supernatural world. Zombies have come to town, and the three friends form the Z Team to find the zombies and save the day. Along the way, they stumble into other supernatural situations involving ghosts, werewolves, vampires, and more. What's next on board the Eerie Express?

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## WE THE WEIRDOS

By Charley Pickle

Four kids sit together at the outcast lunch table on the first day of middle school. Amy has a stutter, but wants to be class president. Maci would rather draw than talk to people. Eli is a pastor's kid who has been labeled a "goody two-shoes." Jayden often lashes out at people and gets upset in class. The kids have almost nothing in common, except one thing: they're the class weirdos. If they want to rise above their reputations, they're going to need to do it together.

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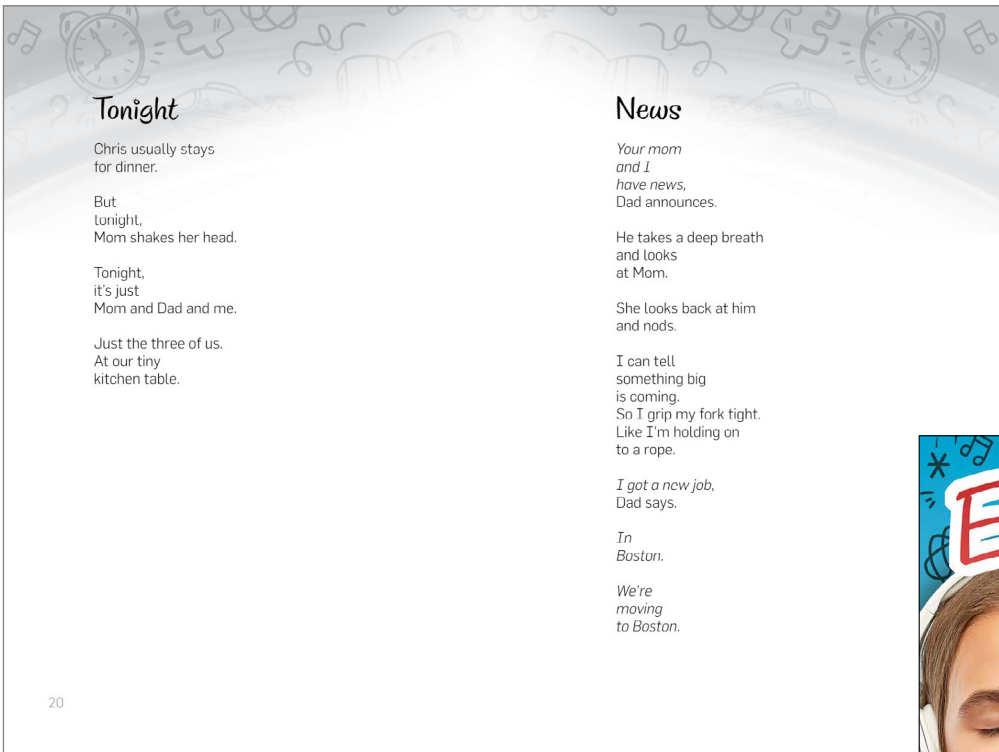
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Mia's world crumbles when she finds out she has to move across the country. Mia's autism makes it hard to handle new situations. She struggles to relate to strangers and to make new friends. Everyone at Mia's old school was familiar with her autism. But life at her new school is different. Kids don't understand Mia's behaviors and needs. All her life, Mia has coped by relying on the familiar. She's made routines that get her through each day. But in this new city, her routines fall apart. How can Mia survive when she's so far away from everything she knows?

NEW FALL 2023!



### Tonight

Chris usually stays  
for dinner.

But  
tonight,  
Mom shakes her head.

Tonight,  
it's just  
Mom and Dad and me.

Just the three of us.  
At our tiny  
kitchen table.

### News

Your mom  
and I  
have news,  
Dad announces.

He takes a deep breath  
and looks  
at Mom.

She looks back at him  
and nods.

I can tell  
something big  
is coming.  
So I grip my fork tight.  
Like I'm holding on  
to a rope.

I got a new job,  
Dad says.

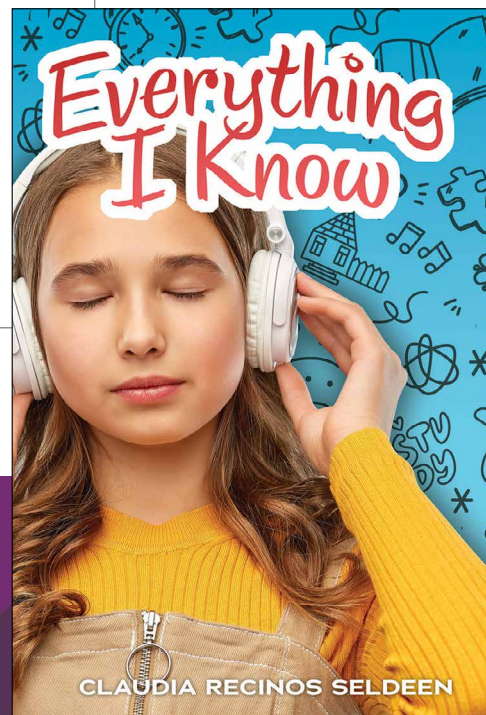
In  
Boston.

We're  
moving  
to Boston.

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Living with an energy-limiting chronic illness, Val spends a lot of time in her bedroom. Her older sister Lia had always found ways to make “bed world” feel just as fun as the outside world. But all that changed after Lia died in a tragic accident—an accident Val feels partially responsible for. On an online peer support forum, she meets someone she can finally open up to—a voice hearer who’s dealt with her own share of grief. Through a series of letters to her sister, Val confronts life after her sister’s death as she tries to find a way to make “bed world”—and the rest of the world—livable again.

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JULY 24TH

LIA,

Today, Max brought plastic containers for meal prep.

We're going to make enough honey sesame chicken to last through the weekend.

It was Max's idea. So I won't have to eat with Mom as often.

I never knew Max liked to cook. But I guess you must have known, Lia.

I sat at the table and sliced veggies.

Max sprinkled red pepper flakes into the saucepan.

He said he ate this all the time during football season.

Do you remember when we went to one of his games last September?

You jumped up and down. Arms flying in the air.

Screaming, GO MAX!!! YOU GOT THIS!!!

While he ran faster than I ever ran in my entire life.

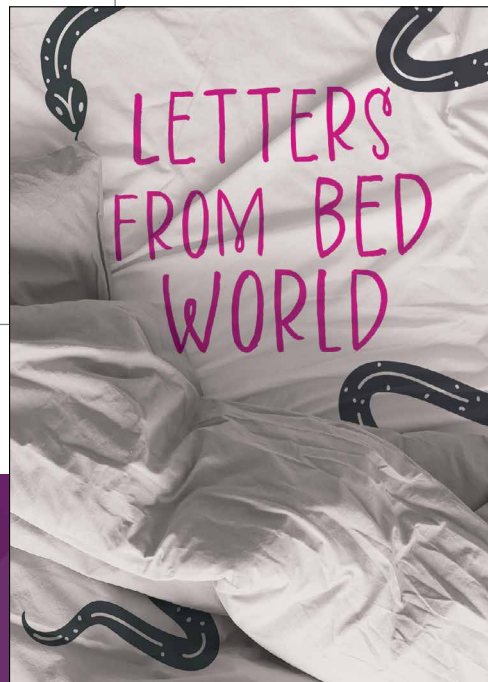
Even faster than I could run before I got sick.

Lightning on the field.

In that moment, I realized why people like sports so much.

I didn't care about our home team. But I wanted Max to win.

I wanted to see him leap in the air,



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With an addict mother and deadbeat dad, Shelby truly hopes that blood does not define her. She discovers a passion for photography, hoping to make something of herself through art. But when her mother dies of an overdose, Shelby finds herself in a dark place. Taken in by her aunt, she rebels in school and turns away from everyone, except a mysterious classmate named Brandt. Shelby doesn't realize that Brandt is a vampire—until it's too late. Overwhelmed by new cravings for blood, Shelby must decide whether to abandon her values to satisfy her hunger—or fight for the life she's always wanted.

FICTION

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**We Ran Outta Money**

And so we had no choice but to start stealing more than just steaks from the grocery store.

At first, it was fun.

We'd get ourselves blooded up. Then, feeling like we were unstoppable, we broke windows to a jewelry store. Sold the goods to a pawn shop.

The money bought us gas and

blood soup from this weird Polish restaurant.

After that, we set our sights on a bigger target.

A blood drive at the local Y.

I was meant to cause a distraction while Brandt got the goods.

"Just scream and pretend you're sick or something," he'd told me.

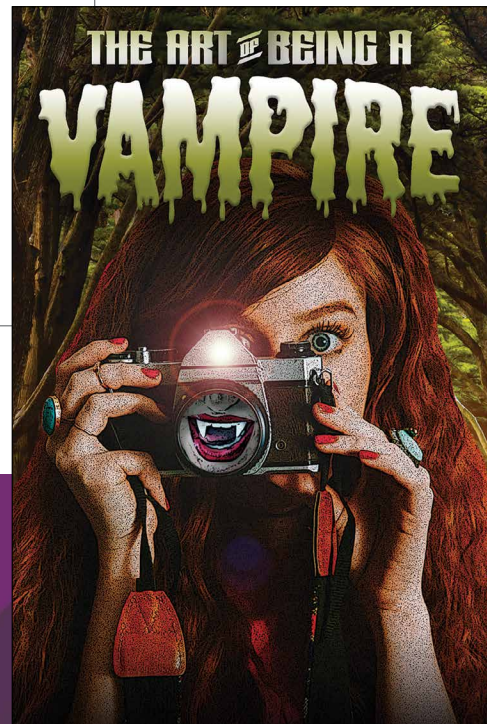
So that's what I did.

Sick wasn't hard to fake—

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**Kate Karyus Quinn** is an avid reader and menthol chapstick enthusiast. After living in both California and Tennessee, she returned to her hometown of Buffalo, New York, and now lives there with her husband, three children, and one enormous dog. She is the author of young adult novels *Always June*, *Not Hungry*, *Another Little Piece*, *(Don't You) Forget About Me*, and *Down with the Shine*.





August

## THE REAL UNREAL

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Nate Reilly is having the worst summer of his life. His parents are never home, he lost his job, and his arts program was cancelled due to a virus outbreak. When Nate comes across an online "game" that promises forbidden knowledge, he is quick to click the link. Soon, he finds himself plunged down a rabbit hole of strange theories, dark plots, and fanatical believers. As he grows alienated from his family and friends, Nate is consumed by his newfound ideas. But can he unplug from a destructive alternate reality before he takes it too far?

FICTION

NEW FALL 2023!

### VIRUS

The rest of the summer  
was all about  
sorting out  
what came before.

I was arrested  
and booked.  
So strange  
and unreal.  
Wearing handcuffs.  
Sitting in the back  
of a cop car.  
Getting my  
picture taken.  
Rolling my  
fingerprints.

My life was  
a movie  
or a TV show.  
It wasn't mine.  
It was someone  
else's.

I told the officers  
everything.

I didn't lie.

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They searched  
my phone  
and later my computer.

They found  
the spray paint  
in my backpack.

The Molotov cocktails  
were still in  
Jamie's van.  
I heard both he and Pike  
were charged for them.  
Along with  
a few other things.

In the end,  
I was only charged  
with a misdemeanor.  
*Criminal trespassing.*

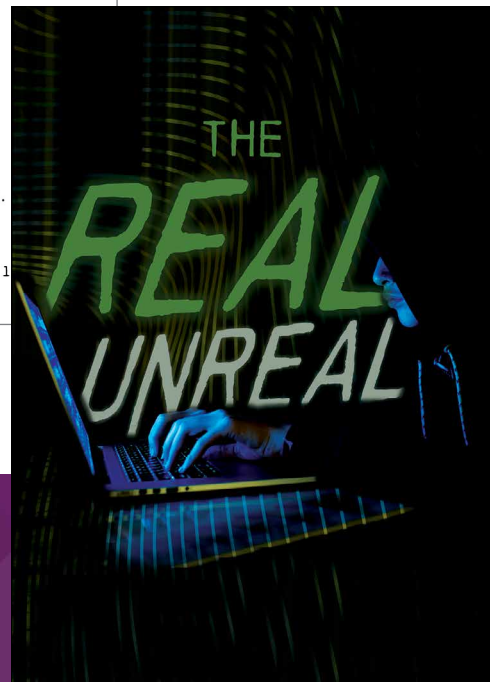
That wasn't as bad  
as it could have been.

I was only in trouble  
for going on  
the lodge's property  
at night.

For my sentence,  
I was given  
100 hours of community service.



**Ryan Wolf** is the author of the young adult novels *Watches and Warnings* (2019) and *Control Room* (2020), as well as the *Creepy Critter Keepers* chapter book series for children. He has published stories, poems, essays, reviews, and journalism. Ryan holds his BA from Canisius College and his MA in the humanities from the University of Chicago. He currently resides in Buffalo, NY, with his wife and daughter.



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# THE SONG I'M IN

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Despite crippling anxiety, Skyler Reeds has weathered her parents' divorce and, along with her twin sister Katy, has moved to her mom's boyfriend's house in Burlington, Vermont. Now Skyler has to deal with living in a new blended household and brave a new high school while dealing with worsening dermatillomania, a disorder that causes her to obsessively pick her skin. Skyler's only refuge is her singing voice, which she's silenced as her face fills with wounds and scars. But Skyler is given a chance to join the school's elite chorus—a dream come true. Skyler has tried so hard to be invisible, but this might be her one chance to shine.

FICTION

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## ZOOM

"Hi Skyler," says Dr. Martin.

I try to smile. Then I click off my filter and wait to hear what she'll say.

I'm not wearing any makeup.

I want her to see.

"Things were going better," I whisper. "But now the concert is coming up. And I need help."

Dr. Martin nods, and mentions upping my medication.

I close my eyes.

I think about it.

Then I nod, and say, "Let's try."

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## TALKING

It's night and we're lying in our room.

The blue-black darkness like a bruise.

"Skyler," says Katy, her voice thin.

Like it's echoing from far away.

"I'm proud of what you're doing," she says.

"What?" I say. "Upping my meds?"

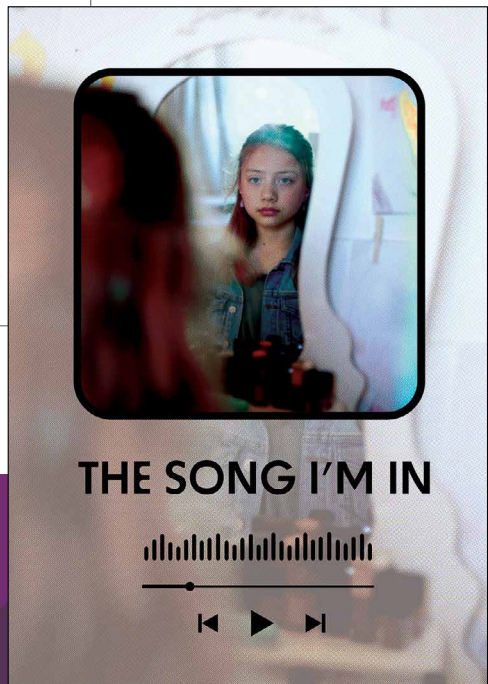
"Yeah, I guess," says my sister. "You're brave to try. But that's not why I'm proud. You quit hiding yourself from everyone. When you get on that stage at the holiday concert, you'll finally show everyone who you are."

"I'm still wearing makeup," I say.

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## THE SURPRISE PARTY RULES

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Fun-loving troublemaker Ivy Sawyer is unjustly fired from her ice cream shop job, and now she's out for revenge. The owner of the shop is running to be reelected mayor of their small town, and Ivy will do anything to keep him from winning. What she doesn't expect is being elected mayor herself as the candidate of the prankish "Surprise Party." Now Ivy has to deal with governing the town while juggling her senior year of high school and her activist friends' expectations. She has big problems to solve, from poverty to housing to flooding, and can't seem to win over the conservative city council. Knowing people's lives are on the line, Ivy sets out to govern creatively without losing who she is. But she'll have to figure out: what's the difference between a troublemaker and a leader?

FICTION  
NEW FALL 2023!

### GRIFFY PRINTS

Gigi's dad doesn't wear wooden shoes. He wears white socks and red Crocs. He runs Griffy Prints and hums while he makes business cards.

When Gigi complains about banning books, her dad smiles and says:

"Gigi, let your mom have her hobby." His dimple is just like Gigi's.

When Gigi's mom tries to destroy Gigi's social life, Gigi's dad smiles and says:

"Gretel, let Gigi have her friends."

### NOVEMBER

Our drone hovers in the crisp fall air.

The bell rings. Kids rush out of school.

The drone drops copies of the bad parts of every book.

The drone drops stickers, too. Bright red.

They say:  
*Stop Reading!*  
*These Words Are Banned!*

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**Max Howard** is the pen name of a poet who wound up becoming a politician. Max's writing for young adults has been recognized by the Junior Library Guild, the American Library Association, and Maine's North Star awards committee.



**ALWAYS JUNE** (*HUNGRY*, BOOK 2)

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June's secret eating disorder has been exposed to her whole school, and she knows there's no going back to the way things were. Plus, her mom has started dating again—and it's serious. What's worse, her big sister Mae leaves for college early after a big fight. While taking refuge at the local bowling alley, June gets roped into joining the girls' bowling team. As she improves her bowling game, June finds a newfound appreciation of all her body can do, a surprising group of outcast friends, and even a new love interest. But June must find a way to deal with her eating disorder—or risk losing everything else.

FICTION

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**I'M ON THE TEAM**

but not  
IN it.

Not like the rest of them are.

The five of them  
clearly share  
stories,  
memories,  
and even nicknames.

Ricki is  
DUCK!

because  
of how  
many times  
the ball  
has slipped  
from her  
hands  
and flown  
backwards.

Ammiah is  
Striker—  
for obvious  
reasons.

Kimi is  
Bam Bam

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because of  
how she  
throws  
the ball,  
launching it  
up into the air  
so that it hits  
the lane  
with a bang  
and then  
bounces  
and bangs  
again.

Laurel is  
RAWR

for the noise  
she makes  
as she  
watches her  
ball take  
down the pins.

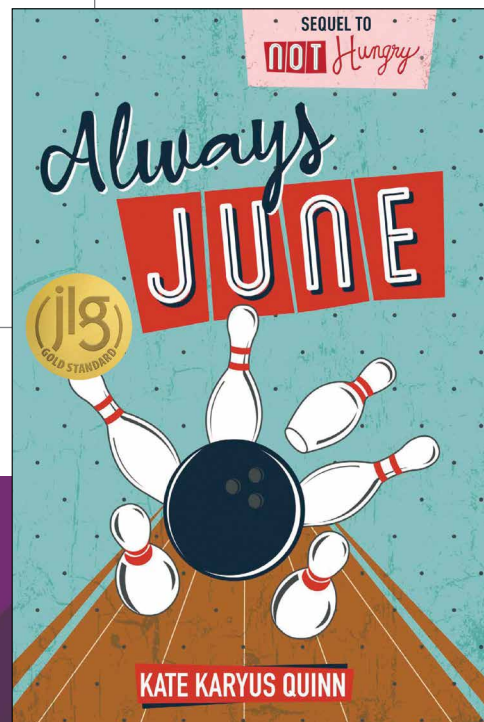
If it's a good one,  
she's pumps her  
fist and cheers  
RAWR!

If the ball rolls  
into the gutter,  
then it's a sad  
mournful  
naaaawrr.

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**Kate Karyus Quinn** is an avid reader and menthol chapstick enthusiast. She lives in the suburbs of Buffalo, New York, with her husband, three children, and two dogs. She is the author of several books, including: *Anti/Hero*, a middle grade graphic novel with DC comics, and *Not Hungry*, a book in verse that was a Junior Library Guild selection, a 2021 TAYSHAS Reading List Selection, and a 2021 YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers.



# NOT HUNGRY

## (HUNGRY, BOOK 1)

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Reading  
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June is fat. June also has an eating disorder, but no one sees. When she doesn't eat, her friends and family think they see a fat girl on a diet, not someone starving herself. When June's secret is found out by Toby, the new boy next door, she is panicked. Then she learns he also has a secret. Everyone has their own little lies.

### Reviews/Awards:

"Recommend to teens who want a lighter, shorter version of novels-in-verse by authors like Ellen Hopkins." —YALSA

"Exquisite writing allows each poem to be savored individually as readers find bits of themselves reflected in the situations and characters and cheer on the unlikely hero." —Kirkus

JLG Gold Standard Selection

YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers

TAYSHAS Reading List 2021

### ONCE I DIDN'T EAT

for two whole days.

After my second night  
not eating dinner  
I passed out  
walking up the stairs  
to my room.

My mom was screaming.

*Are you sick?  
We can't afford an ambulance!  
What's wrong?*

So I confessed.

She went quiet.

Then finally she said,  
softly,

*Wish I had  
that sort of  
self-control.*

Like she was...  
proud of me.

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Once I won  
the spelling bee  
at school.

I brought a trophy home.  
I was so happy.

But Mom  
only glanced at it  
and said,

*Well, that's good  
I guess,  
but  
don't get  
too full of yourself.  
You're only spelling  
the words,  
not inventing them.*

But the night I passed out  
she helped me stand.  
Put me on the couch.  
Propped up  
with a pillow.

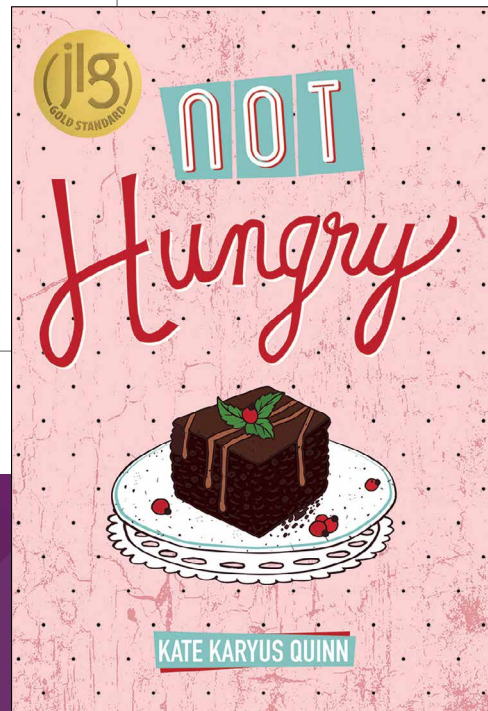
Then she  
heated  
a can  
of soup.

Chicken noodle  
without the noodles.

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# CATCH ME IF I FALL

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Angela has been training on a trapeze since she was a child. She loves the dizzying heights, the acrobatics, and the way it tests her strength. But she doesn't love the way her Guatemalan mother is always pushing her to train harder because "immigrants have to try twice as hard just to shine half as bright." When Angela's best friend introduces her to boxing, she finds something that makes her genuinely happy. There's no pressure to be graceful and no expectation to be perfect. But the more Angela practices boxing, the more she realizes her pursuit of happiness might risk her reputation for perfection. And if she's not the perfect daughter, then who is she?

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## A SKY FULL OF STARS

I look up and see AnnMarie  
standing across the room  
with Gavin.

Something twists  
like a trapeze rope  
in my stomach.

I watch Gavin run his fingers  
through his dark hair.

And then I see him  
smile.

I see his cheeks  
turn pink.

I see him look at AnnMarie.  
Not the same way  
she looks at him.  
Not like she's  
a star.

But like she's  
a whole sky  
full  
of  
them.

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## LOSING

It's not that I don't want  
AnnMarie to be happy.

(She's been my best friend  
since we were eight.)

It's not that  
I don't want her  
to go out with Gavin.

(She can date  
whoever she wants.)

It's the way it suddenly  
feels like  
there's no room  
for anyone else.  
Not when  
the two of them  
look at each other  
like that.

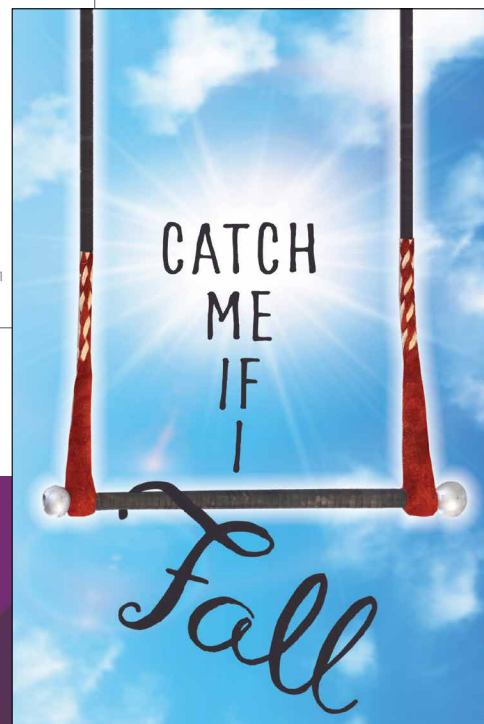
It's the way  
she looks  
like she's won  
something.

(The way I feel  
like I've lost.)

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# EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH

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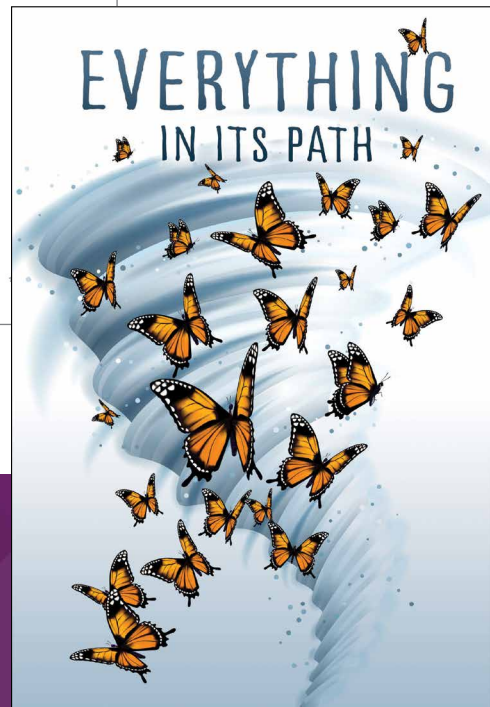
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Sixteen-year-old Noah loses his home in a freak tornado. He hopes the mass devastation will serve as the wake-up call society needs to really deal with climate change and worsening storms. Instead, everyone around Noah wants to “get back to normal.” Noah feels alienated from everyone except for his nerdy little brother Quinn, who is obsessed with butterflies. When Noah learns how sensitive monarch butterflies are to climate change, the two brothers take off on a journey to document their threatened migration—and hopefully make a difference in a world on the brink of disaster.

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**Max Howard** is the author of *Fifteen and Change*, *The Water Year*, and *Surviving American History*. Max’s writing has received recognition from the American Library Association (YALSA), the Junior Library Guild, and the North Star YA Award committee. Max loves crosswords, Wordle, and word games in general—which is why there is an animal (or animal pun) on each of these pages, inviting you to see the nonhuman world.

# EVERYTHING YOU LEFT ME

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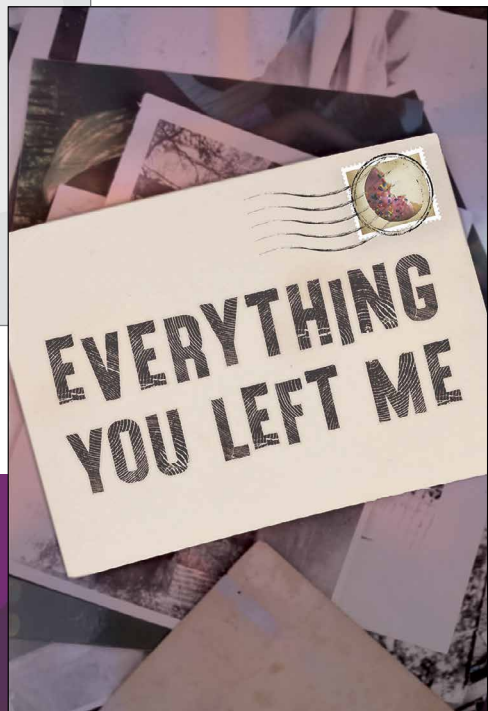
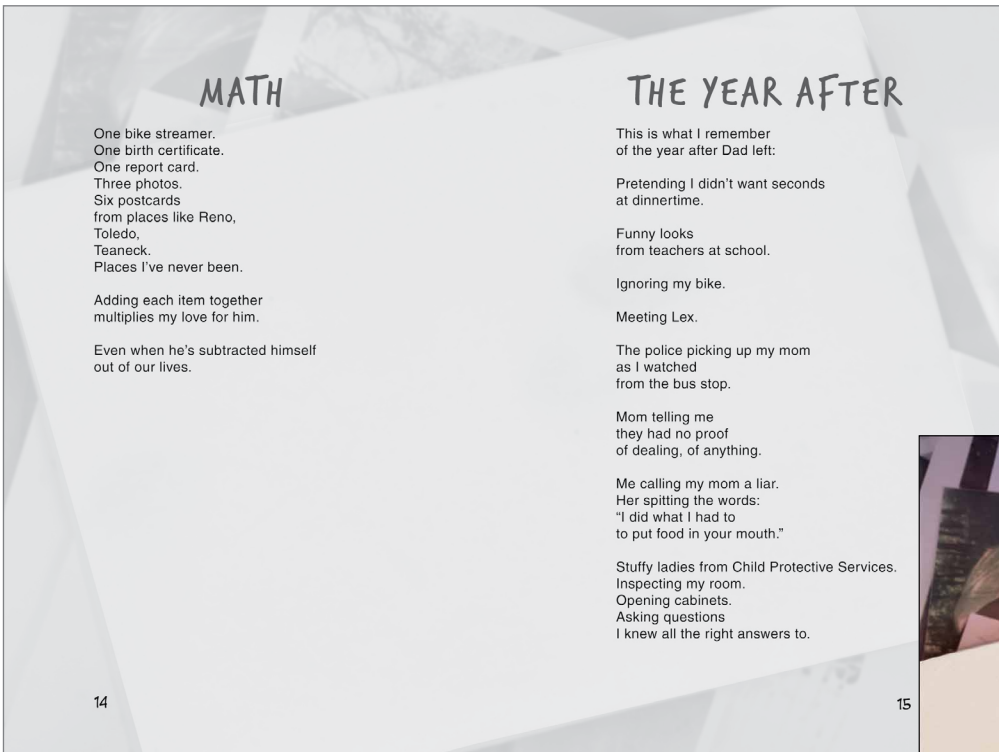
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When the police come knocking at her door, Maybeth is worried her mother is caught up in their small town's drug scene again. Instead, the police are there to question Maybeth about her beloved and long-absent father. He has become the lead suspect in a string of unsolved murders across the country...and Maybeth may be the key to convicting him. Trapped between her scientific mind and her love for her father, Maybeth is forced to confront the reality of who her father really is—and what that might make her as well.

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**Paige Classey** is a school librarian who lives with her husband and son on the Connecticut shoreline. Her articles on libraries and education have appeared in *School Library Journal*, *TEACH Magazine*, and *Education Week*. This is her first novel.



# HEART LIKE A BROKEN ARROW

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Seventeen-year-old Fern Blakely struggles to overcome her younger brother's death, for which she feels responsible. Fern drinks to forget. After a night of partying, she crashes her truck on an icy Vermont road, and her life is changed forever. A former runner, Fern is now paralyzed from the waist down. Her depressed mother has neither the funds nor the ability to care for her, so Fern is sent to live with Helen, her estranged father's aunt. It is with Helen that Fern overcomes her own depression and develops a love for archery. This passion sets Fern on a new path, but will she ever be able to outrun her past?

FICTION

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## SUPPER

"First day jitters?"  
asks Helen,  
passing me the rice.

"I wonder if we'll hear from  
your mom?"

But we don't hear.  
The phone stays silent.

And I don't get  
a single  
text.

I go to bed  
with an ache  
in my chest.

Wishing Monday would never  
come.

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## LISTENING

I'm lying in bed, waiting for sleep,  
when I hear Helen on the phone.

"Nathan," she says.  
"Don't do this."

She's your daughter.  
She needs you."

Is this a dream?  
No, I'm awake.

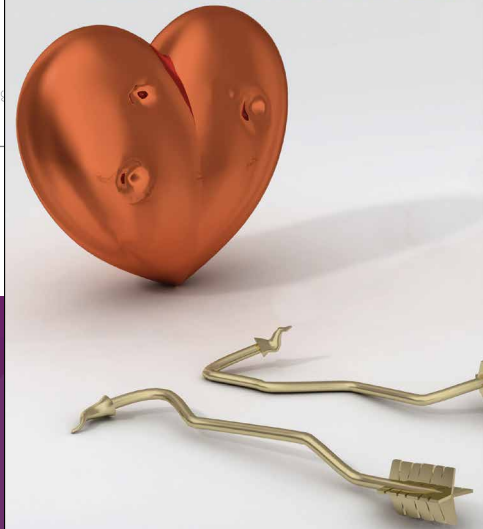
I feel Lady's nose pressing  
into my arm.

As if she knows  
my father's voice.

As if she can tell  
I'm afraid.

# HEART

Like a Broken Arrow



**Maija Barnett** grew up in Central Vermont and now lives in Massachusetts with her husband and two teenage daughters. She loves nature, poetry, hiking in the woods with her dog, and finding ways to get kids excited about reading. Maija holds degrees in English and teaching and currently teaches at a school for students with learning differences.

# NO PLACE FOR FAIRY TALES

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Yuriel's poor neighborhood in Monterrey, Mexico, isn't a place where fairy tales happen. Yuriel and his cousin Azul work each day doing laundry to help their family make a living. So when Azul, a trans teen, decides she wants to mark her transition to womanhood with a quinceañera, Yuriel is sure it's an impossible dream. They don't have the money, and besides, Azul's father would never support her transition. But as an openly gay artist in a traditional family, Yuriel sees how important this rite of passage is for Azul. As Yuriel risks everything to play fairy godmother to Azul, he realizes it's going to take a little bit of magic to pull off this once-in-a-lifetime quinceañera.

Reviews/Awards:

JLG Gold Standard Selection

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## Dad Was Next

Two years ago,  
our art teacher,  
Flor Villanueva,

liked to tell us stories  
from all over the world.  
Her favorites were  
fairy tales.

Later,  
we would create something  
related to those tales.

Everyone complained  
about how childish  
that task was.

Not me.  
I memorized every detail,  
especially imagining  
princess seams & crowns.

Ms. Villanueva gave me  
white sheets of paper for free.

One day,  
Dad saw me lying on  
the old, torn-up sofa

while I traced the lines  
of a blue dress—  
white paper  
scattered on the floor.

"Why do you only draw  
those dolls?  
That's gay stuff."

"They're not dolls,  
they ..."

I stopped.

His sharp look  
made me feel  
so small.

"Because Yuriel  
is gay, pá,"  
Paco snapped.  
"No big deal, right?"

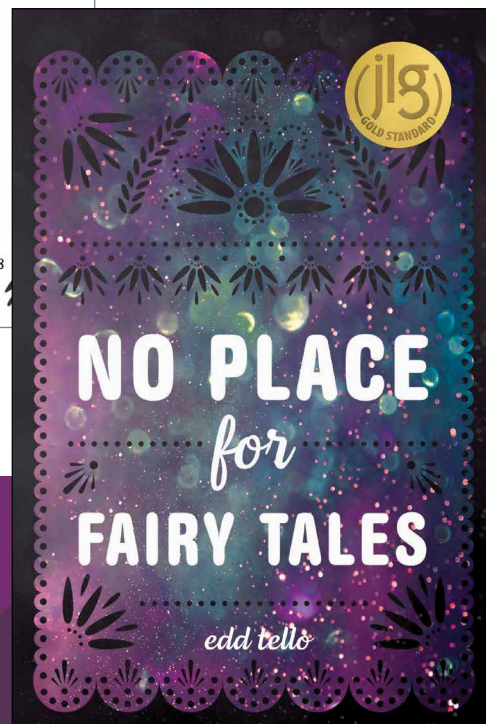
The world stopped.

Dad put the toe  
of his boot on  
my school supplies.

They looked like  
the boots of  
an enormous giant.



**Edd Tello** is a bilingual writer of children's literature. He is the author of *Only Pieces*. Edd holds a master's degree in creative writing from the University of Seville and a business certificate from the University of Washington. He's currently a high school teacher in Mexico. When he isn't reading or writing, you can find him drinking coffee or making his friends laugh with his anecdotes and jokes. You can find him online at [eddtello.com](http://eddtello.com) and [@eddstello](https://twitter.com/eddstello) on socials.



# THE BEST PART IS AT THE END

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Anna loves movies. If her life were a movie and she wrote the script, she wouldn't be living with her reserved parents in rural Pennsylvania. And she wouldn't have to face her pregnant sister who just moved back home after being gone for three years. Feeling stuck, all Anna wants to do is disappear into her TV screen. But when Anna strikes up a friendship with Aiden, a cashier at one of the last remaining video stores in the state, she finds unexpected acceptance in his virtual film club. Anna knows happy endings are for the movies, but maybe she can find her own.

FICTION

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## SURPRISE

But her hair isn't  
the biggest shock.

I look down at  
her belly

and

catch  
my breath.

Like a  
snag on  
my sweater,  
my words begin  
to unravel.

*You're pregnant?*

## LOOK

Why didn't  
she call to tell me?

Did my parents  
even know?

I look at Mom,  
who's staring  
down at her feet.

I look at Dad,  
who rests a  
gentle hand  
on her shoulder.

I look back  
at Samantha:  
at her belly,  
at her hair.

I turn around  
and walk  
downstairs.

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THE  
BEST  
PART IS  
AT THE  
END



**Mel Mallory** (she/her) works at a peer-led mental health organization. As a kid, she spent way too much time debating which VHS tape to rent at her local video store. She now lives in Maryland with her two guinea pigs. Her other verse novel, *Survive and Keep Surviving*, is about healing after experiencing mental distress and trauma. You can find her at [melmallory.com](http://melmallory.com).

## THE SHINING CITY

(MALCOLM WALKER, BOOK 2)

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About the Author Section, High / Low Content

Mal has finally completed the long, dangerous journey to safety in the Shining City. And though he started the trek with friends, he is now the only survivor. There, in the sparkling metropolis, he believes that he is protected from the dangers of the climate-ravaged world. But as a refugee, Mal must live in special housing, cannot move around freely, and faces extreme prejudice. He learns that he can earn full citizenship by working through an elaborate points system, which involves taking part in deadly jobs and games. Risking his life to become a citizen of the Shining City, Mal realizes that his dream of safety was an illusion. Soon, Mal becomes involved with a group of revolutionaries. In this dystopian sequel to *Our Broken Earth*, Mal needs to choose between supporting the oppressive system that saved his life and fighting for what's right.

"You'll never be able to do that from my tablet."  
Xanthia tells us. "I don't have that kind of access."

"We can since I cloned your mother's tablet  
onto yours," Pin says.  
He reaches over her and presses an icon.

"This ... is ... impossible," she stutters.  
"We have the best security ..."

"Not within your own network," Pin explains.

"That's why you wanted your friends here,"  
she says to me.

I nod. "I would never leave my family behind."

She thinks about what we've said.  
She looks at me for a long moment,  
meeting my eyes.

Maybe she sees my whole story there—  
losing my family as a kid,  
losing my friends on the road here,  
living as a Refugee.

Because suddenly she softens.  
Lets out a deep sigh.

She pushes the tablet back to Pin.  
"Do it," she orders.

"You'll let us?" I ask.

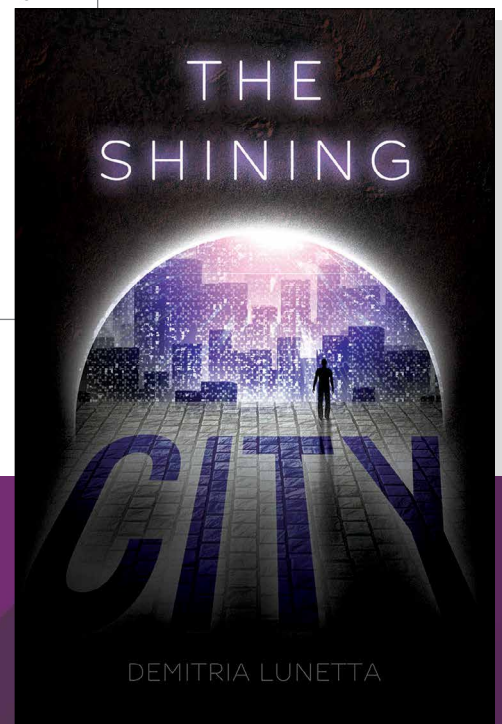
She looks at me.  
"It might not change anything."

"But it might change everything."

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**Demitria Lunetta** is the author of many YA and MG books including: *The Fade*, *Bad Blood*, and the sci-fi duology, *In the After* and *In the End*. Her Hi-Lo books include *Our Broken Earth* and *Bitter & Sweet*. Her graphic novel, *Anti/Hero* with co-author Kate Karyus Quinn, is now available from DC. Find her at demitrialunetta.com, on Twitter @DemitriaLunetta and on Facebook at facebook.com/DemitriaLunettaAuthor.



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In the near future, the tides are rising, the weather is out of control, and the rain is poison. Mal lost his family in a storm and now lives with other young people, trying to survive the changing world. Faced with the threat of the rising water and his friend's illness, Mal and his makeshift family must travel across the country to reach a safe place. But the road is dangerous and not all will find their way safely to their new home.

FICTION

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Jaynece pulls out a map, old and yellowing.

"We are here," she points. The Florida Panhandle.  
"We must go here." Lake Michigan.

It will take months.

Her finger moves up the page.

up  
up  
up  
up  
up  
up  
up  
up

The map makes it seem close, but it really is so very far.

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"What is this?" I ask.

"That is where the land used to be  
before the water swallowed it up."

"What is this?" I ask.

"That is where we are now,  
on the edge of the world."

"What is this?" I ask.

"That is the path we must take  
to go north."

"What is this?" I ask.

"That is where we will end up  
in a city by a lake."

"What is this?" I ask.

"That is a lake of fresh water  
as big as the ocean."

"What is this?" I ask.

"That is our only hope  
at a real home."



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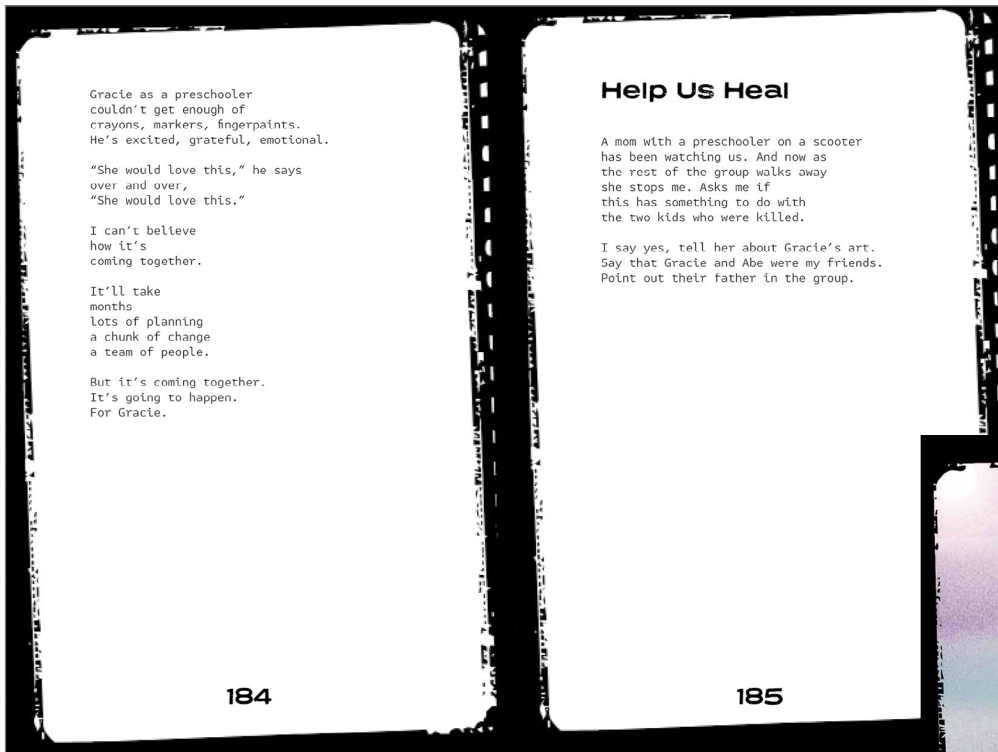
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Daniel Valdez loves skateboarding with his friend, Gracie. Sometimes he even wonders if they can be more than friends. Then Gracie's mother kills her two children before turning the gun on herself. As grief counselors swoop into his high school and the whole community reels from the horrific deaths, Daniel drowns in his own pain and disbelief. What is his life without Gracie in it? As Daniel works through his grief, he'll need to find a way to move forward without leaving Gracie behind.

NEW SPRING 2023! FICTION



Gracie as a preschooler  
couldn't get enough of  
crayons, markers, fingerpaints.  
He's excited, grateful, emotional.

"She would love this," he says  
over and over,  
"She would love this."

I can't believe  
how it's  
coming together.

It'll take  
months  
lots of planning  
a chunk of change  
a team of people.

But it's coming together.  
It's going to happen.  
For Gracie.

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## Help Us Heal

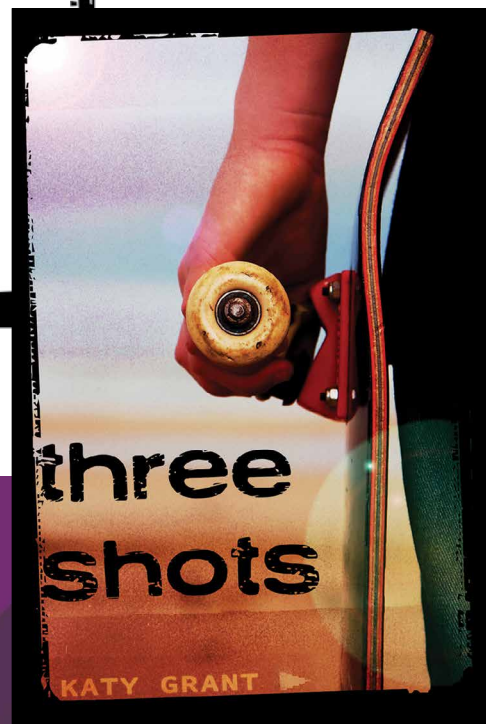
A mom with a preschooler on a scooter  
has been watching us. And now as  
the rest of the group walks away  
she stops me. Asks me if  
this has something to do with  
the two kids who were killed.

I say yes, tell her about Gracie's art.  
Say that Gracie and Abe were my friends.  
Point out their father in the group.

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**Katy Grant** is the author of nine novels for young readers. For many years, she taught creative writing and composition courses at the college level. A native of Tennessee, she now lives in Arizona with her husband. She enjoys travel, hiking, biking, and spending time with her two adult sons.

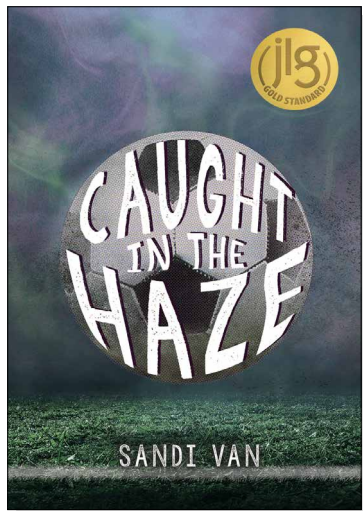


## CAUGHT IN THE HAZE

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Tae has moved twice in his life. First, from South Korea to the United States when he was adopted as a baby, and then to a new town before he started high school. In Tae's new school, he's one of the youngest players, and the only person of color, trying out for the varsity soccer team—a team known for its violent hazing practices. Tae wants more than anything to be part of the team, but worries about fitting in. Then, he sees a familiar face. Luke is a soccer star on his way to scoring a role as the team captain and a full ride to college, but no one knows his secret—that he was adopted too. Tae and Luke met in an adoption group years before, and Luke's first instinct is to help Tae fit in. But tradition is tradition, and Luke might not be able to save Tae from being hurt in the hazing rituals without risking his own reputation.

**Reviews/Awards:**

"The terse, snappy narration from Tae's point of view is accessible and immersive... A fast-paced sports novel for reluctant readers." —*Kirkus*

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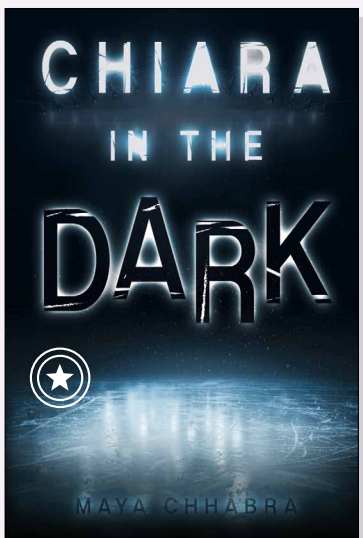
**Sandi Van** is a writer, counselor, and former soccer coach from Buffalo, New York. She is the author of YA verse novels *Everything It Takes*, *Listen Up*, and *Second in Command*. Mom to two boys, both adopted from South Korea, Sandi hates the term soccer mom but embraces her role as one and loves cheering from the sidelines. You can follow her on social media @sandivanwrites or visit her website at sandivan.com.

## CHIARA IN THE DARK

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Chiara is gliding through her senior year with ease, with a great babysitting job, a loyal best friend, a loving Indian-Italian immigrant family, and a shot at the summer ice-skating camp of her dreams. Then, out of nowhere, she starts having violent and unwanted thoughts and obsessions. The thoughts won't leave Chiara alone, making her wonder if she's a bad, violent person. Chiara decides to get help through therapy, but the idea of talking about her disturbing thoughts out loud is unthinkable. As Chiara opens up to therapy, she sees a glimmer of hope that she can have her life back. But her dark thoughts lie just beneath the surface, threatening to take it all away.

**Reviews/Awards:**

"A sympathetic and ultimately hopeful story of strength." —*Kirkus*, STARRED REVIEW

"Mental health and wellness lie at the core of this novel in verse that follows high school senior Chiara as she lives an ideal life... Through verse, Chhabra weaves a complex story of the fears and stigma associated with mental health and mental illness, and though readers should be prepared to encounter trauma and violent thoughts, it is a privilege to watch Chiara grow and take control of her life." —*Booklist*



**Maya Chhabra** is a current student in the Vermont College of Fine Arts MFA program and a graduate of Georgetown University. Her first novel, *Stranger on the Home Front*, was released in 2021. Her short stories and poetry have appeared in anthologies and magazines, including *Daily Science Fiction*, *Strange Horizons*, and *PodCastle*. She lives in Brooklyn with her wife.

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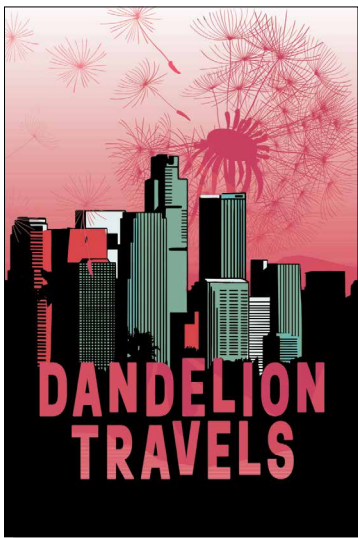
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Eric Wallace is sick of secrets. As a Black queer teen, Eric's efforts to conform to fit his parents' and classmates' expectations have left him exhausted by the summer after senior year. When Eric finds out his pastor father has been cheating on his mother, his picture-perfect family crumbles. Eric rages at the double standards he's been held to. He travels to Los Angeles with his best friends to escape his home life and finally start to live on his own terms—and with his own style.

### Reviews/Awards:

"A strong, emotionally complex choice for reluctant readers." —*Kirkus*



**Angel Barber** was born and raised in Buffalo, New York. He is a 19-year-old student at Buffalo State College studying television film arts, with interests in film, philosophy, and psychology. He has written various forms of poetry with the Just Buffalo Writing Center and plans to continue writing and strengthening his poetry and prose well into the future. This is his first novel.

## KIKI IN THE MIDDLE

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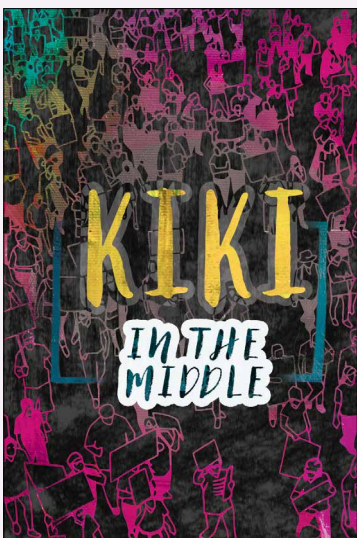
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Reading  
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Kiki is a teen artist living with her Greek-American family in Queens. After a man with mental illness is killed by police, protests fill the streets. Kiki's into art, not activism, and would rather observe from the sidelines than participate, but she reluctantly joins her friends on a march. She is shocked when a protester lifts up a photograph of her brother, Stavros, and one word—*#Murderer*. Stavros, a police rookie in his first week on the job, says he was just defending himself. But Kiki's friends, and thousands of protesters, news reporters, and politicians, say he should be in jail. Kiki must decide who to believe, and what to do about it. Even artists can't stand on the sidelines forever.

### Reviews/Awards:

"An entry point for reluctant readers to explore the personal side of social justice issues." —*Kirkus*



**Ann Malaspina** is an award-winning author of books for young people. She often writes about social justice and civil rights. Ann has an MFA in writing for children and young adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts. The daughter of a Greek immigrant, she lived in Queens for ten years while raising her two sons. When not writing, Ann likes to listen to spoken word poetry, visit art museums, and travel. Check out her website at [www.annmalaspina.com](http://www.annmalaspina.com).



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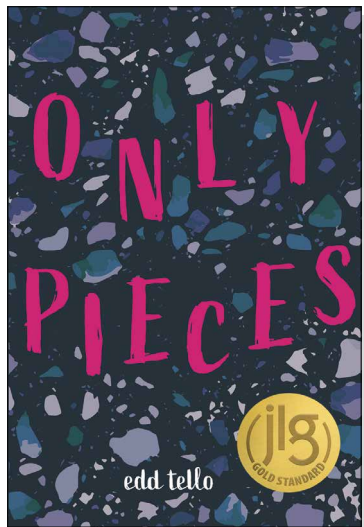
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Edgar wants nothing more than to live his life out loud. But telling the truth about his sexuality isn't so easy in his traditional Mexican-American family, and his Amá has made it clear she won't accept who he is. Things get even harder when Edgar's macho father returns home after months away, and the house erupts into fighting and simmering tension. Edgar worries what would happen if he told his father the truth about who he is, and feels he'll never fit in anywhere. Then Edgar runs into Alex, a popular football player at school. With Alex, Edgar feels happy and free, believing he might finally pick up all the broken pieces of his heart. But falling in love is more complicated than Edgar can ever imagine—and coming out might destroy the only life he's ever known.

**Reviews/Awards:**

"The author infuses some lovely imagery and Mexican folklore into this overall pleasing offering. An appealing coming-of-age story that will engage reluctant readers." —*Kirkus*

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**Edd Tello** is a bilingual writer of children's and young adult literature. He has worked as an elementary school English teacher, and graduated from the University of Seville with a master's in creative writing. Since then, he has been writing newsletters and articles for website publications. Edd is currently a high school teacher in Mexico, and he is also the author of the YA verse novel *No Place for Fairy Tales*. When he isn't reading or writing, you can find him drinking coffee in the woods. Please visit him online at [eddtello.com](http://eddtello.com) and [@eddtello](https://twitter.com/eddtello).

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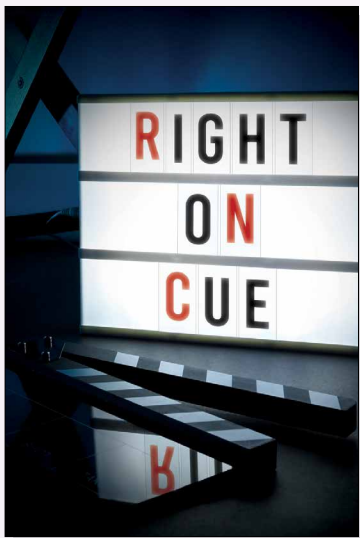
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Things are looking up for Alex. Years after being taken away from her alcoholic mother and placed in a foster home, Alex is finally taking hold of her future and applying to film schools. But right on cue, her birth mother comes back into her life. Alex is not about to let her mother derail her life again. Then she learns her mother is very sick. She agrees to meet with her currently-sober mother, promising to guard her heart and prepare for disappointment. But closing her heart isn't as easy as stopping a reel, and Alex wonders if she should reconcile or move on before it's too late.

**Reviews/Awards:**

"A compact, emotionally resonant tale ideal for reluctant readers." —*Kirkus*



**Sabine Bradley** is a Western New York native, writer, activist, and mother. She is passionate about the ways human beings relate to each other, and studies Peace and Conflict Theory. In her spare time, she likes to hike and plans on one day walking the entire Empire Trail from Manhattan to Toronto.

## SHOOT THE STORM

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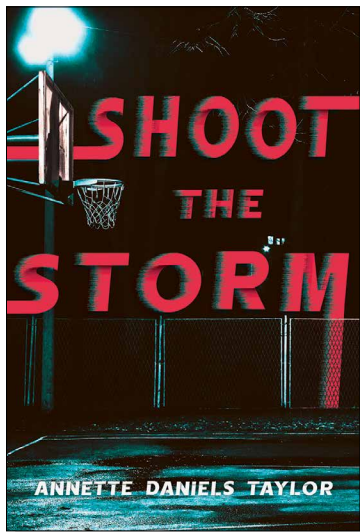
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Aaliyah is a star basketball player, thanks to her dad, Boogie-G. Then she sees her father killed on the park basketball courts and completely shuts down. Now, she's set on revenge. Aaliyah makes a deal with Land-Lord, a gang boss who promises to find her father's killer and arrange for his death in exchange for an unknown favor. Aaliyah soon realizes that getting even with her father's killer might compromise everything she's worked for in her life and on the court. She'll do anything to honor her father's legacy, but at what cost?



**Annette Daniels Taylor** is the award-winning author of the YA novel in verse *Dreams on Fire*. She uses multiple media disciplines, including poetry, performance, filmmaking, playwriting, and vocals, to tell her stories. A veteran teaching artist, Annette leads writing, performance, and media workshops in various learning institutions and community organizations. She is an adjunct professor at SUNY Buffalo State teaching broadcast media writing. Born and raised in Staten Island, Annette works and lives with her family, cats, and plants in Buffalo, New York.

## SURVIVE AND KEEP SURVIVING

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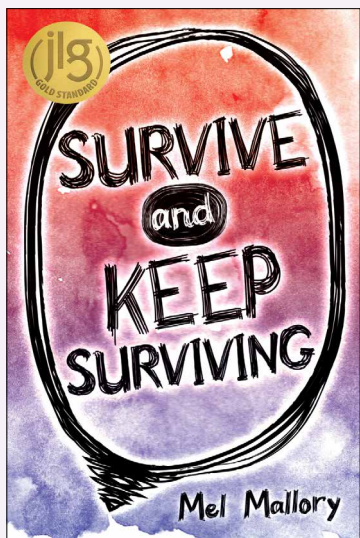
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After being sexually assaulted at a party, Mara started experiencing paranoia and delusional thoughts, which resulted in a public psychotic episode freshman year. Now a senior in high school, Mara feels like an outcast who would rather keep to herself than risk being judged. However, the only way she'll graduate is if she can pass her least favorite class: public speaking. Mara is ready to publicly reclaim her own story—but will she find acceptance this time around?

### Reviews/Awards:

"This slim novel works both as a high/low pick and a selection for those seeking a realistic, emotionally intelligent read." —*Booklist*

"This brief, realistic novel is accessibly written in free verse by Mallory, who offers the firsthand perspective of a person living with psychosis. It focuses on Mara's recovery, achieved through hard work with Dr. Lewis, who helps shore up her independence and self-confidence and wisely tells her that 'Recovery is always a process.' Characters are cued as white. A novel for reluctant readers that explores a young woman's courage in finding her voice." —*Kirkus*



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## THE DRAGONS CLUB

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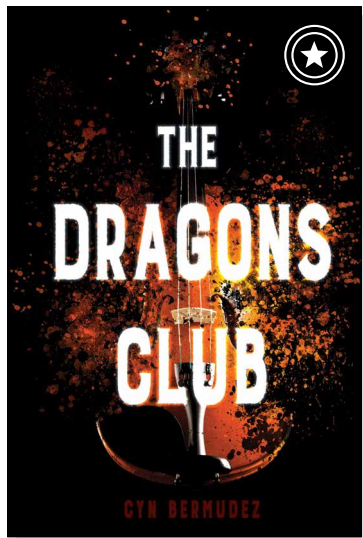
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Faith Navarro has landed a scholarship to an arts high school for violin. But her struggles at home threaten to take away everything she's ever worked for. Her older sister's drug addiction has caused Faith to miss school one too many times. Her school offers her one more chance to keep her scholarship—enrollment in a teen support group called the Dragons Club. The last thing Faith wants to do is talk to other teens about her sister's addiction and how it affects her, but soon she forms a deep connection to the other members and finds herself, and her music, coming alive again. However, the teens are all in this club for a reason, and tragedies seem inevitable. As her sister's addiction escalates, Faith has to choose between her sister and the life she's built for herself.

### Reviews/Awards:

★ "Sharp, tender, carefully crafted; highly recommended for both strong and striving readers."  
—Kirkus, STARRED Review



**Cyn Bermudez** is a writer from Bakersfield, California. She attended college in Santa Barbara, California, where she studied physics, film, and creative writing. She is the author of young adult novel *And the Moon Follows* and the hi-lo middle grade series *Brothers*. Cyn loves spending time with her family, baking, painting, crafting, and do-it-yourself projects. For more information about Cyn, visit her website at [www.cynbermudez.com](http://www.cynbermudez.com).

## THE SAME BEAT

BY: DAKOTA BRITTON-BARROWS

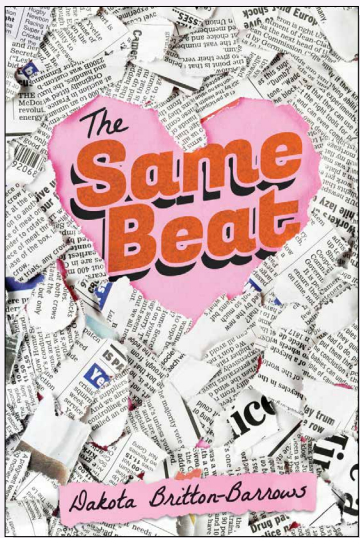
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Words matter to Teegan. Best Friend. Forever. Future. But nothing seems clear this summer when her best friend leaves for a college road trip and her future plans after high school are nonexistent. Teegan takes an opportunity to go to New York City for journalism camp, where she is assigned to work the same beat as brilliant, complex Marcy. As Teegan starts to fall in love with Marcy, she realizes the need to discover her own voice. Can she find the right words to say how she feels, and the courage to figure out what she wants, before their summer is over?



**Dakota Britton-Barrows** is a poet and writer who manages a queer café in New Hampshire. Dakota is an alum of AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps, and served 10 months in the Southwest region of the country. They have previously published their own zine, *Term*, and have had their nonfiction published in *Crab Fat Magazine*. In their spare time, they can be found volunteering as a facilitator for the local LGBTQ Youth Group, sipping on lattes, perusing around greenhouses, and browsing the local bookstores for their next great read! They live with their wife, Danielle, and their 32 houseplants in Dover, New Hampshire.

## THINGS THAT BURN

BY: A.M. ROGERS

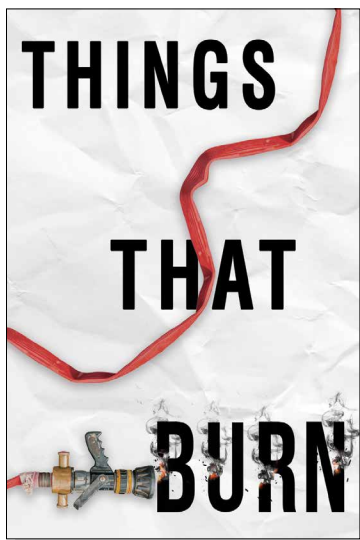
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It's a hot, dry summer in Harper's hometown in Southern California. Things are heating up at home, too. Harper lives full-time with her firefighter father. But he's expecting a new baby with his new wife, and Harper feels like the odd person out. The only time Harper feels okay is when she's on stage—pretending to be anyone but herself. When a wildfire breaks out nearby, everything shuts down. Now Harper's stuck with her stepmom at home, waiting for her father to return home alive. As her world starts to burn, Harper has to decide how to act—and hope it makes a difference.

### Reviews/Awards:

"Emotional turmoil and environmental threats are skillfully handled in this accessible novel in verse." —*Kirkus*



**A.M. Rogers** is a writer and actress who lives on the shores of Lake Erie. She is passionate about creating community through storytelling and literature, and she believes we need to do something yesterday about climate change. She loves libraries and cats—and (you guessed it) library cats.

## TO BE MAYA

BY: CLAUDIA RECINOS SELDEEN

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Maya loves her mother, but she's also embarrassed by her. Maya's mother emigrated from Guatemala years before Maya was born. Still, she clings tightly to her roots and traditions. When lacrosse star Josh Williams suddenly expresses interest in Maya, she's excited to go on a real date. But Maya's mother isn't on board. Can Maya make her mother see she's ready to grow up and have more freedom? And can she do it before Josh loses interest and moves on to someone who isn't held down by their Guatemalan heritage?

### Reviews/Awards:

"A strong voice and lyrical prose center the experiences of a Guatemalan American teen." —*Kirkus*



**Claudia Recinos Seldeen** is a Miami native who currently resides in Western New York. Her work has appeared in *Fun 4 Kids* in Buffalo and *Woo! Jr.*, and in the online journal *Touch: The Journal of Healing*. She is a first generation Guatemalan American. When not writing, she is either playing in the snow with her husband and son, or flying through the air on a trapeze.

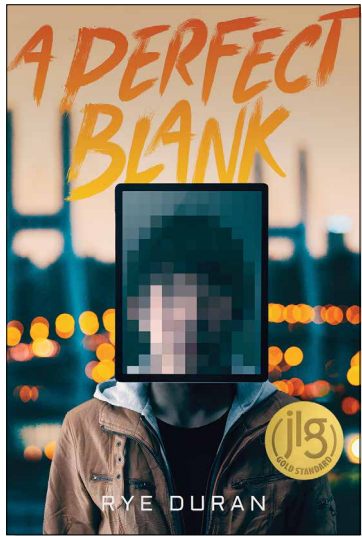
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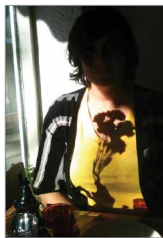
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Project Apogee had one mission: to create biologically engineered perfect teenagers. The teenagers were supposed to be expressions of a perfect genetic mapping of traits, an example of the New Human. But when the teens go before the project committee, they are found to be utterly normal and unremarkable, a disappointment. Then there's Alex, the lost teen who failed years ago, who might just be the most remarkable of them all.

**Reviews/Awards:**

"VERDICT: For the collection looking to build its LGBT titles, this is a book that praises every life as remarkable and worthy." —*School Library Journal*

**JLG Gold Standard Selection**

**Rye Duran** is a trans writer and multidisciplinary artist from Atlanta, Georgia. Duran studied creative writing at University of Massachusetts Amherst and has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize. Duran's fabulist hybrid-genre work has appeared in *Ninth Letter*, *Salt Hill*, and *Bat City Review*. Favorite authors include Octavia Butler and Matthew Salesses.

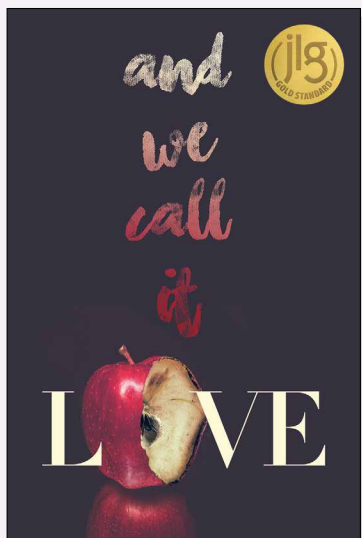
## AND WE CALL IT LOVE

BY: AMANDA VINK

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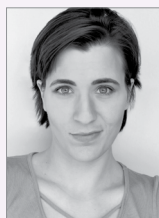
Further Information Section, Written in Verse, About the Author Section, High / Low Content



Clare and Zari are best friends. They write music together, go everywhere together, and they know everything about the other. At least they did before Zari started dating Dion. The more Zari falls for Dion, the less she has time for anything else. At first, Clare chalks it up to a new and exciting relationship, and she tries to be happy for her friend despite her loneliness. When Zari starts to show up to school with half-hidden bruises, Clare knows there's something darker about this relationship that has to be stopped.

**Reviews/Awards:**

"Best friends combat relationship strain caused by parental interference, secrets, and a new abusive boyfriend in this novel in verse...Holds strong appeal for reluctant readers, exploring different types of love, social class, and dating violence." —*Kirkus*

**JLG Gold Standard Selection**

**Amanda Vink** is an author and actress in Buffalo, New York. She received a bachelor's degree in English and Creative Writing from the State University of New York at Fredonia, and she has been working in publishing since 2012. Her writing has appeared in various internet locations, such as *The Rain*, *Party*, and *Disaster Society*. She has been a film and stage actress since 2013. When not writing or performing, Amanda can be found hiking, practicing the Dutch language, and traveling around the world.

## CLEAR CUT

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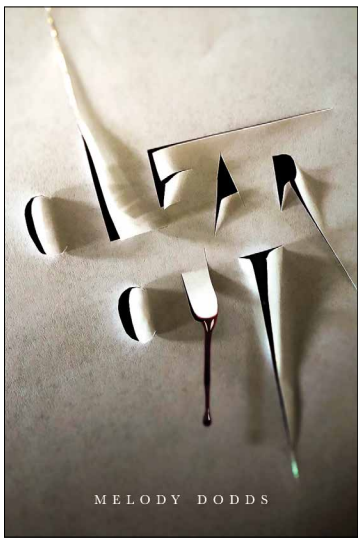
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Heather Wright is always all right. That's what people say. But if she's always all right, then why is life so hard? Heather starts cutting as a way to deal with the difficult emotions she locks inside. But what starts out as casual cutting turns into a dangerous addiction. When Heather goes away to summer theater camp, she meets Josie. Josie is a tough, sassy diva who is more than just a cutter, but a cutting advocate online. Heather looks up to Josie until the darkness of Josie's inner world threatens to spill out over the side and drown both of them. Until she does the unthinkable.



**Melody Dodds** is a chemist and former substitute teacher. In addition to this book, she is the author of another verse novel, *Little Pills*. She shares her home with two cats and one husband, and is building a foil ball exclusively from candy wrappers. It is currently the size of a small pumpkin.

## CONTROL ROOM

BY: RYAN WOLF

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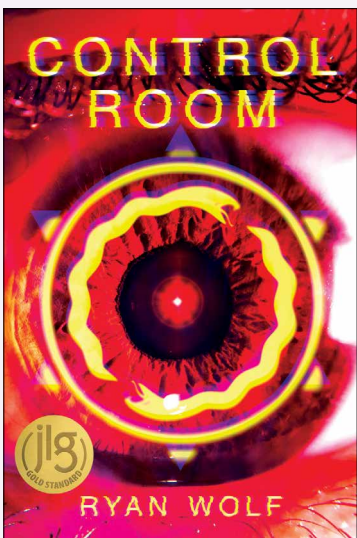
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Sixteen-year-old Maggie is pulled from her high school after her mother begins dating a member of a small "forward-thinking" group led by a man who proclaims secret knowledge of life and death. Maggie begins homeschooling at the group's compound, where she is educated in their cult beliefs. As the group's leader becomes progressively unhinged, and her mother becomes more connected to the cult, Maggie must rescue her mother and other cult members from a horrific fate before it is too late.

Reviews/Awards:

JLG Gold Standard Selection



**Ryan Wolf** is the author of *Watches and Warnings*, a novel for young adults, as well as the *Creepy Critter Keepers* chapter book series for children. He has published stories, poems, essays, reviews, and journalism. Ryan holds a master's degree in the humanities from the University of Chicago. He lives in Oak Park, Illinois, with his wife, Jenna. Learn more about Ryan at [www.ryanswolf.com](http://www.ryanswolf.com).

## DREAMS ON FIRE

BY: ANNETTE DANIELS TAYLOR

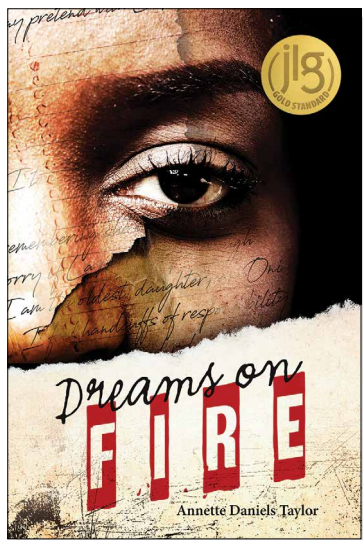
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## EVERY LITTLE BAD IDEA

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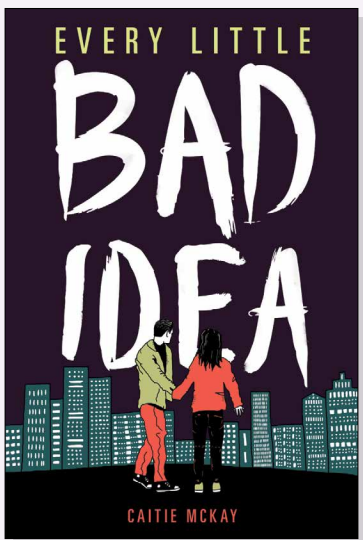
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With an incarcerated father and an estranged, drug-addicted mother, Shanequa's dreams of higher education feel like a fantasy. When Shanequa gets the chance to attend a prestigious private prep school, she feels like her dreams might become reality. Shanequa finds it easier to lie to her new friends than tell them the truth about her family. When her lies are found out, and Shanequa strikes back in blind rage, her path changes forever.

### Reviews/Awards:

"Using realistic, raw, and powerful poetry that will reach the reluctant reader, Taylor's novel tells a difficult story entirely through the poems of its young protagonist. Effectively uses poetry to tell a story simply and with no frills, and yet ensure honesty flows through every word. A beautiful, empowering choice for a wide spectrum of readers." —*Booklist*

"America's systemic race and class problems are viscerally rendered in this evocative account. A haunting and honest depiction of adversity and triumph that reveals America's continuing struggle to give equal opportunities to all." —*Kirkus*

"Through first-person narration, Shanequa describes the daily difficulties she faces. Rich language around dreams and responsibilities abounds, as do opportunities to discuss or ponder telltale signs of true or false friendships and the numbing effects of drugs and alcohol. VERDICT: Battling many forces themselves, young adult readers will be rooting for Shanequa to 'lift off the ground' and find her truth. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED." —*School Library Journal*

### JLG Gold Standard Selection In the Margins Book Award Winner



**Annette Daniels Taylor** is a spoken word artist from Staten Island living in Western New York. As an Arthur A. Schomburg fellow, Annette studied media arts at the State University of New York at Buffalo. She is a Pink Door Poetry alum and graduate of SUNY Empire State College. The author of *Street Pharmacist* and *Hush Now...Poems to Read Aloud*, she leads spoken word workshops with teenagers at youth detention centers modeling creative expression.

The women in Skyler Wise's family have a weakness for bad boys, but not Skyler. She has one thing on her mind: leaving her run-down neighborhood and going to college. When Skyler's normally strict mom starts dating again, she feels abandoned. Skyler meets Cole, a boy who makes her question everything she thought she knew about herself and her future. Even though he has a dangerous reputation, Skyler believes she knows the real Cole, the sweet, caring boyfriend who makes her feel seen for once in her life. When Cole starts to change, Skyler realizes that she'll do anything to keep him around, even if it means giving up her dream and losing the people closest to her.

### Reviews/Awards:

"The author uses poetic verse to draw the reader into Skyler's head, creating an immediacy and intimacy that make this short novel compelling and resonant. The ensuing heartbreak is mirrored by the novel's verse, providing a clever presentation of a familiar topic. An appealing choice." —*Kirkus*

"Readers will easily relate to this contemporary 'good girl meets bad boy' tale, and the struggles of adolescence and coming into one's own identity. The free verse and short stanzas will draw in reluctant readers, and the lyrical, captivating writing builds an intimate connection to the well-developed characters. VERDICT: Perfect for fans of Ellen Hopkins; with broad appeal for teens, this is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for young adult collections." —*School Library Journal*



**Caitie McKay** is a writer and children's book editor from Buffalo, New York. She graduated with a degree in creative writing from Canisius College, where she was awarded the G.E. Murray Award for Excellence in Creative Writing. She's written and edited more than 500 educational books for children.

## EVERYTHING IT TAKES

BY: SANDI VAN

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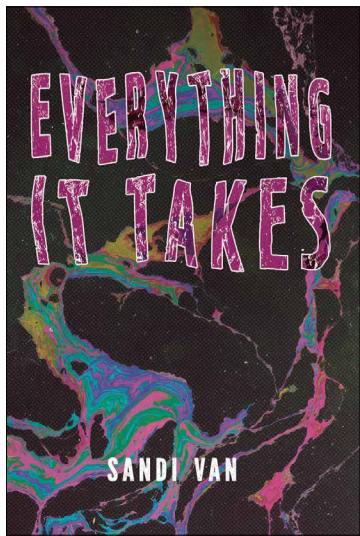
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Reading  
Guide  
Available

Lily Landon knows college is the ticket out of her boring small town and her first step to becoming a lawyer like the ones she watches on television. To help her applications stand out, Lily joins Green for Good, her school's environmental club, and meets Fiona, a passionate activist who will do everything it takes to protect the planet. As Lily grows closer to Fiona, she realizes "everything it takes" may mean getting arrested, and a criminal record does not look good on college applications. How can Lily save the Earth without destroying her future?



**Sandi Van** is a writer, counselor, and self-proclaimed tree hugger from Buffalo, New York. She is the author of young adult verse novels, *Second in Command* and *Listen Up*, and her poetry won recognition in the *Elmira Star-Gazette* and the PennWriters' In Other Words contest. She hopes her story will inspire readers to do their part to keep our planet beautiful and safe for everyone.

## FIFTEEN AND CHANGE

BY: MAX HOWARD

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Further Information Section, Written in Verse, About the Author Section, High / Low Content

Zeke would love to be invisible. His mother is struggling to make ends meet and stuck with a no-good boyfriend. Zeke knows he and his mom will be stuck forever if he doesn't find some money fast. When Zeke starts working at a local pizza place, he meets labor activists who want to give him a voice, and the living wage he deserves for his work. Zeke has to decide between living the quiet life he's carved for himself and raising his voice for justice.

### Reviews/Awards:

"Page-long free-verse poems evocatively describe Zeke's experiences and quickly propel the story forward. Readers will easily sympathize with the all-too-true-to-life situations with which the characters are coping. This novel has many appealing aspects that will draw readers in." —*Kirkus*

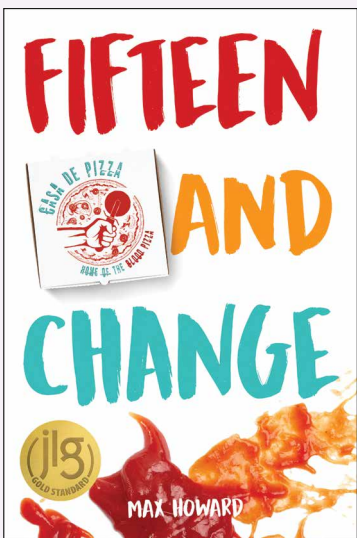
"An exceptionally well-written novel by an author who has impressively mastered character- and narrative-driven storytelling, *Fifteen and Change* is an especially recommended addition to school and community library Contemporary General Fiction collections for young readers." —*Midwest Book Review*

"This novel in verse has a sense of urgency. Short poems provide readers with snapshots of life in poverty, loneliness in high school, and the unfair treatment of fast food employees by management." —*School Library Journal*

### JLG Gold Standard Selection



**Max Howard** loves woods and words and finds them both in books. Max has worked lots of day jobs, including pizza delivery driver, fashion show stage-hand, and AP test scorer, but still finds the time to write for kids and adults. Max is the author of *Surviving American History*, *The Water Year*, and *Everything in Its Path*.



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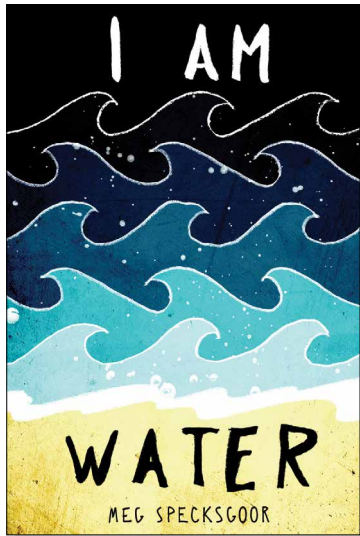
## I AM WATER

BY: MEG SPECKSGOOR

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Hannah works as the only female river-rafting guide in her closed-minded small town. Labeled a tomboy, she often struggles to reconcile the way she fits into normal gender stereotypes. Hannah meets Ezra, who blurs the lines between woman and man. They begin an exciting new relationship, but soon Ezra starts pushing Hannah's limits and her definition of love.

**Meg Specksgoor** is a poet and river-rafting guide in northern New Mexico. She graduated from Houghton College with a degree in English and writing with minors in art and intercultural studies. She likes campfires, breakfast, adventuring, and people who tell her interesting stories in combination with any of those activities.

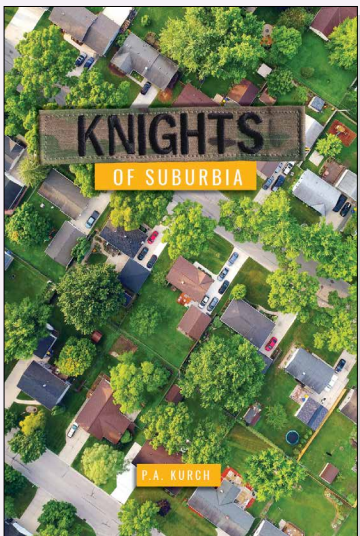
## KNIGHTS OF SUBURBIA

BY: P. A. KURCH

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Life was supposed to be better after the war. Seventeen-year-old Henry Knights knows different. Henry's older brother returns from overseas a changed man just as his father decides to run for public office. Within days, his brother's PTSD and his father's campaign turn life upside down, as does the arrival of a famous war reporter. Caught in chaos, Henry and his twin sister, both adopted, consider finding their birth family. Family secrets. Pranks. A whole lot of trouble. This is the story of the Knights of Suburbia.

**P. A. Kurch** first began *Knights of Suburbia* as a comic strip in his college newspaper that was largely based on his own experiences of his older brother's deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is excited to finally be able to share this story with readers as his first officially published work. When he is not writing or drawing, P. A. Kurch gets to be the biggest kid-at-heart every day as a teacher.

## LISTEN UP

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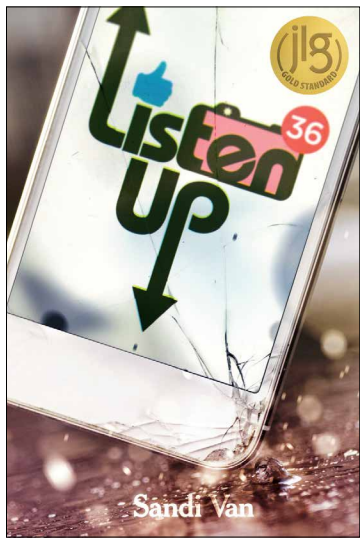
Excerpts from other Books within this Series, Written in Verse, About the Author Section, High / Low Content

Reading  
Guide  
Available

Lucas wants to speak out against the injustices he sees at his school, but he's paralyzed by social anxiety. He decides to start an anonymous online video channel, disguise his face and voice, and expose the things no one dares to talk about. But when Lucas blames the student council president for harming another student, her powerful parents become involved to unmask the social crusader. Afraid to lose the ground he gained with the videos, but even more afraid to speak out in public, Lucas must find a way to keep his voice from going silent.

### Reviews/Awards:

JLG Gold Standard Selection



**Sandi Van** is a writer, counselor, and former special education teacher from Buffalo, New York. She is the author of the young adult verse novel, *Second in Command*, and her poetry won recognition in the *Elmira Star-Gazette* and the PennWriters' In Other Words contest. Sandi draws inspiration from former students and admires those around her with the bravery to speak up for what they believe in.

## LITTLE PILLS

BY: MELODY DODDS

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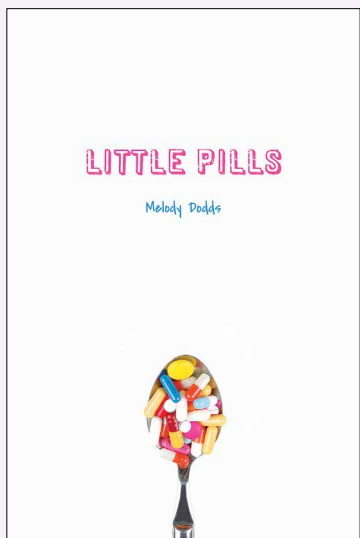
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Seventeen-year-old Charlotte Navarro never asked to be anyone's hero. If you're a hero, your sister isn't supposed to hate you. And you're definitely not supposed to get hooked on Gramma's painkillers. Even so, Charlotte's sister's friend Mia looks at her like she's some sort of hero. As Charlotte starts taking pills more and more, she has to question how it could hurt herself and others, even Mia. Is it a harmless habit or a dangerous addiction?

### Reviews/Awards:

"Dodds presents a genuine, complicated, and struggling teenage protagonist in Charlotte...An engrossing, lyrical debut with strong appeal for reluctant readers that confronts the realities of addiction through an absorbing first-person narrative." —*Kirkus*



**Melody Dodds** is a chemist and former substitute teacher. In addition to this book, she is the author of another verse novel *Clear Cut*. She shares her home with two cats and one husband, and is building a foil ball exclusively from candy wrappers. It is currently the size of a small pumpkin.

Reading  
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## MANNING UP

BY: BEE WALSH

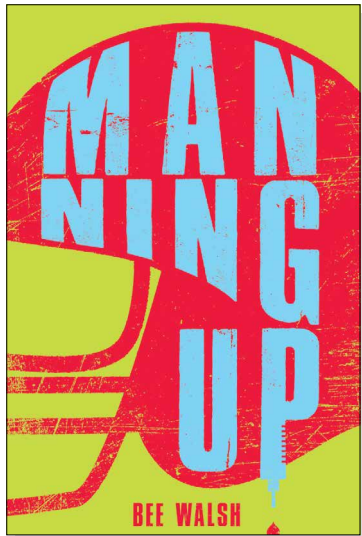
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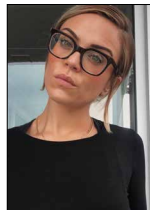


Jack is at the top of his game. He's a senior running back on the football team, dominating every opponent in his way. To everyone else, Jack is totally in control. In reality, he struggles with an eating disorder that controls every aspect of his daily life. When Jack starts using steroids, he feels invincible, but will the steroids help him win the big game, or will he lose everything he's ever worked for?

### Reviews/Awards:

"A short but impactful read about a topic teens face more often than is widely known and which is not typically seen in YA fiction." —YALSA

**YALSA Quick Picks for  
Reluctant Readers**  
Texas Lone Star Award List 2021



**Bee Walsh** is a nonbinary poet, editor, and introvert from the Bronx, NY. They attended SUNY Fredonia, where they received a degree in English language/literature as well as a degree in international studies, and they are currently attending SUNY Buffalo pursuing an MA in applied economics. Their work has appeared in *Wyvern Lit*, *Velvet Tail*, *Vagabond Lit*, *Riggwelter*, *Ghost City Press*, and *The Fem*. Bee wanted to write a book about something they understand very well (eating disorders) and something they know little about (football). *Manning Up* has been chosen for the 2021 YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers and 2021 Lone Star Award lists. You can find Bee at [thesentientsea.net](https://thesentientsea.net).

## MORE THAN ANGER

BY: LEXI BRUCE

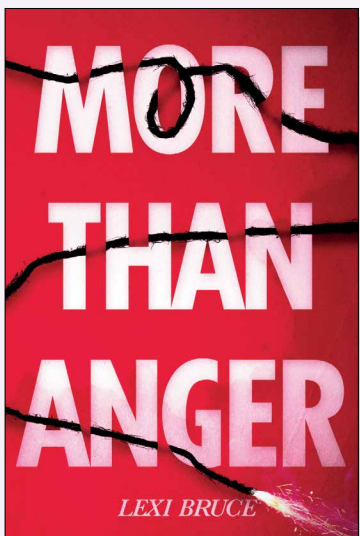
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It is no secret that Anna's parents are going through a rough patch. When that rough patch turns positively volatile, Anna starts to wonder why her parents are staying together at all. Will their anger destroy everything Anna has ever known? Can Anna allow herself to fall in love when she sees how it can turn so easily to hate?



**Lexi Bruce** is from Buffalo, New York, and received a degree in English and creative writing from Canisius College. She enjoys bicycling around her city and hiking whenever she can get out of the city. Lexi knows firsthand the toll divorce can take on a family, and on a young person hoping to find a healthy relationship. She wants this book to be a sign of hope for anyone who is going through this.

## ONE TOO MANY LIES

BY: L. A. BOWEN

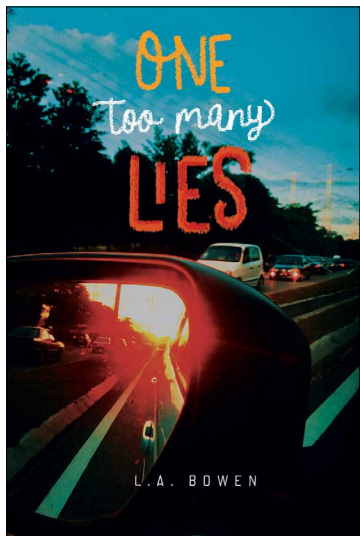
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Further Information Section, Written in Verse, About the Author Section, High / Low Content



Paige and her friends tell the subtle lies that are a part of daily life. White lies to avoid insulting friends. Fibs to escape unwanted judgment from classmates. Half-truths to evade their parents' watchful eyes. But could their lies become dangerous? What happens when the lies become a matter of life and death?

### Reviews/Awards:

"Debut author Bowen ultimately offers a glimmer of redemption. Without judgment, she uses Paige's first-person narrative to show the dangers of alcohol and drugs by constructing a linear path of poems that will haunt the reader. Engaging novel." —*Kirkus*

"Give this coming-of-age work to fans of YA verse novels and reluctant readers." —*School Library Journal*



**L. A. Bowen** is a writer and artist, among other things. In addition to creating works of fiction, she designs children's books, plays in a rock band, and raises ostriches. One of these things is a lie. Bowen's stories are inspired by the adventures and misadventures of her teenage years. She lives with her husband and three cats in Buffalo, New York.

## RISING OUT

BY: M. AZMITIA

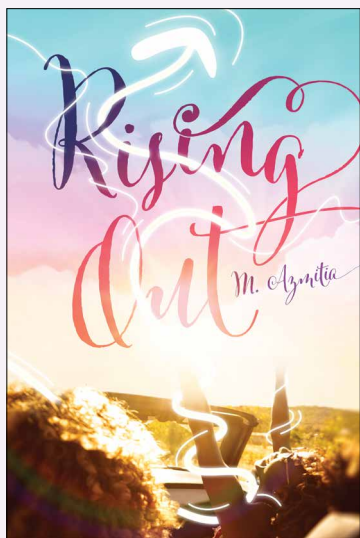
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Excerpts from other Books within this Series, Written in Verse, About the Author Section, High / Low Content



Anaya knows great things are expected of her: go to college, find a good man, and make her mother proud. But going to college means leaving behind her best friend, Eri. Eri is an Afrolatina transgender woman living in a closed-minded world and only Anaya knows her secret. The two decide to take a cross-country road trip, where Eri is finally able to open up to who she is, and Anaya finds out that she might be in love with her best friend.



**M. Azmitia** is a government employee by day and a poet/cat lady by night in New York City. She holds a degree in English and creative writing. Azmitia writes about identity, discovery, and acceptance in marginalized communities in the hopes of starting crucial conversations about diversity. Her first novel, *The Same Blood*, is a Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection about Latinidad and mental health in families of color.

## SANCTUARY SOMEWHERE

BY: BRENNA DIMMIG

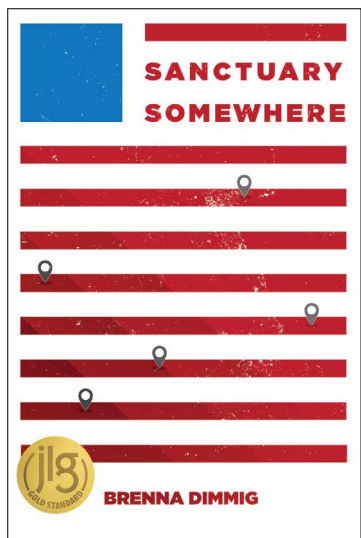
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Further Information Section, Written in Verse, About the Author Section, High / Low Content



Seventeen-year-old Osmel dreams of being a meteorologist. His world is shattered when he finds out he is undocumented. Osmel fears his dreams for college and career are now impossible. Then, ICE begins raiding the orchards his family works in. Will Osmel and his family ever find safety and peace in the place they call home?

### Reviews/Awards:

"Debut author Dimmig produces a deep and meaningful story in verse for reluctant readers about a young man who is shocked to discover that he is undocumented...The narrative is powerful, informative, and insightful...An undeniably moving read recommended for absolutely everyone—Dreamer or not." —*Kirkus*

**JLG Gold Standard Selection**



**Brenna Dimmig** is a writer and ENL educator. She studied journalism, creative writing, and Spanish at John Carroll University. She lived for several years in the Pacific Northwest as a Jesuit Volunteer. She worked for organizations including Catholic Family and Child Services and El Programa Hispano Católico, where she became familiar with the process of applying for DACA and U.S. Citizenship. She is passionate to share the stories of the families she came to consider her familia.

## SECOND IN COMMAND

BY: SANDI VAN

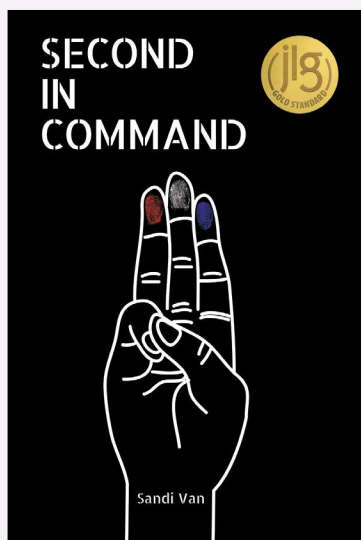
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Further Information Section, Written in Verse, About the Author Section, High / Low Content



Sixteen-year-old Leo dreams of becoming an Eagle Scout and, someday, a police officer. He makes sure to always do the right thing and be responsible. With his mom deployed and his dad constantly working, Leo is often left in charge of his two younger siblings. Then Leo's brother, Jack, gets caught up in a dangerous plot that rocks the community. Can Leo keep his promise to stand by his brother no matter what, or will he stand on the side of justice?

### Reviews/Awards:

"[A] heartfelt debut novel that explores the challenges facing military families left at home... effectively utilizes verse to impeccably convey the feelings of sadness, anger, displacement, and lack of belonging of young people on the brink of adulthood...Reluctant readers will enjoy exploring Leo's loyalty to his family and ideals, strong threads woven through the fabric of this emotional story." —*Kirkus*

"Teens overwhelmed by a parent called up for active duty will connect with this quick read that depicts young people confronting life without the benefit of a consistent parental presence. VERDICT: This novel in verse is recommended for reluctant readers, especially in areas where there is a large military population." —*School Library Journal*

**JLG Gold Standard Selection**



**Sandi Van** is a writer, counselor, and former special education teacher from Buffalo, New York. Her nonfiction piece "Labor and Delivery" was featured in *Adoptive Families Magazine*, and her poetry won recognition in the Elmira Star-Gazette and the PennWriters' In Other Words contest. Sandi is a Navy wife and has witnessed the struggles families face when a parent is deployed. Her book is inspired by and dedicated to those families.

## SICK GIRL SECRETS

BY: ANNA RUSSELL

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Excerpts from other Books within this Series, Written in Verse, About the Author Section, High / Low Content



Sometimes in high school, all you want is to be invisible. Being invisible might be the biggest problem of all for Natalie. She has a disability that causes chaos to her body on the inside but leaves her unmarked on the outside. She's learned to hide her pain so well that you would never guess she's not the same Natalie as she was before she got sick. But after having surgery, Natalie must return to school in a wheelchair. Now, Natalie has to decide if the painful consequences of pretending to be healthy are worth keeping the last of her sick girl secrets.



**Anna Russell** is a disabled and chronically ill writer from Buffalo, NY. She holds an MFA in creative writing. Her writing explores topics on chronic illnesses, mental health, and other disabilities to shine a light on these often underrepresented experiences. Her other novel in verse, *What If?*, was published in 2018.

## SOME GIRLS BIND

BY: RORY JAMES

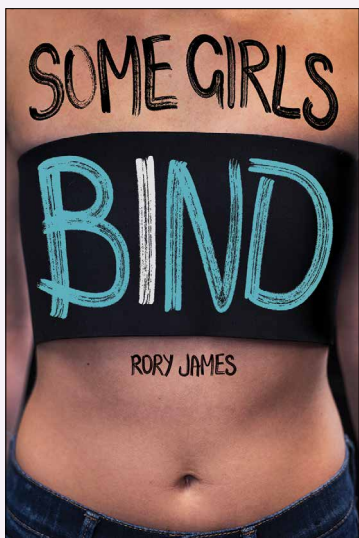
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Further Information Section, Written in Verse, About the Author Section, High / Low Content



Jamie knows that she isn't like other girls. She has a secret. She binds her chest every day to feel more like herself. Jamie questions why she is drawn to this practice and why she is afraid of telling her friends, who have their own secrets. Could she really be genderqueer?

### Reviews/Awards:

★ "James proves the power of the novel in verse as a vehicle to convey rich characterization, complex themes, and a reading experience that levels the field between struggling and skilled readers... Jamie's friends each have their own issues, and Jamie is a sympathetic friend as well as a teen caught in the private drama of self-awareness that makes adolescence and identity construction frightening to so many. VERDICT: Highly recommended for school and public libraries." —*School Library Journal*, Starred Review

"A genderqueer teen claims their identity and comes out to the people they love in this novel in verse for reluctant readers... A coming-out story full of love and affirmation that encourages identity exploration." —*Kirkus*

"Addresses the complex reality of being genderqueer without being overly didactic, while offering, in Jamie, a sympathetic character who realistically struggles to find her identity and share its reality." —*Booklist*



**Rory James** is a writer from Cleveland, Ohio. She holds degrees in creative writing, English, and political science. Rory now teaches test prep classes to high school students. Inspired by her own experience with gender issues, Rory hopes to reach the many young people with struggles or questions of their own.

## SURVIVING AMERICAN HISTORY

BY: MAX HOWARD

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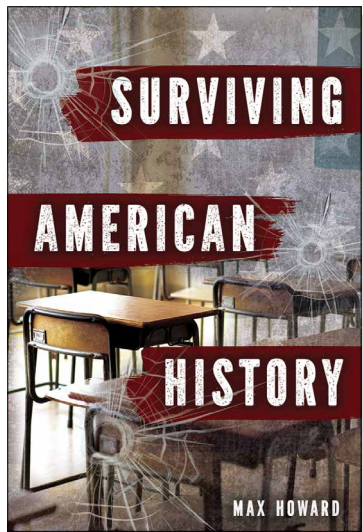
Excerpts from other Books within this Series, Written in Verse, About the Author Section, High / Low Content

Reading  
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Gabi is furious about her parents divorcing and moving her away from her hometown, her friends, and her school. But on the day she moves away, a shooter opens fire on Gabi's old school, killing her American History classmates. She knows she should have been in that classroom. Now, Gabi has to navigate a new school and new social circles while dealing with a looming dark cloud of grief, survivor's guilt, and fear. She meets impulsive troublemaker Lennon, who might just understand her dark side, or may pull her deeper into it.

### Reviews/Awards:

North Star YA Award (Maine)



**Max Howard** lives in Wisconsin and is the author of *The Water Year*, *Fifteen and Change*, and *Everything in Its Path*. Every day, Max tries to remember three things: a) the pen is mightier than the sword; b) the first step toward building a better world is having a dream of how things could be different; c) the second step is inviting other people to share in that dream.

## THE SAME BLOOD

BY: M. AZMITIA

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Further Information Section, Written in Verse, About the Author Section, High / Low Content

Twin sisters Elena and Marianella couldn't be more different.

Marianella goes out of her way to actively participate in their Puerto Rican culture, whereas Elena is embarrassed by their traditions.

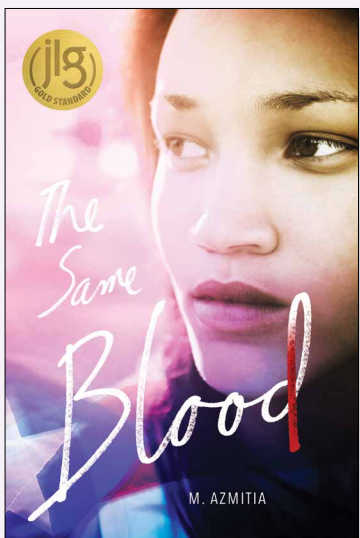
Marianella is also fighting a very private battle with mental illness, and takes her own life not long after their fifteenth birthday.

As Elena mourns her sister, she tries to live her life without the limitations and rules Marianella set for her. When her life spirals out of control, Elena realizes the depth of her roots and the guilt of not helping her sister before it was too late.

### Reviews/Awards:

"Evocative poems, all narrated from Elena's perspective, connect readers to her overwhelming guilt and shame. An examination of Latinx identity, family bonds, mental health, suicide, grief, and guilt that will hopefully spark much-needed dialogue. Necessary." —*Kirkus*

"The plot has a steady pace after the tragic beginning, and keeps readers intrigued about what will happen next. Character development is excellent; Azmitia explores both twins in depth. VERDICT: A solid addition to the novel-in-verse format. RECOMMENDED for general purchase." —*School Library Journal*



**M. Azmitia** is a government employee by day and a poet/cat lady by night in New York City. She holds a degree in English and creative writing. Azmitia writes about Latinidad and mental health in the hopes of starting a conversation about the stigma of mental illness in communities of color.

### JLG Gold Standard Selection

In the Margins Book Award Winner

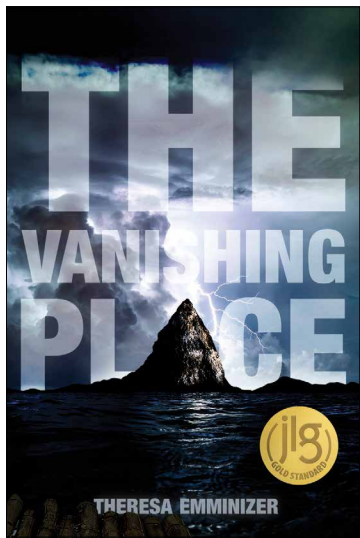
## THE VANISHING PLACE

BY: THERESA EMMINIZER

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Excerpts from other Books within this Series, Written in Verse, About the Author Section, High / Low Content



When Brooke, Eva, Nate, and Jay take a nighttime sail off the Florida coast, they never imagine that their lives are about to change forever. Shipwrecked by a storm at sea, the teenagers become castaways on an island that seems designed to test their very natures. Faced with loss, trauma, and the harsh reality of day-to-day survival, will they find the strength to confront their inner demons and escape the Vanishing Place? Or are mysterious forces at work to keep them stranded for all time?

### Reviews/Awards:

"An adventure story for reluctant readers driven by high winds of melodrama." —*Kirkus*

**JLG Gold Standard Selection**



**Theresa Emminizer** is a writer and editor from Buffalo, New York, where she earned her degree in history and creative writing. She is the author of several educational nonfiction books, including *HMS Beagle Voyage and the Galápagos Islands*. She enjoys traveling to new places, wandering in nature, and spending time with her husband and cats. This is Theresa's first novel.

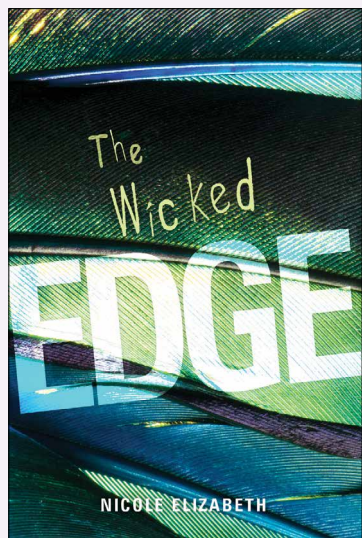
## THE WICKED EDGE

BY: NICOLE ELIZABETH

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Further Information Section, Written in Verse, About the Author Section, High / Low Content



Helen White is out of her element. She's moved with her mother from a white, middle-class neighborhood to a reservation to live with her mother's new boyfriend. Helen starts at the tribal high school, where she feels out of place and lonely. Then she meets King. Helen starts a twisted relationship with King, breaking the mold she's always known, and changing in ways she never thought possible.



**Nicole Elizabeth** grew up in Central New York and received a bachelor's degree in English and creative writing. She served as an AmeriCorps volunteer through Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest at Paschal Sherman Indian School in Omak, Washington, on the Colville Indian Reservation. There she fostered significant relationships with the kids, community members, and fellow volunteers while teaching and tutoring in reading.



## TOUGH AS LACE

BY: LEXI BRUCE

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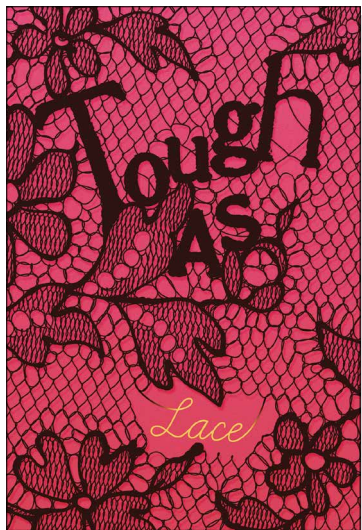
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Excerpts from other Books within this Series, Written in Verse, About the Author Section, High / Low Content



Lacey "Lace" Stewart knows who she is. She's the star of her high school's lacrosse team, she's confident and brash, and she doesn't seem to worry about what other people think. Lace tries hard in school, works weekends at a coffee shop, and is counting on a lacrosse scholarship for college. She's got it all figured out. At least that's what she shows everyone at school. But underneath her brave face, she's battling deep-seated anxiety, and she's one panic attack away from losing it all.



**Lexi Bruce** is the author of *More Than Anger*. She received a degree in English and creative writing from Canisius College in Buffalo, NY. She currently resides in the U.S. Virgin Islands. As a high school student, she struggled with anxiety and wished she could be a star lacrosse player. Now she lives happily (and occasionally anxiously) as a writer/bookseller/green-grocer.

## WATCHES AND WARNINGS

BY: RYAN WOLF

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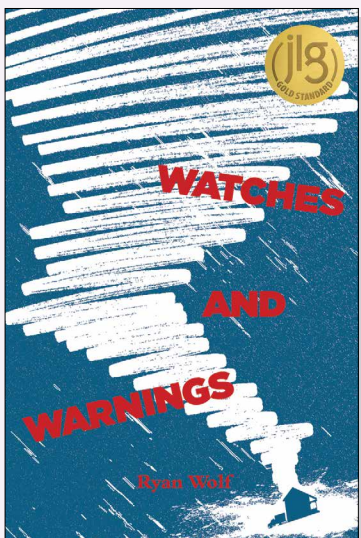
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Further Information Section, Written in Verse, About the Author Section, High / Low Content

Sixteen-year-old Philip is the son of two Evangelical youth pastors. He also secretly helps his older brother pay for his heroin addiction. When a massive tornado touches down in their small town, Philip's family becomes heavily involved in the post-disaster cleanup as Philip struggles with the return of his detoxing brother. With his life swept into sudden chaos, Philip grapples with questions that cut him to the core.



**Reviews/Awards:**  
"Philip's voice feels authentic to the teen experience, alternately conflicted, profound, and critical. Intense, emotionally charged realism for reluctant readers." —*Kirkus*

**JLG Gold Standard Selection**

**Ryan Wolf** works as a grant writer for nonprofits in the Chicago area. He holds a master's degree in the humanities from the University of Chicago, as well as a bachelor's degree in English, communication studies, and creative writing. Ryan has previously published work in *The Buffalo News* and *Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education*. He lives in Oak Park, Illinois, with his wife, Jenna.

**WHAT IF?**

BY: ANNA RUSSELL

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Further Information Section, Written in Verse, About the Author Section, High / Low Content



Josh Baker isn't sure why his brain tells him to do things that other people don't need to do: checking his locker again and again, counting cracks in ceilings, and always needing to finish a song, for starters. He is a talented drummer, a math genius, and he knows everything about rock and roll. Yet, he knows his problems have the power to hurt his family and make him fail at school. When Josh is diagnosed with OCD, it's a blessing and a curse. Can he overcome his thoughts, or will they break him?

**Reviews/Awards:**

"While the poetic style of writing might seem choppy, it represents Josh's thoughts as he deals with his illness. Told in first person, the novel clearly creates a deep connection with the protagonists and readers. VERDICT: This is a quick read for large collections."

—*School Library Journal*

"This is a captivating story that will capture teens' imaginations. Written in verse, this slim, rhythmic novel for reluctant readers vividly evokes a teen boy's struggle with obsessive-compulsive disorder." —*Kirkus*



**Anna Russell** is a writer from Buffalo, New York. She holds a degree in English and creative writing, and it is her goal to create stories for readers of all backgrounds and abilities. She has experienced OCD within her personal life, and she hopes to bring awareness about mental health to literature.

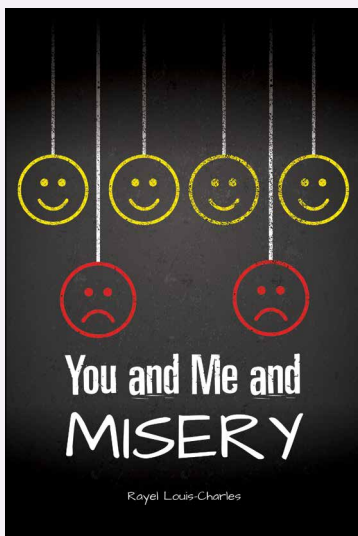
**YOU AND ME AND MISERY**

BY: RAYEL LOUIS-CHARLES

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Further Information Section, Written in Verse, About the Author Section, High / Low Content



Gin has recently accepted that she is a lesbian. She also may just remain a loner for all of eternity. Meanwhile, across from her in class, Johnny is battling life at school and at home. His day-to-day life consists of a heavy dose of bulimia, self-hate, and abuse from his father. The two loners come together, connected by shared misery, but can they admit how much they need each other before it's too late?

**Reviews/Awards:**

"VERDICT: Recommended where novels in verse are popular."

—*School Library Journal*

**Rayel Louis-Charles** was raised by her Haitian grandmother, and is a multiracial, queer author who identifies as, first and foremost, a poet. She has participated in spoken word competitions and drama performances. Much of her writing is a result of her personal traumas and struggles with identity and abandonment, as well as her own discoveries, hopes, and accomplishments. She hopes to reach young teens with her novel in order to remind a lonely young heart that this loneliness exists in others as well. Also, to stress the importance of consideration for others, not knowing that their story could be similar to your own.

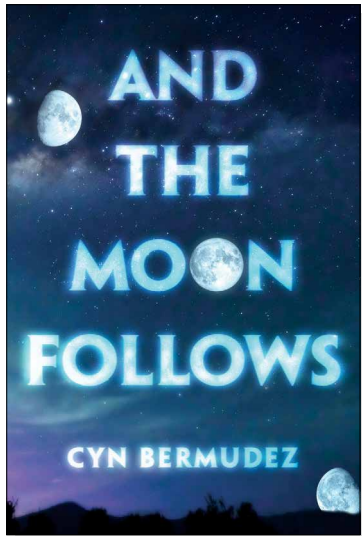
## AND THE MOON FOLLOWS

BY: CYN BERMUDEZ

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Excerpts from other Books within this Series, About the Author Section, High / Low Content



Luna has nowhere to go. She leaves home after her stepfather sexually assaults her. Now her only option is to run as far and as fast as possible. Luna takes to the streets, where she survives by stealing food, hiding in a car, and living in an abandoned house. But how long can she survive on the run? Where can she go if she can't go home?



**Cyn Bermudez** is a writer, poet, and artist living in Bakersfield, California. She is the author of the hi-lo fiction series, *Brothers*. She has a variety of fiction and poetry publications in magazines, journals, and anthologies such as *Building Red: Mission Mars*, *Perihelion SF*, *Strangelet*, *Middle Planet*, and more. Please visit her website for more information: [www.cynbermudez.com](http://www.cynbermudez.com).

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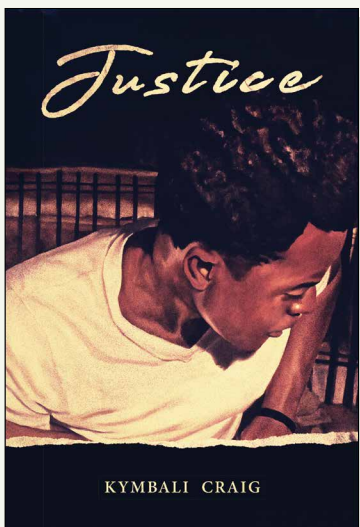
BY: KYMBALI CRAIG

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Excerpts from other Books within this Series, About the Author Section, High / Low Content

Justice knows how it can go down for African American young men, and it isn't always fair. Still, he's pretty sure living on the straight and narrow will keep him safe. Pining over his crush Ebony, writing rap lyrics, and looking forward to chess games in the park, Justice never imagines he could be labeled a criminal. Then his teacher's phone and wallet are stolen, and Justice finds himself at the center of the investigation. Can Justice prove he's innocent, or will he be wrongly convicted of a crime he never committed?



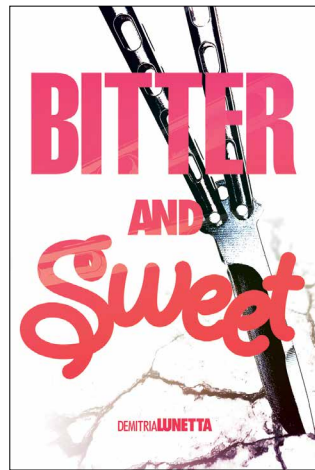
**Kymbali Craig** is a writer, actor, musician, spoken word performance artist, visual artist, and educator. She is a native of Chicago, Illinois, and Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and now resides in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York. Kymbali was the artist-in-residence at Paul Robeson High School in Brooklyn and the creative director of Bailey's Cafe, a Brooklyn-based nonprofit. Through her years of experience working with urban youth as an artist and educator, Kymbali has cultivated meaningful relationships with her students, who affectionately call her Miss Kymbali or Miss K. This is her first novel.

**BITTER AND SWEET**

**By:** Demitria Lunetta  
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 Excerpts from other Books within this Series, About the Author Section, High / Low Content

Sweetie only knows toxic love. Her boyfriend is violent, her family is cruel, and her life is stuck in a cycle of abuse. Then she meets Loew. Loew is smart, quiet, and different. When Sweetie defends herself against the blows of her boyfriend, he ends up dead. Sweetie and Loew run away to hide from the law. But Loew is not the salvation Sweetie imagines. Emotional and impulsive, Loew has deep, dark issues of his own, and escaping his grip might mean life or death.



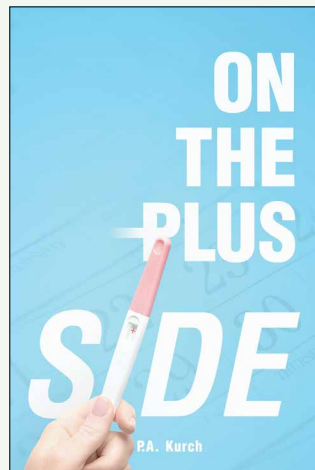
**Demitria Lunetta** is the author of the YA books *The Fade*, *Bad Blood*, and the sci-fi duology, *In the After* and *In the End*. *Bitter and Sweet* is her fifth YA novel and her first Hi-Lo book. Find her at demitrialunetta.com, on Twitter @DemitriaLunetta and on Facebook facebook.com/DemitriaLunettaAuthor.

**ON THE PLUS SIDE**

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**Reviews/Awards:**

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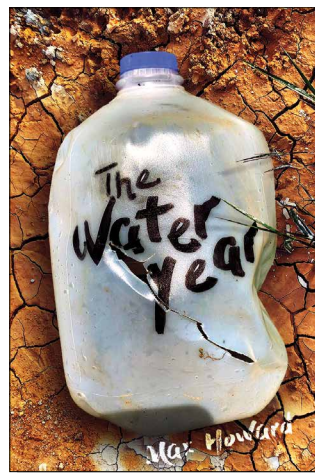
**P. A. Kurch** is a writer and teacher from Buffalo, New York. He is also an avid videogame fan and collector of all things geeky, which lovingly made their way into this book. This is his second novel for young adults, after having released *Knights of Suburbia* in 2018.

**THE WATER YEAR**

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Sophie lives on the border between the United States and Mexico. She spends most of her time taking care of her little sister and working at the family restaurant, hoping to catch the eye of Rubén, the Mexican boy who delivers baked goods. Her father and uncle spend their free time scouring the desert as part of a civilian militia, trying to stop undocumented immigrants from entering the United States. When Sophie becomes involved with an immigrant-aid organization called Human Kind, it challenges everything she's ever known. Suddenly, Sophie is stuck at the borderline of family and justice.



**Max Howard** lives in Wisconsin and is the author of *Fifteen and Change*. Every day, Max tries to remember three things: a) the pen is mightier than the sword, b) the first step toward building a better world is having a dream of how things could be different, and c) the second step is inviting other people to share in that dream.

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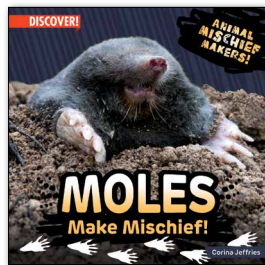
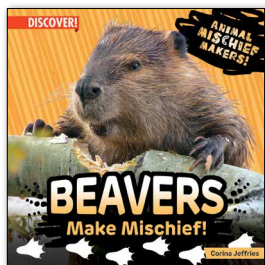
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**Beaver Behavior**

Beavers are mostly out at night. Most of their time is spent building and eating. They are very social. That means they live in groups. The groups are called colonies. Beavers are great swimmers! They can swim underwater for a long time.



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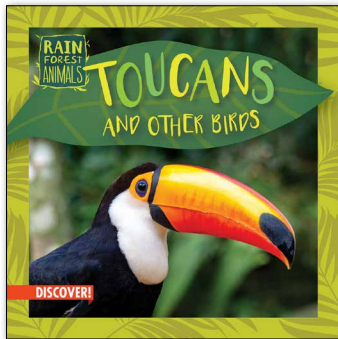
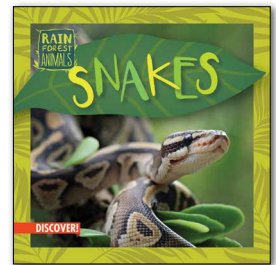
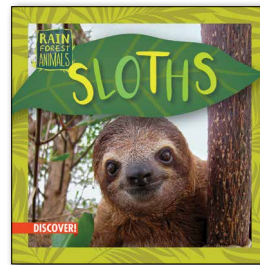
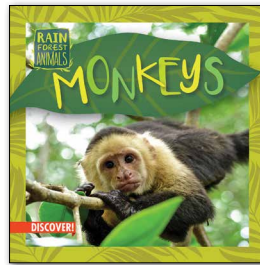
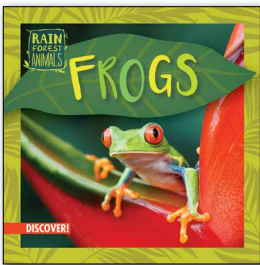
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### HOME, WET HOME

The world has over 6,000 species of frogs. Those are just the ones we know about so far! Frogs live in many different habitats. Many live in rain forests, such as the Amazon. This rain forest is warm and wet.

Amazon Milk Frog

Many rain forest frogs live in trees.

**FUN FROG FACTS**

- Frogs breathe through their skin.
- Frogs see well in the dark.
- Frogs like freshwater.
- Some frogs can leap over 20 times their body length.
- Some tree frogs seem to "fly" branch to branch.

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## Strange Fish

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Earth's oceans, lakes, and waterways are filled with odd organisms that readers will love learning about. This intriguing series has the inside scoop on the most bizarre behaviors, shapes, and other characteristics of the freakiest ocean creatures, including the high-voltage electric eel, the poisonous puffer fish, the weird fangtooth fish, and the strange leafy sea dragon. Each beautifully designed book—replete with curricular content—displays life under the water with vibrant photographs and includes many fact boxes of interesting information to accompany the carefully researched main text.

- Colorful images allow readers to view unfamiliar fish and other water-dwelling organisms up close
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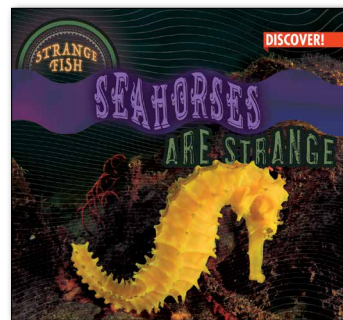
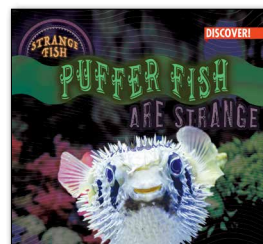
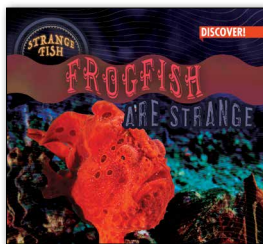
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So many school rooms have a posted sign outside the door: Nut-free room or egg-free room! That means millions of kids face the idea of allergies in their daily lives. In this set, readers learn about bee, wheat, peanut, milk, egg, and pet allergies they or their friends or family may deal with. Informative, age-appropriate text and language demystify the science behind allergies as well as discuss what an allergic reaction may look like. The main text prepares readers to handle difficult situations that could happen at home, school, or play. The knowledge gained may even help a reader save a life!

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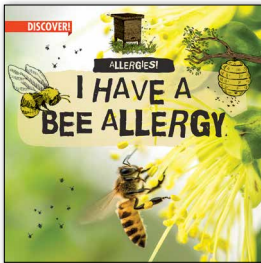
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Kids will love this entertaining and educational series designed to help them identify and talk about their emotions! Cute emojis are interspersed with narrative stories, which help readers draw connections to their own lives. Each book offers insight into a different emotion. What does it mean to feel amused, embarrassed, or frustrated? What situations might inspire those feelings and how can we deal with them when they arise? A fun and fabulous must-have for young readers.

- Full-color photographs make the information pop
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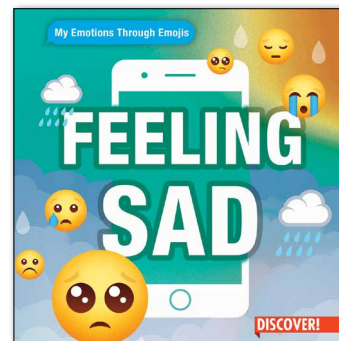
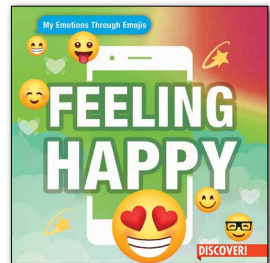
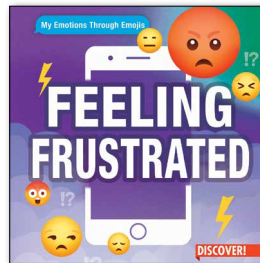
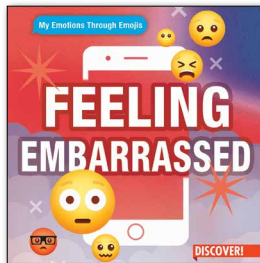
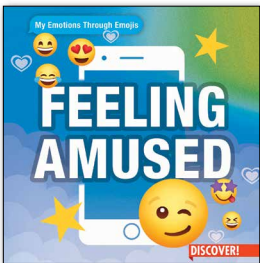
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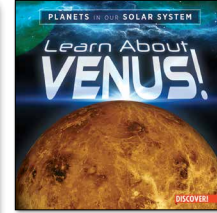
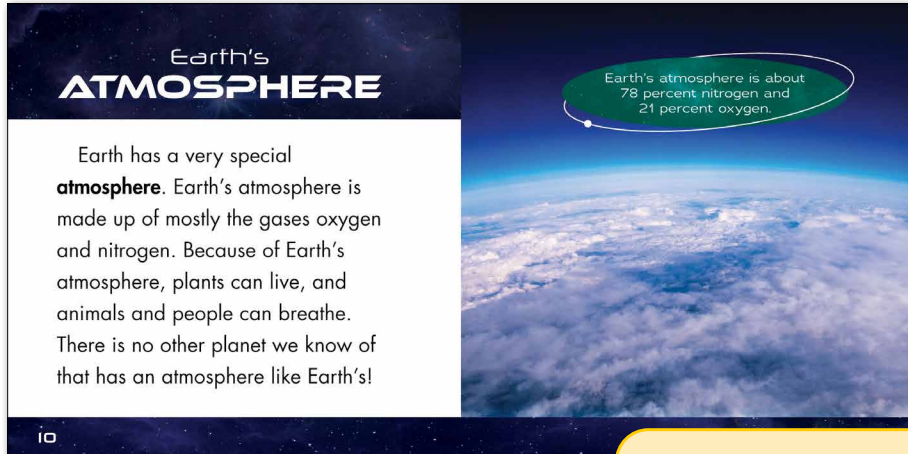
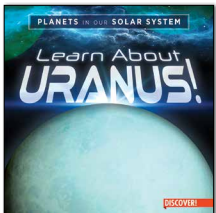
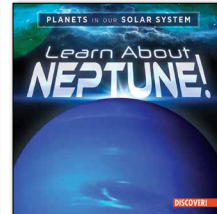
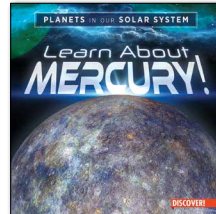
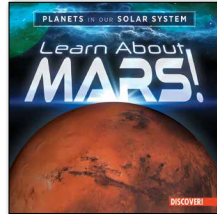
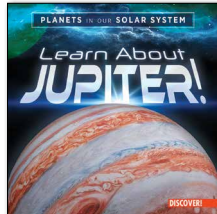
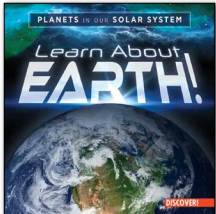
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Earth is made up of countless ecosystems both tiny and large. Within these natural communities, each element affects the others. Learning about the structure, function, and parts of an ecosystem, as well as the delicate dynamics at play within them, helps us understand our world. In this informative series, readers will discover how ecosystems work and the challenges they face today. Each book covers a key concept, including habitats, interdependent relationships, what threatens ecosystems, and how they may rebound or collapse in response. Introducing vital science concepts in a kid-friendly way, this series promises to engage curious minds and open readers' eyes to the world around them.

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- Colorful photographs spark readers' interest and bring the information to life
- Addresses topics featured in elementary science curricula

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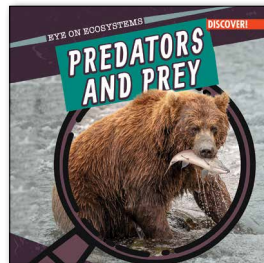
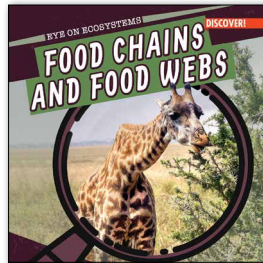
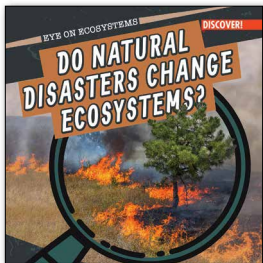
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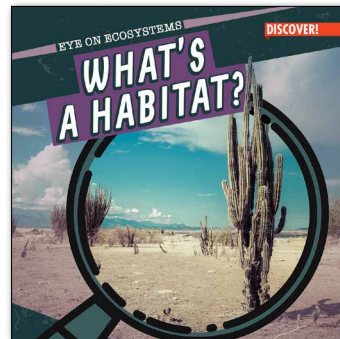
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### CLIMATE CHANGE

Human activities are causing changes to Earth's climate, or average weather **conditions** over a period of time. This is known as climate change. Climate change increases the number of natural disasters. It can also make natural disasters more intense, or strong, when they happen.



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## Places in My Community

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Whether you live in a city or suburb, near the coast or in Middle America, there are some commonalities between all communities. Some commonalities are the places that we need to buy groceries, mail packages, or get help. With this approachable set, readers visit the many notable places they may encounter in their town, city, or county. What happens at each community landmark is covered in age-appropriate detail and accessible language. Full-color photographs closely correlate with the texts, showing readers what to expect at each landmark and who they may meet in places like the library, hospital, and firehouse.

- Supports social studies curricula
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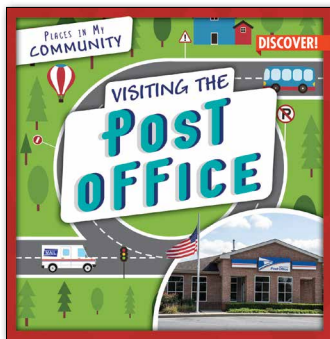
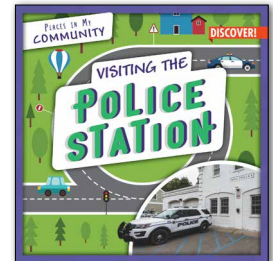
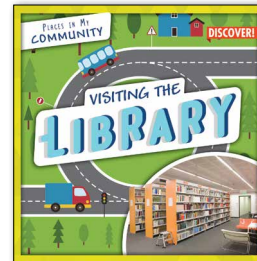
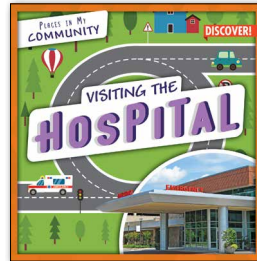
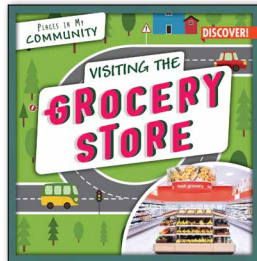
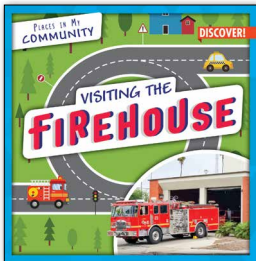
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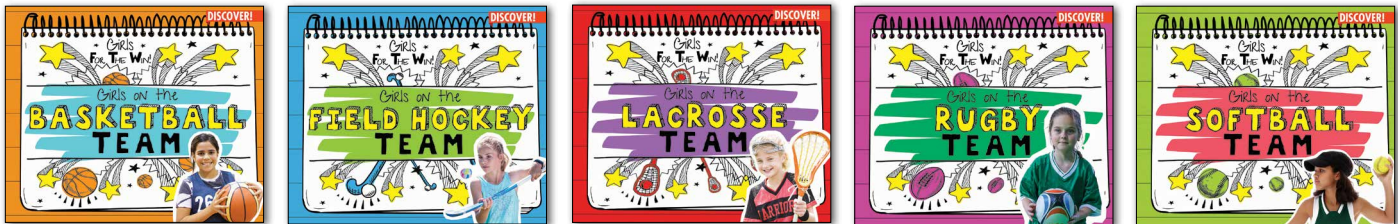
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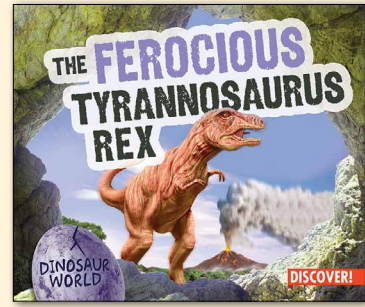
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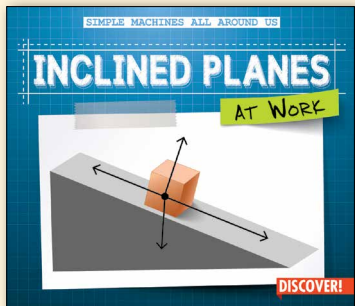
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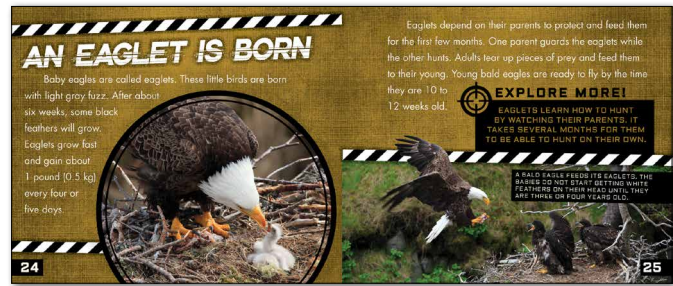
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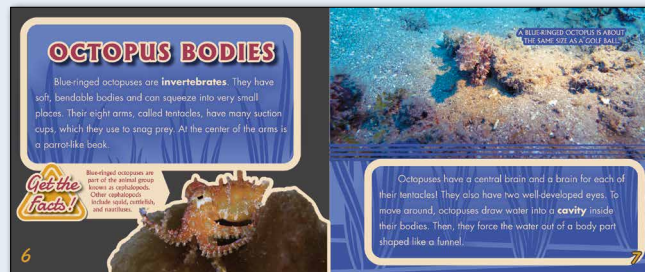
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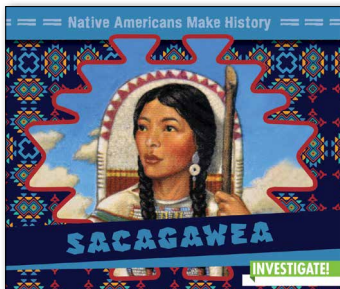
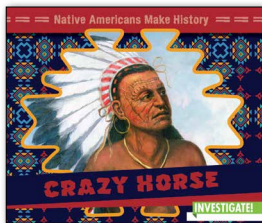
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Black Elk saw an opportunity to understand the ways of white people. He joined the group and traveled to big cities including New York City. He performed at Madison Square Garden for several months. He was one of the group's best dancers.

**Explore More!**

Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show brought a taste of American frontier life to cities around the world. The show had live animals, including lions and elk. Cowboys performed stunts, tricks and staged battles. The show ran for around 30 years.

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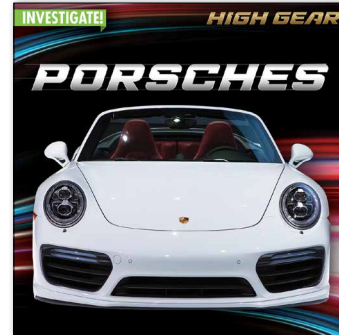
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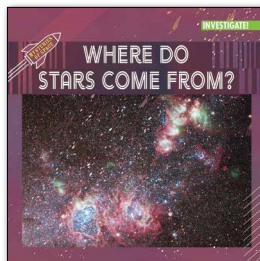
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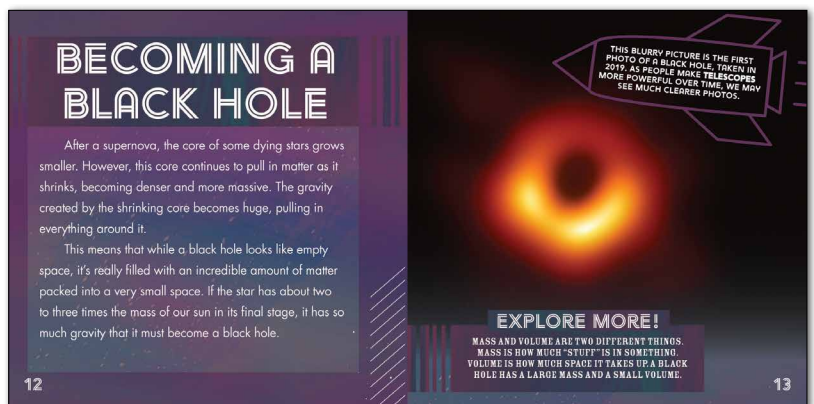
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Brainly, Edublogs, and Minecraft Education are some of the social networking sites made for students. They help students learn and work together. These sites have rules to keep students safe. You should still ask a guardian for permission to use them.

**EXPLORE MORE**

In the United States, up to 16 million students didn't have the tools they needed to learn online in 2020. Up to 400,000 teachers didn't have the tools to teach online from their homes, either.

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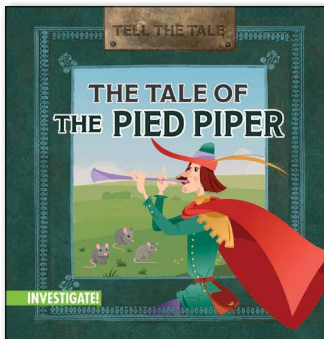
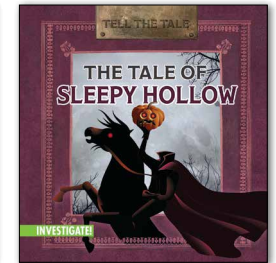
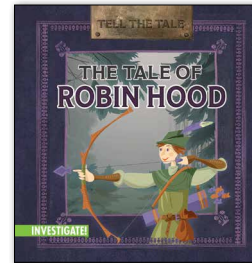
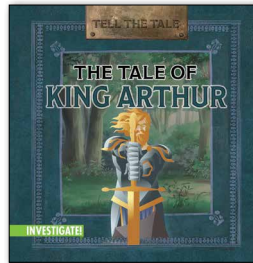
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Washington Irving was one of the most famous writers in the 1800s. He is most remembered for writing short stories such as "Rip Van Winkle" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." These were published in a collection called *The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon*. Sometimes, he wrote using the name Geoffrey Crayon or Jonathan Oldstyle.

Washington Irving also wrote newspaper articles, poems, and books. Many of them were funny. Other writings were serious. Some of his best-known books were biographies of important leaders, such as George Washington and Christopher Columbus.

**EXPLORE MORE!**

While Washington Irving was alive, the United States was still a young nation. Many Europeans didn't know what it was like to live there. Through his writing, Washington Irving told stories of American people and places. The stories were rich with detail and wit.

#### WASHINGTON IRVING'S LIFE

1815: moves to England and starts writing as "Geoffrey Crayon"

1819-20: publishes "Rip Van Winkle" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"

1826-32: travels to Spain

1832: moves back to United States

1832-46: works for the U.S. government in Spain

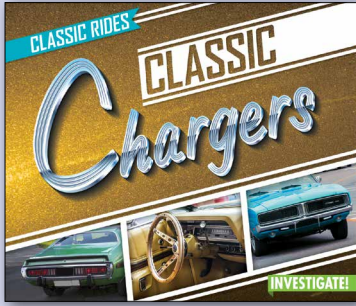
1845-59: publishes biography of George Washington

NOVEMBER 28, 1859: dies at his home in Tarrytown, New York

Washington Irving spent his life writing and traveling between Europe and the United States.

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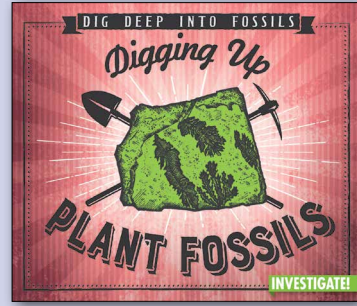
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**FIRST Generation**

Many new cars borrow designs and even parts of other cars. The same was true of the first generation, or class, of Camaros. It was modeled after the Chevy II Nova of 1968. The first Camaros were available as **coupes** or as convertibles, which are cars with a roof that can be lowered or removed.

**GET THE FACTS!**  
 The 1969 Camaro was the first model to have bucket seats and roll-over protection with a removable roll-over protection. The next year, the model became the Camaro SS. It eventually had quad speakers, a chrome and black hood ornament, "SS" emblems on "Rock On!"

THE 1969 CAMARO WAS THE FIRST MODEL TO HAVE BUCKET SEATS AND ROLL-OVER PROTECTION WITH A REMOVABLE ROLL-OVER PROTECTION.

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The 1969 Camaro was sportier than the model from the year before. It had a new **grille**, new **fenders**, and new taillights. This Camaro also had a more angled appearance than earlier Camaros, which were smooth and rounded.

**A FOSSIL FORMS**

When a plant or animal dies, it **remains** usually disappear. They might be eaten by animals or rot in the open air. But sometimes remains become covered in matter like mud, sand, or ice. This guards remains from wind, water, and animals that might eat them.

Remains are often buried in **sediment**. This can be stone, sand, shell, or mud from rivers and oceans. Sediment surrounds the remains and slowly turns to rock. This **preserves** the remains. Over time, sediment pushes down on the remains. The remains turn to rock as well. Now they're fossils.

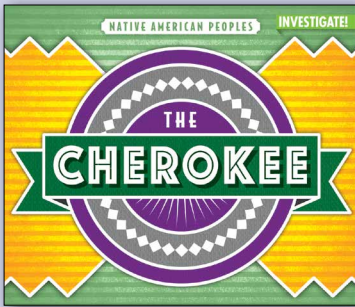
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 NOT EVERY OLD BONE OR FOOTPRINT IS A FOSSIL. REMAINS MUST COME FROM PLANTS OR ANIMALS THAT LIVED THOUSANDS OR MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO.

1. A DEAD ANIMAL OR PLANT DIES. IT MAY BE BURIED UNDER THE EARTH AND BECOME A FOSSIL.

2. SEDIMENT SURROUNDS THE REMAINS.

3. OVER TIME, THE SEDIMENT PUSHES DOWN ON THE REMAINS.

4. THE REMAINS TURN TO ROCK AS WELL. NOW THEY'RE FOSSILS.



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**EAST AND WEST**

The two main groups of Apache are sometimes called eastern and western Apache. They spoke different languages. The eastern Apache lived on the southern Great Plains and hunted bison. They traded meat and skins for the corn and pottery of the Pueblo peoples. The eastern Apache **traditional** way of life changed, however.

**GET THE FACTS!**  
 The Kiowa called the eastern Apache "comanches," which means "brave and proud people." This legend lives on in the Kiowa people's traditions. They celebrate and make peace with them. They learned about each other and made peace with them. They learned about each other and made peace with them. They learned about each other and made peace with them.

THE EASTERN APACHE LIVED ON THE SOUTHERN GREAT PLAINS AND HUNTED BISON. THEY TRADED MEAT AND SKINS FOR THE CORN AND POTTERY OF THE PUEBLO PEOPLES.

In the 1700s, the Comanche drove the Apache from the Great Plains. Most moved west into today's eastern New Mexico, Texas, and northern Mexico. Some moved east, where they became **allies** of the Kiowa. These Apache became the Kiowa-Apache.

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**A CURLY TAIL**

A chameleon tail is prehensile, which means chameleons can grasp things with it. They can curl their tail around tree branches to hold on, just like you might with a hand. The tail allows them to be more flexible.

Their tail also allows them to hold on when they shoot their tongue at prey. When a chameleon rests,

It curls its tail up close to its body. Some lizards have tails that will regrow if the tail is cut off or shed, but a chameleon tail will not regrow.

**GET THE FACTS!**  
 Are you thinking about getting a chameleon for a pet? Be sure you know its length measurement from nose to the tip of its tail so you can get a tank that is large enough for a tail to be comfortable.

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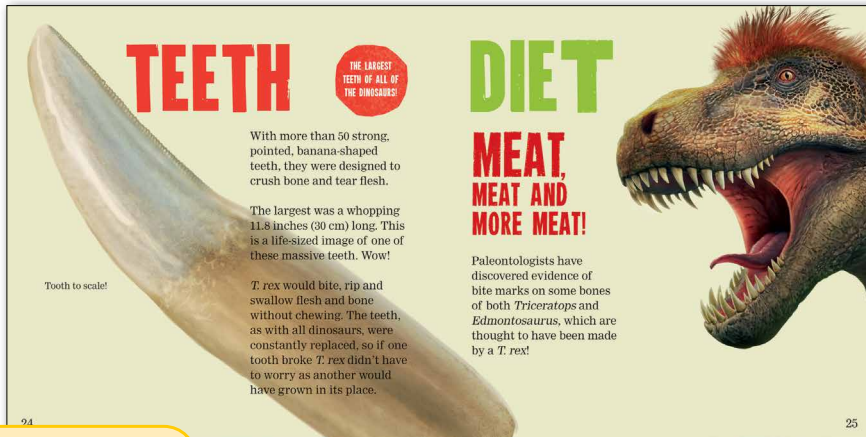
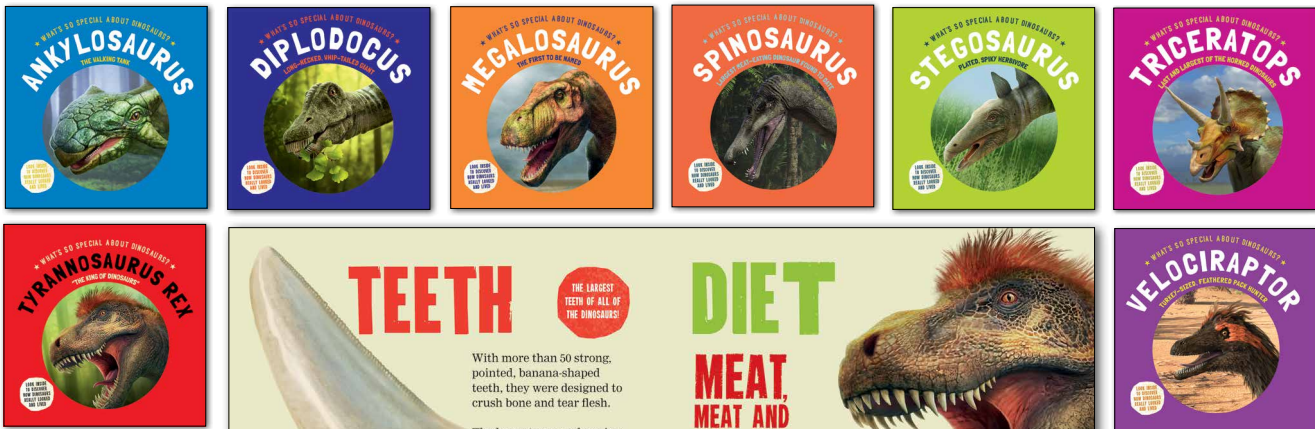
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Many people know bats sleep hanging upside down and that some types drink blood. But, bats also enjoy fruit and bugs! They may use their unique noses in echolocation. It's engaging facts like these that keep readers turning pages in this creative set. From animals that fly to those that swim, the main content of these books includes incredibly interesting facts about all kinds of animals. Readers will be quoting them every time they spot a hummingbird in the garden or a camel at the zoo.

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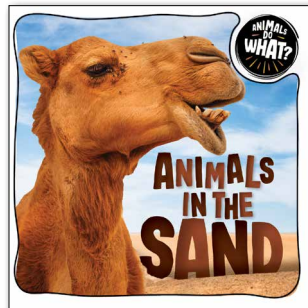
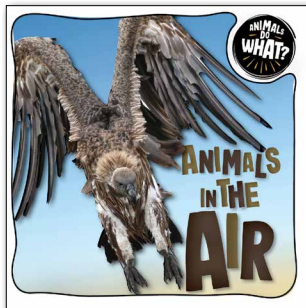
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## HUMMINGBIRD



Hummingbirds can fly backward and hover like helicopters.

The bee hummingbird is the smallest bird in the world. It is about 2 inches (5 cm) long. That is not much longer than a child's thumb.

It can weigh as little as two grams. That is less than half a grape!

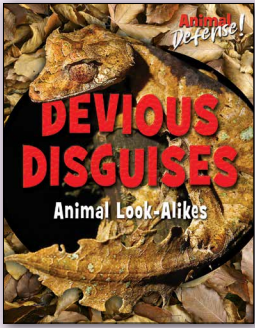
A hummingbird's wings flap 50 to 200 times every second. That's what makes the hum.

Its heart beats at more than 1,000 beats a minute. Ours beat at 60 to 100 beats a minute.

The sword-billed hummingbird's beak is longer than its body.

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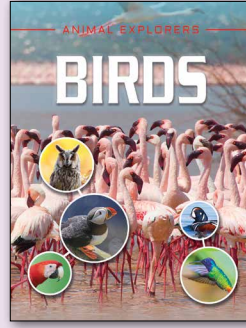


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**Fun Fact!**

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help keep an armadillo's body very warm, they live in warm areas.

**Made for Digging**

Armadillos are born diggers. From the moment they are born, they have the need to dig. An armadillo's body is perfect for digging. It is low to the ground. Its legs are very short. On the end of an armadillo's front legs are huge, strong claws.

These claws are good for digging for food. Armadillos eat mostly insects. They also sometimes

**Banding Together**

eat roots or bird eggs. Armadillos have even been known to nibble on dead animals. They have very small eyes and do not see well. They use their flat snout and claws to push along the ground looking for a bite to eat.

**Don't Eat Armadillos!**

Armadillos can make people sick. They often carry the bacteria that causes Hansen's disease, also known as leprosy. Leprosy is a bacterial infection that can affect people's nerves, skin, and eyes. Most of the time, armadillos with leprosy do not make people sick. But recently, scientists found that when people kill and eat armadillos, they can contract the disease. In Brazil, armadillo is a popular animal to eat. People often enjoy a dish made of raw armadillo liver and onions. Researchers warn that Brazilians who eat this dish and other food made from armadillo meat are at higher risk of getting leprosy.

**Parrots**

There are nearly 400 species of parrot. The parrot parrot is the smallest at just 3.3 inches (9 cm) long. The largest parrot is the biggest at 3.3 feet (1 m). Parrots are some of the world's most intelligent birds and a few have even learned to use tools.

Bright red, yellow, and blue feathers hold a scarlet macaw and other colorful parrots in the forest.

The scarlet macaw can fly up to 100 miles (160 km) in a day.

**Life in the Canopy**

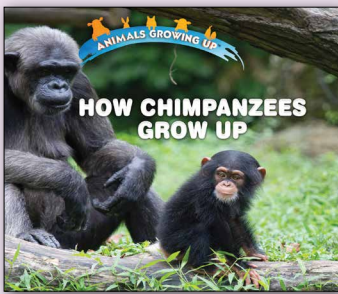
Parrots spend most of their lives in the canopy, searching for food and keeping their young safe from predators. They are very good at flying and can fly for long periods of time. They are also very good at climbing trees and can climb down head-first. They are also very good at building nests in tree hollows and other places.

**Parrot Evolution**

Parrots first appeared around 60 million years ago. Early species were meat eaters but some parrots feed on nuts and other seeds, buds, flowers, and fruit. Occasionally they eat insects. Unfortunately some species are endangered because of habitat loss and the pet trade.

**SCARLET MACAW**  
AKA MACAW

Habitat: Rain forests, Central and South America  
Length: 2.8 feet (86 cm)  
Wingspan: 3.3 feet (1 m)  
Weight: 2.2 pounds (1 kg)  
Diet: Nuts, seeds, fruit  
Life span: Up to 50 years  
Wild population: Unknown; Vulnerable



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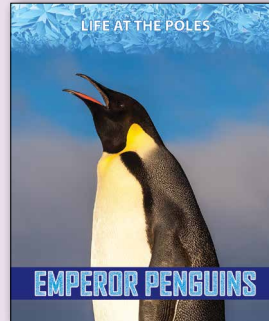
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Chimps groom themselves and each other every day. A mother chimp picks dirt and bugs off her baby's hair. This keeps her baby clean. Grooming also helps build a bond between mother and baby.

**FAST FACT**

Chimps do not have hair on their faces, hands, or feet.

This mother is grooming her baby. It makes them feel closer to each other.

**2 THE AMAZING ARCTIC FOX**

The Arctic fox is known by different names around the world. It is sometimes called the white fox, snow fox, or polar fox. Fully grown, this furry little creature is no longer than 3 feet (1 meter) long from its nose to its fluffy tail.

**AN ARCTIC TAIL**

The Arctic fox's tail helps keep the animal safe in its surroundings. It also helps balance the animal when it jumps and pounces on prey. The tail also acts as a

The Arctic fox's long, bushy tail is also called a brush.

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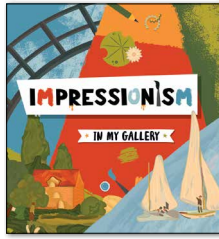
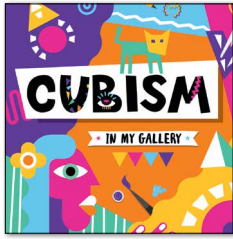
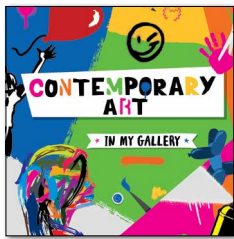
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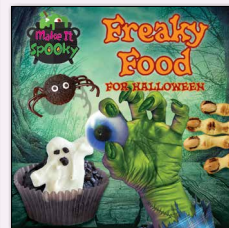
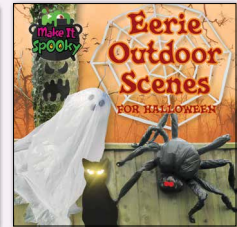
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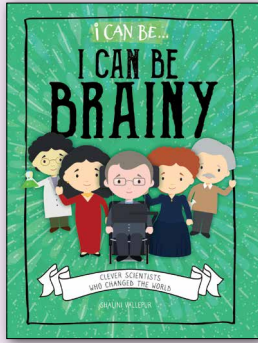
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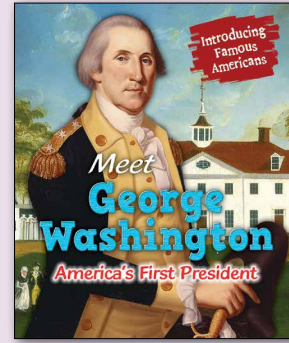
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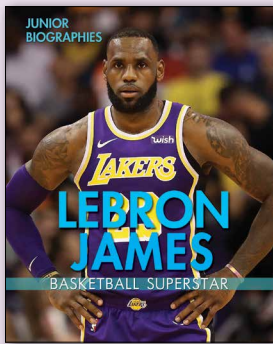
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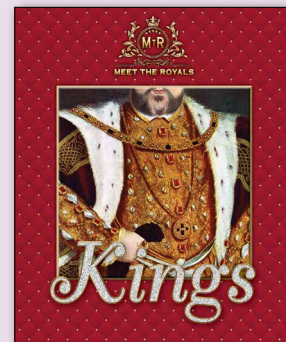


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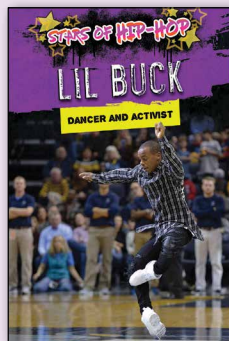
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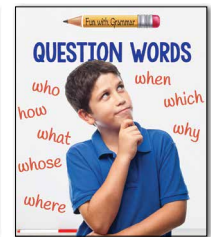
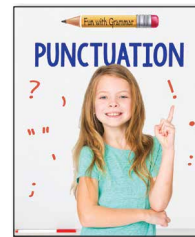
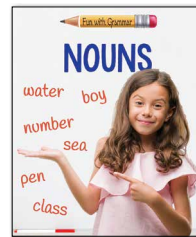
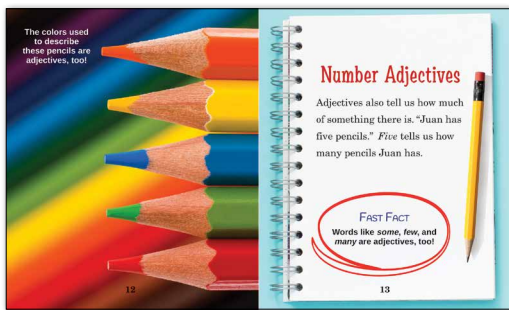
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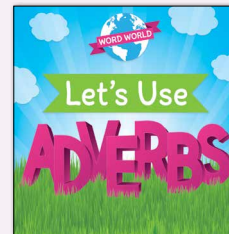
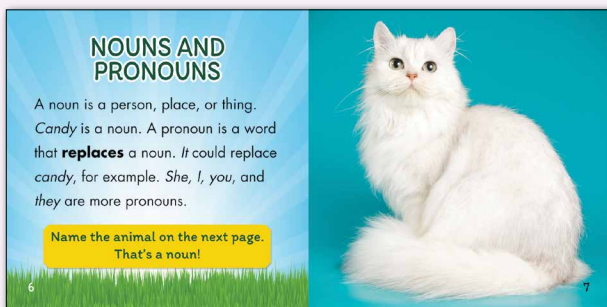
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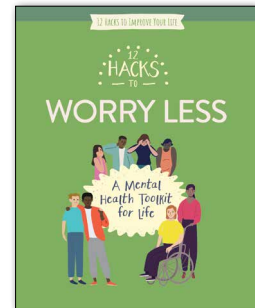
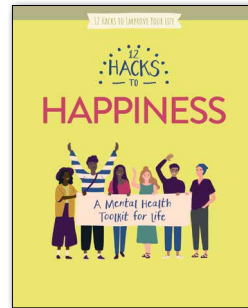
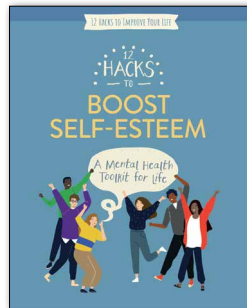
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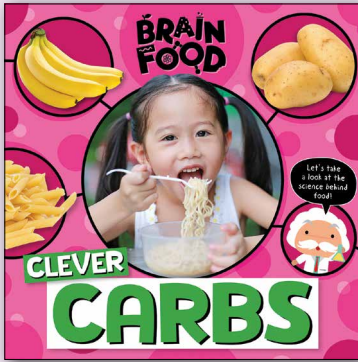
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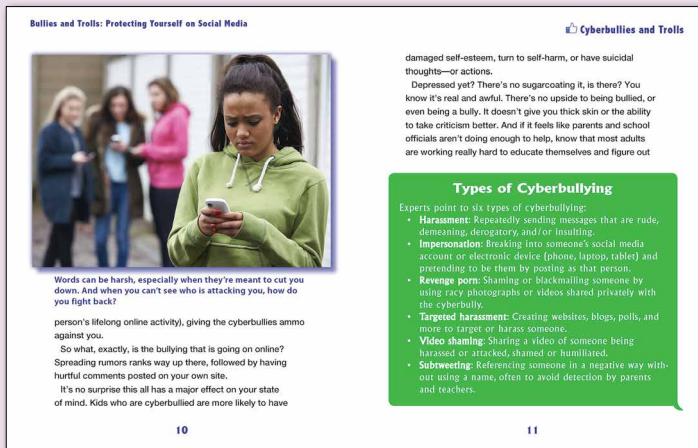
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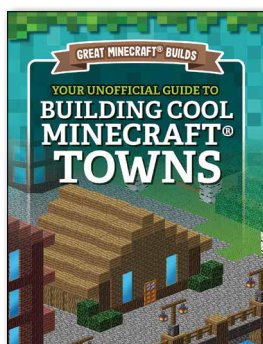
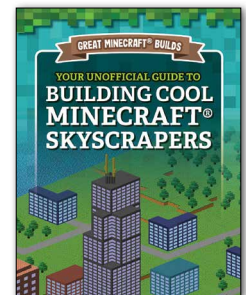
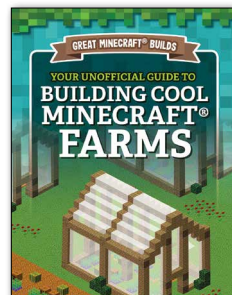
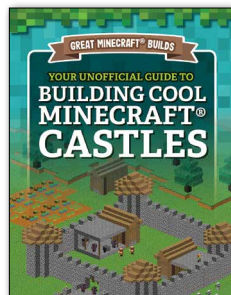
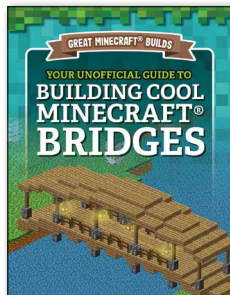
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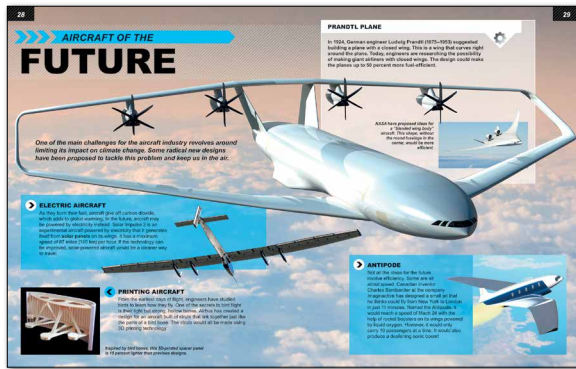
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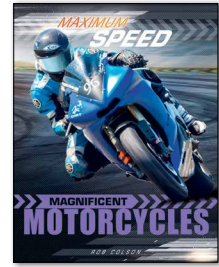
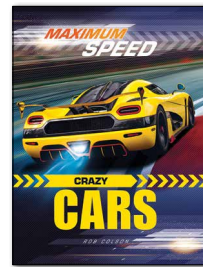
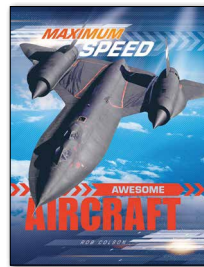
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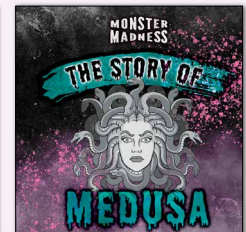
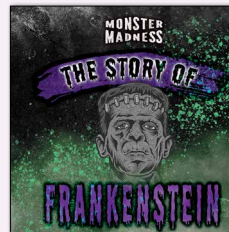
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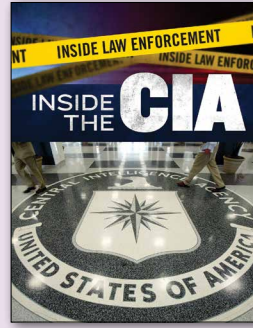
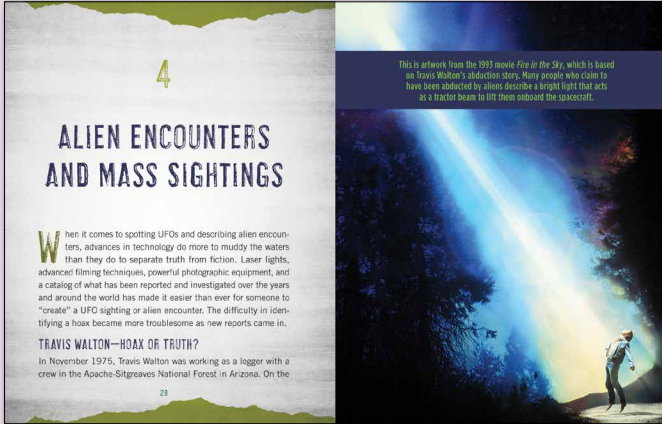




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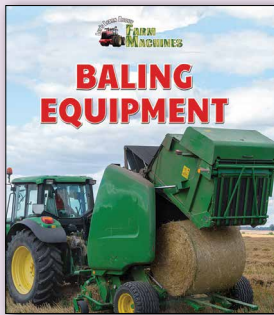
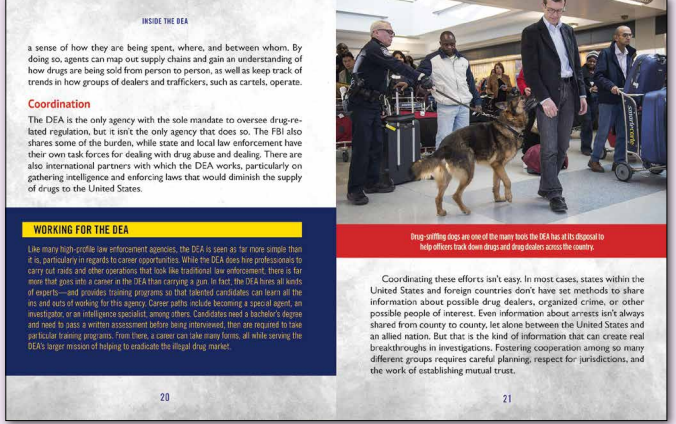
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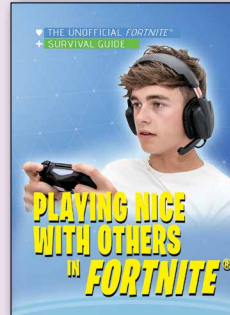
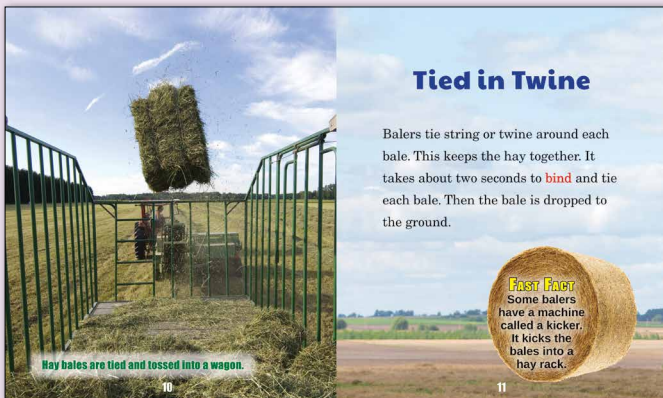
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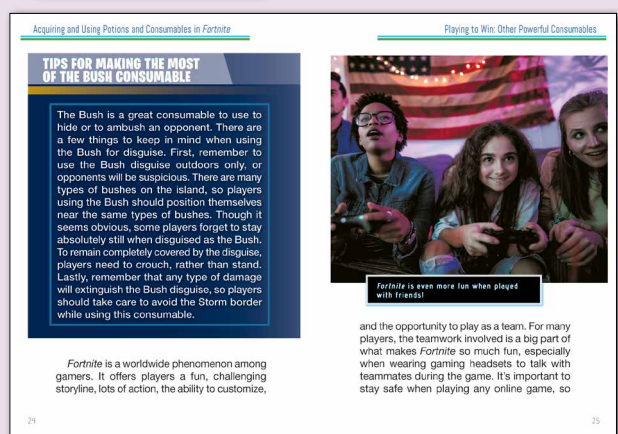
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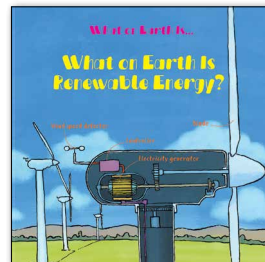
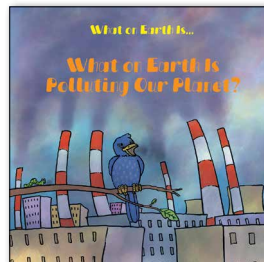
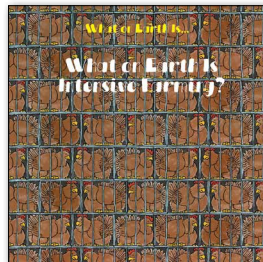
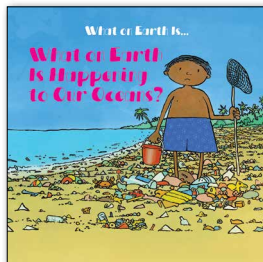
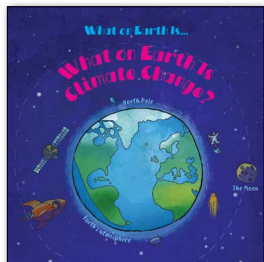
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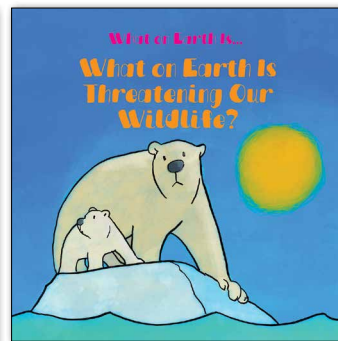
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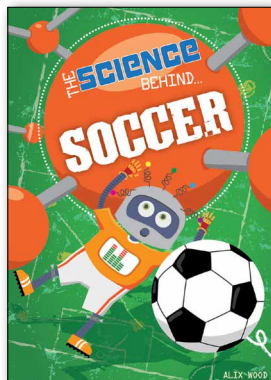
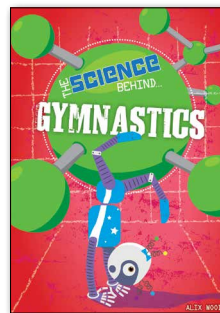
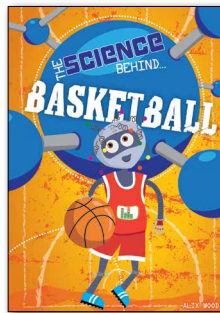
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#### THE SKILLS

**How to dribble the ball**

1. Touch the ball with your fingertips, not your palms. Spread your fingers out across the top of the ball.
2. Get low. Place your feet shoulder-width apart. Bend your knees and sit back a little.
3. Bounce the ball firmly and quickly. As the ball comes up, push it back down using your wrist and forearms. Practice dribbling without looking at the ball.
4. Keep the ball low. The shorter the bounce, the harder it is to steal. Keep your body between the defender and the ball.

#### THE SCIENCE

Why does a ball that had lost some air not bounce well? The more air molecules there are inside, the harder that air will push against the sides when the ball squashes. Air molecules slow down when they get cold. That's why a warm basketball will bounce better than a cold one.

More air  
High bounce  
Less air  
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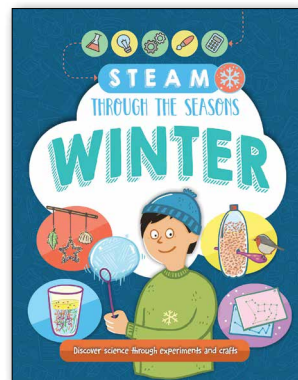
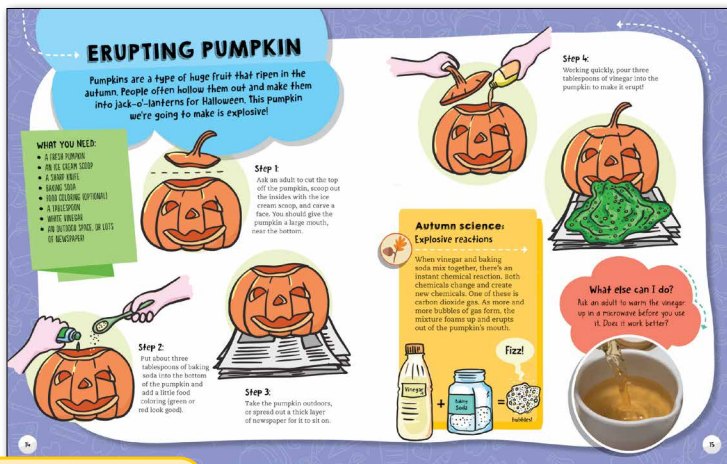
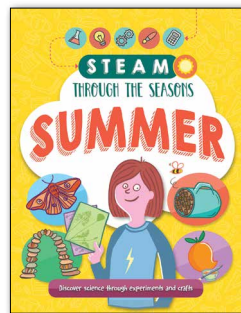
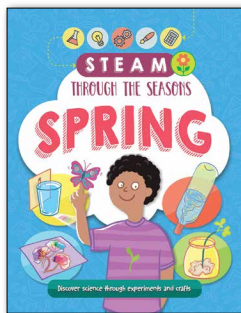
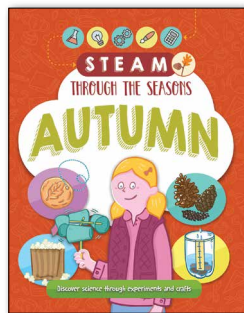
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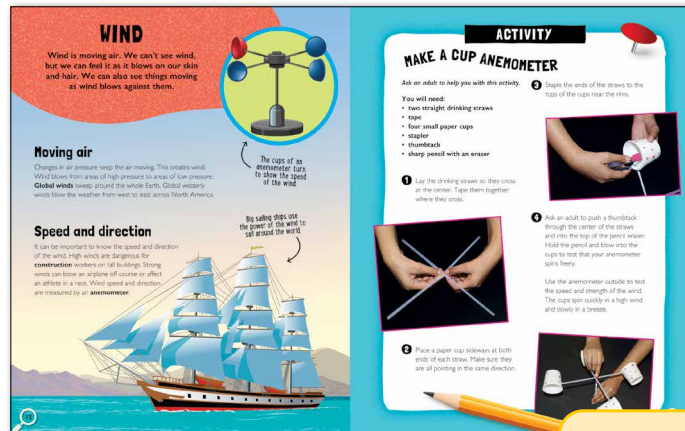
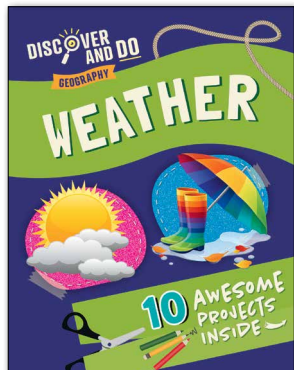
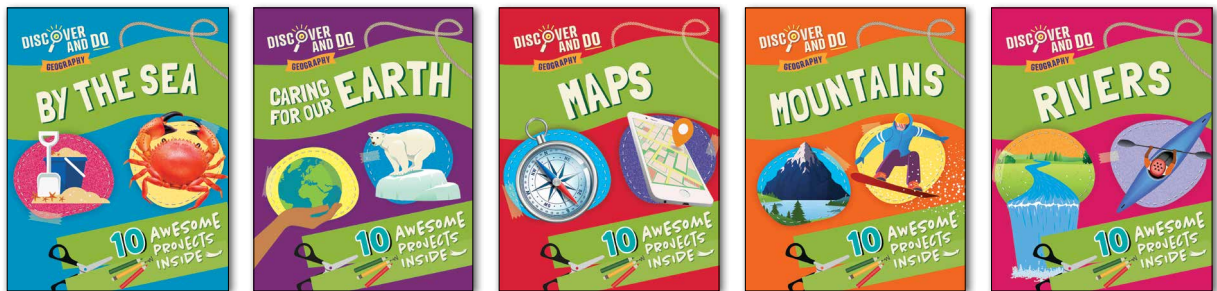
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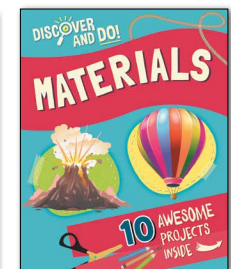
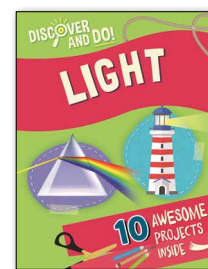
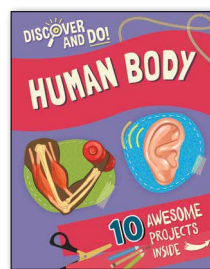
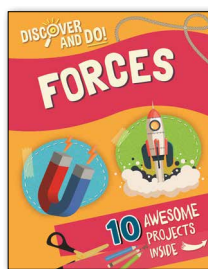
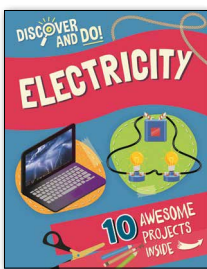
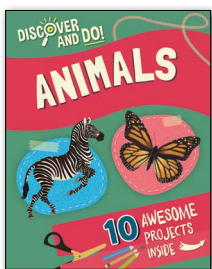
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### INVERTEBRATES

Invertebrates—animals without a backbone—have soft bodies. Some have a shell to protect them. Others have a skeleton on the outside of their body called an **exoskeleton**.

**Exoskeletons**  
Arthropods are a group of animals with an exoskeleton. They include insects, spiders, and centipedes. An exoskeleton is like a tough skin. It doesn't grow so when an arthropod gets bigger, it sheds its exoskeleton and grows a new one.

**Worms**  
Worms are also invertebrates. They do not have a skeleton. There are many different types of worms. Earthworms are found in flowerbeds and lawns. Their long soft body is made up of segments.

Earthworms eat soil and dead plants. The waste they leave behind keeps the soil rich.

### ACTIVITY

#### MAKE A WORMERY

Ask an adult to help you with this activity.

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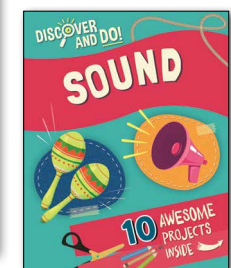
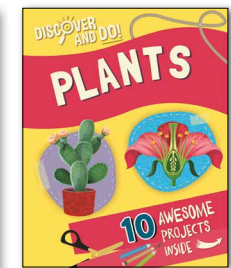
- 2-liter clear plastic bottle
- small clear plastic bottle
- scissors
- masking tape and clear tape
- water
- garden shovel
- sand
- soil
- leaves
- thick black paper
- breadcrumbs

- 1 Ask an adult to cut the top off the large bottle, and to cover the sharp edges with masking tape.
- 2 Fill the small bottle with water at room temperature. Replace the lid and put the small bottle inside the big bottle.

This will keep your worms visible against the sides of the big bottle.

- 3 Using the shovel, add a layer of sand to the space between the bottles about 1 inch (3 cm) deep. Add a layer of soil then another of sand. Repeat until you have filled the big bottle. Put the leaves around the top of the soil. Add some water to make everything slightly damp.
- 4 Make a cylinder using black paper and clear tape to cover the bottle loosely.
- 5 Find 3 to 4 big worms in a garden or park, and put them on top of the soil. Put the wormery in a cool place and keep the soil damp. Sprinkle breadcrumbs on the soil for food. Lift off the cylinder to watch the worms wriggling and tunneling.

After a week, release the worms back where you found them.



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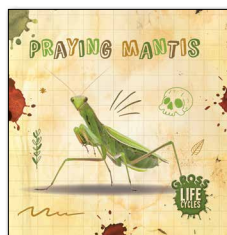
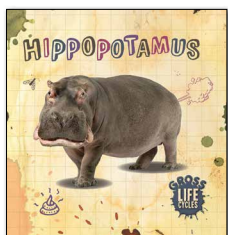
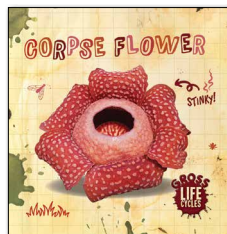
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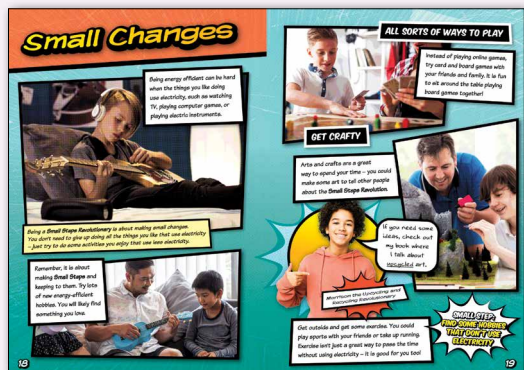
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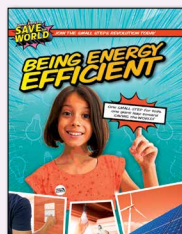
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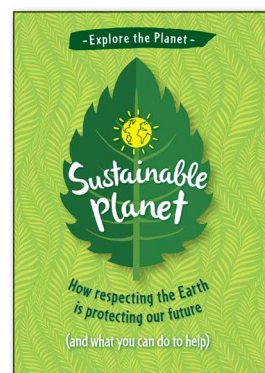
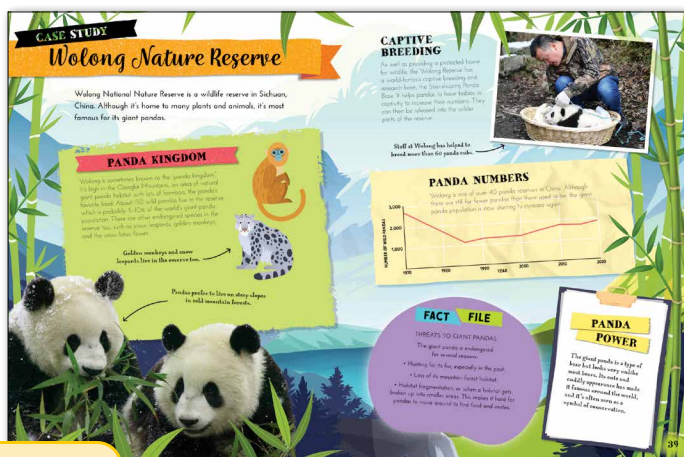
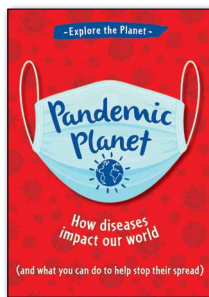
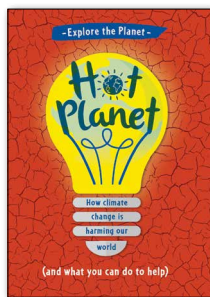
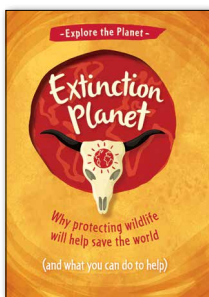
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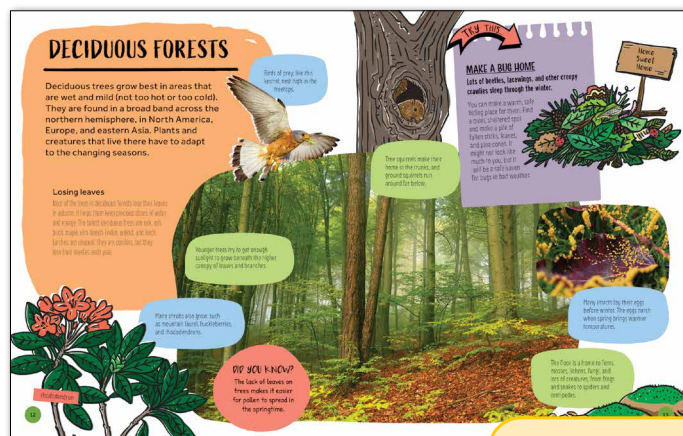
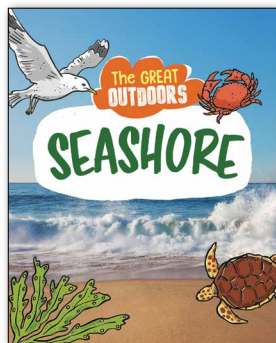
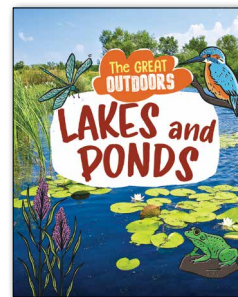
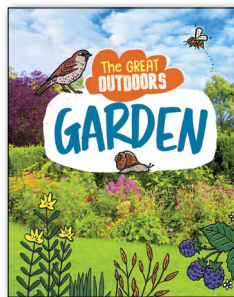
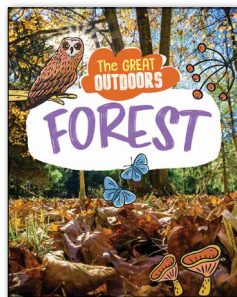
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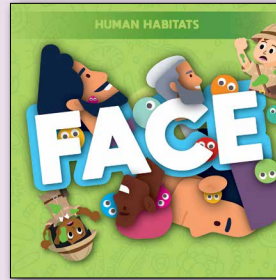
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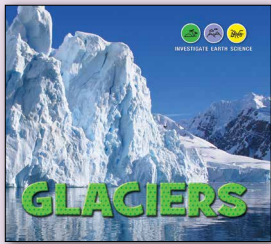
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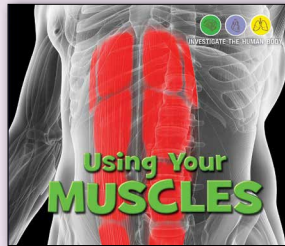
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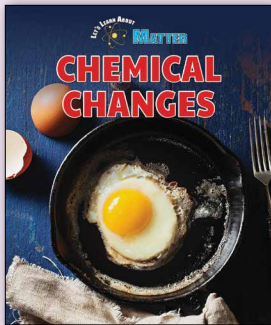
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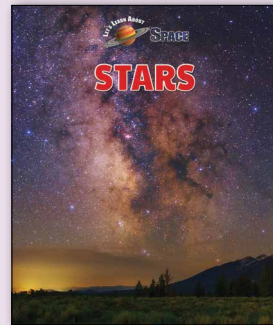
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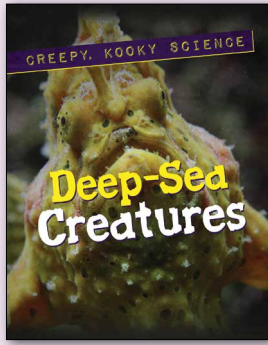
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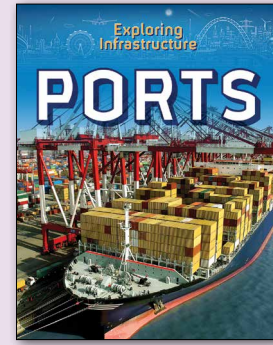
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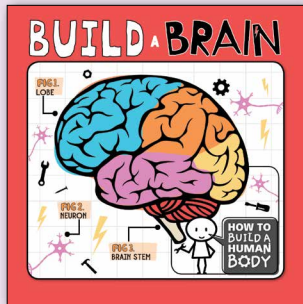


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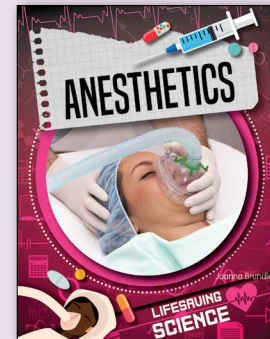


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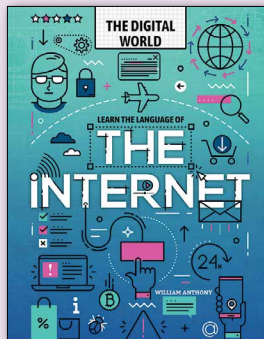


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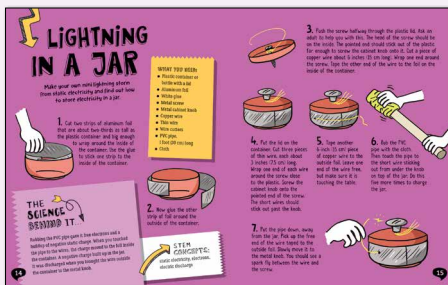
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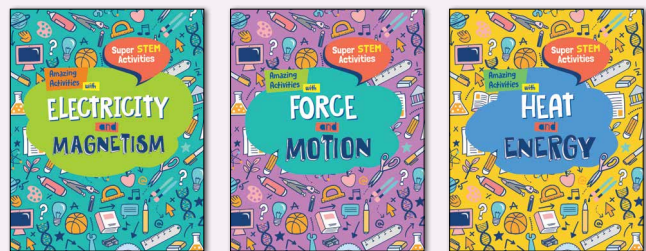
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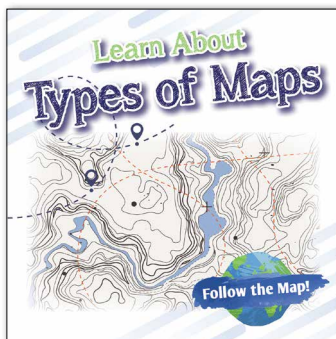
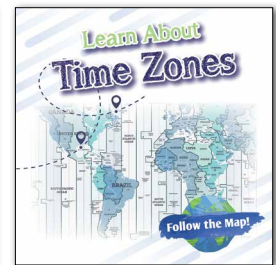
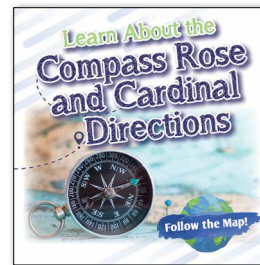
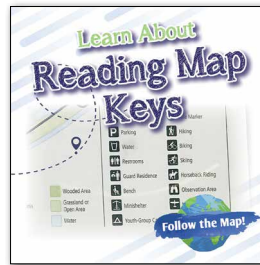
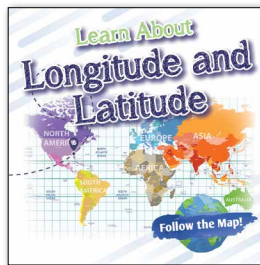
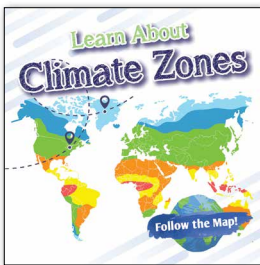
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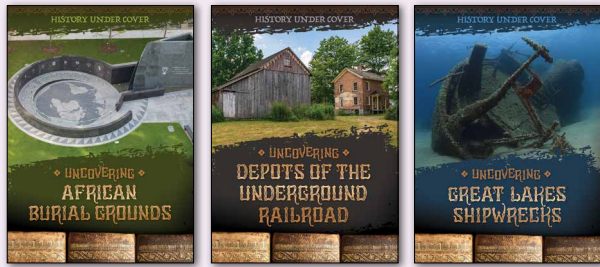
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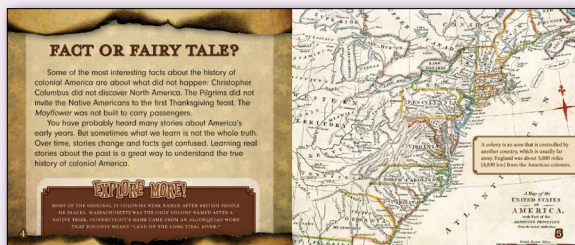
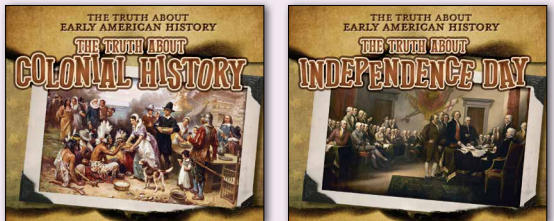
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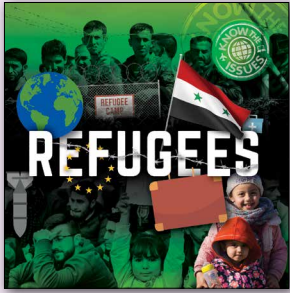
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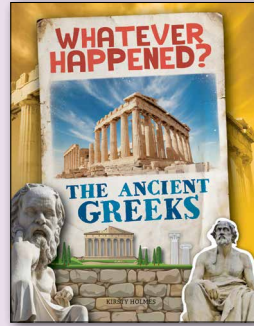
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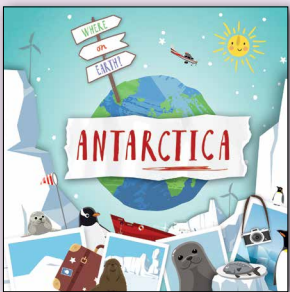
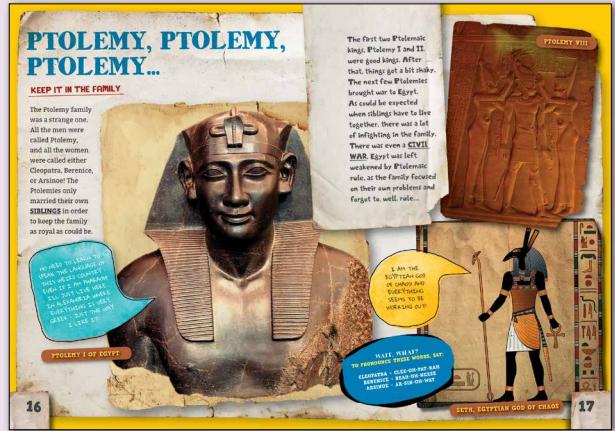




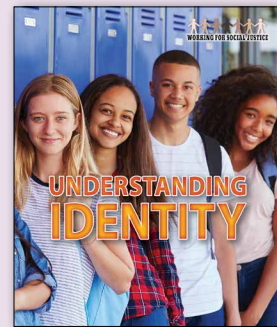
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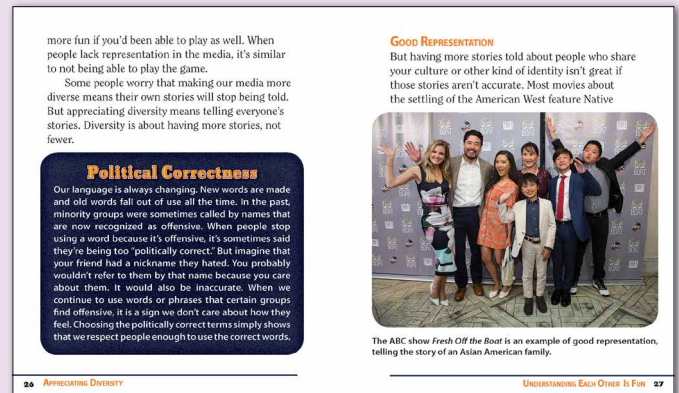
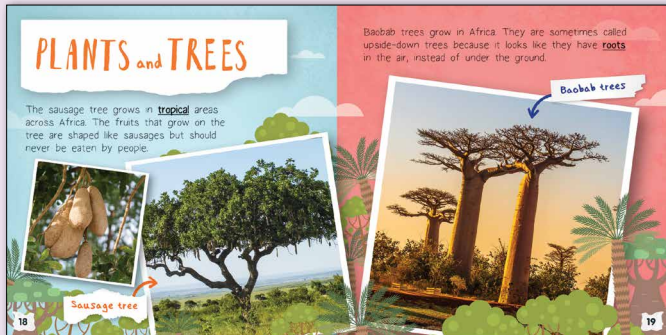
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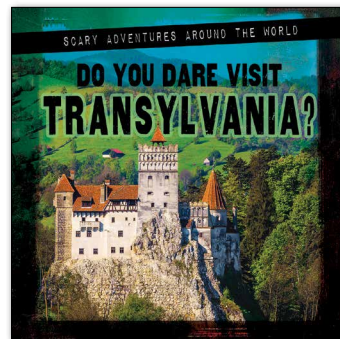
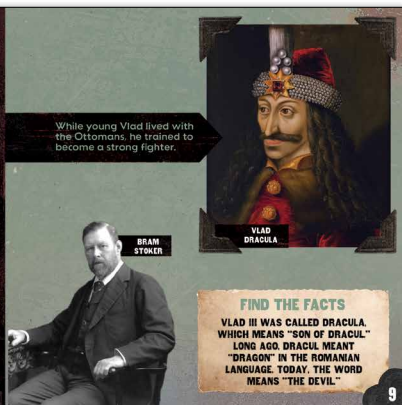
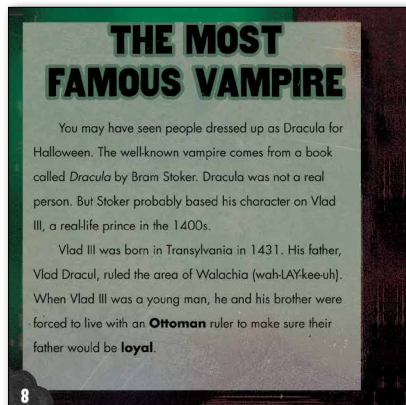
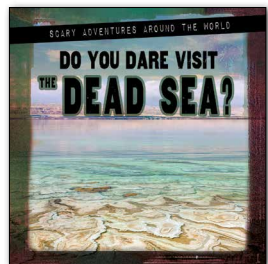
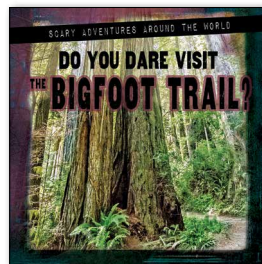
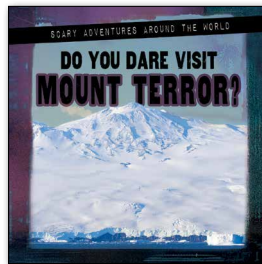
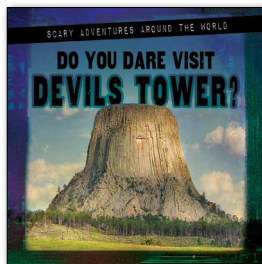
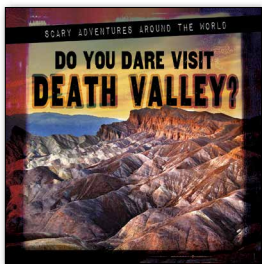
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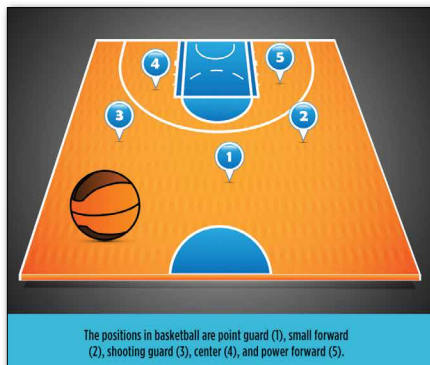
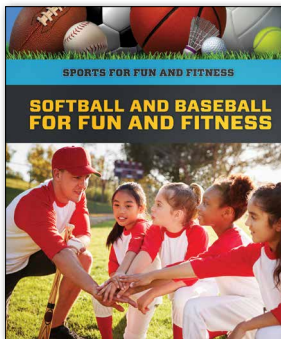
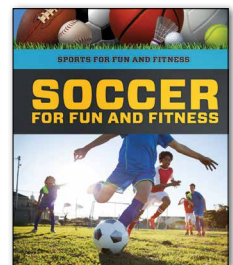
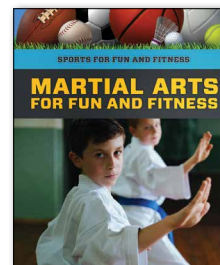
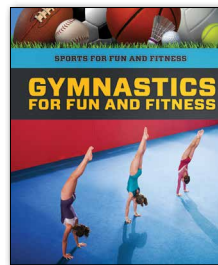
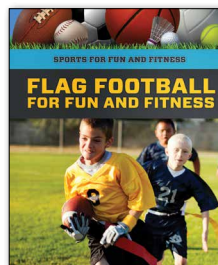
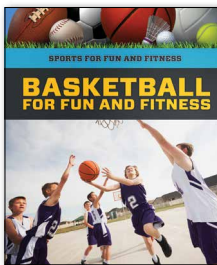
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The ball is moved around the court by passing or dribbling. A player must **dribble**, or bounce, the ball with one hand while moving. The player must pass or shoot the ball once they stop dribbling.

### Teams

Teams must have five players on the court at all times. Traditionally in basketball, the positions are called point guard, shooting guard, small forward, power forward, and center. The guards are usually smaller players with strengths in shooting, dribbling, and passing. Forwards are traditionally bigger than guards in order to better grab rebounds. Centers are usually the biggest players on the court in order to better stop the other team from scoring.

The team trying to score is on offense. A team trying to stop the other players from scoring is on defense. Players will have to switch between playing offense and defense during a game.

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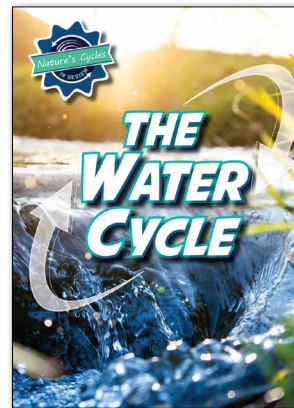
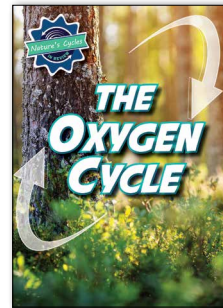
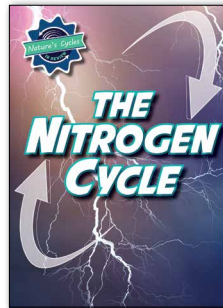
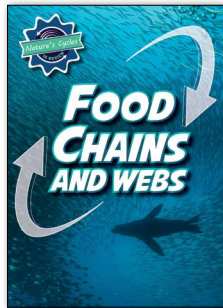
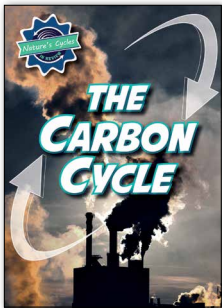
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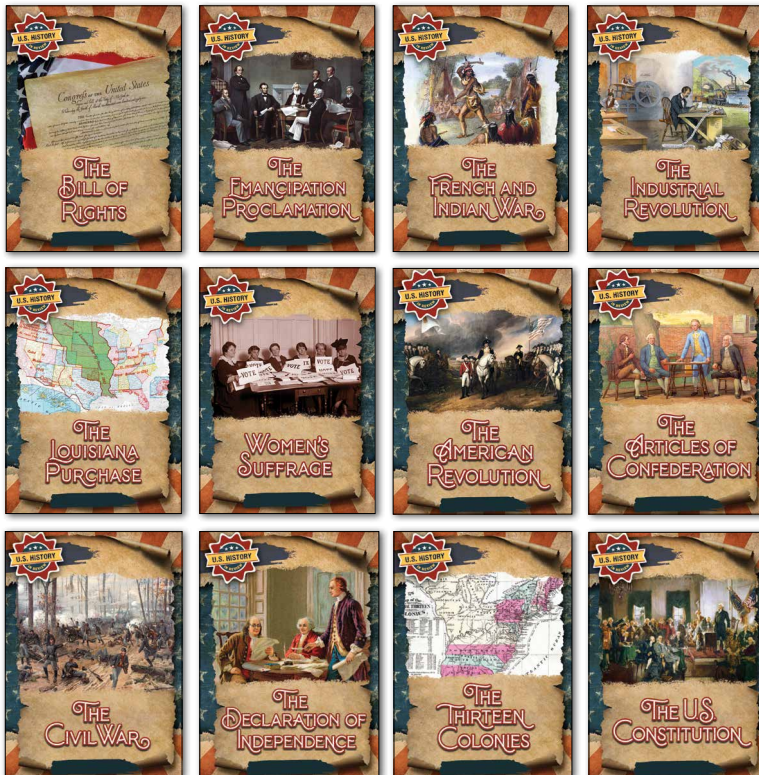
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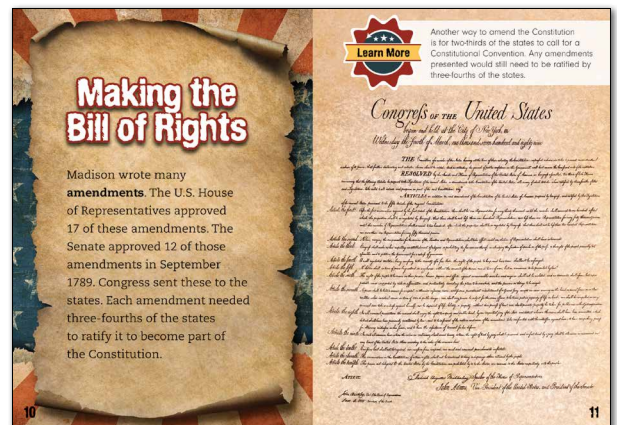
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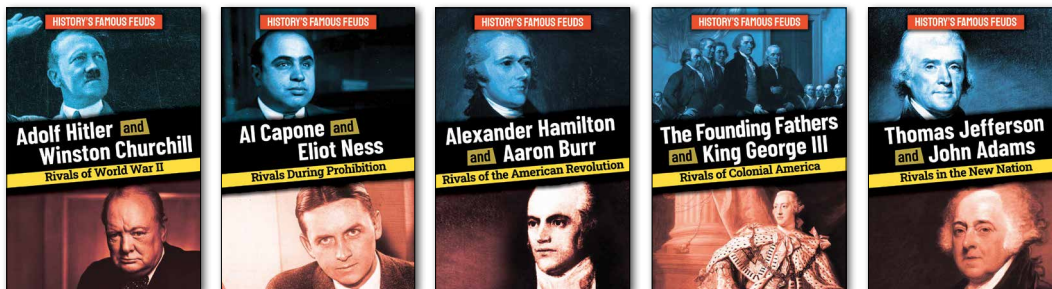
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#### Hitler's Inner Circle

AN ABSOLUTE RULER

Hitler prized loyalty above any other quality in his closest advisors. He operated a policy of "divide and rule" to keep absolute power.

**DINNER:** Hitler (right) talks to Joseph Goebbels, the Nazi minister for propaganda, late in World War II.

Hitler had a reputation for being able to charm the people he met. He inspired great loyalty in those who worked for him. He was a kind employer who remembered their names and their birthdays. But he also used threats to keep his advisors desperate to please him.

**Loyal Supporters**

Hitler's most senior advisors were those men who had worked with him longest. They included Hermann Göring (1893–1946), head of the Luftwaffe, or German Air Force. Göring had joined Hitler's German Workers' Party in 1922.

**HIMMLER:** Heinrich Himmler (standing) was Hitler's head of security.

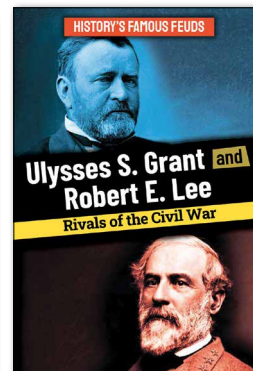
“Hitler's decisions... were only made to demonstrate to the head of the Army that Hitler was in command and nobody else.”

Major Gerhard Engel

Heinrich Himmler (1900–1945) had taken part in Hitler's failed Bavarian revolution in 1923. Himmler became the second most powerful man in the Nazi Party and ran the feared SS, Hitler's paramilitary bodyguard. Joseph Goebbels (1897–1945), the minister for propaganda, was another early supporter of Nazi beliefs. Goebbels was highly effective at convincing German citizens that Hitler's policies would be good for Germany.

**Flawed Judgment**

Hitler overruled even his best generals. This led to strategic errors during the war, such as his decision to invade the Soviet Union in June 1941. Hitler's "divide and rule" policy meant his generals did not share information. They often gave Hitler the advice he wanted to hear, rather than the best advice for a situation.



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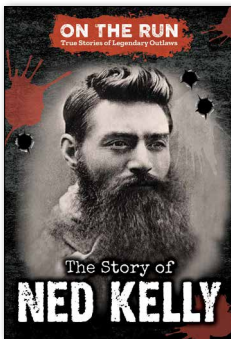
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### First Crime?

Jesse James was likely involved in his first robbery in 1866, when he was with Archie Clement's bushwacker gang.

On February 13, 1866, Archie Clement and his gang carried out a raid. They robbed the Clay County Savings Bank in Liberty, Missouri. It was the first ever daytime bank robbery in America.

### Daring raid

The Clay County Savings Bank was owned and run by Republicans, so it was a target for the bushwhackers. The raiders pistol-whipped the cashier. They stole as much as \$58,000 in bonds, paper money, gold, and silver coins. As they escaped, a passerby was shot dead.

### LONG CAREER

Based on the length of his career, Jesse James was one of the most successful bank robbers in American history. It took 15 years before he was captured. In that time, he put together a number of different gangs. But his robberies rarely went as planned. In many ways, he was lucky to get away with it for as long as he did.

The raid seemed to have been carried out by bushwhackers, but the precise identity of the robbers has never been confirmed. However, historians believe Jesse James was one of them. Eyewitnesses in Liberty later came forward. They identified both Frank and Jesse James as being among the members of the gang. The authorities believed that Archie Clement was responsible. They hunted him down. Clement was finally shot dead by state militia in Lexington, Kentucky, on December 13, 1866.

The Clay County Savings Bank still stands in Liberty, Missouri.



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UNDERSTANDING AND USING GAMMA RAYS

Radioactive decay is the process by which radioactive materials release radiation over time. Alpha particles are relatively large and slow. But slow for nuclear radiation means moving at over 20,000 miles per hour (32,187 kilometers per hour)! Alpha particles are made up of two protons and two neutrons bound tightly together. They are called alpha particles because they were the first kind of nuclear radiation discovered.<sup>10</sup>

**Basic Radiation Types and Penetrating Power**

Gamma rays can penetrate the human body, paper, and aluminum. They can be stopped by about a foot of lead, several feet of concrete, or a large quantity of water.

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THE SECRET ORIGINS OF GAMMA RAYS

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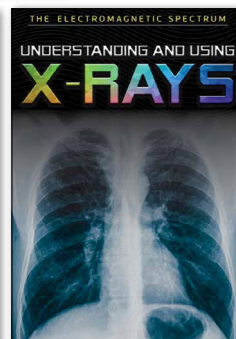
So, we know that gamma rays are a kind of electromagnetic radiation and, in fact, the most powerful kind. But where do they come from? How is it that all that energy comes into being?

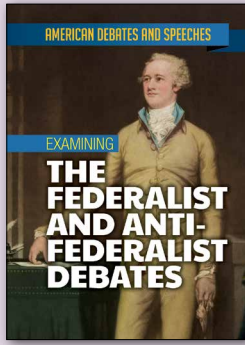
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**Radioactive Decay**

There are three main kinds of radioactive decay: alpha decay, beta decay, and gamma decay. Alpha and beta decay release alpha and beta particles respectively.

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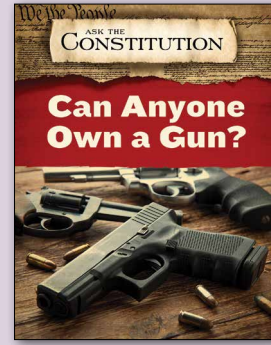




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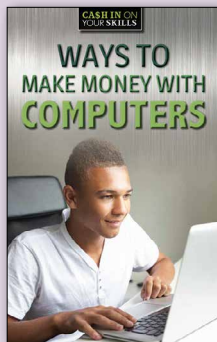
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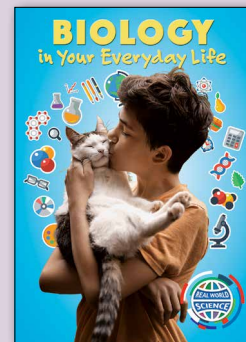
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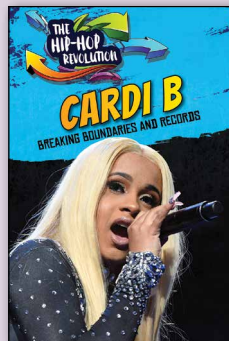
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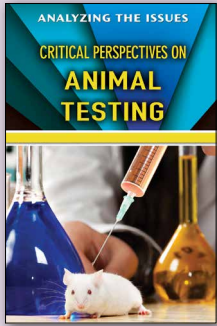
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1. What is a safety testing exemption? Why would a veterinarian want it?
2. Based on this memo, do you think it is difficult or easy to obtain an exemption to target animal safety testing?

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### WHAT THE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICIANS SAY

#### “AUSTRALIA WILL FINALLY BAN COSMETIC TESTING ON ANIMALS” BY CLIVE PHILLIPS, FROM THE CONVERSATION, JUNE 5, 2017

Last week, a bill was put before the House of Representatives that would ban animal testing of industrial chemicals intended solely for use in cosmetics.

The proposed bill would affect a wide variety of products: “cosmetics” are legally defined as any substance used on the body, or in the mouth to change its appearance, cleanse it, perfume it or protect it. This includes soaps, shampoos, moisturisers, hair dye, perfumes and deodorants.

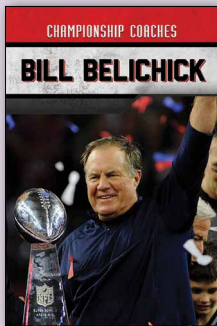
It’s difficult to know exactly how many animals will be affected by this ban, as companies do not advertise their use of animal testing and results are often unpublished. It’s likely to be relatively small, but this ban will both improve their lives and be an important international signal.

Cosmetic testing commonly measures the reaction of animals’ skin, eyes and respiratory tracts to high concentrations of certain chemicals. Other tests determine a product’s potential to cause foetal abnormalities, cancer or genetic mutations.

#### THE GLOBAL MOVE AWAY FROM ANIMAL TESTING

As a practice, it has had a turbulent history. It’s increasingly opposed by the public but many governments – including Australia – require animal tests to be conducted for some potentially hazardous new cosmetic ingredients.

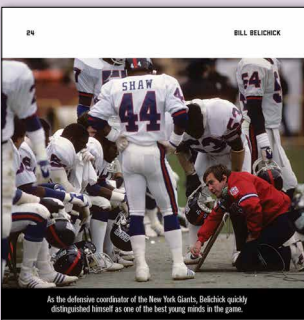
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As the defensive coordinator of the New York Giants, Belichick quickly distinguished himself as one of the best young minds in the game.

### TWO BILLS ARE BETTER THAN ONE?

Though their partnership would become famously successful, the same first name was about the only thing Parcells and Belichick had in common. Parcells was a big man, while Belichick was not. Parcells’s coaching tool of choice was emotion, and Belichick’s was

### A GIANT LEAP

strategy. Parcells was less an Xs and Os man than a master motivator, and his players would do anything to avoid being benched “soft” or ridiculed by their ardent coach.

While Parcells was a master of fanning the flames in a player’s heart, Belichick knew that he didn’t have that gift. His method was to give players a leg up so they’d perform better—his insights into the opposition made his players more confident and purposeful, so they listened to him and did what he told them to do. Every good play, good game, and good season brought them closer to their ultimate goal—to make a lot of money in the few years the typical professional football player has to do so.

By the mid-1980s the Giants were a fearsome team, and the synergy between Parcells and Belichick brought out the best in both of them. Belichick was the yin to Parcells’s yang. They agreed on what kind of football they wanted to play—a grind-it-out offense takes time off the

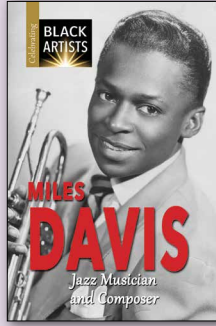
### The Turnaround Artist

Bill Parcells is famous for taking over a team in the doldrums and rapidly getting it back on track. He is the only coach to lead four different teams to the NFL playoffs, taking three of them to the conference championship game. Each team he took over had won less or fewer games the previous season. And all four times Parcells had the team in the postseason by his second season. Most impressively, he took over a 1–15 NFL team and completed the best two-year turnaround in NFL history, going 9–7 and 12–4 with an AFC Championship Game appearance.

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A Breakthrough Album 47



Jazz trumpeter Miles Davis and soprano saxophonist John Coltrane perform onstage at a concert in 1960 in Chicago, Illinois.

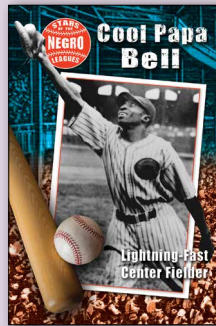
The album includes the opener “So What,” in which the horns—meaning the trumpet and saxophones—come in early, pipe to a crescendo, and then back off and soften. The listener feels a rainy day and inspiration that comes from a lack, rather than a surplus of visual stimuli. The words “so what” come through in a number of ways, while the track’s theme remains the same.

What did Davis mean by “So What”? On one level, Davis asserts that nothing matters, everything material can be taken away. On the other, he seems to gently express the need for people to take responsibility for the trivial, or unimportant, things in their life that don’t mean much in the long run.

“Freddie Freeloader” is the album’s second recording. Coming in at nearly 19 minutes, it does not stand out like the opener does. The words of the title do not come through in the music. But the song’s sentiment is more than adequate. One feels that Miles Davis has known plenty of Freddie Freeloader Charlie Parker among them and that he feels their pain. He might have even viewed himself as a freeloader to a degree.

“Blue in Green,” the third track, starts slowly. The horns then rise and fall like a gyser before turning into a gentle waterfall. The mood is somber but endowed with a sense of gentle hope. Don’t ask for too much, the music seems to say, and your hopes may one day be realized.

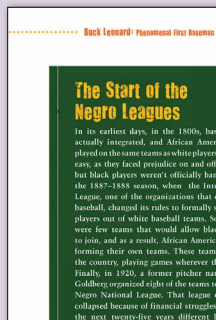
Coming in fourth, “All Blues” pulls the listener in through the spare elegance of the music. The horns do not begin to build until the third minute of the eleven-minute track. This is the “Davis sound” in a nutshell. His music



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### The Start of the Negro Leagues

In its earliest days, in the 1800s, baseball was actually integrated, and African American men played on the same teams as white players. However, as they faced persistence on and off the field, but black players weren’t officially banned until the 1887–1888 season, when the International League, one of the organizations that controlled baseball, changed its rules to formally shut black players out of white baseball teams. Soon, there were few teams that would allow black players to join, and as a result, African Americans began forming their own teams. These teams traveled the country, playing games wherever they could. Finally, in 1920, a former pitcher named Rube Goldberg organized eight of the teams to form the Negro National League. That league eventually collapsed because of financial struggles, but over the next twenty-five years different leagues of black teams popped up. Collectively, these leagues were known as the Negro Leagues, and they lasted until baseball was integrated in 1947 and the Negro Leagues lost their most talented players to the majors.

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### Baseball Beginnings

Swans did not get paid a regular salary. At most, each player might get two or three dollars for each game, so they still needed to work regular jobs.

During the day, Leonard was still working for the railroad. After about a year in the office, he got a job putting brakes on and cleaning the boxcars. His pay was better, but he still did not make much money. He might have been able to make more if he’d been a member of a union, but African Americans weren’t allowed to join unions at that point. Even though his pay was not always fair, Leonard worked on the train yard for the next seven years. Then the Depression hit, and many people in America lost their jobs and all of their money. Leonard had to give up his job as a white man and take a lower-paying one. About a year later, he lost that job and began working part-time at a funeral home, where he met his future wife, Sarah Winters. Soon after, he left his job at the funeral home after receiving an exciting offer to earn money playing baseball.

### Playing for Pay

Back Leonard might have continued to play baseball just for fun if he had not been laid off by the railroad. Jobs were scarce, and even though he worked part-time at the funeral home, Leonard was not making enough money to live on. His luck changed when a semiprofessional team called Dougherty’s Black Revels offered him fifteen dollars a week to play. The team played in Portsmouth, North Carolina, and it was Leonard’s first time living away from home. He was a little homesick, but he played very well there and got along with the people in the town. One of his best games

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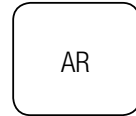
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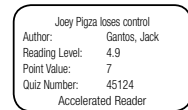
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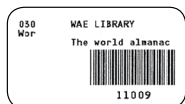
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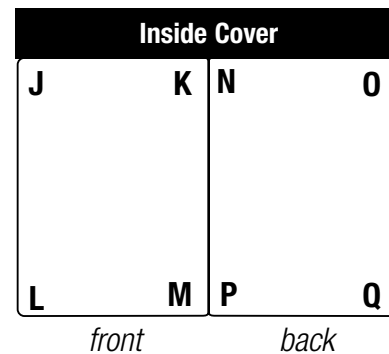
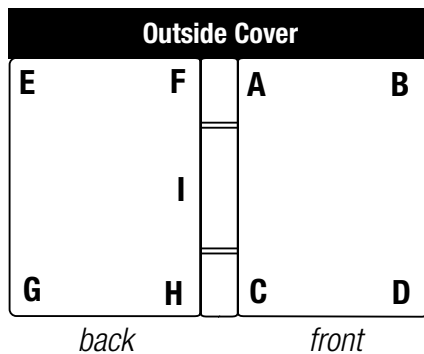
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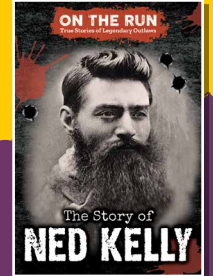
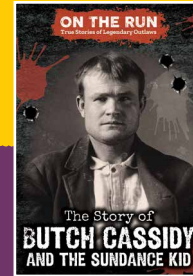
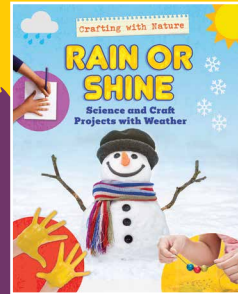
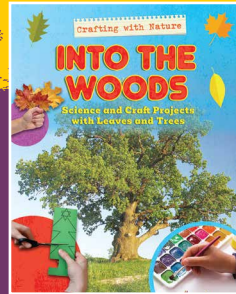
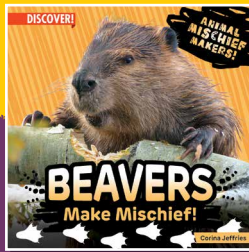
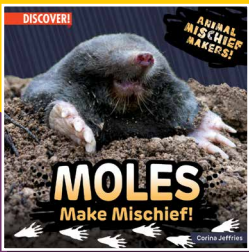
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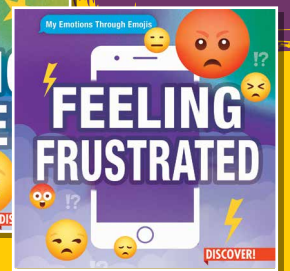
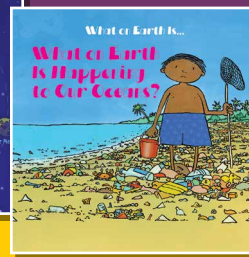
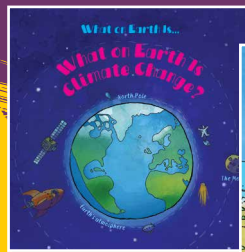
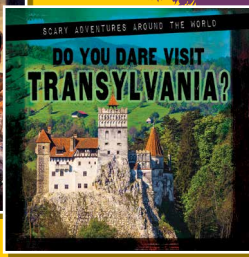
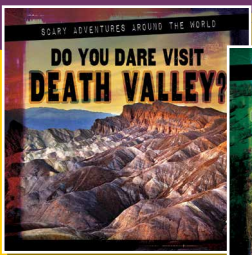
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