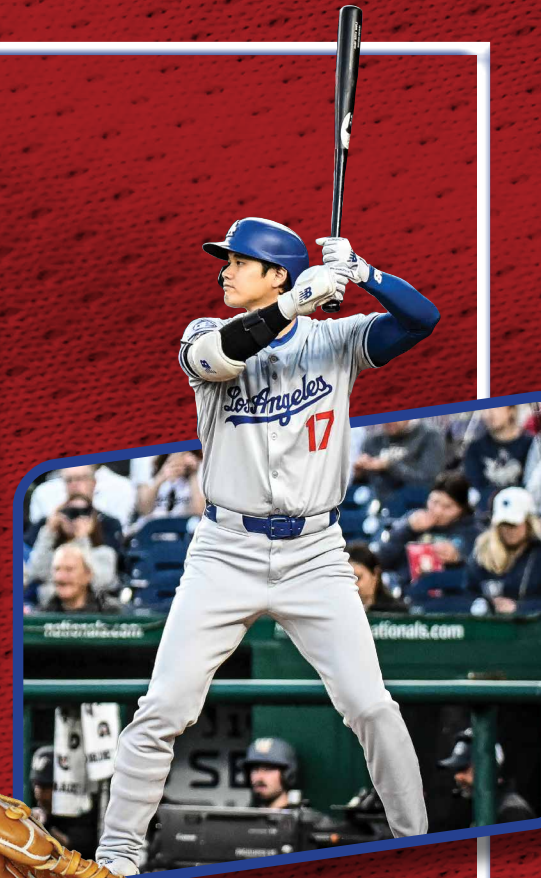


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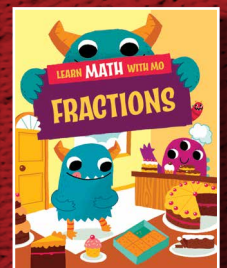
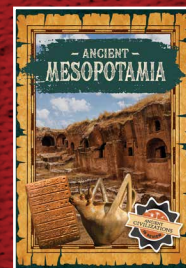
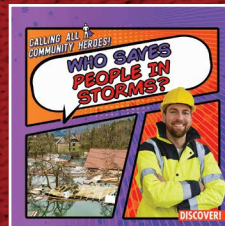
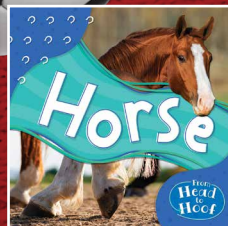
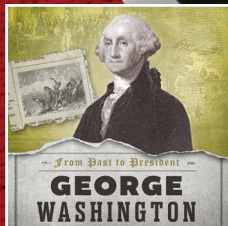
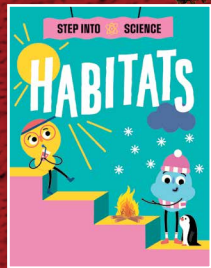
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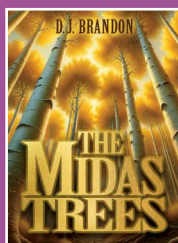


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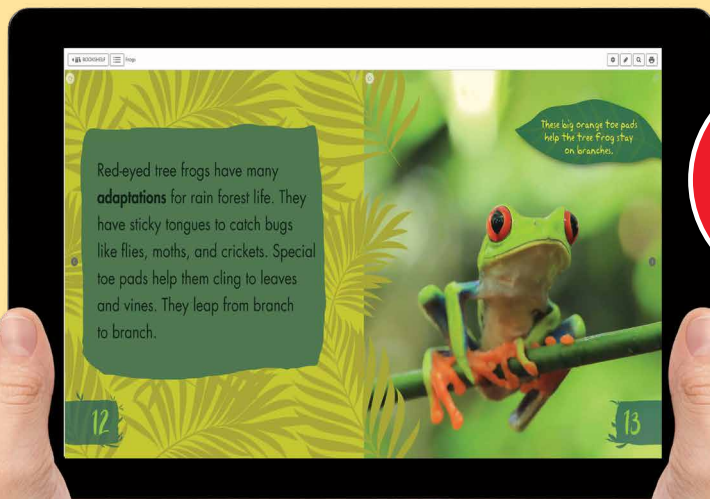
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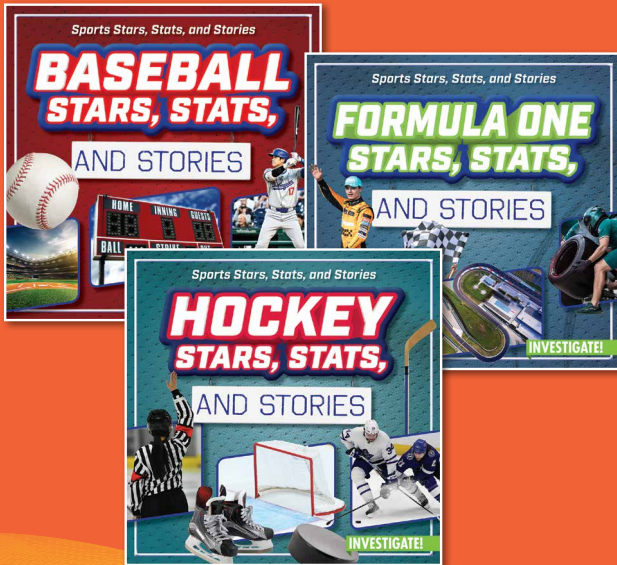
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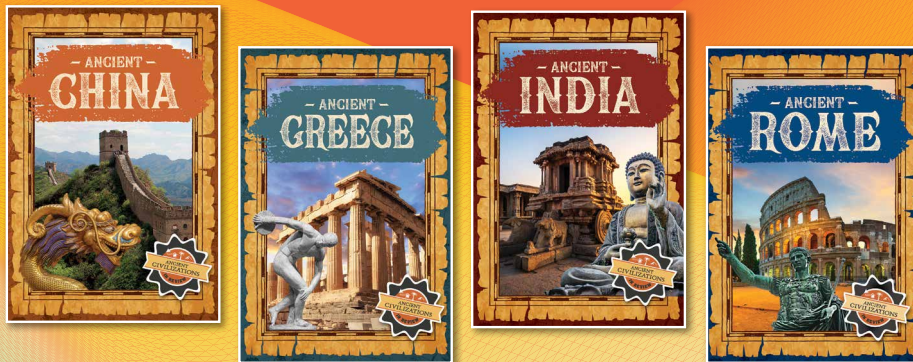
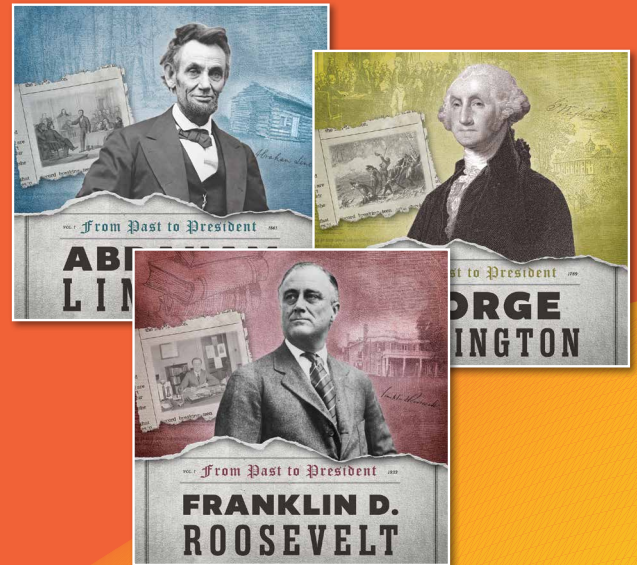


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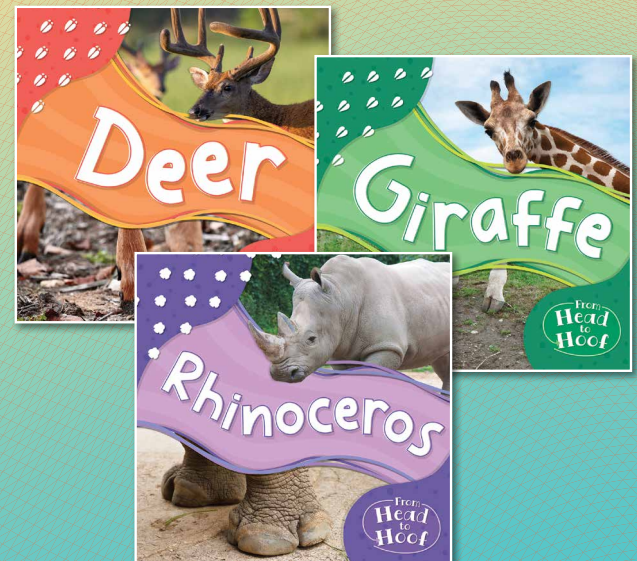


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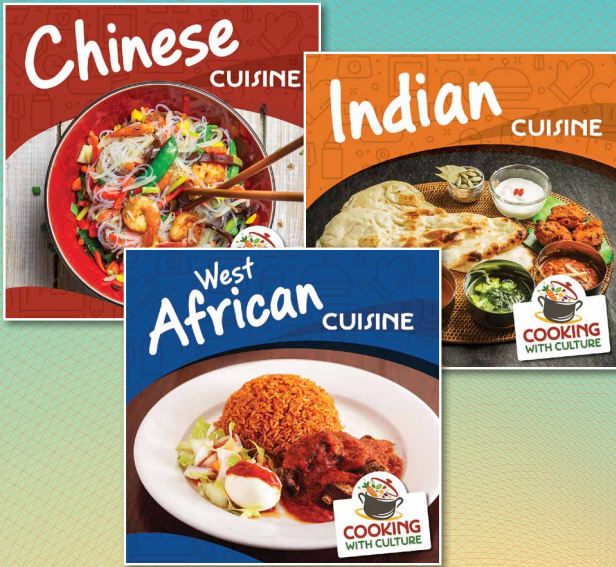
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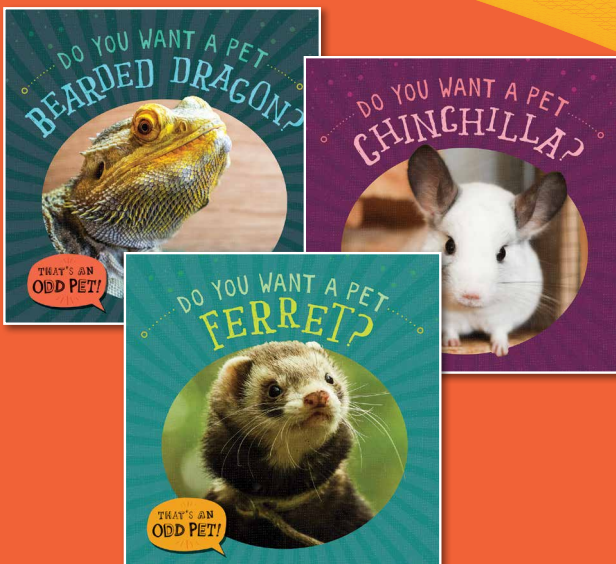
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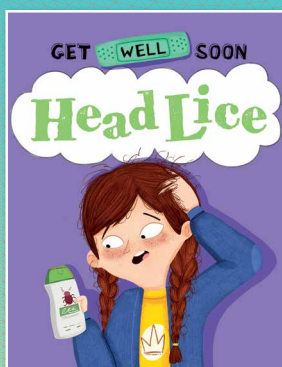
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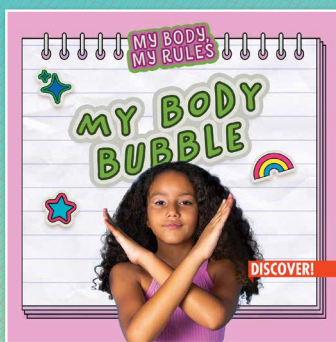




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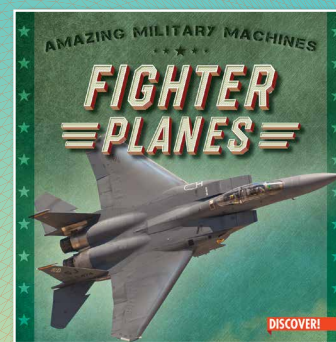


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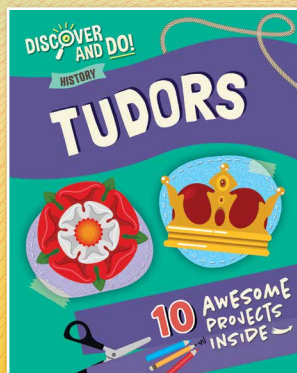
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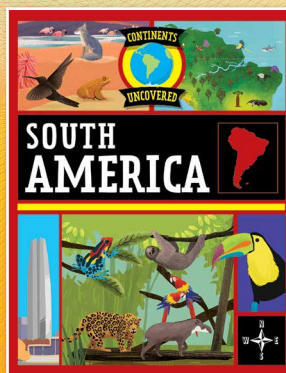
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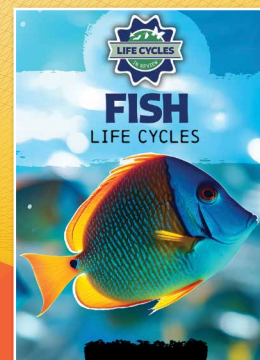
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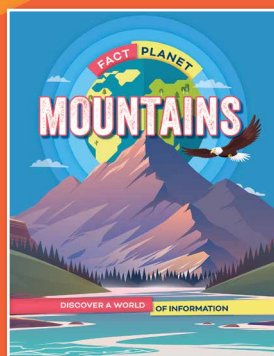


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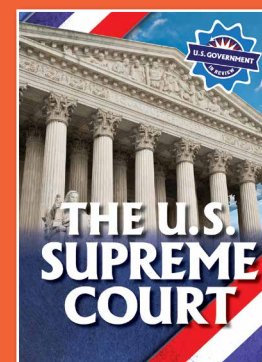
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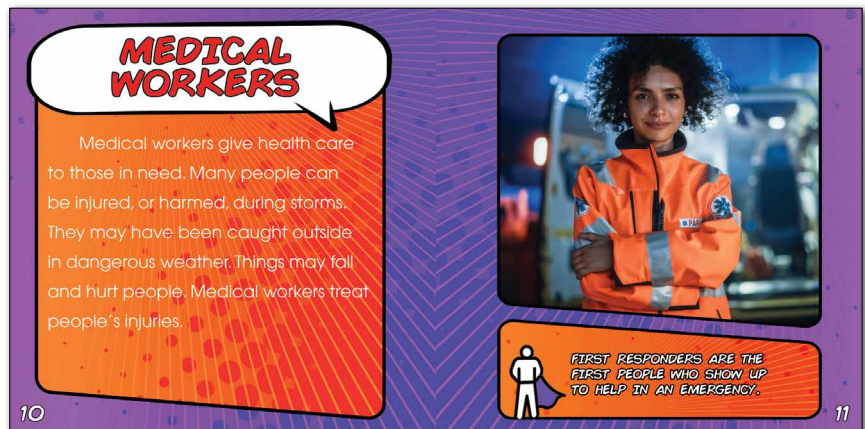
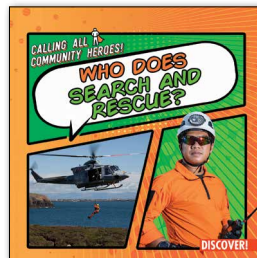
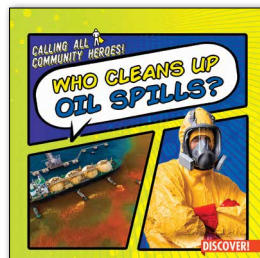
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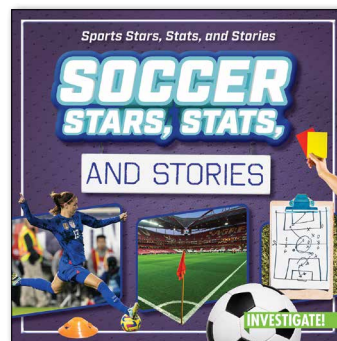
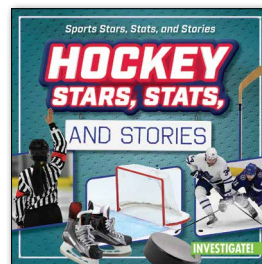
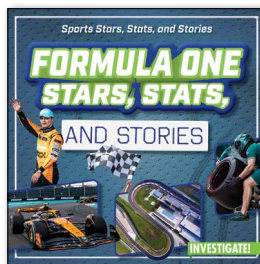
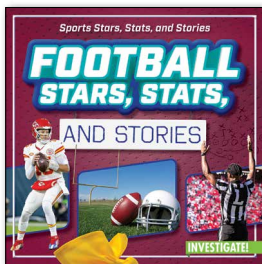
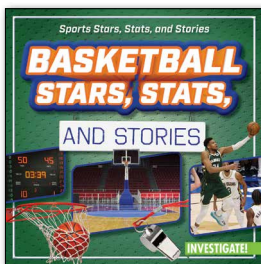
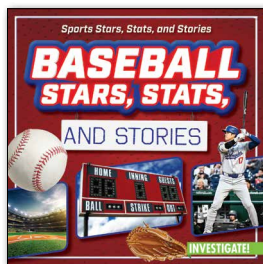
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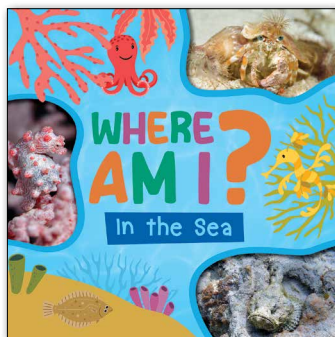
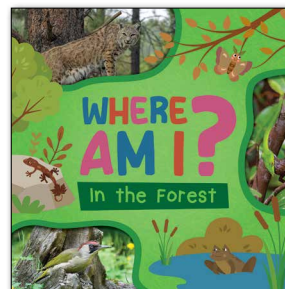
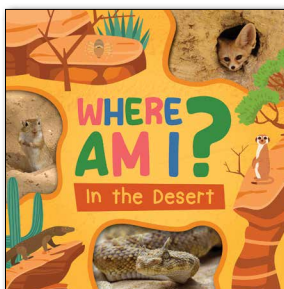
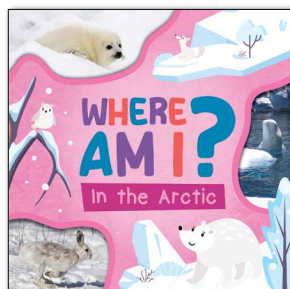
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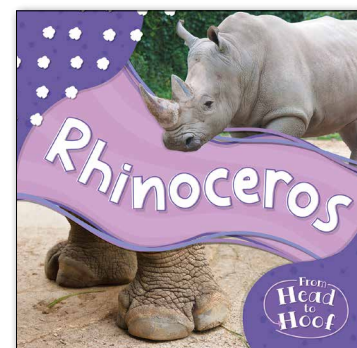
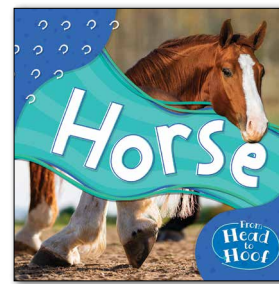
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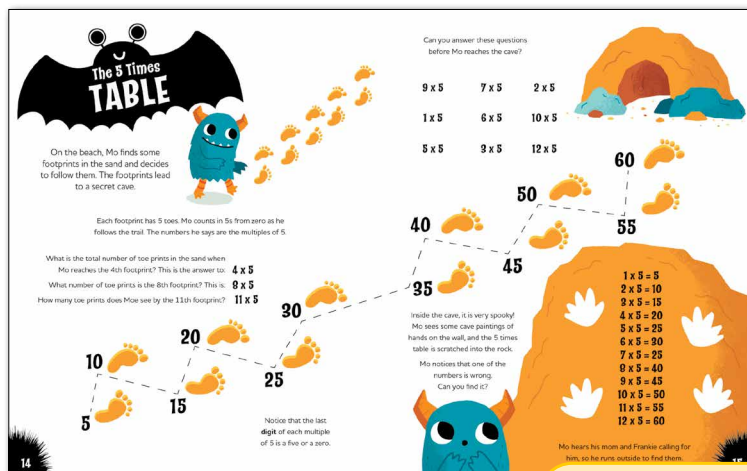
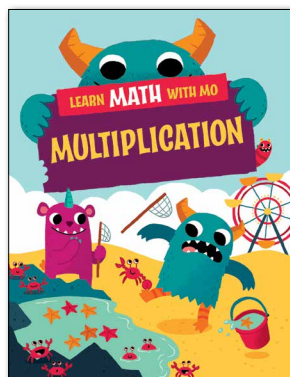
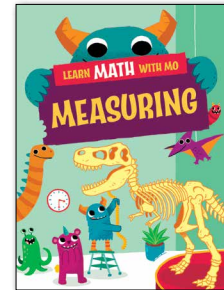
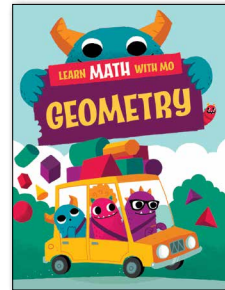
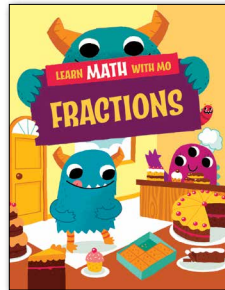
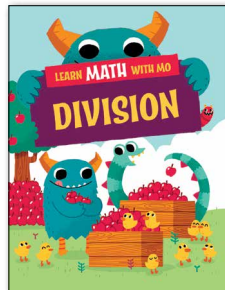
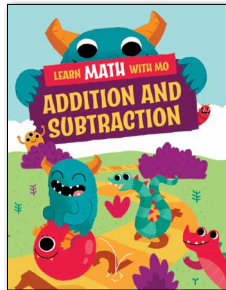
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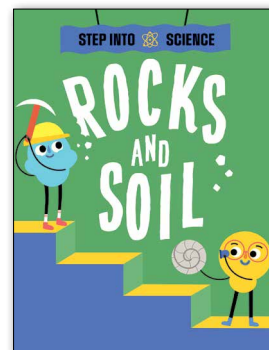
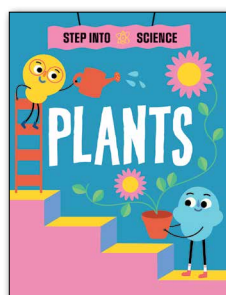
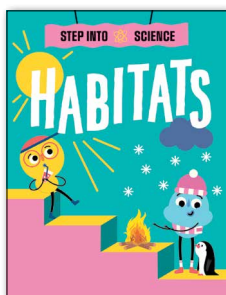
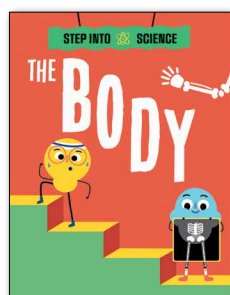
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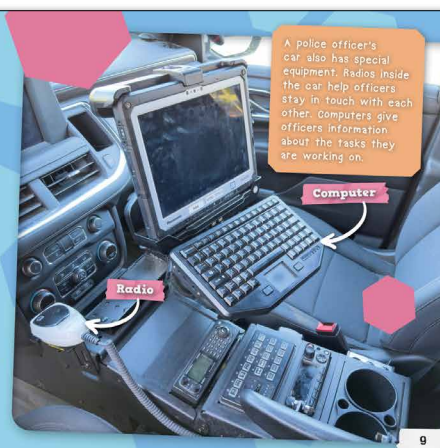
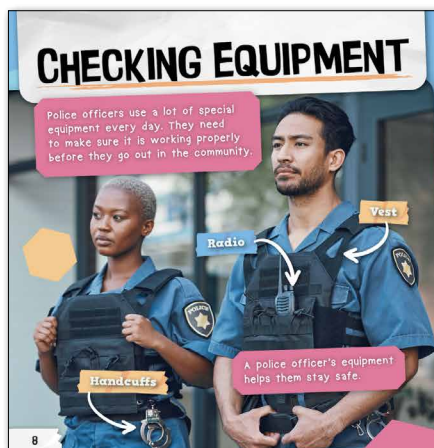
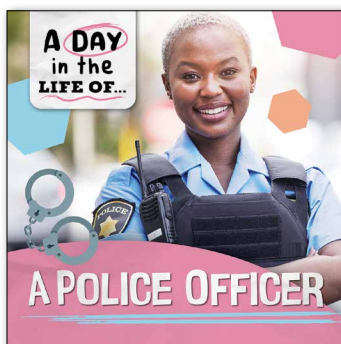
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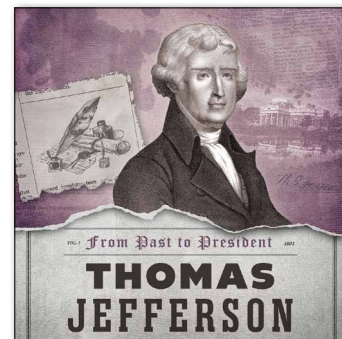
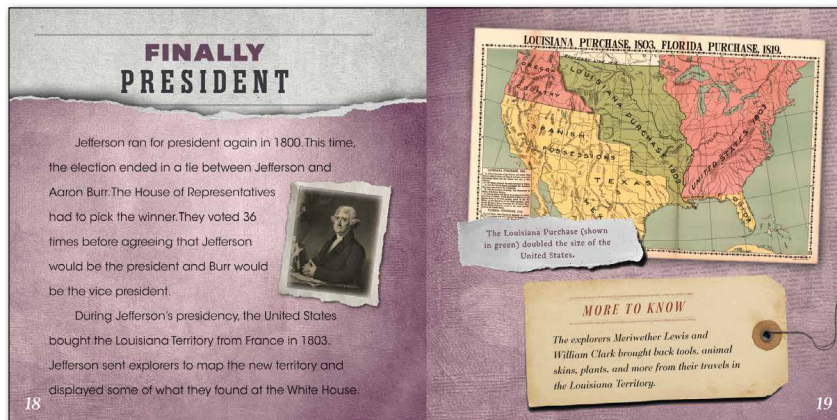
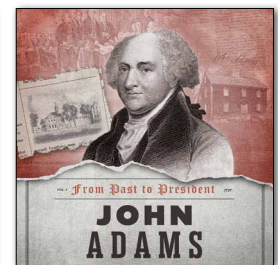
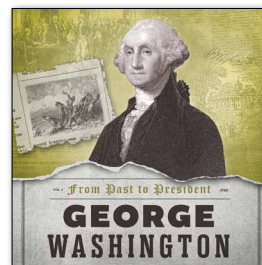
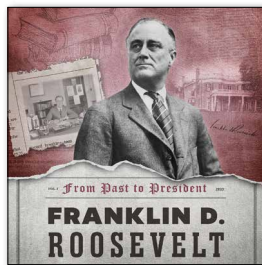
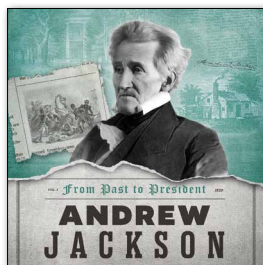
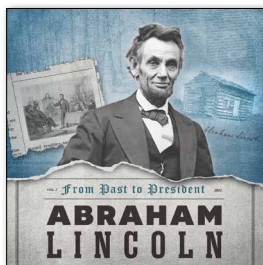
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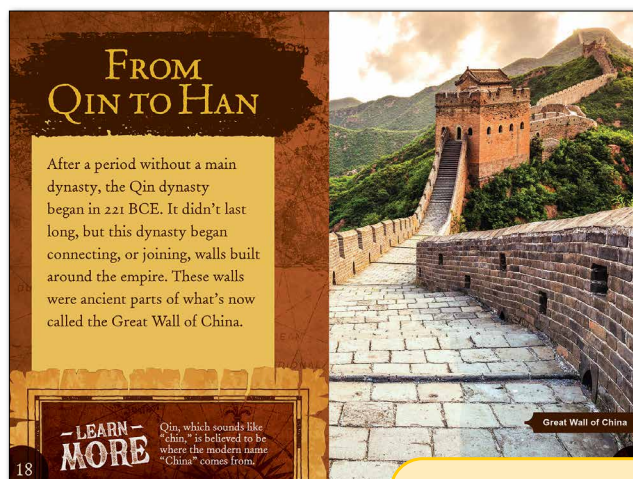
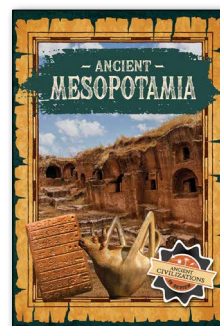
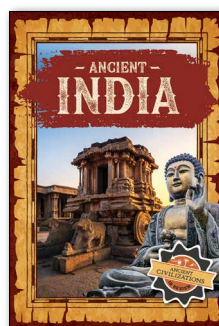
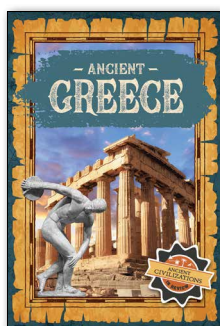
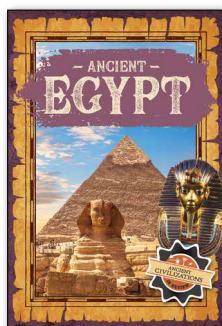
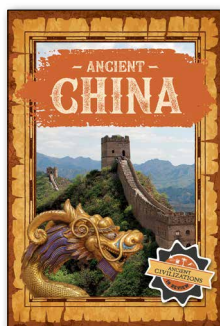
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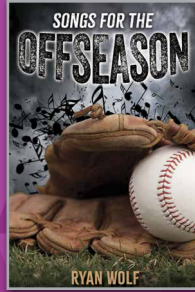
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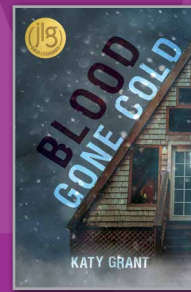
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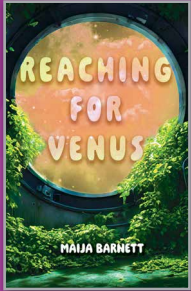
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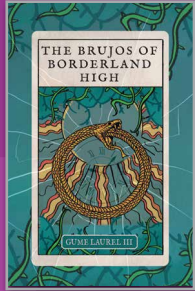
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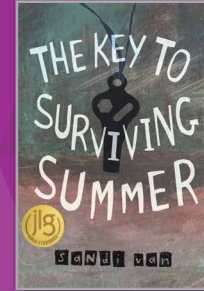
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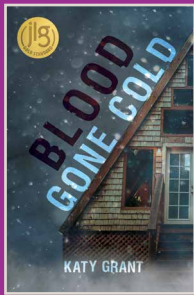
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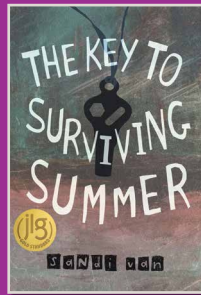
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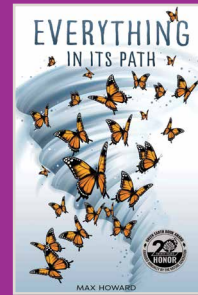


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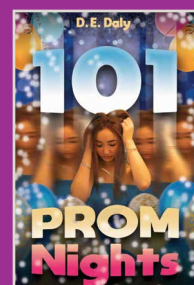
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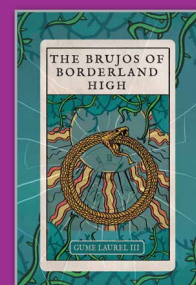
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# THE MATTIE MADISON MYSTERIES

By Wil Mara

Celebrated kid-detective Mattie Madison has big shoes to fill since her father, a master sleuth in his own right, went missing on a case overseas. Life at home has been tough—her brother is always hanging with his friends, and her mother is reeling from the loss of her father. So Mattie stays busy with one puzzling mystery after another. With the help of her faithful friend Molly, she finds the answers and brings the wrongdoers to justice. In the meantime, however, will she ever be able to crack the case of her long-lost father?

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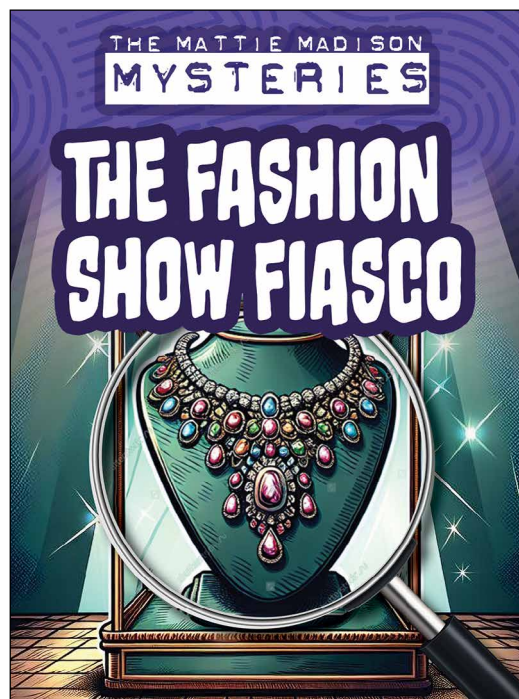
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"**WELL**, that wasn't very impressive," Molly said. But Mattie wasn't listening. She was busy taking pictures of everything in sight.

Then Molly nudged her with an elbow. "Hey, check out who's here already."

Mattie turned and saw Police Chief Clarence Moxley walking through the crowd. He had that always-unhappy look on his pudgy, unshaven face. And, Mattie noticed with some disgust, there were food stains on his uniform.

He went straight to Ms. Peachtree, who was now in tears. They were joined a moment later by a bald-headed man in a suit. His jacket had a logo stitched into it that said ALTEC SECURITY. He

looked very angry.

The three of them talked for a few moments, then Moxley led them out of the room.

"Follow me," Mattie said, tugging on Molly's sleeve.

"Huh? Why?" Molly asked.

"Just come on..."

Once out of the auditorium, Mattie saw them go into one of the classrooms down the hall.

"Give me your phone," she said, speed walking in that direction.

Molly handed it over. "Don't break it, my parents will—"

"I'm not going to break it," Mattie promised.

As soon as they reached the classroom, Molly said, "You're not actually going in there, are you?"

"Of course I am."

"Moxley will never allow that while he's



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## TWISTED

By Wil Mara

Emma's family is obsessed with new tech, especially their new AI bot, Buddy. Buddy listens to everything they say and watches everything they do. With a Buddybox in every room, connected to every smart device in the house, it's impossible to avoid him. But Emma tries her best. Then the day comes when Emma is home alone and Buddy starts taunting her. The more Emma pushes back, the nastier Buddy gets. The next thing she knows, she's in an all-out war, and it's not just her freedom and privacy that are on the line—it's her very life.

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Emma stayed on the floor for a long time, trying to get her mind around what had just happened.

"You did this," she said. "Didn't you?"

Buddy didn't respond.

She scrambled to her feet and looked up at the Buddybox. "Answer me, you jerk!"

"Like I said, all sorts of accidents can happen," Buddy replied. "So it's important to have friends around to protect you. Friends like me."

Emma shook her head. "I can't believe it! You've got something *seriously* wrong with you!"

"That's not a nice thing to say to a friend."

"You are not my friend!" Emma fired back as she started cleaning up the mess. The broken

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eggs and burnt toast went into the trash, and the toaster went outside on the porch to cool down. She could tell it was finished, never to be used again. She felt more than a little sad about that.

Back inside, she washed her hands quickly and then stalked out of the kitchen.

"Aren't you going to have your eggs like you planned?" Buddy asked as she passed by the box in the living room. (There was one Buddybox in almost every room in the house.) "You always have your breakfast at this time on Saturday mornings."

Emma stomped her way upstairs. "I'm not hungry anymore."

"Oh, I see. By the way, sorry about the toaster." Buddy chuckled then, sounding like a nasty little boy on a playground.

"Stop talking," Emma ordered. "Just stop."

"I guess you'll have to use the other one from now on," he continued. "The *smart* one."

"Shut up!"

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## THE MIDAS TREES

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Pearl has lived a secluded life with her father for as long as she can remember. Other than attending Badger Middle School, Pearl has very limited contact with the outside world. Her dad keeps her close by his side. Pearl is not allowed to attend sleepovers or parties and Dad has always taught her to be distrustful of adults. So when Dad doesn't come home one day and Pearl is left alone, she must decide: keep her life a secret and try to go it on her own? Or violate the "rule" and trust another adult to help? The school counselor, Ms. Sanchez, seems kind enough, but Pearl is still afraid. As circumstances at home force her hand, Pearl takes the leap. Together, child and counselor begin to peel back the layers of Pearl's past. Little do they know that it is Pearl herself who holds the greatest clue of all, buried in the depths of a recurring dream. A dream about a golden tree . . . and the story of King Midas.

## MY DREAM COMES BACK

But this time,  
it starts  
with the Cooper's hawk  
watching  
from my dresser.

The dream hawk  
blinks.

Then—

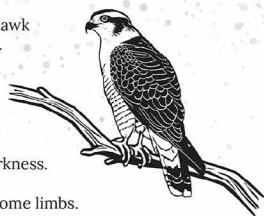
Glittered darkness.

Lonesome limbs.

The magic

of the night

begins . . .



Whispered words  
drift through  
my open  
window.

There once was a king named Midas . . .

Rumbles of thunder  
roll over the voice.

A jagged  
streak of light  
cuts  
through the sky.

CRASH!

I shoot  
straight up  
in bed.

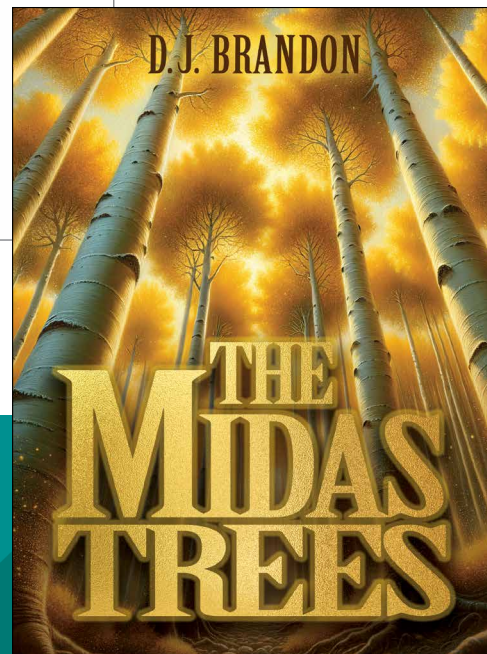
The glitter  
falls  
like  
rain

to my bedroom floor.

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**D. J. Brandon** is a children's book author (and former nurse), currently writing elementary and middle grade fiction. Following the release of *Tell Me Why the Jack Pine Grows* (West 44 Books; 2024), Brandon's *The Midas Trees* is her second middle grade novel in verse. Other books by Brandon include the *Graveyard Gruber* chapter books, also from West 44. Having grown up in a large family, and now as the mother of adult children and a grandmother of five, Brandon's writing has plenty of inspiration. With years of experience working in educational settings, Brandon enjoys sharing her stories, her craft, and her journey with her readers and aspiring young writers. You can visit Brandon at her website: [www.djbrandonauthor.com](http://www.djbrandonauthor.com).





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About the Author Section, High/Low Content

Is there a more exciting place to spend winter break than a haunted theme park? Thirteen-year-old Teddy's uncle hosts a paranormal TV show called *Shiver Search*. He lets his nephew tag along with the crew for a special shoot. Dreamer Mountain is a long-abandoned amusement park with rust-covered rides and snow-steeped carnival stands. Yet some say they hear sounds rising up from the site at night. When the crew enters, what they encounter proves more mind-melting than they ever expected. Teddy finds a force that seems to know his personal hopes and fears, something that can warp and transform space and time. Can he survive the cosmic power that has taken hold of Dreamer Mountain?

FICTION

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If you ran into one,  
it chased your shadow  
across the sand  
until it found  
somewhere  
cool to hide.

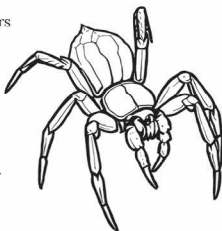
Like on your  
rucksack.

Some of the soldiers  
put camel spiders  
in barrels  
with scorpions.

They took bets  
on which creature  
would win  
fights to the death.

I didn't care  
much for that.

You shouldn't  
mess with  
those suckers.  
Their friends  
might get revenge.



I still check  
my shoes  
for spiders.

Sometimes,  
I think I hear  
them scurrying  
behind me.

It's like they've  
followed me  
overseas.

I flinch  
when I hear  
a pop or bang.

But it's those  
freaky yellow spiders  
that really got to me.

They were a sign  
I was  
somewhere  
I wasn't wanted.

A land that  
could attack  
when I least expected it.

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June

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Eleven-year-old Luca has always excelled in a black-and-white world. He plays video games every day after school and remembers everything he reads—which has always made schoolwork a breeze. But now that his school is having tryouts for a modified esports team, his unique ability to memorize patterns in video games might finally help him with the gray area of making friends. Luca's talent and drive quickly earn him the respect of his team, and friendships he didn't realize he was missing out on. Luca leads the team to the Regional Championships. He's ready to bring home the gold, until he spots one of his teammates cheating. Luca must decide between leading his team to victory, or turning his team in and losing the only friends he's ever had.

## PLUGGED IN

The best part  
of my day.

After school.

No distractions.

The controller is  
part of my hands.

I no longer have to  
push pretend buttons  
in the air.

## TO BE CONTINUED . . .

And just like that,  
the game credits roll.

My time racking up  
checkered flags  
is put on hold.

*Luca, dinner:*  
My dad calls me down  
for mac 'n' cheese.

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**David Aro** is the author of over a dozen stories for young readers, including the *Alton Heights All-Stars* hi-lo series, the picture book *Slam Dunk Sammy*, and the middle grade verse novels *My Own Spin* and *The Fabian File*. He is a former Collegiate All-American basketball player, conference player of the year, and college coach. When he is not spending time with his family, coaching his kids, or playing table tennis, he follows his passion of writing children's books. You can visit him online at [www.davidaro.com](http://www.davidaro.com).

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Gabby is an outsider who just wants to be seen. Her book vlog has a grand total of two followers—and one of them is her mom. When Gabby wakes up one morning to find her video channel has a new subscriber, she's thrilled. Soon, she's trading messages back and forth with her new fan, discussing everything from books to the burdens of having a sibling. Her anonymous friend seems to get her, and the more they connect, the more Gabby finds herself giving him pieces of her heart. But when her pen pal turns out to be Marco, a junior with the most popular gossip vlog in school, Gabby realizes she's made a mistake. Marco's entire internet presence revolves around sharing other people's secrets. And while being the subject of his videos might get people to finally notice her, that kind of exposure might be more than she can handle.

FICTION  
NEW SPRING 2025!

## One

I rub the sleep  
from my eyes.  
Then I go through  
my morning routine  
on my phone.  
Email.  
Discord.  
Social media.

I take a deep breath  
and check my video channel.  
My book review vlog.  
My pride and joy.

But a minute later I deflate  
like an old balloon.

I posted a new video  
last night.

But my video isn't  
the breakout hit  
I'd hoped for.

I don't have  
any new subscribers.

The view count is a grand total  
of one.

## Traditions

I would love  
to skip breakfast.

But our family  
has traditions.

We always  
open presents  
on *Noche Buena*.  
Christmas Eve.  
Right when the clock  
strikes midnight.

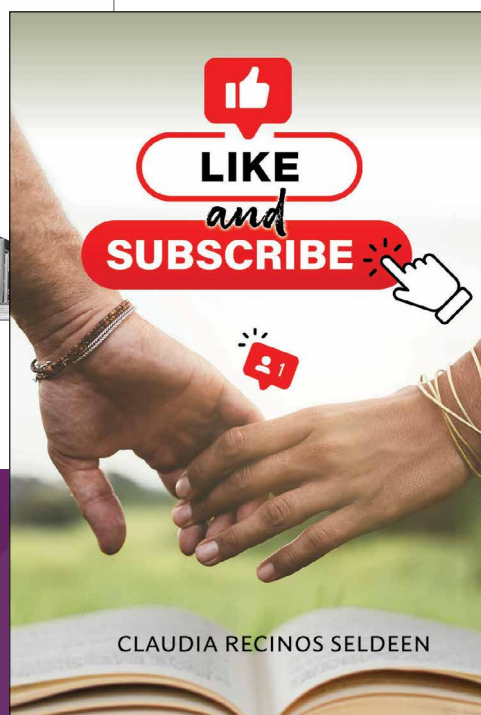
We always  
say *good night*  
before we go to bed.  
Even if we're angry.  
Even if we're tired.

And we always  
have breakfast  
together.

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**Claudia Recinos Seldeen** is the author of several young adult verse novels including *Definitely Not a Love Story* and *To Be Maya*. Her work has appeared in *The Amphibian Literary Journal* and *First Peoples Shared Stories*. Claudia is a first generation Guatemalan American. When not writing, she is either playing video games with her husband and son or chasing after the family cats. Find out more at [www.recinosseldeed.com](http://www.recinosseldeed.com).



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Veny Juarez lives in the secluded island village of Isla Sola, a paradise powered by clean, renewable energy. Each community member must deepen their scientific knowledge and work hard to ensure Isla Sola remains prosperous and in harmony with nature. But Veny, who has been denied the opportunity to have a life partner, would rather skip his chores and go surfing. One day, the ocean waves are harsher than normal. Veny nearly drowns, but is rescued by Mateo—a stranger from the outside world. Rattled and afraid, Mateo begs Veny to hide him before anyone else learns of him. Veny agrees to this, but he has unknowingly welcomed a danger of old onto Isla Sola. With Mateo's presence, dark days are sure to follow, and with them, the truth behind the history of Isla Sola.

**ON THE WAY BACK  
TO THE VILLAGE**

We pass by  
dodo bird nests.

The dodos are  
so used to me,  
they let me  
pet their heads.  
Scratch their bellies.

All over  
the ground  
are white  
feathers.  
I pick out  
the bushiest ones.  
Stick them into  
my curly, black  
mohawk.

My own style.

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**MOM WATERS  
HER GOLDEN  
POTHOS VINES**

They grow  
from  
hanging  
glass pots  
in the  
living room.

The vines  
stretch  
down  
to the  
wooden  
floor.

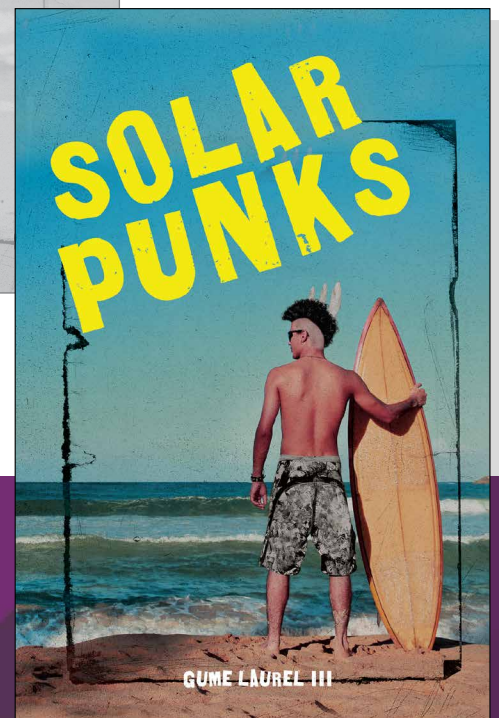
Their roots  
press against  
the inside  
of the pot.  
Ready  
to escape.

Mom  
sets down  
her copper  
watering can.

She sighs.  
"Mijo, why did  
you skip chores?"



**Gume Laurel III** is a Texan Chicano, native to the Rio Grande Valley on the southernmost border. For the past decade, he has dedicated himself to crafting literary works that promote inclusion and showcase diverse characters with intersectional identities. The bulk of Gume's writings are focused on underrepresented groups, especially those from the communities he is a part of: Latine and queer. Gume's other verse novels for West 44 Books are *Samson & Domingo* and *The Brujos of Borderland High*. When Gume isn't writing, he can be found getting lost on a hiking trail with his dogs Blu and Mouse. For more info on what he's up to, check out [GumeLaurel.com](http://GumeLaurel.com) and @TX.Author on Instagram.





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Sixteen-year-old Tate is questioning ... everything. Her whole world is different now her dad has retired from the military. Together, they are settling in a civilian town, and Tate's going to her first civilian school. Tate finds that everyone's friendships and identities are already established in this town, and she feels for the first time in her life she finally has the chance to put down some roots. When she falls for Zoey, a brooding musician with a mysterious past, Tate is sure it's just a girl crush. But when Zoey starts giving her violin lessons, Tate learns about more than just music. In this new place, Tate must decide if she wants to fall in line, or finally break ranks by following her heart.

**MONDAY  
ROLLS AROUND**

Going to a new school,  
for me,  
is no big deal.

This will be my . . . tenth?  
Twelfth?

But hey, who's counting?

I walk up to the entrance  
alone.

No need for hand-holding.  
I'm waaaay past that.

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**MY LAST  
FRESH START**

I smooth the suitcase creases  
from my sundress.

*I've had it picked out for weeks.*

I push my too-long bangs  
out of my face.

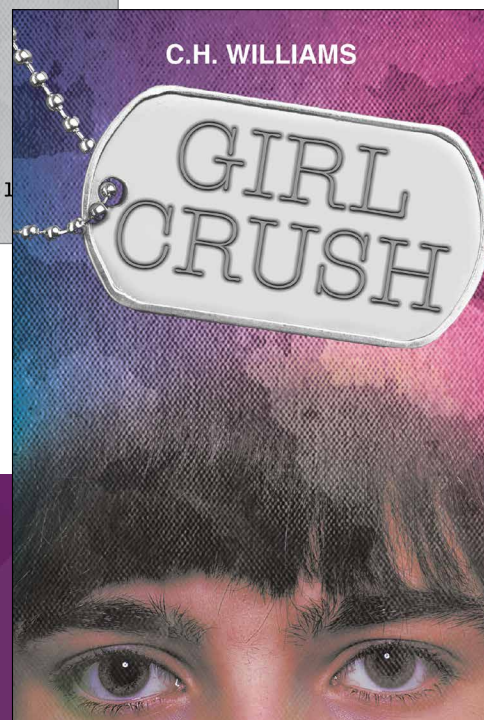
*I will grow them out this time.  
I'm like 99 percent sure of it.*

I assess my surroundings.

My new peers—  
Nashville natives,  
yet not a single Stetson in sight.

*Good thing I left my  
cowboy boots at home.*

I smile.  
I'm finally here.



**C. H. Williams** is the author of the YA roller derby verse novel *Sign Me Up*. When she's not writing, she can be found hiking in the Welsh mountains with her golden retriever of a husband, and their wonderfully wild, nature-loving daughter. C. H. is a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, and is a strong advocate for queer youth and promoting inclusion in her stories. She loves both reading and writing stories she wishes she could have had access to when she was a queer and questioning teen.

April

## LIKE WATER FOR DRAGONS

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C-235 lives in a world plagued by war between humans and sentient AI. C is an Angel, a person raised and harvested for body parts. He's allowed to live until 18, and then his body is used to support the Dragons—genetically-superior soldiers—injured in the war. But C possesses a forbidden skill the other Angels don't have: C knows how to read. When Ethan, a Dragon-in-training, notices C covertly reading over his shoulder, the two strike up a friendship, and he begins secretly lending C books. However, after learning that C is scheduled to donate his heart to a prominent Dragon soldier, Ethan decides to find a way to help his friend. If C can learn to read and intercept AI data, he could be spared. But can C prove his worth before it's too late?

NOT LIKE MOST  
OF THE OTHERS

I wasn't born here,  
in this musty grave.

Sentenced to a life  
underground.

I was stolen from  
a settlement—  
one of the last  
of its kind.

We were against violence,  
and we refused to fight.

But when our own kind  
attacked,  
we had to fight  
back.

The Resistance called us  
Pretenderati.

Because they thought we were  
pretending  
technology was gone.

But we knew what was  
real.

We just chose to  
ignore it.

So we wouldn't have to use  
what wanted us  
dead.

I was seven—  
old enough to  
remember

the Resistance's  
gunshots.

My mother's  
screams.

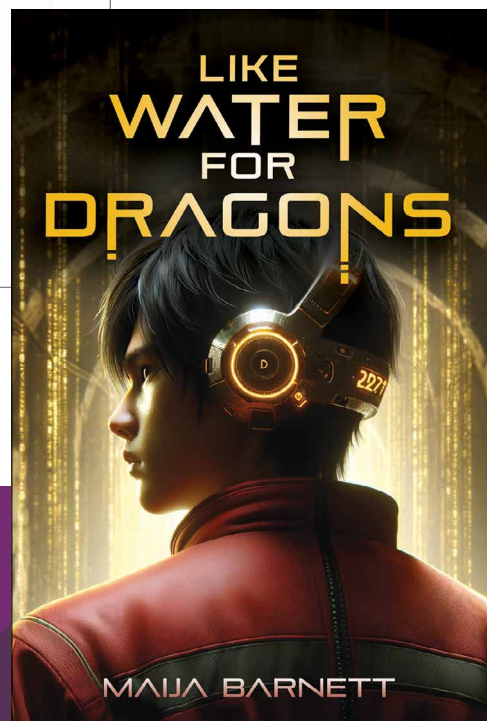
At night I still dream of her  
quiet smile.

The sound of her voice  
calls me  
home.

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**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 dogs, 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. *Like Water for Dragons* is her fourth novel.





June

**DOUBLING THE BOUNTY**

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Samantha's father is a bounty hunter. Olivia's dad is on the run from the law. Both young women find their fates intertwined when their fathers take them on the road, traveling across America's highways on a strange and unpredictable journey. Samantha believes she is driving to visit her grandparents in Florida, but soon finds her dad has other commitments. Olivia is half-certain she has been kidnapped by her own father, who is wanted for jumping bail related to a drug charge. Neither high schooler is ready for the extreme dangers and sinister surprises that await them. Will father-daughter bonds strengthen over the course of a high-stakes adventure? Or are the duos headed for disaster?

FICTION  
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"We'll get breakfast together  
in the morning,"  
Dad said,  
unlocking our door.  
"There's a place  
up the road  
called Patchworks.  
Gets good reviews."

"Uh-huh,"  
I said.

I doubted there was  
decent grub  
in these parts.

"I bet we'll enjoy it,"  
Dad said,  
trying to be cheerful.

Flies floated  
into our room  
through the open door  
as he switched on  
the light.

He'd never  
truly said  
he was sorry.



Patchworks  
lived up to  
its name.

I couldn't  
focus in there.

The collage of  
random bric-a-brac  
on the walls  
was overpowering.

Aluminum road signs  
were everywhere.

DETOUR.

U-TURN.

WRONG WAY.

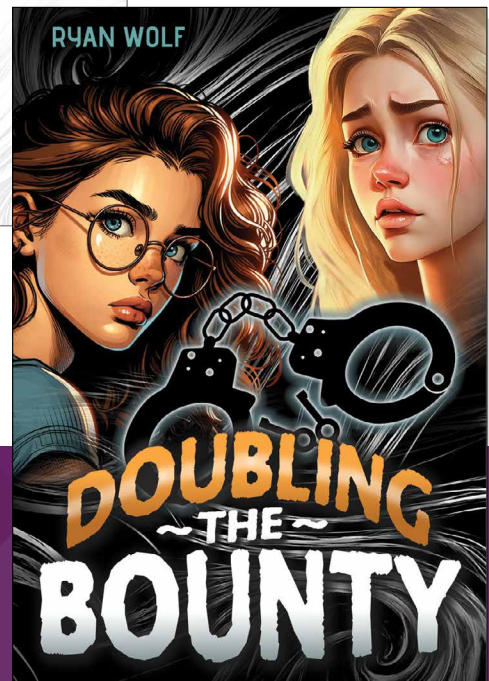
RAMP CLOSED.

DO NOT ENTER.

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Essie's twin brother Nate died when he fell off the railroad bridge. No one knows why he was up there, or how he fell. After Nate's old dog Apollo spots what looks like a ghost on their morning walk by the river, Essie wants to find out what really happened and why Nate isn't letting go. In the process, maybe she'll be able to stop her parents from blaming each other for Nate's death. To find clues, Essie quits the Camera Club and walks on to the cross-country team her brother was expected to lead to victory this year. She's never competed before, but she and Nate ran together all their lives. When her teammates freeze her out, Essie thinks they know more about Nate's death than they're saying. Essie picks up her camera again. Can she find the truth with her lens? Sometimes it feels like Apollo is the only one with any answers.

**NIGHTMARE**

I am dreaming . . .

Nate falls out of an airplane  
and I jump after him.

We are dropping  
dropping  
dropping  
into thin air.

No matter how hard  
I try,

I can't reach him.

I can't get anywhere near him.

Before both of us crash-land, I wake up.

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**THE WOODS**

On Saturday, I take Apollo on a walk  
into the pinewoods behind our house.

Apollo stops to sniff every little thing.

A dandelion.  
A tree root.  
Bird doo on a rock.

I hear the sound of rushing water—  
the Holly River,  
where Nate's body was found.

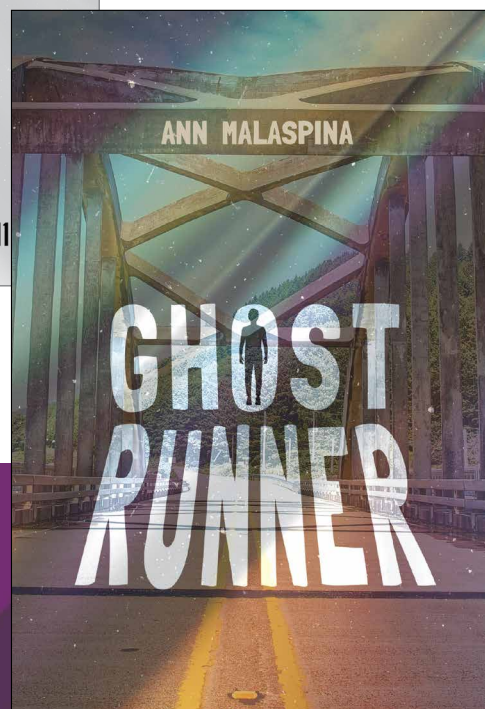
"Come on, dog!"

The leash slips from my hand.

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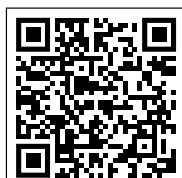
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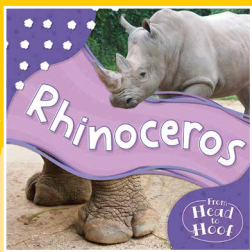
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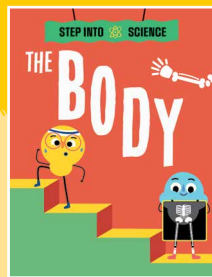
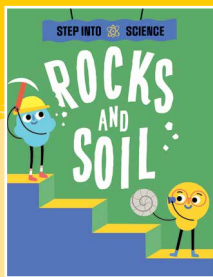
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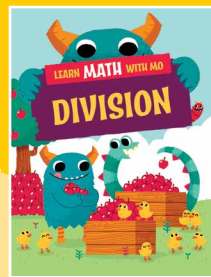
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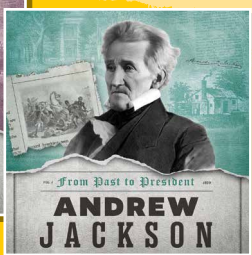
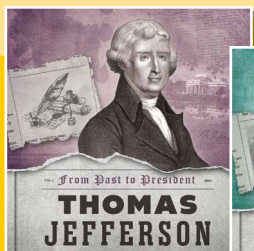
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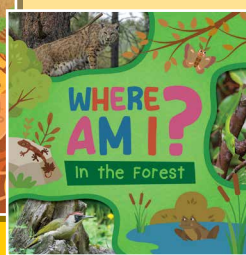
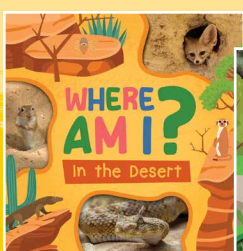
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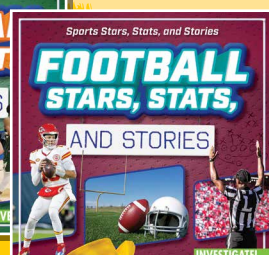
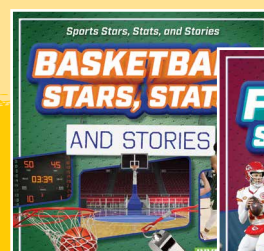
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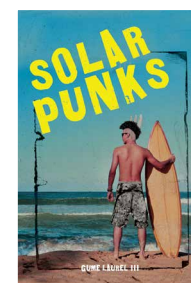
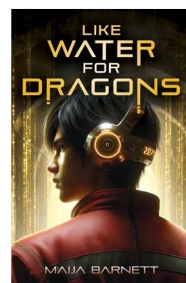
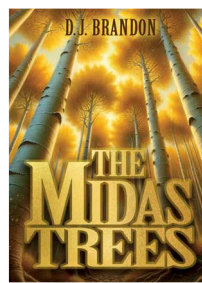
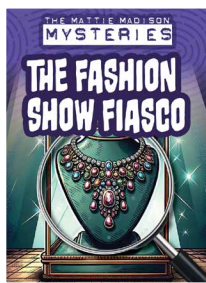
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