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RANDOM HOUSE
CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Picture Books

Picture books teach us valuable lessons about **friendship**, the importance of **laughter**, and the **joy of learning**. Inside this brochure:



Luna helps us discover how one word's meaning can carry a lot of weight.

Mychal shares his library joy by inviting us all to find ourselves at the library.



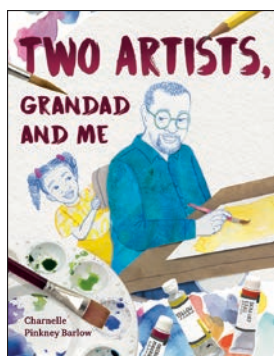
Eleanor reminds us to unleash our inner “wild” and imagination.

Marina and Nana teach us with patience and perseverance we can achieve our dreams.



We are excited to share our upcoming collection of picture books along with some interactive crafts and activity ideas for storytime. For additional resources on picture books, please visit RHCBTeachersLibrarians.com. You can also follow us on Instagram, like us on Facebook, subscribe to our YouTube channel, and explore our Pinterest boards at @RHCBTeachersLibrarians.

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Two Artists, Grandad and Me

Charnelle Pinkney Barlow

HC: 978-0-593-57122-4

GLB: 978-0-593-57123-1

EL: 978-0-593-57124-8

Ages: 3-7

Themes: Cultural Diversity, Family & Relationships, Intergenerational Stories



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From the granddaughter of legendary Caldecott Medal-winning children's book illustrator Jerry Pinkney comes a story of a young girl who spends a magical day in her grandad's painting studio, discovering the joy of art, music, and the special bond they share.



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TWO ARTISTS, GRANDAD AND ME



Houdini's Library

Barb Rosenstock

illustrated by Mar Delmar

HC: 978-0-593-57013-5

GLB: 978-0-593-57014-2

EL: 978-0-593-57015-9

Ages: 4-8

Themes: Nonfiction, Activities, Crafts & Hobbies, Biography



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A fresh and fascinating picture book biography about the iconic magician Harry Houdini, an avid book collector who lived and breathed the idea that books are magic.



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HOUDINI'S LIBRARY



The Wildest Thing

Emily Winfield Martin

HC: 979-8-217-02398-1

GLB: 979-8-217-02399-8

EL: 979-8-217-02400-1

Ages: 4–8

Themes: Adventure, Hope, Fantasy

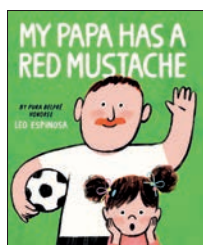


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From the bestselling author/illustrator of *The Wonderful Things You Will Be* comes an enchanting picture book about a child finding their “wild” self.



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My Papa Has a Red Mustache

Leo Espinosa

HC: 978-0-593-81160-3

GLB: 978-0-593-81161-0

EL: 978-0-593-81162-7

Ages: 4–8

Themes: Family & Relationships,
Humor, Sports



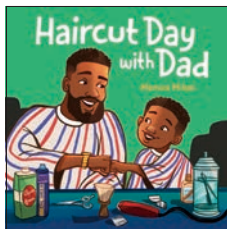
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A heartfelt and humorous story about a young girl who adores everything about her papa—except for his embarrassing mustache—from a *New York Times* bestselling illustrator and Pura Belpré Honor recipient.

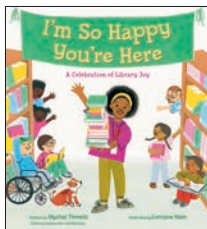


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Acceptance & Belonging



Haircut Day with Dad
Monica Mikai
HC: 979-8-217-02754-5
EL: 979-8-217-02756-9
Themes: Family & Relationships, Acceptance & Belonging, Growing Up



I'm So Happy You're Here: A Celebration of Library Joy
Mychal Threets
illustrated by Lorraine Nam
HC: 979-8-217-02602-9
GLB: 979-8-217-02605-0
EL: 979-8-217-02604-3
Themes: Acceptance & Belonging, Community, Imagination & Play

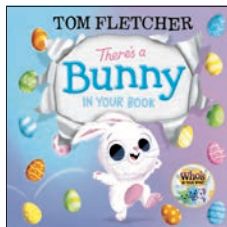


Emily Saw a Door
Mel Rosenberg
illustrated by Orit Magia
HC: 979-8-217-02405-6
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EL: 979-8-217-02407-0
Themes: Perseverance, Acceptance & Belonging, Fantasy



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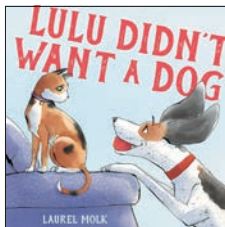
Animals



There's a Bunny in Your Book
Tom Fletcher
HC: 979-8-217-11941-7
EL: 979-8-217-11942-4
Themes: Emotions & Feelings, Animals, Friendship



Whose Nest is Best?
Lindsay Wasko
HC: 978-1-6643-0087-3
EL: 978-1-6643-9091-1
Themes: Animals, Nature, Rhyme & Alliteration



Lulu Didn't Want a Dog
Laurel Molk
HC: 978-0-593-70908-5
EL: 978-0-593-70910-8
Themes: New Experiences, Emotions & Feelings

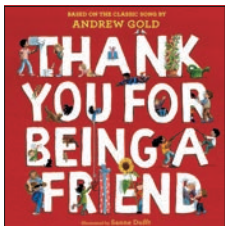


Gigantic
Rob Biddulph
HC: 978-0-593-51896-0
Themes: Animals, Character Education/Respect, Cooperation & Teamwork

Art, Music & Theater

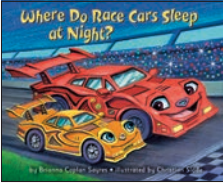


Van Gogh's Dog
Georgia Larson
illustrated by Grace Helmer
HC: 979-8-217-02402-5
EL: 979-8-217-02404-9
Themes: Imagination & Play, Animals, Historical Fiction



Thank You for Being a Friend
Andrew Gold
illustrated by Sanne Dufft
HC: 978-0-593-90309-4
EL: 978-0-593-90311-7
Themes: Friendship, Art, Music & Theater, Character Education/Caring

Bedtime Stories



Where Do Race Cars Sleep at Night?
Brianna Caplan Sayres
illustrated by Christian Slade
HC: 978-0-593-89803-1
GLB: 978-0-593-89804-8
EL: 978-0-593-89805-5
Themes: Transportation, Bedtime Stories, Family & Relationships



When the Sun Goes Down
Greg Pizzoli
HC: 978-0-593-64980-0
GLB: 978-0-593-64981-7
EL: 978-0-593-64982-4
Themes: Bedtime Stories, Animals, Science & Nature



Moon's Lullaby
Júlia Moscardó
HC: 978-1-6643-0090-3
EL: 978-1-6643-9094-2
Themes: Bedtime Stories, Family & Relationships, Animals



Night Treasure
Allison Wortche
illustrated by Alison Farrell
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GLB: 978-0-593-70480-6
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Themes: Bedtime Stories, Adventure, Science & Nature

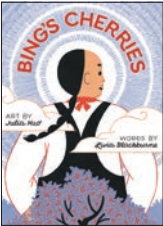


Mission: Bedtime
Tracey Corderoy
illustrated by Alex Patrick
HC: 978-1-6643-0056-9
EL: 978-1-6643-9004-1
Themes: Bedtime Stories, Family & Relationships, Humor



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Cultural Diversity



Bing's Cherries
Livia Blackburne
illustrated by Julia Kuo
HC: 978-0-593-90281-3
GLB: 978-0-593-90282-0
EL: 978-0-593-90283-7
Themes: Myths, Legends & Folklore, Cultural Diversity

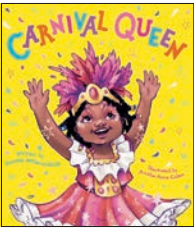


Ritu in the Sun
Moniza Hossain
illustrated by Mercè López
HC: 978-0-593-80669-2
GLB: 978-0-593-80671-5
EL: 978-0-593-80670-8
Themes: Cultural Diversity, Family & Relationships, Intergenerational Stories



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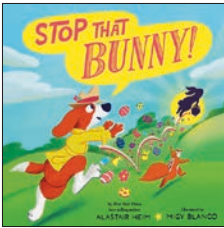
Celebrations & Holidays



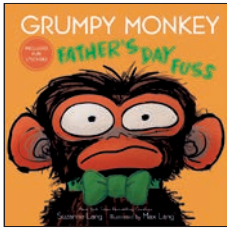
Carnival Queen
Donette Williams-Harry
illustrated by
Amélie-Anne Calmo
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Themes: Cultural Diversity,
Family & Relationships



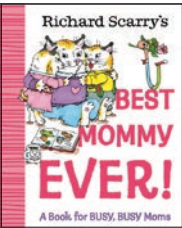
Happy Birthday, Wonderful You! (Ms. Rachel)
Ms. Rachel
illustrated by Monique Dong
HC: 979-8-217-02493-3
EL: 979-8-217-02494-0
Themes: Birthdays, Emotions & Feelings, Friendship



Stop That Bunny!
Alastair Heim
illustrated by Migy Blanco
HC: 978-1-6643-0081-1
EL: 978-1-6643-9075-1
Themes: Easter, Mystery & Suspense, Adventure



Grumpy Monkey: Father's Day Fuss
Suzanne Lang
illustrated by Max Lang
HC: 978-0-593-70940-5
GLB: 978-0-593-70941-2
EL: 978-0-593-70942-9
Themes: Animals, Humor, Emotions & Feelings



Richard Scarry's Best Mommy Ever!
Richard Scarry
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EL: 979-8-217-11794-9
Themes: Family & Relationships, Emotions & Feelings, Animals

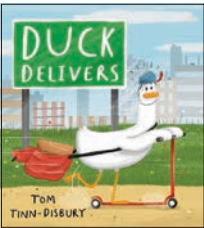


But I'm a Pumpkin!
Kat Choppy
illustrated by Heidi Moreno
HC: 979-8-217-12250-9
EL: 979-8-217-12252-3
Themes: Humor, Acceptance & Belonging, Summer, Halloween



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Perseverance



Duck Delivers
Tom Tinn-Disbury
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Themes: Emotions & Feelings, Humor, Determination

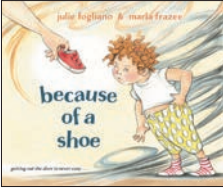


The Big One
Dashka Slater
illustrated by Myo Yim
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Themes: Perseverance, Community, Intergenerational Stories

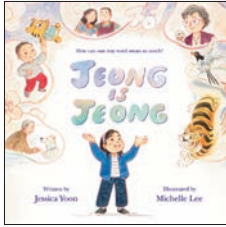


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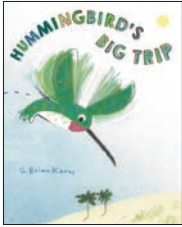
Emotions & Feelings



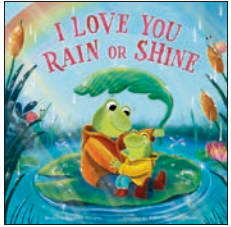
Because of a Shoe
Julie Fogliano
illustrated by Marla Frazee
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GLB: 978-0-593-70741-8
EL: 978-0-593-70742-5
Themes: Emotions & Feelings, Family & Relationships, Humor



Jeong Is Jeong
Jessica Yoon
illustrated by Michelle Lee
HC: 979-8-217-02726-2
GLB: 979-8-217-02727-9
EL: 979-8-217-02728-6
Themes: Emotions & Feelings, Concepts/Words, Family & Relationships



Hummingbird's Big Trip
G. Brian Karas
HC: 978-0-593-90260-8
GLB: 978-0-593-90261-5
EL: 978-0-593-90262-2
Themes: Animals, Emotions & Feelings, Science & Nature



I Love You Rain or Shine
Danielle McLean
illustrated by Anna Terreros-Martin
HC: 978-1-6643-0077-4
EL: 978-1-6643-9071-3
Themes: Emotions & Feelings, Family & Relationships, Animals



Ramadan Rain
Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow
illustrated by Aliaa Betawi
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Themes: Emotions & Feelings, Family & Relationships



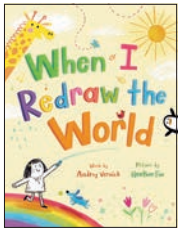
Who Are You?
Claire Keane
HC: 979-8-217-02913-6
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Themes: Science & Nature, Self-Discovery, Concepts/Senses



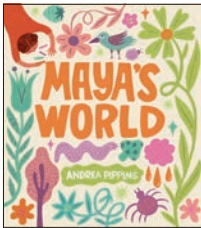
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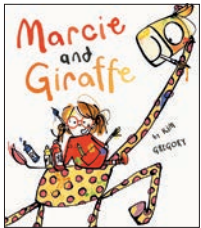
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Mac Barnett
illustrated by Shawn Harris
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GLB: 979-8-217-03318-8
EL: 979-8-217-03319-5
Themes: Imagination and Play, Humor, Communication



When I Redraw the World
Audrey Vernick
illustrated by Heather Fox
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Themes: Emotions & Feelings, Animals, Hope

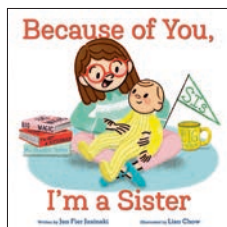


Maya's World
Andrea Pippins
HC: 978-0-593-81499-4
EL: 978-0-593-81501-4
Themes: Art, Music & Theater, Determination



Marcie and Giraffe
Kim Gregory
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Themes: Emotions & Feelings, Friendship, Animals

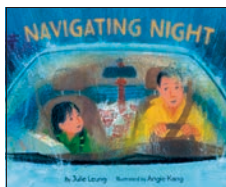
Family & Relationships



Because of You, I'm a Sister
Jen Fier Jasinski
illustrated by Lisa Chow
HC: 978-0-593-51802-1
EL: 978-0-593-51804-5
Themes: Family & Relationships,
Emotions & Feelings,
Growing Up



With You in Spirit
Jenny Liao
illustrated by Lenny Wen
HC: 978-0-593-80697-5
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Themes: Customs & Traditions,
Death, Dying & Grief, Family &
Relationships



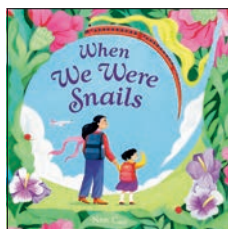
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Julie Leung
illustrated by Angie Kang
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GLB: 978-0-593-89770-6
EL: 978-0-593-89771-3
Themes: Family & Relationships,
Emotions & Feelings



Mama Won't Mind
Kathleen Bahr
illustrated by
Ramona Kaulitzki
HC: 979-8-217-02472-8
GLB: 979-8-217-02473-5
EL: 979-8-217-02474-2
Themes: Animals, Family &
Relationships, Community



Mama Loves It
Raffi
illustrated by Patricia Pessoa
HC: 978-8-217-11634-8
EL: 978-8-217-11635-5
Themes: Family & Relationships,
Cooperation & Teamwork,
Character Education/Caring



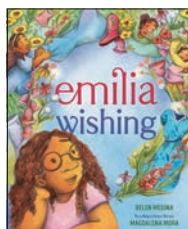
When We Were Snails
Nan Cao
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Themes: Family & Relationships,
Acceptance & Belonging,
Emotions & Feelings



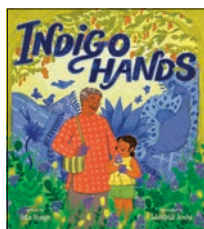
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illustrated by Lynnor Bontigao
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Themes: Dogs, Family &
Relationships, Humor



A Flame Burns On
Richard Ho
illustrated by Carmel Ben Ami
HC: 978-0-593-57175-0
GLB: 978-0-593-57176-7
EL: 978-0-593-57177-4
Themes: Family & Relationships,
Customs & Traditions, Death,
Dying & Grief



Emilia Wishing
Belen Medina
illustrated by
Magdalena Mora
HC: 978-0-593-90522-7
EL: 978-0-593-90524-1
Themes: Family & Relationships,
Poverty



Indigo Hands
Sita Singh
illustrated by Maithili Joshi
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Themes: Family & Relationships,
Science & Nature

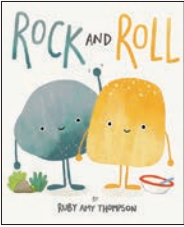


We Are Joy
Chrystal D. Giles
illustrated by Kitt Thomas
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Themes: Family &
Relationships, Community,
Intergenerational Stories



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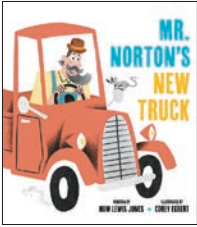
Friendship



Rock and Roll
 Ruby Amy Thompson
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 EL: 978-1-6643-9096-6
 Themes: Humor, Friendship



Crouton
 Kristine A. Lombardi
 HC: 979-8-217-02916-7
 GLB: 979-8-217-02917-4
 EL: 979-8-217-02918-1
 Themes: Animals, Friendship, Humor



Mister Norton's New Truck
 Huw Lewis Jones
 illustrated by Corey Egbert
 HC: 978-1-6643-0080-4
 EL: 978-1-6643-9074-4
 Themes: Humor, Rhyme & Alliteration, Friendship



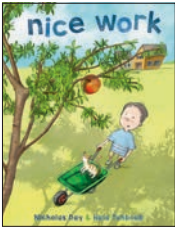
This Was Not the Plan
 Jane Chapman
 HC: 978-1-6643-0078-1
 EL: 978-1-6643-9072-0
 Themes: Morals & Values in Conflict, Friendship, Animals



Sheep & Goat Climb the World
 A. C. Paolini
 illustrated by Monica Arinaldo
 HC: 978-0-593-81508-3
 EL: 978-0-593-81510-6
 Themes: Cooperation & Teamwork, Friendship, Humor



Coco and Stephen, Together Forever
 Beth Stern with Margaret McNamara
 illustrated by Joanie Stone
 HC: 979-8-217-12354-4
 GLB: 979-8-217-12355-1
 EL: 979-8-217-12356-8
 Themes: Animals, Friendship, Hope



Nice Work
 Nicholas Day
 illustrated by Hala Tahboub
 HC: 978-0-593-80629-6
 GLB: 978-0-593-80630-2
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 Themes: Friendship, Ecology & Conservation, Emotions & Feelings



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School



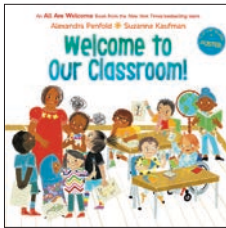
Getting Ready for Second Grade
 Vera Ahiiya
 illustrated by Debby Rahmalia
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 EL: 979-8-217-03214-3
 Themes: Growing Up, School, Family & Relationships



When You Meet My Friend
 Mark Sperring
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 Themes: Friendship, School, Dogs

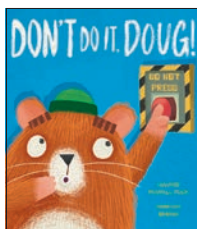


A Not So Perfect Start
 Trudy Ludwig
 Maribel Lechuga
 HC: 979-8-217-02867-2
 GLB: 979-8-217-02868-9
 EL: 979-8-217-02869-6
 Themes: Perseverance, Character Education/Caring, Self-Esteem



Welcome to Our Classroom!
 Alexandra Penfold
 illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman
 HC: 979-8-217-03050-7
 GLB: 979-8-217-03051-4
 EL: 979-8-217-03052-1
 Themes: School, Cooperation & Teamwork, Character Education/Respect

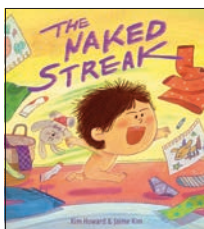
Humor



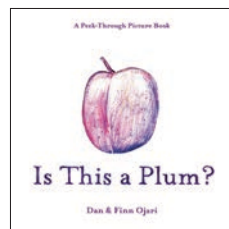
Don't Do It, Doug!
Maudie Powell-Tuck
illustrated by Duncan Beedie
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EL: 978-1-6643-9073-7
Themes: Humor,
Character Education/Respect,
Character Education/Caring



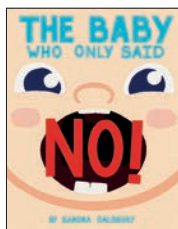
Pizzasaurus
Tammi Sauer
illustrated by Kyle Beckett
HC: 978-0-593-51808-3
EL: 978-0-593-51810-6
Themes: Dinosaurs, Humor,
Character Education/Sharing



The Naked Streak
Kim Howard
illustrated by Jaime Kim
HC: 978-0-593-81133-7
GLB: 978-0-593-81134-4
EL: 978-0-593-81135-1
Themes: Humor,
Family & Relationships,
Emotions & Feelings



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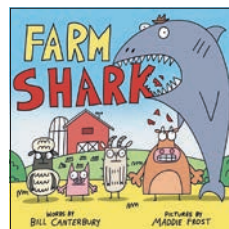
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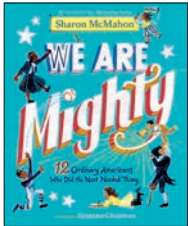
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