A watercolor illustration of a young boy with dark hair, wearing a light blue shirt, sitting in a small wooden boat. The boat is on a sea of warm, golden-yellow and orange water. In the background, there are two more sailboats on a blue and purple sea. The sky is filled with soft, colorful washes of purple, blue, and yellow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall style is soft and artistic.

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Owl by Myself

Pete Oswald

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Ages: 3-7

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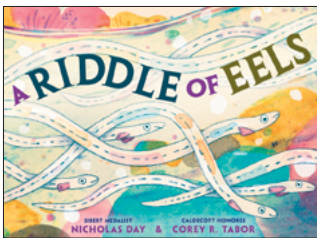


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Owl wakes up with a mission for the day: to do everything owl by himself. He might not be great at it, but it's fun to see him try!



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A Riddle of Eels

Nicholas Day

illustrated by Corey R. Tabor

HC: 978-0-593-90569-2

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E: 978-0-593-90571-5

Ages: 4-8

Themes: Nonfiction, Science &
Nature, Humor

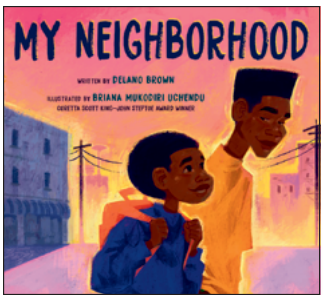


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My Neighborhood

Delano Brown
 illustrated by Briana Mukodiri Uchendu
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 GLB: 979-8-217-02519-0
 E: 979-8-217-02520-6
 Ages: 4-8
 Themes: Community, Family & Relationships

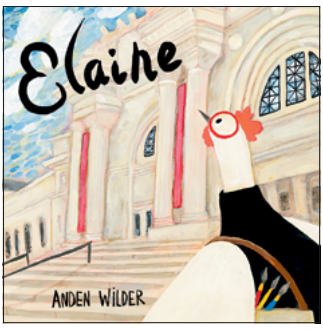


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A vibrant and lyrical picture book that follows two brothers on a journey through their inner-city neighborhood, showing off the beauty and life lessons to be found within.



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Elaine

Anden Wilder
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 GLB: 978-0-593-90608-8
 EL: 978-0-593-90609-5
 Ages: 4-8
 Themes: Art, Music & Theater,
 Animals, Humor



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A quirky chicken named Elaine journeys through the big city in search of artistic inspiration in this funny picture book about self-discovery.

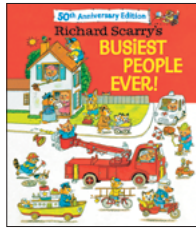


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Community



The Farm Next Door
 Kelly Rice Schmitt
 illustrated by Charles Santoso
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 E: 978-0-593-70369-4
 Themes: Community,
 Cooperation & Teamwork,
 Cultural Diversity



Richard Scarry's Busiest People Ever! 50th Anniversary Edition
 Richard Scarry
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 Themes: Classics, Humor,
 Adventure

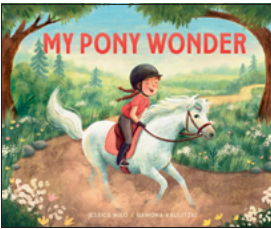


The House That Love Built
 Jessica Meserve
 HC: 978-1-6643-0095-8
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 Science & Nature, Animals

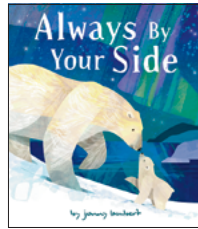


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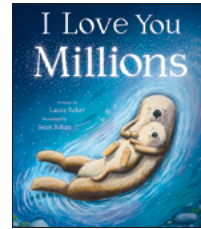
Animals



My Pony Wonder
 Jessica Milo
 illustrated by Ramona Kaulitzki
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 GLB: 979-8-217-03138-2
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 Themes: Animals, Friendship



Always By Your Side
 Jonny Lambert
 HC: 978-1-6643-0098-9
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 Themes: Emotions & Feelings, Family &
 Relationships, Animals



I Love You Millions
 Laura Baker
 illustrated by Sean Julian
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 Themes: Emotions & Feelings, Family & Re

Art, Music & Theater



The Magical Orchestra
 Lauren Crisp
 illustrated by Ella Hobbs
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 Themes: Art, Music & Theater,
 Animals



Ballet Shoes
 Noel Streatfeild; adapted by
 Bill Streatfeild
 illustrated by Eve Coy
 HC: 979-8-217-23663-3
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 Art, Music & Theater

Science & Nature

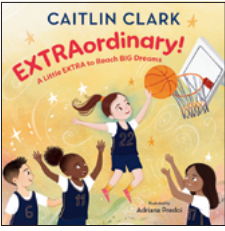


Go, Crow
Tjitske Kamphuis
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GLB: 979-8-217-02461-2
E: 979-8-217-02462-9
Themes: Rhyme & Alliteration,
Emotions & Feelings, Concepts/
Words



Night Treasure
Allison Wortche
illustrated by Alison Farrell
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Adventure, Science & Nature

Sports

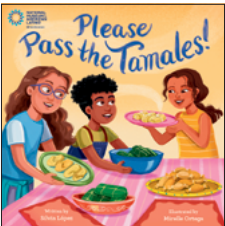


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Caitlin Clark
illustrated by Adriana Predoi
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Themes: Sports, Cooperation & Teamwork,
Self-Esteem



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Customs & Traditions



Please Pass the Tamales!
Silvia López
illustrated by Mirelle Ortega
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GLB: 978-0-593-48215-5
E: 978-0-593-48216-2
Themes: Cultural Diversity,
Spanish Language, Customs &
Traditions



My Sister's Quinceañera
Delia Ruiz
illustrated by Elisa Chavarri
HC: 978-0-593-48224-7
GLB: 978-0-593-48225-4
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Themes: Customs & Traditions,
Cultural Diversity, Spanish
Language



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Scary Fun



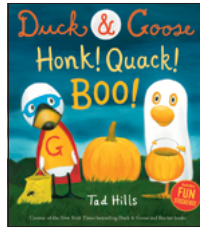
Frankenkitty

Maudie Powell-Tuck
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Themes: Cats, Thriller, Horror & Ghost Stories



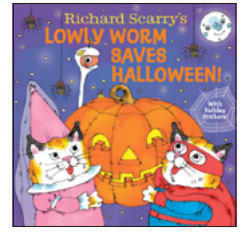
Here a Creak, There a Shriek!

Kelly Conroy
illustrated by Nikolas Ilic
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Themes: Rhyme & Alliteration



Duck & Goose, Honk! Quack! Boo!

Tad Hills
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GLB: 978-1-5247-0176-5
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Themes: Animals, Friendship



Richard Scarry's Lowly Worm Saves Halloween!

Richard Scarry
HC: 979-8-217-11691-1
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Themes: Family & Relationships, Customs & Traditions, Community



To Knit a Ghost

Z. B. Asterplume
illustrated by Heather Brockman Lee
HC: 979-8-217-02567-1
GLB: 979-8-217-02569-5
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Themes: Activities, Crafts & Hobbies, Humor



Scratch! Scratch!

Teri Sloat
illustrated by Zuzana Cupova
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E: 979-8-217-03116-0
Themes: Horror & Ghost Stories, Supernatural, Repetition



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Fantasy



The Secret Dragon

Briony May Smith
HC: 978-0-593-65050-9
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The Bakery Dragon and the Giant Cookie

Devin Elle Kurtz
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E: 979-8-217-11876-2
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Emotions & Feelings



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Debra Kempf Shumaker
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Themes: Emotions & Feelings,
Humor, School



The Brunch Shift
Adrienne Thurman
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E: 978-0-593-80819-1
Themes: Divorce & Single
Parent Families, Poverty,
Emotions & Feelings



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Devon Rohana Galarza
illustrated by G. Brian Karas
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Themes: Family & Relationships,
Death, Dying & Grief



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Gideon Sterer
illustrated by Julia Sarcone-
Roach
HC: 978-0-593-90014-7
GLB: 978-0-593-90015-4
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Themes: Emotions & Feelings,
Perseverance, Self-Discovery



The Warm Fuzzies
Darren Farrell
illustrated by Alexandra
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Themes: Humor, Emotions &
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Nonfiction



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Melissa Stewart
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Stadtlander
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Astronomy, Discoveries



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Sylvia A. Earle and Brian
Skerry
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Themes: Animals/Nonfiction,
Ecology & Conservation, Nature



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National Geographic Kids
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Holidays & Celebrations



Christmas Is in the Little Things

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Themes: Christmas, Emotions & Feelings, Friendship



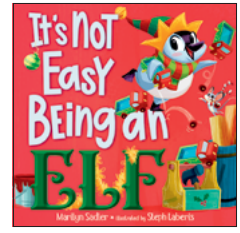
Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas... According to Max!

Alastair Heim
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Themes: Christmas, Emotions & Feelings, Dogs



Hank Goes Ho Ho Honk

Maudie Powell-Tuck
illustrated by Duncan Beedie
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Themes: Christmas, Humor, Animals



It's Not Easy Being an Elf

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Themes: Emotions & Feelings, Self-Discovery



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Themes: Christmas, Animals, Self-Esteem



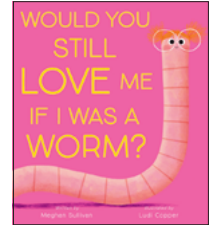
What Does Santa Want for Christmas?

Sahar Shams
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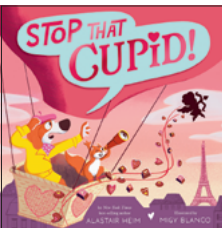
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Laura Lavoie
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Themes: Animals, Character Education/Sharing, Cooperation & Teamwork



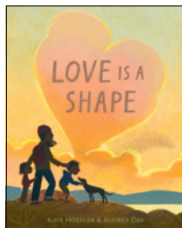
Would You Still Love Me if I Was a Worm?

Meghan Sullivan
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Themes: Emotions & Feelings, Humor, Rhyme & Alliteration



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Alastair Heim
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Love Is a Shape

Kate Hoefler
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Themes: Love & Romance, Concepts/Shapes, Family & Relationships



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Self-Discovery



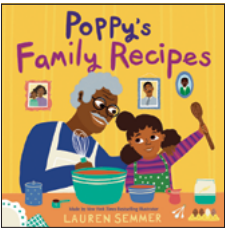
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Kyo Maclear
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Self-Discovery



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Family & Relationships



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Lauren Semmer
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Sita Singh
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Themes: Family & Relationships,
Science & Nature



Snow Geese Season

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Themes: Family & Relationships,
Emotions & Feelings, Animals



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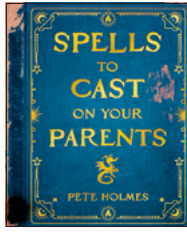
Felicity Yeoh
illustrated by Jasper Shaw
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Themes: Family & Relationships,
Food

Humor



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Alex Latimer
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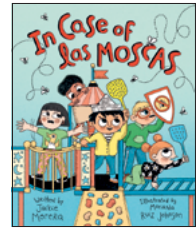
Spells to Cast on Your Parents

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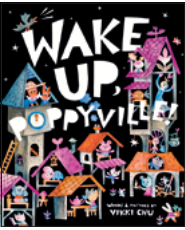
Dragon Dog

Suzanne Lang
 illustrated by Max Lang
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 GLB: 979-8-217-22372-5
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 Themes: Animals, Humor, Emotions & Feelings



In Case of las Moscas

Jackie Morera
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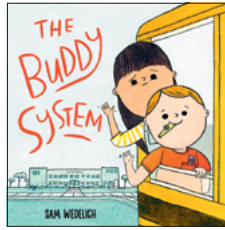
Wake Up, Poppyville!

Vikki Chu
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Too Loose, Too Tight, Just Right

Mike Berenstain, Stan and Jan Berenstain
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The Buddy System

Sam Wedelich
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Bear Wakes Up

Lisa Chow
 HC: 979-8-217-22773-0
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Technology



Yeti Is Not Ready for Game Over

Leigh Anne Carter
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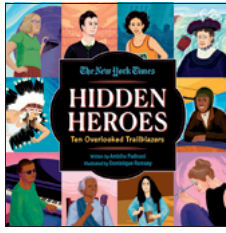


Biography & Autobiography



A Spark of Greatness

Laila Ali
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Hidden Heroes

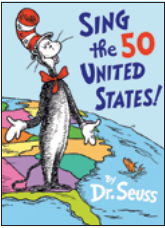
Amisha Padhani and
The New York Times
illustrated by Dominique Ramsey
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Themes: Cultural Diversity, Fairness, Justice & Equality



Antonia and Her Magic Wand

Elizabeth Duncan
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Rhyme & Alliteration



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Dr. Seuss
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